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POPPY PLAY: Jackie Simpson is the "P" in "Peace" as Fernwood Elementary School children take part in Remembrance Day activities on Tuesday.

BC FERRIES

Swartz Bay connection issues debated

'Hole-in-the-fence' option dead, but 20-minute reservation cut-off time re-announced

BY SUSAN LUNDY
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Islanders looking for a "hole-in-the-fence" travel scenario at Swartz Bay terminal can effectively board up that option.

At a Salt Spring Ferry Advisory Committee meeting last Monday night, the company's executive vice president and chief financial officer Rob Clarke said unequivocally that any in-terminal turnaround option for Salt Spring ferry users looking to make a connection to Tsawwassen will not happen.

"It has been studied and studied and studied again," said Clarke, referring to islanders'

request to have faster vehicle access to the Swartz Bay toll booth through a gated "fence" in the terminal.

"It is not affordable, so we are not going to do it," Clarke said.

He also stressed that BC Ferries does not offer a connecting service to Tsawwassen from Salt Spring.

However, he added, Salt Spring residents who make a reservation on a Tsawwassen-bound ferry have a 20-minute cut-off time rather than the 30 minutes enforced on everyone else.

He said this policy has been in effect for some time — even if not all toll booth operators know it.

The hole-in-the-fence turnaround scenario and the shorter reservation cut-off time are both part of a larger issue for Fulford Harbour ferry users hoping to make a connection to Tsawwassen through Swartz Bay.

Salt Spring's Skeena Queen schedule gives a 20- to 35-minute turnaround window for those attempting to sail to Tsawwassen on the odd-hour departures from Swartz Bay.

The hole-in-the-fence option existed unofficially for several years, but currently Tsawwassen-bound Skeena drivers must follow a turnaround route that exits the terminal and then doubles back to the toll booth.

Following a community-wide appeal by FAC member Scott Simmons for islanders to turn out to the FAC meeting and plead for a return of the

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HEALTH SERVICES

Strike law increases woes of ambulance workers

Salt Spring's lack of base also decried

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Back-to-work legislation passed by the provincial government on Saturday is an insult to the already battered-and-bruised paramedic corps serving the island, according to a spokesperson for the Canadian Union of Public Employees.

"A strike is meant to put pressure on both sides. Both sides are meant to bleed," said Bryon Longewy, a unit chief based on Vancouver Island and CUPE's provincial recording secretary. "What's happened here is that we've been bleeding, but we haven't seen government move at all."

Provincial legislation passed Saturday morning brings an end to the paramedics' seven-month strike.

Due to an essential service order imposed by the government immediately following the April 1 strike date, residents are not likely to have noticed any significant changes to paramedic service over the course of the strike.

That hasn't been the case for paramedics, according to Longewy.

"The morale is extremely low, especially in the small communities," he said on Tuesday.

Under the terms of Bill 21, paramedics will receive a one-year contract that includes a three per cent raise.

CUPE, the union representing the province's 3,600 paramedics, seeks wage parity with

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NEWSBEAT

Ferries sticks to 'no connection' policy

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"hole-in-the-fence" option, several people spoke on the subject.

"It is an accident waiting to happen," said Curt Firestone, describing the "adrenaline rush" felt by islanders making a "mad dash" off the Skeena, down the highway and back to the toll booth in time to make the connection.

The situation is made worse, he added, when the Skeena arrives late at Swartz Bay and off-loading occurs at the same time as a larger ferry arriving from Tsawwassen.

Under these circumstances, Salt Spring vehicles are routed through the Swartz Bay parking lot to a terminal overpass — through two traffic lights — and then onto the highway turnaround route.

"A good engineer should be able to figure out how to route us to the toll booth," Firestone said. "Otherwise, there is going to be an accident."

But Clarke said BC Ferries has spent "tens of thousands of dollars" studying the situation and "it just isn't possible."

"It is not doable with the movement of the toll booth [following recent terminal construction at Swartz Bay]," he said, adding it would cost \$5 million to construct a left-hand lane enabling the hole-in-the-fence scenario.

"There is no option for another lane. It is not going to happen."

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BOB JONES
Past SSIFAC chair

Clarke said he understands drivers coming off the ferry from Salt Spring want to be on the next ferry to Tsawwassen, but reiterated that "BC Ferries has a policy that we don't offer connections."

Speakers at the meeting also asked BC Ferries to respond to other options that could help local Tsawwassen-bound ferry users access the Swartz Bay toll booth faster.

The ferry company said "preferred loading" — a scenario where those travelling from Fulford to Tsawwassen would be directed into the Skeena's centre lanes, which traditionally off-load first — would only slow down the loading process.

"It is better to just load and disload," said Clarke.

Clarke also refused to consider any travel options that

prioritized Salt Spring travel to Tsawwassen — such as "jumping the line" over Vancouver Island travellers' access to the ferry.

Speakers at the meeting continued to voice frustration, however, with a process that makes it difficult to guarantee Tsawwassen travel and actually puts Salt Spring at a disadvantage compared to Vancouver Island travellers when it comes to making a paid reservation.

Speaker Cindy Rabson, who frequently commutes to work in Vancouver, pointed out that it is impossible for Fulford ferry users to book a reservation through Swartz Bay because Skeena travellers can't be guaranteed on-time arrival of that ferry or their subsequent ability to make the reservation cut-off time.

Although the re-announced 20-minute cut-off time for islanders does change this scenario, speakers remained uncertain if even this allows enough time given the out-of-terminal turnaround route, which can be time-consuming to take.

Clarke said there is no way the cut-off time can be reduced to less than 20 minutes.

He also said it is unlikely any tweak in the Skeena schedule could be undertaken to offer any relief.

Former Salt Spring FAC chair Bob Jones also voiced frustration, saying BC Ferries appears unwilling to solve

some problems, including the Fulford-to-Tsawwassen issue.

"Imaginative ideas have been put forward and some can be done with very little money," Jones said.

"This could be solved . . . I'm tired of hearing 'it can't be done.'"

He also pointed out that the company appears unable to disperse "top-down information," especially considering many people in the room — and apparently some Swartz Bay toll booth operators — were unaware of the 20-minute islander reservation rule.

"The front-line people do not know what is going on," he said.

Clarke promised to take this issue back to the company.

In the meantime, an email sent by Simmons through the Salt Spring Community List informed islanders of the 20-minute reservation cut-off policy and indicated success for those using it.

"Not all the staff at the gates know [the policy]," Simmons said. "However, they should be able to call a supervisor and confirm this is the procedure for throughfare customers coming from Salt Spring."

He also acknowledged the "hole-in-the-fence" issue is no longer on the table.

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Islanders encouraged to speak up for paramedics

PARAMEDICS

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other emergency service providers. That represents a 28 per cent increase phased in "as long as it takes," Longewy said.

The union is in consultation with its legal department to determine its next move, he added.

"Is it too late to move to Alberta?" Longewy half-heartedly joked.

"Our staff are really not happy about this."

Provincial Health Minister Kevin Falcon justified the legislation based on the H1N1 virus' impact on the health system and the approaching winter season.

"The public needs certainty that they'll have the care they need in an emergency," Falcon said in a press release.

"With the rest of our health care system already operating at full capacity to manage the impact of H1N1, we can't afford to have the ambulance service operating at less than peak effectiveness," he added.

According to Longewy, the back-to-work legislation places added stress on paramedics throughout the province, including the 40 active and non-active employees on the Salt Spring roster.

Island paramedics have had the added challenge of operating out of a motel room rented at the Seabreeze Inn since fire gutted the former ambulance station on Kings Lane in April.

According to island resident Joan Werner, ambulance workers have had to contend with cramped and far-from-adequate quarters for far too long.

After a recent visit to the site, Werner said paramedics have only two hotel beds, a small hotel desk, no storage space and no room to maintain and clean equipment.

"We're going to lose these people," she said. "It's like [the government] doesn't even care and the people of Salt Spring are going to suffer because we rely on these people to come out and help us."

Longewy said the island's ambulance station dilemma arose during a meeting between paramedic station chiefs held at

the beginning of November.

The latest word from the province, he said, is to not expect any changes until early 2010 at the very earliest.

"Salt Spring is getting far less than it should and I'm not sure why," he said.

He encourages islanders to follow the lead of residents in other rural communities across the province and speak up for their paramedics.

"It's as simple as getting in touch with your MLA and local government officials," he said. "The problem is that the community isn't aware of what's going on."

According to Myles Wilson, co-owner of the former ambulance station property, a new building on the site will not be available for paramedic use.

He did not, however, rule out making a portion of the four-acre property available to the province.

"We have certainly been in touch with them and have made a proposal," he said.

"The government has to step up to the plate and commit."



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BEDDIS WATER SERVICE COMMITTEE

Water district wants greater CRD accountability

Cost overruns tax water users

BY SEAN MCINTYRE

DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Negotiations between the Beddis Water Service District board and the Capital Regional District continue as members seek to resolve cost overruns and a potential doubling of water rates.

"Things are progressing in a favourable direction ahead of our big meeting on [Nov.] 16," said Mike Byrne, a BWSO board member.

Byrne and his fellow board members seek to resolve an "administration problem" that arose during the CRD's latest round of water system upgrades conducted over the summer.

In a letter sent to Salt Spring CRD director Garth Hendren at the end of the summer, board members stated they aren't prepared to ask BWSO ratepayers to fund "open-ended spending" until the CRD can produce more details about the proposed work and costs.

"From the beginning in 2002, we presumed our small CRD-owned, locally funded project was being managed to the same high standard required under applicable legislation for other local government and regional district capital projects," the letter reads.

"We appear to have been misled."

Initial CRD estimates pegged total costs for the upgrades at \$825,000, a figure that has since been revised to \$1.5 million, according to board members.

"The increase will double the cost of our water," the letter continues. "We owe our subscribers accountability and so does the CRD."

In early November, Hendren announced plans to provide the BWSO with \$80,000 before the end of this fiscal year and an additional \$62,000 in 2010-11. The funding will be taken out of funds awarded to the CRD under the federal government's Gas Tax Fund.

"Basically they ran out of money," Hendren said. "The budgeted amount did not reflect the cost of what they wanted to do. I'm not going to point fingers, okay, but that's what happened."

Hendren said the problem started from the very beginning when CRD administrators failed to put the proposed Beddis upgrades through a proper tendering process.

"A process of tendering actually makes you put your ducks in order so you can be sure it's being done right," Hendren said.

What has happened with the BWSO, Hendren added, is a perfect example of why a more encompassing approach



DRIFTWOOD FILE PHOTO BY DERRICK LUNDY

Water testing takes place on Cusheon Lake last summer.

to managing the island's water services is needed on the island.

Hendren has developed draft legislation he hopes will bring Salt Spring's CRD-administered water district under the same umbrella.

Details of the proposal are forthcoming, he said.

"In this instance, because of the way we manage our water, as opposed to the whole community or the entity dealing with that, it goes back to the poor guy that turns on the tap at Beddis Road and they have to pony up," he said.

Colwyn Sunderland, a local services engineer with the CRD, said funding provided by the Gas Tax Fund will cover work done up to this date.

"It's not going to cover all of the costs associated with the project, it will recover all of the costs incurred so far," he said.

What happens next and how, he added, will be the subject of the Nov. 16 meeting.

That's good news to BWSO board members who still await the answers to some important questions.

"Right now we don't know what we've paid for or what

we've received for our money and we understand from other water service committees on-island, that we are not alone," concludes the board's letter.

In an effort to increase communication and reduce the chances of similar problems in the island's other CRD-administered water districts, the Fulford Water District's John Rowlandson wants to host a series of regular meetings.

"The outing of the Beddis situation is important for everyone since it helps us understand how the resource will be managed on the island," he said.

"There has been a lot of change in the last few years, some of it benign, some controversial and some of it really good, but generally it's not something people talk about."

Regular meetings between representatives from each of the six CRD-affiliated water districts and CRD representatives could begin as early as February 2010, Rowlandson said.

The CRD's environmental services branch operates Beddis, Cedar Lane, Cedars of Tuam, Fernwood, Fulford and Highland water services.

News briefs

McIvor appeal heard

A man charged and convicted of dangerous driving causing death in an incident on October 2007 appeared at the BC Court of Appeal last week.

Joyce DeWitt-Van Oosten, Crown counsel handling the appeal, said McIvor's appeal proceeded as scheduled on Nov. 4, but judges have reserved judgement until a later date.

She said McIvor's lawyer argued that the verdict was unreasonable given the circumstances.

Brian McIvor, a resident of Campbell River, was behind

the wheel of his truck when it struck an oncoming vehicle on North End Road near St. Mark's Anglican Church. A Salt Spring woman was killed as a result.

McIvor was issued a one-year prison sentence in January 2009, but has spent most of the past 10 months out on bail, pending the result of his appeal.

SAR locates missing man

Sixteen Salt Spring Search and Rescue volunteers were called into action Friday evening after a young man was reported missing just before sunset.

SAR volunteers endured

torrents of rain and cold temperatures as teams searched the area and spoke with residents to determine the man's last known position.

A more in-depth search of the surrounding forest was postponed as crews awaited the arrival of an RCMP canine unit from Vancouver Island.

The search was concluded by 6:45 p.m. after a SAR member assisted police in identifying the individual in Ganges.

Bachman vs. Bachman

Salt Spring resident Randy Bachman and his brother Robin are set to engage in a legal fight over ownership rights to the name of

their legendary rock band Bachman-Turner Overdrive (BTO), according to court documents filed in the B.C. Supreme Court registry on Oct. 30.

Drummer Robin Bachman and fellow BTO member Blair Thornton allege that band frontman Randy Bachman violated terms of an agreement over the use of the BTO name after he left the band in 1977, states a story from the Surrey North Delta Leader.

According to a Statement of Claim, Robin Bachman and Thornton seek "compensation for financial losses" from Bachman, former BTO singer Fred Turner and two Bachman com-

panies in Washington and B.C.

The band wrote and performed such rock classics as Taking Care of Business, Let it Ride and You Ain't Seen Nothing Yet.

Mass health rally set

Members of Salt Spring's Ad Hoc Save Our Surgery Committee invite Salt Springers to a rally in protest of drastic cuts to the region's health care system set for next week.

The event is at the Legislature in Victoria on Wednesday, Nov. 18 at noon and will be attended by members of the communities whose

health care needs are funded by the Vancouver Island Health Authority, from Port Hardy to Victoria and the Gulf Islands.

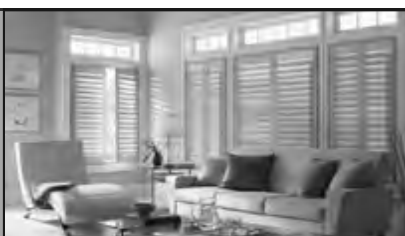
Phyllis Bolton of the SOS committee said buses have been hired to transport Salt Spring Islanders to the rally.

"The main issues for Salt Spring are lack of surgical services and funding for mental health," she said. "Other communities have equally important issues and values at stake."

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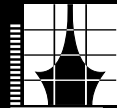
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NEWSBEAT

BC FERRIES

FAC chairs want amended legislation

Comptroller General questions "excessive" compensation

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Ferry Advisory Committee Chairs (FACC), representing non-major BC Ferries routes, have welcomed Comptroller General recommendations that address the ferry system's public service mandate.

According to a joint statement published by the 10 FACC members Tuesday, the most significant of Comptroller General Cheryl Wenezkeni-Yolland recommendations seeks clarification on how BC Ferries will ensure the balance between the private corporation's long-term financial well being and the interests of ferry users and local communities who rely on the ferry service.

"The report notes that this is one of the province's objectives, yet it is not reflected in the governance framework the province created in 2003 [when BC Ferries ceased being a Crown corporation]," write members of the FACC in response to the release of the Comptroller General's report Friday.

BC FERRIES

Throughfare could be on the chopping block

Ferries staff question existing reduced rate

BC Ferries is scrutinizing Salt Spring's "throughfare" policy, collecting public input and questioning whether or not to continue offering the "significantly discounted product" to Salt Spring travellers.

In the meantime, however, BC Ferries promised to fix issues involving the throughfare machine located on the Skeena Queen.

BC Ferries executive vice president and chief financial officer Rob Clarke told a recent Ferries Advisory Committee (FAC) meeting that the throughfare issue is not on the table for imminent change, and "we are now talking about next generation stuff."

However, earlier in the meeting, he

"The FACC has pointed out these deficiencies," said Tony Law, chair of the FACC and of the Hornby-Denman FAC.

"We are pleased that the Comptroller General has recognized them and made constructive recommendations."

The Comptroller General's report suggests the province clarify and update legislation to more accurately reflect its "intentions and objectives for the coastal ferry system," expand the role of the Ferry Commission [which currently has an overseeing mandate] and hold an "open and consultative re-evaluation of service levels."

"The recommended measures increase the likelihood of balancing different needs and reaching sound decisions for customers, taxpayers and BC Ferries," states the FACC release.

"The expanded mandate would require the [Ferry] Commission to consider the interests of ratepayers and customers as well."

The FACC says the review was a large task within a tight timeframe, "yet the Comptroller General made some substantive, excellent recommendations."

The recommendation were released on Friday as part of the Ministry of Finance's Review of Transportation Governance Models.

said, "Looking at the broader picture . . . I would gun the throughfare."

The throughfare offers a reduced rate for those travelling between Fulford Harbour on Salt Spring and Tsawwassen via the Swartz Bay terminal. It brings the cost of Fulford to Tsawwassen travel in line with the cost of sailing to Tsawwassen via Long Harbour.

It was put in place years ago in an attempt to divert traffic and reduce pressure on the seasonally-busy Long Harbour route by re-routing traffic through Swartz Bay.

However, Ferries staff at the meeting wondered why the company should offer a year-round discount to off-set a seasonal problem at Long Harbour.

Former FAC chair Bob Jones spoke strongly against the move to eliminate the

Among other findings, Wenezkeni-Yolland deemed remuneration of BC Ferries management "excessive."

"We have identified a number of concerns related to board compensation, including excessive remuneration, lack of accountability and flaws in the process for setting remuneration levels," she writes.

The report recommends legislation to ensure executive salaries and bonuses remain in line with comparable public sector enterprises.

While the report deems that BC Ferries is, on the whole, a well-run operation, it questions how the replacement of "seriously aging" vessels and terminal upgrades for non-major routes will impact on fares and service.

FACC members want to meet with the province's minister of transportation and infrastructure to discuss how the recommendations and a long-term strategy for non-major routes can help resolve some of the outstanding issues noted in the Comptroller General's report.

"The FACC urges the province to adopt these recommendations and to resource them adequately, to ensure that all of government's goals are implemented," the FACC members state.

throughfare, pointing out the discounted rate improves options for "discretionary travel" for Salt Spring ferry users.

"Why are you doing it in the off-season? To convenience the people on the island . . . so you are providing a better service."

He said in terms of revenue it marks a small loss for the company, involving a maximum of 30 vehicles a day.

"This is not about lost revenue," he said. "It is a piece of clutter and source of some irritation and inconvenience at the toll booth."

In response to complaints from several people at the meeting, BC Ferries staff did agree to fix or replace the current throughfare machine, located on the Skeena Queen, which is often broken and does not provide adequate instructions for some travellers, including seniors.

ISLANDS TRUST

LTC rejects ALR subdivision application

Trust to seek input on GHG reduction targets

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

The Salt Spring Local Trust Committee confirmed last week that it doesn't take the subdivision of property in the Agricultural Land Reserve lightly.

During their monthly LTC meeting on Thursday, trustees voted unanimously against a Salt Spring man's application to subdivide his 10.75-hectare (26.5-acre) property on Booth Canal Road to permit the construction of a home for his daughter.

"This particular application doesn't meet any of the conditions in the official community plan," said trustee George Ehring prior to casting his vote.

"It's one of those buck-stops-here types of questions. We should take the responsibility for making this decision and not simply pass it on," he added.

The trustees' decision went against a staff recommendation that the application be forwarded

to the province's Agricultural Land Commission for further review.

Staff thought the subdivision might actually increase the property's farming productivity with the applicant's daughter living on a newly created one-hectare (2.5-acre) lot.

In other LTC news:

- Public sessions to set Salt Spring Islanders' greenhouse gas reduction targets are expected to proceed no later than January of 2010.

Trustees have asked staff to obtain an updated GHG emissions inventory and an update on emissions related to imported food, produce grown and livestock raised on the island ahead of the public discussion.

The move to set local emissions targets results from provincial legislation (Bill 27) that requires OCPs across the province to include GHG reduction targets.

More information about the Islands Trust's reduction of GHG emissions is available by following the Green Wise Islands link at www.islandstrust.bc.ca.

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REMEMBERING: Remembrance Day events get underway at Gulf Islands Secondary School on Tuesday as piper Tim Erdmer leads a procession through the gymnasium. Students of all ages gathered at the high school for the event, which included speeches and musical and theatrical performances.

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2010 OLYMPICS

Saint seeks security miracle

Island pilot wants meeting with minister

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

The co-owner of Salt Spring Air is in Ottawa this week to get the federal government to reconsider security regulations planned for the 2010 Olympics.

Saint Clair McColl wants to speak face-to-face with Minister of Transport, Infrastructure and Communities John Baird to convey how inconvenient security regulations will be for floatplane passengers travelling between the Gulf Islands and Vancouver from Jan. 29 to March 3, 2010.

"If the mountain won't come to Mohammed, then Mohammed will have to go to the mountain," McColl said.

Since he hadn't yet heard from the minister about a meeting by Friday, McColl said he may have to corner the minister in the hallways of Parliament.

Security measures in place during the Olympic Games require any passengers travelling by air to the Vancouver area to pass through security checkpoints before boarding. Since no such facilities exist on Salt Spring or the outer Gulf Islands, flights will need to stop in Nanaimo Harbour or Sidney's Pat Bay on the way to the Lower Mainland.

McColl wants a portable unit

installed on Salt Spring during the Olympics so that his passengers won't face delays.

"It's actually longer to fly to Nanaimo [from Salt Spring] than it is to Vancouver," he said.

"This is the final way to put our case forward so that [Minister Baird] is made aware of it."

Salt Spring Air has collected nearly 2,000 signatures on an online petition that calls for installation of a temporary security checkpoint on the island.

McColl said he has also received the support of Saanich-Gulf Islands MP Gary Lunn.

"I am confident we have a responsible government and am going to all ends to make the response heard," McColl said.

INTERNET SERVICE

Beaver Pointers gain in battle for broadband

Shaw application gives residents chance for high-speed access

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Following years of campaigning, broadband service for residents of Beaver Point area is finally one step closer to reality.

Ken Lee, president of the South Salt Spring Island Property Owners and Residents Association, said Shaw Communications has applied for funds under an Industry Canada program designed to extend broadband internet access to remote parts of the country.

According to Lee, only one

major hurdle must still be overcome: Industry Canada has to accept Shaw's application.

"This is where Salt Spring residents come in, particularly those who live in the area covered by the application," he said.

"We've shaken a lot of trees, but this one seems to be the best one yet."

Lee asks anyone who would like to see broadband internet service extended to Beaver Point to write or email MP Gary Lunn as soon as possible. Friends, family and business associates of Beaver Point-area residents are encouraged to take part in the lobbying campaign.

"[Lunn] has expressed his support for the application. Letters

from residents will help him make the case to the powers that be that broadband service for Beaver Point is badly needed," he said.

Earlier this year, an online petition calling on Shaw Communications to apply for the funding gathered 301 signatures.

Industry Canada is expected to announce the first round of successful applicants by the end of 2009.

The federal government launched the \$225-million Broadband Canada program as part of its Economic Action Plan in early 2009.

For more information about the campaign, contact Lee at 250-537-4551.

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NEWSBEAT

FAMILIES IN NEED

Virus causes return of ailment

Jasmin Wilson in recovery at BC Children's Hospital

Salt Spring youngster Jasmin Wilson has suffered a recurrence of a condition known as Compartment Syndrome, which causes severe pain and swelling in her leg muscles.

According to a press release submitted to the Driftwood, the syndrome has occurred as her body's response to the Influenza A (H1N1) virus.

"After a few days of flu-like symptoms, Jasmin was taken to Lady Minto Hospital with complaints of leg pain and was airlifted to BC Children's Hospital shortly after midnight on Oct. 27.

Soon after her arrival at Children's Hospital, Jasmin underwent an emergency procedure called a fasciotomy to relieve the pressure in her legs."

She spent 11 days in the hospital's intensive care unit and was moved upstairs on Nov. 6.

"Her recovery program involves kidney dialysis and physiotherapy with the hope of a complete recovery in time. There is no way to predict how long Jasmin's recovery will be or how soon she will be home. A team of specialists at Children's Hospital are working very hard to find a way to prevent this from happening again."

People who want to participate in the island girl's recovery can visit www.carepages.com and set up an account with a valid email address.

By typing jasminwilson2009 in the search box, visitors will be directed to Jasmin's home page.

"Here you can read the daily updates on Jasmin's progress and post your own personal message for Jasmin. Please take the time to send a message, as news from home really helps to lift Jasmin's spirits."

The family also gives a huge thanks to the Lions Club for covering the cost of Easter Seal House where Jasmin's family can go to get some much-needed rest during this time.

Jasmin, who is now eight years old, was first diagnosed with the syndrome, in December of 2007.

TOURISM

Draft tourism plan invites scrutiny

Salt Spring discussion set for Nov. 26 event

Salt Spring tourism industry stakeholders are invited to a tourism plan presentation on Thursday, Nov. 26.

Set for 10 a.m. to noon at Lions Hall, the session will let people learn about a newly developed three-year tourism strategy developed through Tourism British Columbia's Community Tourism Foundations program.

Attendees should send an RSVP to Mafalda Hoogerdyk at mafalda@shawbiz.ca.

Salt Spring participation in the

program and tourism plan development was initiated in June 2008 by the Salt Spring Chamber of Commerce in partnership with Tourism BC, and involved the participation of a broad tourism stakeholder group, explains a press release about the event.

"Throughout the creation of this plan, the working committee and representatives from Tourism British Columbia have dedicated significant time and resources to support tourism development on Salt Spring Island, including participation in several planning sessions and the review of numerous supporting

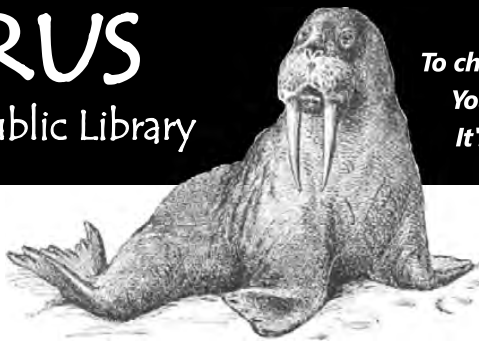
documents and statistical information."

The CTF program offers a range of tools, proven resources and services of professional facilitators to assist communities in developing a comprehensive multi-year tourism plan.

"The program accommodates the needs of communities at different stages of tourism development through a step-by-step approach that encompasses destination development and market development. Since its launch in 2005, the CTF program has provided tourism planning assistance to over 100 communities across B.C."

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NEWSBEAT

ISLANDS TRUST

Task force presents long-awaited findings

New industrial land sites identified

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

A task force established by the Islands Trust to assess Salt Spring's industrial land base has completed its final report and submitted its findings to the Salt Spring Island Local Trust Committee.

Among the Industrial Task Force's nine recommendations is a call for the Trust to consider a modest increase in the amount of industrial land near the intersection of Rainbow and Atkins roads, as well as the area around Long Harbour, Robinson and Upper Ganges roads.

Derek Barrio, the task force's chair, said the eight-member group produced an inventory of all industrial land on the island and suggested where additional industrial lands should be.

When it came to quantifying how much

industrial land the island will need in the next five to 10 years and determining what types of industrial land will be required, Barrio added, the task force "failed miserably."

Additional recommendations include speaking with owners of under-utilized commercial and industrial land to consider implementation of strata development leases to make more land available to small business owners, a simplification of zoning categories and land-use bylaw changes that would increase the maximum square-footage and allowable number of employees for home-based businesses.

The report further suggests the Islands Trust revisit the document in one year's time to assess what steps have been taken "to solve the industrial land-use issues on the island."

The ITF's findings are the result of more than 20 meetings held since early February. Task force members identified nearly

100 acres of land zoned for industrial use on the island. Topographic challenges and poor location, the report adds, means only 7.25 per cent of the industrially zoned land is actually in use.

A further 265 acres are being used for industrial activities on land not zoned for industrial use.

"In order to move forward it is essential that the Islands Trust engage in a dialogue with the community to cooperate and contribute constructively in the decision-making process and to take action that will serve the community today and in the future," states the report.

The ITF's final report will be available at the Salt Spring Islands Trust office and online at www.islandstrust.bc.ca.

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PARC

Parks & rec strategic plan ready for input

Report available in advance of Nov. 24 public event

Salt Spring's Parks and Recreation Commission is ready to make public the report containing recommendations for the formulation of a 10-year strategic plan.

The recommendations will help guide the provision of park and recreation services and facilities over the next 10 years, according to a press release from PARC issued Monday.

PARC commissioned the report from the consultant firm of Yates, Thorn and Associates in early 2009.

"The strategic plan needs to provide an affordable balance between maintenance of

existing services and provision of new ones," states commission chair Rob Wiltzen in the press release.

"It will guide the parks and recreation budgets and the timing of new services over coming years so public input into the final plan adopted is vital."

The consultant's recommendations will be presented at a public open house on Tuesday, Nov. 24 at Lions Hall from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m., with presentations by the consultants who prepared the plan from 5 to 7 p.m.

Extensive public consultation has been incorporated in the process to date, says PARC, including surveys, focus groups and workshops conducted with a variety of organizations and representatives covering a wide range

of recreational interests on the island.

Identifying current island demographics, looking at trends in parks and recreation across Canada and reviewing many reports and documents, including the official community plan were all part of the strategic planning process. Inventories of facilities, parks, programs and organizations have been developed and the current budget and taxation level for parks and recreation was reviewed in context with those in similar, neighbouring jurisdictions.

"The consulting firm's task was to incorporate all of that wide-ranging input into a cohesive plan and come up with recommendations based on it all," said Wiltzen.

"Now it's time to go back and check in with the community

before the commission considers the recommendations for adoption and devises an implementation plan."

The report identifies six key strategic areas around which recommendations were developed that included recreation partnerships, trail development, passive park development, athletic park development, facility development and financing.

In addition to the public meeting scheduled for Nov. 24, the report is available for review on the PARC website at <http://www.crd.bc.ca/ssiparc>. Comments can be submitted electronically at PARC@saltspring.com.

Copies of the report are also available at the PARC office at 145 Vesuvius Bay Road and at the public library located downtown.



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EDITORIAL

Somebody's listening

For Gulf Islands residents, Comptroller General Cheryl Wenezkeni-Yolland's transportation report released on Friday was a beacon of understanding in an otherwise dank and echoing hole of communication on ferry issues.

The report articulates what regular ferry users have felt for the past five years: that "protecting the interests of ratepayers and customers" has been absent from the corporation's objectives.

Hearing that BC Ferries wants to take away the throughfare policy for Salt Spring — which makes the fare between Tsawwassen and Fulford Harbour equal to that charged for Tsawwassen-Long Harbour travel — while at the same time refusing to even look at ways to make that route more functional for travellers is just more of the same abuse we've become accustomed to.

THE ISSUE:
BC Ferries service

WE SAY:
Comptroller General's report welcomed

It's worse service for more money — and complainers go straight to the outside lane.

In response to the Comptroller General's report, the best BC Ferries CEO David Hahn can do is warn us of how bad it would be if the company reverted to being operated as a Crown corporation with accountability to the public. But many Gulf

Islands residents remember those alleged "bad old days" as being generally characterized by better service.

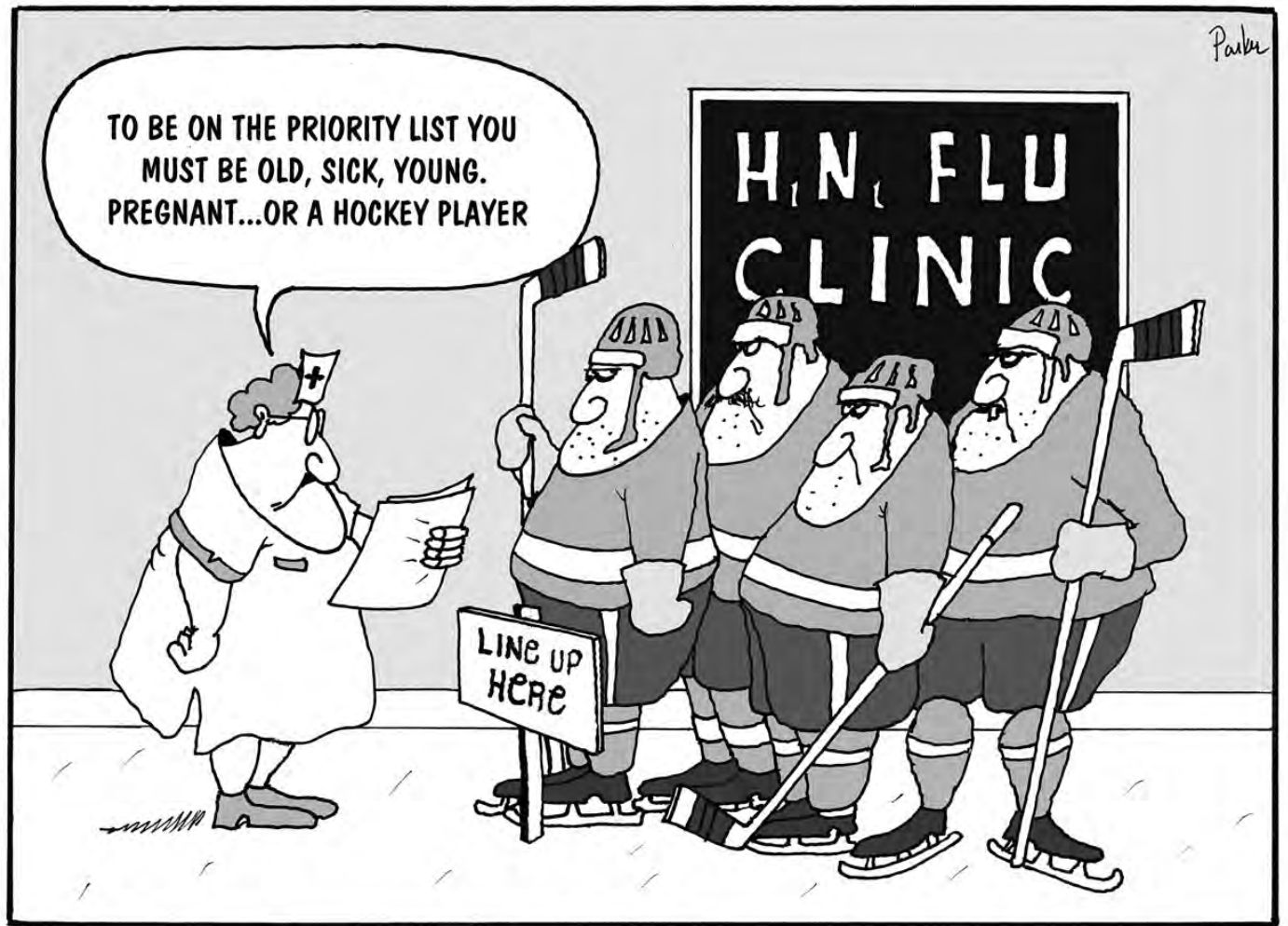
Mickey-Mouse surveys gauging "on-time performance" may not have been done during those years, but that's when the corporation was more concerned about genuine public opinion, expressed to public-serving MLAs, than manipulating appearances. It wouldn't have bothered with such nonsense.

All coastal B.C. residents want is to get from Point A to B in as little time as possible, for as little money as possible, just like other taxpaying British Columbians who need to travel for business or pleasure purposes.

A public service needs to put its users first, and make sure the operation is run properly and efficiently, without a bunch of smoke and mirrors. It should take pride in the on-the-ground service it provides to people, not trumpet how much revenue it makes or how many services it has cut in a particular period and what kind of new menu item it's introducing next week.

BC Ferries has lost its way, and it's time the provincial government gave up the charade of pretending its quasi-private business model works for a public transportation service.

Wenezkeni-Yolland has provided safe passage for looking at changes. The government should get on board.



Rainbow library site still better

BY NICK HODSON

Firstly, let me say that I am in no way against a new library. The case for a new building is obvious to anyone who has visited the existing premises.

What I object to is being led up the garden path by a library board with its own agenda, and having no say in how my tax dollars are wasted.

It needs to be made clear that when the previous referendum was held to sanction the purchase of the adjacent land in McPhillips, members of the library board assured us that this was not a decision for the final location, but merely the ability to maintain our options. It is now being presented as a fait accompli. What happened to democracy?

The original purchase of the land on Rainbow Road was undertaken by the CRD, with our tax dollars, for the specific purpose of locating indoor recreational facilities, such as a swimming pool or library. If this was not the intention, a smaller site would have sufficed.

Firstly, let us look at the arguments for a new library on McPhillips Avenue.

1. It is in the village core and is therefore accessible to people living within walking distance of Ganges, and those who have already driven to town and taken up a valuable parking space.

Unfortunately the list ends there, unlike the arguments for Rainbow Road:

1. The land is available at no cost, and the construction costs have been estimated at around \$3 million, a far cry from the \$7-plus million that the library board intends to spend on construction. In addition, the sale of the existing land will go a long way to covering the cost. Don't forget that the \$4.55 million grant that is coming from the government is also our tax dollars, and if it isn't spent on the library it could be used for more

VIEWPOINT

"It is now being presented as a fait accompli."

deserving causes.

2. Parking at Rainbow Road is plentiful, with easy access, whilst at McPhillips the library board will have to obtain a concession on the required number of parking spaces. Why should the library have this special treatment? Imagine the state of our parking downtown if everyone was given such concessions.

3. Construction at Rainbow Road would allow the building to be completed and then the library to be moved in one process, whilst construction at McPhillips will require two complete phases with two moves, and also create substantial disruption to all the neighbouring businesses. In addition, it is likely that a more traditional construction at Rainbow Road would allow local contractors to bid for the work.

4. There are two groups that in my view should be greatly encouraged to use the library. Firstly, school students. This would be much more practical if the building was located next to the schools. Secondly, adult literacy students. Currently they are housed in the building on the CRD-owned lot located next to the library facility, but apparently the McPhillips' proposed design is not large enough and they have been told to look for alternative premises.

To my mind, all of the above can only lead to one logical conclusion, that of a library in Rainbow Road. However, what disappoints me most is that the only way we have of achieving this end is to reject the library board's referendum request for funding. What Salt Spring residents really need is a voice in this matter, not to be dictated to by a possibly well-meaning but blinkered library board.

The writer is a Scott Point resident.

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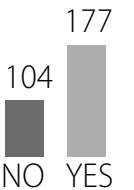
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We asked: Why is Remembrance Day important to you?

MEGAN WEBBER

There's an assembly at school and I wear a poppy to honour those who fought for us.


NEIL TARSWELL

Particularly in light of the war in Afghanistan, it offers a moment for us to think about people who have fought so their sacrifice isn't in vain.


CHRISTINE OTTO

As someone who was born in England during World War II, it's important for me to remember that so many soldiers from around the world gave up their lives.


MYNA LEE JOHNSTONE

Unlike the first and second world wars, we are now in the age of corporate war. I always remember [former U.S. president] Dwight Eisenhower's warning of the growing military industrial complex.


SUGI HENSON

Because we must remember the fallen soldiers and honour the sacrifice they made for their country.

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As a library member, you know the value of this service in the community, not just as a library but also as the principal public gathering place in the downtown area. In fact, on average, some 350 of us visit the library every day; many businesses would envy that kind of traffic coming in its doors.

For active library members, the facts are well known:

- We need a new building, the old one is falling down around us.
- We chose the site after due diligence and consensus building.
- We have a great design.
- We have already secured two thirds of the total cost through a federal/provin-

cial grant.

• We need to obtain the final one third (\$2.75 million) from the local tax base.

We all know that libraries enhance the quality of our lives, just as schools, hospitals, police, fire departments and recreation centres all add to the livability of our community. This is an opportunity that will not likely present itself again in the foreseeable future, and the option is rather bleak.

So, as one of the 66 per cent of community residents who patronize the library, you can demonstrate just how valuable our library is in your life and in the life of the community by voting yes on Dec. 5.

LYDA SMITH,
SALT SPRING

Realistic

Is the design for the new library perfect? Do I like every single thing about it, and agree with every choice that has been made? No, but that would be unrealistic. I'm delighted that the proposed library is downtown, that it

will be somewhat aesthetically attractive and relatively green.

Could our library be better stocked? I agree wholeheartedly. Like Tom Koppel, I have leaned heavily on the excellent inter-library loans service, but there are many gaps in the stock that we must fill. However, the grant offered is not for book buying and this issue is not what we will be voting on.

I shall certainly be voting yes for the new downtown library and I am very grateful to all those who have worked so hard to secure grant funding and made it feasible for us to have a well-designed, centrally located library that we could not otherwise afford.

KATHY PAGE,
SALT SPRING

No-brainer

Some years ago I was crossing the intersection at Third and Victoria in downtown Prince George when a nice German tourist stopped me and asked how he could find the centre of the city. As

I gestured around us to indicate that that's exactly where we were, I realized that two banks, a government office and a dollar store would hardly qualify as a Stadtzentrum in his eyes.

"Yes, I know," I said, "You would like a cathedral, an opera house, a library and a statue of a prince on a horse."

"Oh, no," he said, "Just one of these would be enough."

What defines the character of a town, city or village? Not shopping centres, parking lots, the flow of traffic. Not commerce, the European in me suggests, but culture is what creates the public geography we live in.

Ganges is doing not badly in this regard — we have Mahon Hall, ArtSpring, plenty of galleries, at least one church that's active in cultural events and now a proposal for shiny new library.

A library is probably the most important cultural institution in any community, simply because it opens the largest number of doors to

the mind and to the imagination for the largest number of people. A fine library should be our most significant point of civic pride.

I am far less interested in debates about location, or financing, or design, or parking than I am in taking advantage of the opportunity to create a fine new cultural facility for our island. My German tourist would consider the coming referendum on going ahead with a new library a no-brainer, and I'm inclined to agree.

Now if we could only also get a statue of Richard Moses on a horse . . .

GEORGE SIPOS,
SHEPHERD HILLS

Impressive

On the evening of Oct. 30 I had a bad fall while in Ganges, resulting in a broken arm, lacerations to my face and other significant bruising.

I was in shock at the time the ambulance crew arrived. Needless to say I was totally helpless. From the moment

they came their skill and professionalism became evident as they stabilized me and rushed me to Lady Minto Hospital. I am very pleased with the thoroughness and evident skill that was afforded me by the nurses with their compassionate care, the X-ray technician, who came in on her day off and particularly Dr. Woodley, whose skills and thoroughness were in ample evidence. I feel each and everyone involved exceeded all my expectations.

I apologize that I am unable to recall the names of those who were in direct contact with me. The people of Ganges are most fortunate for having this facility and such skilled and dedicated staff available to them.

A visit to the Nanaimo General has reaffirmed my praise for all the work done as the staff there after a further X-ray determined that all was well and underway to healing without concern.

DONNA BASPALY,
QUALICUM BEACH

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Corporate sponsors should duke it out on Olympic stage

An insidious intruder has infiltrated our nation's borders and, at this very moment, is running rampant and unchecked across our fair province.

No, we're not talking about the H1N1 swine flu virus. Nor are we pointing the finger at the bird flu, West Nile fever, or even the common 24-ounce weekend flu. No sirree, the offending threat is none other than the Olympic torch.

Unless your name is Rip van Winkle, you are probably aware that the Vancouver/Whistler Winter Games are less than 100 days away. To herald this upcoming ceremony (and to make certain that nobody in Canada is distracted from the event by trivial diversions such as war, disease, pestilence and insurrection), the Brains Trust at VANOC has organized the Olympic Torch Relay.

The official torch was lit in Olympia, Greece on Oct. 22 and whisked across the globe aboard a Canadian Forces military aircraft in a specially designed miner's lamp. It touched down on Canadian soil in Victoria and from there began its "coast to coast" trek across the nation.

By the time the torch is used to light the Olympic Cauldron to open the 2010 Winter Games on Feb. 12, it will have travelled 45,000 kilometres in its criss-cross of Canada. This will have brought it to within a one-

hour drive of more than 90 per cent of the population.

Not even two weeks into its marathon journey, however, there has been controversy surrounding the torch relay. Some of the first observers claimed that the official torch, designed and manufactured by Bombardier of Canada, looked a lot like one of the front ski runners on its early-model skidoos.

Almost immediately, the torch relay caused delays and snarled up traffic as it wound its way through the fuming cars and drivers on the streets of Victoria (after, of course, arriving later than expected). One of the first stops was right here on Salt Spring where it proceeded to paint the island red with historic celebration. It stopped briefly at the Old Country Market in Coombs and was promptly ignored by the disinterested goats chowing down on the rooftop grass. Later, it barely escaped dousing when taken aboard a 40-foot war canoe in the Queen Charlotte Islands.

According to Premier Gordon Campbell, the Olympic Flame is a "powerful symbol of the hope, optimism and pride Canadians feel." On the other hand, the torch relay itself, for all of its lofty ideals, has a bit of a seamy his-


Shilo Zylbergold

NOBODY ASKED ME BUT

tory to it. It began as the brainchild of Adolph Hitler to mark the opening of the 1936 Berlin Olympics. As popularized by Germany's official filmmaker Leni Riefenstahl in the propaganda movie Olympia, Hitler used the torch relay to create a link between his belief in the superiority of the Aryan race and the classical Greek civilization's search for beauty and perfection.

One of the most oft-heard complaints voiced by those who have had the opportunity to watch the torch relay is the ubiquitous presence of corporate sponsorship and product logo branding. Coca Cola and the Royal Bank of Canada are the two official sponsors of the torch relay. According to its own press release, "Coca-Cola encourages people to create their own path of 'positivity' in everyday life by believing that anything is possible." If you believe that, you will have no problem accepting the omnipresence of the "red and white" Coke parade trucks and accompanying human mascots dressed as giant Coke cans dancing alongside the torchbearers on the relay route. Perhaps the RBC could come up with a walking "defaulted mortgage" costume to make its sponsorship presence more visual.

Nobody asked me, but perhaps we need to rethink the whole concept of the Olympics. If we indeed live in a corporate world, why not scrap the archaic notion of the Games being a contest between nations? Let's do away with all the lip service of "hope, optimism, and pride," and make the 2010 Winter Games the first corporate Olympics?

Let's find out, once and for all, who rules between Coke and Pepsi. Make the banks fight it out on the international stage as to who gives a better interest rate and has superior customer service. We can replace the three official mascots of the Games, Quatchi, Sumi and Miga (who looks suspiciously like a sperm cell with legs), with Snap, Crackle and Pop from Kellogg's Rice Krispies fame. Ford, GM, and Chrysler can fight it out head gasket to head gasket with Toyota, Nissan and Honda for world supremacy.

Let the hypocrisis stop right here and now. If we're going to cheer for the maple leaf, let's get behind Maple Leaf Deli Meats. If you identify with the beaver, then get on the Beaver Lumber bandwagon.

When the Games begin, you'll be sure to know where I am. I'll be the obnoxious moron yelling at the top of my lungs, "Go, Canada Dry, Go!"

thyme2001@hotmail.com

Notice Of Other Voting Salt Spring Island Public Library Referendum

Take notice that below is a copy of the proposed bylaws for which the electors of the Salt Spring Island Electoral Area will be asked to vote on the following question on **Saturday, December 5, 2009:**

"Are you in favour of the Board of the Capital Regional District adopting both of the following Bylaws:

- (a) **Bylaw No. 3613, "Salt Spring Island Public Library Loan Authorization Bylaw No. 2, 2009" authorizing the Capital Regional District to borrow an amount not to exceed \$2,750,000 for the purpose of paying the net costs of designing, constructing and equipping a new public library building on Salt Spring Island; and**
- (b) **Bylaw No. 3612, "Salt Spring Island Public Library Service Area Establishment Bylaw No. 1, Amendment Bylaw No. 3, 2009" authorizing the Capital Regional District to raise a maximum annual requisition of the greater of \$600,000 or \$0.186 per One Thousand Dollars of taxable assessments for the purpose of funding the capital and operating costs of a new public library building and contributing to the cost of the library service on Salt Spring Island.**
- YES or NO?"**

CAPITAL REGIONAL DISTRICT BYLAW NO. 3613

A BYLAW TO AUTHORIZE THE BORROWING OF TWO MILLION, SEVEN HUNDRED AND FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$2,750,000) FOR THE PURPOSE OF DESIGNING AND CONSTRUCTING A NEW LIBRARY BUILDING ON SALT SPRING ISLAND

WHEREAS:

- A. Under Bylaw No. 2725, "Salt Spring Island Public Library Local Service Establishment Bylaw No. 1, 1999" amended by Bylaw No. 3307, the Board of the Capital Regional District established a service for the purpose of contributing to the cost of the library service, acquiring land and buildings, and operating facilities for the Salt Spring Island Public Library on Salt Spring Island, British Columbia;
- B. The Board of the Capital Regional District wishes to plan, design, construct and equip a new public library on Salt Spring Island;
- C. The estimated net cost of planning, designing, constructing and equipping the new library, including the cost of studies related thereto, expenses incidental thereto together with all other related works, is the sum of Two Million, Seven Hundred and Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$2,750,000) which is the maximum amount of debt intended to be authorized by this bylaw;
- D. Pursuant to the Local Government Act participating area approval is required and shall be obtained by assent of the electors;
- E. The approval of the Inspector of Municipalities is required under Section 819 of the Local Government Act;
- F. It is proposed that the financing of the said public library is to be undertaken by the Municipal Finance Authority of British Columbia pursuant to proposed agreements between that Authority and the Capital Regional District;
- G. Other funding sources shall be used to fund part of the desired works, including a grant to be applied for under the Building Canada Fund—Communities Component.

NOW THEREFORE, the Board of the Capital Regional District in open meeting assembled, enacts as follows:

1. The Board is hereby empowered and authorized to undertake and carry out or cause to be carried out the planning, designing, constructing and equipping of works for the provision of the facilities and equipment herein before described and to do all things necessary in connection therewith and without limiting the generality of the foregoing:
 - (a) to borrow upon the credit of the Regional District a sum not exceeding Two Million, Seven Hundred and Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$2,750,000);
 - (b) to acquire all such real property, easements, rights-of-way, leases, licenses, rights or authorities as may be requisite or desirable for or in connection with the planning, designing, constructing and equipping of such works and all related ancillary works, studies and equipment deemed necessary by the Board.
2. The maximum term for which debentures may be issued to secure the debt intended to be created by this bylaw is 15 years.
3. This Bylaw may be cited as "Salt Spring Island Public Library Loan Authorization Bylaw No. 2, 2009".

CAPITAL REGIONAL DISTRICT BYLAW NO. 3612

A BYLAW TO AMEND BYLAW NO. 2725, BEING "SALT SPRING ISLAND PUBLIC LIBRARY LOCAL SERVICE AREA ESTABLISHMENT BYLAW NO. 1, 1999"

WHEREAS:

- A. Under Bylaw No. 2725, "Salt Spring Island Public Library Local Service Area Establishment Bylaw No. 1, 1999", as amended, the Board of the Capital Regional District established a service for the purpose of contributing to the cost of the library service provided by the Salt Spring Island Public Library Association;
- B. The Regional Board wishes to amend the maximum amount that may be requisitioned;
- C. Pursuant to the Local Government Act participating area approval is required and shall be obtained by assent of the electors;
- D. The approval of the Inspector of Municipalities is required under Section 802(3) of the Local Government Act.

NOW THEREFORE the Board of the Capital Regional District in open meeting assembled hereby enacts as follows:

1. Salt Spring Island Public Library Local Service Area Establishment Bylaw No. 1, 1999 is amended as follows:
 - (1) By deleting Section 5 and replacing it with the following:

"Maximum Requisition
The maximum amount that may be requisitioned under Section 800.1(e) of the Local Government Act for the annual cost of the local service will be the greater of:

 - (a) \$600,000 Dollars; OR
 - (b) An amount equal to the amount that could be raised by a property value tax of \$0.186 per one thousand dollars (\$1,000) which when applied to the net taxable value of lands and improvements within the Local Service Area will yield the maximum amount that may be requisitioned under Section 806.1."
2. This Bylaw may be cited as "Salt Spring Island Public Library Service Area Establishment Bylaw No. 1, Amendment Bylaw No. 3, 2009".

Taxation Impact of Bylaw Nos. 3613 and 3612 - The estimated cost for the project is \$7.3 million and would be partially funded by the Governments of Canada and British Columbia through the Building Canada Fund with a contribution of approximately \$4.5 million. For the balance of funding, the passage of Bylaw No. 3613 authorizing the borrowing of up to \$2,750,000 would require annual debt servicing of \$302,338 or \$47.25 per average household.

The current levy is \$148,900 or \$23.27 per average household. Combined with the debt servicing for a new public library building and operating expenditure impacts, the maximum levy would be \$600,000 annually or \$93.78 per average household for the Salt Spring Island Electoral Area.

A copy of the complete bylaws and this notice may be viewed at the following offices of the Capital Regional District (CRD) from November 5, 2009 to December 4, 2009, Monday - Friday, 8:30 am-4:30 pm excluding statutory holidays:

- CRD Headquarters, 625 Fisgard Street, 1st Floor - Foyer, Victoria, BC Tel: 250.360.3129 or 1.800.663.4425 local 3129
- CRD Building Inspection, #206-118 Fulford Ganges Rd., Salt Spring Island, BC Tel: 250.537.2711.

The bylaws, and other information, may also be viewed on the Internet @ <http://www.crd.bc.ca/about/elections/referenda.htm>

Voting Opportunities - Qualified electors may vote at the following places:

On General Voting Day for Other Voting – SATURDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2009, 8:00 am to 8:00 pm.:

- Fulford Community Elementary School, 203 South Ridge Road, Salt Spring Island, BC
- Salt Spring Elementary School, 122 Rainbow Road, Salt Spring Island, BC
- Community Gospel Chapel, 147 Vesuvius Bay Road, Salt Spring Island, BC

On Advance Voting Days for Other Voting – WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 25 & DECEMBER 2, 2009, 8:00 am to 8:00 pm:

- Ganges Fire Hall, 105 Lower Ganges Road, Salt Spring Island, BC

Elector Qualifications

You are entitled to vote as a **Resident Elector or Non Resident Property Elector** if you:

- are 18 years or older on voting day (December 5, 2009)
- are a Canadian Citizen
- have resided in British Columbia for six months
- **and either**
- 1. **have resided in the Electoral Area of Salt Spring Island for 30 days;** (If registering as a Resident Elector on voting day, you must provide two documents proving identity and residency, one of which must have a signature); **or**
- 2. **have owned and held registered title to property within the boundaries of the Electoral Area of Salt Spring Island for 30 days and do not** qualify as a Resident Elector;
 - If registering as a Non-Resident Property Elector on voting day, you must provide the following information:
 - o a recent land title registration of the real property OR a property tax notice, which will show the names of all the registered owners; and
 - o 2 pieces of identification (one of which must have a signature), and
 - o in the case of more than one owner of the property, a completed consent form signed by the majority of the owners designating you as the person entitled to vote for the property.

A copy of the consent form and information on acceptable classes of documents for proof of identity are available on the Internet: <http://www.crd.bc.ca/about/elections/voting.htm>

Thomas F. Moore has been appointed Chief Election Officer for the purpose of taking and recording the vote of electors. For questions regarding voting and voter registration call the Capital Regional District @ 250.360.3129 or Toll Free 1.800.663.4425 local 3129, or Mr. Tom Moore @ 250.472.0059.

Dated this 5th day of November, 2009
Thomas F. Moore, Chief Election Officer

OPINION



PHOTO BY DERRICK LUNDY

HAPPY, SAD AND EVERYTHING IN BETWEEN: Pumpkins lining the roadside near St. Mary Lake express myriad facial expressions in an annual post-Halloween display.

MORE LETTERS continued from A9 Levels are known

Apparently, CRD director Garth Hendren is poorly informed about enrichment of our lakes. The Driftwood (Nov. 4) reports him as saying, "We don't know what happens in St. Mary Lake, we don't know what happens in Cusheon Lake. We don't know how much [phosphorus] goes in."

Those statements are not true. We know a great deal about the sources and amounts of this nutrient, and how it governs the growth of algae.

For St. Mary Lake, we have good estimates that in the past, about 63 per cent of the yearly supply of phosphorus has been old nutrient recycled from bottom mud. The new aerators will likely cure at least 80 per cent of that problem. After that, most of the phosphorus supply (about 60 per cent) will come from septic fields, with only 26 per cent recycled from the mud. Smaller amounts (about 14 per cent) will come from land drainage and other sources.

We also have good information on nutrient sources for troubled Cusheon Lake, as described in the excellent management plan of 2007. As background for that plan, I spent 1.25 years full-time equivalent estimating the sources of phosphorus. It turned out that approximately 54 per cent of the lake's phosphorus supply comes from land erosion and runoff in the watershed. Another 23 per cent comes from

nearby septic fields and housing, and a similar 21 per cent is recycled every year from bottom muds. Blackburn and Roberts Lake are also enriched, almost entirely from land runoff. That is largely the result of deforestation, especially removal of vegetation from creek banks.

I am sending director Hendren a copy of my report on the Cusheon watershed, along with my report on features of the nine largest lakes on Salt Spring. The Salt Spring Water Council is designed to share information on our lakes and water supplies. Director Hendren could apparently increase his knowledge base by attending Water Council meetings and supporting its activities. Adequate knowledge is often useful when making decisions.

JOHN B. SPRAGUE,
OLD SCOTT ROAD

Questions remain

Opposing the library association's authority to borrow funds through the CRD for a new building is not a cause for which I'm willing to go to the wall. I'm only providing information based on my professional experience formerly as a librarian, currently as head of a research firm. I can afford the tax increase; many others can't.

I'll address points from a few recent letters that were critical of mine.

"Professional library standards" means standards that the profession has set for meeting the general public's needs.

The inter-library loan requests of one letter writer were successful because he was asking for material not in demand at other

libraries. If your request through our library is for currently popular material for which we don't have a sufficient budget allocation, you'll wait quite a while. That's because other libraries will respond to their own constituency first.

From other recent letters I gather that the benefits of a new downtown building are:

- Proximity to a financial institution for the purpose of breaking \$20 bills;
- Proximity to a source of stationery;
- Proximity to a source of doughnuts and coffee;
- Shelter for the homeless;
- A facility for visiting boaters to check email.

Hmmm.

Critics of my letter seem unwilling to address the alternatives that I recommended. Character assassination seems to be their preferred strategy.

To repeat one of my suggestions: there's no reason the new library building could not have created space to rent to a coffee shop or to a stationery supply store or to other commercial services. The rental income would offset a lot of costs that must otherwise be funded through property taxes. Rental establishments would not enjoy an unfair commercial advantage over similar ones already in existence because they would not be subsidized by the library. Competition, however, is fair game and the library would be a mini-mall anchor amenity. This use of a building on a commercial street is a no-brainer, adopted by downtown public libraries all over the continent. How could the board have missed this opportunity?

So, if you support a

large tax increase to be spent without accountability by an un-elected club, in ways that will not meet library service standards or even improve existing service, vote in favour of the library association's authority to borrow funds.

MICHAEL FRIEDMAN,
SKY VALLEY ROAD

Weir

In regards to his Nov. 4 "Raise the Weir" letter, Gus Mitchell notes a recent study being maintained by VIHA regarding existing septic fields and presumes NSSWD is aware of the study as well.

In my six years of being a lakeside resident, VIHA has not asked for permission to observe our property regarding our septic fields. Am I to assume VIHA has trespassed onto our property, as well as many others, to conduct the study?

Furthermore, the Ministry of Environment has documents dating back 30 years graphing lake levels of St. Mary Lake that clearly show how raising the weir just one foot will permanently alter and damage the shoreline of St. Mary Lake. Many areas along the shoreline, some on private property, will be flooded as water seeks out the lowest spot — this is water's job. Interestingly, NSSWD charts show only the past five years, hardly enough to make such an important decision without a public forum.

Has NSSWD considered if North End Road, Vesuvius Bay Road and Tripp Road will be damaged if the weir is raised and the roads undercut? How about the hundreds of trees that surround the shoreline, whose roots will be underwa-

ter, weakening the root system and potentially dying off and having a permanent effect on any living creatures in these areas?

How about our public beach? Do we think this a good idea to raise the lake so young families enjoying the beach should be pushed even farther onto North End Road than they already are in the summer months just to stay dry?

NSSWD needs to conduct a public forum before any decisions are made. More has to be done rather than the weak effort notifying a few property owners of their intentions. Our quality of water, our public safety, our wildlife, are all at risk.

JOEL SHAVER,
SALT SPRING

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Onions: One of the oldest vegetables used as a food source. Depending on the variety, an onion can be sharp, spicy, tangy, pungent, mild or sweet. In ancient Greece, athletes ate large quantities of onion because it was believed that it would lighten the balance of blood. Roman gladiators were rubbed down with onion to firm up their muscles. In the Middle Ages onions were such an important food that people would pay their rent with onions and even give them as gifts.



Shopping list:

- Extra Virgin Olive Oil
- White Onion
- Dried Thyme
- Baguette
- Cracked Black Pepper
- Salt
- Dijon Mustard
- Swiss cheese

Preheat oven to Broil. Prepare **1 baguette**, sliced on the diagonal into 12-16 slices - about 1/2 inch thick. Set aside. In a large skillet, heat over medium-high heat **2 tablespoons extra virgin olive oil**. Add to skillet **1 white onion** - very thinly sliced. Let onions cook at least 10 minutes, stirring constantly. Add **1 teaspoon dried thyme**, **freshly cracked black pepper** and set aside to cool. Spread bread slices with about **2 tablespoons dijon mustard**. Divide onion mixture evenly over bread slices then top each with **grated Swiss cheese**. Place on a foil-lined baking sheet and broil 5 minutes or until cheese is melted. **Salt to taste** & serve with a soup of your choice.

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Mini critique

Having examined the plans and model for the new library, I find the consultation process discouraging. Public input has been largely a charade because no substantive changes will be considered. We are being presented with a fait accompli about which we can say only yea or nay.

There has been no explanation for the building's size, design or features beyond the platitudes of "it was felt" or "the committee decided."

There is neither space nor time to give a thorough critique of the proposal. Voters might want to ponder some questions that have sprung to mind.

A library 12,000 square feet is bigger than most of the branch libraries in Victoria which serve a much larger population. A 12,000-sq.-ft. library must be constructed to support 350 people at any time. Currently, Mary Hawkins services about 300 visits per day. A library this big requires 12 toilets. Are we building a library or a bus station?

The proposed design hardly reflects Salt Spring's architectural vernacular as I think we were promised. The design could be called West End Safeway — the same curved roof, painted concrete, aluminum grillwork and layered planes. This building would be right at home in any metropolitan suburb from Surrey to San Jose.

Why should we be enthusiastic about a flat, bio-roof? It is justified as lasting twice as long as a conventional roof. What is conventional — 20-year asphalt shingles stapled to seven-sixteenths OSB? Is there a cost comparison to a good quality steel roof? The sod is touted as a rain stop and insulation. Has anyone noticed the coincidence in these parts of cold

weather and rain? Last I checked, water was about the worst insulator on God's green earth, so why would you retain several tons on the roof is puzzling. Moreover, the roof must support not only a quarter acre of saturated sod but the not unknown three foot dump of wet snow. The committee insists such a roof costs little more than the more familiar pitched roof. You be the judge.

Are solar-powered computers cost effective? If solar is cost-effective why is the whole building not powered this way? I suspect it is not and simply looks green.

Michael Friedman raises a legitimate question. The Vancouver library features a prominent retail space. Why was such income denied? Everybody gets to vote, but only taxpayers get to pay.

Having said all this, I have concluded, nevertheless, that my vote hinges on the board's making a commitment to join the regional library system. I think it inappropriate and presumptuous to ask the community to approve a multi-million dollar building only to preserve an inadequate collection and outworn administration. A wealth of literature could be ours if only we put aside unnecessary pride.

CHARLES BRETH,
HARBOURSIDE

Library holds its own

I heard recently through a friend that some people on Salt Spring have been casting aspersions on the quality of the Mary Hawkins library and its collection of books. Hogwash!

I lived on Salt Spring for six years and just moved to Victoria last year for family reasons. While on Salt Spring I was a volunteer at the library and I came to appreciate the excellent quality of the selection of books there. Kudos to those library mem-

bers who have made these selections for the various categories and departments within the library over the years — you have done an outstanding job on behalf of the community. Whether for research or for recreational reading I always found the books I wanted, or books that provided the help that I sought.

Since moving to Saanich and joining the library here, I have been amazed to note, on many occasions, that the library near me is not nearly so populated with the books I would expect to find there and the books I would like to borrow. When searching for a particular book on the Great Fire of London, I had to order it through inter-library loans. Well, lo and behold, it was shipped over to me from the Mary Hawkins Salt Spring library!

I think the community on Salt Spring should be thankful and proud of the hundreds of exceptionally able volunteers and staff that have served Salt Spring exceedingly well over the years and continue to do so. I was very honoured to work with these people for several years and they never ceased to amaze me with their professionalism, dedication, knowledge and caring! My congratulations and thanks to all of them. May the island always be so blessed.

TREV MCLEAN,
CORDOVA BAY

Accessible jewels

Here are a couple of more voices in support of "yes" to the upcoming library referendum. The current batch of letters in the Driftwood supporting a "yes" vote expresses our sentiments very well.

A library is such an important amenity within a community. After all, books are the jewels of our societies. We should keep them as accessible as possible.

GORDON AND BIANCA BARNES,
SALT SPRING

Keep wharf garbage free

I had not been out on Fernwood wharf for a few days and when I went out there yesterday I saw some garbage down on the float.

It turned out to be two plastic bags, several Styrofoam meat trays and about two pounds of dead fish parts, probably intended for crab bait, but now smelling rotten. Also, there were two dead sunflower stars, the big starfish with many legs. These seemed to have died trying to get back to sea by trying to squeeze between the planks. They had begun to decompose and fell apart when I tried to pick them up. I did remove them and they are now buried in my garden. It has been very windy these past few days so any other garbage would have blown away. Only the weight of the dead fish kept the garbage I found from doing so too. Also, there were nylon fish lines wrapped around a piling.

We are very lucky to have Fernwood wharf, a free facility for recreation and pleasure for all to enjoy, but not to abuse. Quite a few people fish or put down crab traps. They should know that closed crab traps are illegal. When closed and baited traps are left unattended it is an invitation for the predatory sunflower stars to get into the trap and eat everything in there, including crabs of both genders and all sizes. This is devastating to the crab population. That's why those traps are illegal. I used to see red rock crabs in the eel grass, and at night at high tide up among the stones and gravel. Sometimes I've seen as many as 40 crabs in an evening. Now I don't see any.

Please, everyone who uses the wharf, abide by the fishery regulations, respect the rights of other users and the wild creatures, and take all your garbage away with you so this

wharf can continue to be a pleasant and safe place for all, and the crabs and other sea creatures can have a chance to survive. They don't deserve to be destroyed this way.

NANCY WIGEN,
FERNWOOD

Success celebrated

Greenwoods Eldercare Society's first annual Christmas craft sale was a tremendous success!

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CARLA LALONDE,
RECREATION CO-ORDINATOR,
GREENWOODS ELDERCARE SOCIETY

Bike lanes

Getting more people to ride bicycles is easy: have bicycle lanes on all major roads. I have bicycled for decades in Victoria and Vancouver and the Gulf Islands are significantly more dangerous; narrow roads, twisty turns, steep hills, speeding traffic. I have almost stopped bicycling. Unfortunately the government would rather spend money on flashy events like the Olympics.

BRISTOL FOSTER,
SALT SPRING

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Talking with executive chef Paul Stewart and co-owner Glenda Woodward of the Harbour House Restaurant

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DO YOU USE OTHER LOCALLY PRODUCED GOODS ON TOP OF WHAT YOU GROW?

Yes, we do, although we use all of our own products first. We go to other farms for things we aren't growing ourselves and try to get several items with one order to minimize our carbon footprint. Having farmers drive here to drop off one or two items is not cost-effective for the farmer, nor is it good for the environment.

HOW DO YOU CREATE YOUR MENU? DO YOU START WITH THE IDEA AND FIND THE INGREDIENTS, OR THE OTHER WAY AROUND?

As a high volume-hotel we do both. The à la carte menu is all about comfort foods that our guests have come to expect, but we incorporate our garden into the menu. We don't mention what's local on our static menu because availability of the ingredients changes. As far as our specials go, we see what's available, then create the dish—it's the only way to be truly seasonable.

IS IT DIFFICULT TO HAVE ORGANIC MEAT ON A REGULAR BASIS?

Well, with meat you have to buy a half or whole animal at a time. If you want loins, for example, there's only two per animal, and the secondary cuts get cubed and stewed or ground up. Because there's no abattoir here, there's nowhere you can go to order, say, twenty loins for a dinner special. We'll use the special sheets for products that are hard to get. Actually, Salt Spring lamb is quite famous and gets shipped off across the country and down south.

DO YOUR SPECIALS REFLECT SEASONALITY? (for example, in the spring, dishes including asparagus; in the winter, heavier foods using root vegetables...)

Absolutely. We're still figuring out what grows best on this particular property and want to be more specific in our planting next year. We'll try to streamline our garden so that we grow a narrower range of produce but more of it. We'll outsource what we don't grow with other local farms.

WHAT ARE SOME EXAMPLES ON YOUR MENU THAT USE LOCAL INGREDIENTS?

With our new dinner hours, we have the opportunity to really focus on local, seasonal foods. This week we had chanterelle mushrooms dropped off and have made them into several dishes. We just finished off the last of our heirloom tomatoes and basil from the garden. Our pumpkins are turning into pumpkin cheesecake. Local lamb is available.

For our wines, we offer Salt Spring Vineyard's Millotage, Mistaken Identity's Abbondante and Zanata Brut, as well as Okanagan wines.

HOW FAR WILL YOUR GARDEN TAKE YOU THIS YEAR? WILL YOU BE WINTER GARDENING?

Much of our salad greens are still coming out of the greenhouse here on site. All of our herbs, carrots, pumpkins, squashes and other late summer produce are still coming from the garden. We'd like to fully utilize everything we grow, perhaps moving into sales eventually. There's also so many ways to preserve food—freezing, making sauces, canning, drying...

ANYTHING ELSE YOU WOULD LIKE PEOPLE TO KNOW ABOUT THE HARBOUR HOUSE?

We want to continue to increase our food production. We are committed to working towards food sovereignty on Salt Spring. As the global food economy becomes less dependable, it's even more important that we eat more locally.



Harbour House gardener Rob Scheres and executive chef, Paul Stewart.

RECIPE

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- 3 T Dijon Mustard
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- 1 clove garlic
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- 1 1/2 cups Canola oil
- 1 cup toasted hazelnuts
- 2 T water
- salt and pepper to taste

METHOD:

In a food processor, combine all ingredients except oil. Puree until smooth. Add oil in a thin stream until thick. Add water to thin it out. Season with salt and pepper.

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OPINION

The Islands Trust Story: celebrating 35 years

BY PETER LAMB

The story so far . . .

The first four acts in our story described the period from the formation of the Islands Trust in 1974 up to the major reworking of the Trust in the late 1980s. In the intermission, the story of the Islands Trust Fund and its land conservation successes was told.

Population in the Trust area in 1991 is around 18,000, an increase of 46 per cent since 1981 and development pressures continue to challenge the Islands Trust. It is now 1994 and the curtain rises with a new NDP government in power.

ACT 5

Scene 1: A sense of commonality

The first official Trust Policy Statement is finally completed by Trust Council and approved by the Minister of Municipal Affairs, Darlene Marzari, giving the islands in the Trust "a sense of commonality." Any future amendments to each island's official community plans will now have to be consistent with this statement. Inevitably, concerns are expressed in the legislature about the appropriate balance between local island autonomy and the new, overriding common Trust-wide policies contained in the policy statement.

The Trust opens its first regional office on Salt Spring Island, to be followed later with a northern office on Gabriola Island.

The minister promises a closer look at of the Trust governance structure and "how this fragile creature called the

Trust can deal with the development demands being made on a day-to-day basis." She states that "if it is to sustain itself, it needs strengthening, broader scope, and greater interest on the part of the provincial government in its longevity and sustainability."

In July 1994, Bill 25 is introduced into the legislature, including amendments to the Islands Trust Act requested by Trust Council, which enables it to enter into coordination agreements with federal and provincial ministries and other public agencies. (First Nations are added to the list later). Any such agreements will require ministerial approval. This is intended "to make life easier" for the Trust by giving them "additional scope and an additional maturity." Once again, concerns are expressed over the requirement for provincial approval of these Islands Trust agreements.

To relieve the workload on executive committee members who chair local Trust committee meetings as well as overseeing Trust operations, Bill 25 also authorizes an increase in the number of executive members.

Scene 2: Managing growth

It is a time of growing involvement of the ministry into the affairs of the Trust. The "complicated and contentious" issue of private land logging is under constant review, sparking the Galiano situation over Macmillan Bloedel lands. Resolution of the Gabriola OCP concern-

ing Weldwood forestry lands is reached. Groups on Bowen, North Pender and Salt Spring Islands are looking at municipal status constrained by the minister's expressed desire "to preserve the protection function of the Islands Trust."

In 1995, with the aim of better managing growth in the province, Bill 11 restores regional planning, dismantled in 1983 by the previous government. For the Islands Trust, this means "new, compatible and rather flexible arrangements that the Islands Trust will now have with their adjacent regional districts for services and planning."

In 1999, a referendum on Bowen Island supports incorporation and arrangements are made to establish an "Island Municipality" within the Islands Trust that would have two of its elected councillors sitting at Trust Council. The Trust's "preserve and protect" object will continue to apply through reference to the Trust Policy Statement and the Trust will continue to approve the Bowen OCP but, if rejected, an appeal can be made to the minister (an option not available to local Trust committees).

Scene 3: Strategic Perspectives

It's the new millennium. The Driftwood reports that the scary Y2K computer scenario "passes into history with a wink and a nod."

In March 2000, a "Strategic Perspectives Study" is prepared by consultant Diane Butler for the Islands Trust and the ministry, based on interviews with 46 indi-

viduals and 5 groups with an understanding of the Islands Trust. As such, the study relies heavily on "what was heard" during the interviews.

The Final Report notes that "Over the past quarter century, the Islands Trust has evolved and adapted to meet changing circumstances" and this study is seen as another step in "the continuous process of planning for the future of the Trust area." It is intended to provide a greater understanding of the Trust's strengths and weaknesses, an appreciation for future trends facing the Trust and identify potential future options.

The study recommends a three-stage approach:

Carry out those actions that are within the Trust's existing authority.

Carry out actions requiring cooperation from other jurisdictions, including legislative amendments.

Conduct a governance study.

Trustees see this as an opportunity to renew requests for legislative changes to strengthen the Trust's authority to achieve its mandate and to better articulate the provincial interest in the Trust area. Trust and ministry staff get together in June 2000 to initiate a Trust Area Governance Review.

Perhaps prompted by this strategic review of the Trust but more likely by the continuing extensive logging occurring on the islands (most recently on Salt Spring and Denman), over 200 islanders attend a pro-

test rally on the steps of the B.C. Legislature. They press the provincial government to "Unchain the Trust" by extending its authority to stop industrial logging in the Gulf Islands, but without success.

And so the curtain falls with the Trust once again under scrutiny while a Liberal government is about to take over.

(To be completed in the Dec. 2 Driftwood.)

The writer is an islander for 20 years and a former local trustee.

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Extra 30 feet

As one of those who had turned out to welcome the Athenian flame, I was pleased to note, ahead of time, that the run would end at Village Terrace, thus saving me from taking up car space in town.

An hour before the final runner was due to arrive, I and other people, including children, the elderly, two small dogs and several people in wheelchairs, patiently waited by the red and white balloons placed there by two young men who joined several from Search and Rescue personnel.

Then there, just above the horizon, we saw many people running towards us, behind approximately three police cars that were flashing their colours. Hey! What is this?

The cars stopped, just over the pedestrian crossing close to Kingfisher Cove.

The street then became covered by a crowd of onlookers, and when we (at the goal post) realized that was taking place, and made our way down to meet them, the flame had been extinguished, the runner was getting into a car, and the convoy took off for Vesuvius, leaving those of us who had played by the rules mad, sad and disappointed that the Olympic spirit had evaporated before us.

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DIANNE PARSONS,
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OPINION

Ferry users, operators remain 'disconnected'

BY SUSAN LUNDY

As a frequent user of BC Ferries services and having been gripped by "ferry rage" a few times in the past year, I was interested last Monday night to attend a Ferry Advisory Committee (FAC) meeting and witness first hand the tug-of-war between ferry service operator and user.

It quickly became clear that on issues of Gulf Islands ferry service, user and provider are operating on completely different planes.

Ultimately, I decided — with the help of some comments by former FAC chair Bob Jones — that with the 2003 transformation of BC Ferries from a Crown corporation into an independent, commercial organization, these "two planes" may never meet.

In fact, island ferry users' needs probably had a better chance of being met when BC Ferries was government run.

Having been personally affected, it seems, by every BC Ferries snare in the past year, I've pounded out several ferry rants. None were ever published because I always came to see that issues involving BC Ferries are never black and white. For example, despite the incredibly irksome ferry scenarios I have encountered over the years, BC Ferries has also done things that make me want to fall on my knees and say "thank you." Usually this involves ferry workers who are willing to step outside rigid BC Ferries regulations and offer a little flexibility. I have found ferry workers on all routes extremely helpful and accommodating.

Much of my ferry ire — and that of others at the meeting — revolves around trying to meet appointments in Vancouver, where timing is essential and the unpredictability of ferry travel makes planning a mind-frazzling venture. Late boats, dropped schedules . . . in the big picture, it may seem trivial, and I am not complaining about the service itself because I am aware that I choose to live on an island.

The issue for me is the stress of dealing with something so essential in my life that is also so unpredictable.

I do "get" BC Ferries perspective on Gulf Islands ferry service — as a company, it must look at its bottom line and also make decisions based on providing the best service to the most customers. But neither of these bodes well for islanders, who are a customer minority and whose ferry routes run at a dollar loss.

The other problem for islanders, as Bob Jones pointed out, is that BC Ferries is a monopoly. There is no need for it to woo Gulf Islands customers with better, cheaper service, because islanders are not able to take our business elsewhere.

Thankfully for islanders, BC Ferries' routes and service levels are defined in the Coastal Ferry Services Contract so it has to meet certain service standards.

But other than that, I saw an almost alarming level of disconnection between ferry user and operator at last week's meeting, with the company often exhibiting complete disregard for its Gulf Islands customers beyond the bottom line, and ferry users showing an almost inappropriate level of "entitlement" for privileges that aren't really legitimate.

I understand where both sides are coming from, but at this rate they will never meet on a common ground. Users will continue to demand too much and BC Ferries will continue to resist addressing things that could easily be fixed.

For example, on the ferry user side, the idea that Tsawwassen-bound vehicles arriving at Swartz Bay from Fulford should jump the line over Vancouver Island drivers is not realistic. It is realistic, however, that BC Ferries find some way to improve our chances

of making that connection.

Islanders' expectation of service needs to occur within the context of our choice to live on islands: we have to expect some inconvenience associated with that choice. By expressing an unreasonable level of entitlement we do ourselves a disservice by destroying our credibility with the company. Also, it is not unreasonable for BC Ferries to assume ferry issues are not a major concern to islanders when fewer than a dozen members of the public turn out to FAC meetings.

(In my opinion, the low turnout is probably related more to a feeling of powerlessness than apathy, but that is not necessarily the message the company takes home.)

But what also became clear at the meeting is that BC Ferries has little will to improve Gulf Islands ferry service. The suggestion that the company remove our reduced-rate throughfare option based entirely on dollars, and without any consideration to customer service, pretty much sums up the company's position.

Ultimately, the company does not appear to understand or care that the ferries are Gulf Islanders' highways. They are an essential service and this is why we get so passionate about ferry-related issues. Our lives often revolve around ferry service; sometimes our livelihoods depend on it; we frequently have to take time off work and school to use it. The ability to plan ahead becomes important. The need for on-time schedules, big enough boats and the ability to make reservations is crucial.

Somehow BC Ferries needs to recognize the important role it plays in all of the communities it serves — not just the money-making ones. Perhaps decision-makers need only to re-visit their own company statement once in awhile, as described on its website:

"As the primary provider of coastal ferry transportation in the province, BC Ferries recognizes its unique role in the region's economy. From maintaining a constant flow of goods and services, to linking families and friends, to attracting tourists to our many unique destinations, our company is a key participant in the development of coastal communities."

Perhaps a company that made decisions within a framework that truly recognized its crucial role in the bigger picture would be more palatable for island users.

Much of Monday's meeting centred around the issue of islanders travelling between Fulford and Tsawwassen via Swartz Bay, with the company repeatedly saying "we don't offer a connecting service" and there is absolutely nothing that can be done to improve the service. Here is a bit of irony on that subject:

In April 2003, on the day the corporation transferred to an independent company amid much fanfare, I happened to be waiting in line for the 6:15 a.m. Long Harbour ferry to Tsawwassen. Sadly, for the brand new company, the Queen of Nanaimo suffered a mechanical problem and couldn't run that morning.

To our "isn't this new company great" amazement, calls were made and the stranded vehicles were told to drive to Fulford where, with headlights on to identify them, they were given priority loading and disembarking on the Skeena and ensured passage to Tsawwassen via Swartz Bay.

That unheard-of action prompted much touting of the newly-formed company, which was suddenly seen as capable of greater flexibility than the government-run version.

Things have sure changed in six years.

The writer is a longtime island resident, who uses ferries frequently.

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TOUCHDOWN: Running back Sam Miles stretches for a touchdown as GISS Scorpions defeat E. J. Milne (Sooke) Wolverines 24 to 0.

GISS SOCCER

Junior boys make history

Island championships hold silver lining

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
 DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Until last week, not a single junior team from Gulf Islands Secondary School had ever won a medal at any Vancouver Island championship event.

Thanks to some fancy footwork and a whole lot of team spirit, the junior boys Scorpions soccer team finished their three-day tournament in Powell River with a 3-1 record and a silver-medal finish.

"These kids weren't just playing ghetto soccer, there were tons of wicked moves and brilliant goals," said Keegan Pearson, head coach of the junior boys squad. Pearson, a Grade 12 student at GISS, said the event was a great way to cap off his inaugural foray into the coaching world.

"It was so great to make school history with these guys," he said. "It was

cool to see them come together like they did."

The Scorpions opened the tournament with a 2-1 victory against hometown favourites Brooks Secondary School and didn't look back. The team steamrolled opponents from the Comox Valley and Victoria to qualify for the finals.

With a roster stacked full of Grade 10 giants, Victoria's Claremont Secondary School cruised to a 5-0 victory in the tournament final on Tuesday, Nov. 3.

"We battled hard but we knew they were the better team," Pearson said. "They were huge."

Despite the tough loss, Pearson said, players on the junior squad were ecstatic to bring home the silver.

He said the experience gained from this experience will surely help them at the senior level and beyond.

Pearson thanked island trainers Sue Spencer and Robert Rustad for their support on behalf of the entire junior team.

GISS VOLLEYBALL

GISS hosts best of north island

Six teams vie for spots at island finals

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
 DRIFTWOOD STAFF

The senior boys Scorpions volleyball squad has yet to lose a single match to any "AA" team so far this season.

That's a streak head coach Kellie Booth doesn't want to see come to an end as the team gets ready to host the North Island "AA" Championships on the weekend.

The tournament brings together the top six teams from the northern Vancouver Island region. Five of the teams will move on to take part in the Vancouver Island Championships on the Nov. 21 weekend.

The GISS squad finished a day-long event held last week at Parklands Secondary in Sidney with a respectable 4-2 record. The two GISS defeats, she added, came at the hands of two solid "AAA" teams.

Booth said her team has a lot going for it as the boys prepare for this weekend's tournament.

"I'm pretty happy with where my team is

right now," she said.

The GISS boys held their own against the powerful GISS Alumni team in a series of games played over the weekend in a pre-championship warm up.

The alumni team, made up of many players from the 2008 GISS senior squad, won six of its seven games though, Booth said, her team didn't lose any games by more than six points.

GISS alumni team players included Cam Johnson, Tony Mason, Cayce Fedberg, Stu Garside, James Cameron, Hal Cook, Dave Outerbridge, Cole Wrigley and Chris Howe.

Booth is confident the experience gained by her players competing above their level for most of the season will come in handy when they hit the court on Friday.

Volleyball fans can catch some of the region's best volleyball action beginning at 2 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 13 in the GISS gymnasium. Games resume on Saturday morning at 9:30 a.m.

"We're expecting a really good turnout and some very good ball," she said.



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An ironman's race to remember

David Collombin raises \$16,000 for MS

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Sports fans tuning into TSN in the past few weeks may not have recognized him, but GISS teacher David Collombin was among the thousands of participants filmed in Penticton at last summer's Ironman competition.

A 39-year-old father of four, Collombin said that five years ago he had never heard of the Ironman and barely knew what triathlons were. This past August, however, he not only put himself through the ultimate endurance challenge, but helped raise \$16,000 for Multiple Sclerosis in the process. More than two months after the completing the race, Collombin is still thrilled by the experience.

Canadian triathlete and Olympic gold medalist Simon Whitfield — who owns property on Salt Spring — has lately raised local prominence for the sport that combines swimming, bicycling and running. Although the race consistently holds those three components, in that order, the overall length of sanctioned races can range from "sprints" to the Olympic length and half-Iron-



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David Collombin runs in the Ironman race.

man. The Ironman, as Collombin explained, is by far the most grueling.

While many will have heard of the world championships that take place in Hawaii, Ironman competitions take place all over the world. The annual Penticton race is the only one that happens in Canada.

Collombin started participating in sprint-length triathlons two seasons ago, at locations as nearby as Elk Lake, Sooke and Vancouver. After doing "a bunch" of each of the lower distance versions, he thought he "might one day take the plunge" and try the Ironman. The problem was that gaining a spot is nearly impossible for first-timers, due to a space rationing process

that gives around 80 per cent priority to racers from the previous year and the next 10-15 per cent to race volunteers.

"The day after the race, 3,000 spots are available [for the following year]. Most spots are taken in the first hour," Collombin said.

Collombin was surprised to get an email last spring from a family acquaintance, Jasper Blake. The son of his father's former colleague and a professional triathlete, Blake was looking for people to join his team at the next Ironman as a fundraiser for MS.

"I was thinking of volunteering to get into it, then I got this surprise email. So I didn't even question it, I just said, 'Yes! I'm in,'" Collombin recalled.

Blake's mother was

diagnosed with MS around 20 years ago and is in a wheelchair today. In partnership with the MS Society, Blake arranged for the group to purchase spots in the Ironman for the Race 4 MS team. The catch: while the MS Society would guarantee the spots and pay the \$750 entrance fee, team members were required to raise at least \$7,500 each for the organization before they could claim their places in the race.

To his lasting surprise and gratitude, Collombin managed to raise \$16,000, mainly through online donations made by friends and family members "back east." Salt Spring was also generous, with GISS students contributing the largest dollar amount on the island. (The student who donated the most was allowed to shave the teacher's head and body.)

While some people take years of constant training to build up to their first Ironman, Collombin had just five months to prepare for a race that starts with a 3.8-km swim, moves to a 180-km bike ride and ends with a full marathon-length run of 42.2 km.

To put the distances in perspective, Collombin described swimming from the public beach at St. Mary Lake to the access point on Tripp Road — and then doing it three more times. The length of his bike ride meant starting at Mount Washington and ending at the Crofton ferry terminal. "Even now that I've done it, I still think, 'holy crap!'"

"Triathlon's a very selfish sport, especially when you get into the longer distances. You can't just train at the local pool or just do a half-hour bike ride. You need to do four or five hours or you'll never

make it," Collombin said.

For months, therefore, almost every minute of his time was taken up with training, a hard task for a married father with a job.

Having now completed the challenge, Collombin understands the post-race euphoria that brings athletes to line up for next year's event the very next day after the race, no matter what torture they put themselves through to get there. He won't be participating in 2010, however, for the good reason that he promised his wife he wouldn't sign up again.

"As soon as I did my first one I knew my wife was 100 per cent correct, because that one killed me," Collombin laughed.

Along with the rush that follows completion, Collombin said the reason he loves triathlons is that the race is for everyone and anyone can do it, including the 300-lb. woman and the 70-year-old man he competed with in his first race — both of whom easily beat his time. In addition, the triathlon is one of the only places where regular people can compete alongside professional athletes, who will be there at the finish line, cheering them on at the end.

"No one can really do this kind of thing by themselves," Collombin acknowledged. He thanks his wife and family for their support, as well as all the people who donated to the MS Society on his behalf. Massage therapy by Mardon Dary was also an essential remedy to training.

"This was a really excellent experience for me," Collombin concluded. "Some people will only do it one time in their whole life and just to finish is monumentally huge."

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WOMEN'S SOCCER

Div.-2 women find long-sought win

Extra effort leads to win against Lakehill Reds

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Salt Spring United's Div.-2 women found their stride against Lakehill Reds last week, finishing a hard-fought game in possession of the ball and an extra point in the standings.

Lakehill Reds scored first in Sunday's game on their home turf, in hard-driving play that ended in a kick that was "basically unstoppable," said SS United player LeeAnn Norgard. "They had some really fast forwards, and came in on the left side with an outstanding shot from an angle on the left and drove it into the top right corner."

SS United came back in the

first half when game star Val Cunningham put the ball into the net "with a composed finishing touch."

"Coming into the second half we put a lot of pressure on them and had a lot of shots on net," said Norgard, who put a ball into the crossbar. Lorna Walde, who Norgard also singled out for her quality play, had a crossbar foil her shot on net as well.

Further into the second half, striker Cheryl Johnson showed great determination and with extra effort put the ball into the middle. Cunningham then took the ball into the Reds' net with a gentle tap for a "beautiful finish."

For the rest of the match, SS United took on a solid defensive role, putting on the pressure to keep the point advantage.

Norgard said that Erin Hornell had an outstanding game in net, where she stopped an extremely hard shot that went past several players.

"She denied a stunning drive to the top right corner near the end of the game to maintain the lead."

SS United finished the game without any subs, feeling exhausted but gratified, especially after tying for points in their last two matches.

"It's satisfying for us to get the win after not getting it the last two games," Norgard said.

SS United stays at home for its next two matches, playing against the castaways this coming Sunday.

The team is currently tied for third place with Lakehill Reds and Vic West.

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 at 431 Sky Valley Rd.
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 No flowers please.

DEATHS

TUTTLE, Adney Clifton

Adney Tuttle died November 1, 2009 at the
 age of 78 on Salt Spring Island, BC. Adney is
 survived by his beloved wife Gwenyth and their
 three daughters, Alison of Kelowna, Sandra
 (Larry O'Gorman) of Ottawa, and Karen (Corey
 Sharman) of McKinney, Texas, along with five
 grandchildren: Sidney, Caroline, Kylie, Liam and
 Calum. He also leaves his brother William Tuttle
 and family of Medicine Hat, Alberta.

Adney met his wife and best friend Gwen in 1955
 while they both worked in Williams Lake; Gwen
 as a registered nurse from Sydney, Australia and
 Adney as a constable with the RCMP. In 1964
 Adney completed his commerce degree while
 attending Carleton University. In 1974 Adney
 spent a year at Laval University mastering
 French. He retired in Ottawa from the force as
 chief superintendent, and then transferred to the
 Solicitor General's Office as a consultant. He and
 Gwen retired to the McLennan Valley, Salt Spring
 Island, where he traded in his red serge for flannel
 and riding boots for gumboots.

We wish to thank Dr. Ron Reznick and the nursing
 staff at Lady Minto Hospital for all of their support
 and compassion.

**In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Lady Minto
 Hospital. A service will be held at 11:00 am on Saturday,
 November 21, 2009 at the Community Gospel Chapel, 147
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 in celebrating Adney's life at his home at 157 McLennan
 Drive, Salt Spring Island, that afternoon at 2:00 pm.**

Floyd Kaye

August 10th, 1929 – October 29th, 2009



It is with profound sadness that the
 family of Floyd William Kaye announce
 his passing on October 29, 2009. The
 eldest of ten children, Floyd was born
 on August 10th, 1929 on Salt Spring
 Island. He was predeceased by his
 brothers Harold and Earl and his sister
 Brenda. He is survived by his siblings
 Sydney, Albert, Elma, Garry, Joyce,
 and Pearl. From early on in Floyd's
 life he demonstrated his love and caring for his family. In
 Grade 11 after his father was seriously injured in a logging
 accident, Floyd quit school in order to provide for his family.
 He worked hard in the forest industry until his retirement.
 He had a real zest for life and was a man who always made
 friends and family feel welcome in his home. He will always
 be remembered and never be forgotten by his loving wife,
 Irene whom he adored for 61 wonderful years. He was the
 love of her life. Floyd cherished his time with his daughter
 Marlene Dergousoff (Jim) and his son Wayne Kaye (Cathy).
 He was a devoted grandfather to Jeremy Kaye (Janet), Nicola
 (Kaye), Palmer (Luke), and James Dergousoff (Danielle). And
 more recently he was blessed with two great grandchildren
 Luella and Felix Kaye. His greatest joy was his family and
 in turn the family treasured their time with him. He will be
 remembered with love and pride by us all.

Floyd enjoyed working and playing hard. He was his own
 man, honest, humble and fair, who embraced life's
 challenges head on. He had a passion for sport from softball,
 badminton, and hunting in his early years; becoming an
 avid golfer at Mt. Brenton Golf Course later on. He also
 served in community organizations; the Native Sons and
 the Lions Club, where he enjoyed the camaraderie, as well
 as providing service for the community.

Floyd was a wonderful man with a twinkle in his eye and
 a 'tease' up his sleeve. He made life full of fun and will be
 sorely missed by all who knew him. We'll love you forever.
 There will be a Celebration of Life, Saturday, November
 14th, at 1:00 p.m., at the Eagles Hall, 921 First Avenue,
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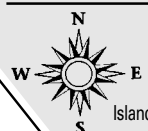
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GETTING LOOSE: Neil Mark leads a Stiff Men's Yoga workshop at Ganges Yoga Studio.

SAILING

Electra earns Jack Langdon Trophy

Crisp conditions cap sailing season

Clear blue skies, sunshine and steady winds set the stage for the Salt Spring Island Sailing Club's Jack Langdon Trophy Race on Nov. 1.

The usual suspects were on hand for the sailing club's final competitive race of the 2009 season as eight ships set sail from Ganges Harbour to Batt Rock and up through Captain's Passage.

Winds rose steadily throughout the morning, filling in at approximately by 10:55.

By 11 a.m., the tide had just turned to a flood and in the building breeze the larger boats were able to almost catch up with or overtake the smaller boats before Batt Rock, said Roger Kibble, skip of Electra, in his post-race report.

Electra rounded first with quite a lead followed by Yolanda and Kay D with the rest of the fleet hard on their heels.

"Those boats which had chosen the left side of the course had enjoyed slightly stronger air," Kibble said.

A beam/close reach enabled spinnakers to be

set by most boats on the leg to Captain's Passage. Only Kay D and Electra could carry their chutes all the way through the assage and as a result gained some advantage.

Electra rounded Ben Mohr Rock ahead of Kay D, which just managed to sneak by Yolanda at the mark.

They were followed quite closely by a fast-reaching Oasis and Empezar.

The fleet close-reached back to through Captain's Passage and then onward back to Batt Rock. The trick here, Kibble said, was to start the sails and move the boat as fast as possible on a course slightly below the mark, rather than to be close hauled.

Caliente was storming along and overtook many boats before Batt Rock, but Electra was too far ahead to be caught on the downwind leg to the finish.

Electra finished at about 1:37 p.m., with Caliente coming in about eight minutes later.

Oasis, Yolanda, Kay D, Soul Thyme, Empezar and Impossible rounded out the competition.

This Week's Horoscope

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Tip of the Week:

As we enter into the final stretch of Scorpio time, a sense of finality increases. Winter Solstice is not far off as the Earth completes yet another cycle around the Sun. It is appropriate that this time of year is given to Remembrance Day, which I have noticed has been stretch from the traditional 1 day on November 11th, to an entire week! Hopefully, some of the focus is given to the processes of rebirth and renewal, as well as to ending and completion. Preparations for the New Year and the advent of longer hours of daylight will already begin even amidst the deepening dark. Such is the faith we silently hold in cyclic renewal. Saturn now in Libra will form its first of 3 Square Aspects to Pluto. This aspect is a waning square and so is symbolically linked to the waning half Moon and to Autumn Equinox. Yes Moon Phases, season and planetary aspects all share a symbolic correspondence, according to the natural parallels to the rhythms of dues to the simple measurement as cycles illustrated as circles which can then be quartered to make 4 Elements, 4 Seasons, and 4 Major Phases of the Moon. Thus is the natural logic of Astrology. That this exact Square will occur on November 15th, the birthday of the U.S. government, according to some prominent U.S. Astrologers gives reason to cocked brow curiosity. Expect some risky moves and ambitious power plays sure to cause commotion and stir the pot.

Aries (Mar 21 - Apr 20)

Endings and deepening occurring simultaneously should be keeping you busy. Letting go of attitudes or perspectives or relationships altogether may be a source of stress. You feel pushed to make some important decisions. Financial concerns and considerations are part of the plot. You are virtually ready to beg, borrow and steal if necessary. Perhaps you should simply and sincerely ask, the right source....

Taurus (Apr 20 - May 21)

Who loves you baby? That question may be lingering dues to feelings and sensations stirring. It can get bothersome when it gets hot and the energy needs to be directed and/or released. How powerful is this fundamental reality of having a body? All else seems to balance on what we do with our energies and passions. Make efforts to engage your passions consciously. Aim for satisfaction.

Gemini (May 21 - Jun 21)

Our health should be our first responsibility. As obvious as this sounds health needs often go neglected. Since our mental, emotional, physical and etheric bodies are intrinsically related, knowledge, intelligence and wisdom are required to sustain good health. Beyond lifestyle choices, we have our genetics and karmas to consider. Be willing to learn what you must to be healthier.

Cancer (Jun 22 - Jul 22)

Circumstances of late are prompting a creative and inventive mood in you. Certain fears have been triggered and the time has come to act upon them. The more willing you are to consider alternative approaches the better; madness is measured by continually trying to solve problems in the same way even though that way does not appear to be working. See a bigger picture!

Leo (Jul 23 - Aug 23)

Creating beauty close to home is a current passion. Are you cleaning, redecorating, and setting romantic atmospheres with light and shadow? The settings we create do influence our mood. What do you feel like doing? Candles can create such magic as to melt hearts and bodies. Be willing to play with feelings and desires as a means of exploring news depths, in good company.

Virgo (Aug 24 - Sep 22)

Our self-concept is an interesting feature of our reality. Since we can not fully and clearly see who we are because even knowing ourselves is open to interpretation, the process is ongoing. With the law of change at the helm, we have to rediscover ourselves at many new turns. It takes intention, focus and courage to reconsider who we are. It is your turn to take a closer look at who you are and are becoming.

Libra (Sep 23 - Oct 22)

Our imagination can either work for or against us. That is why learning respect and control our imagination is such a fundamental feature of personal power. The line between controlling and being controlled by imagination is delicate and vulnerable. At any moment worry, fear and even panic can arise. Learn to breathe away these negative discharges and keep your focus here and now, balanced with a positive vision.

Scorpio (Oct 23 - Nov 21)

Exploring new territory is the call now. Your investigations can go in any of a variety of directions. You may feel excited to learn or to teach something new. Curiosity is calling and you may have an insatiable desire to know what is hidden behind. Celebrating the moment means feeling the passion and accepting that every moment is leading you to this one now. Let your feelings do the walking and talking.

Sagittarius (Nov 22 - Dec 21)

Something is brewing in the back of your mind. You may feel the darkness of this time especially strongly now. At best, you feel a deep connection with others and life in general and at worst you may feel lost and alone. Returns for past choices and actions are coming in now on all fronts. At least it is not boring. Diversify your focus and meet each angle on its own terms.

Capricorn (Dec 22 - Jan 19)

This is a powerful time for us all. Much is shifting and shaking behind the scenes and at the inner reaches of the structures that uphold realities. Dark agendas are coming out into the light for all to see. You feel compelled to make some important decisions. Sometimes it is black or white and we must choose. What side will win the focus of your attention? Go for the light, it always wins in the end.

Aquarius (Jan 20 - Feb 19)

You may feel like you have just emerged from a chrysalis. Raw and tender, yet free and determined new adventures beckon. This is a good time to gather new tools and perhaps bend a few rules. Sometime the best learning is unlearning - letting go of knowledge and perspectives we have learned or adopted but which no longer serve. Take command by increasing your reach and scope.

Pisces (Feb 20 - Mar 20)

This is a time of letting go and you certainly are meant to engage. What is it you would like to lose, release, clear, purge or purify? If your answer goes in more than one direction, trust that. Manage your time and focus to allow for a strategic process of embracing needed changes. The journey begins with the first step. Pay attention to the details and outline your intentions. Sometimes losing is winning!

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MEN'S SOCCER

Old Boys rising from the ashes

Team prepares to host division leaders

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

The Salt Spring Old Boys have earned four points in their last two games thanks to a one-all draw against Vantreights over the weekend.

The Old Boys (2-4-1) trailed by a single goal for most of Sunday's game, but nearly came back to score a victory with fewer than 20 minutes left in the match.

Damien Brazier scored the tying goal for the Old Boys.

"When the Old Boys play with confi-

dence, as they did in the final 20 minutes, they look good and look capable of matching any team in their division," said player Richard Steel.

The tie partly makes up for the Old Boys' 2-0 loss to Vantreights earlier this season.

Steel credited Ben Cooper with a solid effort to neutralize and effectively take out Vantreights' most dangerous player on the field.

Players hope the team's momentum will carry into the Old Boys' next game, against the division-leading Prospect Lake Lakers on Sunday, Nov. 15 at 10:30 a.m.

The Old Boys dropped a 6-1 decision against Prospect Lake earlier this year.

In spite of a shaky start to the season, the Old Boys have climbed into a two-way tie for third place in the Vancouver Island Soccer League's third division.

In other soccer news, Ganges Gremio's seven-game undefeated streak came to an end over the weekend as the team suffered a 2-0 loss to Gordon Head SK.

The loss bumps Gremio (2-1-5) down to sixth place in the VISL's Division 4C.

The team's next match is on Salt Spring against the undefeated Peninsula Stachers (4-0-4) on Sunday, Nov. 15 at 2:15 p.m.

Salt Spring FC and Alumni FC games were cancelled. Salt Spring FC travels to Juan de Fuca this weekend while Alumni FC is in Nanaimo.

WOMEN'S SOCCER

Over 30s squad continues to gel as a team

Passing and solid attacks on net in evidence against Gorge

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Salt Spring United's Over-30s team continues to develop with noticeable results for its efforts, according to team spokesperson Louise Doucet.

The team was in good shape last weekend with three subs

on hand and keeper Kym Bellavance back in net. Salt Spring achieved a virtual tie in the crossover game against the Div.-A Gorge Masters. The final 2-1 score for Gorge included one goal Salt Spring scored on themselves due to a fumble in the box.

Doucet reported that the two teams were evenly matched, which made for a good game. Salt Spring displayed lots of excellent passing, building up its game from the defensive zone into the offensive end

with lots of solid attacks on net.

"The transition between ends is something we've been working on and you can tell. We're doing lots more passing," Doucet said.

Salt Spring scored its goal after a throw-in by Meghan Gutierrez. Anne May followed up the throw with a long shot, sending the ball hard and low from outside the 18-yard box to get by Gorge's keeper.

All three goals were scored in the first half. As Doucet noted,

"The second half we kept them out of our zone completely and kept up our attacks on net."

Doucet said the team welcomed Lorraine Kopetzki's return as striker, for being "really valuable with her speed and determination."

Jeanie Gray also gained praise as an "incredible stopper."

The Over-30s play next at Prospect Lake for a Friday night match. The turf field will be a new experience for the team.

BOWLING

High bowling scores announced

High scores in recent bowling league play are:

Special Olympics, September: Mahjor Bains, 161, 172, 180, 190; Jim Beck 172, 173, 182; Stuart Elliott 151, 154; Kathy Kean, 157; Jason Newport 165, 176, 187, 195, 199; Terry Swing 150, 160.

Special Olympics, October: Mahjor Bains 186, 190, 211; Jim Beck 149, 155, 183; Rebecca Clair 140; Stuart Elliott 141, 142, 147; Jason Newport 148, 154, 181. Seniors, Sept. 29: Jim Glenn, 243; Anne Fliieger, 261. Seniors, Oct. 6: Jim Glenn, 220;

Rita Dods, 202. Seniors, Oct. 13 & 20: Martin Berg, 204, 218. Seniors, Oct. 27: Anne Fliieger, 213, 214/519. Seniors, Nov. 3: Jim Glenn, 290/622; Martin Berg, 216; Anne Fliieger, 272; Gerry Marleau, 253.

Youth teams nab impressive victories

But flu strikes U14 squad over weekend

SOCCERKICKS

When the Salt Spring United U14 boys gold team played Cowichan Valley on Saturday, Nov. 7, the story of this game was the "flu." With some sort of bug wreaking havoc on the team, there was not enough gas in the tank to play at full capacity, and having only two subs did not help matters.

Despite this, SS United scored first. Cowichan tied it up, and then Salt Spring regained the lead. This went on until Salt Spring was up 3-2, at which point Cowichan Valley scored two quick ones late in the game to take it 4-3.

The boys U12 team travelled to Juan de Fuca turf field over the weekend to play in the West Coast's only sunshine that day. Nik Graham scored the first goal early to set the tone, followed closely by a goal from Gabe Gold. Juan de Fuca fought back and managed to find the back of the net on their only shot on goal in the half.

Half-time adjustments ensured that was Juan de Fuca's only goal, with four unanswered goals by the hard-playing unified team. Josh Brown scored one on a deflected indirect kick, and Tomas Weatherby potted a second-half hat-trick. The final score was 6-1 for Salt Spring.

The U13 girls team played an awesome game versus Gordon Head on the Oct. 31-Nov. 1 weekend.

Beautiful, crisp passing, give and goes, one timers from a cross and tough defence gave the opposition fits on the way to a 7-0 victory.

Scoring were Kiara Johnston, Emma Lewis, Ella Fisher and Ajra Doobenen. Solid keeping and field work was provided by Sofia Pickstone, Ella MacQueen-Denz and Roxie Dailly. Charlotte McIntyre, Amrei Hunter, Marjn Andringa and Kendra Brown each provided excellent team support. Solid attack and mid-field support came from Lily Zazalak, Lena Bird, Indigo Porebska-Smith, Jade Barnard and Shayce Johnston.

The cold wind and rain did not sway the U14 girls from an aggressive win over Gordon Head in Victoria on Halloween. In the first five minutes, a corner kick from Jade Beauvais assisted Jasmine Cooper, who scored with a power shot.

A strange pattern started in which after every Salt Spring substitution there was an opposing shot on goal, saved by Cassidy Fraser. Iminah Amal-Hill played striker for the first time and made amazing passes. As Gordon Head started to sneak up the field, defender Abi O'Donnell aggressively deflected many shots and the score remained 1-0 at the half. Georgina Byron played incredible on defence. Becki Steel eluded her defenders and kicked up to Beauvais, who

shot and scored for a 2-0 final.

The U14 boys gold team played Bays United on Oct. 31, dominating from the opening whistle. Billy George was the first to score, when a Bays United goal kick never left the danger zone.

Then Hamish Walde got three goals in a row, in short order. Connor Budd, in the Salt Spring goal, was rarely called on to make a save, but was passed to several times by his own defenders when Bays United looked to be generating some pressure.

Before the half was over, Josh Crandall made it 5-0 when he calmly placed the ball in the left lower corner off a penalty shot awarded for a hand ball. In the second half, Sam Montalbetti and Isaac Byron scored to make the final score 7-0.

In a show of huge character and determination, Salt Spring matched a confident Gorge outfit in recent play while shorthanded, and went into a surprise lead when Jimmy Steel intercepted the ball and unleashed a vicious shot that left the Gorge keeper clutching thin air.

Gorge equalized shortly before half time and then went up 2-1 early in the second half, as Salt Spring ran their legs off, trying to keep up with the extra man. Will Hollingsworth was rock solid and brave in goal and Mira Byron never stopped battling and charging down the wing. Gorge went up 3-1 near the end, only for Steel to come out of defence again to delicately chip the goalie and end the game 3-2 for the home side.

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The cast of *Having Hope at Home* sits down to dinner on the set during one of its performances at Mahon Hall last weekend.

Solid script backs Community Theatre play

Casting, performances and relevance all spot on

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Several years ago I attended my first Community Theatre play on Salt Spring. While I was impressed by the committed performances shown by the actors, I felt the script was entirely inappropriate for community fare. Misogynist and cheaply titillating in the writing, this play was best left sleeping in the decade that produced it.

Last weekend's production of *Having Hope at Home* — which continues this weekend — features some of the same actors as that earlier offering, but built on a solid script that was both relevant to the community and allowed the actors to shine for a completely enjoyable theatre experience.

Director Therin Gower explained in the program she was initially attracted to the play through playwright David S. Craig's notes. Craig is quoted, "I'm almost certain humans are pack animals and our separation from the tribe, despite the potential freedom it provides, is causing us a

great deal of anxiety. My sense is that reconciliation . . . is the great challenge of our age."

Having Hope at Home takes place at the Bingham family farm in rural Ontario, where the main character Carolyn lives with her grandfather and her romantic partner.

Nine months pregnant, Carolyn is frantically preparing a full turkey dinner for her estranged parents to prove that she is an adult capable of making her own decisions. The situation is further complicated by the problem that she is planning a home birth with a midwife while her father is the head gynecologist at City Hospital, and that she starts going into labour just before dinner.

Gower's casting was spot on with Christina Penhale as Carolyn, Rusty Marshall as grandpa Russell and Dave Phillips and Mary Lowery as the uptight father and mother. Equally strong choices had Colin Beamish and Wendy Beatty as the sensitive French dairy farmer, Michel, and the down-to-earth midwife, Dawn, respectively.

Though taking place in Ontario, the situation is one that many Salt Springers would relate to. The generational conflict sees the young person rejecting her parents' urban lifestyle

"My sense is that reconciliation . . . is the great challenge of our age."

DAVID S. CRAIG
Playwright

to live off the land. The father had in his own time rejected his parents' life for one of education, wealth and social standing. Now planning a birth in the very room her grandfather was born in, Carolyn wants to start her child's life completely enveloped in love, while

all her parents can think about is the potential danger.

Penhale did an excellent job as a pregnant woman in the final frenzy of the ultimate prebirth nesting period, moving rapidly — and believably — between rage, tears and sappy sentimentality.

She even pulled off an on-stage childbirth with credibility. Beamish was a good match as her loving, if sometimes bewildered, lover. Although his Quebecois accent sometimes seemed mixed with that of some other country, he should certainly be commended for tackling it through the entire play, and his timing in delivering comic lines was good.

Phillips seemed to be channelling a meaner (and thicker) **NEW PLAY** continued on B3

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DANCE REVIEW

Striking, beautiful movements meet storytelling

Light & Metal encourages exploration of new art forms

BY MEGHAN HOWCROFT
DRIFTWOOD CONTRIBUTOR

It was a decidedly younger crowd that filed into ArtSpring's theatre last Thursday night for the much-anticipated production of Light & Metal, the second of ArtSpring's dance series.

Kicking off the evening were the Salt Spring Lobby Dancers with their eight-minute piece called Keep Talking. Choreographed by Boston choreographer Danny McCusker, the piece made great use of the stage and was at times quite mesmerizing. While the varying levels of dance experience were obvious, this did not detract from the number. Instead, it gave the piece its charm, proving dance is not dictated by age or ability, but more by the individual's love for and commitment to movement.

Next up was Tara Cheyenne Friedenbergs hilarious piece bANGER, a highly unusual and entertaining hybrid of dance, theatre and stand-up comedy.

Opening the number in a sexy negligee, the crowd watched enthralled as Friedenbergs morphed into a red-blooded man. The hysterical gender transition included a deepening of the voice, a tough manly saunter and even a moment of chest-beating. This was physical comedy at its best.

Performing a monologue convincing the audience she really was half-man (at least on her father's side), Friedenbergs had the

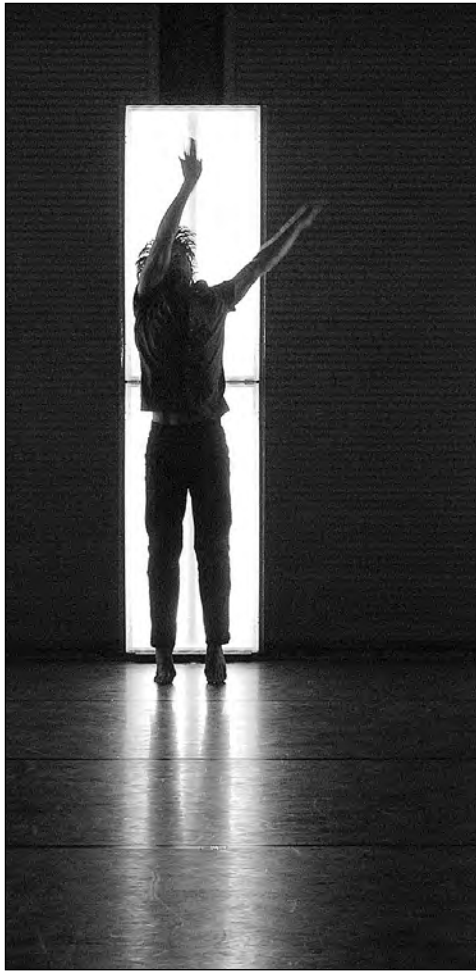


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Scene from Surge by MovEnt.

audience right where she wanted them — thoroughly engaged and ready to believe whatever she threw at them.

bANGER followed the life of 16-year-old Ivan, a head-banging, loveable loser desperately trying to find his place in the cruel world of high school. Friedenbergs portrayal of a teenaged boy was eerily accurate.

From Ivan's painful attempts at poetry to his excruciating practice phone-call to a girl, Friedenbergs hit the nail right on the head with this character.

The scenes with Ivan imagining himself a rock god and throwing himself wholeheartedly into air-guitar and air-drumming sessions were totally believable.

The parallel drawn between his awkward behaviour and powerlessness at school and his complete comfort and strength when "rocking out" alone wasn't lost on the young audience.

Friedenbergs ability to portray multiple characters simply through movement and small bites of dialogue was truly remarkable. And although the piece was theatrical, the movement in bANGER was never overshadowed by the theatrics and instead worked to display that which could not be said.

I will admit I lost the flow a bit when the piece moved into Ivan's obsession with WWII, but there was still so much wonderful comedy and beautiful movement (including a cool bit of tap dancing in army boots) that it's a minor criticism. Ivan is a painfully endearing character that Friedenbergs has obviously spent a lot of time developing. The touching ending where Ivan whispers

"I love you" to his mom over his cell-phone couldn't have been better.

The second piece, Surge, performed by MovEnt, was much more abstract but no less powerful. Also playing with the idea of power, including the power individuals hold over one another, talented dancers Day Helesic, Amber Funk Barton and Meredith Kalaman exhibited some fascinating choreography that made us exhausted just watching them.

At times the smooth, liquid movements of the dancers contrasted sharply with the harsh industrial soundscape. The effect was striking. Perhaps most interesting were the sections taking place in front of three columns of the brightest lights ever seen on the ArtSpring stage: seen in silhouette, the dancers were both frantic and fluid.

The middle-section took an interesting turn with a dancing duet pitting one dancer against another in a cheeky competition for the spotlight. This somewhat theatrical bit, which included no music, provided a nice respite between the more manic movements and sounds that came before and after.

Although I didn't connect emotionally to much of the piece, I found myself most drawn to the solos which were full of struggle and beauty. I also appreciated the repetitive movements of the dancers, seen throughout the piece, which tied it all together for me.

A fantastic and very accessible evening of dance, Light and Metal will hopefully encourage all those interested in the art of movement to branch out and explore those forms of dance less familiar to them.



Salt Spring FOCUS ON SENIORS

Warning signs help ID Alzheimer's

For most Salt Spring residents, the memory impairment they experience as they get older is due to the normal aging process.

However, memory problems sometimes are the result of Alzheimer's disease or a related dementia.

"The fact is, Alzheimer's disease is more than forgetting where you put your keys," says Christin Hillary, regional support and education coordinator for the non-profit Alzheimer Society of B.C.

The society has developed a list of warning signs to look for, including:

- Memory loss that affects day-to-day function
- It's normal to occasionally

forget appointments, colleagues' names or a friend's phone number and remember them later. "A person with Alzheimer's disease may forget things more often and not remember them later, especially things that have happened more recently," says Hillary.

- Difficulty performing familiar tasks

Busy people can be so distracted from time to time that they may leave the carrots on the stove and only remember to serve them at the end of a meal. "A person with Alzheimer's disease may have trouble with tasks that have been familiar to them all their lives, such as preparing a meal."

- Problems with language

Everyone has trouble finding the right word sometimes, but a person with Alzheimer's disease may forget simple words or substitute words, making her sentences difficult to understand.

Always consult a physician if you are noticing any of these symptoms, Hillary advises.

More information is available at the monthly meeting of the Salt Spring support and information group. It is free and open to caregivers and families dealing with the disease.

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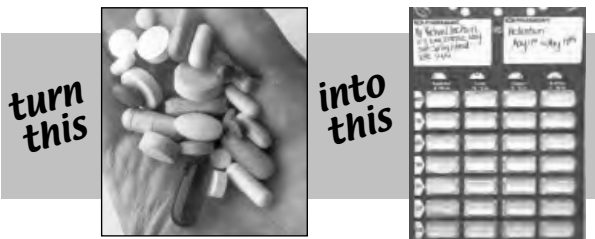
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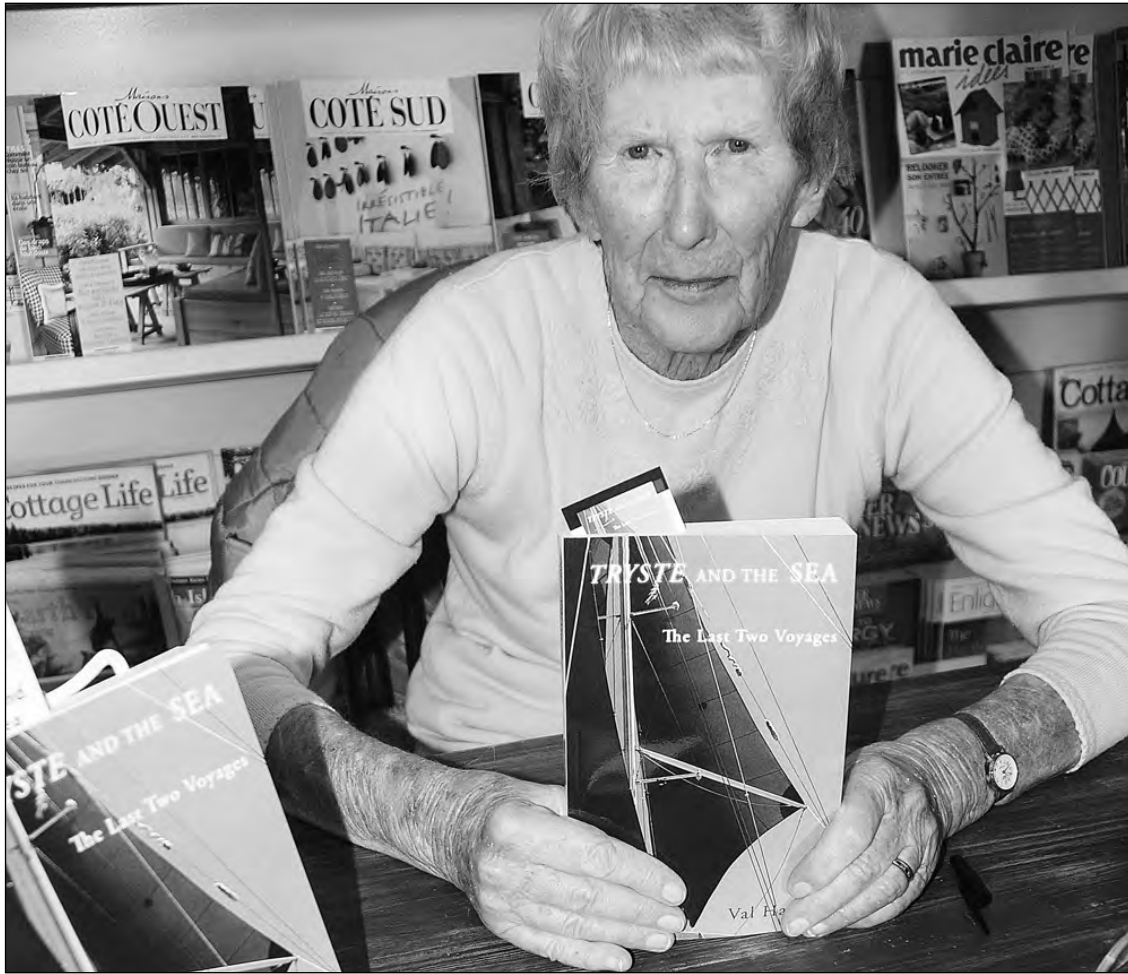


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ANOTHER TRYSTE: Island writer Val Haigh with copies of her new book *Tryste and the Sea* at a book-signing event held at Salt Spring Books on Saturday. The book is available at local book-selling outlets.

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Thursday, November 12, 8-11pm
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LIBRARY

Nov. StoryTime themes announced

Other resources suggested by program volunteers

Lots of fun and special stories are promised at the Salt Spring library this month.

On Friday, Nov. 13 at 1 p.m. at StoryTime, kids can join Margaretha Nordine for a session called Hippos, Horses and Hens, where the adventures of Hippopotamus Veronia, The Little Red Hen and more storybook friends are shared.

Then on Friday, Nov. 20, StoryTime celebrates Canadian Children's Book Week. Special guests Margriet Ruurs, superb story-

teller and award-winning author, and her friend Emma will be at the library to share some of their favourite stories.

Several of Ruurs' books have won awards, including the Storytellers Award for Emma's Eggs, and have been shortlisted for the Mr. Christie Award of Excellence, the Shining Willow and the Chocolate Lily, Blue Spruce, Utah Information Book Award and National Crown Award. My Librarian is a Camel was awarded Teacher's Choice Award and named IRA's Notable Book for Global Awareness. Her book called My School in the Rainforest will be published soon.

On Nov. 27, join Kaz Amaranth for inventive stories, interesting

rhymes and songs.

StoryTime runs every Friday at 1 p.m.

Its organizers point to other resources for kids and families at the library.

"Check out something different such as one of the many magazines," they suggest. "On the children's floor you will find over 20 titles for young people, from toddlers to high school age, including Babybug for the very young, Sports Illustrated for Kids, Dig, an archeology magazine, and science magazines like YES and KNOW. Sit at the activity computer with your child and try a new reading or math computer activity from Reader Rabbit, Jump Start or Tortoise and the Hare."

Having Hope at Home returns this weekend

NEW PLAY

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Alan Thicke in turtleneck, tweed blazer and brushed back hair. He truly became the pompous doctor, while angry scenes were powerful and even frightening.

Lowery may have been typecast as his Birks figurine-buying wife, but as she noted in the program, the fit was excellent. She was especially good when threatening to "freak out" for the first time in 35 years.

Marshall displayed authentic shades of crustiness and tenderness as the grandpa. I experienced real concern that he was going to send himself out into the night like Inuit elders of no more use to the tribe.

Beatty came through strong as the midwife, portrayed as not at all flaky or new-age, but as down-to-earth and medically knowledgeable as our real island midwives are.

A small suggestion is that the enthusiastic and detailed set design by Gower and Jill Tarswell could have perhaps included a few less items and gone for a suggested scene rather than a fully recreated one, to make the visual backdrop less stimulating. (Carolyn's stage kitchen was almost better equipped than my real one, containing an actual fridge, stove, toaster oven and wood stove.)


However, all the cast and crew can be congratulated for providing an evening's entertainment that included laugh-out-loud funny lines as well as real exploration of deeper emotions. Gower's choices point to a direction that Salt Spring's Community Theatre can be proud of moving in.


Having Hope at Home runs at Mahon Hall on Friday-Saturday, Nov. 13-14 at 8 p.m. and closes with a 2 p.m. show on Sunday, Nov. 15.

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Flick Pick



Up has all the pieces, but reviewer numbed

I'm going to be honest. Up, the most recent in a wave of phenomenally successful animated films by the good people at Pixar, just didn't do much for me emotionally. It looked great, and the pieces were all there, but something just didn't kick in at the gut level. Yet, it feels like I'm the only one who thinks this way, and it's making this review rather difficult.

Up is mostly the story of Carl Frederickson, an old man who (by way of an admittedly wonderful opening sequence) has lost his beloved wife Ellie and now lives alone. They'd always dreamed of a life of adventure, culminating in a trip to Paradise Falls, South America.

When a series of unfortunate events leads to a court decision forcing Carl into a nursing home, Carl takes action. He ties a humongous mass of balloons to his home and flies into the sky on the way to Paradise Falls. There he finds adventure in the form of undiscovered flightless birds, dogs who talk through technological collars, and an evil adversary in the form of world adventurer Charles Muntz.

My shoddy synopsis of the plot doesn't really do it justice. Up's themes of adventure, loss, hope and eternal

youth are carefully expressed through a story surprisingly complex for a movie aimed at kids. Considering this depth and Pixar's undisputed pedigree as the primo generator of animated flicks, I should have been lapping things up.

And admittedly, I was quite entertained. Anything with talking dogs is bound to tweak the funny bone (heh) of yours truly. But as it built to a raucous climax atop a massive dirigible, I realized I just didn't care. Unlike watching Wall-E, The Incredibles, Finding Nemo or Ratatouille, watching Up had little emotional effect on me at all.

I'm completely baffled by this reaction, made even more confounding by the fact that media reviews have been unanimously glowing and everyone I've talked to about the film has gushed about it to no end. Was it a bad night when I saw it? Am I suffering from Pixar overload? Do I unconsciously hate old people?

At least I didn't hate the film, as it's certainly a fun time and I can recommend it to anyone. But it still feels funny doing so, almost as if I'm betraying some kind of inner critical voice which wants to burst out of my chest "Alien" style. I'd set it free, but it could kill you all.

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ARTS & CULTURE

Evolution of a craft community

Comparing Delft, Netherlands to Salt Spring Island, B.C.

BY GEORGE SIPOS
SPECIAL TO THE DRIFTWOOD

Funny how history works. A visit to the small Dutch city of Delft at the end of the 18th century would of course have revealed an urban landscape totally unlike Salt Spring, but home to a craft community not unlike our own.

The main industry then was the production of fine handmade porcelain in 35 or so small workshops and artist's studios.

The idea had come from China in the 16th century via the Dutch East India Company, and Dutch artists were soon using local clays, white tin glazes and cobalt oxide paint to create the vases, plates and tiles that defined the city for several centuries.

A visit to Delft today, such as one I made while on holiday a few weeks ago, reveals only remnants of a faded glory. Three workshops only are still in operation, employing, among them, a total of 15 artists who hand-paint porcelain in the traditional manner.

The smallest of these ateliers is De Candelaer, tucked away in a corner of the market square. It is run by Stefan Delfos, 45, the fourth generation of his family to practise the craft.

Not unlike many Salt Spring artist's studios, De Candelaer has a small gallery at the front where vases, decorative bottles, plates and more pedestrian items like egg cups and milk jugs are for sale.

Behind the gallery is the workshop where the clay is moulded, painted, glazed and baked in kilns. On the day I was there, the studio was idle because one of the two painters was away and the other had injured her hand.

Stefan is worried about the future.

Finding people willing to train as hand-painters is difficult. Seven years are needed to master the craft and the Dutch government has cut back on apprenticeship subsidies.

Worse than that, the souvenir shops elsewhere on the market square and throughout Holland are flooded with imitation Delftware now mass produced, ironically enough, in China.

The Dutch don't buy handmade Delftware anymore, Stefan tells me, considering it too old-fashioned, so the main market is tourists. And with the economic recession, that market is hurting.

Much of this sounds familiar.

On Salt Spring too, a big piece of our economy relies, as it did in 17th-century Delft, on artisans in small studios producing high-quality handmade art objects. For us too, the preservation of the standards and traditions of personal craftsmanship takes place against the background of a world given over to mass production.

Tourism rather than local consumption for us too has become the most important market for what our artisans produce.

Salt Spring artists similarly face issues of succession — who is to take over and continue our arts-based reputation and economy when current artists get old and new ones aren't

available to take over or can't afford to live here?

However, there is one big difference between Salt Spring and Delft.

The porcelain makers of Holland are struggling to keep a centuries-old craft alive, to preserve it and maintain its authenticity as an artistic discipline.

The thrust of arts activity on Salt Spring, as I have seen it, is not similarly conservative but is often quite the opposite: artists experimenting with their disciplines to innovate and re-think materials, techniques and forms to come up with objects that are new and unique.

I would like to think ours is the healthier endeavour. Mass production can only threaten art forms that are predictable, not ones that are constantly innovating and evolving.

It is true that innovation does not simply happen. It needs economic support both from the market and from government. And in that regard we are as vulnerable on Salt Spring as Stefan is in Delft.

What we need, most importantly, is a public that cares about what artisans produce — local people and not just tourists at the Saturday market willing to buy what Salt Spring artists make, so that 20 years from now there will not be just three studios left struggling to survive.

Before I leave De Candelaer, with my little vase and two egg cups neatly wrapped for travel, I ask Stefan if he has any children. Yes, he says, and he has just started training his son on the potter's wheel. His eyes are bright with both pride and hope.

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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

CONCERTS

Bach on the Rock back with Stubbs

Bach, Barber and Haydn works performed by orchestra and choir

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Salt Spring's only orchestral group, Bach on the Rock, is back on the scene with an upcoming performance at All Saints By-the-Sea on Saturday and Sunday, Nov. 14-15.

Anchored by conductor Jim Stubbs, the musicians and accompanying choral group will perform three exciting and challenging arrangements.

Last heard for a spring performance of the Messiah, the group's fall concert will include seasonal themes of drama and darkness as well as stirring spiritual awakening.

Haydn's Paukenmesse, or Mass in Time of War, is a melodic piece with dramatic movement that features a famous timpani line. Haydn wrote the mass during Napoleon's expansion across Europe. The response to potential war makes a fitting punctuation to Remembrance Day memorials earlier in the week.

Bach on the Rock will also play Samuel Barber's Agnus Dei.

Beginning its life as a string quartet, Barber later rewrote it for strings at the request of conductor Toscanini, who premiered it in 1938 with the NBC Orchestra. Bach on the Rock will play a later version that combines the adagio for strings with a version for choir.

Also on the program is Bach's Cantata #140, or Wachet Auf (Wake Up), one of the composer's most popular pieces.

Now in his second year with the local orchestra, Stubbs and his wife Laurie (both lifelong professional musicians) said they have been consistently impressed by the "small, enthusiastic and incredibly dedicated" group.

Now in its fifth year,



Jim Stubbs directs a Bach on the Rock rehearsal last Sunday at All Saints By-the-Sea.

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"If you know the rules, you have tremendous freedom. If you don't really know then you try all sorts of things that don't work."

JIM STUBBS
Director

the orchestra's members range from age 15 to 83.

Laurie said that hearing about the group's Christmas Oratorio performance was, for her, part of the deciding factor in the family's move from New York to Salt Spring.

"I thought, what a great place, let's move there!" she recalled.

Now that Jim has finished "commuting" to New York to perform, he's happy to be involved with a quality local project.

"It's satisfactory to

do something with that knowledge and history," Stubbs said. "Throughout my whole career, the most fun was working with non-professionals and students — the one-on-one connection is very fulfilling."

To prepare the Bach on the Rock ensemble for the musical challenges that arise in their concerts, Stubbs works from a structural understanding of the music, going, as he says, from the inside out.

His method is to try to understand music from the composer's point of view, studying all the details first and then putting the whole together — a practice Stubbs said is the opposite of how most conductors today work.

"It frees you up on one hand," Stubbs said. "If you know the rules, you have tremendous freedom. If you don't really know then you try all sorts of things that don't work."

The Bach cantata in the upcoming concert is one with lots of challenges, especially for the bassist who has some "very complicated lines."

Stubbs' strategy is to

teach each section to be independent yet to work with each other.

As a musician who played in orchestras for many years, he also has an insider's perspective on what makes a performance enjoyable for the players as well as the audience.

"This is the age of ego in music, like everything else. After a while you get tired of it. It reduces things to [the conductors'] individual egos and you miss out on what it's really about," Stubbs explained.

"To me that's very important because I've played so many performances that weren't satisfying."

The program promises to be vocally interesting, with the directors of three prominent choirs taking solos: Stubbs, Deb Toole and Mitch Howard.

Stubbs' strategy here is to keep the sound from getting muddy by keeping the group at choral size.

Saturday's show begins at 7 p.m., while Sunday's is at 2 p.m.

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EXHIBITS

Group of five shares work on 'interiors' theme

Diverse artists present Nov. 17-29 exhibition

For a group of five dynamic Salt Spring artists, interpreting the concept of "interiors" has yielded some not-so-literal results.

"Interiors. When you think of that word, what comes to mind?" asks a press release from the group. "Pretty lace curtains and

damask? Corbusier and leather? Blackburn Mall chic?"

But viewers should prepare to be surprised when Stefanie Denz, Louise Goodman, Megan Manning, Gillian McConnell and Hamza bin al-Wathan present their work on that theme from Nov. 17 to 29 at ArtSpring's Bate-man gallery.

"In more than 25 pieces, the diverse group will present their take on the word, ranging

from the psychological to the philosophical and didactic viewpoints. Yes, there will be interior scenes, but using clay, paint, canvas, straw, photographs and furnishings, the artists intend the viewer to look deeper, to take the journey of exploration with them."

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What's On This Week

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Wed. Nov. 11

ACTIVITIES
Remembrance Day at the Legion. Pancake breakfast, 8:30 a.m. to 10 a.m.; Meat draw at 2 p.m.
Remembrance Day Ceremony. 10:45 a.m. at Centennial Park.
Lest We Forget: Canada's War in Afghanistan. Salt Spring resident Michael Byers speaks on the mission in Afghanistan and why it has failed. Lions Hall. 4 p.m.
Swing Dance Class. For beginners. Every Wednesday at Mahon Hall, 7 to 9 p.m., until Nov. 18.

Thurs. Nov. 12

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT
Marc Djokic. One of Canada's brightest rising star violinists, with pianist Julien LeBlanc, at ArtSpring. 8 p.m., with pre-concert chat at 7 p.m.
Open Mic. Hosted by Stephanie Rhodes at The Local. 8 p.m.
Fulford Open Mike Night. With Dale and Dave at the Fulford Inn on Thursdays.
Blues Night. With Dave Roland and Friends. At Moby's. 8-11 p.m.

ACTIVITIES
Book Sale Drop-off Day. Bring donations for Community Ed's giant Nov. 14-15 book sale to the Farmers Institute. 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Climbing Wall. Open Thursdays and Sundays behind Community Services. 6:30-9 p.m. Info: 250-537-8970.

Fri. Nov. 13

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT
Having Hope at Home. SS Community Theatre comedy at Mahon Hall. 8 p.m.
Paul Mowbray Guitarist performs at Harbour House Hotel. 6:30-9 p.m.

ACTIVITIES
Sr. Boys North Island Volleyball Championships. Games begin at GISS gym at 2 p.m.
Book Sale Drop-off Day. Bring donations for Community Ed's giant Nov. 14-15 book sale to the Farmers Institute. 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Eco-Movement Workshop. First session in creating a dance to help heal the waters of St. Mary Lake. Cats Pajamas Studio, 104 Langs Rd. 11:15 to 1:15 p.m. Info: 250-537-5681.
Rollerblading. Fridays at Fulford Hall. 7:30 to 9 p.m.
Library StoryTime: Hippos & Other Horses. Join Margaretha for Hippopotamus Veronica and more story fun. For children in early grades and preschoolers. 1 p.m. at the library.

Sat. Nov. 14

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT
Bach on the Rock. Chamber orchestra & choir present works by Haydn, Bach and Barber. All Saints. 8 p.m.
Sue Newman and Friends. Perform at the Harbour House Hotel. 6:30-9 p.m.
Son de Cuba. Live band at Moby's. 8:30-11 p.m.

ACTIVITIES
Salt Spring SPCA Silent & Live Auction. Annual fundraiser, with live performance by acoustic guitarist Alan Miceli. Lions Hall. Doors at 6 p.m., live auction at 7 p.m.
Giant Book Sale. Community Education Society's third annual fundraising book sale. Farmers' Institute. 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Fabulous Flea Market. Fundraiser for Fulford Community Hall at the hall. 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Sr. Boys North Island Volleyball Championships. Games run all day at GISS.
Wisdom of Menopause. Workshop led by Jamie Capranos at Community Gospel. 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sign up through Community Ed. 250-537-0037; info@sscommunityed.org

Sun. Nov. 15

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT
Bach on the Rock. Chamber orchestra & choir present works by Haydn, Bach and Barber. All Saints. 2 p.m.
The Barley Brothers. Still alive and un-plugged. Every Sunday at the Fulford Inn. 6:30 p.m.
Live Jazz. At Moby's. 7-10 p.m.

ACTIVITIES
Giant Book Sale. Community Ed fundraiser at the Farmers Institute. 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Salt Spring Badminton Club. Sundays for age 12 and up at GISS gym. 7:30-9:30 p.m.
Climbing Wall. See Thursday listing.

Mon. Nov. 16

ACTIVITIES
Life Drawing. Core Inn upstairs. 1 to 3:30 p.m. Info: 250-537-1121.
Knitting Group. Stitches Quilt Shop. 2:30 p.m. Info: 250-537-0738.
Osho Kundalini Moving Meditation. Drop-in. 7:30 p.m. Info: Amrita, 250-537-2799.
Eckart Tolle Practising Presence Group. Drop-in. 7:30 p.m. Info: Amrita, 250-537-2799.

Tues. Nov. 17

ACTIVITIES
Gulf Islands Secondary School Parent Advisory Council. Meets in the GISS library at 7 p.m.
Contemporary Dance Class. Cats Pajamas Studio & Antler Ridge Studio. (Call for exact location - 250-537-5681). 5:30-6:30 p.m.
Taoist Ti Chi. New beginner class at All Saints. 10:30 a.m. to noon.

Wed. Nov. 18

ACTIVITIES
Becoming Richard Schmid. SSI Painters Guild workshop led by Wendy Wickland. Lions Hall. 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. www.sspaintersguild.com for details.
The Life & Times of Alfred Gerald Crofton. SSI Historical Society meeting with Pat Crofton presentation. Preceded by update on SS Archives. Central Hall. 2 p.m.
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EXHIBITIONS

- GISS students show work at the Salt Spring Coffee Co. cafe for the month of November.
- Tess Fama — Musical Paintings & PhotoArt is the ArtSpring lobby show for November.
- Salt Spring Artists' Gallery of Fine Art is now open at 135 McPhillips Avenue.
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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

MUSICAL THEATRE

Scrooge Meets the Duke: again

Reunion kicks off Christmas entertainment season

BY JOHN MOORE
DRIFTWOOD CONTRIBUTOR

It's back! In December of last year, Salt Spring's Swing Shift big band teamed up with The Newman Family Players to present Scrooge Meets the Duke!

The concert featured the jazzre-orchestration of Peter Ilyich Tchaikovsky's Nutcracker Suite plus a re-enactment of musical favourites from the Newmans' classic, Christmas With Scrooge. Regrettably, snow and cold made it impossible for many to see this gem, so by popular demand it is being restaged in the ArtSpring theatre on Saturday-Sunday, Nov. 21-22, as a kickoff to the Christmas season.

Billy Strayhorn, the very talented pianist/composer/arranger who worked for Duke Ellington most of his life, had a uniquely symbiotic relationship with the Duke, such that it is often hard to know which of the two was the more responsible for a particular musical work.

Strayhorn was classically trained and had great respect for Tchaikovsky's music (as did the Duke) which led in 1960 to a project to write and record a suite from the popular Christmas ballet, The Nutcracker, for jazz orchestra. This was not simply a "jazzing-up" of the piece; rather they took nine parts of the ballet and cleverly wove the themes into signature Ellingtonian arrangements, with quirky titles such as Peanut Brittle Brigade and Arabesque Cookie.

The resulting tight ensemble passages, with room for improvised solos, are challenging to play but delightful to young and old ears alike. In the first half of the concert, Swing Shift will present this work as well as medleys of Christmas carols written by Rob McConnell, of Boss Brass fame.

For years the Newman Family Players entertained Salt Spring audiences with the musical play Christmas With Scrooge, based on Charles Dickens' A Christmas Carol.

The tunes were written and arranged by Ray and Virginia Newman, and the production featured a cast of dozens of Newman family members and friends. After Ray's death the show went on but became increasingly challenging to mount, thus was shelved after the last

full production in 2005.

There were so many Salt Springers, however, who missed Sue Newman's Christmas Fairy, the Spotty Dog and, yes, even the rubber chicken on the Cratchits' table that the musical had to come back. This year's slimmed-down version, the second part of the show, consists mainly of favourite songs from the original production, with Virginia at the piano, other musicians, and singing and dancing from Sue supported by a small cast (with maybe some surprises!).

The band will play on several of the numbers and there will be a chance for the audience to sing along too.

This is a "don't miss" event, reasonably priced at \$16 for adults and only \$6 for students. Tickets are at ArtSpring; performances are at 8 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 21, with a matinee at 2 p.m. on Sunday, Nov. 22.

Net proceeds will benefit the Ray Newman fund and Bandonium Music Society. Audience members are invited to bring a food bank donation.



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Sue Newman is part of the cast of Scrooge Meets the Duke!

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BOOK REVIEW

Cowichan book celebrates special area

Latest Harbour Publishing regional coffee-table book

The Cowichan by Georgina Montgomery, photos by Kevin Oke. Published by Harbour Publishing, 2009, 149 pp., \$34.95

BY **CHERIE THIESSEN**
DRIFTWOOD CONTRIBUTOR

In this new celebration of a special part of Vancouver Island, it's Kevin Oke's kaleidoscope of images that draw the eye.

That's as it should be, because first and foremost, these book's covers are wrapped around a photographic essay.

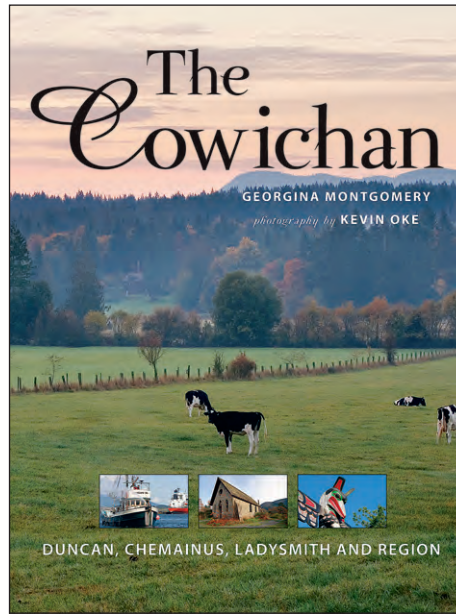
With his usual panache, he shoots atmospheric landscapes with the same ease and brilliance as action shots.

So, on one page we shiver in a crusty Cowichan icescape, while on the next we see a gamine equestrian seemingly floating in the air as she leads her pony over a jump.

On another, a great blue heron atop an old piling looks disdainfully over the Cowichan Bay mist, while another page captures a youthful daredevil somersaulting into the water.

And the shots of silk-skinned pears and glossy yellow zucchini are enough to make most of us welcome the 100-mile diet that the Cowichan so ardently promotes, ensuring that the challenge to all of us to eat locally produced foods and products is no hardship at all.

While the majority of images are Oke's, archival shots are also scattered



promoter, Longevity John Falkner.

And thanks to her, I know a lot more about the Cowichan now than I did before.

Like, for example, that the Cobble Hill post office is the second-longest-running post office in Canada.

Or that the far west side of the Cowichan region gets four times the amount of rainfall as the east side.

The book's nine chapters are ambitious, uncovering history, describing flora and fauna, revealing some of the Cowichan's livelier moments, and profiling the enterprises, the celebrations and the people who make up this varied and vast landscape.

Especially spotlighted is the Cowichan Nation, present in the land for approximately 5,000 years.

The book may be lean but it's muscular. I am willing to wage it took this author much longer to do her extensive research than to write the chapters.

Thanks to her, on my next trip through Duncan I will pull over longer at the Somenos Lake rest stop, looking for that red-throated loon, although I wouldn't say no to a Eurasian widgeon sighting either.

Oke is a professional photographer whose images are found in many magazines and on several websites.

His latest book, *Enchanted Isles: The Southern Gulf Islands*, was published by Harbour Publishing in 2007.

Montgomery, a resident of the Cowichan for two years, has been self-employed as a writer and editor since 1983, co-authoring two guide books and writing copious articles.

throughout, like the shot of old Paldi, for example, or the photo of a group of unsmiling Ladysmith coal miners, woodenly posed in 1910.

Next to pictures it's characters who really move a story forward, and Montgomery knows this, as evidenced by the myriad of people she has selected to profile, all of them playing a part in the Cowichan mosaic.

People like Indo-Canadian Mayo Singh, who arrived in 1916 to build up one of the area's largest inland logging and sawmill operations and create a close-knit global village of Asian and European workers and families.

Or locals like Duncan's local arts scene

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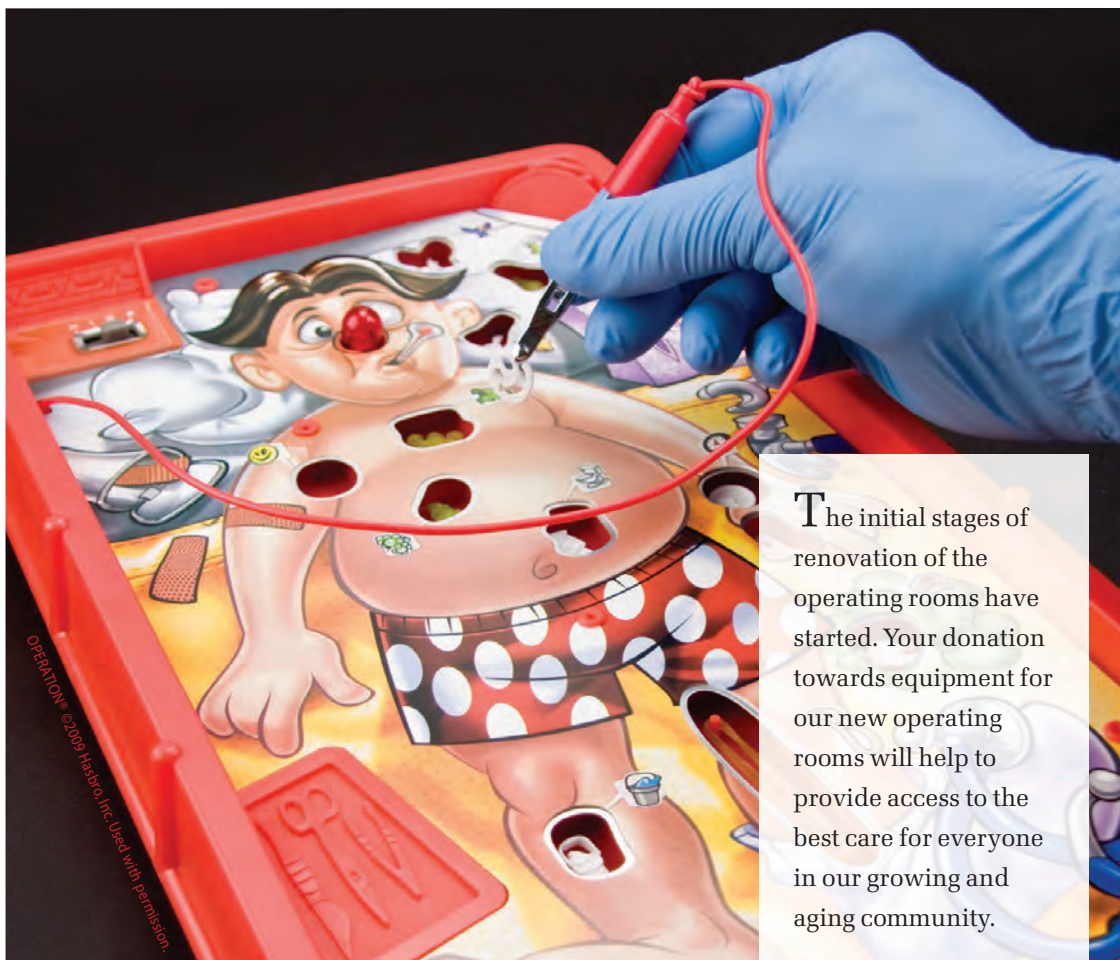
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MONKEYING AROUND: Kathryn and Leticia Taylor check out a sock monkey for sale at Greenwoods Christmas craft fair, held Saturday at Braehaven, which raised \$2,200.

EVENTS

Health and wellness fair grows organically

Two and a half days of activities in the works

Islanders are gearing up for the first annual Health, Wellness and Eco-Sustainability Fair, set for Salt Spring next weekend.

A celebration of products, services and resources available on Salt Spring, the southern Gulf Islands and Vancouver Island, the Saturday-Sunday, Nov. 21-22

event at the Farmers Institute will include keynote presentations, products, demos and samples, door prizes, local food, music and more.

It runs from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. both days. Until Nov. 13, people can get a two-for-one adult weekend pass for \$15, with students and seniors in on the deal for \$9. Tickets are available online through www.HealYourBody.ca or at Salt Spring Books.

There's also a gala evening at the Harbour House Hotel on Friday, Nov. 20 from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. It includes a surprise guest speaker in the health and wellness field, tapas and a cash bar. Tickets are \$25 through the website or \$30 at the door.

For more information on how to be a vendor, or more details on the weekend's events, visit the website, or call Leah Hansel at 250-538-8718.

BUSINESS

Science and tech awards give kudos to local firms

Vineyard and sable fish hatchery on finalists' list

Two Salt Spring Island-based firms were among 39 finalists in the fourth annual MISTIC Science, Technology and Innovation Awards held on Nov. 5 in Nanaimo.

Salt Spring Vineyards was named one of three finalists in the Food & Beverage award category.

A 10-year old winery producing 2200 cases of wine annually, "owners Dev and Joanne McIntyre are devoted to producing the best possible wines from local grapes in a manner sustainable to land and community, and advancing the region's budding wine industry," states MISTIC press material on the finalists. "The inviting setting and hospitality draw locals and visitors to experience wine and food pairings, and to learn about cool climate wines and grape growing."

The company is also involved in an ongoing experimental grape program with winemaker Paul Troop, investigating the growing of new grape types from Europe.

Sable Fish Canada Inc. was a final-

ist in the Aquaculture-Fin Fish category.

Founded in 2002, Sable Fish Canada Inc. is the only company in the world to commercially produce large quantities of sable fish.

"Starting out with only six employees, between the hatchery on Salt Spring Island and the grow-out operation in Kyuquot Sound, the company now provides 25 local high-paid jobs," states MISTIC. "Partnering with the National Research Council and the Scientific Research and Experimental Development Committee, Sable Fish Canada has taken on several research projects to benefit the sablefish aquaculture industry."

The Mid Island Science, Technology and Innovation Council (MISTIC) encompasses communities and companies from Mill Bay in the south to the tip of Vancouver Island in the north, plus the Sunshine Coast and Gulf Islands. According to its website, it "acts as the first point of contact for small and medium-sized enterprises, entrepreneurs, students, business persons and researchers seeking information related to knowledge-sector industries."



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ADVERTISING FEATURE

Tim Clarke at his Garden Faire campsite/art studio. He assumed he could pick up discarded paint at the local recycle depot, but that is not possible, so he's appealing to islanders to help him out.

Struggling artist denied paints

New island resident hopes to make direct connections

BY AMY GEDDES
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

In the rain under a tarp, Tim Clarke moves around to keep his muscles warm.

His canvases sketched with outlines of local landscapes lean against camping supplies and lawn chairs.

To those who might learn of Clarke's current situation, planning to live alone in a tent at Garden Faire Campground throughout the winter, his muscles progressively wearing away from muscular dystrophy, one may imagine this 45-year-old man's life leaves much to be desired.

"If I took my shirt off," he said, "you would clearly see the excessive wasting of my shoulder blade areas, shoulders and arms. I get up in the morning on my elbows because my biceps are already too weak."

Three and a half years ago he was capable of doing heavy construction. Today he struggles to get out of a chair.

Despite what life has thrown at Clarke, he says he is content. He doesn't want sympathy — he wants paint.

Less than 100 metres from his

campsite is an array of discarded paints at the Salt Spring Island Recycling Depot that cannot be given away.

Unlike the Hartland landfill that subscribes to the Product Care paint exchange program (where people can drop off and pick up leftover paint at no charge), the Salt Spring depot chose not to participate in the program.

While depot manager Peter Grant admits "it is a shame" that there is no program in place, the depot does not have the manpower to fill out the required forms. He adds that the program is flawed because it doesn't allow people to look at the paint before they take it away.

"It's not worth it," Grant said. This leaves Clarke feeling discouraged.

"It is so close to my campsite," he said, explaining that after moving to Salt Spring in September he approached the depot as well as the Blackburn transfer station for free paints to prime his canvases with, but was unsuccessful.

He believes there should be a way of making discarded paints accessible for reuse.

Living on disability, money is tight. Due to his condition Clarke was unable to maintain employment. He moved out of his \$540 one-bedroom apartment in Vancouver to live in a Salt Spring

"[Painting] is my meditation."

TIM CLARKE
Artist

campsite so he could afford basic living expenses.

When Clarke was diagnosed with muscular dystrophy in 2007, he was just two credits short of graduating from the Emily Carr University of Art and Design.

Degree or no degree, his passion for art continues.

"[Painting] is my meditation," he says, quoting famous landscape artist John Constable, who said, "My canvas soothes me into forgetfulness of the turmoil and folly — and worse — of the scene around me."

Once he gets paints, Clarke hopes to sell some of his paintings — acrylic landscapes and "microscapes" — to supplement his income.

Anyone with leftover paint to donate to Clarke can e-mail him at timclarkebc@gmail.com. He is looking for interior/exterior flat latex primer, but any flat latex would be helpful.

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PEOPLE & COMMUNITY

From life on Salt Spring to D-Day in World War II

A few years ago the Driftwood asked Salt Spring-based writer Roger Brunt if he would meet with Ken Byron, Sr. to capture his World War II story. Instead, over many Sundays during the past two years, Brunt ended up acquiring enough material for a book illuminating much of Byron's life story in his own words. Byron is now 89 years old. The Driftwood is publishing excerpts from the future book called *Ken Byron, Sr. — A Man of Honour in this and the next issue of the paper.*

IN KEN'S OWN WORDS

The 18th of November 1934 was a Red Letter Day for the Byron family. That was the day we came to the farm on Salt Spring Island. Coincidentally, it had been almost the same date (Nov. 17) that Mom and Dad were married, 17 years before, in 1917. Dad was in the Canadian Army in World War I, Mom a British Army WAAC. They had settled in Stockholm, Saskatchewan with the intention of farming the S.E. Quarter of Section 10, 19 degrees, 20 minutes west of the 2nd Meridian, not far from Esterhazy.

Our family consisted of: Dad (Jesse), Mom (Elizabeth) and kids Ken, Terry, Franklin (Mike), Howard and Colin.

While we dealt with the worst droughts the Prairies had seen in living memory, and with Depression prices so low, Dad decided there was not much point in carrying on — we couldn't grow feed for our poultry, couldn't grow feed for cattle or sheep or horses.

Finally, the decision was made.

"If we're going to starve, we'll do it in a good climate," Dad finally declared.

The sale of the farm was in Oct. and Nov. 1934. We sold everything for \$500. We kept what we could of our personal gear — Mom was an excellent packer. The most valuable item sold was a four-year-old colt for \$80.50 — the mare brought \$50.

WE HAD OUR FARM

Dad decided to rent a truck from Guy Cunningham — he had a one-ton truck. We bundled everything aboard, our stove and pipes and baggage. Guy just charged enough to cover the cost of the gas — \$2 and he felt bad about it. We are still good friends with the Cunninghams to this day.

Guy helped us move in — into this very house we are sitting in right now!

On Thursdays we'd get a shipment — feed, seed, freight, supplies, etc. from Mouat's. People from off-island had holiday places — they were our customers.

We got a cream can, deep set, and eventually a separator. Our cow supplied enough milk for her calf, our family, and more. The creamery (where Embe Bakery is now) was operational — we shipped our cream every week. Harry Noon picked it up and delivered it. When he brought back the cream can we got our butter. If there was any money left, we got that at the end of the month. So we already were making a little money. We had poultry, and hogs to feed with any extra milk. That put us on our way. We didn't have much money to live on; Mom was a great seamstress, but she didn't have much to work with.

We were the most ragged-assed crew you ever saw.

I picked loganberries for our neighbour John Chantelu for one cent a pound. It was 1936, my first year in high school. At the end of the season I got \$25.25. That got me new clothes and my schoolbooks.

Besides school, I worked on the farm — weeding, planting and chores with the livestock and poultry. I delivered produce; the whole lot of us worked all the time. The first year was good; people were kind. We had little furniture.

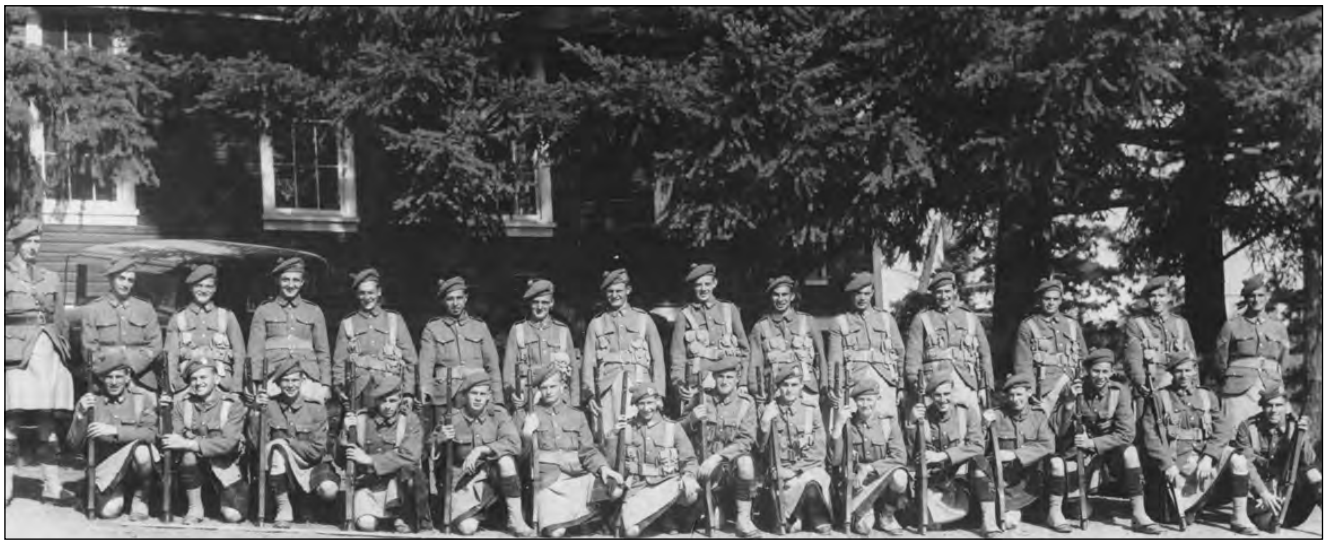
On occasional nights we'd go to the beach digging clams by lantern light. There were no oysters then, and we never heard of "red tide." We'd go to Fernwood dock to catch cod.

I went to North Vesuvius School. It is now a house located at the junction of Fernwood Road and North End Road. There were approximately 25 students from grades 1 to 9 and one teacher, Marian Hanna, an excellent teacher. We used to have a Christmas party, and concerts. The kids would collect money from their parents for presents. We'd write our letters to Santa. We nearly always got gloves and scarves and socks.

One year I wanted a pocketknife. Ms. Hanna said, "You will have to write again." I did. I asked for mitts and gloves and socks and candies, but I mainly had that pocketknife in my mind. At the Christmas gift giving I got what everyone else got — SHE gave me a pocketknife.

Living rough remained important. We hunted deer and grouse. One morning I shot six grouse and still made it to school on time. It was an 18-minute bike ride to Ganges where I was going to high school.

There were lots of muskrats and grouse and pheasants — ruffed grouse and blue grouse were plentiful, but very few wood ducks. Deer weren't plentiful like they are now. We shot eagles, hawks and ravens — they were predators, and competitors for our flocks and our livelihood. We felt strongly they had to be controlled. There were no raccoons; I only recall one raccoon incident from the time we arrived until 1955. Mink, otter and muskrat were kept under control, as were cougars and bears. You had to HUNT to find a deer. We would have drives with a hunter stationed on the trail. The deer were up in the burn areas, not down here



Above, members of the Canadian Scottish in World War II. Ken Byron, Sr. was a member of the Canadian Scottish Regiment (Princess Mary's). At right, the Byron family farm sign "Woodderufflee."



in the valleys. They were after the new growth provided by the logging and slash fires. We could shoot our limit of grouse in an acre. Jack Abbot trapped muskrats in our marsh. The pelts were shipped to fur buyers in Vancouver.

Byron's experiences in World War II form a significant part of the memoir. He was a member of the Canadian Scottish Regiment (Princess Mary's). He remained an officer in military service until 1975, serving in Gagetown, NB, Wainwright, AB, Korea and Germany. The following excerpt details the invasion of Normandy on D-Day.

D-DAY!

Finally, in the middle of the night of June 5, 1944, the staff woke Brigadier General Eisenhower. We were already aboard ship — we thought it was just another training exercise.

There was a storm warning — six-foot waves — poor landing conditions, but the success of our attack depended on surprise. To wait was to risk discovery.

Ike said, "Let 'er rip."

And rip we did; one of the more than 5,000 ships and 13,000 aircraft that carried 156,000 men on the 100-mile channel crossing to a 50-mile-wide, five-division front that was code-named Operation Overlord — the General Assault on Normandy on D-Day.

Overhead, Allied bombers were flying towards their selected targets to pound the enemy, while 23,000 paratroopers and glider crews were heading for assignments behind the enemy lines to disrupt communications. By day's end, more than 9,000 Allied soldiers were killed or wounded, but more than 100,000 Allied troops were ashore and ready to fight. Of these, 14,000 Canadians had landed, suffering 1,074 casualties — 359 were fatalities.

There wasn't an enemy aircraft around. Germany didn't think we would land in Normandy — we had learned a lot from Dieppe, our first sortie into Europe, in 1942.

"Shrapnel cut an artery in my face just below my eye. The same bomb killed my mortar-man."

KEN BYRON, SR.
World War II veteran

We sailed at 10 p.m. All troops were issued ammunition; all in command were issued aerial photos and maps. We loaded our weapons; nobody slept. At the precise hour, we stood on deck; our padre gave his blessings, our pipers played. Our mother ship was the Prince Henry — we got into our landing craft.

We anchored seven and a half miles off the Normandy Coast. Advances in technology meant we did not have to use scramble nets on D-Day. Aboard the Prince Henry, as our landing craft was lowered, the crew failed to get a hook in one davit on the first grab — we were almost dumped into the sea. For a second, scramble nets didn't seem so bad.

Commander Jack Davie marshalled the flotilla. I was Platoon Sergeant of two boats carrying 36 men — the whole command structure always split up the officers because we didn't want all our eggs in one basket. I was in Craft #2 and changed places with Platoon Commander Russell in Craft #1. We all got ashore, but Russell was badly wounded when a mortar struck the ramp of his landing craft. If we had not switched places . . .

On the beach (and approaching it), although some areas were quiet and calm, in others there was heavy mortar and machine-gun fire — it was very confusing — heavy smoke, deafening noise, men going down all around. But everybody knew what to do. More mortar fire started coming in. Shrapnel cut an artery in my face just below my eye. The same bomb killed my mortar-man. I had blood shooting out of my face; the Battalion Regimental Medical Officer Capt. Young put a suture in.

Major Dick Lendrum said, "Are you alright?"

"Yes, I'm good to go."

"Russell's been hit; you're now Platoon Commander. Get the men off the beach."

I found Platoon Commander Russell being treated for his wounds and made ready for evacuation.

"I'm away," he said. I never saw him again for 30 years.

Things moved so fast — our immediate objective was to get off the beach and reach our designated position on higher ground. We had been trained to "Never fight until you get to your objective." If we came upon the enemy, we were to bypass or contain them with fire and keep on going. We didn't want to be delayed, and the designated route was hard to follow with pockets of enemy soldiers and heavy weapons everywhere causing delays and detours. Nonetheless, the Western Brigade, including the Canadian Scottish, had advanced more than six miles inland, farther than any other troops. There was a cost — the Canadian Scottish had a total of 87 casualties, including me.

My eye was badly swollen and I was covered in dust and blood. When I reached the company, my unit was the last to come in. "I am prepared to stay," I said, but was ordered down by Major Lendrum. "Your wounds are bad for morale," I was told.

Had I been with seasoned troops it might have been a different story, but for new troops, their first day under fire, my wounds could make some of them think about what they might have to look forward to!

I went back to the rear area and spent the night in the tents that had been set up for casualties — there was plenty of crying and moaning from the badly wounded men. There were firefights and dogfights all night long. And, all this time, we were being shelled by the enemy.

There were empty ships and landing craft going back to England. Our walking wounded were put aboard. The crew of our LST kept trying to make us go below. It was June, very hot below decks, and the smell was awful. A couple of Regina Rifles cowboys, big tough men who didn't stand for any nonsense, told them to bugger off. They left us alone after that, on deck. There were fireworks all night long as the battle ashore raged on.

It was the morning of June 8, 1944. In the same bay we'd sailed from, out in mid-channel between Southampton and the Seine Bay, there was a bottleneck — with one line of ships coming and one line going. The returning ships carried not only the wounded, but damaged vehicles and equipment.

I remember it as if it was yesterday. I was one of the few who had seen both sides of it in 48 hours. We landed at Southampton; I was moved to Basingstoke, recently converted to a military hospital. German buzz bombs were coming over regularly.

I was released, even though I still had a fever. It wasn't until 2002, 58 years later, when I went to have an MRI scan, that doctors discovered there was still shrapnel in my face. I have those pieces in my safe.

PEOPLE & COMMUNITY

Golden eagles demonstrate strengths

George Laundry leads pack twice with two different partners

BY JILL EVANS
DRIFTWOOD CONTRIBUTOR

Oct. 23 to Nov. 21 is the season of Scorpio and we know about the sting of a scorpion's tail, but apparently there's another symbol for the period — the golden eagle, representing clear vision, intelligence and power.

These attributes certainly must fit the winners on Oct. 26. There were five and a half tables, with George Laundry and Paul Retallack demonstrating those abilities by coming first. Ian Thomas and Zelly Taylor

BRIDGETRICKS

were next, with Jennifer Quick and Gillian Mouat coming third. There was a tie for fourth place, when Gisela Welsh and Blanche Poborsa had the same score as Isabelle Richardson and Jean Elder. The rest were on a lower level and could contemplate that when a scorpion captures its victims with its claws, its hovering tail jabs painfully, but recovery is possible.

And again, the golden eagles appeared on high, and with their perceptiveness, had the potential to see things more clearly than others and were known for cunning, so on Nov. 2 there was a shuffling of placements and players, but somewhat

similar results. There were again five and a half tables confronted by some difficult hands, but George Laundry repeated his win, this time partnered by his wife Flo. Gisela Welsh and Blanche Poborsa were second, and Paul Retallack had Prem Margolese for a partner and they came third. Fourth place went to Isabelle Richardson and Jean Elder again.

Hope springs eternal for the remainder, who will show that in the season of Scorpio they are determined folk who absolutely throw themselves into whatever they do and aspire to greater heights. (Descriptions courtesy of CafeAstrology.com.)

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Rainbow Road Pool payment — so what's the money for?

Q: I want to know how my \$5 gets spent when I pay to go for a swim at the Rainbow Road Pool. I go swimming at other pools on the big island that also cost five dollars but they seem to have so much more . . . slides, diving boards, a gym etc. Maybe we just don't have enough people using our pool?

— Ray Gouchie, Salt Spring Island



Amy Geddes

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at all times, so trimming down its current staff of seven is not an option for cutting costs.

In addition to swimmers bearing the burden of pool costs, of interest is that for every \$5 you pay to go for a swim, the community (through taxes) pays another \$10.

Here is Ruurs' response to your comment about the vast and whimsical water facilities offered by other pools on "the big island:"

"You stated that some other pools have a slide, diving boards and a gym.

"That is correct, many of the aquatic centres or recreation centres in larger communities have more and different components or facilities in their pool or as part of the larger complex.

"However, the Rainbow Road pool only draws its users from a small number of people (10,000) while most of these larger complexes draw from a much larger population and as a result have a broader tax base to pay for their facilities.

"Having said that, I can also tell you that plans are being made to fundraise for additional components to be added to our swimming pool here on Salt Spring.

"You will be hearing more about those plans in the months ahead."

Anyone wishing to have their say on what "expansions" the pool could use can leave comments at the pool front desk or at the PARC office at 145 Vesuvius Bay Road.

Have a question related to life on the Gulf Islands? E-mail Amy at ageddes@gulfislands.net. See the blog at www.gulfislandsdriftwood.com or www.gulfislands.net/wordpress. New blog feature: Sign up for email notification of new posts. See the homepage for details.

A: Swimmers, floaters and cannonballers alike, the general admission you plunk down at the pool desk goes towards the following: pool operating costs (e.g. heating, building maintenance) and pool staff wages.

That's according to Kees Ruurs, manager of the Salt Spring Island Parks and Recreation Commission.

As far as the actual per cent breakdown (of, say, what a \$5 adult admission specifically goes towards) PARC does not have these figures because 80 per cent of pool costs are paid through Recreation Excellence in Surrey, B.C., which is contracted by PARC to manage the pool.

(Recreation Excellence could not be reached before press time, but if a response is received from them this week, it will be posted on the You Asked blog.)

It costs \$600,000 per year to operate the pool, according to Ruurs. Admission revenues bring in close to \$200,000, so the pool recovers only 30 per cent of its costs via the pool user.

Pool manager Jim Raddysh says it's normal for a pool to recover between 25-30 per cent of its costs through admission fees, so that is a clue to us, he says, that our pool is well attended and not underused.

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THE INSIDE STORY

In an unassuming warehouse just left off the junction between the Trans Canada Highway and the road to Chemainus, is Vancouver Island's most eclectic and exotic collection of Indonesian art, crafts, home and property décor, and furniture that you will see in one place. The name of the store, Al's Asian Treasures, hints at what lies within, but you really have to go there yourself.

Allen Kipp has been importing handmade, one of a kind items from villages in Bali, Java and Sumatra for the past 14 years. His network of friends and associates ensure a constant flow of new pieces created from unusual sources. "Indonesian artists waste nothing, and their creativity is endless," Kipp says. He points out a sofa and chair set. "You know the jungle vines Tarzan swings on? The frame is made from that - it's called twisted wood." A honey brown patio bench, gnarled and knotty, is made from coffee wood. A mask carved from amidst a mass of roots is from the lychee tree.

The entrance to the store is dotted with lava stone outdoor lights, whimsical fountains, massive garden statues and large iron entrance gates. Kipp first established his import business with a stone craft manufacturer in Bali where designers and workers hand-sculpt the outdoor furniture and décor and fabricate iron and metal gates using both east and west artistic styles. Bali is known as the home of Indonesian sculpture. Over the years, Kipp has diversified the business to the point of needing a warehouse to store anything from traditional masks to ten foot tall wooden carvings.

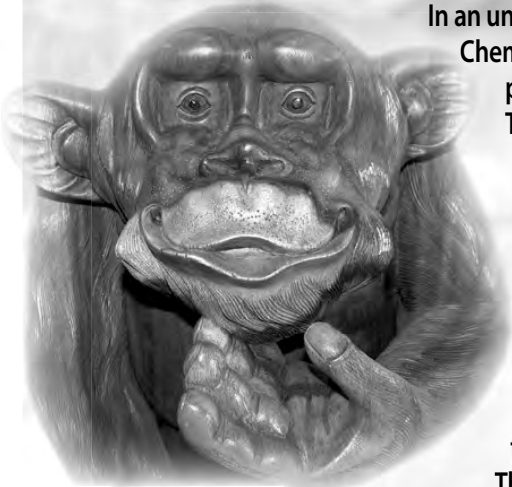
"I find things that are different because that's what people want. You won't find what I have anywhere else because it's all handmade." Kipp knows what each piece is made of and where it comes from so he can offer informed advice to his customers. Three or four times a year, he visits Indonesia, bringing back a huge storage container filled with new treasures.

"The constant creativity of these artists always amazes me. They can tailor what they make towards the North American market and are willing to try anything." Whether it's a design requested from a customer or the idea comes from the material on hand, the artists are able to pair quality workmanship and design with native materials that we don't normally see here, such as reclaimed teak and coffee wood. Everyday items in the home like bathroom sinks become extraordinary when carved out of fossilized rock, soapstone or copper.

The store is both a wholesale and retail operation, offering great diversity at a very reasonable cost to the customer looking for something unique—whether you are interested in placing orders, finding the perfect gift or outfitting your own home. "I've known people for so long in Indonesia that they give me a great price. And I always make a point of bringing them things from Canada that are hard to get in Indonesia."

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PEOPLE & COMMUNITY

CONSERVATION

Endangered species expert discusses bluebird revival

Trudy Chatwin visits Salt Spring for Nov. 19 special event

BY SUSAN HANNON
SPECIAL TO THE DRIFTWOOD

Old-timers on Salt Spring probably remember the western bluebird, once a common breeder in southwestern British Columbia.

Populations began to decline in the 1950s and its cheery chirps and whistles have been gone from the island since the early 1990s.

Now there is a program to bring back the bluebird to Salt Spring.

Trudy Chatwin, rare and endangered species biologist with the Ministry of Environment, will talk about efforts to bring bluebirds back to southwestern B.C. at a Salt Spring Conservancy-sponsored event.

She will speak on Thursday, Nov. 19 at 7:30 p.m. at Lions Hall.

The western bluebird is one of the most colourful members of the thrush family, a family which also contains the American robin, varied thrush and hermit thrush, species more familiar to islanders.

The brilliant blue back and wings, ruddy chest and shoulders make the male easy to spot as it sings and displays around the nest. Females are a more subtle pale blue, gray and brown.

The only other "blue" bird commonly seen on the island is the Stellar's jay, which is much larger and more raucous.

Western bluebirds nest in old woodpecker holes, natural holes in trees and bird boxes.

Returning from their wintering areas in the southern U.S. and Mexico in late February or early March, they set up territories

in fairly open habitats such as Garry oak meadows, pastures, roadsides, parks, open forest and grassy areas.

They begin breeding in late March to early April.

Females lay four to six powder-blue eggs and both parents feed the nestlings with insects, which they detect from low perches and then swoop down and catch on the ground.

While it is unknown what caused the bluebird decline in southwestern B.C., experts suspect that loss of Garry oak meadows, cutting down of old trees used for nesting, declines in their insect prey due to pesticides and competition for nest holes with the introduced house sparrow and European starlings all contributed to the declines.

Adding nest boxes has reversed some population declines in Oregon, Washing-

ton and the interior of B.C. Western bluebirds have been reintroduced to the San Juan Islands and now successfully breed there. Recently, a few bluebirds have been spotted in Victoria, the Cowichan Valley, and possibly on Salt Spring, but no breeding has been observed.

Here on Salt Spring we want to be ready when the bluebirds come back to breed. Biologists from the B.C. Ministry of Environment and the Salt Spring Island Conservancy Stewardship Project have been putting up bluebird nest boxes in suitable bluebird habitats on public and private land and monitoring them each spring.

So far they are used primarily by house wrens and violet-green swallows, but our hope is that one day Salt Spring will be enlivened again by the flash of brilliant blue and the happy chirps of the western bluebird.

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In the workshop, participants will learn gentle, remarkably effective movement techniques called Mini-Moves that are synchronized with the breath.

Haltrecht says they will relax the body, calm the mind and lull one to sleep.

Participants who wake up during the night will know how to return to sleep easily, press material states. As a result, they will get the natural,

restful sleep they need, when they need it. Getting better sleep causes people to look better, feel better and enjoy life more.

Recent sleep research reveals that deep, restful sleep boosts immune function and promotes optimum healing.

Sleep is also linked to achieving and maintaining weight loss as a hormone called leptin, which helps regulate appetite, is produced during sleep. The easy, effortless Mini-Moves put this natural healing right at our fingertips.

Haltrecht says this workshop

will include everything people need to begin practicing a powerful system for enhanced relaxation, inner peace, and surer, sounder sleep.

It will also benefit those that have taken the workshop previously, as new movements will be taught.

Haltrecht trained with the founder of the Sounder Sleep System, Michael Krugman. She is a Feldenkrais practitioner and Bones for Life trainer.

Pre-register by calling Anna at 250-537-5681 or email anna@bonesforever.com.

The fee is \$40.

ISLAND HISTORY

Alfred Gerald Crofton recalled at next history group gathering

Grandson makes presentation at Nov. 18 session

On Wednesday, Nov. 18, the Salt Spring Island Historical Society presents The Life and Times of Alfred Gerald Crofton, courtesy of his grandson Patrick Crofton.

At the Central Hall event open to all, Crofton will discuss his grandfather Fred's early life in Ireland, and his 1899 arrival on

Salt Spring, where he began early employment as an apprentice at Scovell Farm.

"In 1903, he married Nona Wilson, a daughter of the Reverend Wilson," explains a press release. "Fred purchased the Harbour House and developed a dairy farm.

"When World War I arrived, a number of young men went overseas, including Fred Crofton, who returned in 1919. While he was gone, his wife Nona cared for the children, kept the farm going, and began a board-

ing house. After the war, Harbour House was established as a country hotel."

Crofton will speak about family life at the Harbour House and will offer photographs, anecdotes and newspaper clippings of interest.

The meeting begins at 2 p.m.

A special update on plans for the Salt Spring Archives will be presented before Crofton's program.

Refreshments will follow the meeting.

CONTEST

Youth library survey could yield movie tix

Event runs from Friday through Tuesday

Almost exactly a year to the day after Twilight opened, New Moon, the film based on Stephenie Meyer's next book in the Twilight saga, will premiere at a special Fritz Movie Theatre event on Thursday, Nov. 19.

Thanks to the generosity of The Fritz, local kids can enter a draw to win a pair of tickets, New Moon posters or a copy of Breaking Dawn, the conclusion to the Twilight series, by completing a survey on future teen services at the Salt Spring Island

Public Library.

New Moon continues the story of Bella Swan (Kristen Stewart), who is devastated by the abrupt departure of her vampire love, Edward Cullen (Robert Pattinson), but whose spirit is revived by her growing friend-

ship with irresistible werewolf Jacob Black (Taylor Lautner).

As she is drawn into the werewolves' world, one of vampire enemies, Bella finds her loyalties tested.

Surveys will be available beginning Friday, Nov. 13 at the Salt

Spring Library, which is open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Mondays through Saturdays.

Draw entries will be taken until 5 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 17, with the draw held the next day at the library.

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