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FEDERAL ELECTION

Lunn holds onto MP seat

Liberal campaign manager blames party leader for outcome

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Saanich-Gulf Islands Liberal party campaign manager Kit Spence has placed part of the blame for last week's defeat of candidate Briony Penn on the shoulders of Liberal leader Stéphane Dion.

In a post-election e-mail released late last week, Spence said the higher-than-expected number of Conservative voters may have been the result of Liberal voters unhappy with the party's leader.

"While there was little evidence of that here among the people that we met, it was a clear message in the other south island ridings and across the country," Spence said. "Unfortunately, a large part of what happens in elections is tied to the national campaign and the leader."

On Monday, Dion announced that he will resign as the party's leader at a leadership conference planned for 2009.

Though Spence said the campaign team successfully reached its target to get close to 40 per cent of the riding's votes (39.36 per cent), incumbent Conservative party candidate Gary Lunn's support also rose from the 37 per cent he received in the 2006 election.

Lunn received 43.43 per cent of the popular vote to win the riding and a fifth consecutive term. Green party candidate Andrew Lewis finished in third place with 10.45 per cent of the vote or 6,732 votes.

Canadian Action Party candidate Jeremy Arney, the man who fired up a near capacity crowd at the Sept. 27 all-candidates debate at ArtSpring, managed to capture only 139 votes.

In a surprising twist, Julian West, the NDP candidate who resigned midway through the campaign, received 3,667 votes, or nearly six per cent of the total vote.

Lunn, who served as the country's Minister of Natural Resources

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POLICE

Community helps unlock trio of B&Es

Salt Spring Island male charged

More than \$17,000 worth of merchandise went missing over the weekend in a string of break and enters on Salt Spring Island.

Sixty Telus cell phones and a computer were stolen from the Energy Options store on Rainbow Road.

Cash registers and other items went missing from Teddy Bear's Take-out in Ganges. And a private residence on Horel Road did not have anything stolen from it, but a window sustained minor damage during an attempted break-in. But almost as soon as the goods were stolen, they were recovered again.

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PHOTO BY DERRICK LUNDY

HARVEST BALL: Sue Earle takes the first step to stomping grapes at last Saturday's Salt Spring Vineyards Grape Harvest Ball at Fulford Hall. More photos, page B8.

HOMELESSNESS

Cold-night homeless shelter saved

Government rules almost shut doors on program

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

With overnight temperatures close to the freezing mark, Salt Spring Community Service's Cheryl Bell-Gadsby is urging community members to develop a sustainable strategy to deal with the island's growing homeless population.

Problems most recently became apparent when Bell-Gadsby was unable to access provincial government funding, issued under B.C. Housing's weather shelter program, to hire two permanent overnight staff and pay for food and clean-up costs at the In from the Cold shelter at the United Church in Ganges.

To receive the funding, the building's basement required several thousand dollars worth of repairs and upgrades to bring it up to code under provincial regulations.

With options running out and winter weather approaching, Bell-Gadsby and the Salt Spring Community Services have agreed to pony up \$2,000 for the upgrades in hopes of being reimbursed by B.C. Housing at a later date.

Members of the United Church have agreed to provide free labour and Bell-Gadsby has asked Salt Spring's Capital Regional District director Gary Holman for a grant-in-aid to fund architect's fees arising from the project.

It's a round-about way of getting the shelter ready for the cold season, but Bell-Gadsby says it's not only worth taking the initiative, it's necessary.

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FEDERAL ELECTION

Spoofing scandal targets local riding

Dirty trick used to mislead voters

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Salt Spring Island NDP supporter Irene Wright could hardly believe her ears when she first heard a recorded message reminding electors to vote for candidate Julian West the night before last week's federal election.

She wasn't surprised because West had resigned as the NDP's Saanich-Gulf Islands candidate weeks before, but rather because nobody in the party had sanctioned any such calls.

"I was blown away by this," Wright said. "I found that a lot of older people were confused by the call."

There's no telling how many people received the recorded message, but there were enough to warrant an investigation of the matter by Saanich police.

Sgt. John Price said companies are often contracted to call up private residences to conduct surveys and offer products or promotions. On occasion, he added, the service is used illegitimately as part of a "spoofing scam" to deliberately mislead people on the other end of the line.

Caller identification services traced the number to the NDP riding president's fax machine and police remain at a loss to determine who was behind the calls.

Riding president Bill Graham was the first of several

callers who contacted the Saanich Police Department about the call on Nov. 13.

Price said callers considered the fraudulent call a matter of identity theft or mischief, though further examination found that the call had not violated any section of Canada's criminal code.

Though Graham's name is mentioned in the message, Price said, the call cannot be considered an attempt to impersonate him given that the recorded voice is that of a woman.

"We did the best we could. There's not a lot you can do against a machine operating on a randomly selected list of numbers," Price said. "As far as we're concerned the case is closed."

Liberal campaign man-

ager Kit Spence said he doesn't suspect the message played a significant role in the NDP's ability to garner roughly 3,700 votes for a candidate who wasn't even in the race.

"I am not surprised at the NDP showing and cannot attribute it to the messages that went out on election eve," Spence said in an e-mail. "Core NDP voters would be expected to vote this way simply to voice their opinion and show support for the institution."

West's name remained on the ballot because he resigned following the withdrawal deadline set by Elections Canada. Despite his resignation, West finished in fourth position with 5.7 per cent of the vote.

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Gary Lunn wins the vote on election night

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in the previous Stephen Harper-led government, spent part of last week demobilizing his riding office and taking down election signs alongside campaign volunteers.

"We had an absolutely amazing night," Lunn said in an interview on the morning after the election. "This is what happens when people work together."

Though short of a majority government, Lunn said, the 143 seats picked up by the Conservatives across the country "speaks volumes" to the party's success.

"It's a huge mandate," he said.

Lunn vowed to defend the interests of his constituents, create jobs and lower taxes while at the same time making progress on the environment.

"People want stability and that's what people are getting from our government," he added.

The Liberal party's Briony Penn said she was disappointed with the result, but proud of the strong and honourable effort made by her campaign team.

Penn said the Conservative party's negative campaign tactics helped them earn a victory based on misinformation. She said her party was never able to dispel many of the myths that surrounded Dion's effort to address climate change through the Green Shift plan.

"It was pretty unpleasant," she said last Wednesday morning. "[Negative campaigning] may work in the short term, but will hurt all of us in the long term. It hurts democracy, hurts debate and ultimately catches up to people."

Penn added that she suspects it is the degree of negative campaigning that drives away young voters and decreases voter turnout rates.

Roughly 59 per cent of Canada's eligible voters participated in the election. The figure represents the lowest voter turnout rate since Confederation. (See

page A3 story in this week's paper.)

Green party candidate Andrew Lewis said he believes Tuesday's election results prove, once and for all, that strategic voting based on fear does not work.

"If people are fearful, what can you do?" Lewis said. "Fear as an emotion just closes off possibilities. I have always tried to stay positive and offer hope."

Lewis received a half per cent more of the votes (or 179) than he did in the 2006 federal election.

Complete riding results were as follows:

- Gary Lunn, Conservative: 27,988
- Briony Penn, Liberal: 25,367
- Andrew Lewis, Green: 6,732
- Julian West, NDP: 3,667
- Dale Leier, Libertarian: 246
- Patricia O'Brien, Western Block: 195
- Jeremy Arney, Canadian Action Party: 139
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FEDERAL ELECTION

Saanich-Gulf Islands voters buck national trend

Voter turn-out among highest in nation

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

With only 59.1 per cent of Canadians turning out to vote last week, voter apathy seems like the true winner of the country's 40th general election.

But the story was a little different here in the riding of Saanich-Gulf Islands where 71.8 per cent of voters made it to the polling booths.

With recounts still underway and some ridings yet to confirm results, an Elections Canada spokesperson said it could take up to 90 days until it will be determined if Saanich-Gulf Islands can claim to have the highest voter turnout percentage in the country.

What is clear, however, is that the rate is clearly above and beyond the vast majority of Canada's other 307 ridings.

Even Gary Lunn was quick to celebrate the high turnout in an interview the day after he was voted into power for a fifth consecutive term.

"What we have is very committed voters and I think that is fantastic," Lunn said. "People who don't vote, in my view, don't have the right to complain."

Last week's turnout marked the lowest participation level in Canada's 140-year history. The country's second-worst turnout was two elections ago when only 60.9 per cent of voters turned out to vote.

This year's results are but the latest in a downward trend that has characterized voter-participation levels since they peaked in 1958 at 79.4 per cent.

Voter apathy has resulted in less than 65 per cent of eligible voters casting ballots in 2000, 2004, 2006 and 2008.

That fact has left politicians, political pundits and concerned citizens looking for answers ever since the numbers began to roll in.

Salt Spring Island lawyer Jim Pasuta studied political science at Simon Fraser University and is known for his one-of-a-kind election night parties.

Pasuta said he suspects the low turnout reflects an overall disenchantment with our nation's first-past-the-post electoral system.

"When a candidate can win a riding with as little as 30 per cent of the vote and disenfranchise the rest, it's easy to see why so many people get turned off and say 'stuff it,'" he said. "Often, I don't even feel like voting."

These numbers show that the time has come to seriously examine replacing our antiquated electoral system with a proportional representation model, he added. Such an alternative, commonly used in parts of Europe, would more accurately reflect the popular vote rather than rewarding the candidate who receives the most votes.



PHOTO BY LAURA LAVIN/COURTESY PENINSULA NEWS REVIEW

Saanich-Gulf Islands federal election candidates Briony Penn and Gary Lunn seen at Lunn's campaign office after election results were tallied last Tuesday night.

With voter turnout in Saanich-Gulf Islands more than 10 per cent higher than the national average, Pasuta assumes people felt that their vote could make a difference this time around.

Considering the NDP candidate resigned from the race and given Liberal candidate Briony Penn's Green party roots, Pasuta said, people likely saw a real opportunity for change.

"A lot of people probably felt their vote could mean something," he said.

Penn, who finished four per cent out of first place, said she wasn't surprised to learn the nation-wide voter turnout rate was so low given the political campaign's predominant tone.

"Attack-style campaigning used by the Conservatives drives young voters away," she said. "What example are we setting?"

More effort was spent targeting other candidates than on addressing and really discussing the important issues facing Canadians, she said.

An Elections Canada spokesperson in Ottawa had another explanation.

"The main reason is the lack of interest in the campaign," he said, adding that Canadians were hardly overjoyed to have an election, estimated to have cost \$300 million, in the first place.

He said it is premature to say if new regulations requiring voters to present picture identification before voting played a role in the low turnout.

"If it's found out that that could have played a role it will be taken into consideration by parliamentarians," he said.

In the meantime, Prime Minister Stephen Harper has already announced that his new minority government will set out to examine why fewer and fewer voters are heading to the polls.

"It's fundamental to all the rights and freedoms we enjoy and it disappoints me when there is a low voter turnout, but we will continue to try and study that phenomenon and see what we can do," the Calgary Herald reported Harper saying during a news conference on Oct. 15.

With any luck, Canadians may even be interested to hear the results.

News briefs

RCMP quell rumour

Outer Islands RCMP spent much of the weekend dousing rumours of a missing girl, who was thought to have disappeared after disembarking from a water taxi in Ganges Harbour Friday morning.

"It seems someone just wanted to take a walk," said RCMP Corp. Linda Simpson on Monday.

"There was nothing untoward and the case was resolved forthwith."

Simpson called the case

more a matter of "people losing touch with one another," rather than a missing persons file.

Tents not OK in island parks

While Victoria's bylaw on camping in its parks was struck down by a Supreme Court ruling last week, that event has no effect on Salt Spring's existing ban.

Wolfgang Brunnwieser, the island's Capital Regional District bylaw enforcement officer, confirmed Monday that since Salt Spring has a dif-

ferent bylaw governing parks regulations, it was not affected by the Oct. 14 decision.

Anyone found setting up accommodation in spots such as Centennial Park will be removed, stressed Brunnwieser.

SSITC rolls into home

Members of the Salt Spring Island Transport Commission are pleased to announce that they've just moved into their brand new office.

The space is in Grace

Point Square above Seafirst Insurance at unit 1206-A, 115 Fulford Ganges Road. The office's new telephone number is 250-931-1372.

The commission undertakes transportation-related initiatives such as the Salt Spring Island public transit service and the construction of sidewalks and bike lanes.

Liquid waste

Salt Spring voters will have to get up to speed on a referendum question proposing \$2.1 million in upgrades to

the liquid waste facility on Burgoyne Bay Road.

According to the Capital Regional District (CRD) website, planned improvements include a new raw septage receiving station, mixing facilities, dewatering equipment upgrades and relocation of equipment to a better facility on the site.

Future installation of a permanent compost facility at the site is also planned with the funds.

The present average parcel tax of \$42.11 for liquid waste would be maintained despite the \$2.1 million borrowed, says the CRD.

FOR THE RECORD

Identities were challenged on two occasions in last week's paper.

A photo on Page B11 incorrectly identified Alexis Rendon in the Saturday market as Belinda Schroeder.

And in a story about the Gardasil vaccine, we indicated that a community health nurse "did not want to be identified," when in fact the Vancouver Island Health Authority forbids her from being identified in media stories.



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Community tips help nail thief

THEFTS

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Police conducted an extensive investigation and together with tips received from the general public, they recovered the majority of the stolen items by Sunday evening.

"We had the help of the public. Without them we would not have been able to solve the case," Const. Kent Emery said on Tuesday.

Three Salt Spring residents were arrested as suspects in all three incidents — two females aged 23 and 25 years and one male, 22.

The male has been charged with two counts of break, enter and theft, and possession of stolen property and was held in custody for court on Monday.

The investigation continues.



PHOTO BY AMY GEDDES

Recovered merchandise is displayed at the Salt Spring RCMP detachment.

On November 15 you will be asked the following question:

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Blackburn: "green" greens

Golf club offers to work with neighbours

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Management of the Blackburn Meadows Golf Club has offered to work with members of the Cusheon Lake Stewardship Committee as it embarks on an ambitious rezoning application.

"We are willing to work with the Cusheon Lake Stewardship Committee, along with their management plan, with any and all developments on the land in question," wrote golf course manager Eric Beamish in an e-mailed statement.

"Understand that as per our previous record, our first interests are to preserve, protect and work in an economically viable relationship with the community using organic and sustainable practices at this location."

Beamish's comments follow a series of delegations made at the September Salt Spring Island Local Trust Committee meeting calling on trustees to reconsider a proposal that would facilitate the golf club's expansion.

Owners of Blackburn Meadows seek a boundary adjustment involving 3.6 hectares (8.9 acres) on two adjoining lots in the province's Agricultural Land Reserve (ALR).

The golf club's proposal entails the subdivision of land within the ALR to accommodate expansion of a clubhouse, storage shed and workshop totalling 557 square metres (6,000 square feet), according to an Islands Trust staff report prepared in June.

Delegation members representing the Cusheon Lake Stewardship Committee oppose the proposed expansion because they feel further development at the site will compromise water quality.

Beamish said the change is required to ensure that the club can continue to operate in an economically viable and environmentally conscious manner.

"Other alternatives are not preferable for the environment or community, but may certainly be economically viable," Beamish wrote. "We have chosen what we believe to be the best possible course of action for this property in the interests of the community and environment."

Blackburn Meadows is Canada's first organically maintained golf course.

Facility operates in cold weather

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"We're going ahead anyway," she said on Monday. "We are not going to delay."

Salt Spring's In from the Cold shelter has operated in the United Church basement for the past five years.

The facility opens its doors when temperatures drop below freezing, during extended winter rains, and when high winds and wind

chill factors make living outdoors hazardous.

In 2007-08, the shelter opened for 30 nights, serving between 12 and 15 people on each occasion.

The service offers warm meals and a safe place to spend the night.

"The real issue is that we need to find other more permanent options for providing shelter to the homeless," she said.

"We also need other com-

munity partners to participate in long-term solutions that are right for our community."

More work, Bell-Gadsby added, is required "to find an alternate central location for a permanent cold-weather shelter, as well as funding for the homeless to access services and connect with the medical and mental health support they need in order to come in from the cold permanently."



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BY DEREK LUNDY
SPECIAL TO THE DRIFTWOOD

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Public libraries are different. They straddle that line: they are free, but they need money, too. When you go into a library, you can sit around and read, take out a book, get a book from another library, use a computer to slide through the portal of the world-girdling internet. You can do all this for a pittance. It is, in essence, free.

But libraries have bills to pay. They live in buildings which take heavy wear and tear, and which have to be maintained, and their utilities paid for. They need to buy books and the shelves to put them on; they must keep up to date with computers and their accessories. The free services a library provides are possible only because someone gives them money. Various levels of government provide some support, but the users have to help, too.

The Salt Spring library in particular needs your support. Because it is staffed almost entirely by volunteers, it receives fewer taxpayer dollars than just about any other library in British Columbia. It is housed in an old structure, partly built for other purposes, and adapted for this crucial public service. We hope to build a new library, but the library we have in the meantime needs its annual injection of generous assistance from the community it serves.

The Salt Spring Library's Fall 2008 Annual Giving Cam-

paign has begun. This is your chance to help the library stay in business, to make sure it keeps on keeping on.

There are many good reasons to donate. As in any year, the library needs donations from Salt Springers so that it can qualify for the special matching grant provided by the province. For every dollar you give, the government will bestow \$4, up to a maximum of \$9,000. This money is crucial for the library to keep operating.

This year, however, the library needs particular help. The library board recently commissioned a thorough structural evaluation of the building, in part, to make sure that the facility was safe for the public — especially its older section: a house and a warehouse taken over by the library in the 1950s.

The inspection revealed deficiencies which the board and the librarians began to deal with right away. For example, the emergency exit has to be modified, and we are verifying that the older support beams can take the load of bookshelves and patrons. We are making sure that the library is safe and sound, but of course, that takes money, too.

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The writer is a library board member.

FERRIES

B.C. Ferries slashes fuel surcharge in half

Crude oil price drop acknowledged

When WestJet and Air Canada scrapped their fuel surcharges in September to reflect the recent drop in fuel prices, critics and ferry users asked why B.C. Ferries had not done the same.

On Friday, the corporation announced that B.C. Ferries Commissioner Martin Crilly had agreed to reduce current fuel surcharges by 50 per cent.

Effective Tuesday, Nov. 4, fuel surcharges will be cut in half for major routes connecting Vancouver Island to the Lower Mainland, the southern and northern Gulf Islands and the Horseshoe Bay-Langdale route.

A single person travelling in an underheight car currently pays a \$4.75 fuel surcharge on

the Fulford Harbour-Swartz Bay route, in addition to the \$33.55 regular fare. The fuel surcharge on that route will now drop to \$2.40.

B.C. Ferries president and CEO David Hahn said while the corporation will continue to have discussions with Crilly to determine at what point fuel surcharges will be removed altogether, they are still paying for the spike in fuel prices that occurred earlier this year.

The corporation tacked on fuel surcharges on Aug. 1 when the cost of crude oil jumped to \$147 US a barrel in July. On Thursday it dipped below \$70 US a barrel for the first time in more than a year.

B.C. Ferries says it paid \$45.9 million for fuel in 2003 and \$86.8 million in 2008. The corporation projects its 2008/09 fuel costs could exceed \$120 million.

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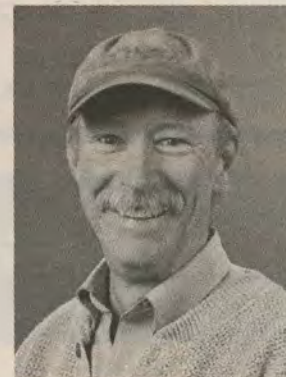
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Member of the committee that developed the Area Farm Plan for Salt Spring Island.
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For the Trust

North Salt Spring Waterworks District Notice of Construction

NOTICE TO ROAD USERS:
Please be aware that the North Salt Spring Waterworks District will be upsizing the Lower Ganges Road watermain between Harbour House Corner and Crofton Road.

Work on this project will be ongoing from
Monday, September 22
until on or about
Monday, November 3, 2008

Traffic controllers will be in attendance and drivers are urged to use care. Please use an alternative route if possible. Thank you for your patience and cooperation.

Trevor Hutton
General Manager, North Salt Spring Waterworks District

NEWSBEAT

FIRE

Fire budget jumps 22%

Wages, software, hall costs responsible

Fire protection services will cost Salt Spring Island taxpayers \$1,983,350 in 2009, following the fire board's passage of its annual budget bylaw Monday night.

The sum represents a 22 per cent increase over last year's roughly \$1.6 million-plan.

Anticipated employee wage increases, volunteer compensation, fire hall renovations and a dispatch software upgrade are responsible for the increase, explained chair Michael Schubart on Tuesday.

A union contract, he said, requires employees to be brought up to parity with Saanich firefighting staff. That translates into a 15 per cent wage increase in 2009.

Compensation for 15 new volunteers is in the budget, along with higher costs for vehicle operation due to high fuel prices.

Ganges fire hall will also eat up some funds.

"We know we're going to have to do major renovations," Schubart said of the fire hall upgrades.

Schubart also explained that in order to be compliant with the Langford dispatch centre, Salt Spring Fire-Rescue must upgrade its software.

"New software is strongly urged by Langford dispatch and we're still waiting to hear back from them as to what costs might be," said trustee Tony Kennedy at the meeting. "Until we do, we have to budget a fairly substantial amount against the possibility that the software will be fairly expensive."

• Also at the fire trustee meeting Monday night, audience member James Falcon challenged trustees to "get aggressive" and endorse local election candidates they deem to be committed to helping them move forward with the new fire hall site and training ground.

"In the end it's really important to take a stand, saying 'We endorse these candidates,'" Falcon said.

Schubart and other trustees responded with reluctance to the idea.

"We're an organization set up to do one thing: provide firefighting and rescue services on the island," he said. "And for us to actually take a stand as a board on behalf of the community in favour of one or another candidate, I don't personally think it would be appropriate."

ISLANDS TRUST

Trust extends task force deadline

Seeks "broad representation"

The Salt Spring Local Trust Committee (LTC) has extended the application deadline for people wishing to join a task force aimed at determining the needs, requirements and location of industrial-zoned land on the island.

Individuals interested in sitting on the Industrial Land Task force have until Oct. 31 to submit their name to the Salt Spring Islands Trust office.

Regional planning manager Brodie Porter said the deadline extension is intended to

"ensure broad representation" on the task force.

Porter said the Trust has thus far received seven applications from members of the public.

According to terms of reference for the task force presented at a Trust meeting in September, the Salt Spring LTC shall appoint up to seven members to the task force for a term not exceeding one year.

Trustees will examine submissions once the deadline has passed and may make an announcement at the next LTC meeting on Nov. 6.

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- Local Governance**
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 - ❖ Work towards a local governance model that emphasizes broader local representation and accountability with more authority to manage local issues.

On Saturday, November 15th vote to elect:

X LINEGER, Kimberly for Islands Trust

"The basic difference between being assertive and being aggressive is how our words and actions affect the rights and well being of others." -- Sharon Anthony Bower

Get some information. Reflect. Discuss. Stay open. Make room. VOTE.

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EDITORIAL

Housing for all

It's easy to cast glance across the water and shake one's head in disbelief over what's been going on at Victoria's Beacon Hill Park of late.

A tent city cordoned off with police tape conjures up images of a disaster zone or refugee camp. It looks like anywhere other than our provincial capital and its well-preserved stately facade.

Whatever your political affiliation, Canada's growing number of homeless have become an embarrassment to a country whose standard of living is the envy of just about anybody who can find us on a map.

According to the Toronto Disaster Relief Committee, a group that is lobbying to classify homelessness as a national disaster, the country's homeless population reached 300,000 in 2007.

They've become a standard fixture on the streets of our cities, yet the plight of our homeless barely made the radar of leaders participating in Canada's federal election.

THE ISSUE:

Homelessness

WE SAY:

Let's make it a campaign issue

Political action, be it on the part of federal, provincial or local governments, has clearly failed to address the problem of people living on the streets — or in Salt Spring's case, in the bush.

Affordable housing is a great and noble concept and should be on the lips of every candidate running for office in upcoming local elections on Nov. 14.

When they say they intend to address it, let's ask them what they mean and how they specifically plan to find solutions.

Projects like the Murakami Gardens housing are a great start, but let's remember that the Rainbow Road complex would not have come about without the land being donated by the Murakami family.

Those unable to find shelter on Salt Spring include families — a situation made all the worse by property owners' frequent refusal to rent to even a single parent and one child.

The island's In from the Cold shelter even faced closure this year. It was only resurrected when Salt Spring Community Services staff and United Church members got up and decided to walk the talk.

For the past five years, the centre has operated thanks to volunteers willing to spend the night feeding and watching over the the dozen or so people who use the facility when the temperature drops.

We should let the In from the Cold initiative's success act as a cue to remind our local candidates that homelessness is a problem they can no longer afford to ignore.



Some 'eco' choices not so smart

BY ANDREW OKULITCH

Maggie Calloway, in the Sustainability Challenge section of last week's Driftwood, compares countertops made of granite to ones of recycled glass or concrete and concludes mining granite is less eco-friendly than the manufactured materials.

Tracking energy use and pollution emissions in industrial processes is not a simple matter, however.

Most of the energy needed to make granite comes from within the earth — natural and unstoppable processes. There is an essentially inexhaustible supply — more is forming beneath most volcanoes — and no place on the continent is more than 500 km from mineable exposures.

To make a countertop, some energy is used to cut the slab and polish it, and to move it to the kitchen.

Once installed, it is almost indestructible, requires little maintenance and cleaning and can be reused indefinitely with very little additional energy. If eventually discarded, it is non-polluting.

Recycled glass, on the other hand, comes from sand that was mined, transported to a factory possibly 1,000 km away or more and melted using a lot of energy from coal, petroleum or nuclear reactors.

After being used, it is transported again to a recycling depot, then to the glass factory again and, using more energy, fused into a countertop.

Recycling it will repeat this energy-intensive process.

If the glass is crushed and used as an aggregate in a resin-based countertop, less energy may be used but the resin is a petroleum product with all the attendant energy used and pollution produced during its manufacture.

Glass is more fragile than granite, scratches are more visible

and harder to polish out and it needs frequent cleaning, usually with various chemicals.

If tempered, it cannot be cut and reused. Recycling is very energy intensive.

As for concrete floors and countertops, they too are made using huge amounts of energy.

Limestone has to be mined, transported, roasted in a kiln at very high temperatures, packaged and transported to job sites. Some concrete plants burn old tires in a dubious attempt at recycling.

Concrete is porous so various sealers, mostly petroleum products, must be used and reapplied regularly. It is softer than either granite or glass and subject to cracking, chipping and staining.

If wet, it can be slippery. Without any carpeting, it reflects sound, increasing ambient noise levels. I'm not suggesting we can do away with concrete entirely — even a granite floor would need to be laid on something solid, but planning interior finishes using nothing else makes little sense.

By all means, avoid synthetic carpets which again are made from petroleum and outgas various chemicals, but a wool carpet with a jute or hemp backing is pretty easy on the feet, nose and ears.

Concrete cannot be recycled.

In short, just because something is VOC-free, can be recycled and carries the latest buzzword of "Cradle to Grave Certification" (whatever that means) doesn't mean that its birth and final demise are free of energy use, pollution and consequences for the environment.

Andrew Okulitch is a scientist emeritus with the Geological Survey of Canada and lives on Salt Spring Island.

VIEWPOINT

"Recycling it will repeat this energy-intensive process."

THIS WEEK'S QUESTION:

Should the homeless be allowed to camp in parks? Yes No

Cast your ballot online at www.gulfislandsdriftwood.com before Monday at midnight or clip this box and drop it at our office before Monday at 4:30 p.m.

LAST WEEK'S QUESTION:

Should the library board reconsider a Rainbow Road site?
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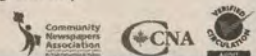


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SALT SPRING SAYS

We asked: What should our candidates address in the upcoming local elections?



SALLY HYSOP

Crime and vandalism, keeping Fulford as a village and providing shelter for the homeless.



GAYLE LEBLANC

Low-cost housing is a must.



KANE ROSCOE

Getting the police to focus on more important issues like the hard drug problem.



BARRY "BILLBOARD" HAYNE

Have a look at the overall picture.



FRASER ROCK

Generally improving the bus system — expanding it and running it more often.

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.

Election post mortem

Briony Penn obtained 25,367 votes to Gary Lunn's 27,988. She was defeated by 2,621 votes. The NDP non-candidate obtained 3,667 votes. Andrew Lewis received 6,732 votes. Once again the split in the progressive vote gave the win to the most socially and ecologically regressive party. What's the matter with us?

I can't help wondering what those who voted NDP were thinking when they voted for a non-existent candidate. The kindest explanation would be that they were just ignorant of the fact that their choice was no longer in the running. There are less kind explanations, which should remain unmentioned as they would not make for a very polite letter.

And what was Andrew Lewis thinking when he

refused all appeals for him also to stand aside and give Briony Penn an all but sure win over Gary Lunn? If Lewis thought he could actually win the riding then he was seriously delusional, and for that reason alone did not deserve our vote.

It is amazing that the continued candidature of the Green Party in this riding has resulted in the party with the greatest disregard for green issues winning here.

Prior to the election the Sierra Club issued a report titled "Voters Guide to the Climate Crisis Election," in which the Conservative party was given a green grading of F+.

Gary Lunn's win should be on the conscience of Andrew Lewis and those who continued to vote for him rather than vote strategically for the greenest candidate with a chance to win.

GREG SPENDJIAN,
BEDDIS ROAD

PR needed

The number of seats held by the Conservatives in the House of Commons over the last eight years is summarized as follows:

Conservative seats and popular vote:

2000 — 78 seats, 37.7 per cent of vote

2004 — 99 seats, 29.6 per cent

2006 — 124 seats, 36.3 per cent

2008 — 143 seats, 37.9 per cent

Note that the dramatic increase in their number of seats in the House is not based on any significant change in their per cent of the total vote.

The election just completed was called solely because Harper saw a chance of winning a majority.

But for the Quebec debacle, there is no doubt that Canadians would have awoken on Oct. 15 to find Harper's one-man government controlling a majority

of seats in the House.

Before Gilles Duceppe adeptly and aggressively took away Harper's majority, there was talk in Canada of strategic voting. It seems evident that any such effort would have to be based on current polling data.

It is therefore essential to ask how accurate such data are.

I used the seat projections posted by Vote Environment on the web, based on the Nanos polls for Oct. 12. I consider these to be among the more reliable of such polling data available. (However, not all polling stations had reported when my calculations were made.)

I found that 265 such seat projections were correct and 43 were wrong.

Among those 43 mis-projections, the Conservatives lost three seats and gained 31, for a net increase of 28 seats. While most projections at this time gave the Tories about 131 seats, their

actual number was 143.

It should be kept in mind that individual riding polls made by phone are usually based on a sample size of about 200, with an accuracy of around +/- 7 per cent (19 times out of 20).

If the citizenry had based their voting on polls, it is possible that Harper would have obtained a majority in the 2008 election despite his failure in Quebec.

In the election just held, as reported in the Times Colonist, the Conservatives won 63 ridings with less than 50 per cent of the vote (i.e., due to vote splitting, as in our own riding).

But for these split votes, the Tories would have held only 80 seats.

Canadians face two choices: a likely Harper majority in the next election (refer to the seat/vote percentage figures above) or some form of proportional representation (PR). Harper will no doubt oppose PR (under it

he would have only about 117 seats in the next house). He can probably kill PR, if forced, by calling for a national referendum requiring a supermajority for passage. Canadians now face their stiffest political challenge in many decades. The outcome may be fateful for Canada's (precarious) future as a progressive and caring society.

JOHN PROTHERO,
CUDMORE HEIGHTS

Mystery voters

We need an investigation. Would the over 3,600 people who voted NDP please come forth and explain why they voted for NDP candidate Julian West when he had withdrawn from the election?

MYNA LEE JOHNSTONE,
LOWER GANGES ROAD

MORE LETTERS continued on A10

Let's give the four-trustee option a whirl first

Stop me if you've heard this one: "The upcoming Islands Trust election may be the most important and pivotal in Salt Spring's history."

Yeah, yeah. Right. Heard it, seen it, read it. Is this one any different than the last? Or the election before? Are we in some sort of Escher purgatory, doomed to climb a never-ending staircase?

It will again be the "epic" struggle between those who want to hermetically seal the island against anything with the slightest whiff of development and those who want unfettered licence to build anything anywhere. Middle ground is as fictional as Middle Earth, or so it seems.

Islanders for Self Government (ISG) feels the answer to this deadlock is incorporation — something PARC member Ben Goodman has labelled "big city government." Of course, incorporation has nothing whatsoever to do with "big city." Some of the smallest burghs in British Columbia are incorporated, including our sister island in the stream, Bowen Island. You won't find one McDonald's on that island.

As a response to rumblings about governance arising from the last local elections, the Islands Trust has suggested doubling the number of Salt Spring trustees from two to four. Although these two new reps will not have a vote at the big table with Trust Coun-

cil, they will provide two more wagging tongues at the local Trust committee meetings. The last four years have been a love fest, where our two local trustees and chair Kim Benson have voted in lock step on everything.

Will four seats make a difference? The ISG is exhorting its rank and file to vote "No!" to the four-trustee option, the theory being that rejecting this option will indicate that we will not be mollified by a couple of "eunuchs" at the local table. Should Salt Spring pass the referendum, the ISG feels it will send a signal to the great white fathers in Victoria that islanders are sanguine with this new four-trustee look, and the peasants will once again prance happy through the first-growth forests.

For those interested in maintaining the status quo, it really is a "win-win" situation. A no vote will make the ISG appear like spoilt children, ready to pick up their ball and go home if they can't have their way. If passed, it will be interpreted as an agreeable compromise.

An agreeable compromise is not such a bad thing. Four trustees would virtually insure that ISG has a voice (and possibly two or three) at the local table. Four trustees would spread a daunting workload over



Peter Vincent

HEAD TO HEAD

a deeper work pool, which could go a long way in alleviating the log jam responsible for the present gridlock.

Let me once again defer to the happy isle of Bowen Island. Bowen has a population of about 3,500. They have a mayor and no less than six councillors to carry the load. Here's some simple math. Bowen has three times the man/woman power ministering to one third the population of Salt Spring in terms of local political representation. That virtually guarantees healthy debates and manageable workloads for the elected officials. If Salt Spring were to use the same formula, four trustees would not be enough — not even eight. We would need 16 warm bodies to come up to speed with Bowen Island.

So what's the problem with four Salt Spring trustees? The argument goes like this: while Salt Spring ponies up 40 per cent of the money for the Islands Trust, we only have eight per cent of the voting clout. Two more non-voting trustees will do nothing to right the scales. True. But while these two new trustees would not have a vote at the Trust Council table, it would present a much more powerful lobby and will nudge us ever closer to that mythical level playing field.

Revolutions, political or otherwise, begin

with small steps. Two voting seats will lead to three, which could lead to four. Given the Islands Trust's recent debacle with Galiano Island, the time has come for the Trust to realize that a rigid, dictatorial bedside manner will create more and more fractious islanders. A kinder, gentler Islands Trust Council is just around the corner and we would be fools not to plan for greater representation here and now.

The core of the Salt Spring problem is not about government systems. If our Trust Council chairperson Kim Benson was called "Mayor Benson" and messrs. Lamb and Ehring were "councillors," would it have made any difference to the various outcomes over the past three years? No. I bet George Ehring, Peter Lamb and ISG president Ken Marr would agree that Salt Spring sorely needs some differing opinions at the table. Doubling the number of local chairs virtually guarantees healthy debate. At last.

First things first. Let's put personalities and personal feuds aside. Let's work on our local Trust problem first by going with the four-trustee option, then work on the bigger issues of greater representation at the Trust Council table and the incorporation alternative. Otherwise, we will be doomed to go around in this circular political staircase for another three years.

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OPINION

MORE LETTERS

continued from A9

Not really a majority

Over the past year our current CRD director, Gary Holman, has publicly declared through the Driftwood that Islanders for Self Government (ISG) are "unprincipled" liars for making a few honest mistakes. ISG has publicly apologized for its mistakes and endeavours to remain mistake free.

However, Holman's continued reference, in each of his letters, to ISG as "Islanders for Self-ish Government" is repugnant at best, and at worst, unbecoming of an elected official.

Be that as it may, Holman has also claimed ISG has been "misleading," "hypocritical," "cynical," "unconscionable," "self-

serving" and, in one letter, concluded with the remark that ISG's president Ken Marr's "... pants are on fire. . ." strongly implying Mr. Marr was lying.

But, are we to take everything that issues forth from Mr. Holman's mouth as the whole truth and nothing but the truth?

In support of his notion that ISG should just be quiet until the election on the subject of incorporation, Holman recently stated "... only the candidates opposing the incorporation option (in 2005) were elected, all with strong majorities."

Well Gary, spinning the truth is one thing, but, come on now, it appears your pants may need a little flame retardant.

While you may have a different recollection of the event, the public record shows you only received 48

per cent of the popular vote in the last election (down from 54 per cent in 2002), hardly what anyone would call, as you have, "a strong majority," "an unequivocal result," or, for that matter, any semblance of a shining victory for an incumbent politician. In political terms, you are in fact a "minority" leader.

Although, I must admit, I like your line of reasoning, because, statistically, this means the majority of voters (52 per cent) last election were actually in favour of incorporation, since all other CRD candidates were pro-incorporation.

On another note, and please excuse my naivety, the last time I looked, I thought you were elected to represent the best interests of Salt Spring Islanders. If that's true, then just before you once again criticize ISG, by calling them

"selfish" for their not wanting to continue to subsidize Islands Trust taxpayers on other islands to the tune of over a million dollars a year, I would ask you to take a moment and explain to us, as our duly elected CRD director, just exactly who you think your sworn "fiduciary duty" and "principal loyalty" is to — the electorate of Salt Spring, or the electorate/taxpayers from any of the rest of the Islands Trust areas, say, Lasqueti or South Pender? I would hazard a guess that the majority of the voters who voted for you did so in the belief that our CRD director has a sworn duty to represent our best interests and not the interests of taxpayers in other electoral areas.

Islanders for Self Government now has nearly 1,000 paid-up members, the largest organization in

Salt Spring's history. Their membership, as other writers have continued to point out to you, is comprised of a diverse range of islanders and is growing daily.

However, you keep painting, in a rather demeaning way, the entirely false public picture that ISG membership is primarily made up of members of "the development industry."

All that having been said, I have a confession to make. I must admit I just love your letters, so, please, keep them coming. Each time you send one in, what little credibility/respect you may have left with the majority of islanders (you know, the majority who didn't vote to re-elect you last time), is damaged even more so. Further, your rather dictatorial attitude on recent issues, in spite of being a minority leader, stands as a shining exam-

ple of your political and ethical values.

ERIC BOOTH,
FRAZIER ROAD

Thanks, Rick

We want to express our appreciation to Rick Laing for his support in the upcoming local elections.

By making a personal decision to withdraw his own nomination papers in order to support us, he proved himself again as a person of integrity and honour, as this community has known him to be.

We certainly hope that islanders will approve the referendum to increase the size of the local Trust committee, and if the referendum does succeed, that Rick will run in the anticipated by-election in the spring to serve on the LTC.

GEORGE EHRLING,
CHRISTINE TORGRIMSON,
SALT SPRING TRUST CANDIDATES

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WHO IS NORBERT SCHLENKER? AND WHY IS HE RUNNING FOR TRUSTEE?

Since landing on Salt Spring in 2000, I've been involved in the life of the community. I love sailing and jazz and vibrant discussion with friends over a cup of coffee or bottle of wine. I have volunteered as president of the summer swim club; as the treasurer, vice-president and the president of the ArtSpring Board; as the first treasurer of Islanders for Self Government; and as treasurer of the Salt Spring Island Sailing Club.

I did my undergraduate degree in computer science at Dalhousie and followed up with a Masters at Princeton. In my working life, pre-SSI, I was a software designer and programmer and then a bond trader for a bank. For two and a half years I advised Salt Spring families about their finances and investments for an investment dealer in Ganges. In 2003 I opened my own business to offer financial planning services on an hourly fee basis.

I am not a natural politician. No good looks, no full head of hair, often desperately unable to put names to faces. I do love babies though. That has to count for something.

I'M RUNNING FOR ISLANDS TRUST BECAUSE...

I believe we need to take a serious look at all the facts surrounding self government and then have a debate. Our elected officials have decided we don't deserve the courtesy of facts.

NOT: No need for evidence when we know (and have decided) what the verdict is.

I SAY: "Let's have the facts and honest debate."

Preserving our unique social diversity and protecting the environment means we must recognize that change is inevitable and manage it intelligently. A green Salt Spring should not mean that only those with enough "green" can afford to live here.

NOT: I'm here so let's pull up the drawbridge.

I SAY: "How can we make sure working people and our children can afford to live here?"

Openness and balance are important. The ideologically driven often dismiss facts or opinions that challenge their special interests. The idea driven are open to exploration of every viewpoint.

NOT: I'm right and you are wrong. My interests are more important than yours.

I SAY: "Your thoughts and opinions are valuable to me in reaching any decision."

The Land Use Bylaw will be revised over the next three years. There was mischief during the OCP review and I expect more mischief when we get to the nitty-gritty in the LUB.

NOT: House size limits and setback changes? They're off the table. Trust us.

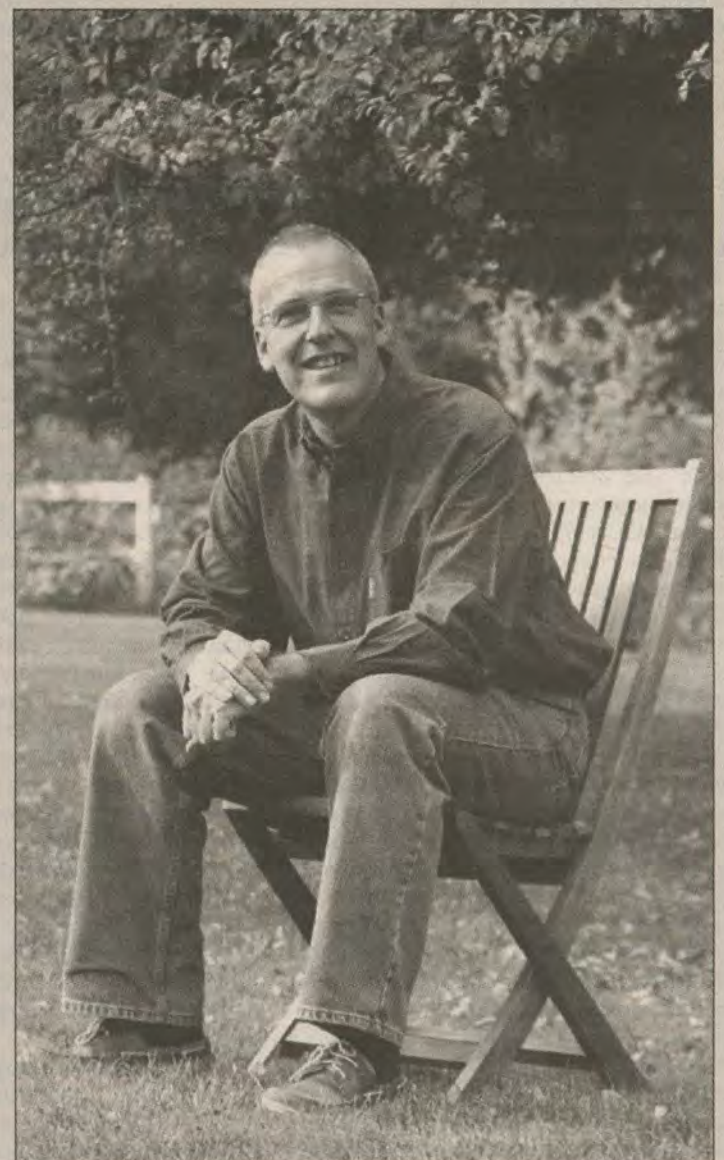
I SAY: "I don't believe you. You were in favour of them before you took them off the OCP table."

Finally, I believe that somebody has to make these arguments and ask the voters for support. This year, I am that somebody. We need a thoughtful and balanced interpretation of the object of the Trust, both here on Salt Spring and at Trust Council. **On November 15**, you will have your say. I'll be listening. And as your Trustee, I will continue to listen.

NORBERT SCHLENKER

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Who voted NDP?

In the recent federal election, Julian West, the former NDP candidate whose name was still on the Saanich-Gulf Islands ballot even though he had withdrawn his candidacy, received 3,667 votes.

If those wasted votes had been cast for the Liberal candidate, Briony Penn (25,367 votes), she, instead of the Conservative Gary Lunn (27,988 votes), would have won the election.

Why the NDP supporters voted this way is subject to several explanations:

- they are really closet conservatives;
- they thought they were voting strategically, but got it backwards;
- they want to be represented in Parliament by someone who stripped naked and displayed an erection in front of a group of teenage girls;
- they were stoned, and didn't know what they were doing;
- as socialists, naturally they aren't aware of what's going on in the real world.

My guess is that they were distributed fairly evenly among these five groupings.

DAVID BRAIDE,
SALT SPRING ISLAND

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Let's try making room for new ideas

BY KIMBERLY LINEGER

It is that time again, local elections are upon us. Before we start campaigning in earnest, I want to share an idea with you which really resonates with me. It has made me think about my life here on Salt Spring — what I like about it and what I don't like.

It's an important truth that nobody makes the decision to move to a new community out of thin air. It's a conscious choice.

Some people come because of a specific need or desire for connection to the land, to a place, to a home. Some come because something is missing from their lives.

I remember, when my son and I first visited Salt Spring in 1991, I was hungry for community, a connection to a place, to be with people who shared my values and who worked together in a community of understanding and compassion.

I came seeking to connect with something that transcended the pettiness, narrowness and banality of my life in the city.

I came looking for relationships that were honest and authentic, wanting more out of life than shallowness.

When I came to Salt Spring, you made room for me, as it has made room for many of you as well.

Our community is small, yet lately we have done much with few: we have public transit, a start at affordable housing at Murakami Gardens, a new bicycle path and a swimming pool, and we saved a coastal rainforest along the way.

We organize apple festivals, film festivals, folk festivals and the fall

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fair. We've created a farm plan and our Tuesday farmers market has grown. Yet there is so much more to be done.

What strikes me about the above list is that each of these activities has allowed us to grow as individuals and Salt Spring has become more dynamic as a result. I feel proud of all we have accomplished as I am sure you do as well. I believe we have been so successful for two main reasons — first, we dared to dream, and, second, we made room.

For a number of years now our community has been daring to dream about how we are governed and what it would mean for Salt Spring.

And, while change has yet to happen, it is something that we have given considerable thought to.

During this election campaign there is going to be a lot of talk about how we should, or shouldn't, be governed.

Some residents' vision for our community has become so narrow that there is no room — for new ideas, new experiences or new opportunities. As a result, we have become a place where governance of the land has come at the expense of its people.

During my term of office as trustee, I noticed increased polarization on the debate over the rate of growth and change to the rural landscape of our island while maintaining a vibrant and diverse community. This community polarization has grown to include any discussion of island

governance, particularly incorporation of Salt Spring. When issues in our community become polarized, meaningful debate appears to be abandoned. People choose to react rather than interact.

I firmly believe in the power of individuals to effect change in their community by challenging existing political processes and searching for new opportunities. However, this can only happen if we, as a community, work together despite our differences to find solutions.

As a trustee, I will bring my openness to new ideas and the courage it takes to broach sensitive community issues. As a returning trustee, I feel I have much to offer — being fair, open-minded and accountable, I will continue to value the honesty and the integrity of each resident as we work together to honour and preserve our island home.

Governance discussions in and about the community have been so heated that neighbour has been pitted against neighbour, and elected official against the very electorate he represents. Some have come to pride our community as being "an argument surrounded by water." This is not something we should take pride in . . . this is a very sad indication of our intolerance toward each other and our unwillingness to listen and participate in finding meaningful solutions to real island problems.

What has become of our rural island community spirit of working together and supporting one another? Why do we feel so threatened that fear is the only mode that we can operate in? We need to take

control of our destiny rather than leaving it in the hands of those so paralyzed by fear of the unknown they cannot, and/or will not, act.

"What has become of our rural island community spirit of working together and supporting one another?"

No decisions are going to be made today. I hope you will think quietly about your dreams for our island home, and talk candidly amongst yourselves and with the candidates seeking your votes. Get some information. Reflect. Discuss. Stay open. And, most importantly, make room for new ideas.

I don't know where the future is going to take us. However, I do know this. We must not choose to turn people or ideas away. We must continue to look for ways to join with others to make more of a difference — to our individual selves and to the broader community — this wonderful place we are proud to call home.

During this election campaign, I ask islanders to "make room" to calmly and carefully consider changes which will benefit Salt Spring's future. For I believe, as a now famous senator from Illinois says, that "Yes we can change."

The writer is a candidate for Salt Spring trustee in the Nov. 15 local elections.

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Williams Pete 2710 Privateers Road, Pender Island, B.C. V0N 2M2

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Given under my hand at Ganges, B.C. this seventeenth (17th) day of October, 2008.

Thomas F. Moore,
Chief Election Officer

IMPORTANT NOTICE

There have been some legislative changes as to qualifications of elector status and process to vote that affect electors which are included in the listings below:

Resident Elector - You are qualified as a Resident Elector if you:

- are **eighteen years of age or older** on general voting day;
- are a **Canadian citizen**;
- have resided in British Columbia in accordance with section 53 of the Local Government Act for at least six months immediately preceding registration;
- have resided in the area **at least 30 days** immediately preceding the day of registration

If you are not on the Voters List you may register on Voting Day providing you have two pieces of identification, one of which has your signature and preferably one with pictorial identification, e.g. driver's licence.

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- are not be entitled to register as a resident elector;
- are **eighteen years of age or older** on general voting day;
- are a **Canadian citizen**;
- have resided in British Columbia in accordance with section 53 of the Local Government Act for at least six months immediately preceding registration;
- are a registered owner of the real property used for qualification **at least 30 days** immediately preceding the day of registration;
- are not disqualified under the Local Government Act or any other act from voting in an election.

In addition to the above requirements the limitations listed below also apply to non resident property electors:

- if more than **one individual** is registered as an owner of the real property then **only one individual** is entitled to vote with the **written consent** of a majority of all other registered owners that are on the title including the person requesting registration. Consent to have original signatures only, no facsimiles, please.
- if the non resident property elector is **not** on the voters list and wishes to register on General Voting Day or at an Advance Voting Opportunity you may apply for a certificate on Voting Day if you produce written authority from the registered owners that you have been designated to vote accompanied with adequate documentation, such as a Land Title Search, proving ownership of the property used as a basis for vote together with a form of designation that includes a signature (such as a driver's licence).

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Shameful

I have just finished watching the CBC documentary of the upcoming trial of Omar Khadr, a child soldier and Canadian citizen, who is to be prosecuted by the U.S. Army Justice Department at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, in November for an incident that occurred when he was 15 years old.

It is obvious from the details presented that the U.S. Army has a vested interest in the outcome of this trial. These details include evidence of torture during interrogation, as well as rewriting the reports of U.S. officers who were present at the incident in Afghanistan. In view of this, it is blatantly obvious that in this case, U.S. Army justice is no justice at all.

But what is astounding to me is the fact that in six years the Canadian government has not intervened on behalf of this underage Canadian citizen. In fact, our prime minister, Stephen Harper, has allowed this travesty of justice to proceed, contrary to the actions of all other foreign governments in similar circumstances. The only Canadian contact I can confirm was a taped interview with Khadr by two unnamed Canadians, the outcome of which obviously did nothing but increase the accused's feelings of hopelessness.

In conclusion, I believe this is a shameful precedent that could put all Canadians abroad in jeopardy. I hope it is not too late to take remedial action!

GEOFF CUE,
VESUVIUS BAY ROAD

Date change

Last week SWOVA issued a press release with details about a workshop for girls that will be held Oct. 24.

Due to unforeseen circumstances, the venue for the workshops has been changed.

The free workshops will be held Friday, Oct. 24 (10 a.m. to 5 p.m.) at Mahon Hall. These workshops (with complimentary lunch) are open to all girls between the ages of 13-18.

The workshops will offer fun, reflection, creativity and

an honest exploration of two topics for young teenaged women. Call the SWOVA office to register or for more information: 250-537-1336.

CAROL GRIER,
FOR SWOVA

Tax blues

Did anyone else out there receive an unexpected overdue payment notice from the rural property tax office? I did and I am darned annoyed as I sent my cheque and grant application off in the mail three and a half weeks before the July 2, 2008 due date.

When I realized that my cheque had not been cashed by July 22 I decided to follow up with the Salt Spring government agent and was told that it often took four to five weeks for mailed in payments to be cashed, so not to worry.

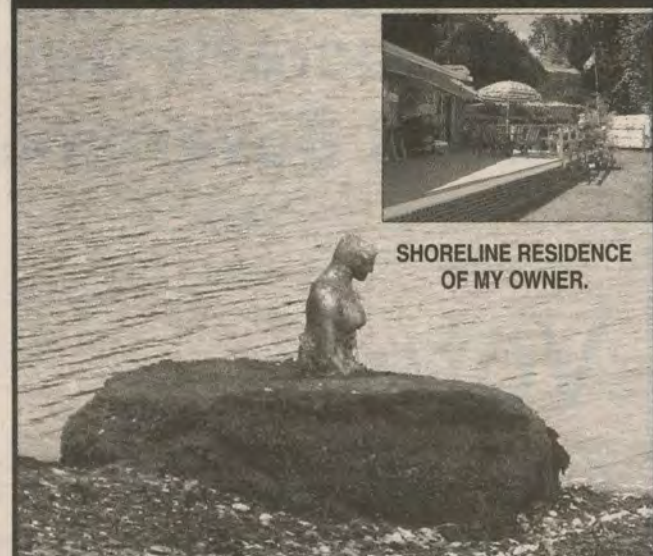
By Sept. 5 and still seeing no big hole in my bank balance, I called the tax office and was told that, indeed, there was no record of my payment having been received. I then immediately gave the local agent another cheque and put a stop payment on the original. Thinking that I had been acting in good faith all along, I was horrified two weeks ago to receive an overdue notice for a late penalty of almost \$500. I decided to take it up with the provincial tax office in Victoria. That is where the interesting story begins!

While waiting to be served at the reception desk I could not help overhearing another gentleman complaining about the same thing. It transpired that he had also mailed in his payment two weeks before the due date and had a carbon copy of the cheque as proof. One would think that when the government provides an official envelope for payment through the government-owned Canada Post, without any requirement for registration, it should be enough. Was it lost in the mail or mislaid in the Douglas Street office?

If anyone else has had a similar experience, would they please give me a call at 250-537-9351. If there are enough cases, it may warrant investigation and may be of help in appealing unjustified late payment penalties.

DEREK EMMERSON,
ROURKE ROAD

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OPINION

Still waiting for Norton info

BY PETER LAMB

In his Viewpoint last week, Tom O'Connor, project planner for the Norton Road affordable housing project, selectively documents the history of this project and makes outrageous charges against the Islands Trust and, specifically, the current trustees.

Since this application is still before the Trust, I find it surprising that he should want to resolve outstanding issues through the pages of the Driftwood. Yet, once again, we are compelled to respond to errors and omissions in a Viewpoint.

The applicant, a private developer, would like to add 26 densities of affordable market housing to a piece of land zoned for agricultural purposes. (The land is not in the Agricultural Land Reserve.)

The new dwellings would be clustered within five acres of a 12-acre parcel. By granting those additional dwelling units and letting them be sold for profit, the Trust could be giving the developer a very considerable benefit. Mr. O'Connor never mentions this. It is the Trust's responsibility to weigh the benefit to the developer against the benefit to the community before a final decision is made on the application.

Given the substantial increase in development potential, I believe the community deserves to be assured that the homes that would be built on private

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land would indeed meet the needs of Salt Spring Islanders and be affordable for those with moderate income. While some private developers may choose not to get involved in projects that require them to fix in advance the permissible sale prices or rental rates of designated affordable housing units, other developers are doing just that throughout the province.

This is the critical issue that has yet to be settled to the satisfaction of the Trust and Tom O'Connor's article does nothing to address the matter.

In October 2005, the previous local Trust committee (that is, not George Ehring, Kim Benson and I) approved a series of recommendations and advised the applicant that adoption "will be considered" if and when the applicant had completed a number of conditions.

Those conditions included a housing agreement that would include "the establishment of initial sale prices or rental fees, and subsequent increases, in accordance with affordability guidelines and regulation of sale prices or rental fees, in perpetuity based on price indexing."

The current local Trust committee has stood by that requirement.

In January 2006, at the beginning of our term, a

draft housing agreement was prepared by the applicant's solicitor. It makes reference to both rental units and ownership units.

But it set no base price for determining sale prices or rents, nor established any mechanism or formula for determining how these would be calculated in the future. The trustees have asked, repeatedly, for such a mechanism or formula and have yet to receive an answer, the latest request being made on June 9, 2008.

Surely it is responsible for trustees to consider an assessment or estimate of community benefit vs. benefit to the developer. Similarly, salary figures of the apparent target audience (nurses, RCMP officers, teachers, etc.) have not been given or used to calculate the possibility of these people being able to afford the proposed houses, nor is there anywhere an estimate of the market cost of a house based on an estimated current median family income of \$63,488.

We do not have a "narrow, restricted social agenda" and are not acting in a "passive-aggressive manner" as asserted by O'Connor. On the contrary, we are taking the responsible position of ensuring that the end result of upzoning private land for profit will, indeed, provide the intended community benefits that we all want.

The writer is a local trustee.

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Nothing to show

For the past few weeks I've been reading news and opinion pieces about the library, and after reading Tilley Crawley's piece on behalf of the library board ("Sad state of public library building," Oct. 8 Driftwood), I feel the need to respond. I am a former library board member.

First of all, nothing seems particularly new.

There have always been serious problems with the current library building and I don't think the board actu-

ally believed any part of it could be salvaged.

It was also known that the land itself was at risk of flooding.

To ignore that or to say it hasn't flooded in 20 years does not make the possibility disappear.

While I realize a referendum was passed to purchase the property next door, it is my opinion that there was never full disclosure at the time about the terms of that purchase.

Nor was there serious discussion with the community about the possibility of moving to the new Rainbow Road Recreation site, despite the fact that there were board members at the time who argued for just

that. Now it would appear the board's old guard is trying to muzzle its newer members, to brush them off as ignorant of all the facts when they have the audacity to suggest that we look at the Rainbow Road site.

At the time of the referendum, I voted against buying the property next door and for moving to Rainbow Road.

I still believe it is the right thing to do.

It's just too bad that having decided not to do it two years ago, we have now spent hundreds of thousands of dollars with nothing to show for it.

JOANNE BEALY,
SALT SPRING

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"After eight months of banging, painting, drywalling, and most of all eight long months of paperwork and red tape, the Fulford Inn is pleased to announce the opening of their family restaurant within the Fulford Inn," states a press release issued Sunday.

Alf Reda, owner for the last 14 years, closed the family restaurant, which was adjoining the pub, back in 2002 to meet the community needs and then new liquor laws, and built a community liquor store.

The restaurant will be open from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. seven days a week. A variety of cheese and deli items are also available for purchase.

TOASTMASTERS

**Bud Bowes
nabs second**

Salt Spring Toastmasters Area 10 finalists competed in front of a packed audience in Nanaimo over the weekend, with Bud Bowes placing second in the international humour speech contest.

Bowes' speech was called "Never practise medicine without a licence," and if first-place winner David Hatchman of Nanaimo is unable to attend the provincial competition in two weeks' time, then Bowes will take his place.

Rowan Metcalfe, the other Salt Spring Area 10 finalist, was unable to attend the competition due to a scheduling conflict.

Salt Spring Toastmasters member James Falcon was appointed one of the judges for both contests at the event.



PHOTO BY DERRICK LUNDY

GARDEN GURUS: Members of the Master Gardeners Association set up a table at the club's recent sale to answer gardening questions.

RANTS and Roses

Rants

A bouquet of dead red roses to the Green party supporters who stabbed apostate Briony Penn in the back and re-elected another Conservative candidate. Greg Middleton

To all who did not vote in this last federal election: We, the people, fought for the right to vote, with some even sacrificing their lives. So, should you be unhappy with the newly elected government, look to yourselves when placing the blame. M. Niven

Roses

Dear Friends Fitness board members (past & present). We would like to offer our sincere gratitude. You have touched the hearts of many. We are sincerely sad to see Friends close. In Community, Friends' members and staff

A huge bouquet of multi-

coloured sweet roses for the quilt guild members who made 25 beautiful book bags for the PALS program. Each unique bag is being treasured by a unique child.

And — a wonderfully delicious bouquet of roses for Thrifty Foods for the huge pot of yummy soup and buns provided for two of our PALS sessions. Parents and their children ate with gusto!

I wish to thank the 3,600 people who voted for the NDP candidate Julian West. Because of their loyalty, foresight and dedication, we have been saved from the shifty green Liberals and their Lady Godiva policies and can now look forward to drilling for oil and gas and tanker traffic on the West Coast and all the Conservative "oilogarchy" economics we could possibly hope for in the coming years. GL

Rows upon rows of roses to all the volunteers who helped make the third annual Salt

Spring Vineyards Grape Harvest Ball a foot-stomping success. Funds raised will help African AIDS orphans and Salt Spring Island Community Services.

A hearty thank you for generous support for our raffle of Salt Spring artists prints. The winners are Wendy Charlton, Break in the Fog by Carol Haigh; Tim and John of Island Star, Cougar Portrait by Robert Bateman; Barry Hunter, Gallery by the Sea by Jill Louise Campbell. You've helped us on our way to provincials! GISS Sr. Boys Volleyball

Abouquet of healthy, energetic roses to the "friends" who have worked so hard to provide a comfortable environment for the pursuit of fitness and good health. You have filled a very special niche. Many thanks. TM

Roses for Pete McKenzie for being so thoughtful and generous. Love, T&J

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Having recently suffered the demise of my water heater, I can sympathize with the sudden need to get it replaced immediately, with no time to do the proper research into the most appropriate appliance.

You may want to tuck the following information away in a handy place for when the dreaded puddle seeps under the utility room door. Keep in mind, technology and environmental standards are changing rapidly but right now this is my take on what to look for today.

First, it's a given that you will only look at heaters with an Energy Star rating and as high as possible. This symbol is a simple way for consumers to identify products that are among the most energy efficient on the market. Choosing an Energy Star-labeled product over a conventional model could save you hundreds of dollars in energy costs over the life of the heater. In fact, the Department of Natural Resources estimates a potential 21 per cent savings, which is considerable with the added bonus of a quick payback for the new appliance.

Consumer Reports research shows that spending a little more on warranty coverage, i.e. from six to 12 years, buys you a better heater. Electric heaters with a higher warranty have thicker insulation, larger heating elements and longer corrosion-fighting rods. Most gas heaters also have bigger burners and better heating transfer and thicker insulation.

All the non-plumbers among us look at the total

water capacity. Heaters are sold on this basis, but the first-hour rating (FHR), which tells you how much hot water the heater can deliver in the first hour, is more important.

To determine your needs, choose the busiest hour of your day, usually morning, when all the showering (20 gallons each), shaving (two gallons), preparing food (five gallons), tossing in a load of laundry (20 gallons) and/or dishwasher takes place. Once you

have determined your family's total, check the FHR on the new heater's Energy Guide to make sure it meets or slightly exceeds your present needs.

Another choice may be a tankless water heater. Used for many years in Europe and Japan, they provide an instant supply of hot water on demand. Unlike the conventional tank, which has to maintain the water at a constant temperature 24 hours a day, the tankless heater only uses energy when needed. Another advantage is the tankless system lasts from between 15 to 20 years, as opposed to the average 12 years of a conventional system.

When you are in the market for any new appliance, remember to constantly check your utility provider and government websites to see if your new purchase qualifies for an incentive or rebate and what the criteria may be.

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Alec Ellsworth says he has been a social justice activist since as long as he can remember, "Ever since I was a little kid it's been the thing that makes me tick."

Born in New Jersey, Ellsworth studied environment and health at McGill University. Now living on Salt Spring Island with his grandmother Pat Gould, he continues to actively seek ways to promote sustainability awareness in creative, unexpected ways.

He and his companion Shannon McIntyre are prepping for a five-month cycling trip across the United States, bringing a program of their own design called The Urgency of Now. At stops along the way they will meet with university students, politicians, non-profits, grassroots organizations and sustainable businesses to facilitate discussion around the crucial links between a healthy environment and a strong economy.

His past involvement with social justice and sustainability initiatives include:

- participation in a campaign to abolish land mines in Cambodia when he was in the eighth grade;

- helping Sudanese refugees settle in the Boston area and pair with American students to learn basic computer, food and living skills;

- travelling across Canada with a cycling and environmental performance troupe called the Otesha Project — using theatre, multi-media and storytelling to engage a wide range of audiences;

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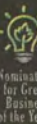
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- Get a solar shower, either the camping version or an all-season solar hot water system.
- Buy a PV panel to solar charge your electric bicycle.
- Grid-tied systems are good choices for people interested in a long-term investment in the environment.

TOOLS AND RESOURCES

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NEWSBEAT



PHOTO BY AMY GEDES

WINNING SMILES: Some of the 2008 Salt Spring Business Awards winners nabbed at Thursday's awards night are, from left, Jack Rosen and Candace Snow or Island Escapades; Jack Woodward from the Harbour House Hotel; Eric Beamish of Blackburn Meadows; and Harry Burton, Citizen of the Year award winner. See next week's Driftwood for more winners, details and photos.

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WATER

Districts consider CRD management

Conversion studies give specs on changeover

BY AMY GEDES
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

A study is being finalized to gauge how much it would cost North Salt Spring Waterworks District (NSSWD) to convert to a Capital Regional District (CRD) entity.

Waterworks districts on Salt Spring have the option of being managed by CRD Environmental Services versus running as improvement districts on their own.

"The advantage is you qualify for government funding, whereas an improvement district on its own doesn't get any government

funding," said NSSWD manager Trevor Hutton.

The NSSWD conversion study, initiated last year, details the cost of infrastructure upgrades required to suit CRD standards. It will assist the NSSWD board of trustees in deciding if the changeover is economically feasible.

A referendum, Hutton said, would be held for customers to decide if they want to join the CRD.

After learning NSSWD may take that step, Scott Point Waterworks District initiated a conversion study of its own.

Scott Point now contracts NSSWD to service its customers. And should NSSWD become a CRD entity, Scott Point would have to follow

suit to continue being served by NSSWD in the long-term.

Scott Point just received a \$10,000 infrastructure planning grant from the provincial government to help fund a \$15,000 conversion study.

The other option for the Scott Point district, said its chair, is to seek the services of another entity outside the CRD.

Of the conversion study he said, "There is no commitment. It's strictly an exploratory exercise at this time."

The CRD currently manages six water systems in the Salt Spring electoral area: Beddis, Cedar Lane, Cedars of Tuam, Fernwood, Fulford Harbour and Highland. They are responsible for water supply, treatment and delivery of services in those areas.

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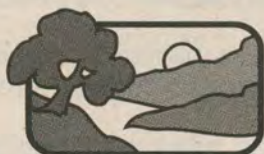


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When you vote in the Salt Spring Island Local Trust Area elections on **Saturday, November 15**, you will see the following referendum question:

"Are you in favour of increasing the number of locally-elected trustees that sit on the Salt Spring Island Local Trust Committee from two trustees to four?"

If the majority of voters say YES

The province has indicated it would make the necessary changes to provincial legislation to increase the size of the Salt Spring Island Local Trust Committee from three members to five. If the majority of voters say YES to the referendum question, a by-election will be held in 2009 to elect two additional Salt Spring Island Local Trustees. Four locally-elected trustees would sit on the committee, along with a chairperson appointed from the Islands Trust Executive Committee. All five members of the Salt Spring Island Local Trust Committee would have the same powers and authority on the committee.

If the majority of voters say NO

The Salt Spring Island Local Trust Committee will remain a three-member body as it is now, made up of two locally-elected trustees and one member of Trust Council's Executive Committee, who chairs the committee.

If you want to know more about the referendum, please attend the public information session on **October 29**. More information is also available on the Salt Spring Island Local Trust Committee home page on the Islands Trust web site at: www.islandstrust.bc.ca

Where and When You Can Vote

November 5 and 12, 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Ganges Fire Hall, 105 Lower Ganges Road, Salt Spring Island, BC
Mary Winspear Centre, 2243 Beacon Avenue, Sidney, BC

November 15, 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Fernwood Elementary School, 150 Fernwood Road, Salt Spring Island, BC
Fulford Community Elementary School, 203 South Ridge Road, Salt Spring Island, BC
Salt Spring Elementary School, 122 Rainbow Road, Salt Spring Island, BC
Anderson Elementary School, 9460 Alberta Road, Richmond, BC

Capital Regional District



Notice of Election by Voting 2008 General Local Elections

Public notice is hereby given that **General Voting Day** will be held from **8:00 am to 8:00 pm on Saturday, November 15, 2008** to elect persons to serve three-year terms of office as **Electoral Area Directors for Salt Spring Island and Southern Gulf Islands** on the **CRD Board** from December 2008 to December 2011.

Salt Spring Island Electoral Area - One Director to be elected:

Surname	Given Name(s)	Residential Address
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HOLMAN	Gary John	160 McLennan Drive, Salt Spring Island, BC V8K 1X2

Southern Gulf Islands Electoral Area - One Director to be elected:

Surname	Given Name(s)	Residential Address
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SMITH	Roy	1018 Roberts Road, Galiano Island, BC V0N 1P0

Voting Opportunities

Voting places will be open from **8:00 am to 8:00 pm on Saturday, November 15, 2008** to qualified electors of the Capital Regional District at:

Salt Spring Island Electoral Area

- Fernwood Elementary School, 150 Fernwood Road, Salt Spring Island, BC
- Fulford Community Elementary School, 203 South Ridge Road, Salt Spring Island, BC
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- Anderson Elementary School, 9460 Alberta Road, Richmond, BC

Southern Gulf Islands Electoral Area

- Lions's Hall, 992 Burrell Road, Galiano Island, BC
- Agricultural Hall, 430 Fernhill Road, Mayne Island, BC
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Chief Election Officer

Elector Qualifications

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The following are acceptable classes of documents for proof of identity:

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- BC CareCard or Gold CareCard
- Request for Continued Assistance form SDES8
- Social Insurance Card (Canada)
- Citizenship Card (Canada)
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- Credit card or debit card issued by a savings institution
- Utility bill

Please Note:

- Only **one** Non-Resident Property Elector may vote per property, regardless of how many owners there may be. Further, you may vote for only **one** property, no matter how many properties you own within the jurisdiction.
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- Automated vote counting machines will be used for the Salt Spring Island vote.

CYCLING

Riders bring out 'spooky spokes'

Final critical mass ride of the season

BY KIMI HENDESS
SPECIAL TO THE DRIFTWOOD

Saturday is the final Critical Mass Bike Ride of the season and cyclists will head into the winter dressed in Halloween style.

As always, cyclists will meet in Fulford, Vesuvius and anywhere en route, and ride together into Ganges. But unlike the other rides that have taken place the last Saturday of every month since May, this month's "Spooky Spokes" ride will bring the added excitement of finding a costume for riders and/or their bikes.

Critical Mass riders have enjoyed increased visibility through the monthly rides that began in the spring of last year, and have noticed the number of local cyclists on Salt Spring steadily rise. With the price of gas skyrocketing and awareness of our environmental impact affecting more daily decisions, cycling can be an enjoyable and healthy alternative to the car for many (if not all) trips that people make.

Even as we head into the fall and winter, many people are realizing that cycling is not as daunting as they once thought. With the long, wet, dark nights approaching, cyclists on the island ask drivers to take extra care when passing bicycles. Shoulders can sometimes be full of gravel or other obstructions, so if a cyclist is riding on the roadway, drivers should respect their right to use the road. And especially around blind corners or in areas of limited visibility, drivers need to take extra care not to pass a cyclist when there is a possibility of conflict with oncoming traffic.

Likewise, cyclists are reminded to wear helmets and bright, reflective clothing, use bright headlights and rear flashing lights, and to ride in a predictable manner obeying the rules of the road.

To join this Saturday's Critical Mass Ride, people can meet at Fulford Inn at 9:45; Cusheon Lake Road at Fulford-Ganges Road at 10:30; Vesuvius Store/Café at 10:15; Fritz Cinema at 10:30; Rainbow Road and Lower Ganges Road at 11 a.m.

The destination is Barb's Buns in Ganges.

For more information, call 250-653-0035 or www.ssicriticalmass.blogspot.com.



PHOTO BY DERRICK LUNDY

PLANT PUPPY: Carla Howard and "Roxy" find some green-thumb deals at the annual Salt Spring Garden Club fall plant sale, held Saturday at the Farmers Institute.

THEATRE

Tasks up for grabs in Godot production

'Cool play' seeking helpers

While most of the on-stage faces for the upcoming Waiting For Godot have been selected, the production is still seeking some behind-the-scenes people.

Scott Hylands, a performer as well as the director of the February production, says the crew still needs a stage manager and people to look after props and publicity.

"It's a very cool play," he says, adding "it's alive and well and looking for help."

Anyone interested in working on the show should contact Hylands at 250-537-4650 or shylands@shaw.ca.

Casting is now complete with Patrick Cassidy, Harry Warner, Bob Twaites and Hylands set to perform.

Sue Earle is doing costumes.

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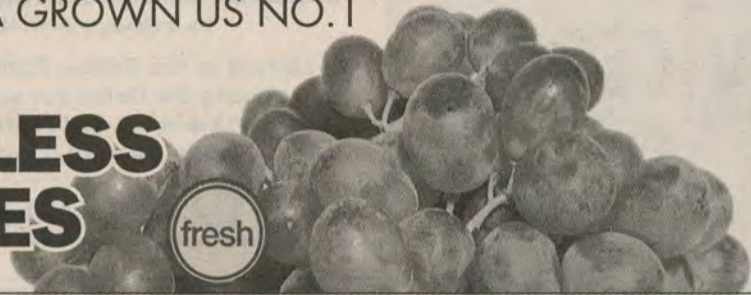
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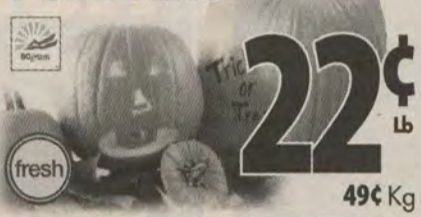
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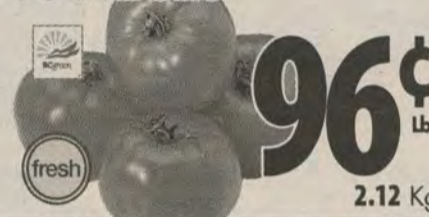
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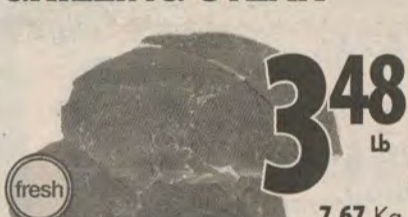
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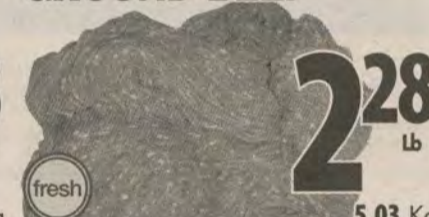
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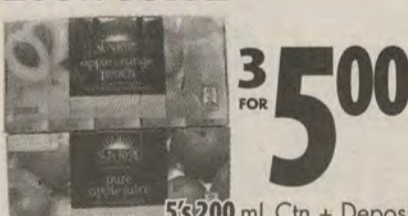
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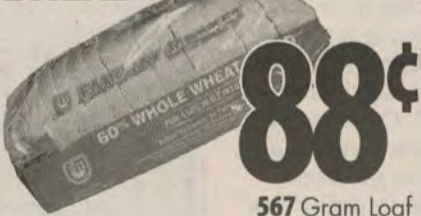
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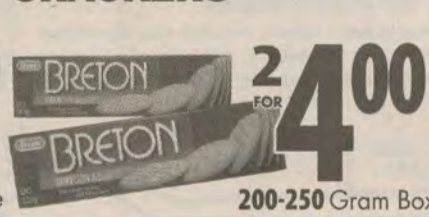
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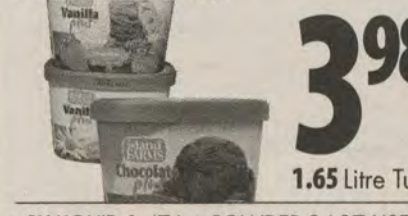
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NEWSBEAT

HEALTH

Salt Spring hosts Pap testing blitz

All women offered screening during cervical cancer awareness week.

BY AMY GEDES
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Salt Spring Island physicians will participate in a five-day Pap test blitz during cervical cancer awareness week from Oct. 27-31.

Any woman aged 16-69 not up-to-date with her Pap test can phone any Salt Spring physician's office to book an appointment for a test during the last week of October. Some physicians will be accepting drop-ins during specific hours.

Communities across Canada will similarly offer Pap tests as part of the Federation of Medical Women of Canada (FMWC) campaign aimed at getting more women screened for abnormal, potentially cancerous cells of the cervix.

"Cervical cancer remains a significant problem," says FMWC president Dr. Kathleen Gartke in a press release. "The Canadian Cancer Society predicts there will be 1,300 new cases of cervical cancer diagnosed in Canada this year."

The tragedy, Dr. Gartke says, is that up to 90 per cent of these cases could be prevented by regular screening programs.

With no family physicians accepting patients on Salt Spring at this time, the program gives women who have fallen behind on their regular Pap tests a chance to catch up.

"Our local physicians are aware that many people do not have a family doctor and that travelling off-island for this important cancer screening test is not always an option," said Salt Spring physician Dr. Jan MacPhail.

The campaign targets

women who do not have family physicians. But for those who do, the FMWC hopes the Pap test blitz will serve as a reminder to book a test with their own doctor.

The recommended frequency of Pap smears varies from province to province and depends on age, sexual activity and history of abnormal Pap tests.

"But it is estimated that between 15 and 35 per cent of women who should be tested, are not," says Dr. MacPhail.

"... many people do not have a family doctor and ... travelling off-island for this important cancer screening test is not always an option."

DR. JAN MACPHAIL
Salt Spring physician

Drop-in hours at MacPhail's clinic at 102-340 Lower Ganges Road are 7-8 p.m. Monday Oct. 27 and 7:30-9 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 30.

If you're not able to book an appointment during cervical cancer awareness week, the Salt Spring Options for Sexual Health (OPT) clinic offers Pap tests year-round as well as other reproductive counselling and health services for both men and women. An OPT nurse can be contacted at 250-537-8786.

AWARDS

Gulf Islands win B.C. fair awards

Hard work recognized

The 2008 editions of the Pender and Salt Spring Island fall fairs have brought home BC150 Awards of Excellence.

"Pender Island Fall Fair received first place for attendance of 3,000 visitors and under, and the Salt Spring Island Fall Fair received third place for attendance of 3,000 to 20,000 people," announced Saanich North and the Islands MLA Murray Coell last week. "It's great to see our government strongly supporting B.C.'s many agricultural fairs and I would particularly like to congratulate the two in my riding receiving awards. These community fairs strive to highlight the importance of agriculture, promote local food and bridge the urban

communities and food producers together."

The contributions of B.C. fairs and exhibitions were recognized by Okanagan-Vernon MLA Tom Christensen as he presented the Awards of Excellence at the B.C. Association of Agricultural Fairs and Exhibitions (BCAAFE) Annual Convention in Vernon.

Salt Spring's Rick Vipond, and Dianne Allison, Ellen Willingham and Sue Bailey from Pender Island received their awards in person from Christensen.

The theme for the 2008 Awards of Excellence Program was "Let's Celebrate 150 Years of Agriculture!" as part of the province's BC150 celebrations. Displays and prizes were supported by a total contribution of \$25,000 from the Ministry

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HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL

Scorpions nail blow-out victory

Make up for slow
with 48-18 win over
Howe Sound

BY PATRICK CWIKLINSKI
DRIFTWOOD CONTRIBUTOR

Maybe it was the long, hard week of practice they endured the week before, or perhaps the adrenaline of playing in front of an enthusiastic home crowd.

Whatever it was, the Gulf Islands Secondary School (GISS) Scorpions pulled off their first win of the season in blow-out fashion.

"It was an uplifting win," said defensive captain Myles Raposo of his team's efforts last Saturday against the Howe Sound Sounders. "It brought everyone together and we played like a team," said Raposo. "It's a great start to our road to the playoffs."

The Scorpions got off to a fantastic start with an early 39-yard touchdown from Lennart Palm that put them ahead 6-0. The Sounders tried their best to get past a shut-down Scorpions defence, led by the Raposo brothers—Myles, with seven tackles, and Mason, who had seven tackles and a sack. But the Sounders gained virtually nothing as GISS stood their ground and finished the quarter up by six.

The second quarter started off with a near touchdown for the Sounders, but Freddy Klaeger, with a beautiful fumble recovery, shifted the momentum back in favour of the Scorpions.

From there it was the Ian Barrett show as he ran 65 yards for the first of many touchdowns of the game, putting his team up 12-0 over the Sounders.

However, Howe Sound would come back and score consecutive touchdowns to tie the game at 12-12, but Barrett, off a 28-yard touchdown, put the Scorpions right back on top, finishing off the quarter at 20-12 after a conversion by Kevin Abbott.

Barrett's offensive dominance, consisting of well over a mind-blowing 300

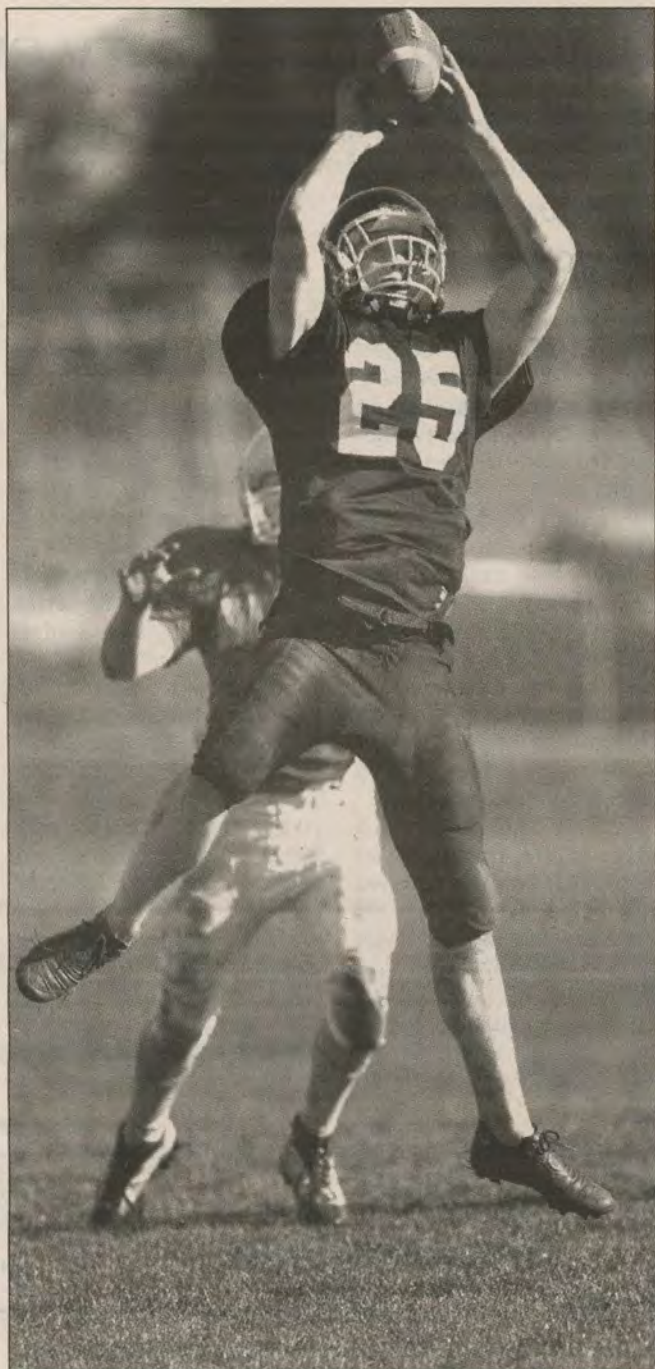


PHOTO BY JOHN CAMERON

Oliver Schnare intercepts a pass near the GISS endzone to help the Scorpions defeat Howe Sound 48-18.

yards, continued into the third quarter as he ran for a miraculous 80-yard touchdown off a kick-off return, similar to the one he had last week against G.P. Vanier. Down 26-12, the Sounders responded with their last touchdown of the game to make it 26-18 before the Scorpions turned it up once more to bury the Howe Sound team.

Abbott, who recorded 60 yards and a sack, and Aaron Hoffman, three tackles, 45

yards and an interception, both cranked their game up to another level, as did Oliver Schnare (four tackles, 20 yards and a fumble recovery), and quarterback Zach Corley (two tackles and 30 yards), to take some pressure off Barrett, who handled the majority of the running game. But Barrett still recorded two more touchdowns in the third, one for 68 yards and the other for 22 yards, to end the quarter with his team ahead 42-18.

The Scorpions played smart, conservative football in the fourth quarter and remained defensively sound as Nicholas Mundemann (two tackles and an interception), Cyrus Galea (a tackle and a fumble recovery), Guilherme Gonzalez-Verrone (two tackles) and Bradley Watson, Eric Pultke, Keenan Weberg, Connor Moore and Klaeger all contributed to keeping the Sounders off the scoreboard.

Schnare added one more touchdown and the Scorpions would end the game with an overwhelming victory over Howe Sound 48-18.

The Scorpions must win their next and final game of the season on Friday at home against the Port Alberni Armada to qualify for the British Columbia High School Football Association (BCHSFA) playoffs.

If the Scorpions repeat last week's performance, then they should be set to make their second consecutive appearance at B.C. Place in downtown Vancouver.

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SKATEBOARDING

Skate Comp wows onlookers

Locals dominate Kanaka Road
event

It was all nose grinds and hand plants as participants in the island's latest skateboarding competition cranked up the wow factor at the Kanaka Road Skate Park on Oct. 11.

Leon Sturgeon and Kyle Matheson finished first and second in the event's advanced category as Sage Anderson, Jack Roeke and Dylan McLeod finished first, sec-

ond and third in the intermediate category. Luke Hylands, Cameron Baeuer and Harrison Johnson took top spots in the beginner category.

"The whole event turned out really well," said event organizer Jade Snow Rosen.

"A lot of people came out to support us." An estimated 30 competitors from Salt Spring and beyond took part in the event.

All contestants had 90 seconds to show off their best moves in the park in an effort to win clothing, skateboard decks, wheels and other loot.

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SPORTS & RECREATION

WOMEN'S GOLF

Blackburn ladies' golf season ends well

Rocky Kinahan earns 2008
champion title

An enthusiastic Wednesday evening ladies league teed off Saturday during the season's wind-up tournament at Blackburn Meadows.

Rocky Kinahan came up with the lowest score — a solid 11 over par 43 —

and was awarded the ladies champion title.

Tagging closely behind was last year's champ, Theresa Jones, with a 45, followed by Judy Tyson, who shot a 46 and the KP for the evening.

Evelyn White had the long drive on #9 while Jones drained the long putt on #3.

The evening wrapped up with tour-

namment prizes and a four-item raffle. Blackburn Meadows thanks Mouat's Trading Co. for a most generous donation, as well as Pharmasave, Love my Kitchen, Raven Street Market Café, Skin Sensations and Salt Spring Coffee Company.

Blackburn Meadows Golf Club closes for the season on Oct. 31 and will re-open on March 1, 2009.

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YOUTH SOCCER

Oasis boys' victory evaporates with two end-of-game goals

Silver superiority yet
to be determined

SOCCERKICKS

• Salt Spring's U13 "Oasis" boys team had their biggest league challenge of the season on a sunny Saturday in Esquimalt, facing the undefeated Gorge United. Both teams went into the game 4-0, with U13 Silver bragging rights on the line.

The game started very much in favour of the home Gorge team, controlling the midfield play for much of the first 10 minutes.

Astute goalkeeping by Cody MacQueen and errand shots by the Gorge strikers kept it scoreless, however.

Salt Spring started to come to life, managing to score goals on their first two major offensive rushes, with tenacious play by and goals by Justin Kopetzki and Eric Weatherby. Tai Levitt added a nice goal on a failed clearing attempt, while Gorge responded to draw it to

within a pair at the half.

The second half featured a frantic pace of scoring, with both teams finding the back of the net repeatedly.

Eldin Miller-Stead had his best outing of the season, with a goal and several key plays both ways. Lukas Wenzel scored on a nice feed from Levitt, while Kopetzki and Weatherby each added second half goals.

With about five minutes to go and the Oasis ahead 7-5, what looked like a Salt Spring victory vaporized as the home Gorge side struck twice, the last one just seconds before the final whistle. Silver superiority will have to be decided on another day, as the game ended 7-7.

• After valiantly playing three games with only 10 players, the U13 girls took on Cordova Bay with a roster

of 11 players.

The new Cordova turf field wasn't finished in time for the game, so the girls had to play in long damp grass, but it didn't put out defensive player Zoe Savage's foot that was on fire as she continuously deflected balls from the Cordova players.

Despite Salt Spring's repeated shots on goal, the game was scoreless at the half.

It turned around when goalie Becki Steel moved to striker and passed to Brenna McIntyre, who scored the first goal of the game. Soon after Jasmine Cooper combined with Zorah Wiltzen, who knocked the ball in to put Salt Spring up 2-0.

McIntyre was there to make sure the ball was in the net and she got another chance later in the second half on another assist from Steel when she high-kicked another goal to secure Salt Spring's win 3-0.

Thank You



On behalf of the Salt Spring Island Junior Golf Association special recognition is extended to all those involved in making the 8th Annual Richard Vermeulen Memorial Cup Golf Fun Day another resounding success. The tremendous community spirit exemplified in the generous support of this important event is very much appreciated. Our sincere thanks go out to the many individuals and organizations, without whom this special day for JUNIOR GOLF would not have been possible.

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Finally, thanks to all of the golfers for their continued participation. This was a record year and added just over \$13,000.00 to the Junior Golf Fund. Without YOU this event would not be possible. We look forward to seeing you all again next year for the 9th Annual Richard Vermeulen Memorial Cup Fun Day in support of Junior Golf.



Capital Regional District



Notice of Application to Volunteer as a Scrutineer Salt Spring Liquid Waste Disposal Facilities Referendum

Take notice that the assent of the electors is required with regard to Bylaw No. 3564, "Salt Spring Island Liquid Waste Disposal Facilities Loan Authorization Bylaw No. 1, 2008". Qualified electors of the Electoral Area of Salt Spring Island will be asked to vote on the following question on **Saturday, November 15, 2008:**

"Are you in favour of the Capital Regional District Board adopting Bylaw No. 3564, "Salt Spring Island Liquid Waste Disposal Facilities Loan Authorization Bylaw No. 1, 2008" to authorize the borrowing of up to \$2,100,000 for upgrading liquid waste disposal and composting facilities located on Burgoyne Bay Road. Yes or No?"

Scrutineers

Applications to act as a scrutineer for those organizations for and against the bylaw shall be received at the offices of the Capital Regional District (CRD), P. O. Box 1000, 625 Fisgard Street, Victoria, B.C. V8W 2S6 between 8:30 am and 4:30 pm from **Wednesday, October 22, 2008 until Friday, October 31, 2008**. Application forms and information on the requirements and procedures for making an application are available at the CRD by telephoning toll free 1.800.663.4425 local 3129 or 250.360.3129 or at the address noted above.

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CONGRATULATIONS TO: Caroline Hickman and Rheona Severson! They were each the winners of tickets for two to the Howie Damron Concert. Thank you to all who entered our draw.

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CELEBRATIONS

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WEDDINGS

Married



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IN MEMORIAM



We, the staff at Greenwoods, wish to commemorate the passing of our dear friend and colleague, Katherine Chorney, Oct. 24, 2007. She will always be fresh in our memories as she was in life. We miss you very much, Katherine.

LORRAINE (DODS) MOTH



She smiles down upon us.
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Loved & remembered forever.
 Mom, Les, Loretta, Mark, William & Anna

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DEATHS

BRYAN STEVENSON DENTON
 March 6, 1936 to October 21, 2008
 Bryan passed away peacefully with family surrounding him at Lady Minto, after suffering a brief respiratory illness. He leaves to mourn his loving wife and best friend Audrey, children Colin (Sharron) of Pender Island, Candice (Rand) of Aptos, Calif., Heather of Vancouver, David and Jeanette of Drumheller and three darling granddaughters. Also brother Don (Tini) of Calgary, sisters JoAnne Jones of Vancouver and Marjorie Grayston of Victoria and many nieces and nephews.

Bryan spent his working career in the labour movement, being involved for over 25 years with the United Food and Commercial Workers Union and later on the Labour Board.

He was an endless reader throughout his life and in his retirement on Salt Spring he took up hobby farming, boating, golfing and worldwide travel. He was active in the community as a Meals on Wheels driver, Seniors driver and served on the Ferry Advisory Committee.

FLORITTO, DIANA

Diana passed away peacefully on Tuesday, Oct. 7, 2008 on Salt Spring Island. She will always be remembered by her loving husband Rino, children Rob, Lisa and Elaine, other family members and friends. At Diana's request there will be no service. No flowers by request.

COMING EVENTS

Call to Artists from the Salt Spring Arts Council for Artists in the Class Programme 2009.
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CANADIAN FEDERATION of University Women's Club will be meeting on Sat. Oct. 25 at the Harbour House from 10am to Noon. Vanessa Hammond will present "Something to Yak About", a presentation of her work with wonderful co-ops of nomadic felt-makers in Mongolia including a slideshow of the co-ops and the wonderful Mongolian landscape. This work is supported by the Canadian Co-Op Association and your tax dollars through Canadian International Development Agency. Vanessa describes this work as the most fun and most rewarding of her 50 years as a co-operator. Contact Ruth Hopping at 250-537-9682 or email: newchairs@shaw.ca

CONNECTING CHILDREN and Nature. Speaker: Dr. Bob Peart on Nature Deficit Disorder; and a film with E.O. Wilson on biodiversity. Live auction, a benefit for the SSI Conservancy. Thurs., Oct. 30, ArtSpring. Doors open at 7pm.

ENGLISH COUNTRY DANCE
 New SSI Contra and English Country Dance group starting on Sat. Oct. 25 at 7pm for beginners and learned enthusiasts. All dances taught. If you can walk you can do these dances. Please call 250-537-9551 or 250-538-1770 for info.

DEATHS

Margrit Albrecht ~ April 9th, 1932-October 8th, 2008
 Margrit Albrecht passed away at Peace Arch Hospital in White Rock, B.C., on October 8th, 2008. Margrit was born April 9th, 1932 in Leer, Germany.
 She was preceded in death by husband Oswald Albrecht. Margrit is survived by her son Dean Albrecht, daughter Nicole Blackburn, their spouses Danielle Albrecht and Andrew Blackburn, her four grandchildren Adam Albrecht, Claudia Albrecht, Benjamin Blackburn and Thomas Blackburn, and her brother Kurt Koken. She will be remembered for her gentle spirit and endless compassion. So loved, so missed and so very dear.
 Her family would like to thank the staff at Peace Arch Hospital, Ocean View Care Home, and Westshore Laylum Care Home who cared for her during her last years.
 In lieu of flowers, please donate to the Alzheimer's Society or your favourite charity. A celebration of her life will be held at Beach Grove Golf Club, in Tsawwassen on Sunday, October 26, 2008 at 1:00 p.m.

DEATHS

On Sunday October 12, 2008, Betty Jean Tyrchniewicz, mother, daughter, and sister passed away at 49, following a battle with cancer. Betty passed peacefully and consciously in the presence of good friends, a brave and noble soul, returning home.
 Betty was born on November 26, 1958 in New Westminster, B.C. She grew up in Winnipeg with her parents and two sisters, running the family restaurant. After university she worked for Parks Canada in Northern Communities and eventually settled with her daughter Emma in Saskatoon, before coming to the coast and living on Cortes and Salt Spring islands.
 Betty will be lovingly remembered by her daughter Emma, her sister and brother-in-law Debbie and Greg Baskrak, (legal guardians of Emma), her sister Linda Ritchie, nieces Lindsey, Natalie and Lauren, and her brother Daniel Boychuk. She will also be remembered and held dear by her extended family and friends.
 A memorial service will be held on Saturday, October 25th, at 1:00 p.m. at the Yoga Studio in Ganges on Salt Spring Island.
 Donations to the Salt Spring Island food bank (268 Fulford-Ganges Road) are gratefully accepted in memory of Betty and her generous heart.

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Heartfelt Thanks To All the Members, Staff and Partners of Friends Fitness

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You have brightened my life and I am honoured to have been able to be of some small service to you

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Deepest Regards, Wendy

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COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

COMING EVENTS
HOT YOGA at North End Fitness with Deb Leblanc. info@debfit.com 250-537-7696.

Fair Trade Sale of World Crafts
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 25
10 AM TO 4 PM
 at two locations in downtown Ganges
 **TEN THOUSAND VILLAGES**
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SOLID EXCHANGE
Salt Spring Organization for Life Improvement and Development
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VACATION SPOTS

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

SALT SPRING Search and Rescue will be holding its Annual General Meeting on Nov 4 at 7:00pm at 261 Fulford-Ganges Road.

The Harbour Authority Of Salt Spring Island will be holding its Annual General Meeting Oct 29th, 2008, 7 pm, at the Harbour House Hotel

UNITARIAN FELLOWSHIP
Sunday, October 26, 11am at Salt Spring Senior's Centre. Lorna Wood talks on C.G. Jung's Depth Psychology and Religion. Join the discussion. www.unitariancongregation.org.

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Water Preservation Society

Thursday, Oct. 30th, 7 pm

Harbour House Hotel (Green Room)

Challenges of Sustaining Clean and Healthy Drinking Water Among Island Communities.

Professor Asit Mazumder, NSERC Industrial Research Chair in Environmental Management of Drinking Water, University of Victoria

Find out what is in your well or lake and why.

Sid & Arvid

GEEZER COMEDY

T.I.T.S.

(The Island Trust Story)

All Candidates

ArtSpring, Friday, Nov. 7 & Saturday, Nov. 8

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INFORMATION



REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

The Salt Spring Island Parks & Recreation Commission is seeking an experienced consulting firm to prepare a Parks & Recreation Strategic Plan including a public opinion survey.

Details regarding this RFP can be obtained from:

Kees Ruurs, Parks & Recreation Manager,
SSI PARC Administration Office, 145 Vesuvius Bay Road
Salt Spring Island, BC V8K 1K3
By calling 250-537-4448
or email request to parc@saltspring.com

DEADLINE for Proposal Submissions is November 7, 2008 at 4 pm



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Fax: 250-537-4456 or email: parc@saltspring.com
Phone: 250-537-4448 for more information



Islands Trust

INDUSTRIAL ZONED LAND
CALL FOR SUBMISSION OF EXPRESSIONS
TO PARTICIPATE IN A SPECIAL PROJECT
ADVISORY
PLANNING COMMISSION

The Salt Spring Island Local Trust Committee (LTC) has agreed to set up a special project Advisory Committee to assess the need, requirements and preferred location of industrial-zoned land on Salt Spring Island.

The Salt Spring Island Local Trust Committee is now inviting persons with an interest in industrial land issues including - residents, industrial operators and other interested persons, to submit their expression of interest in serving on this special project. Terms of reference are available at the Islands Trust office at 1-500 Lower Ganges Road, Salt Spring Island, BC.

Up to seven members of the community will be appointed by the LTC and meetings of the committee would start as soon as possible. Members would establish their own meeting schedule with Islands Trust assistance for the first meeting. Appointments will be for up to one (1) year but the Islands Trust would like to receive the written recommendations and committee's report no later than March 31, 2009. Discussion and clarification of recommendations could occur after March 31, 2009.

Interested applicants should notify the Islands Trust no later than October 31, 2008. Please call the Islands Trust office at 250-537-9144 or email: ssiinfo@islandstrust.bc.ca

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Islands Trust
SALT SPRING ISLAND
LOCAL TRUST COMMITTEE
NOTICE OF
BUSINESS MEETING

The Salt Spring Island Local Trust Committee will be meeting to consider various matters of general business, such as applications received, bylaw reviews and meeting notes.

DATE: Thursday, Nov. 6, 2008

TIME: 1:00 p.m.

PLACE: ArtSpring
100 Jackson Avenue

Starting at 1:00 p.m. up to 45 minutes will be available for the public to discuss local land use matters with the Local Trust Committee. Those who wish to present a more formal petition, or make a delegation to the Committee as an Agenda item, must advise Islands Trust staff at least one week in advance of the meeting so that they can be added to the beginning of the Agenda. For information about the Agenda, please call the Islands Trust at 250-537-9144.

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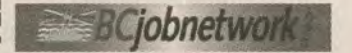
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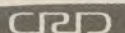
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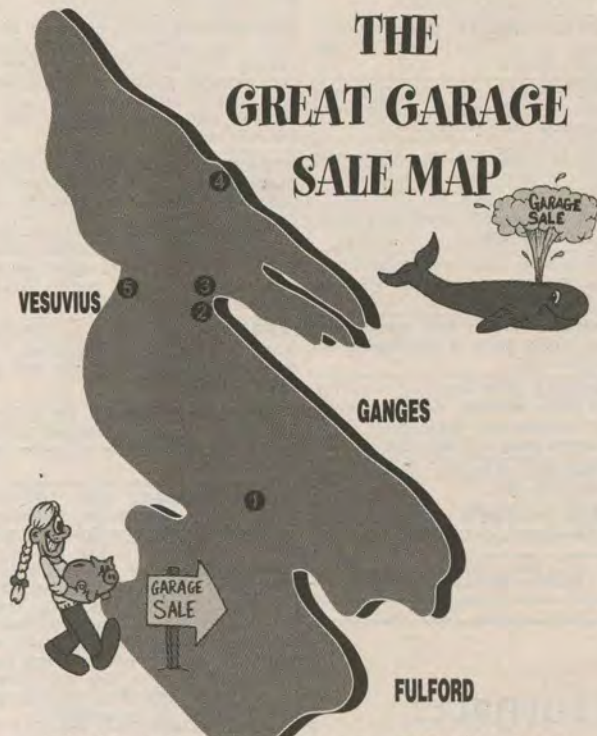
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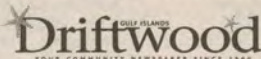
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This Week's Horoscope by Michael O'Connor

Aries (Mar 21 - Apr 20)
Some noticeable shifts and changes in your mood and focus will be apparent this week. Your passions will deepen and you will act to expand your position. Meetings with key players will take on added intensity and prove very provocative. The time to make some big moves and decisions is upon you. Aim to harness and direct your skills and resources and those of others with new angles and designs.

Taurus (Apr 20 - May 21)
Efforts to bring new levels of balance, harmony, beauty and precision to your affairs are a central theme now. Your focus remains strategic and practical, yet you may be more willing to negotiate terms. However, you still want to expand your current position and are determined to do whatever it takes. Magnetic attractions could prove distracting. Affirm your resolve and focus.

Gemini (May 21 - Jun 21)
A focus upon health and hygiene will take on added importance this week. Perhaps you want to pay more attention to your diet or even do an organ cleanse. Alternatively, you may want to do a big clean-up in your home or working environment. Desires to clear debts are also possible. Somehow, your interests include investments to create a smoother flow and generate greater returns.

Cancer (Jun 22 - Jul 22)
Playing with new ideas and possibilities will keep you busy this week. You are in the mood to sketch, outline and design a new plan. People and especially circumstances are pushing you to make some important decisions. Those that include education are ideal. New directions you are headed towards will prove very engaging in the years to come, so take your time to choose well.

Leo (Jul 23 - Aug 23)
A focus upon important shifts and changes close to home will take on added importance this week. You may simply want to have more fun and will make that clear. The goal of creating a more abundant lifestyle is likely. That you want to play more and also achieve more somehow poses a tricky balance. Enjoying a simpler yet more disciplined lifestyle could be the answer. Outline a plan!

Virgo (Aug 24 - Sep 22)
Taking inventory of your assets, resources and creative potential will keep you busy starting this week. With your overall sense of determination on the rise, this is a good time to challenge yourself to set new goals to achieve. Projects that you can do from home may prove especially attractive. Summoning the will to invest time and energy to focus your passions will prove inspiring!

Libra (Sep 23 - Oct 22)
Desires for more passion, money and power in general are on your mind. You are in the mood to flirt with possibilities and take new initiatives. Seeking a variety of stimulations will prove more important than any one single direction. Investment interests are highly likely. As prior notions of security steadily dissolve, this is a good time to explore your options.

Scorpio (Oct 23 - Nov 21)
You are in a restless and pioneering mood these days. You are determined to negotiate for a better deal. You want to increase the scope and/or depth of your skills and talents. Returns for past choices and efforts are coming your way. Now, whether by inspiration or perspiration you want to take a few calculated risks. Avoid spreading yourself too thin and keep your intentions private for now, but do take initiatives.

Sagittarius (Nov 22 - Dec 21)
This is the time for you to rest and retreat. Aim to go within somehow, to meditate and/or sleep more. You may still want to connect with friends but may prefer more intimate engagements. Dreaming and/or intuiting a new plan and design for how you would like things to be is likely. Gaining new knowledge with practicality in mind will prove inspiring. Rest now to recharge your batteries.

Capricorn (Dec 22 - Jan 19)
Change is the law and it is upon you now, in a big way. At best, you are in an adventurous mood, poised to expand your horizons. Knowing who your friends are is especially important. Yet, you are ready to break free of prior involvements. Being the innovator and director of a whole new show is on your mind. Embrace this time of change as an opportunity to express a fuller measure of your power potential.

Aquarius (Jan 20 - Feb 19)
The time is ripe to approach authority figures for favours and earned rewards. Learning and/or teaching new skills will bring recognition. Demonstrate your intuitive abilities and refined mind for others to see. Despite many deep changes brewing within, exercise full faith and conviction in your existing powers and emerging potential. Take an assertive yet diplomatic approach to be seen and heard.

Pisces (Feb 20 - Mar 20)
You are in a philosophical yet determined mood. This could lead you to push your beliefs and values too hard. You are wise to do your research before you assert your views. This includes respecting the rights, freedoms, choices and orientations of others. Alternatively, you could use this energy to assert yourself to learn new skills and approaches and gather new tools. See a bigger picture!

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WOMEN'S SOCCER

Dragons close in on first place ranking

Locals stand tall against division's best

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

The Salt Spring Island Dragons kept their cool and pulled off a dramatic come-from-behind performance to tie Vic West on Sunday in Victoria.

"They are a pretty physical team," said team manager and player Joanne O'Connor.

"We just went in hard. You can't back off, otherwise you get hurt."

Despite trailing by two goals at the game's halfway point, the Dragons wasted little time getting back into the match in the second half.

The team's first goal, a free kick deflected by Cheryl Johnson, left the opposition keeper little chance for the save.

Each team received a yellow card in what O'Connor described as a physically demanding match.

The Vic West card was issued to a player for swearing at the referee, while the Dragons were carded for a tackle in the second half.

Salt Spring player Lee-Ann Norgard tied up the

score with only minutes remaining, scoring off a free kick that sailed over the Vic West's defenders and beyond the keeper's grasp.

"It was an awesome goal," O'Connor said.

"It was so important that we tie this game."

Johnson was forced to leave the game prematurely after getting kicked in the shin.

An X-ray revealed no broken bones, but O'Connor could not say if Johnson would be back in the lineup for this weekend's match.

Carol Adam, playing in goal for the absent Kym Bellavance, held back the unrelenting Vic West attackers to preserve the Dragons' chances.

O'Connor also credited the team's forwards with a strong and persistent attack from the opening whistle.

The tie improves the Dragons' record to 3-1-1. They are tied for third place in the Lower Island Women's Soccer Association league with 10 points.

The team will be back at home on the lower high school field on Sunday, Oct. 26 when they take on Prospect Lake (1-3-2). Game time is set for 12:30 p.m.

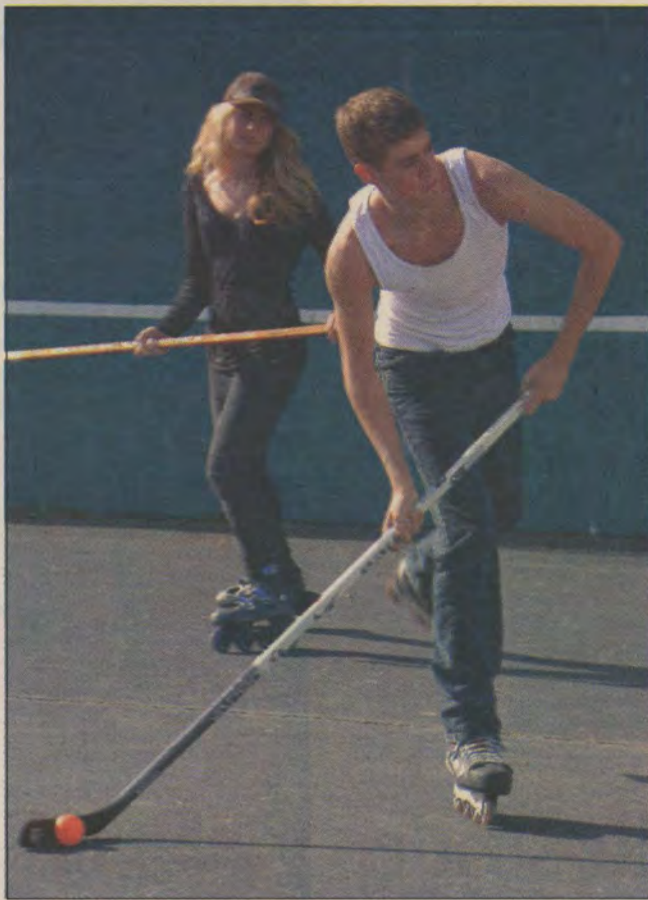


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HOCKEY ON WHEELS: Siblings Caitlin and Trevor Morrisette enjoy a little roller hockey at Portlock Park on a recent sunny weekend.

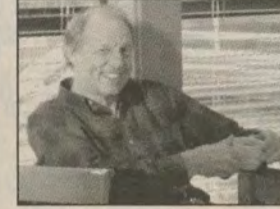


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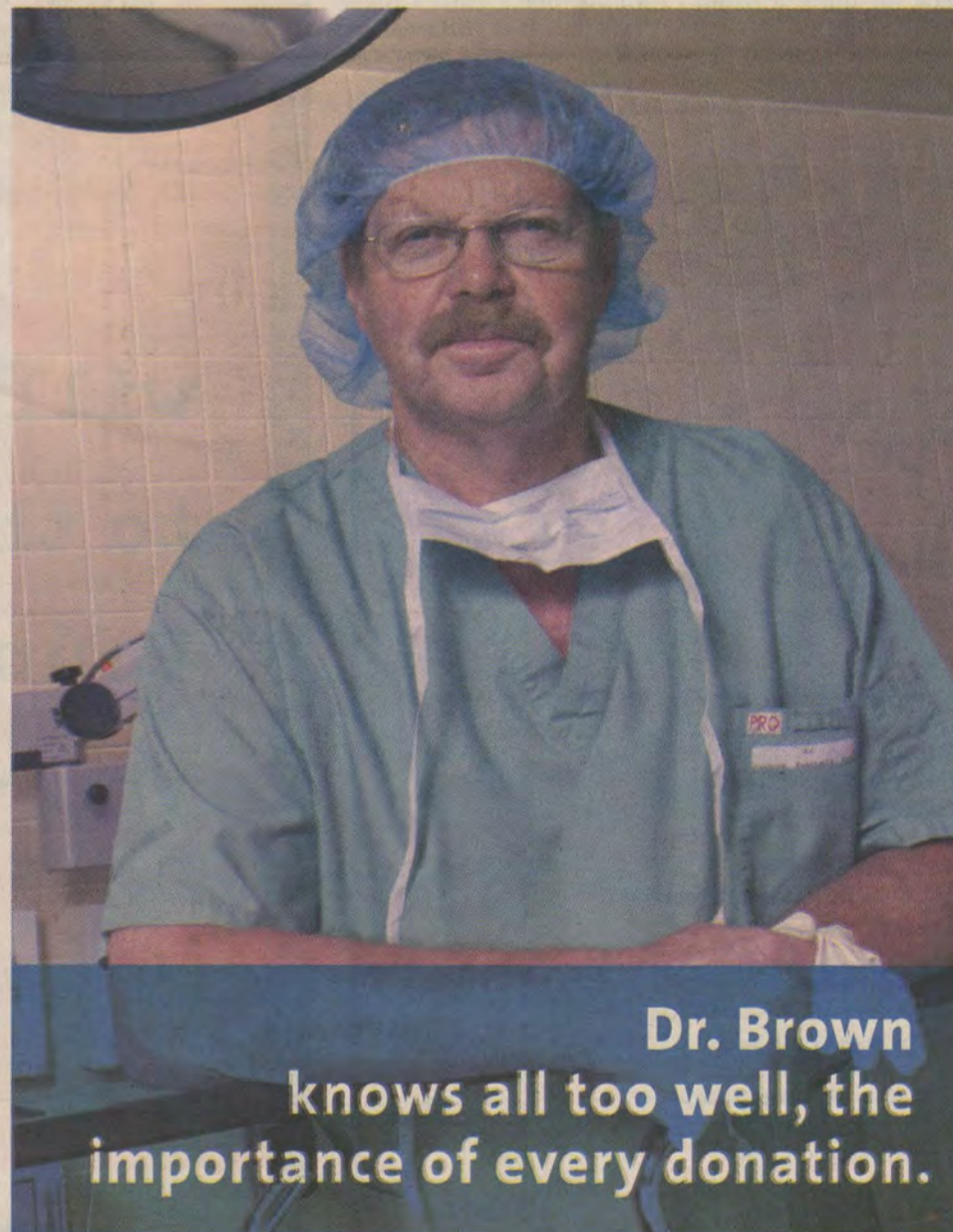
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SOCCER DAY:

Salt Spring youth soccer players enjoy the Saturday "mini" program at Portlock Park.

MEN'S SOCCER

Salt Spring FC finds its stride

Team earns win despite dwindling ranks

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Salt Spring FC continue to battle it out in the Vancouver Island Soccer League's second division, earning a 3-1 victory against the Gorge Canadians over the weekend.

FC took control of the match early on thanks to a goal scored off a penalty kick in by Jeremy Morrison.

"He just buried it in the bottom-left corner," said

team spokesperson Jordon Morrison.

The team took a two-goal lead in the second half after Jesson Motherwell tapped the ball behind the defenders and past Gorge's keeper.

Morrison said the lack of players became apparent midway through the second half as players' endurance began to falter.

Gorge gained control of the ball and soon closed the gap to a single goal.

"We sort of sat back and didn't have much of an attack for quite a while," Morrison said.

The low number of players at the game made sub-

stitutions impossible, he added.

"That takes its toll," he said.

With only minutes remaining in the match, however, Div. 5 call-up Jeremy Moulton put the game out of reach with FC's third and final goal.

The victory improves FC's record to 2-3-2. They remain in seventh position.

Salt Spring FC players will try to move up the ranks when they try for a second consecutive victory against eighth-place Powell River Villa (2-5-1) at Portlock Park on Saturday, Oct. 25 at 2:15 p.m.

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