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LOCAL ELECTIONS

Candidates launch governance bombshell

Ehring, Torgrimson and Holman say they're open to restructuring study

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Like it or not, Salt Springers will be getting a government restructuring study — of some kind or other — regardless of who they vote for in local elections slated for Nov. 15.

The news comes following an Islanders for Self Government-sponsored all-candidates meeting on Monday evening where local Trust committee incumbent George Ehring and candidate Christine Torgrimson said they would initiate a restructuring study if elected.

"The question now is about supporting a study and I do think, on the basis of information, misinformation, apprehension and misapprehension that people have in the community, that it is very much a worthwhile thing to do to have that kind of information available for people and done correctly," Ehring told a crowd of more than 100 people assembled at Community Gospel Chapel.

Also citing a need to clear up "the confusion about governance on the island," Torgrimson urged community members to work together

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SEARCH AND RESCUE

Whistles, cell phone aid 8-hour search

Hiker lost on Mount Maxwell

BY GAIL SJUBERG
DRIFTWOOD EDITOR

Salt Spring Search and Rescue volunteers faced a tough and chilly challenge last Thursday night when they tried to locate a hiker lost on Mount Maxwell.

The local male had gone hiking up the moun-

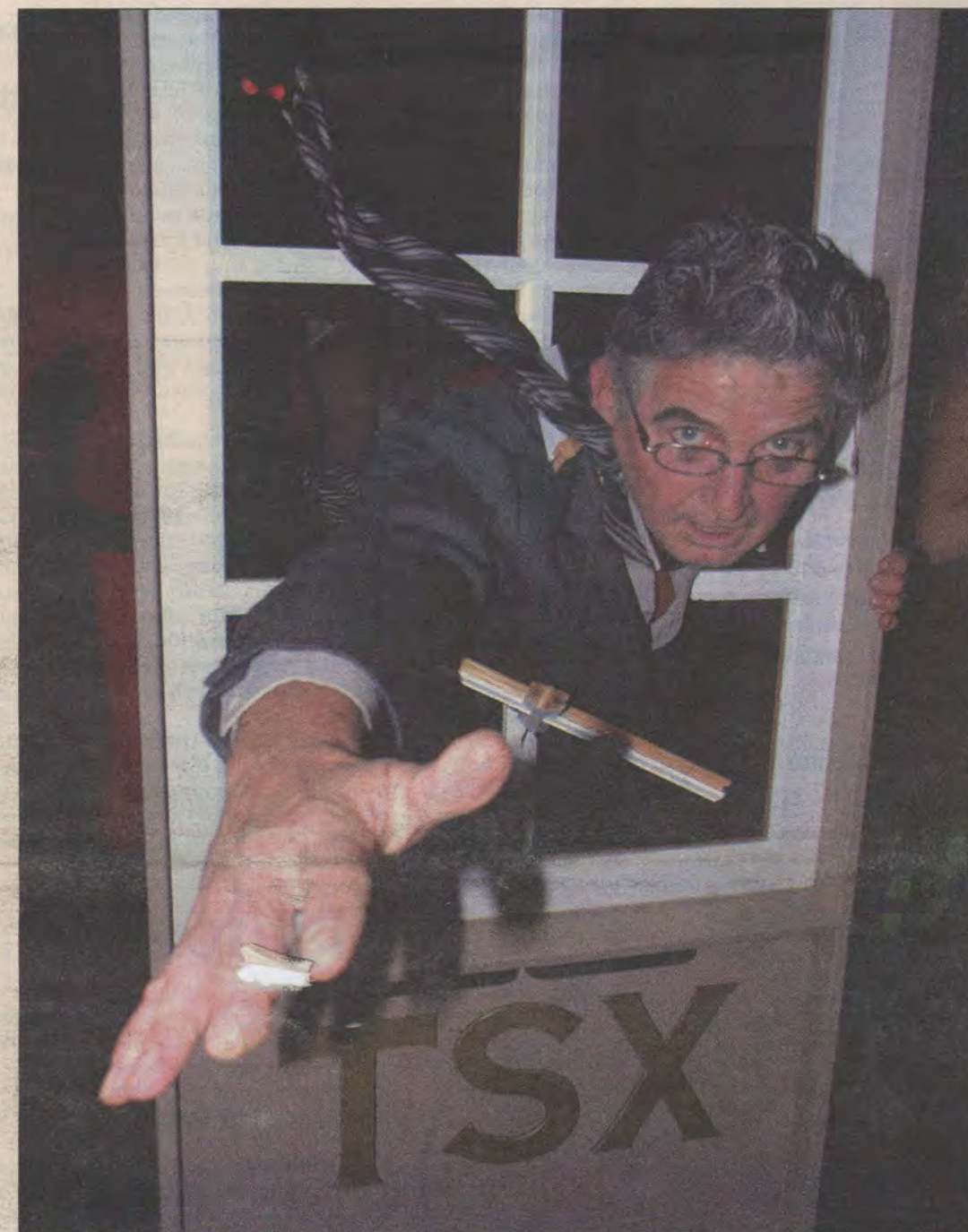


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TIMELY COSTUME: Bruce Mailey arrives as a desperate stockbroker in one of the more creative costumes at Friday night's annual Spooktacular Bash, held at the Farmers Institute.

HEALTH CARE

Hospital struggles to attract surgeon

Shut operating room gathers dust

BY AMY GEDDES
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Shut since the end of June, Lady Minto Hospital's \$3-million, state-of-the-art operating room remains unused.

The Vancouver Island Health Authority (VIHA) has not replaced general surgeon Dr. Roy Preshaw after asking him to resign earlier in the year. And an uneasy Salt Spring public is tired of writing letters to VIHA and not receiving the definitive answers they are looking for.

Among those deeply concerned are Lady Minto Hospital Foundation members who spearheaded a campaign to raise \$780,000 for the \$3-million upgrade, completed only four years ago.

"It seems like such a waste of money to make a beautiful, state-of-the-art operating room and not use it," says 17-year hospital foundation member Vivian Dawson, who had written VIHA over the summer only to receive a form letter stating, "Please be assured that the Vancouver Island Health Authority has made no decision to close the operating rooms at Lady Minto."

While OR doors remain closed, patients requiring major surgeries, such as those dealing with appendicitis or an aneurism, are taken by helicopter to Victoria General, Cowichan General or Royal Jubilee hospitals.

Dawson points out VIHA money is now being wasted on transporting patients to other hospitals while the operating room sits under plastic covers.

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tain from Burgoyne Bay Provincial Park, got off the beaten path and didn't know where he was.

Fortunately, said SAR search manager Chuck Hamilton, the man had a cell phone and a whistle. He used the phone to call for help — SAR was paged by Salt Spring RCMP at 6:20 p.m. — and communicated with Hamilton before the battery died. Use of the whistle as instructed by Hamilton is what eventually led searchers to the

man on a steep slope on the mountain.

"It was very steep, very treacherous and very dark," said Hamilton.

At about 11:15 p.m., a whistle blast was heard. One group reached the man, who was unharmed and warm because he was able to start a fire, at about midnight. It then took two hours for the team to hike to safety at the top of the mountain.

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"to ask some good questions and get some good answers."

"I want to see a collaborative process here. I want to see private funds, I'd like to see foundation funds, I'd like to see [Islanders for Self Government] plunk in some money, the Capital Regional District (CRD) and the Trust and let's pull together and have a really good dialogue that maybe isn't a Cadillac version," Torgrimson said.

Even Salt Spring's CRD director Gary Holman courted the need for a study, adding, however, that such a project remains less pressing than priorities of public transit, climate change and affordable housing.

"The best I can do is say that I would not oppose and I would participate in a study of options but, please be clear, I would not support a conventional restructuring study done by a consultant who tends to work for the province [which has an incentive to download expenses to municipalities]."

The candidates' sudden about-face was a surprise to many in the audience, as well as fellow Islands Trust candidates Norbert Schlenker and Kimberly Lineger, and Salt Spring CRD director

candidate Garth Hendren.

All three decided to run in the election based on their view that a restructuring study must be initiated as soon as possible.

"I applaud [the decision by Ehring, Torgrimson and Holman] because that sounds like they stole a plank off my website," Schlenker said.

Now that all candidates are in favour of a study, he added, the question becomes how it will be conducted.

"[Ehring] had many opportunities to have a fair process during the Islands Trust's governance review and his thumbs and [trustee Peter Lamb's] thumbs were on the scale the entire time. That's documented, it's in the terms of reference, it's in the public input and it was completely ignored," he said.

Schlenker promised a thorough, balanced and independent study to outline the pros and cons of various forms of governance suited to Salt Spring Island. A governance study and the possibility of a referendum on incorporation, he stressed, would not mean putting an end to the Islands Trust.

"I don't believe that the province set up the Trust to implement the agenda of the [Salt Spring] Conservancy. The agenda of the

conservancy is part of that, but it is not all of that," he said. "Consider who is more trustworthy. Consider the people who said from the beginning that we should have an honest study of the options and who has, as I've said before, performed death-bed conversions."

"... that sounds like they stole a plank off my website."

NORBERT SCHLENKER
Trustee candidate

Lineger, who served as a Salt Spring trustee between 2002 and 2005, said she is returning to the political arena after noticing the difficulties of operating community-based social programs under the current governance system.

Lineger is open to a system that preserves the Trust's mandate while improving service delivery, but asked participants to keep an open mind about what that system would look like.

"An educated Salt Springer in this vibrant and creative community that we have, if given all of the facts, may just surprise you when it comes to a referendum

on incorporation, so please do not assume the outcome because, during a discussion on governance, we may get so creative that we may blow the mind of the province," she said. "Do not assume the outcome, because we do not know what that is yet."

CRD director candidate Garth Hendren told the audience that the completion of a governance study may be one of the most important projects the island and its residents have ever undertaken.

"I just want to see a government that embraces everything that we have and want and expands on those things and brings us more democracy," Hendren said. "That's why I'm doing this, it's the only reason I'm doing this. I'm into democracy."

Though supportive of a restructuring study, Hendren told the audience that a thorough plan would be an extensive project.

"In all honesty, this is a big thing. We don't get many opportunities to do this," he said. "It's got to be more than three years," Hendren added. "There's no way we can pull this off in three years."

Two more all-candidates debates are set: one sponsored by the Driftwood on Saturday, Nov. 1 at 1:30 p.m. at ArtSpring, and the other on Thursday, Nov. 6 at Fulford Hall at 7:30 p.m.

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Man found in treacherous spot

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Other searchers and RCMP personnel had also gone in from the Burgoyne Bay side, and an RCMP canine unit was called in.

"A number of our members got a good workout that night," said Hamilton.

Both Hamilton and SAR volunteer Michael Butler said it was extremely fortunate the man was not hurt or otherwise needed to be taken off the mountain by stretcher.

If that had been the case, they estimate the trek would have consumed five hours, and it's possible they would have had to wait until the morning for a helicopter to

lift him out. Helicopter services were on standby to go out at first light in case he was not found during the night.

They also said that without use of the whistle, it seemed doubtful SAR would have found him before morning. Because of the terrain, searchers didn't even see smoke or any light from the fire.

One group was sent to investigate a light spotted far in the distance. When they got closer, however, it was obvious the light was not from the man's fire.

Hamilton and Butler say if SAR had a better pair of binoculars, it would have been apparent that the lead was not a productive one. About 90

minutes of that group's time would have been saved and their risk reduced, since the route was a treacherous one.

If anyone in the community has a good set of binoculars they can donate to SAR, the group would be extremely grateful. Call Hamilton at 250-538-9032 regarding any donations.

SAR was thankful to Thrifty Foods staff on Thursday night, as they quickly prepared and supplied the group with much-needed food and water for search headquarters at Mount Maxwell.

Searchers were also able to use the GPS units recently purchased with a Salt Spring Island Foundation grant.

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The following candidates also support an informed community debate about local island government.

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LIQUID WASTE REFERENDUM

Biosolid compost plan a pipe dream, says opponent

More info needed ahead of CRD's \$2.1-million Nov. 15 referendum

BY SEAN MCINTYRE AND GAIL SJUBERG
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

With roughly two weeks to go before Salt Spring Island voters are asked whether or not they favour a proposed \$2.1-million upgrade to the liquid waste disposal facility at Burgoyne Bay, a Salt Spring resident is raising the need for more dialogue and some concrete answers.

"This is a huge subject and here we have 15 days to understand it [before voting]," said retired engineer Peter Lake.

Lake has spent plenty of time pondering the science behind liquid waste management policies and processes. While he accepts the Capital Regional District (CRD) arguments for upgrading the site — based largely on improving efficiency, capacity and protecting equipment — Lake has become concerned about a parallel proposal to pursue a liquid-waste composting pilot project on the site, for which some of the funds would be used.

The Burgoyne Bay facility receives an estimated 600 tonnes of sewage sludge from island septic tanks and the Ganges and Maliview sewage treatment plants annually. Dewatered biosolids are currently trucked to the Hartland landfill near Victoria.

To reduce expenses associated with trucking the leftover waste off the island, the CRD's composting project would turn leftover biosolids into a "product suitable for limited land application" in gardens and yards, according to information provided by CRD local services engineer Colwyn Sunderland.

Should the two-year pilot project succeed, Sunderland added, the process would benefit the environment by reducing greenhouse-gas emissions from hauling, and benefit the community by recycling waste as a productive resource.

"Although facilities exist in Greater Victoria for receiving septage and sludge, there are significant economic and environmental benefits of processing the materials on Salt Spring," Sunderland wrote. "With increasing energy costs and concerns about greenhouse gas emissions from transportation fuels, both the economic and environmental benefits of an on-island facility have significantly increased in recent years."

Over the course of his sifting into the matter, however, Lake has uncovered a number of studies, including recently published articles in Environmental Science & Technology, Science of the Total Environment and Bioresource Technology that refute environmental claims made by proponents of the composting process.

Tonnes of different organic compounds, including those



Existing facilities at the CRD's Burgoyne Bay liquid waste site are deemed in need of capital upgrades.

CRD PHOTO

from hormones and medications, can be present in the final product and eventually leach into the water table, he said.

"The fact of the matter is that it rains and it ends up in the water table and streams," Lake added.

"According to the provincial regulations it's okay, but North America is far behind [the rest of the world]."

Switzerland, Lake added, went as far as to implement a total ban on any products derived from human sewage in 2006.

If anything, the CRD should abide by the precautionary principle before proceeding with a pilot project, he said.

According to the CRD's information, there is also plenty of science demonstrating the benefits of biosolids for enhancing plant growth.

In British Columbia, the treatment and reuse of biosolids is governed under the Organic Matter Recycling Regulation.

"The CRD will apply a multi-barrier approach to minimize potential adverse health and environmental risks associated with end-use of composted biosolids on Salt Spring," Sunderland writes.

The composting project is supported by the island's official community plan and Salt Spring voters agreed to establish the CRD Salt Spring Island Liquid Waste Disposal Local Service to consider the possibility of using biosolids as compost in a referendum held back in 1993.

"The fact of the matter is that it rains and it ends up in the water table and streams."

PETER LAKE
Island resident

Sunderland added that the CRD does not plan to hold an open house on the proposed upgrade before the referendum. It will however, send a mail-out to Salt Spring Island residents before election day. Comprehensive information about the project will also be posted on the CRD's website.

At an all-candidates meeting held on Monday evening, Salt Spring CRD director Gary Holman reiterated the point that islanders will not notice a related-increase on their annual property tax because loans that were used to finance previous upgrades are coming to term over the next three years.

Debt servicing for the \$2.1 million will be covered through a \$39.59 parcel tax. The current tax for liquid waste services is \$42.11.

The referendum on approving or rejecting Bylaw 3564 will be held in conjunction with local elections on Nov. 15.

News briefs

NDP reaps West vote bonus

The federal New Democratic Party will be \$7,150.65 richer thanks to the 3,667 Saanich-Gulf Islands voters who chose Julian West in the recent federal election, even though he had resigned from the race.

Under Canada's Elections Act, each political party receiving more than two per cent of the popular vote is entitled to receive a \$1.95

yearly allowance for each ballot cast in a federal election.

The potential "windfall" was cited by some political observers as a reason why 5.7 per cent of the riding's electorate decided to vote for a candidate who resigned mid-way through the election campaign.

Funds resulting from the NDP's loyal Saanich-Gulf Islands supporters represent a small fraction of the total federal allowance destined for the NDP's coffers, estimated at \$4.9 million.

St. Mary Lake "haunted" by algal bloom

The bright green goo on St. Mary Lake may provide an eerie backdrop for those looking forward to Halloween. But for residents who depend on the lake for drinking water, the algal bloom seems more of a "trick" than a "treat" since the two aerators installed in July promised to keep these blooms at bay.

"The lake was worse than I

had ever seen it," said a Trincomali Heights resident who did not wish to be named.

But Trevor Hutton, general manager of North Salt Spring Waterworks District, assures there is nothing wrong with the aerators that began pumping oxygen into the lake three weeks ago.

"It's too late in the year for the aerators to take effect," he explained. "They're running now and we'll see more of an effect next year."

The algal bloom was the result of natural mixing due to cooling and sinking of surface water, Hutton said.

Off-island unit nabs 58

The Capital Region Integrated Road Safety Unit staked out Salt Spring on Wednesday, Oct. 22, issuing fistfuls of tickets and warnings.

They included 27 seatbelt violations, 18 "non-moving violations," four notices and orders, and violations for no drivers licence (three), speeding (two), having no insurance (two), intersection (one) and moving (one).

In other police news: On Thursday, Oct. 23,

seven male youths visiting from Victoria were transported by police to their campsite on South Road after they smashed pumpkins and caused mischief near the Thrifty Foods parking lot.

• A road check in Ganges on the evening of Saturday, Oct. 25 resulted in 24-hour prohibitions from driving issued to three off-island males.

• A motor vehicle accident, also on Saturday, occurred when a 79-year-old Salt Spring male drove his truck off the right side of North End Road into a ditch while attempting a corner.



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GYPHY MOTH CONTROL

Traps show lowest number ever

Species may not even be gypsy moths

Salt Spring's gypsy moth control program has yielded the best results yet, with only four moths found in 1,000 traps collected Saturday, and with the possibility that none of the four are gypsy moths.

The traps were sent to Victoria for examination by a taxonomist with the Canadian Forestry Service, after program volunteers and Ministry of Forests and Range representatives examined the traps collected from the Lees Hill area.

"I really feel good about today's results," said Leslie Wallace, who coordinates the island's gypsy moth control program.

"We've had a substantial reduction in trap counts every year, and even if

all of those moths are gypsy moths, this is the best result yet."

Overhead pesticide spraying to control the population has been ruled out for 2009, said Wallace.

The Canadian Food Inspection Agency also has a grid of gypsy moth traps on the island.

Results from both sets of traps are taken into account when the inter-governmental Gypsy Moth Committee makes its decision about whether or not action — and if so, what kind — needs to be taken to eradicate the moth on Salt Spring.

Mass trapping of male gypsy moths might be repeated next year, said Wallace, perhaps in combination with other more area-specific controls such as ground spraying and an egg mass search.

She said that mass trapping of male gypsy moths is an integral part of the

community-based gypsy moth control program that replaced the overhead pesticide spraying planned by the Ministry of Forests and Range in 2006.

The plan includes searching for egg masses, ground spraying in a limited area, mass trapping of male moths and a public education program aimed at preventing the importation of gypsy moths onto the island.

The mass trapping program is conducted entirely by local volunteers.

Gypsy moths arrive on the island on cars and other items transported from areas where the moth is already established, such as Eastern Canada and the Eastern United States.

The establishment of a gypsy moth population on Salt Spring would be potentially devastating to Garry oak trees and to other native and non-native vegetation.

B.C. FERRIES

Campbell pledges \$20 million to ferries

33 per cent fare cut for two months

Premier Gordon Campbell's pledge to cut December 2008 and January 2009 ferry fares by 33 per cent is a welcome break for parents with kids who play on off-island sports teams.

"This is great," said soccer mom Sheri Dekoven when she heard about the cuts declared by Campbell during a Wed. Oct. 22 TV address.

Dekoven's son Adrian Alonso, selected for the U15 Metro soccer boys team this year, travels to Victoria practices up to three times per week. While he rides free as a student, the cost of their car and Dekoven's ticket adds up, she says.

Campbell cut fares as part of a 10-point economic plan that was news to even B.C. Ferries itself.

Some \$20-million is allotted for fare cuts and to reinstate some sailings cancelled by B.C. Ferries on Oct. 1.

Harold Swierenga, chair of the Salt Spring Ferry Advisory Committee, said, "There will definitely be a benefit over the Christmas season, but this leaves open the problem of what happens next."

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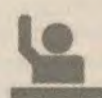
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On our Official Community Plan:

We are very pleased to have a new Official Community Plan in hand, thanks to the hard work of many, many islanders. As a trustee, George was of course directly involved in all the aspects of the new OCP, and Christine served as vice-chair of the Economic Sustainability, Jobs and Tourism focus group. But we have more work to be done on the OCP, with revisions to the Development Permit Areas and heritage conservation still to come. And the existing Land Use Bylaw must be amended to conform with the new OCP. These will be major priorities of the upcoming term.

On Governance and the Referendum:

Christine and George are committed to improving governance. We urge islanders to support the referendum to increase the size of the Local Trust Committee (LTC) by adding two more trustees. We feel strongly that the community would be better served by having more representation on the LTC, and more Salt Spring voices at Trust Council, and by spreading the workload among four local trustees. At the beginning of the term, we will help implement the joint local coordinating committee to enhance cooperation and communication between the Trust and CRD. We also will support a local study of options to continue to improve governance, including the incorporation option.

On our Economic Future:

We want to work with local entrepreneurs and business owners, the arts community, the Chamber of Commerce, CRD, and other interested individuals to develop and implement innovative measures to keep our economy healthy and our community diverse. We will help an industrial task force identify potential areas for small-scale, island-appropriate industrial ventures that serve community needs and provide employment. In line with our OCP, we will place particular emphasis on sustainable arts and agriculture, low-impact tourism, and home-based businesses. We think this can be achieved while preserving the island’s environment and peaceful, rural nature.

On Climate Change & Energy Efficiency:

Global warming is a critical issue, and we have included a new OCP section on climate change and energy efficiency. We need to put those policy directions into place, by reviewing rezoning regulations and Development Permit Areas to provide for more energy efficiency and the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions.

The Islands Trust has signed the Climate Action Charter, mandating us to meet certain carbon-reduction targets by 2012. We’re delighted that Salt Spring Island won a provincial Green Cities Award for the protection of greenspace, the construction of affordable housing for seniors, and the CRD’s role in the management and upgrading of community water systems.

On Affordable Housing:

We are very worried about losing young people, artists, and families, and those who provide our community with essential services, like teachers, nurses and ferry workers, because they can’t afford to live here. We will support a wide range of housing options to meet demonstrated needs. We’ll also move forward with plans to allow people to create suites in their homes for affordable housing, and to permit long-term occupancy of cottages for that purpose, in suitable locations.

On Food Security and Agriculture:

It’s crucial that we increase our food security by growing or raising much more of our own food. During the last term, George served on the committee that drafted our Area Farm Plan. Its goal is to increase agricultural productivity on the island. The farm plan also identifies the need for shared infrastructure — like an abattoir and food preparation facilities — and to establish a farmland trust. Christine co-founded a very successful farmland trust, and is advising the group working to create one on Salt Spring. We also want to improve housing opportunities so younger farmers can live and work on the island.

On Drinking Water:

Our drinking water supply and quality is fundamental to the health and well-being of our community. Both Cusheon and St. Mary lakes have experienced episodes of algal blooms, with potential threats to human health. We will work with the Water Council, water districts, the CRD, and other interested members of the public to develop and implement measures to help ensure the protection of our drinking watersheds. To do this, we can strengthen guidelines in our Development Permit Areas, and follow recommendations in the Cusheon Lake Watershed Management Plan.

Christine Torgrimson

- Provincially-appointed board member of the Islands Trust Fund.
- Founding Chair, Gulf Islands Alliance.
- Advisor and Start-up Committee member, Salt Spring Island Farmland Trust.
- Advisor, Salt Spring Island Healthy Ecosystems Healthy Community Initiative.
- Recent former Associate Director, Yellowstone to Yukon Conservation Initiative.
- More than 30 years’ experience working with numerous government and non-government organizations as board and staff, as well as trainer and facilitator of leadership development, strategic planning and conflict resolution.

To contact Christine, call 538-0199 or e-mail her at rosehip@saltspring.com

George Ehring

- Elected to the Salt Spring Island Local Trust Committee in 2005.
- Member of the Trust Council’s Governance Task Force, Trust Programs Committee, and Local Planning Committee.
- Member of the committee that developed the Area Farm Plan for Salt Spring Island.
- Member of the Water Council, St. Mary Lake Watershed Steering Committee, Ferry Advisory Committee, and numerous other groups.
- A director of ArtSpring, and very dedicated to building on the island’s well-deserved reputation as a centre of the arts.

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All-Candidates Meetings: Sat., Nov. 1, 1:30 PM at ArtSpring; Thurs., Nov. 6, 7:30 PM at Fulford Community Hall
Advance Poll: Wed., Nov. 5, and Wed., Nov. 12, 8 AM to 8 PM, Ganges Fire Hall, and the Mary Winspear Centre in Sidney

NEWSBEAT

Preshaw says surgeon not needed

HOSPITAL

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But Dr. Preshaw has a different take on the OR's necessity. "It was a mistake," he told the Driftwood, for VIHA to condone the OR upgrade proposed by the foundation. "We don't need it."

Given the relatively small population served by the hospital — Preshaw cites the "drainage area" population as 10,000 — he can understand why VIHA has not yet attracted a surgeon to Salt Spring.

"You need to be a surgeon for 20,000 to 25,000 people

to have enough work for an income and to maintain your skills," he said.

Preshaw performed 195 endoscopies and 93 surgical procedures between February 2007 and February 2008. Forty-four were minor cases and 49 non-trivial. Of the 49 non-trivial cases, only three were "major" (two anterior resections and one left colon resection).

Lady Minto's patient population was "grossly exaggerated" when he accepted the position in late 2002, given that poor ferry service connecting Salt Spring and the other Gulf Islands make it easier for Pender, Galiano, Saturna and Mayne residents to travel to Saanich or Victoria General instead. And the wealthy who retire on Salt Spring, he discovered, often have elective surgeries performed in Vancouver, Victoria or Seattle.

However, when new OR fundraising was underway in 2002, a larger, updated operating room was deemed desperately needed, since the number of operations had jumped by 288 per cent in 10 years, and the existing space was cramped.

As 2002 hospital foundation campaign material stated: "Imagine . . . eight operating room team members, a patient and several equipment carts jammed into a space a little larger than your bedroom."

Lady Minto almost had a new surgeon in place for September. But then Dr. Ray Dyk-

stra, a White Rock surgeon of 25 years, withdrew his application as Preshaw's replacement in late August after failing to reach an agreement with VIHA to improve the working conditions.

"You can't ask a surgeon to come in and operate at four hours a day or you're never going to get anyone," Dykstra said.

Preshaw also questions the financial rationale for VIHA's support of Lady Minto's OR.

An OR room costs money not only to build but to staff with a variety of specialized nurses, anesthetists and administrative staff, he said. This is money he believes VIHA could have spent more wisely elsewhere, given it has a tight \$1.6-billion annual budget.

Preshaw cites north Vancouver Island's population of 30,000, including an aboriginal segment with poor health status — with an average 200-km distance to travel to the nearest surgeon — as a group that could have been better served by VIHA's \$1.1-million share of the OR upgrade.

"Specialist services have to be grouped together. When you start scattering surgical care in tiny hospitals, that's ridiculous," Preshaw said.

The safety of patient air transport has improved considerably in the past 20 years.

"Air transport is very good," Preshaw said, but admits there are still problems with it.

VIHA spokesperson Suzanne Germain recently confirmed

that VIHA is actively seeking a new surgeon for Lady Minto. "VIHA continues to seek a surgeon who is willing to come to Salt Spring and continue with a surgical program . . ."

"This is not a budget issue," she stressed, adding that "If surgical services on Salt Spring was to change, it would only be because demand is not sufficient to be able to provide a consistently high level of surgical care in this environment."

VIHA admits in its five-year strategic plan that it is difficult to recruit specialists to many community hospitals, noting it can be "hard to maintain core speciality services in a sustainable manner."

A general surgeon job ad posted on VIHA's website does not try to hide that Lady Minto's patient population is lower than the norm.

"This is an exceptional opportunity for a general surgeon seeking a part-time practice in an idyllic location where striking a balance between career and lifestyle comes naturally," the ad boasts.

In the meantime, Salt Spring residents like Dawson, who is accustomed to Lady Minto's surgical services, continue to wait for the OR room doors to re-open. In the event of requiring major surgery she and her elderly friends and neighbours do not wish to have the additional stress of being re-located off-island.

"As a concerned citizen, I want to know what's going to happen in the future," she said.



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ISLANDER ANGST: Off-island police checked local vehicles last week, issuing tickets to 58 drivers. The visit prompted the posting of an ad hoc warning sign about the police presence on Fulford-Ganges Road near Slegg Lumber.

ISLANDS TRUST

Trust initiates legal action against Quesnel metal recycling business

Resident vows to protect right to make a living

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Dropping commodity prices and slumping prices for recycled metal are the least of John Quesnel's worries after the Islands Trust issued him a writ of summons on Friday to cease all activities related to his Rainbow Road scrap metal recycling business.

The writ accuses Quesnel of violating the Salt Spring Island Land Use Bylaw by using a split-zoned rural and agricultural property for activities only permitted on industrial-zoned land.

The document orders Quesnel to cease all "commercial salvage use" activities within 30 days or to file an intention to defend himself before the Supreme Court of British Columbia by Oct. 31.

As far as Quesnel is concerned, he's got no alternative but to "preserve and protect his right to earn a living" in court.

"Money is coming out of my pocket to feed a lawyer instead of my family," he said during a Friday interview at his 440 Rainbow Road property. "We just have to keep going until the judge makes a decision."

The legal action comes several months after Quesnel's unsuccessful bid to obtain a temporary use permit (TUP) that would have permitted him to continue operating his business while he searched for an alternate site or filed a rezoning application.

Since the decision, Quesnel said, he has pleaded with the Islands Trust to help him find an alternate site for his business.

"They've done absolutely nothing to look for another site," he said. "They told me that I should buy something on a whim and hope that they might approve it, but that's not fiscally possible."

Quesnel, who has operated on the site since 1997, said the Trust is jeopardizing his



PHOTO BY SEAN MCINTYRE

John Quesnel will fight to make a living.

family's ability to remain on the island.

He also questions why the Trust would not wait until it has obtained findings of the soon-to-be-created industrial land task force.

"I find it interesting that they chose to prosecute me when all of these people with big money are snubbing their noses at the Trust and getting away with it," he said. "You know the [Ganges Marina] float house is still floating and here I am just a common worker trying to

feed his family and pay his mortgage and now I have to defend myself."

Despite Quesnel's complaints, Islands Trust bylaw enforcement officer Miles Drew said, the Trust is proceeding with the matter after it received "a series of complaints" from neighbours regarding the illegal land use.

Since Quesnel never ceased his "unlawful activities" after he lost the TUP application, the next step is legal action, Drew added.

Drew said the creation of a

task force to assess industrial-zoned land on the island does not give people "blanket approval to break the land use bylaw."

"John [Quesnel] should do what every other person does — determine what he wants to do and find a property that's appropriate," Drew said.

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- work cooperatively with the CRD and with other island organizations to achieve more coordinated and effective local governance;
- support development that would benefit Salt Spring, and say "no" to harmful or inappropriate development.

Richard Kerr, economist,
2002 Restructure Study Finance Chair

GARTH HENDREN



Garth Hendren wants the office of the CRD director to bring consensus on issues such as affordable housing, the PARC Board, and support for children, youth and families at risk. Our fragmented government structure makes it impossible to do that now.

Garth Hendren would lead an investigation into all kinds of local government structures so that we could find the best way of serving the people of Salt Spring.

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EDITORIAL

What's in a study?

With local election campaigns barely underway, things heated up in earnest Monday evening when Christine Torgrimson and George Ehring announced that, if elected to the Salt Spring Local Trust Committee, they would pursue a study to examine options to improve governance on Salt Spring Island.

If word hadn't spread through the island rumour mill that afternoon, you'd have heard a pin drop as people contemplated what the sudden shift means to the race.

What initially seemed like it would be a divisive election free-for-all has all of a sudden offered electors a chance to consider something more in depth. They should now hear what all candidates think a governance restructuring study would look like, who would conduct it and what options it would consider.

THE ISSUE:

Restructuring study promises

WE SAY:

Not all plans created equal

sions, or will we get the province to step in and provide assistance?

Already the lines are blurred. CRD director Gary Holman contends the province has a bias towards favouring incorporation and so he will not support a "traditional" Ministry of Community Development initiated and funded study. Without consent from the locally elected CRD director, the province is not likely to get involved.

On the other hand, will a majority of residents put their faith in a plan cooked up right here on the island? Will it mean anything when it comes time to seek legislative changes to the province's Local Government Act?

New trustees will have to spend a good chunk of their early term updating our land-use bylaw and a review of development permit areas — hardly a time to start delving into a made-on-Salt Spring governance solution.

What would have been a cut-and-dried "will we or won't we" debate about requesting a traditional restructuring study from the provincial government has been transformed into a quandary about what kind of a study might be undertaken.

All candidates must now state clearly what they mean by a "restructure study," so voters can determine if what is touted is worth the time, effort and money it would demand.



Liquid waste plan details too thin

BY PETER LAKE

On Nov. 15, Salt Spring voters will be asked to approve a \$2.1-million borrowing to finance upgrades to the sewage treatment plant at Burgoyne Bay Road and fund a composting plant. At the time of writing, no information has been made available to the public. What is the budget for the treatment plant? What are the details justifying this expense?

Searching the CRD website one finds the cost information sheet claiming that no new requisition is required. Operating funds hitherto used to upgrade the plant will be used to finance the new borrowing. Was the planning and use of these operating funds over 14 years so shortsighted that the equipment now needs moving/replacing?

My tax for Salt Spring Island liquid waste services has increased 601 per cent, from \$7.01 in 1994 to \$42.14 in 2008. An MFA borrowing over 15 years at current interest rates should cost the average taxpayer house (\$533,843) \$33 per year, leaving about \$9 for operating costs. Is this likely to be enough? But wait a minute, there's that handy little phrase: "the committee may need to raise the rate of the parcel tax periodically." Does this mean we can expect another 600 per cent increase over the next few years?

How much of this borrowing is earmarked for the compost pilot plant? Recycling waste sounds great. So green — replenishing the earth and disposing of nasty material we do not want to think about too much. True, good compost contains nutrients and organic matter that can benefit soil. The Chinese have kept land in good heart for 4,000 years using "night soil" as a fertilizer. They paid the price with epidemics of cholera, typhoid and endemic hepatitis of all types. The correct composting techniques are well understood and can largely destroy most harmful pathogens. What cannot be so easily disposed of are the metals and organic chemicals that now find their way

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into the sewage stream. Harris et al. of Cornell University in their peer review of literature and official U.S. government reports found data on 516 organic compounds grouped in 15 classes.

Only a small number are included for periodic EPA testing. More data is available on pesticides, polycyclic hydrocarbons and polychlorinated bi-phenols than on the many other contaminants such as nitrosamines which may present greater risks.

Nobody knows what is in the stuff that regional director Gary Holman, with the Trust's blessing, is proposing to put on our land. CRD Environmental Services said it will be applied only on parks, landscaping and forest lands. Once sold, who knows where the compost might end up? Many pollutants can accumulate and persist. Leachates can and will enter the water table and streams. A Swedish study on applying sewage sludge (Ulla Sellstrom et al. Dept. of Applied Environmental Science, Stockholm University) found high levels of poly brominated diphenyl ethers in earthworms 20 years after the use of sludge. True, sludge is the worst case, but there is no proof that harmful persistent organic compounds are not retained in compost. For this reason Switzerland, in 2006, adopted the precautionary principle and banned the use of any sewage products on land. They incinerate.

What happened to the precautionary principle at the Trust? Critical examination and greater transparency would be in the public interest. We are suddenly presented with a \$2.1-million bill just before the election. Probably few would object to paying for an upgrade of the treatment plant if it is properly presented, explained and justified. As for composting — there should be full disclosure and public debate before spending a penny or spreading a spoonful.

The writer is a retired engineer and long-time Salt Spring resident.

THIS WEEK'S QUESTION:

Should B.C. ban cell phone use while driving?

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LAST WEEK'S QUESTION:

Should the homeless be allowed to camp in parks?



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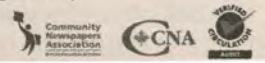
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SALT SPRING SAYS

We asked: What was the best Halloween costume you've ever seen?



YAZHA REIMER
A guy dressed up as a french fry.



GAVIN DONALDSON
A zombie.



ORIA ATKINSON
My brother dressed up as a Smarties box made from a cardboard box and then he couldn't sit down.



DANA BENSEN
Someone dressed up as Edward Scissorhands. He looked just like him.



JORDAN COTTRELL
A person wearing an Iron Man costume.

Letters to the editor

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The same

I don't know any businessman on Salt Spring "who want(s) unfettered licence to build anything anywhere," as characterized by Peter Vincent in his column in last week's Driftwood.

We all know how lucky we are to live here, and any developer wanting "unfettered licence" knows that Canada's Gulf Islands have been substantially locked down by the conservation community for three decades. That will not change under self-government. All hail the Trust for its good work.

What must change is Salt Spring's governance structure. We don't need two new trustees concerned exclusively with land use, we need an island council which draws together every sector of the community's interest: fire, policing, roads, parks, recreation, taxes, and

who will develop an island vision to attract sensitive visitors and residents, so that our vibrant economy survives the coming downturn. With five or seven councillors, every sector of the community will be represented and finally we will have a true democracy. Since more of us will be represented, the vicious polarization and anger that now characterize our civic life will diminish.

Four trustees is just more of the same. If split, the deciding vote will be made by an off-islander. The two new trustees will be eunuchs at Trust Council, present, but with no vote. Maintaining those eunuchs will be twice as expensive though, and their work load will not diminish. All four will have to be up on each decision made by the Trust, and therefore will have to familiarize themselves with every aspect of the relevant land-use decision.

At present the local Trust committee operates largely behind closed doors. They come to meetings with their minds made up. Stacking committees with your supporters works a treat in shutting down debate. (And one man, the CRD director, making every decision but land-use ends in the tennis bubble fiasco, and abuse of power.)

How dumb are we to want more of the same?

ELIZABETH NICKSON,
DUKES ROAD

Incorporation

Not long ago, Salt Spring voted rather decisively to reject incorporation. But a sizable group, organized as Islanders for Self Government (ISG), has continued to press the issue. Hence, the upcoming election and referendum (on doubling the number of Salt Spring trustees) will be a straw poll for or against incorporation. And

the emotional heavy guns are being mustered.

In last week's Driftwood, trustee candidate Kimberly Liniger characterized supporters of our present governance system as feeling "so threatened that fear is the only mode that we can operate in." If we do not vote for her, apparently we will leave our destiny "in the hands of those so paralyzed by fear of the unknown that they cannot, and/or will not act."

Whew! I did not realize that George Ehring and Gary Holman, or their supporters, were cringing in fear and incapable of action. Thanks for warning me, Kimberly.

And then Norbert Schlenker weighed in with a half-page ad claiming that our current "elected officials have decided we don't deserve the courtesy of facts," and that some want to "pull up the drawbridge," whereas he wants to "make sure work-

ing people and our children can afford to live here." He informs us, furthermore, that "the ideologically driven often dismiss facts or opinions that challenge their special interests."

Whew! Once again, thanks for alerting me, Norbert, that our fate has been in the hands of such power-crazed manipulators.

If the ISG faction wins, there is little doubt that we face another drawn-out incorporation study and yet another referendum. Well, OK. But will their official or unofficial representatives at least please promise us that, if defeated this time, they will accept the verdict gracefully and give us all a break? Or will they be like the sovereignty movement in Quebec, forever waiting in the wings for another kick at the can?

TOM KOPPEL,
SALT SPRING

Surcharges not new

I want to point out an error of information in your Oct. 22 story on page A5 ("B.C. Ferries slashes fuel surcharge in half.")

The story states: "The corporation tacked on fuel surcharges on Aug. 1 when the cost of crude..."

The fact is that B.C. Ferries has been adding surcharges for fuel since sometime in 2005. Aug. 1, 2008 merely saw an increase in those surcharges. It is simply ridiculous that the whole surcharge is not coming off at this time. Of course we will never actually know how much has been collected from these surcharges as Premier Gordon Campbell ensured that the auditor general cannot look at these books.

CLAUDIA HOLDING,
SALT SPRING

MORE LETTERS continued on A10

Global economics explained in fruit leather jacket

Confused by the recent global financial crisis? Has all this talk of recession, depression and market crashes got you quaking in your painted gumboots? Are you hoping that somebody, anybody, can give you a simple explanation of just what the hell is going on? Let me begin by making absolutely clear that I don't have the foggiest clue about economics in general.

For all I know, Adam Smith and John Keynes could be fourth-line wingers playing on the Canucks' farm club, the Manitoba Moose. The Law of Supply and Demand makes about as much sense to me as the latest ferry schedule. I wouldn't know a surplus from a deficit if it bit me on my profit margin.

Lack of knowledge and ignorance have never slowed me down before. Having spent a full 10 minutes on Google, I now consider myself an expert on the subject of global economics. After reading this column, you will be too.

There are, however, a few technical terms you need to understand. First, is the difference between goods and services. In general, goods are products you can hold in your hand. Services are actions done to or for you. For instance, tofu would fall into the "goods" category. A full body massage, on the other hand would be considered a "service." Getting a full body massage while you are immersed in a vat of tofu could be categorized as both goods and services. Another important distinction to

understand is the difference between "want" and "need." A want is something you feel will improve your quality of life. A need is exactly the same thing after you've been told you can't have it.

Okay, that's enough background information. It's time to delve right into the heart of the subject. Let's pretend you are a vendor at the Saturday market. Let's say the product you are marketing is fruit leather. You make your fruit leather from apples, pears and plums supplied by organic orchard growers on the island. Of course, you don't have the capital to buy your raw ingredients outright, so you obtain "credit" from your suppliers, which means you will pay them at a later date after you have sold your product. Your suppliers are of course happy to give you credit because you have always faithfully paid your debt in the past and you are an important added market for their fruit.

Now, say, a new customer (let's call him Mr. X) offers not only to buy all the fruit leather you can produce, but also pay you 20 per cent more than your retail price. Why would he do this, you ask. It's quite simple. This way he would have control of all your stock and won't have you as a competitor. This gives him a monopoly, which means he can set the going price of fruit leather to whatever he deems the market will bear.



Shilo Zylbergold

NOBODY ASKED ME BUT

What you don't know but will soon find out is that he is planning to use your fruit leather as a clothing apparel instead of as food. His idea is to manufacture fruit leather jackets that can then be targeted to a fashionable new niche market on the island: namely, a radical chic biker group calling itself Vegetarians on Vespas.

There is a problem, however. Mr. X is strapped for cash and his credit is extended far beyond his net worth (this is called collateral damage).

What he proposes is that he will give you a share in his new "can't miss" enterprise. How can you turn this down? After all, you are assured of total sales of your product and you get 20 per cent more than what you had been grossing. On top of that, you will also now own a share of your customer's business. You won't even have to show up before dawn to set up your stall at the market any more. From now on, you'll be able to drift down around noon and sip lattes with the tourists.

Still, to protect yourself, you decide to run a check on Mr. X's past business history. You ask around and find out that this is the very same entrepreneur who last year tried to corner the bodywork marketplace with his massage oil cartel. The year before he had tried to flog recycled coffee grounds as a new, improved "facial rejuvenation mud

pack." Nevertheless, there are quite a few vendors who are willing to vouch for Mr. X's honesty. What they neglect to tell you is that they are also shareholders in his enterprise. If Mr. X goes down, so will all of them.

With just the slightest flicker of doubt in the back recesses of your consciousness you agree to Mr. X's proposal. A few weeks go by. You notice that no cash is coming in. Mr. X assures you that all is well but he is having some minor manufacturing problems with the stitching of the fruit leather jackets (which he has outsourced to a number of factories in China). He asks for a bit more time and in return promises to increase your shares and dividends. Meanwhile, your suppliers, the organic orchards, are growing impatient for their payments. You're in a tight bind and you know it. You could decide to foreclose on Mr. X, but that would mean cutting your own throat. Not only that, but you would be bringing most of the other market vendors down with you.

A few more weeks go by. You now find yourself spending your Saturdays nervously chugging down lattes along with the other shareholding vendors. There seems to be nothing you can do but wait out the crisis. Your mind drifts back to those "good old days" in your market stall when you were cutting fruit leather sample slices for curious Albertans. Where did it all go wrong?

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Disappointed

On election day, four hours before the polls closed, I gave Stephanie Bond a get well card for Dr. Malcolm Bond. We often have friendly agree/disagree political

discussions, I on the left, he on the right.

In the card I gave him my predictions of the election results. Last Thursday Malcolm phoned to say my predictions were almost as good as his. Mine were Conservative 140, Liberal 80, Bloc 50, NDP 36, Green 1. (We both forgot the independent Bill Casey of Nova Scotia, who quit the Conservative party over Harper's breaking his promise on the Atlantic Accord.)

I was quite wrong about our riding. I was almost certain Briony would win — why didn't she? One can argue over the intelligence and political savvy of the over 3,000 who voted for Julian West even though he was no longer a candidate. How many of these individuals voted for him because of the "dirty tricks" phone calls urging "progressive" voters to cast their votes for him?

Certainly a sizable proportion would have voted for Briony, the only environmental candidate capable of defeating our anti-environment MP who favours offshore drilling off the north coast and oil tanker traffic on the inside passage.

I reserve my disappointment (contempt is a little too strong) for Andrew Lewis. I still have some respect for him as his heart is in the right place though his brain leading up to the election put his personal ambition ahead of the good of the country. Elizabeth May denied she advised (as reported earlier) Green members to vote for the candidate who could best defeat the Conservative. Of all the 308 ridings Saanich/Gulf Islands probably had the best hope of doing that.

If Andrew Lewis had swallowed hard, checked his ambition and pride and urged his Green members to vote for Briony, I'm convinced we would now have a strong environmentalist as our MP who could very well have been appointed environment critic for the Liberals. For the New Democrats the intelligent but arrogant Jack Layton, who has had three kicks at the can should

resign, Thomas Mulcair would be a better leader and I might then renew my ties with the New Democrats.

Oh well, I'll probably still be around for the next election sometime in 2011.

JACK HALLAM,
NORTH END ROAD

Blame tenancy act

Regarding last week's editorial and members of the Island's Trust election platform on the topic of affordable housing, it is important to place the finger where it squarely belongs. That is, on the pulse of the Residential Tenancy Act.

This draconian act towards landlords is preventing them from renting out perfectly suitable cabins, houses or trailers for an affordable rate to the workers, the working disabled or the welfare recipients of Salt Spring Island.

The act stipulates that once a prospective tenant has made an agreement with the landlord to rent their premises and given the first month's rent, the landlord has no recourse to reclaim their property should the tenant break that agreement for two months, the last month in which the landlord has to swallow the rent.

The act stipulates that if a tenant is jailed, the landlord cannot touch the tenant's belongings, or re-rent the premises for three months. The act stipulates that if the landlord feels uncomfortable with the sound of breaking glass, or police sirens, they can fill out a termination "with cause" form, send it by registered mail and simply wait out one month, (which is generally two, when all is said and done).

Similarly, the landlord must be patient if moisture damage from a grow operation is discovered, for which landlords are now liable. If the tenant refuses to move out, another form called "Order of Repossession" must be catalogued, and a bailiff hired, at their cost and convenience. It is illegal to simply change the locks. And if the landlord wishes to query his "rights" and calls the Residential Tenancy Branch, it takes an average of 50 minutes for the call to be processed.

Most potential tenants are fully aware of the act's protection in their favour.

No amount of money, careful survey of a potential prospect in need of affordable housing, or blind instinct, can protect the bleeding-hearted house taxpayer from the consequences of the act. It is time the act was changed to protect those who are in a position to help the homeless. Until that time, the situation "... made worse by the property owners' frequent refusal to rent..." (Oct. 22 editorial) will remain worse.

JJ ROUSSEAU,
SALT SPRING

Keep library in town

Joanne Bealy's "Nothing to show" letter of Oct. 22, regarding the library stimulated me to write this letter.

Forgive me for being uninformed, but I was not aware that "hundreds of thousands of dollars" had been spent with nothing to show.

I thought the adjacent property had been bought and that a thorough assessment of the building and land had been obtained.

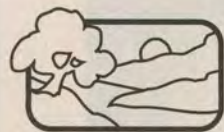
Is my memory wrong or did not islanders vote in a referendum to purchase the land adjacent to the current location?

At any rate, I know we have opposed moving the library from its current location and I, for one, concur. I find it most enjoyable to either take the bus or drive to Ganges and find a parking space and then be able to walk around town doing all my errands. I like seeing the people, I like being in what passes for bustle on this island.

I like it that when, goddess willing, the time comes that I have difficulty getting out of the car or climbing down from the bus, I won't have to do it more than twice a trip and I can still include the library in my rounds.

Maybe you go to the swimming pool a lot and so for you it would be most convenient to have the library located there. I actually don't use the pool but I use the library every week, especially when the Tuesday farmers market is on and in the winter when we're all just hanging on.

ZELLY TAYLOR,
SALT SPRING



Islands Trust

SALT SPRING ISLAND LOCAL TRUST COMMITTEE REFERENDUM NOTICE OF OTHER VOTING

Take notice that the electors of the Salt Spring Island Local Trust Area will be asked to vote on the following question:

"Are you in favour of increasing the number of locally-elected trustees that sit on the Salt Spring Island Local Trust Committee from 2 trustees to 4 trustees. Yes or No?"

Voting Opportunities

Qualified electors may vote at the following places:

On General Voting Day for Other Voting: Saturday, November 15, 2008 from 8:00 am to 8:00 pm:

- 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
- Piers Island Fire Hall, Piers Island, BC
- Anderson Elementary School, 9460 Alberta Road, Richmond, BC

On Advance Voting Days for Other Voting: Wednesday, November 5, 2008 and Wednesday, November 12, 2008 from 8:00 am to 8:00 pm:

- Mary Winspear Centre, 2243 Beacon Avenue, Sidney, BC
- Ganges Fire Hall, 105 Lower Ganges Road, Salt Spring Island, BC

Elector Qualifications

Resident Elector

You are entitled to vote as a Resident Elector if you are 18 years or older on voting day (Nov. 15, 2008), are a Canadian Citizen, have resided in British Columbia for the past six months and within the boundaries of the jurisdiction for the past 30 days. If registering on voting day, you must provide two documents proving identity and residency (one must have a signature).

Non-Resident Property Elector

If you are 18 years or older on voting day (Nov. 15, 2008), are a Canadian Citizen, have resided in British Columbia for the past six months, have owned and held registered title to property within the boundaries of the jurisdiction for the past 30 days, do not qualify as a Resident Elector, you may vote as a Non-Resident Property Elector provided that you a) have registered on or before Sept. 23, 2008, OR b) register at the time of voting. The following information is required at the time of application for registration:

- a recent title search, state of title certificate, or property tax notice, showing the names of ALL of the registered owners,
- 2 pieces of identification proving identity and residency (one must have a signature), and in the case of more than one owner of the property, a completed consent form signed by the majority of the owners (original signatures only; facsimiles not accepted) designating you as the person entitled to vote for the property. A copy of the consent form may be downloaded from:

<http://www.crd.bc.ca/about/elections/documents/ConsentFormforNRPE.pdf>

Information on acceptable classes of documents for proof of identity is available on the CRD website: <http://www.crd.bc.ca/about/elections/voting.htm>

Thomas F. Moore and Thomas David have been appointed Chief Election Officer and Deputy Chief Election Officer, respectively, for the purpose of taking and recording the vote of electors. Automated vote counting machines will be used for the Salt Spring Island vote. For questions regarding voting and voter registration call the Capital Regional District @ 250.360.3129 or Toll Free 1.800.663.4425 local 3129, or Mr. Tom Moore @ 250.472.0059.

Dated this 16th day of October, 2008
Thomas F. Moore, Chief Election Officer

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

Submitted by the Kimberly Lineger Campaign 2008, to help her campaign or make a donation, call 250-538-0042. Submitted by the Garth Hendren Campaign 2008, to help his campaign or make a donation, call 250-537-1567.

Liberal machine

What's that annoying sound I hear? Oh, it's just a bunch of whiny Liberals trying to blame everyone else for their botched attempt to run the country.

Let's face it, the Liberal party has been run for years by the old boys clubs of Ottawa. In their last leader's convention the old boys tried to push in Michael Ignatieff, but got a bit of a backlash from the rank and file.

So who did you settle on? An academic egghead with no political skills such as we haven't seen since Robert Stanfield. So you lose the election, and shoot your leader.

Now we have little Bob, Michael and maybe Frank [McKenna], but Frank's making good money, so why would he want the hassle? Bob on the other hand will never take Ontario unless he does a frontal lobotomy on everyone in the province, or changes his name and has facial surgery.

So let's quit kidding ourselves, it's going to be Mike. U.S. Mike will drag the party so far to the right, Green will be a nasty word.

So where are we now? Back to where we started from, two old-line parties, one with a bit of a stolen ID, but basically two old line parties, still duking it out for power. All you Greens and NDPers, vote for who you want, not for who you don't want; don't get sucked in by the big red machine.

D. ARCHER, FULFORD HARBOUR

Valid solution

So a large minority of the populace have decided that they were not interested in who is in charge of their governance and therefore didn't vote. I have a solution. The elections office must have a record of who did vote, so why not make it illegal not to vote and fine the delinquents?

If this government has the gall to

suggest sending juveniles to jail for life, without any precondition which could put the blame on the parents, I feel this is a valid solution.

To go from the broad picture to the nitty gritty: does the voting for a non-competitor, aka Julian West, count as a spoiled ballot, as a method of getting some more tax dollars (per head of voters) into the NDP treasury, or as a simple illegal error on the part of Elections Canada in an attempt to save having to reprint the names of the candidates who are still in the race (which would negate any saving if the NDP treasure chests were replenished).

In the last case is it still time for them to apologize and have a rerun in Saanich and the Islands or do we have to take them to the Supreme Court as in the case of the spoiled chads in the States?

And, while I'm at it, has anyone else had a close look at the photos of Harper in the latest Macleans? Look at his "cold blue loving eyes." This man has absolutely no sense of humour, apart from his other handicaps. His lips simulate a smile but the eyes are not in sync.

As Abe Lincoln said: "You can fool all of the people some of the time, and some of the people all of the time, but you can never fool all of the people all of the time."

DENIS BROWNE, SOUTH END OF SALT SPRING

Reconsider Core Inn change

I have lived on Salt Spring Island for 16 years and am now 18. On Salt Spring there are few places to hang out for school aged youth. The Core Inn is here for that purpose.

About a year ago, Community Services took over the Core Inn and they promised changes.

Presently they have plans to change part of the upstairs of the inn, (which is

now a nice open room with hardwood floors) into offices.

I would hope that whomever is in charge of this would reconsider. My brother and I used this space for recording our first demo CD for our rock n' roll band Steel Bananas, and I know that it has housed many other activities for kids.

Hopefully Community Services will realize the same.

JADE SNOW ROSEN, SALT SPRING

Let Emily Carr's spirit rest

Emily Carr, living in her beloved childhood home in Victoria — her House of Small becoming a boarding house to support her, living in a real caravan with her sheep dogs and monkey, painting in the wild — Emily, in the Queen Charlottes recording in paint First Nations monuments.

Did she feel acceptance and welcome here, on Salt Spring Island, in the old Garner building, now the Core Inn?

The historical restoration of this home gained credibility largely because of her presence — her paintings, her art in the large airy room upstairs with beautiful large south-facing windows. This should not be altered — it is part of our village's historical footprint.

The proposed alteration of this space to include two offices for Community Services surely can be comfortably accommodated by modular home structures at ground level on site.

Please let Emily Carr's spirit rest upstairs with the beautiful art she inspires in our gifted, whose gifts in turn will inspire us all — a quiet and beautiful space for contemplation and spiritual growth.

ANNE HUMPHRIES, BAY RIDGE PLACE

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Trustees fail to take Norton bull by horn

BY TOM O'CONNOR

Well, to say the least, Peter Lamb has given us the expected response to my opinion piece on the status of the Norton Road application ("Still waiting for Norton info," Oct. 22 Driftwood). I'm obliged to set the record straight.

First, contrary to what Mr. Lamb has to say, the public benefit of this project has already been clearly established.

The Norton Road rezoning was subjected to a rigorous, high profile two-year public scrutiny, including a public hearing and approved by the Local Trust Committee and the Community Services minister in 2005. Prior-to-adoption conditions, including housing agreements, are intended to provide the mechanisms

IN RESPONSE

required to implement what has already been shown to be of benefit to the public, not to revisit an application with the intent of engaging in another de facto rezoning.

Second, it is simply nonsense and disingenuous to suggest that we, as applicants, are in any way responsible for the appalling lack of activity in finalizing the Norton Road housing agreement over the three-year tenure of Mr. Ehring and Mr. Lamb.

Mr. Lamb continues to harp on "requests for information" which we told them three years ago were unworkable and which even the Trust's own people couldn't produce.

Meanwhile, while our application has been obstructed and delayed for three years, projects complying with Ehring and Lamb's limited social agenda are fast-tracked at public risk and our expense.

Contrary to Mr. Lamb's remarks, the frustrations I expressed in the Oct. 15 Driftwood, and much more, were expressed many times to the Islands Trust trustees and staff over the past three years.

It has all been well documented, including our many requests for input and cooperative action, which were basically ignored by trustees Ehring and Lamb.

Mr. Lamb was right about one thing — my Oct. 15 remarks were somewhat "selective."

There isn't enough

space in the Sunday New York Times to get into all the ways Norton Road has been derailed and deliberately put off over the past three years.

The Driftwood is my last resort in expressing frustration; I don't like to engage in public pissing matches.

But I'm here to say that trustees Ehring and Lamb have failed to take the bull by the horns over the past three years and deal positively with a significant, unselfish private contribution towards community building.

The inevitable result of the kind of political cynicism we have experienced is a stagnate community with a whole host of new problems.

The writer is project planner for the Norton Road affordable housing project.



Islands Trust

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MAYNE ISLAND LOCAL TRUST COMMITTEE
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE is hereby given that the Mayne Island Local Trust Committee will be holding a Public Hearing on the following proposed bylaws:

- Proposed Bylaw No. 146 cited as "Mayne Island Land Use Bylaw No. 146, 2008";
- Proposed Bylaw No. 147 cited as "Mayne Island Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 144, 2007, Amendment No. 1, 2008".

for the purpose of allowing the public to make representations to the Local Trust Committee respecting matters contained in the proposed bylaws at 1:00 pm, Sunday, November 9, 2008 at the Mayne Island Agricultural Hall, 430 Fernhill Road, Mayne Island.

At the public hearing all persons who believe that their interest in property is affected by the proposed bylaws shall be afforded a reasonable opportunity to be heard or to present written submissions respecting matters contained in the proposed bylaws.

Proposed Bylaw No. 146 - cited as "Mayne Island Land Use Bylaw No. 146, 2008"

In general terms, the purpose of Bylaw No. 146 is to replace the current Land Use Bylaw for the Mayne Island Local Trust Area.

Proposed Bylaw No. 147 - cited as "Mayne Island Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 144, 2007, Amendment No. 1, 2008"

In general terms, the purpose of Bylaw No. 147 is to make a series of amendments to the Official Community Plan.

Copies of the proposed bylaws and any background material that may be considered by the Trust Committee in respect of the proposed bylaws may be inspected at the Islands Trust Office, #200 - 1627 Fort Street, Victoria, B.C. between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday to Friday, inclusive, excluding statutory holidays, commencing October 27th, 2008 and up to and including November 7, 2008.

For the convenience of the public only, and not to satisfy Section 892(2)(e) of the *Local Government Act*, additional copies of the proposed bylaws may be viewed on various notice Boards on Mayne Island commencing October 31, 2008. The proposed bylaws can also be viewed on the World Wide Web at the following URL: <http://www.islandstrust.bc.ca/ltr/ma/bylaws.cfm>

Written submissions may be delivered as follows:

- to the office of the Islands Trust by mail at the #200 - 1627 Fort Street, Victoria, B.C. V8R 1H8, or by Fax (250) 405-5155, prior to 4:30 p.m., Friday, November 7, 2008;
- Email submissions should be sent to <http://www.islandstrust.bc.ca/ltr/ma/meetings.cfm> and completing the "Public Hearing, 2008, Submission Form", prior to 4:30 p.m., November 7, 2008; or
- after 4:30 p.m., Friday, November 7, 2008, to the Trust committee at the Public Hearing at 1:00 p.m., Sunday, November 9, 2008.

Email comments that are not sent via the "Public Hearing, 2008, Submission Form" will not be considered as complying with the requirements of this notice. The Islands Trust does not guarantee that any email comment will be received by the Mayne Island Local Trust Committee. Reasonable efforts will be made to provide email comments, if they are opened and received, to the Mayne Island Local Trust Committee for consideration, but the public should not rely on email as a means of providing a written comment

Written submissions made in response to this notice will also be available for public review.

Inquiries regarding the proposed bylaws may be directed to the Islands Trust Office, Robert Kojima, Planner, at (250) 405-5159 or, for Toll Free access, request a transfer via Enquiry BC: In Vancouver 660-2421 and elsewhere in BC 1-800-663-7867.

NO REPRESENTATIONS WILL BE RECEIVED BY THE MAYNE ISLAND LOCAL TRUST COMMITTEE AFTER THE CONCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC HEARING.

Kathy Jones
Deputy Secretary

RANTS and Roses

Rants

A huge rant to people who put children in the front seat of vehicles that have air bags. You could seriously injure a child. It is not safe. Read your manual. Bronwyn Stocks

Roses

Baskets of brightly coloured roses and tall willow bamboo to Michael Levy, John Dolman, Tim O'Connor, Carol Grier, D.W. and all who came to the Fritz to see "Cats of Mirikitani." Your support helped

to bring the Japanese garden a step closer to completion. The Japanese Garden Society

Beautiful bouquets to the Fernwood parents who accompanied our choir on the bus to the peace event at Mahon Hall. Grateful thanks go to Annette, Tania, Mark, Bay and Jenn — we couldn't have done it without you!

Vibrant, colourful, late-blooming roses to the Salt Spring Island Foundation for its generous support of our early literacy programs! Your

kindness has helped to happily enhance the learning experiences of all children at Tree Frog Daycare! The board, staff and especially the children of Tree Frog.

A huge thank you to the motorcyclists who so generously donated toys and money to Santa's Workshop. We are most grateful and we know you will be making some little child's Christmas a lot better. Santa Bob and Large Elf Judy.

Bountiful roses to Mike Bankes for supplying an old door for my chicken coop and more bountiful roses for Don Cockrill for all his work to make it fit! What wonderful friends and neighbours I have! Susan Good

A whole pond of water lilies for Brenda Akerman at Summerside Pool for helping me stay limber before and after both of my knee operations. Brenda, your hard work made my recovery so much easier! Aldyth.

A huge bouquet of burgundy coloured autumn roses to Fred and Nancy Powell for the cupboards that are a perfect fit for our Food Bank building. They look like they were designed just for us. Frank of "All Trades" needs a huge thank you also, for the incredible installation job he accomplished. And Ted & Eve, it wouldn't have gotten done without you. Tuesday Food Bank volunteers.

Individual roses to the many patient motorists who were held up for many minutes as negotiations with hydro wires complicated my house delivery last Tuesday on North End and Langs roads. Also, huge bouquets to Karen, Hugh and Owen for their tireless support and encouragement. SC

A stretcher full of roses to Thrifty Foods and the amazing staff who scrambled to supply our team with food and drink Thursday night during the search. It was a cold, long night and we very much appreciate your support! SS Search & Rescue

FOR YOUR TRUST



Peter Lamb

THANK YOU

Soon I will be stepping down as Local Trustee with the Islands Trust and want to express my appreciation for all the support I have received over the past 3 years. It has been an interesting and rewarding experience. For me, the Islands Trust embodies the very special responsibility we have been given to preserve and protect these Gulf islands for all British Columbians.

I am delighted that my colleagues, **George Ehring** and **Gary Holman** are seeking reelection to continue with diligence and commitment to effective governance and careful attention to Salt Spring issues. I also know that **Christine Torgrimson** will bring her considerable experience and passion for the Trust to the position of local trustee.

I will be voting:

For the Trust: **George Ehring & Christine Torgrimson**

For the CRD: **Gary Holman**

For the referendum to add two more trustees to the Local Trust Committee, I will be voting **YES**



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BIKE SPOOKS:

Costumed bike riders arrive in Ganges as part of the Spooky Spokes Critical Mass Bike Ride. This marked the group's last ride of the season.

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Counting on Homo careius

I would like to thank Jack Hallam and Mary Toynbee for their thoughtful responses in the Oct. 22 Driftwood letters section to my Oct. 8 "From Homo stupidicus to Homo careius" piece on global warming.

Jack thinks that there is no way islanders will give up their fossil-fuel burning cars.

Think wartime, Jack, think survival. How many private cars do you think were running around Britain at the height of the war? Think sacrifice. For five long years virtually no one saw oranges, lemons, grapefruit or bananas. And yes, you

will see electric cars.

It's true that we must push solar and wind energy research but there are days when the sun doesn't shine and days when the wind doesn't blow, but the tides come in and the tides go out — twice a day for 365 days a year — and that is where our research should go.

A grid including Active Pass and Porlier Pass in the south, including all the other locations like Surge Narrows, Okisollo and of course the mighty Seymour Narrows in the north would provide 24-hour power generation and if that grid was connected to a system of wind and wave generation on the west coast of Vancouver Island the power generated would be enormous.

I think Mary is right in saying that we are too complacent and perhaps ignorant

of the true enormity of the effects of global warming. I believe that millions will die before we achieve a sustainable society

They will die from starvation. Already there are reports that one billion people are suffering from malnutrition and global warming will reduce the amount of arable land available.

They will die from disease. Warmer weather diseases like West Nile Virus and Malaria will move north. And they will die from wars over water and other scarce resources.

So — who should we look to for action? I am very hopeful as I have seen people like Mary herself in action, as well as people like Maggie Schubart, Dr. Margaret Fulton, Pat Barclay, Marion Pape, Margery Moore, Robin Annschild,

Rose Murakami, Susan Berlin, Maureen Milburne and so many others.

Yes, yes — I know I have named only women but then I have long believed that in womenkind lies the hope of the world!

I know too that here on Salt Spring there are hundreds of others, both men and women, who exemplify "Homo Careius," the caring ones. When those people, particularly those women, realize the full threat to their children and grandchildren, well, I would rather stand between a grizzly bear and her cubs than stand between them and a threat to their offspring!

I may well be "Homo Stupidicus," but I'm not that stupid.

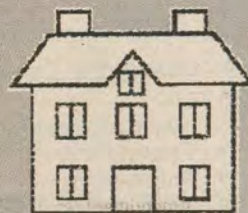
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PRINCIPLE versus PRACTICE

"Local governments - whether incorporated or not - are subject to 'higher' levels of government oversight"
- George Ehring [1]

This principle makes perfect sense. So how did the Trust get from...

"The ministry [of Community Services] requires...a thorough and rigorous analysis of all existing and potential options." [2]

...to an Islands Trust governance review whose Terms of Reference [3] pointedly excluded one obvious option?

We live in a democracy, where citizens are the highest level of authority. So how did we get from...

"The purpose of the report and our public consultation meetings is to encourage thinking, discussion and input, not to pre-empt or limit anyone's ideas." [4]

...to dismissal of the bulk of public input [5] and a half-baked reform proposal?

The people of Salt Spring deserve a fair open and complete process to determine the structure of our government. The province required an honest analysis. The people relied on an honest hearing. The Trust gave us neither.

**LET'S ALIGN PRACTICE WITH PRINCIPLE
LET'S HAVE AN UNBIASED LOOK AT HOW WE ARE GOVERNED**

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2. To provide the contribution required if Salt Spring is to qualify for a Provincial Matching Grant. **The Library receives \$4.00 in funding (up to a maximum of \$9,000) for every local dollar donated.**
3. To make other changes that will allow your Library to better serve the community over the next few years. **For example: better shelving and seating that will also be usable in a new library.**

*Until Salt Spring has the new Library it needs, it needs the Library it has!
Please help if you can.*

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Vote yes in Nov. 15 Trust referendum

BY PETER LAMB

On Nov. 15, you will be asked to vote on the 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 trustees?"

The purpose of the referendum is to seek Salt Spring Islanders' approval to increase the level of local political representation. I am convinced that this is a positive step in the process of improving governance on Salt Spring and I heartily support it. It is another phase in the ongoing evolution of the Trust since its establishment in 1974.

I will be voting "yes" because it recognizes the relatively greater demands on Salt Spring trustees in conducting Islands Trust business, increases the level of political representation on Salt Spring's local committee (which governs land-use on the island), allows more opportunity for open discussion of issues and spreads the growing workload on trustees to respond to residents' concerns.

In the previous election campaign in 2005, both George Ehring and I made a commitment to promote ways of strengthening the Trust and improving governance in the Trust Area. Subsequently, we were appointed members of a special task force established by Trust Council (comprising all trustees in the Trust area) to undertake this work. The referendum is one outcome of that review.

The task force identified three priority topics to consider in this term:

- Political representation
- Improved coordination with regional districts
- Financial arrangements

The referendum addresses the first priority. In June 2007, after consideration of a number of options, Trust Council recommended that the province amend the Islands Trust Act to allow for the election of two additional trustees from Salt Spring Island. This additional representation better

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reflects Salt Spring's population within the Trust area, and the demands of a larger community on the workload of two trustees. Council also recommended that these two additional trustees would be full voting members of Trust Council. However, the provincial Minister of Community Development, who has authority for local government affairs, proposed that the Islands Trust hold a referendum to assess the level of support on Salt Spring Island and that the additional trustees should not be able to vote at Trust Council meetings.

At its regular meeting in September 2008, Trust Council unanimously accepted the minister's direction and approved the referendum which will be on the ballot on Nov. 15. At the same time, council agreed to maximize the participation of the additional trustees in Trust Council business including attendance at council meetings and membership of council committees.

Finally, it is worth noting that the chair of a local Trust committee is a member of the Trust Executive Committee and has a special role to play in representing the provincial interest in the work of the committee. The chair monitors compliance with the Islands Trust legislated object as elaborated in the Trust Policy Statement and approved by the province. The chair also manages the meeting procedure, allowing the local trustees to focus on the business at hand.

References to the "off-island chair" casting the deciding vote ignores both this important role played by the chair and the very limited number of times that this has been exercised in practice. Furthermore, adding two more trustees will greatly decrease the chances of that occurring.

I urge you to support this initiative and vote "yes" in this referendum.

The writer is a local trustee not seeking re-election.



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I like the fact the newer bulbs mimic the look of regular bulbs; mine are the squiggly-shaped ones. The important fact is they use up to 75 per cent less electricity, no matter the shape.

Now, until the end of the year, is the time to take advantage of great rebates on a whole list of appliances through BC Hydro, \$50 off washers and refrigerators and \$25 off freezers – all Energy Star, of course. In some months you can save both the PST and GST, as well. Some retailers are adding an additional perk by knocking off an additional 10 per cent to support Power Smart. Check bchydro.com/rebates to see what's offered. A few bucks saved translate to more paid off the mortgage!

A few years ago I renovated my kitchen and utility room and invested in new appliances all round. I won't embarrass myself by admitting just how old the originals were, except to say they were one step up from coal-fired. My electricity bill dropped like a stone.

I opted for a front load clothes washer, for which my septic field thanked me. A front load washer saves 36

per cent energy over a top load, and I only use cold water, which as far as I can tell cleans as well as hot. A matching dryer sits unused since I decided to use an outside clothes line in good weather and a couple of clothes racks in inclement weather.

If you are thinking of using clothes racks here is a tip: buy chrome instead of wood, as wood can mark wet garments. A friend of mine went one better and stung her clothesline over a garden of lavender and herbs ... guess what my plan is for next spring!

When my dishwasher sighed and then quit, the repairman gave me a great tip – run your kitchen sink tap hot then turn on the dishwasher,

doing this saves the dishwasher from having to heat the water as much and the appliance lasts longer – who knew?

Talking about saving electricity, I have started unplugging everything that isn't in use after learning about phantom electrical use. Did you know that everything plugged in – TV, radio, microwave, computer, etc. – is using electricity even when not being used? That is called phantom electricity. I must admit crawling under my desk to turn

off the power bar is a bit challenging but I'll take one for the team. It will be interesting to see if there is a difference on my next hydro bill.

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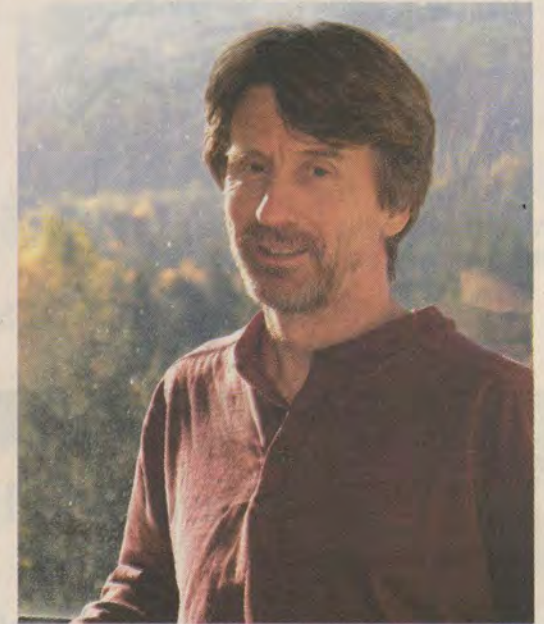

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LiveSmart Community Heroes

ANDREW HAIGH – SALT SPRING ISLAND



When Andrew Haigh was working with International Bioremedial Services in central China, "there was so much smog we went for days without seeing the sun," he said.

Seeing China's advanced state of pollution was a wake-up call that fuelled his efforts when he returned home to Canada. Andrew moved to Salt Spring Island from Vancouver with his wife eight and a half years ago, opened Salt Spring Books and has helped to bolster sustainability in a variety of ways.

Most recently, Andrew has:

- lobbied the Ministry of Transportation, as chair of the Hedgerow Preservation Society, to keep roadside mowing to a minimum to help maintain the island's rural feel;

- built an energy efficient, hemp bale eco-home that is part of the Salt Spring Island Conservancy eco-home tour;

- founded the Salt Spring Energy Circles electricity challenge;

- rented out kill-a-watt devices to the public via Salt Spring Books to help people measure energy usage within their homes;

- been an active member of the Partners Creating Pathways committee;

- served as chairman of the APC of the Islands Trust;

- to encourage positive solutions to climate change, he circulated the George Monbiot book "Heat: How to Stop the Planet Burning" free of charge to local businesses;

- was a board member of the Earth Festival Society, which managed the Salt Spring Energy Strategy.

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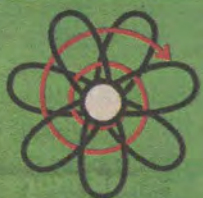
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- Reduce your shower time, or reduce the water temperature.
- While waiting for hot water to flow when taking a shower, turn off the water and use the cool water in a bucket and use it for plants.
- Reduce the number of times you flush your toilet.
- Do not let the water run while brushing your teeth. Turn off the faucet while brushing.
- Do not run the faucet while washing your hands. Turn off the faucet while washing.
- Scrape dishes instead of rinsing them under the faucet. For heavy cleaning of greasy dishes, use a dishwasher. For heavy cleaning of glassware, use a dishwasher overnight.
- Compost kitchen wastes (organic matter) in a separate disposal system.
- When washing dishes by hand, do not wash one item at a time. Use tubs or plug the sink.
- Capture excess water in a container while watering plants or pets.
- Operate automatic dishwashers at full capacity. Load the size of your load.
- Rinse fruit and vegetables in a pan instead of under the faucet. Use the water for indoor and outdoor plants.
- Keep a bottle of drinking water in the refrigerator for cold water.
- For regular household cleaning, use a pail of water.

(From a CRD water-saving guide)

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- Reduce the amount of water used in the bath.
- When preparing for a shower, catch the water in a bucket for plants, pets or cleaning.
- Use your toilet with multiple uses before flushing.
- Turn off the water when brushing your teeth. Instead, wet your toothbrush and use it to brush.
- Turn off the water when shaving. Instead, fill the bowl with water.
- Turn off the water when washing dishes. Pre-soak them under running water before loading.
- Wash grills or oven parts, pre-soak them in a bucket of water (rather than under running water) instead of using a sink garbage disposal.
- Don't wash or rinse with running water.
- Turn off the water while running the tap and use for your toothbrush.
- Fill the bathtub to full capacity and/or set the water level for your needs.
- Water plants instead of running water continuously for outdoor plant watering.
- Turn off the refrigerator instead of running the tap to fill a glass.
- Use a bucket or pail rather than running water.
- See the attached water-saving tip sheet.)



CRD toilet rebate program is on the way!
THIS TIME IT'S FOR REAL! The Capital Regional District is applying some of Salt Spring's Green Cities Award funding towards a low-flush toilet rebate program for Salt Spring Island. Previous CRD rebate programs did not apply to the island. The plan was announced on Oct. 28 and details will be made available soon.

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

You Choose, You Save

The Province wants to help families go green and, in doing so, help you save money along the way. There are a number of rebates, incentives and tax exemptions that make it easier and more affordable for you to make green choices as you work towards reducing your carbon footprint at home, at work and on the road. These can range from saving the PST on many ENERGY STAR appliances, to savings of over \$6,000 on the purchase of a new fuel-efficient vehicle.

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HOME ENERGY

Green Cities Award funds rolled into rebate program

Low-flush toilets and home energy assessments eligible

Up to 110 Salt Spring households will receive a \$75 rebate on the cost of an energy assessment needed to apply for thousands of dollars in provincial and federal residential retrofitting grants.

According to an Oct. 28 press release, the assessments are currently subsidized by the provincial government but they still cost \$150, so the new one-time rebate announced by the Capital Regional District (CRD) cuts the price in half.

The assessments give homeowners a personalized consultation that quantifies and identifies air leakage, suggests a customized retrofit plan for the home and calculates a baseline EnerGuide rating, a number on a scale of 0-100, that describes how the home rates for energy efficiency. An assessment is the first step to becoming eligible for thousands of dollars worth of energy efficiency incentives under both the provincial LiveSmart BC: Efficiency Incentive program and the federal ecoACTION Retrofit - Homes program. More information on the incentives is at www.livesmart.bc.ca.

Funding comes from half of a

\$25,000 Green Cities award granted to Salt Spring via the CRD last year from a field of 167 B.C. electoral areas.

"After consulting with various organizations and individuals, I decided to use half of the awards for rebates for energy efficiency assessments," said Salt Spring CRD director Gary Holman in a press release. "The other half will fund a low-flush toilet rebate program in conjunction with Salt Spring Water Council and local water districts. This program will be similar to the longstanding CRD water rebate program in the Greater Victoria area."

"I congratulate Salt Spring on being the first local government

in the province to provide funding support for the \$60-million LiveSmart BC program and together we can help British Columbians reduce their carbon footprint through energy-efficiency upgrades," said Murray Coell, MLA for Saanich North and the Islands. "I encourage Salt Spring residents to join the almost 8,300 British Columbians who have applied for rebates through LiveSmart BC so far this year."

The rebate was announced at a community meeting to discuss a Community Action and Energy Efficiency Gold report commissioned by the Islands Trust and administered by the CRD. Report findings and recommendations were pre-

sented by Pembina Institute and lawyer Deborah Curran and are intended to help Salt Spring meet its energy strategy targets. The three-part final report is posted on www.islandstrust.bc.ca, www.crd.bc.ca, and www.saltspringenergystrategy.org websites.

CityGreen Solutions, a non-profit delivery agent of the ecoENERGY/LiveSmartBC homeowner grants, will coordinate the Salt Spring home energy assessment rebate program.

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

Salt Spring Island (Three to be elected)

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Pender Island Elementary School, 5714 Canal Road, North Pender Island, B.C., and Mary Winspear Community Cultural Centre at Sanscha, 2243 Beacon Avenue, Sidney, B.C between the hours of **eight (8:00) A.M. and eight (8:00) P.M. on Wednesday, the fifth (5th) day and on Wednesday the twelfth (12th) day of November 2008** of which every person is hereby required to take notice and be so governed accordingly.

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).

NEWSBEAT

COMMUNITY SERVICES

Core Inn space inspires debate

Decision anticipated
at November
meeting

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

The executive director of Salt Spring Island Community Services maintains that proposed changes to the Core Inn's third floor will increase the scope and scale of youth programs the group can offer to the community.

"We've taken in lots of good advice and are working toward the best solution to make best use of that space," said Rob Grant in an interview last week.

Speaking at the organization's monthly board meeting on Oct. 16, Grant said the latest proposal involves the creation of two 9.2-square-metre (100-square-foot) offices intended for youth programming coordinators.

The proposal would see the usable studio space decrease from 92 square metres (1,000 square feet) to 74 square metres (800 square feet), Grant added.

When news of the potential renovation arose earlier this fall, some communi-

ty group members voiced concerns over the potential loss of a central, multi-use and historically significant space. B.C. artist Emily Carr once used the area as a studio.

"Once you cut that up you'll never get it back," said Arvid Chalmers, who spoke against the proposal at the October board meeting.

Chalmers recommends the offices be placed on the building's 117-square-metre (1,300-square-foot) second floor or in another building.

While the third-floor space is used on a regular basis by painting, dancing, theatre and yoga groups, Grant said, records indicate it is rarely used more than eight hours a week.

As his organization's programming increases, seeking more efficient use of the Core Inn's third floor is a reasonable action to take, he said.

Grant said the board will not make a final decision on the space until its next board meeting, slated for Nov. 20.

In the meantime, he invites anyone with concerns or recommendations to contact him at 250-537-9971, ext. 222.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Pumpkin Smash a first for Salt Spring

Lions Club hosts
Sunday contest, BBQ
and squash toss

Islanders can bury their Jack-o-lantern's devilish grin once and for all at the first-ever Great Salt Spring Island Pumpkin Smash sponsored by the Salt Spring Lions Club.

On Sunday, Nov. 2 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Lions Hall, participants will get a

chance to chuck their jack-o-lanterns into a giant compost heap bound for Big Foot Herbs on Salt Spring.

At 12:30 p.m., prizes in two categories will be awarded — one for the "gooliest" pumpkin (junior) and the most artistic (adult).

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MEN'S SOCCER



PHOTO BY DERRICK LUNDY

Jeremy Morrison clashes with the keeper as Salt Spring FC settles for a 1-1 tie against Powell River.

Salt Spring FC gets the point in draw

Team prepares for division's best

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Salt Spring FC hopes to build on last weekend's 1-1 tie against Powell River Villa as the team prepares to host the division's best on Saturday afternoon.

The match remained scoreless until the second half, though Salt Spring had an early goal called back on what team spokesperson Jordon Morrison called a "questionable call" by the linesman.

"I thought we should have gone up," he said.

FC did take the lead on a goal by Julian Smith, 10 minutes into the second. FC continued to apply pressure in the Powell River zone, but failed to get the insurance it needed to guarantee the win.

"We had a ton of chances to build on the lead, but just couldn't find the back of the net," Morrison said.

It wasn't until late in the

game that a charging Powell River forward managed to tap in the game-tying goal with only minutes remaining.

After a dismal start to the 2008 season, FC has pulled off somewhat of a resurgence of late, climbing to seventh spot in the Vancouver Island Soccer League's second division.

Morrison promises an exciting match against the division-leading and undefeated Gorge FC (7-0-1) at Portlock Park on Saturday afternoon at 2:15.

FC Alumni

Salt Spring's FC Alumni (4-0-1) reinforced their hold upon first place in the Vancouver Island Soccer League's Masters-B division with a hard-fought 1-1 tie against Gorge FC on Sunday.

Gorge FC (1-3-3) proved it is a threat regardless of its position near the bottom of the pack.

FC Alumni remains two points ahead of the second-place Sooke United and has

one game in hand.

Players will try to solidify their dominance when they take to the field on Vancouver Island this weekend against the lowly Bays United FC (0-5-2).

Old Boys

In Masters-C action, the Salt Spring Island Old Boys remain in the hunt for their first victory of the 2008 soccer season in spite of a close match against Prospect Lake on Saturday evening.

The Old Boys (0-5-1) couldn't muster up the offence needed to tie the game after their hosts scored the match's lone goal.

The team will be back in action on Salt Spring against Cowichan (2-1-3) on Sunday, Nov. 2 at 10 a.m. A victory against the fifth-place team could still pull them out of last place in their division.

Ganges Gremio

Division 5A's Ganges Gremio (3-1-2) continues to shine in its inaugural season, defeating Bays United

3-2 (0-6-1) in a Sunday afternoon game on Salt Spring.

"We're picking up all our points from the bottom teams now," said team spokesperson and player Ryan Smith.

Jesse Hlady, Marlow Hart and Colin McDougall combined to provide Gremio's offensive firepower in the back-and-forth battle.

"It was just a tight fight for most of the game," Smith said.

The win puts Gremio in fifth place with 11 points, a mere five points out of first.

Players will try to close the gap when they travel to Juan de Fuca (2-3-1) on Nov. 2.

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Trevor Hutton
General Manager, North Salt Spring Waterworks District

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The Hallowe'en fireworks have been made possible by the community's continued support of the Fire Fighters' Corn Booth at the annual Fall Fair.

A BIG THANK YOU to Malcolm and Stephanie Bond for donating the delicious fresh corn.

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Happy Hallowe'en to everyone!



Islands Trust

LOCAL TRUSTEES - 2008 GENERAL LOCAL ELECTIONS - NOTICE OF ELECTION BY VOTING

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 from December 2008 to December 2011 as **Local Trustees** for the six island trust areas under the **Islands Trust**.

Galiano Island Local Trust Area - Two Trustees to be elected:

Surname	Given Name(s)	Residential Address
DECARIO	Louise	667 Linklater Road, Galiano Island, BC V0N 1P0
MABBERLEY	Ben	1128 Montague Road, Galiano Island, BC V0N 1P0
POTTLE	Sandy	177 Harper Road, Galiano Island, BC V0N 1P0
RUSSELL	William	418 Montague Road, Galiano Island, BC V0N 1P0
SHARP	Michael	141 Seaview Terrace, Galiano Island, BC V0N 1P0

Salt Spring Island Local Trust Area - Two Trustees to be Elected:

Surname	Given Name(s)	Residential Address
EHRING	George	200 Seymour Heights, Salt Spring Island, BC V8K 2B6
LINEGER	Kimberly	181 Maliview Drive, Salt Spring Island, BC V8K 1B8
SCHLENKER	Norbert	130 Bittancourt Road, Salt Spring Island, BC V8K 2K2
TORGRIMSON	Christine	221 Harbourside Place, Salt Spring Island, BC V8K2L2

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SHEW	Colin	452 Garrick Road, Mayne Island, BC V0N 2J0

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NEFF	Beverley	121 Dark Horse Road, Saturna Island, BC V0N 2Y0

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Surname	Given Name(s)	Residential Address
GREER	David	1261 Transit Road, Victoria, BC V8S 5A4 (Owns property at: 9958 Gowlland Point Road, South Pender Island, BC)
SCHOLEFIELD	Wendy	9944 Gowlland Point Road, South Pender Island, BC, V0N 2M3

The following constitutes the designated island trust areas for the purpose of electing Local Trustees to the Islands Trust:

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South Pender Island Local Trust Area - South Pender, Blunden Islet, Skull Islet.

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

- 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
- Piers Island Fire Hall, Piers Island, BC
- Anderson Elementary School, 9460 Alberta Road, Richmond, BC

Southern Gulf Islands

- Lions's Hall, 992 Burrell Road, Galiano Island, BC
- Pender Islands School, 5714 Canal Road, Pender Island, BC
- Anderson Elementary School, 9460 Alberta Road, Richmond, BC

Advance Voting Opportunities will be available from 8:00 am to 8:00 pm on Wednesday, November 5, 2008 and Wednesday, November 12, 2008 at:

Salt Spring Island

- Mary Winspear Centre, 2243 Beacon Avenue, Sidney, BC
- Ganges Fire Hall, 105 Lower Ganges Road, Salt Spring Island, BC

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- Mary Winspear Centre, 2243 Beacon Avenue, Sidney, BC
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Chief Election Officer

Elector Qualifications

Resident Elector - You are entitled to vote as a Resident Elector if you are 18 years or older on voting day (Nov. 15, 2008), are a Canadian Citizen, have resided in British Columbia for the past six months and within the boundaries of the jurisdiction for the past 30 days. If registering on voting day, you must provide two documents proving identity and residency (one must have a signature).

Non-Resident Property Elector - If you are 18 years or older on voting day (Nov. 15, 2008), are a Canadian Citizen, have resided in British Columbia for the past six months, have owned and held registered title to property within the boundaries of the jurisdiction for the past 30 days, do not qualify as a Resident Elector, you may vote as a Non-Resident Property Elector provided that you:

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- apply at the time of voting. The following information is required at the time of application:
 - a recent title search, state of title certificate, or property tax notice, showing the names of all of the registered owners,
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A copy of the consent form may be downloaded from: <http://www.crd.bc.ca/about/elections/documents/ConsentFormforNRPE.pdf>

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

- BC driver's licence
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- BC CareCard or Gold CareCard
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- Social Insurance Card (Canada)
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For questions regarding voting and voter registration call the Capital Regional District @ 250.360.3129 or Toll Free 1.800.663.4425 local 3129, or Mr. Tom Moore @ 250.472.0059.

Please Note:

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- Automated vote counting machines will be used for the Salt Spring Island vote.

GISS FOOTBALL

Scorpions qualify for provincials with mammoth win

Boys team holds lead with stellar defence

BY PATRICK CWIKLINSKI
DRIFTWOOD CONTRIBUTOR

The 2008 Gulf Islands Secondary School (GISS) Scorpions high school football team is off to the big show for a second consecutive appearance in the B.C. high school football playoffs after a huge win over the Alberni District Secondary School (ADSS) Armada.

Scorpions running back Ian Barrett summed up his team's winning effort last Friday using only one word, the only word that seemed to fit — "teamwork." Barrett, who played a crucial role in the Scorpions' win over the Armada with 148

rushing yards and 12 tackles, also said that while the team played an excellent game, there's always room for improvement.

"We worked as a team but we still need to work on the small things," Barrett said.

He added that one of the keys to the team's success was to not get ahead of themselves. "We don't think of what's ahead, we just set a goal one game at a time. So today we made a goal."

The Scorpions got off to a quick lead after capitalizing on their first drive of the game with a gorgeous 48-yard touchdown from Lenart Palm and a run-in conversion from quarterback Zach Corley that would put their team up 8-0 early in the tilt.

The Armada tried to get something going but were shut down time and time again by Myles Raposo, who intimidated the entire Alberni line and recorded five tackles and a sack on the game. Eric Pultke also played strong defensively and would go on to rack up three tackles of his own as the Scorpions kept their eight-point lead going into the second quarter.

The second quarter brought more offence as the Scorpions pulled ahead to a 16-0 lead with Barrett cruising through the Armada defence on a 30-yard touchdown that was complemented by another conversion from Corley off a QB sneak. The Armada applied pressure as they managed to score a touchdown on a very stingy Scor-

pions defence but the home team remained calm and stuck to the game plan. Barrett looked like a juggernaut breaking through at least four tackles to run the ball 22 yards for his second touchdown of the game, putting his team ahead 24-8 at halftime.

The Scorpions kept rolling as Kevin Abbott ran the ball for a huge 56-yard gain only to get stopped just a yard or two short of a touchdown. The Armada got a break as they recovered a Scorpions fumble virtually right on the end zone line and tried to get something going the other way. However, the Scorpions defence wouldn't allow another touchdown as Oliver Schnare, three tackles, Guilherme Gonzalez-Verone, two tackles, along with Aaron

Hoffman, Mason Raposo and Sam Raace managed to give the Armada little to no room to work with.

Later in the third, Abbott got another opportunity to run-in for a touchdown and this time he made no mistake and ended the game with 124 rushing yards under his belt as the Scorpions walked away victorious for the second straight game 32-8.

The Scorpions will now advance to the playoffs where they stand to face the Mark Isfeld Ice or the G.P. Vanier Towhees, two teams they suffered losses to earlier in the season. But the playoffs have a way of bringing out the best in a team, so there's nothing stopping the Scorpions from achieving their goal of becoming divisional champions.

SCORPIONS BOYS

GISS volleyballers have a provincial berth on radar

Third-place finish should boost ranking

The Scorpions senior boys volleyball team earned third place at a 16-team tournament at G.P. Vanier school in Courtenay on Oct. 24-25.

"The boys had a very good weekend, losing only one match by a few points in the third game to AAA Dover Bay, a team they had beaten handily the previous day," said coach Kellie Booth.

Strong play by all-star setter Cole Wrigley and dominating blocking and hitting of middle blocker Chris Howe were highlights throughout the event, said Booth. Power hitter James Cameron's return to action after an early season injury proved to have an immediate positive impact.

Solid performances by Casey Knight, Stuart Garside, Cayce Fedberg, Dave Outerbridge and libero Hal Cook kept the Scorpions in close games. Junior players Drew Storey, Evan Henshall and Graham Wrigley provided positive support when called upon.

"The Scorpions earned 3rd place in the tournament by easily defeating AAA Oak Bay in the third-fourth-place match after coming through the toughest side of the draw," said Booth.

Coaches Booth and Cam Johnson were very pleased with the effort made by the boys and the results they achieved over the weekend.

The team has made steady progress all season and should be peaking at just the right time.

A return trip to the provincials in Kelowna is in the sights for the Scorpions players.

Up next for the senior boys team is the North Vancouver Island tournament in Nanaimo on Nov. 6.

Island volleyball fans will be in for some high powered volleyball action when GISS hosts the Vancouver Island Championships on Nov. 14 and 15.

The Scorpions are presently ranked 10th in the province and expect that ranking will improve after their sound performance this past weekend.



Thank You!

The GISS Senior Boys and Girls Volleyball teams would like to acknowledge SeaChange Savouries Canada, Eamon Murphy of Clement, Murphy & Woodward and John Cameron Photographic Solutions for their community spirit, generosity and support of the Bi-annual Sports and Cultural trip to Hawaii.

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
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Walkers

Nov 4: Ron Hall will lead a moderate walk off-island to Dodd's Narrows near Nanaimo. Good chance of seeing sea lions interacting with salmon. Lunch at the Crow and Gate Pub. Leave Portlock Park at 8:30 a.m. for the 9 a.m. ferry to Crofton. Return probably on the 3:30 ferry.

Nov 11: Remembrance Day — no walk scheduled.

Nov 18: Bryan Adderley will lead a moderate walk along the north slope of Mount Erskine and Mount Belcher. Leave ArtSpring at 10 a.m.

Nov 25: Gil and Fran Schultz will lead a moderate walk from Fernwood Elementary school across country to Hedger Road and back to Fernwood school along Walker Hook Road. Leave ArtSpring at 10 a.m. or meet at Fernwood school at 10:15.

Our November social is on Thursday, Nov. 20 at 7 p.m. in the United Church. Andrea Rankin and Margaret Spencer will speak about their trip to Antarctica.

The annual fees for the 2007/08 season are still due: \$20 per person. Please complete and sign the membership/waiver form and leave it with your cheque in the Cobbler's Box or present it to our membership secretary, Barry Spence (250-537-2332).

Waiver forms are available for download from the website at www.saltspringtnc.ca, where you will also find more details on our activities, rules and guidelines. Following is the November schedule:

Nature Group

On Thursday, Nov. 13, the group, led by Bob Weeden (and friends?) will leave Portlock Park at 10 a.m. to search for migratory waterfowl on St. Mary Lake. Please bring a lunch, bird books, etc. It is expected that the outing will last about four hours. Further information is available from John Heddle: 250-537-2672.

Ramblers

Nov. 4: Dorothy Kyle will take us to Mouat Park and beyond. Carpool from Centennial Park at 10 a.m.

Nov. 11: Remembrance Day — no outing.

Nov. 18: Frauke Prys-tawik will lead an outing to Goldstream Park to see the salmon run. Arrange your own carpool. Meet at Portlock Park at 9:45 a.m. We will take the 10:40 a.m. ferry from Vesuvius to Crofton. At Goldstream Park we will have a short walk, eat our lunch, then at 1 p.m. meet at the Freeman King Visitor Centre for a nature talk and walk.

Nov. 25: Betty Sharp will lead a walk to Channel Ridge. Carpool from Centennial Park at 10 a.m. or meet at 1100 block of Sunset Drive at 10:15 a.m.

Hikers

Nov 4: Barry and Sheila Spence will lead a moderate hike from Crofton, onto Maple Mountain trails and back (some steep sections). We will probably walk on the 9 a.m. ferry, so meet at Portlock Park at 8:30 a.m. to carpool to the Vesuvius ferry. Members will be notified through the club e-mail if we decide to take cars across.

Nov. 11: Remembrance Day — no hike scheduled.

Nov. 18: Zeke Blazecka will be leading a moderate hike to Bold Bluff. Meet at ArtSpring at 9:45 a.m. or the Burgoyne triangle at 10.

Nov. 25: Jean Gelwicks and Charles Kahn will lead a moderate hike beginning on the Channel Ridge trails now administered by PARC with some interesting off-shoots through neighbouring lands. Meet at ArtSpring at 9:45 a.m.

New Members

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DIANA MARION ELLIOTT
 January 30, 1929 - October 22, 2008

The Elliott Family is sad to announce the passing of our mother and grandmother, Diana Elliott, this past Wednesday, October 22, 2008. Diana was a resident of Salt Spring Island since 1967, enjoying careers with the Salt Spring Elementary School as a secretary, then with B.C. Ferries for 15 years. Diana also enjoyed her many volunteer activities, particularly working with all her friends at Greenwoods, Lady Minto Extended Care, the Lady Minto Hospital Auxiliary and her Church.

Well loved and survived by her family, Ian and Carolyn, Douglas and Ellen, daughter-in-law Kerry and 5 grandchildren Sarah, Gordon, Michael, Harrison and Gregory, and importantly her many beloved friends of Salt Spring, with special mention to Dorothy and Lindsay Kyle. She was predeceased by her husband John Gordon, who passed away in Toronto in 1967 and her life-long friend Agnes Baker, whom she always missed.

The Elliott family wishes to thank Dr. Reznick, Dr. Woodley and the caring Staff and Volunteers at the Lady Minto Hospital for their kind and compassionate support. Memorial services will be held at the Salt Spring Island Baptist Church, 520 Lower Ganges Road, on Saturday, November 1, 2008 at 2:00 p.m. for friends and family to celebrate Diana's Salt Spring memories. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to the Lady Minto Hospital.

BIRTHS FUNERAL HOMES

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DEATHS

BRYAN STEVENSON DENTON
 MARCH 6, 1936 - OCTOBER 21, 2008

Bryan passed away peacefully with family surrounding him at Lady Minto Hospital, after suffering a brief respiratory illness. He leaves to mourn his loving wife & best friend Audrey, children Colin (Sharron) of Pender Island, Candice (Rand) of Aptos, Calif., Heather of Vancouver, David (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.

A celebration of Bryan's life will be held on Sat., Nov. 1 at 2pm at the Salt Spring Island Golf & Country Club. In lieu of flowers, donations to the Lady Minto Hospital Foundation or the charity of your choice would be appreciated.

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ISLAND ARTS CENTRE SOCIETY ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Saturday, Nov. 15 5 pm at ArtSpring

The AGM will be followed by a nice reception to acknowledge past Board Members.

ALL OF our loyal and generous supporters please take note: Tree Frog Daycare's Auction will be held in the Spring of 2009!

BRIDGE LUNCHEON

CFUW Salt Spring Island Club
 Fund raiser for GISS scholarships
 Friday, November 7, Lions Hall
 Lunch at Noon, Bridge to follow
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SOUTH END CANDIDATES' NIGHT AT THE FULFORD HALL, ISLANDS TRUST AND CRD CANDIDATES THURS. NOV. 6 @ 7.30pm

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD
 Fill a shoe box & bring joy to a child this Christmas. For more info: Nancy 250-537-1817 or Community Gospel Chapel 250-537-2626.

In Memory of DONALD VINCENT CLARKSON
 June 11, 1915 - October 22, 2008

Donald Vincent Clarkson passed peacefully into the hands of the Lord in the company of his loving wife Ruth Clarkson. He passed on Wednesday, October 22, 2008. He is survived by his wife of 45 years, his sons Peter Clarkson & Doug Hamm, and his daughters Sandra Dyck, Gloria Dale & Shelley Clarkson. He is also survived by 7 grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Don was a graduate of John Oliver High School in Vancouver, B.C. He then attended the Fairview King Edward High School of Commercial Radio Operators' Room 19. Don found his passion for lighthouses during his summer relief position at the Quatsino, Race Rocks and Triple Island Lighthouses.

He was then a radar operator on the oil tanker "The California Standard." His lifetime interest was radio communications and being a part of the H.A.M. radio club. Don received medals for his service with the R.A.F. ferry command during World War II.

In 1972 he and Ruth moved to Salt Spring Island from Abbotsford. Here he enjoyed the island life and ended up retiring here in 1980. He lived a full and happy life to the age of 93. He always enjoyed travelling around the world and being surrounded by his family.

His family would like to extend thanks to the staff of the E.C.U. at Lady Minto Hospital for their continuous and compassionate care. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Lady Minto Hospital Foundation. Memorial service will be held at Salt Spring Island Baptist Church November 8 at 3:00 p.m.

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COMING EVENTS
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RESTORATIVE YOGA and Yoga Nidra with Rupert Adams at Ganges Yoga Studio. Starting in November Restorative Yoga will move to Fridays, 5-6 pm. Starting Nov. 11, Yoga Nidra classes will be held every second week on Tuesdays, 5-6pm. For info call 250-537-2444.
SIMPLY LOVE, A Family Cookbook, author Ginny Love to sign at Love My Kitchen, Sat. Nov. 1 from 1-3pm. Refreshments. 250-537-5862.

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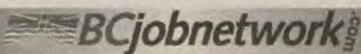
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This Week's Horoscope by Michael O'Connor

Tip of the Week:

The Sun is now in Scorpio along with Mars, the sign of change and transformation. More specifically, Scorpio is linked to banks, insurance, taxes, inheritances and depth psychology, sexuality and the processes of death and rebirth. Much is afoot at this time and while the waves are very high on certain shores, it is business as usual on others such as here in Canada where the governmental status quo is virtually identical to what it was before our federal elections. This is a message in that telling us that, for our part, our banking system is more stable. Of course we are linked to the economic reality of the U.S. as are other countries. So, the entire world is still reeling and bracing itself for the economic changes that are sweeping the globe and it will continue, probably for years. Furthermore, the repercussions will prove transformational indeed all as a part of a larger process. Among other things, we are witnessing just how closely all the economies of the world are linked. Certain people, categories or people and institutions around the world are more affected than many closer to the epicentre in the U.S. itself. While it is good to be aware and to prepare for what further repercussions we may feel, such responses are all part of the greater purpose at play here. Put simply, the planetary alignments are indicating that this is the birth of a whole new economy and attitude towards money, possessions, investments, security, insurance and social collective, attitudes and orientations such retirement. All these things will shift and change. People will become more aware of the importance and value of multiple streams of income, on one hand, and being more appreciative of basic, simple wholesome values like good food, clean water and community living. Beyond all our fears and reactions and with due compassion for those most negatively affected by this economic earthquake, we have reason to celebrate that something is shifting. Our opportunity and challenge is to learn from it and make good of this opening that hopefully will introduce a check into the business as usual attitudes that are ecologically damaging.

Aries (Mar 21 - Apr 20)

You have the ball firmly in hand and are running hard for the goal line. Your world is rocking and so are you. Opportunity is knocking and all you have to do is answer the door. Significant others are more than happy to roll along with you. Whatever else is happening, give thanks for being here and show us all that you got! Amidst all the fun, tend to your health.

Taurus (Apr 20 - May 21)

The heat is steadily rising on relationship fronts. For better or worse you have little choice but to dive right in. If you have good reason not to take the plunge, resist the temptation by redirecting your focus to where it is well received. In any case, celebrate the passion coming your way, for all its worth and reveal your own gritty silk texture.

Gemini (May 21 - Jun 21)

Clean, clean, eliminate and transform. That is a key formula for this time. Do the work now and you will be well rewarded soon. To stay inspired, trust in your manifestation powers. Avoid slipping into fear and simply ask for what you most desire. If life replies with making you work, accept it as its way of negotiating for a fair deal.

Cancer (Jun 22 - Jul 22)

Opportunity is pounding at your door. Before you answer, affirm that you are willing to go for it as long as it includes gaining knowledge linked to marketable skills. Hey, we all must engage in the game and exchange our valuable energy for a decent return. The world is changing and the playing field is being levelled. Be willing to leaps and risks, by your own creative design.

Leo (Jul 23 - Aug 23)

The kitty is roaring in the den. It wants attention and especially wants to get right down to business. The mood is not for the feeble or meek. Not everything is as you would like it and you can no longer rely on others as you hoped. Yet, you are also seeing through and beyond in ways you could not before. Its all god so why divide your mind; embrace the sour with the sweet.

Virgo (Aug 24 - Sep 22)

A whole new quality of creative power is emerging in you. You will soon be even more of a force to reckon with than you are already. Your job is to bring forward a full measure of discipline and take every calculated risk you can, without spreading yourself too thin. Brainstorm for ideas now and set your intentions to go big, or go home!

Libra (Sep 23 - Oct 22)

The prospects of new investments are hot on your mind. You are definitely eager to entertain a variety of possibilities. As the grip of old motivations, identities and tradition steadily let go, your interests are turning to new pastures. The preliminary ground work is important so take the time to investigate where you can best invest your time, energy and money.

Scorpio (Oct 23 - Nov 21)

Poking, prodding and generally stirring a variety of pots is keeping you busy now. You are in a pioneering mood and want to explore. Added courage, initiative and leadership are required now. Beware the temptation to take on too much. Also, you are wise to keep your own council in most respects. Not everyone needs to or will understand why you must go and do what you must....

Sagittarius (Nov 22 - Dec 21)

Ahh... the turn of the season and the offering of an invitation to go within. Some call it autumn and feel frustrated by the rain and clouds. In a positive light, we are now fully allowed to enter the darkness to sit and be still and feel the presence of soul. You may still want to be social amidst it all, yet the emphasis is upon philosophy and the appropriate attire is black.

Capricorn (Dec 22 - Jan 19)

Rubbing elbows with movers and shakers is a source of excitement now. The next important steps in the expansion of your personal power have begun. You are eager to explore new ways and methods that display genius and innovation. You can forgive if others feel a little nervous around you now because you are getting more intense with each new day. Exercise diplomacy and avoid extremes.

Aquarius (Jan 20 - Feb 19)

Everyone is feeling the power these days and you sure are. You can see the opening and you may notice that there is much room for improvement. Thus is life, ever another task and level to master. Meanwhile, quality time with friends will include high-minded and dramatic exchanges. How fun it can be to play with our clashing versions of truth. Assert yours...humbly.

Pisces (Feb 20 - Mar 20)

An adventurous leap into the depths of truth and belief is taking you to new places. Is what you believe the truth, or is it simply true? Because truth is there are many versions of it. Do you just believe without ever having examined your belief and where you got it and why you want to keep it? You may cherish your beliefs and call them your truths but maybe you are ready to dissolve limiting beliefs in a vat of higher truth.

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SIMS FOOTBALL

Bulldogs take bite out of Slayers

Outnumbered locals fight hard for loss

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It was another sunny Saturday when the Slayers took the field against the Barsby Bulldogs, who brought out all their troops, plus their reserves, plus whoever else they could squeeze into a uniform with them.

The first quarter opened up with Barsby kicking off to the Salt Spring Island Middle School team, revving the Slayers offence into gear. A ground attack consisting of fullback Aiden Holmes carrying three, four and sometime five Bulldogs on his back was set in motion.

Halfback Elijah Gold carried the ball effectively, and quarterback Sam Miles' running options, left and right, kept the Bulldogs on their heels.

The action went back and forth, with Miles scoring a beautiful 70-yard touchdown, and throwing a stunning 30-yard reception to Gold, unfortunately just before the clock ran out at the half, with Barsby ahead 7-6.

Despite being outnumbered almost 3-1, the Slayers played one of their best



PHOTO BY DERRICK LUNDY

Nanaimo's Barsby Bulldogs arrive on Salt Spring with a huge squad of football warriors.

games of the year, with every player working hard to fill the boots of their loyal and unwavering fans. They finished off the day with a

28-12 loss to the ferocious Bulldogs.

The final score did not truly reflect the hard work and effort put forth by all

Slayers, who never let up for a minute.

The Salt Spring team is back on the road next week, heading to Port Alberni.

GISS SOCCER

Top-five teams closely matched

With four games in the past two weeks, the Gulf Islands Secondary School (GISS) senior boys soccer team closed out its regular season with a draw against Woodlands from Nanaimo.

"Unfortunately," reported coach Doug Pearson, "tie games go to a shootout in league play and Woodlands snatched the extra point to vault into the fourth playoff spot."

Finishing with a record of 5-4 and two shoot-out losses, the boys were set to face Carihi Secondary of Campbell River in a challenge match in Qualicum Beach on Tuesday.

If victorious, they would travel to Brentwood College on Monday to challenge Glenlyon Norfolk, the number-four Victoria team.

Despite their position, Pearson said, the Scorpions "have played some very good soccer down the stretch and the top five teams were very closely matched."

Brazilian import Vitor Ribeiro has started to score for GISS and is looking more and more confident on the left flank, he said.

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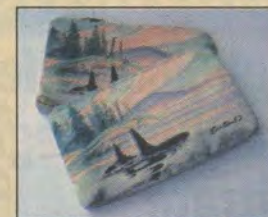
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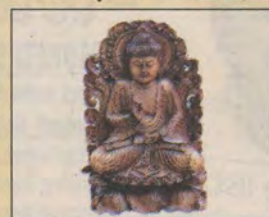
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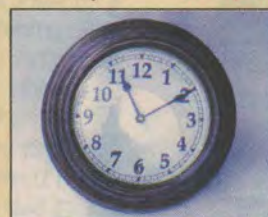
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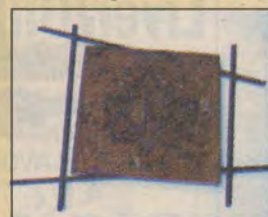
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 - Sea Change Smoked salmon or Crab pate
 - Milk or cream
 - Dill
 - Cracked Black pepper
 - Dash of Cayenne
 - Salt
 - Salmon, scallops or other sea food
 - Green Onion
 - Grated parmesan cheese

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