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IN STEP: RCMP members make a fine sight at the Nov. 11 Remembrance Day parade and ceremony. More photos, Page A21.

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BEDDIS WATER

Water board members want answers

'Poor communication' strains relationship with CRD

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

What began as an attempt to improve conditions and service in the Beddis Water Service District has resulted in a murky dispute between board members and the Capital Regional District.

The drama continued during a public meeting on Monday morning where committee members were expected to pass the district's 2010 operating budget.

Instead, members delivered a stern call for more information about how the CRD proceeded with plans for the water service district's treatment facility dating back to 2006.

Members voted unanimously to adjourn consideration of the 2010 budget until Nov. 27.

Delays, cost overruns and rumours that the district's 127 subscribers could be left to foot the bill have been exacerbated by the CRD's reported failure to share any significant information about the project since day one.

"We feel that our trust has been breached," said acting chair Zwanette Pereboom. "The CRD needs to earn our trust back."

BWSD members seek an independently commissioned assessment of what has been built to date, detailed as-built plans, plans and specifications for outstanding work and a review of all further work.

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HEROICS

Lessons learned from life saved

Experience on golf course prompts group to speak out

BY MITCHELL SHERRIN
SPECIAL TO THE DRIFTWOOD

Few people can say they've actually saved a life.

Even professional emergency responders who've made a career of offering assistance might find themselves at a loss to answer whether or not they've been "lifesavers" since they work as members of a team within a larger support system.

But a small group of able islanders clearly made a difference when they jumped into action after their friend collapsed in cardiac arrest at the Salt Spring Island Golf and Country Club.

Three locals — Jerry Davidson, David Feitelberg and Mike Wilson — didn't expect a call for

heroics when they headed out to play golf with their friend Bob McKenzie on Sept. 29. But when McKenzie suddenly collapsed on the third green, the three men summoned help, performed CPR (cardio-pulmonary resuscitation) and guided emergency responders to the scene.

"We simply reacted," said Davidson.

Another man who rose to meet the challenge was nearby groundskeeper Kurtis Buyze, who ran back to the clubhouse to get a phone and returned with a B.C. Ambulance Service dispatcher on the line. The dispatcher offered invaluable assistance by guiding the group through their CPR procedure over the phone, Feitelberg said.

"The detailed expert advice gave us the assur-

ance to continue what we were doing until the paramedics arrived."

As luck would have it, Buyze had also just recertified his CPR skills a few weeks earlier at a course through his work at the golf course.

"I figured the biggest thing was getting the 911 call as soon as possible. Doing CPR is important too but if help isn't going to come soon, that isn't so good."

And Buyze was amazed at the prompt response by local emergency crews.

"By the time I got back, I was only doing CPR for a minute or so before first responders and paramedics got there. I think we're pretty lucky to live in a community like that."

Following a shock from an automated external defibrillator (AED) administered by emergency personnel on the scene, McKenzie's heart recovered. **CPR** continued on A6

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NEWSBEAT

PUBLIC HEALTH

H1N1 vaccine clinic rolls into town

Vaccinations available to eligible islanders only

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Salt Spring residents will finally have a chance to access their H1N1 vaccination on Nov. 19, as long as they're deemed eligible by the Vancouver Island Health Authority.

The island's first mass-vaccination clinic takes place at Fernwood Elementary School on Nov. 19.

All Salt Spring clinics take place between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m.

The clinic is open to pregnant women, children between six months and 18 years of age, first responders and healthcare workers.

Household contacts under the age of 65 of infants less than six months old and of immunocompromised individuals are also eligible to receive a vaccine at Thursday's clinic.

For those over 18 years of age, only individuals with chronic medical conditions are eligible.

Unadjuvanted vaccines will be available for pregnant women. Children in Grade 8 and under (age 13) will require a parent to accompany them to the clinic to provide consent before the child can receive a vaccination.

VIHA spokesperson Suzanne Germain said eligibility criteria have been established in conjunction with senior health officials from across the country based on staff capacity and the availability of vaccine.

As of Tuesday afternoon, the above eligibility requirements applied to Salt Spring vaccination clinics at Fernwood on Nov. 19, at Fulford Elementary School on Nov. 24 and at Gulf Islands Secondary School on Dec. 10.

Eligibility requirement updates will be posted on VIHA's website as soon as they are announced.

Germain said vaccines will most likely be available to everyone who wants a vaccine in time for the Dec. 10 clinic.

People who are not eligible to receive the vaccine, she added, will be turned away from the clinics.

"Medical health officials are appealing to the integrity and common sense of the public to let those who are at a higher risk go to the front of the line," she said. "We're going on the honour system. That's what we expect as a society."

Once they pass a screening procedure, individuals attending a clinic will receive a number indicating what time they can expect to receive their vaccination.

Germain recommends people not line up in advance so as to avoid a bottleneck of patients when doors open.

School District 64 superintendent Jeff Hopkins anticipates things will be interesting and perhaps a tad chaotic as the first vaccination clinic gets underway on Thursday.

"What's weird is that we've never hosted a clinic that isn't for students," he said, adding that all clinics will be staffed by VIHA. "This is very different from anything we've experienced before."

To facilitate distribution, he recommends that parents who choose to have their children vaccinated do so at the clinic nearest to their home.

He asked that parents notify school personnel if they intend to take children out of class to attend a vaccination clinic.

Hopkins noted absentee rates in Salt Spring classrooms peaked between one and two weeks ago.

"We're going on the honour system. That's what we expect as a society."

SUZANNE GERMAIN
VIHA SPOKESPERSON

Normal absentee rates for this time of year hover between five and eight per cent.

One island school experienced rates as high as 27 per cent.

Precise H1N1 absentee rates are hard to determine given that many students stayed home as a result of fears they would be infected if they were to attend class, Hopkins added.

Germain said an estimated 69,000 doses of the H1N1 vaccine have been delivered within VIHA's jurisdiction since clinics began in October.

Salt Spring is among the last communities in the province to host a mass-vaccination clinic.

A VIHA representative has stated that the island's high proportion of residents over the age of 65 is part of the reason for the later-than-average date.

In a statement released last week, provincial health officer Perry Kendall said the virus appears to have levelled off in all parts of the province with the exception of some northern communities.

Updates on clinic hours and eligibility criteria are available online at www.viha.ca/flu.

Contrary to VIHA's initial plan, seasonal influenza vaccinations will not be offered at Thursday's Fernwood clinic. That service can be accessed privately or through one's doctor.

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Two sides seeking common ground

BEDDIS

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"Basically what we need is more information and more disclosure to serve as a basis for making decisions," Pereboom said.

She and the board called for a review of meeting minutes dating back to 2008 given that the ones currently available are "so incomplete that they are meaningless."

The district further asks that the CRD take legal responsibility for any claims resulting from the design or construction errors to date and pay for completion of phases two and three of the project.

Speaking on behalf of the board, Pereboom asked that the

CRD provide full and timely disclosure at every stage of the project from this point onward and that all work follow established CRD policies and procedures.

"We expect to be dealt with and we expect professional courtesy and we've yet to receive it," Pereboom said.

A \$142,000 gas-tax-revenue grant issued to the BWSO from CRD director Garth Hendren will help cover cost overruns sustained to this point.

Speaking at Monday's meeting, Hendren said he looks forward to both sides finding common ground so the matter may be resolved quickly.


"We have a history on this island of things lingering and I don't want this to linger," he said.

Colwyn Sunderland, local services engineer for the CRD, said he anticipates that the regional district will make more of an effort to keep district members up to speed with any and all information deemed pertinent to any island water board under the CRD's umbrella.

He acknowledged the "poor communication" and said the district has spent the past several months working to develop a plan in response to these "exceptional circumstances."

The BWSO came under the CRD's jurisdiction in 2004 as a way to access funds for much-needed improvement projects and to take advantage of insurance savings offered as a result of joining the regional district.

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HEALTH

Health practitioner urges self-education before vaccination

Other side of hyped story available

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

While people across Canada are trying to figure out whether to stand in line for a vaccine when it becomes available, skepticism about H1N1's threat can be found everywhere from the proverbial water cooler to posts on the Salt Spring community list.

With conspiracy theories travelling far more quickly than government vaccination programs, it can be difficult for regular people to know what to believe and how to proceed.

Occupational therapist Cecile Petra, and her partner Zensho, a life coach, spiritual teacher and author, are two Salt Spring people hoping to turn media attention away from the party line given out by Canada's health officials. They'd like people to look instead at the dangers of vaccination, including the H1N1 vaccine.

The couple, who "have no vested interest in this other than the truth and to help people," first got interested in H1N1 through electronic information sent to them by friends and health professionals. By doing further research, Zensho "was shocked to find there's a huge discrepancy between the mass media's H1N1 fear campaign and documented research that indicates H1N1 is actually more harmless than even regular seasonal flu."

According to some alternative media reports, the facts about H1N1's spread and its severity have been exaggerated. However, reports from Australia and New Zealand, who just finished their flu seasons, show that numbers were far smaller than anticipated; this information is corroborated by established medical publications such as the New England Journal of Medicine.

"So far, the deaths from 2009 H1N1 influenza are approximately two per cent of the 250,000 or more deaths seen worldwide from seasonal influenza each year," Dr. Richard P. Menzel and Dr. Michael B. Edmond wrote in an editorial in the Nov. 12, 2009 issue.

"Nevertheless," the authors conclude, "no one should be complacent about an unpredictable virus capable of killing children and young adults in their prime."

That attitude of fear is endemic both in the media and in the traditional medical profession, Petra and Zensho said. They believe that money and big pharmaceutical corporations are behind a drive for vaccinations of all kinds, and that most doctors either aren't aware of the connection or are powerless to act against it. Med school students may be unaware how much of their doctor education is funded by pharmaceutical corporations, while licensed doctors can't risk going against the College of Physicians.

One concern reported by the U.S.-based National Autism Association is the use of thimerosal, a form of ethylmer-



cury, in vaccines for children. Thimerosal is present in the H1N1 vaccine, although according to the National Autism Association website: "recent work by Dr. Mark Geier and David Geier in the Journal of American Physicians and Surgeons and Experimental Biology and Medicine has

shown strong epidemiological evidence for a causal relationship between thimerosal and neurodevelopmental disorders in children." The group also notes that autism in the United States rose 644 per cent between 1992-1993 and 2000-2001.

Petra has had personal experience with harmful side effects of immunization. One of her daughters reacted to her first vaccination as an infant by turning limp and white, then arching her back and screaming. Five days later she developed a cyst on her fontanelle that had to be removed by a neurosurgeon.

"My concern is the safety of vaccines," Petra explained. Claims of vaccine effectiveness and reports of minimal or harmless side effects are suspect, when researchers of published reports on the H1N1 vaccine's safety have been employees of the big pharma firms producing the vaccines. This is a significant conflict of interest given that these firms are making billions of dollars on vaccine sales, she said.

Another concern the two share is the push to get pregnant women vaccinated: "We really care about people, honesty and truth. What's really going on with the media emphasis that pregnant women should get vaccinated since they are 'a high-risk group?' Yet research shows that even if a pregnant woman gets either seasonal flu or H1N1, the developing fetus is not harmed in any way, they say.

Dr. Russell Blaylock, a retired neurosurgeon and author of books on nutritional health, discusses the long-standing principle against vaccinating pregnant women in a document called Swine Flu – One of the Most Massive Cover-ups in American History. Blaylock writes that "neurodevelopmental and behavioural problems can occur to babies born to women immunologically stimulated during pregnancy." He cites schizophrenia, seizures and autism as possible future developments.

With enough evidence to pose serious questions, along with the knowledge that exposure to regular illnesses actually builds up the immune system in the long run, Petra and Zensho strongly advise community members to do their own research before deciding to get vaccinated and to find ways to strengthen one's immune system through natural means.

Suggested links are: www.nationalautismassociation.org/thimerosal.php <http://drtenpeny.com/vrc.aspx> <http://articles.mercola.com/sites/archive/2009/11/03/What-We-Have-Learned-About-the-Great-Swine-Flu-Pandemic.aspx>

They also suggest taking a moment to go to www.canadiancoalitionforhealthfreedom.ca to find out how Bill C6, which has already passed third reading in Ottawa, severely regulates Canadians' rights to natural health products. The coalition has made it easy for people to send an email to your MP with a click of a button.

News briefs

Pssst... gossip stories wanted

Freelance writer Leslie Wallace is working on a story about "gossip" for the Driftwood and is looking for personal Salt Spring gossip stories as background for this article.

Anyone who would like to share a personal story can contact Wallace in confidence, as long as the actual names are omitted from the stories.

"The point is not to

spread more gossip, but to explore the function of gossip and the impact of this common practice on the gossipers, those who are gossiped about, those who hear the gossip and the community at large," she said. "I am also happy to receive stories that demonstrate the community-building function of 'positive' gossip."

Sharing a story is not a guarantee that it will be referred to or recounted in the article, she notes.

Wallace can be reached at 250-538-1911 or freerangemind@shaw.ca. She would

like to receive the stories by Friday, Nov. 27.

Roll-overs keep crews busy

Traffic was at a standstill for roughly 30 minutes on Thursday, Nov. 12 as emergency crews worked to clean up the scene of a single-vehicle accident on Fulford-Ganges Road.

Two patients were transported to Lady Minto Hospital as a precaution after the vehicle they were trav-

elling in rolled over in the 400 block at approximately 7:45 a.m.

On Tuesday, Nov. 10, crews attended the scene of another single-vehicle roll-over incident near the intersection of Fulford-Ganges and Horel roads.

The driver of the vehicle was again transported to hospital as a precaution.

The Salt Spring Fire Rescue Department reports that the road surface was wet at the time of the incident, but could not determine an exact cause of the crash.

Fire chief urges winter prep

Salt Spring's fire chief is urging islanders to get ready for the upcoming winter season.

Chief Tom Bremner said the potentially imminent change in weather can mean a difficult time getting around the island for many people, including emergency response crews.

Bremner advises residents to think about their driving habits and what

needs to be changed to make the roads safer for everyone under poorer driving conditions.

"Fire, police, ambulance — everyone's working together, but people need to be aware and be prepared," Bremner said.

Things to be aware of include the possibility of more chimney fires occurring with the return to wood burning and power line disruption due to wind storms. Adequate preparation and common sense will go a long way to reducing calls to emergency respondents.



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NEWSBEAT

PARC

A leisure pool and budget increase part of strategic plan recommendations

Time for islanders to give feedback about future PARC directions

BY GAIL SJUBERG
DRIFTWOOD EDITOR

It's been a long time since Salt Spring's Parks and Recreation Commission cleared its planning and priorities pathway.

It may not be obvious to the average islander, but besides dealing with as-they-arise issues such as fixing the Portlock Park track surface or disbursing a grant for new soccer balls — PARC members and staff are mandated to keep in mind a set of priorities from a "master plan" passed in 1992. Think of it as PARC's equivalent to the local Trust committee's official community plan document.

Working towards establishing the Rainbow Road Pool was the main priority of the 1992 plan. Now the Salt Spring commission — which operates as part of the Capital Regional District — needs new priorities to work on.

On Tuesday, Nov. 24, the public can delve into proposals for new directions from a consulting firm PARC hired to create what is being called the "strategic plan." The consultant's recommenda-

tions will be available for perusal and discussion during an open house at Lions Hall from 4 to 8 p.m., with set presentations at 5 p.m. and 7 p.m.

Islanders can see the report from Yates, Thorn and Associates (YTA) in advance online at www.crd.bc.ca/ssiparc. Copies are also at the PARC office on Vesuvius Bay Road or the Salt Spring library. Including appendices, the document is 175 pages long.

Based on extensive research, analysis, a survey of 377 households and consultation with various organizations and representatives, YTA has come up with a number of strategies and recommendations for PARC to pursue.

Some of those are:

- To continue with trail planning, a biking and walking trail system and completion of the Ganges linear park/boardwalk.
- To prepare a business case for adding a leisure/therapeutic component and fitness facility to the Rainbow Road Pool site, and to not consider building an ice arena on the property.
- To develop a plan for improving existing ocean and lake access points on the island and developing new ones.
- To find ways to increase community use of School District 64 playing fields and

work with the Islands Trust and Agricultural Land Commission on how to expand and develop Portlock Park.

• To increase PARC's operating budget to \$2.1 million for 2010 and \$2.25 million in 2011. (PARC's 2009 operating budget is currently just under the \$2-million mark.) YTA suggests PARC's current budget "is between \$250,000 and \$400,000 under-resourced at present." Funds would be used to increase grants to community organizations (from the present \$28,000 per year to \$100,000) and to fund work suggested in the strategic plan.

Other recommendations address ways PARC can improve its service offerings, relationships with partner bodies and public image.

Public input about the recommendations and strategies is welcomed and encouraged.

PARC has budgeted \$40,000 for the strategic plan project.

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FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

District to investigate compact car option

Small cars could mean big savings

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

The fire department's acquisition of one or two compact cars could result in significant fuel economy and extend the shelf

life of the department's larger vehicles, according to the chief of the Salt Spring Island Fire Rescue Department.

Speaking at the fire trustees monthly public meeting on Monday evening, fire chief Tom Bremner said an increasing number of fire departments have incorporated smaller cars into their fleets.

A "runabout" vehicle like a Smart Car, PT Cruiser or Ford Transit would be used by the department's prevention and inspection division in non-emergency situations.

Adding one or two smaller vehicles would mean the department's larger units would not have to roll out as many times a day as they currently do in non-emergency situations, Bremner told fire trustees.

Following the chief's presentation, trustees passed a motion to investigate an arrangement whereby an auto dealership could provide a vehicle in exchange for modest

A Smart Car used

by the Langford

Fire Department,

Bremner said, has

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advertising space on the car.

Should "option A" prove unsuccessful, Bremner suggested local businesses be given an opportunity to advertise on the vehicle as a way to lower costs.

A Smart Car used by the Langford Fire Department, Bremner said, has led to a 75 per cent decrease in the

amount of fuel used for non-emergency trips.

Command unit

In other fire district news, the department's battered-and-bruised Ford Excursion command unit needs to be replaced.

"It's in such a condition where it just needs to be replaced," Bremner told trustees. "I wouldn't recommend we sell it to anybody."

The vehicle was damaged in a collision dating back to December 2005.

Trustees passed a motion to submit a request for proposals to acquire a new unit.

"I think we all agree that we need to replace this vehicle," said fire district chair Michael Schubart.

Mini-pumpers

The department's truck committee continues to examine options for replacing

the department's two aging mini-pumper units.

The department seeks to replace the "obsolete" vehicles with crew-cab-style four-wheel drive vehicles whose primary use would be as firefighting attack units.

An update from the truck committee is expected at the next fire protection district meeting on Monday, Dec. 21 at 7:30 p.m.

New recruits

Trustees congratulated the department on a successful 2009 recruitment campaign.

"It's nice to see that we are in a position where we can be selective," said fire trustee Tony Kennedy.

The October recruitment campaign saw 14 new recruits sign up to become volunteers. The department would be pleased to get through the initial interview and physical process with eight new volunteers in 2010.

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The federal/provincial infrastructure grant will provide \$4,550,984, which is 2/3 of the eligible costs,

on condition that the referendum passes. The remaining 1/3 and all ineligible costs: \$2,750,000, must come from local property taxes.

The Referendum Ballot

Part a) of the ballot authorizes the CRD to borrow an amount not to exceed \$2,750,000 for the purpose of the new library project.

Part b) of the ballot deals with the annual requisition – the amount needed each year to operate the library and service the debts for the land and building.

- During construction, money will be spent and charged to a line of credit.
- The line of credit will be converted in 2013 into a Municipal Financing Authority loan, with a fixed term of 15 years and lower-than-average interest.

Some major assumptions included in the annual budget forecast:

- Budget figures projected to 2015, 3 years into the operation of the new building, with allowance for inflation
- A decrease of 22% in provincial grants
- A large increase in payroll costs: double the time for professional staff; 2 full time summer students, plus 2 part time students for possible extension of library hours
- 300% increase in custodial costs for cleaning larger and newer building
- New position of part time maintenance worker for building and exterior
- 25% increase for garbage and recycling
- 15% increase for utilities, but may be too high because of payback savings of green building
- A new category: 5% of annual operating costs for replacement reserve fund as required by the conditions of the infrastructure grant

Annual budget

Revenue	2009	2015
CRD tax requisition	148,900	167,685 ¹
CRD increased tax requisition	0	432,315
Revenue from other sources	<u>124,882</u>	<u>118,180²</u>
	273,782	718,180

¹assumes 2% annual increase in property values
²decrease in provincial grants and no rent from 125 McPhillips property; other sources include donations, fines, and other internal charges

Expenses	2009	2015
Land debt service	32,990	32,990
Building debt service	0	302,338
Annual expenses	<u>254,980¹</u>	<u>381,843²</u>
	287,970	717,171

¹projects deficit of \$14,188
²Note that the annual expenses increase by only 50%; because revenue from other sources does not increase (even decreases slightly), all the increased annual expenses must come from property taxes; a small surplus is projected

The Cost to the Taxpayer

Property taxes vary with assessed property value. The table shows the annual costs to two sample households of the combined capital and operating costs:

- 2009** - what you are paying this year;
- 2010-2011** - the gradually increasing costs as construction gets underway
- 2013-2015** - the approximate annual cost of paying off the loan and operating the library

The costs shown in the table for the years 2010-2011 and 2013-2015 include the costs you are paying now in 2009; they are not in addition to 2009 costs.

Assessed Property Value	2009	2010	2011	2013-2015
\$300,000	\$13.04	\$33.70	\$42.11	\$52.00*
\$535,000	\$23.27	\$60.16	\$75.17	\$93.00*

*Approximately

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2 Fulford Harbour

Monday – Saturday

	A	I	J	K	E	E	K	J	I	A
Lv. Visitor Info Centre	Lv. Cushman Lake Rd.	Lv. Burgoyne Bay Rd.	Lv. Park 'N' Ride, Fulford Inn	Ar. Fulford Harbour	Lv. Fulford Harbour	Lv. Park 'N' Ride, Fulford Inn	Lv. Burgoyne Bay Rd.	Lv. Cushman Lake Rd.	Ar. Visitor Info Centre	
M-F	7:10	7:16	7:23	7:27	7:30	7:40	7:43	7:47	7:54	8:00
	9:10	9:16	9:23	9:27	9:30	9:40	9:43	9:47	9:54	10:00
	11:10	11:16	11:23	11:27	11:30	11:40	11:43	11:47	11:54	12:00
	3:10	3:16	3:23	3:27	3:30	3:40	3:43	3:47	3:54	4:00
	5:10	5:16	5:23	5:27	5:30	5:40	5:43	5:47	5:54	6:00

M-F Trip operates Monday to Friday only.

3 Vesuvius

Monday – Saturday

	A	F	G	G	F	A
Lv. Visitor Info Centre: Ganges	Lv. Portlock Park	Ar. Vesuvius	Lv. Vesuvius	Lv. Portlock Park	Ar. Visitor Info Centre: Ganges	
M-F	6:30	6:37	6:45	6:57	7:03	7:10
	8:30	8:37	8:45	8:57	9:03	9:10
	12:10	12:17	12:25	12:40	12:46	12:53
	3:30	3:37	3:45	3:57	4:03	4:10
	4:30	4:37	4:45	4:57	5:03	5:10
	6:05c	6:19	6:25c			

M-F Trip operates Monday to Friday only.

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

5 Fernwood

Monday – Saturday

	A	M	A
Lv. Visitor Info Centre: Ganges	Ar./Lv. Fernwood Dock	Ar. Visitor Info Centre: Ganges	
M-F	10:30	10:43	11:00
	2:30	2:43	3:00
	6:05c	6:38	6:53

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c - Combined route: Trip routes from Ganges via 1 Ganges Local & 3 Vesuvius.

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4 Long Harbour

Monday – Saturday

	A	L	A
Lv. Visitor Info Centre: Ganges	Ar./Lv. Long Harbour	Ar. Visitor Info Centre: Ganges	
M-F	1:15	1:25	1:35
	SAT 1:50	2:00	2:10
	M-S 3:00	3:10	3:20

M-F Trip operates Monday to Friday only.

SAT Trip operates Saturday only.

M-S Trip operates Monday to Saturday.

1 Ganges Local

Monday – Saturday

	A	D	H	C	A
Lv. Visitor Info Centre: Ganges	Lv. Meadowbrook	Lv. Hospital	Lv. Brinkworthy Place	Ar. Visitor Info Centre: Ganges	
M-F	8:05	8:08	8:11	8:15	8:22
	10:05	10:08	10:11	10:15	10:22
	12:55	12:58	1:01	1:05	1:12
	2:10	2:13	2:16	2:20	2:27
	4:05	4:08	4:11	4:15	4:22
	6:05	6:08	6:11	6:15c	

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

NEWSBEAT

Swift action, CPR skills and AED do it

CPR

continued from A1

ered a viable rhythm and he was transported to Lady Minto Hospital for further treatment and assessment.

"I don't remember much of the incident, but I'm feeling pretty good now apart from sore ribs," McKenzie said.

Thanks to a little help from his friends (and a large supporting cast of emergency and medical professionals) McKenzie is even thinking about getting back to the golf course to finish his round.

"I was truly blessed to be with my great friends who knew what to do — CPR — and they did it with the greenskeeper's help," said McKenzie.

He also offered gratitude for "the excellent care of the paramedics and first responders, the superb staff at Lady Minto, the helicopter crew, as well as the doctors at Royal Jubilee Hospital. It was all these teams that gave me back my life."

McKenzie's recovery is something of a minor miracle on Salt Spring since so few people survive cardiac arrest. Contrary to popular depictions in movies, patients rarely recover from arrest despite the best efforts of trained professionals with the most modern equipment.

According to the Resuscitation Outcomes Consortium — a group of Canadian and U.S. clinical centres that includes the B.C. Ambulance Service (BCAS) — there are 180,000 cases of treatable out-of-hospital cardiac arrest in North America annually. Of those patients who have cardiac arrests, typically 95 per cent die before reaching the hospital (amounting to 35,000 to 45,000 fatalities in Canada



PHOTO BY DERRICK LUNDY

Everyone involved in the Sept. 29 saving of Bob McKenzie's life gathered at the Ganges fire hall on Saturday to receive awards and mark the positive outcome.

each year).

On Salt Spring, the reduced resources (compared to an urban centre) and extended travel distances of a rural community further reduce the odds of surviving cardiac arrest.

Emergency services veteran Captain Dale Lundy of Salt Spring Island Fire Rescue can't recall another incident where an islander made a full recovery from cardiac arrest in his 17 years of service.

"Obviously, we feel good when things work out well for the patient, but it also helps to validate all the training we do when something like this happens in the community," said Lundy.

Some of the essential keys that helped McKenzie survive were that his friends recognized the emergency, called for help and delivered prompt CPR until he could receive advanced medical care, said local BCAS unit chief Nancy Pursell.

"In keeping with the 'chain of life' promoted by the Heart and Stroke Foundation of Canada (HSFC), once some-

one is in cardiac arrest, all the research indicates they need early access to emergency care, early CPR, early defibrillation and early access to advanced cardiac care," Pursell said.

According to HSFC press material on its website (www.heartandstroke.bc.ca), for every minute that passes without assistance a person's chance of survival drops by about 10 per cent.

"Studies show that few patients survive if the time from collapse to defibrillation is greater than 12 minutes. If CPR is performed from the time of collapse to the time the defibrillator arrives, survival may be possible for a longer time interval."

HSFC also promotes the installation of defibrillators (with staff training) in public facilities where large numbers of high-risk adults might be located, such as airports and ferries.

"In a perfect world, if everybody knew how to do CPR and there were AEDs on every street corner, we would see a lot more

people survive from cardiac arrest," said Lady Minto Hospital chief of staff Dr. Shane Barclay.

Coincidentally, the Salt Spring Island Golf and Country Club recently received an easy-to-use defibrillator that would enable a bystander to assist any future patient who might have a cardiac arrest at the site. (See related story.)

While public-access defibrillators can be an important part of the "chain of survival," HSFC places an even greater emphasis on community CPR training.

"Bystander CPR is the best treatment that a cardiac arrest patient can receive until a defibrillator and advanced medical care arrive," cites HSFC research.

And Davidson found he was able to respond to the emergency even though he hadn't taken a CPR course in several decades.

"You just do it." While Davidson, Feitelberg, Wilson and Buyze shy away from comments about heroics, they agreed to provide comments in this story only if it would help encourage more islanders to learn CPR.

"It's something that everyone should take part in," Davidson said.

And now the group of golfing friends and their wives are even looking to recertify their skills with a course themselves.

SSIFR encourages islanders to investigate the numerous organizations offering CPR courses in the Vancouver Island region, including: HSFC, Canadian Red Cross, St. John's Ambulance and their affiliates.

The writer is a firefighter paramedic with Salt Spring Island Fire Rescue.

HEALTH

Doctor aims to see more AEDs on island

Defibrillation technology saves lives

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

An island doctor is challenging all community members to step forward and learn how to save a life.

Dr. Shane Barclay said having more people aware of and trained in the use of automated external defibrillators (AEDs) is an easy way to increase a victim's chances of survival following a heart attack.

"Knowing CPR is useful, knowing how to use an AED is that much better," he said.

An AED is a small device that analyzes a patient's heart rhythm and prompts the user to deliver a defibrillation shock if one is needed.

The unit's portability means it can offer treatment without having to call and wait for a paramedic team.

According to a 2007 study involving more than 10,000 patients in 11 U.S. and Canadian cities, "bystander AED programs appear to improve survival from cardiac arrest greater than two-fold over solely EMS-based defibrillation."

PERSONAL HEALTH

Patient-doctor team in focus at next prostate cancer meeting

Crossland talk open to all

The Salt Spring Island Prostate Cancer Support Group will have Dr. Bob Crossland as its guest next Wednesday, Nov. 25.

"Dr. Crossland is an excellent and entertaining speaker who will speak on a most fundamental topic for anyone needing help from the health-care professions — and who doesn't at some time or another?" states a press release about the event called The Patient-

Doctor Team.

"[Crossland] advocates a team approach with the patient as a very important member.

You can affect your outcome."

The meeting takes place in the upstairs meeting room of the Farmers' Institute on Rain-

bow Road at 1:30 p.m.

A light refreshment will be served. Admission is open to all and free of charge.

Regular support group members should note the change from the usual Tuesday meeting to the Wednesday next week.

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The time has come to join in voting for the new library.

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Here's why:

Our existing library building is structurally deficient and too cramped, and **MUST** be replaced -- soon! **IF** the referendum is passed -- and **ONLY** if it's passed! -- we will receive two-thirds of the construction costs from the federal/provincial government infrastructure grant.

We do not want to miss this one-time opportunity to get a library building at a bargain basement cost of \$2,750,000.

Please consider, and if you agree, vote **YES** on December 5.

The following Salt Spring voters:

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EDITORIAL

Paramedics' bitter pill

Given that the province and B.C.'s paramedics haven't been able to reach a compromise in more than seven months, it comes as no surprise they're at odds over happenings that took place over the weekend.

Nearly 100 paramedics based mainly in the Lower Mainland failed to show up for work over the weekend, throwing paramedic service into disarray in numerous communities.

The province and the B.C. Ambulance Service were quick to cry foul, calling the stunt a "job action" organized by disgruntled employees who were forced back to work by provincial legislation passed earlier in the week.

The ambulance service withdrew accusations of an "illegal strike" on Tuesday afternoon, but that hasn't served to smooth over relations between the two sides.

THE ISSUE:
Paramedics' strike

WE SAY:
Chronic problem needs permanent fix

The union's latest demand is an apology. CUPE 873, the union representing B.C.'s paramedics, says the incident was but a series of extraordinary consequences, that employees all happened to be sick and tired at the same time.

Upon closer examination, maybe both sides aren't that far apart after all.

Perhaps the province's paramedics are simply sick and tired of being disgruntled.

According to provincial back-to-work legislation enacted on Nov. 7, paramedics will receive a one-year contract and a guaranteed three per cent raise.

Not only has the arrangement precipitated widespread disgust among paramedics, the people of British Columbia stand little chance of seeing a cure to the long-standing dispute any time soon.

Because the new contract is retroactive to early 2009, bargaining is set to restart in 2010, putting all the players exactly where they were before paramedics voted to begin their real "job action" on April 1, 2009.

Given that the gulf between paramedics and the B.C. Ambulance Service continues to grow ever larger, it's becoming clear that the province is in no rush to administer any kind of serious cure to its ailing paramedics.

No wonder so many of them are sick and tired.



Time to face library reality

BY DAVID BORROWMAN

It would be a serious disservice if we were led to believe that a no vote on Dec. 5 will support Rainbow Road for the new library site.

Some will conscientiously vote no in the referendum because of the \$2.75 million expense.

But I hope none will believe that a no vote will support a library anywhere but in Ganges.

The most recent community plan, and all its predecessors, support a central site for the library.

Moving to Rainbow Road would require amending the plan, and there is no reason to think that would happen.

Nor should it happen. For one thing, no less than a public referendum has reinforced the longstanding preference for a library in a central location.

Under the headline "Rainbow Site Still Better," Mr. Nick Hodson's article makes what I hope is deservedly the last gasp of an argument for a new library on Rainbow Road.

The case for Rainbow Road was made sensibly for a time and understandably still appeals to some.

But still, the majority of islanders decided at a referendum that they prefer the present location.

Events have now moved on appropriately, and we have a very real proposal in front of us for the current location.

As for the argument that the library board are now presenting us with a fait accompli — I can feel the rising exasperation of library supporters without so much as picking up the phone. The logical result of the referendum was a specific grant proposal for the current library site.

The library board could no more apply for two proposals, one

VIEWPOINT

of which might happen on an alternate site for which legal zoning was lacking, than they could apply for a library, or maybe a hockey rink if that didn't work.

Mr. Hodson casts a skeptical eye on the \$4.55 million grant, preferring that our tax dollars be spent elsewhere.

But they will be spent, and we should perhaps not imagine that Salt Spring will be better off if a deserving community elsewhere in Canada gets its new library.

Surely the point is that by supporting expenditure of tax dollars locally we are seeing value for money.

As for Rainbow Road, a grant which pays over 60 per cent of the cost for a new library makes any Rainbow Road alternative look expensive.

Unless, that is, we are thinking of a Quonset hut at that location.

I will vote yes in the referendum, both to support the library, as does Mr. Hodson, and to reinforce the principle that the library is a core institution that belongs in the heart of our village.

And yes, Mr. Hodson, core institutions do require valuable parking.

It's just a matter of where you put your values.

The alternative is not Rainbow Road. If we vote no on December 5, the alternative will, eventually, be a new proposal for the present site.

That will not happen for years, until a fresh round of energy and new people can be brought to the cause. And it will happen without \$4.55 million in grants.

The writer is a photographer and former islands trustee for Salt Spring.

I can feel the rising exasperation of library supporters . . .

THIS WEEK'S QUESTION:

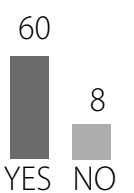
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Should government operate the ferries again?



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QUOTE OF THE WEEK:

"We expect to be dealt with and we expect professional courtesy and we've yet to receive it."

ZWANETTE PEREBOOM, BWSA ACTING CHAIR

SALT SPRING SAYS

We asked: What would you do to improve BC Ferries?



SAM CAVIGLIA

Cheaper fares would be nice.



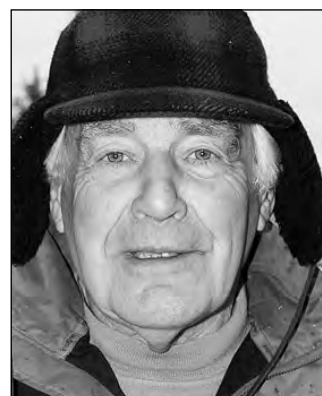
PAUL BROSSAU

I'd fire all the managers and have it revert back to government control.



SHARON COOKE

Since we're already in the system when we board at Fulford, I would like the option to reserve my connection to the Lower Mainland.



SCOTT MCNUTT

I don't have any problems because I don't take the ferry.



MICHAEL CROSS

Nothing. It's the best service in the world. I get tired of people complaining all the time. We've got a great system compared to many other parts of the world.

Letters to the editor

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Adding it up

In recent weeks we have read many letters and articles praising the current plans for a \$7.3-million new library near the centre of Ganges. While I agree that we need a new library on the island, I see several disturbing issues being glossed over in our rush to proceed with this project.

In order to get \$4.5 million in federal and provincial grants, the library board proposes to borrow \$2.75 million. I wonder if we are going to end up going broke to save money. The proposed new library would be built on an expensive piece of real estate that, as others have pointed out, will be difficult for many people to reach due to Ganges' parking problems. Money could be saved by choosing a less costly site that would be more convenient for most island residents.

The proposed new library has an avant garde design that will undoubtedly add to the cost of building the facility. It will likely have to be built by an off-island contractor, which also has cost implications. I understand that the proposed building has grass on its roof. How much will that frill cost?

This brings me to the question of the ongoing costs that taxpayers will have to bear. We are already paying operating costs for the swimming pool and other recreational facilities, and even for the money that was lost in the tennis bubble fiasco. Others are lining up for taxpayers to support new recreational facilities. We will need a new firehall soon. Isn't it time that we step back and consider a coordinated plan to efficiently and effectively deal with all these needs?

The new library will mean an average property tax

increase of \$37 next year and \$70 in 2011 (for a total of \$60 in 2010 and \$93 in 2013). This is on top of current property tax bills and the future projects that will also have to be supported. We are paying \$400,000 per year to maintain the swimming pool, and what will the maintenance costs be for the new library after it is supposed to open in 2011?

If there is no attempt made to rationalize all this new spending, property taxes will cause more people to choose to live off island. Many service people already can't afford to live here, and our hospital is already having problems recruiting nurses and doctors.

Let's build a new library, but let's do it right. Right now we are being stampeded into building an expensive building on an expensive site in a questionable location. We can build a better library for less cost if we step back for a

moment and base our decisions on facts rather than emotions.

**DON GAINOR,
SCOTT POINT**

Stop quibbling

As the expression goes, "You play with the cards you're dealt."

Card #1: We have a library that's falling apart and needs to be replaced.

Card #2: Whatever you feel about the decision (this from someone who was on the other side), a majority of those who voted in the 2005 referendum determined that the location of a new library was to be in central Ganges.

Card #3: By some miracle, the library has obtained the promise of a \$4.55 million grant. To be eligible for the grant, the library board had to come up with a shovel-ready design for a specific location by September of this year. The

community was given all kinds of opportunity for input, and the library board and architect did their best to listen to what they were told and design a building that would function well and would please as many people as possible. (Although there can be no significant redesign, the library board has promised that they are still listening, and there will be some further tweaking of the design.)

Card #4: The grant cannot be used for any other purpose, however worthy.

Card #5: The \$4.55 million is money that you have already given to the government. If it isn't spent on Salt Spring, your tax dollars will go to another community.

Card #6: This grant is a one-time offer.

If we are to receive the grant (an unprecedented amount for any purpose in this community), we cannot reconsid-

er the site, nor can we ask for a complete redesign of the proposed building. I urge everyone to stop quibbling about things we cannot change and vote "yes" in the upcoming referendum on Dec. 5.

**JUDY NORGET,
ABOVE DUCK CREEK PARK**

New library needed

Dec. 5 is the day we get to decide whether we will benefit from the largesse of the federal and provincial governments and build a new library in downtown Ganges.

We urge everyone to get out and vote in favour. We need a new facility to look after our needs for the next 50 years and to ensure that Ganges maintains its vibrancy.

**DENIS AND
SUSAN RUSSELL,
GANGES**

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Regional district summer water costs no bargain

I was relieved to read that NASA scientists have found large quantities of water on the Moon's polar caps. Great news. In the future, I may have an inexpensive alternative to CRD water. My water bill for the summer (July 1 till Sept. 30) came to \$390, not including the "service fee." Ech.

Let me give you some background. I live alone, unless you count my three constant canine companions. My house has one bathroom and no dishwasher other than yours truly. I average three loads of laundry a week. My solitary indulgence is a long hot shower in the morning (did I mention I live alone?)

When I bought the place, I inherited a big green lawn, which morphs into a dusty weed patch during the dry months. I eschew the sprinkler, letting nature take its course. There is a strip of privacy bamboo around the perimeter of the property that I am nurturing along, as there are streets on three out of four sides of my third of an acre — a typical lot in what is sardonically referred to in the real estate rags as "The Maliview Estates." I hand water the bamboo, or put on the soaker hoses with two-hour timers.

According to the CRD, this rather pedestrian water usage puts me in the "Aqua-whore" category, punishable by the above heart-stopping chit. Here is the way the CRD likes to bring out the big stick. The first bit costs you 50 cents a cubic metre. It rapidly climbs up to four bucks a metre as the summer wears on. That's an eight fold increase. In my case, the first 60 cubic metres cost me 30 bucks. The last 60 cost me

(are you sitting down?) \$240.

I was curious what other Salt Springers were paying, and put the question out there on the Salt Spring community list. Full disclosure: I originally emailed that my bill was \$650, but it appears \$210 of that was my previous unpaid balance. (Ahem.) Responses came pouring in, some smugly waving their \$35 bills in the air, a testament to the thousands spent on water catchment systems and elaborate drip systems. To these citizens who have the time, money and zeal, I tip my hat.

Most of the responses were in the \$150 to \$200 range in this very unscientific survey. One telling email stated that his water bill went from \$10 per month to around \$100 soon after the CRD folks took over. But why not go to the horse's mouth, our CRD rep, Garth Hendren?

I buttonholed Garth at my gym the other day, stamping my feet and whining about my water bill. He countered that we are getting a good deal on our water over here, and we should expect it to go higher in the near future to pay for necessary upgrades to the pipes and such. The "good deal" part kind of stuck in my throat, so I did some checking around.

According to various government websites, a "user" in North Saanich would have paid \$220 for the same amount of water. In

the West Shore (Colwood, Langford, etc.) the cost would have totaled \$274. Remember, on Salt Spring it cost me \$390.

Curious. We live in a rain forest, averaging 35 inches of rainfall a year. St. Mary Lake typically overflows its banks on a yearly basis. With no shortage of water here, I got to wondering how much it must cost for water in desert conditions? One would expect they would be paying the same for water as they do for gas. A "desert" is 10 inches of rain or less. Kelowna gets 11 inches — close enough. Imagine my surprise when I calculated that if I lived in that city, my water bill would have been \$125 — less than a third of what I paid here. A "good deal?" I don't think so.

The difference is the CRD water multiplier — going up eight times the base rate. Let's try that with gas, by all accounts in global shortage and much more likely to be humanity's Achilles heel. If the Salt Spring base rate for gas was \$1 a litre (were it so!), with the same "the more I use the more I pay" CRD water tactic, we would end up paying \$8 a litre if one reached the theoretical "gas whore" level. Would we stand for it?

Who exactly does this "forced conservation" philosophy hurt? Well, obviously me, and anyone else who waters a vegetable garden over the summer. At the end of the day, it's likely more economical to just go down to the farmer's market and buy your veggies

rather than pay the premium to water your own. It also hurts families. Does no one on the CRD Board know how much laundry and bath water and dish water a typical working family of four or five uses?

So what can the CRD do? Well, how about breaking up the year differently so that the three driest months aren't all on the same three-month bill? If my water usage was calculated annually it would be much more equitable. The dry season would then be averaged into the wet season. Or the CRD could read the meters monthly during the dry season. Or the CRD could have incentives for installing drip systems. You know, encourage conservation rather than discourage over-consumption. Or the CRD could put in watering restrictions during the summer — even and odd watering days, only after dusk, etc. You know, like most sane municipalities.

What can I do? Install an expensive drip system? Construct a giant eight-foot privacy fence and let the bamboo wither and die? Replace my dogs' favourite watering bowl with a low-flush model? One thing is sure. I'll have to do something by next summer to prevent more over-the-moon water bills.

If the present system is just a thinly veiled cash grab to finance system upgrades, then let's have some transparency. If the CRD didn't have the foresight to set aside money, then it should be held responsible, not me. Not you.

republicofsaltspring@mac.com



**Peter
Vincent**

HEAD TO HEAD

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

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No bargain

Regarding the library association's crass advertisement for a "One-Time Special Offer," asking us to vote to pay "just \$2,750,000," how many times have you brought home a sale bargain and realized you've made a huge mistake? It doesn't fit, it's over-priced, and is certainly not a bargain.

When deciding how to vote in the library referendum, bear in mind that a new library on Rainbow Road could be funded to a large extent from the proceeds of selling the lots in McPhillips.

Do not be fooled by "Special Offers."

VICKY HODSON,
SCOTT POINT

Climate complexities

I must agree with Tom Wright's contention in the Nov. 4 In Response piece that "Computer modelling is a widely used self-correcting scientific tool. By continually testing the hypotheses, then rigorously correcting parameters, computer modelling becomes increasingly accurate over time."

Having helped construct many three-dimensional computer models in the past using techniques very similar to those used by the International Panel on Climate Change to construct its climate models, I quickly came to realize that until a model was "ground truthed" to determine if its predictions were accurate, it must be regarded as a work of fiction.

Currently, computer generated climate models are having a rough go. The rapid global warming predicted by the IPCC has failed to materialize. Global temperatures peaked in 1998 and have since cooled, contrary to the model predictions. The sun is not cooperating with the experts' predictions for sunspot activity for the current cycle. Many have noted that very low sun spot activity, as is currently the case, has in the past correlated with cooler world temperatures and poor grain harvests. Predictions for near normal tropical cyclone (hurricane) activity this year were wide of the mark with global activity so far being near a 30-year low.

The controls for the world's climate are complex, probably more complex than we currently envision. Predicting future weather and climate with computer models is currently in its infancy. I do anticipate computer climate models will improve over time, but

in the meantime I keep a year's supply of firewood in the shed, food in the freezers and five gallons of gas on hand for the backup generator.

GORDON FORD,
SALT SPRING

Drawing appreciated

On Armistice Day I was waiting for the parade to form up in Ganges.

We were approached by a young boy who was carrying a number of large drawings. I was privileged to be handed one. It was an excellent drawing of a plane, a truck and several tanks.

The drawing is much appreciated. Unfortunately, I did not get his name.

His mother must be very proud of this confident young man.

JACK CLEMENTS,
VESUVIUS

Road sense

It never ceases to amaze me at the number of people that walk on the wrong side of the road on this island. There they are walking along the road, right beside the cars, usually on dark rainy nights . . . wearing nice fashionable black clothing. How can they not understand that we motorists barely see them?

Give your head a shake, people — walk facing traffic, and wear something white or reflective — or your next walk might be your last.

LORI TEATHER,
SALT SPRING

Ferry changes

One simple helpful change in the ferry schedule would be for the 6:15 a.m. ferry from Fulford to leave five or 10 minutes early so as to make it easier to catch the 7 a.m. ferry to Tsawwassen.

This would be especially helpful on Sunday when there is no other ferry out of Fulford until 9:50 a.m. Workers probably would not even have to arrive earlier. I have seen the ferry sitting there all ready to roll at 6:05. It is only by chance that I have been able to catch the 7 o'clock thanks to good weather and a very prompt departure.

Obviously there is no point in ever making a reservation on the connecting Spirit boat when the Skeena is scheduled to arrive 10 minutes or less before the departing connector to Vancouver.

And what's with this idea to cut the throughfare? We have to take the Swartz Bay connection to Vancouver because there are so few Long Harbour to Vancouver ferries non stop (or multi-stop) and (if we luck out) it is much fast-

er to go out of Fulford all day long rather than out of Long Harbour. Don't punish us for trying to make our lives (and yours!) easier.

And finally, roses to whatever crew or supervisor actually held the 3 o'clock Skeena to

Fulford more than 10 minutes on Nov. 5. Our Spirit boat was running late all day and they actually held the Skeena. Sometimes someone must make a radio call or phone call to the next boat and it does some good.

In this day and age, with modern computers, there should be no reason why ferry personnel can't send a roster of how many cars are transferring to the next connecting boat and determine whether it advisable

to hold a boat.

Could there not be a system of a window placard given with throughfare ticket purchases that ferry loaders would recognize and a system set up where those bearing "throughfare" plac-

ards could go through the toll gates without waiting in the line with people buying tickets, thereby speeding them along?

DAN DICKMEYER,
ROLAND ROAD

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OPINION

Building for today — desires and requirements

BY DUNCAN HEPBURN

Public buildings must serve as many of the community's needs as possible. They should be exemplary in environmental and sustainability design.

This is especially true of a library, a focal point in a community. While it need not be extravagant, it should not be simply a box with books in it.

Constructing a public building today is a delicate act of balancing divergent desires and requirements. The building code determines some items that must go into the new building.

Then there are the many different interest groups — from environmentalists to design enthusiasts — who each think they know what the building should look like. Finally, there are the people who've been using the old building for years and have a really good sense of what's needed.

Fortunately, architect Ladi Holovsky has designed a new library that has a good chance of satisfying almost everyone. Here are some of the ways in which he has addressed the challenge.

Today's library must take account of environmental concerns. For example, provincial law requires that all public buildings be carbon neutral by next year. Our local bylaws also encourage energy efficient design standards, which, in the long term, save money as well as fossil fuels. The new building will incorporate passive solar heating, photovoltaic cells, a solar hot water panel on its roof and a solar wall.

Buildings are currently being built to standards established by Leader-



PHOTO BY DERRICK LUNDY

Richard Moses, left, and Stan Shapiro staff a library information table at last weekend's Giant Book Sale.

ship in Environmental and Energy Design (LEED). LEED awards points for energy-saving devices such as low-flush toilets and maximum use of daylight. You need 39 points for LEED's gold standard, which is likely to become the norm within a few years. The provincial government, the CRD, and the conditions for the \$4.55 million grant we have been awarded all require us to comply with the LEED standards.

While energy-saving construction costs more initially, it will save us money over time. For example, the savings in the heating costs used in the proposed building is estimated to be well over \$10,000 per year, paying back the entire capital cost of the geothermal well / heat pump system in about seven years.

Of course, the way we have to construct a new library today has an effect on how the building will

look. To use as much daylight as possible for lighting and for passive solar heating, we have to have lots of glass windows, which contribute to a distinctly modern appearance.

The look of the building is also affected by other considerations. The law calls a library a "public assembly building" and applies a much stricter building code to it than is applied to residential

buildings. For example, by law our library must have fire-stop floors and doors, a sprinkler system, a full-sized elevator (for stretcher access), several stairways, and more washrooms than we feel we really need.

Our library must also be seismicity-proofed. This means that concrete has to be used where we might have preferred wood or brick, such as around stairwells, which are the escape route from the building. We must also have reinforced concrete in the elevator shaft and in the floors and the east wall.

A number of design elements of the new building have resulted from the need to protect the creek at the rear of the lot. Permeable paving will allow water to seep into the ground instead of running directly into the creek. Precipitation on the roof will be absorbed by a "green roof." The roof will also provide insulation in both winter and summer. An auxiliary water-storage catchment tank on the outside of the building will provide water for irrigation and to flush the toilets.

While our new library may not have a homely, cottage-like appearance, it will fit in well with new buildings constructed in the twenty-first century to satisfy all the new legislative and environmental requirements. A lot of work has gone into it. We hope you will like the design as much as we do.

The writer chairs the building committee of Salt Spring's library board.

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Culinary arts fundraiser

Thanksgiving, Remembrance Day and the upcoming holidays hold a special poignancy for those who are missing a loved one.

When Pamela Booth died last spring, one of the ideas to keep her memory alive was to set up a scholarship fund for a culinary arts student who has graduated from GISS.

It will be a way to give support to a young person who loves food the way Pamela did and wants to learn the "tricks of her trade."

The friends and family attending her memorial gave generously to the scholarship fund.

However, to sustain a scholarship that is not sponsored by an organization, we know we need to be somewhat enterprising.

So, now we have an item for sale at Admiral's (north end) and Salt Spring Cheese (south end) with all proceeds going to the scholarship fund. Look for the signs — and the Driftwood ad in today's paper.

We think the insulated shopping bag with zipper is useful for "on island" use and also a great gift idea!

It's easy to mail away to friends and family who love Salt Spring and easy to add a variety of Salt Spring delights.

We know we're not the only ones who are keeping a memory alive through a scholarship.

We urge you to keep your eyes open for other opportunities to keep memories alive through island youth.

DEBBIE MAGNUSSON,
FOR THE PAMELA BOOTH SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

Beautiful moment

I'm sending a basketful of brilliant poppies to Tai and whomever inspired him.

This past Remembrance Day, my 88-year-old father stood resplendent in blazer and medals, preparing to join the veterans parade to the cenotaph.

Remembrance Day is such an emotional day for anyone who has served their country in a war and for those who served in WWII, such a long time ago, it is difficult each year to see the dwindling number of survivors able to march in the parade.

A young boy approached my father and asked if he had fought in the war.

My father said he had, about 70 years ago.

The boy then gave my father a picture he had drawn.

There were airplanes in the sky, tanks and poppies on the ground, and written across the top it said, "Thank you for keeping this land ours."

On the back was the name, Tai.

A small gesture, from a small boy, that brought tears to an old veteran's eyes.

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Thank you, Tai, for that beautiful moment.

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What's for Dinner?

CURRIED PUMPKIN PASTA

Short cuts to cooking for one or two © 2009 with Sarah Lynn

Pumpkin: The word pumpkin comes from the Greek pepōn for a large melon. The pumpkin was one of the many foods used by the Native American Indians in the new world and was a welcome discovery by the Pilgrims. The Indians pounded strips of pumpkin flat, dried them, and wove them into mats for trading. They also dried pumpkin for food.



Prepare **4 cups pasta of your choice** as per package instructions. Set aside. Heat together in a medium size sauce pan: **1 cup prepared pureed pumpkin or canned pumpkin, 1 cup milk or cream, 1 bouillon cube dissolved, dash of cayenne, 1 tablespoon curry powder.** Season to taste with **cracked black pepper.** Toss pasta and sauce together. Top with **cooked chicken, toasted pumpkin seeds, and grated parmesan cheese.**

Shopping list:

- Pasta of your Choice
- Prepared Pureed Pumpkin or Canned Pumpkin
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First Cdn. car to set a record

SPEED RECORD
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got interested in racing in the early 1970s after seeing super stock cars with tubbed rear bodies hiding wide drag slick tires running at Mission Raceways.

"I said to the guys, 'We have to get some of that.' They said, 'Let's do it,'" Langstroth recalls.

The trio went right to work installing a 454-cubic-inch LS7 Chevrolet engine in a 1971 Camaro Rallye Sport for drag racing at Boundary Bay. They then graduated to Mission Raceways, running the car against all comers in the standing quarter mile drag races.

The three cousins had been going to Speed Week at Bonneville since 1970. By the late 1970s the Green brothers were volunteering as mechanical and safety inspectors and had set speed records with motorcycles. So the challenge to set a world land speed record with a Bonneville car was the natural next step.

Langstroth had already built the 1974 Vega and built it into a pro gas drag racer. The decision was made to turn this car



1974 Chevrolet Vega Bonneville speed record-holding car spends the off season in the loft of Eric Langstroth's home garage.

into a full Bonneville race car. They utilized equipment in the Green brothers' machine shop to fabricate a completely new chassis for the Vega and installed a highly modified Chevrolet 350 engine in the small car.

The first time out at Bonneville, the cousins came within two mph of setting a world land speed record in their class. In 1988, run-

ning in the C Gas altered class, the Vega set a record speed of 215 mph. This was the first Canadian car to set a record over 200 mph at Bonneville.

In 1991, with Dave Green driving in the C Fuel Altered class, the Vega set another land speed record of 219 mph. But they kept breaking motors. So the deci-

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Under-the-hood research pays off

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sion was made to purchase a full pro stock 1,000 hp engine from New Jersey. It cost \$50,000. They broke the motor the first time out. And they kept having expensive mechanical problems.

That is, until a much older stranger wandered by their car in the Bonneville pits and, after taking one look under the hood, commented that, if the engine is coming apart at the same spot on the runs down the salt flats, they had better do some homework because the engine would keep

on breaking under the same racing conditions.

The subsequent research paid off. The trio with master mechanic Langstroth and Steve Green reconfigured the 1,000 hp engine with a modified crankshaft and piston rods. In 2003, Steve Green set a world speed record in B Gas Altered at 237 – one mph over the existing speed record. Eric Langstroth followed up in 2006 eclipsing the car's own record in that class with a speed of 245 mph.

And last summer, with Steve Green driving, the car broke all its previous records with a two-way average speed of 254 mph.

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If everything stays together, it costs the three cousins a minimum of \$20,000 to run at Bonneville.

So this year, the world's fastest Bonneville car in its class will stay in its perch in the rafters of Eric Langstroth's garage. But plans are to head to Bonneville for 2010 to run again at the 62nd-annual Bonneville Speed Week.

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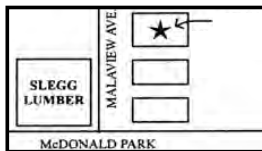


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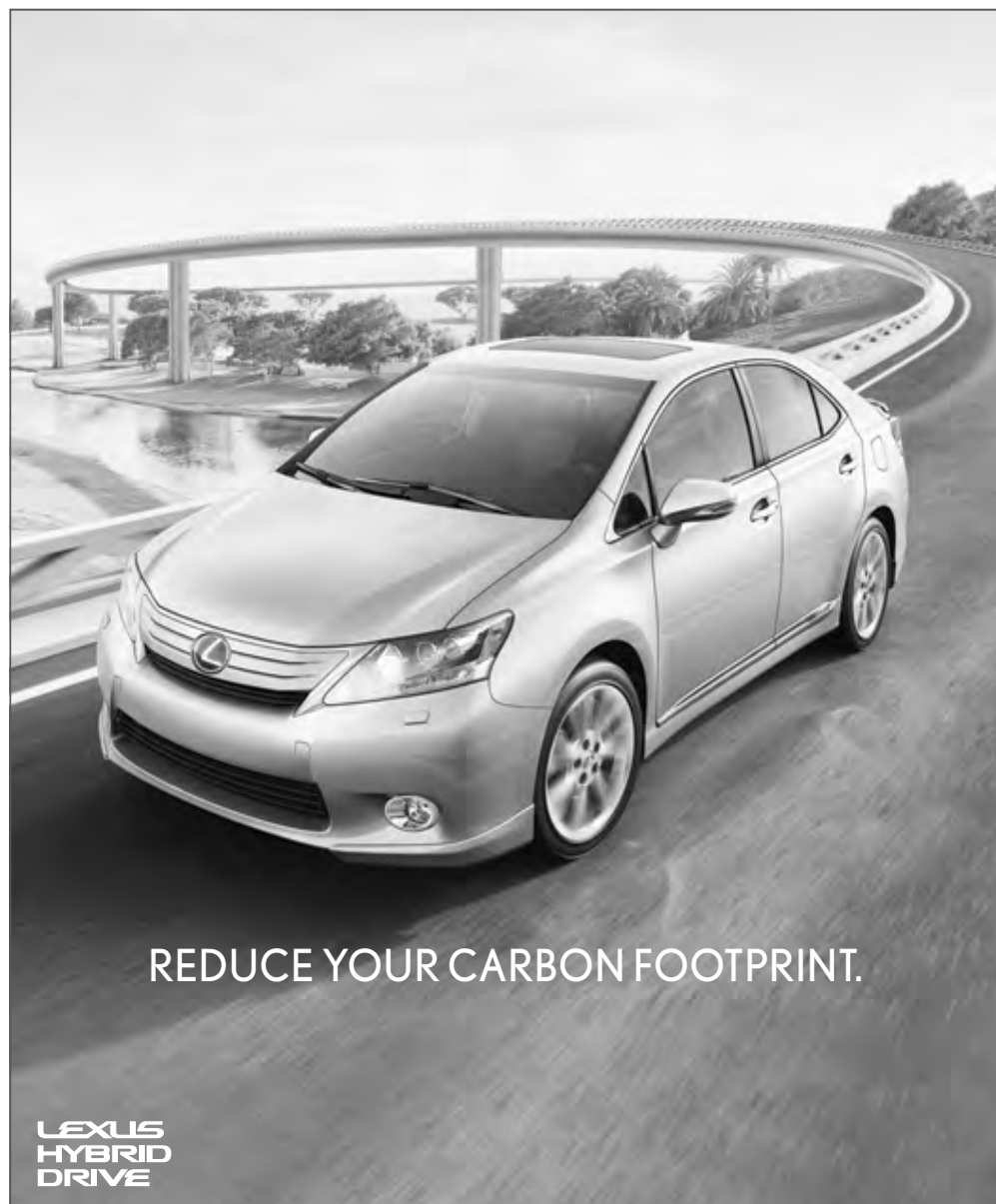
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Fund set up in memory of young victim

Road crash deaths can be prevented

On Nov. 18, the National Day of Remembrance for Road Crash Victims, the BCAA Traffic Safety Foundation will honour those victims who have lost their lives or have been severely injured as a result of a traffic crash.

In May of 2008, Alexa Middelaer died of her injuries after being struck by a vehicle driven by a woman suspected of being impaired by alcohol.

Alexa was only four years old.

The BCAA Traffic Safety Foundation has joined the Middelaer family in their fight to change the laws and social attitudes concerning impaired driving.

The death of Alexa Middelaer was not an accident.

It was a predictable consequence of poor choices and negligent behaviour.

Allan Lamb, executive director of the BCAA Traffic Safety Foundation points out that responsibility is the real issue.

"This tragedy has forever changed the Middelaer family's life and it could have been prevented if the individual in question had acted responsibly."

"Impaired drivers are killing an average of two people and injuring 60 every week in B.C.," stated Lamb in commenting on a statistic that has not changed significantly in the past five years.

"It's really not surprising




when one in five people in this province admits to driving after drinking."


According to traffic collision statistics, alcohol was a contributing factor in 31.5 per cent of all fatal collisions in 2007, second only to speed at 41.4 per cent.

The BCAA Traffic Safety Foundation is calling on all drivers to act responsibly and to not get behind the wheel while impaired or allow anyone in their company to do so. In memory of Alexa, the BCAA Traffic Safety Foundation has established the Alexa Middelaer Memorial Fund.

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OPINION

Questioning of climate change heats up

BY BRIONY PENN

It's climate change denial time again.

"Climate of uncertainty" stories have been making the rounds of newscasts, talk shows, public lectures, blog sites and our own newspaper, from predictable sources. Why? Because there is another international climate talk coming up in Copenhagen soon and those who stand to lose the most with a strong international agreement to curb carbon emissions have once again been spreading the gospel of uncertainty — which, as they know, can win the deadly game of climate change denial. The game is deadly because when people are led to believe something is uncertain, they don't act and that undermines our collective ability to form public policy on one of the world's most pressing issues.

The world's scientists are certain that climate change is a problem and they're certain of its cause — us. The people most affected by climate change in the north and south, from the Kivalina villagers in Alaska to the Maldivian Islanders, are also certain — permafrost melting and ocean flooding are

driving them from their homes. That leaves a relatively small group of influential people trying to convince North Americans that climate change has gone away or is "natural" so we can all maintain the status quo. Over the last couple of months, the PR war waged by the denial industry has successfully stifled progress in U.S. and Canadian policy around climate change.

On this issue, the impacts won't be limited to the victims of second-hand smoke, it will be all of us.

Denialism describes the phenomenon of scientific consensus being rejected by groups or individuals (for corporate, religious or ideological reasons) through cherry-picking facts, using fake experts and sowing confusion through conspiracy theories and fallacies of logic.

The classic tactic is to give the appearance of legitimate debate when there isn't one (look for language like "unsettled" and "uncertainty.") This phenomenon also crops up with topics like Holocaust denialism, creationism/intelligent design, HIV/AIDS denialism and the first corporate-organized denial

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machine — denying the carcinogenic qualities of second-hand smoke.

The success of the tobacco industry in sowing confusion and slowing public policy on this issue established a now recognizable pattern: Fund fake experts in fake think-tanks and use the media's use of adversarial framing of news items to sell your confusion. Call all science that doesn't agree with your view "junk science." Use fake grassroots organizations (coined "astroturf" groups) to lobby so that they appear to be representing and acting for the common good. Accuse those who want to move on public policy of being part of the herd mentality or shutting down discussion. The denialists rely on bringing along with them a sector of the population who, according to UVic psychologist Robert Gifford, don't really care about the science.

"People just want their beliefs confirmed. And if that means that the world is fine and things can go on as normal, then that's what they'll hear."

Speaking from his office at UVic, Nobel prize-winning scientist Dr. Andrew Weaver says that this autumn has been "the nuttiest denial cycle we've ever seen."

I asked him if he still responds to the denialist claims, a full-time occupation if you want it.

"We, as a community of international scientists, are refusing to engage in debate anymore, because there isn't one."

According to Weaver, not one denial argument has yet been found to have any scientific validity. Just like confusing the public about the effects of second-hand smoke, confusing the public about climate change has already had deadly impacts.

"On this issue, the impacts won't be limited to the victims of second-hand smoke, it will be all of us."

Vancouverite James Hoggan, a seasoned public relations businessman, has just published a book called *Climate Cover Up: the Crusade to Deny Global Warming*. He has the advantage of knowing the tricks of his trade and largely funds his own work, which includes PR for alternative energy industries. I spoke to him about the latest cycle of denialism.

"In 35 years of public relations, I have never seen anything close to the magnitude of this current manipulation of the media. It is my view that the climate denial PR machine is working extremely well and we need to stop it. We cannot have the energy industry shaping the policy on climate change."

ExxonMobil alone has funded well over 100 research institutes, websites and lobby groups, with benign-sounding names like the National Environmental Policy Institute, Centre for the Study of Carbon Dioxide and Global Change, Heartlands Institute and Heritage Foundation, and their famous fake expert scientists such as S. Fred Singer and Frederick Seitz.

Hanging on Singer's

every word in Canada are Vancouver's Exxon-funded Fraser Institute and The Friends of Science, based in Calgary, whose spokesman Tim Ball, a retired geography professor, is Victoria's most cited climate denial advocate.

Friends of Science are back in the saddle again this year, with their CFAX ads and cross-Canada tours showcasing British denialist celebrity Lord Christopher Monckton and Irish filmmakers Phelim McAleer and wife Ann McElhinney with a documentary called *Not Evil Just Wrong*.

Hoggan states, "Democracy is utterly dependent upon an electorate that is accurately informed. In promoting climate change denial (and often denying their responsibility for doing so) industry has done more than endanger the environment. It has undermined democracy."

Both Weaver and Loggan call for more rigour in the media and transparency around corporate lobbying, masked as fake institutes or non-profits.

So, civil society, get informed, let's not waste anymore time on the false debate. Push our leaders to act at Copenhagen, push our media to check the credentials of those institutes originating these climate denial stories (start with www.desmogblog.com) and if you hear or read "scientists" denying anthropogenic climate change, ask who is funding the research.

The writer has a Ph.D. in Geography from the University of Edinburgh and writes opinion pieces on climate denialism with no funding.

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A library science fiction story

BY SUSAN BERLIN

Imagine it's the year 2020.

In late 2009 — just over 10 years ago now — voters here, by a narrow margin, defeated a referendum to put one-third of the cost of building a new library on the tax rolls. In doing so, they forfeited a \$4.55-million government grant, a choice which bewildered proponents of the new building.

When the referendum results were announced, many people were upset.

"I never thought the referendum would be voted down," said one woman in a "streeter" interview in the Driftwood.

"I wish now I'd gotten to the polls, but you know — it was raining that day."

Two years after that, the original building — long degraded by leaks and rotting supports — was condemned and closed down by the fire marshal.

There was a desperate effort to find a new home for the library's collection and a base for its programs, but after limping along for another year dispersed among several locations, the library finally admitted defeat and ceased operations.

The economy had been on a roller coaster since the 2008 downturn.

With the provincial government struggling to get out of debt, budgets were repeatedly slashed — including those for schools.

School libraries were things of the past.

Not only did students no longer have access to books; they also had no access to public computers.

Most students managed to do their research

by using their own personal computers at home; unfortunately, kids with fewer personal resources were more or less unable to do any homework or research outside their classrooms.

There was a small, but statistically noticeable, drop in the numbers of Salt Spring students who completed high school.

The elimination of library programs affected other people in the community as well: parents could no longer bring their young children to StoryTime; people with limited mobility no longer had access to home delivery of books; the Salt Spring Archives — the repository of your history — no longer had a home, and although it continued to maintain its collection, it was no longer available to the public.

The library had hosted very successful writers' programs, and these of course were eliminated; and the Teen Room, which was just opened in 2009, disappeared too.

For safety reasons, the old building was razed in 2011.

In the uncertain economy, the property has remained empty, casting something of a blight on the downtown.

The moral of the story: Please make the effort to get out and vote "yes" in the Dec. 5 library referendum.

Fortunately, we're really still in 2009, and we can make the right choice for the future! It's up to you.

The above is one of a series of pieces submitted by the Salt Spring library association.

NEWSBEAT



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A DAY TO REMEMBER: Clockwise from top, Salt Spring's war vets march in last Wednesday's Remembrance Day parade; Mike Winter salutes during two minutes of silence; and Dorothy Hitchcock lays a wreath at the cenotaph.



GLBT ISSUES

Resources and needs for island's gay youth on tap

Facilitated discussion led by camp workshop leaders

A queer youth discussion comes to the fore at the Salt Spring PFLAG chapter's next meeting on Sunday, Nov. 29.

Set for All Saints By-the-Sea from 1-3 p.m., the meeting topic is Queer Youth and Camp Firefly.

Facilitated by local environmental and queer activists Karen Hawbolt and Kimi Hendess, they will address issues concerning queer youth in our community: what resources are out there, what queer youth want/need and what it means to be a queer youth on the island.

"Through the process of sharing stories and discussions, they will explore existing resources for our queer youth and create a space for their voices," states an article about the event.

"We will also look at existing programs throughout the province as inspiration and to vision a space for our youth to grow."

Hawbolt and Hendess will also share their experiences of presenting a summer workshop at Camp Firefly, a camp for queer youth in British Columbia.

Because the meeting focuses on youth, they especially hope youth will attend this meeting. They are calling on all generations, fellow GLBTs, friends, families and allies who want to support the queer voice of youth on this island.

"Last month's PFLAG meeting

was an incredibly valuable and well-attended workshop, skilfully facilitated by social activist, counsellor and youth counsellor Robert Birch," reports PFLAG.

"Participants explored the struggles of coming out, social oppression and its impact on self-esteem on gay and queer persons. In a large circle, those present were led through exercises to build trust, empathy and share unique and important life stories."

Some people assume that one must be a parent of a queer child, or be a queer child, or have experienced homophobia or difficulties in coming out or with one's sexual and/or gender identities in order to attend meetings.

"While parents of queer children and queer parents are important constituents, PFLAG is a space for all people who seek to address homophobia and for those who already see themselves as allies or friends of queer people," they state.

PFLAG has recently been awarded a grant from the Salt Spring Island Foundation to fund the purchase of much needed resource materials.

They are thrilled to be recognized for the important work they have been doing and are open to suggestions for books, DVDs and tapes to purchase.

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GEOGRAPHY

Salish Sea name takes official status in U.S.

Canadian decision pending later this month

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Environmentalists and aboriginal communities living on both sides of the border have been pleased to gain the US Board of Geographical Names' acceptance for a term they've been using for years.

The organization announced Nov. 12 that it accepted the application by Bert Webber to name the area that includes the Strait of Georgia, Puget Sound and Juan de Fuca Strait as the Salish Sea.

Webber has been working for 15 years to get government bodies to recognize the waters as belonging to one sea, a geographically distinct area that encompasses a fragile ecosystem.

The Washington State Board on Geographical names approved the term on Oct. 30, 2009, followed by national approval on Nov. 12. In Canada, the name was recommended by the B.C. Geographical Names Office in August 2009, pending a U.S. decision.

Canada's decision will soon be announced, said Heather Ross, a toponymist with Geographical Names of Canada.

Although the naming of features is a provincial responsibility, the national office was involved because the territory stretches across national borders.

Vivian Thomas, communications manager for the Ministry of Forests and Range, confirmed Monday that the B.C. government will make its decision in cabinet later this month.

Webber, a retired marine ecologist and professor at Western Washington University, said by phone that his aim has always been to look at the area in terms of resource protection. Although he first filed the application in 1993, Webber said that most of the activity has taken place in the past year and a half.

Salt Spring ecologist Briony Penn

has worked with Webber to record Canadian usage of the name, a part of the application procedure that helps show why it should be officially accepted.

Penn's involvement has included participating in the writing and illustrating an atlas of the Salish Sea. She's also written a song with that title, performed by Holly Artzen and school children and played on CBC radio.

Penn said the scientific community has found the term useful since the 1970s. A biannual conference with researchers from both sides of the border has taken up the name for sessions that study everything "from herring to humpbacks."

Having described the area and the name for a variety of sources, Penn said it is important to distinguish that Salish Sea doesn't replace any existing names but rather encompasses a previously unnamed area.

She said that those people who haven't heard the name before can be happy that there is one that takes into account the people traditionally living by those waters.

"We can celebrate the fact that there's a name now, and celebrate the culture that inhabited these shores for 10,000 years before the colonial presence and has a rich, rich culture," Penn said.

Penn also said that giving the area a name has ecological significance.

"It's a very fragile environment. It doesn't circulate as fast as the ocean so everything you put into it stays around for a long, long time. It's an inland sea that needs us to protect it."

Webber congratulated Penn, Salt Spring residents and Driftwood readers in particular for being strong proponents of the Salish Sea moniker. With U.S. approval in place, he is optimistic the Canadian response will also be favourable.

"There is no concrete opposition and many people who see its value, so I'm hoping and expecting that cabinet will see it the same way."

SOCIAL ISSUES

Forum on homelessness and youth organized by VIU nursing students

Public participation encouraged at Nov. 25 event at GISS

A Vancouver Island University group called Faces of Addiction group visits Salt Spring next week with a special presentation.

The students in the fourth year of their Bachelor of Science in Nursing program, who are committed to raising public awareness in regards to substance use, addictions and harm-reduction, will hold the forum called Conversations on Youth Under 29 at the multi-purpose room in Gulf Islands Secondary School on Wednesday, Nov. 25, from 6 to 8 p.m.

Topics will include adequate housing, adequate food, exploitation and addictions. The format will include panel speakers, focus group discussions and the evening will conclude with questions and a large group discussion.

"While exploring different communities in our area, it has been

brought to our attention that Salt Spring Island has the second largest homeless population per capita next to Victoria," explain students Candice Elliott and Sharday Cervo in an email.

"The attraction of the small simple island lifestyle draws troubled youth, looking to escape their problems. A growing issue is that they are at risk for being preyed on and exploited. This lifestyle exposes them to inadequate housing, food and risky drug behaviours. Current resources on Salt Spring seem to lack the funding needed to support this growing community concern. It is important as community members to come together and address these issues in order to create discussion and potentially find solutions."

Islanders are encouraged to attend the forum and express their concerns and ideas.

Doors open at 5:30 and refreshments will be provided.

For more information, people can visit the Facebook group called Community Concerns.

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The years may pass
As all things do,
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Our loving you.



You are always
with us Olin,
Love
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WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK?

CHECK IT OUT!
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Saturday & Sunday
November 28 & 29
10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Please join us
on this special weekend!

Island Arts Centre Society

NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

ArtSpring's AGM
will be held at
5:00pm on Sunday,
November 22 in the
ArtSpring Theatre,
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FRIDAY, NOV. 27 "A Moun-
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by author Chris Czajkowski on
a year of her life in BC's re-
mote Coast Mountains. For
the SSI Conservancy, Lions
Hall, 7pm. \$5.

FRIENDS OF Saltspring
Parks, AGM, 3:20pm, Wed.
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tion Office. Everyone wel-
come. 653-2335 for info.

SOUNDER SLEEP Workshop,
Sat. Nov. 28, 1-4pm with
Anna Haltrecht. 537-5681.

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Salt Spring Jazz & Blues Society
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Meeting
Friday November 27, 09
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Nov. 21-28th Mahon Hall
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1-3 pm Tuesday, November 24th and
1-3 pm Thursday, November 26th
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COMING EVENTS

SSPLASH NOTICE:
TO MEMBERS & PUBLIC
SSPLASH,
Salt Spring Pool Association,
will hold its Annual General Meeting
on Monday, November 30th, 2009
1:30 pm - 3:30 pm
Salt Spring Sailing Club,
152 Douglas Road
Refreshments, and conversation
will follow.
ALL ARE WELCOME

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Islands Trust
**ARE YOU BUILDING,
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The Islands Trust has a new Soil Removal and Deposit Bylaw that
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If you are planning or undertaking land development, you may need
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in and learn about how Salt Spring's Soil Removal and Deposit Bylaw
relates to you, the work you do, and your land.
WHAT Soil Bylaw Open House
WHEN Monday, November 30, 2009
TIME 6pm to 9pm
AT Art Spring Lower Gallery,
100 Jackson Avenue
Who Should Attend:
All interested parties are invited to attend, including Home Owners, Contractors,
Excavator Operators and Property Developers. Hope to see you there!
More information concerning this meeting and the Soil Removal and Deposit
Bylaw can be sourced on our website at www.islandstrust.bc.ca/ltc/ss
Or for further questions, please contact the Islands Trust at 250-537-9144.

**Parks and Recreation Commission
Strategic Plan
Public Meeting**
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For information contact PARC
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Islands Trust
**SALT SPRING ISLAND
LOCAL TRUST COMMITTEE
NOTICE OF
BUSINESS MEETING**
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received, bylaw reviews and meeting notes.
DATE: December 3, 2009
TIME: 12:00 pm
PLACE: ArtSpring, 100 Jackson Ave
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Topics will include: Adequate Housing, Adequate food, Exploitation, and Addictions.
The format will include panel speakers, focus group discussions and the evening
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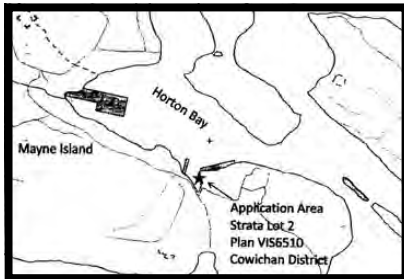
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Take notice that The Owners Strata Plan VIS 6510 of #201 - 3373 Capilano Crescent, North Vancouver, B.C. V7R 4W7 intends to make application to Integrated Land Management Bureau (ILMB), West Coast Service Centre for the acquisition in fee simple of a 371 square meter area of unsurveyed Crown land covered by water being part of the bed of Horton Bay Cowichan District shown on map below, containing 0.0371 hectares, more or less.

The Lands File Number that has been established for this application is File# 1412308. Written comments concerning this application should be directed to the Section Head, Integrated Land Management Bureau at 142 - 2080 Labieux Rd, Nanaimo, B.C., V9T 6J9, or emailed to: AuthorizingAgency.Nanaimo@gov.bc.ca. Comments will be received by ILMB until December 19th, 2009. ILMB may not be able to consider comments received after this date. Please visit our website <http://ilmbw.gov.bc.ca> under the link: Applications & Reasons for Decision for more information.

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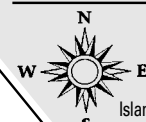
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Roses

Flexible roses to Jenny from Ganges Yoga Studio for an amazing introduction to yoga. I am so grateful for your encouragement, perception, knowledge and positive energy. Thank you thank you thank you.

To those persons who came to my assistance when I fell down at Centennial Park on Nov. 11, a hearty thank you. Terry Byron

Late blooming, fragrant roses to our very dear friends, Sabine Roodenburg and Amy Gessinger. You were there to help at a moment's notice and continued to offer yourselves without any question or expectations. Our family was put at ease with your generosity. Your kindness is so appreciated and will never be forgotten. Lots of love from Odette, John, Isabelle and Hannah

Pages and pages of roses to those who ensured the Giant Book Sale remainders had a place to go: Mar-

griet Ruurs, Frances Hill of Salt Spring Island Middle School and especially Dawn Luker of etcetera, who took everything else off our hands, leaving the Community Ed book sale team with a fresh start for 2010.

Everblooming roses to Bonnie at Greenwoods for turning in my lost money. Your honesty and care shines in all that you do. Thanks, Bonnie! Odette

Special fragrant yellow roses to Marion Pape for providing the space and hospitality for a fabulous video workshop. Fragrant pink roses to Diane Thomas and Jim Meadows for the great food and support for the participants. Armloads of red roses to Kirk Schwartz from Media Net in Victoria for doing such a great job teaching and providing constant technical support to us. Above and beyond it was.

An extra large popcorn box full of red licorice roses to Michael and the gang at The Fritz Theatre for hosting the Halloween movie night for the Salt Spring Co-op Preschool. It was a great success!

A barn full of sweet smelling roses for Malcolm and Stephanie at Bonacres Farm for generously donating all those pumpkins to the Co-op Preschool kids. We love you!

A screening room full of chocolate roses to Tim and John at Island

Star Video for the use of the Winnie the Pooh movie — the Co-op Preschool kids and their friends enjoyed it immensely.

A golf cart full of rose-coloured golf balls for Steve Marleau, golf pro at the SSI Golf Club. Thank you for all you do for the club and especially the junior golf program. The kids had another great year. Thank you thank thank you! Enjoy your much-deserved vacation. Charltons and Hollingsworth

A squad car of roses to Loretta Rithaler, front desk of RCMP headquarters, and Const. Kent Emery. I am very appreciative of the professional and supportive way in which they handled my concern about an aggressive driving situation in Ganges. HB

A lifetime supply of roses to the person/persons who secured our wayward trimaran, blown ashore in Vesuvius last week. You saved the boat from further damage while the owner returned from Prince George. Harvey Ledger and Janet Simpson

Colossal bunches of catnip to all who made Saturday's SPCA Goods & Services Auction such a success! Thanks to all who donated items, those who attended the event, and the multitude of wonderful volunteers who gave time, skills and talents to aid the animals! SSI BCSPCA

This Week's Horoscope

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ARIES (MAR 21 – APR 20)

The winds of change are blowing steadily these days. Where others are experiencing fear, you feel inspired to rise to the occasion. Deep desires to engage passionately in the game mirrors the tone of lovers in hot pursuit of one another. Commitment is the key to winning and you feel the urge and pressure to do so. Whether you are moved by your inner power, by ambition for outer leverage or to know the score, power is on your mind.

TAURUS (APR 20 – MAY 21)

Passionate changes with significant others of late, rich in depth and scope, are stimulating deep changes in you. Prior attitudes and beliefs are falling like leaves in November. In their place, a new vision is being conceived. It may take weeks and even months for this to become clear, but it will. Anticipate it and do the inner work of affirming your inner strengths and outer will and courage to follow its lead. Changes in your closest relationships, career and life style in general are highlighted.

GEMINI (MAY 21 – JUN 21)

A growing urge for a new sense of freedom is guiding your choices. The time has come to align your self with a higher power. What this means exactly is subject to you, your beliefs and your personal destiny. Let go of old habits and attitudes about security. Freedom requires faith and risk. Surrender to your feelings and intuitions and act upon what feels true to you, now.

CANCER (JUN 22 – JUL 22)

The key to overcoming fear is to face it. Sometimes we are directed by the stick of circumstance while at others it is the carrot of ambition, sometimes both. Either way, opportunities to lay claim to powers available to you yet hidden or kept at bay until now are coming your way. It is up to you to see whatever is happening in this light. Be open to the assistance of friends and family and even reach out for it. Yet honour and accept that the task is yours to fulfill.

LEO (JUL 23 – AUG 23)

A creative mood continues to guide and inspire you. The inner orientation of this time of year may be a source of mystique, magic and intimacy. Flowing with the seasons, this is your opportunity to explore new reaches of creative possibility. Gaining inspirations from others may be needed however. Open yourself to the brilliance and genius of others. Celebrate the exchange of passion that we are meant to share.

VIRGO (AUG 24 – SEP 22)

The time is right to delve into the deeper mysteries of life. Whether you are exploring profound truths in books or venturing out into the night to engage with friends to exchange perceptions and express passions, all things have their time. Meanwhile, consolidating a more reliable foundation now requires that you surrender to a greater flow. New powers are emerging for you to express; reach out to meet with them.

LIBRA (SEP 23 – OCT 22)

There is a saying that the key to money is having some. Inherent in this statement is the ability to afford to invest. Another interesting statement of truth holds that we cannot afford not to have the best. Again, investment is implied where quality that endures proves to be less expensive in time than bargains that often soon show their shallow worth. So, investment is the word and where and how are important considerations.

SCORPIO (OCT 23 – NOV 21)

Pioneering leads and new initiatives are keeping you busy these days. These preliminary steps are linked to travel and adventure and to power. Schemes and dreams are brewing with the fires of ambition beneath them. Facing fears, gaining the necessary training and making the right investments are all part of the plot. The time has come to get out of your own way and let your spirit lead.

SAGITTARIUS (NOV 22 – DEC 21)

A dark time wherein your soul has been tested is shifting into a new light now. Having sympathy and compassion for one's self is not only good, it is ideal. Yet, do not indulge in self pity. Rather, summon the courage to boldly go where you have not gone before. The time to do so has come. Shifts, changes, challenges and disruptions both within and without are meant to lead you to more solid ground.

CAPRICORN (DEC 22 – JAN 19)

The time has come to embark on a journey within. How you choose to do so is up to you. Keeping your health in mind will guide your choices with wisdom. You may also yearn for variety of approach and perspective. Yet, with the stakes as high as they are now you may be far from feeling frivolous. Take your time now to weigh your options carefully before you commit.

AQUARIUS (JAN 20 – FEB 19)

Exploring new horizons requires more focus and concentration. A patient determination to cultivate your personal power and bring it to new heights is important now. This includes learning and gathering new tools and the discipline to do so. Allow the support, challenge and encouragement of others to inspire deliberate action. Honour your own style and allow your individuality to shine all the while.

PISCES (FEB 20 – MAR 20)

Expanding your scope of power requires a new state of balance. As you set your intentions to slowly but surely commit to ascension processes where you will gain new powers and responsibilities, circumstances will shift to support your focus. Do not resist the changes now as the pressures of change will build and push through in the end anyway. Explore the possibilities for new creative expressions of your power. Vision!

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ALL RECOVERY STORIES
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SPECIAL TO THE DRIFTWOOD

Post-traumatic stress disorder

Research links PTSD and alcohol and drug addiction

Trauma can be defined as any event that overwhelms a person's perceived ability to cope, debilitates one through a central loss of control and creates the necessity for psychological defenses — whether physically or emotionally inflicted.

In psychiatry, "trauma" has assumed a different meaning and refers to an experience that is emotionally painful, distrustful or shocking and which often results in lasting mental and physical effects.

In World War I, the term "shell shock" was used to describe the horrendous effects of battle on some soldiers. Confined to a "no-man's land" in the trenches, underground bunkers on the ocean or in the air, soldiers were accosted by the relentless high decibel noise of weaponry and constant threat of death. The symptoms of battle fatigue were documented as uncontrollable shaking, contorted facial muscles, facial tics and what appeared to be irrational behaviour. Suicide was often the only answer to their inescapable hell. We know now that these symptoms were due to trauma and not due to a scorned "weak character" as was assumed.

Long after the experience of war, veterans were prone to experience extreme reactions to seemingly innocuous events such as fireworks displays that simulated the horror of a barrage of gunfire and explosions. As a result, they could be psychologi-

cally catapulted back into the original traumatic situation and re-experience the same extreme body reactions known as flash-backs. Many veterans never regained a solid foothold in civilian life. Anxiety, depression and various physical infirmities often led to alcohol and drug abuse and suicide. Due to limited understanding, there was limited help available.

Later, these reactions to horrific circumstances that affect our biological and psychological make-up were termed "trauma." The condition began to receive the attention that it deserved and was labelled "post-traumatic stress disorder."

Mental health experts began to acknowledge the same symptoms in victims of natural disasters such as earthquakes, tornadoes, floods and serious accidents. Not until the latter part of the 70's and the 1980s were the effects of trauma from domestic violence recognized as having the same symptoms as war veterans and survivors of natural disasters.

Cheryl Bell-Gadsby, M.A., R.C.C., psychotherapist and director of adult services for Salt Spring and Southern Gulf Island Community Services (SSGICS), specializes in the causes, symptoms and psychobiological effects of trauma.

Closer attention was given to the results of trauma in child sexual abuse victims as recently as the 1980s. Later, the effects of adult rape and other life-threatening events was given due concern and included in the diagnostic criteria of the fourth edition of the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders (DSM IV).

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A new "16-step" women's support group has been functioning successfully since it began on Salt Spring Island in April 2009.

The group is based on the book called *Many Roads, One Journey*, written by psychologist and author Dr. Charlotte Kasl.

"There was a real need for a women's group on Salt Spring that focuses on recovery and empowerment," explains organizer Naomi Syrenne.

The group makes it clear that there is no leader or facilitator. The chair position is based on a rotation system and all decisions are made through a

process of group conscience. Helpful handouts are circulated, focusing discussion and sharing on the 16-step format.

The group is available to women of every race, religion, ideology and sexual preference who seek to commune with other women to expand their definition of self, to heal from addiction, abuse, racism, sexism, trauma and patriarchy.

This is a group where women are free to recover their wholeness and discover their bliss.

Growth and confidence can come from open, honest sharing of personal stories combined with the application of the principles of the 16 steps. As well, the group gathers for creativity night, clothing swaps and occasional potlucks.

Childcare is available to enable those with children to attend groups while knowing their children are safe and close by.

A meaningful bonding occurs for women in this safe environment. Joining together in an atmosphere of fun and self-expression on creativity night helps to explore the often-neglected inner child.

There is no particular religious affiliation to the group, but a broad spectrum of spiritual attitudes is included. Inspirational affirmations help to validate and confirm the power of self-healing and the true nature of women.

Cheryl Bell-Gadsby, director of adult services for the Salt Spring and Southern Gulf Islands Community Services Society, commented on the

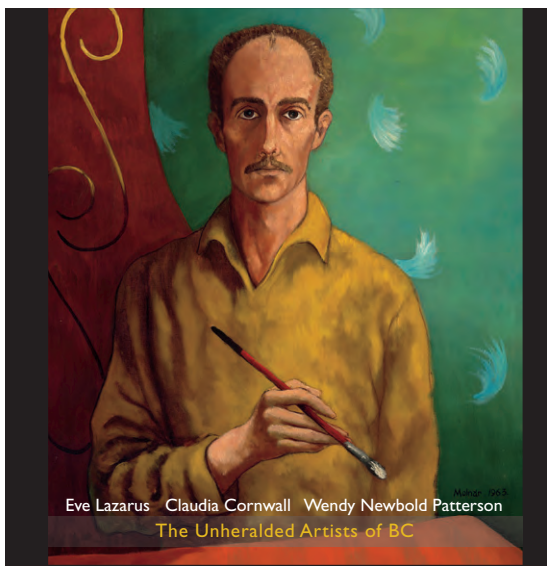
new group. "It's fabulous. It builds on the strengths and aspects of self that get eclipsed by trauma and abuse. This group helps women reclaim a stronger sense of self."

The need for more groups and workshops to help women in their recovery process is emphasized. All endeavours would be based on donations of time and expertise, as there is no funding available.

Women who are passionate about creating new resources are encouraged to get involved.

The group is held every Wednesday from 7 to 8:30 p.m. on the second floor of the Core Inn.

For more information, call Naomi Syrenne at 250-538-8011.



RESOURCES

PTSD/addiction book list offered up for more help

Following are some books Helani Davison recommends for the journey of recovery.

- *In The Realm of Hungry Ghosts*: Dr. Gabor Mate looks at the epidemic of addictions and tells us why we are prone to them and what is needed to liberate ourselves from their grip.
- *Women, Sex and Addiction, and Many Roads, One Journey*: Dr. Charlette Kasl — Both books offer an in-depth feminist perspective on women and addiction in a patriarchal world.
- *Trauma and Recovery*, Dr. Judith Herman — This is a must read for those

seeking understanding of psychological trauma.

- *Feeding Your Demons: Ancient Wisdom For Resolving Inner Conflict*: Author Tsultrim Allione writes a bold, beautiful and original work that Dr. Carl Jung could only have dreamed of writing.
- *Peace Is Every Step*: Thich Nhat Hanh, (Zen Monk). Forward by H.H. The Dalai Lama. This is a very worthwhile book. It can change individual lives and the life of our society.
- *Radical Acceptance*: Tara Brach, Ph.D: "Believing that something is wrong with us is a deep and tenacious suffering,"

Brach states at the beginning of the book, which offers a path to freedom including day-to-day practical guidance.

- *Waking The Tiger: Healing Trauma*: Peter A. Levine explains our innate capacity to transform overwhelming experiences.
- *PTSD And Addiction*: Jerry Boriskin, Ph.D.: A practical guide for clinicians and counsellors but insightful reading for victims of trauma as well.
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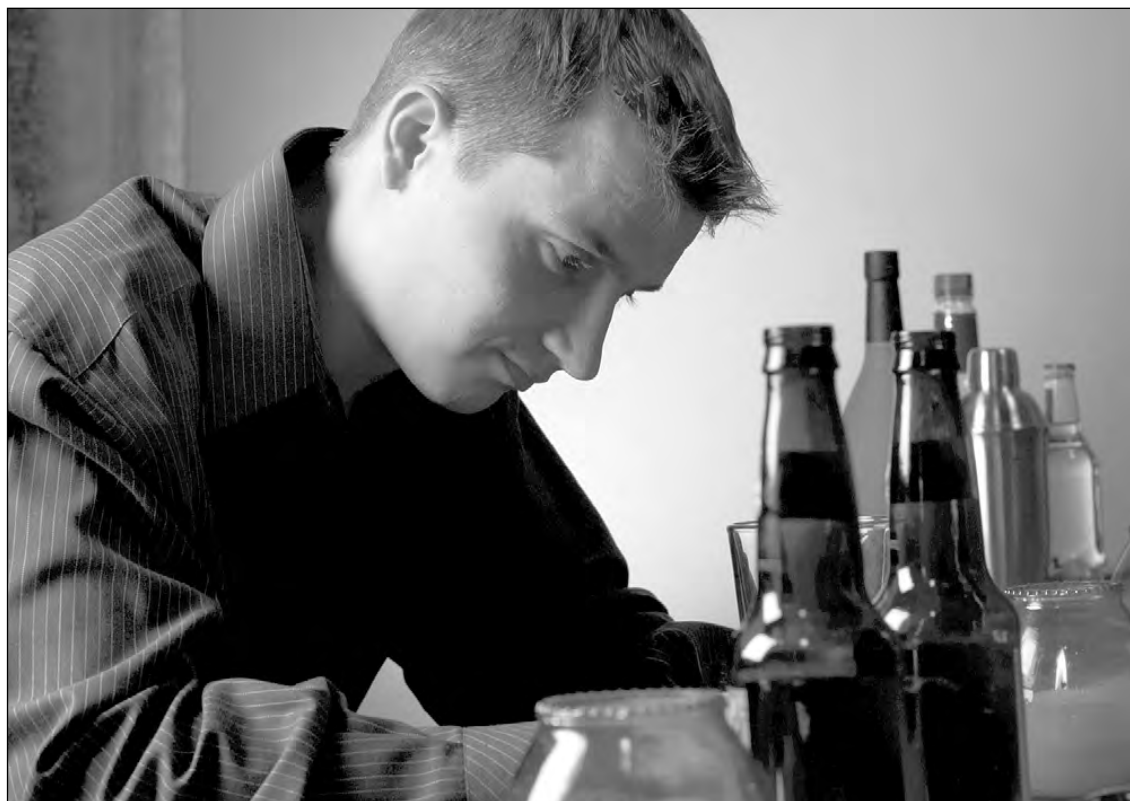
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PTSD sufferers can end up relying on drugs or alcohol in an attempt to cope with their symptoms.

Symptoms can be hard to manage

PTSD

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trauma," says Bell-Gadsby. "Type 1 trauma," is caused by a single incident such as physical or sexual assault or motor vehicle accidents. This level of trauma can also be due to witnessing a single disturbing event. This form of trauma has a beginning, middle and an end."

Bell-Gadsby explains that Type 2 or complex trauma is due to ongoing assault of any kind, including profound neglect and abandonment. Whether the recipient of violence or a witness to ongoing violence, this type of trauma is most devastating and impacts all aspects of one's mind and body, including breaking down of the immune system.

Complex-PTSD better describes the pervasive negative impact of chronic repetitive trauma than does PTSD alone. Complex trauma is multi-layered and the most difficult to treat. Although it is not yet listed in the DSM-IV, it is known as a "disorder of extreme stress, not otherwise specified." Such complex post-traumatic outcomes are thought to arise from severe, prolonged and repeated trauma (Type II) and are almost always of an interpersonal nature. This more complex presentation includes the somatic and dissociative problems described previously, as well as chronic difficulties in identity, boundary awareness, interpersonal relatedness and affect regulation.

Like the war vets, victims of rape and other life-threatening altering events are prone to triggers in daily life. Some of these triggers can be subconscious, but still have an effect on the victim.

Complex trauma can affect brain function and the central nervous system, thought processes and the regulation of emotion.

"Our human potential is inhibited," Bell-Gadsby explains. "This includes our sense of self, relationships, socialization, career and finances.

"The brain mediates threat with a set of predictable neurobiological, neuroendocrine and neuropsychological responses. These responses may include different survival strategies, ranging from fighting or fleeing to giving up or surrendering," Bell-Gadsby continued.

A myriad of other effects of trauma disrupt normal life, depending on the extent and length of the experience.

Because these symptoms are difficult to manage on a daily basis, many trauma sufferers turn to alcohol and other drugs in an attempt to re-regulate emotions and cope with the hardships of living. In turn, these compulsive activities act as high-voltage stressors with family breakups, poverty, homelessness, unemployment, and legal and health issues. Loss, struggle, futility and self-blame can be crippling. Self-esteem and self-confidence plummet. By using any maladaptive behaviour to cope, victims simply mask the original problem and develop another one in addiction.

Dealing with a concurrent disorder is immensely challenging. As the addictive behaviour escalates, life stressors become more threatening and overwhelming. Trying to climb out of the abyss of despair without drugs requires a complete inner transformation of thoughts and beliefs and the use of special skills in coping and regulating out-of-control emotions.

By using any maladaptive behaviour to cope, victims simply mask the original problem and develop another one in addiction.

Workaholics, excessive busyness, isolation and even addictive and disruptive love relationships can be used to avoid dealing with underlying issues that are too painful to face. If the addicted individual succeeds in dealing with their addiction, but does not resolve underlying psychological issues, new addictive behaviours may occur or the individual may continue to live in great emotional distress and chaos.

"When the primary attachment to a parent or caregiver is broken or never formed, we are left with constant raw emotions that are difficult to live with. There is a fear that once the Pandora's Box is opened, we will become overwhelmed and go off the deep end and not come back," says Bell-Gadsby.

"The dynamics of recovery from substance abuse and sexual trauma are similar; they share the coping strategies of denial, minimiz-

ing, silence, isolation, helplessness, shame, guilt, low self-esteem, and countless attempts to control/fix the situation, which, instead perpetuates the cycles and patterns they want so desperately to break."

A high percentage of chemical addicts suffer from underlying unresolved trauma issues. Of these, one in three sufferers of PTSD are women. One in six are men. Bell-Gadsby explains that incidents of child sexual abuse and witnessing of abuse are under-reported, especially when the victims are men. There is still a huge stigma in breaking the silence around these issues. When faulty coping strategies become chronic, it is most difficult to treat.

Children who have been neglected or abandoned often feel undeserving of love. This immense fear can result in mistrust in adulthood, an inability to bond and form intimate relationships, isolation and loneliness. Most of the youth who are on the street have left home due to abuse and violence. Many then get hooked into drugs and the sex trade as a result of trying to fend for themselves, without adequate education, housing, support or preparation for life on their own. It is estimated that over 90 per cent of sex trade workers are from abusive backgrounds and have experienced sexual exploitation in childhood.

"In my work at Community Services, I see many people coming for help whose lives are in constant crisis. While individuals experience many common symptoms and effects of trauma, each therapist has to be a bit of a detective to figure out what's going on. Each person's experience is unique to them."

Bell-Gadsby explains that, "SSICS has only one .95 general counselling position to service Salt Spring Island and the Southern Gulf Islands, and zero funding for any specialized treatment of PTSD/complex trauma, which is one of our most common issues to deal with."

As of February 2008, the consulting psychiatrist has increased his hours at Community Services from half a day to two days a week due to an increased need of the chronic and persistent client base and Salt Spring's homeless population.

"As we are not a 'designated' mental health facility, even though we function as such," says Bell-Gadsby, "we are not funded to provide the level of service that is needed to treat the many PTSD clients who come to us."

Treatment options suggested

The practice of being still is one method

There are numerous approaches to treatment of trauma and addiction.

Addiction treatment centres rarely address underlying trauma, so individuals must find a methodology that works for them that is also affordable.

While trauma sufferers and addicts attempt to find relief from their pain through distraction, stimulation and numbing, an effective way of dealing with symptoms is to practise being in stillness and silence with one's self and learning to overcome the fear of being overwhelmed.

Practising focussed breath work throughout the day can be a helpful means of stress reduction. Several meditation groups offer instruction and support.

Books on related topics also offer meaningful benefits on the personal journey into recovery — see the recommended book list on Page B2.

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Fulford Open Mike Night.
With Dale and Dave at the Fulford Inn on Thursdays.
Blues Night.
With Tom & Matt. At Moby's. 8-11 p.m.

Fri. Nov. 20

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT
Big Al & Tubob.
Live music at the Harbour House Hotel. 6:30 to 9 p.m.
James Conway.
Live music at Moby's. 8 to 11 p.m.
ACTIVITIES
Health, Wellness & Eco-Sustainability Fair Gala Evening.
Guest speaker Michael Colgan on healthy aging, slide show of Jack Rosen's Alaska kayak trip, local organic tapas and refreshments. Harbour House Hotel. 5:30-8:30 p.m.

ACTIVITIES
Bring Back the Bluebirds to Salt Spring.
Talk and slide show to introduce the SS Bluebird Recovery Program. At Community Gospel Chapel. 7:30 p.m.

Fri. Nov. 20

ACTIVITIES
Library StoryTime: Celebrate Canadian Children's Book Week.
Special guests: Margriet Ruurs, award-winning author, and her friend Emma will read Emma's Eggs and other stories. For children in early grades and preschoolers. 1 p.m. at the library.
Rollerblading.
Fridays at Fulford Hall. 7:30 to 9 p.m.

Sat. Nov. 21

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT
Vaughn Fulford and the Folke Fiendes.
Live music at the Harbour House Hotel. 6:30 to 9 p.m.
ACTIVITIES
Health, Wellness & Eco-Sustainability Fair.
Keynote presentations, products, demos and samples, door prizes, local food, music and more. Farmers Institute. 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Christmas Bazaar.
Crafts, gourmet items, jewellery and more, plus lunch. All Saints By-the-Sea. 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Mother Tongue Book Launch.
Reading and celebration for The Life & Art of Frank Molnar, Jack Hardman, LeRoy Jensen by Eva Lazarus, Claudia Cornwall and Wendy Newbold Patterson. Mahon Hall. 7:30 p.m.
Seed Sanctuary of Canada.
Open house at Sunnyhill Farm, 346 Stark's Rd. Meet in the main barn, 2-4 p.m.
Argentine Tango Milonga.
All Saints Anglican Church at 9 p.m. Newcomers welcome! Info: Karen Pedersen, 250-653-4589.

Sun. Nov. 22

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT
Phil Vernon - CD Release Concert.
At Lions Hall. 7:30 p.m.
Scrooge Meets the Duke!
See Saturday's listing at ArtSpring, except the time is at 2 p.m.
The Barley Brothers.
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Wanda Nowicki & Friends.
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ACTIVITIES
Health, Wellness & Eco-Sustainability Fair.
See Saturday listing. Farmers Institute. 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
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Mon. Nov. 23

ACTIVITIES
SSI Restorative Justice Program.
Meeting at the Core Inn, 3rd floor. 7 p.m.
Life Drawing.
Mondays at the Core Inn upstairs. 1 to 3:30 p.m. Info: Jose Campbell, 250-537-1121.
PARC.
Regular monthly meeting at the Portlock Park portable. 7 p.m.
Tues. Nov. 24
LIVE ENTERTAINMENT
The Nylons Christmas Show.
Celebrate the holiday season. ArtSpring. 7:30 p.m.
ACTIVITIES
PARC Strategic Plan.
Open house at Lions Hall from 4 to 8 p.m. presentations at 5 and 7 p.m. SWOVA AGM. At 344 Lower Ganges Road. 7 p.m.
Scholastic Book Sale Browse Day
SIMS Library, 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Wed. Nov. 25

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT
Yegor Dyachkov.
Gifted young Canadian cellist, accompanied by Jean Saulnier. ArtSpring. 8 p.m., with pre-concert chat at 7 p.m.
ACTIVITIES
SS Prostate Cancer Support Group.
Dr. Bob Crossland talks on The Patient-Doctor Team at the Farmers Institute. 1:30 p.m. (Note Wednesday date rather than the usual Tuesday meeting.)
Lecture on Scams, Fraud & Identity Theft.
Victim Services' coordinator Kimberly Lineger gives a free presentation at SS Seniors Services. 2 p.m.
Conversations on Youth Under 29.
Panel speakers and discussions on adequate housing, adequate food, exploitation and additions, presented by Vancouver Island University's Faces of Addiction Group. GISS multi-purpose room. 6-8 p.m.
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A special Advance Screening of New Moon will be held on Thur. Nov. 19th at 10:15PM; pre-sold tickets only from Salt Spring Books!

EXHIBITIONS

- **Fundraising Exhibition for the Unheralded Artists of B.C. Series** — A Mother Tongue Publishing event featuring art by Jack Akroyd, Unity Bainbridge, Gordon Caruso, LeRoy Jensen and more. Opens Saturday, Nov. 21 and runs daily at Mahon Hall through Nov. 28.
- **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.
- **Louis Renaud** shows photographs at **Island Savings Credit Union.**
- **Photos** by Shari Macdonald grace the walls at **Jana's Bake Shop.**

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Arts & Entertainment



CD RELEASE

Kitale Road gets concert night for launch

Reviews great in advance of Lions Hall gathering

Salt Spring Island songwriter Phil Vernon is inviting islanders to help celebrate the release of his latest recording at a CD release concert at the Lions Hall this Sunday evening, Nov. 22.

The album marks the completion of a gradual return to songwriting and performance for Vernon, who's been active in the community in other ways since moving to the island 10 years ago.

The new release, entitled *Kitale Road*, is his first full-length recording in over 20 years, and follows on several single releases on the topic of food sovereignty and genetically engineered foods, notably *The Ballad of Percy Schmeiser and GE Free*.

According to Vernon, the new album is as much about the strength of community as it is about his work as a musician.

"I wouldn't be singing these songs if it weren't for the encouragement of many, many people: folks who came up and thanked me, saying how important it is that these songs be written — and sung. I've grown immensely as a singer and songwriter over the last few years, too, thanks



Salt Spring's Phil Vernon.

to the generous support and mentoring of some great musicians who live on the island."

Advance copies of the CD have been making the rounds, and reviews are enthusiastic, says press material. Essentially a storyteller through song, Vernon is at home in a folk tradition that brings people together: creating a sense of connection from the details of an individual story outward, to an awareness of our shared humanity.

"The clarity of the recording and simplicity of the arrangements — solo guitar and vocals on many tracks, with additional instrumentation sparingly introduced on others — give an intimate feel to the album, accentuated by the honesty of the lyrics."

"Over the past few years I learned a lot, working in various studio settings," said Vernon, "and in the end I decided to keep it simple and go for a live feel."

The title song *Kitale Road* is one of several that come out of Vernon's recent experiences in Kenya, while other songs tell more local stories: the WSANEC People's traditional salmon fishery, an accident in high-rise construction, the Murakami family's struggle to rebuild a life on Salt Spring following internment during WWII.

Still other songs offer a lighter perspective on life, from the con-

templation of asteroids to the benefits of travelling by rocking chair. And local proponents of "safe food" will be glad to know that Vernon's song *Red Fife* about the heritage wheat has a place on the new album, featuring the artistry of ZAV RT on fiddola and Victoria virtuoso Oliver Swain on string bass, banjo and backing vocals.

For the concert, Vernon will be performing songs from the new album as well as premiering new work, including a tribute to Salt Spring's first school teacher John Craven Jones.

And, by popular demand, a few of the Woody Guthrie tunes that were such a hit at his last concert at the Lions Hall in May will also be played.

Showtime is 7:30 p.m., with doors open at 7, and snacks, desserts, tea and coffee available, along with some fabulous door prizes. Copies of the CD will be there for sale.

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HEALTH

Friday night gala features Colgan and Rosen

Headline guests for the Friday night Health, Wellness and Eco-Sustainability Gala have been announced for an exciting kick-off to weekend events on Salt Spring.

Dr. Michael Colgan, an internationally acclaimed researcher, author and lecturer who lives on Salt Spring Island, will speak on healthy aging, describing the latest research in brain activity related to aging, at the Harbour House event.

Jack Rosen, co-owner of Island Escapades, will also give a slide show of images from his kayak trip to Alaska undertaken earlier this year.

In between, people can enjoy local organic tapas, socializing and the cash bar.

Tickets are \$25 in advance at Salt Spring Books or through www.HealYourBody.ca, or \$30 at the door.

Then on Saturday and Sunday

at the Farmers Institute, various health-related groups and vendors will merge for the multi-faceted Health, Wellness and Eco-Sustainability Fair from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. both days.

People who attend the Friday-night gala also get a weekend pass to the fair.

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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

CONCERTS

Getting into the spirit at The Nylons Christmas Show

Participation welcome

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Singing voices and dancing shoes are the recommended accessories when The Nylons return to the ArtSpring stage on Tuesday, Nov. 24, but Santa hats and light-up earrings will also fit in fine.

The Nylons are back on Salt Spring following several sell-out concerts in the past, most recently as headliners for the Pride events in September 2007. On the phone from Toronto, founding member Claude Morrison explained why the internationally famous group is looking forward to returning to Salt Spring's more intimate audience.

"I'm always happy to come back to B.C. in general — people are so good to us and we have a really great fan base there that's going back 30 years. Salt Spring in particular is really, really charming, so it's always nice to come back," Morrison said.

Since last seen on our shores, Morrison said the group has both "conquered new worlds" and continued to "bring music to the faithful" with a busy touring schedule that has included Europe.

In the new year, The Nylons have a number of gigs that demonstrate their continuing growth as artists, as they get ready to perform with several symphonies across North America.

They are currently in rehearsals with the Winnipeg Symphony Orchestra for a three-night run this January. As Morrison noted,



NYLONS PRESS PHOTO

The Nylons sell out whenever they're in town, so get your tickets for the Nov. 24 show at ArtSpring now.

the project is a terrific challenge for a four-member group that normally sings without accompaniment to suddenly perform with 60 musicians behind them. But it is a marker of The Nylons talent that they continue to win new fans from all generations after three decades as a group.

The Nylons have also been in the recording studio, taking time when they can to work on a new album set to release in summer 2010. Morrison describes the new recording as featuring some more

contemporary songs, including the reggae-vibed soul tune called I'm Yours by Jason Mraz and KT Tunstall's hit single Suddenly I See. These new favourites will most likely be heard by the local audience next Tuesday, along with a cross section of some of The Nylons' more traditional crowd pleasers like The Lion Sleeps Tonight.

The show's holiday segment will give the group the rare chance to sing some material they don't normally do, as well as fun pos-

sibilities for their famed theatrical staging.

"We don't get a chance very often to sing Christmas songs — it's only a few weeks of the year," Morrison said. "When you pull them out there's some very good ones."

One the audience might not know but that he's particularly proud of is What Does Christmas Mean to Me, a song that Morrison co-wrote. The singer explained that because the group records and performs material written by great artists like Stevie Wonder and

Sometimes kids bring their parents and their grandparents, sometimes it's the other way around.

CLAUDE MORRISON
Founding member

Billy Joel, anything they produce themselves must be held to the same high standard.

"If it goes on the album it's not because it's ours but because it's good," Morrison said.

While holiday songs provide nice opportunities to explore the group's delightful four-part harmonies, there's also room for audience participation.

"That's one of the wonderful things about Christmas material. It just lends itself to people singing along. After all, we have all the microphones," Morrison joked.

"This is definitely a family show," Morrison said. "Sometimes kids bring their parents and their grandparents, sometimes it's the other way around. Basically it's just a good time — that's the objective."

Funds raised at the concession for the Salt Spring show will benefit the local chapter of PFLAG. Tickets are \$27.50 or \$25 for seniors and students, available at ArtSpring. The show starts at 8 p.m.

MOVIES

Negotiations lead to New Moon rising at The Fritz at same time

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Even if the names Bella and Edward haven't yet soaked into your consciousness, images of the dark and thrilling West Coast romance have likely begun to penetrate as Twilight fandom pitches to a frenzy.

The upcoming premiere of New Moon, the second film based on the tremendously popular book series about a girl and her vampire boyfriend, has provoked media attention rivalling H1N1.

Local fans of the series will be thrilled to learn

they can be among the first in Canada to see New Moon when it opens at a special 10:15 p.m. screening that begins on the evening of Thursday, Nov. 19. The news is a surprising turn of events for Fritz Movie Theatre owner Michael Levy, who was originally told that Salt Spring would have to wait several weeks to get the film — an unthinkable prospect for fans.

Levy said he had been in discussions with E1, New Moon's distribution company, for the past month trying to secure a print for the film's national opening. In most places, distributors require

that theatres show a new film seven days a week with at least three screenings per day. Large distributors for films produced by Sony, Warner Brothers and Paramount have waived the seven-day agreement to allow The Fritz to show premieres of films from the Harry Potter series and the latest Indiana Jones.

"I was on the point of agreeing to 17 shows — a sort of preposterous number," Levy said. But when the theatre owner realized he couldn't logistically meet their terms, E1's answer was that he couldn't have the print.

Levy was then reminded that New Moon was rumoured to have had a Salt Spring location. That information was enough for Levy to try one last time.

He ended up with a surprisingly rapid and positive response. Distributor E1 agreed that The Fritz could premiere New Moon with just two added screenings.

Besides the special Nov. 19 event, the film will run from Nov. 20 to 25.

However, although a film crew was rumoured to be earlier in the year, according to Michael LeGresley, assistant location manager for New Moon, no filming actually took place on Salt Spring.

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FOLK CLUB

Kaldor's 2-for-1 show wows folk club

Packed crowd goes home satisfied with openers and headliner

BY TANYA LESTER
DRIFTWOOD CONTRIBUTOR

Big voice. Big sense of humour. Big heart. Great musician and song writer. Contemporary folk artist amazon.

Connie Kaldor lit up the Salt Spring Folk Club stage at its November concert. It was a return performance prompted by a survey in which the Folk Club asked audiences to recommend the musician they would most like to come back.

Kaldor strode onto the Fulford Hall stage and compared coming into the south-end ferry terminal to journeying into the Lord of the Rings. There is always a little rain so it is even more enticing when the sun appears, she said.

She also mentioned another treat involving the Folk Club: "I get to have a sound man (Valdy) that's way more famous than I am and I get introduced by someone (Bill Henderson) who's way

more famous than I am," she said.

With husband Paul Campagne of Hart Rouge playing back-up for her, Kaldor introduced him as producer of her CD (her latest, Postcards From The Road) and "co-producer" of her two sons.

By then, she had already launched into humorous chatter alluding to how society and the advertising industry make us feel inadequate.

"You're not good enough if you don't have the right kind of duster," she said. "You're incomplete without a partner . . . and E-Harmony (an online dating service)."

At this point, a friend sitting next to me was convinced that Kaldor has a good enough sense of humour to have a successful career as a comedian alone.

She never heard Kaldor sing before. She was not prepared for the 2-for-the-price-of-1 aspect of what this artist has to offer.

No matter what Kaldor does on stage, she does not disappoint. That, of course, includes her music.

Her voice in fan favourites such as Wood River

is huge and soulful. It is as big and mystical as the wind blowing across her home province of Saskatchewan.

Kaldor can always make you laugh. After singing about the kind of lover who is a liar and a cheat, she said, "I live in the dream that someday it will be picked up as an election campaign song."

But she can make you cry, too, and move you with her passion. Like when she sang, "If I had all the money in the world, I'd buy every gun in the world and throw them in the sea."

Her story-telling fits right in there with the best in the folk music business.

One instance was when she talked about discovering Saskatoon berry bushes near where she now lives in Quebec. While she sent her children in with plastic pails to pick the berries, a Quebecois passed by asking, "Aren't those poisonous?"

"Yes. Yes, they are," Kaldor responded, deadpanned. "Don't pick them."

Playing the guitar, keyboard and ukulele are also some of her talents.

Kaldor's warm-up act satisfied the crowd, too.

KC Kelly has an attractively deep voice which he varies to bring out its more subtle qualities. He draws out the words that he sings, helping the audience enjoy the effect.

With three CDs under his belt, Kelly has performed on Salt Spring Island for decades. Besides this, his lyrics reflect his years playing in New Orleans's French Quarter:

Why drink water when I can drink wine?/Why give the reaper any more time?

His musical partner, Sandy Proffitt, blends her lovely voice beautifully with Kelly's.

Salt Spring residents are fortunate to have the opportunity to catch both these accomplished musicians in performance on the island often.

Up next on the Folk Club calendar is David Essig and Rick Scott, who together equal a powerhouse of grooving folk music.

People will remember Essig as Islands Trust Council chairperson who represented Thetis Island on the council for many years.

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opening for this dynamic pair. He is bound to get the audience heated up with his Latin American music. Sanchez is recognized, too, for his unique jewellery sold locally at the Saturday market, throughout British Columbia and beyond.

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EXHIBIT IN CALGARY: Salt Spring Islanders Lorna Cameron, left, and Shari Macdonald were in Calgary last week as the Huntington's Society of Canada launched a corporate fundraiser at Artists of the World, featuring "Lorna Living With Huntington's," a collaborative writing/photo exhibit by the two island women. The exhibit — which ran last year on Salt Spring — speaks to Cameron's coming to terms with having Huntington's Disease. It raised over \$5,000 at the fundraising event and continues this week for public viewing at Calgary's Venturion Gallery.

CELEBRATIONS

International Men's Day seeks some positive male role models

Worldwide event gaining

BY ROBERT BIRCH
SPECIAL TO THE DRIFTWOOD

On Thursday, Nov. 19, men from around the globe will celebrate together an evolving male culture based on mutual equality, respect, responsibility and health.

The theme for International Men's Day 2009 is "Positive Male Role Models." Men and their fathers, men's groups, organizations supporting fathers and hopefully many fathers and sons will take time out to consider, celebrate and share what it means to be a well-valued man in today's culture. With so many

crippling media stereotypes, men are encouraged to redefine their masculinity in ways that are supportive of their own health and well-being, of one another, their partners, families and communities.

Not without controversy, the International Men's Day (IMD) attempted to establish itself in the early 1960s as a brother organization of the long-standing and hard-won International Women's Day celebrated on March 8. International Men's Day has now gained world-wide momentum over the past several years.

With the support of other national organizers, Australian IMD coordinator Phil Gouldson has offered the following as the goals of International Men's Day:

- Celebrate manhood and the wonderful positive and valuable contributions our men, young men and boys make to our communities and to our societies
- Promote and sup-

port gender equality, encouraging men to address responsibly and positively the challenges facing them in society

- Demonstrate strength of character and courage in meeting the challenges that men face in society and in contributing to building stronger and better communities, where people can be safe and grow to reach their full potential.

Over the last decade people have honoured International Men's Day by hosting social gatherings, public forums, classroom activities at schools, media programs, at church, marches, awards ceremonies and art projects.

Locally, I, Robert Birch, will be launching a 10-week class for men called Sustainable Masculinity.

The project will begin mid-January and include topics on father-son relationships, health and healing, communication skills, the value and expression of appropriate anger, personal vision and community

service.

Call me at 250-653-0036 or email farm-boy@uvic.ca for more information.

As an international educator in the field of community development, I bring over 20 years of experience to the table.

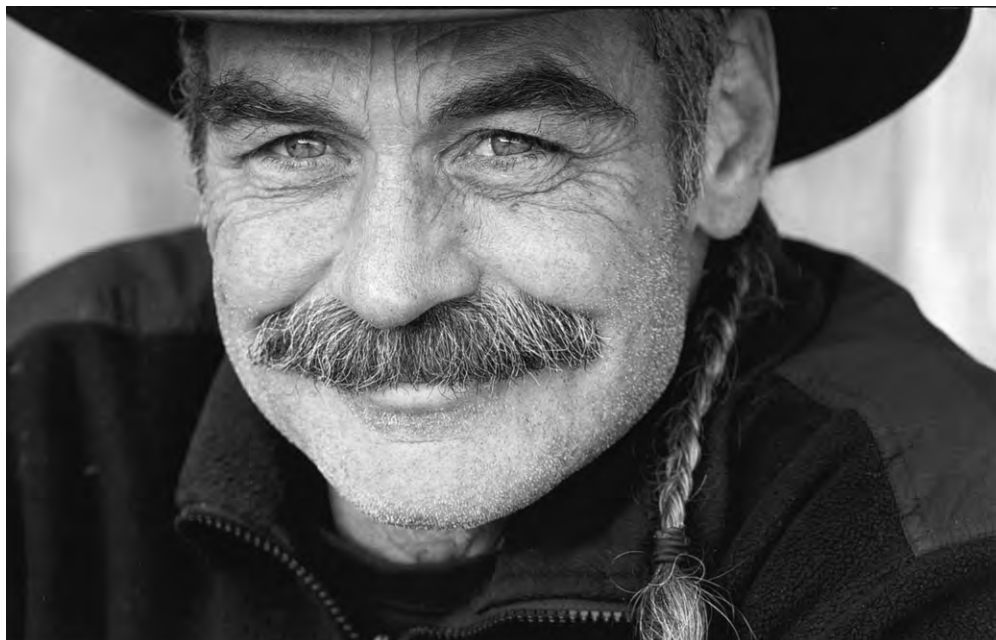
This project is an exciting opportunity for a dynamic group of men to gather on a weekly basis to offer one another encouragement, support and inspiration.

So how can you celebrate the men in your life?

Perhaps you can offer the men in your life a gesture of gratitude for the many gifts he offers, something that goes against the grain of stereotypes, a token of gratitude that lets him know that he is appreciated for being the man he is.

For information, blogs, forums, webcasts, posters, logos and other resources for International Men's Day on Nov. 19, visit the International Men's Day website at www.internationalmensday.com.

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Old-time music mecca comes to Fulford Hall

Exceptional caller and musicians do Nov. 28 barn dance

Islanders are invited to join an all-star old-time band and one of the best callers in North America for a night of dancing at Fulford Hall on Saturday, Nov. 28.

"Dance caller Michael from Portland has organized and called dances from North Carolina to San Francisco and all the way up to our Gulf Islands," explains a press release about the event.

"He's an exceptional caller and will guide you through the dancing. Folk dancing, square dancing, old-time

social dancing, la danse folklorique — call it what you will — it's all part of the plan to get families and communities moving together in musical celebration."

No dance experience is necessary to participate.

The band for the evening will feature some of the best old-time musicians in the Pacific Northwest, with Jason Romero, Pharis Romero, Coral Nast and Kelly Sherwin, plus some special island guests on banjo, guitar, fiddle and bass.

Music begins at around 7:30 p.m. Fiddleworks will be providing the concession for the evening.

Admission is \$10 at the door, \$8 for the unwaged and seniors, and \$20 for a family.

ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

ON STAGE

Victorian Christmas brings out the best in youth performers

Show runs from Mayne Island to Duncan to Salt Spring

BY TANYA LESTER
DRIFTWOOD CONTRIBUTOR

The Salt Spring Island Fiddlers are doing their part once again this year to ensure the islands can savour traditional entertainment with the remounting of their play A Victorian Christmas.

Besides uplifting violin music, the play's second act emulates a Victorian parlour party with someone reading a poem, another doing a dance and homemade treats prepared by the group's parents.

"At some point, you start feeling that warm feeling that Christmas is coming," said Carolyn Hatch, who is the fiddlers' teacher.

"I think this started the magic for people who were there last year."

Many among those who watched from the audience seats in 2008 give the musical rave reviews.

"Well, I think the performance over all, the skillfulness, was just unreal," Jim Wlasitz said. "It's so wonderful to see such a young group . . . It's like waiting to see a flower bloom. You see it budding."

Jean Knight, an accomplished violinist, enjoyed A Victorian Christmas so much that she offered to play for the concert this year.

"I love to see the children playing," Knight said.

It is a Christmas concert, like its predecessor, the Newman Family's Scrooge, put on "by the people on Salt Spring Island."

Some of the youth who performed last year have gone on to university and other pursuits.

This means there will be a number of younger children in the play replacing them this year, said Kim Hunter, who coordinates the production.

Hatch believes staging an event like this one is "a good stage experience" for her students because it takes them beyond playing the violin to performing with song, acting and speaking in front of an audience.

No matter what one goes on to do in life, most of us will have to stand up in front of an audience at one time or another, she said. Also important is the opportunity for them to bond as friends, which is something that can continue for a lifetime.

Last year, staging the play was part of fundraising events that helped pay the way for the Salt Spring Island Fiddlers to perform in New York City.

One trip highlight was meeting and exchanging musical performances with the music students at Opus 118 in Harlem. The group and Roberta Guaspari, who co-founded it, inspired a Hollywood movie called Music of the Heart starring Meryl Streep. Among their many high-profile performances was playing at the Children's Inaugural Ball when Barack Obama was sworn in as the United States' president.

"Our goal is to transform the lives of our students," states the group's website.

Another awe-inspiring experience was playing at the United Nations, said Kaya Hunter, a senior player with the Salt Spring Island Fiddlers. She really enjoyed watching people from Ireland stop and spontaneously break out into their country's traditional dance while her group played Irish music.

When entering the United Nations building, everything was checked, including all instruments, as border guards do when someone is entering a country. The Salt Spring musicians happened to set up in front of the Holocaust commemoration display in the massive lobby that is the equivalent of several city blocks in length. Delegates from many countries stopped to enjoy their fiddling.

Kaya Hunter said just as much fun was something that happened when they were travelling on the subway with their instruments.

A man pulled out a clarinet and played for them. Before leaving, he responsibly warned them not to talk to strangers.

This year, proceeds from the play will go into a tour fund. When there is sufficient money, the fiddlers plan to go on another tour to an exotic place, which could be Hawaii, Costa Rico or Mexico.

No less enjoyable, though, is the island-hopping tour that they will once again do with A Victorian Christmas.

"We go on boats, people love it and then you get to come home and sleep in your own bed," Hatch said. "People who have seen it before will get to see how the children have grown."

The Salt Spring Island Fiddlers' production of A Victorian Christmas will be performed at the Mayne Island Agricultural Hall on Friday, Nov. 27, in Duncan at the Providence Hall chapel on Thursday, Dec. 3 and at ArtSpring on Sunday, Dec. 6.

All shows begin at 7 p.m. and tickets are \$15 for adults and \$10 for children.

The Salt Spring show tickets are on sale at ArtSpring. Contact Kim Hunter at 250-538-0246 for ticket sale information for the other performance locations.

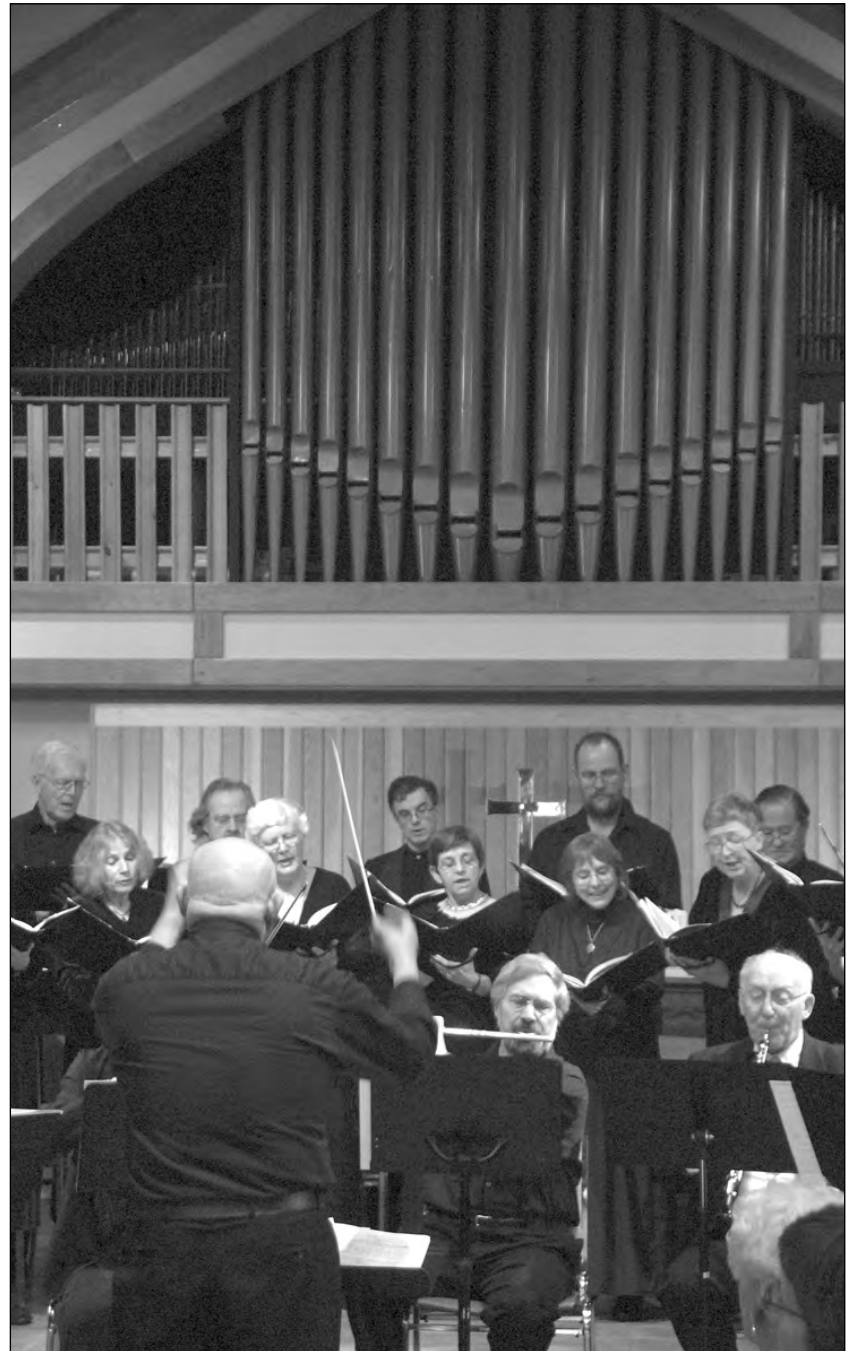


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MUSICAL EVENT: Performers in Bach on the Rock entertain a crowd at All Saints By-the-Sea. The show ran Saturday night and Sunday.

CONCERTS

Canadian a cappella gem of a choir set to thrill

Hexaphone plays at SS United Church next weekend

Hexaphone, Victoria's six-member a cappella vocal ensemble, presents Sixth Sense at the Salt Spring United Church next Sunday, Nov. 29.

"Enjoy the variety of textures, sounds and sensations of inti-

mate vocal chamber music with earthy folk songs, rich harmonies and soothing romantic part songs," urges press material. "Featuring compositions by Raminsh, Pizzetti, Komorous, Brahms, Whitacre, Fairbank and Overman with a helping of 'lollipops' and lighter fare, this fresh program is certain to breeze in and delight your senses."

Hexaphone is Carolyn Howe (soprano),

Arlene Overman (alto), John Doughty (tenor), Michael Zastre (tenor), Nicholas Fairbank (baritone) and Paul Boughen (bass).

Hexaphone was formed in 2002 with the goal of performing diverse styles of vocal music, one voice to a part. Called "Canada's only professional vocal sextet," (Colin Miles, Canadian Music Centre) it has become a highlight of Victoria's choral scene, singing music of many styles and periods, with a particular focus on new Canadian works. Hexaphone is regularly invited to perform at arts events, including the Victoria Symphony's New Currents Festival, the Voice++ Festival and the New Music In New Places concert series sponsored by the Canadian Music Centre.

In 2008, Hexaphone was chosen to premiere Five Songs for B.C., a new work commissioned by the Canadian Music Centre celebrating B.C.'s 150th anniversary.

The Salt Spring concert begins at 3 p.m.

Admission is \$15 for adults, \$12 for students and free for children 12 and under.

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Inspired by nature, this home demonstrates an exceptional blending of indoor and outdoor spaces.

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Flat grained dark stained fir floors, black accented windows and a kitchen with a rock cooking alcove that echoes the natural rock fireplace in the great room show the warmth of traditional European influences.

The French doors that lead from the great room to the expansive patios fold back to completely open the home to the magic of the natural landscape. French doors from the dining room lead to an outdoor room with a fireplace while another French door opens the luxurious master suite to the patios and a hot tub, making the entire home one with nature.



PHOTOS BY JOHN CAMERON

CARE Awards has Wilco Construction seeing silver

Strong team relies on great local tradespeople

If the housing and construction sector ran into a tougher-than-expected year, brothers Trevor and Ian Wilson haven't had much of a chance to notice.

The co-owners of Salt Spring-based Wilco Construction Ltd. capped another stellar year and picked up no fewer than six silver awards at the 2009 CARE gala held at Victoria's Fairmont Empress Hotel in early October.

"We're working in a different price point," said Trevor Wilson. "The people with the millions are still building."

Based on the list of fellow winners and the lengthy number of nominees in contention for this year's awards, demand for custom-built homes throughout the Vancouver Island region is still healthy.

Wilco Construction Ltd. won two silvers for homes in the Best Single Family Detached Home (between \$1 and \$3 million) category, a silver award for Best Outdoor Living Space (\$400,000

to \$1 million), one for the Best Kitchen (over 300 square feet), another for Best Custom Millwork (under 4,500 square feet) and one for Best Residential Renovation or Restoration (\$400,000 to \$1 million.)

It's an extensive list of hardware, even for a company that's held its own with the region's most well-known names in the industry ever since Wilco earned two silver awards and the coveted People's Choice Award back in 2007. In 2008, the company brought home three silvers.

Many of the company's spectacular homes have been featured in magazines like Beautiful New Homes, Canadian Interiors, Western Living, Cottage Magazine and In Style.

"It's nice to get recognized for the third year in a row," Wilson said. "It's a tough area to compete in and we're proud that we got recognized."

While the company's commitment to quality and customer satisfaction hasn't changed since Wilco was founded in 1984, Trevor says he's noticed a lot more customers want to incorporate greener features when it comes to building their dream home.

Elements like heat pumps, geothermal energy, sustainably

sourced building materials and local timber have all become commonplace in the lexicon of people who want to build in the region.

Whereas the demand for homes in excess of 3,000 square feet was once commonplace, Wilson has noticed people aiming for the same high-quality design elements in a smaller footprint.

Regardless of a home's size, the majority of clients are still on the lookout for a home that incorporates privacy, stunning vistas and the region's signature West Coast contemporary design.

Wilson credits his company's success to the availability of so many talented Salt Spring tradespeople contracted to work on company projects on Salt Spring and Vancouver island.

A close working relationship with many talented local companies has allowed Trevor and his brother to make a habit of finding the right people for the job.

"Without them we are nothing," he said "They're the ones who do all the work."

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The interior inspires awe with its soaring 16-foot vaulted ceiling framing the ocean and treetops of Salt Spring Island. It also comforts with its warm touches like cosy window seats, a high efficiency wood burning rock fireplace and extensive use of custom wood cabinetry and fir trim.

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courtyard garden completely bath with an aging tub and shower undisturbed.

The challenges were multifold – each one overcome with an elegant solution. The living room floor was dropped 2.6 feet to create a level entry from the foyer. The dark rock and fir fireplace was replaced with an energy efficient gas fireplace with a polished marble surround. A dingy

combination was transformed into a wondrous marble tiled bath with custom cabinetry, built-in linen storage and a luxurious soaker tub. Inside and out, the home is now a harmonious whole that embraces light, space and contemporary comfort.



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ISLAND CHARITY

Salt Spring Foundation's purchase of van gives new spin to seniors excursions

Program adds excitement to travellers' lives

BY PAT BURKETTE
DRIFTWOOD CONTRIBUTOR

Imagine yourself alone at the age of 80, craving company and a view beyond familiar paces and spaces, and you'll understand the importance of the Salt Spring Island Foundation's help in purchasing a Salt Spring Community Services (SSCS) van used for a seniors excursion program.

Generous foundation donors contributed half of the van's purchase price.

Wellness Programs coordinator Sharon Glover, who guides the excursion program, says the van trips give seniors a chance to have a day out off-island and offer socialization and stimulation along the way.

"It's a wonderful, comfortable van," she adds, and is much appreciated by seniors making journeys.

Glover says the excursion program is meant for seniors who are able to manage independently, both mentally, and physically, albeit with a cane or walker.

"We try to reach out to people who are needing some friendly contact. Most of the seniors who have been taking part in the program so far," says Glover, "are eighty years plus."

Van driver Deb Stevenson, excursion program coordinator Anne Sutfin and six senior passengers set out on an excursion once or twice a month.

"We try to plan interesting excursions and make trips between a Monday and a Thursday," explains Glover, "so the seniors can use their Gold Card on the ferries."

Seniors pay their own way on each trip and, for the past couple

of years, a popular trip has been afternoon tea at the Empress Hotel in January.

"It's half price for seniors then," explains Glover.

Seniors themselves actually play a big part in excursion evaluation and planning.

"They fill out an evaluation form every time they go on a trip and assess whether the excursion was successful."

Sutfin says that evaluation forms aside, seniors are quick to express their appreciation for trips.

"It gives seniors who can't get out something to do. One lady, who's in her 90s and bright as a button, said these trips are wonderful for her, especially since she has no close neighbours or family on the island."

The 83-year-old Sutfin has a list of about 60 seniors wanting to make trips.

"I sit down with the list beforehand and try to get people who haven't gone in quite a while."

A recent trip destination is a perennial favourite — the Crow and Gate pub in Cedar on Vancouver Island.

"Deb takes the back roads if she can, to make the drive more interesting," says Sutfin. "We had a great group the last time we went — we were all singing."

When she's asked for a song list, Sutfin says, "Oh, old songs — Down by the Old Mill Stream, Sweet Genevieve and I Been Workin' on the Railroad."

A van full of singing seniors or the sounds of silence? No question, foundation dollars well spent!

For more information on the seniors excursion program, call Sharon Glover at 250-537-4607 or Anne Sutfin at 250-537-0015.

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YOUNG FIRE CHIEFS:

Elementary school children Maxwell Irwin, left, Hannah Lawson and Zoey Johnson (not shown) had the privilege of being honorary fire chiefs for a day last week. Here, two of the youngsters show off their hats and certificates with Salt Spring fire chief Tom Bremner.

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Group grows from supporting the troops to an entire community

BY GWYN STRIKE
SPECIAL TO THE DRIFTWOOD

HMS Ganges Chapter is the sole remaining chapter of the IODE on Salt Spring. When this chapter was "born in war" on Sept. 7, 1914, there were at least three others already in existence. Colonies Chapter was in Fulford, the Lady Franklin was at the north end and Kitchener Chapter was possibly in Vesuvius.

Reading the minute book of the Ganges chapter leaves one wondering how, at a time when large families were the norm and people walked everywhere, they could possibly have managed to hold card parties, concerts, dances, tennis and cricket matches, garden parties, sales of work and garden fetes.

In addition, in one year they knitted 306 pairs of socks, sewed 34 shirts, four vests, 79 pairs of pajamas and 18 hot water bottle covers. Of course, they also knitted and sewed for their own families and this at a time when few, if any, possessed a sewing machine and everything had to be hand sewn. Food parcels and books were also sent to servicemen in Canada and overseas.

In August of 1921, the Ganges chapter spearheaded the decision to erect "a stone of remembrance" to replace the wooden shrine, some of which then became incorporated into the steps of Mahon Hall. They then gathered support from other organizations to raise the money for the present cenotaph now in Centennial Park.

Over the years the little wooden hospital on Ganges Hill, now the Community Services building, was supported by the chapter and an IODE room was furnished. When Lady Minto Hospital was proposed the chapter raised funds for that project and today there is an IODE room in the facility.

In 1924 the chapter provided financial assistance for the opening of the first Girl Guide Company on the island and in 1928 the Boy Scouts were the recipients.

In September 1939 and until the ending of hostilities in 1945, the women again held functions to raise money so they could sew and knit for the armed services and parcels of books, socks, mufflers and other comforts could be

CHRISTMAS GIVING

Time to restock Santa's Workshop shelves and boxes

Islanders asked to demonstrate extra generosity in 2009

It's time to get the wheels turning at Santa's Workshop for another season, and this year the need is greater than ever, says the program's head elf.

Not only are workshop supplies low because the motorcycle group's Toy Run did not happen as usual in September, said Judy Willett, but the number of families in need has increased on Salt Spring Island.

The program sees people donate new or very gently used toys and gifts into marked drop boxes around town, or participate in the CIBC bank's Angel Tree. Boxes are at Country Grocer, Mouat's Home Hardware, West of the Moon, both Pharmasave stores and Island Savings.

While the workshop usually has enough toys for babies and toddlers, the gift options decrease as the ages increase.

"We're always short of gifts for girls and boys aged nine to 14," said Willett.

Gift certificates, such as ones available from The Fritz Movie Theatre or Harlan's Chocolates, are one option for older children.

concept of Empire was now outdated," they were told.

In 1980 the guest speaker was Salt Spring's first female RCMP officer — Const. Bernice Hopp. She was known to all as "Hopp the Cop!"

Also in this decade, the Madrona Room at Greenwoods was furnished with a carpet, new furniture and window seat cushions.

To commemorate the 100th anniversary of the founding of our organization in 1900, a magnolia tree was planted in Centennial Park.

In 2005 The Sunshine Room at Lady Minto Hospital was given a complete makeover with new furniture and fresh paint. Funding for this was made possible by HMS Ganges winning an IODE competition. To celebrate our 95th anniversary, a bench with a commemorative plaque has been donated to PARC at the site of the swimming pool.

Through the latter part of the last century and continuing to the present, the chapter has continued to support our schools with money allocated for purchasing books and providing scholarships and bur-

saries for graduating students. "Fresh Start" baskets of household necessities and backpacks of school supplies are available for families leaving Transition House. Funding is allocated to the community food bank and also to the schools for the "Food for Thought" program so that nutritious snacks can be provided for students.

Salt Spring Seniors receive financial help with their transportation program for Seniors who have medical appointments off island.

We have supported the Scouts and Guides programs and have assisted students who were chosen to attend off-island events.

Other recipients have been the Out of the Cold program initiated by Copper Kettle, Seniors Wellness, GIFTS weaving project for challenged adults, therapeutic riding, Island Comfort Quilts, the Island Wildlife Natural Care Centre, 4H clubs, SWOVA, music programs, Greenwoods, Special Olympics, leadership counselling courses, three escape hatches for school buses and Salt Spring Gymnastics.

Other groups and organizations were Planned Parenthood, the Bessie Dane Foundation and Hospice, DARE Community Program, the Community Christmas Dinner and monthly seniors lunches.

HMS Ganges takes part in the annual Armistice service and a wreath is presented. In recent years they have taken on the responsibility of providing the monthly Sunshine Breakfast at Greenwoods.

The writer is president of the HMS Ganges Chapter of the IODE.



IODE then and now: above, today's Ganges chapter members; below, those attending an IODE picnic at Beddis Beach in the 1920s.





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PEOPLE & COMMUNITY

SOCIAL CHANGE

Transition movement: prescription for a positive post-carbon future

Paradigm shift explained by islander who's taken training course

BY LESLIE WALLACE
DRIFTWOOD CONTRIBUTOR

All hands on deck! That is the unofficial motto of the Transition movement — a community-engagement model for responding and adapting to the challenges of climate change and peak oil.

It's a movement that's gone global since it began in the U.K. less than five years ago, with 234 officially designated Transition "Towns," cities, districts, islands, even a Transition forest, formed in 15 countries around the world. Currently, 600 more groups, including a Salt Spring group, are in the process of becoming official Transition initiatives. One definition of a Transition initiative (from Transition Town Totnes in England) is: "a community in the process of imagining and creating a future that addresses the twin challenges of diminishing oil and gas supplies and climate change, and creates the kind of community that we would all want to be a part of."

People get excited about the Transition movement for several reasons. First and foremost is its emphasis on the positive. The Transition movement invites us to learn about the challenges that we will face in our communities as a result of climate change and the declining availability of cheap energy and then imagine the best possible future for our community, given those challenges. "Backcasting" — looking back from the positive future we have imagined for our community, say in 2030, is used to see what steps we might take to get there.

Building resilient communities is at the heart of any Transition initiative, with "resilience" meaning the ability of a community to continue functioning despite shocks and changes from outside. Building community resilience involves "re-localizing," producing more of what we need using local resources — food, energy, housing etc. — in our own communities and "re-skilling" — teaching and learning the basic practical skills needed to sustain life such as growing and preserving food.

The Transition movement is a movement that values how we achieve our goals as much as the goals themselves, which is another reason for its appeal. Inviting all community members to participate in creating a positive post-carbon future is a fundamental of the Transition move-

ment and another reason that people get excited about the model. "Unleashing the creative genius" of a community is what happens when we reach beyond existing groups working on climate change and sustainability issues to include an ever-widening circle of community members.

Writing an Energy Descent Action Plan is an essential goal of each Transition community, but the emphasis at the outset is on awareness raising, connecting with existing groups, forming working groups on how to build resilience in food, energy, transportation, health, the local economy, etc. and initiating projects aimed at building people's understanding of resilience, carbon issues and community engagement. Transition invites us to move in the direction of our chosen future by initiating projects that come out of our passion and energy.

The model offers a set of evolving, innovative tools, including public engagement tools, to participating communities.

"Letting it go where it wants to go" — not trying to control the Transition process in a community — is another fundamental of the Transition paradigm. The model offers a set of evolving, innovative tools, including public engagement tools, to participating communities.

What would it mean for Salt Spring to become a Transition island? Because Transition projects come from the community, islanders who choose to participate in Transition initiatives will determine what Transition looks like on Salt Spring.

With so many projects already underway on the island that reflect the spirit and purpose of Transition, one of the roles of a Salt Spring Transition initiative might be to bring groups and individuals who share a similar area of interest together under the Transition umbrella. Another role might be to organize community dialogues around climate change and peak oil that bypass or transcend our tendency towards polarization. Transition groups are self-organizing, so "governance" looks slightly different in every Transition community. Some Transition groups invite

local government to have a seat on the core group and others do not. Transition projects may or may not be integrated with local planning. The demise of the initiating group — the group of individuals that takes the lead on introducing the Transition to a community — is planned from the beginning.

The Transition movement represents and models a paradigm shift — from global to local; from growth to steady state; from consumption to self-reliance; from depletion to stewardship; from individual to collective. Transition comes out of the grassroots and is amplified by institutions — non-governmental organizations, business and government. This paradigm acknowledges that the challenges we face are a direct result of our world view and belief systems, for example that more is better, "progress is inevitable" or store-bought is better than hand-made. These beliefs are the result of post-war advertising that denigrated home-made products and glorified manufactured goods as a way to create markets that matched the productive capacity of industry. The actions that have come out of these beliefs have rendered the Earth less and less capable of sustaining life.

The Transition paradigm is distinguished by its recognition that the Transition we need to make in order to adapt to an energy-scarce world is both inner and outer. We need to do more of what we say would make us happier — spending more time with family, friends and neighbours, and spending more time in nature and on creative projects.

We also need to reclaim our identities as citizens. In the words of author Francis Moore Lappe: "To revitalize ourselves, our communities, our homes and our planet is not a question of sacrifice. It's a question of listening within ourselves to discover what really makes us happy. It's about finding our power."

On Nov. 6, senior U.N. climate negotiator Yvo de Boer was quoted on CBC radio saying that there was "no hope" of a new international agreement on climate change at the upcoming U.N. Climate Change Conference in Copenhagen. It's up to us now.

To find out more about the Transition movement, see The Transition Handbook by Rob Hopkins, or go to <http://www.transitiontowns.org>.

If you would like Salt Spring to become a Transition island, please sign the petition at Salt Spring Books, the Salt Spring Coffee Company Cafe or Barb's Buns.

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Annual Christmas Luncheon on agenda

Social

• Thursday, Nov. 26 — Lynn Thompson will present Hiking the Rockwell Circuit in the Kootenay Rockies. The event will be in the Crofton Room in the Harbour House Hotel, 7:30 p.m.

• Tuesday, Dec. 8 — All members are invited to the Christmas Luncheon at Harbour House Hotel — Blue Room. Doors and bar open at 11:30 a.m. Please purchase your tickets before Dec. 5 from Soapworks or your coordinator. Tickets cost \$19 each (cash or cheque).

Hikers

Dec. 1: Simon Rook will lead a moderate hike on Mount Maxwell from Arnell Way along Route 9 to the Girlfriend Trail. Leave ArtSpring at 9:45 a.m. or meet at the end of Arnell Way at 10 a.m.

Dec. 8: Fred Powell will lead a moderate hike prior to the Christmas Luncheon. Meet at the Harbour House Hotel at 9:45 a.m. for a Village Pathway Discovery Tour at top speed.

Walkers

Dec. 1: Jean Gelwicks will lead a walk around the Ganges Pathway Network including the new pathways and walkways constructed this year. A map of the network of pathways and back roads will be provided. Leave ArtSpring at 10 a.m.

Dec. 8: Terry Ison and Nancy Holcroft will lead a moderate walk on trails near Ganges prior to the Christmas Luncheon. The walk leaves at 10 a.m. behind the Harbour House Hotel. Hiking boots recommended.

Ramblers

Dec. 1: Join Frauke Prystawik for a Leaders Choice Ramble. Carpool from Centennial Park at 10 a.m.

Dec. 8: No Ramble scheduled. See you at the Christmas Lunch.

Dec. 15: Ramblers meet at Centennial Park at 10 a.m. and then walk through Mouat Park before heading to Barb's Buns for coffee.

New Year's Day Walk

Jan. 1: A short moderate walk/easy hike ending by 12:30 p.m., so bring only a snack. Meet at ArtSpring at 10 a.m. or Mereside/Fulford Ganges Road at 10:10 a.m. Weather permitting.

PEOPLE & COMMUNITY

ISLAND HISTORY

Ken Byron, Sr. : life in the military and back on the farm

Following on last week's series of excerpts from the to-be-published book called *Ken Byron, Sr. - A Man of Honour*, facilitated and compiled by Salt Spring writer Roger Brunt, a few more are printed below, beginning with one last WWII story. Byron continued his military career until 1975, before returning to Salt Spring Island to farm.

CROSSING THE RHINE

The Allies crossed the Rhine into Germany at the end of February 1944, preceded by a 2400-gun artillery barrage from 9 a.m. to 12 noon to help open the way ahead. The noise was so intense I couldn't hear the enemy shells that may have been heading my way. I was in a trench by myself reading the Army Maple Leaf newspaper as loud as I could to keep from going crazy. I finally flaked out, and woke up at noon. Now there was just the odd gun sounding. The air was full of smoke.

We were called back into reserve to re-equip and take on reinforcements. I remember one peculiar incident that happened about this time. We had been issued rubber boots and everybody got the "staggers" from sitting in the trenches for two or three days in wet boots and little exercise. For the first mile I was so stiff I couldn't march, and many other soldiers were hobbling along like old men. In the evening, approaching our headquarters, our pipers played us in with the Canadian Scottish Regimental March Blue Bonnets Over the Border. Everyone stood at attention as we marched in.

I'll never forget it.

BEST POSTINGS

From a soldier's point of view, Gagetown was the most satisfying. My service as Sergeant Major of Training in the Regional Depot in Gagetown was most enjoyable. The instructors were the best in the world, all excellent people. At the end of the day, I thought I'd accomplished something. To see the raw recruits come in, undisciplined and without a clue, then see them march out as trained soldiers, disciplined and skilled and sharp as a razor with a great sense of pride was tremendously satisfying to me. Major



BYRON FAMILY PHOTO

Ken Byron, Sr. checks his wheat crop on his Epron Road farm.

Lloyd Watling was the best commanding officer I had.

My next move was to Camp Wainwright, in Alberta. The Commander was Lieutenant Colonel Donaldson; his wife Marjorie came from Stockholm, Saskatchewan, my family's old home. When the Commander was asked

if he would accept me, he immediately said, "Yes! Get Byron out here, and quick!"

I was a shooter and a hunter. For an outdoorsman, it was fabulous country. From a personal point of view, it was my best posting. There was great fishing and hunting, and great people. In my time there I got to

know people from miles around.

BACK TO SALT SPRING FOR GOOD

The 1st of December 1975 was my first trip "home" for good. From the top of 1202-foot-high Broadwell Mountain (now known as Channel Ridge) I could look down and see both the Tripp Road farm I had purchased in 1952 and the family place on Epron Road. Dad and mom had passed away; as oldest son, I had inherited the family farm.

When people take the road from one farm to the other it seems like they are miles apart, but the two farms are actually adjacent on the west side of St. Mary Lake, the farmhouses a mere 1 1/2 miles apart. By 1955 a logging trail ran between them, passable in our old Model A.

While I had been away, my brother Colin had looked after both farms until his death in a logging accident in 1960, and relatives had used the farms at various times. But there had been no coordinated plan and little maintenance — I set out to change that.

By 1976, I was able to plough new ground on the Tripp Road farm and planted oats. In the newly planted field I saw several hippies with sacs digging out dandelions.

"Explain yourselves," I said. They told me they were collecting roots — I chased them out of there pretty fast.

It was a two-acre field and produced the best crop I ever had. In 1979 I planted winter wheat and vetch. The wheat was six feet tall with four-inch heads. It lodged and was a son-of-a-gun to combine.

A RICH HARVEST

This year (2009) I've just started to harvest my orchard plums — greengage, Hungarian prune-plum — and produce like chives, onions and Belgium shallots that are popular because they are very mild.

I grow six types of garlic and never have any problem selling it all. I have private customers that come to me year after year and I have markets in Ganges. It is known around the island that you can count on Ken Byron's produce, meat and fruit any time. It is the best.

A thank you to the SSI community for 65 years of kindness

BY KEN BYRON, SR.

On the 17th of November, 1934, our family landed in Ganges from the CPR boat Princess Mary. On the 18th of November, we came out and occupied our farm where I now live at 121 Epron Rd.

The period of 1934 to 1939 was very difficult for our family. In order to survive during that trying period we received assistance and were welcomed by all the residents of Salt Spring Island, for which I extend most grateful and heartfelt thanks on behalf of our family.

I extend special thanks and appreciation especially to the Mouat family — Gavin, William, Gilbert and Colin. I also extend special thanks to the Crofton family, to the doctors and staff at Lady Minto Hospital and to the Anglican Church, especially to St. Mark's on the hill.

Many thanks also for the support we received from Jesse Bond, his wife Mary and

his family. I extend many thanks and appreciation for the assistance received during that first five years to the Royal Canadian Legion, the Farmers' Institute, the Women's Institute, the IODE and the Sunshine Guild for the kindnesses bestowed upon us.

I also extend, on behalf of our family, thanks and appreciation to the Guy Cunningham family, who are still assisting me to this day.

When I retired from my profession in 1976 I had a hard struggle to reclaim my north end property and get it under production. I thank all those who assisted me during those first trying years. I extend special thanks and appreciation to Ivan Mouat and to Lloyd, Gavin, Chester and Harvey Reynolds.

I extend special thanks and appreciation to my good friends Al and Eileen Pike, Alex and Thelma Houston, Ross and Nancy Richardson, and numerous others.

To Jim and Elaine May and family mem-

bers, I thank you for the favours bestowed upon me. It is a pleasure for me to have been acquainted with such a fine family.

I especially thank Rob Holmes of Country Grocer for accepting and marketing my produce without question, in a most efficient manner.

To all the members of Freemasons Lodge, Admiral #170, I thank you for assisting and supporting me since 1976 and I especially thank you for favours bestowed upon me. My best wishes and fraternal greetings to all members.

Many thanks to all the members of our family who assisted me.

I especially thank Henry Caldwell and his family for harvesting my grain crops.

I extend special thanks and appreciation to Art and Rhonda Beaumont, and Lyle and Jean Brown for their past and present assistance.

I am pleased to extend thanks and appre-

ciation and acknowledge the fine support I have received from my housekeepers Lorelei Rondeau, Valerie Young and Louise Graham. To people like me, efficient and effective housekeepers are the salt of the earth. Many thanks.

I extend thanks and appreciation to my former neighbours Toby Yenney, his wife Joan and the boys, the best neighbours I've ever had.

I thank all my present neighbours for their tolerance of farm-related noise and annoyances associated with agriculture. Many thanks for your understanding and consideration.

Finally, I extend special thanks to my nephew Ken Ivan Byron and his family for providing me with much-needed assistance in times of need and stress.

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BOX OF BOOKS: Louise Knodel finds a box of books at last weekend's Giant Book Sale held at the Farmers Institute.

EDUCATION

New program needs mentors

Leadership projects help students and community

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

A class at Salt Spring Centre School is looking for help to pull off a one-of-a-kind program intended to get students giving back to their community.

From now until June, students in Kate Richer's Grade 5 and 6 class will undertake projects intended to spruce up their neighbourhoods, help out the environment, educate their peers and teach them a thing or two about leadership.

"We have a bunch of students with strong ethics and ideas and want to give them an opportunity to use these intentions in a meaningful way," Richer said.

Ten-year-old Jacob Richardson, for example, intends to use his passion for literature to launch a youth literacy project in island schools.

By giving students the opportunity to answer questions about pre-assigned books in a game-show-like setting, Richardson said, he hopes to make reading fun for everyone.

"Many kids just don't want to read," he said. "They're reluctant because they've had a bad impression."



PHOTO BY SEAN MCINTYRE

Program students with teacher Kate Richer.

Combining "classics" like Charlotte's Web with newer titles will make sure there's something for everybody on Richardson's eight-book reading list, he added.

Richardson's classmate Taryn Muldoon, 11, wants to encourage island students in Grades 2, 3 and 4 to participate in a letter-writing campaign. Her goal is to get as many students as possible writing letters to the provincial government in hopes of restoring much-needed funding to the Island Wildlife Natural Care Centre and other such centres across the province.

"If these centres close down, the ones that are left will be swamped and may

have to close down too," she said.

Aidan Haigh, 10, wants to raise funds to extend the island's ever-evolving network of cycling trails.

He figures even a little bit more trail area somewhere on the island will encourage more people to get out of their cars and cycle to town.

"If there are more bike paths, people won't have any excuses not to ride their bikes," he said.

Some of the class' other projects on the go deal with human rights awareness, the protection of endangered species and trail building.

The Salt Spring Centre School's Community Leadership Program relies on matching student participants with mentors who can provide the background and knowledge to get projects off the ground.

As of last week, Richer had found about half of the mentors required for this year's class.

Despite the strong response, she said, students still need people with knowledge of literacy, classic cars, drivers' safety, horses and species at risk.

To find out how you can use your knowledge to help out the leaders of tomorrow and benefit the island as a whole, contact Richer by calling the school at 250-537-9130.

DRIFTWOOD COLUMN

Solving a peace garden puzzler

Q: Why was the gateway to the Japanese peace garden constructed without the upturned roof corners that typify Japanese architecture?

— Roger Brunt, Salt Spring Island



Amy Geddes

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PROJECT SNAPSHOT

Name: Heiwa Garden
Organization: The Japanese Garden Society (JGS) of Salt Spring Island, a non-profit society

Location: in the Peace Park across from ArtSpring
Opened: May 2, 2009

Purpose: To build a public space on Salt Spring Island where the history of Japanese-Canadian pioneers can be acknowledged.

Context: Approximately 77 Japanese-Canadians lived as part of the Salt Spring Island community before they were sent into exile in 1942, during WW2. After the war, only the Murakami family returned.

A: I have passed the garden gate hundreds of times, yet the impulse to question the roof corners never struck me.

Your unique query highlights the delicious grab bag of questions that pop into human heads every second. Thanks for giving us brief access into your personal thought bubble.

I queried the Japanese Garden Society (JGS) of Salt Spring Island about its rationale behind the ceremonial gate's architecture.

The idea, according to Sheryl Taylor-Munro, who sat on the JGS design/construction sub-committee, was to build a gate that was more of an east-meets-west flavour than an exact replica of an authentic Japanese structure.

Hence, the upturned corners were not a feature of the final design.

Because the garden's purpose was to honour the history of the island's Japanese-Canadian pioneers, the melding of architectural traditions was deemed appropriate.

"The intent was to incorporate the best we have on the west coast, in terms of materials and skills. We were trying to achieve something that looked like it belonged on Salt Spring."

A west coast-style rammed earth wall was paired with the yellow cedar woodwork sourced from beaches near Bella Coola. The woodwork features traditional Japanese post-and-beam style construction.

Japanese architect Mana Nakata originally submitted designs to the JGC construction/design sub-committee that utilized architectural drawings by Clifton Dragland and master carpenter Michael Dragland.

The sub-committee voted on the final design. None of

Heiwa: The Japanese word for peace or harmony.

the design samples included upturned corners on the roof, according to Taylor-Munro.

"Garden gates are usually more discreet in design," she wrote in an email.

"There are a number of different designs for roof lines depending on the purpose of the gate."

The garden, as a whole, was designed to enhance "the appreciation of natural flows and energies that are innate in the natural world," according to the society's website.

The style of upturned corners, Taylor-Munro says, are today usually only incorporated into very large gates, several stories high, such as at the entrances to temples.

"Such roofs are much harder to build," she adds.

The Japanese Garden Society of Salt Spring Island officially opened the Heiwa Garden in the existing Peace Park (across the street from ArtSpring) on May 2, 2009. It features a ceremonial entry gate and a garden.

Upcoming: A panel display is in the works in the garden that will provide an historic context for Heiwa Garden, commemorating the significant contributions made by Japanese-Canadian islanders. It will "invite visitors to understand their painful experiences in a space that promotes reconciliation and healing," according to the JGS website.

For more on Japanese-Canadian history on Salt Spring, visit www.saltspringjapanesegarden.com/history.

Above left, Japanese gate at Lauritzen Gardens in Omaha, featuring upturned roof corners of traditional Japanese architecture. Source: <http://outdoors.webshots.com>. At left, Ceremonial entry gate to Heiwa Garden on Salt Spring featuring an east-meets-west flavour. Source: www.rammedearth.info/



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Sports & Recreation

GISS VOLLEYBALL

Scorpions smash north island opponents

Team set for Island Championships

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Gulf Islands Secondary School's senior boys volleyball players are getting ready to pack their bags for the Vancouver Island Championships, thanks to a stellar performance at the north island finals over the weekend.

The Scorpions gave hometown fans in the GISS gymnasium plenty to cheer about as the squad spiked and rolled its way to a 10-0 record over the course of the two-day event.

The six-foot, eight-inch-tall KC Knight dominated the net for most of the tournament, while Drew Storey, Evan Henshall, Marc Spiess and team captain Graham Wrigley "combined firepower and intelligent play to whisk away the Scorpions past their opponents," said head coach Kellie Booth.

Setter Davis Grasky gave a stellar performance as the team's "quarterback" while first-year senior play-



PHOTO BY JOHN CAMERON

Scorpion KC Knight towers above his opponent as GISS hosted the North Vancouver Island Championships.

er Charlie Holmes held up at the net and served "with ice in his veins," she added.

"The relatively young libero Luc Comeau played like a seasoned veteran,

digging up impossible balls to keep the Scorpions in many rallies," Booth said.

GISS SOCCER

Senior boys squad shut out at Island Championships

Team gives its all against island's best

The Gulf Islands Secondary School senior boys soccer team's enthusiasm wasn't quite enough to pull it through the stiff competition at last week's Vancouver Island Championships.

After coming from behind to qualify for the finals only one week before the tournament, Scorpions' players knew holding their own among the island's top teams was going to be a challenge, according to assistant coach Fraser Hope.

"They did very well in recovering at the end of the season and showed great strength and courage going into last week's finals," he said.

In spite of being shut out in all three of their matches, Hope said, players' skills appeared to have progressed over the course of the season.

Hope said the team's 2-0 loss to Kwalicum on Thursday, for example, was a vast improvement over the 7-0 trouncing it sustained earlier in the season.

The Scorpions fell 4-0 to St. Michael's University School and 3-0 to Woodlands Secondary School on Friday.

Hope credited the Scorpions with keeping games within reach of victory for most of the championships.

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FRASER HOPE
Assistant coach

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Kevan Brown, Rhys Hardy and Arlo Bryn-Thorn provided stellar performances for their side throughout the tournament, Hope added.

He said the anticipated return of so many talented and experienced players to next year's team is definitely something to look forward to.

"There could be a nucleus of players," he said.

Players and coaching staff hope power hitter Aaron Kyle, who rolled his ankle during a game against Highlands Secondary, will be back in the lineup for this weekend's games.

Highlands, Kwakwaka'wakw, Carihi High, Cedar and GISS will represent the north island at the Vancouver Island Championships at Victoria's Pacific Christian School on Nov. 20 and 21.

Coach Booth and the entire team thank the many Scorpions alumni, community members, parents and students who came out to support the team and help make the tournament such a great success.

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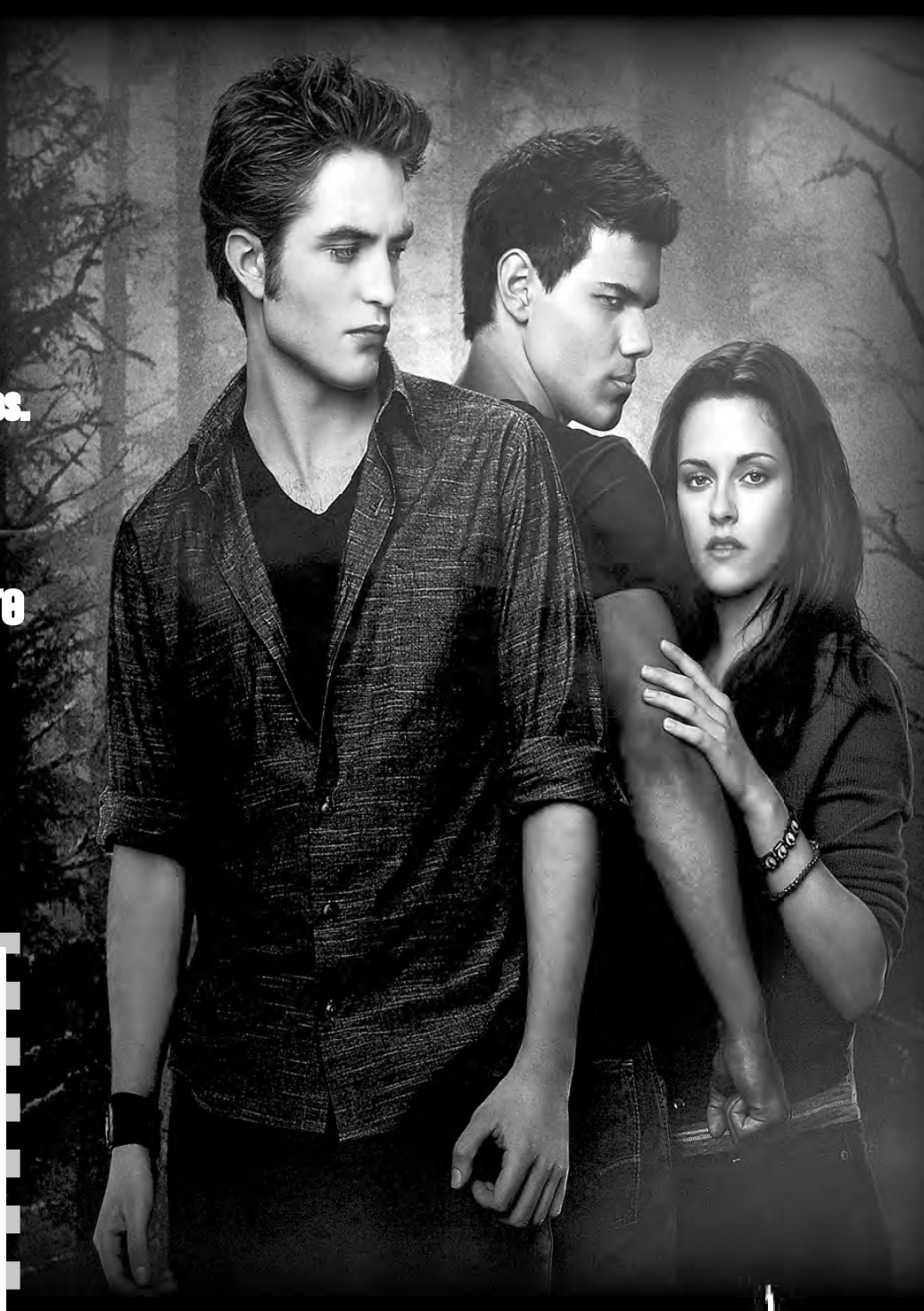
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YOUTH SOCCER

U10s put in mature performance for victory over Gorge

U14's shutout possibly dashed by premature declaration

The U10s were in Gorge at the weekend eager to make up for a postponed game from the week before. Salt Spring tore into the opposition from the kick-off and after 15 minutes were up 3-0, having produced a wonderfully fluid and incisive passing display.

Using the full width of the field, Mira Byron terrorized the right wing, laying on two goals for Kaleb Morgan and one for Liam White, while Darby McIntyre sped up the left wing.

Gorge pulled one back just before half time, when the hugely impressive Sander Keil in goal had no chance.

Salt Spring went 4-1 up soon after half-time when Lily Campbell finished off a fine Jimmy Steel run.

Steel himself powered in the fifth from a classic free-kick move, as Max Temmel and Obleo Dimari held firm at the back. Gorge fought back to make the final score 5-3 to Salt Spring, but were outclassed by a very mature U10 performance.

• The U14 girls met Peninsula on a country field on a cold Saturday. The Salt Spring

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girls came out strong with Becki Steel making a beautiful pass to Zorah Wiltzen, who sent a long low kick into the goal for 1-0. Maggie Birch then passed up to Steel, who sent a high kick over the keeper's head into the net for 2-0.

Less than a minute later, Jenna Dawson passed from backfield to Birch, who also sent a high kick from centre field into the top of the net for 3-0 at the half.

The opposition played hard all through the second half with Linda Herbert, Abi O'Donnell and Dawson defending mightily for Salt Spring. A ball was deflected in to the opposing team's net, but the girls still held their #1 spot with a 3-1 win.

• Salt Spring United U14 gold boys faced last year's cup winners Lakehill on a chilly Saturday at GISS.

Lakehill came into the game with an impressive 5-1-1 record, with only six goals against in eight games.

Meanwhile, Salt Spring (3-2-3) was looking to make up for a tough loss the prior week against Cowichan.

Salt Spring threatened early, but could not

convert on a nice corner-kick play started by Sam Montalbetti.

At about the 10-minute mark, Lukas Wenzel feathered a pass to a streaking Billy George, who casually dribbled it past the goalie to make it 1-0.

Strong defence anchored by Forest-Junker Allen kept the Lakehill chances few over much of the first 35 half. Salt Spring's offence continued to press, managing to pull ahead 2-0 before the half with another Wenzel feed, this time a chip to a sure-footed Eric Weatherby, who made no mistake in finding the back of the net.

Lakehill came out strong in the second half, carrying much of the early play.

A few long shots sailed over the goal and a closer one gleaned off the crossbar, but the 2-0 lead was maintained.

Midway through the frame, George fed a nice cross-field pass to Wenzel, who sailed a long shot over an outstretched keeper to go ahead 3-0.

Things were looking very good for the home team's shutout bid until late in the game, when sideline fan Joel Shaver was heard shouting "shutout." Shortly thereafter, Lakehill converted with a high shot on a drop pass at the top of the circle. The game finished 3-1.

• Salt Spring United U11 boys hoped their first win might come on a frosty Saturday morning against Peninsula.

However, when the tall Peninsula team took to the field, and Salt Spring came without sharpshooters Aidan Haigh and Wisse Andringa, the optimism dropped a notch.

The first 10 minutes saw fairly even play as the thick frost found its way into the boys' shoes, with no scoring.

Things started to heat up for Peninsula as they managed to score three quick goals on a flurry of well-placed low, hard shots.

The score could have gone higher were it not for keeper Quinton Miles' good stops up high. Salt Spring got one back on a nice individual effort from Ian Hall, who finished a nice shot after dribbling around three red shirts.

The first half finished with "several" more Peninsula goals.

Victor Nahirny took on the role of keeper for the second half, and better passing and teamwork on the part of Salt Spring resulted in equal chances on both ends, with neither team able to score for the remaining 30 minutes of the game.

Callum Ceysens played his best game of the year, playing both up front and in mid-field.

MEN'S SOCCER

Salt Spring's Alumni FC washed out in Nanaimo

Final surge douses Salt Spring strong efforts

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

A late offensive Nanaimo United onslaught was more than enough to bury the visiting Alumni FC squad in Vancouver Island Soccer League action on Sunday afternoon.

Nanaimo capped off the game with four goals in the final 25 minutes to earn a 5-1 victory.

"Unfortunately, we didn't show up to play," said player Ken Marr.

"We were lacking energy, lacking desire and lacking enthusiasm."

Up to the midway point of the second half, Alumni FC had done a decent job of containing Nanaimo's forwards, allowing only a single goal in the first half.

Kerry Walker scored Alumni FC's only goal early in the second to tie up the match at one.

Then disaster struck, over and over again.

"We pressed, but they countered and they

countered hard," Marr said.

The loss drops Alumni FC (2-7-0) to ninth place in the Masters-A division, three points ahead of winless Sooke United.

Salt Spring has an opportunity to make up some lost ground and distance itself from the division's basement this weekend when it hosts Sooke at Portlock Park on Sunday morning at 10:30.

In other soccer action:

Miguel Alvarado got his third shutout of the season on Saturday night as Salt Spring FC played to a scoreless tie against Juan de Fuca under the lights in Victoria.

Team spokesperson and player Jordon Morrison said Salt Spring started the match off "a little slow," having to contend with several mental errors early on in the match.

FC came close nearly took the lead in the first half when FC forwards slammed a close shot off the crossbar and nailed a rebound into the post.

"A couple inches either way would have been nice, but it didn't happen," Morrison said.

Stuart Garside put in a solid performance and

John McDonald appeared in fine form in his first game in a FC uniform after a prolonged hiatus, Morrison added.

Salt Spring (4-4-2) is in second position in the VISL's second division, only a single point behind Bays United.

"We're happy to get the one point on the road," Morrison said.

FC takes to the field at Portlock Park against Vantreights (2-2-4) on Sunday, Nov. 22 at 2:15 p.m.

Heavy rains and poor field conditions forced the cancellation of the Old Boys' weekend match.

The team's next scheduled outing is on Salt Spring against Bays United FC on Sunday, Nov. 22 at 12:30 p.m.

Ganges Gremio's next match is against the Zgoda Juniors FC on Sunday, Nov. 29 at 2:15 p.m. right here on Salt Spring.


A victory would move Gremio ahead of Zgoda in Division-4C standings.

The two teams played to a 2-2 draw back in September.

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Sidewalk Superintendent

The business beat of the Gulf Islands

By Peter McCully

Island restaurants in the news

• A change in **Moby's** liquor licence means families are now welcome in part of the restaurant. To celebrate the change, a special family brunch is set for Saturday, Nov. 21 and Sunday, Nov. 22 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

We have adjusted our liquor license to permit family use of part of our premises said owner Robert Steinbach.

"We are opening up the lower level and patio area for family usage while at the same time maintaining the bar area exclusively for our adult guests," said owner Robert Steinbach. "There is a natural separation in the design of the building that enables us to accomplish this."

Live music will continue as usual, with blues every Thursday night and jazz on Sundays, with other acts on Fridays and Saturdays. Several new menu items have been introduced to accompany the change, including baked oysters three different ways, grilled cheese sandwiches, chicken strips and macaroni & cheese.

• **Raven Street Market Cafe** is introducing pub nights on Saturdays, a collaboration between the cafe and Gulf Islands Brewery. Called Pub Night at the Raven, islanders are invited to "stay warm, eat well and enjoy good conversations" while enjoying Richard Verhagen's special pub night menu and the brewery's craft ales from 8 to 11 p.m.

• **House Piccolo** received accolades in a recent New York Times Frommer's review. It noted: "Located in a heritage home in Ganges, House Piccolo offers excellent food and a good wine list in moderately formal surroundings. The Finnish origins of the chef are reflected in the northern European accents on the unusual menu, particularly the fish specials that feature the best of the local catch. You might see salmon chowder Finlandia; local black cod drizzled with red wine, honey, and balsamic vinegar reduction; or roasted venison with rowan- and juniper-berry-scented demi glace."

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SS United lining up tourney ducks

Regular season play unfolding as it should

With the soccer season well underway one might wonder what your soccer club is busy doing besides catching its breath getting everything under control.

Our teams are all doing very well, whether you look at the SSFC Div.-2 men down to our Super-6 boys U10 teams. All are having success. The Mini program is flourishing under its new format that includes games played for half their allotted time, and the Tots program has large turn-outs under the guidance of Jordan Morrison.

Combine all of this with our highly successful "new look" uniforms under the new Salt Spring United banner and all looks pretty rosy on the fields of play.

Maybe one of the brightest teams so far this season has been Colin Walde's boys gold U14 team. It is always difficult for Salt Spring to form gold teams due to the lack of numbers in comparison to clubs like Bays, Cowichan and Juan de Fuca (all around 1,500 players compared to our 300) but when we can we are willing to try to place a team in this level. This group of young boys has stepped up amazingly, playing soccer that normally one would only see in the Champions League or EPL, winning most of their games, but mostly due to their beautiful ball control and teamwork. This is a team you should get out and watch (check our website www.saltspingsoccer.com).

For the most part the other news revolves around planning for the youth and adult tournaments in 2010.

Salt Spring Mini Festival

SS United is proud to present its first Mini Festival which has been approved by LISA to be held on Saturday, March 27 and will involve teams from U11 and down playing under Mini and Super-8 rules. This will be an invitational tourney with teams coming from around the province (mostly Victoria) to compete, for a nominal fee, on Salt Spring for trophies/medals and a lot of fun. T-shirts for all, con-



Malcolm Legg

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cessions and some fun games will be the highlights, although SS United has decided on three feature matches to help with the entertainment value for the children:

1) United will sponsor the first ever Cougar Cup — a challenge match between our two women's teams, Div. 2 and Over 30s, playing for the rights to name their team the Cougars (neither team currently has a name) and the winning MVP gets a life-sized blow-up doll of Fernando Torres. Joanne O'Connor of Div.-2 women has already stated "no contest, Torres is all mine," while Christine Godlonton of Over 30s replied, "She can have him, as he is all washed up — the Cougar will be ours!"

United will also sponsor the Geritol Cup between our two Over 35 teams, Alumni and Old Boys, with the winner getting one case of Geritol. Old Boys rep Mike Davis stated, "Now we finally have something to play for," while Alumni rep Colin Walde asked, "Wouldn't it be more appropriate to give these teams white canes?"

3) United will also sponsor the Testosterone Cup between our Div.-2 and Div.-4 men's teams with the winner getting a two-four of Lucky. Div.-2 rep Jordan Morrison was quoted as saying, "Just give us the brews now," while Ryan Smith of Gremio said, "What? Only one two-four?"

Already these games look to spice up the Mini Festival, just by the comments.

Salt Spring United Youth Challenge Cup

Already confirmed by LISA for April 24-25, 2010, this is our feature youth tourney for 11-a-side teams where teams come from around B.C. and Alberta to compete in one of B.C.'s best tournaments. The two days sees great

soccer, T-shirts for all and trophies/medals for champions in each division, both boys and girls from U12 to U18 level. Teams are already trying to sign up for this tourney, which should be a sell-out again.

Salt Spring United Challenge Cup

This tourney is set for the May long weekend and as of yet there are no details as this tourney has its own committee, but one can be assured it will fill up quickly with men's and women's teams from around the province. Details will follow.

Referees

As the head referee I am proud to announce we have graduated nine new referees at the small-sided game level (the old Class 5), who will be doing Super-6 games and acting as assistant referees on full field games. Congratulations to Connor Budd, Matt Mason, Becki Steele, Ronan Gunn, Jyah Flam, Karl Slakov, Sofia Pickstone, Farley Cannon and Mark Camps.

As always, remember these young officials will only stay with the game as long as they are treated with respect — all too often parents and coaches think they know the game better and want to vocalize this. (In England, 40 per cent of games no longer have referees because of verbal and physical abuse.)

Remember, we as referees make mistakes, just as the players do, and sometimes a pat on the back and a thank you can make a referee better than criticism.

Florida bound

As a last note, our club is very proud of the successes of two Salt Spring girls, Kaylea Kray and Olivia Keddy, who will be going to Tampa Bay with their Victoria Super-Y teams to compete in the North American Championships for 2009.

As it happens, both Grant Eckberg and myself have also been accepted to officiate at these same games over a one-week period, from Nov. 19 to Nov. 25. We will all fly the SS United flag high.

Hmmm... I wonder if we could do an exchange with Florida?

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