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## Galiano forest bylaws resurface on Saturna

Council asked to rescind refusal

BY SEAN MCINTYRE  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Trustees from Saturna Island are trying to keep the latest Galiano forest bylaws alive by passing a motion calling on Trust Council to rescind its decision to refuse proposed bylaws no. 199 and 200.

"There is some need for some sober second thought here," said Saturna Island trustee Tom Johnstone. "Thousands of hours of work have been burned on these bylaws. To start again at square one is a tremendous waste of resources."

The Saturna motion, passed at its regular LTC meeting on Thursday, Aug. 21, also calls for returning the bylaws to the Galiano Island Local Trust Committee (LTC) for reconsideration.

Johnstone said he is confident it is possible to salvage most of the work completed to date if the proposed bylaws are referred back to the Galiano Island LTC with recommendations regarding outstanding issues surrounding potable water supplies and the creation of new densities.

Trust Council members voted 13-12 to reject the proposed bylaws at a special Trust Council meeting on Aug. 14. Bylaws were opposed on the grounds that they conflicted with elements of the Islands Trust's policy statement.

Trust Council members voting against the bylaws noted several issues, including concerns about emergency access, potable water, additional densities and endangered forest cover. They said refusing the bylaws outright would give the Galiano Island LTC a clean slate for redrafting a new set of bylaws about the issue.

Proposed bylaws 199 and 200 were referred to Trust Council for a decision after they were rejected by the Trust's four-member Executive Committee on June 24.

Galiano trustee Michael Sharp greeted news of the Saturna Island resolution with optimism.

"I was greatly encouraged by the actions of the Saturna Island Local Trust Committee," Sharp wrote in an e-mail Monday evening. "As your paper pointed out [on Aug. 20], the 'refuse' motion would have been defeated by a tie vote had trustee Ron Emerson been able to stay. The Saturna Island Request for Decision allows for the possibility that

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COLOURFUL CREATIONS: Corie Jo hand-colours cases and jars at her folk art booth in the Saturday market at Centennial Park.

PHOTO BY DERRICK LUNDY

PARKS AND REC

## PARC floats tennis proposal

Commission reopening talks with SSTA

BY SEAN MCINTYRE  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Correspondence between the Parks and Recreation Commission (PARC) and the Salt Spring Tennis Association (SSTA) made available to the general public for the first time at a Monday evening meeting indicates the commission is willing to reopen a discussion that could see new life blown into an indoor tennis facility at Portlock Park.

"The commission would be prepared to consider a new licence agreement similar to the original one, whereby court no. 1 at Portlock Park would continue to be made available to the association to enable you to purchase and install a new bubble," reads the May 27 letter from PARC chair Steve Peterson to the SSTA.

The letter indicates that, under such a proposal, PARC would provide a site for the seasonal installation of an air-supported structure at no cost for renewable five-year terms until 2022.

The SSTA would accept responsibility for the purchase, installation, operation and ongoing maintenance of the bubble structure, including a new grade-beam anchoring system, the letter continues.

The \$100,000 previously offered by PARC to cover part of the cost for a new bubble would not be provided under this new arrangement. The money is currently held by PARC as part of the commission's uncommitted reserve funds.

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## NEWSBEAT

### MARINE LIFE

# Boaters warned to get whale wise

Orca pod enters the neighbourhood

BY SEAN MCINTYRE  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Enforcement officers with the Department of Fisheries and Oceans warn recreational and commercial boaters to keep an eye out for a pod of killer whales travelling through the Gulf Islands.

With members of the southern resident killer whale population, also known as L Pod, recently spotted in Boundary Pass near South Pender Island, DFO detachment supervisor Larry Paike said knowing what to do and how to act around the mammals is crucial.

"The last thing you want to do is strike an animal," he said. "Our goal is to protect these animals, not sit around and watch them get run over."

With a new baby killer whale swimming with L Pod, additional precautions must be taken when nearing whale populations.

"The southern resident population already attracts a lot of attention," Paike said. "The fact that there is a new baby whale is a selling feature and may increase it further."

Whale Wise guidelines, available on the DFO website, stipulate that boaters should come no closer than 100 metres of the whales.

"Just like us, marine animals need space to find food, choose mates, raise

young, socialize and rest," the pamphlet states.

Federal regulations further state "no person shall disturb any marine mammal."

The southern resident killer whales are offered additional protection under the Species at Risk Act due to their status as an endangered species.

Earlier this month in Duncan Provincial Court, the owner of a Sidney-based crab vessel was fined \$3,000 for violating the regulations by driving through a pod of whales at full speed. The case prompted Paike and other enforcement officers to remind boaters about the rules that are in place to protect the whales.

"There is a great concern over this species," Paike added.

# PARC hopes to reach tennis agreement

### TENNIS

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District (CRD) director Gary Holman said news of the proposal is only coming out now due to summer CRD staffing shortages and the search for a new PARC manager.

"We are spending more time than usual when it comes to crossing the t's and dotting the i's," he added. "We've been pecking away at this all summer."

Holman said the proposal to revisit a version of the previous arrangement

between PARC and the SSTA is intended to maintain an existing service offered to the community.

PARC commissioners meeting Monday evening passed a motion to prepare a letter for the SSTA intended to address a number of outstanding issues about the proposal. The letter will be reviewed by commissioners and PARC's new planning manager once he begins work on Sept. 8. Only then, will it be sent to the SSTA, Holman said.

PARC commissioner Ben Goodman was the lone

voice against the motion to pen the letter at this stage.

With a PARC "master plan" slated for completion in 2009, he felt it more appropriate to proceed once commissioners receive more information about the community's needs.

At this point, he said, it's time to cut ties with the tennis bubble issue, but not necessarily with the SSTA.

The motion comes in response to a June 7 letter from SSTA president Erica Ross to PARC asking for further details about court rental fees, the CRD pro-

urement policies, infrastructure costs and liability insurance.

"Until some of these crucial questions are answered, we cannot make a truly informed decision," the letter states.

Ross could not be reached for further comments before the Driftwood's Tuesday deadline.

The SSTA had advised PARC in May that it intended to seek another property on which to install an indoor tennis bubble, while still providing public access.

# Galiano bylaws could return to next TC

### BYLAWS

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bylaws 199 and 200 can be placed back before Trust Council."

Discussing and referring bylaws 199 and 200 back to the Galiano LTC would allow an opportunity for greater discussion and understanding among council members, he added.

Fellow Galiano Island trustee Roy Smith said he is pleased that the Saturna Island trustees have acted to step up and help resolve the issue.

"[Bylaw] refusal forces a local Trust

committee to start over from the beginning, invalidating all the work done to date. Too many 'babies' are dumped with the 'bathwater' that way," he said. "Referral gives a local Trust committee the opportunity to refine its work according to the interpretation of Trust policy that Trust Council chooses to take."

The Galiano Island LTC proposed bylaws no. 199 and 200 as a suggested way to conclude a long and divisive land-use dispute on the island.

Disparate factions on the Galiano Island continue to argue between the rights of forestry lot owners to build

a dwelling on their property and the need to preserve and protect the island's forestry lands.

Thirty-eight per cent of land on Galiano is in the Forest 1 zone.

Trust planner Brodie Porter said he anticipates trustees will address the Saturna trustees' motion at an upcoming Trust Council meeting scheduled for Sept. 10 to 12 on Gambier and Keats islands.

Trust Council chair Kim Benson said the motion had not yet been discussed by the Trust Executive Committee and she had no further comment at this point.



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## HOME CONTRACTORS

# String of local residents gouged by contractor

Climate of distrust builds around casual contracts

BY AMY GEDDES  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

It began with the contractor's petty excuses for putting off finishing the job. Then, his unreachable cell number and re-location off island.

The story of four Isabella Point residents who were duped by a fly-by-night contractor ends with a small claims court case, about \$5,000 irrecoverable dollars and a neighbourhood gaping with half-completed projects.

Their expectations of easy-going business exchanges as residents of a close-knit community like Salt Spring Island have hardened into bitter disenchantment as many of them try to finish the jobs on their own — sheds, fences and home renovations paid for up front and now abandoned.

"A lot of people will probably say that we should never have given cash up front until the job was done," said Isabella Point resident Chris Leichner at her home on Friday. "But we thought we were helping this young man to get started after his business partnership collapsed."

In early 2008, Leichner hired a Salt Spring contractor to build a fence, studio, firewood shed and complete a skylight in her home. Although he had recently fallen out of a partnership with another reputable local contractor, he came highly recommended by a friend of Leichner's. She, as well as three of her neighbours, independently hired the man for some small home and yard renovation projects.

"We had seen some of his work," Leichner said. "It was good."

But when he worked without his partner, Leichner's neighbour Lindy Thompson said "he was a loose cannon."

Thompson hired the man to build an arbour. He built one, but left another unfinished.

Doors installed improperly and use of second-hand or inappropriate materials are the stories Isabella Point residents describe.



Chris Leichner points to a botched door installation job on her wood shed.

"It was the sob stories, the lies, the complicity," said Leichner that first tipped her off that she was dealing with someone who intended to rip off his clients.

Leichner and her neighbour Tom Gilligan (who gave \$1,250 up front for a fence), spent \$160 each to file a claim against the man, who no longer lives on Salt Spring. He was given 14 days to respond, did not, and now a default judgment will be placed against him in court.

Because neither of the cell numbers left with his clients are in service, the accused man is not reachable for comment.

"And so he goes on his merry way systematically and methodically undermining trust and creating emotional distress in the community," Gilligan wrote in a letter to the Driftwood.

"He spins a good story and he seemed genuine," Thompson said. "We're not peo-

ple who are easily taken in. We're pretty street smart."

Isabella Point residents say they are concerned about the elderly and vulnerable in their community, who may have also lost money through this contractor or others conducting similar activities here.

Salt Spring RCMP say they receive in the neighbourhood of five to 10 such complaints of fraudulent incidents annually, with varying dollar amounts and under a variety of specific circumstances.

They also report how a contractor operating on Salt Spring in 2000 recently pleaded guilty to 15 charges of fraud related to incidents across Canada. He is currently serving a 42-month jail sentence in Prince Edward Island. At least four Salt Spring property owners were affected by that individual, including a woman who paid him almost \$20,000 for unfinished work.

## Beware of contractors who ...

Demand unusually large deposits "to buy materials." Most reputable contractors maintain charge accounts with their suppliers.

Quote prices before seeing the job. Knock on the door because they happen to be in your area doing some other work and can give you a "special price."

Offer discounts if they can "use your home to advertise with."

Will not supply you with a detailed written contract specifying what they say and what they will do.

Have an address that is a post office box, a telephone number or answering service address.

Information courtesy of Constructor Canada.

## Know who you are dealing with . . .

- Compare costs and the reliability of at least three companies.

- Have at least three contractors provide you with estimates for your project. Do not assume an estimate will be provided free of charge.

- Ensure each estimate contains basic contact information:

- supplier name, address, phone number
- contact information or at least two references

- a detailed outline of the costs of the project and materials being used

- their availability

- contract start and end dates

- willingness to sign a written contract

- Get it in writing. Before concluding any sales transaction ensure you have a written sales receipt or contract. Ask about refund and exchange policies and be sure you understand the terms and conditions of the sale before you make payment.

Information courtesy of the Better Business Bureau of Vancouver Island.

## News briefs

### New PARC manager

The Capital Regional District (CRD) and the Salt Spring Island Parks and Recreation Commission (PARC) have appointed Kees Ruurs as the island's new parks and recreation manager.

"Kees Ruurs has extensive experience in the parks and recreation field and I believe he will provide the management and leadership the commission is looking for," said PARC commissioner Rob Wiltzen in an Aug. 25 press release.

The commission made the announcement at its monthly

meeting on Monday evening.

Ruurs takes over from interim PARC manager Doug Henderson. Henderson replaced former manager Dave Gibbon, who resigned earlier this summer.

Ruurs comes to Salt Spring following a management position with the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department. In more than 25 years of parks and recreation experience, his positions included the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo in Alberta and Greater Vernon Parks and Recreation.

The commission received 30 applications for the job.

"He is head and shoulders above the rest," said CRD

electoral area director Gary Holman. "I think we're quite lucky."

Ruurs' appointment is effective Sept. 8.

### Spirit takes detour

Heavy traffic volumes backed-up the Swartz Bay ferry terminal over the weekend. After the Spirit of British Columbia suffered propeller damage on Thursday morning and was taken out of service, only three vessels out of four were left to serve the Swartz Bay-Tsawwassen route.

The vessel was repaired and back in service by Sun-

day afternoon.

Passengers travelling on the Spirit of British Columbia from Swartz Bay to Tsawwassen, were taken on a detour through Boundary Pass and arrived at Tsawwassen three hours late.

"The ferry is packed," said James Falcon from Salt Spring on the phone to the Driftwood during the detour. "A lot of people are on their cell phones, saying they're going to be late."

B.C. Ferries says the vessel had hit a log.

### Calderhead earns kudos

The son and sibling of Salt


Spring residents was named this year's John Tait Award of Excellence winner by the Canadian Bar Association at its annual conference.

Vincent Calderhead, the son of Joan and the late Gordon Calderhead of Grace Point, and the brother of Peter Calderhead of Demetri Way, is a senior staff lawyer with Nova Scotia Legal Aid, which he has served for 21 years.

According to a press release, the award "was established in 1998 to honour, recognize and celebrate the accomplishments of public sector lawyers in Canada . . . the award is presented each year at the

CBA Annual Conference to a public sector lawyer or law office who has achieved the highest standards of professional conduct and competence and made significant contributions to social justice or community affairs, and who exemplifies preeminent public service."

"Vincent's long and devoted service to the cause of poverty law has been remarkable, with the impact of his work reaching beyond provincial boundaries to the national level," said Justice Canada's Mark Berlin, chair of the CBA's Public Sector Lawyers' Forum, which hands out the award each year.



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NEWSBEAT

HEALTH

Gardasil vaccine in schools this fall

Controversial treatment for HPV offered to girls in Grades 6 and 9

BY AMY GEDDES  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

This fall, parents of Grade 6 and 9 girls will have to choose whether their daughter(s) will opt in or out of the controversial Gardasil vaccine, to be offered at Salt Spring Island Middle School (SIMS) and Gulf Islands Secondary School (GISS).

Since approved by Health Canada in July 2006, the human papilloma virus (HPV) vaccine used to protect against cervical cancer, has been available through Canadian doctors and pharmacists.

But for the first time, B.C. schools will offer Gardasil to approximately 40,000 Grade 6 and 9 girls in the fall, in three injections over six months, at a cost to the government of \$18 million per year.

The National Advisory Committee on Immunizations, which reviews evidence of safety and effectiveness, has recommended immunizations for girls aged 9-13, before the likelihood of sexual activity.

According to a Ministry of Health press release, "HPV is one of the most common sexually transmitted infections in Canada. It can result from any oral or genital contact — intercourse is not necessary — and at least 50 per cent of sexually active women will get HPV at some time in their lives. In B.C. over 30 per cent of girls are sexually active by the time they are 16."

Each year in Canada there are about 1,300 new cases and about 400 deaths caused by cervical cancer, according to the Canadian Medical Association. And about 40 to 50 per cent of cervical cancers occur in women who undergo routine cervical cytology screening.

But despite the vaccine's capacity to prevent cervical cancer and other HPV side effects such as genital warts, Gardasil has been the subject of controversy.

The writer of an August 2007 Maclean's magazine article went as far as calling it "... the biggest Canadian science experiment in decades," adding that girls now being offered Gardasil in schools will be the "guinea pigs" for this experiment.

Surrey school trustee Kate Stillwell unsuccessfully introduced a motion to stop its delivery in Surrey schools and said in an interview with The Province that she believed the two years Gardasil has been offered commercially in Canada is too short a time to measure its long-term effects.

Lawsuits have been filed in the U.S. against the maker of the vaccine, the pharmaceutical giant Merck & Co., Inc., alleging Gardasil caused paralysis in two teenage girls.

Although approved for use by the Food and Drug Administration, Gardasil has been associated with a number of serious side effects, including facial paralysis and Guillain-Barré Syndrome. More than 3,400 complaints of serious side effects and complications have been registered in the U.S. since it was approved in 2006, including eight deaths that are currently under investigation.

"In any population, certain events happen in that population that would have happened anyway," said provincial health officer Dr. Perry Kendall on Monday, who explained how follow-up reports decipher if the effects are related to the vaccine or if they were "pure coincidence."

Kendall said that the Canadian Adverse Events Following Immunization (CAEFI) database is similar to that of the U.S., except reports come through physicians in Canada.

Because the vaccine has not yet

been administered in large quantities in Canada, Kendall said, the number of adverse reports would be small.

Differing from other routine vaccinations, such as those for mumps and measles, Health Canada acknowledges Gardasil may cause ethical dilemmas, "many of them originating in the concern about sending a morally wrong message, such as endorsement of sexual promiscuity," reads its recommendations report.

**"By hitting the two age groups, everyone will be covered in three years."**

SUZANNE GERMAIN  
VIHA spokesperson

"Immunization is not mandatory," states a B.C. Ministry of Health press release. "However, eligible candidates are strongly encouraged to take advantage of this new vaccine. Vaccines save lives. They also prevent many harmful effects caused by the disease."

Vancouver Island Health Authority spokesperson Suzanne Germain said that the Grade 6 and 9 cohort of girls are being offered the vaccine to allow for what she called a "rolling implementation plan."

"By hitting the two age groups, everyone will be covered in three years," she said.

After three years, Gardasil will be offered only to Grade 6 girls.

HPV vaccines are now licensed in more than 60 countries around the world.

Questions about the vaccine can be directed to Salt Spring's public health nurses at 250-538-4880.

EARLY LEARNING

StrongStart BC balloons here

New Fulford centre opening this fall

BY AMY GEDDES  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

The StrongStart BC program, launched at Salt Spring Elementary School (SSE) in September 2007, will expand to include an additional Fulford Elementary School location this fall.

The free, drop-in early learning program for preschool-aged children has hit home with more than 200 Salt Spring parents who make regular use of the Early Learning Family StrongStart BC centre.

"It's been really successful," said Janet Hoag, the early childhood educator who facilitates programs at the StrongStart BC centre at SSE. "Sometimes you're really stepping over people." Hoag welcomes the new Fulford centre, to be facilitated by early childhood educator Janice Shields. It will bring the program closer to Fulford-based families and help thin out the crowd of growing attendees at the existing Ganges location.

Salt Spring's two StrongStart BC centres will help fulfill the province's goal of making B.C. "... the best-educated, most literate jurisdiction on the continent"

according to a Province of B.C. press release.

The province has been offered funding to B.C.'s 60 school districts to establish StrongStart BC centres and has set aside \$38 million to expand the program to 400 centres by 2020.

The StrongStart BC centre at SSE has been well-used by parents like Sarah Kerrigan. Kerrigan has dropped in with her daughters Mia, 3, and Isabelle, 1, twice a week since the centre opened in September.

"Before, I really felt our needs as a family were not quite being met," said Kerrigan, who found it a challenge to find social learning experiences for her daughters, not yet of preschool age, on the island before the StrongStart BC centre opened here.

"A lot of people on this island are quite isolated, especially if you live more rurally... We don't have suburbs like they have in the city where everybody gets together to watch kids ride tricycles on the road."

For Kerrigan, meeting and interacting with other parents is a key draw of StrongStart BC, where parents stay and are often part of the play.

"They love it that their parents don't leave them," said Hoag, who offers play

based activity stations that focus on themes such as art, math, science, exercise, sand sculpting, block building and dramatic play that parents are encouraged to participate in.

Hoag also leads finger painting, singing and rhyming activities to help children grow linguistically, physically and socially.

The strong play-based literacy component of StrongStart BC centres is what Kathryn Akehurst, early years coordinator for School District 64, believes will help strengthen literacy on the Gulf Islands.

In addition to the two Salt Spring locations, StrongStart BC programs were set up on Pender, Mayne and Galiano islands last spring and will begin again in September.

The SSE centre will reopen for the school year on Tuesday, Sept. 2 and will operate 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. Monday through Thursday. The Fulford school centre will open Wednesday, Sept. 3.

Visit www.bced.gov.bc.ca/literacy/early\_learning/strongstart\_bc.htm for more information. Questions about StrongStart BC centres on the Gulf Islands can be directed to Kathryn Akehurst at 250-537-5548 or kakehurst@sd64.bc.ca

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FOOD



Brent Duke in the meat department at Ganges Village Market.

# Local grocers quell listeria fears

Recalled meat pulled from shelves

BY SEAN MCINTYRE  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Local grocery stores have taken all necessary precautions to ensure shelves are clear of any products linked to a listeria outbreak responsible for the deaths of at least six people across Canada.

Ganges Villages Market meat department manager Brent Duke said staff wasted no time before pulling more than a dozen items from the Salt Spring store upon receiving news of the outbreak last week.

"We've taken everything off that the Canadian Food Inspection Agency has listed," Duke said on Monday.

Duke said the store's employees have fielded "a ton of questions" from customers worried about the quality of meat purchased in recent weeks.

"People are still a little afraid," he said.

Anyone who purchased affected products before the recall was issued last week, Duke said, can return them to the store for a full refund.

The same goes for shoppers at Thrifty Foods where the company's vice-president

of marketing and communications Malcolm Webster said the company has implemented a chain-wide recall policy until further notice.

Shoppers are asked to consult information provided in their local meat department or contact a customer service representative for more details about obtaining refunds for affected products purchased before the recall took effect.

Local meat recalls at the Ganges Village Market and Thrifty Foods has affected 12 products sold under the Schneiders and Maple Leaf brand names.

As of Monday afternoon, Health Canada's nationwide list of recalled products included nearly 200 items sold under brand names including Schneiders, Burns, Hickory Farms, Hygrade, Mitchell's, Overlander, Shop-sy's and Western Family.

On Saturday, Health Canada representatives confirmed the outbreak stemmed from meat packaged at a Maple Leaf facility in the Toronto area. Most of the brands' products sold in B.C. come from a facility in Surrey, Webster said.

At press time, 26 cases of listeriosis in four provinces had been confirmed. A fur-

ther 29 cases remain under investigation, according to information provided by the Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA).

**"People are still a little afraid."**

BRENT DUKE  
Meat department manager,  
Ganges Village Market

The Public Health Agency of Canada further confirmed that the July 29 death of a Vancouver Island man at Cowichan Regional Hospital was associated with the outbreak strain.

The patient reportedly contracted the virus after eating tainted luncheon meat served at the hospital.

Listeria is a bacteria found in soil, vegetation, water and sewage that can survive refrigeration. Though many people may carry listeria, few actually develop listeriosis, according to a CFIA information pamphlet.

Symptoms of listeriosis can include vomiting, nausea, cramps, diarrhea, severe headaches, constipation and persistent fever. Pregnant women, the elderly and peo-

ple with weakened immune systems are at an elevated risk of contracting the virus.

The virus' incubation period can be as long as 90 days, the pamphlet adds.

A complete and updated list of recalled products is available by following the links at [www.inspection.gc.ca](http://www.inspection.gc.ca).

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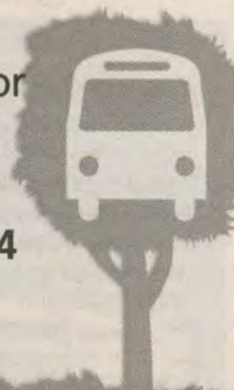
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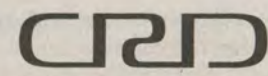
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BUS SCHEDULE

## Salt Spring bus times, routes set for the upcoming seasons

New guides available throughout island

Salt Spring Transit's fall and winter schedules are now available in the new Rider's Guides.

The fall schedule runs from Sept. 2 to 27, with the winter timetable covering Sept. 28, 2008 to May 1, 2009.

"We change the schedule four times a year to coincide with the schedule changes of the various ferries that serve Salt Spring Island," said Bob Fenske, chair of the Salt Spring Island Community Transit and Transportation Commission.

The transit system, with fully accessible community buses, operates daily except Sundays and serves five routes: Ganges Local, Fulford Harbour, Vesuvius, Long Harbour, and Fernwood.

For bike riders, the buses are equipped with bike racks able to carry two bikes. The

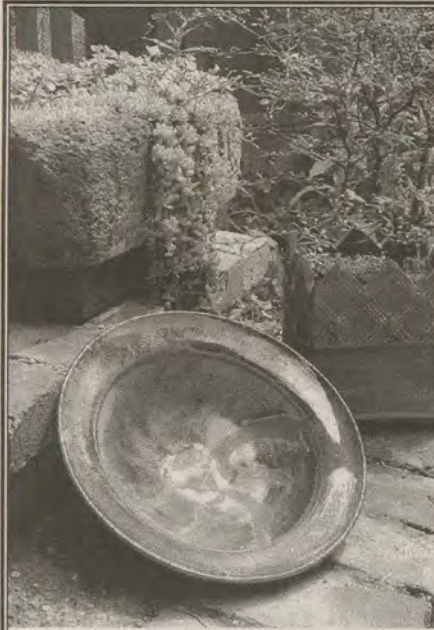
buses are also available to groups, organizations and non-profit societies for evening and weekend community events.

Monthly passes and tickets (sheets of 10), which provide discounted prices, are available on Salt Spring Island at Patterson's Store, Harbour Food Market, Pharmasave (Downtown and Uptown), Thrifty's, Ganges Village Market and Vesuvius Store.

For detailed information on schedules, routes, fares and programs, riders can pick up a copy of the new Rider's Guide, visit the website at [www.busonline.ca](http://www.busonline.ca), or call Salt Spring Island Transit Information at 250-537-6758.

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**NEWSBEAT**

**COMMUNITY CLEAN-UP**

**Walker Hook shoreline breathes as accumulated waste removed**

Volunteer crew scrapes off layers of debris

BY AMY GEDDES  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

For years, Walker Hook Road residents watched close to a dozen of their neighbours pile yard waste on the roadside and picturesque shoreline slope.

Eventually towering up to five metres high in some places, the debris kept vegetation from taking hold and exacerbated existing erosion problems.

On Aug. 16, Walker Hook Road resident Donna Martin, with the help of 12 other volunteers, scraped away years of damage.

In a one-day cleanup coordinated by Martin and supported by the Salt Spring Island Conservancy, the Capital Regional District (CRD) and the Ministry of Transportation (MOT), the volunteer crew removed the layers of debris in hopes of re-establishing the integrity of the environmentally sensitive heritage road.

Some volunteers were north end residents, "But unfortunately none of them were the residents who put the yard waste out," Martin said on Monday.

A recreational hot spot, many of the clean-up volunteers regularly walk or bike the Walkers Hook and North Beach stretch of oceanside road that offers views of



Roy Brewer cleans up the area around Fernwood Dock.

PHOTO BY DERRICK LUNDY

Trincomali Channel.

Two contractors from Young & Chipper were hired through a CRD grant and "chipped" for 10 hours, grinding debris down into wood chips that were later salvaged by volunteers.

The MOT, aiming to mitigate roadside erosion, had Mainroad South Island Con-

tracting Ltd. crews remove at least two dump-truck loads of debris.

A week after the clean-up, much of the troublesome debris is gone and the soil, covered for years, is now a fresh bed ready for stabilizing native plants.

"What you see now is clear under-story," Martin said,

"and areas we can plant with native plants in the fall when the soil is moist."

The clean-up day, she said, was a positive way of restoring the roadside and shoreline.

But educating neighbours about the damage done by their excessive dumping of yard waste was also an outcome the volunteers hoped for.

"I think the people that have been putting their yard waste along the roadside get it now," Martin wrote in an e-mail to the Driftwood. "They have seen the huge effort it took to clean it up and they have received packets of information explaining why it is not a good idea to put yard waste along this shoreline roadside."

Martin suspects some of the homeowners were simply misinformed and believed the debris was "actually good for the slope."

Education, Martin said, was key because the clean-up day only dealt with public segments of the roads. Many roadside patches are designated private land and the onus is now on property owners to remove the debris that remains.

CRD Bylaw 1887 prohibits depositing rubbish, including garden waste, in any open place.

Martin said the CRD and the Islands Trust have agreed to work diligently to enforce the bylaw in the future.

**Broken windows and boat theft on RCMP call list**

Hitchhiking incident also disturbs

Local police were kept busy over the weekend and into Monday afternoon dealing with smashed windows at two different island locations, one break-in and one boat theft.

On Saturday, Aug. 23, police were called to Fernwood Elementary School after receiving a report of willful damage on school

**RCMPREPORT**

property. Two windows had been broken, including a classroom window and one attached to the school's greenhouse. The windows appeared to have been smashed by thrown rocks. If anyone has information regarding this incident, please contact Salt Spring RCMP or Crimestoppers.

On Monday morning at approximately 9:30 a.m., police received a report of a stolen 19.5-foot Bayliner from a mooring buoy near Walker's Hook. The boat was estimated to have been stolen either sometime Sunday evening or early Monday morning. On Monday afternoon the owner of the vessel

reported the boat had been found, with some damage, near the Sister Islands. The boat was left with a missing battery and personal flotation devices stolen. Police investigation into the incident will continue.

Also on Monday, Aug. 25, police received a report from a contractor that a break-in had occurred at a job site near Rainbow Road. The residence had apparently been entered after an object was thrown through a window and a fire extinguisher was discharged in the enclosed garage. Salt Spring RCMP are asking any witnesses or persons with information regarding this incident to contact them.

A Salt Spring woman reported "unusual and aggressive" behaviour by a

male hitchhiker she stopped to pick up by the Lancer Building on Saturday, which included his keying the passenger side of her vehicle. Unfortunately, the male could not be located by officers.

Police remind drivers that picking up hitchhikers is not a good idea at the best of times. "Although a kind gesture, it may well place drivers and their own passengers in compromising situations. Police have in the past received reports of personal items, such as wallets and purses, going missing, as well as unexpected behaviour."

Hitchhiking is also a violation of the Motor Vehicle Act. Police encourage residents to use the Salt Spring bus service rather than hitchhiking.

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SHELLFISH HARVESTING

# Shellfish program grabs attention

Bader's Beach one of a dozen sites in region

BY SEAN MCINTYRE  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Marika Mayer and her husband Richard weren't exactly sure what to make of the eight clam diggers they spotted harvesting clams from Bader's Beach earlier this month.

The beach has been subject to a closure for as long as they can remember due to elevated fecal coliform counts and the Department of Fisheries and Oceans (DFO) has even put up signs to drive home the point.

"It looked kind of fishy and left me with lots of questions in my mind," Marika said in a telephone interview from her home near the beach.

"It seemed peculiar that such harvesting is being permitted and that off-island companies are being given access to harvesting such resources for sale elsewhere," Richard added.

It turns out the company harvesting the clams, Sooke-based Cooper's Cove Limited, operates under a special DFO licence issued as part of the Canadian Shellfish Sanitation Program (CSSP). The company did not return a request for an interview made on Monday morning.

The CSSP permits the harvesting of shellfish from marginally contaminated sites so long as the product undergoes an approved deputation process, according to the program's man-



PHOTO BY RICHARD MAYER

Shellfish harvesters on Salt Spring's Bader's Beach.

ager Kerry Marcus.

Clams are placed in a series of fresh water tanks for several days at any of the five facilities on the B.C. coast until toxins are flushed from their systems, Marcus said.

The program has been in place for nearly 15 years, with a number of companies operating along Salt Spring's Booth Bay and Erskine Point for at least 10 years, she added.

"It's not an unusual process world wide," Marcus said from her Nanaimo DFO office. "It's a proven process."

Marcus said harvesting limits are set by DFO based

on data provided by harvesters on an annual basis. All decontaminated shellfish must undergo a DFO certification process before they are sold to consumers.

"The end result is a good, safe product," she said.

The program permits companies to take advantage of sites that would otherwise be off limits to the fishery.

"Clams need ideal conditions to grow, but some of that habitat has been rendered unusable for whatever reason," she said. "This is an alternative way of accessing these areas."

Ensuring that clams from contaminated sites are treat-

ed properly, she added, can reduce the chance that contaminated product enters the market.

The decontamination technique only works for fecal coliform contamination and cannot be used with organisms harvested during a red tide.

Marcus reminded people to refrain from collecting their own shellfish just because they see others harvesting in a specific area.

Information about safe clamming and oyster harvesting areas is available from the DFO website at [www.dfo-mpo.gc.ca/index-eng.htm](http://www.dfo-mpo.gc.ca/index-eng.htm) or by calling 1-866-431-3474.

## GREENWOODS ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

DATE: Thursday, September 25<sup>th</sup>, 2008  
TIME: 10:00 A.M.  
PLACE: Lady Minto Hospital meeting room (portable)  
Crofton Road, Ganges, Salt Spring Island

**MEMBERSHIP:** Persons who have reached 19 years of age, who reside in the Gulf Islands – namely Salt Spring, North Pender, South Pender, Prevost, Saturna, Samuel, Mayne and Galiano – who have made written application for membership in the Society. Memberships for the Society can be obtained at the Greenwood's Care Facility.

Members in good standing who annually renew membership prior to the commencement of the annual meeting, are entitled to vote. Persons who have applied for membership during the past membership year, which extends from the commencement of the annual meeting until the commencement of the next, providing applications are received prior to August 25, 2008 are entitled to vote.

Andrew Brown, Executive Director.  
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## REC CENTRE

# Pool UV filter closer to reality

Facility also opens for Sunday swimming

BY SEAN MCINTYRE  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

The Parks and Recreation Commission (PARC) has voted to draw up a Request for Proposals (RFP) for the purchase of a UV filtration system for the Rainbow Road Recreation Centre swimming pool.

"I don't think it's good to put on the brakes when Ssplash [pool society] has the money and is ready to go," said commissioner Gayle Baker. "Let's go for the RFP and see what we are talking about."

Capital cost estimates for the project obtained over the past year place costs of new filtration system at between \$45,000 and \$81,000.

Splash has so far committed \$50,000 to the project.

A UV system is used in conjunction with the pool's existing filter as a way to reduce the detectable level of chlorine in the pool area.

Commissioner Ben Goodman voted against the motion to develop an RFP, saying there should be no rush to upgrade the system at this point.

"Surely we should allow the system to settle in before we start adding stuff to the pool," he said at Monday evening's PARC meeting.

Chair Steve Peterson countered that the UV system is in high demand by the community and has been considered since the pool's early stages.

"I wouldn't look at it as something new or as something we are going to add," he said. "It is basically the final piece of the pool."

Annual maintenance of the UV system is estimated to cost up to \$3,500 per year, according to figures obtained by former commissioner Peter Lake in October 2007 and presented in a PARC staff report.

In other pool news:

Beginning on Sept. 1, the Rainbow Road Indoor Pool will be open Sundays from 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. and between 2:30 and 6:30 p.m.

The pool will be closed on Tuesdays. The scheduling change follows input from the community and PARC staff.

The new schedule sees the addition of morning and after-work aquatic fitness classes.

A full schedule and list of programs are available by following the links at [www.crd.bc.ca/ssiparc](http://www.crd.bc.ca/ssiparc).

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EDITORIAL

## Keeping it quiet

**W**hat kind of noise annoys not an oyster, but two-legged island dwellers?

Squealing tires, air brakes, sirens, racing dirt bikes, barking dogs and loud parties — complaints about noise run rampant on Salt Spring, and perhaps moreso because we expect it to be an idyllic, peaceful place to live.

Although the Long Harbour residents who recently suggested floatplane traffic in Ganges Harbour should be curbed or eliminated also raised questions of safety, plane noise was the primary motivator behind their efforts to get public support for their concerns.

It's easy to have sympathy for individuals bearing the greater brunt of impacts created by a service used by the wider community. But the nature of small islands means almost every activity has an impact on someone else.

That's one reason proposed developments are so hotly debated on the Gulf Islands.

**THE ISSUE:**  
Ganges Harbour plane noise

**WE SAY:**  
A necessary part of island life

What constitutes a reasonable level of noise to endure is debatable and, as one vocal (about noise) Salt Spring resident has pointed out, the lack of a specified decibel level in the Capital Regional District's noise bylaw makes it a more subjective matter

than one might like when it comes to enforcing that bylaw.

However, moving an established and central service such as the floatplane docks to a more remote location, like the suggested Burgoyne Bay, does not make sense for reasons ranging from the fact the adjoining lands are a provincial park to the increase in road transportation that would be required.

Convenient access between Ganges and Vancouver is now so entrenched that to move or reduce the floatplane service would be like suggesting we remove one of Salt Spring's three ferry terminals.

If residents have concerns about specific planes, incidents or company behaviour, then those can be addressed to the regional manager of aerodrome safety in Transport Canada's Pacific region, and will hopefully be dealt with properly.

As well, all forms of marine traffic should be monitored to ensure Ganges Harbour is as safe as possible.

In the meantime, floatplane traffic was a topic for investigation in the Ganges Harbour Management Plan, initiated in the fall of 2006, and we eagerly await the outcome of that process.



## Autumn brings changes on the bus

BY MAGGIE ZIEGLER

The two community buses plying island roads since January have become a familiar sight, but what is not so visible is how many seats are filled.

Islanders and visitors have enthusiastically boarded the buses in unexpected and ever increasing numbers. There's no doubt that the island was ready for a publicly funded bus.

Over the eight months of successful service, the average ridership of 760 riders per week has been more than double what was projected. Steadily increasing usage reached a high of 1,381 passengers in one week! And although the Fulford-Ganges route carries the most passengers, the other routes are growing in usage.

As fall approaches, along with a new schedule that begins Sept. 2, it is a good time to review how our transit system works and provide information on upcoming changes.

A 2004 study demonstrated the need for a transit service. This led to the Capital Regional District (CRD) submitting a funding request for transit service to the province, which announced a funding contribution in the spring of 2007. A CRD counter-petition approved the local taxpayer share for an initial service connecting Ganges with Fulford, Vesuvius and Long Harbour, and a Ganges "local" route.

The two buses came at no cost to local taxpayers, funded through the federal Transit Capital Trust. Operating funds for the first year come from the provincial government via BC Transit (roughly \$101,000), local property taxes (\$67,000) and projected fare revenue of \$23,000. The popularity of the service has provided unexpected fare surpluses that will be used to improve future service. However, significant expansions are unlikely before possible additional provincial funding in 2010.

The counter-petition also established the Salt Spring Island Community Transit and Transportation Commission (SSICTTC), a CRD advisory commission on transit matters, as well as general transportation planning (sidewalks, bicycle paths, parking, pedestrian safety and traffic calming).

### VIEWPOINT

The SSICTTC provides advice to the CRD and BC Transit on issues such as fares, routes and schedules, and service planning issues. Schedules and routes are under constant review by BC Transit, the operator and SSITTC, with the goal of maximizing the service within budget constraints. Two surveys will assist in future planning. The Institute for Sustainability, Education and Action is compiling summer research on awareness and usage of the bus, and in the fall BC Transit will conduct an on-the-bus survey.

Enhanced summer service provided extra runs to Vesuvius and Fulford, particularly on Saturday market days. This enhanced service comes to an end on Sept. 2, with one exception. The Ganges-Fulford summer Saturday service will continue until Sept. 27, with both buses on the road.

Upcoming changes include a new daily service to Fernwood. The popular 5:10 departure from Ganges to Fulford is back. And although the Ganges-Fulford run will be reduced from six to five trips a day (the bus is needed to meet the Long Harbour ferry), this is still an improvement over the initial four trips per day.

The community buses are operated by Ganges Faerie Minishuttle under contract with BC Transit. The operator can be reached at 250-537-6758 or sstransit@telus.net with inquiries about schedules, lost and found items and feedback.

The new Rider's Guide is now available at the Visitor Information Centre and at the retail outlets that sell bus tickets and passes: Patterson's, Harbour Food Market, Pharmasave (downtown and uptown), Thrifty Foods, GVM and Vesuvius Store. BC Transit's website (<http://www.busonline.ca/regions/ssi>) has information on schedules, fares and a form for providing feedback.

You can reach the SSICTTC by phoning 250-537-4400 or e-mailing [saltspringtransit@crd.bc.ca](mailto:saltspringtransit@crd.bc.ca). Minutes of SSICTTC meetings are posted at <http://www.crd.bc.ca/saltspring/transit.htm>.

The writer is vice-chair of the transit/transportation commission.

**THIS WEEK'S QUESTION:**

**Is a fall federal election necessary?**

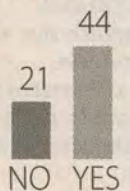
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Yes  No

**LAST WEEK'S QUESTION:**

**Are you happy with the Trust Council Galiano vote?**



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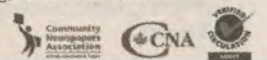


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## SALT SPRING SAYS

**We asked:** How confident are you that prepackaged and deli meats are safe to eat?



**GWYNETH EDGCUMBE**

*I don't think they're unhealthy bacterially, but they contain chemicals that aren't healthy.*



**TARA BROWN**

*As long as I don't leave them in the fridge too long and I have an expiry date to refer to then I'm good with deli meats.*



**DAVID PIPERNO**

*The higher-priced packages are safer than the small ones because they don't leak as much, that's what I figure.*



**MIKE HEATH**

*I'm confident. I think [the Listeria incident] is sorted out.*



**ANASTASIA GOODWIN**

*We always buy organic because processed food you can never be sure with.*

## Letters to the editor

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

### Where credit is due

Don Gainor writes sarcastically in his Aug. 23 letter to the editor that "Gary Holman gives himself and his colleagues on the Islands Trust credit for practically every good thing that has happened on Salt Spring Island in the last half century," even though in citing accomplishments of our local government, I haven't mentioned myself or our trustees.

He also knows that new affordable and seniors housing, upgrades to drinking water and sewage treatment facilities, thousands of acres of green space protection, upgrades to Lady Minto hospital, a new indoor swimming pool and public transit have all been achieved in the past six to seven years.

Gainor then goes on to suggest that it was really volunteers and other government agencies that were responsible for the achieve-

ments, and of course they played a key role. In fact, one of the strengths of our unique rural system is the extent to which it draws on the skills and energy of its citizens.

But he and his Islanders for Self(ish) Government friends can't bring themselves to acknowledge that these successes couldn't have happened without local government. To get their way, they must discredit our current system and its defenders.

While Gainor can't acknowledge success, he is keen to attribute personal responsibility for failure, pointing to the tennis project, for which I have already taken responsibility.

But the point isn't about personal credit or blame — it's that our local government can and has delivered commendable results.

Ultimately, voters will decide on the record of local government and elected officials in November. Mr. Gainor, as a former, provin-

cially appointed director of the board of the Vancouver Island Health Authority (VIHA), is perhaps unfamiliar with the concept of elections. In any case, given the sorry record of VIHA (now there is an organization ripe for governance reform), a record he has never had to justify to voters, I will take no lessons in governance or accountability from him.

**GARY HOLMAN,**  
CRD DIRECTOR

### NIMBY syndrome

Give your head a shake if you think that the planes landing in the harbour will move anywhere else. ("Residents propose relocating seaplane port," Aug. 20 Driftwood.)

I, for one, love them and I live one block from the harbour. Most planes go directly over our house and I still have to look up and enjoy their beauty.

Just think, you could live somewhere else, where the

semis run by your door constantly. Or maybe, where I do, where the life-saving helicopter comes and goes to and from the hospital at any time, night or day. We hear every siren, early morning traffic (which can sometimes sound like "the big city") and the night clubs' music and people noises.

My pet peeve? Late night, noisy motorbikes driven by some testosterone-charged jock.

This is called "civilization" and "growing population." I have been here for 40 years and do not resent the growth.

It's exciting, stimulating and unavoidable!

We can put the planes in someone else's "back yard," but it sure wouldn't be handy for the traveller, and is that not why people fly, for convenience?

The safety issue would not only be worsened in the areas suggested, but how long would it take for help to arrive in case of a mishap?

Our harbour is well man-

aged and controlled by people who know what they're doing.

Boaters should be aware of the requirements of each harbour they enter and the pilots of the planes are highly skilled.

You can no longer come to Salt Spring to "get away from it all." It's all here and we will have to embrace it or not!

**MARY SMALL,**  
SALT SPRING

### Bear warning

The Driftwood edition of Aug. 6 carried a front page article about the bear that has been roaming the island for some time now.

The article states that the bear is suspected to have killed three ewes, and that the kills took place 600 metres from the Tree Frog Daycare playground.

It goes on to say that the bear was seen the following day standing over another carcass, and that the animal was in a protective, aggressive posture.

While we appreciate the concern for the children in our care implied by the article, we are disconcerted that we were not notified in a timely fashion by either Animal Control, or the property owners, of a potentially dangerous situation that existed nearby.

During the school year, office staff at Fulford Elementary School keep us up to date regarding any extraordinary circumstances that exist — cougar sightings for instance. Regardless of unusual situations, vigilant supervision of the entire playground is exercised at all times.

We would like to appeal to the community in general to inform us of any events that could potentially create a hazard for the children in our care. Please call us at 250-653-4998.

**C. BRACKEN,**  
ADMINISTRATOR,  
FOR STAFF, CHILDREN AND BOARD, TREE FROG DAYCARE

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## Seattle wins hands-down after air-trip math

As you read this, I am in all likelihood wheezing my way up Emigration Canyon, Utah, on a borrowed mountain bike, trying to keep up with my extremely buff Salt Lake City girlfriend. You may understandably surmise that this little piece would be about new opportunities provided by internet dating sites, or the tragic poignancy of long-distance relationships, but no, nothing as sexy as that. It's about the mundane world of air travel. But listen up. This may save you hundreds of dollars.

I booked this little airplane trip over the internet, flying round trip out of the Seattle-Tacoma Airport, a two-hour drive south from the Peace Arch down the I-5 interstate freeway. The cost of this junket, courtesy of Delta Airlines, came to US \$209, including all taxes and various surcharges.

Just for a giggle, I tried the same trip via Air Canada, out of Vancouver — same days, same everything. Are you ready for this? That same flight out of Vancouver with all the surcharges and taxes would have cost me \$834.18. I will now pause to let you catch your breath. That is four times the cost. How can that be? Allow me to break it down.

The actual cost of the Air Canada ticket came to \$583 (including a lovely stay at the magnificent San Francisco Airport, mak-

ing for a six-hour trip.) That means in Canada I am paying \$251 in taxes and surcharges. To put it another way, the taxes and surcharges out of Vancouver cost \$75 more than the entire ticket when I fly out of the U.S.

You don't have to have an MBA to do the math on this one, but you may need a degree in archeology to figure out the flight details. It's like trying to decipher the Dead Sea Scrolls. So please bear with me as I go down the laundry list of add-ons tacked onto an already stupidly-expensive ticket out of Canada.

First out of the gate is the ubiquitous fuel surcharge, already famous on Salt Spring courtesy of the B.C. Ferry Corporation. Air Canada tagged \$120 onto the ticket price for gas money. Of course, Air Canada is not the only airline resorting to this old chestnut to make up for declining sales and expensive fuel. Its major Canadian competitor, WestJet, has also added a surcharge of \$60 (half the Air Canada fee). Interestingly enough, and to its credit, Salt Spring Air doesn't tack on a fuel charge. Now, if Salt Spring Air only flew to Salt Lake City,



**Peter Vincent**

### HEAD TO HEAD

Close on the heels of the fuel surcharge is the "Canada Airport Improvement Fee." At Vancouver International, that amounts to \$15. This is to help pay for such must-haves as Bill Reid's sculpture called The Jade Canoe, acquired by the airport authority in 1993 for an eye-popping \$3 million. As

beautiful as the sculpture is, many travellers would be much happier if the money had gone toward, I don't know, maybe an efficient customs area, where a 90-minute wait is not guaranteed. Of course, I didn't have a say in the sculpture. I just got to pay for it.

Beyond the airports, there are the final three made-in-Canada charges — the good old GST (\$37.05), the Air Travellers Security Charge piled on by the government for all those X-ray machines (\$7.94), and the Navigation Canada Tax that ensures all those aircraft won't bump into each other (\$15).

Now the fun part: Uncle Sam's vigorish. My favourite is the U.S. Agriculture Fee of \$5.13 to ensure that I am not carrying any contaminated Red Delicious apples from the Okanagan.

Add to this the Immigration User Fee of

\$7.18. Like most travellers to the U.S.A., I am not picking up stakes and moving. I'm just going for a little R&R. The U.S. government collected \$562 million in 2007 on this one.

And not to be outdone by our \$3-million Bill Reid edifice at Vancouver International, the U.S. government hits you up \$4.61 to gussy up the American airports.

The Sept. 11, 2001 terrorist attack has proven to be a bit of a bonanza when it comes to travel in the U.S.A. All air travellers are required to pony up \$2.50 if they take off from any American airport. Two stops? That'll be \$5. Multiply that by the bodies in the air annually and somebody is getting very rich.

At the end of the day, is the two-hour drive to Sea/Tac International worth it? You can fill up your tank at less than \$4 a gallon. You can stop off at Trader Joe's for a little grocery shopping. You can slip into the grog shop and buy a nice bottle of Grey Goose for \$26 (\$53 in Canada).

Is that all worth saving \$625 for? Listen, I'm as Canadian as the next guy, but for that kind of price difference, I'll put it on cruise control and see you in Seattle.

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## OPINION

# Conservatives: strong voice is saying the wrong things

BY GREG SPENDJIAN

This is a response to Harper and Lunn's "Canada's Back" propaganda.

Every addressee in the riding recently received a missive from Saanich and the Islands MP Gary Lunn with a picture of Stephen Harper representing Canada at an unidentified international meeting. At the top of the picture in big letters are the words "CANADA'S BACK." The reverse side says "The Conservative Government is standing up for Canadian interests, at home and abroad: Rebuilding Canada's Armed Forces; Defending our Arctic; and Standing up for security and human rights around the world."

The remainder of this piece of propaganda consists of a tear-off we are supposed to mail to Lunn that states that the Conservative Party is reversing the erosion of Canada's international standing and the weakening of the military at the hands of the Liberals. It goes on to add "Prime Minister Stephen Harper and the Conservative government are making investments at home and speaking with a strong voice abroad. We're building a strong reputation in the international community and reinforcing our secure position at home."

Having spent most of my professional life working in international development with Canadian government and non-government agencies and as an independent consultant, I find the statement atrocious and reminiscent of Orwellian double-speak. The Conservative party clearly believes that if it repeats fallacies often enough they will eventually be taken as fact.

It is trying to make us believe exactly the opposite of what is true.

For example, contrast the self-serving statement with news reported in April in the Globe and Mail that world renowned economist and adviser to the United Nations, Jeffrey Sachs, had lambasted Canada for abandoning its leadership role in international development.

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He urged Canada to increase its aid to poorer countries in the face of soaring food prices. Sachs bemoaned what he saw as Canada abandoning its previous principled and progressive stance in international gatherings.

He is not the only one critical of Canada. It would be fair to say that many of those who once admired Canada's role on the world stage and in various multilateral organizations are seriously questioning what has gone wrong in Canada since the Harper government took power.

In those cases where this government is indeed "speaking with a strong voice," it is saying all the wrong things.

Due to Canada's recent positions in international forums it is being accused by humanitarian and environmental groups of acting as a barrier to progress on major issues such as poverty, world food shortages, climate change and aid to Africa. After the July 2008 G8 meeting in Tokyo, groups such as Oxfam International and Make Poverty History accused Harper's government of not playing a constructive role and of trying in closed-door meetings to weaken efforts by G8 leaders to step up support of health programs in Africa.

On climate change Harper's position that G8 leaders should not sign on to mandatory targets for reducing greenhouse gas emissions unless China, India and other emerging nations do the same is delaying coordinated action to address global warming, since newly developed nations are rightly demanding that industrialized countries that created the majority of the problem set the example. Following the March 2008 Climate Change Conference in Bangkok, strong terms such as "deceitful" were used by critics to describe Canada's submission to the conference.

At a conference in Bali

which preceded it, Environment Minister John Baird was accused by domestic and international critics of making Canada the lone hold-out trying to block an important world agreement recognizing the need to set binding targets for greenhouse gas reductions.

Here's another distortion of reality. Canada has historically been held in high regard because of its peacekeeping work. Lester Pearson won the Nobel Peace Prize because of Canada's role in defusing the 1956 Suez crisis through its peacekeeping efforts. Since then thousands of Canadian soldiers have been peacekeepers in over 50 missions around the world. They have been hailed for their expertise in this regard. Today, because of the Harper government policies, there are only 62 Canadians among the 77,000 UN peacekeepers deployed around the world. Instead, Canada is playing a decidedly aggressive role in the mess in Afghanistan. And had Stephen Harper been prime minister at the start of the latest invasion of Iraq, Canada would likely have been involved in that quagmire as well. The Conservatives may be increasing budgets for the military, but one has to ask to what purpose.

Let us not forget that Stephen Harper was president of the National Citizens Coalition, a virulently anti-government organization whose primary stated goal is to reduce the role of government in Canada. Harper has carried the NCC mission into the prime minister's office.

My response to Stephen Harper and Gary Lunn: Shame on you for making conscientious Canadians embarrassed about the negative, regressive, self-serving positions you have taken internationally on behalf of Canadians. It is your government that is diminishing Canada in the eyes of the world.

*The writer lives on Beddis Road.*

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### Captain appreciated

I want to send a beautiful silver tureen full of rose jelly for his morning toast and a warm hug from every passenger on our dear old, comfy Bowen Queen, to the Aug. 17 evening sailing ferry captain who announced to the passengers that an orca pod was ahead in the waters at the entrance to Active Pass and slowed until abreast of it.

Then we all, hanging over the rails, enjoyed a spontaneous, delightful show: the whales, turn by turn, shot up out of the water, belly up and white patches flashing, to fall back with great splashes, as we all "oohed and aahed."

I would like to think the whales sensed our pleasure at this special happening and that they also thanked the captain for being so careful not to disturb them. It was not the first time I had seen orcas, but never so close and with so much delight.

To cap it all, we had a smooth and perfectly jolt-free berthing at Long Harbour. If this was a near final sailing of the Bowen Queen in our waters, the ferry captain made it truly memorable.

As we say, "Only a Salt Springer..."

JETTA MARTINEZ,  
FERNWOOD ROAD

### Guide thanks

For many long years, our camping equipment, archives, craft and library supplies have gone from basements to attics to back rooms and carpools, crawl spaces and work shops, church halls and storage sheds.

This summer that all changed and the Girl Guides on Salt Spring Island now have a permanent storage trailer to hold all of our accumulated bits and pieces.

We would like to thank the following who have helped to make this possible: RTR TrILERmart of Duncan for their expert advice and wonderful delivery service of our new trailer.

Slegg Lumber for the donation of all the shelving wood and hardware to set up the interior.

The Crime Prevention Association and the guys of Island Star Video for their generous donations. The various island churches who gave us storage space over the years and all those people who support us by buying Girl Guide cookies.

Last but by far not the least, we would like to thank all of the Guiders, past and present, who have housed, sorted, kept repaired, updated and catalogued our equipment and supplies, keeping them clean and safe so that we have all that we do.

And one last big thank you goes to all the Guiders' husbands who have put up with this "stuff" sharing their spaces for oh so long!

On behalf of all the members of Salt Spring Girl Guides, thank you.

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**TREASURE HUNTER:** Emma Thomas shops for a gift for her parent's anniversary at last Saturday's Antiques and Collectibles sale at Central Hall.

Overheard

At a coffee house I overheard a conversation between four men (two in business suits) at the next table.

They were talking about things on Salt Spring and the one thing that struck me was what one guy said: "If you want to get on with development on this island, have to get rid of the [Islands] Trust."

Is that what it's all about? God help us, I have been through this in Vancouver.

**RITA APTEKMANN,**  
NORTH BEACH ROAD

Deer will flee

Short of hiring a cougar, Shilo Zylbergold should consider getting a "Scare Crow" from Canadian Tire ("How to build a bazillion-dollar deer fence," Aug. 20 Nobody Asked Me But... column).

Any motion will cause it to squirt a high-pressure jet of water in an arc determined by you. That is supposed to make the deer flee. Sometimes it actually does.

In winter, when everything is frozen, back to plan A: hire a cougar.

**BRISTOL FOSTER,**  
SALT SPRING

Floatplanes and ferries

Oh boo-hoo; now someone is bothered by the sound of a few floatplanes and thinks they should be moved to Burgoyne Bay. ("Residents propose relocating seaplane port," Aug. 20 Driftwood.)

Well, that was certainly well thought out! About as far away from convenient passenger access as you could possibly get on this island; in the middle of a provincial park, and a protected environmental area that a lot of people, if they had their way, would like to either turn into farms, eel grass bed preservation, or put a fence around and keep everyone out. It's great to see that NIMBY-ism is alive and well on Salt Spring. Not that there was ever any doubt!

Give us a break — Ganges Harbour is just what it's called — a harbour! Just like Coal Harbour and Victoria Inner Harbour and a lot of other harbours. Harbours are

supposed to provide many things — including places for marine and air-marine traffic to use. The safety problem isn't being caused by a few float planes; it's becoming a problem because of congestion and stupidity.

Very rarely is a safety question caused by a floatplane — but a lot of near-misses can certainly be attributed to poorly operated pleasure boats. Stand on the end of the public wharf some day and watch the water traffic for a half-hour — you will be amazed at what some boaters do; and that floatplane operators would even allow their aircraft to come to Ganges anymore.

I'm sorry, but floatplanes are part of the heritage of B.C. and the West Coast. If you live in a rural coastal community, then floatplanes usually provide a very important part of the transportation system. If you choose to purchase a home in such a community, then be prepared for activity typical of that environment.

I live under an air corridor that seems to include one of the approaches to Ganges Harbour as well as a route between Vancouver and Victoria airports. We see and hear many aircraft every day, including the Beavers and Otters and even a few commuter helicopters. A few years ago we lived in a house overlooking Ganges Harbour — and heard the floatplanes arriving and taking off every day. They didn't bother me then and they don't bother

me now.

If anyone is seriously thinking about wasting time with a petition, my vote is a definite no! Why not put your time into something worthwhile?

In another matter:

Re: the Aug. 20 "Faring with the Ferries" feature. This was a very nicely researched and formatted feature. But, it never ceases to amaze me that people who choose to live in remote and admittedly desirable rural areas incessantly complain about poor services — and about paying the cost of what those services really cost.

I don't enjoy paying a lot of money for anything, including ferry fares. But I do believe that it is reasonable to pay an honest value for a service that one receives. Ferries cost a lot of money to run. Go to any non-North American country and see what you have to pay for a ferry ride. Only in Canada and the U.S. has the idea become popular that those who ride ferries should be subsidized by the rest of the taxpayers. Or that by some stroke of magic that ferry shouldn't cost anything to operate.

I'm afraid it's time to wake up. B.C. Ferries is not part of the highway system. It is a means to get from one land body to another, just like it is anywhere else in the world. If we choose to live on an island, with all the benefits and attractions that may have, then we should be

prepared to pay the real and honest cost of what it takes to get here and to do business here. If that becomes too expensive, then I guess one has to think about alternatives, but I don't agree that moving the cost onto someone else's back is fair or reasonable.

In my view, B.C. has an excellent ferry system and good service at a fair cost that is a lot better than some places in the world. If skyrocketing fuel costs, ill-conceived carbon taxes and wage costs are ballooning the operating costs, deal with those issues at the political level. Just stop whining, buck up and live with reality!

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OPINION

# No local governments are given unfettered authority, autonomy

BY GEORGE EHRRING

There's been a lot of hand-wringing about the Islands Trust Council's refusal of proposed bylaws brought forward by the Galiano Island Local Trust Committee (LTC) and what it means for a local Trust area's apparent "autonomy."

I'd like to point out some of the many ways in which local governments—whether incorporated or not—are subject to "higher" levels of government oversight, and shed some light on the misconception that municipalities are "independent" governing bodies.

First, let's clarify the process within the Islands Trust. Many decisions of an LTC are made without further scrutiny. These include the issuance of development permits, development variance permits and temporary use permits (and a few others).

But as required by the Islands Trust Act, all bylaws proposed by LTCs are referred to the Trust Executive Committee for approval. And since an application to rezone property (and this includes amenity zoning and density transfer proposals) requires an amendment to the local land use bylaw, rezoning bylaws also require the approval of the Executive. Changes to the official community plan (OCP) are also bylaw amendments, so these go to the Executive, too. Furthermore, OCPs (and amendments to them) also require the approval of the Minister of Community Development, as well as referral to numerous provincial ministries and agencies for comment. The ministry can, and certainly has, withheld approval of a

## IN RESPONSE

community's OCP for various reasons, mainly those where it feels that a local government is attempting to usurp the provincial government's authority in one area or another.

The Islands Trust Act obliges the Executive Committee to ensure that bylaws it approves are in compliance with the Trust Policy Statement (which itself was approved by the province). If members of the Executive feel an LTC's proposed bylaw is in conflict with the Policy Statement, the act requires them not to approve it. The act also provides LTCs with the opportunity to refer a proposed bylaw to Trust Council if the Executive does not approve their bylaw.

This is just what happened in the recent case with bylaws proposed by the Galiano LTC that would have amended their OCP and land use bylaw. It was the first time in the 34-year history of the Islands Trust that an LTC had referred a bylaw to Trust Council.

For those who object to decisions like this being made by people who don't live on the particular island whose bylaw is under review, you should understand how the system works elsewhere.

The Bowen Island Municipality, a member of the Islands Trust, must still refer amendments to its OCP to the Islands Trust Executive Committee, which has the same obligation under the Islands Trust Act not to approve them if it considers them contrary to the Trust Policy Statement. If the Executive

refuses a Bowen Island OCP bylaw, Bowen Island Municipal Council may not refer the bylaw to Trust Council, but instead may refer it directly to the Minister of Community Development for approval. The point here is that even within the Bowen municipality, amendments to its OCP must be approved by people who do not live on Bowen Island—first by the Trust executive, and then by the Minister.

Indeed, every single local government in B.C., which must have an OCP, must have it approved by the province. Local governments do not have the final say.

Within the Capital Regional District (CRD), various kinds of local approval must be approved by the CRD board.

For example, consider the CRD's Regional Growth Strategy, which is a mechanism created by the province to ensure that development driven by the marketplace and by individual local governments does not destroy the legacy of greenspace and agricultural land that everyone within the region shares.

The Regional Growth Strategy (RGS) does not apply in the Trust area because the Trust itself provides a regional growth strategy. But the RGS does apply elsewhere in the CRD, and it includes a similar regional veto principle.

Recently, the Highlands municipality proposed a significant change to its OCP and the Regional Growth Strategy, involving over 600 acres of land to be rezoned for large-scale commercial and industrial uses. But changes in the RGS require the unanimous approval of all other local governments within the CRD, and a majority of municipalities opposed the Highlands' proposed RGS amendment.

In addition, despite whatever "local control" may seem apparent, the province has the power to impose all kinds of restrictions or permissions on land without requiring local government approval or even consulting them. These include, for example, land in the Agricultural Land Reserve, property included in Private Managed Forest Land, mines, riparian areas and other land. Like it or not, many provincial laws and regulations override local zoning.

The concept of checks and balances, as in the Trust and the CRD, is well enshrined in Canada in order to safeguard the fundamental principles of the collective good. A well-known example at the national level is the Canada Health Act. Publicly funded healthcare, accessible to all, is one of the fundamental components of our social contract. The federal government can withhold payments to provinces, and has, to prevent violation of this fundamental principle.

Local governments—inside or outside the Trust—clearly do not have the unfettered authority to make laws respecting the use of land in their jurisdictions, and though the emotional appeal to "local autonomy" might sound nice, it just isn't the reality.

The writer is a Salt Spring Island trustee.

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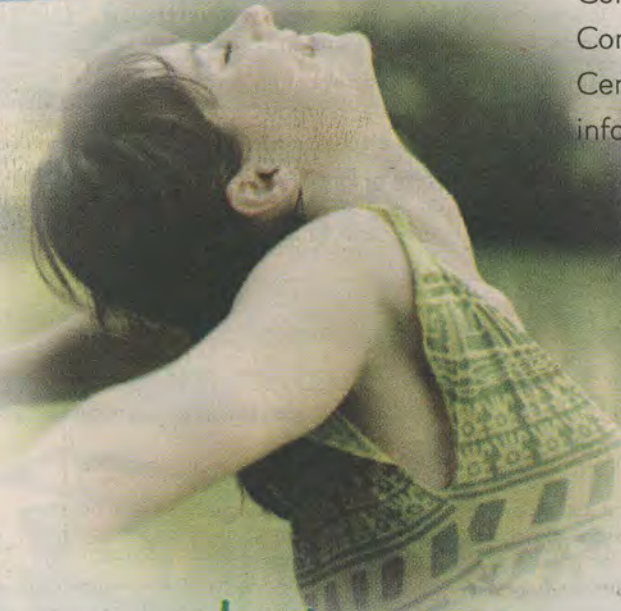


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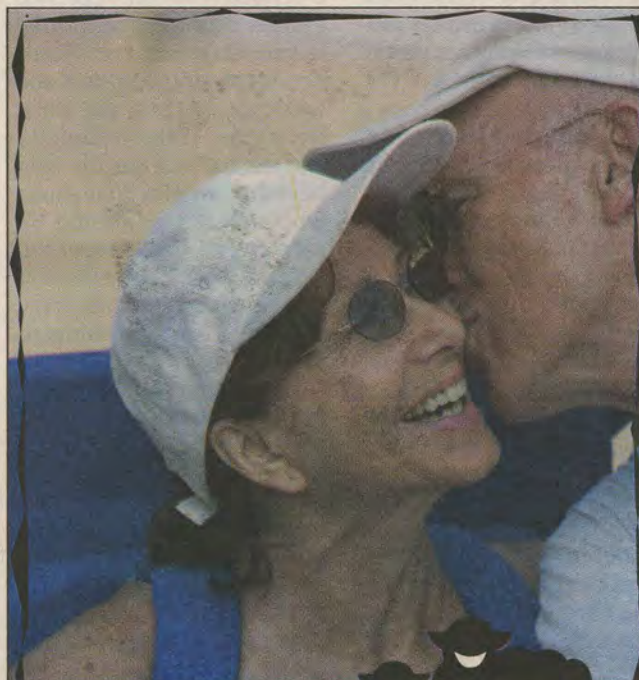
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# RANTS and Roses

## Rants

To the lady at the GVM crosswalk and all pedestrians who walk out into a crosswalk without looking or even breaking stride. Give us drivers a chance to stop for you without slamming on our brakes. Pause and use some judgement and be sure it is safe to step out. S. Foster

My boyfriend and myself come from Victoria to visit Salt Spring every two weeks to visit relatives and as I do love shopping I am always visiting the market on Saturdays. We love the atmosphere, the people, the artsy character of the island, but we have noticed the unsatisfactory conditions in the public washrooms in the park. Messy, messy, messy. Get my point? That's all I have to say. Lee Stempski

A rant to the Parks and Recreation Commission for choosing to fix the Churchill Rd. beach access at the time of year when it is most used. Would it not have been possible to have done it in the shoulder season? Nicholas Hunt

## Roses

To Margaret, Hall and all

the valiant crew at North Salt Spring Waterworks, who saved us from the dreaded algae blocking our water pipes and brought gracious living back to our home. Thank you so much. You're wonderful! Sally and Robert

This is a week late, but I wish as a visitor to say that on Aug. 15 I spent an evening at ArtSpring listening to fabulous Grace Jordan's monologues in Shirley Valentine, a comedy by playwright Ron Pollock. Grace Jordan was a miracle to listen to and to watch with her tremendous facial expressions. How wonderful that she is now a resident of Salt Spring. Enjoy, enjoy. Many bouquets of roses to Grace Jordan. With admiration, Agnes Sutherland, Oliver, B.C.

Bushels of garden roses to Copper Kettle, with food donated by Thrifty Foods, for producing a community free lunch in the park on Thursday, Aug. 21. All Saints' Anglican Church was getting the hall floor re-sanded this week and all hall activities were suspended. Janet Murray, Soup's On! co-ordinator

Athlete-style laurels to the eight or so individuals who



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**COLOSSAL FUN:** Youths taking part in Camp Colossal enjoy the play equipment at Portlock Park as the season winds down and school is just around the corner.

came to the first masters swimming practice on Monday. You saw a really tough workout through to the end. Way to go!! (I promise, from now on they will be easier.) Peri

A dozen red roses to the Muldoon family for finding our cat. We truly appreciate your efforts and kindness.

Thank you so much. The Hoffmans

Banks of Nootka roses to the volunteers who beautified Walker Hook and North Beach roads on Aug. 16. Hearty thanks also to Salt Spring Island Conservancy, CRD and Ministry of Transportation for supporting this important project. May

the Nootka roses flourish along the banks and their intoxicating scent follow all who use these roads.

The hugest bunch of floating roses to the kindly couple from Castilou Way, who let the four of us carry our kayaks through their property in our hour of need last week. Without

people like you, this island would sink! Gavin Ellis and Meghan Paterson

A thank you in advance to all those who will read this reminder and bring back the crutches they borrowed from the hospital. Please return them to the nurses' desk. Thank you.

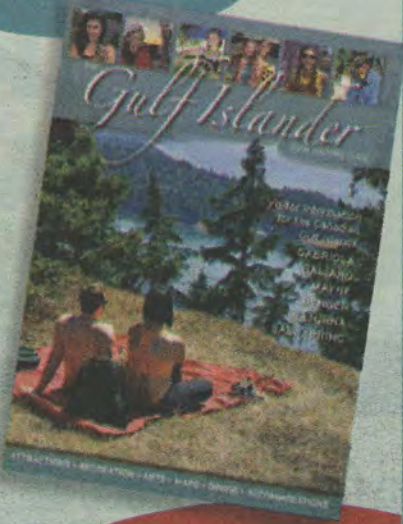
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# NEWS

## CAPITAL REGIONAL DISTRICT

# Strait of Georgia natural gas tanker ban urged by CRD

Regional board joins other local governments

The Capital Regional District (CRD) Board has unanimously supported efforts to ban liquefied natural gas (LNG) tankers in the Strait of Georgia.

On August 13, the CRD Board received presentations by representatives of the Alliance to Stop LNG and Texada Action Now, and from Colin Palmer, the chair of the Powell

River Regional District (PRRD), before endorsing a resolution brought to it by the CRD electoral area directors: Gary Holman from Salt Spring, Susan De Gryp from the southern Gulf Islands and Erik Lund from the Juan de Fuca electoral area.

The CRD motion calls on the federal government to ban LNG tankers in the Strait of Georgia, and to the provincial government "to require zero greenhouse gas emissions (GHGs) from new gas-fired electricity" generation plants.

The CRD will support a similar resolution by the Powell River Regional District at the UBCM convention in Penticton on Sept. 22-28.

The CRD joins the Islands Trust and the PRRD in calling for a ban on LNG tankers and to allow no GHGs from gas-fired plants.

The resolution is in response to a proposal introduced in 2007 by WestPac LNG to build an LNG import terminal and a 600 or 1200-megawatt gas-fired generation plant on the north end of Texada Island.

The terminal would accommodate 36 LNG tanker shipments per year.

The tanker route, through Haro Strait, Boundary Pass, and Georgia Strait to Texada Island, passes by much of the coastline in the CRD, as well as by many CRD communities.

"LNG tankers represent a significant and completely unnecessary increase in environmental and security risk," said Holman. "If we want to generate electricity from natural gas, then it is silly to import

it, when we have substantial domestic resources that can be transported much more safely via pipeline."

Holman also noted that B.C. exports some 80 per cent of its domestic natural gas production, so it makes no sense to be importing it from the U.S.

In 2007, 15 community groups from around the Strait of Georgia joined with Texada Action Now to form the Alliance to Stop LNG. The alliance website is at [www.texadalng.com](http://www.texadalng.com).



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**Garlic:** (*Allium Sativum*) is a perennial plant closely related to the onion, shallot, and leek. Dating domestically back over thousands of years, it is native to Central Asia and has long been a staple in the Mediterranean region as well as a frequent seasoning in Asia, and non-Mediterranean Africa and Europe. Egyptians worshipped garlic and placed clay models of garlic bulbs in the tomb of Tutankhamen. The Egyptians even used it as currency. One explanation for the Egyptians' high regard may be their recognition of garlic's medicinal properties. Garlic was rare in traditional English cuisine. Garlic was frowned upon in the United States and English Canada until the first quarter of the twentieth century. Until then it was found almost exclusively in immigrant ethnic dishes in working-class neighborhoods. Today, the aroma of fresh garlic emanating from the kitchen evokes nods of approval. Equated with fine cooking as well as comfort foods, garlic is today's favorite child. No pantry is complete without it. Almost all the garlic bought in urban supermarkets today comes from China. It is mostly "softneck" as opposed to "hardneck" garlic. Hardnecks have more intense flavors (which are more closely related to their wild onion ancestor) but lesser storage capabilities, while softnecks are excellent "keepers" but often milder in flavor. In Ganges Village Market you can find hardnecks from local growers when in season. For a truly tamer variety of garlic, try elephant garlic (*Allium Ampeloprasum*) - its very large cloves (a single clove can be as big as a whole bulb of ordinary garlic) are more closely related to the leek than the onion. When purchasing garlic look for bulbs that are firm with plenty of dry, papery covering. Also look for garlic bulbs with large cloves—they are far easier to work with. Smaller garlic cloves are acceptable, but require more work since two or three of them are equal to one large clove. Garlic is best stored at room temperature in a container that allows ample air circulation, such as a basket or a clay garlic pot with holes on the sides. Stored in this manner, garlic will keep well for up to six months. Do not wrap garlic in plastic or store it in the refrigerator. If you do, mold will be a problem.

In a heavy skillet over medium heat sauté 1 lb. thinly sliced beef or chicken in 2 tablespoons butter with 8 cloves minced garlic. After the meat is browned, add 1 chopped yellow pepper & 1/2 cup drained artichoke hearts and sauté 3 to 5 minutes more. Add 2 tablespoons lemon zest, the juice of 1 lemon, 1 chopped fresh tomato, salt & cracked black pepper to taste. Mix in 1 cup heavy cream. Heat through. Serve immediately over cooked fettuccine noodles. Garnish with 1/2 cup grated Parmesan cheese & either parsley or basil.

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**Live Music.** At Salt Spring Vineyards every Wednesday. 2-4 p.m.  
**Music and Munch.** Singer-songwriter Alan Moberg. 12:10 p.m.

## Thurs. August 28

**LIVE ENTERTAINMENT**  
**Chamigos.** Traditional & contemporary South American music. Tree House Cafe.  
**OTHER ACTIVITIES**  
**Stagecoach Theatre School Registration Day.** Meet instructors, get program info and register for new year of classes. ArtSpring lobby. 3-7 p.m.  
**Welcome Home.**  
**Yoga/movement/meditation class held Thursdays** at the Core Inn, third floor. 6 p.m.  
**Reptiles at Risk.** Salt Spring Public Library. 1 p.m.

## Fri. August 29

**LIVE ENTERTAINMENT**  
**Planet Music.** Original urban jazz at the Tree House Cafe.  
**Live Music.** At Salt Spring Vineyards every Friday. 2-4 p.m.  
**Sunyata.** Performs for Community Concerts by the Sea benefit for SOLID at Centennial Park. 7-9 p.m.  
**Jon & Roy.** Acoustic-roots duo at Moby's Pub. 9 p.m.  
**House Party.** With DJ Mummy T at Shipstones Pub. 8 p.m.  
**OTHER ACTIVITIES**  
**Auditions: Key For Two.** 4 women, 3 men, aged 25 to 55, needed for October comedy production. Croftonbrook. 7-9 p.m. Details: Ann at 537-9250.  
**Where's Garry?...Oak Bingo.** Interpretive programs at Ruckle Provincial Park. 7 p.m.  
**Welcome Home.** Discussion about tent cities & other homelessness solutions. Core Inn, third floor. 7 p.m. Follows yoga/movement class at 6 p.m.

## Sat. August 30

**LIVE ENTERTAINMENT**  
**Sunyata.** Passionate/gypsy music at the Tree House Cafe.  
**Henry Boudin and Friends.** Jazz/Latin music. Featuring Jose Sanchez on drums. El Zocalo Restaurant. 7:15 p.m.  
**OTHER ACTIVITIES**  
**Bats in Jeopardy.** Interpretive programs at Ruckle Provincial Park. 7 p.m.  
**Critical Mass Bike Ride.** Riders leave from Morningside cafe, 9:35 a.m.; Fulford Inn, 9:45; Cushion Lake Rd., 10:30; Vesuvius Store, 10:15; Fritz theatre, 10:30; Rainbow & Lower Ganges, 11 a.m.  
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**Ronald Wright Book Launch.** New book called What is America? A Short History of the New World Order launched at ArtSpring. 7 p.m.  
**Ethnobotanical Amble.** Interpretive programs at Ruckle Provincial Park. 4 p.m.  
**Pride Parade Banner-Making Workshop.** Decorate banners, signs, symbols, T-shirts and more. United church basement. 10 a.m. to noon.  
**Huge Art and Frame Sale.** Central Hall. 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.  
**Welcome Home.** Yoga/movement/meditation class held Saturdays at the Core Inn, third floor. 10 a.m.

## Sun. August 31

**LIVE ENTERTAINMENT**  
**Synergy.** Funky, folksy and fun at Tree House Cafe.  
**OTHER ACTIVITIES**  
**Zen Circle.** First of monthly half-day meditation events presented by SS Zen Circle. Ango Farm, 340 LePage Rd. 8 a.m. to noon. Info/register: Judith, 250-537-2062.  
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## Mon. September 1

**LIVE ENTERTAINMENT**  
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**OTHER ACTIVITIES**  
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**Annual Corn Roast & BBQ.** At LDS church on Vesuvius Bay Rd., 4-6 p.m.

## Tues. September 2

**OTHER ACTIVITIES**  
**Market in the Meadow.** Tuesday farmers market at United Church meadow. 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.  
**South Salt Spring Seniors (OAPO).** Monthly meeting at Fulford OAP room. 1:30 p.m.

## Wed. September 3

**LIVE ENTERTAINMENT**  
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- Botanica** is the current Showcase exhibit of work by Ulrike Benner, Maureen Procter and Jan Smith at ArtCraft. Runs daily at Mahon Hall until Sept. 4.
- Black & White** — the summer show at Morley Myers Gallery and Studio with work by Morley Myers and Kevin Steinke.
- Shao-Fang Ching's** series of paintings called The Visitors is featured at J. Mitchell Gallery.
- Beulah Gordon** exhibits in the ArtSpring lobby through August.
- Grace Sevy** presents a photocollage exhibition at Ganges Yoga Studio from August through October.
- 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** shows new studio furniture by Michael Moore, Seth Rolland, Illytd Perkins; and alluring zinc-clad contemporary furniture by new Salt Spring resident Arno Kortschot.
- Christine Crombie** shows oil pastel works at Island Savings until September.
- Juliana Slomka** shows paintings at the Salt Spring Coffee Co. cafe through August.
- Stefanie Denz and Martin Ebbers** show work at Cafe Talia on Hereford Avenue.
- Shera Street's** large acrylics inspired by Cuba and Machu Picchu, and her series called Joy are hanging at Barb's Bakery & Bistro through August.
- Salt Spring Fine Art Tour.** Pick up a self-guided tour map at galleries and other outlets and see the island's art.

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## WEDNESDAY AUGUST 27

5 PM	:00 The Simpsons	Pieds dans la marge	Tim / (10) Mama M. / (25) Dive	(4:00) USTA Tennis U.S. Open - Men's 1st Round	CHEK News	7th Heaven Little White Lies [Part 1 of 2]	Early News	CTV News at Five	Punjab Times	'A' News	The Ellen Degeneres Show	My Wife and Kids	Malcolm in the Middle	KOMO 4 News	KING 5 News	The NewsHour With Jim Lehrer	The Hour	KIRO 7 News	Fairly Odd Parents	(4:00) MLB Baseball - Toronto vs. Tampa Bay (Live)
	:30 Arrested Altar Egos	Pyramide	(35) Arthur	Open - Men's 2nd Round (Live)	News	According to Jim King of the Hill	Global National	News	Phoenix World News		CityCooks	King-Queens [Part 2 of 2]	The Simpsons	ABC World News	News	Democratic Convention (N)	CBC News: The National	News	Drake & Josh iCarly	
6	:00 News	Le Téléjournal	Heads Up		News	According to Jim King of the Hill	News	News			CityCooks	King-Queens [Part 1 of 2]	The Simpsons	News	News	Democratic Convention (N)	CBC News: The National	News	Drake & Josh iCarly	
	:30	Le Téléjournal Magazine	Popular / (55) Minuscule		News	According to Jim King of the Hill	News	News	CTI News	Vancouver Report	CityNews International	The King of Queens	Family Guy	News	KING 5 News					
7	:00 Coronation Street	Des squelettes	Meerkat Manor		El News	According to Jim	Entertainment Tonight	eTalk (N)	The Land	Degrassi: Next Gen.	Wheel of Fortune	That '70s Show	Two and a Half Men	Democratic Conv.	Democratic Conv.		On the Road to Washington	Democratic Conv. (Live)	Malcolm in the Middle	Sportsnet Connected
	:30 This Hour 22 Minutes	CONCACAF Soccer -	Undersea Explorer		The Insider	George Lopez	Ent. Tonight Canada	Access Hollywood	Daughters-In-Law	Friends	Jeopardy	That '70s Show	Two and a Half Men	Democratic Conv. (Live)	Democratic Conv. (Live)				Prank Patrol Bigfoot	MLB Baseball - Oakland vs. L.A. Angels (Live)
8	:00 Little Mosque on the Prairie	Impact c. Real Estel F.C.	Wipe Out	SportsCentre	Greatest American Dog My Dog Can Fly (N)	Happy Days	Bones The Wannabe in the Weeds	Law & Order: Criminal Minds	Vancouver Nights	America's Got Talent (N)	Biography Reese Witherspoon	America's Next Top Model	Bones The Wannabe in the Weeds	Wife Swap Coste / Ives	America's Got Talent (N)	Sixties	News	KIRO 7 News	Fries With That?	Oakland vs. L.A. Angels (Live)
	:30 Sophie					Growing Pains												Entertainment Tonight	Futurama Bend Her	
9	:00 the fifth estate		A Most Mysterious Murder	Motocross Navy Moto X World Championship	Janice Dickinson Modeling Agency	Jeeves and Wooster	Bones The Pain in the Heart	Criminal Minds Elephant's Memory	Sabor Latino		Rock of Love 2 Reunion	Girlicious You Are Girlicious	Bones The Pain in the Heart	Supernanny Schrage Family			CBC News: The National	Greatest American Dog My Dog Can Fly (N)	Prank Patrol Invisible Boys	Mystery Hunters
	:30																			
10	:00 CBC News: The National	Le Téléjournal	For King and Empire The Path to Victory		True Hollywood Story Jim Carrey (N)	The Daily Diya	NCIS Internal Affairs	CSI: NY Murder Sings the Blues	Hola Que Tal	Zombinania		Seinfeld The Rye	Q-13 Fox News at Ten	Wheel of Fortune	Dateline NBC	Carrier Full Circle	China's Sexual Revolution	Criminal Minds Elephant's Memory	Falcon Beach	Sportsnet Connected
	:30										Entourage Sorry, Ari	Seinfeld [Part 1 of 2]		Jeopardy						
11	:00 News / (05) The Hour	Le Téléjournal	Yo-Yo Ma: Inspired by Bach. Six Gestures	SportsCentre	News	It's a New Day	News	News	TV Patrol	News	Reviews on the Run	Frasier	Family Guy	News	News	Charlie Rose	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		(35) David Letterman	Ghost Trackers	
12 MID	:00 (05) CONCACAF Soccer		Sherlock Holmes The Blue Carbuncle	Best of Off the Record III-F Hockey	(05) Chelsea Lately (N)	Hairloss Solutions PR Maxx	(05) Ent. Tonight (35) E.T. Canada	(05) The Daily Show (35) Colbert Report	Jai Fiji	Show With Jay Leno (N)	(05) Jimmy Kimmel Live (N)	South Park Cat Orgy	RENO 911! South Park	(05) Jimmy Kimmel Live (N)	Show With Jay Leno (N)	Tavis Smiley	The Hour	(N)	Futurama Bend Her	Ultimate Fighter 6
	:30				(35) Late, Late Show				Caribbean Beat	(35) Conan O'Brien (N)			M*A*S*H	(35) Conan O'Brien (N)	Gourmet's Diary	(35) Late, Late Show		(35) Late, Late Show	Malcolm in the Middle	

## THURSDAY AUGUST 28

5 PM	:00 The Simpsons	Match! Jeu, set et match	Tim / (10) Mama M. / (20) Dive	(4:00) USTA Tennis U.S. Open - Men's 1st Round	CHEK News	7th Heaven Little White Lies [Part 2 of 2]	Early News	CTV News at Five	Punjab Times	'A' News	The Ellen Degeneres Show	Wife & Kids [Part 1 of 2]	Malcolm in the Middle	KOMO 4 News	(4:00) NFL Football Hall of Fame Game - Jacksonville vs. Washington (Live)	The NewsHour With Jim Lehrer	The Hour	KIRO 7 News	Fairly Odd Parents	(4:00) MLB Baseball - Toronto vs. Tampa Bay (Live)
	:30 Arrested Development	Pyramide	(35) Arthur	Open - Men's 2nd Round (Live)	News	According to Jim King of the Hill	Global National	News	Phoenix World News		CityCooks	King-Queens [Part 2 of 2]	The Simpsons	ABC World News	Democratic Convention (N)	CBC News: The National	News	Drake & Josh H2O: Just Add Water		
6	:00 News	Le Téléjournal	Mentors / (25) Tommy	Women's 2nd Round (Live)	News	According to Jim King of the Hill	News	News			CityCooks	King-Queens [Part 2 of 2]	The Simpsons	News	Democratic Convention (N)	CBC News: The National	News	Drake & Josh H2O: Just Add Water		
	:30	La croisée des chemins							CTI News	Vancouver Report	CityNews International	The King of Queens	Family Guy	News	Democratic Convention (N)					
7	:00 Coronation Street	Des squelettes	Profiles of Nature		El News	According to Jim	Entertainment Tonight	eTalk (N)	The Land	Degrassi: Next Gen.	Wheel of Fortune	That '70s Show 5:15	Two and a Half Men	Democratic Conv.	Democratic Conv.		On the Road to Washington	Democratic Conv. (Live)	Malcolm in the Middle	Sportsnet Connected
	:30 Who Do You Think	Un gars, une fille			The Insider	George Lopez	Ent. Tonight Canada	Access Hollywood	Daughters-In-Law	Friends	Jeopardy	That '70s Show	Two and a Half Men	Democratic Conv. (Live)	Democratic Conv. (Live)				Prank Patrol Rap Star	
8	:00 iPod Fine China	Perdus Ceux qui restent	Big Ideas for Planet Design: E2	SportsCentre	Zoe Busiek: Wild Card Pilot	Happy Days	Big Brother (N)	CSI: Miami Internal Affairs	What's in Vancouver? Main Office	The Moment of Truth	Ugly Betty	Smallville Apocalypse	The Moment of Truth	Ugly Betty Burning Questions	Evening Magazine Inside Edition	Forgetting: A Portrait of Alzheimer	News	KIRO 7 News	Fries With That?	Poker Heads-Up Championship
	:30					Growing Pains												Entertainment Tonight	Futurama	
9	:00 Chocolate Confidential	Bons baisers de France	Mysterious Murder The Case of Lord Erroll: 1941	Martial Arts WEC WreckCage 14	"Hush" ★ (Thrill, '05) Tori Spelling.	Jeeves and Wooster Bertie Sets Sail	Beverly Hills 90210 Slumber Party	CSI: Crime Scene Ending Happy	Dheeyan Ghar Sadabahar Naghmae	Supernatural Time is on My Side	Supernatural Time is on My Side	Grey's Anatomy Piece of My Heart	"The Substitute" ★ (Act, '96) Tom Berenger.			Masterpiece The Inspector Lynley Mysteries: Natural Causes	CBC News: The National	Big Brother (N)	Prank Patrol Fortune Teller	Best Damn Sports Show Period
	:30																			
10	:00 CBC News: The National	Le Téléjournal	Eat Like a King	Poker Night	The Daily Diya	Beverly Hills 90210 Castles in the Sand	Flashpoint	Mor Deo Koi	Stargate: SG-1 Arthur's Mantle	Battlestar Galactica Crossroads	Seinfeld The Caddy	Q-13 Fox News at Ten	Wheel of Fortune	Jeopardy			Living Forever	CSI: Crime Scene Ending Happy	Falcon Beach Desperados	Sportsnet Connected
	:30							Desi Rhythms			Seinfeld [Part 2 of 2]									
11	:00 News / (05) The Hour	Le Téléjournal	For King and Empire The Path to Victory	SportsCentre	News	It's a New Day	News	News	TV Patrol	News	Realty Television	Frasier Boo!	Family Guy	News	News	Charlie Rose	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		(35) David Letterman	Ghost Trackers	
12 MID	:00 (05) Arrested Reflections		Sherlock Holmes The Copper Beeches	Best of Off the Record III-F Hockey	(05) Chelsea Lately (N)	Hairloss Solutions PR Maxx	(05) Ent. Tonight (35) E.T. Canada	(05) The Daily Show (35) Colbert Report	Punjabi Vibes	Show With Jay Leno (N)	(05) Jimmy Kimmel Live (N)	South Park	RENO 911! South Park	(05) Jimmy Kimmel Live (N)	Show With Jay Leno (N)	Tavis Smiley	The Hour	(N)	Futurama	Pratt & Taylor
	:30				(35) Late, Late Show				Desi Rhythms	(35) Conan O'Brien (N)			M*A*S*H Aid Station	(35) Conan O'Brien (N)	Gourmet's Diary	(35) Late, Late Show		(35) Late, Late Show	Malcolm in the Middle	

## FRIDAY AUGUST 29

5 PM	:00 The Simpsons	L. McGuire Vive la mariée	Tim / (15) Mama M. / (20) Dive	(4:30) CFL Football - B.C. vs. Montreal (Live)	CHEK News	7th Heaven Dropping Trou	Early News	CTV News at Five	Punjab Times	'A' 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. N.Y. Yankees (Live)
	:30 Arrested Missing Kitty	Pyramide	(35) Arthur		News	According to Jim King of the Hill	Global National	News	Phoenix World News		CityCooks	King-Queens	The Simpsons	ABC World News	News	News	CBC News: The National	KIRO 7 News	The Mighty B!	
6	:00 News	Le Téléjournal	Fetch! Funny Boat Race		News	According to Jim King of the Hill	News	News			CityCooks	The King of Queens	The Simpsons	News	News	News	CBC News: The National	KIRO 7 News	The Next Star Meet the Press	
	:30	400 fois Québec	Kratts' Creatures						CTI News	Vancouver Report	CityNews International	The King of Queens	Family Guy	News	Seahawks Pregame					
7	:00 Coronation Street	"Garçons sans honneur" ★★ (Com, '05) Owen Wilson.	Emily of New Moon A Fall From Grace	Boxing Rumble at Rama V - Molitor vs. Labarda (Live)	El News Canada	Accord Jim [Part 1 of 2]	Entertainment Tonight	eTalk (N)	The Land	Degrassi: Next Gen.	Wheel of Fortune	That '70s Show Sparks	Two and a Half Men	Wheel of Fortune	NFL Football - Oakland vs. Seattle (Live)	The Church on Dauphine Street	the fifth estate Life and Death in Kandahar	Entertainment Tonight	"Drake and Josh Go Hollywood" ★★ ('06)	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						
8	:00 Air Force Live	Winnipeg Comedy Fest	The Royal Coming to a Boil		True Hollywood Story Uma Thurman	Happy Days No Tell Motel Grow. Pains [Part 1 of 2]	Very Bad Men	"Win A Date With Tad Hamilton!" ★★ (Rom, '04) Josh Duhamel.	Weekly News Forum CTS Night Club	America's Toughest Jobs	Ford Model Search	Friday Night Smackdown	Are You Smarter Than a 5th Grader?	"Win A Date With Tad Hamilton!" ★★ (Rom, '04) Josh Duhamel.		NOW	News	Ghost Whisperer Deadbeat Dads	Drake Bell.	Red Bull Air Race World Series
	:30																			
9	:00 MVP: Secret Lives Reality Check	Mr. Bean	A Most Mysterious Murder	SportsCentre	Dr. 90210	Islam 101	Numb3rs End Game	Here Comes Ajumma	Stargate: SG-1 The Powers That Be							Bill Moyers' Journal	CBC News: The National	Numb3rs End Game	The Next Star Meet the Press	Best Damn Sports Show Period
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10	:00 CBC News: The National	Le Téléjournal	Private/Masterpiece The Art of Painting	Men's 2nd Round and Women's 3rd Round	20/20	The Daily Diya	Swingtown Surprise (N)	Without a Trace Claus and Effect	Open Concert		The Collector The Alchemist	Seinfeld The Seven	Q13 FOX News	20/20		"Ocean's Eleven" ★★ (Cri, '60) Frank Sinatra.	the fifth estate Life and Death in Kandahar	Swingtown Surprise (N)	Falcon Beach Reckless Love	Sportsnet Connected
	:30																			
11	:00 News / (05) The Hour	Le Téléjournal	Perspective God in Government	SportsCentre	News	It's a New Day	News	News	TV Patrol	News	Reviews on the Run	Frasier Match Game	Family Guy	News	News	Charlie Rose	CBC News: The National	News	15/ Love	Sportsnet Connected
	:30	Des kiwis et des hommes							CTV News	CTI News	(35) The Tonight	Ed & Red's Night Party	King of the Hill	(35) News Nightline	(35) The Tonight		(35) David Letterman	15/ Love		
12 MID	:00 (05) Arrested		Sherlock Holmes The Greek Interpreter	Best of Off the Record Moting 2008	(05) Chelsea Lately	PR Maxx Program	(05) ECW Wrestling	(05) The Daily Show (35) Colbert Report	Vancouver Masala	Show With Jay Leno (N)	(05) Jimmy Kimmel Live (N)	South Park Jewbilee	RENO 911! South Park Goobacks	(05) Jimmy Kimmel Live (N)	Show With Jay Leno (N)	(10) Lords of the Gourd: The Pursuit of Excellence	The Hour	(N)	Futurama	Ultimate Fighter 6
	:30	(35) Kenny vs. Spenny			(35) Late, Late Show				Music Bank	(35) Conan O'Brien (N)								(35) Late, Late Show	Pinky & the Brain	

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**SATURDAY AUGUST 30**

5 PM	To Be Announced	Québec depuis 1608 L'Épicerie	The Life Of Mammals (:50) Minuscule	Boxing Friday Night Fights - Godfrey vs. Nwodo	CHEK News	World Vision	Family Guy	First Story New Music	(4:30) Swiat Polskiej	Star Trek: Voyager	The Best of Breakfast Television	Jeremiah Out of the Ashes	Raymond Odd Man Out According to Jim	SNF Pre Game (Live) / (:05) NCAA Football - Michigan State vs. California (Live)	KING 5 News	Lawrence Welk Show Music, Music, Music	Antiques Roadshow Holkham Hall	KIRO 7 News	(4:00) "Casper's Scare School" ★★	Motorcycle Racing Canadian Motocross
6 PM	Saturday Report	Le Téléjournal	World of Gardens	That News Show (N)	Paid Program	News	News	NTDTV Weekly	Bravo!Fact Presents	Speaker's Corner	That '70s Show	Friends	Friends	KING 5 News	Dancesport Ten Dance Championshi ps	Saturday Report	Falling Man	News	Prank Patrol The Audition	Triathlon Subaru Vancouver
7 PM	To Be Announced	Le match des étoiles Demi-finale	Meerkat Manor	(:45) NASCAR	What Happened?	Jhanjara	Andromeda Past is Prolix	W-FIVE Presents	Entrepre- neurial Leader	The New Canoe	Stargate Atlantis Phantoms	CSI: Miami High Octane	Two and a Half Men	Two and a Half Men	NorthWest Backroads	Antiques Rd. Harrrogate	Entertain- ment This Week	Storm Hawks Velocity	Gillette World Sport	
8 PM	"Nanny McPhee" ★★ (Fant, '05) Emma Thompson.	LSU Soccer - Montréal c. Caroline	Heartbeat Mind Games	World 300 (Live)	"Past Tense" ★★ (Thrill, '06) Paula Trickey.	Mirchi TV	Largo Winch Scent of Suspicion	"Hunt for Justice: The Louise Arbour Story"	Phoenix Gathering Satrang	Kool Countdown	The Murdoch Mysteries Till Death	CW11's Underground	Cops 20 Years Caught on Tape	(:35) Whacked Out	Chuck Chuck Versus the Tango	Monarch of the Glen	Saturday Report	The Unit Every Step You Take	Storm Hawks Terra Neon	Gillette World Sport MLS Soccer - Toronto vs. Chivas vs. (Live)
9 PM			Midsomer Murders Bad Tidings	SportsCentre	WAQT- Toda Sadda	Andromeda	(Doc/Dra, '06) Wendy Crewson.	Asian Variety Show	"Ties That Bind" (Dra, '06) Dean Aylesworth.	"View of Terror" ★ (Thrill, '03) Shannen Doherty.	The King of Queens	America Most Wanted	Wheel of Fortune Jeopardy	Law & Order: Criminal Intent	New Tricks	Saturday Report	NCIS in the Zone	48 Hours Mystery (N)	(:15) "Inu Yasha: The Castle Beyond the Looking Glass" ★★	Sportsnet Connected
10 PM	CBC News	Le Téléjournal	NASCAR Auto Racing Canadian Tire Series	Hollywood Scandals Celebrity Stalkers	Islam 101	Renegade Hard to Hold	Comedy Now	Vanna Malargal	Comedy Inc.	Sabor Musical	CSI: Miami Going, Going, Gone	Q13 FOX News Scrubs My New Coat	Northern Exposure	Law & Order: Criminal Intent	Barenaked Ladies: Talk to the Hand	Saturday Report	News	(:15) "Inu Yasha: The Castle Beyond the Looking Glass" ★★	Sportsnet Connected	
11 PM	★★★★ (Dra, '01) Michael Gambon.	"Ma femme est une actrice" ★★ (Rom, '01) Charlotte Gainsbourg.	New Tricks Ducking and Diving	USTA Tennis U.S. Open	PR Maxx	Wild On Panama	Jack Van Impe	(:05) FN MTV Premieres	"Biwi No. 1" ★★ (Dra, '99)	"Lara Croft Tomb Raider: The Cradle of...	World Poker Tour World Poker Open	Cold Case A Time to Hate	Spike Feresten	(:05) Northern Exposure	Red Dwarf	Red Dwarf	the fifth estate Life and Death in Kandahar	(:35) Insider Weekend	Richard Ian Cox.	Ultimate Fighter 6
12 MID																				

**SUNDAY AUGUST 31**

5 PM	"Mousehunt" ★★ (Com, '97) Nathan Lane.	La petite séduction	Composer's Special Handel's Last Chance	(4:00) NASCAR Auto Racing Sprint Cup Series - Pepsi 500 (Live)	CHEK News	Tomorrow's World	Family Guy	In Fashion	Spazio Libero	Smallville Apocalypse	(4:00) World Poker Tour World Poker Open	Everybody Hates Chris The Game	American Idol Rewind Top 4 to 3	KOMO 4 News ABC World News	KING 5 News	History Detectives	Who Killed Diana?	KIRO 7 News	(4:00) "The Little Rascals" ★★	MLB Baseball - Teams TBA (Live)
6 PM		Le Téléjournal La Chine sauvage	Emily of New Moon A Fall From Grace	That News Show What Happened?	In Touch With Dr. Charles Stanley	News	News	"Biwi No. 1" ★★ (Dra, '99) Sushmita Sen.	Relic Hunter	Speaker's Corner Role That Changed	Gossip Girl Much I Do' About Nothing	Family Guy	Family Guy	News	News	Oregon Field Guide	CBC News: Sunday Night	News	The Next Star	
7 PM	Heartland Born to Run	"Souvenirs de	National Geographic	Instant Beauty Pageant (N)	Enigma A Magical Life: Jeff McBride	Renegade The Dance King of the Hill	Instant Star (SF) (N) Samantha Who	"The Stork Derby" ★★ (True, '01) Megan Follows.	America's Funniest Home Videos	"The Object of My Affection" ★★ (Dra, '98) Paul Rudd.	One Tree Hill What Comes After the Blues	"Til Death Sob Story 'Til Death	America's Funniest Home Videos	Dateline NBC	Antiques Roadshow Tucson (Hour One)	Diana: Witnesses in the Tunnel	60 Minutes	The Next Star	Sportsnet Connected	
8 PM	"Everest" (Dra, '08) Jason Priestley. (Part 1 of 2)	Brokeback Mountain" ★★★ (Dra, '05) Heath Ledger.	Rosemary and Thyme Three Legs Good	Makeover: Home Usea Family (Part 1 of 2)	Enigma The Houdini Code	Big Brother (N)	Law & Order: Criminal Intent	"Mr. 3000" ★★ (Com, '04) Bernie Mac.	The Game Family Guy McStroke American D. Tearjerker	Makeover: Home Usea Family (Part 2 of 2)	"National Treasure" ★★★ (Adv, '04) Nicholas Cage.	Nature Animals Behaving Worse	Royal Rivals? Charles and William	CBC News: Sunday Night	Cold Case The Road	The Next Star Meet the Press	Ultimate Fighter 6	Sportsnet Connected		
9 PM			New Tricks Nine Lives	SportsCentre	USTA Tennis U.S. Open - Men's and Women's 4th Round	The Soup (N)	Sikh Virsa	Family Guy	CSI: NY The Ride-In	Mad Men Maidenform	Seinfeld The Shower Head Seinfeld The Doll	Q13 FOX News (:35) Q It Up Sports	Desperate Housewives Mother Said	News	News	CBC News: The Lens	News	Falcon Beach	Sportsnet Connected	
10 PM	CBC News: Sunday Night	Le Téléjournal "La cité de Dieu" ★★	Canterbury Tales The Knight's Tale	Men's 3rd Round and Women's 4th Round	El News Weekend	News	It's a New Day	News	I-Watch News	Idea City	Role That Changed	Without a Trace 911	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit Painless	News	News	CBC News: The Lens	News	Falcon Beach Tidal	Jays Connected	
11 PM	Hairstyle Confidential	(Dra, '03) Alexandre Rodrigues.	Why Shoot the Teacher?	SportsCentre	Driving TV Audi R8	(:35) House & Garden	CTV News	Pass Da Mic	Careers TV	Ed & Red's Night Party	Wheel of Fortune Jeopardy	Without a Trace All for One	24	Inquest	Casey and Wendy Treat Kevin Gerald	Bill Moyers' Journal	The Prince of Pot The U.S. vs. Marc Emery	The Combination	Sportsnet Connected	
12 MID	CBC News: Vancouver	Canadian Reflections	(:45) Hors d'ondes	TSN the Reporters	Wild On	Paid Program	Crede	(:05) Popoff Ministry	(:05) CSI: Miami Curse of the Coffin	Dr. Martin	"Fun With Dick and Jane" ★★ (Com, '05)									

**MONDAY SEPTEMBER 1**

5 PM	The Simpsons	Kif-kif	Martha Speaks / (:30) Maggie and Beast	(4:30) CFL Football - Toronto vs. Hamilton (Live)	CHEK News	Happy Days	Early News	CTV News at Five	Punjab Times	'A' News	The Ellen Degeneres Show	My Wife and Kids	King of the Hill	KOMO 4 News ABC World News	KING 5 News	The NewsHour With Jim Lehrer	The Hour	KIRO 7 News	Fairly Odd Parents	(4:30) Poker After Dark
6 PM	Arrested Development	Pyramide	Skoolded Final Exams	News	Dharma & Greg George Lopez	News	News	CTI News	Vancouver Report	CityCooks	The King of Queens	The King of Queens	The Simpsons	News	News	Republican Convention (N)	CBC News: The National	News	Drake & Josh	Sportsnet Connected
7 PM	Coronation Street	Des squelettes	The Leading Edge	El News	Scrubs My Big Brother	Entertain- ment Tonight	eTalk (N)	The Land	Robson Arms	Wheel of Fortune	That '70s Show	Two and a Half Men	Republica- nConvention (Live)	Republica- nConvention (Live)	Passionate Eye Princess Diana: Her Life in Jewels	Republica- nConvention (Live)	The Next Star Meet the Press	The Next Star	Red Bull Air Race World Series	
8 PM	"Everest" (Dra, '08) Jason Priestley. (Part 2 of 2)	Chère Betty Secrétaires à l'honneur (N)	"Sea People" ★★ (Fam, '99) Hume Cronyn.	Deal or No Deal	Stargate: SG-1 Children of the Gods	Prison Break Breaking & Entering (SP)	The Big Bang Theory Two and a Half Men	It Will Be Difficult to Love	Gossip Girl (SP) (N)	To Be Announced	Gossip Girl (SP) (N)	Prison Break Breaking & Entering (SP)	High School Musical: Get the Picture (N)	Deal or No Deal	Antiques Roadshow Tucson (Hour Two)	News	KIRO 7 News	"The Last Day of Summer" (Fam, '07)	Martial Arts World Combat League	
9 PM		Bons baisers de France	USTA Tennis U.S. Open - Men's and Women's 4th Round	True Hollywood Story (N)	One Tree Hill (SP) (N)	Canadian Idol Top 3 Performance (N)	Marimar	America's Toughest Jobs (N)	Friends	Friends	One Tree Hill (SP) (N)	Samantha Who Samantha Who	America's Toughest Jobs (N)	History Detectives	CBC News: The National	The Big Bang Theory	How I Met Your Mother	Best Damn Sports Show Period	Sportsnet Connected	
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# People & Community

BOOKS FOR SALE

## Wanted: book lover for collection

Books span ages and genres

BY SEAN MCINTYRE  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

An opportunity like this doesn't come around every day.

Thousands of books collected over the decades are being made available to a good home by an island resident intent on clearing up some space in his south-end home.

This bibliophile's treasure trove consists of no fewer than 3,000 books, including encyclopedias, literary classics, history and travel books, children's stories and even some antiquarian novels dating to the mid-19th century.

The material also includes about 300 films spanning the modern era.

In its entirety, the collection threads its way through three rooms of Wayne Langley's modest home.

A glance along the shelves reveal Jean Paul Sartre sharing space with John Steinbeck and William Shakespeare.

In another room the Modern History of Psychoanalysis stands beside An Archeological Survey of Egypt.

Filled bookshelves cover entire walls, providing enough material for a lifetime of learning and enjoyment, provided you can read German.

"I can't read any of them, but I wish I could," said Langley, the owner of the books in an interview at his home

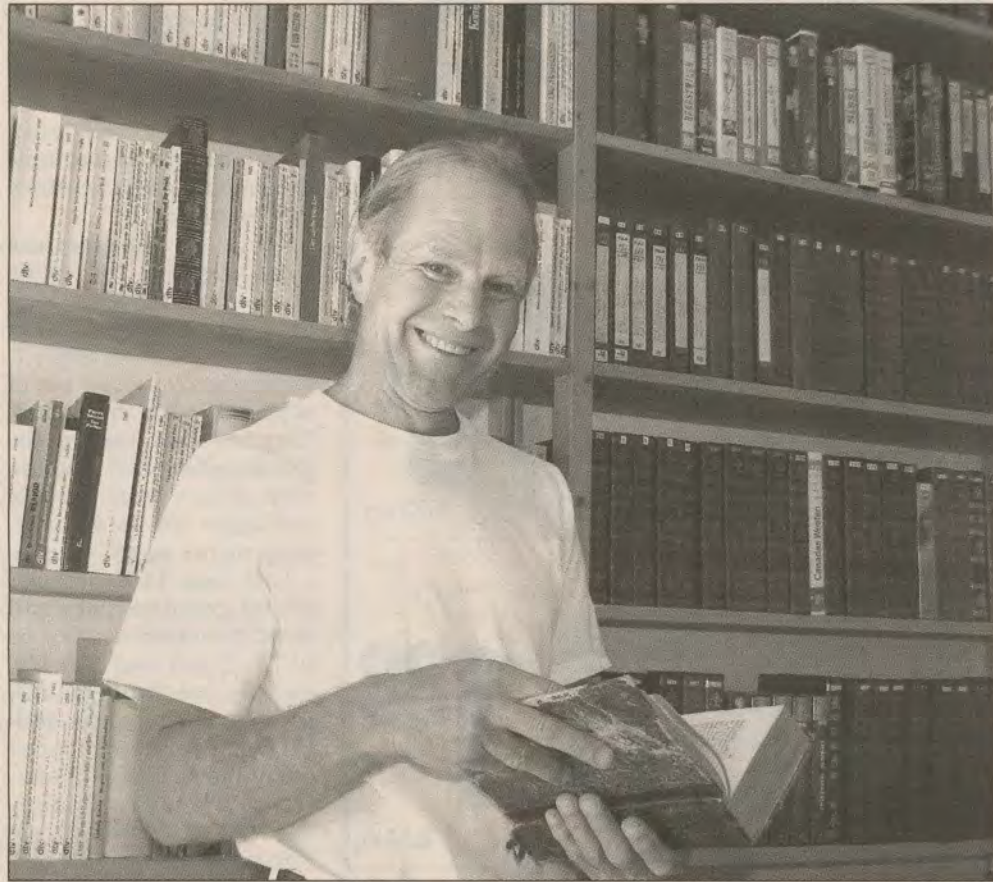


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Islander Wayne Langley with a small portion of his book collection.

last week.

The collection represents part of Langley's late wife's life-long love for literature and knowledge.

"She was definitely part of the intelligentsia in Germany," he said of Emely Wolburger-Kovac.

Up to now, Langley has been unwilling to part with the books for sentimental reasons.

Wolburger-Kovac, a former book publisher and educator who moved to Salt Spring from Germany, died

of cancer three years ago.

Because the collection remains so important to Langley, he'd like to see it kept together and made available for others to enjoy.

"Ideally, it could be made available to the public," he said.

"I don't really want to have to split it up."

He'd like to see a university or community group take it on and add it to their collection or create a separate reading room.

The German community

in B.C. and even here on Salt Spring is very strong and a collection like this, he said, could be useful if made available in the right community.

The Salt Spring library turned down the offer due to a lack of space, but Lang remains open to suggestions from islanders and non-islanders alike.

"I'm open to any offers," Langley added.

For more information on the German library, contact Langley at 250-653-4644.

## MEDITATION EVENT Monthly Zen Circles starting up

The Salt Spring Zen Circle will offer a new opportunity for meditators on Sunday, Aug. 31.

"This is the first of a series of monthly half-day offerings," says organizer Simon Rompre. "Beginners will find this an enjoyable and informative way to learn about Zen meditation and more seasoned meditators will be able to extend their practice with others."

Meditators from all traditions are welcome.

Ango Farm, at 340 LePage Road, is the lovely setting for the Sunday morning meditation, which begins at 8 a.m. and ends at 12 noon. Those attending are asked to bring a bag lunch with them.

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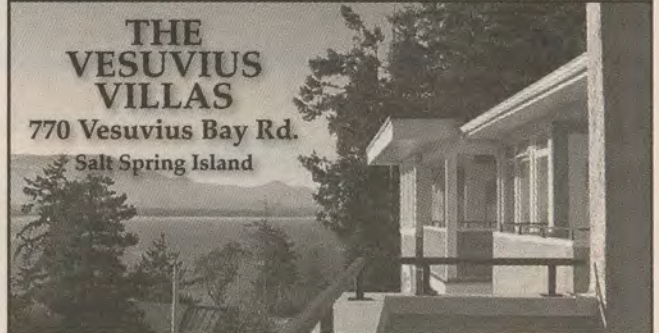
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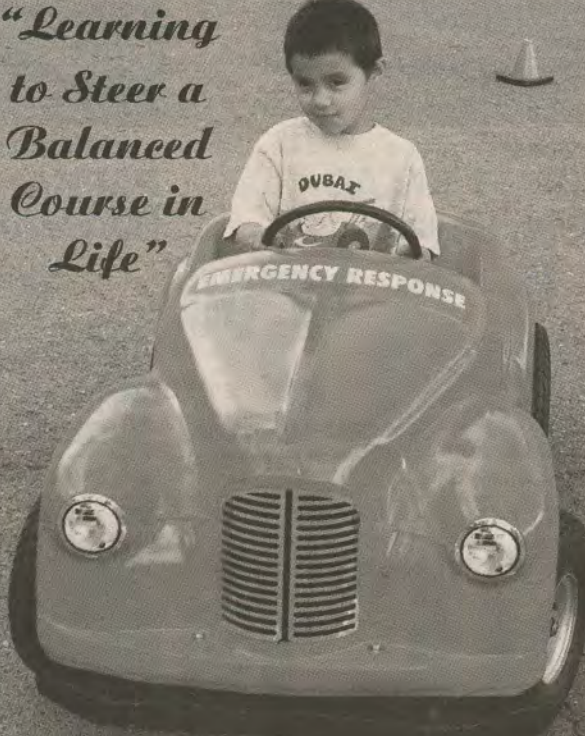
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## PEOPLE & COMMUNITY

AFRICA FUNDRAISER

# Grandparents cycle message

AIDS orphan projects benefit from stamina

Salt Spring has been especially fortunate to host several cyclist groups this summer from the BC:Clettes in July, the Otesha Youth Group in August and now the Grandmothers for Africa in September.

Islanders can greet the Grandmothers for Africa cyclists at Meaden Hall for a delicious breakfast at 9 a.m. on Sunday, Sept. 7, organized by a coalition of supporters on the island. They can then cheer on the grandmothers and grandfathers as they prepare to ride up Ganges Hill, the last challenge on the way to Victoria.

Last year 13 Vancouver Island grandmothers and three grandfathers, aged 58 to 76, raised over \$16,500, and this year more than 20 grannies are hoping to double that. The ride is supported by the Glacier Grannies from Courtenay, Comox; the NanGo Grannies from Nanaimo; and the Raging Grannies on Salt Spring Island. The Carry on Grannies in Victoria are planning a Grandparent/Grandchild event, which will take place on Grandparents Day at the end of the ride, 2-4 p.m.

Local grandmothers of Victoria Grandmothers for Africa have said, "They wanted to do something that wasn't easy, to show support and raise money and awareness for the Afri-

can grandmothers. The 265-km trip will be a challenge for three days, just a fraction of the challenge these African grandmothers face every day."

Individual riders pay their own costs for the ride. The cyclists and members of Victoria Grandmothers for Africa will be seeking sponsorship for the ride over the next few weeks. People can deliver tax deductible donations at the breakfast at Meaden Hall or send a cheque made out to the Stephen Lewis Foundation to Marion Pape, 641 Rainbow Rd., Salt Spring Island, V8K 2M7.

According to press material, in some African countries, 40-60 per cent of an estimated 13 million orphans live with grandmothers whose own children have died from HIV/AIDS. The Grandmothers to Grandmothers Campaign, which has over 200 grandmother groups in Canada, has supported The Stephen Lewis Foundation and raised more than \$3 million for African grandmother households, which have few other resources.

Lewis' despair at witnessing the devastation moved him to start the SLF, which funds more than 150 grassroots projects in sub-Saharan Africa, providing school fees and uniforms, income-generating projects, grief counselling and coffins, to name just a few items. Administrative costs are kept to 10 per cent with 90 per cent of funds going directly to SLF projects.

## COMMUNITY EVENTS

# Cafe route posted for monthly mass bike ride

Saturday morning set for outing

This month's Critical Mass Bike Ride features the "café à café ride," with cyclists encouraged to socialize before heading to Ganges on Saturday, Aug. 30.

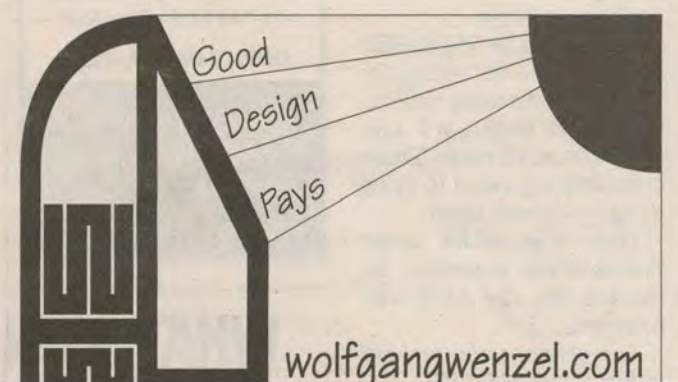
"Come early to hang and sip a cup," urges event co-organizer Kimi Hendess. "The north end [ride] starts at Vesuvius store; the south end starts at Morningside Bakery in Fulford."

Riders leave from the following locations or can join anywhere en route to Ganges:

- 9:35 a.m. Morningside Organic Bakery & Cafe;
- 9:45 Fulford Inn (then along Fulford-Ganges Rd.);
- 10:30 Cusheon Lake Rd.;
- 10:15 Vesuvius Store;
- 10:30 Fritz Theatre;
- 11 a.m. Rainbow and Lower Ganges intersection.

Riders then head to Barb's Buns to "refuel," said Hendess. Salt Spring Island Critical Mass Bike Rides are held on the last Saturday of every month. Visit [www.ssicriticalmass.blogspot.com](http://www.ssicriticalmass.blogspot.com) for more information.

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HOSPICE NEWS

# Hospice group ready for fall

Six-week volunteer training program planned

Thanks to the generosity and support of the Salt Spring community, the Bessie Dane Foundation and Hospice has raised \$3,500 to develop a bereavement program on the island.

The funds, which also allow hospice volunteers to continue their work in the community, were raised through the organization's fundraising promotion in June.

Also announced in a recent press release are the names of the new members voted onto the Bessie Dane board of directors: Linda Kavelin

Popov, founder of the Virtues Project; Lee McColl, long-time resident of Salt Spring Island; and Diana Hayes, writer and Lady Minto Hospital employee who will be serving as secretary.

"They bring valuable attributes to our board and we welcome them to our team," states the press release.

The organization is also pleased to announce the return of Kathleen Horsdal as executive director in charge of volunteers and programs.

This October, the Bessie Dane Foundation and Hospice will host a six-week training program during which Dr. Roger Kimmerly (of Cowichan Valley Hospice) will work with Horsdal on the training of new hos-

pice volunteers, as well as providing refresher training for current volunteers.

Those interested in volunteering are asked to contact the office at 202 Upper Ganges Centre. The office is normally open and manned by volunteers Monday to Friday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

During August however, Horsdal will only be in the office on Tuesdays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., as well as by arranged appointment. The office is not being manned on other weekdays this month as most volunteers are taking a summer break.

Islanders may leave messages on the hospice phone line at 250-537-2770 and a volunteer will return calls to arrange meetings in the office.



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**SPCA FUNDS:** Raising money for the SPCA at a yard sale on Saturday were, from left: Laurie Poulsen, Joni Devlin (with Cherry), Dave Milutinovic and Dorrie Jensen. The event was held in the yard at Rainbow Trading.

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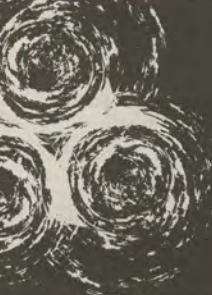
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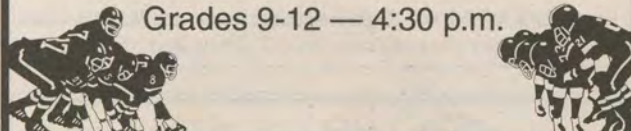
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**TENNIS**

## Sun shines on (most) tennis finals

Three divisions postponed by Sunday rain

Luckily, Saturday's weather was perfect for the final rounds of the Gulf Islands Open tennis tournament when most of the finals were played.

On Sunday the heavens opened, causing the postponement of the remaining four finals.

Sylvia Leedham of the Salt Spring Tennis Association reports that starting at 8:30 in the morning, there was a succession of hotly contested matches, with some fine displays of tennis leading to the following results:

- Rachel Brown won the ladies' singles event over her opponent Irene Tongue;
- David Barclay claimed the men's singles title for the sixth year running over his brother Keith;
- Conrad Bielicki and Andrew Hickson won the men's doubles title over Tim Collins and Dave Rowse;
- Irene Tongue and Sylvia Leedham regained their ladies' doubles title with a win over Barbara Freitas and Rachel Brown.

In the consolation event finals, Pat Lazenby and Jack Barclay took the mixed doubles over Barbara Freitas and Dick Koppenaal, while Pearl Gray and Carol Wright won the ladies doubles over Doris St. Germain and Nina Denyer.

On Monday morning, Conrad Bielicki and Leslie Kollar defeated Tongue and Rowse in a closely fought three-set match to win the mixed doubles event.

The remaining three finals — the consolation finals in men's doubles, ladies' singles and men's singles — will be played as the weather permits.

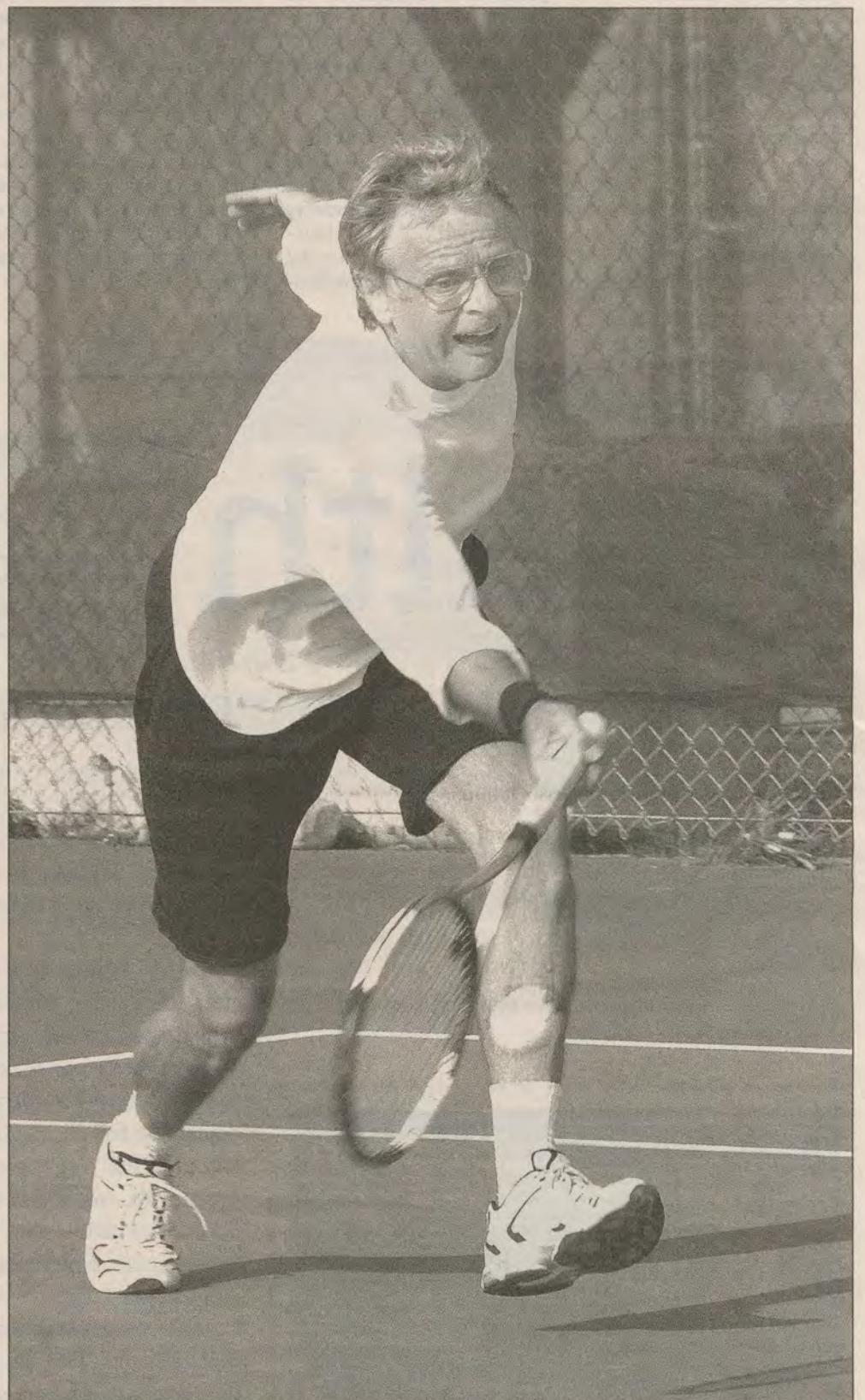


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Conrad Bielicki saves the point during the Gulf Islands Open tennis tournament. He and partner Leslie Kollar took the match, eventually winning the mixed doubles title.

**LADIES' GOLF**

## Stableford scoring system appeals to Hopkins

Several highlights in August golf at SS Golf Club

BY MARCIE HOGAN  
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In regular play on Aug. 5, golfers used the Stableford scoring system. That's two points for par, three points for a birdie, four for an eagle and so on.

Marie Hopkins, who talks her balls to all the best lies, came out on top with 44 points for the round. With 41 points each, her nearest competitors were Mona Coulter, Lynda Joyce, Alice Richards and Julie Tyler.

Tyler also scooped the putt pot with a meagre 26 putts for the day. Darlene Wellington was the KP winner.

Wellington, playing her best game ever, won the Bank of Montreal Cup with a first round 69 on Aug. 10.

Runners-up were Franki Johnstone, Femmy Schuurmans and Maxine Worley, each with a net 72. Johnstone also carded the low gross score of 90 and Wellington followed with a 92.

Worley shared the putt pot with Joanna Barrett after only addressing the ball 29 times whilst on the greens. Mona Coulter was closest to the pin.

It might have been the putting that put Marg Lowther at the top of the nine-hole ladies medal play in three categories on Aug. 6.

Her low gross of 56 was four less than any other player and so was her low net of 35.5. Lowther also took home the putt pot with only 16 putts. Trudy Sloan parred Hole 1 with an exciting chip-in and Ann McLeod was awarded KP.

• The highlight of the month for the

golf tour, which took them to Cowichan and Arbutus Ridge this year. Top point winners for July were Darlene Wellington with 29, Joanna Barrett with 23 and Susan Russell with 20.

Flight 1 top scorers were Wellington with a 41 and Deb Hamilton with a 43.

In Flight 2, Karen Davies, Pat Sutherland and Eileen Botham each shot a low gross 50 on July 21. Ina Curran carded a 52 on the 28th. In Flight 3, Marg Lowther had a 51 and Linda Roth a 53. Judy Nurse and Trudy Sloan have progressed to Flight 2.

Britt Elwes had two chip-ins for the month and Wellington had three birdies.

Outstanding putter for the month was Barrett with only 11 strokes on July 28th. KP prizes went to Wellington, April Wright, Kathy Luke and Hamil-



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**CANINE COOL-DOWN:** Crystal Swartill enjoys floating on Cusheon Lake with "Shaker" and "Pipers."

## Youth soccer season ready to strike the fields

Hiring underway for new technical director

Late August rains have returned to dampen our sunny summertime and with them comes the sound of soccer balls on grass as another soccer season is preparing to begin.

The Salt Spring Island Youth Soccer Association (SSIYSA) has had some ups and downs over the summer, which has kept the association very busy, but the directors fully expect the program to be ready to go by the time September rolls in.

The one piece of sad news was the resignation of our technical director, Sue Spencer, who was the driving force behind the excellent program we have in place at present. Our association has been taking applications this month and has a couple of possible candidates to be interviewed. We hope to have the new person in place by the first week of September.

The good news has been our new on-line registration system that has seen many more players get registered early, which allows us to form teams for submission to the Lower Island Soccer Association for league play. The new system will allow managers to access their team to get relevant info

about their players. So what are the major things happening in the



Malcolm Legg

### SOCCER ROUND-UP

association at this time, you ask? Well, I will list them as follows.

#### Registration

Based on current registration it appears we have teams for the following groups:

- GIRLS: U-18 Silver, U-16 Silver and U-14 Silver;
- BOYS: U-16 Silver, U-15 Silver and U-13 Silver.

These teams have to be declared by Aug. 25, so the executive will be meeting that night to decide this.

Super 8 and 6s have to be declared by Sept. 8, so we have a little more time for those, but so far it appears we have;

- GIRLS: U-12 and U-11 teams;
- BOYS: two U-12 teams (gold and silver), one U-11, two U-10 and maybe one U-9 travelling team.

If you have yet to register you can go online at [www.saltspingsoccer.com](http://www.saltspingsoccer.com) or get a form at the PARC office. The registrar is Tracey

Shaver, who can be called at 250-537-2863 if you have questions.

Make sure you get your registration done now – so your children do not miss out.

#### League play

- Sept. 6 — SSIYSA ice-breaker tourney for teams (details to come) and gold teams start play.
- Sept. 13-14 — Most off-island teams will start.
- Sept. 20 — Super 8s and 6s will start, and mini program begins.

#### Uniforms

Mike Barter (537-2446) will announce dates for pick-up.

#### Referees

If you want to referee or take a referees' course, please contact me at [mlegg@saltspringwireless.com](mailto:mlegg@saltspringwireless.com) or call at 250-537-4970.

A referees' refresher course will be coming up soon with details e-mailed to our officials once the date is confirmed.

Referee meeting dates will be announced, but will take place once a month again this season with the first one being outside at Portlock Park.

Our referees have been busy this off-season as Peter Young, Grant Eckberg and myself refereed at the North American Indigenous

Games in Duncan. Grant and myself also did Super Y league games in Victoria and Abbotsford and have both been invited to referee at Super Y Finals in Tampa Bay.

#### Amalgamation

The amalgamation of our youth and senior organizations appears to be going ahead with the senior teams coming up with a proposed set of bylaws that the youth association can adopt for senior teams. At that time we will apply for a name change, something that has to be determined yet.

Well, there will be lots more soccer news to come, so hold onto your seats and enjoy another eight-month ride with our many teams on Salt Spring. We can also all look forward to our new technical director coming to a soccer field near you, along with all the goodies that our association usually brings.

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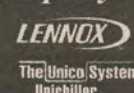
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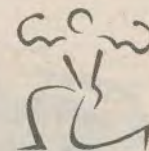
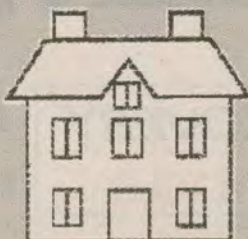
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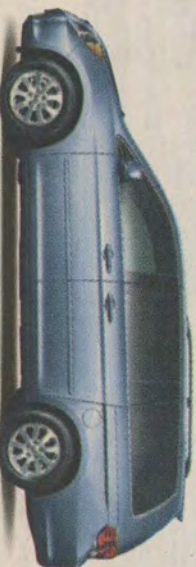
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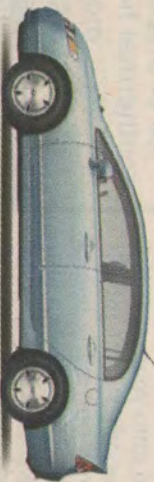
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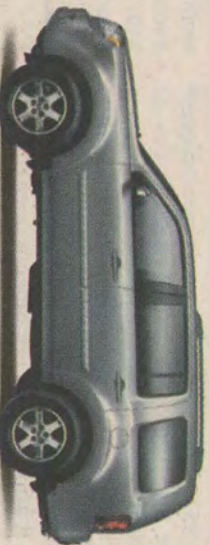


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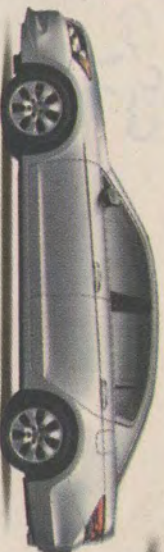


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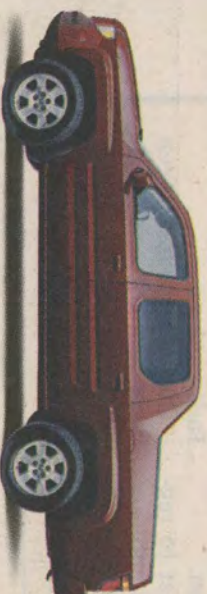
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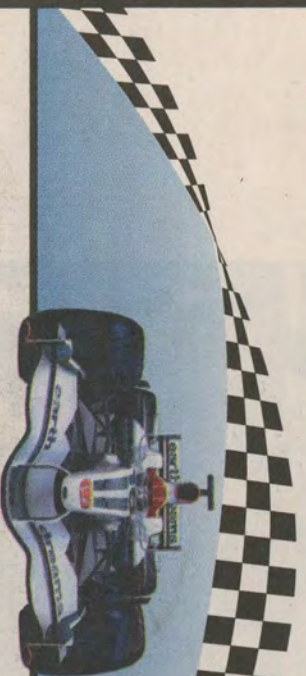
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