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ISLANDS TRUST

Ehring, Torgrimson elected to Islands Trust

Four-trustee proposal meets resounding defeat

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BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

After a hard-fought election campaign, voters have spoken and elected incumbent George Ehring and relative political newcomer Christine Torgrimson to Salt Spring's Local Trust Committee.

Ehring finished ahead of the pack with 1,761 votes while Torgrimson received 1,692 votes. Kimberly Lineger finished a close third with 1,622 votes while Norbert Schlenker finished in fourth position with 1,450 votes.

On the Capital Regional District (CRD) side of things, Garth Hendren defeated incumbent Gary Holman by 44 votes — 1674 to 1630. (See separate story.)

Approximately 40 per cent of registered Salt Spring voters participated in Saturday's civic election. Poll-station monitors reported the election proceeded without a hitch, even with the introduction of new electronic voting machines.

"As much as I don't have faith in some computers, they work very well when it comes to this kind of thing," said chief elections officer Thomas Moore in Saanich.

Ehring and Torgrimson, who campaigned on the need to strengthen the Islands Trust's preserve and protect mandate, are an interesting contrast to Garth Hendren, Salt Spring's newly elected CRD director. Hendren promised to push for a provincial government-funded incorporation study leading to a referendum.

Trustees said they are eager to build a strong working relationship with Hendren.

"As leaders, we must think about the whole community and try to work together," Torgrimson said.

Both trustees expressed regret over the defeat of Salt Spring's former director Gary Holman.

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GISS VOLLEYBALL



PHOTO BY JOHN CAMERON

Clockwise from top, Casey Knight, Cole Wrigley, Stuart Garside, Cayce Fedberg, Dave Outerbridge and Evan Henshall celebrate their first-place volleyball finish in the high school gym on Saturday.

Scorpions rule the court as sr. boys win island title

Team undefeated in championship

BY SUSAN LUNDY
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Gulf Islands Secondary School (GISS) senior boys volleyball team stomped out the competition, storming to a first place finish in the AA Vancouver Island championships last weekend without losing a single set.

This marks the first time a GISS boys volleyball team has won "the Islands" and, although ranked ninth going into the AA provincial championships next week, head coach Kellie Booth thinks the team could be a medal contender.

"High school volleyball has suddenly gotten

sexy," noted one spectator at the championship final held at GISS last Saturday, taking in the 175 shouting, chanting, drum-beating spectators.

For a school that traditionally draws huge crowds to basketball and soccer games, the interest in volleyball can only be attributed to the dedication and skill of the senior boys' team.

After last year's mostly-Grade 11 squad took second place at the north island championships, third at islands and 15th at provincials, the boys knew the 2008 team could be even stronger and they practised regularly throughout the year.

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FERRIES

Auditors suggest end to student discounts

Schools and sports teams would incur thousands of dollars in travel expenses

BY AMY GEDDES
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

A \$2.5-million student ferry fare subsidy program is under provincial government review and discontinuing it altogether is an option listed in an internal audit report.

A Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure (MOTI) official said, however, that despite the recommendation, the program will stay in place.

The report document — first obtained by the Vancouver Sun and obtained independently by the Driftwood on Monday — was commissioned by MOTI earlier this year.

Auditors concluded the program is over its \$1.6-million budget and lacks an adequate accountability structure.

Ferry fare increases, the report says, make up the bulk of the expenditure increase as student discount traffic has increased only by approximately one per cent between 2003 and 2005.

"It is not clear to us why the ministry is subsidizing B.C. students' travel on BC Ferries, especially since the program cost exceeds the amount funded by the Treasury Board," the report states.

Auditors found inconsistency in BC Ferries' policy regarding who was eligible for free travel on minor routes and whether identification is needed.

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NEWSBEAT

1762 votes
Islands Trustee
ELECTED



GEORGE EHRLING

1692 votes
Islands Trustee
ELECTED



CHRISTINE TORGRIMSON

1622 votes
Islands Trustee




KIMBERLY LINEGER

1450 votes
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NORBERT SCHLENKER

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ELECTED



GARTH HENDREN

1630 votes
CRD Director



GARY HOLMAN

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YES.....2462

NO.....817

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NO.....1943

YES.....1439

Trustees plan to move ahead on issues

TRUST ELECTION
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"Gary's defeat was a real loss for the community. We have benefitted greatly from his vision, his commitment and his experience."

While developing the framework for a governance study is important, Ehring said, it remains "just one issue among many facing our community."

Trustees intend to announce the formation of a task force to examine the availability of industrial land on the island before Christmas, plan for the second phase of the official community plan review, revise the island's land use bylaw and continue work on a number of important current applications and projects.

"As committed in the campaign, we have other pressing matters to address, including affordable housing and homelessness, watershed health, a sustainable local economy, climate change and energy solutions, and food

security needs," Torgrimson said.

"I am already investigating innovative community planning and conflict-resolution processes to prepare for the design and implementation of a thorough governance study a bit down the road," she added.

Both trustees expressed disappointment over the failure of a referendum that would have increased the number of locally elected trustees from two to four. Voters defeated the proposal 1,943 to 1,439.

"The defeat of the referendum for more trustees makes no sense to me," Ehring said. "We could have brought more representation to the local Trust committee and had more Salt Spring voices at Trust Council."

Ehring blamed part of the referendum's failure on a deliberate campaign waged by Islanders for Self-Government [ISG] that stressed the extra trustees' lack of voting rights at the Trust Council level.

"I think it's inexcusable to mislead

people in our community, but that's what the ISG did."

Trustees will be officially sworn in for their three-year terms during Trust Council's next quarterly meeting in Victoria from Dec. 10 to 12.

Other Islands Trust trustees, elected either by voters or through acclamation, are as follows: Galiano Island - Sandy Pottle and Louise Decario; Gabriola Island - Sheila Malcolmson, Deborah Ferens; North Pender Island - Gary Steeves and Derek Masselink; Mayne Island - Colin Shew, Jeanine Dodds; Saturna Island - John Money, Beverley Neff; South Pender Island - Wendy Scholefield, David Greer; Denman Island - David Graham, Louise Bell; Hornby Island - Fred Hunt, Tony Law; Thetis Island - Sue French, Peter Luckham; Lasqueti Island - Susan Morrison, Jen Gobby; and Gambier Island - Jan Hagedorn, Joyce Clegg.

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HOMELESSNESS

Community mobilizes to shelter homeless this winter

Statistics reveal need as great as ever

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

A recent study identifies Salt Spring Island as having the second-highest number of homeless people per capita when compared to communities in the Lower Mainland and southern Vancouver Island.

Rob Grant, executive director of the Salt Spring Island Community Services Society arrived at the findings after compiling data gathered from homeless counts held in communities from Sooke to Hope in 2007 and 2008.

The end result has Salt Spring coming in at 32 homeless people per 10,000 residents, second only to Victoria (62/10,000 residents) and well above the regional average of 19.3 homeless inhabitants per 10,000 residents.

Mission (29.4), Hope (28.6) and Vancouver (25.3) were also included among the five communities with the highest homelessness rates.

Grant added that statistics compiled at homeless counts should be considered minimum estimates since many homeless people do not come forward to have themselves counted.

"The homeless count on Salt Spring Island was faced with several challenges," Grant said.

"Salt Spring has no temporary housing such as shelters or budget motels

and hotels. Most homeless individuals are spread among bush camps, vehicles or 'couch-surfing' arrangements."

The Salt Spring homeless count relied heavily on attendance at the island's hot lunch programs and food bank services in the community.

Because rural areas often have fewer resources, he added, these smaller communities are more prone to under-reporting than are larger urban areas.

Grant said he decided to collect the data as a way to demonstrate the extent of the need to off-island service providers and funding agencies.

"I did it mainly for communication. There was really nobody to speak with us," Grant said. "I'd been trying to make the case that we have a significant issue but I hadn't seen that they recognized the need."

Unlike the vast majority of B.C. communities of a similar size, Salt Spring has not received any designated funding to provide basic services for the homeless to date, Grant added.

Compounding the issue of a lack of services is that, as an island, Salt Spring cannot easily share services with neighbouring communities or metropolitan areas.

As such the island remains in desperate need of permanent homeless outreach services, an emergency shelter, cold weather shelter, transitional housing and other such services.

"While most communities are gearing up [for winter],

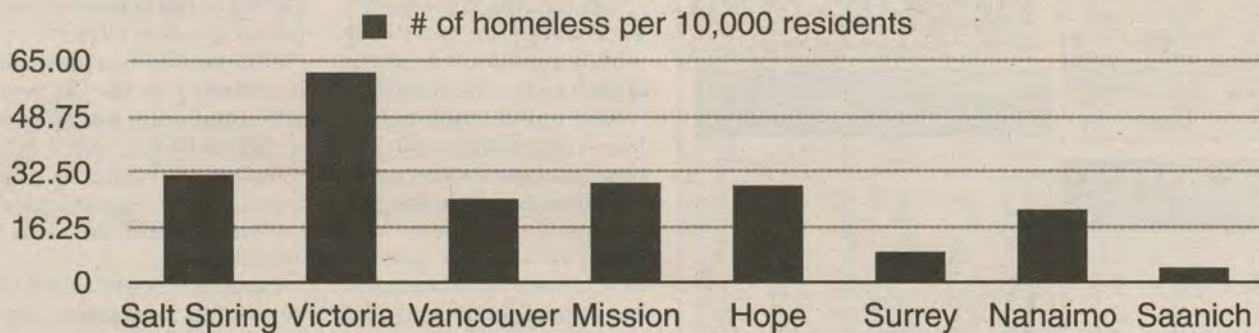


PHOTO BY SEAN MCINTYRE

Tom Mitchell, Arlene Dashwood and Rev. Ruth Cairns will complete the needed improvements to the In from the Cold shelter at the United Church on Hereford Avenue this week.

we were not on the radar," he said. "Now we are on the radar in a big way."

Earlier this week, Salt Spring Island Community Services staff and volunteers on the United Church's outreach committee confirmed that the island's temporary cold-weather shelter will

be up and running before the onset of colder winter weather.

Committee member Jon Healey said it wasn't until a wide range of community groups, businesses and individuals banded together to bring the United Church basement up to code that

the shelter initiative could proceed.

Thanks to efforts and donations from the Salt Spring Foundation, a Capital Regional District grant-in-aid, Windsor Plywood, Village Electric, the Catholic Women's League, the Continuous Light Sanctuary and

John Kavelin, the shelter underwent repairs required to qualify for a desperately needed B.C. Housing grant.

The funds will permit the community services society to hire two trained professionals who will watch over the facility and its users.

The In from the Cold shelter offers people hot meals and a warm place to spend the night. The facility opens its doors to those in need when outside air temperature drops below the freezing mark.

According to Healey, the funds couldn't have come at a better time.

"The church could not have continued because we basically burned out the support that we had," he said.

Healey said he is pleased to have Community Services involved. The United Church, he added, will continue to provide funds, services and labour whenever it is required until the problem of homelessness is eradicated.

"I like helping people in the community who need help," he said.

News briefs

Mother cougar, cubs sighted

A female cougar with two cubs in tow were spotted Sunday afternoon on the Mount Maxwell trail near Seymour Heights.

A male eyewitness, who owns property in the area but does not reside here, reportedly saw the cougars and warned islanders Gary Holman and Andrea Collins, who were hiking nearby.

At 3:15 p.m., Holman and Collins notified Wolfgang Brunnwieser, bylaw enforcement and animal control officer about the sighting.

"She will be more protective, so you have to be more alert," Brunnwieser advises anyone who encounters the female.

Although no male has been reported on Salt Spring lately, he said it's possible the cubs' father is also roaming around the island.

At any given time, Brunnwieser estimates there are about two cougars on Salt Spring.

They swim across Sansum Narrows from Vancouver Island.

O'Brien murderer convicted

A man who had confessed to murdering Salt Spring resident Diana O'Brien in Shanghai, China was convicted in court on Monday.

Chen Jun, 18, was charged with murdering O'Brien, 22, on July 6.

According to information released from the Chinese state news agency on Monday, Chen stabbed O'Brien after she interrupted his attempt to steal items from her apartment.

O'Brien was working as a model in Shanghai.

Chen had not been sentenced as of Tuesday afternoon, Pacific time, but he faced the death penalty.

Emergency pod head hired

Requests for a coordinator, made by emergency "pod"

captains at a June meeting, came into fruition last week.

The Capital Regional District's Salt Spring Island Emergency Program hired real estate agent and computer systems developer Timothy Cahill to act as the island's new pod captain coordinator.

For the next six months Cahill will streamline information sharing between 50 pod captains who are each responsible for a neighbourhood node in the event of a large-scale disaster affecting the island.

Cahill will answer questions, organize training and gather and distribute emergency-related information.

CRD director Gary Holman said pod captains' requests at the June meeting reinforced the Emergency Planning Group's previous speculation that it would be wise to hire a staff member out of the existing CRD emergency planning service budget.

Coordination tasks, until now, have been attempted by volunteers who "did not have the time to do the position justice," Holman explained.



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5 Fernwood
Monday - Friday

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2 Fulford Harbour
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3 Vesuvius
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NEWSBEAT

MEDIA NEWS

Driftwood readers can comment online

Popular online system boosts local dialogue options

The Driftwood's web presence keeps on involving, with a new look ready to launch today (Wednesday).

And online readers who like to comment on our stories, letters and other opinion pieces can do it using the Disqus (pronounced "discuss") system now enabled on the website. A comment box appears at the end of all pieces, to which those reg-

istered through Disqus.com can write their two cents worth and others can jump into the conversation from there.

People can register with Disqus at the bottom of any online article or letter.

"The new Disqus program is currently in use on over 100 community newspaper websites in B.C., so it has been proven reliable and useful for dialogue," said Driftwood publisher Peter McCully.

Participants are asked to keep their comments on-topic and ensure they are

smart, civil and profanity-free. Libel laws and Driftwood letters-to-the-editor standards apply to anything posted online.

People are encouraged to use their real identity when commenting, but it is not required.

If readers come across comments they feel violate community standards, they are welcome to "flag" the item and it will be reviewed by the Driftwood editor, but not necessarily removed.

Similarly, Disqus has a "rating" system that allows readers to express approv-

al or disapproval of comments.

Driftwood Publishing Ltd. joined the B.C. Local News network operated by the New Media Division of Black Press Ltd. in January of this year, allowing the Driftwood to post more content online and through a much easier process.

The Salt Spring publishing company still operates www.gulfislands.net with a focus on tourism and real-estate content, and special features of the Gulf Islands Driftwood, such as Aqua magazine.

End to ferry discounts would affect schools, teams

DISCOUNTS
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The audit recommendation to remove the program came as unsettling news for Gulf Islands Secondary School (GISS), which would lose thousands of dollars in school field trip and sports team travel subsidies if the ministry wiped out the program.

"I want more information as to the reasoning behind this," said Lyall Ruehlen, GISS vice principal and director of athletics, on Monday.

"I hope everyone does their homework about how it would affect unique locations like the Gulf Islands."

Ruehlen estimates that between athletics, fine arts and academics-related field trips, 15 to 30 GISS students travel off-island two to three times per week.

In addition to school-related activities, also hit hard would be local swim, softball and gymnastics teams, to name a few, as well as the Salt Spring Youth Soccer Association's 15 teams that travel off-island every other weekend, if not more.

"[With no discount] it would make off-island sports almost impossible for our teams," said Tracey Shaver, volunteer registrar for the soccer association.

The B.C. Student Discount Program, administered by the MOTI, has provided free or discounted travel on select BC Ferries routes since it inherited the program from BC Ferries in 2003 when the corporation's governance structure changed.

The program gives B.C. students free ferry travel on minor routes where they must travel via ferry to attend

school. Free travel also extends to travel for school and junior association education and sporting events.

And students travelling to school via major routes receive a 50 per cent fare discount.

Aside from discontinuing the program altogether, the following four streamlining options were listed in the audit report: improving the management control framework, negotiating a fixed funding model, a discounted fare rate for eligible student traffic or a student rate for all passengers on BC Ferries regardless of their purpose of travel.

Dave Crebo, MOTI spokesperson, assures that despite the report recommendation to scrap the subsidy, "The program will definitely remain in place." The MOTI is working with the Minis-

"... it would make off-island sports almost impossible for our teams."

TRACEY SHAVER
SS Youth Soccer Association

try of Education to make the program run more efficiently, he said.

But Gregg Dow of the Save Our Ferries Advocacy Group remains skeptical.

"Now this is just the thin edge of the wedge," he wrote in an e-mail Monday. "How long till they look at other social program spending such as senior travel, disabled and medical?"

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LOCAL ELECTION RESULTS



Islanders lined up Saturday to vote at various polling stations, including this one at Salt Spring Elementary School.

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Hendren wins CRD director's crown

Governance study request winner's top priority

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Less than 48 hours after polls closed on Saturday, Salt Spring Capital Regional District (CRD) director-elect Garth Hendren had already made it abundantly clear he will waste little time pursuing the key issue that defined his election campaign.

First thing Monday morning, Hendren mailed a letter to the Ministry of Community Development indicating his intent to ask for a study to address governance on the island.

"I didn't give them an opportunity to say no," Hendren said in a post-election interview on Monday afternoon.

According to his preliminary timeline, Hendren added, the process could begin as early as February 2009.

Hendren defeated incumbent director Gary Holman by a mere 44 votes, receiving a total of 1,674 ballots once everything was counted on Saturday evening.

Roughly 40 per cent of eligible voters participated in the election of the island's CRD director.

The result ends Holman's two consecutive terms as Salt Spring's CRD director. Holman said he hopes Hendren will work alongside successful Islands Trust trustee candidates George Ehring and Christine Torgimson.

"I wish all the elected candidates the best," Holman said. "I hope they can work together because for the next three years anyway they are going to have to work together."

Holman added that it should be interesting to watch the relationship between Hendren and the Islanders for Self-Government [ISG] group. ISG endorsed Hendren as the CRD candidate willing to bringing about a governance study and an eventual referendum on Salt Spring's incorporation.

"It is a concern that Garth was elected and sponsored by a certain group whose key message was 'the system doesn't work.' I hope he ensures the system does work," Holman added.

Hendren will take over as Salt Spring director at the CRD's Dec. 10 board meeting in Victoria.

Though he intends to work closely with Holman in order to ease the transition, Hendren said, things will be different when it comes to the relationship between the Islands Trust and the CRD.

Hendren said he does not intend to pursue plans such as the recently discussed joint coordination agreement, a process intended to improve ties between Islands Trust trustees and the CRD director. He will, furthermore, reconsider the director's participation at monthly town hall meetings, held before each sitting of the Salt Spring Island Local Trust Committee.

"I'd rather spend time and energy on the bigger governance issues facing the island," he said.

Hendren said he intends to explore ways to use the Internet as a tool to engage more island residents in the political process since the current structure only attracts a limited spectrum of residents.

When asked about the Islands Trust's role in the governance review process

he envisions, Hendren said trustees are welcome to participate as individuals.

"Consult is a big word," he said in response to whether the two government bodies could work together on the governance review.

"I'll certainly make sure they are kept abreast of it."

Whether a study funded by the Ministry of Community Development would actually result from Hendren's request is not clear.

The last (and traditional) word regarding the community development minister agreeing to such proposals is that all three locally elected officials must make the request.

While the Driftwood contacted the Ministry of Community Development to confirm that is still the case, the call was not returned by press time on Tuesday.

Hendren also said he intends to make his voice heard with provincial and federal elected officials in order to ensure Salt Spring receives more funding for initiatives.

He listed the Salt Spring public library and the need to address homelessness on the island as significant priorities.

"I have to figure out how we can get on the dole so rather than responding to a crisis we can get on with providing the services we need," he said.

A CRD-sponsored referendum to borrow up to \$2.1 million for the upgrading of the Burgoyne Bay Liquid Waste facility and possibly a composting project passed handily by a vote of 2,462 to 817.

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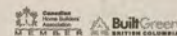
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thank you.

After an election is over and before the work starts, there is a time when one can reflect on the past and the future. I would like to take this opportunity to thank many people who offered support and thoughtful comments and encouragement. It was all appreciated.

Thank you to everyone who voted for me. We connected and I shall continue forward on the visions that were set. To those who didn't vote for me your opinions are important to me. I respect your views and I shall learn from you, and listen, as we move forward.

I would like to thank the Community of Salt Spring Island. Thank you for the opportunity to meet and debate with such passionate and articulate individuals who came forward to govern our Community.

To Kimberly Lineger, my running mate - an articulate, intelligent and caring individual. Thank you.

To Norbert Schlenker - a wonderful mind, a sense of humor without compare and a committed libertarian. Thank you.

To George Ehring - a worthy man who deeply respects our environment. Thank you.

To Christine Torgrimson - a person of intelligence and thoughtfulness that bodes well for our Community. Thank you.

To Gary Holman - a diligent and thoughtful politician who has given much to our Community. Thank you.

To some of my friends who thought I was crazy, you are wrong. This is the trip of a lifetime. My bags are packed and I am ready to head out on this adventure.

Thank you one and all. - Garth Hendren

Garth Hendren

Submitted by the Garth Hendren Campaign 2008. To connect with Garth phone: 537-1567

NEWSBEAT

SCHOOL DISTRICT 64

Board canvassing for third SS trustee

Wolfgang Temmel thanked as he retires

Gulf Islands school board members extended thanks to retiring Salt Spring trustee Wolfgang Temmel as the board prepared for possible changes just prior to last Saturday's election.

Temmel did not put his name forward for a second term, citing family commitments as taking priority.

"I regret not being able to carry on," Temmel said at last Wednesday's monthly board meeting, adding that he needs to "focus on family."

He said: "I wanted to publicly thank the community for allowing me to represent it. It has been a great learning experience . . . and made me a much better community citizen."

All other school trustees were returned to the board via acclamation, except incumbent Pete Williams from Pender Island, who beat out contender Russ Searle to maintain his position.

In the meantime, the board is short one Salt Spring school board trustee as current members Mike Kraynehoff and Charles Hingston were the only people

to put their names forward.

Board chair May McKenzie said the board has had conflicting advice on how to move forward with appointing a trustee and is therefore trying to follow directions under both the School Act and the Local Elections Act.

An ad is running in this edition of the Driftwood, asking for expressions of interest in the position.

In other school board news:

• Gulf Islands Secondary School (GISS) principal Judy Raddysh reported on the high school's new X-block system, which has replaced last year's controversial tutorial block rotation.

In the new system, students in grades 10-12 attend an X-block at the end of the day each Tuesday and Wednesday. Unlike last year's less-structured system, the new format requires students to attend class with one of their term's four teachers.

Raddysh said staff is now looking at ways to include Grade 9 students and further "tweak" the new system.

SCHOOLBRIEFS

• Salt Spring Island Middle School raised \$3,600 at a book sale, which translated into \$1,800 for the school's library.

In reporting on the sale, trustee Temmel noted the amount was impressive for a school of 160 students. He added that a number of parent volunteers stepped forward to help with the event.

• Students from Saturna Island's alternative school program SEEC (Saturna Ecological Education Centre) almost reached "rock star" status at a recent provincial meeting of rural schools in Vancouver, according to local schools superintendent Jeff Hopkins.

Although students do not usually attend the provincial meeting, Hopkins told the board, the Saturna-based group participated as part of a presentation on SEEC.

"People were really interested and wouldn't let [principal] Steve [Dunsmuir] and the kids leave," Hopkins said, adding the students were then called upon to comment on other issues as well.

"They were incredible ambassadors . . . a little like rock stars the way they were mobbed."

COMMUNITY SERVICES

Core Inn still tracking third-floor options

Ample input received so far

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Staff from the Salt Spring Island Community Services Society will continue to assess plans for the Core

Inn's third floor following discussions held at a board meeting Thursday evening.

"We will take a good look at the third-floor space to consider use by our organization as well as other community groups," said Rob Grant, executive director of Salt Spring Community Services.

"We have received a wealth of ideas and perspectives to throw into the mix from phone calls, letters, e-mails and even a 'save-the-third-floor' petition."

Community Services took over the operation of the Core Inn youth centre in 2006.

Since that time, the organization has noted a marked increase in the number and variety of youth services at the McPhillips Avenue facility.

The addition of art therapy and youth outreach services mean Community Services must consider the creation of office space on the building's third floor.

Current use of the area averages 60 hours per month, with only 15 of those dedicated to youth activities, Grant added.

The Community Services proposal calls for the creation of two offices that would decrease the usable studio space from 92 square metres (1,000 square feet) to 74 sq. metres (800 sq. ft.).

Upon hearing news of the plan, several community members voiced concern that the changes would compromise access to the space and the building's heritage character.

Grant said he and the

"We have received a wealth of ideas and perspectives..."

ROB GRANT
Community Services

Community Services board seek to craft a solution that can please everyone.

"If we can increase the use of this space by youth and maintain its wonderful ambience, we will have accomplished something significant," Grant said.

Anyone with comments, concerns or questions can contact Grant for more information at 250-537-9971, ext. 222.



Sidewalk Superintendent

The business beat of the Gulf Islands

By Peter McCully

TLC eatery changes hands; set for January opening

• Bruce Wood, formerly of Rock Salt Café, and his partner Matt Salo are opening a new food business located in the premises of the former TLC in Harbourside Place (or Gasoline Alley) Ganges. Bruce says the shop will feature freshly prepared meals to take home, as well as salads, soups, homemade stocks and all manner of prepared foods from salad dressings to specialty items such as duck confit and other seasonal delicacies.

Seasonal and technique-oriented cooking classes will also be offered.

The emphasis is on working with local food producers and using Bruce's passion for food to provide a unique and delicious taste experience on Salt Spring.

"We are still dreaming up a name for the business and hope to be open by mid-January," he said. Contact info for the moment is Bruce's home

number at 250-538-6254.

• Long-time local Welcome Wagon representative and former area manager Marlie Kelsey and her husband Phil recently left Salt Spring to move to Chemainus. Since the early '90s when Marlie started welcoming newcomers and new babies she estimates she has probably welcomed around 1,000 newcomers and 200 babies to the island.

• Refunding B.C. Ferries charges for clients coming to Salt Spring Island from Vancouver Island is the latest program announced by the Jill Louise Campbell Art Gallery.

"Ferry costs are a major issue for people deciding where to go for Christmas shopping this year. With over a thousand clients on Vancouver Island we want to encourage our clients to come to the gallery and also have the opportunity to visit many of our unique island artisans and stores," said gallery

co-owner Duart Campbell.

Clients purchasing any of the gallery's 200-plus limited edition prints (minimum value \$225) will receive an immediate ferry rebate of \$35, which offsets the car and driver return ferry cost from either Swartz Bay or Vesuvius ferry terminals.

Jill Louise Campbell's gallery has operated since the early 1990s offering both high end original artwork and reproductions by this acclaimed artist.

• Islanders may not be aware that Cafe Talia on Hereford Avenue is one of several cafe venues on Salt Spring showing artwork from island artists. This week see paintings by Lisa Lipsett, jewellery from Nathalie Carles, and Ulrike Benner's Art You Wear fabric creations. Dubbed Three Artists-Three Mediums, the show opens on Thursday, Nov. 20, from 6 to 8 p.m.



PHOTO BY SEAN MCINTYRE

Continuous Light Sanctuary members Carol Spencer and Win Horel donate funds to the United Church to help get the In from the Cold shelter ready to open when temperatures drop below the freezing mark.

Donation creates comfort at shelter

Spiritual group offers \$500

Salt Spring's "In from the Cold" homeless shelter just got a little more comfortable thanks to a local group's generous donation.

Members of the Continuous Light Sanctuary offered the temporary shelter facility \$500 as part of their annual giving campaign.

Each year the spiritual organization gives away 10 per cent of all donations collected from its 40 members.

"We always try to aim

for the bigger picture," said Win Horel, an organization member.

Horel said the shelter service, recently taken over from the United Church by Salt Spring Community Services, is one of the single-most important initiatives for the island's homeless population.

The centre, located in the United Church basement on Hereford Avenue, offers shelter when the temperature drops below the freezing point.

United Church parishioner Tom Mitchell, who chairs the church's outreach

committee, said the funds will go towards the purchase of new sleeping pads and other accessories to make the facility more comfortable.

Ideally, Mitchell would like to see the construction of a permanent shelter facility for Salt Spring's homeless residents.

"My biggest dream is to see this taken up by the government and to have the need abolished," he said.

"There is an underlying need that has always been there."

With politicians' attention focussed on the pres-

"We always try to aim for the bigger picture."

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ent economic downturn, Mitchell said he worries that homelessness could be placed on the back burner, leaving many out in the cold as winter approaches.



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EDITORIAL

What next?

If anything was clear after Salt Spring's votes were electronically counted on Saturday night, it's that we are an island more divided than ever before.

In November of 2005, the status-quo governance/ preserve and protect slate won handily, and the promise of governance renewal via the Islands Trust was still alive and kicking.

This time the gap between the two sides was much narrower, no doubt in part due to Islanders for Self-Government's concentrated efforts. At the same time, the Trust played its last hand and lost the governance game with defeat of the four-trustee referendum.

Now we wonder if there's a way to bridge the increasing divide between those who believe our current system can provide effective local governance for Salt Spring Island and the Trust area, and those who think it must change.

THE ISSUE:

Local election's split outcomes

WE SAY:

Governance issue still deadlocked

If the words of just-elected Capital Regional District director Garth Hendren are to be interpreted literally, that doesn't appear likely. Hendren has already made good on his promise to request a government restructure study from the Minister of Community Development. If that results in anything concrete remains

to be seen, but if past experience with the ministry that oversees local governments in B.C. counts for anything, it won't be enough to unleash the funds to run a committee and hire a consultant.

As for the other governance options study promised by winning Trust candidates George Ehring and Christine Torgrimson, we question the value of going down that road again. Last week's Viewpoint writer Donna Cochran had it right: we've had numerous studies on governance since the early 1990s. In June of 2005, then trustees Kimberly Lineger and Eric Booth, and CRD director Gary Holman even came up with a series of recommendations for improving governance in the short, medium and long term. Some changes occurred as a result and others could be revisited.

Look at the arduous process the Trust went through to get only the four-trustee proposal. Why would the provincial government approve a unique governance model for Salt Spring Island alone when the incorporation option, used throughout the province, already exists?

We extend the community's thanks to both Peter Lamb and Holman for their years of service delivered with integrity, and we wish the new trio much luck.



Dissecting local election numbers

BY ERIC BOOTH

With the election now over, let the "election spin" begin.

Before I give it a good whirl, I would like to congratulate the three newly elected Salt Spring representatives, Garth Hendren, Christine Torgrimson and George Ehring.

Being elected to represent the electors of this area is no small challenge, to say the least. Having been there, I take my hat off to you all.

When I've been asked in the past what it was like to be in politics, I've replied, "It's kind of like winning a popularity contest, where the first prize is you immediately start becoming less popular." As my new representatives, I hope your future actions and decisions do not decrease your current popularity.

So, what can we deduce from the entrails of the election results? Here's my slant:

- Islanders, by a wide margin (58 vs. 42 per cent), said the idea of improving local government by merely adding two more trustees just won't cut it. We need to have a new study on incorporation.

- While George Ehring was elected on a campaign which included improving local governance by adding two more trustees, it appears at least 18 per cent (322) of those voting for him disagreed with his view.

- Garth Hendren, who had made the clearest election promise of all candidates by saying upon being elected he would immediately write to the minister to ask for a formal incorporation study, won the day. I trust he will be true to his word, and, by the time this letter is published, the ministry will likely have already been contacted by Garth.

- Both George and Christine Torgrimson went on record as supporting a review of local governance, including a study on incorporation, and it will now be interesting to see their participation in the process initiated by Garth.

- Considering the defeat of the additional two trustee refer-

VIEWPOINT

endum, it is time for everyone to clearly hear what the ministry is, or is not, prepared to consider for changes to local governance on Salt

Spring. Based on my direct experience, now that the Trust has run the gamut of "governance renewal" and come out the other end with nothing, I predict the ministry will repeat what they said to Gary Holman, Kimberly Lineger and myself: "There are only two options for local governance on Salt Spring — status quo or incorporation. There is no third option. Repeat, there is NO third option." Therefore, at this juncture, the only valid option now before us is a new incorporation study.

- Islanders for Self-Government, by supporting Garth, have successfully risen to the challenge given to them by the ministry to elect people who will support a new study on incorporation. That study is now completely warranted. Roses for the dedication of all of the board of ISG.

- While Gary Holman's popularity increased by one per cent (from 48 per cent in 2005 to 49 in 2008) it wasn't enough to remain CRD director. In my opinion, his continued usage of the term "Islanders for Self-ish Government" in letters to the editor likely cost him the loyalty of several voters and, as a result, the election. While I have disagreed with a number of his positions over the past six years, I salute Gary's dedication and service to the community and I predict we likely haven't seen the last of him in the local political arena. Town councillor Holman perhaps?

- While Kimberly Lineger and Norbert Schlenker didn't become trustees, they did receive a healthy share of the vote. Kudos to the both of them for offering both their time and commitment to the community.

And finally, with the passage of the liquid waste referendum, it appears 75 per cent of Salt Spring Islanders are ready to support taking good care of their own s**t.

Now, if we can just take care of our own local governance with the same level of support.

The writer is a former Islands Trust trustee for Salt Spring.

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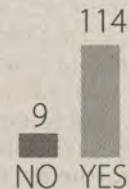
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We asked: What is the biggest eyesore on Salt Spring?



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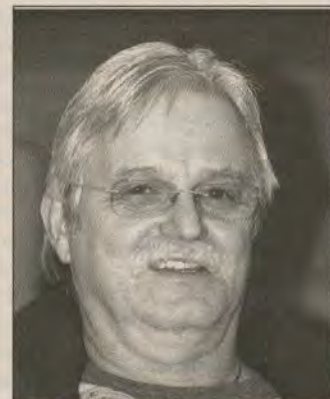
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Myself first thing in the morning.



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THEA STONE

I can't think of an eyesore on the island.

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Thank you

I'm writing to thank and express my deep appreciation to those who have supported and worked with me during this campaign and over the past six years.

I'm proud of the accomplishments we have made as a community during this time, and of the hundreds of volunteers on CRD and Trust committees, and other community organizations who played such an important role in bringing about these achievements.

It's been an honour to work with you.

I also want to congratulate George Ehring, Christine Torgrimson and Garth Hendren on their election as the Islands Trust and CRD representatives for Salt Spring Island.

I wish them all the best as they work together over the next three years for the

common good of the community.

GARY HOLMAN,
SALT SPRING CRD DIRECTOR,
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Don't get services

I wanted to vote for Mary Gillies after her article in the Driftwood last week ("Taxation and representation don't match up within current system.") She gave a clear and comprehensive accounting of our unfair tax system here on Salt Spring Island.

If I lived in the city and paid these taxes I would have sewer, water, lights, roads, garbage and recycling pick-up services.

As it is here on SSI, I pay \$1200/year for my water with Cedars of Tuam, plus usage, I have no street lights (thank goodness), I drive my own recycling 20 kms to town and dispose of my own garbage. My sewer

system cost me \$9,000 and after three years collapsed and cost me another \$5,000 to redo this year.

Isabella Point Road was repaved in 2007 for less than two kilometres and not beyond.

Personally I am frustrated paying for services I don't get. It is time that this changed and though we are maintaining the status quo on the Islands Trust, I look forward to our new representative on the Capital Regional District — congratulations, Garth Hendren, and you have my full support in meeting your goals!

CHRIS LEISCHNER,
SOUTH SALT SPRING

Shorten ceremony

Having again been privileged to attend the moving cenotaph service on Nov. 11, I must sympathize with the veterans and admire

their fortitude in standing to order in the damp cold weather during the lengthy wreath-laying ceremony.

This sensitive part of the ceremony should somehow be shortened out of respect to the veterans.

PETER ROWELL,
SOUTHBANK DRIVE

Scrap metal

So, you buy a new car for \$25,000 to \$35,000.

Eventually you sell it, and so on and so on. By the fifth or sixth owner it has 200,000 km on it and "planned obsolescence" kicks in and it dies on the side of the road and is left there for someone to deal with or it's dumped in the "back 40" or on an old logging road, leaking oil and antifreeze.

Up until now, John Quesnel's scrap metal business has taken care of this problem for very little expense. He drains all the oils and antifreeze and

recycles them and sells the bodies and other scrap metal.

Recent months have been hard on most of us, including the dramatic fall of commodity prices such as scrap metal down from \$140 a ton to \$30 a ton. Yet, John wishes to continue hoping for better market prices.

Now John Quesnel has to move, having taken his problem to the Trust to have his present land under the hydro towers rezoned to I-4. The answer to this was loud and clear.

The local residents wanted it out of this location. I can see both sides to this issue. I think there is a little "not in my backyard" in all of us.

At this same Trust meeting, I understand, the Trust indicated a willingness to work with Mr. Quesnel to find suitable land to rezone to I-4. This has not happened.

What has happened is Mr. Quesnel has received a court order to cease all operations. It seems unfair for the Trust to proceed in this manner.

It has been suggested that Mr. Quesnel buy an appropriate piece of land and then apply to have it rezoned after paying a non-refundable fee of \$5,000 to the Trust. Begs the question, what if he is refused the rezoning?

I would like to see the Trust be a part of the solution. I do not feel legal action, at taxpayers' expense, is the way to go.

Although I am undecided about self-government for the island, one would think that issue would suggest that decisions such as these could be more fairly made if given to a council of seven peers to decide.

GEOFF SWIFT,
SALT SPRING

MORE LETTERS continued on A10

Hope squeezed from teen's hug on U.S. election night

I will spare the reader any personal post mortems on our local Salt Spring elections, save to state that I got two out of five right.

It goes without saying, any similarities between myself and Karl Rove, Dick Cheney, or Machiavelli are strictly fictional.

In the midst of this local political maelstrom, there was something larger on the landscape. On Nov. 3, I quietly slipped out of the country to bear witness.

Some background. If you drove the Pat Bay Highway out to the ferry this past summer, you may have noticed a massive billboard urging a vote for Barack Obama. Puzzling . . . a very expensive Obama billboard in a foreign country, in a place where at best a few hundred expat Americans would even notice.

I only mention this here, on Salt Spring Island, because as one goes about the day-to-day business of life, one may assume that Obama is a "Made in America" phenomenon. But as we have seen, praise for the Obama sweep has been nonstop from all corners of the globe. They danced in the streets from Germany to Japan, from Korea to Kenya. In fact Kenya (Obama's ancestral homeland) has declared Nov. 4 a national holiday.

As we Canadians are far too reserved to dance in the streets, I made my way down to Salt Lake City, Utah. It seemed important to be a tiny part of this galvanizing moment in

world history. Police forces across America were preparing themselves for a nation-wide party or coast-to-coast rioting, depending on the outcome. That was good enough for me.

Election evening found me at a large banquet table in a downtown Salt Lake City restaurant, in the company of a dozen very, very anxious local Democrats. The table was illuminated by the warm glow of iPhones, as diners checked various Internet sites for election updates.

These people had been witness to the last two tainted federal contests. These people had heard the recent stories about broken voting machines, six-hour lineups and tampered voter registration lists. These people had seen it all before. The fear was palpable behind the nervous laughter and the high fives. Early in the return results, when John McCain appeared to be reeling in Obama, I saw the blood literally drain from my friend Vicky's face. This was personal.

Our dinner party trudged the two blocks through the wet, glistening streets to the Radisson Hotel. The local Democratic party had rented the cavernous Wasatch Ballroom, anticipating a somewhat larger turnout than the usual Democratic political wakes of past

federal elections. As our group approached the towering brass doors of the lobby entrance, we heard a thunderous, groundswell of a cheer coming from the general direction of the Wasatch room. It was 9:03 p.m. ABC News had just made the announcement. Obama had won the presidency.

It was quickly apparent that the Salt Lake City Dems had miscalculated. The way-over-capacity crowd poured out into the hallways, down the grand staircase and were jostling hotel guests in the lobby downstairs. When I say the crowd was diverse, that really doesn't do justice. There were Italian suits and T-shirts, high heels and hoodies. There was a young woman wearing nothing but plastic Obama signs. There was a towering seven-foot-something woman in the tiniest black cocktail dress. Mardi Gras.

Amongst this throng was my friend Nancy's 17-year-old son, young Max. Like many of his tender years, Max has spent all of his formative years under the bellicose cloud of the Bush administration. He has seen the televised coverage of the roadside bombs and the body bags, the scandals and greed of Wall Street, the anti-American mobs waving Kalashnikovs over the mangled bodies of civilians.

Unfortunately, Max is a bright kid. This constant diet of calamitous, "situation room" crises had taken its toll. A dark hopelessness had developed within Max, a kind of arrogant cynicism normally reserved for those much longer in the tooth — like my present dinner companions.

There was young Max, too young to vote, too road weary to be only 17, and yet there he was bearing witness to this historic night. He stepped quickly through the crowd and gave his mom a hug — a long hard embrace, a rib-bruising embrace that at once surprised and melted his mother's heart. It was a hug that signalled that on this night, at this place, young Max and the others of his age were going to be OK. There was a hope and a purpose that wasn't there the day before.

It is hope and purpose that has them dancing in the streets in Nairobi, touching glasses and shaking hands in bars all over the world. You can even feel it here on Salt Spring Island. Despite a looming global depression that may have us all living in caves and cultivating root vegetables, the world seems a better place. Call me Pollyanna, but one day, young Max will have a grandchild on his knee, and he will say, "I was there."

Peter Vincent now has a blog. Talk to him online at <http://web.mac.com/republicof-saltspring>.



Peter Vincent

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OPINION

There are people with those dogs

BY BRENDA AND ROD SCOTVOLD

Reading your Nov. 12 article, "Dog walkers adjust to reduced Ruckle Park access," one would think that the "powers that be" have lost sight of the legitimate users of the park.

Sheep should not come to harm, nor should other livestock, dogs, facilities or people.

To that end all users should comply with the Parks Act. But with this recent policy, it is people, the legitimate users, who are being denied the use of our beautiful park, a privately donated, publicly supported multi-use facility.

The people who walk the woods in Ruckle Park with dogs do so because that is how they choose to enjoy it — with their dogs.

However, now people who enjoy the park by hiking with their leashed dog are entirely prohibited from using the vast majority of it (almost all 465 hectares) and, significantly, from those areas that are the most suitable for the purpose.

Looking at the map showing allowable walking areas, how does it best serve the public to have all dog walkers intensely concentrated within the most people-populated area of the park?

And if the sheep are apparently not considered at risk to a dog on a leash walking down the road in the middle of the farm, how is it that they are considered to be at risk to a dog on a leash more than 1,000 metres away deep in the woods nowhere near the farm?

Are the sheep permitted in 465 hectares? Does any of the detail in this policy make sense to you?

As residents, taxpayers, farmers, dog owners and neighbours to Ruckle

INRESPONSE

Park for many years, we believe a less wrong-headed solution should and can be found.

Appropriate action by the private parties who own and manage the sheep and those who enforce the regulations is surely a better solution than this new extreme policy denying reasonable access to an appropriate public user group. The sheep may need to be provided with improved fencing or restriction.

It may be in fact that sheep are not a good fit to a public park; the heritage farm conservation that we value can certainly be well met in many other ways.

K-2 should meet its mandate to ensure compliance with the leash regulation, stepping up its activity in that area as necessary. And we as users need to be vigilant in complying with the leash requirement.

Alternatively, if people accompanied by their leashed dogs are to be prohibited from Ruckle Park, let it at least be only from those trails directly adjoining the agriculture protected area, not from essentially the entire wilderness trail system.

In this way, rather than throwing out legitimate users of the park, all interests are considered and protected for the greater good of all.

B.C. Parks needs to reconsider alternatives more broadly with a view to overall good public policy.

A policy of safe and fair access to the park is essential. B.C. Parks does not make policy in a vacuum and tries hard to balance the often conflicting needs and demands in all the

facilities within its care.

We too, the not-for-profit users of Ruckle Park, have the opportunity to offer advice. B.C. Parks needs to hear from other parties and take the opportunity to make policy adjustments. Care needs to be taken that those who are most readily able to influence B.C. Parks and see themselves in a position of power or influence are not the only voices heard.

It's probably safe to say that we all support balancing the recreational and heritage farm conservation values that Ruckle Park represents.

How that is achieved should reflect fair and balanced policy.

Let us have an approach that addresses the real issues with the correct focus and priorities.

Our family finds this recent policy excessive, unfair and unnecessary, perhaps unduly influenced by interests that may be self-serving.

We hope by making our thoughts and ideas known to government, as hopefully will others, it will encourage a more moderate and holistic policy that can benefit everyone.

Joe Benning, area supervisor, identified in the Driftwood as the B.C. Parks spokesperson for the Ruckle Park policy, can be contacted by email Joe.Benning@gov.bc.ca or by phone (250-391-2315).

Another contact of course is the Honourable Barry Penner, Minister of Environment, who is responsible for B.C. Parks, by e-mail: env.minister@gov.bc.ca; phone 250-387-1187; fax 250-387-1356; or mail P.O. Box 9047, STN PROV GOVT, Victoria BC, V8W 9E2.

The writers are Forest Ridge Road residents.

Christine Torgrimson and George Ehring



Thank You for your Trust

We look forward to working with you as your elected trustees.

MORE LETTERS

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Vote interpretation

I hope I am correct in deducing that the defeat of the referendum to increase the number of Salt Spring Island trustees from two to four indicates that the previously proposed improvement in governance was rejected and calls for an incorporation study.

JOHN L. (JACK) FRAZER,
SALT SPRING

Firefighters reassure homeowner

Heartfelt thanks to Colby, Mitchell and Mark from the fire hall for arriving so promptly on Sunday evening in answer to my 911 call when my smoke alarm decided to erupt in operatic blasts.

Their calm, competent

assurance as they checked everything out helped my racing heart to return to near normal, and I will take their advice to clean out the alarm housing on a regular basis.

How blessed we are with all the firefighters who watch over us. Thank you to all of you.

NANCY WRIGHT,
SALT SPRING

Tafelmusik and Obama

Those wishing to continue the good vibrations of the landmark victory of U.S. President-elect Barack Obama can revel in an upcoming concert by the Tafelmusik Baroque Orchestra.

Slated to perform at ArtSpring on Thursday, November 27, the acclaimed Toronto-based group will include in its repertoire compositions by Joseph de Boulogne (1745-1799), the Chevalier de Saint-Georges.

Born in the Caribbean, the Chevalier de Saint-Georges was the son of a black woman from Guadeloupe and an aristocratic French plantation owner, from whom he inherited his name and title.

At age 10, he moved to Paris with his father where he began to study fencing and the violin, achieving excellence in both endeavours.

Also a composer and conductor, the Chevalier de Saint-Georges, a contemporary of Mozart, has been celebrated as one of the first blacks to make a major contribution to the European classical music tradition.

Like Barack Obama, he overcame the racial prejudices of his era to rise to unprecedented heights.

Tafelmusik Baroque Orchestra has been instrumental in re-establishing the reputation of the Chevalier de Saint-Georges.

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SCORPION SPIRIT: Dylan Marsden and Jake Upex lead the cheering squad at last Saturday's Vancouver Island High School Volleyball Championships as the Gulf Islands Secondary School Scorpions soared to a first-place finish.

MORE LETTERS

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Man among men

On Sunday, Fulford Hall was literally bulging at the seams with people who wished to pay homage to the late Bob Akerman.

It was only fitting that the event, which included both tears and laughter, and drumming and dancing by First Nations men, occurred in the very facility that Bob and so many other pioneers, both men and women, had been responsible for constructing.

The Fulford Hall has been the venue for countless hours of pleasure for

thousands of our residents over the years, and is a living memorial to the foresightedness and industry of Bob and the early residents of this island.

He was truly, "a man among men" and a believer in the value of community.

BRIAN FINNEMORE,
FULFORD

RANTS and Roses

Ringtones of roses to the two very helpful guys at Telus Mobility on Rainbow Road! They solved my month-long frustrations with Telus in less than five minutes.

A gymnasium full of roses for coaches Kellie Booth and Cam Johnson, staff sponsor Tony Mason, our parents, GISS students, teachers and staff for supporting us all year. A huge special thanks to everyone from the community that came and cheered us on to victory this weekend. GISS students — you rock! Thanks from GISS sr. boys volleyball team, the 2008 "AA" island champions!

The Lady Minto Hospital Auxiliary Society would like to thank all our customers who came to our Christmas sale at the Legion on Nov. 1. Thanks to you all we had another successful day. As we are all volunteers, other than having to pay rent and garbage fees, our profits go to helping the patients' and residents' stay at the hospital, Greenwood, Braehaven and other southern Gulf Islands health care facilities be a little more enjoyable, so thanks again. Lady Minto Thrift Shop

Roses to Jana's Bake Shop. Jana donated a dinner for six to the Lady Minto Hospital Foundation Golf Tournament as a silent auction item. I was the fortunate highest bidder and had the very great pleasure of hosting a wonderful, intimate gourmet dinner for some good friends and helped the hospital fundraising effort at the same

time. Thank you, Jana. Fran Schultz

Bundles of voluptuous dahlias, scrumptious nasturtiums and sweet honeysuckles (just to name a few) to Nancy Wigen, who volunteered her baby blooms and handy tips on starting my first-ever flower garden this past spring. Thank you for the happy summer blossoms! Mum was very impressed. Thanks also for all you do to enrich your garden, our Salt Spring community and the wide world beyond. Andrea Metzger

Many, many roses (belated) to Parks and Rec guys (Joe, Phil, John, Ward, etc.) for the wonderful repair of the Baker/Quarry Road trail. A super job for a difficult problem. Many thanks. JS

A huge bunch of gorgeous-smelling roses to my dear friends and family in thanks for all the food, flowers, books and care that you have given me in these past two weeks. I feel truly spoiled! A beautiful rose each for Alice and Rosie for being such incredibly loving daughters, and Alice thank you for being so amazingly helpful. Thank you all. Cal

A bouquet of roses to everyone who made the visit of the Lesotho High Commissioner such a warm and wonderful experience, especially Marion and Manfred Pape, Ray Woollam, Peter Bardon and Peggy Frank, Jacquie Harkema, Murray and Karen Reiss, Scott McNutt, the Driftwood and the folks at ArtSpring.

BUS SCHEDULE

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SCHOOL DISTRICT #64
One seat remains vacant on our Board of Education.

For this reason the Board of Education for School District 64 (Gulf Islands) will be accepting expressions of interest from qualified individuals [reference School Act, section 32 (1)] residing in the Salt Spring Island electoral area.

Expressions of interest should be accompanied by a statement of up to 500 words outlining reasons for wanting to be a Board of Education Trustee. Submissions will be accepted until 4:00 p.m. on November 25, 2008 and should be submitted to:

CONTACT:
Dawne Fennell, Executive Assistant, School Board Office,
112 Rainbow Road, Salt Spring Island, B.C. V8K 2K3
Fax: 250-537-4200 Email: dfennell@sd64.bc.ca

After the submission deadline, those who have submitted expressions of interest will be contacted by a representative of the Board for details on the selection process.

SALT SPRING EMERGENCY PROGRAM

POD Captain Meeting
Nov. 19th - 6:00 pm
Community Gospel Church

Earthquake Awareness Session by
Pacific GeoScience Centre

The Salt Spring Island Emergency Program will be hosting a meeting of all persons involved in or are interested in the POD Captain Program.

The POD Captain Program is dedicated to seeing all of the residents of Salt Spring Island are prepared for and know what to do in the event of an emergency.

Earthquake Session at 6:00 pm
Meeting at 7:00 pm
Community Gospel Church
147 Vesuvius Bay Road

Refreshments will be served
Meet our new POD Captain Coordinator Timothy Cahill

If you are currently involved with or are interested in the program this meeting will be of special interest to you.

Everyone is invited.

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Thank you to those who have supported my campaign for Island Trustee from the very beginning, those who joined us along the way, those who were with us in the end, and most importantly, the residents of Salt Spring Island. We made our case for change. And we made our case for bringing people together - to bridge the divisiveness on our Island - and to get things done for its residents.

I knew from the beginning that this would be an uphill climb. I am proud of the campaign we waged and the influence we have had on the issues that matter most to the future of our Island. Three years ago, ISG members were the only group calling for real and meaningful change for local Island government. Now, all of the elected Trustees share our point of view. I am confident that, as Islanders, we can hold them accountable on their promises of governance reform, and our Island and our Community will be the better for it.

I ask of the newly elected Trustees that they do not resort to personal attacks in order to implement the Community's vision for governance renewal. Our Community deserves better than that. I have said from the beginning that we must avoid attacking each other and I continue to believe that to this day.

Again, thank you to all of you who supported my campaign. There are so many of you - supporters and donors who shared a vision for local government. Thank you for all of your extraordinary efforts.

I am an optimist. I am positive about this Island and our ability to tackle the great challenges ahead. Over the last few weeks, I have learned so much, but I have learned, most of all, that the people of this Island are sincere and caring. They are also thoughtful and serious about the choice before them as they consider a local Island government. So, it is with an optimistic spirit that I congratulate Christine and George on their successful election as Trustees. - Kimberly Lineger

Kimberly Lineger

Submitted by the Kimberly Lineger Campaign 2008. To connect with Kimberly: 538-0042

OPINION

New research offering hope to addiction-plagued society

Addiction Awareness Week runs Nov. 14-20

BY HELANI DAVISON

As recent as the 20th century, alcoholics were labelled as Dipsomaniacs. Alcoholics and drug addicts were thought to be morally defective, scorned by community and medical institutions alike.

Treatment often consisted of electric shock therapy and the administration of a drug called Antabuse, which had dangerous side effects. Sick alcoholics were sometimes locked in solitary rooms as punishment.

More recently, scientists and other scholars are researching the still often misunderstood complexities of addiction, each examining different parts of the proverbial elephant. Anne Wilson Schaeff, psychologist and author of *When Society Becomes An Addict*, defines our cultural system as dominated by a white male system with a world view that dictates the behaviour of both men and women.

She defines that system as manipulative, exploitive and addictive, resulting in devastating effects. Both personal and collective emotional, physical and spiritual health is deeply affected.

Schaeff identifies the system as the underlying and wide-spread malaise of our modern culture, which creates growing societal problems.

This unhealthy system is further exacerbated by massive denial.

"To heal," says Schaeff, "we must name and accept the disease. This acceptance is only reached by 'hitting bottom.'" Schaeff believes this is happening as a society now.

Whether the addiction is substance addiction (alcohol, drugs, nicotine, caffeine or food) or process addiction such as sex, gambling, consumerism or even love addiction, the addict must first admit to his or her problem. A commitment of thought and actions to living life without the addiction and accepting total responsibility for their own recovery is necessary.

Scientific research is breaking new ground, giving us a more inclusive understanding of the complexities of chemical abuse. Dr. Daniel Amen, clinical neuroscientist and psychiatrist has produced MRI photos of brains damaged as a result of abuse of alcohol and other drugs. These alarming photos exhibit extensive brain damage to various parts of the brain, giving an overall shrivelled toxic look with holes across the cortex.

In his book, *Change Your Brain, Change Your Life*, Amen reveals studies showing that there can be a genetic vulnerability to alcoholism in patients with a family history with drinking problems.

the effects of damaged brain functioning result in deficits in attention, concentration, aggression and new learning abilities such as visual and verbal memory and blood flow abnormalities.

Many substance abusers have dual psychiatric diagnoses and may be using their substance as a way of self-medicating psychiatric or neurological problems such as depression, panic systems, emotional or physical trauma and anxiety. The need to stop alcohol and drug use completely to prevent further brain deterioration is emphasized by Amen.

"Effective prescribed medications can be helpful," he states. "However, many substance abuse treatment programs shy away from the use of medication as an option. This attitude hampers appropriate treatment and leaves many individuals at higher risk for relapse."

But research does not stop with chemical abuse. Similar findings can be found in the ever-growing addiction to internet pornography, which can be easily tracked. Like other addictions, the user becomes more and more tolerant of erotic and perverse sexual depictions, requiring more stimulating simulations.

Excess television viewing in youngsters can also affect brain functioning, not just by content but also by the effects of electronic images. Being in love produces a chemical change in the brain that is very similar to the effects of cocaine.

Researcher Dr. Howard Halpern states that being in a loving relationship requires two people, while "being in love" requires only one.

There is good news on the horizon. In Dr. Norman Doidge's book, *The Brain That Changes Itself*, we are told that the human neuroplasticity of the brain can actually change its own structure and function. The revolutionary discovery of the malleability of the human brain promises to overthrow the age-old belief that the adult brain is fixed and unchanging.

The brain is not fixed and hard-wired. Neuroplasticity gives hope to those with mental limitations, including brain damage.

Our thoughts can switch our genes on and off, altering brain anatomy. Brain exercises and the use of imagination can raise cognition and perception and stop obsessions and compulsive behaviors. Meditation can also be effective.

While Schaeff describes the addictive society as due to the male, left-brain emphasis on logic and reason, many recovery specialists beginning with psychiatrist Carl Jung took a spiritual approach to recovery

Jung, who inspired the Alcoholics Anonymous program around 1940, recommended right-brain activity as found in the psycho-spiritual approach of AA.

But Jung's research also included joint efforts with renowned physicist Wolfgang Pauli that revealed an exciting connection between mind and matter, spirituality and science.

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In *Synchronicity*, Jung describes the heady concept of consciousness, collective consciousness of the ages and objective intelligence or universal consciousness as all being interconnected.

In *Care Of The Soul* by Thomas Moore, psychotherapist, retired Catholic monk with degrees in theology, musicology and philosophy, Moore concurs with a spiritual approach to healing.

"The great malady of the 20th century is 'loss of the soul,'" states Moore.

"When soul is neglected, it appears in symptomatology such as obsession, addictions, illness, violence and loss of meaning. Our temptation is to isolate these symptoms or to try to eradicate them one by one. The root problem, however, is that we have lost our wisdom about the soul, even our interest in it.

"To undertake the restoration of soul means we have to make spirituality a more serious part of everyday life. Psychology and spirituality need to be seen as one. Without soul, everything we find will be unsatisfying."

We are told that soul is shaped both by pain and pleasure, success and failure.

Self-acceptance and self-knowledge are the very foundation of soul.

Whether healing is spiritual or scientific or both, Moore sums up his belief.

"We must listen and observe what is being revealed in the symptom, addiction, behaviour and the suffering to befriend the problem rather than make an enemy of it. The main cure comes from love and not from logic."

The writer is founder of the Salt Spring-based Alterna-

PROFILE

PARC manager: a new island face

Kees Ruurs up to speed and ready for strategic plan process

BY GAIL SJUBERG
DRIFTWOOD EDITOR

If islanders are wondering who the new man with the smile is at the Salt Spring Parks and Recreation Commission (PARC) office, it's someone they will be seeing a lot more of at community events, meetings and out on island trails.

Kees Ruurs moved to the island with his wife of 36 years, Margriet, a well-known children's book author, in time for Ruurs to take up his new position as PARC manager at the beginning of September.

"My wife is very artistic and we love the Salt Spring type of community," he said in an interview last month.

Ruurs came to the island from the Eugene, Oregon area, where he was the South Willamette Valley parks manager with the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department for five years, overseeing some 60 parks.

Ruurs and his wife had planned to retire in five to 10 years to the east coast of Vancouver Island or perhaps Salt Spring Island. When they saw the PARC manager's position being advertised earlier this year, a planned vacation to the area was transformed into a job interview and house-hunting expedition instead.

With little trouble they found an ideal five-acre farm property on Sharp Road with two homes — one to accommodate one of their two sons, who is a boat-builder, and his family.

Anyone who has followed Salt Spring events in the past few years or decades will know PARC affairs have often been lightning rods for controversy, and that PARC staff can end up taking some of the heat.

But Ruurs is not intimidated by the history he has inherited and exudes a positive attitude that one suspects will rise above any conflicts, problems or pettiness.

He had already identified key issues after only a few weeks on the job, such as a lack of coordination between individuals and groups in the area of trail upkeep, for example, and the need for a definitive maintenance plan for the



PHOTO BY GAIL SJUBERG
PARC manager Kees Ruurs

Kanaka Road Skatepark. "It's a wonderful facility for youth, but when I first looked at it the park was covered in junk."

Trying to get lights installed, improving security and involving youth in regular clean-up are all facets of Ruurs' plan.

He even has experience working with a farmers/craft market in Armstrong, B.C.

Ruurs said he had never seen such a detailed bylaw governing a market like the one ruling the Saturday Market in the Park.

"You should have been here in the '90s," people told him, referring to the so-called "market wars" when the "make it, bake it or grow it" bylaw was first introduced and some factions rebelled against the regulations.

He said he was thrilled with the job, the staff, commission members and the Capital Regional District parks department.

"There is probably no one with more experience in parks maintenance than Martin (Milner)," he noted.

One thing Ruurs is looking forward to is the upcoming creation of a new strategic plan for PARC, which will replace the outdated master plan created in 1992.

After a project consultant is hired, the first step will be developing and administering a public survey, which will give PARC some direction and priorities to work on.

Trying to get lights installed, improving security and involving youth in regular clean-up are all facets of Ruurs' plan.

Ruurs has had years of experience in the parks and recreation administration field, holding management positions in the Yukon for eight years, and 12 years in the Okanagan — "both beautiful places to be" — and being involved in strategic plan efforts along the way.

While a Canadian citizen for some 25 years, Ruurs was born in the Netherlands, a "liberal and progressive country," which explains why he felt comfortable in Oregon and even earned his park management degree from the University of Oregon in the 1970s.

But his last stint in the state revealed the downside of a society with a threadbare social safety net. The parks department experienced thefts from maintenance yards

and fuel stolen from their vehicles, reflections of a crime rate that increased noticeably in his five years there.

"I enjoyed [the job] but it was a good time to leave the U.S."

Besides the people he now works with and the artistic community, Ruurs has also enjoyed being able to explore PARC trails as part of his job.

The new couple on the block was also warmly welcomed by their immediate neighbours, Dave and Kathy Thomas, who organized a neighbourhood party for them.

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NEWSBEAT

LIBRARY

Community generosity maintains library as an island cultural centre

Donation ensures doors open regardless of snow

BY DEREK LUNDY

SPECIAL TO THE DRIFTWOOD

Let's assume we can truly appreciate the importance of something by imagining its absence.

We can carry out this exercise on a large scale: for example, by thinking about what life in this country would be like without our iconic universal health care system, or without unemployment insurance — or without Mounties, or loonies or beavers.

On a smaller scale, we might contemplate the quality of life on Salt Spring Island without B.C. Ferries — much as many of us love the blood sport of criticizing them as a lumbering, and oddly bastardized, corporation. And while we're talking about Salt Spring absences, we might also consider the public library.

Here is what would not happen if the library — the community's library, your library — wasn't here. The two-thirds of the island's population who

have library cards would have no use for them.

Each year: 100,000 visits to the library would not take place; 130,000 books and tapes would not circulate; 8,000 hours of free computer time would not be used; \$50,000 worth of new books, magazines, tapes, and discs would not be available.

It gets worse. Volunteers would have to find some other way of contributing 20,000 hours of time. Two of the best professional librarians in the country would have to find other part-time jobs.

Seniors and shut-ins would need someone else to visit them with books. There would be no Children's Section in which kids could make that sudden, luminous connection with the infinite worlds that books contain.

On Fridays, little kids would have to find another cozy and literate nook for Story Time. If you didn't already have your own computer on which to check email or to surf the wild web, you'd have to buy one.

Everyone on Salt Spring would have to find somewhere else to go and read, or to get in out of the rain, or to answer


a particularly insistent call of nature.

But of course, we can all relax. This nightmare scenario is mere fiction, a straw man, set up to be knocked down. And knocked down with ease. All it takes is a few dollars. The Salt Spring library, with all its glorious goods and services, does exist. It's here, and you can help keep it here with a donation to the library Fall 2008 Giving Campaign.

With the generous help of the community it serves so well, the library can maintain its central place in the cultural life of our island.

With your contributions, it can buy new books, keep its computers and databases up to date, help us discharge our responsibility to our children by providing them with a place to learn and to dream, and, last but not least, have a roof that won't collapse in the next heavy snowfall.

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WORKSHOPS

Mask-making workshop helps participants face change

Local artists Gillian McConnell and Louise Goodman will soon lead an intriguing workshop entitled Facing Change, exploring the world through the creation and expression of masks.

According to press mate-

rial, "Masks provide a rich source of material for a creative workshop, both literally as art objects, and figuratively as symbols of our many selves."

While masks can be used for their expressive power in

performance, or to disguise the wearer, "in the figurative sense, all humans wear social masks."

Instructors will help participants identify the positive and negative aspects of the masks they wear and

make changes to create a new mask for living.

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FLEA MARKET FIND: George Turner checks out this German marionette at the Fulford Hall flea market last Saturday.

HEALTH CARE

Wellness hosts hot duo

Caregiving and dementia event set

Community Wellness Programs hosts an event with two dynamic speakers who have years of experience in the field of caregiving for people with dementia.

Irene Barnes and Marg Monro will speak on Caregiving and Dementia for people acting in a caregiving role as a friend, spouse or adult child.

The event is at Salt Spring Seniors on Wednesday, Nov. 26 at 2 p.m.

People should come early to ensure they get a seat.

Barnes is described as "a fabulously entertaining speaker" and nurse educator with the Vancouver Island Health Authority.

Monro is a former elderly-outreach nurse who now runs the caregivers' support group at Salt Spring Seniors.

Next Wednesday's presentation will include several helpful tips and lots of time for questions.



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GRAD REUNION

Five years of GISS grads urged to gather next June

Graduates from Gulf Islands Secondary School in the years 1972 through 1976 are invited to a reunion set for June 27-28, 2009.

Robbie Woods, Perry Booth and Sue Myers (Hoyle) are doing the event planning, which so far includes a barbecue dinner, live band dance, raffle and a pancake breakfast.

Attendees are asked to provide a biography and supply photos of their life to date since grad.

"I am also asking that if there was anyone whom they had special memories of, to write a blurb about that person, revealing who they are only to me," said Myers. "I intend on posting these on the board for people to ponder."

While plans are still being finalized, Myers said it would be great if any excess funds from the event could be passed along to a youth program on the island.

People who'd like to attend or get more information should contact Myers at slmyers@shaw.ca for the details. Teachers from that era are also invited.

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- The minibuses are lift-equipped and include two bike racks.
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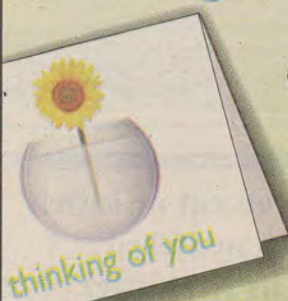


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- Join the monthly Salt Spring critical mass rides when they resume in the spring.
- Try an electric assist bicycle instead of your car for short trips.
- Be safe when walking and cycling. Wear bright colours, use lights and reflectors at night, and wear a properly fitted helmet whenever you cycle.
- Pick up a copy of the Bike Sense cycling safety guide at I-SEA or from Island Pathways.
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NATURE

Eagle expert gives web-cam magic

David Hancock takes part in conservancy evening Nov. 21

Islanders with an affinity for birds and the world-wide web will have the opportunity to learn about the eagles of Canada's west coast from biologist and author David Hancock and his popular "bird cam."

The Salt Spring Island Conservancy event, taking place Friday, Nov. 21, will provide insight into this majestic bird and this new method of online bird watching.

"Bird watching is one of the most popular pastimes on the globe," states a recent conservancy press release. "And now you do not have to leave your home to do it. The Internet allows bird lovers to get their avian fix online, thanks to innumerable 'bird cams' - live video cameras aimed at nests and other places where birds congregate."

One of the most popular of these "bird cams" is the camera pointed at a nest of eagles on Canada's west coast, getting as many as 10 million Internet watchers every day, making it one of the world's most popular websites.

"It's absolutely bizarre," said Hancock, who put the eagle images on-line. In a lifetime devoted to nature issues, Hancock says he has never seen such a huge audience enthralled with wild animals. According to press material, the birds ignore the camera, providing an intimate view into their aerie.

"The popularity [of this website] may be due to the

mystique surrounding bald eagles, creatures so striking, with their white head, piercing yellow eyes and an eight-foot wingspan, that the U.S. made them their national symbol."

"... the birds ignore the camera, providing an intimate view into their aerie."

Hancock has spent a lifetime focussing on conservation through research into wild creatures and the study of native cultures and has interpreted this knowledge for the public through writing, photography and books. Having written hundreds of articles and several books (including *The Bald Eagle of Alaska, B.C. and Washington*), Hancock has also produced several films and owns a publishing company that has published hundreds of titles on nature-related topics.

Hancock also started a project studying the urban bald eagles of Greater Vancouver, reflecting a fascination with the bald eagle that has lasted for more than 50 years.

"His talks convey the enthusiasm, depth of knowledge and respect for nature that could only come from someone who has dedicated his life to wildlife biology and conservation."

The Nov. 21 talk, which will also be of interest to children, takes place at the Community Gospel Chapel at 7 p.m. Admission is by donation and the conservancy group promises "we always serve the best cookies."

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"It's all brand new and very well received," said Reg Taylor, a volunteer with the Red Cross' medical equipment loan service. "Many islanders are going to like having this here."

Taylor and a contingent of other volunteers spent much of last Wednesday morning unloading boxes of crutches, walkers, commodes and bath seats as part of the Red Cross' latest shipment of bariatric equipment for islanders.

Whatever equipment cannot fit into the small office tucked into the Lady Minto Hospital's basement beside the rear parking lot will get shipped to the island from Victoria whenever it is needed.

The Red Cross provides quality home-use medical equipment loans on a by-



Bob Woodhouse, Bob Rush, Reg Taylor and the Red Cross' David Paul (pictured left to right) deliver a shipment of brand new medical equipment thanks to a generous donation by the Salt Spring Island Foundation.

donation basis. The depot is run by volunteers and relies on the support it receives from individuals and groups in the community.

Up until last week, bariatric items were shipped from Victoria, creating a cost that was proving prohibitive for both the Red Cross and its clients.

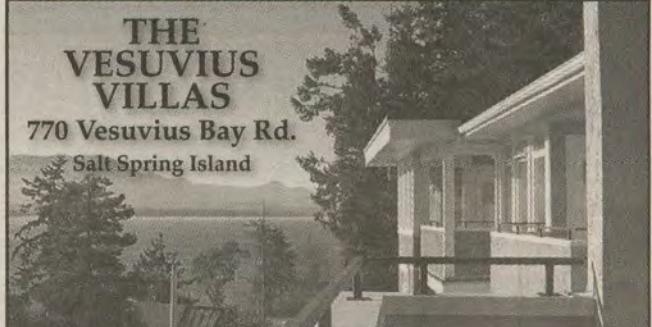
The Salt Spring Foundation's Bob Rush was on hand to witness the delivery.

He said the Red Cross' efforts to offer medical equipment on a by-donation basis serves a wide demographic of community residents.

According to the Red

Cross' David Paul, the project has proven so successful that the team's next priority is finding a larger space for the Salt Spring operation.

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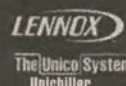
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The Nov. 3 winners among six full tables were Charles Kahn and Judy Norget, in first place with a hefty score. Second were Jeff Bell and Prem Margoese, third were Lynn Thorburn and Tilly Crawley, while Gillian Mouat and Jennifer Quick were in the fourth spot.

The losers were left to contemplate another line from Lear: "The gods are just, and of our pleasant vices make instruments to plague us."

Undaunted, the usual suspects turned up on Nov. 10 and this time the list of

winners was different.

Those who were "in" the most were Isabelle Richardson and Jean Elder, followed by George and Flo Laundry, then Lynn Thorburn and Tilly Crawley repeating their third place. Fourth place welcomed Patricia MacFarlane back to the fold after a long absence, partnered happily by Jacquie Stevulak and avoiding even one bottom board.

Out in the cold this time, the rest could only plead "Fortune, good night, smile once more; turn thy wheel!" and they'll be back to try again.

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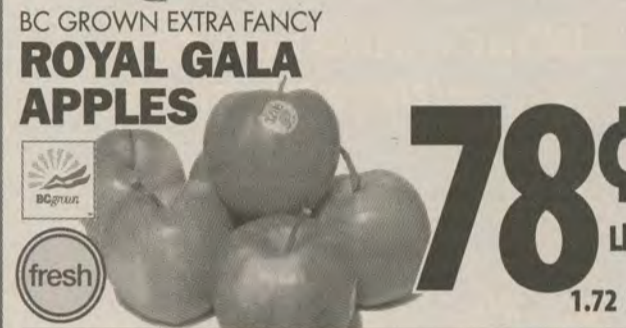
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COMMUNITY GROUPS

SWOVA open house illustrates years of community work

All invited to Nov. 25 event at local office

BY CAROL GRIER
 SPECIAL TO THE DRIFTWOOD

The community is cordially invited to an open house as SWOVA enters its 12th year of service to the community and province.

The public is invited to join the SWOVA staff, board members and youth team for refreshments, informal conversation and a chance to see the new offices at 344 Lower Ganges Road (next to Dagwood's and Paint Plus) beginning at 4 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 25. SWOVA's AGM at 6 p.m. the same evening is also open to the public.

The agency has taken quantum leaps in the past year with the addition last year of the Widening the Circle Project which invited parents and teachers into SWOVA's primary violence prevention efforts.

Another new project, Pass it On, has been added this year to work with girls and young women to explore the top four risky behaviours that are presently threatening their health and safety in our community and leaving them vulnerable to violence and abuse.

A parallel boys' project will begin in 2009.

Unlike Respectful Relationships (R+R), SWOVA's award-winning flagship program, Pass it On is a community-based initiative. R+R is a school/community partnership.

Funding for the Pass it On pilot project is jointly funded by Status of Women Canada and the Civil Forfeiture Program.

In its ninth year of delivery in School District 64, Respectful Relationships currently impacts students all across the province.

According to SWOVA's executive director, Lynda Laushway, "Over 3,000 students in various regions in British Columbia will be able to participate in 12 workshops on awareness and

skill-building to have healthy and respectful relationships as part of our R+R outreach this year. SWOVA received significant provincial funding to provide training, support, and implementation money to eight rural or geographically isolated B.C. communities.

"This is a primary violence prevention initiative developed by SWOVA on Salt Spring Island in partnership with our school district.

"It costs about \$200 per student each year for the 12-workshop inter-personal relationship violence prevention series, compared with the cost of about \$150,000 per year to keep one young person in youth detention."

While SWOVA has received funding over the years to support all these communities and projects, it is a daily challenge to keep prevention uppermost in people's minds and keep the projects afloat. Ongoing community support from all over the province is crucial to the success of SWOVA's programs.

A membership drive is currently underway at the agency. At \$5 per person, memberships are affordable for all and help to weave a strong safety net to prevent violence and abuse in our community.

Laushway hopes the community will come out next week and connect with the many people who make SWOVA such an innovative "think tank" for violence prevention, become more familiar with the agency's programs, as well as look over its extensive lending library.

"We couldn't do the work we do across B.C. without our priceless staff and dedicated volunteers. We hope the community will join us on the 25th for a small celebration of our past successes and our expanding future."

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"Our goal last year was just to make it to provincials, so we would know what to expect and be familiar with the venues and such, and with the intention of returning this year and making some noise," Booth said.

Noise was definitely the backdrop to Saturday's final match, which pitted the GISS Scorpions against south Vancouver Island winner Pacific Christian Pacers.

Students, with faces painted in yellow and black, waved yellow pinnies in the air, held up signs, beat buckets, pails and drums and blew noisemakers, setting the scene for a home school victory.

Student Evan Chen raced up and down in front of the bleachers, leading people in the "wave" amid chants such as "G" "T" "S" "S" and "send them home."

Spectators — which included students, alumni, parents, parents of alumni, school staff (current and former) and sports enthusiasts from around the community — also screamed for individual players such as star setter Cole Wrigley and dramatic power hitter Chris Howe.

As the Scorpions and Pacers lined up for their first set in the best-of-five finals, it looked like a David and Goliath contest, with the towering GISS squad (including Howe at 6'6" and Casey Knight at 6'7") taking on the much shorter Pacers.

However, in this version, Goliath stomped on David, with the GISS boys dancing around the court in a devastating choreography, serving, setting and spiking with a confidence that matched the crowd's enthusiasm.

The local boys trounced the Pacers 25-17 and 25-15 in the first two sets. Then, in a riveting third set, they blazed back from a 3-10 deficit, tying it up at 17-17, falling behind again, catching up at 23-23, and then taking the game 25-23.

Following the final match, setter Wrigley was named Vancouver Island Zone MVP,



PHOTOS BY JOHN CAMERON

Above, James Cameron, and below, Cayce Fedberg (with Stuart Garside) compete in the AA Vancouver Island volleyball event at GISS.



with middle-blocker Howe and libero Hal Cook named to the tournament all-star team.

In addition, Booth said, "Solid performances by Stuart Garside, Cayce Fedberg, James Cameron and Dave

Outerbridge were major contributing factors to the ease with which the Scorpions defeated their opponents."

She said all players demonstrated "consistency, determination and intel-

ligent play," adding that Knight's size presented a problem for opponents when he was at the net; Graham Wrigley and Evan Henshall played like "seasoned veterans" and "positive support for teammates and solid back row play" were highlights for Drew Storey.

GISS walked to victory in all its games leading up to the semi-finals against Mark Isfeld, beating Cedar 25-10, 25-15; Parkland, 25-10, 25-14 and Reynolds, 25-19, 25-20.

Mark Isfeld beat Reynolds for third spot, with both teams winning two sets and then playing a tie-breaking fifth game. Isfeld, Pacific Christian and GISS all advance to provincials.

Booth said the GISS team's most difficult sets were the last one against the Pacers and the second set against Isfeld.

"But to be honest," she added, "neither team posed much of a threat. My juniors played in these games and were able to gain valuable on-court experience. Had the starters played these games, I don't believe they would have been very close in score."

The GISS squad was also undefeated in the north island championships.

In fact, the last game they lost, said Booth, was to AAA Dover Bay, which went on to win the AAA Vancouver Island championships.

Booth said the height of the team does contribute to its success, but the superior play of the more average-sized players is also an important component.

"It is also true that because we have the size . . . and solid play at every position, we will have a genuine shot to contend for a medal at provincials," Booth said. "Without our height, we still would be a very good team . . . but it would be difficult for us to be in medal contention."

Booth is assisted in coaching by Cam Johnson, "a former, very good GISS player."

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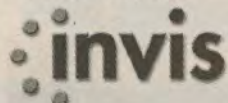
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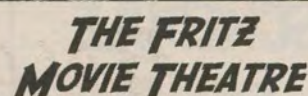
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GISS SPORTS

Provincial results cap successful first swim-team season



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Taking ninth place at the B.C. High School Swimming Provincials was the GISS girls 200-m freestyle relay team, including, from left: Stefanie Kos, Christine Villadsen, Danica Lundy and Emily Rothwell.

Two events qualify for provincial consolation finals

One Gulf Islands Secondary School (GISS) relay team and one individual swimmer qualified for consolation finals in the top provincial school swimming event last weekend, ending the school's first-ever swim season on a high note.

In total, 12 swimmers travelled to Richmond last Friday and Saturday to compete in the B.C. High School Provincial Swimming Championships against 900 swimmers, representing 104 schools from across the province.

Ranked 14th going into the meet, and 12th diving into consolation finals, the GISS girls 200-metre freestyle relay team took almost four seconds off its time from the Vancouver Island championships to grab a ninth-place finish (2:10.44).

Relay team members included Stefanie Kos, Danica Lundy, Emily Rothwell and Christine Villadsen.

"It was obvious that the girls were really fired up and swimming as hard as they could," said head coach Peri Lavender. "It was our last event of the meet and it was a great way to end the experience. The whole swim team was proud."

Also qualifying for consolation finals, Lundy picked

up a 16th-place finish in the 100-m individual medley with a time of 1:22.44.

Other swimmers who competed at the meet were Pia Buenger, Braiden Crouse, Brittany Fischer, Colin Grambow, Jeremy Marchi, Aunabeth Ross-Maclean, Quinn Temmel and Bonnie Williamson.

Events swum by GISS swimmers included a mixed 200-m free relay; girls 200-m medley relay; girls 200-m free relay; 50-m back and 100-m IM (Lundy); 100-m free (Ross-Maclean, Marchi and Villadsen).

"All the swimmers performed exceptionally well, with most posting best times in their events," Lavender said.

SIMS FOOTBALL

Slayers' year comes to close with semi-final loss to Bulldogs

Team settles for excellent third-place finish

BY BLAKE GOLD
SPECIAL TO THE DRIFTWOOD

The Salt Spring Slayers, led by head coach Mike Miles and assistant Harold Hoffman, went to Nanaimo to face the Barsby Bulldogs in the semi-final match up.

The Slayers were hoping to build off the confidence gained in an entertaining season, in which they managed to finish third overall.

Winning the coin toss, the Slayers elected to receive and began their opening drive with a varied attack of running and passing, but the Bulldogs were equal to the task.

A perfectly placed punt by Sam Miles left his opponents buried deep in their own territory. Once again the Barsby army of 40 players came prepared to take on our 16 brave Slayers.

A sustained drive of solid running that the Slayers fought hard to contain finally led the Bulldogs into the end zone with a

successful point after putting the home side up 7-0 at the end of the first quarter.

Barsby scored two more touchdowns in the second quarter and the half time score of 19-0 did not reflect the hard play and determination of the Slayers.

In the second half the Slayers' defence fought hard as a unit to keep the Bulldogs from scoring. Bradley Hoffman had some awesome tackles and Liam Murray, Aiden Holmes, Noah Price and the whole front line played

tough in the trenches.

Wes Pickering had his first interception of the year to save a sure touchdown by Barsby.

Sam Miles, Kayla Pultke, Elijah Gold and the rest of the offensive unit scrapped hard all day to gain yardage and finally Miles broke free for one of his patented 40-yard sweeps right, sprinting past everyone on the defence for a touchdown that was indeed a

highlight, with the icing provided by Holmes with a two-point convert.

At the end of the day the Bulldogs came away with a 31-8 victory, and the Salt Spring Slayers shook hands and proudly jogged off the field with their heads held high.

It was a truly remarkable season that brought so many highlights and memories to both players and family.

It was both a pleasure and honour to have covered this remarkable group of Salt Spring youth competing and learning and gaining so much knowledge and experience through team sports.

As a community we have much to be proud of and we can now add the Salt Spring Slayers of 2008 to that list. Stay tuned for the spring season.

CYCLING

U.S. coast cycling trip highlighted at Island Pathways general meeting

Next Friday, Nov. 28

Once again, cyclist Ted Harrison will be the guest speaker at the upcoming Island Pathways annual general meeting, set for next Friday, Nov. 28.

Harrison has cycled extensively in Canada, Mexico, New Zealand, Britain and Hawaii.

"His slide presentations always offer entertaining glimpses of life in the saddle as he wends his way hither and yon," states a press release from Island Pathways.

According to Harrison, "The west coast of North America offers some fabulous weather as you go south. It offers plenty

of ocean vistas, sturdy lighthouses, valuable agricultural land, sand dunes and beach volleyball. It also promises some truly remarkable cycling along the coastal route with gigantic redwoods, challenging hills, formidable fog and an extensive network of bicycle paths."

Harrison has just completed the 3,000-kilometre ride from Vancouver to the Mexican border. Avid cyclists and curious islanders will want to come and see his slide presentation and talk at the Island Pathways AGM.

The Nov. 28 meeting will be held at All Saints By-the-Sea beginning at 7 p.m.



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U13 girls two-for-two in double header against Sooke

Salt Spring's U13 girls hosted Sooke for a double header on Saturday. In the first match, Salt Spring took the early lead when Jade Beauvais passed to Brenna McIntyre, who hit the crossbar and sent the rebound into the net to make it 1-0.

Soon after, Celine Comeau sent the ball flying from mid-field and it bounced over the goalie's head for 2-0. The defence was impenetrable with Zoe Savage tirelessly chasing balls.

The rest of the game was a blur of goals with Jasmine Cooper assisting Beauvais' goal, Comeau assisting Zorah Wiltzen's goal, Becki Steel running the ball down-field to assist McIntyre's second goal, Steel making one from the corner and Steel assisting McIntyre again for the hat-trick, with Salt Spring winning 7-0.

The second match began after only half an hour of rest, but Beauvais got things moving again



PHOTO BY JOANNE PAL

Kirsty Girard races for the net in recent U18 girls soccer action. The team beat Cowichan last weekend and sits in first place in its division.

with the first goal. Cooper scored the second and then assisted McIntyre, who nailed the third. Beauvais scored again; Wiltzen ran from midfield to score, new arrival Abi O'Donnell

ran it down the field next and assisted Beauvais for her second hat-trick of the day.

Just before the half, when she switched to goalie, Beauvais (assisted by Wiltzen),

scored her fourth goal to make it 7-0.

Sooke came back fighting and scored its first of two goals, and soon after, O'Donnell passed to Steel for 8-1. Jenna Dawson made

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a final goal for the 9-2 win, putting Salt Spring's U13 girls first in the league.

• Salt Spring's U12 girls, coached by Lindsay McQueen, trounced their opponents — Juan de Fuca — 11-2 on Salt Spring last Saturday.

The resounding victory makes it nine wins and zero losses for the team, with only a half-dozen goals against this whole season.

The team's success is due to a combination of great passing and excellent team work, as well as solid, reliable defence and goal-tending.

The LTs (Lindsay's Team) say goodbye this week to Mikala Bascom who is moving to the Okanagan.

Mikala has been a super team player and a "fireball" on the field all season.

"She plays like a dynamo," notes McQueen. "Spectators

from all sides have consistently been amazed at her tenacity and determination."

• Salt Spring's U15 boys team pummelled Gordon Head in the second half of their game last weekend, winning the match 4-2.

Gordon Head played a disciplined first half and came out ahead 1-0. But Salt Spring stormed back in the second half with an early goal by Armando Riviera Morineau before Gordon Head replied with its second, a give-away inside the box.

Salt Spring seemed to come to life at this point and stormed back with goals by Jackson Grasky, Paul Jordan and Morineau to win the game 4-2.

Byron Mussell was a stand-out in goal, Austin Reynolds was a force up front, and Leh Smallshaw and Torin McIvor were great on defence.

• Salt Spring's U13 silver boys faced a middle-of-the-pack Cowichan team Saturday, hoping to bolster their record before their scheduled move into the gold division in late November.

The game began mostly in Salt Spring's end, but at the 15-minute mark the local boys came to life.

Eric Weatherby jammed in the first goal on a rebound from a Tai Levitt shot off a brilliant Justin Kopetzki cross. Levitt factored in the next goal as well, passing to Lukas Wenzel, who placed a left-footer above the goalie.

Cowichan struck back with one before the half, leaving Oasis up 2-1 after 35 minutes.

The second half began with a highlight-reel Billy George header goal off another impressive Kopetzki cross. Wenzel followed up with his second, as did Weatherby on a well-placed penalty shot.

Kopetzki went on to score a pair, while Cowichan only managed to get one back, making the final score 7-2.

Keeper Eldin Miller-Stead made some key second-half saves on high shots, while the defence backstopped the strong outing.

Oasis plays its final silver game at home this weekend against a feisty Juan de Fuca team before their move to the tougher gold division on Nov. 29.

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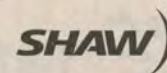
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MEN'S SOCCER

FC Alumni continues stellar season

Meanwhile, Old Boys search for first victory

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Salt Spring's FC Alumni soccer club extended its hold on first position on the weekend after defeating third-ranked Sooke United 4-3.

The win improves FC Alumni's record to 7-0-1,

giving them a total of 22 points and a firm hold atop the Vancouver Island Soccer League's Masters B division.

Salt Spring goal scorers included David Norget, Dave McColl and Jude Shugar, but it was an own goal scored by a Sooke player that helped put FC Alumni over the top to earn the victory.

FC Alumni will be back in action on Sunday, Nov. 23 at 10 a.m. when they host Nanaimo United (4-5-1).

In other soccer news, the

Salt Spring over-35 Old Boys were shut out for a second game in a row on Sunday, dropping a 3-0 decision to Vantreights (4-3-2).

The Old Boys remain in last place of the Masters C division with a single point and a record of 0-8-1.

The team will get a chance to gain some ground on its division rivals when players travel to Lochside Park to play the Cordova Bay Investors Group Bobcats Alumni (7-1-1). Unlike their clients,

the Investors Group team has prospered in recent months and remains in first place with 22 points.

Salt Spring FC and Ganges Gremio were not in action this week due to cancellations, though Gremio did earn three points for the forfeit.

Salt Spring FC hosts Bays United FC at Portlock Park on Saturday, Nov. 22 at 2:15. Gremio will take on Nanaimo United on Vancouver Island Sunday.

WOMEN'S SOCCER

Dragons grab single point in Sunday session

Team now prepares for third-place showdown

The Salt Spring Island Dragons failed to keep pace with the division leaders this weekend after tying the basement-dwelling Vic As 1-1 on home turf.

Sunday's game marked the first time

Dragons players took to the field since Nov. 2, after heavy rains delayed their previous week's match.

Despite the unscheduled break, players could not find the strength to leave much of an impression against the Vic As (1-7-1).

The Dragons will travel to Vancouver Island this weekend where they will

play Ladysmith (4-2-2) in what could be one of the most important games of the season to date.

The two teams are tied for third place in the Lower Island Women's Soccer League's third division with 14 points each.

Both teams are 10 points out of first place.

SAILING

Sailors compete in inaugural Long Harbour race

Imp takes top spot

With the top-five boats finishing within five minutes of one another, tight gybes and close quarters weren't the only highlights of the Long Harbour sailing race on Nov. 16.

"Sunday morning dawned

foggy and windless, but by the time we gathered at the club, there was a modest south-east breeze and the fog was lifting, revealing periodic patches of blue," reads a portion of the race report penned by Greg Slakov.

The course made its way

through Ganges Harbour, past the Sister Islands, into Long Harbour and back.

In the end, it was Imp, skipped by Slakov, that took the event with a time of 2:15:29.

"It was great fun beating out of and running

down into Long Harbour with all 11 boats crossing, tacking and gybing in close proximity," Slakov wrote.

Caliente (Andersen), Fandango (Munneke), Oasis (Jones) and Deryn Mor (Vine) rounded out the top-five finishers.

GISS VOLLEYBALL

Juniors secure berth in Islands

Team drops out, opening up spot

Gulf Islands Secondary School junior girls volleyball players, who thought their season was over, got a surprise e-mail from their coach Monday night.

The junior A-girls volleyball team has secured a spot in the Vancouver Island AA Junior Volleyball Championships, set for this weekend at Brentwood College.

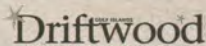
The junior girls team took a close third-place finish at the mid-island championships, held earlier this month at Lake Cowichan High School.


Second-place finisher Cowichan High School pulled out of the competition, springboarding the GISS team into one of two mid-island berths at the island championships.

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HOT YOGA at North End Fitness with Deb Leblanc. info@debfit.com 250-537-7696.
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UNITARIAN FELLOWSHIP, Sunday, Nov. 23 11a.m. at SS Senior's Centre. "Is morality driven by faith?" and other ethical questions. Kimberly Linger leads with discussion following.

DEATHS



Percy Emerson Dewar passed away peacefully on November 1, 2008.

Predeceased by nine siblings and survived by his grandchildren, Mark Sorley and Vicky Engel, and daughter Carol Silver. Percy is missed by his loving partner, Ilse and her family, Derek, Susan, and Gillian, as well as friends and relatives on Salt Spring and Vancouver Island.

Descended from the Scotch Whisky Dewars, Percy was born in Extension, June 5, 1919. A Vancouver Island pioneer, he spent his early years roaming the mountains behind Nanaimo. He attended school in a one room schoolhouse until grade 8, growing up in a time when there were more animals than people on Vancouver Island. He remembers walking along the logging railway with his father in the evenings and counting 80 deer in an hour. As a young man he was a regular competitor in Logging Sports and was the Canadian Champion Splicer four years in a row. Logging, cable splicing, and buying and selling property on Vancouver Island provided Percy with enough money to return to his true passion, being a wildlife guide and the tracking of cougars.

Percy was passionate about the big cats. At 16 he got his first hound and thus began his lifetime of tracking cougars, first as a bounty hunter, then as a guide, and finally, after years of observation and a change of heart, to actively work for their conservation. He initiated, funded and carried out a 6 year study tracking and collaring cougars on Vancouver Island. The results provided valuable new data about the size of the cougar population, their habits and territory, leading to conclusions greatly different from those assumptions widely held by Fish and Wildlife officers and the public in general.

Percy had a very special way with animals; including the wolf cub he raised himself. Percy always advised - "Never go out into the woods without a walking stick. If you encounter a cougar put your jacket or sweater on the stick and wave it above your head. LOOK TALL." He had a special relationship with all his dogs, from the Blu Tic tracking hounds of his early hunting days to his Turkish livestock dogs that he successfully used for predator control in his later years at his mountain top farm.

Early semi-retirement found Percy working at Strathcona Park Lodge. He was very proud of the 60 hydro poles he installed to complete their hydro- electric project. After building 10 homes for friends and family during his life, Percy used his skills to single-handedly build a spectacular log home and livestock buildings high up a mountain overlooking Buttle Lake. His greenhouse, heated in the winter by a wood burning furnace was an engineering marvel, and the envy of Upper Campbell Valley. He grew melons and tomatoes throughout the winter. Between the gardens, greenhouse, goats and chickens, Percy was self sufficient, seldom going to town. Many young people, training at Strathcona Park Lodge, were influenced by Percy's resourcefulness, survival skills, accomplishments and healthy lifestyle. For years Percy had a weather station at his mountain home, and monitored the weather for Environment Canada.

Percy was a quiet, gentle man with a dry sense of humor, shy with people, but always with a fascinating story to tell. His passion and appreciation of our natural environment was contagious. Now Percy is free and roaming the wilds with his favourite dog, Lou.

Thank you to the loving staff at Greenwoods on Salt Spring who cared for Percy in his last years. No service by request. Interment at Cedar Cemetery at a later date. Contact 250-549-7073 for further information. Donations to help protect the wilderness that Percy so loved can be made to the Nature Conservancy of Canada, BC Region, 300 - 1205 Broad Street, Victoria, B.C., V8W 2A4.

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DEATHS



FARR, Inez Margaret (née Brown)

December 24, 1924 - November 15, 2008

Inez passed away peacefully at Victoria General Hospital in her 84th year with her daughter and son at her side.

Inez was born in Liverpool and met her late husband Jim Armstrong in the servicemen's dances in Liverpool during WWII. As a young war bride she followed her husband in 1946 to Hamilton and then Toronto and Scarborough where they raised their family. In 1989, the opportunity to share the lives of their two granddaughters, Kathryn and Autumn and their parents, Carol and Noel Fowles, attracted them to Salt Spring Island. Here they made many new friends and found a lifestyle and communities they enjoyed. Inez' gregariousness and organizing abilities found new homes and opportunities in the Trail and Nature Club, quilting groups, the Altar Guild and congregation of All Saints Anglican Church.

In 1994, Inez married Tony Farr and they moved their two households together on Castle Cross Road.

Inez is also lovingly remembered by her big brother Norval Brown and his wife Dot of Liverpool, England, her son Bruce Armstrong of Toronto, her daughter Carol and husband Noel Fowles, her granddaughters Autumn Fowles, Kathryn Fowles and her husband Roland Flutet of Lyon, France and niece, nephews and other relatives in Napanee, Vancouver, Brisbane (Australia), Toronto, Brampton, Thunder Bay and Edinburgh (Scotland).

A memorial service will be held at All Saints by the Sea Anglican Church, Ganges, on Saturday, November 22 at 2:00 p.m. with a reception in the church hall following the service.

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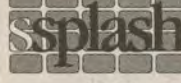
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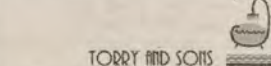
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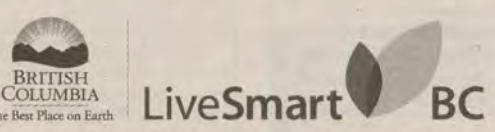
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This Week's Horoscope

by Michael O'Connor

Aries (Mar 21 – Apr 20)

As the Moon waxes to full you will gain a clearer sense of where you stand. Your ambitions are running high and your instincts are showing you new possibilities and opportunities. Yet, you need new tools, skills and training to take full advantage. Making key investments is making more sense with each new day. Yet, you still feel sceptical and need to deepen your research before you commit.

Taurus (Apr 20 – May 21)

You are determined to go to the next level now. Having weighed a variety of important factors, you feel committed. However, you may feel your pace is obstructed, as though driving through a fog. The future is uncertain and you would like things to be more predictable. Aim to be sure and secure, on one foot, and ready for anything, on the other, and you will be as stable as you can be.

Gemini (May 21 – Jun 21)

Making the most of this time of year means tackling the projects and activities that you 'saved for a rainy day'. Using this time to clean and clear in preparation for a new year could prove satisfying. If you are busy boosting your immune system you are really wise and on track. Financial dealings, assessments and adjustments are also likely now. Face your fears to affirm your desires.

Cancer (Jun 22 – Jul 22)

New adventures are calling. Where these offer you opportunities for education and travel you will feel most excited. As men-

tioned last week, pay close heed to instinctive feelings and especially to doubts about big commitments. Opportunity is knocking but you must be open to some big changes to take full advantage. Step back, see a bigger picture, tune in to your heart and let it guide you.

Leo (Jul 23 – Aug 23)

Some learning curves are slower and some faster. You may feel that you have one of each to balance. Stabilizing your ground is the first consideration and this is the slow lesson. Awakening yourself and others to new possibilities and dreams is moving fast now and will speed-up yet, by months end especially. For now, tend to affairs close to home and rest because the games will resume soon.

Virgo (Aug 24 – Sep 22)

Getting a clear vision and focus is usually the best first measure in important undertakings. Where have you been, where now, where to next? This is a good time to tidy up and tie up loose ends and perhaps to initiate new projects as well. This means preparing in mind and body including preparing your environment as well as setting your sights on important goals. Review, focus and risk!

Libra (Sep 23 – Oct 22)

New ambitions have been brewing and the time to more fully act on them is drawing near quickly. Yet, it remains important to focus and to assess your situation. What are your skills; what streams of income are active or could be? Finances and your earning ability are high on your mind now. The

economy is shaking and it may be a good time to separate your eggs. Move with the times!

Scorpio (Oct 23 – Nov 21)

Either you are comfortable diversifying your interests or you are experiencing a very noticeable internal struggle. Getting all aspects of our mind to agree requires deep prioritization. The sands are ever shifting so we are wise to be ready for anything. Making the most of your current situation includes outlining your successes and reviewing your lessons. P.S. you are worth than you may know.

Sagittarius (Nov 22 – Dec 21)

We are in a bear market; is this a time to sleep? Perhaps, yet with discipline and focus you can make the most of the situation. This implies new investments. The best ones, however, will be those that have a long term holding value. Do your homework now, investigate, research and assess your options. If you can pick-up some bargains why not, otherwise enjoy the slower pace.

Capricorn (Dec 22 – Jan 19)

Security means different things at different times. For you now it means change the status quo. This is a call to play with new possibilities. Be willing to learn and explore new angles of your self and/or new corners of the world you have never visited. Gaining new knowledge via a path of adventure is ideal now. Remember that life

is a game and the real winners know it and play along.

Aquarius (Jan 20 – Feb 19)

Your power potential continues to rise steadily. The time is ripe to be in close communications with authority figures of any kind who have leverage for your advantage. Ask for favours and earned rewards and you will probably get them. If you are taking an independent approach then you are right on track. Discovering your greater power potential will take a while yet, but these are important steps!

Pisces (Feb 20 – Mar 20)

An adventurous time continues. Perhaps you are exploring exotic and foreign places, at least on wings of imagination. The weight of certain responsibilities may be enough to discourage pleasure and progress. Yet, taking an adventurous and risky approach seems to be a veritable duty. You might as well accept your situation; riding the waves, yet pushing deliberately where you can and must.

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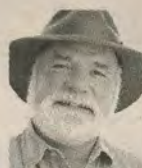
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57 channels on my television and there's nothing on

The average 16-year old has clocked more time watching television than he has spent in school. TV Guide outsells every other magazine on the nation's newsstands. That's more serious than venereal disease.

And you know what's even more serious than that? That very quote is 31 years old. John Leonard made that observation in the New York Times back in 1977. Three decades later, television is more ubiquitous and entrenched than Leonard could ever have imagined.

And not just on this continent. If I lived in Britain right now I could choose from 883 channels on my television. Germany is a distant second — I'd only have 300 channels competing for my attention there. There are 252 channels on French television; 199 in



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Spain. Poor, benighted Estonia struggles to get by with just 15 different channels. But Europeans as a group have no cause to feel underserved when it comes to television coverage. All told there are some 6,500 television channels up and running across the European Union.

Yet another excellent reason not to move across the Atlantic.

Moi? A television Luddite? You betcha. And I've earned the stripes to say so

because I've been in front of the boob tube from the beginning.

Since before the beginning, actually. I'm so venerable I can actually remember life before TV. In our living room a piano stood in the place of honour the TV set would eventually assume. We actually stood around as a family on Sunday afternoons and occasional evenings, singing, if you can believe it, while Mom or Dad chorded through some old standards.

A piano in the living room. How quaint.

But television was a force that would not be denied. Wasn't long before we got one too, and the piano was relegated to a back room to make room for it. Eventually, I suppose, we sold the piano. I don't remember. Like every-

one else I was too enthralled with the new magic box with the big glass eye.

Actually, not so big. Ours was a squat, clunky Admiral with a 17-inch screen. Black and white, of course. And it featured a big bakelite knob on the lower right hand corner that was marked just like a clock, with 12 channels on the dial.

Even that was false advertising. Our TV could only pull in Channels Two, Four, Six, Seven, Nine and Eleven. Channel Four was Buffalo; Channel Six was CBC. Most of the channels carried no programming at all, just a sound track of static and close-ups of snowstorms occasionally criss-crossed with what looked like railroad tracks.

What a contrast to the television set that sits in my living

room today. Its screen is about three times as big as that old Admiral, delivers full-colour reception and lets me choose from...

... actually I have no idea how many channels I get. I hardly ever watch TV anymore unless somebody else turns it on. Too complicated. My channel browser features more dials and buttons than the dashboard of a Westjet Airbus, the channels have numbers like 197 and 305, my copy of the TV Guide has bloated up to the size of a Dickens novel...

... and every other program seems to feature either Paris Hilton or Don Cherry. Who needs it?

Even so-called Public Television has degenerated into a dreary daisy chain of BBC comedies interspersed with

dispiriting documentaries about vanishing species. I'm with Robert MacNeil, the acerbic Nova Scotian author and broadcaster who moaned, "Television should be more than English people talking and animals mating, occasionally interrupted by English people mating and animals talking."

But I give the final word on television to Groucho Marx, a comedic genius who both preceded and subsequently mastered the medium of television.

But never thought very highly of its tutorial capabilities.

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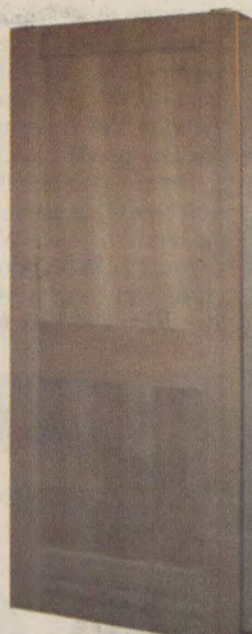
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