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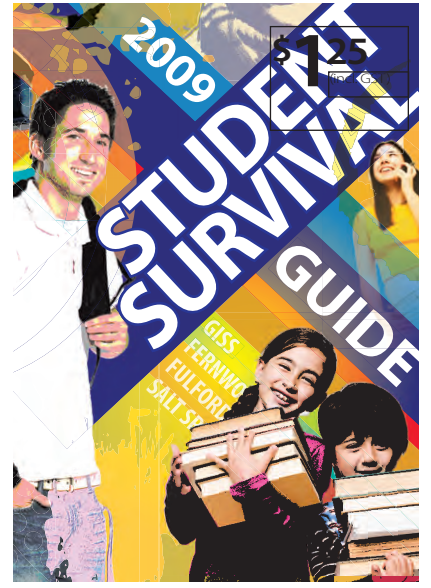
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Dawes Excavating equipment begins the process of dismantling the Sion, an old fishing vessel that had been moored in Ganges Harbour, as people watch from the Grace Point Square deck.

HARBOUR

Sinking boat draws fast response

Incident prompts Harbour Authority review

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Last week's sinking of a derelict fishing vessel at Centennial Wharf has prompted officials from the Salt Spring Harbour Authority to consider imposing maintenance standards for vessels moored at the Ganges facility.

"This has certainly made us very aware that there has to be some minimal standards of maintenance and we will be discussing this with vessel owners," said Bob Morrisette, manager of the harbour authority.

Morrisette said damage to the marine environment was minimized thanks to boaters who responded as soon as the 35-foot vessel began to sink at around 7 a.m. on Wednesday, Aug. 12.

"They they just happened to be at their boat and did what they could," he said. "Everyone handled the situation very well."

By the time Ganges Coast Guard officers arrived on the scene at approximately 7:30 a.m., the Sion was completely submerged.

"We didn't actually see it because it was still under water," said Al Hoskins, local officer in charge. "The only things sticking out were the antennas."

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HEALTH CARE

Hospital gets needs study before OR

SOS committee upset about 'delaying tactic'

BY GAIL SJUBERG
DRIFTWOOD EDITOR

It's been almost 14 months since Lady Minto Hospital's operating room was officially closed for lack of a surgeon, and it doesn't look like it will be opening any time soon.

Saanich-North and the Islands MLA Murray Coell confirmed Tuesday that the hospital will be subject to a Vancouver Island Health Authority "needs assessment study" before that occurs.

Coell said the decision arose from a July meeting held with hospital/medical officials Bill Relph, Dr. Robert Chrichton and Dr. Shane Barclay, and a subsequent talk with Howard Wald-

ner, VIHA president and CEO. Waldner assured Coell the study would move forward quickly, but Coell said no timeline has been set.

Save Our Surgery committee members are not pleased about the new plan.

"I told [Murray Coell] it sounded like a delaying technique and that it was not acceptable," said SOS committee chair Phyllis Bolton.

SOS, which was formed last year to push for the OR's reopening, says the only relevant needs assessment concerning the OR was already done in April of 2008. It was signed by six individuals, ranging from Relph and Barclay to Lady Minto Hospital Foundation president Gil Schultz and

Gaynor Jones, the hospital's retired clinical coordinator, and it confirmed the need for surgical services to continue.

Mixing the OR issue with other hospital or health care needs is disastrous, the SOS committee maintains, and it's not what Coell promised their group when they met with him on June 26. He had agreed to set up an OR-specific meeting between SOS and new Health Minister Kevin Falcon, said Bolton.

But Coell called the more comprehensive study "a positive move. We need to look at all aspects of the hospital, but with an emphasis on a surgical component for Lady Minto, and I think this will help define what we do in the next decade for increased services for Salt Spring."

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NEWSBEAT

FIRE DISTRICT

Tom Bremner is island's new fire chief

Truro, N.S. most recent post

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

The Salt Spring Island Fire Protection District has announced that Tom Bremner will replace outgoing fire chief Dave Enfield.

The highly anticipated decision concludes a five-month search that attracted candidates from across Canada and as far away as Ireland.

"Through my experiences with communities in the past, I've learned that getting involved and making personal contact with the residents produces great rewards in building partnerships and trust," Bremner said in a statement released on Tuesday morning.

Bremner joined the fire service as a volunteer firefighter in 1976 and was hired on as Amherst, Nova Scotia's first career fire chief in 1999. His most recent position was as the town of Truro, Nova Scotia's first career fire chief.

Bremner's experience includes an extensive list of committee positions in Nova Scotia. He is one of only 56 individuals in Canada to hold the professional designation of Chief Fire Officer (CFO) and has studied fire service administration and leadership at Halifax's Dalhousie University.

Bremner said he, his wife Carol and their two children Julia and Daniel "are very excited and looking forward to becoming part of the island community."



Salt Spring Fire Chief Tom Bremner

Second-generation firefighter and former fire chief Dave Enfield announced his retirement earlier this year after serving islanders since 1999.

In other fire news, trustees voted unanimously Monday night in favour of a motion that will see the department take a wait-and-see approach to determine if fire apparatus manufacturer American LaFrance can follow through with its contract to deliver a new \$575,000 compressed air foam truck.

The company has operated at a reduced capacity as a result of the economic downturn and restructuring measures. The truck was initially expected to be

delivered in earlier 2008, but has yet to hit the South Carolina manufacturer's assembly line.

Trustees elected to keep their original order "in the queue" as a result of cost savings from the Canadian dollar's high value when the order was placed in 2007.

With pressure mounting to replace other aging pieces of equipment, trustees agreed to investigate the prospect of replacing tanker three with a water shuttle, estimated to cost at least \$225,000 US. Funds for the new truck would come out of the department's reserve funds.

Trustees decided to submit a request for proposals for replacing two department mini-pumpers. Borrowing funds for the latter requires a borrowing bylaw and a counter-petition process to obtain taxpayers' approval, according to fire district chair Michael Schubart.

Acquisition of the new vehicles is outlined in the department's 10-year plan, a document that was adopted in 2008. Cost estimates developed when the plan was produced estimated the total cost of the new mini-pumper vehicles to be at least \$400,000.

Schubart said new equipment is needed to replace mini pumpers acquired in 1994 and the 25-year-old tanker three.

More information about the new equipment, along with a presentation of the draft 2010 budget bylaw, will be provided at the fire district's next monthly meeting, scheduled for 7:30 p.m. on Monday, Sept. 21 at the Ganges Fire Hall.

Needs assessment to probe LMH functions

HOSPITAL

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SOS hopes the community will join its campaign to re-open the OR sooner rather than later.

"We are going to do something about it and we are going to get a surgeon," said Bolton.

Bolton describes the nightmares endured by people needing appendectomies, including 10 and 17-year-old youths, and a man in his 30s who ended up recovering from complications of his ruptured appendix for a month.

Lady Minto staff tried to find a place for one of the youths at Cowichan, Nanaimo and Victoria hospitals. They all said they couldn't take him, although a

spot was eventually found.

"They can't handle their own populations, never mind dumping Salt Spring on them," she said.

Bolton knows an 88-year-old man needing a hernia operation who has waited patiently for the OR to re-open so it can be done on Salt Spring.

"We've got the equipment and we've got the staff and he has to wait and suffer."

Patients needing colonoscopies also generally need to go to Victoria the night before, she said. And family members of patients needing surgery off-island are missing work and incurring unnecessary costs, notes SOS.

"There's a big time and cost element there," said Bolton, "not that VIHA cares about that."

The SOS committee is concerned that without an OR, Lady Minto will become "a glorified nursing home."

"It's become clear, the more work and research we do, that every hospital that has no functioning surgical service is not a hospital," said Bolton.

"The OR is the core of the hospital," added SOS member Jim Ganderton. "It's the core around which everything revolves. It's the hub of the wheel."

Lady Minto Hospital has been without a surgeon since the forced retirement of Dr. Roy Preshaw at the end of June 2008. SOS says proposals presented by interested surgeons, including Dr. Pamy Sira's offer to open the OR on an interim basis, and a proposal from

White Rock surgeon Dr. Ray Dykstra, to expand surgical services, were rejected by VIHA.

Anyone wanting to work on the return of surgical services at Lady Minto Hospital is invited to contact Bolton at 250-537-5578 or phyllis.bolton@shaw.ca.

The SOS committee is also producing T-shirts and other campaign materials and will be out in full force at the Salt Spring Fall Fair.

Do you have a story to tell about the loss of the operating room at Lady Minto Hospital? Contact Driftwood editor Gail Sjuberg at 250-537-9933; news@gulfislands.net; or post the story online in the commenting box after this story at gulfislandsdriftwood.com.

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COMMEMORATIONS

Remembering the value and valour of Aug. 19, 1942

Island veteran salutes those who lost their lives during Aug. 19 Dieppe raid

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

When counter-intelligence officer David Massy rolled into the French town of Barentin nearly two years after the 1942 raid on Dieppe, townsfolk could still recall the low rumble of shelling along the French coastline, 30 kilometres away.

Sixty-seven years later, residents in the region still commemorate the thousands of Canadian soldiers who participated in the ill-fated raid.

Despite four hours spent trying to penetrate the Germans' strong coastal defences at Puys, the Canadians were eventually forced to retreat, having gained no ground and inflicting only modest losses on their enemy.

Of the more than 5,000 soldiers who participated in the raid, only 2,210 soldiers returned to England. It's estimated that 907 young Canadian soldiers were killed while storming the beach and during the ensuing retreat. There were a total of 3,397 casualties and 1,946 soldiers were taken prisoner.

While some military historians claim the battle was a useless slaughter, others contend the mission marked a significant turning point in the war.

Massy likes to believe the latter.

Thanks to the efforts of soldiers on Aug. 19, 1942, he told the Driftwood last week, allied forces were able to gather valuable information for other missions, including the much-celebrated D-Day invasion in 1944.

"It was a dreadful sacrifice of life with a tremendous number of casualties," Massy said. "We can say that our success in 1944 was partly due to the efforts at Dieppe."

Now in his early 90s and living on Salt Spring Island with his wife Patricia, Massy is forever marked by the sacrifice at Dieppe and humble about his own efforts as a soldier.

At 26 years old, Massy entered Barentin as part of the allies' final march to victory. By the time he and his fellow soldiers reached the town, the weakened German defences had fled and the rout was on.

"We simply rode into town," he said.

During his brief stay in Barentin, Massy was put up in a local home where he heard stories of the German occupation and listened to residents' accounts of the raid on

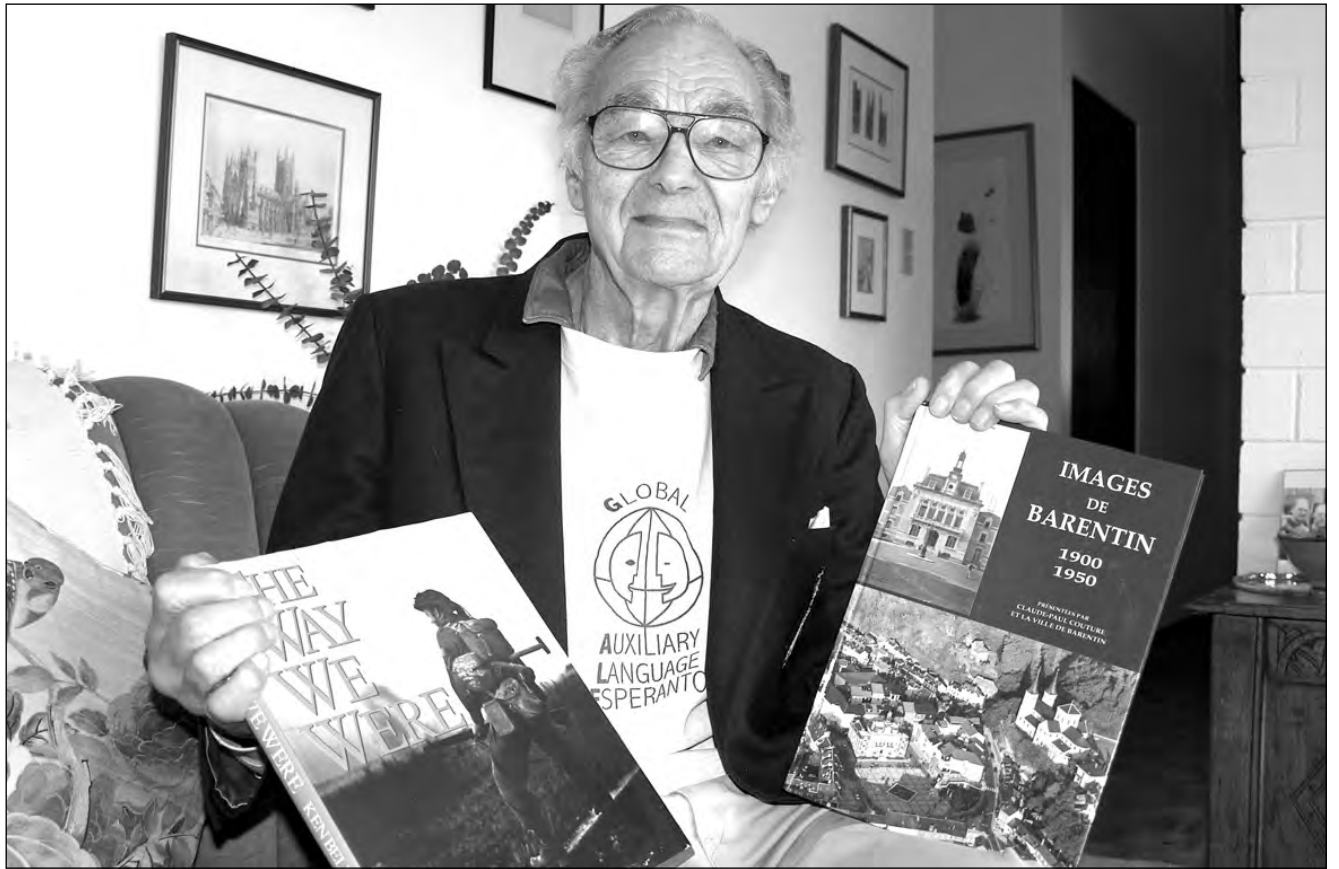


PHOTO BY SEAN MCINTYRE

World War II veteran David Massy, of Salt Spring Island, with books related to his wartime experiences.

Dieppe.

Over the years, he's come to appreciate remembering the defeat at Dieppe as much as any of the allies' later victories.

This year on Aug. 19, Massy will recall those who participated in the raid by phoning Anny Hibert.

Hibert was only 13 years old when Massy stayed with her and her parents at Barentin back in 1944, but she's never let herself forget the sacrifice Massy and so many other allied soldiers made for her country.

So adamant was she to thank the Canadian soldiers who gave their lives to help liberate France, she spent 51 years trying to find Massy, a search that came to an end back in 1996.

It's partly on account of Hibert and her late father's stories

of the Dieppe raids that Massy places such a strong emphasis on Aug. 19.

Massy has been back to France on several occasions to participate in remembrance ceremonies and Hibert has even made the trip to Salt Spring Island.

He's proud to know that people like Hibert and so many others of all ages still take the time to recall the sacrifices Canadian soldiers made so long ago, but is hesitant to let his story overshadow the raid on Dieppe.

"The thrust should be on the loss of life suffered by the Canadians in 1942," he said. "It is not enough to remember fallen comrades on Nov. 11. It is important to remember the invasion and we should remember how France respects those who fell on the beaches of Dieppe."

News briefs

Food from Phones project now underway

Don't let that old cell phone keep rolling around in the bottom of a drawer. Salt Spring Islanders and visitors can recycle it during the month of August and help feed hungry people.

People can bring phones to drop boxes located at Thrifty Foods, the Driftwood and the Salt Spring Island Recycling Depot and all of the proceeds from

the sale of the old phones will be donated to the Salt Spring Island Community Food Bank.

Phone manufacturers pay for the old material and for higher-priced phones like Blackberries, or iPhones, they'll pay a lot more.

Summer months are notoriously low for food bank donations and the Food from Phones project, co-sponsored by Thrifty's, the Recycling Depot and the Driftwood — is an easy way to help correct that.

All those able to contribute are being asked to gather and donate as many old phones as possible to

help support the island's food bank at Community Services.

The fundraiser is only on until the end of August.

Peterson posted to parks panel

The Capital Regional District has appointed Salt Spring's Steven Peterson among 20 members of the newly formed Citizen Advisory Panel for the preparation of the regional parks strategic plan.

"Panel members will play an essential role in engaging the public in an open and inclusive way so that ideas, opinions and issues are known and considered," said Christopher Causton, chair of the CRD Parks Committee.

Members will set out to plot the district's 10-year vision for parks and trail systems.

The CRD received 70 applications from residents throughout the district's 16 electoral areas.

Peterson is a former commissioner and chair of the Salt Spring Island Parks and Recreation Commission.

School districts within the district will have an opportunity to appoint student representatives to the panel when classes resume in September.

Based on the last strategic plan developed in 2000, the previous panel helped create nearly 7,000 acres of parkland valued at \$28 million.

Judge fines pot smoker

A young man visiting the island from Ontario pleaded guilty in Ganges Provincial Court last week to possession of marijuana.

Salt Spring Island RCMP spotted the youth and two other individuals along a section of boardwalk near Grace Point Square while on routine patrol through the neighbourhood on the evening of July 9.

Court heard the minor attempted to hide a small Ziploc bag under his skateboard when police approached the scene.

Officers discovered and retained approximately 3.5 grams of marijuana from the youth.

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ADVENTURERS



Rhys Hardy gives his mom Glynis Finer a hug before he and Keegan Pearson "set sail" on their rig last Monday.

They survived! Pearson and Hardy do round-island raft trip in seven days

Hospitality helps, along with bioluminescence

BY NATALIE NORTH
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

As Keegan Pearson and Rhys Hardy navigated their raft through the night from Beddis Beach to Isabella Point, their summertime adventure switched from teenaged caper to hardcore "survival rowing."

Pearson, 17 and Hardy, 16 had set out on their quest to raft around Salt Spring in the afternoon of Aug. 10 after minimal planning and one false start out of Long Harbour. Following their purposefully laid-back, Huck Finn plan, they pushed along past Scott Point on their first day and in six more had circumnavigated the island.

On day one, they realized that fighting the strong tides on the driftwood raft would be more than their paddling skills could handle and they developed a system for navigating around rough bits with one guy dragging the raft by a rope and the other pushing it along with a pole. As Hardy climbed around a rocky Scott Point, it soon turned into a cliff and before long he was dangling 30 feet above rocks.

Pearson would like to thank a man named Peter who came from his Scott Point home to save Hardy from plummeting down the rock face.

Pearson admits that Hardy was a little shaken after the bumpy start, but by day two, they got back out on the water and made up for it.

Along the way they gained extra motivation from someone who informed them that they were on the front page of the Driftwood and Hardy's employer granted him a couple extra days off of work to finish the feat.

Using a windsurfing sail instead of their usual oars or rope and pole technique, Hardy and Pearson then sailed past Vesuvius and headed straight for a friend's house at the base of Mount Erskine.

"It was open-water style," Pearson beams. "We were sailing up in glorious fashion and then Rhys fell off the raft."

This small landmark was an important one for Pearson.

"That was the happiest I had ever been to get anywhere," he said.

The trek through Sansum Narrows brought expected chaos, after a delightful stop at Tamar Griggs' house near Bold Bluff. Griggs had the guys in for crumble, then after they had a nap out on the bluff she served them a spaghetti dinner. This was a perfect scenario, Pearson said, as they needed to work with the tide and were waiting until that evening to push off.

Paddling through the night is where the trip turned intense.

"As soon as it got dark, we went by Musgrave and just about clipped a bunch of rocks and got scared after that," Pearson said, while acknowledging the wonder of paddling through bioluminescence in the water.

"We'd shine a light and see all these little eyes staring right back at us. That kept us going. We were sort of casually

going the whole time and that night we were on the raft for 10 hours."

Pearson calls this survival rowing — where the "fun little trip" became a mental challenge. "We were so cold," he said. "I had Rhys' spandex shirt on as a toque and we had a sleeping bag over the two of us that

"We'd shine a light and see all these little eyes staring right back at us. That kept us going."

KEEGAN PEARSON
Raft traveller

was soaking wet with dew."

Eventually, they made it to anchor at Isabella Point and missioned on the next day after popping all their rowing blisters.

But like a true tale of adventure, it's never truly over until it's over. Pearson and Hardy endured but another setback as they were swept out from Yeo Point to one of the Channel Islands. After futile attempts to paddle across the strong current or get the attention of nearby boaters for help, they eventually called a friend and had him tow them in closer to the shoreline to continue their voyage. Fellow seafarers only confirmed that they had life jackets on board

and left Hardy and Pearson in their wake. It's a good thing the raft was "a beast," according to Pearson.

"Some people will call us cheaters but I really don't care," he said. "At that point we just really needed to get home."

They eventually made it in to Ganges Harbour at 10 p.m. Aug. 16 (making them the second group of guys to complete the trip after Peter Ramsey, Jay McManus and Doug and Steve Anderson did it some 30-plus years ago). They have no plans to do anything on a raft ever again, said a now-fully-rested Pearson, who was fed up with being a tourist attraction.

"Without exception, everyone took pictures," Pearson said, "which was kinda cool the first day, but by the time we hit Ruckle Park, we had a shooting gallery of people taking pictures and we kinda felt like zoo animals floating around the island."

They may have felt like animals, but there literally were some accompanying them around Salt Spring. Seals followed them along the route, one all the way from start to finish, Pearson said.

"We got tired of talking to each other so we just started barking like seals," he said.

Pearson, no longer wearing Hardy's spandex shirt on his head, and opting for words instead of barks, continues to precondition himself to a world of modern conveniences. On his truck ride from Ganges Harbour back home, he couldn't believe just how fast he was travelling. Warp speed at a whopping 30 kilometres an hour, he laughs.

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NEWSBEAT

WASTE MANAGEMENT

CRD ponders wood-waste prohibition

Salt Spring stakeholders' meeting set for Sept. 1

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Capital Regional District officials hope to stop 8,000 tonnes of waste from entering Victoria's Hartland Landfill each year by banning the disposal of wood waste and product stewardship materials as early as March 2010.

That's roughly equivalent to the combined weight of 1,300 large African elephants or a little more than all the metal used to construct the Eiffel Tower.

Materials under consideration for the ban include clean and treated wood from construction and demolition activities. That means all dimensional lumber, plywood, wooden pallets, fencing, shingles, pressure-treated lumber and painted wood will no longer be accepted.

Stewardship materials include items such as beverage containers, solvents, gasoline, pharmaceuticals, tires, automotive batteries, paint, used motor oil containers and electronic products like computers and televisions.

While on-island facilities offer alternatives where people can recycle stewardship items, island resident and Salt Spring Island Conservancy board member Jane Petch is worried that no such option exists for wood waste.

"As a resident my concern is 'what are we supposed to do with this leftover wood?'"

JANE PETCH
Salt Spring Islander

"It's the way of the future but I don't think you can just ban products outright. If you take tax money and provide a garbage service you have to make sure there are alternatives and I don't see where the alternatives are for people on the island," Petch said. "As a resident, my concern is: what are we supposed to do with this leftover wood?"

The CRD has scheduled three public forums where people can learn more about and express their opinions on the proposed ban.

The closest such meeting to any of the Gulf Islands is between 4 and 8 p.m. at Sidney's Mary Winspear Centre on Thursday, Sept. 17.

Thanks to the efforts of Petch and others on the island, the CRD's solid waste department decided, on Friday, to schedule a Salt Spring stakeholders meeting on Sept. 1, said Anke Bergner, a CRD solid waste planner.

The discussion will involve Petch, Islands Trust representatives, island waste haulers and other interested parties, Bergner added.

Bergner said clean wood waste can be chipped on Salt Spring Island and whatever excess can be easily disposed of on Vancouver Island.

Dealing with treated wood, she said, proves more complex and efforts are ongoing to strengthen an agreement with an energy recovery facility in Washington State.

"It's our policy to not implement bans until there are viable alternatives in place," she said. "Through the consultation process, we want to identify some solutions."

People are invited to visit the CRD's website at <http://www.crd.bc.ca/waste/hartland/landfill-bans.htm> for more information.

The district welcomes public feedback submitted online or by phone at 250-360-3030.

The proposed regulation of wood waste is the latest in a series of bans the CRD has imposed since 1991. To date, bans have targeted items such as paper, yard and garden waste, cardboard, tires, drywall, large appliances and telephone directories.

It's all part of the CRD's goal to eliminate 60 per cent of the waste destined for the Hartland landfill by 2013, an effort that has so far diverted 600,000 tonnes of material from the Hartland landfill.

That's an awful lot of elephants.



PHOTO BY DERRICK LUNDY

PROUD PIRATE: David French has some fun with a pirate flag at Fulford Day at Drummond Park Saturday.

COFFEE COMPANY

SS Coffee seeks on-island site despite wooing from others

McLeod asks for suggestions

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

The owner of Salt Spring Coffee Company says his company's future on the island rests in the hands of the Islands Trust.

"They have the ability to make it work for us if they choose and they say they do," Mickey McLeod said Monday.

Less than two weeks after trustees on Salt Spring's Local Trust Committee defeated an application to rezone property at 1501 Fulford-Ganges Road, McLeod's already met with Trust staff and said he is prepared to restart his search for a new island site.

Since the application's defeat received national media coverage, McLeod said he has received numerous offers encouraging him to set up a new coffee roasting facility in Campbell River, Union Bay, Port Alberni and Langford.

In one online plea, Powell River resident Chris Roddan urges McLeod to cut his losses and leave Salt Spring.

"Ultimately, it is about your quality of life. Should you stay and fight? I would say it

isn't worth it. There are alternatives, remember that," Roddan writes. "Your project and your goals are without a doubt exemplary and should be rewarded and encouraged."

"Please come to Powell River," he adds. "Cheap land and a need of innovators like SS Coffee to lead us into the new green world."

All these offers come before McLeod has even begun to actively search for an off-island site.

"There is a huge cost to moving off island," McLeod said. "It's not an easy decision. It's not like selling your house and moving."

McLeod has instead issued a call to his fellow islanders to help him find an island property for his company expansion. An ideal property would be at least 2.5 acres with access to three-phase power, southerly exposure, a flat building area and be within easy reach of a main road and bus routes.

"We've covered all the angles and I want to see what comes to the table," he said. "I can't waste much more time."

Once McLeod compiles a list of potential sites, he said, he has assurances from Islands Trust planners that they

will advise the company on the viability of the rezoning and/or development permit application process.

"We are starting again and have been assured that, this time, the process will be smooth and timely," he said.

Regional planning manager Lisa Hartley called her Friday, Aug. 14 meeting with McLeod "optimistic" but wouldn't elaborate. She and Mac Fraser, the Islands Trust's director of local planning services, are eager to provide guidance through whatever application procedure is required of a new site.

McLeod said he is still frustrated about the 15-month application process that cost his company an estimated \$156,000. That the rezoning application never made it to a public hearing, he added, is an indication that something is amiss with the way decisions are achieved.

More information about the Salt Spring Coffee Company's call for suggestions can be found on the company's blog by following the links at www.saltspring-coffee.com.

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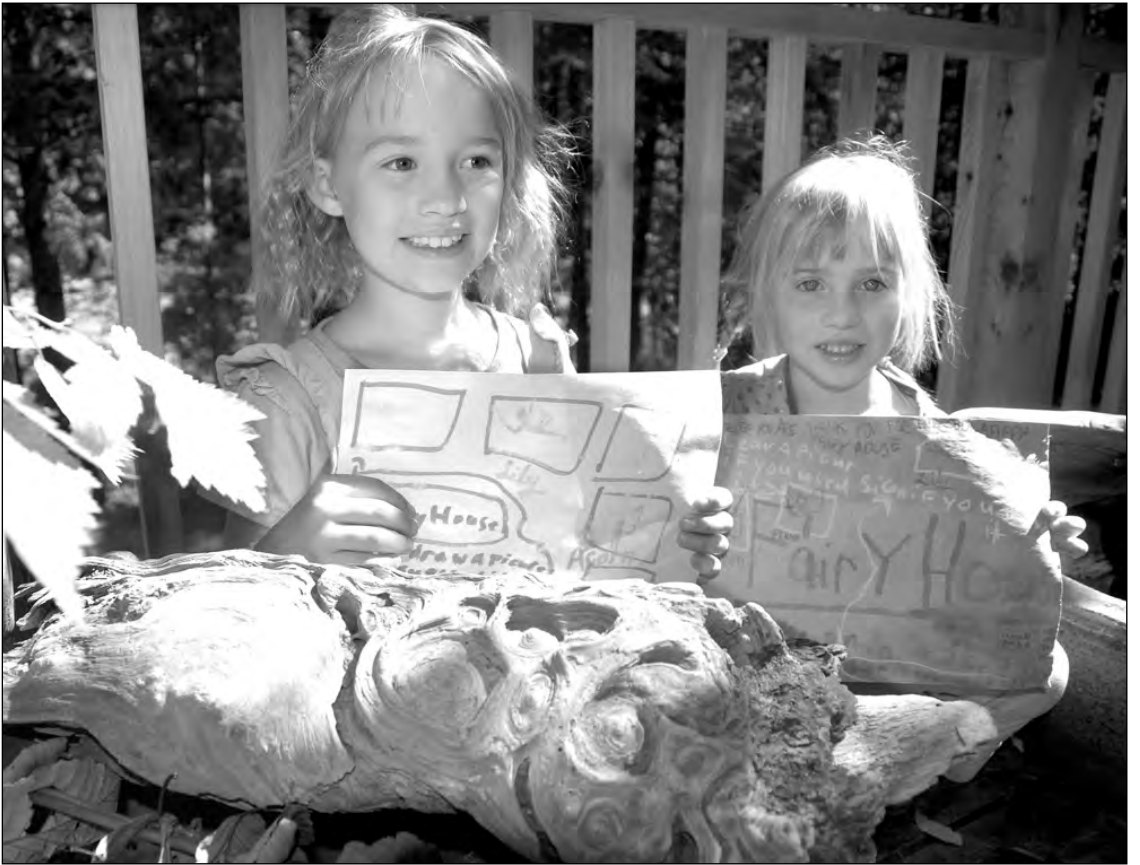


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FAIRIES' FRIENDS: Lucy and Lydia Morrow, aged five and seven, share the tale of the fairies who came to their Salt Spring home after the sisters created a special fairy house that has gradually become more elaborate. The visitors have been slowly revealing themselves to the girls by leaving pictures in squares on paper the girls put out for them. "We are very very happy that they came," they wrote in a report they brought into the Driftwood office last week. "Jade has a big skirt with disco balls on it, a purple top and brown hair. It is believed that Fern has ratty brown hair and a red dress."

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ENVIRONMENT

Hope flows to Swanson's Creek with DFO fish project approval

Restoration work begins in Ganges next month

A portion of Swanson's Creek in Ganges is about to get a new lease on life thanks to recent approval for an extensive fish-habitat restoration project scheduled to begin in mid-September.

The Island Stream and Salmon Enhancement Society announced Aug. 17 that it has received permits from the Department of Fisheries and Oceans to construct two year-round fish-rearing ponds, a new footbridge, several boulder clusters and spawning beds on a segment of the creek on property owned by the Salt Spring United Church.

Invasive ivy and several willow trees will be removed and replaced with native shrubs.

"All this work will ensure year-round habitat in the creek, which at present has been drying up," said Kathy Reimer of the Island Stream and Salmon Enhancement Society in a statement released on Monday.

Swanson's Creek supports a small population of sea-run cutthroat trout, stickleback and chum salmon, she added.

With more than 350 members, the Island Stream and Salmon Enhancement Society is one of Salt Spring Island's largest environmental groups. The non-profit organization has worked with government agencies and landowners to preserve and restore island watersheds for more than 20 years.

For more information about the Swanson's Creek restoration project, contact Reimer at 250-537-7580 or Gord Ellis at 250-537-1763.

BANKING

Advance notice given for Aug. 31-Sept. 1 ISCU card and ATM service interruption

Islanders who bank with Island Savings Credit Union should be aware of upgrades being made to the local institution's ATM and point-of-sale terminals, which will affect banking services on Aug. 31 to Sept. 1.

ISCU will upgrade its ATM and POS provider to Threshold Financial Technologies Inc. at the end of the month, which will impact credit union members and those who use the institution's ATMs. Starting the evening of Monday, Aug. 31 through to

Tuesday, Sept. 1, the availability of ISCU's ATMs and MemberCards will be affected.

"MemberCards will not work for a short time between midnight and 2 a.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 1," states recent press material. "This will impact POS (debit) transactions and ATM access. Also, all Island Savings ATMs will be closed for maintenance from 5 p.m. on Monday, Aug. 31 through Tuesday, Sept. 1."

Chief operating officer Bill

Moffatt explains, "I encourage any members who will be travelling at the end of August to contact their branch to ensure they are able to access their funds during this period. Traveller's cheques, credit cards, and other products are available to complement our ATM and MemberCard services."

ISCU members will also be able to make withdrawals and deposits at other B.C. credit union ATMs without incurring additional charges.

Derelict boat dismantled in Ganges

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Coast Guard officers deployed oil booms and absorbent pads to collect and contain most of the oil that escaped from the vessel.

Despite the fast action of clean-up crews, traces of oil could still be seen on the water's surface and along the shoreline on Wednesday afternoon.

Crews raised the Sion at 4:45 p.m. and the ves-

sel was condemned by a member of the Coast Guard's Victoria-based environmental response team later that evening.

"It was brought around to the boat ramp at high tide that evening, then demolished all the following day," said witness Devin Milner.

The vessel is rumoured to have started taking on water through gaps in the wooden hull.

Edward Kane, the vessel's owner, could not be reached for comment.

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HELPING HANDS

Time to give back to 'Momma T'

Theresa Foubert fund collects donations for generous past islander

BY NATALIE NORTH
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

A long-time former Salt Spring Islander and generous friend to many now needs the help of her favourite community after surviving a major brain injury.

On May 4, 2009, Theresa Foubert suffered from a Subarachnoid Hemorrhage (SAH), which can be likened to a burst aneurysm. Her family was called in to say their goodbyes, but she began to twitch and after 12 days of comatose uncertainty, she woke up. Foubert has now been regarded as a medical miracle, but her road to recovery is still fraught with challenges.

Foubert is a familiar island face, and although she moved off of Salt Spring a couple of years ago in hopes of getting ahead in a more affordable community, she was still closely connected to the island and her many friends here. Her generosity and friendship even landed her the name "Momma T," for the warm, motherly care she showed her younger friends.

"She always seems to have absolute time for anyone," said close friend Patti Taylor. "I think



Theresa Foubert and son Tyler Woolley last summer.

that's why she had so many friends."

Momma T welcomed so many people of all ages into her family that she is regarded as such by her close Salt Spring comrades. She is also a single mother to one adult son, Tyler Woolley, who has been with her at the hospital in Victoria.

Taylor recalls holidays with Foubert, a talented cook who loved to share her meals. But she also stresses the random generosity Foubert would show others, when she would do things like bring baked goods to various Salt Spring characters just because she felt like it.

Foubert was in a period of tran-

sition when the SAH occurred. She missed Salt Spring and had already left Ashcroft, where she had moved after she left the island. She had planned to stay with former Salt Spring friends on Thetis Island for the summer, when the SAH hit. So with no fixed address and no employment, she is in need of much support to help her through her recovery.

She has made major progress while battling obstacles such as a loss of vision in her left eye and lost short-term memory. Taylor is able to speak positively about her friend's health situation, noting that her sharp sense of humour has begun to break through the situation.

Foubert is currently in an eight-week rehabilitation program, but her care after that is uncertain. According to Taylor, the level of care she will need throughout her recovery is unknown, depending on how the healing process continues. Foubert's friends are asking for the community's support to help finance her healing journey.

Donations can be deposited to the Island Savings Credit Union Account # 2043917. Jars are also located at various businesses in Ganges. Any friends of Foubert's who would like updates on her progress can contact Taylor at pattay@shaw.ca.

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TRANSPORTATION

Sidecar Co. zooms past final paperwork hurdles to opening

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

It may not be what one expects when a taxi pulls up at the door, but David Seeker is confident people will have no trouble jumping aboard the idea of his new Salt Spring Sidecar Touring Company.

What Seeker hadn't counted on was the months of paperwork and bureaucracy he had to navigate through to finally get his sidecar business rolling.

"The government website said it should take five weeks so I should have been up and running by April, but that's when all the ifs, ands, buts and maybes began."

Finding the 750cc Russian-made 2008 Ural motorcycle and sidecar unit wasn't easy, but provincial government officials also quickly let Seeker know that he'd require no fewer than three permits and operator's certificates before he could accept his first passenger.

To make matter worse, the types and classes of permits changed depending on who Seeker spoke with.

Aside from the fact that Seeker may be among the first people in the province to offer sidecar tours, it seemed nobody he spoke with was sure if his new vehicle, often called an "outfit," could be classified as a car or a motorcycle.



David Seeker and his 2008 Ural.

That's because it's neither a car nor a motorcycle.

With a seat directly behind the driver and room for one in the sidecar, Seeker's "outfit" can transport two people just about anywhere on the island. Even with three people aboard, there's still plenty of luggage space in the sidecar trunk and any extra gear can be tied down on a handy rack.

The retired power engineer got the idea last year when he was pondering how he could be his own boss and still earn a living on the island.

It wasn't long before Seeker found a way to

combine his passion for Urals and the island's tourism economy.

After picking up his licence plates and a couple of new helmets, Seeker looks forward to becoming a regular fixture at the Saturday market. Seeker's passenger-directed and guided tours take in the entire island and even include a trip up to Mount Maxwell.

To make it through the winter months, Seeker said he intends to use his sidecar as a taxi service.

He expects to have the taxi service going by the fall — at least that's when he hopes to get one last permit.

food for thought...

Opinion

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Degradable bags a step

Dear Editor:

It was announced recently that Thrifty Foods would no longer offer plastic grocery bags to its customers. While this is likely a trend that will no doubt be picked up by all grocery chains, nowhere is it mentioned that another chain of Vancouver Island stores, namely Country Grocer, has long been using environmentally safe plastic grocery bags, stamped with the following phrase, "100% DEGRADABLE. When disposed of in a landfill, this bag will degrade in the presence of oxygen, heat and stress." They are produced by a company with the following website, www.epi-global.com, so shoppers should have no fear that they are harming the environment by using these bags.

In addition, all the news items relating to the removal of plastic bags from grocery stores, none have expressed to the public what we should replace them with for the specific use of disposing of our garbage! Anyone over the age of 50 can recall when all we had to dispose of our garbage was

paper grocery bags and we all know what a mess that was when we tried to carry them out or have them picked up by trash collectors! Neither has anyone mentioned if plastic grocery bags are to be eliminated, what about the large black plastic bags that we all use to put our garbage into our garbage cans for pickup?

So if we now start using paper bags in place of plastic; what about the countless trees needed to manufacture these paper bags? Indeed, paper bags is not as environmentally sound as we might think!

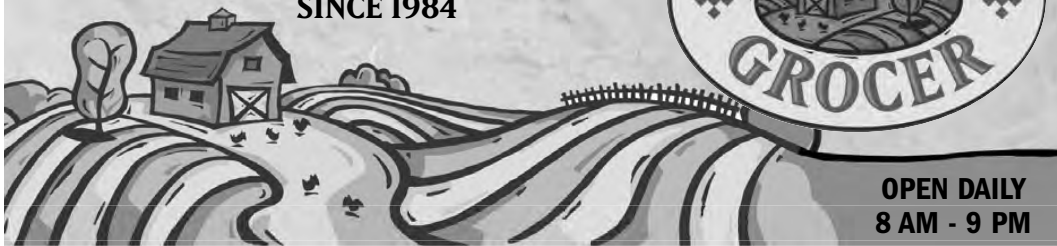
Like a lot of my friends and neighbours I now use cloth bags given to me as a gift many years ago by my nephew's family in Victoria, for picking up my groceries, so I am doing my part to reduce the use of plastic bags...but until the question of which bags we should use for garbage disposal is addressed, then I say we should not be made to feel guilty about using 100% DEGRADABLE bags offered by our local Country Grocer store.

Sandy Wittrin, Mesachie Lake

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EDITORIAL

Troubled waters

Salt Spring's sources of drinking water have a hard-enough time trying to contend with septic tank leachate, pesticide runoff, algal blooms and yahoos partying on St. Mary Lake's aerators, without any further challenges.

With thousands of households dependent on water from island lakes, it's a wonder anybody can get anywhere near them.

Houses and farms have, for decades, circled the shorelines of St. Mary and Cusheon lakes and that's just something directors and managers at Salt Spring's two largest waterworks outfits have had to contend with.

They, along with the efforts of other groups like the Water Preservation Society and the Water Council have done a formidable job swimming against

the current to make sure our island's drinking water meets the highest standards possible.

Given the effort, it's a wonder there's been so little action on the matter of float planes landing on island lakes governed by electric motors only regulations.

While planes landing on Cusheon Lake, as hap-

pened over the B.C. Day long weekend, are a rare occurrence, float planes on St. Mary Lake have become part of the scenery and the subject of occasional protest.

As Horel Road resident Wayne Hewitt has pointed out in recent weeks, a float-plane accident on one of our island's drinking water lakes could deliver a major inconvenience if not a serious disaster.

Part of Salt Spring's charm may be that lingering backwoods do-it-for-yourself mentality, but some things deserve a little more consideration, including access to clean drinking water and the safety of our community.

If your neighbour decides to burn that growing pile of slash in the backyard at the wrong time of year, he or she can expect a visit from members of our local fire department as a result of the danger posed to the community.

Float planes on island lakes pose a similar community threat and steps should be taken to enforce regulations prohibiting their use.

According to Transport Canada, it's up to the Salt Spring Island RCMP to step in and take action.

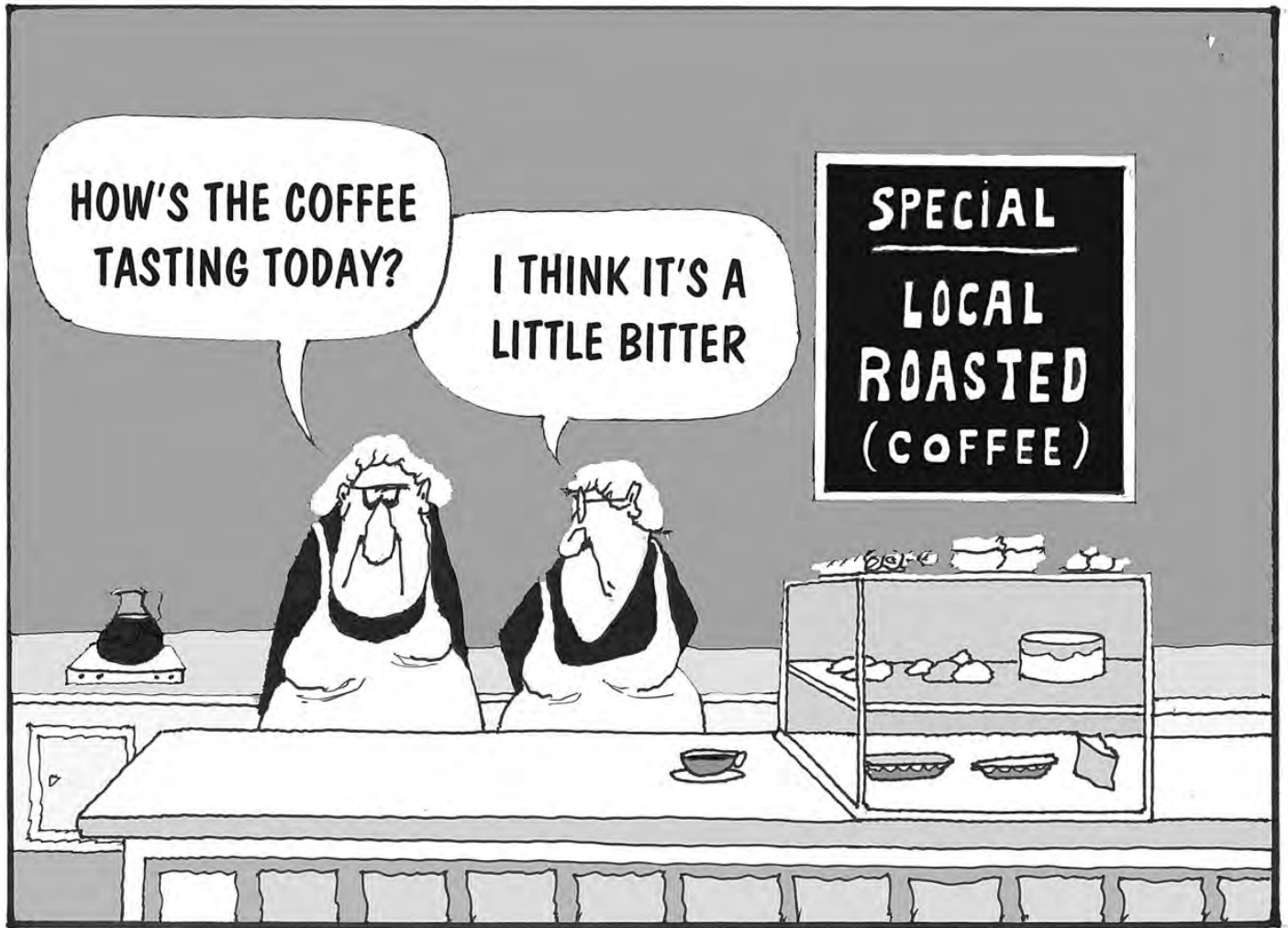
As for the rest of us, it's our duty to let them know when pilots put our drinking water at risk.

THE ISSUE:

Planes on island lakes

WE SAY:

Regulations require enforcement



Heeding due process takes time

BY PETER LAMB

Now that the Trust has reached a decision on the Salt Spring Coffee Company's rezoning application, it would be wise to reflect on the process undertaken by the trustees amidst all the rhetoric and opinions expressed.

As a former local trustee, I am very familiar with the difficulties of reaching a decision on such a complex application and I applaud our local trustees, Christine Torggrimson and George Ehring, for asking the right questions, for taking the time to listen to a wide range of public input and for spending long hours reading all the reports that were provided. It is a demanding process but a necessary one if they are to fully consider all of the important factors. Whether you agree with the decision or not, the process for reaching their decision was sound.

It is also a legislated process that requires the trustees to consider all applications that are made to the Trust. Within the Islands Trust area, this includes consistency with the provincially approved Trust Policy Statement and, for the company's proposal, consistency with the Salt Spring Official Community Plan. It would have been inappropriate for the trustees to have either supported or rejected the application before giving it due process and essential public consultation. The decision was not, as some have stated, a simple choice between economic and environmental priorities.

And so it takes time for the applicant to provide the required reports on such matters as environmental impacts, traffic studies, First Nations consultations, economic considerations, water and waste disposal services

VIEWPOINT

and for arranging the important opportunities to hear from the community. It is not, therefore, unusual for any local government to take a year or more to reach a decision on such significant rezoning proposals.

In my view, an overriding consideration today has to be the mitigation and adaptation to climate change and the imperative to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, an issue that was raised in this application. Under recent provincial legislation, all local governments (including the Islands Trust) are required to

establish targets for such reductions by May 2010. Our new OCP contains appropriate new policies on climate change and energy efficiency, which now need to be reflected in revised land use bylaws to be effective. Such bylaws will provide clear direction to future applicants on methods of measuring total carbon budgets and addressing potential climate change impacts.

With respect to the coffee company's proposed new facility, it is encouraging to read that there appears to be a willingness on the part of the applicant, the Trust and concerned residents to explore a more appropriate location on Salt Spring. At the same time, perhaps there needs to be a dialogue within the community to better understand the planning approval process, the issues and concerns that need to be addressed and how decisions are reached by our elected representatives.

Let's have coffee and talk about it.

The writer is a former Islands Trust local trustee.

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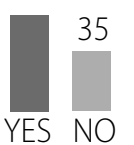
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IslandVoices

QUOTE OF THE WEEK:

“... we had a shooting gallery of people taking pictures and we kinda felt like zoo animals floating around the island.”

KEEGAN PEARSON, ROUND-ISLAND RAFT SAILOR

SALT SPRING SAYS

We asked: How do you feel about the Trust's rejection of the SS Coffee Co.'s rezoning application?



CINDY CONSTABLE

I wish they were allowed to be here because they are such a Salt Spring tradition. I hope they can work things out.



CAROLYN GIBSON

I do understand that the place [the company] bought isn't a good area because of the traffic, but I'm hoping there is a place somewhere on the island.



PAUL MCGOWAN

I think it's wrong that there isn't a dedicated industrial area on the island. Without that, there's no future for people who want to make a living here.



MARTHA SYMINGTON

I don't get it, I just don't get it. Organic entrepreneurship needs to be encouraged.



LINDA SCHWAGLY

I don't agree with the decision. It's on the highway and I don't think that it would have made much difference. The company is also an extremely environmentally conscious business.

Letters to the editor

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

Collection defence

As a library volunteer who spends many hours devoted to the selection and purchase of non-fiction material, I would like to respond to Charles Breth's criticism of our collection as a desultory hodge-podge of no particular intelligence. (Aug. 12 "Library logic" letter.)

First of all, Salt Spring Public Library is not, per se, a reference library, although we do have a small reference section and do assist with occasional reference inquiries. Rather, it is a circulating library serving the entire populace of the island whatever their reading preferences may be.

If Mr. Breth feels that his segment of the population has been neglected, he has the option of using

our Inter Library Loan service to acquire items of his choice, and he can do that from home if he so desires, or he can make a purchase suggestion via forms readily available within the library. We seldom deny purchase of a patron request, usually only because it is a rare book we cannot find or covers a topic already well covered in the collection. Every request is considered and researched with nine out of 10 resulting in purchase.

I have no idea where Mr. Breth's interests lie, but Library Services statistics rate Salt Spring's per-capita-circulation-rate as ninth from the top in a list of 71 B.C. libraries. The eight libraries higher than us are all in much more populous areas. There are currently nine volunteers on the non-fiction selection committee, and each book is personally

selected and approved by the committee.

We are quite justifiably proud of our record and very disappointed that Mr. Breth has such a low opinion of the collection.

ELMA RUBRIGHT,
CHAIR, NON-FICTION
SELECTION COMMITTEE,
SALT SPRING LIBRARY

More logic

Charles Breth, in his Aug. 12 letter, hit the nail right on the head. While it is great fun to dream of solar walls and bio roofs, the reality is to build a library that meets the present and future needs and the pocket book of the community. We all support a building that is "sustainable and green" in the broadest sense and hope for Meror Krayenhoff's vision of an "iconic building."

Everyone wishes that the library be situated in the vil-

lage core, but five years ago the library project feasibility committee concluded that a "16,500 square-foot building" would "serve the island for a period of 20 years," based on other provincial libraries and a template developed by the University of Wisconsin. Site after site was considered in the core but none was affordable or large enough.

The present proposal calls for a 12,000-square-foot building with no possibility of future expansion and from that must be deducted 400-500 square feet for stair and elevator shafts and room for the archival collection of the historical society previously estimated to require 800 square feet. This proposal does not meet the claim of the library board chair that it "will meet Salt Spring's needs for decades." I would suggest that she read the final

report of the Library Feasibility Study dated April 2004 and to produce evidence to refute that report.

The library board has defended its decision to develop the McPhillips site based on a grossly flawed referendum that was confusing even to library members. While we may all wish for a downtown facility, there are huge problems of parking, future expansion, cost and construction inconveniences.

There is another option. Only 0.6 kilometres away on Rainbow Road, adjacent to the new swimming pool, is publicly owned land large enough to accommodate a single-storey 12,000-square-foot library with good parking, room for future expansion to 16,500 square feet and significantly lower public costs following sale of the present McPhillips site.

In addition, the high school and nearby residential complexes are close by and being on the bus route ensures community use.

JOHN N. MYERS,
CORMORANT CRESCENT

Brilliant plan

B.C. Ferries continues to be such a great corporate citizen in Fulford village. Its "parking lot" on Morningside Road, which reduces the road to single-lane traffic is brilliant.

Its use of the pick-up and drop-off area at the Patter-son's store parking lot is very handy. I get such a rush coming down Fulford hill into oncoming traffic in an overload situation — it makes me feel so alive. Don't be annoyed at those whiners in the vil-lage, they just live there.

D. ARCHER,
ISABELLA POINT ROAD

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Why the crutches? It's gout — and yes, it hurts

Nobody asked me, but this week I am going to tell you everything you never wanted to know about gout but were too disinterested to ask.

First of all, there is nothing at all funny about gout. Gout is NOT a laughing matter (in fact, laughing makes it hurt more). One would have to be crazy to think one could write a humour column about gout.

Gout is extremely painful. How painful you ask? On a scale of 1 to 10, gout measures a score that is about the same as the temperature in degrees Celsius on the surface of the sun — 5739 — (which is coincidentally how hot gout feels in your body).

What is gout? I won't bore you with all the gory details. Suffice it to say that gout is an inflammation caused by uric acid precipitating out of the bloodstream and forming crystals in the working part of the joint or outer extremity. The effect is similar to having numerous broken glass shards injected into your big toe joint (or your elbow or your earlobe).

Henry the Eighth had gout. He was the fat English king who is usually portrayed in paintings clutching a greasy leg of mutton in one hand and a flagon of port in the other. He had six wives, most of whom he had beheaded supposedly because they could not bear him male heirs. As it turns out, he did not have any heirs because the last thing you want to think about when you have a gout attack is sex. (It's no coincidence you've never heard of a Henry the Ninth). As a matter of fact, the reason he kept having

his wives executed was because they kept stepping on his inflamed toe.

Gout is supposedly linked to high intelligence. Some of the greatest thinkers in all of history were afflicted with gout. Among these were Thomas Jefferson, Samuel Johnson, John Milton, Isaac Newton, Alfred Lord Tennyson, Benjamin Franklin, Charles Darwin, Galileo, Pablo Neruda, and even Nostradamus. The first thing you will probably notice about all these famous people is that they're all dead. Gout can do that to you. (I'm not too convinced about this link with intelligence, but I would gladly give up my seven remaining functioning brain cells for seven less minutes of pain in my big toe.)

Gout is also affectionately called "the disease of kings." Besides the aforementioned Hank the 8th, Kublai Khan, Charlemagne, Charles V, and George IV also suffered from gouty feet (and by the way, "gouty" is a word in the Official Scrabble Dictionary, as are "goutier" and "goutiest"). Of these kings, only Kublai could be considered one of the great rulers. He was the one who welcomed Marco Polo to the Far East and helped open up the "Silk Road" for trade between Europe and Asia. At one time, this Mongol emperor ruled over one fifth of the world's inhabited land area. He would probably have conquered the remaining four fifths if his feet weren't so damn sore.

When friends and acquaintances first

notice you limping along with a painful grimace on your face, or hobbling tentatively on trembling crutches, they often ask you how you have injured yourself. If you are honest and say that you have gout, you are sure to get that "blank stare." It would be much better to do a little freestyle embellishing and say that you were hurt when you accidentally stepped between a herd of marauding rabbits and a pack of rabid cougars. Even admitting to having a case of severe leprosy would prove more believable and socially acceptable than gout.

There is a reason for this. You see, anyone who is actually familiar with this disease automatically associates it with a lifestyle of gluttony, lechery and debauchery. By admitting to having gout, you might as well be announcing that your social graces are somewhere to the right of Attila the Hun (or possibly even up there with the Rolling Stones).

Eventually, people will accept the fact that you do indeed have gout and that you do not pose an immediate danger to themselves or their loved ones. That's when they suddenly remember that someone in their family also had gout. Almost certainly it was the black sheep of the family. Maybe it was an uncle or a grandfather (or an uncle's grandfather or a grandfather's uncle). It's quite amazing how almost everyone remembers somebody from their youth who came to fam-



Shilo Zylbergold

NOBODY ASKED ME BUT

ily events with a bad limp and a miserable scowl on his face.

The next thing that will occur is that everyone will tell you a sure-fire, can't miss, never-fail cure or treatment for this cursed affliction that will guarantee you never feel gout pain again. Usually this concerns diet.

Now, it's a well-known fact that diet and gout are intricately linked. The uric acid that triggers attacks is a byproduct of the metabolism of purines. Purines are found in elevated concentrations in organ meat, red meat, shellfish, and other foods that are high in protein, such as legumes (which include the beans, peas and peanuts family). Alcohol, although not technically high in purines, does act as a catalyst to help the uric acid crystallize in the joints. Although these foods are the worst ones to consume, you will find that most other foods should also be avoided. As a general rule of thumb, the basic idea is to avoid anything that tastes good.

The one exception is cherries. Everybody loves cherries, right? Well, this fruit, especially the sour variety, is touted to be the miracle cure for gout. In fact, a diet consisting of 40 litres of sour cherry juice a day will make you forget you ever had gout in the first place. You won't be able to feel any pain in your feet because your brain will be too frantic making sure your legs get you to the loo in time.

So next time you see me struggling on crutches, you won't have to ask the obvious. Just buy me a cherry smoothie and get out of the way.

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NEW CAR REVIEW

Volvo 2010 XC60 merges safety and good looks

City Safety system deemed a technological breakthrough

BY LORNE DRURY
METROLAND NEWSPAPERS
CARGUIDE MAGAZINE

Over the years Volvo has built its reputation on safety — some would say at the expense of styling.

However, in the past few years, styling has begun to come to the forefront with Volvo producing some of the finest-looking vehicles on the market. To my eyes, the C70 hardtop convertible, while not a huge seller, is one of the prettiest vehicles out there, while the C30 is also a looker for a smaller, entry-level premium vehicle.

The 2010 XC60 T6 AWD, at dealers now, takes the brand to a new level — combining the best in safety features that the company has to offer with drop-dead gorgeous looks.

My recent tester was dressed in a luxurious-looking terra bronze metallic paint (a \$790 option) with an equally inviting soft beige/espresso brown two-toned leather interior.

Like other manufacturers, sales have been off 16 per cent for Volvo in the first five months of 2009, but May sales were up 26 per cent over the previous month and it's anticipated the XC60 crossover will give an added boost to overall sales in coming months.

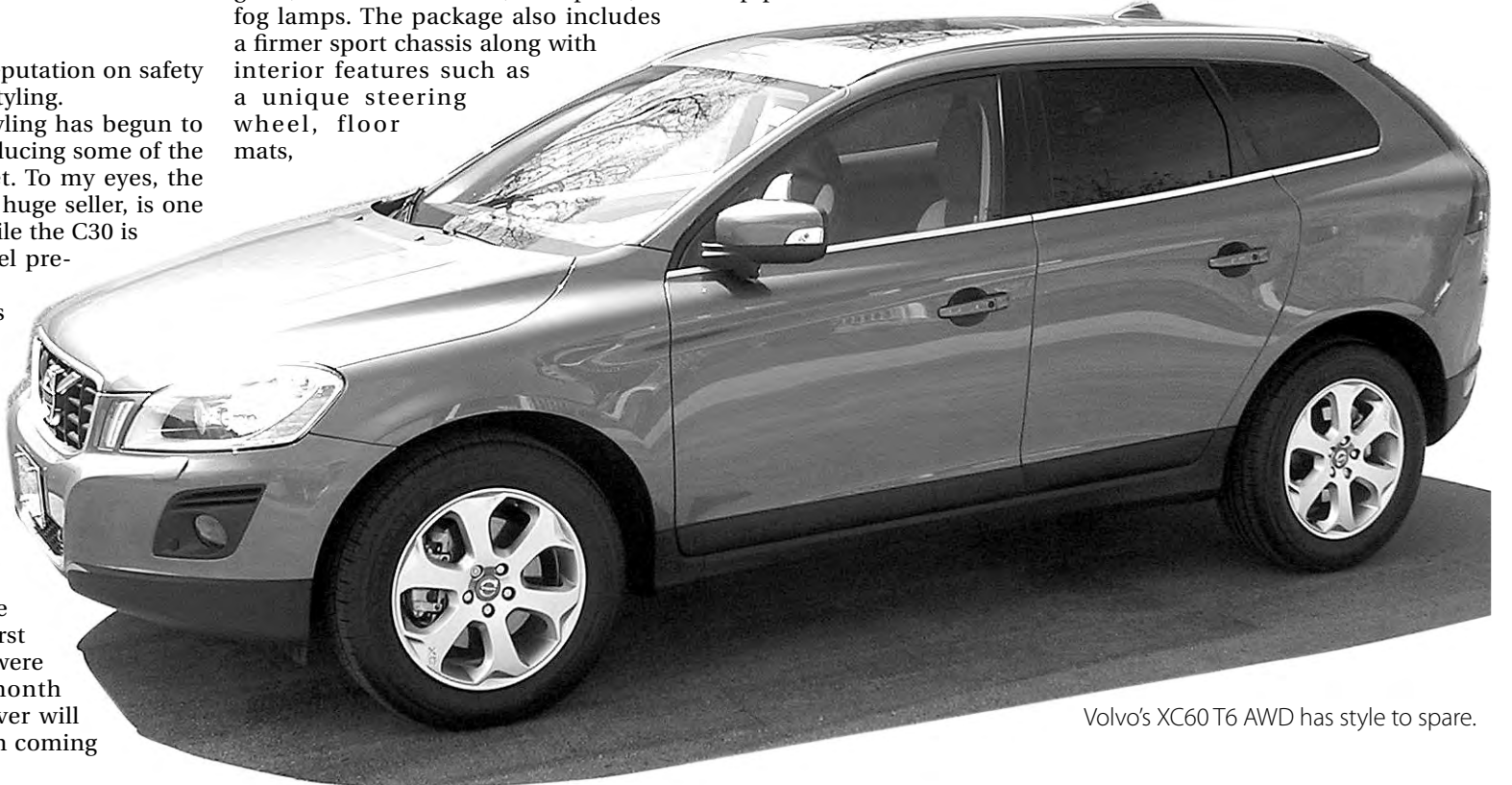
When launched earlier this year, the XC60 was sold exclusively with the 281 hp T6 engine that was in my tester. But recently, the company announced the 235 hp inline six-cylinder engine currently offered in the S80, V70, XC70 and XC90 would also be available for those who value economy over performance.

Another new offering is the R-Design package, which heightens the visual appeal and adds to the handling and performance. The \$3,000 option includes larger 20-inch alloy wheels, along with styling features such as a unique grille, side-view mirrors, skid plate, exhaust pipes and fog lamps. The package also includes a firmer sport chassis along with interior features such as a unique steering wheel, floor mats,

sport pedals and sport dials.

Prices start at \$39,995 for the XC60 3.2, \$44,495 for the XC60 3.2 AWD and \$49,995 for the T6 AWD.

Volvo is heralding its City Safety system, standard of all



Volvo's XC60 T6 AWD has style to spare.

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Styling comes to the forefront

VOLVO
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XC60s, as a breakthrough in vehicle safety.

They say it's a little known fact that three quarters of all collisions occur at speeds below 30 km/h. Therefore, the system is particularly useful in stop-and-go traffic, in parking lots and when following another vehicle into an intersection.

"Collisions below 30 km/h are, unfortunately, very common," said Jeff Pugliese, president and CEO of Volvo Cars of Canada Corp. "In fact, up to 75 per cent of all collisions occur at such low speeds. Volvo's collision research has also shown that in approximately half of all low-speed collisions, the driver doesn't brake or steer to avoid the vehicle in front. This is where City Safety can play an important part in making Canadian roads safer."

With the City Safety, a laser sensor in the windshield calculates the closing rate between the vehicle and the one in front. If a collision is imminent at speeds under 30 km/h and the driver takes no action, City Safety automatically activates up to 50 per cent braking power. At speeds under 15 km/h, it's possible to avoid the collision entirely as the vehicle stays stationary for one and a half seconds and between 15 and 30 km/h, the goal is to reduce speed as much as possible prior to the collision.

To test City Safety, Volvo provided flexible pylons that I was able set up in my driveway at home. It worked as advertised, provided I didn't yank the steering wheel, or touch the brakes or accelerator — all these inputs over-ride the program.

Fortunately, it didn't need to activate for me out on the road, but many of the other safety features did come into play like the blind spot and lane departure warning systems. I also found the adaptive cruise control to be a neat feature that I'm sure other manufacturers will be offering in the future. It utilizes radar to maintain a pre-determined time interval to the vehicle in front. The rear-parking camera, available only with a navigation system, is a pricey, but practical option.

On the road, the XC60 seems a light, nimble vehicle, despite its size. The turbocharged engine brings the vehicle up to speed well with a bit of the turbo whine, but it's not enough to be distracting.

The seats are typically Volvo, meaning they are outstanding — the best in the business I believe.

The 60/20/40 rear seats fold down to a flat load floor, meaning there is lots of cargo space (1,907 litres with the rear seats folded). The cargo floor is also quite low, allowing for easy loading and unloading of goods.

All in all, an impressive vehicle that Volvo hopes will help spur sales for the brand in a difficult market.



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RECREATIONAL VEHICLES

People need their vacations!

Island RV business still going strong in economic slump

BY K.A. CURTIN
DRIFTWOOD CONTRIBUTOR

Recreational vehicle sales are up in British Columbia, which is contrary to the gloomy forecasts and realities of the economic downturn. Surprised?

As it turns out, B.C. and particularly Vancouver Island has fared pretty well in the RV industry, compared to the current troubles of many American dealerships and manufacturers.

Craig Little, owner of Arbutus RV & Marine, says that his business has continuously increased in sales and size over the past 21 years.

"We've seen a number of manufacturers and dealers go out of business, but lots of new businesses and opportunities have opened up in their wake."

Currently, there are five loca-

"The aging boomer is a prime candidate for investing in an RV ..."

CRAIG LITTLE
Arbutus RV & Marine

tions across Vancouver Island, making Arbutus the largest RV dealership in B.C.

"Because we have a large market share, we have a greater capacity to negotiate low inter-



The Little family on the beach at Tofino.

est rates and pass on savings to our customers. Also, we can provide parts and service to clients up and down the island. When asked if gas prices have affected sales, Little says that he's learned something from all the economic turmoil.

"As a society our leisure time is important. Rather than give it up entirely, people are moderating it."

Last year when gas hit its price peak, families simply stayed a little closer to home.

Vancouver Island does have a few key ingredients that create an ideal environment for the RV business: a large retirement base, mild weather and several RV park options. It's no surprise that

the weather here plays a huge part in extending the vacation season and that the islands have long been a beacon to retirees, but now the demographics are expanding even more with the baby boomer age group reaching retirement. In general, the older population is staying healthier longer. They are willing and able to travel.

Little says, "The aging boomer is a prime candidate for investing in an RV, and 15 per cent of our market use their vehicles or trailers full-time."

Still, one would think that because of the economy, people would be cutting costs wherever possible. RVs can be a large

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2. Replace oil regularly. Dirty or substandard oil can reduce

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RV investment ideal for boomers

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Regular maintenance and altered driving habits key to saving

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fuel economy by four kilometres for each 10 litres.

also waste gas and cause the engine to lose power. An air filter that is clogged with dirt, dust and bugs chokes off the air and creates a "rich" mixture,

which is too much gas being burned for the amount of air. Replacing a clogged air filter can improve mileage by as much as 10 per cent, saving about 10 cents per

litre.
4. Worn or dirty spark plugs can cause misfiring, which wastes fuel. Vehicles can have four, six or eight spark plugs that fire as many as

two million times every 1,000 kilometres, resulting in a lot of heat and electrical and chemical erosion. Spark plugs that are replaced per the owner's manual will lead to a better performing vehicle.

5. Vehicle gas caps that are damaged, loose or missing altogether waste gas. About 17 per cent of vehicles on the road have gas cap problems, causing millions of litres of gas to vaporize every year.

6. Regular vehicle maintenance improves gas mileage by an average of 4.1 per cent.

An unused roof rack and accessories also add weight and drag.

4. Avoid quick starts and stops. Aggressive driving can lower your gas mileage by 33 per cent on the highway and five per cent in the city.

5. Avoid excessive idling. Idling gets 0 kilometres per litre! Go inside instead of waiting in long lines at the drive-through window. Letting a vehicle warm up for one or two minutes is sufficient.

Motorists can't do much about the price of gas, but they can stop wasting gas by making sure their vehicles are getting maximum fuel economy.

Visit www.carcarecanada.ca for tips for saving gas, protecting the environment and ensuring safety, as well as in-car games for kids, meal planning and the "10-minute Road Trip Check-Up."

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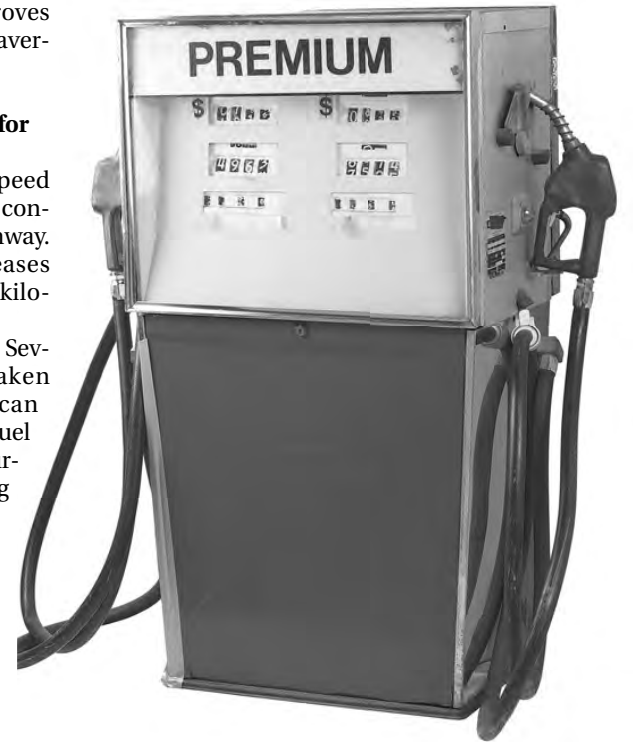
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OPINION

Past Liberal candidate promotes Hetherington

BY BRIONY PENN

As you know, I want to see Green Party of Canada leader Elizabeth May elected to the House of Commons, but having come to know this riding well, I do not believe she can be successful in Saanich-Gulf Islands.

Further, I made my choice of candidate long before Elizabeth arrived on the scene, and would like to take this opportunity to explain why Renee Hetherington is so well suited to be, and can become, our next MP.

1) Renee has deep connections with Salt Spring and a long family history here. Both sets of grandparents and many relatives have been Islanders. Renee spent many summers with her Dodds grandparents, who lived next door to the old Hughes farm, where Meg Buckley lives now.

2) Renee's education and training are an ideal fit for public service at this time in Canada. She has a B.A. in Business and Economics from SFU and an MBA from the University of Western Ontario. Her Ph.D. from UVic. was multi-disciplinary, in anthropology, biology, geography and geology. She received a National Sciences and Research Council doctoral fellowship for her work on Haida Gwaii, and is a Social Sciences and Humanities Research postdoctoral fellow for her work modelling the last 135,000 years of global climate change and relating it to humans.

3) This work led to her writing a university text with evolutionary biologist Robert G. B. Reid. The Climate Connection: Climate Change and Modern Human Evolution will be published next spring by Cambridge University Press.

4) Renee hasn't spent all her time in academia; she also co-owned and managed a cattle ranch in the Kootenays, was elected executive director of the B.C. Cattlemen's Association and was appointed by the Minister of Agriculture to the Cattle Industry Development Board.

5) Renee has also managed a number of family businesses and is now working with her husband Bob Thompson as a geological, environmental and business consultant. She is particularly interested in assisting small business owners to improve the bottom line with green ideas and technology.

6) Renee worked on my campaign last year and did an exemplary job. She completely understands how

crucial it is to get green policies off the fringe and onto the national stage, and that the best (and only) route for achieving this quickly is to develop green policies inside a political party capable of forming a national government.

This brings me to Michael Ignatieff and the Liberal Party of Canada, whom Elizabeth May herself believes will form government as a result of the next election. Rest assured, Michael is well aware of the urgency of the environment as an issue and can be relied on to bring to it both sanity and sense. I urge the people of Saanich-Gulf Islands to do the same.

We need the LPC to lead the country and we need Renee Hetherington as our representative on Michael's team!

Finally, as we all know when politically speaking, Saanich-Gulf Islands is a tough nut to crack. Though it is sometimes touted as "the greenest riding in Canada," this is not actually true. Further, in another riding — Guelph, Ontario — the Green vote has steadily been increasing on the Liberal incumbent, making it a much better bet statistically for Elizabeth to win there. However, apparently she does not want to run against a Liberal and would prefer to oust Gary Lunn.

But the bulk of our population lives in Saanich, which has been well described as "a small-c conservative riding." Such voters who did not support me will not support Elizabeth, but they may well decide to support Renee with her strong understanding of the economy and with Michael Ignatieff as her party's leader. With Renee, we have a solid opportunity to challenge Gary Lunn but first, she must win the nomination. We have two Liberal candidates vying for your vote, Renee Hetherington and Kit Spence.

Voting will take place on Sept. 12 and the deadline for joining the LPC or to renew your membership in order to vote is Aug. 27. To follow through, see www.voterenee.ca or www.teamsgi.ca.

Those who would like to hear this outstanding candidate speak and meet with her can attend a reception at Sacred Mountain Lavender Farm, 401 Musgrave Rd. on Sunday, Aug. 23 at 2:30 p.m. Thank you.

The writer was the Liberal candidate for Saanich-Gulf Islands in the last federal election.

INDEPTH



PHOTO BY DERRICK LUNDY

TAKING IN THE SACRED: Visitors enjoy the Heart Shrine Relic Tour of the Maitreya Project, brought to Ganges Yoga Studio last weekend by Salt Spring Buddhists Matthew and Phyllis Coleman. Hundreds of people came by to see the artifacts on a travelling exhibit.

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Tahoe a poor model

While I agree with some of what Peter Vincent has to say (Aug. 12 column) regarding the need for Salt Springers to not fear change, citing Tahoe as a role model is a little too much.

I've spent a lot of time in South Lake Tahoe, and while the lake is still relatively pristine (despite growing pollution from rampant development), the city itself is a sprawling mess. Strip-malls. Constant bumper-to-bumper traffic. Glut of shabby motels and cabins in disrepair. Gentrification of McMansions on the lake shore for those privileged, while decaying neighbourhoods of old apartments and other standard housing for the working folks. High vacancy rate caused in part by over-development of tourist rentals. Sick economy with erosion of tax base resulting in cuts to schools and social services. Crime. Graffiti. Unplanned, unbridled growth has ruined South Lake Tahoe. Let's not have it happen here.

DAVID STEWART PAINE,
ROLAND ROAD

Outdoor cats no solution

With growing recognition that many bird populations are dramatically declining, I was concerned at the suggestion that having an outdoor cat was one solution to rabbit problems. ("Gardeners stew over rampant rabbits," Aug. 12 Driftwood.)

Many scientists, including Dr. Bridget Stutchbury, author of *Silence of the Songbirds* and conservation organizations such as the Audubon Society and Wildlife Society, are trying to educate the public about the dramatic declines in bird populations that are being recorded across North America and that feral and domestic cats are exacerbating the problem.

Cats are non-native predators. Even with a full stomach, their instinct to hunt drives them to stalk and kill available prey. In wildlife-friendly areas, which includes most of Salt Spring Island, birds, small mammals and even large insects are sitting ducks for the well-designed feline carnivore. House cats are effective hunters but unnatural predators in any outdoor setting.

According to Steve Kress (Audu-

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bon Living Audubon November/December 2008) there are over 14.2 million cats in Canada, which collectively kill millions of birds each year (not to mention small mammals, herpetofauna and invertebrates). A study by the University of Wisconsin surveyed cat owners and found that their cats killed on average one bird per week. Extrapolating this number for over 14.2 million cats equals an exorbitant number of birds that fall prey to house cats each year. By killing millions of birds each year in North America alone, cats have a negative and dangerous impact on bird populations.

Cat predation is an added stress to bird and other wildlife populations already struggling to survive habitat loss, pollution, pesticides and other human impacts. Salt Spring Island is the breeding habitat for a number of bird species which are already listed as threatened or endangered, such as the Common Nighthawk and Olive-sided Flycatcher.

Free-roaming cats are also exposed to injury, disease, parasites, getting hit by cars, or becoming lost, stolen or poisoned.

Please do not solve one problem by creating another! An outdoor cat is not the solution to rabbit problems in your garden.

KAREN CLARK,
CHANNEL RIDGE

Great pool, poor family focus

I wanted to be the last person to complain about the Rainbow Road Pool because I believe it has been one of the best investments our community could have made for our island families.

My four-year-old daughter now swims thanks to Rainbow Road's exceptional staff and year-round accessibility. The staff have adapted to the lack of a shallow end with floaty toys, platforms, lifejackets and many safe teaching strategies. We are extremely lucky to have such amazing staff and they are one of the main reasons I look forward to going swimming with my kids.

Although I am greatly satisfied with the people employed at the pool I can't help but feel somewhat disappointed about some of the decisions that have been made. Recently, my pool issues came up when I tried to get my children to play at the newly installed outdoor playground — a playground I thought would

have been built for our children but which is clearly designed for adults. Do the people planning infrastructure on the island not ever think of young families?

Something seems wrong when we go the distance to build a beautiful, high-end pool with an adult playground without including a little pool or playground for our young children. I know when PARC and Splash were in the planning phase there were some very extravagant plans that included rivers and waterslides. If you ask any of the parents of young children, as I have, they all agree that they just want a safe place to play with their children. A little kiddie pool would be perfect — a place that doesn't cause their baby's chin to tremble in the cold water or where they don't have to worry about their child overheating in the hot-tub. A place where if they come with two or more young children they don't have to be overly anxious relying on floaty toys to keep their child's head out of the water.

This all being said, I guess it could be worse. For now, I am still thrilled to go to the pool and glad that I don't have to take my children off island for swimming lessons.

SARAH KERRIGAN,
SALT SPRING

Thanks from Germany

The German national dragon boat team Nibelungen made a few days of practice with the local Salt Spring dragon boat team in order to prepare for the World Police and Fire Games 2009 in Vancouver.

Since we went back to Vancouver, it is time to say thank you for the warm and friendly welcome on your beautiful island.

Fire chief Dave Enfield and Christa Wohlfahrt with her team organized everything very well. People of Salt Spring Island, including our guest families, were so helpful so we felt totally comfortable all the time.

We will also say thank you to Ian at the Outdoor Visions at Moby's, who took us with his zodiac on a whale-watching trip and through the Gulf Islands.

We can't find words for how our guest families made us feel when they took us into their life and let us be a part of it.

We arrived as guests but left as friends with many we found here on this island.

MICHAEL WENZEL,
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Beyond hurtful

I attended the Aug. 6 Islands Trust meeting regarding Salt Spring Coffee Company and came away feeling very sad at how our community has been divided by this issue.

Everyonemade strong cases for their point of view and yet, when owner Mickey choked up seeing an old friend in the audience standing in strong defiance of Mickey's business, that was the clincher for me and the essence of this sad episode. Beyond the divisive issues and vitriol are people, human beings, friends sharing this community — many have been badly hurt.

Julia Grace wrote a lovely letter to the Driftwood several weeks ago asking that we find a way to get to "yes" on this and other important community issues. A "no" is a victory for no one and is in fact a step backwards on many fronts — certainly it does nothing to heal wounds and build community.

What seemed missing here was true public dialogue, bringing concerned individuals into one room to have a facilitated discussion in which all views would be heard and respected. A solution could then be worked towards as a group. "No" would not be an acceptable outcome but rather respectful listening and positive, creative solutions that all could agree upon would be the goal.

I would love to see the Islands Trust play a role in bringing these types of dialogues to fruition: it would mean stepping outside the box of current practices, but realities of this millennium require new ways of operating, with diverse approaches to government and leadership. Our community deserves it.

The Trust can facilitate building a sustainable community, as well. True sustainability is a three-legged stool, composed of the environment, society and economy — if one of the legs is short or missing, the stool will collapse, if not now then soon. Like honest and open dialogue, balancing the "legs" of sustainability is tough — it takes work and time by committed, willing individuals. And like dialogue, sustainability does not involve a straight "no" but asking "how" as in "How can we preserve environmental integrity while also providing livelihoods on the island?"; "How can I best run my company and meet the concerns of my neigh-

bours?"; and "How do we want this community to look 20 years from now?"

No matter what "side" was taken on this issue, I hope everyone can take a step back, see people around them as valued community members and consider how to move forward, slowly, with care and compassion for the land, the community and one another.

CLARE CULLEN,
SALT SPRING

Unrealistic

I wondered how Salt Spring Coffee or any company could just find a piece of property they liked and expect to have it rezoned to suit them.

Looking back through a month's worth of papers I found the answer in the July 15 Viewpoint written by Mickey McLeod. It was that if SSCC couldn't find a suitable commercial or industrial property they had "the option of buying a lot and applying for rezoning."

This may have seemed harmless advice at the time, but it is the source of all the misunderstanding, frustration and division we now have in our community.

Zoning is important. Without it there is chaos. We abide by its restrictions and depend on its protection in order to plan and live successfully on our own property. Any zoning change therefore has huge impact. The threat of a zoning change is unfair to those who live within the existing parameters.

It is unfair to those who try to protect the unique character and natural environment of the Trust Area.

It is unfair to Trust members who inherit a perceived commitment for a zoning change, with all the extra work and stress.

It's unfair to those who worked to compile the OCP. It's unfair to all of us because of the instability, angst and bad feelings that can result.

And it's unfair to SSCC because if they had accepted the limitations and seen or perceived no alternative to living within the existing zoning, they would have saved the time, money, hopes and dreams that they have spent in trying to expand their business here. They would have made other decisions regarding their future.

The Trust mandate is to preserve and protect this irreplaceable island environment.

We are just the very lucky people who get to live here, but with that privilege comes the responsibility to preserve and protect it for the benefit of all.

NANCY WIGEN,
FERNWOOD

On-island surgeon, hospital essential in Davies case

BY JACKI YEO

July 4, 2007. My Welsh border collie was not quite one year old. And Wynne, the old Welshman, was 87. He was up in the night in the cottage on Salt Spring, where the windows look over an old apple orchard.

It was still very early and Wynne was in trouble. Blood covered the upstairs bathroom floor. His wife Liz called 911 and, as she later tells it, it was just like they were sitting around the corner.

The paramedics were there in a flash, and Liz had barely enough time to dress. Travis, a fireman, drove Liz in her car following the ambulance because he said she should not drive. Wynne was safely in emergency at Lady Minto in no time at all and so was Liz. But that was only the start of the good things that would happen in this emergency.

The emergency doctor no doubt stopped the bleeding and the surgeon, Dr. Preshaw, was there before Liz could begin to worry. We now have at least two doctors on it already.

I later asked Liz; how soon did Dr. Preshaw arrive to see Wynne? Without hesitation she answered, very soon. Next day he gave his diagnosis of colon cancer. Surgery was a very good option at Lady Minto, and they were given a choice — Salt Spring or Victoria. They happily chose Salt Spring. This describes Wynne. He believed in the positive. And it happened just so.

Wynne was in surgery in the next couple of days. He was then in recovery for the next week and a bit, under the gentle care of the nursing staff. Wynne later told me he didn't want to leave, he had made so many friends

there, in the staff and in the patients too. The atmosphere was so homey.

Dr. Preshaw called Liz at the cottage following Wynne's return home. How was everything? Everything was fine.

Wynne recovered fully less than three weeks of his accident in the bathroom upstairs. I know because I brought my now one-year-old Welsh border collie to visit him at the cottage, sitting the dog on the porch outside the French doors where everyone was safe from puppyhood. Wynne sat in his leather chair looking at him and said he was beautiful. No prejudice, of course.

But it was really Wynne himself who was remarkable at nearly 88 years old and smiling there. He was back and his recovery was nothing short of everything he received at the Lady, including (emergency) surgery.

He had to return to Lady Minto last summer, where it was later found that cancer had come again, this time to his liver. The emergency doctor made a quick decision. She made him comfortable at the Lady Minto for the last time. He left us on a rainy day last August, the sound of it dripping in the lovely garden outside the palliative suite. But I will forever hold onto that earlier time of healing on our island.

We need our surgery room opened again so that others much younger and maybe even older than Wynne can enjoy the joy of a full recovery. There is nothing so grand, if only once, and maybe twice, if you and we are all so lucky.

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Ken Akerman

Ken is a fifth generation islander, born and raised here on Salt Spring. Before choosing real estate as his career, Ken was and currently still is a journeyman electrician. Along with experience in the trades and as a volunteer firefighter on the island for the last 14 years, he has a wealth of knowledge about homes from several perspectives. Ken is proud to call Salt Spring Island his home and looks forward to helping you find your special home on the island many call "Paradise".



Susan de Stein

Susan de Stein brings with her over 30 years experience in marketing, communications and banking, and a passion for customer service. Analytical and strategic, she has an MBA and the Canadian Securities Course, and has owned a home on the Island since 2001. When asked to describe her in one word, a recent client said she is, above and beyond, "dedicated" to her work and her clients' interests.

Ken and Susan join:



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OPINION

RANTS and Roses

Roses

A huge bouquet of unpolluted roses to our courageous trustees for following their mandate to preserve and protect our precious island by halting the coffee factory. The Patersons

The Anglican Parish of Salt Spring Island had another successful salmon barbecue. But without the help of people like Steve, a manager at Thrifty's, and Paul, manager at Country Grocer, we would not be able to achieve the success we do. Many thanks to both and hopefully we'll see you again next August. Salt Spring Anglican Parish

Belated roses and thanks to Trudy Sloan, Morgan Savin and Eileen Botham for their participation in the Salt Spring Golf and Country Club Golf Fore the Cure event.

Roses of gratitude and love to all the great staff at Tree Frog Daycare for your patience, devotion and support throughout this year of change. We are really looking forward to an exciting fall with all of you incredibly skilled caregivers. Thanks for all you contribute to making The Frog a truly great place to be! Love, Lisa and the board

A bouquet of beautiful roses to the lady who made the generous donation to the children selling lavender in the market for the "kids helping kids" Mango Tree Project in Mozambique. All the children thank you!

Dozens of sweetly scented green roses to all the Eco-Tour hosts and volunteers. It was a truly beautiful day and you were all irreplaceable stars, thank you so much. AH, EW, KH

Roses to all the Stingray swimmers, their parents and the coaches for a fantastic weekend at our first meet in the new pool! I would especially like to send dozens of roses to Richard Steel and his infrastructure team for creating such a great ebb and flow to the movement, and to Kirk Harris and Shelley Olson for spending endless hours getting everything ready and entered into the computer. It's been a fantastic season! Thank you all. Now onto provincials! Jean Southgate

An infinite amount of blessed roses and lotuses to all the volunteers who helped make the Heart Shrine Relic Tour such a heartfelt event. We greatly appreciate the hundreds of people from our wonderful Salt Spring community who attended and supported this special occasion. Many thanks to all, especially the Ganges Yoga Studio. Phyllis and Matthew

Many thanks to the Driftwood staff for all the help with answering all my queries!

Wild roses to the biggest kid on the block — Janine Hayden, for organizing the great Cedar Lane kids events — a parade last May and now the race events this past Sunday, complete with awards and a podium. Thank you. Nadene

MORE LETTERS

MORE LETTERS
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Public building

I am writing this letter as a parent (single) of two girls, a taxpayer and someone who wishes to voice his concerns about the Gulf Islands Teachers' Association over Shilo Zylbergold's tutoring one-on-one during school hours. Frankly I am appalled at the situation and have lost some respect for the school board and the GITA members who have made this such a big deal.

I have first-hand dealings with Shilo. My youngest daughter, after Grade 10, was advised to take non-academic Grade 11 math, but with tutoring last year she passed Grade 11 math with the confidence and the desire to enroll in Grade 12 math this year. This was solely due to the skill of the tutor.

The school, after all, is a public building, paid for by public taxes to which we all contribute in some way. It does not belong to the teachers union.

Children who seek help during school hours may have only that time available to them for a host of reasons, such as their only transportation being the school bus.

The only issue here that should be considered is that children are struggling with their

courses and have a desire to succeed and have sought out additional help. Now if the GITA thinks other students are being put at a disadvantage, then maybe they could come up with a positive solution, perhaps by donating funds or volunteering time. These may be hard words and will no doubt rattle a few chains of friends of mine in the GITA, but if there are children out there who need help, then we as parents and educators should do everything in our power to do so.

I was tutored in reading for most of elementary school in Vancouver. It was a very tiny room with only a small number of kids and I am pretty sure the woman who helped me was under contract and not part of the union. If the GITA's worries about public education are genuine, then maybe they should think about that the next time they threaten the district with job action and put some effort into bringing back a five-day school week for our kids.

I am sorry if my words have hurt anyone; they were not meant to. I have spoken with the hope of opening people's eyes and minds and to be more giving to community. We have someone here that has the gift to inspire children to believe in themselves. The evidence is plain. It is a shame and perhaps an injustice to take that away or make

it harder to access for some children.

I thank Shilo for giving my daughter the confidence in herself to reach a little higher and continue on with math.

RODERICK MACDONALD,
VILLAGE TERRACE
McLeods deserve better

"Write on," Mr. Vincent (Aug. 12 column). Let's pull up the drawbridge now that we are here.

How true, Mrs. Bennett (Aug. 12 "Faces behind the vote" letter). Bye-bye families, bye-bye community!

As Tamar Griggs points out (Aug. 12 "Hope for less painful process" letter), we are lucky that Mr. McLeod still wants to work with the Trust. Better man than me, Mr. McLeod. After spending countless hours and \$156,000, I wouldn't spend another penny on a "maybe yes, maybe no."

And we come to the flippant remarks of Mrs. Torgrimson (Aug. 12).

Her condescending, arrogant statements about the choice of leaving or staying being in the company's hands — the McLeods deserved better than that statement. They went out of their way to make this work. You didn't.

DEBORAH FORSYTH,
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 ported and attended
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 Tour and made it such a
 special event.
**Many thanks to you all
 especially to the
 Ganges Yoga Studio**

COMING EVENTS

ASTROLOGER MICHAEL O'CONNOR is visiting SSI
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 Frances Hill and Dave
 Kerman, of
 Salt Spring Island.
 Megan and David live
 in Port Coquitlam.*

ANNIVERSARIES

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Happy 31st Anniversary
"Love You Just The Way You are"
 - Elaine xoxox

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 And for the many other helping hands.*
THANK YOU ALL.

DEATHS

BRUCE HENRY WARREN KIRWIN
**June 11th, 1919 to
 August 14th, 2009**

Bruce peacefully passed
 away surrounded by his family.
 He leaves his wife, Elizabeth, of
 67 years and was predeceased
 by son Richard, father of David (Norah), Harry
 (Elaine), Jill (Bob), Jehanne and little Tilley.
 Grandchildren, Jennifer, Heather, Don, Lindsay,
 Katie & great grandchild Zoe.
 Born in Sherbrooke, Quebec. Graduated from
 Bishop's University, BSC. High school principal of
 Bedford, Sutton & Morin Heights schools in Quebec.
 World War II veteran, ski and mountaineer instructor
 of the Lovat Scouts in Jasper, BC. His roots on Lake
 Memphremagog, Quebec had a special place in his
 heart. An avid golfer, Dufferin Heights and Vermont
 State Senior champion (twice). Member of SS Golf &
 Country Club, he proudly received Honorary lifetime
 membership on his 90th birthday. Bruce loved his
 family, sports and life. He will be dearly missed by
 all.
**A celebration of his life will be held at the
 Kirwin residence: 110 Fairview Road Friday,
 August 21st. 2-5 pm for all wishing to remember
 him.**

FAMILY ANNOUNCEMENTS

DEATHS

SAWYER, MILDRED ISABELL (NEE MAXWELL)
 Mildred was born on December 8th, 1918 at Radisson,
 Saskatchewan and passed away peacefully on Sunday,
 August 9th, 2009 from complications following surgery.
 Mildred lived her life with grace and dignity.
 Mildred was the daughter of Ada and Fred Maxwell
 who homesteaded in Radisson, Saskatchewan and raised
 eight children on the family farm.
 Mildred was predeceased by her loving husband John
 in 1993. She will be remembered with great love by
 her two daughters, Brenda Sawyer Hooge (Dr. Conrad
 Koke) of Salt Spring Island and Sidney Sawyer (Sydney
 Portner) of Vancouver; her four grandchildren, Andrea
 Hooge of Seattle, Samuel Hooge (Christine), Joshua
 Portner (Brigid MacAulay) and Maxwell Portner all
 of Vancouver. Mildred will be missed by her sisters,
 Jean Pay, Gerry Jameson, Joy Shimek and her brother
 Don Maxwell, and many sisters-in-law, nieces,
 nephews and their families. She was predeceased by
 her sister Elsie Young, brothers Bill Maxwell and Milo
 Maxwell, nieces Kathryn Jameson, Valerie Young, and
 Cheryl Gray and nephews Ian Pay and Kent Maxwell.

DEATHS

In her early twenties Mildred spent three years in
 the Saskatoon Sanatorium as a patient and she often
 commented how those years taught her patience. When
 she recovered, she joined the office staff at the San
 prior to her marriage. Mildred and John lived in
 Saskatoon for 40 years and enjoyed community life,
 friends and family. She was active in the Presbyterian
 and United Churches and the Y.W.C.A. She was a
 long-time member of the Granite Curling Club, the
 Saskatoon Duplicate Bridge Club and a Square Dancing
 group. Mildred was a tremendous support to John in
 his career, and together she and John had a full social
 life. Mildred was always a constant source of strength
 and support for her large extended family and many
 friends.

Mildred and John retired to Victoria in 1978 where
 they reconnected with former Prairie friends and made
 many new friendships. Mildred was an avid sports
 enthusiast and enjoyed watching a wide range of
 sports including curling, hockey, tennis and baseball.
 She continued to be active in the community with
 bridge, scrabble and many social events. She will be
 lovingly missed by all of her friends in Victoria.

Mildred recently re-located to Salt Spring Island to
 be closer to her daughters. She was settling into her
 new life at Heritage Place, making new friends and
 looking forward to playing bridge and scrabble in the
 fall.

Friends are invited to join the family to remember
 Mildred's life on Sunday, September 13, 2009 from 2-4
 pm for tea at the Uplands Golf Club, 3300 Cadboro
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*If you stand very still in the turmoil of life and you
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 peace in a mad world of chaos and din*
*If you stand very still and you hold to your faith,
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INFORMATION

ANNOUNCEMENT
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During the months of August and September I will be in my Salt Spring office for regular appointments on Wednesdays and Fridays.

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Islands Trust
SALT SPRING LOCAL TRUST COMMITTEE
NOTICE OF BUSINESS MEETING

The Salt Spring Island Local Trust Committee will be meeting to consider various matters of general business, such as applications received, bylaw reviews and meeting notes.
DATE: September 3, 2009
TIME: 12:00 P.M.
PLACE: ArtSpring 100 Jackson Avenue

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

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ON: Tuesday, August 25, 2009
AT: 7:30 PM
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Annual General Meeting will take place on Monday August 24, 2009 2:00 pm
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LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND OTHERS
Re: The Estate of EDITH EMILY STEWART, Deceased, formerly of #7-258 Lower Ganges Road, Salt Spring Island, BC, V8K 1S8. Creditors and others having claims against the estate of EDITH EMILY STEWART, are hereby notified under section 38 of the Trustee Act that particulars of their claims should be sent to the Executor at Box 414, Ganges P.O., Salt Spring Island, BC, V8K 2W1, on or before September 30, 2009, after which date the Executor will distribute the estate among the parties entitled to it, having regard to the claims of which the Executor then has notice. James Pasuta, Solicitor for the Estate of EDITH EMILY STEWART.

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FOUND JOURNAL in Burgoyne Bay parking lot two days ago. Please claim at Driftwood office.
LOST: CAMERA, a borrowed Canon, Powershot in late July. Perhaps Cusheon Lake? Photos of dad & sons, etc. 250-537-2928.
LOST: MEN'S eyeglasses, Vesuvius Beach, near steps, Sun., Aug. 16. Reward, Mike 250-507-2204 or 592-6807.
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MORE LETTERS

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Rouleau shares income tax reasoning

I appreciate Jack Webster's Aug. 12 response to my Income Tax article. ("Income tax nonsense may be harmful.") All open debate is important. However, Mr. Webster might do better to drop the derogatory comments and stay on topic.

For the first 50 years of our nation there was no federal income tax. Why? In the 1865 Parliamentary debates on Confederation, then Finance Minister Hon. A.T. Galt stated, "(the) Central government would have the power of raising money by all other modes and systems of taxation . . . and there was only one method left to the local governments if their own resources became exhausted, and that is direct taxation." Direct taxes are levies like income and sales taxes.

Before and after Canada had a Supreme Court, Britain's Privy Council were the final judges of highest law in Canada until 1949. In an 1885 Council decision on the Parsons case, they stated, "as regards direct taxation . . . that subject falls wholly within the jurisdiction of the Provincial legislatures."

Sir Charles Tupper affirmed the same in an 1894 document submitted to the British Parliament, in which he states, "Under the Confederation Act passed by the Imperial Parliament in 1867, the powers of imposing (direct) taxation was exclusively assigned for the local governments and legislatures of the Provinces in the Dominion."

During the raging crisis of WW1, 1917, Borden's government imposed the temporary Income War Tax Act to pay for the growing war debt to the banks, and to partially punish war profiteers making over a certain income. Parliamentary battles raged over this Federal intrusion on Provincial territory, but the crisis won out.

Even Sir Thomas White, the Finance Minister who proposed the Tax in the Commons, acknowledged that the taxation of incomes is a special power left to the Provinces and municipalities. The Act was to be rescinded at the soonest point following the war.

Instead of revoking it, Prime Minister Mackenzie King centralized the illegal Tax in the 1920's by extorting the power to tax directly from the Provinces in exchange for Federal transfer payments. The Provinces fought against it, had funding withheld, and caved eventually (only Quebec held out).

The 1950 *Nova Scotia vs. Lord Nelson Hotel* case reaffirmed that exclusive powers of jurisdiction could not be transferred between the Fed and the Provinces. The *Vancouver Daily Province* newspaper, commenting on this decision, stated, "We therefore see that direct taxation, such as the Personal Income Tax and Corporation Tax, etc., are the exclusive right of the Provincial Legislatures, and that the Parliament of Canada has no right to make and collect such taxes within any Province."

This later forced Prime Minister Diefenbaker to state in the House of Commons, "The Federal Government proposes to discontinue the tax rental sys-

tem when it expires on March 31, 1962 . . . It will withdraw progressively and substantially from the personal income tax field in favour of the Provinces."

Then he said, "(the Provinces) will exercise their Constitutional Right to impose . . . levies . . . Thus there will be a return to the active responsibilities which the Constitution confers upon both levels of government . . ." Meaning, the Provinces can tax directly and the Fed goes back to every other legal mode of taxation, just like the Constitution says.

It never happened of course, nor has the Constitution ever been amended to allow for Federal Tax, but these events formed the basis for Manitoba resident Gerry Hart's Tax challenge based on the Constitution, Lord Nelson case, and Canadian History.

Gerry Hart won every time in court between 1953 and his death in 1991. The Justice presiding over Hart's last appearance said he would hold Revenue Canada in contempt if they ever brought Gerry Hart in again for tax evasion.

I've spent many years researching Canadian history and constitutional law and am presently completing a book on this matter. I also have a contract to make a documentary on the subject. To be clear, in my article I never said to "avoid taxes," I said to "inform yourself."

Mr. Webster, please don't flippantly paint people as crackpots. It's a sign you might lack facts. Your few minutes at the BC Law Courts website doesn't stack up against Canadian history.

**KEN ROULEAU,
SALT SPRING**

Strawman arguments

I've been reading with great interest the Dr. Bob McGinn story, Ken Rouleau's Aug. 5 piece on taxation and Jack Webster's Aug. 12 response.

The biggest problem I personally have with the issue of taxation is a moral one, involving the Canada Pension Plan which, of course is considered mandatory. It's not optional.

Where the line gets crossed for me is with the choice of companies in which that fund invests. Honeywell, Lockheed Martin, Raytheon and General Electric are all part of the investment portfolio, and are defence contractors. They make weapons that kill civilians. In particular, Lockheed Martin builds components for the CBU-89 "Gator" anti-personnel landmines.

I don't recall the Canada Revenue Agency asking me if I was willing to be complicit in war profiteering.

Why should I pay the full amount of my CPP contribution? Obviously the CPP investment managers are looking for the best, stable rate of return to keep the fund growing into perpetuity.

Things won't change, however, until more people learn what makes the money system tick, where our money comes from and to whom we actually pay it.

I commend both Dr. Bob McGinn and Ken Rouleau, and also appreciate Jack Webster's concern.

However, in labelling Rouleau's research "nonsense," Webster then quickly goes off on a tangent of strawman arguments, thus calling the proverbial kettle black.

In addition, I would contend that the "naive" ones are those who buy every word from so-called experts in the corporate media (politicians, market analysts, think tanks) as gospel. The true spirit of journalism is alive and well online.

**DAVE CAMPBELL,
DON ORE ROAD**

Intolerable pension cut-backs

The following letter to Prime Minister Stephen Harper was filed with this newspaper for publication. Because it contains personal financial information, we have agreed to withhold the writer's name.

Dear Steve:

Re: Old Age Pension
Apparently, this isn't the way one is supposed to address the Prime Minister of Canada. Apparently it shows disrespect. Well, guess what? I'm a senior citizen — and you're not showing me any respect!

The other day, on cashing my Old Age Pension and CPP cheques, I was a couple of bucks short! You probably thought I wouldn't even notice. I ask how dare you do this to me? I'm sure you are aware of what the word "inflation" means and what it's doing to the price of food, just for starters!

I was told by the young man who took my complaint at the Old Age Pension Office, that it was "a coincidence in the way they calculate the formulation for income supplement." A coincidence? No, I'm not making this malarkey up.

And this isn't the first cut-back you've made in my cheques, either! As a matter of fact, after about a year of first being on the OAP, you cut me back by 18 per cent. At that time I was told it was because my CPP had gone up drastically. No it hadn't! It hadn't changed one penny. What it boiled down to was that they waited until I had received my cheques for their first review period and then decided I was getting too much money! As far as I'm concerned — as I did back then — the first cheques you receive should be, at the very least, the same ones you get for the rest of your life.

Are your people too mathematically challenged to calculate and multiply what 12 times a certain amount is to project on day one what it will be 12 months later — instead of hitting seniors in the gut in this disgusting manner. And I'm not the only one who has experienced this shock.

The poor people who are put on the front lines answering the phones aren't even given the real story of what's really going on. They're simply left to fend for themselves with ridiculous poppycock stories that are tantamount to b.s. You can fill in the blanks.

I'm sick and tired of this nonsense. By the way, my neighbour told me that her cheque had just gone up \$20! Something's way out of whack! **NAME WITHHELD BY REQUEST**

This Week's Horoscope

by Michael O'Connor

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TIP OF THE WEEK:

The Moon's nodal axis moves from Aquarius/Leo to Capricorn/Cancer on August 21. This will activate a more sober and serious tone overall. Capricorn and Cancer generally refer to father and mother or at least to parents in general. Themes of conditional father love – Capricorn and unconditional mother love – Cancer will come into play more noticeably in our lives. At best, the roles of parents serve to protect, nurture, guide and direct 'children' to what the parents to perceive and believe to be good, safe, right and sensible action amidst simpler joys, fun and play. When this parental intention comes from society in general, it can take the form of new rules and laws, norms and customs. Safety, protection and the welfare of people in general will come into sharper focus. The heavier aspects of this 'parental' theme are likely to produce more authoritative attitudes coming from governing institutions. Since, the North Node is Capricorn; a core emphasis will be placed upon maturity, discipline, duty and integrity. Positively, the next 18 months will contribute to a more mature and responsible attitude in society in general. At worst, it will produce a more serious and sober mood that dampens otherwise playful spirits. (An overview of the themes for each sign will be posted on my New Moon Newsletter, the next one come out August 19th. Send me an email to sign-up, it is free!)

Aries (Mar 21 – Apr 20)

Your playful mood will switch to a more serious tone this week. You will pay more attention to the details. You may be extra critical for a few days. This will flow into a more diplomatic approach by weekend. Meanwhile, the needs of home and family are on your mind. Thoughts of security, finance, authority and power are pushing you to make some fundamental changes.

Taurus (Apr 20 – May 21)

The curves in your road are usually longer and more gradual than those of others. So, a current creative cycle that began about a month ago enters its next phase. Now that the ground work is done, it is time to pay more attention to the finishing touches to highlight the beauty of your expressions. Emphasis on asserting your own style will be strong, as ever.

Gemini (May 21 – Jun 21)

Balancing dreams with realities and possibilities with probabilities are current themes. You are gearing up to make some major moves, in the bigger scheme of things. Yet, to prepare certain key decisions must be made. Do inner work to clear fears and make long-term plans. Create a beautiful vision - seeing your self taking leaps of faith and landing happily. Yet, focus on practical matters now.

Cancer (Jun 22 – Jul 22)

Taking stock of your assets, talents, finances that you can use to invest in the co-creative process will shift this week. Where to direct these assets is the question. Further, how to market and where, is leading you to learn more all about it. The times are ever changing and some shifts are bigger and more than others. Time to study!

Leo (Jul 23 – Aug 23)

Over the past month or so the time has been ripe to explore new territory. Now it is time to review. What worked well and what did not. Where seems to be your

best direction? How to proceed? Who to contact? These and other such questions may be on your mind. Deep changes are brewing. You are determined to learn how to make your focus and efforts count for more, literally. Decipher who is your audience.

Virgo (Aug 24 – Sep 22)

A period of retreat is coming to a close. Hopefully, you were able to acknowledge the slow down and flow with it. If not, at least take it easy this weekend because the pace will quicken this week. Expect your imagination engines to start firing with added force. Breaking through mental and emotional patterns upholding limiting beliefs is the deep end of the story. Reflect upon your intentions; visualize rising to higher ground.

Libra (Sep 23 – Oct 22)

A more social period is due to enter a more inner one. This will activate your focus to set boundaries as necessary. All the while, gathering tools and learning new skills will emerge. Making use of your time out will prove satisfying. Rest as you can. Autumn will activate a spurious momentum again. Focus to awaken to your inner authority, your soul-source.

Scorpio (Oct 23 – Nov 21)

An inventive and perhaps engineering and scientific mood is rising. For the love of the arts and creative ingenuity you are ready to get down to the drawing table. Intend to bring down the many creative ideas that have been brewing for months, perhaps years. Outline your ideas and a plan so you can see it more objectively. Time to get organized!

Sagittarius (Nov 22 – Dec 21)

It is time to move on somehow. Perhaps you want to explore new territory or move to a new location. Perhaps it is certain moods, attitudes or behaviour patterns that you are wise to leave behind. Perhaps all of the above...? It may feel difficult not to cascade in to criticism and cynicism these days. Doing the inner work to rise above judgement and blame is important. Find reasons to be appreciative and your mood will rise.

Capricorn (Dec 22 – Jan 19)

Assessing the skills, talents and resources of others continues. The talent of powerful people is the ability to surround themselves with talented people. It is how the game has always been played. Diplomatic and respectful negotiation and delegation is a key to the success of the outcome. Set your sights to activate new ideas, plans and associations.

Aquarius (Jan 20 – Feb 19)

In order to make important changes without, you are wise to make key changes within. This process was the secret of the alchemists of antiquity and remains so today. When we focus to activate change mentally, emotionally, spiritually and physically (Air, Water, Fire, and Earth) we are working holistically and magically. The whole is greater than the sum of the parts, always.

Pisces (Feb 20 – Mar 20)

Playing with ideas about how to create better health continues. This will shift to touch upon your relationships this week. The first intention to make changes in the mind, now it is time to take action in fact. Make efforts to initiate; at least as important, associate pleasure to the process and the activity. Review the pain you will experience by not following through. Create the changes you desire.



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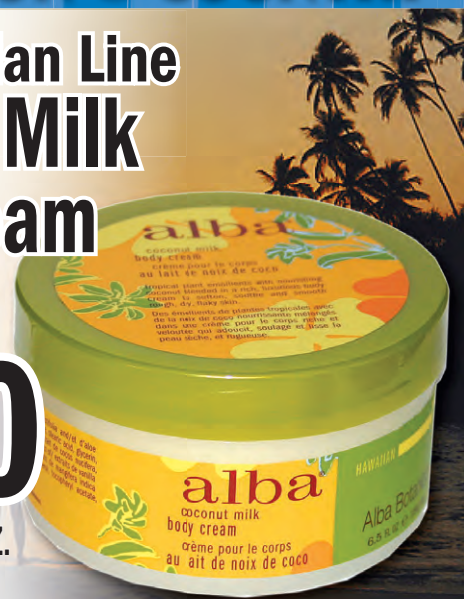


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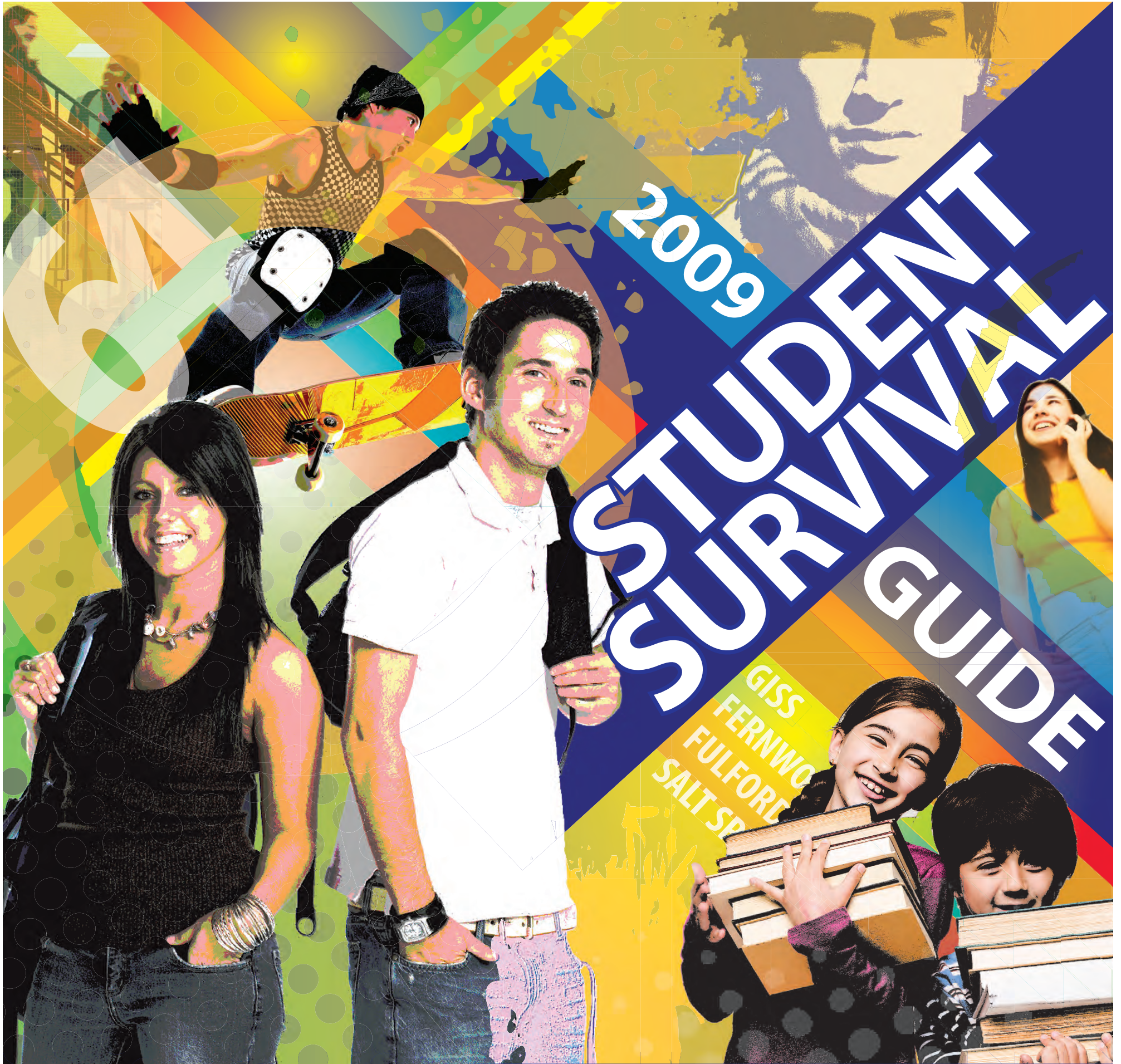
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Easing back to school anxiety — educators' tips

BY NATALIE NORTH
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Every year around this time, attending a new school (and often returning to an old one) brings anxiety to students and parents alike.

But that doesn't have to be the case. We asked educators from schools across the island to weigh in on the topic of early September anxieties and the common themes in their answers resulted in

the following list headlined: Five Ways to Make this Year's Back to School Time a Good One

1. FAMILIARIZE YOUR CHILD WITH THEIR SCHOOL.

Why not stop by the school during the week before classes start and meet a couple of the teachers? Walk through the halls and learn where things are. Most staff will be at the school during this week so it's a

good time for parents to make some connections as well.

Salt Spring Centre School has a workbee during this week for parents and students to meet each other before classes begin. Erin Porter of Salt Spring Centre School says that children meeting each other is very helpful, but that the parents are usually more anxious than the children. For younger students, be sure to make a stop at the playground to develop some positive associations, adds Fulford Elementary's principal Shelly Johnson.

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STUDENT SURVIVAL

UNIVERSITY TRANSITION

Surviving the biggest transition of them all

Driftwood's summer student dishes out advice for first-year university students

BY NATALIE NORTH
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Transitioning to different on-island schools can be rough, but let's not forget about what is often one of the biggest changes in a young person's life: moving out and going to university.

Most teens packing their bags at the end of August don't plan on running out of money, showing early signs of scurvy or having entirely avoidable mental break-downs after procrastinating the semester away. Yet the allure of so many new-found city distractions and freedom away from home can combine to wreak havoc on any formerly balanced person.

I moved off of Salt Spring as soon as I could to test out a number of Camosun College courses, earned a virtually unusable trade school certificate in make-up artistry and finally applied to the University of Victoria's writing department when I realized that my love of essay-writing was far from normal. So, although I didn't have the experience of packing up and heading to a university residence when I was 18, I still struggled with taking first-year courses during a time when all I wanted to do was spend my student loan money on tight pants and Pita Pit food after being at the bar. Starting the supremely more expensive leg of my education at UVic after I was into my 20s might have seemed like a sensible plan, but even then the move to the big campus was daunting and addled with expensive mistakes.

Here's a compilation of my best advice for new university students. It could save you money, sanity and the embarrassment of being caught in your pajamas in public.

USE YOUR RESOURCES

All new students at most universities are encouraged to sign up for an orientation day where they are given campus tours and other vital information. At UVic, this is an opportunity to skip long line-ups for things like textbooks and student ID cards. They will also let you know where the counselling and health centres are, which will take all of the headache out of struggling to find a new doctor or a reputable walk-in clinic. Even if you're not worried about finding your way around the campus, orientation is a good way to meet people and learn potentially helpful things like: UVic's Cornett building is a legendary 1960s art design full of dead-end staggered hallways and broken connections between floors that many of its resident professors haven't been able to figure out yet. So don't worry. It's not you, it's the architect.

PAY ATTENTION TO DATES

Not the guy giving you the yawn-and-stretch, but deadlines. As soon as you get one of those handy little agendas, mark down the dates for bursary and scholarship application deadlines. Applying for bursaries isn't very time-consuming and could supply just the extra little bit of cash you need. Also make careful note of class drop dates. Usually there is a full tuition refund date and a later partial refund date, as well as another date for dropping a class without failing. If you're feeling really studious, also mark down project goals and due dates. I think having an exhaustive schedule helps ease anxiety — even if you don't follow it entirely.

PLAN AHEAD

During every mid-term and final period, students are always so surprised at how quickly they approached. As a master in the art of procrastination, I believe that writing everything



Natalie North demonstrates what not to wear to class when you're a first-year university student — even though it's tempting to just keep your pajamas on when you live in residence.

PHOTO BY DERRICK LUNDY

the day (or the hour) before it's due is the way the writing world works, but I acknowledge that is ridiculous. (Maybe true, but still ridiculous.) Plan ahead, my friends! Plan so that you can still get sleep and have time to work out and see your friends and don't have to question whether or not you're hallucinating when you've been staring at your computer screen until 6 a.m.

BE NICE TO YOUR BODY

Expanding on the last plan, perhaps plan when and how to spend social time so that you don't end up at a pub or a bar every night of the week. The post high-school period is also a time when psychological changes are happening and mental health issues are common. The stress of a new life and added responsibilities plus inebriants minus proper sleep and diet can create problems regardless of brain chemistry. Plus, all that partying is usually the reason behind the notorious "freshman 15" and

nobody wants that either. This all equates to less productivity, lower grades and potentially more money spent on courses (not to mention all the cash wasted on having fun).

ASK QUESTIONS

Seems simple, because it is. Ask teachers, peer tutors, writing centres, classmates, whoever will listen to you. Visiting a prof during their office hours might not seem super inviting at first, but beyond ensuring that you learn the material, it's an opportunity to get to know them more and to do some networking. You never know when you'll need the help of an expert later on.

KEEP YOUR FASHION SENSE

I nearly forgot: the pajama fashion. For some reason, five out of 10 first years living in residence often find it necessary to sport their sleepwear to morning classes. Under no circumstances does this ever look good. Don't be a statistic.



To do well at school, you need to see well at school.

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SCHOOL ANXIETY

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2. STAY ORGANIZED AND STREAMLINED.

Bringing a child into class late burdens them with undue stress. Disturbing the class and starting the day behind on materials are totally avoidable stressors at school.

The frantic atmosphere caused by a disorganized morning — sleeping in, struggling with last-minute homework, missing buses, etc. is a dangerous foundation for the day and if it can be avoided with a little pre-planning, it can lead to much more stress-free days for the family.

3. DON'T PROJECT YOUR OWN CONCERNS ONTO THE CHILD.

Janet Hoag of the Early Learning Families program at Salt Spring Elementary stresses the importance of always showing your child that you have total confidence in them, as well as their teachers. You don't want to burden your children with your own negative educational experiences, she says, adding that any concerns should be kept in the adult realm. Parents should be mindful of the messages they could inadvertently send their children because of the way they talk about education.

4. ACTUALLY GO TO SCHOOL.

Similar to morning tardiness, being absent from classes for whatever reason can result in the student missing out on bonding time and falling behind.

During the first "social responsibility" week at Salt Spring Island Middle School, students are given the opportunity to meet all of the teachers and engage in less academic activities with their classmates. Some parents see this week as less valuable than regular classes and don't send their children — a move that SIMS health and personal planning counsellor Tiffany Wightman doesn't agree with. The first week is a real bonding time for kids and of course for the staff and the kids, says Wightman. If students don't participate, they miss out on learning the pace and rules at the school.

5. KEEP IT POSITIVE.

Did your mom ever put a note in your lunch? How about surprising your kid with something special in their lunch — like a note or a photo — to remind them that you're thinking about them, suggests Hoag.

Salt Spring Elementary principal Marie Mullen's advice is to encourage children to discuss their back-to-school fears, but to quell them by focussing on all of the positive aspects of their transition like the opportunity to make new friends and learn new things.



DRIFTWOOD FILE PHOTO

Showing up for the first day of school and following instructions is a recommended way to reduce back-to-school stress.

BOARD OF EDUCATION

Parents should mark calendar with school board meeting dates

Parents, students and community members are welcome to attend the monthly trustees' meetings of the Gulf Islands Board of Education — formerly known as the Gulf Islands School Board.

They are generally held on the second Wednesday of each month, except as noted — that rule doesn't hold true on three occasions in the 2009-10 school year.

Meetings begin at 1 p.m. with agendas available in advance.

For agendas or information on how to address the board of education, call the school board office at 250-537-5548.

The published schedule of meetings for the 2009-10 year is as follows:

- Sept. 10** – school board office in Ganges
 - Oct. 14** – Galiano Community School
 - Nov. 10** – Fernwood Elementary School
 - Dec. 2** – school board office
 - Jan. 13** – Salt Spring Island Middle School
 - Feb. 10** – Gulf Islands Secondary School
 - March 3** – Saturna Island School
 - April 14** – Pender Islands School
 - May 12** – Mayne Island School
 - June 9** – school board office
- School board committees also meet once a month, usually on the last Wednesday.



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Family support can make the first strides back to school more confident ones.

FAMILY ORGANIZATION

Get prepped for new school year

Phase in new routines

Once the calendar turns from August to September, many families' lives seem to kick into high gear. Besides the start of a new school year, families are heavily involved in sports, dance, and other recreational activities that tend to start in September, which can make life a little crazy.

In order to keep order in the home, it's a good idea to put in a little prep time when possible. Here are a few ideas to get you started:

- **Perform a purge:** This time of the year means back to school shopping and new things that to take up space. Get rid of the overflow and make space for the new additions. It's also the perfect time to pack away summer clothes and items and to bring out the fall rotation, purging what you don't want to keep at the same time. While you are at it, take a look at your computer hard-drive. Like your closet, it also can get clogged up with items you no longer need. Delete what you don't need, back up what you do and update virus scanners to ensure your PC is ready for the fall.
- **Organize your life:** A family calendar looks great on the wall, but it isn't much help when you're in your

car trying to remember what time soccer practice is finished. One of the best ways to keep your busy family organized is to use your PC with a Windows operating system. Keep calendars and to-do lists up to date and share them with each other online so the kids are always picked up at the right time.

- **Phase into your new routine:** Adjusting to the new school year can be tough on kids and parents. The early mornings and long days can take their toll if the whole family is thrown into a new routine all at once. A few weeks before school starts, try slowly phasing in new wake up and bed times. It will help soften the shock of the new schedule come September.

- **Schedule time to spend with your kids:** Once the school year gets started family time can get lost in the hustle and bustle. Be sure to organize regular family nights to ensure that you don't miss out on quality time together.

And perhaps the most important tip of all: once you've got your family and home prepped for the new school year, try to squeeze in some time for yourself.

— *News Canada.*

SCHOOL SUPPLIES

Safer options exist for school supplies

PVC exposure danger heightened

As back-to-school shopping kicks into high gear, two environmental groups are warning parents not to buy products made with polyvinyl chloride, or PVC, which contains chemicals that can cause a range of adverse health effects.

A guide released this month by Environmental Defence and US-based Center for Health, Environment and Justice helps parents choose safer, PVC-free school supplies in over 20 product categories. Many of the safer alternatives identified, including food and beverage containers, backpacks, computers, shoes and some writing supplies, can be found on store shelves across Canada.

"The release of this guide comes just in time for back-to-school shopping, and will help parents avoid filling their children's backpacks with toxic products," said Dr.

Rick Smith, executive director of Environmental Defence and co-author of the recently released book *Slow Death by Rubber Duck: How the Toxic*

Over 90 per cent of all phthalates are used in PVC products such as school supplies.

Chemistry of Everyday Life Affects Our Health.

Polyvinyl chloride, or PVC or vinyl as it is more commonly known, can be found in or on many back-to-school products, including lunch boxes, binders, vinyl backpacks, clothes and art supplies. It contains dangerous chemical additives, including phthalates, lead and cadmium, to soften or stabilize it. These chemicals may evaporate or leach out of PVC products and contribute to

developmental disorders and damage of the liver, central nervous, respiratory and reproductive systems. Recent studies have linked PVC flooring in the home to increased rates of autism and asthma in children. Over 90 per cent of all phthalates are used in PVC products such as school supplies.

Canada recently announced that it will set limits on phthalates in vinyl toys and products such as teething rings and rattles. However, the limits do not affect children's school supplies and other phthalate-containing PVC products used or worn by children.

The guide was created to help parents make informed choices when it comes to back-to-school shopping by suggesting alternatives and offering tips. A copy of the PVC-Free Back-to-School Guide is available on the Environmental Defence web site at www.environmentaldefence.ca and many of the products listed can be purchased locally on Salt Spring Island.

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SPRUNGING UP THE GROUNDS: Tony Copeland cuts the grass at Gulf Islands Secondary School in advance of the start of a new school year. School District 64 schools open on Tuesday, Sept. 8.

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SCHOOL DISTRICT PROGRAMS

Youth part of collaborative learning process with a fan base that keeps on growing

Students, teachers, parents and facilitators all on board

The Respectful Relationships (R+R) program will continue to run this year in School District 64.

What is R+R?

It's a violence prevention program delivered in the high school and middle school by SWOVA (Salt Spring Women Opposed to Violence and Abuse) facilitators.

The goal of the R+R program is to reduce the incidence of relationship violence in the lives of youth by helping them develop the skills and attitudes they need for healthy and respectful relationships with peers and intimate partners. Youth are actively engaged in a collaborative learning process. Personal storytelling, writing, documentaries and movement exercises are some of the mediums used to explore topics including self esteem, stress, conflict resolution, dating violence, systemic violence and personal boundaries.

An exciting part of the R+R program is the opportunity for students to be involved in the SWOVA Youth Team. Youth team members help facilitate the program, are engaged in leadership and are acknowledged as future global citizens. Students who complete the program are considered "national research participants" with a direct and important influence on this ever-evolving and highly successful violence prevention initiative.

Said an R+R Youth Team member, 2008-2009: "I enjoy facilitating the students as an R+R youth team member because you learn so much from them and I feel like most kids can relate to their peers better. I love being on the youth team because we have such a connected, family atmosphere and you learn so much about yourself."

Said a high school teacher during the 2008-09 year: "I am very proud to have been part of the R+R program, I believe it is very important for young people and I wish all schools around the world could have a

program like this. It is very important for adults too because it offers us an opportunity to hear about the challenges, frustrations, joys, fears, stress that our youth face on a daily basis. This program humbled me as a teacher and a mother and made me feel uncondi-

"I love being on the youth team

because we have such a connected,

family atmosphere and you learn so

much about yourself."

YOUTH TEAM MEMBER
2008-09 school year

tional love for the youth that I work for. Thank you for a great program!"

From another GISS teacher: "The more reinforcement they can get from as many sources as possible is terrific . . . it takes a village to raise a child!"

Said Nicola Temmel, a 2008-09 R+R facilitator: "I have had the opportunity to engage with the R+R program from many different perspectives: as a student, a youth team member, a summer student and finally as an adult facilitator. The experience and knowledge I've gained through my participation in this unique program has and continues to play a role in my journey as a woman, student, activist and as a professional in my community and abroad."

For more information, contact Lynda Laushway, SWOVA Community Development & Research Society, 344 Lower Ganges Road, Salt Spring Island, B.C. V8K 2V3, 250-537-1336; info@swova.org.

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Simone and the Soul Intentions.
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Flower Festival Music & Munch recital at All Saints. 12:10 p.m.

ACTIVITIES

Flower Festival.
Seventh annual indoor garden display at All Saints By-the-Sea.

Many Roads, One Journey.
16-step women's group. Wednesdays at the Core Inn, 7-8:30 p.m. Info: 250-537-9971.

What a Girl Wants, What a Girl Needs.
Mary Kay Makeover Finale. Community Gospel. 7 p.m.

Thurs. August 20

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

The Dharma According to Fifi.
Flying Dreams Aerial Arts Production at The Temple. 8 p.m.

Chamigos.
Traditional & contemporary South American music. Tree House Cafe. 7-10 p.m.

Open Mike.
With Stephanie Rhodes & friends, Thursdays at The Local bar & bistro. 8 p.m.

Fulford Open Mike Night.
With Dale & Dave at the Fulford Inn on Thursdays.

Tom & Matt.
Shipstones patio. 7 p.m.

Dave Roland & Friends.
Blues at Moby's. 8-11 p.m.

Fri. August 21

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

The Dharma According to Fifi.
Flying Dreams Aerial Arts Production at The Temple. 8 p.m.

KC Kelly CD Launch.
With Dave Roland and Sandy Profitt at Moby's. 8 p.m.

Friday Night Jazz.
Ted Hickford & Friends at the Harbour House Hotel. 7:30-10 p.m.

Lane 31.
Shipstones patio. 7 p.m.

Phil and Kim.
Perform live at Salt Spring Vineyards. 2-4 p.m.

Man Cubs.
Rock & pop classics. Tree House Cafe. 7-10 p.m.

ACTIVITIES

A Day of Yoga with Gay Meagley.
The Gatehouse, Stowell Lake Farm. 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Benefit for the African Grannies. Info: 250-653-2390.

Sat. August 22

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

The Dharma According to Fifi.
Flying Dreams Aerial Arts Production at The Temple. 8 p.m.

Mowbray & Mills.
Live music on the Shipstones patio. 7 p.m.

Kris Hansen.
Straight up. Tree House Cafe. 7-10 p.m.

Sun. August 23

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Fiddleworks Instructors Showcase Concert.
Featuring 10 of Canada's top folk musicians on one stage. ArtSpring. 7:30 p.m.

The Barley Brothers.
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Chamigos.
Jazz at Moby's. 7-10 p.m.

Valdy.
Canadian folk icon. Tree House Cafe. 7-10 p.m.

Dances of Universal Peace.
At Ganges Yoga Studio. 7 p.m.

Mon. August 24

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Quintessential.
Classic jazz quintet plus one. Tree House Cafe. 7-10 p.m.

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Tues. August 25

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Open Stage.
With host David Jacquest at Tree House Cafe. 7-10 p.m.

Gene Grooms & Friends.
Blues music at the Harbour House every Tuesday. 7:30-10 p.m.

Transportation Commission Meeting.
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Moon - Nearing the end of a three-year contract with Lunar Industries, Sam Bell (Sam Rockwell) is counting the days until his return to Earth. The lone occupant of a lunar mining base, Sam monitors the tractors that harvest the moon's surface for helium energy. Buoyed by sporadic transmissions from his wife and young daughter, he combats monotony and isolation by tending to plants, continuing his predecessor's woodcraft project, and interacting with the station's robotic computer, Gerty. But Sam is beginning to unravel mentally. After a hallucination causes him to crash his lunar rover, he wakes up in the sick bay and soon realizes that his life at the base is not what it seems.

- EXHIBITIONS**
- J. Mitchell Gallery show - 2009 Summer Exhibition** opens Friday, Aug. 21 from 5 to 8 p.m. and runs daily to Sept. 20.
 - Images of Different Worlds** features works in various mediums by **Eleanor Kobley, Erik Thom, Gill Horodyski and Miriam Thom**. Runs daily through Sat., Aug. 29.
 - The Point Gallery, David Cantine:** painting/colour/still life and drawing/life runs daily through August.
 - Twist and Twine** is the **ArtCraft Showcase** of work by **Salt Spring Basketry Guild** members running daily at **Mahon Hall** through Aug. 27.
 - Gail Sibley and Shirlee Lewis** are exhibiting in the lobby at **ArtSpring** through August.
 - Louis Renaud** shows photographs at **Island Savings Credit Union**.
 - Inside/Outside** is the exhibit at **Salt Spring Woodworks**, featuring new sculpture and art furniture by **Arnt Arntzen, Brent Comber and Peter Pierobon**. Summer hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily through September.
 - Kathy Robertson: Selected Landscapes** is the August show at the **Salt Spring Coffee Company** cafe in Ganges.
 - New Works by Stefanie Denz** - the **Wallpaper Series** and **Fine Handcrafted Bling** by **Ayla McIninch** shows at **Cafe Talia**.
 - Salt Spring Potters' Guild** annual **Mark's Work Wearhouse** window show, this year with a theme of **Our Harbour**, runs through the summer.
 - Hastings House Sculpture Garden** - 30-minute guided tours on Tuesdays at 1 p.m. by appointment at 250-537-2362. The 1.5-km public **Sculpture Trail** is also open daily.
 - Shari Macdonald** has new photos hanging at **Jana's Bake Shop**.
 - Janet Dwyer** has works on show at **Ganges Yoga Studio**.

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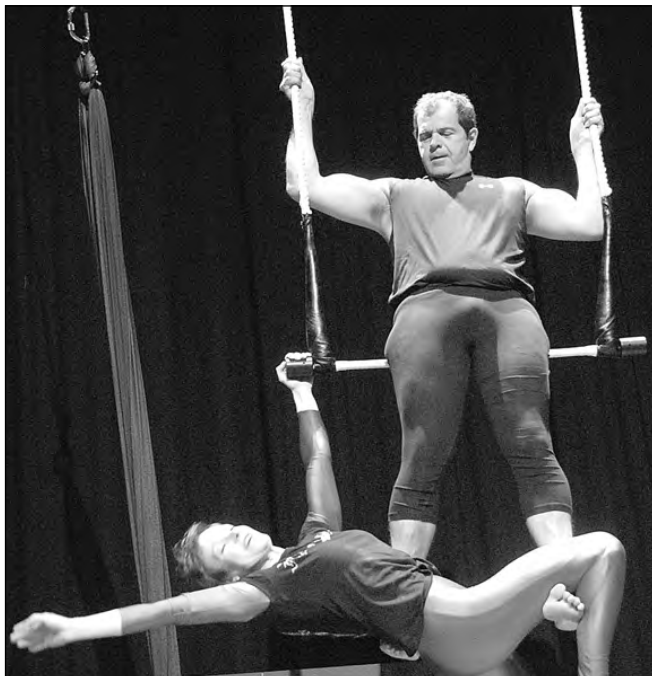
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THEATRE REVIEW



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Victoria Mihalyi and Anthony Ulc perform on the trapeze and silks in *The Dharma According to Fifi*.

Flying Dreams enthralls audience in newest aerial theatre piece

Show for the grown-ups full of fun, philosophy and artistry

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
 DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Audiences for *The Dharma According to Fifi*'s opening weekend entered Flying Dreams' astounding studio space wondering what to expect from a new, more serious offering from the aerial arts company.

They found an interesting dramatic story spiced up by racy jokes and a forbidden love scenario, but they also got lots of what they really came for: a heart-stopping aerial performance by company founder and star Victoria Mihalyi.

Though past seasons have featured larger casts, the action of *Fifi* subsists solely in the interaction of two characters, the forcibly retired trapeze artist, *Fifi* (Mihalyi), and the exiled Jesuit priest, *Rufus*, played by Anthony Ulc. The play's dramatic tension arises from the fact that the two were lovers 30 years ago and the immense differences in life those decades have incurred.

Fifi is a rough-talking dreamer who's been in the circus since birth. Born to two "freak show acts," she was "pulled out of the gutter into aerial" by her now dead husband Alfredo. Without Alfredo, however, she's been deemed too old for the circus and reduced to selling popcorn. Looking for a sanctuary where she can still practise her art, *Fifi* arrives at the

secluded church where *Rufus* is in solitary "not confinement . . . contemplation."

Rufus has a lot to say about the stages of grief and about spiritual matters as seen by the Catholic Church, especially in opposition to *Fifi*'s populist brand of Buddhism. But as we learn while the drama

Mihalyi is absolutely captivating in her movement, whether dancing the tango or unfurling herself like a spool from the height of 30 feet while wrapped in a bolt of silk.

unfolds, *Rufus* is a much more layered character than *Fifi* takes him for. By the second act, *Fifi* and *Rufus* are each working on realizing dreams of being able to fly: hers is literal (with plans to meet a flying yogi on a Himalayan mountaintop) while his is more a matter of personal liberation.

Punctuating the narrative are several scenes where *Fifi* dances seductively or angrily and practises her routines on the

silks or the trapeze. Mihalyi is absolutely captivating in her movement, whether dancing the tango or unfurling herself like a spool from the height of 30 feet while wrapped in a bolt of silk. Ulc also takes a turn on the trapeze rig: an impressive sight for such a large man.

Mihalyi has stated that for her current production (which she wrote and choreographed) she wanted the aerial segments to fold organically into the narrative. This she has accomplished, with an entertaining story line and some laugh-out-loud funny lines nestled within the arguments. The strength of the show, however — and what audiences will really have come to see — is the aerial component. In several scenes Ulc's character had little to do but stand there and look up at Mihalyi, bemused or admiring in turn. This didn't matter, since the entire audience was focussed in the same direction. Though her character was slighted for her age, Mihalyi herself would put most younger women to shame with her athleticism, and just about everyone with her artistry.

Warnings about mature content should definitely be heeded: *Fifi* is liberal with the adjectival curses, and there's plenty of frank talk about specific sexual acts as well. But while this is one for the grown-ups, the fun certainly outweighs the serious content and the ending is completely magical.

The Dharma According to Fifi continues Thursdays to Saturdays, Aug. 20 to Sept. 5. Tickets are available through the ArtSpring ticket centre.

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FILM PROJECT

GISS spawns snazzy As You Like It



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A scene from the filming of GISS' As You Like It production.

DVD can now be rented or purchased at Island Star

BY MEGHAN HOWCROFT
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Once again Salt Spring Islanders have joined together in a creative, communal venture impressive enough to knock your socks off, this time in the film version of William Shakespeare's play As You Like It.

This modern-day cinematic version of one of Shakespeare's lesser-studied plays — now available for rent (or purchase) from Island Star Video — is the work of islanders brought together by GISS English teacher Ray Colleran, who wanted to test out an idea never tried before.

The project, not attached to any particular class or program, was entirely extra-curricular. "After two months of initial rehearsals and production planning, it took us seven months to film it in 30 locations, including Victoria, Vancouver and Salt Spring," explained Colleran in an e-mail. "It rarely looked like we were going to finish by the end of the school year."

But finish they did, in time for a brief run at The Fritz Theatre in June, which Colleran says was well received. It's easy to see why as the film is highly professional and entertaining, well worth the gargantuan effort put forth in its creation.

Colleran, who directs the film and also wrote the screenplay, said the choice to make As You Like It was a product of reverse engineering.

"Because we had no budget to speak of, we went with a script that was royalty-free and was set in easily acquired locations. It also calls for a young cast, which we had. The play is off the beaten path in terms of the usual Shakespearean fare that gets trotted out for high school curriculum. That appealed to me."

Knowing he had the talent at GISS to cover all aspects of the film's production, Colleran went for it, wanting to make the experience as authentic as possible to the

real film industry. The students worked on everything, including the editing, cinematography, camera work, storyboarding, costume design and music, and the large cast came not only from the drama room, but also from the school halls, the skate park and the larger community.

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GISS teacher & film director

This "star-studded" cast includes appearances by Salt Spring celebs like Arthur Black, as a very believable Duke Senior, and Bob Twaites as a blustery Duke Frederick. Also popping up are Jim Raddysh of Rainbow Road Pool fame and drama teacher extraordinaire Jason Donaldson, among others.

The student actors showed a fair command of Shakespearean language and a sophisticated understanding of the complexities of the plot and were able to, on the whole, actually act, instead of just reciting memorized speeches. This isn't easy for the most accomplished of actors, never mind high school students trying to find Shakespeare's relevance in their modern world.

Steve Dawson plays a solemn, understated Orlando. Attending Capilano University's motion picture production program in the fall, Dawson says that while

making the film was a great experience, it also required a lot of dedication and patience — an important lesson for someone planning to enter a film career.

"Shakespeare isn't easy," he said, "but I felt it was a whole lot easier to connect with my character since the movie was set in modern day. Shakespeare seems like you're speaking a different language sometimes. I had to ask Colleran for a translation now and again."

Also delightful and believable was Sean Cunningham as Rosalind, who captured the sarcastic, sullen tones of an adolescent struggling through her first encounters with love.

"This play presents Shakespeare's greatest heroine in Rosalind, who can be seen as an early literary example of female empowerment," explains Colleran. "She is both strong-willed in her understanding of the ways of love and the way she manipulates Orlando, but also subject to the follies of being a victim of love."

The technical end of the film was incredibly professional with sophisticated filming, an engaging mix of shots and stellar editing. Kudos to Kaeli Dragomir (director of photography) and Walker Tottman (camera/editing) for creating a beautiful, smooth and cinematically interesting film.

From the quality opening sequence to the charming wedding scene, from the snazzy costumes to the bang-on locations and sets, the level of work and commitment of As You Like It's creators is obvious.

The film is even slightly reminiscent of Baz Luhrmann's version of Romeo and Juliet (minus Leonardo, of course!). The hip soundtrack, edgy cinematic look and use of cell phones, texting and Facebook brings this Shakespearean play (described by Colleran as both silly and profound) to a level that young people can engage with and relate to. If you have yet to see it, pick up a copy at Island Star and see how much "you like it."

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ART SHOW REVIEW

Horse-themed exhibit highlights whimsy and winsome subject matter

Eight artists' work delights

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

The horse is an animal whose majesty and grace has demanded a certain devotion over the centuries; it's not surprising in a rural community to find a healthy number of admirers here on island.

The Horse of a Different Colour show brings together six island artists whose work features or celebrates that animal, with quirky charm enough to please even those who are not devotees.

Sonja Barnard's contributions come closest to the school of equine art that venerates the animal, particularly in her paintings of Nixie, a white horse from her youth. More accessible to a wider audience are her ceramic pieces, which combine whimsy and history with celebrations of the horsey form.

Pegasus is a paper clay wall piece that places a 3-D, mask-like face over a rectangular base painted in deepest purple. The horse's white face is decorated with paisley-type designs in green, purple and gold, and embedded with crystals. The ornamentation and colours recall a horse from a carousel, but the overall effect is more like another time's monument to a mythological being.

Barnard's Unicorn takes inspiration from the medieval tapestries, brought into three-dimensional space in paper clay sculpture with a series of two-dimensional planes. On a brick-shaped base, the slab-carved unicorn with jewelled collar rests in the forefront. Rising from the back edge of the base, a frieze of tangled trees reveals tiny wood nymphs emerging from the trunks. The otherworldly element is represented well in this medium.

Kathleen Horsdal has also worked

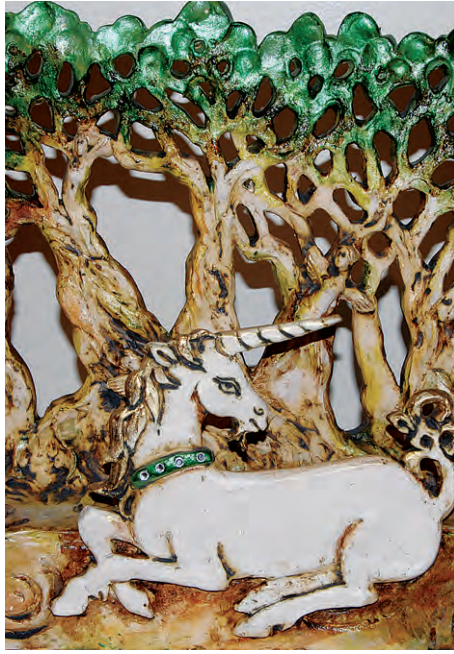


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Sonja Barnard's Unicorn from the Horse of a Different Colour show.

magic with small-scale sculptures. Her Chinese Treasure Box is an enclosed shelf with black edging and red interior. Displayed inside are miniature glazed and fired pieces, such as two "swimming" horses without legs, an ovoid "horse egg" and two Chinese-style horse heads. Horsdal's precision and deftness combine admirably with her sense of presentation.

At the other end of the scale is Horsdal's Trojan Horse: A New Paradigm (make love not war), which stands eight or nine feet tall on a wheeled base and makes brilliant use of found materials. The horse's skeleton is sketched out in branches and its

body framed in with chicken wire. Inside there is an old rusted grille for ribs, a painted red tin heart and a tiny bird cage with a smiling stone Buddha seated before the open door. The genitals are a bright red pepper and two garlic bulbs, while the eye sockets are cow-bone joints. It's both impressive in scale and its realization.

Tracy Harrison and Carl Borgstrom collaborate with a series of mirrors; Borgstrom creating the woodwork frames and Harrison decorating with tiny horse tiles in the four corners. An especially charming version has a rounded cross piece at the top and an irregular piece at the bottom, which spills over in a natural curve. Harrison also has three horse sculptures made of ceramic spirals, glazed on the outside edge and left natural inside. The simple, airy forms belie the extreme difficulty in actual construction, but it's the whimsy that will delight viewers.

In partnership with Denise McCann Bachman, dyed gourds decorated with Harrison's coin-sized horses evoke the historic relationship between humans and animals, especially in one version decorated with cave painting designs.

Running down the centre of the room, Paul Burke's folk art horses of carved and painted white pine capture the essence of the horse: its specific muscular curves and its implied movement. The herd has been cleverly arranged so the ones at the gallop are closest to the door, shifting to less movement through the line, until the last horse (a fetching green) has stopped altogether and is grazing. Indeed, the exhibition of the group is so winsome it would be hard not to take home the entire herd.

While the show ran only until Aug. 15, Horsdal's Trojan Horse piece is still available for viewing in the ArtSpring lobby.

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audiences to rise up in a tribal swell of intoxicating spirit — with sometimes but a heartbeat in between," states press material. "Meanwhile his hands will be skillfully juggling between shaking up rhythms with his aslatua, driving the dance-floor with his djembe and sliding out grooves on his Weissen-

born-style guitar while his foot taps in earth-shaking electronic kicks wherever they might fit."

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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

CD REVIEW

Wild Card's a winning CD for KC Kelly

Launch party with musical friends runs at Moby's this Friday night

BY MEGHAN HOWCROFT
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Friday, Aug. 21 marks bluesman KC Kelly's return to the stage, with an engaging show sure to excite local blues fans.

In connection with the release of his latest album Wild Card, Kelly will take to the Moby's Marine Pub stage along with Dave Roland on stand-up bass and Sandra Profit on vocals, with some special guests thrown in for good measure. Often described as a dynamic and exciting performer, Kelly is known for his strong vocals, solid guitar accompaniment and his folk and blues-based repertoire that is full of catchy and original songs.

Kelly began performing and writing acoustic blues music in the early '90s and released two independent albums before coming out with his first self-titled CD in 2003 and his second album Kingdom Come in 2008, which featured an acoustic trio and songs written while living in New Orleans. The latter two discs will be available for sale at the Moby's show, along with his new album Wild Card.

Wild Card contains 12 original songs. The first track, Going Up the Road, is a catchy opening number with some stellar back-up vocals supplied by Profit. This is a feel-good tune that also serves to introduce Kelly as a capable and talented



DRIFTWOOD FILE PHOTO

KC Kelly and Dave Roland.

blues musician.

The album contains a mixture of song styles and sounds. Numbers like Big Bam Boom are true country jams that weave an amusing yarn, while in Hit Parade there is a darker sound, one that differs greatly from the rest of the album. In Surprise, Kelly's country-blues voice hits a lower register which is where his vocals are strongest and most interesting.

But where Kelly truly shines is in his standard blues tunes like Old Fashioned Romance, my favourite piece on the album. In this number the vocals are

clear and prevalent, there is a true bluesy vibe and Dave Rowse adds some texture on sax. "I'm her mister, she's my missus," Kelly drawls, "Whispers sweet nothing, she gives me kisses./Old fashioned romance, doing that sweet dance again."

In Miss Virginia, another memorable tune (again with great back-up vocals), Kelly sings, "I come back to a cold empty shack./Lights are blown and there's nobody home./ Miss Virginia, what's got in ya? Why you runnin' away?"

Most of these numbers follow typical blues progressions and standard bass lines, but with lyrics like, "I don't need nobody tellin' me what I should do./ I don't want nobody, just don't leave me all black and blue," and great guitar riffs, some of Kelly's songs become real stand-outs.

Playing National steel guitar, electric slide and acoustic guitar, as well as bass and drums, KC Kelly has his hands full on Wild Card, alongside Profit on back-up vocals, Roland on bass and Craig Mckeron on mandolin. All in all, this is a great little album that will keep your toes a tappin' and put a smile on your face.

While Kelly has travelled and performed extensively in North America and Asia, he is working on a CD release tour for the west coast. Lucky islanders will get to say they "heard it first" at the Aug. 21 show.

The show is set to start at 8 p.m. with a \$5 cover that can be deducted from the cost of the CD. A box set of KC Kelly CDs will also be offered as a door prize.

FIDDLE MUSIC

Legendary Showcase kicks off music week

Fiddleworks presents concerts and barn dances

Islanders will be treated to more fabulous fiddle music with the second Fiddleworks camp of the summer.

First up on Sunday, Aug. 23 at 7 p.m. at ArtSpring is the Instructors Showcase Concert, featuring 10 of Canada's top folk musicians on one stage. Performers include John Showman, Adrian Dolan, Emma Beaton, Andy Hillhouse, Andrea Bettger; Ken

Hall Zav RT & Christie Gray plus other special guests. "This promises, as always, to be a concert that inspires, fills you with joy and stays with you," says Zav RT in press material. Tickets are \$18 for adults and \$12 for

youth, available at the ArtSpring. Then on Tuesday, Aug. 25 at Beaver Point Hall there's an all-ages barn dance with caller Anne Glover and the Fiddleworks dance band beginning at 7 p.m. Admission by donation. On Wednesday, Aug.

26 from 7 to 10 p.m., don't miss the Fiddleworks performers at the Tree House Cafe. Friday night sees the Gala Concert at Fulford Hall. It begins at 7 p.m. and will be followed by a barn dance from 8 to 10:30 p.m. Again, admission is by donation.

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François Marin (François Bégaudeau) is the teacher, young and enthusiastic but bearing the quiet concern of someone who's not quite a rookie. He teaches a class of maybe 20 kids, aged maybe 13 or 14, in a school found in one of Paris's poorer areas. With the students being generally not so well off, and also coming from a multitude of different cultures, François' job is not going to be easy.


The majority of the film is set right in the classroom and follows the somewhat-Socratic dialogues between teacher and student. Whether it's discussing the complexities of French grammar, getting the students to write their own life biographies, or conducting an open-subject debate between students, nothing is easy.

There isn't much of a plot in The Class, with the exception of a last-third controversy in the classroom that threatens not only François' job but the citizenship of a student. That said, it really is riveting stuff if you're at all interested in the challenges faced by the modern teacher.

The back-and-forth, give-and-take relationship that defines that between teacher and student is paramount here. François attempts to simultaneously engage his students' abilities and control them from expressing themselves a little too much, and it frequently backfires into game playing on both sides. It's occasionally frustrating to watch, particularly since we're used to "teacher movies" where the teacher is all-knowing and infinitely-patient.

The film was created largely by Bégaudeau himself as an adaptation of his own book, and the students are played by actual students who came up with their characters themselves. You can feel the realism in every frame, helped greatly by clean, perceptive cinematography that really puts you in the classroom.

What I liked best about the film was its resistance to grand statements, as if it already knows how well the classroom stands as a metaphor for society without having to shove it in your face. The Class expects you to think and come up with your own conclusions, and as a result it's a wonderful teacher.



Jason Tudor

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Wyckham Porteous, a perennial Winestock favourite, and Morning Bay's favourite punker, Dave Rave of New York



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MUSIC & MUNCH

Soprano brings romantic love-themed program to All Saints recital stage

Elizabeth Schuyler Matthews performs on Wed., Aug. 26

A voice new to the Music and Munch series greets next Wednesday's audience when Salt Spring soprano Elizabeth Schuyler Matthews takes to the stage.

Matthews grew up in Princeton, New Jersey, in a singing family, singing folk and classical music in three-part harmony with her mother and sister, and in the church choir. At the university level, Matthews sang in the choir plus an a cappella group at Smith, the well known all-women's school, in Northampton, Massachusetts.

She finished her degree (English major) at the University of California at Berkeley, singing while there in a community, six-voice, all-female a cappella group, married a Canadian in California and moved to Salt Spring when they were expecting their first baby (the Millennium baby of Salt Spring on Jan. 4, 2000).

After a five-year sojourn on Hornby Island — where she taught music and singing to children — the family moved back to Salt Spring where she continues to teach along with raising two children who currently attend Salt Spring Centre School.

Matthews has extended her singing to adult vocal ensembles and choirs, increasingly finding herself drawn to classical music and solo singing, challenging herself as a vocalist to "explore the wealth of beautiful music that the classical genre has to offer." Still, she maintains a "deep and lasting love of folk and popular music of many genres

and eras." She has also been involved in projects as diverse as a Tom Waits cover band, an African drumming band and a seven-voice classical vocal ensemble.

On Aug. 9 she took part in the Voce Sola masterclass student recital under the direction of Eva Bostrand from Edmonton, held at All Saints' church.

Matthews' soprano voice is clear and true and has been developing over the last year under the tutelage of Patricia McFarlane.

Matthews' soprano voice is clear and true and has been developing over the last year under the tutelage of Patricia McFarlane. Accompanying her on the piano on Aug. 26 will be the very talented Victoria pianist Kim Cousineau, who is also accompanist for Bostrand's masterclasses. Some might remember him from his solo recital at All Saints' last winter.

The program on Aug. 26 will be composed of 12 songs, all on the theme of romantic love, including a Dowland song from the 16th-century — Come Again, a Mozart aria from The Marriage of Figaro, songs by Faure, Scottish folk songs and a Cole Porter tune.

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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

BOOK REVIEW

Boomer-aged women urged to be agents of change in roadmap book

Lillian Zimmerman's book a virtuoso guide

BY PAT BARCLAY
DRIFTWOOD CONTRIBUTOR

Hats off to Lillian Zimmerman, author of *Bag Lady or Powerhouse: A Roadmap for Midlife (Boomer) Women!*

In the odd way that serendipity has of connecting the dots while we're busy planning something else, both Zimmerman and *Hats! The Musical* blew into Salt Spring at roughly the same time this summer, with related messages.

If you've seen *Hats! The Musical*, you'll know the show's a tribute to women of a certain age with various life experiences in common and the zest for plenty more. Six of them gang up — in the friendliest possible way — on a younger woman who's about to turn 50 and underexcited by her fate. However, surrounded by her advisors' considerable expertise and outrageous taste in hats, the neophyte discovers she can not only accept the inevitable but actually get excited about making it work for her.

If *Hats! The Musical* is light-hearted entertainment with an important message, Zimmerman's book, published by Detselig Enterprises, is a virtuoso guide to turning a similar message into reality for Boomer-aged women. ("Boomer women," in case you don't have the dates at your fingertips, were born between 1946 and 1964.) They differ from their predecessors in education, knowledge, health and the fact that they've spent most of their lives in the paid workforce. They have the potential to make waves, or to be swept under. It basically depends, says Zimmerman, on two things: having a good map to follow and becoming an advocate on your own behalf.

Bag Lady or Powerhouse is exhaustive but never exhausting, because Zimmerman's own powerhouse energy propels her readers through her pages with a carefully organized mixture of history, catchy headings, statistics, down-to-earth examples, references galore, a sprinkling



PHOTO CONTRIBUTED

Lillian Zimmerman. Author was recently on Salt Spring Island.

of jokes and evidence everywhere that this is a writer who knows her subject inside out.

What Canada needs now, she insists, is "The Missing Revolution" of midlife and older women who will advocate for needed changes in the pension system, an end to sexism and ageism directed towards them, recognition of their unpaid work in the home and equality in the workplace. Not content with stating the problem, Zimmerman also suggests solutions at the end of every chapter under the heading of Things You Can Do As A Boomer Change Agent.

Positive topics discussed include friendships with other women, health and fitness, longevity, independence and convincing your grandchildren you don't live at the airport (because that's where their parents pick you up and return you when you come to visit).

Speaking of visits, I met Lillian Zimmerman when she came to Salt Spring to see her friend Dr. Margaret Fulton, whom she quotes in the book and acknowledges in a final note. No question, Zimmerman has walked the talk. She claims her one

marketable skill after high school was being able to type, so when she married at 19, she "typed his way through medical school and got my PHT" (Putting Hubby Through). Then her husband died at 41, leaving her with two young children.

"In the long run," she says, "I learned things about the risks you could take."

She made it to university and is still there, in her 80s, as a research associate in gerontology at Simon Fraser!

But really, folks, this is quite enough from me. You need to meet Lillian for yourselves, in the pages of her book. You can also write to her through her website at www.lillianzimmerman.com.

"My grandson gave it to me for my birthday," she says proudly about the website. He also, when she was on her way to an aging conference, gave her a button that read: "Damn old — any further questions?"

Ask your favourite local bookstore about ordering the book.

She is also scheduled to be the guest speaker at the October meeting of the Salt Spring Canadian Federation of University Women's group.

SPIRITUAL PRACTICE

August session organized for Sufi dance and music

No experience required to take part in Dances of Universal Peace

creating peace in the world. Live music is provided for the event, which begins at 7 p.m.

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Another Dances of Universal Peace event runs this Sunday, August 23, at Ganges Yoga Studio.

Dances of Universal Peace are described as "singing chants of love and oneness from different spiritual traditions while sacred circle dancing around our fabulous musicians." The Sufi dance open the dancers' hearts through movement and song, while

Samuel C. Lewis, the dances' originator, said, "The spiritual dance has no other purpose, no other aim than to elevate humankind beyond self-thought, to joy, to bliss, to realization and to peace . . . The sincere dancer is one of the best workers for universal harmony, and so, for universal peace."

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MUSICIAN'S HELPER: Ben Marcotte, with his stuffed frog in hand, was one of several children joining entertainer Jim Raddysch on stage at Fulford Day on Saturday.

VOLUNTEERS

Salt Spring Islander named BC SPCA Volunteer of the Year

Brenda Plaxton's devotion to rabbits and SPCA honoured with award

BY NATALIE NORTH
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Brenda Plaxton is the Rabbit Lady.

That title just doesn't get tossed out to anyone. Plaxton has cared for rabbits for the last 20 years, both at home and at the Salt Spring Island SPCA.

After nine years of dedicated volunteerism to cats and now chiefly rabbits, Plaxton was honoured by the BC SPCA with their Volunteer of the Year Award in June. A board at the BC SPCA head office in Vancouver selected Plaxton from a group of nominees across the province.

"I'm sort of embarrassed," Plaxton said. "There are lots of people who deserve it more than me."

Plaxton is not only the volunteer of the year, she is also the longest-serving volunteer at the Salt Spring shelter. Twice each week, she feeds and grooms rabbits, as well as cleans their pens. She coordinates rabbit care protocols for the shelter and donates fresh produce for their diet, in addition to fundraising and working in the SPCA



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Brenda Plaxton, left, receives award from Marguerite Vogel.

booth at the Salt Spring Fall Fair.

Trips to over-run shelters on Vancouver Island to transport rabbits and help increase their chances of finding permanent homes is also on her list of regular contributions.

"Brenda is the best example of how important volunteers are to the program," said Brandy Glovka, manager of the Salt Spring SPCA branch. "Provincially, we have 400 staff members and 4,000 volunteers. If we didn't have the Brendas, we

wouldn't have a shelter."

Volunteers are always in high demand at the SPCA. Plaxton is putting a call out to anyone interested in volunteering. Commitments are as low as two hours per week with opportunities for advancement and training.

Plaxton, who will celebrate her 10th year of volunteer service in 2010, can't quite explain why she has such a devotion to animal welfare, but knows that it's here to stay.

Some of the rabbits

that Plaxton met in the shelter also managed to make it back to her home. She currently cares for two at home — one from the Victoria SPCA and the other from here on Salt Spring.

"I've got three dogs and four cats and two bunnies," Plaxton said. "It's just the animal thing. They've done nothing wrong in this world and I think that society has kind of ignored all of them. I try to make it a better way for them to live their lives."



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OPEN DOORS: Briony Penn's home called 100 Mile House was one of several on the 2009 Salt Spring Eco-Living and Home Tour held Sunday. At top, John Keller of The Land Conservancy of B.C. greets visitors, while at left are the home's builders Michael Dragland and Adrian Kaiser.

PRIDE

GLOSSI announces September Pride Weekend activities

Art show, parade, dance and picnic

Salt Spring's fifth annual Pride Weekend gets underway Sept. 11 to 13, heralded as a celebration of the GLBTQ community's unique culture, individual spirit and identity.

Everyone is invited to participate in Pride, sponsored by GLOSSI, Gays and Lesbians of Salt Spring Island, with a theme of Coming Out Proud.

Salt Spring's second annual Pride parade is set for Saturday, Sept. 12. It's described as an eco-friendly, people-powered procession starting at Mahon Hall and winding its way through the streets of Ganges. Last year's event attracted nearly 400 participants.

More people representing organizations, interests and themselves are expected to join GLOSSI for the all-ages event.

A parade-banner-making workshop will take place on Sept. 5 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the United Church basement at 111 Hereford Ave. All are welcome and invited to participate.

A Pride dance and picnic are also being planned.

Pride Weekend includes two new offerings. One is an afternoon Ero-Spirit workshop on Friday, Sept. 11, which will explore sacred sex from a GLBTQ perspective. People can visit www.ero-spirit.ca to register.

Second is an Art Play Shop set for Monday, Sept. 7 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. It's for artists participating in Pride Weekend's art salon called Shock-O-L'Art. Contact Ginny at 250-537-1384 or jalopoli@hotmail.com if you would like to come out.

For a complete list of activities during Pride Weekend, visit www.glossi.org.

Noxious weeds grow at bridge night

BY JILL EVANS
DRIFTWOOD CONTRIBUTOR

Aug. 3 was B.C. Day, in honour of the pioneers. A pioneer is "one who ventures into unknown or unclaimed territory to settle" so it was appropriate that 18 people ventured in to Seniors for duplicate bridge that evening to face the unknown.

It was Jeff Bell and Prem Margolese who claimed the biggest stake, with George Laundry and Paul Retallack next in scope. Tilly Crawley and Lynn Thorburn settled happily in the third area and the rest were left to survey their smallholdings.

The Farmers' Almanac says "Named for Augustus Caesar, the month of August once had the Anglo-Saxon label of Weodmon-

BRIDGETRICKS

ath, or 'weed month.' Weeds, as we know, are things that crop up uninvited in the wrong place.

During the game of Aug. 10 with six and a half tables participating, this became very evident. It was a Mitchell movement, where North-South stay put at their numbered tables and East-West move around. The boards containing the cards move from table to table too. As the procedure has it, the East-West players go to heaven (the table with the higher number) and the boards go to hell (the table with the lower number).

All was well until the fourth

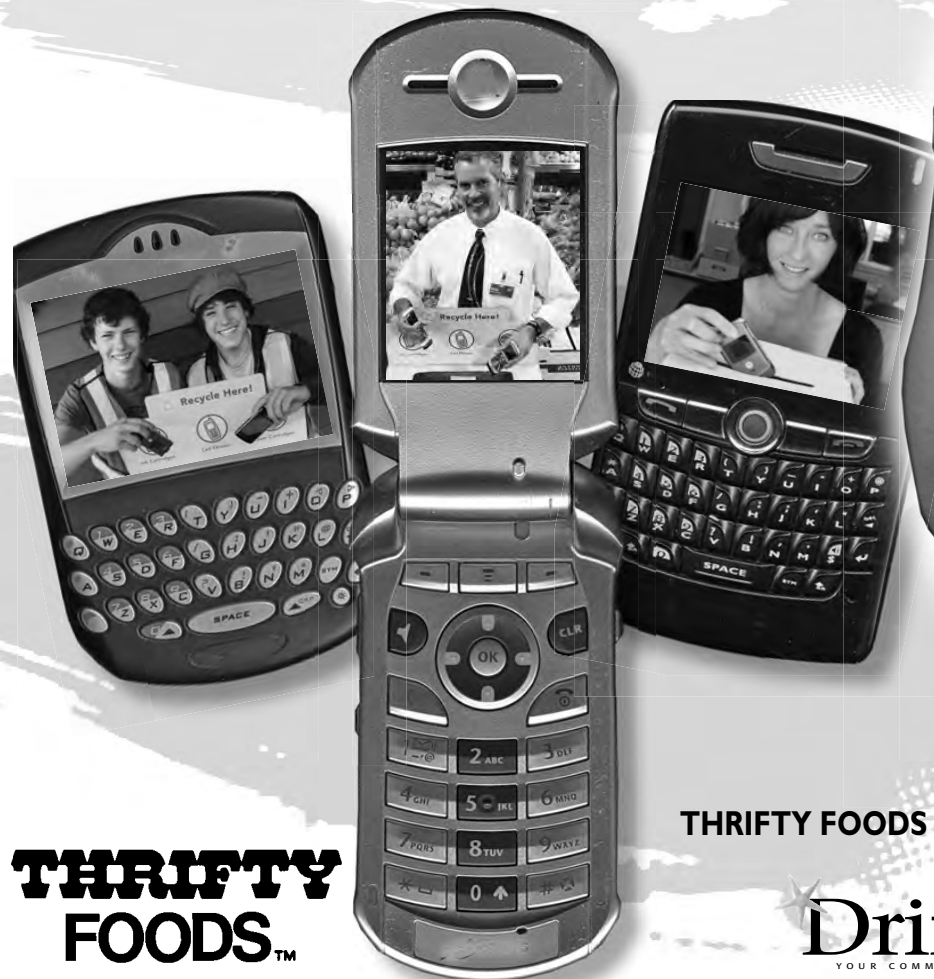
round, when a mixup was discovered. It seems one set of boards had been unwilling to go to hell and had sat in purgatory on a neutral table for several rounds, so some players had already played hands and were confronted with playing them again, an impossible situation. This noxious weed of an occurrence had spread its offshoots through the entire assembly so no scores could be calculated. A casual game of bridge did continue anyway and everyone was a winner (or a loser, depending on your viewpoint).

George Laundry is the one to contact if you're interested in duplicate bridge. He can be reached at 250-653-9095 or pastorale@shaw.ca.

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SWIMMING

Stingrays welcome region swimmers



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Stingray Jimmy Steel on the starting block at the B&C championships at Rainbow Road Pool.

Swim meet a first for Rainbow

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Competitive swimmers from across the Vancouver Island region got their first chance to dip into the Rainbow Road Pool as part of the B & C championships this past weekend.

“Facility-wise and operations-wise it was amazing,” said pool manager Jim Raddysh. “The facility’s design was perfect for a swim meet like this.”

Raddysh said nearly 150 spectators took in the two-day event that featured 125 swimmers from as far away as Powell River and Campbell River. The tournament gives swimmers who’ve yet to achieve A-class times a chance to participate in a competitive environment.

Because many of the officials needed for such

an event weren’t available on the island, Raddysh said, organizers owe a debt of gratitude to the Vancouver Island officials who made the trip to Salt Spring.

“A lot of folks came over to give us a hand,” he said.

Stingrays president Kirk Harris said he is proud of the performances and pool.

“We are always the team travelling around, so it felt really really good to host the meet,” he said.

The Stingrays consistently placed among the top competitors, including first place finishes for Nataya Smith-Valdivielso in the Div.-1 50-metre butterfly and Maja Nordine in the Div.-2 50-metre backstroke, Isabelle Spiess in the 100-metre freestyle, 100-metre IM and 50-metre

freestyle, Maggie Birch in the 50-metre butterfly and Gabrielle Spiess in the Div.-5 100-metre breaststroke, 100-metre freestyle, as well as the 100- and 200-metre IM events. Braiden Crouse took top spot in the 100-metre butterfly. Marcia Kos cleaned up in Div.-6 action, claiming top spots in five events.

On the boys’ side, Sacha Rouselle placed first in the Div.-1 50-metre breaststroke and 50-metre freestyle. Jackson Walde placed on top in Div.-2’s 50-metre backstroke and Jimmy Steel finished first in two events. Nigel Bisnar also earned a top finish in the 50-metre butterfly.

In Div.-4, Daniel Kos and Soarsa Brewer each earned two top spots.

Luke Hylands finished first in the Div.-4 200-metre IM and Arthur Irwin-Campbell dominated Div.-6 action with wins in three events.

GOLF

Golf ladies bask in peak of summer season

Kathy Luke’s eagle one of the highlights so far

BY SUSAN RUSSELL
DRIFTWOOD CONTRIBUTOR

The lack of water on the Salt Spring Island Golf and Country Club course has not hampered the lady golfers at all — in fact they appreciate the roll! One grateful golfer recently was Kathy Luke, playing with the 18-hole ladies on Tuesday, Aug. 4th. On the fourth hole, a par 4, Kathy placed her drive well short of the 100-yard marker, and taking the second shot, placed it in the hole for an eagle.

“It was a big thrill, but I was disappointed not to have seen it go into the hole!” said Kathy.

It’s hard to see up the hill and onto the green from the fairway. Needless to say, Kathy and her fellow 18-hole members were thrilled.

The height of the golf season means many tournaments and cups are played, and there are many winners to report. Kathy Darling of the nine-hole ladies won the Libby Noble Senior Ladies trophy, with Mona Coulter as runner-up.

In July the Frattinger Cup was played, with Kathy Darling the winner, and Marg Lowther the runner-up.

The nine-hole ladies are having a great season, and Trudy Sloan reports that their Canada Day event was great fun, with everyone in red and white, patriotically flying the Canadian flag from their golf carts.

The Rose Bowl was won by

Franki Johnstone, with Alice Richards as runner-up. Alice went on to win the Brooks Cup with Marie Hopkins runner-up. In the Commerce Cup, a net match play event, Pat Sutherland was the runner-up to Franki Johnstone, who reported, “Pat played really well and it was difficult to beat her. the match went down to the last hole.”

Congratulations to Melanie Iverson, winner of the Marg Johnston Cup with a net 71. Who says that low handicappers can’t win a net trophy? Linda Woodley was the runner-up.

The Evans Cup, net stroke play, 65 and over, was won by Joanna Barrett and runner-up was Linda Woodley.

“Always the bridesmaid,” said Linda.

The most recent competition was the Bank of Montreal Cup, a low net event, with Dora Reynolds the winner with net 69, and Ina Curran close behind with net 70.

Golf Fore the Cure, the ladies golf tournament to raise money for breast cancer awareness in Canada, was a great success. Congratulations to Tricia Simpson and her amazing committee who successfully raised more than \$5,000. The generosity of the sponsors, donors and players was significant, with a special shout out to the gentlemen golfers of TNT with their large donation.

Everyone was a winner in the GFTC tournament, as it was a beautiful day, with lots of prizes and a great lunch. Especially pleased were Morgan and Brett Savin. The mother and daugh-

ter team won low gross with an amazing score of 30. The great putter of the day was Ann Marie Woernle, with KP to Susan Russell, and Julie Tyler winning the safest drive. Mafalda Hoogerdyk’s team was definitely having the most fun, and they will certainly be back next year.

The weather finally turned last weekend, and the club was closed for the annual Salt Spring Island Invitational. This male-dominated tournament, with players from all over the Pacific Northwest, did allow a few female entrants, with Melanie Iverson capturing the low gross for the ladies and Dora Reynolds runner-up in the ladies low net. Next year they might change the name of the Friday night event to the filly race — perhaps there will be more lady players next year!

The Monday Night Ladies group continues to attract new players for nine holes and dinner. They recently hosted the lady golfers of Blackburn and a return match is scheduled soon, with dinner to follow. The group is inviting the junior girls to join them on Aug. 24, which will give the juniors some experience and be great fun for the ladies.

Considering the lack of rain, the golf course has been in great shape this summer and the members can look forward to more great golfing on the Aug. 22-23 weekend. The course will be closed to the public while the ladies and men’s club championship takes place. There will be many cups up for contention, and last year’s winners Brett Savin and Lynda Joyce will be out to defend their 2008 titles.

BASEBALL

Island athlete on top team

Salt Spring baseball player Billy George tasted success this month when his Ladysmith Cannons Peewee A-level team won the Vancouver Island zone championships and tied for third in the province.

The Cannons played four games against nine other teams in the provincials in Kelowna on the August long weekend to earn a spot in the semi-finals. According to parents Arjuna and Cathy George, the team fought hard but lost to the Port Moody/Coquitlam team, who ended up being provincial champions.

Billy, who is 13 and going into Grade 8, pitched, played second base, and left and centre field. He batted well with two home runs and a few doubles and singles, and was awarded MVP for the second game at the provincials.

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RUNNING

Hingston completes world's 'toughest half marathon'

Earns bronze and bragging rights aplenty

Veteran Salt Spring Island runner Charles Hingston surprised even himself on the weekend after he placed third in his category following the Emperor's Challenge alpine half marathon.

"I'm quite pleased, actually," said Hingston, 62, upon his return to the island Monday. "It's just something I had heard about and wanted to do."

Though the race bills itself as a half-marathon, Hingston said the 21-kilometre route up, over and back down Babcock Mountain in Tumbler Ridge, 200 kilometres northeast of Prince George, is unlike any other event he's ever completed.

For many of the 400 men, women and children who entered the 11th-annual event, just finishing the grueling alpine course is enough of an accomplishment.

In Hingston's case, finishing third is grounds for an all-out celebration.

"Straight afterwards you feel euphoric, but after that you get a bit tired," Hingston said. "It's a different kind of experience."

Hingston made it through what race organizers call "the toughest and most beautiful half marathon in the world" in 2:13:42. That was enough to earn him a bronze medal in the masters' category and an overall finish of 47th.

As if running over rugged terrain through prime grizzly bear habitat wasn't enough to get one's heart pumping, the course features an elevation gain and subsequent loss of approximately 610 metres (2,000 feet). That's about the equivalent of running up Salt Spring's Mount Erskine twice.

The top male competitor, Kris Swanson of Victoria, finished the race in 1:15:07. The top woman was Grande Prairie's Krista Mitchell with a time of 1:44:48.

As for Hingston, he's set his sights on an even higher objective, a half ironman he hopes to complete sometime in 2011.

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