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CAR OR GREEN ROOM? One of Salt Spring's most famous residents has some fun pretending it's concert time in the parking lot, with his car loaded with gear for his next gig. Valdy and friends play at Market Place Cafe this Sunday night.

LIBRARY SERVICES

Gov't cuts library funding

Budget offers up no fairy tale ending

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Uncertainties loom at the Salt Spring Public Library as staff and volunteers prepare to handle the fallout of a 22 per cent cut in provincial funding.

On Thursday, Education Minister Margaret MacDiarmid announced that the province will provide \$13.7 million in funding to public libraries in 2009-10, down from the \$17.7 million issued in the 2008/09 budget.

Just how the funding shortfall will play out amidst the stacks in the province's estimated 243 public libraries is the source of much discussion among staff, volunteers and patrons.

Funding cuts will affect the Salt Spring Public Library's AskAway resource, several online databases and the Books for Babies program.

According to Brigitte Peter-Cherneck, Salt Spring's chief librarian, funding cuts don't necessarily mean programs will vanish. Instead, staff and board members will have to take a close look at their priorities over the coming year.

"We know that certain programs are going to be cut and we will have to decide if we want to maintain them," she said. "We have to decide if they're important enough to our community."

The provincial government's Library Services Branch provides annual grants of about \$33,000 to the Salt Spring Pub-

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FEDERAL POLITICS

May has a Green challenger in riding

Stuart Hertzog declares intention to run for nomination

BY NATALIE NORTH
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Former Salt Spring resident, Greenpeace activist, Buddhist and veteran Green politician Stuart Hertzog has come forward in a bold attempt to oust Elizabeth May as the Saanich-Gulf Islands Green Party candidate in the next federal election.

The long-time Green supporter takes issue with the direction that the Green Party is headed and has launched a campaign against the current leader on his website at greenpolitics.ca.

"All the decision making has been taken into the provincial council and the clique around the leader," Hertzog said. "I object to this kind of

centralized decision coming down from above. That's not what Green politics are all about."

While Hertzog says he has no beef with May personally, he is strongly opposed to what he sees as dictatorship and reports that, through many of the comments he has received on his blog, he's obviously not the only one concerned with how the "centralized power" Greens are headed.

"She's been bouncing around the country, from one riding to another, looking for a seat," he said.

"This is her third bounce and a lot of people don't like the idea of any central party parachuting in a candidate. I agree with this."

May is supportive of Hertzog's bid for the spot, however.

"Our core culture is respect for grassroots democracy, so how could I be other than pleased with Mr. Hertzog proving the point for us that we do things differently?" May said.

"It doesn't matter who might contest in this riding — the leader or someone else."

The final decision will be announced within the next two weeks, but May, who quotes a recent Harris/Decima poll stating that 40 per cent of Canadians would like to see her in the House of Commons, leaves few questions about whether or not she will be running for the Green nomination in Saanich-Gulf Islands.

"The decision has basically been made. There

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NEWSBEAT

FIRE

Mobile home destroyed by fire Sunday

Firefighters spend six hours at site



Local firefighters spend six hours fighting a structure fire early Sunday morning. PHOTO CONTRIBUTED

Salt Spring Island Fire/Rescue responded to a mobile home fire on Salt Spring Way on Sunday, Aug. 23.

The mid-1970s-model home was empty when other members of the neighbourhood reported the fire just before 9 a.m., said Salt Spring deputy fire chief Arjuna George.

It is not known at this time how the fire, which originated in the bedroom, was started. All of the flames were contained to the one room, said George, but during the six-hour battle to extinguish the blaze, all of the walls had to be ripped down.

Officials continue to investigate the fire's cause.

George said the time of day was an advantage in the response since morning dew helped keep the surrounding fuel wet and prevented the fire from affecting neighbouring properties.

Hertzog challenges May in local riding

MAY

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are details that need to be worked out before an official announcement," she said, later adding, "I'm pretty happy with the way things are working out. I'd like to make Saanich-Gulf Islands my riding."

Exactly who has made this decision is something else that Hertzog is speaking out against. The Green Party of Canada's federal council (which May is a part of), the national campaign committee and May herself as the leader are the three channels that approve candidate nominations.

Hertzog suggests there's a conflict of interest in May being involved in the final decision, which goes against electoral, parliamentary and democratic reform,

while she stands by the voted-in process.

"The mandate the federal council has under the constitution that was passed by all the members is to elect members of parliament," she said. "I don't think any readers are going to be surprised that there's a certain amount of strategy in that."

Despite any grievances with the process, Hertzog plans to go further with his campaign.

"Them's the rules and I'm going to run according to the rules and I'm going to become a nomination candidate and we'll battle it out," he said.

Hertzog says democratic rights are being undermined and he hopes for a Green party restructuring along bio-regional lines.

"So I tie together this whole failure of

"I'm pretty happy with the way things are working out. I'd like to make Saanich-Gulf Islands my riding."

ELIZABETH MAY
Green party leader

nations to come together against global warming with the state of democracy," Hertzog said. "I'm not just running against Elizabeth, I'm running for democracy, in the party and in Canada."

Local library has some reserve money in building fund

LIBRARY

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lic Library. The funds represent a significant proportion of the \$41,279 in overall grant funding received by the library in 2008/09.

Provincial funding represented 14 per cent of the library's total 2008/09 revenue, according to the Salt Spring Island Public Library Association's 2008/09 audited financial statements.

Despite last week's announcement, Peter-Cherneff said the province's decision is not surprising considering

the government's deficit projections.

"I think the government is looking at many ways to cut costs," she said. "There is maybe some relief that it isn't worse."

She said the government received strong pressure to minimize cuts on behalf of the British Columbia Library Trustees' Association over the past year.

Exactly how budget cuts will be divided up throughout the province and between larger and smaller libraries is under discussion, said library board chair Tilly Crawley on Tuesday

afternoon.

"We really have to wait until we know what is given to us before we can determine what to do," she said. "The saving grace for us is that there is some unused money left in the [library association's] building reserve fund."

More details are expected when the provincial government releases its highly anticipated 2009-10 budget on Sept. 1.

AskAway is a free, chat-based reference service offered by the libraries of British Columbia and the Yukon. Library patrons can get research guidance and

help with navigating the Internet, library catalogues and the proprietary online resources that libraries pay for on their users' behalf.

Books for Babies is a community-based literacy program that provides every baby born in the province with a book bag containing a board book, a CD and information about libraries and other services in their community.

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Newsbeat

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Salt Spring Local Trust Committee

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ENVIRONMENT

Who will turn the tide on Booth Canal, asks islander

Neighbourhood seeks Trust's help to restore rich environmental area

BY SEAN MCINTYRE

DRIFTWOOD STAFF

When Tom Varzeliotis and his young family moved into their seaside home on Booth Canal Road back in 1974, hiking to the beach for oysters was a regular event.

In an interview on the narrow bridge that crosses the canal nearly 40 years later, Varzeliotis points out where First Nations fishers used to collect clams and one of the area's original settlers used to fish for salmon.

With Department of Fisheries and Oceans shellfish harvesting closures practically ringing Salt Spring Island and most other Gulf Islands, Varzeliotis' stories recall a time when the island was at its prime.

And while both of these modern-day phenomena have taken their toll on the bounty once offered up by low tide in Booth Canal, it's siltation that has Varzeliotis really concerned.

He points westward to where the inlet meets bigger water, to an opening that was once much larger than it is today.

At the same time he moved into the neighbourhood, property owners made an application to fill in a portion of Crown land along the inlet's northern shore.

Through a combination of what Varzeliotis calls "politics and a lack of foresight," the application was approved and Booth Canal's future was sealed.

Over the ensuing decades, Varzeliotis has watched the silt build up along the inlet's length. Grass and bushes began to take root in the mud flats he recalls so fondly. These days, there isn't a clam or oyster in sight, save for a few dozen chucked over the side of the bridge by area residents.

As a civil engineer who made a career studying ocean currents and water flows for the federal and various provincial governments that embraced hydro electric power, Varzeliotis knows what's happening in Booth Canal.

Fortunately, he's also got the knowledge and vision to know how to fix it and restore the canal to its former splendour.

Varzeliotis is calling upon the Islands Trust to lobby the provincial government and the federal DFO to facilitate the clean-up and restoration of Booth Canal.

"I do not do it to lament the good old times," he said. "I do it because I know that the slide can be arrested and that the canal can be returned to good health and because I believe that we can make it heal. I also believe that the Islands Trust can lead the way. After all, that is what the Islands Trust exists for — at least in my mind that is what it exists for."

In a detailed and often-times poetic 21-page submission to the Islands Trust, Varzeliotis presents a four-step plan that can help restore the creek.

He recommends "blowing up the Booth Canal prom-



PHOTO BY SEAN MCINTYRE

Tom Varzeliotis takes in the view along the heavily silted banks of Booth Canal. The retired engineer is pressuring local government officials to act on rehabilitating the scenic island waterway.

"I believe that we can make it heal."

TOM VARZELIOTIS

ontory as soon as it is possible," establishing a program to remove all vegetation that is choking the inlet, setting up a program to test the efficiency of septic fields in the drainage area and ceasing the development of the recently approved Brackett Springs affordable housing project on Rainbow Road.

"These are foursquare in the mandate of the Islands Trust," he said. "Their purpose in life is to do this type of work, to protect and enhance the ecosystem of this island."

That the in-filled land is on private land formerly known as the Booth Canal Resort is a major obstacle any government department will have to face when it comes to restoring the canal's natural flow.

Despite the challenge, Varzeliotis feels it is in the neighbourhood's and the island's interest to bring back the canal.

If Salt Spring's natural heritage is suffering through the death of a thousand cuts, Varzeliotis said, Booth Canal represents one such laceration.

For better or for worse, he added, it's not the healing process that's hard to accomplish, it's mustering the political will.

For more information about the report, Varzeliotis can be reached at alcyone3@telus.net.

Salt Spring Island Local Trust Committee members could not be reached for comment.

News briefs

Photographers set loose

This Saturday is the Driftwood's annual Day in the Life of Salt Spring Island photo shoot, documenting 24 hours in the life of the island.

If anyone thinks they have a subject that could be of interest for photographers to capture from 5 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 29 to 5 a.m. on Sunday, Aug. 30, e-mail Susan

Lundy at slundy@gulfislands.net. For several years the result of the Day in the Life project has been an award-winning publication of photographs touching on all ages and lifestyles on Salt Spring Island.

Youth injured in bike accident

A 16-year-old Salt Spring girl was airlifted via helicopter to Duncan after colliding with a truck on her

bike Friday afternoon.

The cyclist was travelling down Fulford-Ganges Road at about 1 p.m. when she hit the truck as it turned left in front of her onto Beddis Road.

Salt Spring RCMP said the cyclist was thrown from the bike, but luckily landed on the gravel shoulder rather than the pavement, and then rolled into a ditch.

She suffered several broken bones, including a fractured pelvis, and severe lacerations that

required surgery.

She was transferred back to Lady Minto Hospital on Saturday.

Police said there was no alcohol involved in the incident.

Impaired driver charged

Impaired driving charges are pending against a 30-year-old male who was apprehended just after midnight on Aug. 23.

The man was stopped at an

RCMP road check on Fulford-Ganges Road at Cusheon Lake Road.

In other police news, a 26-year-old male received a 24-hour driving prohibition after RCMP stopped his vehicle near Central because its tail-light was burnt out. The incident occurred at 1 a.m. on Aug. 21.

Salt Spring RCMP issued two bylaw tickets as the result of complaints about noisy parties. The fine for a bylaw ticket for "noise which disturbs" is \$100.



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5:00	5:06	5:13	5:17	5:20	5:40	5:43	5:47	5:54	6:00

Saturday

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10:00	10:06	10:13	10:17	10:20	10:40	10:43	10:47	10:54	11:00
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2:55	3:01	3:08	3:12	3:15	3:15	3:18	3:22	3:29	3:35
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i - Express route: via Cushman Lake Rd. to Fulford Harbour. Limited pickup and drop off.

4 Long Harbour

Monday - Friday

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Lv. Visitor Info Centre, Ganges	Ar. L.V. Long Harbour	Lv. Visitor Info Centre, Ganges
1:45	1:55	2:05
2:55	3:05	3:15
FRI 3:20	3:40	3:50
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Saturday

2:10	2:20	2:30
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1 Ganges Local

Monday - Friday

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8:05	8:08	8:11	8:15	8:22
10:00	10:03	10:06	10:10	10:17
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Saturday

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4:05	4:08	4:11	4:15	4:22
6:15	6:18	6:21	6:25c	-

c - Combined route: Trip continues as 3 Vesuvius & 5 Fernwood. Drop off only at Brinkworthy Place

3 Vesuvius

Monday - Friday

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Saturday

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c - Combined route: Trip routes from Ganges via 1 Ganges Local and continues as 3 Vesuvius

5 Fernwood

Monday to Friday

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Lv. Visitor Info Centre, Ganges	Ar. L.V. Fernwood Dock	Lv. Visitor Info Centre, Ganges
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2:25	2:38	2:55
6:05c	6:38	6:53

Saturday

11:00	11:13	11:30
2:20	2:33	2:50
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c - Combined route: Trip routes from Ganges via 1 Ganges Local & 3 Vesuvius

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NEWSBEAT

HEALTH CARE

VIHA offers broader health needs study

Surgeon search efforts also illuminated

BY GAIL SJUBERG
DRIFTWOOD EDITOR

The Vancouver Island Health Authority has provided more details about a Salt Spring "health needs assessment" it will conduct for Salt Spring this fall.

"Salt Spring Islanders are served by an excellent hospital and medical staff," said Howard Waldner, VIHA president and CEO in a press release issued Aug. 19.

"We will be undertaking an assessment of the health status of the population to ensure we are providing services that meet the needs of all members of the Salt Spring Island community."

The review will be led by Grant Hollett, VIHA's regional director for planning and community engagement, and will involve Salt Spring community members.

It will "examine the population and current services that are offered at Lady Minto Hospital and other community services available on the island," states the release.

Expected completion date for the review, which will be made public, is Dec. 31.

"We know that there are a wide number of issues that need to be addressed to improve the health of the community, from mental health and addiction issues to seniors care," said Waldner. "This review will help us provide better care today and plan sustainable services for the future."

The review does not preclude any service from being offered at Lady Minto

Hospital, he stressed.

"We know that the community values the surgical procedures at Lady Minto Hospital and VIHA continues to explore options to provide surgical services on Salt Spring Island," said Waldner. "We are confident that this review will provide a roadmap that will continue to allow us to provide high quality health care for island residents."

"We know that there are a wide number of issues that need to be addressed to improve the health of the community, from mental health and addiction issues to seniors care."

HOWARD WALDNER
VIHA president

VIHA also responded to specific Driftwood questions after last week's press deadline.

With respect to the search for a part-time surgeon for Lady Minto Hospital, VIHA communications officer Shannon Marshall said, "While there have been a number of surgeons enquire about the opportunity, to date none have accepted the position. Low surgical volume is a contributing factor, as surgeons

need to regularly perform a number of procedures annually to maintain skill levels.

"We're additionally challenged by the shortage of general and specialist physicians all across North America (and, in fact, globally) and the aging physician population. Still other factors include changing practice patterns of newer physicians associated with lifestyle balance emphasis; our ability to recruit for high-need specialties and geographic locations; and population expectations for increased physician services."

Save our Surgery committee members believe the operating budget amount allotted for the Lady Minto operating room has likely been re-allocated. When asked if that was the case, VIHA said, "We will maintain the status quo pending the outcome of the health needs assessment."

Marshall also explained that it had not accepted the offer of former Salt Spring surgeon Dr. Pamy Sira to provide surgical services to the LMH on an interim basis because "Surgical programs are not something that can be provided on an interim basis and it would be neither advisable nor efficient to ramp up the whole surgical program — with all the OR staff supports that it entails — booking, cleaning, nursing, anesthesiology, recovery, sterilization processes, etc. — for an interim solution."

She added, "There have been a number of surgeons enquire about the surgical program on Salt Spring and we have been unable to accommodate some of the demands."

ISLANDS TRUST

Mayne Island hosts next Trust Council meeting

Deadline to register as a delegation is Sept. 1

Islands Trust Council is set to hold its next quarterly business meeting Sept. 15-17 at the Agricultural Hall on Mayne Island. The public meeting will start Tuesday, Sept. 15 at 1 p.m. and will conclude by 11:30 a.m. on Thursday, Sept. 17.

The 26-member council makes decisions about overall policy, staff resources and financial management for the Islands Trust and has broad responsibilities to uphold the Islands Trust mandate.

A recent Trust press release states, "Trust Council invites members of the public to participate in a town hall session, a regular forum to promote informal dialogue between islanders and trustees, starting at 2 p.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 16."

Those persons or organizations wishing to reserve time to make a formal presentation to the Islands Trust Council at the beginning of the town hall session must receive an appointment through the executive committee. These people should forward their requests to the corporate secretary, including the subject and the speaker's name and address, to the Islands Trust's Victoria office by Tuesday, Sept. 1.

Islanders are asked to be aware that the Islands Trust Council does not make local land use decisions, which are the responsibility of the local trustees within their respective local Trust area.

Tuesday, Sept. 15 will include a session on reducing greenhouse gas emissions through land use planning, which will provide trustees with an overview of options for complying with Bill 27— B.C.'s legisla-

tion to reduce greenhouse gas emissions at the local government level.

On Wednesday, Sept. 16, trustees will review work programs and priorities with trustees and staff from the northern, southern and Salt Spring land use planning teams and will discuss ways to accommodate OCP amendments related to greenhouse gas emissions. There will also be an opportunity for trustees to review and discuss adoption of a strategic plan for the 2008-2011 term.

According to press material, "A draft plan has been developed, based on previous discussions about priority objectives at Trust Council and during council committee meetings."

During the delegations and town hall session, the public is invited to discuss issues, ask questions and make suggestions about the work of the

Islands Trust.

On both Sept. 16 and 17, trustees will consider a variety of routine business updates and decisions and will review recommendations from each council committee regarding its proposed work program for the coming quarter.

"Highlights include adoption of the 2008-2011 Strategic Plan and a program to focus organizational efforts on reducing greenhouse gas emissions through land use planning programs."

Guidelines to help those planning a presentation to Trust Council are available on the Islands Trust website at <http://www.islandstrust.bc.ca/tc/addressesstips.cfm>. A copy of the agenda package for the September Council meeting will be available for viewing at the Victoria, Salt Spring and Gabriola offices after Sept. 10.

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TAKE OFF: An eagle is successfully released back into the wild after being nursed back to health by the Island Wildlife Natural Care Centre on Salt Spring.

ENVIRONMENT

Thrifty's adopts Ocean Wise program

Saving the sea a shopper's responsibility

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Mike McDermid wouldn't be anywhere near as enthusiastic about his job if he thought problems facing the world's oceans and fish stocks were insurmountable.

"It's absolutely essential that something be done, but it's not too late," McDermid said from his office at the Vancouver Aquarium, where he manages the Ocean Wise sustainable seafood program.

"The changes that we've seen are truly impressive," he said. "We really are seeing changes from consumers down to the industry level."

Those changes took a major step forward last week when Thrifty Foods announced

plans to begin labelling sustainably caught seafood with the Ocean Wise label.

The move means shoppers at Thrifty Foods' 22 outlets will have the option of buying seafood that is fished and harvested in an environmentally responsible manner.

According to the Ocean Wise website, qualifying products must be abundant and resilient to fishing pressures, managed in accordance with current scientific research, caught in ways that limit accidental bycatch of other species and harvested or cultured in ways that limit damage to aquatic environments.

Customers will be able to identify Ocean Wise approved products by a small logo on the item's price ticket, said Dave Sherwood, the grocery retailer's seafood manager.

Sherwood said the company's decision formalizes

Thrifty Foods' long-standing emphasis on fresh, locally sourced and sustainable fisheries whenever possible.

"Customers want to know what is sustainable, they want to know the options," he said. "If things are farmed or harvested in a sustainable manner there'll be fish around for my kids and my kids' kids."

"Our seafood division is jazzed about this."

And that's probably a good thing given that a 2006 study published in the journal *Science* determined that all current and commercial fish and seafood species risk total collapse by 2050 if steps aren't taken to protect biodiversity in the world's oceans.

Thrifty Foods is one of the largest companies to sign on to Ocean Wise, a non-profit program the Vancouver Aquarium has targeted at restaurant owners and select "progressive retailers."

With 2,400 locations serving Ocean Wise-certified products across Canada, McDermid and fellow program coordinators hope consumers' clout will trickle down to individual fishers and help them adjust to a changing marketplace, rather than a changing environment.

"Highlighting positive options is something I think everyone wants," McDermid said.

"Whatever consumers buy is what [fishers] will go and catch. If consumers just said we are not buying a certain type of seafood anymore, then there's no incentive anymore."

The Ocean Wise list is updated every six months based on the latest information on fish stocks and harvesting methods. More information about the program is available at www.vanaqua.org/oceanwise.

PROVINCIAL POLITICS

LiveSmart BC funding dries up

Program called 'victim of its own success'

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

A Salt Spring environmentalist is encouraging island residents worried about the province's decision to suspend funding for the LiveSmart BC energy efficiency program to write their MLA.

"It wouldn't be a bad idea to write a letter to our MLA Murray Coell so he knows how important this is to us," said Marion Pape, a key player in the creation of Salt Spring's Community Energy Strategy. "Because he is a cabinet minister, he has some influence."

On Aug. 14, Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources Minister Blair Lekstrom announced the government would not be replenishing any of the \$60 million in annual funding for the LiveSmart BC: Energy Incentive Program.

In the 15 months since it was established, British Columbians submitted more than 40,000 applications for incentives and cash rebates of up to 40 per cent on everything

from the purchase of energy efficient appliances to home retrofits.

"The consequence, as far as I'm concerned, is the program's importance as an economic stimulus and incentive for green jobs," Pape said.

Pape acknowledged the province is contending with reduced cash flow as a result of higher unemployment and lower tax revenues.

She suggested the government is "cutting LiveSmart with mixed emotions."

She said it's premature to outline how cuts will impact demand for construction labour and materials in an industry already struggling through the economic slump.

"This goes so much farther than just your own home," she said.

In many ways, Pape said, LiveSmart BC's popularity among homeowners made it "a victim of its own success."

Information provided on the LiveSmart BC website indicates the program was established in May 2008 and expected to run for three years.

Homeowners currently in the program have until March

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MARION PAPE
Community Energy Strategy

31, 2011 to complete their retrofits and follow-up energy assessment.

Residents entering the program on or after Aug. 16, 2009 are eligible for the federal ecoENERGY program incentives, which have recently been increased by 25 per cent.

While the federal program offers an attractive alternative, Pape said, she is unsure if it's capable of picking up the slack left over by LiveSmart BC's demise.

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FIRE SCHOOL: Salt Spring firefighters Lauren Lee, left, and Kirsten Flanagan undergo fire hose training at the Central firehall.



FUNDRAISING

Tour de Rock in Ganges

Chance to meet cyclists

Salt Spring residents will get a chance to participate in a traditional Vancouver Island fundraising event when cyclists preparing for the Tour de Rock arrive on the island this weekend.

Members of the public will get the chance to meet many team members at Thrifty Foods in Ganges between noon and 12:30 p.m. on Sunday, Aug. 30.

The Tour de Rock is an annual bike ride between Port Hardy and Victoria undertaken by police officers from across Vancouver Island. Participants complete the 1,000-kilometre journey to raise money for childhood cancer research.

In 2008, the event collected an estimated \$1.8 million, making it a record year for the island, as well as the second-largest fundraiser for the Canadian Cancer Society.

This year's 15-day tour officially begins on Sept. 19.

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WASTE REDUCTION

Salt Spring gets greener with recycling program expansion

Six new receptacles added in key island spots

A 2008 summer study has led to an island-wide recycling program set to start next month.

Last summer the Institute for Sustainability Education & Action (I-SEA) ran a recycling assessment and pilot program in Centennial Park during the peak market days of July and August. With help from students, volunteers and local Parks and Recreation Commission staff, I-SEA determined that providing recycling in downtown Ganges was doable and not even that costly.

PARC will now run a full-time, year-round recycling program in downtown Ganges at Rotary Park, Centennial Park and Moutat

Park. Local businesses are helping to cover the costs of the bins in exchange for placement of their logos on them. The bins will be in use come September.

The partnership between NGOs, residents, government entities and local businesses has been such a success that I-SEA decided to take it island-wide with a grant from the Salt Spring Foundation. About 10 days ago I-SEA placed six recycling stations in Fulford, Drummond Park, Vesuvius, Portlock Park and at Fernwood dock.

I-SEA students and volunteers will bag, tag and sort all recyclables and check the quantities, degree of contamination, peak times, cost to tip and revenue to be gained from Encorp and reveal their recommendations in an October report. They hope

to determine the costs needed to run an island-wide recycling program in public spaces and begin addressing commercial waste and recycling issues on Salt Spring.

Watch for an upcoming I-SEA-sponsored awareness campaign on zero waste strategies for vendors and businesses.

Commercial recycling is an issue the Capital Regional District is looking at. Local business owners should visit <http://www.crd.bc.ca/saltspring/> to fill out the CRD's new business recycling survey.

If anyone has any questions, comments or suggestions on public recycling or zero waste strategies, contact Margery Moore at I-SEA, www.i-sea.org, or sustain@saltspring.com or at 250-537-4400.

BRIDGE

Time to sign up for fall-winter bridge series

Events begin on Sept.

16

Female bridge players wanting to join the Alice Hammett Annual Bridge Tournament are invited to sign up now.

The tournament sees each team play 12 games between September and March at times to suit all four players.

A year-end luncheon is also held.

Games are played at private homes with lunch, coffee or cookies supplied by the hostess.

"This is a great way to meet new people, visit different homes

on the island and generally have a good afternoon (or evening), if that's your preference," states a press release.

"Skill level at playing the game of bridge is not critical as we have all levels of players and our long-standing members are good mentors for newcomers to the game of bridge."

Action begins on Sept. 16 for a coffee party at the Salt Spring Golf Club when teams meet and arrange their games.

"The regular coffee party is at 10:30 a.m. and at 10 a.m. we meet new members to our group and orient them on how the sys-

tem works."

Anyone interested in participating — with or without a partner — should contact Barb Aust by the end of August at 250-537-5828 or e-mail at barbaust@shaw.ca.

People who are beginners or want to learn the game of bridge, can join Jean Elder and Ruth Hopping as they offer beginner lessons at the Salt Spring Seniors centre on Thursday mornings starting in September.

"This is a great way to learn the game from these two experienced players."

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GAMING GRANTS

Non-profits get lucky break

Province lifts gaming-grant freeze

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Members of community groups across the province can breathe a sigh of relief following the provincial government's Monday decision to lift a funding freeze on the distribution of gaming grants to non-profit organizations.

Last week, the province's Minister of Housing and Social Development announced a further contributions to community groups pending a review of the provincial gaming grant program.

On Monday, Minister Rich Coleman reversed his decision, stating that the program review was complete.

Last year, the provincial government distributed nearly \$170 million in provincial lottery profits to non-profit groups that support low-income persons, community health services, public safety, arts and culture, sports and non-sport youth groups.

On Salt Spring Island, 18 groups received \$364,563.44 in grant funding in 2008. Organizations included the Gulf Islands Marine Rescue Society (\$100,000), the Island Wildlife Natural Care Centre (\$65,000), the Salt Spring Island Youth Soccer Association (\$28,964), Salt Spring Island Community Services (\$24,400), and the Salt Spring Island Conservancy (\$15,000).

So far this year, the province has awarded approximately \$53 million in gaming-grant funds. Applications are considered four times a year. The next round of recipients will be announced by the middle of September.

"As in previous years, demand for community gaming grants significantly exceeds the available funding," reads a press release issued by the Ministry of Housing and Social Development on Monday. "The province is fully supporting some of the highest priority organizations."

Top priorities for this year's remaining grants are food and shelter programs for low-income residents, community health services and public safety organizations.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY: Surrounded by family and friends, Alice Tester turns 96 at her home on Salt Spring.

PHOTO BY DERRICK LUNDY

FLOAT PLANE

Environment ministry gets task of dealing with planes on lakes

Wayne Hewitt's investigative trail leads to Fish & Wildlife

An islander trying to enforce a ban on float plane traffic on Salt Spring's drinking water lakes says he's found the key to success.

Long-time water preservation activist Wayne Hewitt says his continuing investigations have revealed that people who witness float planes landing on lakes should call the RAPP line of the Ministry of Environment.

Katia Gauvin, a fisheries management officer with the Fish

and Wildlife branch in Victoria, informed Hewitt in writing that people should contact the Report all Poachers and Polluters line at 1-877-952-7277 to supply violation details.

Those should include the date and time of the incident, and the aircraft registration number painted on the fuselage and under the wing.

People must leave a message on the RAPP line, said Hewitt.

Previous inquiries with Transport Canada informed Hewitt that local RCMP should be called in the event of a violation.

"Having the information pub-

lished and easily accessible to pilots prior to flight planning looks like the remaining challenge," said Hewitt.

Correspondence has revealed that prohibition of float planes on lakes designated as Schedule 2 (no motors allowed) and Schedule 3 (electric motors only) lakes is not published in the Canada Water Aerodrome Supplement. Hewitt is working with Transport Canada to find another way to distribute the information.

Hewitt also noted that as a Schedule 3 lake, Weston Lake should also be on the list of prohibited lakes.

BOATING

Boaters will soon have to navigate operators card

Deadline approaching

Gulf Islands power boaters should take note of an important upcoming deadline.

Federal law will require all operators of powered recreational vessels to obtain a Pleasure Craft Operator Card by Sept. 15.

The Pleasure Craft Operator Card is available from BOATsmart! Canada, a boating education course recognized by Transport Canada.

The law affects more than 8 million Canadians. Recreational boaters born after April 1, 1983 and any person operating a powered vessel less than four metres in length require the card now. All remaining boaters will require the card by Sept. 15. Once obtained, the Pleasure Craft Operator Card is good for life.

SCAMS

Restaurants targetted in e-mail scam

Salt Spring businesses were hit by an e-mail scam on Tuesday.

The local Chamber of Commerce reports that 14 of its members were contacted by "an individual claiming to be in the employ of Aiken Offshores United Kingdom. The e-mail was requesting restaurant reservations for a

group of 15 people for three days in a row."

Chamber manager Donna Powell said board member Tim O'Connor researched the situation and discovered it to be an e-mail scam, similar to one that had previously been experienced by accommodations providers.

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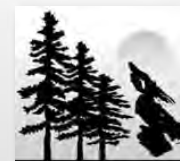
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EDITORIAL

Lions share

If you live, work or play on Salt Spring Island, chances are there's something you can thank the Lions for doing.

If you've ever searched through the Salt Spring Island telephone directory or used any of the facilities at Portlock Park, you can thank the Lions.

If you've ever waited for the bus under the newly installed shelter beside the Ganges Visitor Information Centre, used the pedestrian crosswalk at Rainbow and Lower Ganges roads, or tried out Salt Spring's skatepark on Kanaka Road, you can thank the Lions.

Even the annual Santa Ship tradition is organized by the Salt Spring chapter in conjunction with their U.S. brethren in Bellingham, Washington.

Less visible are the Lions' projects for those who are most in need.

There are the 20 units of affordable seniors housing at Croftonbrook and another 22 units of housing at Pioneer Village.

THE ISSUE:

Lions Club's 50th anniversary

WE SAY:

Here's to the next 50 years

Then there's the nationwide hearing program that provides auditory equipment to hearing-impaired students and the Lions' national eye-glass-recycling program.

None of these come close to touching on the Lions' international campaigns to alleviate the global vision crisis or to promote cross cultural and international understanding.

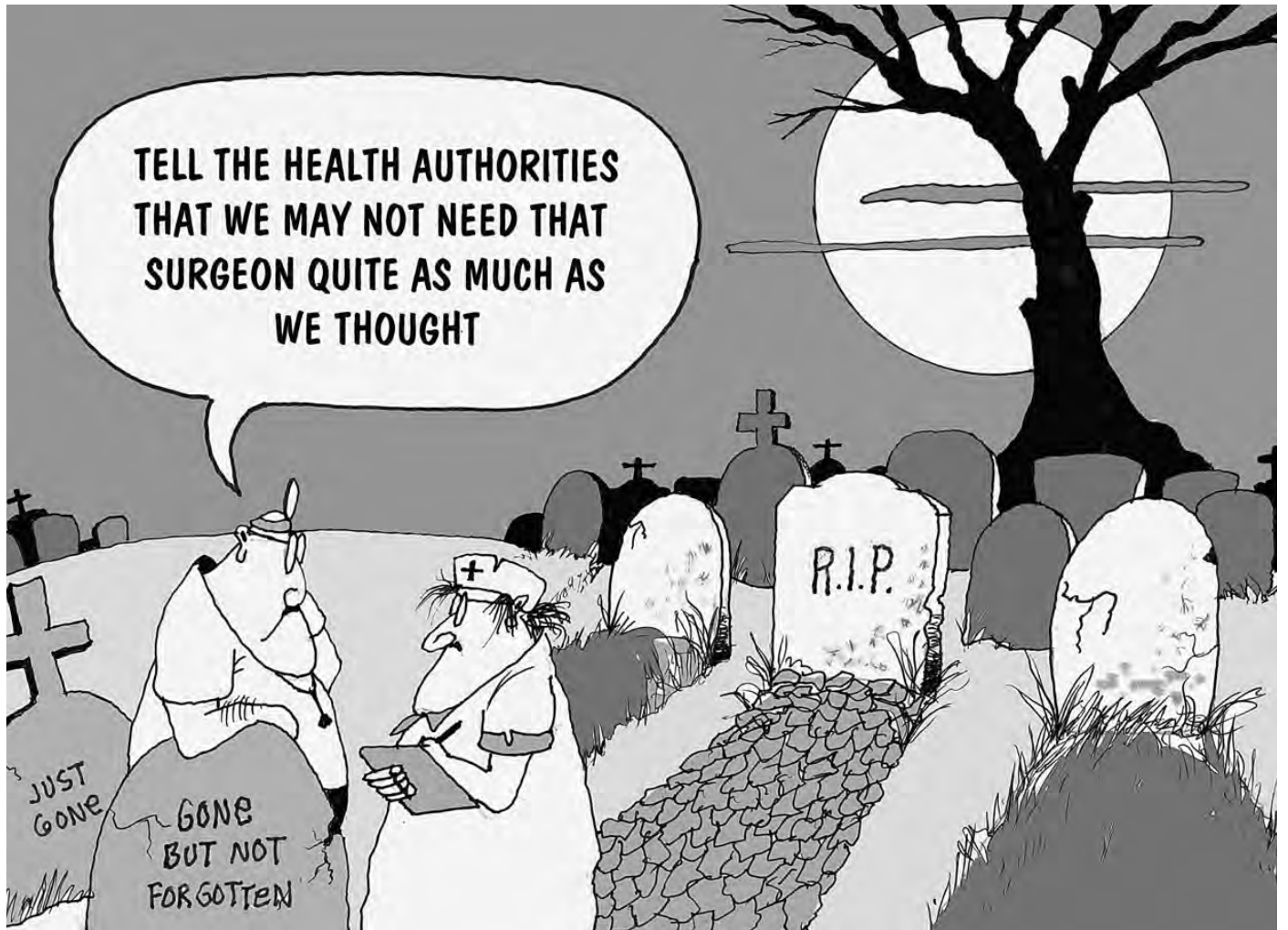
That's quite a list of accomplishments for an island group that started out with 26 chartered members way back in 1959.

Today the Salt Spring Lions have 35 members who are always more than eager to lend a helping hand whenever they get a chance.

What stood out while compiling articles for this issue's Lions commemorative edition is the volunteers' unending drive to improve the quality of life in our community. There may not be a lot of them, but that's even more of a testament to their ability to get the job done.

So we thank the Lions, past and present, for all the great work they have accomplished in the last 50 years and good luck to all those who join the club in the future.

Island residents will get a chance to express their appreciation to volunteers and learn more about the organization on Sept. 6 when the Lions host a barbecue birthday celebration at Portlock Park and proudly display the latest fruit of their labours — new playground and fitness equipment.



More to the sinking of the Sion

BY GREG MIDDLETON

There is more to the recent sinking of the Sion at Centennial Dock than contained in the "official" report in last week's Driftwood.

There is a human story back in there, a story of hopes and dreams and loss and possible renewal.

The boat belonged to Edward Kane, known around the docks as Bear.

His long, uncut, thick brown hair and huge untrimmed beard make him unmistakable. With his sometimes shuffling gate and often ragged clothes, he might seem a little frightening to some. A man of indeterminate age (he's 38), he looks as though he has been battling demons of some kind for much of his life.

The boat was actually owned by his mother who lives in Ontario. She had been trying to sell it to get Ed some money, but kept backing away from the sale "because Ed was so attached to it."

Ed ekes out a living doing odd jobs — a bit of carpentry and some painting.

He had been living on the boat out at anchor until a former dock manager let him bring it in for fear it would sink with him on it a half dozen years ago. Ed had been fixing it up over the last few years, slowly. Ed doesn't move fast. It was apparently tight below the waterline and Ed told me had "sistered" all the ribs — reinforcing them from the inside.

Someone had recently come down and gotten the engine working. To work on the engine, they shifted some things in the boat, probably causing it to list a little to one side. Water probably started coming in through a crack between the

VIEWPOINT

"Maybe it was time to move on."

planks that had been above the water line, a crack Ed had not yet caulked.

I am told Ed had also just been kicked out of a room he had been renting. There was some concern he would take his boat out to anchor and that it might go down at night with him in it.

"Perhaps it was for the best that it went down here, now," some on the dock said afterwards.

A few felt that the "officials" perhaps acted with a little too much haste in condemning the boat and destroying it, giving Ed only a little time to get things off.

Ed was upset that people started scavenging things off the boat, things he said he would probably have given them if they had given him time and asked. He is amazingly philosophical about it all, especially since the sinking essentially left him homeless.

"I was sorry to see it go but what happened is what happened. Maybe it was time to move on," he told me, with a sad, quiet calm that would have done credit to a Buddhist monk.

Crabby Gary jumped in and offered to buy Ed a van so he would at least have a place to stay. Ed has not taken Gary up on the offer. He does not accept help readily. He is currently living in a campground.

Those who know him much better than I find him a quiet, gentle soul who is determined to make his own way. That was certainly my impression. I wish I could think of a way to do more to help him.

The writer is a retired journalist living on Salt Spring.

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LAST WEEK'S QUESTION:

Does Lady Minto Hospital need a needs assessment?



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QUOTE OF THE WEEK:
"I'm not just running against Elizabeth, I'm running for democracy in the party and in Canada."

STUART HERTZOG, ON DECLARING HIMSELF A GREEN CANDIDATE

SALT SPRING SAYS

We asked: How are you planning on spending the final days of summer?

ALEXIS BAHRY
Going to the PNE and hanging out with friends.

ELI SIM
Working and drinking.

KATRINA LESLIE
With my sister in Grand Forks!

NICK MUNDY
Just doing what I'm doing: lazing around, swimming and getting the last bit of sun in.

HEATHER SPAIN
Hoping to go to San Josef Bay with my daughter and I'm planning a trip to Blackberry Point.

Letters to the editor

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Blessed by support after accident

Every once in awhile I am reminded why I so love the Salt Spring community. The outpouring of kindness and generosity since Sierra's bike accident last Friday has overwhelmed all of us. We feel somehow enfolded by this community: like you have wrapped us in love and support, and we can't say thank-you enough.

In Sierra's words: "This experience has really helped me be more thankful for what I have and all the incredible people in this world."

I don't know how many people, both on-island and off, have called or e-mailed and offered to do "absolutely anything" to help out.

Even B.C. Soccer has floored us with its support. We so are blessed by friends.

To the firefighters and paramedics on the scene, thank you for doing your job so well amid tough circumstances (especially Dale, who arrived to discover his niece was the victim, and Mitchell, who also knows her well). All the paramedics we dealt with were amazing, including the helicopter crew and the local and off-island ambulance people.

RCMP Const. Kent Emery could not have been kinder, calmer or more helpful. And the nurses, doctors, even kitchen staff at Lady Minto again remind me why I love this island.

Then there are the teens, young adults and parents, who have given so much moral support, flooding Sierra's room with warmth and encouragement.

Thanks to the carloads of people who travelled off-island to visit (especially Danica and Cayce, who refused to leave Duncan the night of the accident and slept in a car in the hospital parking lot), my mom, Simon and Callum, who all travelled a long way to be there. So many flowers, so much support, so much encouragement and kindness.

No one deserves more thanks than Kai, who has sat at Sierra's bedside for stretches of eight hours and more, a constant vessel of helpfulness and support. Sierra could not have a better friend.

Thanks to all those who have encircled me as well; too many to name, but especially my and Derrick's families, Shari, Daphne and, of course, Bruce, who has literally and figuratively held me up through all this.

Sierra's road to recovery may be long and difficult, but we are blessed to have such support. Thank you, thank you.

SUSAN LUNDY,
SALT SPRING

Political times are changing

The face of Canadian politics are evolving, and Elizabeth May is the poster girl.

Support for the Green party is on the rise and although some tend to attribute this to what they call "protest votes" aimed against the governing Tories and opposition Liberals and NDP, I'm confident that the Greens are still happy to ride on the wave of popularity that may give them a more active role in Canadian politics.

In any democracy when people are not happy with the ruling party they vote

outside the mainstream and if it is true that some of our votes are in reality protest votes, I think May should go with that.

Our priorities are shifting, with quality of life, family support, consumer protection, better education, support for research and a shift towards public transport. The Green party attracts a large percentage of young people, however in recent years has a growing "older" following.

After voting NDP for the last 34 years, I am now discovering that I could vote for the Greens because they tend to lean towards multi-culturalism, liberalism, freedom and environmental awareness, which are all issues that the Green party has in its policy program.

Acquiring the political skill required to move in the top echelons of power is one of the main challenges May

faces. Saying that, when you look at the performance of Harper, Ignatieff and Layton, you realize it isn't that difficult.

May has my respect, as she showed more cojones in the federal election debates and on the campaign trail than the other three combined. You just have to respect someone who would take Peter MacKay in his father's riding of Central Nova. Although she didn't win, she did take 32 per cent of the vote in MacKay's riding, showing that voters are not content with the status quo.

I think many are hoping that May announces that she will seek a seat in Saanich-Gulf Islands. Besides it's time for the Keebler Elf to move on.

WILLIAM PERRY,
VICTORIA, B.C.

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LiveSmart cancellation shows how bad it is

Last weekend, as 400 registrants thundered through the homes on Salt Spring Island's Eco-Living and Home Tour, the B.C. government quietly cancelled its "LiveSmart" program.

LiveSmart was designed to financially reward homeowners who have made their homes more energy efficient by replacing windows, installing heat pumps and the like. Kind of makes the Eco Tour pointless, doesn't it?

The three-year, \$60-million LiveSmart program ran out of money 15 months into its three-year plan. The Campbell government chose to dump this incredibly successful stimulus program rather than commit any more money to it. Can you blame them?

B.C. has been swamped by a financial tsunami in the past few months, to the point where the 2009 shortfall is now estimated to be over \$3 billion, a quantum leap from the original election estimate of \$495 million.

How is such a discrepancy possible? How could they have missed the mark so badly? Where do you start?

- Natural gas prices are at record lows at \$3 a unit. B.C. was calculating twice that number, based on estimates from such financial stalwarts as TD Bank and the Bank of Montreal. Oops. B.C. has lost \$500 million in the gas sector since June.

- The B.C. salmon fishery, which brings in \$1.6 billion and employs 52,000 people, is

close to a collapse. The fisheries department estimated about 10.6 million sockeye salmon would make their way up the Fraser River this year. That number has now plummeted to 1.7 million.

- In the forest, mills continue to shut down. That industry has seen its revenues drop 58 per cent in the past four years, and even the B.C. government's dropping the stumpage fees by 50 per cent has not helped significantly.

- This summer's forest fires alone have cost us over \$400 million, some \$360 million more than budgeted.

- B.C. Ferries has hemorrhaged \$3.6 million in the last quarter, an amount exacerbated by new passport regulations courtesy of Mr. Harper and the present trend of "staycations" embraced by the new pecuniary class of North American tourist.

Needless to say, this is not a "made in B.C." situation, not some ghastly error on the government's part — like, say, the Fast Cat ferries. Even once-flush, once-smug Alberta, the only province without a provincial sales tax, is in the red to the tune of \$7 billion at last count.

The Canadian federal government has gone from a \$1.64 billion surplus in June/08, to a \$5 billion deficit in June/09. There is no umbrella, no "happy place" to escape these numbers. This is global.


Peter Vincent

HEAD TO HEAD

Is it any wonder, then, that B.C. chose to eliminate the LiveSmart program? Want another sign they are circling the wagons? The government is raising the on-line gambling limit to \$10,000 less a dollar, from the old \$120 limit (\$9,999 being one dollar less than the amount you are legally obligated to report to the federal government.) Extreme times call for extreme measures.

And I would be remiss if I did not throw the harmonized sales tax (HST) onto this bonfire. The HST will bring B.C. \$1.6 billion in federal "transition" money — money desperately needed just to fund basic services like hospitals.

Is it all doom and gloom? There are signs all over the place that we are coming out the other side. Economists say that statistics like the ones quoted above always lag behind the reality of the moment. Last year, the Toronto Stock Exchange, arguably a "live snapshot" of the real time economy, plummeted from 14,000 to 7,500. It is now knocking on 11,000, inching closer to those healthy, halcyon days.

The real estate market all across Canada is red hot at present, with British Columbia registering July sales up 53 per cent over the same month last year, according to the B.C. Real Estate Association. Vancouver leads all regions in Canada, up an astonish-

ing 90 per cent over last year.

Even provincial liquor sales are up by \$35 million. Whether the increase is a product of people popping champagne in celebration or guzzling cheap wine to forget their troubles, only time will tell.

But what can you do, other than float around with the other boats? You may agree with the opposition that the Campbell government has been disingenuous and dishonest, but what do you want, the NDP at the helm of this financial quagmire? Last go around, the NDP taxed the stuffing out of businesses and high-income earners, causing a mass exodus, leaving the province in financial shambles. Now that really was a truly "made in B.C." mess that took years to recover. If you say "anything is better than this government," I've got news for you.

Finance Minister Colin Hansen delivers his budget Sept. 1, and as the song goes, "hold on, this is going to hurt like hell." Make the best of it, and remember, virtually any other place on the planet is far deeper in this mess than we are.

I understand. That is cold comfort, if you have single-pane windows and no job. But however cold the comfort, take heart. The world economy may have turned the corner. If not, next year's Eco Tour might be called "SurviveSmart."

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OPINION

Crafty and powerful peddlers of poison ready to exploit swine flu hysteria

BY DAN JASON

I've been following the Swine flu story for the past four or five months and I am writing this because I am horrified by what I have been observing.

Many of you might recognize me because of my seed company, Salt Spring Seeds, and might know that I have been opposed to genetically modified foods and seeds since their introduction in the early '90s. The truth about GMO foods is now clear, even though corporations like Monsanto continue to genetically alter our food: the only ones to benefit are the ones who make the altered food and the chemicals needed to grow it.

To me there is an obvious connection between genetically modified crops and swine flu. I have no doubt that this virus was in fact genetically engineered. The "authorities" say that the virus came from a mutation that somehow combined human, bird and pig genes. I don't believe that can just happen by itself any more than flounder genes can end up in tomatoes or Round-Up Ready genes can end up in soybeans or bacillus thuringiensis genes can end up in corn. No, this flu was created in the lab.

The really scary thing, though, is not the flu itself but the flu vaccines the pharmaceutical companies are rushing into production. I find there is so much weird tomfoolery and media hype around this swine flu vaccine!

Why has the World Health Organization declared this flu to be a pandemic when clearly it has been no more lethal than previous ones? There have been only four flu deaths so far in B.C. and all of the people concerned already had serious medical conditions.

Why are the authorities so certain that another "mutation" is around the corner that they are intending to start vaccinating next month?

A little Internet googling can shed quite a lot of light on these issues. Robert F. Kennedy Jr. is someone who recently did a lot of research on flu vaccines. In an article published two weeks ago, he talks about how the drug companies have suppressed the numerous studies that have linked vaccines to a dramatic increase in autism and a host of other neurological disorders among children. It's apparent that drug companies knew from the start, for example, that thimerosal, a mercury-based preservative in the vaccines, could cause damage and death in both animals and humans. Vaccinations actually cause high numbers of severe reactions, permanent disabilities and deaths, virtually none of which get reported.

Despite Kennedy's high profile, his research has been dismissed as "unscientific" and the media have ignored his warnings. When I took science in university, it stressed control groups and independent testing and verification. It looks like we are all about to be subjected to an unexamined and untested vaccine. It looks like we are being controlled not

by scientists but by crafty and powerful peddlers of poisons.

The WHO is basically a consortium of pharmaceutical corporations that declared the virus to be a pandemic because, by their own rules, they then have authority over national governments. In the event of a pandemic, vaccine manufacturers are immune from any liability!

INDEPTH

Our governments and media are hammering fear into us at every turn, making it appear that we will die by the millions if we don't get vaccinated. This reminds me of Monsanto's assertion that we will soon die of starvation if we don't grow GMO food.

From what I've read, there is the real possibility that mass vaccinations will cause the pandemic and not solve it. After all, the main ingredient in the swine flu vaccine is a weakened but alive form of the H1N1 virus, which will then end up everywhere.

Why have Canadian health officials ordered over 50 million doses of the vaccine before it can be determined if it is safe or even if it works?

It is looking like we might not have the choice to get vaccinated or not. Apparently the agents of control in the U.S. such as Homeland Security, the FBI, the U.S. Military and FEMA are already co-ordinating plans to assist civilian authorities to enforce mandatory vaccinations.

When the news came out last week that expectant mothers would be slated to get vaccinations first, I knew I had to write this article. Haven't we seen enough deformities already from the times of Thalidomide and Agent Orange?

It's all coming very soon to a clinic near you. Please inform yourself about this so-called flu pandemic. It's likely to be a story similar to the genetic engineering of foods where the promise of better nutrition and higher yields turned out to be an extremely false one. Instead, we've seen the rise of obesity and diabetes because of devitalized fast foods.

Pharmaceutical corporations such as Novartis and GlaxoSmith are promising to save us from the deadly H1N1 flu. It seems more likely to me that they will give us the flu rather than prevent us from getting it. Even if we survive their vaccine, we may have compromised immune systems for the rest of our lives. That would mean a never-ending reliance on drugs from those same corporations. It would not surprise me if that was exactly what they have in mind.

The writer is a 33-year Salt Spring resident.

OPINION



PHOTO BY DERRICK LUNDY

NEEDLE MAGIC: Skye Sweetman, of Knit Wits, knits toques at the Saturday market in Centennial Park.

MORE LETTERS

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Ugly side of Tahoe

I had to laugh (to keep from crying) at Peter Vincent's Aug. 12 Head-to-Head column titled "Island must overcome fear of change in order to thrive."

I spent the last 57 years living in California and have made many trips to the Lake Tahoe area, which the writer describes as "idyllic" and holds out as a model for Salt Spring Island.

What the writer failed to mention in his glowing description of "restaurants and galleries abounding" and money "pouring out of the local tax base" is the

ugly, real side of what has happened to the Lake Tahoe area, and why Gulf Islanders need to be on guard against a similar fate here.

He failed to mention that the main attraction for most of the "happy tourists" is actually the Nevada gambling casinos (can you spell M-A-F-I-A?) just across the border (which actually divides Lake Tahoe). He also failed to mention that Lake Tahoe, once the most pristine deep water lake in California, famed for 50-foot clarity, now suffers from turbidity due to algal blooms caused by runoff from the fertilizers used to keep the local golf courses, motels, hotels and STVRs nice and green to the point that all over California you can see bumper stickers that say

(belatedly) "Keep Tahoe Blue."

He additionally omitted to mention the five to six-hour traffic jams getting in and out of the Tahoe basin, which are a routine part of any visit to the area.

As to crime statistics, South Lake Tahoe (with a population about twice that of Salt Spring Island) had 15 forcible rapes, 29 armed robberies, 163 aggravated assaults, 169 burglaries, 351 larcenies and 46 stolen vehicles, according to the most recently reported figures.

The author closes his piece by saying that "As idyllic as Lake Tahoe seems, it would never fit into anyone's vision of the future of our island." To which I can only add: Thank God!

MICHAEL SYMONS,
NORTH PENDER ISLAND

RANTS and Roses

Little red roses go out to John Klein of John the Window Cleaner for donating his excellent services to our Little Red School House. Our preschool is all the brighter because of you! Thank you! From the staff, parents, and children of Little Red.

A sweet-smelling yellow rose to the honest and observant person who spotted my wallet under a table at Uptown Pizza and anonymously turned it in to the RCMP. May your karma continue to be good! JM

Sweet smelling roses to Micah and the crew — thank you for the unique island biffy! Thanks also to Mr. P. for the use of the beach, we do appreciate it. The Friday group

An acre full of her favourite flowers to Tracy Stibbards, a generous dispenser of hugs, food, flowers, kind deeds, encouraging thoughts and caring. If every neighbourhood had a person like Tracy living in it, the world just might be healed.

A big bunch of roses to everyone who watched out for our Huck Finns. Special thanks to the Wiltshire/Woodleys, Tamar Griggs, Peter the rescuer, Eric Rothwell, Mike Hardy and Windsor. Thank you also to Lesley at Salt Spring Marina, and Rene and Herman at Calvin's for being so supportive of Rhys by filling his shifts so he could finish their adventure.

May the Lord Jesus richly bless the gentleman and young lady who found my purse in the washroom at Country Grocer. Thank you so much for returning it to me. A room full of red and white beautiful roses to you both.

Roses to Jo Logan and Simon Webb for donating plants, tools and fertilizer for Family Place Garden and to the Camp Fred kids: Kio, Colin, Max, Mathew, Jacey and Max H. for all your good work caring for our garden. Thank you.

A bushel of carrot-coloured roses to Pancho the Donkey and Drs. Sacha Edgell and Dave MacDonald for making our summer party so memorable. The kids loved doing donkey-cart laps around the orchard. Anil & Sheryl Pereira

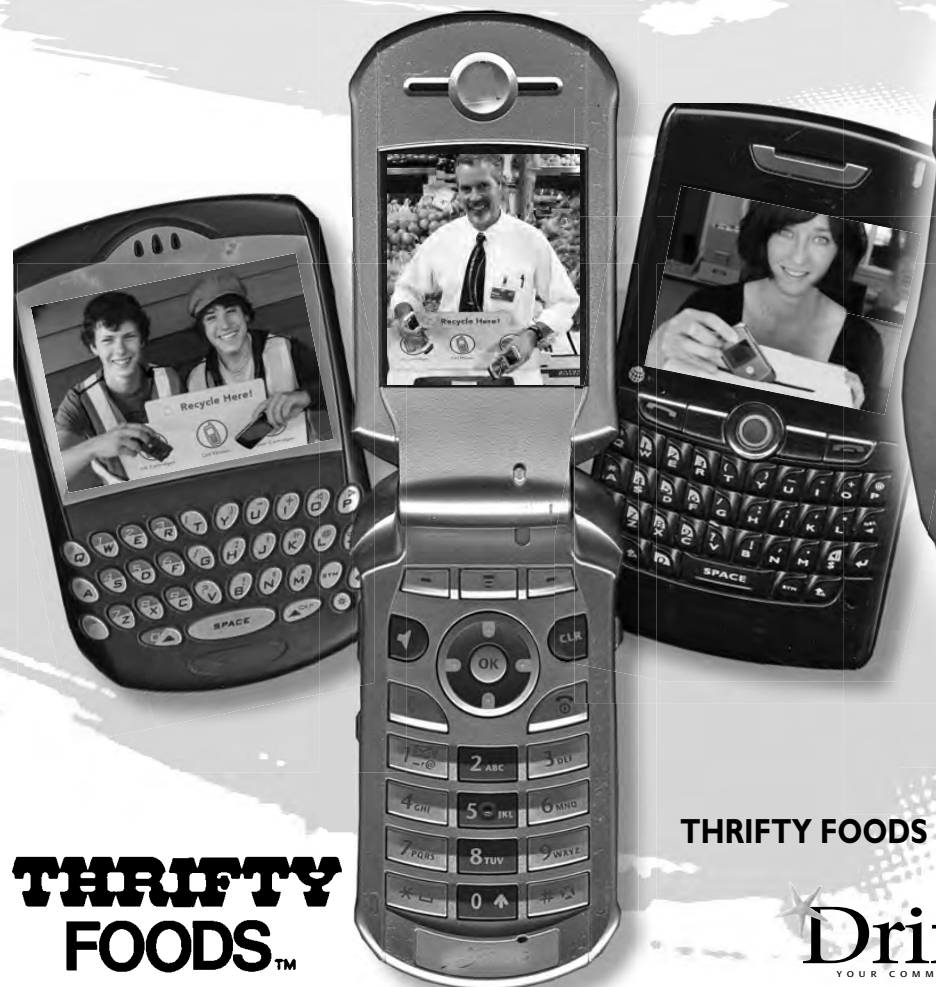
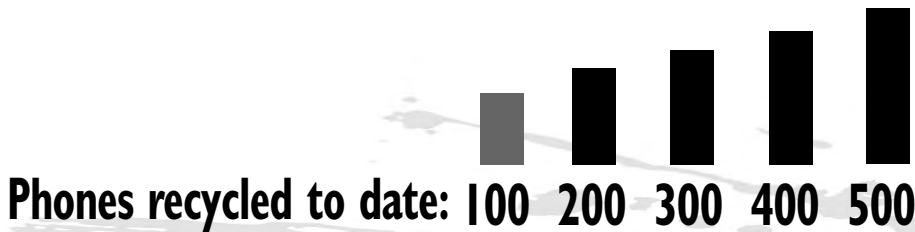
The residents of Croftonbrook and their sponsoring service clubs, the Lions, Rotary and Legion, would like to send a huge bouquet of light pink roses (to signify gratitude) to Nils Christensen. Every year he has donated salmon for our annual barbecue. No salmon has ever been appreciated more. Also, our special thanks to Thrifty Foods and Royal LePage. With your help we had another successful barbecue.

Baskets of willowy roses to Denise and Randy Bachman of Randy's Vinyl Tap for sponsoring the Basketry Guild Showcase at ArtCraft. And red roses to Country Grocer, The Local, Thrifty's and the great staff at ArtCraft for helping to make the Basketry Showcase a success.

Baskets of lavender-scented roses to Anke for rescuing us when our car died. People like you are the reason we love living in this community! And a bunch of newspaper print roses to Gail for picking me up for work. You guys rock! Meghan and Nathan.

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Seen here with hand-grown and hand-created lavender pouches are, from left, Natasha Darc, Hayley Martin, Nicole Darc and Tora Pellerud. Proceeds from Saturday market sales benefit a program they've established on their own to feed "the mango kids" in Mozambique. One penny feeds one child per day, they say.



PHILANTHROPY

Program applauds philanthropic spirit

Island students set stellar example through Kids Making Change

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
 DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Island students will get a one-of-a-kind opportunity to learn an important life lesson and help out a few fellow islanders in the process.

"Kids Making Change" is a joint-venture between the Lady Minto Hospital Foundation and School District No. 64 aimed at students in kindergarten through Grade 5 that will start up shortly after kids return to school.

Youth facilitators will spend the first week of the program teaching participants about the meaning and value of philanthropy within a hospital context before embarking on a series of real-life educational opportunities.

The program's focus, explained program organizers in a recent interview, revolves around the concepts of "time, talents and treasures." Students will write letters to hospital patients, create artwork to brighten up hospital rooms and provide musical presentations for patients in the hospital's extended care unit. In an effort to

enhance the hospital grounds, cutouts of wooden tulips will be painted and "planted" throughout the property.

As for the treasure component, students will be encouraged to search high and low, between sofa cushions and under car seats, to collect whatever loose change they can find. Funds will be collected at the end of the program in hopes of buying a pediatric wheelchair for the Lady Minto Hospital.

Activities have been designed in close conjunction with school district representatives, hospital administrators and teachers.

Organizers have had a relatively easy time setting up the program as a result of the many young volunteers already active in the hospital setting.

Thanks to the example set by these young folks, proceeding with

the program proved an easy choice for all organizations involved.

"So many kids on the island have already made significant contributions," said David Feitelberg, president of the Lady Minto Hospital Foundation. "The examples were already out there. What we're doing is recognizing young philanthropists . . . The thing that's impressive is that they don't stop. The students continue giving because they see the benefit of it."

Since the spring, a core group of students have dropped by Lady Minto Hospital to visit with patients on a regular basis. If the impact of these visits is anything to go by, things are destined to become much more exciting over at the hospital in the coming weeks.

"It's been very refreshing for patients," said Janine Fernandes-

Hayden, a Lady Minto Hospital Foundation board member. "I think it really brightens up the surroundings."

As a parent, Fernandes-Hayden said she believes children have an intrinsic tendency to feel compassion towards others. Programs like Kids Making Change, she said, help reinforce the spirit of giving that's already in place.

Program organizers hope fostering philanthropy will give participants a strong foundation that will persist through their lives.

"They may not know what philanthropy means, but children do have a concept of these notions very early on," she said. "Teaching this kind of concept is just as important as teaching reading or writing."

See the Sept. 9 Driftwood for a special focus on the Kids Making Change program.

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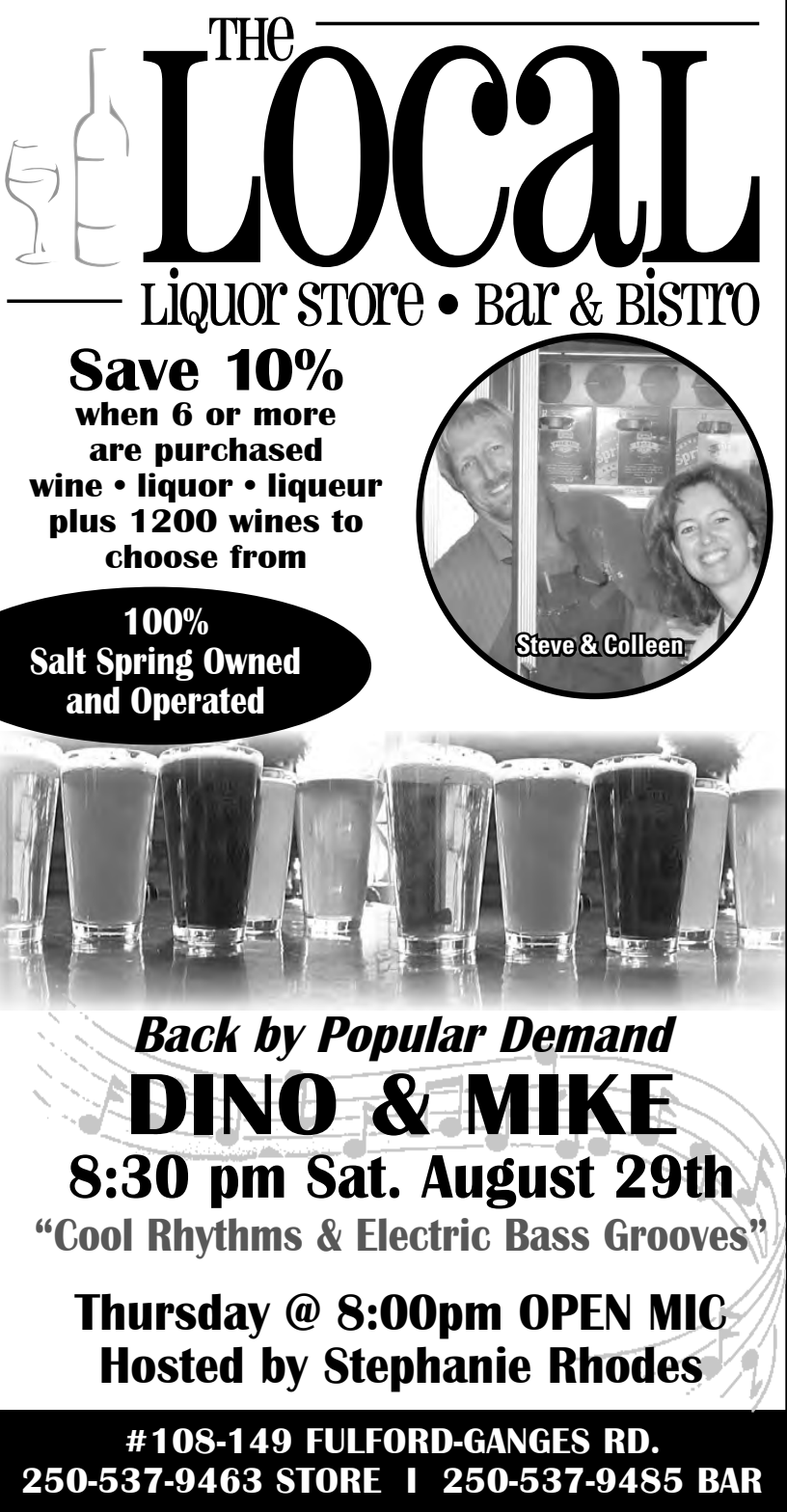
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ISLAND SCIENCE

Sea bioluminescence glows naturally

Lore and facts about a fabulous phenomenon

BY NATALIE NORTH
 DRIFTWOOD STAFF

It's a dark night by the beach in late summer. The last flames have all but shrunk from the fire when somebody suggests trekking to the shoreline and observing one of nature's wonders.

I've often found myself at Ruckle Park, hoping to sneak a peek of the "phosphorescence," without ever knowing where the mysterious light in the water was coming from or the ugly truth that I didn't even have the name right.

Phosphorescence is the term for a kind of chemical reaction, but this bright blue glint in the sea is 100 per cent natural. It's a little occurrence known as "bioluminescence."

Bioluminescence is the term for an organism's ability to produce light naturally, whether it's an angler fish using its glowing "bait" to attract its prey, a flashlight fish turning on its deep sea search lights (which just so happen to be bacteria beneath their eyelids), or the commonly

observed noctiluca algae that lights up the waters around the Gulf Islands from late summer through early fall.

But how?!

The dinoflagellate noctiluca (Latin for "night light") is a single-celled organism filled with thousands of organelles that contain two chemicals: luciferin and luciferase. Noctiluca drifts in warm seas and lives off of plankton. Since plankton levels are highest late in the summer, that's when we get to sneak a peek of the electric blue-green lights in the water.

When the noctiluca is disturbed in the darkness — by waves, oars, late-night swimmers, or anything, really — the luciferin and luciferase mix and produce a bright blue light that can be emitted in one- to four-second intervals.

Noctiluca is not much different from the algae that creates red tides, but it is not believed to be harmful to all.

The concentration of noctiluca algae is so high in Bioluminescent Bay in Puerto Rico that swimming in the glowing blue-green water is a year-round tour-

ist attraction. (This is a worthy Google search for anyone bored near a computer.)

Noctiluca needs oxygen and water — salt water — to survive. While studies have revealed that the algae can survive in somewhat diluted salt water, it is not able to survive in freshwater. So, it might not be surprising that bioluminescence in general is extremely rare in freshwater animals as well.

Bioluminescent Facts

- Over 90 per cent of animals caught in nets are bioluminescent.
- Should the myth of the deep, dark ocean be deep-sixed? Nearly all predators and prey down there use their natural ability to produce light for survival.
- Ever heard of the bent tooth bristlemouth? This tiny fish uses bioluminescence to camouflage itself and is believed to be the most common vertebrate on the planet.
- Up on land, aptly named glowworms and fireflies are equipped with bioluminescent abilities, as well as certain varieties of mushrooms.

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Basa Fish: A type of catfish found in south East Asia, native to the Mekong River Delta in Vietnam and Chao Phraya Basin. Another name used for basa fish is bocourti. The adult fish can reach 1.30 metres and weigh up to 45 kilograms. The fish is a plant eater and is an important food resource in the area of origin. The flavor is milder and more delicate than other catfish. When you cook or grill it you don't get that fishy smell like other fish. The way basa fish is grilled is very similar to salmon. You can't get any easier than this recipe for dinner tonight.

Preheat oven or BBQ to 400°. Place 2 basa fillets in aluminum foil. Brush the fillets with melted garlic butter, sprinkle with 2 tablespoons Cajun spice (or ethnic spice of your choice). Season with salt and squeeze the juice of 1 lime over the fillet. Wrap fillets, bake or BBQ, cook for 15-20 minutes until flake point. Serve with rice and grilled vegetables.

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Salt Spring Portlock
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BY KEES RUURS
PARC MANAGER

July and August are always very busy months for the Salt Spring Island Parks and Recreation department.

Every day dozens of young day campers report to the PARC office at Portlock Park before leaving for hours of fun in the parks and the swimming pool.

Large numbers of people hike the trails around the island enjoying nature at its best, including some great views from higher elevations.

The Saturday market sees large crowds throughout July and August drawn by the wide variety of local arts and crafts and by an abundance of locally baked goods and locally grown produce.

PARCBRIEFS

Rainbow Road Pool

The Rainbow Road Pool has also been quite well used despite the fact that islanders could also swim during our terrific summer weather in our lakes and in the ocean. In August the pool had an especially busy weekend when on the 15th and 16th the Stingray swim club hosted the Vancouver Island Regional B & C Championships attended by hundreds of children and adults. Keep in mind the fact that in September the pool shuts down for its annual maintenance. That closure will start on Sept. 8 and the pool will reopen on Oct. 1.

Memorial Benches

Did you know that PARC administers a memorial bench program? For \$1,500 anyone can donate a very nice park bench with a bronze plaque in the backrest that com-

memorates a person or event. The benches are set in concrete and can be installed in your favourite place along a trail or in a park. The cost of the bench includes its purchase and installation as well as 10 years of maintenance. This would be a great way to remember someone who had loved the island's scenery and natural attractions.

Community Education

Starting in early October a wide variety of courses are again being offered by our local community education society.

For more details on these offerings, see the full-page advertisement appearing in the Sept. 9 Driftwood. Courses being offered this fall, and these are just a few of many, include carpentry for women, writing memoirs, gardening, computer classes of all sorts and Nordic walking.

We should all remember that recreation takes many forms and learning is to the brain what exercise is to the heart.

Portlock Park

The Lions Club has long supported Portlock Park and in late August Lions Club volunteers spent several days installing a brand new outdoor fitness centre and playground purchased for our community by that club.

We encourage everyone, young or old, to find out what this new facility has to offer.

(There is also, courtesy of the Salt Spring Rotary Club, newly installed "all ages" outdoor fitness equipment at the Rainbow Road Pool site as well.)

The underground drainage system of Portlock's walking and running track has also been repaired. After 35 years of dedicated service, some sections of that system had collapsed and needed repairs.

Those repairs should make the track far less muddy after a heavy rainstorm.

Further improvements to Portlock Park are being planned for the near future.

PARC's New Strategic Plan

In mid September a public meeting will be held at which the new Strategic Plan being developed for the Parks and Recreation Commission will be discussed.

Work on that plan began over six months ago and a great deal of resident feedback, both at public meetings and through a community survey, has already been provided.

However, additional community input on the focus of the next public meeting, the proposed priorities and the policies that will shape PARC's efforts over the coming decade, is needed.

If you have any questions or comments on parks and recreation matters or facilities, do not hesitate to visit the PARC office at Portlock Park or call 250-537-4448.

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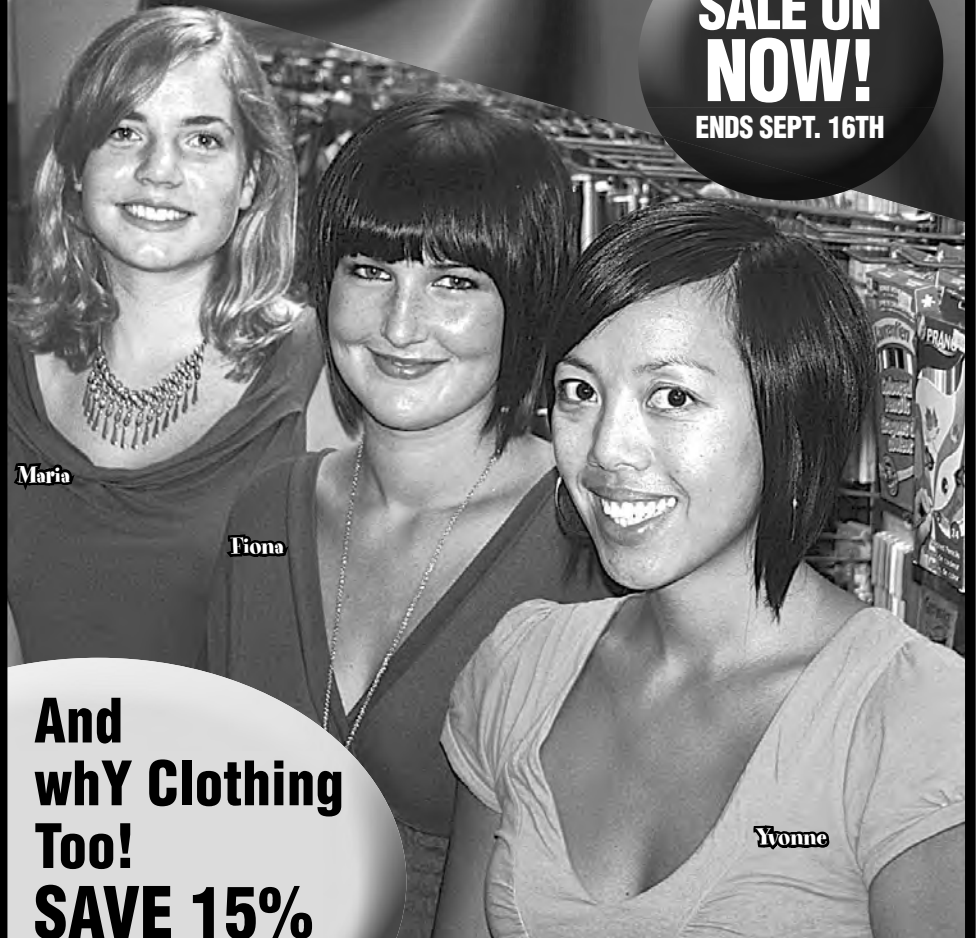


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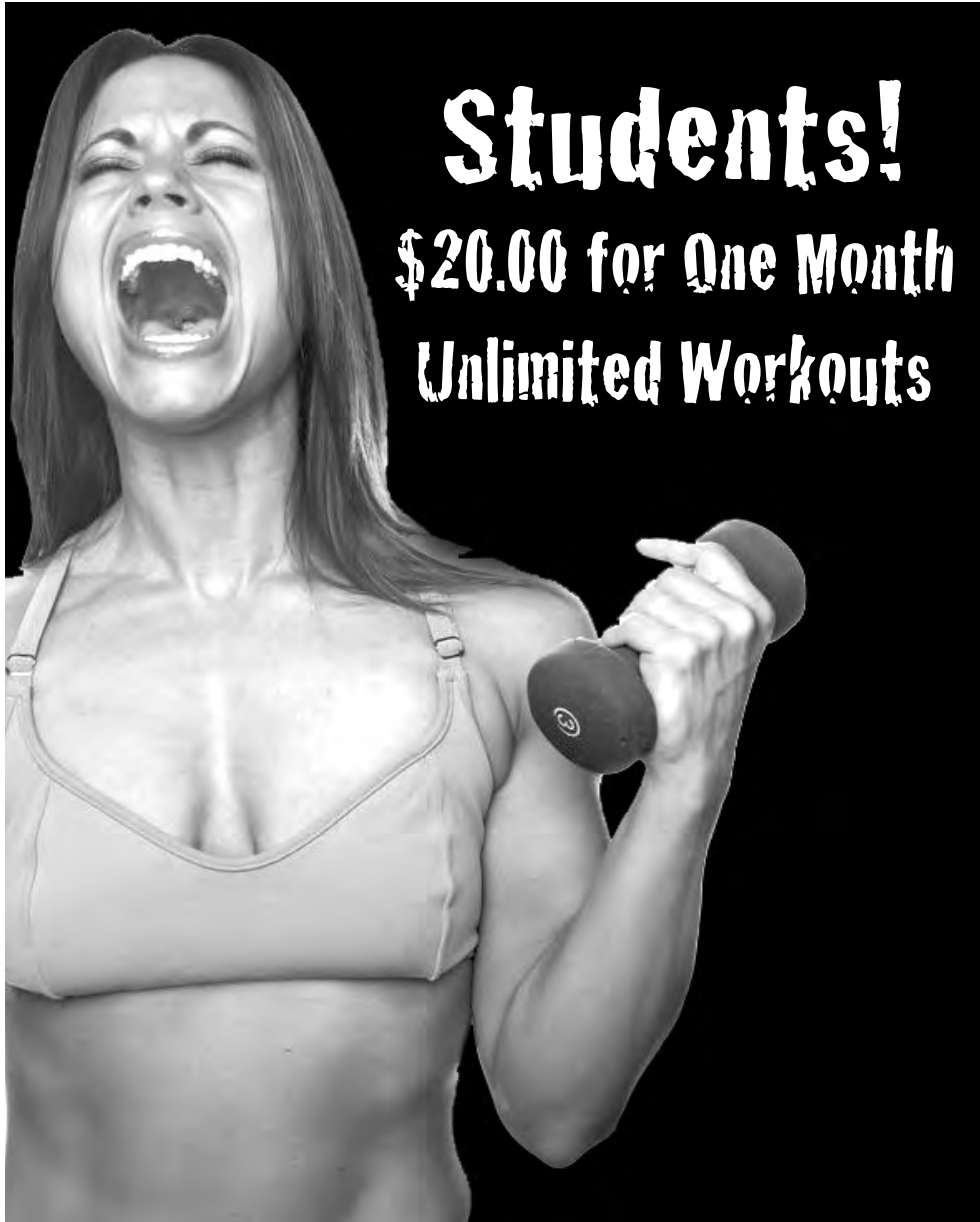
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ROBERT LAWRIE NEISH

1960 - 2009

Rob passed peacefully away on August 9, 2009 after a battle with cancer, fought with courage and dignity.

Rob is survived by his wife of twenty nine years, Shirley, and his children Candice and Christopher along with his parents, Lawrie and Aileen Neish, brother Alex and sisters Doreen and Morven. He is greatly missed by his family and friends.

Rob was born in the United Kingdom and came to Canada from Scotland with his family at the age of seven. After graduating from Gulf Islands Secondary School, Rob joined the Royal Canadian Navy in which he served until his death.

Rob had an enduring love of the sea from his early years when he was a leading member of Saltspring Island Sailing Club. Rob served in many of the navy's destroyers and frigates prior to moving to administration. His final posting was to National Defence Headquarters in Ottawa. As a training officer he was very highly commended and thought of by his superiors for his high ethical values, leadership and motivational qualities. Rob was loved by his staff for his caring nature and dry sense of humour.

He was interred at the National Military Cemetery, Ottawa, with full military honours.

Donations in his memory may be made to the Terry Fox Fund.
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Mom, Dad, Chris & Elliot

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ALICE HAMMETT WOMEN'S BRIDGE CLUB

We are a diverse group of women who enjoy playing a social game of rubber bridge during the winter. Our season runs from mid September to mid March. Players need to commit to playing 12 games in that six month period. Game rotation and teams are set up by our organizational group but players arrange the games with their opponents at their mutual convenience. If you are interested in joining us, please email barbaust@shaw.ca for more info. We have a limited number of spaces.

ASTROLOGER MICHAEL O'CONNOR is visiting SSI September 1-4 and is now taking appointments. Call 1-888-352-2936 or email to: sunstarastrology@gmail.com Also, Michael is hosting an Evening Presentation Slide Show. Visit the website: www.sunstarastrology.com go to 'EVENTS' for details.

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RUDOLF R. MULLER

20 February 1933 - 17 August 2009

Rudi leaves to mourn,
 his wife of 48 years, Ann (Duncan).

Rudi apprenticed as a mechanic in Germany, was a chauffeur to a Bavarian Count, and came to Canada in 1954.

He was a very active person who loved the outdoors and life with Rudi was never dull.

Many thanks to Drs. DeKock, Leon and Crossland and especially for all the wonderful care provided by the nurses at Lady Minto and for the home care provided by Beacon. No service by request.

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Warren E. (Gene) Graham

September 9, 1915 - August 19, 2009

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A memorial service will be held on Sunday, September 6, 2009, 2:00 - 4:00 pm at the Masonic Hall, 506 Lower Ganges Road, SSI, BC.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Salt Spring Seniors Services Society.

DEATHS

Sigurgeirson, William J. (Bill)

Aug. 31, 1931 - Aug. 4, 2009

Passed away suddenly at his home on Salt Spring Island on August 4, 2009. Survived by Doreen, his loving companion of 32 years, his five children Pauline (Bruce), Steve, Lisa Maxx, Aaron (Daniela) and Caleb (Emily) of Vancouver; Christine and Sonia, the mothers of his children; six grandchildren Ben, Jekka (Joss), Fiona (and her mother Leah), Kay, Benjamin and Quinn; and two great-grandchildren Jorian and Jordan.

Please join us for a celebration of Bill's life on **Saturday, August 29, 2009 at 12 noon** at Central Hall, 901 North End Road, Salt Spring Island, B.C.

DEATHS

WILKIE, Olive

1913-2009

Olive Wilkie passed away peacefully the morning of August 21, 2009 at the age of 96 at Ridge-Meadows Hospital in Maple Ridge, BC. Olive was predeceased by her husband of 67 years, Nester in 2008. She is survived by her loving daughter Nicki (Stan) Pukesh, her grandchildren, Stephen (Karen), Neil (Rachel) and 3 beautiful great-grand children, Camryn, Taylor and Jeremy who brought great joy to Baba as well as nephews, nieces and cousins. Olive was born in the Ukraine in 1913 coming to Oakburn, Manitoba in 1921. Olive graduated from Misericordia Hospital in Winnipeg in 1937 as a Registered Nurse. Olive met Nester, in Yorkton, Sask. in 1939. The eve of WWII found them on the West Coast and they were married on March 26, 1941. Olive spent over 29 years in the nursing profession retiring from Mount St. Joseph's Hospital - Vancouver in 1966. For the next 9 years, she worked with Nester operating the cafeteria at the Catholic Charities building in Vancouver, finally retiring to Salt Spring Island where they resided for the next 30 years. Olive was an active golfer and involved as a volunteer in the Lady Minto Hospital Thrift Store. Nester and Olive moved to Maple Ridge in 2004 residing with their daughter and family. Olive was a devoted wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother (Baba) who demonstrated the art of love, caring and compassion. Olive's life was a gift to us all.

A Funeral Mass will be held on Friday, August 28, 2009 at 11:00 AM at St. Luke's Roman Catholic Church, 20285 Dewdney Trunk Road, Maple Ridge, BC, followed by a reception.

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ON: Tuesday, August 25, 2009

AT: 7:30 PM

PLACE: OAP Room, Fulford Hall

All are welcome - here's a chance to become more involved in the future of the Fulford area!

For more information, please contact Larry Woods @ 250-653-9892



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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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This Week's Horoscope
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Aries (Mar 21 - Apr 20)

Efforts to create more harmony will become apparent this week. Love relationships are implied. Cultivating a healthier degree of self love may be part of the plot. This will include some core changes and renovations close to home. You may experience a full range of emotions connected to this as the process cause you to break familiar patterns and structures. Aim to improve and refine inside and out.

Taurus (Apr 20 - May 21)

A creative urge to produce more beauty and/or to at least identify it begins this week. This may include acknowledging your home and family and where you live. More intentionally, the artistic urge will emerge. Deepening your love may include partnerships and it may also include being clear about doing what you love and loving what you do. Yes, there is more love stirring and your energy levels are high.

Gemini (May 21 - Jun 21)

Making core connections is important to you now. Tapping into your center and source for the sake of accessing creative inspirations is likely. Ambitions to make activate a steadier flow of income are running high. This includes getting organized. On the other hand, opening your mind to the possibilities includes expanding your scope of vision of what is possible. Clear away doubt, confusion and clutter to create abundance!

Cancer (Jun 22 - Jul 22)

Actions to produce new ideas and understanding find you in a studious mood. Thoughts about the world and how to meet the challenges and to secure your situation are strong. You are ready to assert yourself as necessary and enter into new territory. This includes the quality of your connections, relationships and your reputation in the market place in general. Make a list of all the possibilities.

Leo (Jul 23 - Aug 23)

Taking stock of you skills, assets, resources and talents is a top priority now. You are eager to try new angles. To succeed outwardly however, you may have to work inwardly as well. Clearing subconscious fears and blocks is the way of wisdom and producing outer effects like magic. You may feel the need for assistance in this regard and if so set the clear intention to get it and you will.

Virgo (Aug 24 - Sep 22)

You are in a pioneering mood. Experiential and experimental activities are attractive to you now. You may feel rebellious about things and therefore desire to break through the status quo and perhaps to invent new approaches or tools. Your creative power is growing steadily now and this will continue for some time to come. Yet don't wait or hesitate. Set your sights, focus to aim and go for what

Libra (Sep 23 - Oct 23)

Taking action without includes turning within. This twist of perspectives need not be contradictory. You may simply find yourself in your studio, or study or private room or in retreat; or at least taking some extra time out to dream and visualize your intentions. Outer effects are the secret of the ages, the way of magic. Getting clear on your directions and what you want and then focusing is part of the deal.

Scorpio (Oct 23 - Nov 21)

Connecting with your core sense of individuality is important to you now. This may include acquiring creative and artistic tools and supplies that will assist your self expression. Fashion and clothing are important elements to produce a new self concept and attitude so do consider their value. Be willing to push for what you want and to try on a new hat or two and discover a new style.

Sagittarius (Nov 22 - Dec 21)

New levels of power and authority are emerging for you now. This may include approaching authority figures for favours and earned rewards. Artistic and cultural expressions are featured. Digging deep into your well of power implies tapping your subconscious mind. Take command of your life by tapping your higher power and commanding it to work for you. Be sure to express gratitude for the support.

Capricorn (Dec 22 - Jan 19)

You are in the mood to embark upon a journey. You may simply want to go on an adventure by way of a book. Gaining knowledge and information that you can use and share is likely. Others are pushing you to make changes and you want to do so but how to do it is the question. Pay attention to how others whom you deem to be successful are doing 'it' and be willing to emulate and role model.

Aquarius (Jan 20 - Feb 19)

Going within to clear limiting attitudes, perceptions, interpretations, self-concepts and the like is a central focus now. The next few weeks may feel heavy and deep but their inner purpose and value requires that you cooperate. Make every effort to learn how to tap your co-create powers. The new paradigm that is emerging has ancient roots and includes activating the magical mind.

Pisces (Feb 20 - Mar 20)

Cultivating healthier relationships is guiding your creative focus now. Desires for more intimacy and emotional connection are growing. Consider that in order to feel more connected with others; you need to feel more connected with yourself. Learning to accept, embrace and love yourself as you are is an important key. Self hate produces a deep dark hole, while self love grows colourful wings for ecstatic flights!

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SEA AND SUN: Kayakers are illuminated by the sun and reflected in the ocean as they take part in an Island Escapades trip to Chocolate Island.

Tales of two islands: Salt Spring and Montreal

BY ELLIE LANGFORD PARKS

I was born on the island of Montreal and lived there for my first 16 years. Then I lived in Vancouver and Calgary, and now on Salt Spring Island for the last 14 years.

Often people say something like "You are so lucky, Montreal is such a great city" or "Salt Spring is such an amazing place." I have a standard response agreeing with them but my true response is more complex. The full response would acknowledge that my Montreal was not what they imagine nor is Salt Spring an idyllic place. I know Montreal has a well-deserved reputation as a vibrant, multi cultural, artistic, intellectual city and Salt Spring is widely touted as a special place.

My Montreal, the inner city world of NDG and Verdun in the '60s, was grey and dreary. My Montreal consists of second story walk up apartments with four small rooms, back alleys to play in, icy metal steps to climb in winter. The Metro was loud and smelled, and the men in wheelchairs selling pencils terrified me. The Montreal Children's Hospital, with the dreaded speech therapist, was a cold and unfriendly place. Working class poverty infused our existence, with second-hand winter coats, tension about money and charity dental clinics. Mom worked so we were babysat by neighbours, the worst sticking us outside to play in all weather, the best being "Auntie" Rosie. Roseanne O'Leary was a faded beauty with four kids and a loud Irish husband. She taught me to crochet by sitting across from me on the steps on the back porch.

My first nine years in Montreal were in the inner city, the last seven on the West Island. I felt we had shrugged off our inner city inferiority when we moved to the suburbs. My Dad bought an 80-year-old house for \$11,000 and we lived in lower Pointe Claire by Lake St. Louie. It's called the West Island, but in Montreal, there was no sense that you were on an island. Yes, there are many bridges, but both sides look the same. Everywhere is city and overpasses and bridges and it's never clear if you are on the island or the mainland. On Salt Spring, the sense of island-ness is profound. Waiting in line to board the ferry, sailing across and docking, you enter the island slowly and with awareness of the water surrounding it. This place is shaped in part by its separateness, by its difference from nearby cities, its island-ness. It takes effort to get here, it's a deliberate choice.

Salt Spring likes to portray itself as a special place filled with artists and enlightened people sharing a peaceful community life amidst the stunning natural beauty. While

there are elements of truth in that description, Salt Spring is a community with all the warts and fragilities of most small towns. Salt Spring is not the centre of the universe, as a local bumper sticker proclaims. It is a small town coping with development pressures, an affordable housing crisis, a homeless population, governance debates and cyclical economy. There is snobbery, cliques, crime and unkindness here, like everywhere.

INDEPTH

Yet it is also true that this island is a great place to live, one chosen deliberately by many interesting people. That choice leads to an increased appreciation of this place. The mild climate and natural beauty encourages an outdoor life. There is a strong community spirit, with many events designed to celebrate and engage the residents. There are unique features, like the high percentage of well-educated

A particular form of snobbery lies in how long you have been a resident: multiple generations is best.

people who have moved here from a city, making for a very cosmopolitan small town. This diversity of thought leads to passionate debate and often tempests in teapots.

A particular form of snobbery lies in how long you have been a resident: multiple generations is best. Another division is made obvious by the prefix of your phone number. 653 is the south end area, renowned for hippies and farmers, 537 is the north end populated by retirees and the town of Ganges. A 538 prefix is an embarrassing admission that you are a newcomer, meaning within the last decade. While I mock this subtle form of snobbery, I am proud to be a 653.

Both my islands are so different and they are not what they seem to be to outsiders. They can seem more glamorous or enlightened than they are. Some truth lies in the tourist booster or real estate agent descriptions of the islands. Maybe these versions are true for some people; I have heard people holidaying here on Salt Spring enraptured by the "magic" of the place. I do feel that sense of place, that feeling of home here in a way I

never did in Montreal.

For me, home and community is what you make it. It's an internal concept based on self identity, sense of belonging and willingness to participate. Social capital, the level of trust and networks between people is much stronger on this island than my first island.

I make a home by decorating, arranging my stuff, claiming the space. Sometimes a place never becomes home, sometimes even a transitional space can be made homelike. I've called a hotel room, a jail cell and a hospital room home. I take part in building a community by volunteering,

helping out, knowing neighbours, caring about the place and the people.

Salt Spring Island is my home in a way Montreal never was. I embrace it, I give of myself to make it a stronger community, I revel in the celebrations — the fall fair, apple festival, gay pride parade, folk club, flea markets, film festival. I am an islander by active choice, but not by birth. My first island was a happenstance — a fluke — but I claim this island as my home, my place, my community.

The writer works in the adult education and community development field and volunteers locally.

food for thought...

Opinion

8 COWICHAN VALLEY CITIZEN

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

There's no such thing as 'go

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Clockwise from left, Carol Fowles, Russ Spencer, Steve Somerset, Lorne Bunyan and Philip Grierson get started on assembling a playground at Portlock Park where the Shelby Pool used to be.

Playground marks 50 years of community action

New facility offers fun and fitness for all

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

When members of the Salt Spring Island Lions Club set their minds to something, there's no messing about.

For 50 years the club has proven the source of countless island projects aimed at improving the lives of young and old alike.

So when it came to celebrating the club's golden anniversary, club members pulled out all the stops.

"Other than the purchase of Portlock Park itself [in 1974], this is probably our biggest ever project on the island," said Lorne Bunyan, chair of the club's anniversary committee.

Lions Club members and community volunteers are set to put the final touches on the new Portlock Park playground over the weekend. The Lions' \$50,000 contribution to the project represents the club's 50 years of helping islanders lead active and healthy lifestyles.

What began as a project to promote children's health quickly evolved to embrace an adult fitness component, Bunyan said.

"We want people to get pro-active in getting exercise," he said. "For us, this signifies an active community from ages two to 92."

Unlike traditional playgrounds, which feature various components in isolation from one another, the new Portlock Park facility is designed as an obstacle-course style fitness challenge.

Built on the site that was once home to the Shelby Pool, the course features a wave slide, balance beam, climbing wall, monkey bars and zipline.

"If you can get through it, you're in pretty good shape," Bunyan said.

The idea behind the design, he added, is to keep users moving through the course.

"We didn't just want to put up another set of swings," he said.

Aside from promoting fitness, the playground project

marks the Lions Club's 50 years of achievements in a meaningful and visible way. The park itself is named after former club president Thomas Portlock, a man who played an integral role in the purchase of the 10-acre property.

"What we are trying to do in our 50th year is make it more of a Lions park," he said. "This is our birthday present to the community."

The Lions completed the project with planning assistance from the Salt Spring Parks and Recreation Commission. Numerous volunteers were out in force over the weekend to break ground and complete most of the work.

Bunyan said the group looks forward to expanding the facility and creating a picnic shelter where parents can get an unimpeded view of most of the park.

The Salt Spring Island Lions Club will host a birthday bash celebration to mark the playground's official opening on Sept. 6.

Participants can expect free hot dogs with all the fixings, cake, balloons, music and plenty of opportunities for everyone to try out the new equipment.

LIONS 50TH ANNIVERSARY

50 years of Lions service to the community

For half a century the Salt Spring Island Lions Club has played a significant role in the life and the development of the island.

This year alone we contributed roughly \$100,000, not including the \$45,000 for the Pioneer Village seniors housing project.

One million dollars is a conservative estimate of how much we have contributed to community, provincial, national and international projects in the past 50 years.

Where does all the money come from?

Many people are accustomed to our presence selling hot dogs/hamburgers at a variety of community functions and most islanders have visited our weekly garage sale.

Our most unique fundraising project is the telephone directory.

In the 2008-09 year, we raised almost \$150,000 through all our

fundraising activities.

Our success is a direct result of the incredible generosity of this community. Thanks to you — we serve.

Where does all the money go?

LOCALLY

2008/9 has been a busy year for us. Our major projects include:

- Lions bus shelter located next to the Visitor Information Centre (\$10,000);

- By the end of August we will have completed the children's playground at Portlock Park, where the old swimming pool was located. Our club purchased the equipment (\$50,000+) and PARC will pay for the cost of ground preparation. The completed project will cost over \$100,000;

- \$45,000 in upgrades and maintenance of Pioneer Village;

- In honour of our 50th anniversary we presented 50 hanging

flower baskets to downtown merchants to help beautify the area;

- Upgrading the kitchen at Hart Bradley Hall.

Since 1959 the Salt Spring Lions Club has been involved in many projects and has worked on or funded:

- The first ambulance service;
- Buses for handicap use;
- Contributions and equipment to Lady Minto Hospital, Greenwood, library, the fire department, police services and public health;

- Founding and building Portlock Park, helped with sea wall for Drummond Park, provided funds for Centennial Park;

- For youth: Quest program teaching aid through Lions International, annual scholarships; set up bicycle safety tests; donations to schools for their in-house projects; Kanaka skateboard park;

- Fostered child in Brazil, sponsored exchange students;

- For seniors: Built and manage Pioneer Village and (in partnership with Legion and Rotary) operate Croftonbrook; Single Seniors' Christmas Dinner;

- Local sports groups, soccer, baseball, lacrosse equipment, swimming (including handicap lift for new pool), Rod & Gun;

- For the community: crosswalk flashing lights at Rainbow Road, bus shelter at Visitor Info Centre;

- Telephone directory for 28 years;

- Provide hearing aids, eye glasses, cataract surgery;

- Columbarium and new mower for local graveyard;

- Adopt-a-Highway project.

PROVINCIALY

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& Stroke Fund, Salvation Army, Diabetes and Camp Shawnigan (for children with disabilities), to mention just a few of the causes we have supported.

NATIONALLY & INTERNATIONALLY

- Lions Foundation of Canada guide dogs for the blind;

- Lions International Foundation Sight First (recycling eye glasses to third world countries and others in need);

- Earthquake and other national disaster relief;

- Annual Santa Ship.

In addition to the activities listed above we have also provided one-on-one help to individuals by:

- Purchasing hearing aids, glasses;

- Building wheelchair ramps;

- Emergency help for food, furniture, household needs.

50 years ago a group of Salt Spring Island men formed the Salt Spring Island Lions Club with strong foundations and became part of Lions International a service organization. Their goal was to serve their community.

This publication highlights the challenges turned successes of the Salt Spring Island Lions Club during its first 50 years of service. Today with a roster of 38 members the Club survives the ever changing and energetic environment in which we live. Perhaps among the Club's greatest legacies is their sponsoring of the Lions Clubs of Saturna and Mayne Island so that they too can serve their communities.

Thank you Lions, keep up the good work;
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LIONS HISTORY HIGHLIGHTS

- 1959 — Charter night at Mahon Hall, sponsored by the Victoria Lions Club

- 1967 — Pioneer Village finished

- 1960s — First ambulance service for the island

- 1974 — Club purchases 10 acres of Millner property at Central for \$40,000 for park purposes

- 1976 — Tennis courts open on parkland site

- 1977 — Portlock Park named after Thomas Portlock, then club president. He died Sept. 17, 1976

- 1977 — Van donated to Lady

Minto Hospital

- 1979 — Major renos to Pioneer Village

- 1980 — First telephone directory

- 1982 — New sign for Portlock Park

- 1982 — Microbiology lab donation to Lady Minto Hospital

- 1984 — Bus donated for excursions for Lady Minto Hospital and Greenwood residents

- 1984 — Process of building Croftonbrook residence begins

- 1985 — Garage on Blain Road completed

- 1985 — Official opening of

Croftonbrook

- 1995 — Hart Bradley Hall completed. Grand opening held Oct. 26

- 2004 — New bus donated for Greenwood

- 2004 — Kanaka Road Skate Park \$100,000 donation

- 2008 — Handicap lift for new swimming pool

- 2008 — Flashing light crosswalk contribution

- 2009 — Bus shelter next to the Visitors Information

- 2009 — Portlock Park playground installed

- 2009 — Upgrade to Hart Bradley Hall kitchen

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Long-time volunteer Don Cunningham is ready to roll aboard the Lions Club bus.

LIONS BUS

Salt Spring Lions Club volunteers have been providing essential services since the 1950s, when they gave the island its first ambulances. The province eventually took over the duty, but the Lions continued to offer necessary medical rides through their Lions' bus program.

The Lions bus provides rides for seniors and other wheelchair-bound individuals to attend medical appointments.

Long-time Salt Springer and 40-year Lions member Don Cunningham has volunteered for most of his life on the island. After 20 years as a volunteer firefighter, he took up a position as a volunteer driver for the Lions bus and has become the devoted principal driver.

Cunningham's driving is near-

ly a full-time job, as he is on call seven days per week, making trips to Victoria, Nanaimo and Duncan, in addition to handling many on-island appointments.

According to Lions past-president Steve Somerset, Cunningham possesses all the right qualities to be a Lions' bus driver.

"It takes a special kind of individual to do this job and Don is just that," Somerset said, adding that Cunningham not only volunteers time, he is also skilled at maneuvering clients and their chairs in and out of the bus.

Many of the people who access the service depend on it regularly to go about their day-to-day lives.

"If this service wasn't available," Somerset said, "some of

"It takes a special kind of individual to do this job and Don is just that."

STEVE SOMERSET
Re Lions bus driver Don Cunningham

those people wouldn't be able to get the medical care and attention that they need.

"Without us, I don't know what they'd do."

The Lions bus is a fixture in the community and is always in need of more volunteer drivers with a Class 4 licence like Cunningham.

"Salt Spring has been good to me," Cunningham said. "Now that I'm retired, I'm giving back to my community."



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Thanks to a sweet deal offered by the local Lions Club, however, picking up the trash can prove a pretty lucrative undertaking.

The Lions' Adopt-A-Highway program offers as much as \$5,000 per year to community groups who participate in three annual roadside blitzes aimed at keeping the island's major roadsides trash free.

According to program coordinator Russell Spencer, the program has always proven popular with high school sports teams looking to fund road trips or the purchase of equipment.

Church groups and other island non-profits have also

participated to fund their community-oriented projects.

A group of 14 people, Spencer said, can often clean up the entire 17-kilometre stretch of Fulford-Ganges Road in fewer than three hours.

In exchange for their efforts, volunteers get a cool \$500.

"It's a good dollar," he said.

Spencer said the program evolved as a way to get some kind of community service in return for funds contributed to high school sports teams.

"We thought maybe we could get a little sweat equity out of the sports groups and the community would get something out of it as well," Spencer said.

"When they really need money

RUSSELL SPENCER
Program coordinator

they really get at it."

Not only do the participants earn funds for their projects, they also get a first-hand look at the consequences of littering.

"A lot of students can't believe the amount of trash they find out there," Spencer added.

"It's good for the community and it's good for the kids."

For more information about how to get your group involved, contact Spencer at 250-653-4700.

GARAGE SALE

It's hard to know what shoppers will find when they stop by the Salt Spring Island Lions Club's weekly garage sale on Drake Road and that's the way organizers like it.

Walking through the aisles and piles of items is like embarking on a treasure hunt with uncertain though often rewarding results.

Lions Club volunteer Judy Grundy has helped sort, organize and sell donated items for more than five years.

She's continually impressed by the garage sale's steady flow of revenue — it raised \$50,000 in 2008.

All proceeds go towards a wide variety of island-based projects. On a more personal level, Grundy

loves to see people find that special something they've been searching for.

Grundy points out records, cassette tapes, dinnerware, sports equipment, furniture, lamps, telephones and just about everything else one can imagine stacked in a garage in desperate need of a cleaning.

Donations have maintained a large enough supply of items to tempt a steady stream of repeat shoppers since the sale set up shop at Hart Bradley Hall in 1995.

Grundy explained that many donations are items people no longer use, need or simply don't want to take with them when moving off the island.

How someone could ever part

Even with all the catching up, chances are you won't leave empty handed.

with a near mint-condition 1950s era beauty salon-style hair dryer may be difficult to imagine, but it's just one of the gems up for grabs.

Browsers also use the event as a chance to socialize and visit with fellow islanders while they're searching for a deal.

Even with all the catching up, chances are you won't leave empty handed.

The Lions Club's garage sale is open from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays.

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LIONS 50TH ANNIVERSARY



Lions, skatepark society members and boarders celebrate the Lions \$100,000 donation in 2004.

SKATEPARK

Five years ago, on the Salt Spring Lions' 45th anniversary, the Salt Spring Island Skatepark Society received a gift that changed the way of life for local skaters.

A \$100,000 donation from the Salt Spring Island Lions Club sealed the deal on the construction of the Kanaka Road Skatepark that has remained in high use ever since its November 2004 opening.

"We wanted to do a community project that celebrated this, and the skatepark and the whole of the development with the school board area seemed to fit into our agenda," said Lions past-president Steve Somerset.

The Lions unanimously sup-

ported the idea and allowed the Skatepark Society to begin construction on the project with over two-thirds of the funding in place. Volunteers and other local donors came forward to complete the fundraising and help in the construction.

The proposal was first looked at by Gayle Meek (now Gayle LeBlanc) and a presentation by the Skatepark society members, including a video presentation by Ryan Fogarty.

Skatepark society executive member Micah Booy had been working to establish a real skatepark on Salt Spring for a decade — since he was 14 years old — and called the Jim Bar-

"They have the good

ideas and know what the community needs.

STEVE SOMERSET
Lions past-president

province.

Kanaka Road Skatepark was designed to accommodate all ages and ability levels. It also incorporates green space and an improved playground area.

"The project really came about as a result of our newer, younger members in the club, like Gayle," Somerset said. "They have the good ideas and know what the community needs. So it's a great win-win situation."



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Fiddleworks. Canadian, Celtic fiddle. Tree House Cafe. 7-10 p.m.
Elizabeth Schuyler Matthews. Soprano performs at Music & Munch at All Saints. 12:10 p.m. Free recital, followed by optional lunch.

Thurs. August 27

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.

ACTIVITIES

Stagecoach Theatre School Registration. In-person registration day in All Saints church hall. 3-7 p.m. Info: 250-538-7494 or office@stagecoach.ca.

Fri. August 28

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Fiddleworks Gala Concert. 120-piece all-ages fiddle orchestra and percussion ensemble. Fulford Hall. 7 p.m., followed by a barn dance from 8 to 10 p.m.
The Dharma According to Fifi. Flying Dreams Aerial Arts Production at The Temple. 8 p.m.
Friday Night Jazz. Ted Hickford & Friends at the Harbour House Hotel. 7:30-10 p.m.
Tarris and Fama Shipstones. 7 p.m.
Julia Beattie. Soulful and quirky Salt Spring singer-songwriter. Tree House Cafe. 7-10 p.m.
Phil and Kim. Perform live at Salt Spring Vineyards. 2-4 p.m.
Paxton Bachman. Live music at Moby's, 8 p.m.

Sat. August 29

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

The Dharma According to Fifi. Flying Dreams Aerial Arts Production at The Temple. 8 p.m.
Shane Phillip. World music dance party with special guest Galen Mangeau and an opening set by DJ Desunos. Beaver Point Hall. 8 p.m.
Dino & Mike. Cool rhythms and electric bass grooves. The Local. 8:30 p.m.
Lane 31. Live music on the Shipstones patio. 7 p.m.
Lisa Maxx. Fresh & passionate acoustic folk roots. Tree House Cafe. 7-10 p.m.

ACTIVITIES

Lantern Firefly Festival Workshop. Make a lantern from a clean recycled jar or can. Core Inn, 3rd floor, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Info: fireflylanternfestival@gmail.com

Sun. August 30

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Norris Clement. Jazz at SS Vineyard. 2-4 p.m.
Special Evening with Valdy and the Usual Suspects. Market Place Cafe. 7 p.m.
The Barley Brothers. Still alive and un-plugged. Every Sunday at the Fulford Inn. 6:30 p.m.
Henry Boudin & Friends. Jazz at Moby's. 7-10 p.m.
Billie Woods. Samba & bossa-nova at Tree House Cafe. 7-10 p.m.

ACTIVITIES

Lantern Firefly Festival Workshop. Make a lantern from a clean recycled jar or can. Core Inn, 3rd floor, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Info: fireflylanternfestival@gmail.com
Zen Circle Meditation Half-day meditation event at Ango Retreat. 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Info: Simon, 250-537-1721.

Mon. August 31

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Gene Grooms. Semi-acoustic toddy-4-body. Tree House Cafe. 7-10 p.m.

ACTIVITIES

Pre-season Soccer Camps. Week-long sessions for girls and boys, aged 11 to 13, & 14 to adult begins today. Info: 250-537-7775; suespencer@shaw.ca
Toastmasters. Meet Mondays at Harbour House Hotel. 7 p.m.

Tues. Sept. 1

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

High Life. Edgy Japanese theatre from Ryuzanji Company. ArtSpring. 8 p.m. Doors open 7 p.m. with a hosted reception.
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.

ACTIVITIES

Market in the Meadow. United Church meadow on Hereford Avenue, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Wed. Sept. 2

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

High Life. Edgy Japanese theatre from Ryuzanji Company. ArtSpring. 8 p.m. Doors open 7 p.m. with a hosted reception.
Black Velvet Band. Free Music & Munch recital at All Saints. 12:10 p.m., followed by a delicious optional lunch for \$5.50.

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EXHIBITIONS

- J. Mitchell Gallery show — 2009 Summer Exhibition** of new works by gallery artists runs daily to Sept. 20.
- Images of Different Worlds** features works in various mediums by Eleanor Kobley, Erik Thorn, Gill Horodyski and Miriam Thorn at ArtSpring. Runs daily through Sat., Aug. 29.
- The Point Gallery, David Cantine:** painting/colour/still life and drawing/life runs daily through August.
- Seams/Seems** is the ArtCraft Showcase of work running daily at Mahon Hall through Sept. 13. Opening reception is on Friday, Aug. 28, 6-9 p.m.
- Louis Renaud** shows photographs at Island Savings Credit Union.
- Gail Sibley and Shirlee Lewis** are exhibiting in the lobby at ArtSpring through August.
- 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 Mclninch 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.

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ARTBEAT

Artists unveil new gems at J. Mitchell

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BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

J. Mitchell Gallery's summer show opening last Friday saw many supporters out in celebration of the gallery's continuing presence. Now under the ownership of Razali Wahab, the gallery's look and direction remain devoted to local artists, giving the public the opportunity to witness their development over time.

One artist to watch is Asha Robertson, whose whimsical sculptures continue to delight. Her series of houses has manifested most recently on tall, square bases of layered concrete, soft grey with subtle strata in turquoise. The striking and shiny metal shingles are made from food tins and make good use of the existing texture of the raised lines where the labels rest.

Bly Kaye's Shekina, Saskatchewan River reveals her deep sensitivity to nuanced colour. Here, an autumn scene unfolds in shades of lilac, apricot and soft red. The river landscape is composed in planes that cross on the diagonal, allowing the eye to travel the pattern carved out by the river through low hills. Kaye's delicate paper collage foliage is framed with tiny, skeletal white trunks that appear in relief out from the surface.

Ron Crawford's latest series in plaster on board explores the pattern of waves in sand and sees his best effort to date with the larger-scale Sequence in Tide. Deep, horizontal grooves speak



Benedictus and his creator Michael Robb at J. Mitchell Gallery.

PHOTO BY DERRICK LUNDY

of the tide's impact on the sand, but are made much more powerful by the underlying pattern of narrower vertical striations, painted in shades of red through blue. In between the horizontal waves, oval stones provide counterpoint, ranging in shades of white to seaweed's vivid green.

Bridging the Gap is a small ceramic sculpture by Karen Reiss; an arched base is topped by a woman's head in the centre and a tiny baby in a basket on one "shoulder." In its muted and rough application of slip, glaze and acrylic, the sculpture has the texture of real life (rather than polished fantasy), although its expression is more surreal in its nature. With the woman's face bearing a certain resemblance to Reiss, there's an inter-

esting contradiction between the personal and the philosophical: what does the baby represent? What is the reason for the gap that puts it at shoulder's length?

Reiss is also exhibiting her first painting, a dedication to The Muse in technicolour rainbow, including bright yellow-orange, turquoise, wine and red. The woman's figure is not differentiated from the background — together creating an intermingled riot of pattern and colour.

Ken Bennett's ceramic vessels combine smooth bodies in wonderful glazes with imaginative carved wood handles. Globe vessels have a diamond shaped piece that looks like a leaf, while the Pear vessel has one more like a stem. Glazes such as moss, waterfall brown and ebony somehow combine to create

a deep, dark blue, while riverstone and ebony create a luscious sky blue mixed with clotted cream.

Andrea Russell's jewellery has inspired a wall piece from that artist, which takes on a similar shape as some of her necklaces on a slightly larger scale. In fine silver, edging materials such as precious stones, driftwood, bone and acorns, Carry the Weight of the World is a wonderful combination of organic forms and delicately forged connecting elements.

Gabrielle Jensen's work in charcoal is normally very intense, but finds a lighter touch in Waters Edge 1930. What must be an old family photo informs the subject matter — a man bends down to show something to a young boy in an old-fashioned

bathing suit. The man's trousers and shirt sleeves are rolled up, but he's still wearing a tie.

The boy is looking somewhat away, but maintains a connection, holding on to the father with one hand. Jensen's trademark contrast between dark and light are present, but it's the light that prevails, with much of the scene built up in thick white conte and ground pastel.

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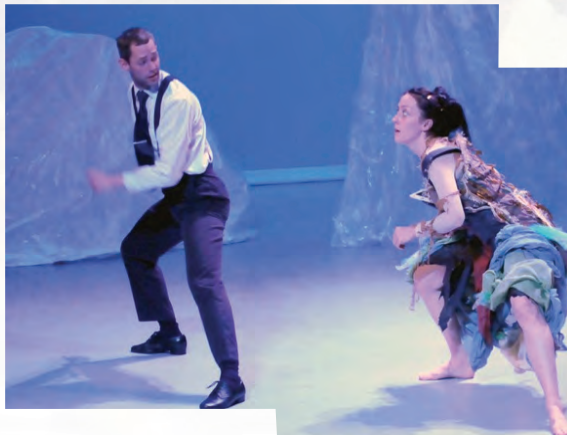
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Thursday, Sept 17 – 8:00pm
 The Orchestra is joined by the internationally acclaimed recording artist Dame Evelyn Glennie, Britain's first-ever professional solo percussionist. This is a groundbreaking accomplishment in itself, let alone for a musician who is profoundly deaf.

Six Mixed triPOD Dance Cooperative

Saturday, Sept 26 – 8:00pm
 Six Mixed is a programme of this troupe's best work, including a new piece created by guest artist Peter Bingham. The evening will also include a new dance work created by Boston choreographer Danny McCusker for the Salt Spring Lobby Dancers.

Sugar & Gold The Story of the Underground Railway Diana Braithwaite & Chris Whiteley

Monday, Sept 28 – 7:00pm
 Through music, slides and stories, blues singers Diana Braithwaite and Chris Whiteley brilliantly recount the history of slavery, of the Underground Railroad which brought many black Americans to new homes in Canada, and of the later human rights movement.

Marc Atkinson Trio

Thursday, Oct 1 – 8:00pm
 Marc Atkinson's many original compositions are jewels of the Canadian guitar repertoire. The Marc Atkinson Trio includes bassist Chris Frye and the rhythm guitar of Reuben Wier.

Dr Magpie Berklee College Jazz

Wednesday, Oct 7 – 8:00pm
 Dr. Magpie is composed of six of Berklee's finest string instrument players who have come together to create a sound that draws equally from Appalachia, New York, and the freewheeling Left Bank of prewar Paris.

Galileo's Daughters

Monday, Oct 19 – 8:00pm
 Dava Sobel, author of Galileo's Daughter, Longitude and The Planets, narrates an intriguing tale of coinciding discoveries in science and music while New York early music ensemble Galileo's Daughters creates a visceral link to the past.

Arion Ensemble

Saturday, Oct 24 – 8:00pm
 Arion is a renowned Montreal-based baroque orchestra performing on period instruments. Their ArtSpring concert includes works by Vivaldi, Telemann and Bach.

Susan Aglukark

Saturday, Oct 31 – 8:00pm
 Singer/songwriter Susan Aglukark blends the Inuktitut and English languages with contemporary pop music arrangements to tell the stories of her people.

Light & Metal MovEnt & Tara Cheyenne Dance

Thursday, Nov 5 – 8:00pm
 Two Vancouver dance companies in an exciting double bill of new dance.

Marc Djokic

Thursday, Nov 12 – 8:00pm
 Marc Djokic is one of Canada's brightest rising star violinists; his recital at ArtSpring, with pianist Julien LeBlanc, will include music by Gershwin, Brahms, Prokofiev and Richard Mascal.

Yegor Dyachkov

Wednesday, Nov 25 – 8:00pm
 The gifted young Canadian cellist Yegor Dyachkov presents an evening of cello music including Brahms sonatas and two of the Bach suites.

Russell Braun

Saturday, Nov 28 – 8:00pm
 Canadian opera sensation Russell Braun may call Toronto home, but you'll more likely find him singing major roles at the Met, l'Opéra de Paris, the State Opera in Vienna, the Chicago Lyric, Los Angeles Opera, La Scala, or the Salzburg or Glyndebourne Festivals.

Sharon Minemoto Trio

Sunday, Dec 13 – 2:30pm
 Vancouver's Sharon Minemoto is another of the fine musicians to have emerged from Capilano College's renowned jazz programme. This will be an afternoon of cool arrangements of jazz standards as well as Sharon's widely respected original compositions.

Duplex Veda Hille & Friends

Sunday, Jan 17 – 2:30PM
 Veda Hille has an eclectic band called Duplex made up of young and old family members and friends that performs music for young audiences.

Paula Kiffner & Friends

Sunday, Jan 24 – 2:30pm
 Salt Spring cellist Paula Kiffner joins with three fine Victoria musicians to present a wonderful afternoon of chamber music, including Bach's Goldberg Variations arranged for string trio, and Brahms' Piano Quartet in C.

Tokyo String Quartet

Monday, Feb 1 – 8:00pm
 The four musicians, Martin Beaver and Kikuei Ikeda (violins), Kazuhide Isomura (viola) and Cive Greensmith (cello), will play works by Haydn, Beethoven & Bartok.

Ladies & Aires

Sunday, Feb 7 – 2:30pm
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Salt Spring Chamber Players

Sunday, Feb 21 – 2:30pm
 Jim and Laurie Stubbs convene a chamber ensemble of Salt Spring and Victoria players to present Schubert's famous Octet, as well as works by Albinoni and Alexandre Tansman.

Rankin/Church/Crowe

Tuesday, Feb 23 – 8:00pm
 Raylene Rankin, Cindy Church, and Susan Crowe are all award winning recording artists from Atlantic Canada who bring their varied musical signatures to the stage in a mix of elegance and accessibility.

Janina Fialkowska

Tuesday, March 16 – 8:00pm
 March 2010 marks Chopin's 200th birthday, and distinguished Canadian pianist Janina Fialkowska helps us celebrate with an all-Chopin recital.

Chor Leoni

Saturday, March 20 – 2:30pm
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Wednesday, Mar 31 – 8:00pm
 Thursday, Apr 1 – 8:00pm
 Friday, Apr 2 – 8:00pm
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Angele Dubeau & La Pieta

Wednesday, Apr 7 – 8:00pm
 The renowned string orchestra La Pieta performs a concert entitled Myths and Legends, including the music of Philip Glass, Ginastera, Piazzola, Gluck, Francois Dompierre, Lorraine Desmarais, Denis Dion and others.

April 14, 1912

Tuesday, Apr 20 – 8:00pm
 Wednesday, Apr 21 – 8:00pm
 Theatre Rusticle's two male actors tell the story of the sinking of the Titanic through the roles of the ship's telegraph officers, while a female dancer dances the part of the ship itself.

Bess Durey Band

Sunday, Apr 25 – 2:30pm
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Cock-Pit Wen Wei Dance

Tuesday, May 4 – 8:00pm
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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

ART REVIEW

Painting partners unite for group show with Images of Different Worlds

Australia, New Zealand, Western Canadian inspirations represented at ArtSpring show

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Four friends who have been painting together for close to thirty years have recently reunited for a group show, with Images of Different Worlds at ArtSpring. Individual interests and painting styles come together as the four friends express a united love for the natural world through their art.

With various members born in Western Canada, New Zealand and Australia, all have connected in the city of Victoria, B.C. Married couple Erik Thorn and Miriam Thorn met in London, England, where they both attended the Central School of Art and Design. While Miriam was born and raised in New Zealand, Erik grew up in Victoria, and the couple eventually settled there. Both have had careers involving art and education.

Eleanor Koble was born in Victoria and graduated from UVIC with a BFA. Her paintings in watercolour and acrylic often celebrate the landscape of Vancouver Island, or are "closer observations of local plants in their seasons."

Gill Horodyski grew up in Australia, lived and travelled in Canada, and has since returned with her Canadian husband to Melbourne, although she has strong connections to friends and family on North America's West Coast. Horodyski has noted the Australian landscape's deep impact on her palette and style, in expressive oil paintings that border on the abstract.

For their Salt Spring exhibition, the group of friends has filled the ArtSpring gallery space with paintings that take inspiration from nature. Koble's section features landscapes in acrylic and garden scenes in watercolour. She also has some interesting collagraph prints on display. One of these, In the Beginning, features a three-headed black blob in the centre of a silvery field on black paper; a glimpse of the tenuous moment that engendered life.

Morning Glory is one of her watercolours, a scene of white blossoms and dark shadows against a cedar, lattice-topped fence. Koble shows here her eye for composition, with the dramatic contrasts well framed. Another watercolour, Summer Shadows, provides an example of the artist's love for solving compositional challenges with its jumble of flowers and shadows.

Miriam Thorn also takes local landscapes and plants as subject matter for her watercolours, but her palette and style are more fanciful. In woodland scenes such as Old Growth Rhythm and Green Heritage, she employs yel-

low, orange and pink almost as much as green and brown, while shadows can use a touch of violet or aqua.

Close-up views of flowers capture their energy and vitality with an entire rainbow of shades, such as Summer Unfolds and Catch the Moment. In I Could Have Been Eve II, a branch full of red apples couldn't look juicier or more tempting.

Erik Thorn's acrylic paintings take on grander landscapes and also frequently portray wild animals, with work that's come about from painting holidays to Africa and elsewhere. He is concerned with colour and "natural patterns with fascination for natural history." Realistic but with a slightly mythic quality, his paintings express an idealized nature.

Individual interests and painting styles come together as the four friends express a united love for the natural world through their art.

Erik's scenes of lions or antelopes are impressive, but better examples of his skill come in quieter pieces, such as two of fish in water: Cut-throat Trout and Grayling. In Cut-throat Trout, the fish is seen in a green, green pool, swimming between two rocks. The clarity of water and the way light bounces off the fish's scales are well done, and its speckled back and pink cheeks are very pleasing.

Horodyski's large, expressionist landscapes make full use of the properties of oil paints, with thick layering of pigment and deep colour saturation. With swoops and swirls, all of her pieces carry the inherent movement of the brush and convey nature's dynamic frenzy.

On the Road to Peniche I and III both contain a greatly broiled-up sky. In I, Horodyski stirs up tones of pink and blue, bubblegum and cerise, with contrasts of green and orange for the sky, while deep and lighter shades of blue and highlights of gold and moss green imply the landscape below. Peniche III is a similar view but puts green and orange in the landscape and echoes those shades in the sky, along with bright blue, vermillion and magenta.

The Girls - College Inlet, Alaska is a more muted scene that brings in the many subtle shades that inform the winter landscape. Creamy overtones are made complex with hints of rose and aqua, a touch of ochre and a deep blue shadow in one corner.

Images of Different Worlds continues at ArtSpring until Friday, Aug. 28.

DANCE

Kostaman and The Release ready for full moon energy

Dance party set for Sept. 4

Two jam bands will take over Beaver Point Hall for a full moon dance party on Friday, Sept. 4.

Whistler-based bands Kostaman and The Release will play long sets that move across all genres from rock, experimental, world beat, jazz, blues and reggae.

Kostaman is a co-founder of Bands Against Hunger, a non-profit society

to bring awareness to humanitarian issues, and has shared the stage with the likes of Michael Franti and Spearhead and Xavier Rudd.

The Release incorporates keys, flute, sax, guitar, vocals, drum and bass and has no limits to the live dub jams they will churn out during a show.

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IN THE TREE HOUSE: David Jacquest of the Man Cubs belts out the sound at Tree House Cafe on Friday night, as part of the restaurant's nightly live music.

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DRAMA

Acclaimed High Life play puts Salt Spring on tour

Ryuzanji Company from Japan at ArtSpring

A story of four men living so close to the edge that they've completely fallen off comes to the ArtSpring stage next week direct from Victoria's Fringe Festival.

High Life is a Japanese adaption of Canadian playwright Lee MacDougall's darkly comic work about four junkies who attempt to rob a bank. They're "four very ordinary, very likeable chaps, who just happen to be addicted to a life of crime and drugs," explains press material about the acclaimed show.

It runs on Tuesday and Wednesday, Sept. 1 and 2 at 8 p.m.

High Life is set in a large Canadian city and is written in the tradition of Reservoir Dogs and Trainspotting, painting a portrait of hilarious yet desperate lives on the edge.

The play is performed by Ryuzanji Company from Japan, which has grown out of the Japanese underground and small theatre movement. The company was formed by Show Ryuzanji in 1984 to create a horizontal affiliation among small theatre activists and develop a Japanese theatre circle.

It uses talent and material from classical, modern, dance, and musical genres, as well as Japanese classical plays, and believes that theatre can exist anywhere, putting on performances not only in theatres, but also as outdoor plays and street plays.

In addition to being the company

founder and artistic director, Ryuzanji also directs this play.

Ryuzanji is a renowned Japanese stage director, actor and producer and has continually been at the forefront of the second generation of Japan's small theatre movement.

So far he has directed more than 200 plays and has also appeared in a number of plays, films and television dramas as a powerful character actor.

He also serves as vice-chair of the Japan Stage Directors Association and the director of the Japan Theatre Companies Association.

In the year 2000, Ryuzanji Company was awarded the Grand Prix Best of Fringe at Victoria's Fringe International Theatre Festival for its performance of Educating Mad Persons.

Originally in English, High Life has since been translated into Japanese and has been a long-running hit in Japan. The show returns to its country of origin as a part of its tour through Taiwan, China, Korea and Russia.

The play is in Japanese with English subtitles and comes with a caution of coarse language and mature subject matter, so parental guidance is suggested.

High Life is being sponsored on Salt Spring by Raven Street Market Café and the Japanese Garden Society.

Hosted receptions take place beginning at 7 p.m. for both shows.

Tickets cost \$15 for adults and \$10 for students, and are available now at ArtSpring.

It is advisable to get tickets early for best seats as Ryuzanji Company's last performance here sold out.

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Flexibility and lower prices accompany ArtSpring news

Classical, jazz and dance concerts announced

ArtSpring has recently announced both its live performance programming for the 2009-10 season, as well as a number of changes to ticket pricing and subscription options.

Executive director George Sipos explains that ArtSpring's "Recession Buster Pass," which was in effect from January to May of this year, proved very popular, and some of the discounts it offered have now been made permanent.

"The Recession Buster Pass was intended as a short-term response to the economic crisis that we feared might discourage some people from attending live arts performances," says Sipos. "It taught us that, so long as they can afford it, people choose the arts as an important part of their lives even, and especially, in difficult times."

For the coming season, all youth tickets will be priced at \$5 instead of the previous \$12. Also, all basic single admission adult tickets have been reduced by one dollar from last year.

The biggest change, however, is in the manner in which multiple-performance subscriptions will work.

In previous years, the 30 or so concerts, plays and dance performances were offered as a number of fixed packages. Subscribers could purchase these packages at various discounts. Four such fixed packages continue to be offered: two classical music, one jazz and one dance package.

What's new, however, is that patrons are now invited to create their own package, including any selection they wish from the full range of 27 different events, and realize savings on their choices.

A self-created package of any six,

seven or eight events is available at a 15 per cent discount, and a package of nine or more different events can be purchased at a 20 per cent discount.

"Many patrons have been asking for flexibility to accommodate their vacation plans, or to allow them to pursue their own specific tastes in music, theatre and so on," says Sipos. "We're now offering them that flexibility, plus the ability to save money."

"As for the programs themselves, we have tried to include something for everyone — ranging from first-class classical music such as the Tokyo String Quartet, to fine jazz from the Marc Atkinson Trio, to Canadian pop music icon Susan Aglukark, to choral music with Chor Leoni, to theatre from two of Canada's best small companies, to contemporary dance from Wen Wei Wang and other fine B.C. choreographers.

"We haven't forgotten our own community either. Salt Spring cellist Paula Kiffner is featured in her own recital in January, and the ever-popular Salt Spring Chamber Players return in February.

"The biggest news is that we will be hosting the inaugural performance of the National Broadcast Orchestra on Sept. 16. This new orchestra is the successor of the CBC Radio Orchestra and we're tickled that they have chosen ArtSpring to introduce themselves to the country."

Full details of all 27 performances are available elsewhere in today's Driftwood, as well as on ArtSpring's website (www.artspring.ca) and in complete season brochures available at ArtSpring and various other locations in Ganges.

All subscription options and tickets for individual performances are now available from the ArtSpring Ticket Centre at 250-537-2102.

YOUTH THEATRE

Stagecoach Theatre School announces exciting courses

Classes start Sept. 14; in-person registration event on Aug. 27

Stagecoach Theatre School is pleased to announce three exciting new additions to its line-up of creative drama courses for the 2009-2010 school year.

"Bigs and Littles, Mini-Spotlight, and On-Stage, combined with many of the familiar programs Stagecoach has offered island children for over a decade, will ensure that there will be something for every young person from toddlers to teens," explains a press release.

New classes include Bigs and Littles, a program for for parents and toddlers, Mini-Spotlight for children who want just a taste of drama, and On-Stage for committed learners who crave the whole theatrical performance experience. These new offerings, combined with such existing classes as Junior Theatre, Spotlight, Musical Theatre and Stagecraft, should meet the needs of almost every young person who loves the theatre and wants to learn more about the creative and artistic opportunities acting and stagecraft provide.

Don Keith, artistic director of Stagecoach Theatre School, has made some imaginative changes to the drama programs offered by the island's only dedicated drama school following his first year in that role. In

addition to the new courses being offered, some old favourites have been revised to focus more directly on the school's philosophy of providing first class theatre training while keeping an emphasis on the development of the child's imagination and creativity. In articulating his views on theatre education, Keith stresses the importance of cooperation, communication, creative thinking, teamwork, dependability, focus and responsibility — qualities that came to the fore in last year's outstanding performance of Peter Pan.

According to Keith, "Stagecoach courses are designed to take kids on an imaginative journey that transforms ideas into positive collective experiences."

As Stagecoach Theatre School programs start on Sept. 14, parents are advised to register their children for classes as soon as possible.

Copies of Stagecoach brochures are available at various locations including West of the Moon and the Rainbow Road Pool. Online brochures can be accessed via the Stagecoach website, www.stagecoachtheatre.ca.

There will be a special in-person registration day on Thursday, Aug. 27 from 3 to 7 p.m. at All Saints By-the-Sea church hall.

People can stop by on that day to register, with phone and e-mail inquiries also welcome. Call 250-538-7494 or e-mail Stagecoach at office@stagecoach.ca.



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POWER ON THE PARK: Tess and Skye Hart busk in Centennial Park. The two, who live in Oregon, were on Salt Spring attending Fiddleworks' second fiddle camp of the summer.

MUSIC & MUNCH

Black Velvet Band brings touch of Ireland

Popular group makes first M&M appearance

Wednesday, Sept. 2 marks the beginning of regular monthly Music and Munch performances and is one that will appeal to everyone who loves Irish music.

Black Velvet Band promises to entertain with wonderful toe-tapping traditional music from Ireland, with some Salt Spring songs added for good measure.

Black Velvet Band is made up of four talented and well-known musicians — Harry Warner, originally from County

Kerry, Ireland, Denise McCann, originally from the U.S., and Briony Penn and Jo Lundstrom, both from Victoria, B.C. Warner plays banjo, tenor guitar and mandolin; Lundstrom plays accordion and concertina; McCann performs on the mandolin, guitar, bodhran, hurdy-gurdy and dulcimer; and Penn plays penny whistle.

"All four musicians sing and their a cappella three-part harmony renditions of traditional songs are a delight to hear and a favourite part of each performance," states press material.

"The group is based on Salt Spring Island and has been

enjoyed often by locals and visitors alike at their many performances at local venues."

They have performed at Seattle's Folklife and throughout the Pacific Northwest, but next Wednesday is the group's first Music and Munch appearance.

Black Velvet Band has made a tape of their joyful music titled Do You Love An Apple?

Music and Munch hoped to have copies of the tape available, but due to its popularity it has sold out.

This and all Music and Munch concerts are free and begin at 12:10 p.m., followed by an optional lunch for \$5.50.

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ON THE PATIO: Members of Lane 31, from left, Peter McFarlane, Dale Bishop, Bruce Cameron, David Hallam and Brian Nash (missing John Newman), rock the patio at Shipstones on Friday night.

ARTCRAFT

Surprises, challenges at five-artist show

Next ArtCraft Showcase titled *Seams/Seems*

BY GARY CHERNEFF
SPECIAL TO THE DRIFTWOOD

"Seams/Seems" is the ambiguous title for an exhibition of work by five established Salt Spring artists.

There will be surprises from this group consist-

ing of Jan Smith (metal and enamel artist), David Greig (furniture design), Ulrieke Benner (wearable art), Stefanie Denz (painting) and Gary Cherneff (ceramics, multiple media).

This is a show that challenges expectations and assumptions. For Gary Cherneff the quote "obscure tools for extinct kinds of labour" is particularly appropriate. His sculptural and graphic work draws upon his interest in the material artifacts of human culture and the assignment of meaning, metaphorical, magical, symbolic and/or functional.

Current themes incorporate architecture, tools and utensils in spatial contexts. Some of these works have multiple components where meaning is contingent on the relationships of parts. Others are ironic — vases that lie on their side — poetic, political or simply a blaze of colour. Images and inspiration are drawn from local sources such as the Ganges Fire Hall and distant ones like

works by Italian renaissance architects.

It seems that these seams Benner sews create unique fabrics, colour collages and playful garments. Her "sandwich" fabrics are a combination of exquisite silks and natural wool fibres. Pushing the limits of her fabrics creates new and original materials for her creative designs. With uninhibited experiment and refined techniques Benner stitches, shrinks and combines fabrics and colours, creating unique pieces that can be worn with a smile and a flare of haute couture. Each piece is one-of-a-kind.

Smith is a metal and enamel artist. She is fascinated by the complexity of botanical forms and inspired by the patterns and designs on the surfaces of these objects, the memory of the shape of them in her hands. Through the use of enamel she creates colour fields, marks and textures. Smith coaxes subtle details and delicate marks with layers of glass. Fragments of floral imagery and

traces of plant forms are employed to suggest an event or a moment, evoking the erotic and seductive qualities of these forms.

"I want the observer to be pulled into this sensual world and to feel that moment of wonder," she explains.

Stefanie Denz understands that a painting is delimited by its frame and is set upon a wall always with the implication of its transience. Wallpaper, on the other hand, is demarcated by the room or barrier it is applied to. It is grounded to the architecture and domestic landscape. For this exhibition Denz has constructed a painted wall. It is a painting by the nature of its realization but there is no frame telling us "this is a painting." We are intrigued about its utility, its place in our domestic world. Is it decoration or is it artistic expression? Does convention allow us to paint rooms as works of art?

"The images I have used are from the movie *la Dolce Vita* by Federico Fellini, ferry travel on

the Howe Sound Queen and driving the roads on Salt Spring Island," she says. "These visual sources provide a dreamlike architectural scope that is familiar and comfortable to me." Wallpaper introduces these images and ideas directly into our intimate domestic environment.

David Greig's education in industrial design has encouraged him to explore the conceptual and practical problems of furniture design.

"We are all trained and conditioned, more or less, as to what a particular piece of furniture should look like." How we "sit" and how we "set" are more or less accepted cultural practices. The ergonomic standards, which reference dimensions (height, width and depth), simply codify our habits and customs.

For this show Greig has eschewed the normal research and study analysis which generally precedes, and often constrains, a typical product development process.

"This exhibition seemed an ideal opportunity to try to explore the nature of ambiguity in my design process and what that might add in the development of a small product." The nfa (as in "no fixed address") prototypes are the result of his straying sideways, just a little, from the generally accepted conventions of . . . what a stool or a side table "is" or appears to be.

The ArtCraft Showcase *Seams/Seems* opening reception is on Friday, Aug. 28, 6-9 p.m. ArtCraft is open to the public seven days a week until the end of the season on Sept. 13.

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FLOWER POWER: Toni Green creates a paper flower for the Firefly Lantern Festival set for Sept. 12 on Salt Spring. Several people attended the Core Inn last weekend to make festival creations. Recycled can and jar workshops to make lanterns run this Saturday and Sunday, Aug. 29-30 at the Core Inn (third floor) from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. For more info, e-mail fireflylanternfestival@gmail.com.

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- * **Nobody's Perfect:** Registration at Family Place 250-537-9176.

SELF-HELP

Program helps deal with death

Next six-week session begins Sept. 15

BY NATALIE NORTH
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

The death of a loved one can shatter a person's life and leave them questioning how to move forward.

Salt Spring's grief recovery program offers hope for those struggling with a loss through group sessions that teach coping skills on every level, including the spiritual, emotional, intellectual and physical elements of healing.

"We do have a structure, but mainly, the purpose is to get people to talk about their feelings and their experiences," said Rhema Cossever, one of the program facilitators. "In doing so, the idea is that it sort of normalizes the situation. When you're overwhelmed with grief it's quite understandable that you feel like you're quite alone in that place. You see that others share a lot of the same experiences and feelings."

The small groups meet for two hours per week during the six-week programs that run in the spring as well as the fall, but often form friendships and connections that continue on into the future. Peter Howell went through last spring's program after experiencing a major loss and is now able to acknowledge not only how much better off he is since talking with people in a similar situation, but also just how much he had to deal with.

"Prior to the [course] I was just in a state of disbelief and the way I would cope with it was to just be constantly busy," Howell said. "I was busy all the time. I would not stop and think because the whole experience sort of clouds your mind."

"It helps to come to terms with the loss. In my case, for months I was shovelling it under the carpet. It was something I wouldn't even accept."

Howell says that the program forced him to go into a "black place" and confront the loss — a painful but necessary step in his recovery. In addition to learning from the other members of the group, he also wrote poetry and says that writing emotions down is a valuable healing tool.

Cossever calls this the optional "homework" element of the program and remembers to emphasize the positive, as well as the difficult steps. Participants are encouraged to do something nice for themselves each week.

"We celebrate the small victories as well as acknowledging the difficulties and challenges," she said.

Sessions are moderated by trained facilitators who have been through the program themselves for their own grief. While they teach many practical how-to skills, open discussion remains the basis of the program.

"When you go through something like that you don't really know what is normal," Howell said. "It has such an impact on your brain that sometimes you think 'Am I losing my mind? Am I literally going crazy?' Grief manifests itself in so many ways."

Howell was able to relate to the members of his group and is now able to laugh about little things like his putting salt in coffee instead of sugar during his time of great mental distress.

As the only male in his program, he has a message for any men suffering through the loss of a loved one.

"I think that guys tend to bury their emotions because that seems to be the guy thing to do," he said. "So there are probably a lot of guys out there who could use the help."

Cossever echoes the sentiment, noting that far fewer men register for the program than women, despite their need. She also highlights the importance of having some unbiased counselling.

"As wonderful as family and friends can be," she said, "sometimes it's easier to talk to somebody who isn't so close. There's no background or history to muddy things up. You can just talk from right here, right now, with people who have been through it."


The program is open to anyone, of any age, who has experienced the loss of a loved one at any time and is willing to start moving forward. Usually, participants wait until six months has passed since the death, but it's not mandatory. Sessions can be repeated if desired and there is extra counselling support offered. Participants also learn what other resources are available in the community once their session is complete.

"It's a very individual journey and it can take people years," Cossever said. "And there's no right or wrong about it."

"It's a life-changing experience," Howell said. "You're a different person afterward."

People dealing with the death of a loved one can connect with others experiencing loss and receive support by contacting program facilitators Barbara Dams at 250-653-4945 or Cossever at 250-537-2998.

The fall session will run Tuesdays at 7 p.m. from Sept. 15 through Oct. 20 at the Croftonbrook lounge.



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YOUTH ISSUES

SWOVA welcomes participation for new Pass-It-On boys project

Male counterpart to successful girls project begins in September

SWOVA is getting ready to launch its Pass-It-On Boys pilot project. Given last year's success with the Pass-It-On Girls project, SWOVA — the Salt Spring Women Opposed to Violence and Abuse group — is hoping to repeat the success with a similar mentor program, but this time for boys. The pilot project is aimed at creating mentor relationships between older male teens in high school and younger boys in the middle school to help address specific issues and problems that younger adolescent boys face with regards to violence and abuse. The coordinator for the project is Bob Campsall, a resident of

Salt Spring for the past 18 years. Campsall has worked in and around the community, most recently volunteering with Community Justice. "This pilot project is an opportunity to help the Gulf Islands youth," said Campsall. "Connecting middle school boys with high school boys and adult role models through mentoring will foster understanding and a brighter future for men and our community at large. We will be creating a forum where young men and boys can explore their realities, build self esteem, develop leadership and cultivate respect and support. Through learning opportunities, fun activities and lots of good food, we hope to encourage a healthier state of mind, which is a solid foundation for mindful decision-making." Steve Chadwick, the facilitator on this project, concurs: "I would

agree with Bob. From much of the literature and interviews we have done, there appears to be much benefit to be gained from mentoring. Some of the issues that the teens have mentioned stem from disconnection, family issues, friendships, dating, sexuality and even body image." Chadwick is completing his masters degree in counselling psychology. The Pass-It-On Boys project will be a series of fun activities and workshops starting in September and running until December. In addition, the teen mentors will be meeting with their younger counterparts regularly to facilitate the mentoring process. For more information on the Pass-It-On Boys project or an opportunity to join in, contact the SWOVA office at 250-537-1336.

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ZEN

Locals taste Zen in upcoming half-day meditation session

Next on this Sunday at Ango Retreat

The Salt Spring Zen Circle invites interested islanders to its monthly half-day meditation retreat set for Sunday, Aug. 30. Taking place at the serene and beautiful Ango Retreat, the meditation is suited for complete beginners, experienced meditators and everyone in between. Although over the centuries much has been written about Zen, according to press material, "the practice of Zen meditation (zazen) is simply the practice of being completely with each moment, and then completely letting it go." Beginners will be instructed on how to sit zazen, and chairs will be available for those who cannot sit on cushions. "While the Zen Circle practices together every Wednesday evening, Peter Levitt, the group's teacher, feels that these half-day monthly sittings are a wonderful opportunity for people to 'taste Zen' in a setting that allows the mind to open more fully to its own clarity and quiet." Levitt is a poet and an ordained

lay teacher in the lineage of Suzuki Roshi. "One of the wonderful things about Zen is that it doesn't get uptight or nervous," he laughs. "It embraces contradiction and opposites, rather than sticking anxiously to just one point of view. There are certain forms that have been passed down for centuries, but under the forms are humour and a big heart and a sense of wonder at the miracle of ordinary life." The meditation morning will include walking meditation, a talk by Levitt and a short period of work practice, in which attendees will take care of the building and grounds that in turn take care of them. Participants should bring gardening gloves and suitable clothing. The half-day retreat runs from 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Participants are asked to arrive by 7:45 a.m. at the latest and are invited to bring a bag lunch for an informal meal afterward. Contact Simon at 250-537-1721 in order to register, or for further info. Attendance is free, but in keeping with Zen tradition, donations are gratefully received for the teacher, who otherwise receives no remuneration.

Sports & Recreation

HIKING

Trail and Nature Club activities resume after summer season

Blackberry Festival kicks things off on Sept. 8

The fall season for the Salt Spring Trail and Nature Club opens on Sept. 8 with the Blackberry Festival.

Ramblers, walkers and hikers will meet at Ruckle Park at noon.

Bring your own lunch, bowl, spoon and favorite blackberry dish/dessert. Pre-blackberry activities are organized; see below for details.

Club-organized parking will be at the furthest parking lot in the park.

The fall trip to Cathedral Lake Provincial Park is Sept. 15 to 17.

The annual fees for the 2009/2010 season are now due: \$25 per person, reduced to \$20 for renewing members if paid before Oct. 31.

Please complete and sign the membership and waiver forms and leave them with your cheque in the Cobbler's Box, or present it to our membership secretary, Barry Spence (250-537-2332).

Both forms are available for download from the website at www.saltspringtnc.ca, where you will also find more details on our activities.

Following is our schedule of events for September.

HIKERS

Sept. 8: Charles Kahn will lead a hike from Cusheon Cove to Ruckle Park with the return after the blackberry lunch.

There may be a possible visit to Hatfield museum in the afternoon. Leave ArtSpring at 9:45 a.m. or meet at the cul-de-sac beyond 107 Meyer Rd. 10 a.m. Note: Hikers might want to arrange to have a "walker" friend take their blackberry delicacy to Ruckle Park for them.

In lieu of this, Brian Adderley has graciously agreed to transport blackberry concoctions from ArtSpring to Ruckle Park.

Sept. 15: Zeke Blazicka will lead us on a moderate hike on Mount Maxwell from Armand Way. Yes, this is the annual B&B hike! Leave ArtSpring at 9:45 a.m. or join at the Dukes Road/Fulford-Ganges Road junction at 10. Sept. 22: Kees Visser will lead a strenuous hike with a few rough sections going halfway up Mount Sullivan and onwards overlooking Bold Bluff, returning along Burgoyne Bay. Leave ArtSpring at 9:45 a.m. or join at Burgoyne Bay at 10 a.m.

Sept. 29: Mary Hof will lead a moderate hike to Endurance Ridge in East Sooke Park. Meet at Portlock Park at 7:30 a.m. to carpool for the 8 a.m. ferry to Crofton. We will meet the leader at the rest area on the highway near Valley View Center at 9:10 a.m.

Plan this to be a long day, with return to Crofton no earlier than 5 p.m. For more information, phone

Mary Hof at 250-743-4074 or send an e-mail to gmhof@shaw.ca.

WALKERS

Sept. 8: Nancy Braithwaite will lead a walk in Ruckle Park. Leave ArtSpring at 10 a.m. or meet at the lower parking lot in Ruckle Park. Remember to bring your favourite blackberry goodie, a bowl and spoon.

Sept. 15: Curt Firestone will lead a walk on the Jack Foster Trail. We will go through forest, walk along the Trincomali Channel and return by roads through farm land. This is a 5-km moderate hike/walk which can only be completed at low tide. Walkers should be aware that one section requires using a rope along the trail and another section requires going over large boulders. Leave ArtSpring at 10 a.m.

Sept. 22: Paul Way will lead a moderate walk, with some road walking, from South Ridge Drive in Fulford to China Beach. Leave ArtSpring at 10 a.m. or meet at South Ridge Drive at 10:20.

Sept. 29: Jacqueline Severn will lead a moderate walk from Beaver Point Hall to the Indian Reserve. Leave ArtSpring at 10 a.m. or meet at Beaver Point Hall at 10:20.

RAMBLERS

Sept. 8: Blackberry Festival at Ruckle Park. Terry Fuoco will lead a walk through Ruckle Park. Carpool from Centennial Park at 10 a.m. or from Drummond Park at 10:15.

Sept. 15: Mickey Lyytikainen will lead us on a walk in the Blackburn Road area. Carpool from Centennial Park at 10 a.m.

Sept. 22: Beth Ranney will take us on an off-island trip to Swan Lake near Victoria. Arrange your own carpool. We will take the 9:50 a.m. ferry from Fulford.

Sept. 29: Kathy Darling will lead a walk in the Trincomali Heights Area. Carpool from Centennial Park at 10 a.m.

NATURE GROUP

There are no events planned for September.

Oct. 4: Surrey/White Rock Naturalists will join us for the Salt Spring Apple Festival.

Please phone Teresa if you would like to be a host/volunteer driver for our sister club members. 538-0978.

Oct. 20: Pacific Northwest Raptors Ltd. Duncan. "Footprints in the Snow" — SSI (get out your snow shoes!). \$12 must be paid to Teresa before Sept. 20 to reserve our tour. Limited to 10.

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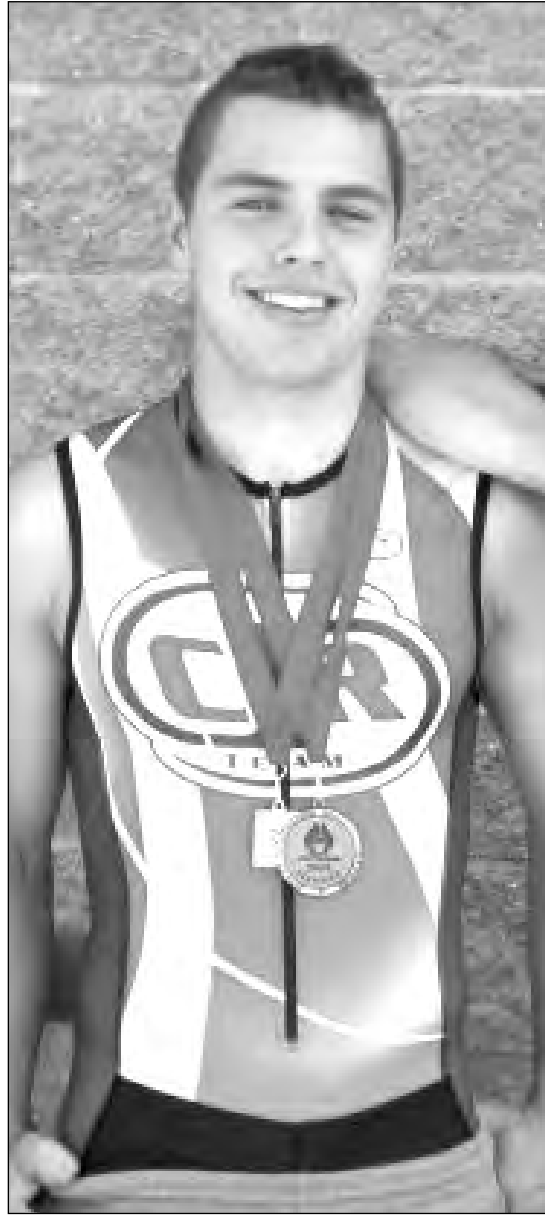


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Jay Marchi of Salt Spring sports a silver medal from his finish in the Kids of Steel 16-to-19-year-old male category at the Pushor Mitchell Apple Triathlon event in Kelowna last weekend. He completed a 20-km bike ride, a 750-km swim and a five-km run in a time of 1:04:59, competing against athletes from Western Canada.

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Double-win, eagle among highlights

Honours bestowed on golfers

BY SUSAN RUSSELL
DRIFTWOOD CONTRIBUTOR

Marg Lowther was a double winner at this year's club championship at the Salt Spring Island Golf Club annual event.

She won the LaBelle Trophy for best senior player, with a low net of 139 for two days of play. Janelle Holmes was runner-up with a low-net score of 145.

Lowther also won the Bramhall Cup to become the club's new ladies low-net champion and was thrilled with her double win.

"I was so pleased I played 36 holes!" she said.

Lowther is a regular member of the nine-hole ladies and Monday night ladies groups.

Carol McIntosh was runner-up with a two-day low-net score of 142. Evidently the early start time on Sunday at 7:30 p.m. was a new experience for McIntosh, who was heard to ask, "What's all this wet stuff on my ball?"

There were 20 lady entrants this year and they faced perfect conditions compared to last year's rain and wind. Members of all three ladies groups — nine-hole, 18-hole and MNL — participated.

As one of the competitors said, playing in this tournament "pushes your golf game. You really have to focus."

Melanie Iverson won the ladies championship and was presented with the Wilson Cup with her two-day low-gross score of 170. Her score of 79 on Saturday was the first time she had broken 80 on this course. Runner-up with 178 was Frankie Johnston.

Both ladies, when asked about their game, could only speak of Alice Richards' eagle on #5 as the highlight of the weekend.

"Witnessing Alice's eagle was the best," said Johnston. "We were all thrilled for her."

After taking her second shot, Richards realized she had used too much club, as she put it back in her bag.

When the ladies approached the green they were looking at the back of it for her errant ball. Iverson finally looked in the hole and found it, giving Richards the touchdown sign, as Richards welled up with absolute delight.

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