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WIND STORM



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Scott Point resident Gillian Cobanli surveys the damage to her home after a tree fell on her house during a violent wind storm early Monday morning.

Extreme weather kicks up island havoc

Wind gusts rock trees, homes and ferries

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

A sudden wind storm that arose in the early hours on Monday, Jan. 17 caused lasting damage to island homes and disrupted daily life for thousands of residents in the Gulf Islands.

Environment Canada reported that during the storm's peak between 5 and 6 a.m., the wind reached speeds of 99 km/per hour with gusts reaching up to 120 km/hr. The wind warning was removed by 10 a.m. Monday morning with speeds reduced to 37 km/hr.

Scott Point resident Gillian Cobanli was one of many Salt Spring Islanders to have a tree on their property come down in the storm. Cobanli said she woke up around 3:20 a.m. when she heard "the most incredible bang" on her roof.

The cause was an ancient, old-growth fir that fell across the house, sending a branch through a skylight and puncturing the wooden shake roof in multiple places.

"I sleep upstairs where it came down, so it was quite traumatic," Cobanli said. "But being an old nurse I quickly grabbed a flashlight and did some triage."

Cobanli said all the pictures came down and an old ship's clock that hadn't run in years suddenly started ticking.

With nothing to be done, she went back to bed to make calls when she got up again later that morning. She then found that the rain that started after the wind was pouring into the house, soaking two shelves of old and valuable sailing books. Cobanli learned Monday afternoon that a crane would be necessary to lift the tree off the roof to prevent further damage.

Despite the damage to the home Cobanli has lived in since the 1970s, where she and her late husband once raised their children, grew an organic garden and kept 50 chickens, she appreciates the community's response.

"It's a hell of a thing to happen, but I feel very comfortable because all of the people here assisting me right now went to school with my

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TRAGEDY

Storm blamed for local man's death

Wind sinks live-aboard fishing trawler

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

RCMP investigators say the violent windstorm that swept across the region early Monday morning likely caused the death of a 48-year-old Salt Spring man whose body was recovered from Fulford Harbour.

Emergency crews recovered David Barnard's body at approximately 12:30 p.m. on Monday during a search of the harbour and surrounding shoreline.

Salt Spring Search and Rescue personnel, Coast Guard members and RCMP officers were called to the scene of a sunken 12-metre (40-foot) fishing trawler equipped with live-aboard facilities just before 10 a.m.

Alf Reda, the owner of the Fulford Inn, knew Barnard for 15 years.

He said the well-liked, longtime islander lived on the vessel for several months before Monday's tragedy.

"He was a regular here," Reda said. "Overall he was a pretty good guy."

Reda said many Fulford Inn patrons and local residents expressed concern for Barnard's plight as news of the islander's sunken boat and subsequent search spread through the area.

Corp. Darren Lagan of the Island District RCMP said

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Man's body found in water

TRAGEDY
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police have no evidence to indicate any other passengers were aboard the vessel when it sank sometime early Monday morning.

"Nothing suggests foul play and it is quite likely weather-related with the major storm we had [Sunday] night," he said. "[The deceased] was described as a person who liked to be alone on his boat."

Forecasters at Environment Canada issued a weather advisory for the southern Gulf Islands region ahead of the early morning storm that saw wind gusts reach 120 km/h.

Barnard's body was discovered in the water off the eastern shore of Fulford Harbour, Lagan said.

The BC Coroner's Service is now involved with the investigation.

Lagan said an RCMP dive team was expected to reach the scene by Tuesday afternoon. Divers will assess the sunken vessel, confirm no other persons were on board and gather evidence to learn how the vessel went down.

"They'll take a look before it's lifted up," he said.

Portions of the sunken ship's rigging are visible above the water as the investigation proceeds.

An original story on this incident was posted to our website with the link sent out on Twitter at 5 p.m. Monday. For updates on this and other news stories, visit www.gulfislandsdriftwood.com and sign up on our website to follow the Driftwood on Twitter.


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A coast guard vessel arrives at the scene of a sunken boat in Fulford Harbour Monday.

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HAITIAN RELIEF

Firefighters spearhead stellar fundraiser

Island donations flow forth in wake of quake

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

As volunteer firefighters Lisa Owen and Ken Akerman watched the harrowing television images after last week's earthquake in Haiti, they knew something had to be done.

"I was sitting on the couch and found it frustrating not to help," Owen said on Monday.

Within less than a day, Owen and Akerman had organized a fundraising campaign involving volunteer and staff firefighters, their spouses and children.

In three hours on Saturday, the fundraising team collected nearly $6,000 for the Canadian Red Cross' relief efforts in the devastated Caribbean nation.

Over the years, Owen said, the fire department has initiated several disaster relief campaigns. Of them all, she said, Saturday's "was probably much more successful than anything else we've done."

Individuals who still want to make a donation can stop by the fire hall in Ganges during regular business hours over the next two weeks.

The speedy and successful response prompted fire protection district chairman Michael Schubart to commend the firefighters' efforts at Monday's monthly fire board meeting.

"Thank you for your work," Schubart said. "I'm pleased to see you guys out there."

Donations and other forms of support from around the world have poured forth since the 7.0 magnitude earthquake occurred on Jan. 12. The disaster has resulted in the deaths of approximately 200,000 people, according to estimates from the Haitian government released on Tuesday. About 250,000 people were injured and 1.5 million were left homeless due to the quake.

Twelve Canadians are among the confirmed dead so far.

Reverend Ruth Cairns of the Salt Spring United Church said members of her congregation recognized the need to assist survivors almost immediately following the earthquake.

In an interview last Thursday, Cairns said people had been stopping by the Ganges church all day to make donations and find out how they can help.

Cairns said she's yet to tally the funds raised, but noted that donation envelopes are still available at the church office on Hereford Avenue between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m.

The United Church of Canada committed $20,000 in aid money immediately after the earthquake and will continue to send funds as part of the organization's Haiti Appeal campaign.

The fundraising campaign will continue for as long as it takes to provide immediate relief and assist with long-term reconstruction, Cairns added.

Fulford Elementary School is donating its whole school meeting collection to the Canadian Red Cross for Haiti this week, and islander Jane Nahirny initiated an idea through the Salt Spring community list, with sellers donating proceeds to the cause.

Such efforts are among a host of campaigns launched by community groups, individuals and business over the past week.

Karen Pedersen, the local spokesperson for the Salt Spring chapter of Results Canada, said she hopes the plight of Haiti's earthquake survivors highlights the need for ongoing support of the nation's approximately 9.7 million inhabitants.

"I think the group is looking at what happens for the longer term. It's the long-term support that produces results and pressures organizations like the Canadian International Development Agency to continue its support," she said.

"That's what Results is all about. This is a long-term situation and they need to keep up the action to help out in whatever way."

Results Canada members have published letters in major daily newspapers across the country urging federal representatives to increase support for community development initiatives.

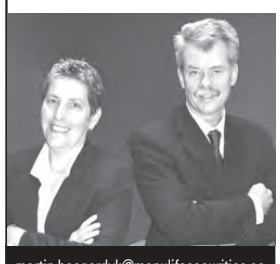
Efforts such as microfinance campaigns are designed to loan start-up costs that allow many Haitians to overcome the shackles of poverty by launching small business enterprises.

It's only through steps like these, Pedersen said, that the types of infrastructure needed to minimize impacts of future natural disasters can be created.

"This isn't just a one-off situation, this has been in the making for years," she said.

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ENVIRONMENT

Speakers tell tales and trials of tarsands

Jack Woodward, Chief Al Lameman, Alan Bibby and James Hoggan keep issue in the news

BY MEGHAN HOWCROFT
DRIFTWOOD CONTRIBUTOR

A large group of Salt Spring Islanders received a wake-up call last Saturday night at the Truth, Trials and Tarsands event taking place at ArtSpring.

Sponsored by I-SEA, RAVEN (Respecting Aboriginal Values and Environmental Needs) and the DeSmogBlog, the evening featured presentations by four Canadians making a difference in the fight against climate change: James Hoggan, PR executive and author of the book Climate Cover-up; Alan Bibby, a local documentary filmmaker; Jack Woodward, the pre-eminent authority in Aboriginal law; and special guest Chief Al Lameman of the Beaver Lake Cree Nation.



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A tarsands mine site.

At a time when Canada is mopping up its shame after an embarrassing display of broken promises at the UN climate change conference in Copenhagen, Canadians are at a critical junction when it comes to climate change action. Hoggan got right to the point. "Climate change is a story of public relations and the most widespread mis-information campaign . . . This is a story about greed and irresponsibility on an epic scale, deception and widespread media manipulation."

Hoggan described the creation of an entire industry responsible for creating climate change confusion — one with full PR plans created by such industry giants as the American Petroleum Institute, Philip Morris and Western Fuels Association (a coal-fired electrical industry consortium).

Not surprisingly, North Americans have become paralyzed by this public relations spin and confused about the science surrounding climate change studies. "When you look into this further, I hope you find a sense of outrage," Hoggan said. "And after you get angry, I hope you will get active."

Local filmmaker Alan Bibby showed production excerpts from his fascinating documentary Liquid Truth, which follows a hypothetical droplet of water from Mount Snowdome, along the Athabasca River, to the communities in the shadow of northern Alberta's tarsands. In one of many impassioned speeches in the film, an elder of the Mikisew Cree Nation talks about the ensuing destruction of their traditional way of life saying, "Money can't buy your health. You can't drink oil to survive."

"Your way of making a living is our way of dying," says another to a tarsands spokesperson, describing the illnesses that have plagued their people since the development of the tar sands area.

Chief Al Lameman echoed this sentiment on stage and described with heartbreaking honesty how his people can no longer make a traditional way of life in their home territory. "Sometimes you lie awake at night and you think about it . . . you think this is the end," Chief Lameman said in a voice heavy with emotion. "We used to be able to drink water directly from Beaver Lake and it didn't hurt us . . . it helped us. But not anymore."

The Beaver Lake Cree recently decided that enough is enough and this is where lawyer Jack Woodward comes in. His law firm currently represents this small nation in a lawsuit against the Crown, claiming, "The cumulative impacts of tar sands developments are destroying their treaty rights."

In the 1870s, the people of the Beaver Lake area signed Treaty 6, giving up their traditional land in return for the promise that they could continue to live off the land as they had always done. According to Woodward, the Canadian and Alberta governments are currently breaking this promise.

He went on to describe the imminent threat of the massive expansion of the tarsands, saying that if such expansion continues, the tar sands developments (currently the size of Florida) will wreak destruction on the once pristine northern boreal forest.

Currently the Alberta tarsands are the fastest growing source of greenhouse gas emissions in Canada and the greatest obstacle to Canada meeting its global climate change responsibilities. In Trinidad, at the Commonwealth Summit, it was even suggested that Canada be expelled from the commonwealth for its lack of commitment to reducing carbon emissions.

Woodward claims that climate change — the moral challenge of our generation — can only be solved legally, through dealing with aboriginal treaty rights that are protected under the Constitution. Perhaps surprisingly (and perhaps not) the Canadian and Alberta governments are "fighting this lawsuit tooth and nail."

"It is disgraceful," said Woodward.

Should the tiny Beaver Lake Cree Nation of 900 people prove victorious, tarsands expansion projects will be forced to a halt. In addition, as explained in presentation notes, "the government would have to reduce the level of development in the Beaver Lake Cree territory so that it is no longer threatening these people's treaty rights, or the health of the natural systems, waters and forests that are required to sustain those rights forever.

"Only the indigenous treaty peoples of Alberta have the legal power to curtail the reckless behaviour of the wealthiest, most powerful industry on the planet."

For further information on the Beaver Lake Cree Nation lawsuit, visit www.raventrust.com. The charitable organization is currently supporting the Beaver Lake Cree's fight against big oil and is looking for financial contributions to help the cause.

Bibby's documentary is still a work in progress and additional funding is required to get this worthwhile project completed. Contact him at 250-537-8813 if you would like to donate, or email bibby@media-group.com.

News briefs

Palu's YouTube visits through the roof

Salt Spring's Palu Rainbow Song is celebrating more YouTube fame with number-one-in-Canada and the world statistics for his unique songs connected to the popular TV soap opera Days of Our Lives.

His Canadian achievement came on Dec. 24 and 25, 2009, and on Dec. 30, 31, 2009 and Jan. 1, 2010, he hit number-one in the world for views on the musician channel, where musicians worldwide can post their songs.

"I create freestyle songs about the characters in the soap opera," he explains. "By the end of an hour, I often have created 25 to 45 songs or so. All channels combined, I make . . . over 100 songs a week."

The Toronto Star even wrote about Palu's musical activities in a Nov. 22, 2009 article.

Some days, notes Palu, his channel gets as many views as stars like Bryan Adams, Michael Bublé, Nelly Furtado and Leonard Cohen.

Readers can check out Palu's work by searching for his name on YouTube.

Man injured in dispute

Following the rush of incidents generated by many of the island's new year celebrants earlier this month, island RCMP officers had a relatively lower number of calls over the past week.

Monday evening saw RCMP officers attend the scene of a fight between two Salt Spring men over accusations that a vehicle was used without consent.

The incident resulted in the complainant needing to attend Lady Minto Hospital for treatment. Police located the vehicle in Ganges. An investigation is underway.

Later that same night, police were called to reports of a commotion on Crofton Road just before 11 o'clock. Officers discovered "a very intoxicated female" who was arrested and lodged at the detachment until sober.

FORTHERECORD

A summary of numbers in last week's paper needs one correction and a clarification. The Fritz Movie Theatre sold approximately 18,000 tickets in 2009, not 1,800. And numbers detailing three categories of Salt Spring Fire Rescue calls were correct, but were only a small part of the total 735 calls the department responded to last year. (See letters to the editor page for a full breakdown.)

• Salt Spring Christmas Bird Count coordinator John de Haan also said he provided two incorrect species names on the long list that appeared in the Driftwood. Marsh wrens should be winter wrens and ruddy turnstones should be black turnstones, he said.

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3 Vesuvius

Monday – Saturday

(A) Lv. Visitor Info Centre: Ganges	(F) Lv. Portlock Park	(G) Ar. Vesuvius	(G) Lv. Vesuvius	(F) Lv. Portlock Park	(A) 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
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c - Combined route: Trip routes from Ganges via **1 Ganges Local** & continues as **3 Vesuvius**.

5 Fernwood

Monday – Saturday

(A) Lv. Visitor Info Centre: Ganges	(M) Ar./Lv. Fernwood Dock	(A) Ar. Visitor Info Centre: Ganges
10:30	10:43	11:00
2:30	**2:43**	**3:00**
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4 Long Harbour

Monday – Saturday

(A) Lv. Visitor Info Centre: Ganges	(L) Ar./Lv. Long Harbour	(A) 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

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1 Ganges Local

Monday – Saturday

(A) Lv. Visitor Info Centre: Ganges	(D) Lv. Meadowbrook	(H) Lv. Hospital	(C) Lv. Brinkworthy Place	(A) Ar. Visitor Info Centre: Ganges
8:05	8:08	8:11	8:15	8:22
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c -Combined route: Continues as **3 Vesuvius** & **5 Fernwood**. Drop off only at Brinkworthy Place.

NEWSBEAT

PROPERTY ASSESSMENTS

Assessment figures baffle owners

Increases could mean rent hikes

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Despite an almost two per cent drop in the average assessed value of Gulf Islands residential properties, many commercial landowners on Salt Spring face increases averaging closer to 10 per cent.

The news has left people like Kevin Bell, president of Mouat's Trading Co., trying to determine how and why property values have undergone such an unprecedented spike.

Bell said he was astonished when he realized the average value of his company's nine Salt Spring properties had increased by an average of 10.5 per cent.

He's spent the past week trying to get the folks at Victoria's BC Assessment office to explain how such an increase is possible given the past year's slow economy, tight lending requirements and relatively high commercial mortgage rates.

"I'm particularly concerned about our assessment," Bell said on Friday. "I'm back and forth emailing the BC Assessment people right now.

"Given the state of the economy, I'm not sure our buildings can be up 10.5 per cent."

Based on tax-to-property value ratios Bell has compiled over the past several years, his company could be facing an additional $20,000 in property taxes this year.

With the prospect of higher taxes, he added, the company's 33 tenants face higher rents as the company tries to absorb the additional costs.

"You just can't budget for 10.5 per cent increases," Bell said.

With many island retailers reporting lower-than-usual sales in 2009, higher rents will only compound hardships faced by island business owners.

Bell won't have any definitive numbers until the province and other government bodies set the mill rate this spring, but he wants BC Assessment to review its figures now.

"If we don't get some satisfaction [from BC Assessment], I probably will be appealing them," he said.

Bell and other commercial and residential property owners have until Feb. 1 to appeal their official BC Assessment rates.

Richard Murakami, the owner of several residential and commercial properties on the island, has witnessed significant increases across the board.

Murakami has already initiated what he called a complicated and time-consuming appeal process in hopes he won't have to raise residential and commercial rental rates.

"I don't want to [raise rents], but we've got to pay our taxes," he said.

Murakami said he has yet to hear from a single customer at his Rainbow Road garage who received a lower assessment rate on either residential or commercial property.

Rick McMahon, the deputy assessor at BC Assessment's Victoria office, said average property values can only offer a broader sense of what is happening in a given region.

"The average is just an indication," he said. "I never like dealing in averages."

North end residential waterfront properties, for example, rose by an average of 11.1 per cent, while non-waterfronts in the same area were up only 1.4 per cent.

McMahon said the values of individual properties are often determined by "localized factors" like access, style and siting of a given property, and sales of neighbouring or nearby properties.

In any given year, between one and two per cent of property owners follow through with an appeal of their BC Assessment figures.

Before property owners launch a formal appeal, McMahon encourages property owners to speak with someone at his office about their particular situation.

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Hydro, road and telephone crews were out in force Monday, following a wild wind storm.

Schools, ferries, hydro affected by wind storm

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three kids, or I nursed their gran, so it's a very strong island feeling which is very reassuring," Cobanli said Monday.

She said she would have served tea except that she had no electricity.

Power outages occurred all over the islands. Some homes were still without power on Tuesday as the Driftwood went to press.

Cusheon Lake poet Peter Levitt offered an appropriate haiku for the occasion:

"*Load wood into the stove/ blocks of ice in the fridge/ hydro's out again.*"

Several Gulf Islands schools were closed because of the storm: Fulford Elementary School on Salt Spring and schools on Galiano, Mayne and Pender Islands were closed due to power outages.

No student water taxis ran on Monday, while on Salt Spring, school buses were restricted to the main roads because of the amount of tree debris that could not be cleared in time from all roads.

BC Ferries cancelled several sailings because of high winds and extreme weather conditions.

The Queen of Nanaimo's 6:15 a.m. sailing from Long Harbour to Tsawwassen via the southern Gulf Islands was cancelled due to conditions on Long Harbour Road.

Debris and power lines down made the terminal unreachable for the ferry's crew.

That left the scheduled 10:10 a.m. sailing from Tsawwassen without a vessel.

The Queen of Nanaimo resumed service to the route with its 3:25 p.m. sailing out of Long Harbour.

BC Ferries communications director Deborah Marshall explained that even without the blocked road the Queen of Nanaimo would not have sailed, since all passages across the Strait of Georgia were cancelled until 11 a.m.

Skeena Queen sailings between Fulford Harbour and Swartz Bay were unaffected by the weather except for one late sailing.

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NEWSBEAT

OLYMPIC SECURITY



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The Olympic security portal is unloaded in Ganges Friday morning.

Security checkpoint at Ganges waterfront

Facility allows continuation of Vancouver direct flights

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

The newest fixture on the Ganges Harbour shoreline is 18 metres long, 3.2 metres wide and worth more than $700,000.

It's neither a new marina building nor a solution to the island's affordable housing crunch but a new security checkpoint required because of the 2010 Vancouver Winter Olympics.

The "Scan 3000" will stay parked between Mouat's Mall and the Ganges Coast Guard office in the lead-up to and during the Olympic Games.

"It feels excessive, but we are happy to be able to continue with business," said Philip Reece, co-owner of Salt Spring Air. "We can run with it or not run at all."

Staff at Salt Spring Air sought the temporary security checkpoint in Ganges in order to comply with security regulations and preserve direct air service between Ganges and downtown Vancouver during the Olympics.

Processing time for each passenger boarding a flight to downtown Vancouver will take roughly one minute. Passengers will travel through the Canadian Air Transport Security Authority (CATSA) facility in groups prior to boarding their Vancouver-bound flights.

Security clearance will be required between Jan. 29 and March 3.

According to Dan Harrison, a driver for Langley-based Clover Towing, the vehicle was barged across the Strait of Georgia from the Vancouver International Airport to southern Vancouver Island where it was transferred to a flat-bed truck, ferried to Fulford and hauled to Ganges.

The vehicle could not be driven to its present location on account of its large width and and lack of insurance, he said.

Unloading the vehicle in front of Grace Point Square on Fulford-Ganges Road took several hours on Friday morning, offering onlookers plenty of time to comment on the island's newest landmark.

"I'm the biggest story in town," Harrison said. "Just about everybody has come up and asked me what this thing is."

Harrison's tryst with fame was all good fun until passersby began knocking on the cab of his truck to get some answers while he tried to get some rest Thursday night.

A larger-than-life recreational vehicle and mobile vaccination clinic were among some of the guesses forwarded by curious bystanders as a specially trained driver from Cobus Industries' German headquarters maneuvered the vehicle of the truck deck.

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EDITORIAL

After the quake

Every once in a while, events of magnitude rouse our collective consciousness into immediate and seemingly unprecedented action.

In many cases, it's the images of natural disasters beamed into homes around the world that get people to open their wallets and hearts.

In other cases, it's stories of people just like us who just happened to be born in a place where the odds are against them from day one.

Nobody will ever completely neutralize the full impact of a 7.0 magnitude earthquake or Category 5 hurricane, but it's worth trying to give people a hope of survival.

Haiti's per capita GDP puts the nation of almost 10 million residents in the same neighbourhood as Moldova, Niger and Rwanda.

The country consistently ranks among the Western Hemisphere's poorest places.

Haiti has been in a state of emergency for decades.

THE ISSUE:
Canada's history in Haiti

WE SAY:
Time to assess long-term role

The Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA) pledged $555 million to reconstruction and development efforts in Haiti between 2006 and 2011. In 2007-08, the government agency delivered $107 million of that total to strengthen government, fight corruption and restore the rule of law.

Haiti has received more Canadian aid dollars for long-term development assistance than any other nation in the Americas. Only one other country receives more CIDA funding, and that's Afghanistan.

"The Government of Canada is committed to helping the people of Haiti improve their living conditions," reads a statement on CIDA's website. "It therefore gives special consideration to Haiti in its strategy for the Americas.

This was all before the world's most deadly natural disaster in recent memory took place on Jan. 12.

The country's primitive infrastructure and total lack of emergency response capabilities or law enforcement reveals significant shortcomings in Canada's sense of "special consideration." Once the dust settles and the debris is cleared, it's crucial that work be done to determine what Canada's "strategy for the Americas" is and who is calling the shots.

Every once in a while a particular set of circumstances comes along. Maybe this time we'll get some answers that can make a difference.



All of our lots were once logged

VIEWPOINT

BY MARY GILLIES

At the risk of losing new friends along Roland Road, I am replying to Dan Dickmeyer's "Forest loved to death" piece in the Jan. 13 paper with a different view on the logging activity that is taking place there.

I have owned a house along this road since 1989. By 1967, when the land was subdivided into the half-acre lots on which the writer of last week's article also now lives, the land had already been logged at least once. Part of the trail, which we have all become accustomed to using, was the original logging access road. Since my house purchase, seven vacant properties along Roland Road, including the property that Dan Dickmeyer now owns, have been cleared (logged) to provide for houses, garages, cabins, barns, sheds, gardens, views and satellite reception.

During the clearing and building processes residents endured, for short periods, the sights and sounds of logging trucks and construction equipment rumbling by. Before these properties were cleared, there were trails, which I explored on many occasions, including one right through Dan's property. Other trails to the beach are either now unused, overgrown or removed due to property owners' rights to limit public access.

The current owner of the 15-plus acres of woodland property referred to in the article is a descendent of one of the original three families who owned all of the Roland Road property prior to 1967. She was walking through her property on a weekend in November when my friend noticed her and went to thank her for allowing us to walk on the trails.

We knew that the property was for sale and had heard rumours that she may be considering logging. My friend walked around the property with the owner who explained that she was saving a grove of cedars. The owner had already green tagged some of the cedars and hemlocks to be saved. My friend requested that her favourite tree, which she had nicknamed "tremendous," be green tagged. The owner agreed to this, and after the current logging that took place in December, "tremendous" is still standing proud!

I have been referring to the "forest" that Dan wrote about in his article as a wooded area. A couple of years ago we walked around the area with a conservationist who has been involved in applications for covenanting properties and public purchase of environmentally sensitive areas. At that time, she told us that the area had no potential as a conservation area. While there are a few second- and third-growth cedars and hemlocks, there are also many balsams, alders and maple trees.

During the logging and site preparation, some areas are restricted. However, the owner has said that my friend continues to be welcome to walk on her property. The trail to Isabella Point Road and the lower trail are still intact. So while anticipating that change due to property ownership and population growth is a fact of life, some of us can still enjoy a walk in the woods for a while longer. Priceless!

As long as the owner has the correct permits in place, her ownership gives her the same rights as my property ownership. The local residents have had the privilege of, not entitlement to, walking on her property for many years. Private ownership can never provide the public recreational areas that we need on this island into perpetuity. I would sooner focus my energy on getting together as an island community to have an active debate on implementation of the OCP. With all the local governance representatives present, we need to decide where our future conservation areas, public buildings, parks, trails and sidewalks should be and then figure out how we can provide funds to support their deployment and continued maintenance.

The writer is a Salt Spring business owner and community volunteer.

THIS WEEK'S QUESTION:

Have you donated to Haitian disaster relief? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Cast your ballot online at **www.gulfislandsdriftwood.com** before Monday at midnight or clip this box and drop it at our office before Monday at 4:30 p.m.

LAST WEEK'S QUESTION:

Do you agree with the new cell-phone ban?

NO 6 | YES 69

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Island Voices

QUOTE OF THE WEEK:
"I sleep upstairs where it came down, so it was quite traumatic. But being an old nurse I quickly grabbed a flashlight and did some triage." GILLIAN COBANLI

SALT SPRING SAYS

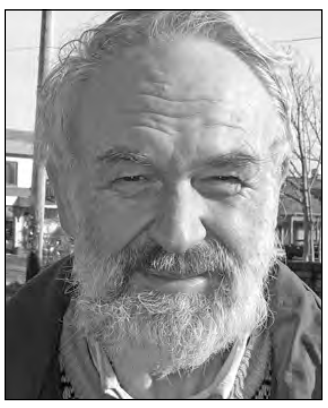
We asked: Are you satisfied with the international community's response to the earthquake in Haiti?



CASSANDRA PETTMAN
I don't really know what our government has done, but I would say that other countries have done a pretty good job so far.



RORY MUNROE
I think the response is phenomenal. Thanks to the internet, nobody can tell any lies and so many people can be saved.



ROSS SIMPSON
I think it's been very good so far, but a sustained response over time is needed.



DAVID MALCOLM
I feel like there is an intention to help, but funneling money and relief is difficult given Haiti's lack of infrastructure.



RITA ARCHER
I think they're doing the best they can. It's a little slow, but I don't know if it can ever be fast enough given the circumstances.

Letters to the editor

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

Limited advice re: FSAs

I was disturbed to read a letter in last week's Driftwood ("Poor role modelling") that described our local teachers as people who were counseling parents and students to "lie and cheat." We would never do that.

The ad to which the writer referred had a sample letter attached that parents could submit to their children's principals requesting that their children be excused from writing the provincial Foundation Skills Assessment (FSA). This is permissible under the law. That was the extent of our advice.

Teachers want parents to know that we have concerns about the FSA and how the data is used to undermine public education. We want parents who share our concerns to know that they can ask their school's principal to excuse their children from writing. In the letter, this parental concern would be an "extenuating circumstance," not at all a "false pretext" as the writer suggested.

Parents have the right to be involved in and make decisions about their children's education.

While recognizing the rights of freedom speech and freedom of opinion, we also believe that, in the future, the Driftwood should not print letters that do not further respectful debate about community issues.

JOHN NICOLSON,
GULF ISLANDS TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION

Record fire calls

We'd like to thank the Gulf Islands Driftwood for including response numbers from Salt Spring Island Fire Rescue (SSIFR) in the Year-End Data snapshot published on Jan. 13. ("Salt Spring by the numbers: looking back at 2009.")

However, the 112 fire and alarm calls included in the recent story only show a partial picture of the 735 calls the fire department responded to in 2009 (a record year for SSIFR, up from 677 in 2008).

Readers might also like to know year-end totals for the Salt Spring Island RCMP detachment, the Ganges B.C. Ambulance Station, the Ganges Canadian Coast Guard Station, Emergency Social Services and the Salt Spring Island Ground Search and Rescue crews, since these organizations are all equally valued members of the local emergency-response effort (not to mention island highway and hydro crews).

SSIFR attends a vast array of different types of requests for assistance. To give a sampling of 2009 responses over and above the 28 brush fires, nine structure fires and 75 alarm bells reported in the Driftwood last week, SSIFR also attended eight vehicle fires, 50 motor vehicle crashes, nine chimney fires and 13 hazardous-material spills during that same period.

Far and away the top requirement for SSIFR attention included some 268 first responder calls, where firefighters assisted paramedics during critical medical calls. Another 146 calls included responses to complaints by concerned citizens about backyard or land-clearing burning (many of which required fire suppression). Additionally, some 78 "public assist" calls included a wide variety of types of assistance to other agencies or individuals ranging from diverse items such as flooding at the emergency operations centre, rescuing pets over a cliff and searching for a lost gentleman with dementia.

Other various calls included an interface fire (involving threats to homes and forest on Mt. Maxwell), three appliance fires, 29 hydro-line fires, six requests for firefighters to assist police during their investigations and eight rope-team rescues.

For more information regarding SSIFR responses, our website (www.saltspringfire.com) includes a detailed breakdown of recent and historical responses dating back to 1977 (with detailed charts from 2002 to the present).

It might also be noted that members of SSIFR also participate in a significant number of fundraising and community-service activities, in addition to emergency response work that is not included on response charts.

Most recently, some 16 members of SSIFR raised $6,000 toward the Canadian Red Cross earthquake relief effort for Haiti during a "boot drive" on Saturday.

MITCHELL SHERRIN,
FIREFIGHTER, SSIFR

MORE LETTERS continued on A8

Secrets of climate change revealed in dinosaur dung



Shilo Zylbergold

NOBODY ASKED ME BUT

It seems like months now that the great debate has been carrying on within the pages of the Driftwood. Of course, we're talking here about the heated discussion as to whether or not climate change is or is not really happening. A gaggle of pundits from both sides have weighed in with their opinions, and still there are so many questions that remain unanswered.

Is climate change a fact or not? Is there anything we can do about it? Even if there were something to be done, is it already too late to affect the outcome of climate change? Is climate change anthropogenic (caused by human activity) or just another cycle of the earth's evolution that has nothing to do with our bad habits?

Some of you may take solace in the assertion that the debate is a useless exercise in frustration because the earth is due to tumble into the sun in approximately four million years (give or take a week). Personally, I don't feel very comfortable with this model of global warming and I don't think even buying up the world's reservoir of sun block is going to help very much.

What you may not realize is that this debate isn't just a recent development.

Archaeologists digging around in the melting glaciers and ice caps of northern Greenland have uncovered evidence that not only is the subject of climate change not a new topic, but it has been around for a long, long time. The evidence exists in the form of pressed tablets of prehistoric dung that have been preserved for eons deep inside the ice masses.

Strange markings were found scratched onto the surface of these dung tablets. The specimens were turned over to leading anthropologists who in turn put them in the hands of the world's foremost linguists and etymologists.

Eventually the scratch patterns were decoded and the writings deciphered. As it turns out, the tablets are a crude record of a debate that took place not several decades or centuries ago, but back during the tail end of the Cretaceous period (just after the Jurassic) of the Mesozoic Age, (commonly known as "The Age of Dinosaurs").

Let's go back now approximately 150 million years and pick up the debate between the two leading protagonists among climate change experts. Arguing in favour of the existence of climate change and the need to take action is Dr. Peter Pterodactyl. On the other side stands Professor Boris Brontosaurus, the president of the Climate Change Denial Association.

We pick up the discussion, as detailed in the scratch marks on the pressed dung, with Dr. Pterodactyl's opening statements.

Dr. P: First of all, I would like to give a nice, cold-blooded welcome to our audience and a grunt of thanks to the Chamber of Reptiles for providing the forum for tonight's debate. Friends and colleagues, we live in a time of great uncertainty and even greater change. All signs point to a catastrophe of immense proportions looming directly ahead. Our very survival depends on our ability to act and act now.

Prof. B: My esteemed adversary, Dr. Pterodactyl, would have you believe that the myth of avoidable climate change is a scientific fact. In fact, he is part of a conspiracy among a minority of scientists who believe that the changes we are seeing are dinogenic, (created by dinosaurs, if you will), instead of just the regular cycle of geological occurrences that have been going on since way before we evolved from sea lice.

Dr. P: In actuality, it is Prof. Brontosaurus and his cronies who are insidiously propagating the conspiracy that there is nothing to worry about and that all is as it should be.

Prof. B: I suppose you would rather have the world in a panic with everyone running around like chickens with their heads cut off screaming "the sky is falling, the sky is falling."

Dr. P: As a point of information, the chicken will not yet evolve for several million years, but I respect your concern for public order. If it was not for the fact that your Climate Change Denial Association is funded by the giant omnivorous corporations who are only interested that we dinosaurs continue to consume to the max, I would give your arguments more credence.

Prof. B: Just because we accept funding from some of the larger bodies, we don't let that influence our research which is based on the principles of science and technology.

Dr. P: What science and technology? We're bloody dinosaurs. We have about the same amount of brain cells as phosphorescent plankton. We haven't even invented fire or the wheel.

Prof. B: We're getting really close. Look how far we've come with gravity. It wasn't that long ago we didn't know a thing about gravity. Now, all we have to do is fall on something and we can crush it and eat it. That's progress.

Dr. P: Precisely, and it's all this eating and consumption that has led to the digestive processes which are producing greenhouse gases to the point where our future is in jeopardy. We need to cut down on the amount of methane we're spewing into the atmosphere.

Prof. B: Methane, my arse.

At this point in the debate, the scratch marks in the dung tablets lose their distinctive patterns and it looks like the difference in opinion degenerated into a downright melee.

We may never know how the debate ended or whether the dinosaurs made any attempt to influence their future.

What we do know is that the Age of Dinosaurs ended with the Ice Age that took place during the Pleistocene Age (which preceded the Plasticine Age which in turn gave way to the Play-Doh Age).

Nobody asked me, but I think there's a lesson to be learned here. We better come to some kind of accord on the subject or we'll all be in deep dung.

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MORE LETTERS

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Cell phobia

The terrible earthquake in Haiti brings into sharp focus the fact that it is only a matter of time before we on the West Coast of Canada experience a similar geological event. That is when the systems and emergency response organizations in place will be put to the test.

In any natural disaster, communication systems have a fundamental role in the search, rescue and support operations. Often those systems are the first to break down. The Haiti earthquake has highlighted the difficulty of contacting friends, relatives or others for whom we have had a concern. What has been truly remarkable is the important role played by cell phones and the Internet in this regard. Even in a country with, presumably, less sophisticated and reliable electronic communication systems, some of these systems have remained in operation.

From news reports, cell phones were instrumental in the rescue of at least two people. One such story is of a woman who was rescued from beneath the rubble after sending a text message with her location to Canada. In another case, a message posted on Facebook triggered a chain of communication by friends and authorities in Canada and, eventually, rescue.

A few years ago the installation of a cell-phone repeater on the Ganges firehall was squashed by a vocal minority of "electrophobic" people despite pleas by the fire department and others about the potential importance in emergencies. I have to wonder whether those same people gave up watching TV with its greater magnetic signature.

We live in a place where telephone (and cable) communication at many of our remote dwellings will be lost due to downed trees and landslides when the earth shakes. When the time comes for the big shake, the cell phone opponents may be singing a very different tune.

DEREK EMMERSON,
SALT SPRING

Johns also tired of insults

Bravo to Maureen O'Brien, who calls for the elimination of the term "Newfie" to describe the people of that other coastal Canadian island. (Jan. 13 "Objectionable" letter.)

May I also politely request that from this day on that all Canadians refrain from insulting men who proudly share a name with a disciple, several kings, presidents, innumerable scientists, poets, authors and all-round good guys. And yet the name is bandied about by every newspaper, radio announcer and television commentator when describing those whose only crime is to communicate with a woman engaged in legitimate commerce.

Further, the same name is also used in describing that room in our buildings where our most private functions take place. I call on all to limit the word "John" to its place as an historic Christian name (or to be politically correct, a "first name").

Do not denigrate our first prime minister, the immortal Beatle, Mr. Wesley and that universal Mr. Doe.

JOHN MYERS,
CORMORANT CRESCENT

Apology for damage

This letter is an apology to the Harbour Authority, Salt Spring Air and the community of Salt Spring. On Sept. 8 our group of six thoughtlessly engaged in mischievous behaviour around the docks and seaplanes. Our actions caused damage, frustration, inconvenience and a lot of disappointment to the community.

After we all realized the repercussions of our actions, the situation was much more severe than we had anticipated. We had committed a federal offence. Within the next week the guilt and fear became overwhelming, so we decided that the best course of action would be to confess instead of hide.

We were extremely fortunate to have had Salt Spring Air and the Harbour Authority give us the opportunity to regain their trust in us and the community through Restorative Justice. If they had not given us this opportunity it could have impacted our lives in a drastically worse way.

We would like to thank Salt Spring Air and the Harbour Authority for giving us this opportunity. We would like to give our appreciation to Const. Brent Friesen and members of the Restorative Justice council for helping us make the right choice.

We would like to end by saying that we are truly sorry for the completely incompetent and disgraceful way that we chose to act on Sept. 8. It was childlike and insulting to Salt Spring Air and the island. We don't want to send out the message that Salt Spring has people who have no regard for businesses or personal property. Please accept our apologies and know that we will never pull any of these sorts of despicable behaviours again.

NAMES WITHHELD,
AS LETTER IS PART OF RESTORATIVE JUSTICE ACTION

Hospice move appreciation

On behalf of the Bessie Dane Hospice Foundation board, I would like to publicly thank all the generous people who helped us in our somewhat rapid relocation to a new office in the Upper Ganges Centre.

Communities thrive when people help one another and the assistance we received from Kevin Marks of Paint Plus, Tony and Helen Bruce, Dan Logan of Elements Home Design, Kevin Bell of Mouat's Hardware, Cary Bell, Gulf Island Glass, SS Conservancy and Land Trust, Hospital Auxiliary Thrift Shop, Valdemar Horsdal and Nigel Desbottes gave evidence of Salt Spring's community-mindedness.

To our many hospice volunteers — Carol, Bud, Judi, Rajani, Gayle, Lorrine, Barry Betty, Elvira, Mark, Christine, Cathie, Nicola and, last but not least, Kathleen — your selfless contributions during this move were sincerely appreciated.

We thank all of you and wish you the best for 2010.

BARB AUST,
VICE CHAIR, BESSIE DANE HOSPICE FOUNDATION

Hamper thanks

With much gratitude and appreciation, Salt Spring Island Community Services wishes to send out an enormous thank you to all the businesses, individual donors and the incredible volunteers in our island community for making the 2009 Christmas hamper program such a huge success.

With your help, over 200 hampers were filled to the brim with nutritious and healthy food, along with lots of goodies for all recipients. We especially thank the food bank volunteers who give hours of their time behind the scenes for months, the Christmas hamper volunteers, new and experienced, who worked hard over the three days it took to assemble the hampers, the drivers who delivered the finished hampers all over the island and, lastly, the crew who worked with us to clean up the Farmers Institute after it was all over.

Without the help of the following sponsors, the program could not run as well as it does: Farmers Institute and Barry Dunster, Country Grocer, Thrifty Foods, Ganges Chapter IODE, Lions Club, Rotary Club, Masons, Soya Nova Tofu Shop, Jaimeson Pet Food & Foxglove Farm & Garden Supply, Laughing Daughters Bakery, Auntie Pesto's,

Salt Spring Coffee Company, Starbarks Pet Foods, Sea Change Savouries Canada, Salt Spring Cheese, Salt Spring Garbage and the recycle depot, all churches and schools. Again, a heartfelt thank you to all of you.

GLORIA MCEACHERN, FOR
SSICS CHRISTMAS HAMPER PROGRAM

NEWSBEAT



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WATER ,WATER EVERYWHERE: Marc Warner wades through a puddle in Centennial Park. A wet, rainy January has left the island filled with puddles, rushing streams and over-flowing culverts.

RANTS *and* Roses

Roses

The WOLF Kids Program sends dozens of wild roses to the generous islanders who supported our New Year's Eve benefit with Harry Manx. Many thanks to: Robert Bateman, Paul Burke, SS Books, SS Natureworks, Rineke Jonker, Nicola Prinsen, Lisa Lipsett, Kuno Egger, SS Soapworks, Stuff & Nonsense, Skin Sensations, Bruce's Kitchen, Helga Gruner, Laurent Boucher, Kim Christie, Tangachee and Henri Goebl, Cathy Valentine, Admiral's Specialty Foods, Ganges Tea Company, Susan Dann, Jean-Claude Catry, Tracy Harrison, Judy Weeden, Anne Byrne, Meg Buckley, Meriel Cammel, Ken Bennett, Rosey Brennan, SS Seeds' Dan Jason, Vincent Theriault, Doris Neufeld, Murray Duncan, Ian Franey and SS Coffee Company. A special thanks to Briony Penn and to all of the wonderful musicians who performed that night, and to Harry Manx who inspired this show to happen!

A very big bouquet of yellow roses to the following people for their care and kindness during my recent illness: Dr. Ron Reznick, Dr. Bob Crossland, Mark Wyatt from first response paramedics, Pat from TLC, Mary the RN and emergency nurses and staff at Lady Minto Hospital, our caring home support at Braehaven and last, but never ever least, my wonderful, supportive and loving children. Zelda Maggen and family

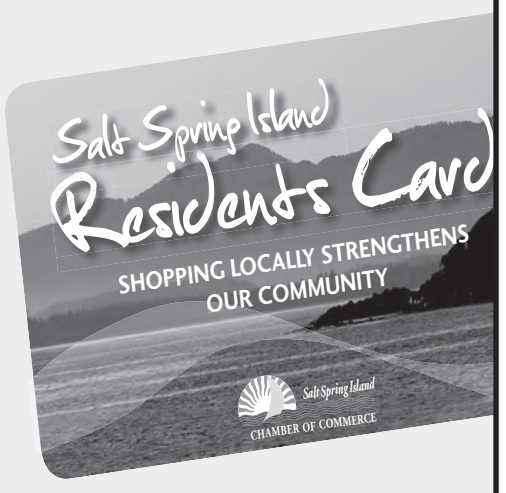
A massive truckload of fragrant heritage roses for "Big Daddy" Art Falardeau, who takes care of his neighbours the way a mother hen takes care of her chicks. We love you!

Thousands of fire-engine red roses for the generous and caring population of Salt Spring Island! Thanks to you, the firefighters of Salt Spring were able to raise nearly $6,000 for the Canadian Red Cross, with proceeds going to relief disaster for the island nation of Haiti. From Salt Spring Fire Rescue

A bounty of wild roses to all the Island Comfort quilts volunteers for giving our son their "gift from angels," and to the Salt Spring Singers for their musical selection. He is grateful to be part of a community that cares. Ed and Jean Davis

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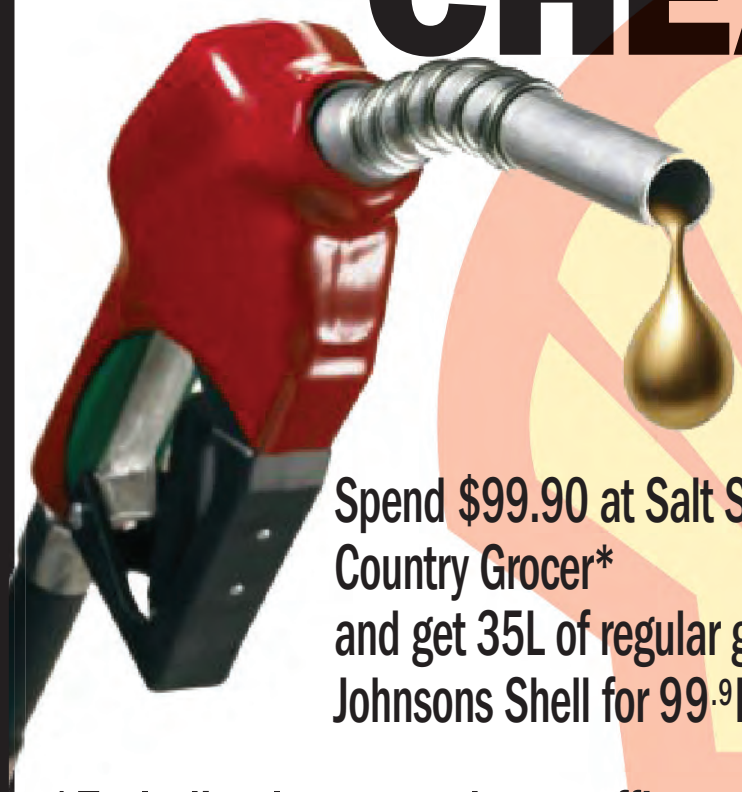
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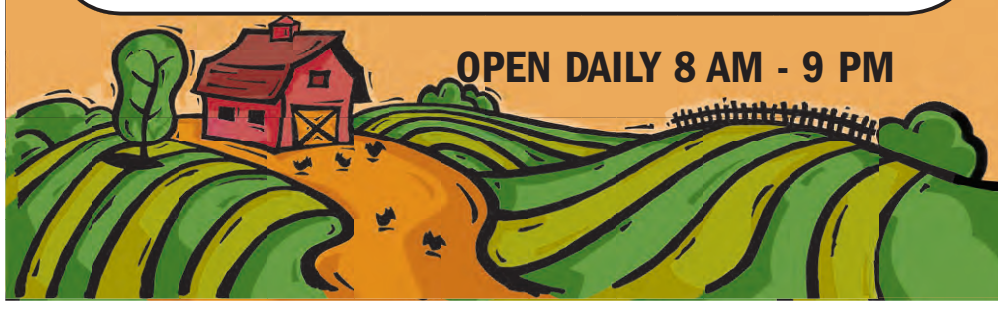


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- ❒ Sweet Pickle Relish
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- ❒ Mayonnaise
- ❒ Sourdough Bread

Chop **1 cup cooked chicken (or tofu)**, **1 green onion**, **1 stalk of celery**, and **1 green apple**. Put all ingredients into a bowl and add **3 tablespoons sweet pickle relish**, **2-3 tablespoons mayonnaise**, **¼ cup unsalted cashews**. stir to combine. Place ½ of mixture between 2 slices of toasted **sourdough bread**.

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The sun on the horizon creates a blaze of colour in the sky.

COURT DOCKET

Bad driving record ups sentence

Regaining licence will be challenge for former Salt Spring man

A former Salt Spring man was fined $2,000 and prohibited from driving for one year after pleading guilty to two separate incidents in Ganges Provincial Court last week.

Tyler Kaye, 35, pleaded guilty to "flight from a peace officer" and "driving while prohibited," following incidents that occurred in January and April of last year.

His lengthy driving record garnered further admonishment from the court.

Crown counsel Crystal Scheer told the court the "flight from officer" charge occurred after Kaye was pulled over for erratic driving by local RCMP just after midnight on Jan. 24.

Scheer said Kaye became belligerent with police, returned to his vehicle and drove home while still detained.

Because he pleaded guilty to the flight charge, however, the court dropped two additional charges of impaired driving and driving over .08.

Due to the outstanding charges in the January case, Kaye was under a driving suspension last April when he was stopped by police on the Pat Bay Highway.

Referring to what Scheer described as Kaye's "unenviable driving record," the Crown asked for a $1,500 fine in the flight charge, plus a $500 fine and one-year driving suspension for driving while prohibited.

In Kaye's defence, lawyer Richard Neary said the January incident occurred as he was experiencing stress from both family and business issues.

He also said that in April, Kaye — who is now living and working in Victoria — "made the foolish decision to drive to work."

He noted Kaye has been told by the motor vehicle branch his extensive driving record will make it difficult to regain his licence.

In handing down the fines and driving suspension, Judge Brian Neal also referred to Kaye's driving, saying, "When you get into the second page of your driving record, it's time to re-examine your life . . . you are bordering on much more serious consequences."

In other court news:

• A Salt Spring man was handed the mandatory minimum sentence after pleading guilty to impaired driving and driving over .08. Charges against Kirby May occurred after he was pulled over by Salt Spring RCMP on Oct. 17, 2009 for erratic driving. He attended the police detachment and provided blood-alcohol samples of 0.260 and 0.250.

• Salt Spring resident Judy Ritchie is facing a two-month driving suspension and $300 fine after pleading guilty to driving without due care and attention on Feb. 24, 2009. The court dropped impaired driving charges which stemmed from the same incident.

• An endorsed warrant was issued for the arrest of Tyler Byron, who failed to appear in court Jan. 13. He was scheduled to enter pleas on two charges relating to impaired driving.

FULFORD

Next on sounding board list is character query

Post answers at Patterson's or via email

BY MARGARET DAY
SPECIAL TO THE DRIFTWOOD

Response to last month's Fulford Sounding Board Question about safety concerns and the ferry terminal was excellent.

As one contributor replied when sent all the responses, "That should make it possible to impress all those services concerned that we are a united front."

Yes indeed, we are all agreed the main problem is that ferry line-up on the highway in the half hour before sailing time. But individual insights into parking (or lack thereof) in downtown Fulford, bad driving habits, the hazards of and for pedestrians, the strange habits of tourists and the ever-increasing threat of the potholes, all add to the picture we need to build if we are to get the attention of the people who can make a difference: BC Ferries, Minister of Transport and, of course, those drivers and pedestrians.

The responses are all on record and will be used in discussions with BC Ferries at the risk assessment meetings to be held at the beginning of February with BC Ferries, the Ministry of Transportation, CRD, Islands Trust, Salt Spring Island Ferry Advisory Committee, local transportation commission and emergency services.

Our questions this month relate not to safety but to the character of Fulford, how it looks now and what is important to keep for the future.

Drop by Bruce's store and check out Fulford's Sounding Board. Answer January's question:

1. What is you favourite view in Fulford?

2. On a smaller scale — what is your favourite corner? A dock, fence, doorway, garden, sign, store . . . we'd like to know.

Post your answers right there at the store or email Fulford Study Group at mandmday@telus.net. Photographs are most welcome.

FIRE DISTRICT

Firefighter title under review

Task force to assess options

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

The Salt Spring Island Fire Protection District board has struck a two-member task force to determine if the island's volunteer firefighters deserve a new name.

Board member Grant Eckberg said calling the volunteers paid-on-call firefighters would better reflect the fact that taxpayers' funds are used to provide volunteers with a stipend for calls attended.

"The implication was that since it is taxpayers' money, there should be some acknowledgement that they are getting paid," Eckberg said during Monday evening's monthly fire board meeting.

Given that the hourly stipend falls short of the wages paid to full-time staff firefighters and that volunteer firefighters attend many events for which pay is not provided, other board members suggested the title "paid-on-call volunteers" be considered.

Eckberg joins fellow board member Bruce Patterson to iron out the precise terminology needed to describe Salt Spring's roster of non-staff firefighters.

The task force will interview a variety of parties to gather information and opinions about the name-change proposal.

"We need to enter into discussions with the volunteers," said Michael Schubart, the fire board's chair.

"Here we are discussing this, but they are the ones who are doing the work."

Volunteer firefighter rep Mark Wyatt said volunteers receive a stipend of $16/hour while attending calls. Twenty per cent of that amount ($3/hour) is contributed to the Volunteer Firefighters Association.

The Salt Spring Fire Protection District's board of trustees meets on the third Monday of each month at the Ganges fire hall. The board's next scheduled meeting is on Feb. 15 at 7:30 p.m.

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LIQUID WASTE

Cost of island septic tank pumping on the rise with tipping fee increase

Local committee recommends hike to cover deficit

Septic pump-out costs are about to increase on Salt Spring with a 58 per cent hike in tipping fees at the Burgoyne Valley liquid waste treatment plant.

Last Wednesday the Capital Regional District Board passed a bylaw based on a Salt Spring Island Liquid Waste Committee recommendation, increasing the fees from 24 to 38 cents an Imperial gallon.

According to material from the liquid waste committee, the change is expected to add about $100 to the cost of an average septic tank pump-out.

When islanders passed a November 2008 referendum to approve upgrades and a composting plan, it was anticipated that parcel taxes would not need to be increased because a cumulative surplus in annual revenues would offset costs and maturing short-term borrowings would free funds for servicing the new long-term loan.

In other words, the improvements could be completed without increasing taxes or fees.

"However," explains the committee, "shortly after the referendum, the membranes at the septage plant that filter effluent failed, resulting in unplanned maintenance costs of $50,000.

. . . the change is expected to add about $100 to the cost of an average . . . pump-out.

"The new membranes required mechanical and electrical modifications as the old-model ones were no longer available. These expenses eliminated the estimated revenue surplus, resulting in a deficit of $29,942 carried forward to 2009."

The liquid waste committee expects to be able to maintain the parcel tax at the 2008 level, but the committee may not legally budget a deficit, so the shortfall cannot be spread over time. Because the committee made a commitment not to increase parcel taxes beyond the 2008 level, it has no choice but to increase tipping fees to recover the deficit in 2010.

"In addition, we expect that tipping fees at the Hartland land fill (where our processed sewage and septage sludge is disposed) will increase this month by 15 per cent to $115 per tonne. The volume of effluent treated on island has increased nearly 25 per cent in the last six years, and it is expected that operating costs will increase to $366,565 in 2010. This is in part due to extra labour in keeping the old plant operating. Thus the recommendation to the CRD Board that local tipping fees should be increased to 38 cents per imperial gallon (8.4 cents/litre) to cover these operating costs and deficit. It should be noted this provides very little provision to accumulate reserves for operating emergencies."

For a comparison, including parcel tax, fixed user fee, and average user charge, those taxpayers on Maliview sewer service will pay $730 and Ganges $480 per year.

For the householder with an average 750 gallon septic tank pumped put every five years as recommended, the annual maintenance cost, including parcel tax would be approximately $210.

"We continue to recommend that septic tanks be pumped out at least once every five years. To neglect pump outs can result in very expensive repair or replacement, as well as damage to the environment."



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BASKETBALL

Tourney embodies spirit of sport

Eleven teams compete in 2010 Howe event

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Organizers, participants and fans alike are lauding the fifth-annual Nairn Howe Memorial Basketball Tournament as a major triumph.

"There was a really positive atmosphere," said Kim Chalmers, one of the event's organizers and coach of the Gulf Islands Secondary School's senior boys' team.

"Basically there's a competition, but it goes far and beyond that because it's also about leadership and sportsmanship."

Chalmers' team squeaked into the final thanks to a three-point victory in its semi-final match.

The senior boys Scorpions finished the tourney in second spot, losing a 53-42 decision to Maple Ridge's talented Thomas Haney Secondary School.

GISS' senior girls team couldn't make it into the final in spite of a strong performance by outstanding player award-winner Erica Rimmer.

Campbell River's Carihi Secondary School topped the seven girls' teams registered in the three-day event by defeating Kwalikum Secondary School in Saturday's final.

GISS' Ryan Jones was a slam dunk for the boys' outstanding player award.

Chalmers said the Friday evening buffet dinner and three-point competition were among the highlights.

"The stands were completely full on Friday night," she said.

"The event is really about the bonding between teams."

Eleven schools from Vancouver Island and the Lower Mainland travelled to the island for the tournament.

The annual competition was initiated by Bob Howe, whose wife Nairn died of cancer on Christmas Day in 2005. Nairn Howe volunteered her time extensively in the school district and community.

Chalmers thanked everyone for the strong support that helped to make the tournament such a success.



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GISS player Graham Wrigley battles against a strong Thomas Haney team.



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SIMS BASKETBALL

SIMS girls use smooth passing to get victory shots

Salt Spring Island Middle School's Grade 8 girls basketball team started a new year off right with a 28-18 victory over their counterparts at Queen Margaret's School.

Twelve players made the trek to QMS on Jan. 12 for their first game after the holiday break.

According to parent reporter Karen Hudson, the SIMS girls started the game with their usual enthusiasm and squared off against a small and quick QMS team.

The score was only 12-8 at the half, with SIMS holding a narrow lead with aggressive defence. In the second half, the girls started to pull away with smooth passes and nice shots.

SIMS won the game by a 28-18 score with Megan Brooke contributing eight points; six points coming from Cassidy Fraser; four from Zorah Wiltzen and Jade Beauvais, and Jasmine Cooper, Rowyn George, Hannah James and Eliza Moat each scoring two to contribute towards the win.

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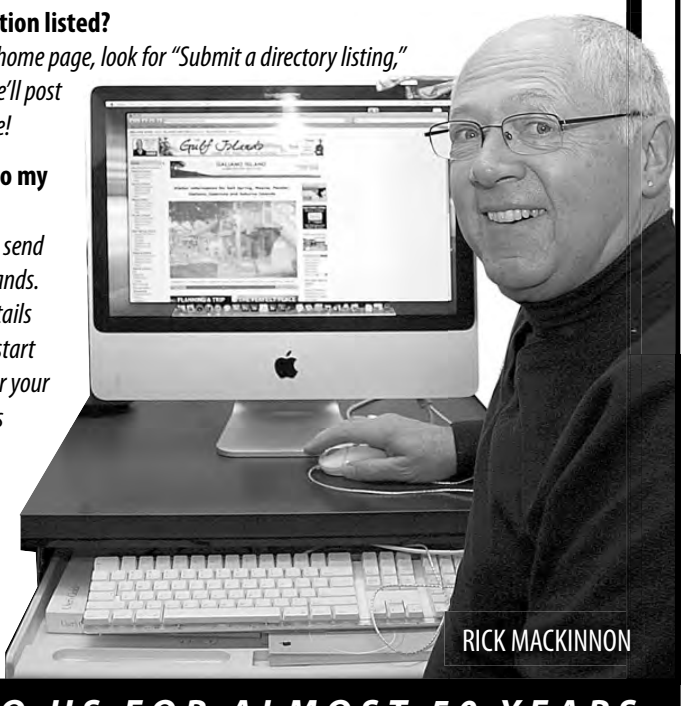
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POOL FUNDRAISER



PHOTO BY SEAN MCINTYRE
Rainbow Road Pool is filled with swimmers posting laps for a Heart & Stroke Foundation fundraiser.

Heart, stroke campaign makes splash at Rainbow Road Pool

Swimmers asked to sign up ahead of Feb. 14 celebration

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Staff at the Rainbow Road Pool seek swimmers keen to keep fit and make strides against heart and stroke disease.

"As long as a person can swim a couple hundred metres, they should be able to participate in this event," said Jeremy Hudson, who works as an aquatic leader at the pool.

Teams of up to six members have already starting raising funds as they train for a day-long celebration that will feature various swimming events on Valentine's Day.

This year's activities feature an aquafit class, 100-metre swim, 50-metre swim, 30-minute timed team swim and plenty of food and refreshments for all.

"The day's events are not only competitive but also a celebration of the people who have participated," Hudson said. "It's for everybody."

Hudson said he hopes the 2010 campaign will exceed last year's inaugural event total. Some $3,400 was collected in 2009.

With less than a month to go before the big day, Hudson said the number of participants is slightly down from the year before.

He encourages swimmers of all abilities to call or drop by the Rainbow Road Pool for more details about the program and schedule information.

Participants can form teams representing businesses, community groups, schools, grades and the like. Individual swimmers can be added to existing teams or compete on their own.

For a registration fee of just $10, Hudson said, participants get a chance to take part in a worthwhile project that can help them tone up those leftover holiday love handles and earn some pretty swell prizes while they're at it.

Swimmers can plot how much distance their team has covered in the lead-up to February's event on charts posted in the pool's reception area.

Team members can choose to set goals equivalent to the 100-kilometre circumnavigation of Salt Spring Island, circumnavigation of Vancouver Island or the more demanding 2,000-kilometre swim to Alaska.

Hudson concedes that, at 25 metres a lap, time is running out for teams to complete the 80,000-lap (per team) paddle to Alaska.

Hudson explained the posters are meant to keep swimmers motivated, help them keep track of how far they've come and let them know how much farther they've got to go.

The event is conducted as part of the Heart and Stroke Foundation of Canada's Fit for Heart campaign.

For more information, call the pool at 250-537-1402.

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MEN'S SOCCER

Bays United team rains on local FC's new year

Weather wreaks havoc with weekend schedules

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Bays United dashed Salt Spring FC players' hopes of kicking off 2010 with a win by beating the hometown hopefuls 2-1 at Portlock Park on Saturday afternoon.

Offensive juggernaut Leroy Coombs got FC on the scoreboard, but the team couldn't hold back Bays United's persistent forwards from netting two goals before game's end.

The loss leaves Salt Spring FC in third place in the Vancouver Island Soccer League's second division with a 4-3-4 record and 16 points on the season.

The victory moves Bays United into lone possession of first spot in the division with 22 points.

Salt Spring FC travels to the Cowichan Valley on Saturday, Jan. 23 where players will attempt to net some much-needed points against Cowichan Sportstraders (2-5-4).

Inclement weather and poor field conditions led to cancellations of Salt Spring Alumni FC's Sunday game against Vic West and Ganges Gremio's weekend home game versus SPL.

Gremio retakes the field when it hosts Vantreights at Portlock Park on Sunday at 2:15 p.m.

Player Ryan Smith said the team has a rough ride ahead, but is capable of completing a solid season.

"Our injury issues have only gotten worse, so at best at this point we only have 11 or 12 active players, some of which are guys playing through injuries just so we can field a team," Smith wrote in an email on Monday.

"In light of all our troubles, though, our guys still won't quit.

"We've only lost one game and are still close enough in the standings to do some damage. There is still a good chance we can finish second in the division, giving us a playoff spot for promotion to Div. 3 next year, but it's going to take a lot of heart, hard work and hopefully a few names scratched off the injured reserve list."

Should weather permit, Salt Spring Alumni FC (3-9-0) starts up the second half of its season against Vantreights at Prospect Lake on Friday at 6:30 p.m.

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The two-kilometre trail was made from recycled rubber conveyor belts, donated by a local mining company, which create a smooth path so people of all abilities can use the trail without worrying about tripping or stumbling.

This project was made possible thanks to Measuring Up, a program funded by the Province of B.C., which helps communities assess and improve local accessibility and inclusion for persons with disabilities and others.

2010 Legacies Now has invested in more than 420 arts and cultural projects in B.C.

From increasing accessible employment opportunities and offering inclusive community services, to installing automatic doors and ramps, Measuring Up is helping B.C. communities engage people with disabilities in community planning and programming like never before.

In Vancouver, with the help of the Catalyst arts grant program, four theatre groups formed a central operations hub, enabling them to reduce expenses and improve production.

Boca del Lupo, Electric Company Theatre, Neworld Theatre and Rumble Productions used funding from Catalyst to develop a new operations plan, which led to a shared working space called Progress Lab 1422 (PL 1422).

This former East Vancouver garment factory was converted into a 7,000-square-foot, state-of-the-art rehearsal and office space and storage facility, and has allowed for more collaboration to take place.

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In Nelson, seniors are learning how to send emails and find information online at free computer literacy classes.

In Lillooet, children and adults living in remote areas can borrow reading materials thanks to a mobile Library Book Bus.

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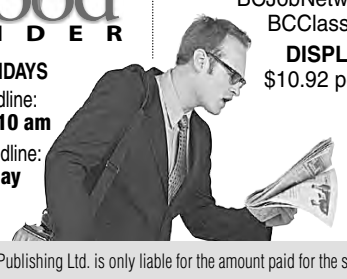


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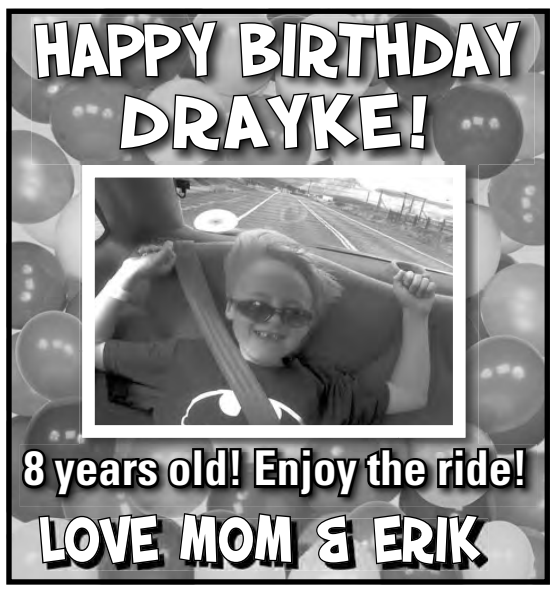
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January 26, 2010

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The directors of the Central Community Hall Society are to hold a regular directors meeting on Tuesday, 26th January, 2010 at 7.00 pm in the lower hall at 901 North End Road.

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LOCAL TRUST COMMITTEE
NOTICE OF BUSINESS MEETING

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DATE: February 4, 2010
TIME: 10:30 am
PLACE: ArtSpring, 100 Jackson Ave

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Rosemary Stallybrass
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Rosemary was born in Belfast and spent the early part of her life in England. Tragically her first husband Desmond, father of her children, died at the age of 39. She subsequently married Martyn Stallybrass of Western Canada in 1962.

From an early age she was a great traveller taking in Ireland, Iceland, Albania, New Zealand, France, Germany and for a large part of her later life the Gulf Islands. Together with her husband Martyn she took a great interest in island life particularly Prevost Island and the de Burgh family. She was an expert needlewoman and fine artist making exquisite Christmas and anniversary cards which are treasured by many friends and family.

To sum up the person she was we can do no better than reproduce a part of Barbara de Burgh's kind letter written after Rosemary's death:

"She and Martyn were almost like a second set of parents to the four of us and we loved them dearly. She was truly a remarkable person who could go anywhere in the world and be at home, make friends and always keep them, fit in and make the best of whatever situation she was in while maintaining her own values and standing up for them. She was always interested in the welfare of all friends and family and certainly devoted to you and Ros and all her grandchildren. We found her to be a great friend in times of success with a pat on the back for anyone who had done well, and lots of sympathy and positive support for those who were in difficulty."

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salt spring arts council

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Salt Spring floor hockey players take on the goalie at the Monday night event.

INDOOR SPORTS

Fulford Hall event offers 'next best thing' to hockey

Players of all skill levels invited out

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

When musician and hockey-fan Peter Prince moved to Salt Spring, he was amazed the island didn't have an ice rink.

It's still something he finds hard to believe given the island's population and the fact that so many Salt Springers are as mad about the game as folks from anywhere else in the country.

The lack of a rink and the dearth of any ice suitable for a decent game of pond hockey is what encouraged Prince and many others to consider the next best thing — hitting the floor.

"I'm here because I love hockey," he said at a recent floor hockey session at Fulford Hall.

It may be played on a wooden floor and with a plastic puck, but Prince said he doesn't intend to hang up his sneakers anytime soon.

Floor hockey at Fulford Hall is nothing new on Salt Spring. Back in the years immediately following the Second World War, the island had a number of teams competing for a coveted island cup and trophies of all shapes and sizes.

Today's group foregoes the formalities of any structured league, but that doesn't mean it lacks the competitive spirit of days gone by.

All the equipment is provided to people just trying out the sport, but Prince recommends that serious players invest in some decent equipment.

He normally brings along shin pads, elbow pads and regular hockey or lacrosse gloves for when things getting a little too competitive.

"If you aren't worried about getting bumped and bruised, you don't need to wear any protective gear," he said. "Us vintage players tend to recover more slowly, though."

The evening games, he said, can often last several hours, depending on how many people turn out and how much energy they have.

During most matches, an effort is made to keep the contact limited and the shots down.

The club currently has players in their teens through to their 60s. On most weeks there are enough players on hand for two or three teams, allowing plenty of time for newer and/or "vintage" members to catch their breath.

Games are open to men and women and cost $5. The group meets at least once a week, usually on Mondays from 7 to 9 p.m. (but sometimes on Sundays) from October to April.

For more information, contact Prince at 250-653-0005.

This Week's Horoscope

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Aries (Mar 21 – Apr 20)
Spending more quality time with friends or special interest groups is highlighted. A marked sense of unity and connection with others and life in general is being activated. Discerning where your time is best spent and to whom and what you want to direct your allegiances is the deeper end of the story. Desires to socialize will vie with a more serious tone. Aim to blend both.

Taurus (Apr 20 – May 21)
You are in the mood to shake it up! You may suddenly want attention and will probably get it. A continued urge to make some key changes in your life is part of the plot. A focus on health linked to your lifestyle is likely. This may include joining clubs, perhaps the gym. You are ready to learn new skills and gather tools. If necessary, you will innovate and invent to realize your dreams.

Gemini (May 21 – Jun 21)
A new quality of light is shining in your world. This may be a lightness of being or it could a spiritual illumination. Either way, you are inspired to explore alternative paths and perspectives. Where these will lead you may not yet be clear. Feelings of uncertainty may be high and surrender to the flow may be all you can do. Be aware of tendencies to want to control people and situations. Aim to observe, yield and flow with your truth.

Cancer (Jun 22 – Jul 22)
Financial and/or monetary concerns or interests are on your mind. You want to stir the pot be more aware to make better choices. External pressures may be the other reason. Changes in the world and possibly longer term visions The push to lay claim to latent talents and new levels of power perhaps especially in your career are leading you to assess your options and increase the possibilities.

Leo (Jul 23 – Aug 23)
You are suddenly in the mood to diversify. New friends and interests are gaining your attention. Yet, your focus is also practical. This implies learning and study as well. You are ready for new angles and as much as you want to express more beauty and/or satisfaction, you may also simply want to make more money. Aim to initiate a healthier flow of abundance.

Virgo (Aug 24 – Sep 22)
The time has come to nurture new aspects of your self. Consider that creative genius is not simply something we have or not, it is a field that we can tap. How you may ask? Well, start with intending to do so. Generating a more intelligent and varied service with practicality in mind is featured. Creative exchanges with a wider audience are on the rise. Make the most of it.

Libra (Sep 23 – Oct 22)
Desires to make some creative changes in your life are on the rise. Improvements, refinements, repairs and/or personal healing is on your mind. You are ready to try new angles and approach things from new perspectives. When it comes to health concerns, many are learning that the troubles are actually subconscious. Energy psychology is a revolution that will change the way we do medicine and it is available now.

Scorpio (Oct 23 – Nov 21)
Creating more beauty in your home is likely now. You may be happy to start spring cleaning now. Health and hygiene may also be on your mind. Clearing the clutter to clear your mind and allow fresh, creative ideas and inspirations to enter may be your main goal. Breaking old habits means changing your mind. How can you get out of your own way and maintain, if not increase, self-esteem?

Sagittarius (Nov 22 – Dec 21)
You might be in the mood to socialize but where are all your friends? Perhaps it is time to make some new ones. Something old is ending and something new is taking its place; a new conviction and confidence perhaps. You are ready to focus more intently these days. You want more…money, security, peace of mind. Avoid fanatical attitudes and people.

Capricorn (Dec 22 – Jan 19)
Many will agree that their greatest asset is their good friends. Some of these may be far away, however. The itch to go and see and be with friends and family is growing. You may be in the mood to meet new people as well. This could include joining clubs. Making investments to acquire or develop talents is also likely. Either way, you are ready for change.

Aquarius (Jan 20 – Feb 19)
A pioneering urge is pushing you out. If you have the time and money to travel now, you will. Making new friends and/or deepening old ties are current themes. Doing some soul searching or studies into some of the deeper mysteries of life now will bring satisfaction. Re-incarnation and past lives and the immortality of the soul are possible focuses. Your priorities are deepening.

Pisces (Feb 20 – Mar 20)
Jupiter in your sign now implies an expansive and optimistic mood. Taking risks to make connections you never thought you would or could is highlighted. You may feel the push to open your mind wider than ever. Necessity may be the mother of your invention. Be willing to take risks now, they should bring returns. Deep changes are brewing meanwhile, tune-in!



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SIMS BASKETBALL

Grade 8 middle school boys travelling team tops round-robin

Boys invited to face Ladysmith and Port Alberni

BY PETER LEVITT
SPECIAL TO THE DRIFTWOOD

The reputation of SIMS Grade 8 travelling basketball team seems to be moving through the nearby community like the fast break game they play so well.

No sooner had coach Diane Weatherby put her feet up after the team's strong first outing at the Royal Oak Tournament, than her phone rang with an invitation to play in a round-robin tournament against Ladysmith and E.J. Dunn from Port Alberni.

After a few minutes of playing getting to know you basketball that led to no score by either team, the SIMS players found their game.

One major adjustment was applying a strategy to deal with Ladysmith's twin towers, each over six feet tall.

Using a combination of quick-handed passing and posting up in the key, just as they had practised, the SIMS boys soon found their shots and sped to a first quarter lead of 16-8. The second quarter proved more challenging as Ladysmith came into their own.

The teams battled strongly for every rebound, with Justin Kopetski and Sam Montalbetti often wrestling opponents to the floor as they fought for the ball, but Ladysmith began to hit their shots and soon pulled within two points.

Never shy of a challenge, SIMS was ignited by Ladysmith's surge and put on a shooting and passing exhibition, with Tai Levitt at guard deftly assisting Eric Weatherby and Lukas Wenzel again and again, until the halftime score read 28-19, with SIMS in the lead.

Not to be outdone, Ladysmith came into the third quarter with confidence, and despite SIMS continuing to apply full court pressure with Wenzel, Weatherby, Levitt and Montalbetti hitting their shots, Ladysmith outscored SIMS in the quarter, pulling to within six points at the whistle.

That's when SIMS kicked the range of their game into gear, showing the maturity of play to switch their defence from man-to-man to zone, as the situation and their coach demanded. As a result, Ladysmith was hard put to get an easy shot and were only able to find the bucket for a total five points as the game moved toward its close.

SIMS played skillful, assertive basketball to the end, with Levitt continuing to rack up assists as Forest Junker-Allen and Kopetski joined Montalbetti, Weatherby, Wenzel and Levitt to rack up a total of 17 points for the quarter, ending the game with a 59-39 win.

The second match, against E.J. Dunn, didn't prove the challenge of the first, as SIMS applied their pressure defence and overpowered their opponents with a steady stream of buckets until the half-time score showed SIMS in the lead, 34-11.

As the game moved into the second half, some of SIMS' less experienced players jumped into the driver's seat as they joined the others by rejecting Dunn's shots or stealing the ball, and then heading down court to plant the ball in the net.

Kopetski and Gunner Rasmussen often took advantage of the forced turnaround either they or Montalbetti had created, and put the ball through the net, until by game's end each had scored more points than ever before, with Kopetski at 10 and Rasmussen at 13.

Joined in spreading out the scoring by their more experienced teammates, as all members of the team used game conditions to work on new offensive and defensive strategies developed by their coach, the scoreboard showed a final of 67-19.

SIMS' high scorers for the tournament were Weatherby (36), Wenzel (30), and Levitt (25, plus 16 assists).

Coach Weatherby could not have been more pleased with the skill and sportsmanship shown by all teams, and the post-game celebration included pizza, and the sight of the SIMS travelling team players ice-skating at Fuller Lake Arena in their ice-blue basketball shorts — not a sight to miss!

MEN'S SOCCER

Division-leading Prospect Lake takes down Salt Spring Old Boys

Team discovers 'strong spirit'

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Salt Spring's Old Boys failed to preserve an early one-goal lead, losing a close match to the division-leading Prospect Lake Lakers 2-1 on Saturday evening.

The Old Boys' "much-depleted" and injury-ridden squad proved no match for "the more youthful and physical Prospect Lake team," said Old Boys' player Richard Steel.

Martin Thorn completed "an almost-Brazilian-style move" with help from teammate Phil Ritson to score early for the Salt Spring side.

The Lakers' unyielding offensive counter-attack eventually wore down the Old Boys' valiant defensive effort, leading to two unanswered goals before the end of full time.

The loss keeps the Old Boys in a three-way tie for fourth place in the Vancouver Island Soccer League's Masters-C division with eight points and a 2-6-2 record.

The victory strengthened Prospect Lake's hold atop the division with 21 points and only a single loss this season.

Given their opponents' to-date success, Old Boys players are content with their performance over the weekend.

"A performance so full of character bodes well for the rest of the season," Steel said.

Back in October, the Old Boys dropped their first game of the season against Prospect Lake 6-1.

The team hopes some of its new-found character will shine through when the Old Boys travel to play second-place Bays United (6-1-3) on Friday evening.

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PIANO MAN: Piano technician Jim Anderson works his tune-up magic on the Steinway piano at ArtSpring.

CHAMBER MUSIC

Kiffner and best soloing friends merge for powerhouse concert

Goldberg Variations and Brahms Piano Quartet in C on Sunday afternoon program

The Paula Kiffner and Friends concert scheduled for ArtSpring on the afternoon of Jan. 24 could be considered a misnomer.

"It sounds like some nice folks sitting around the kitchen jamming on a rainy afternoon," said ArtSpring executive director George Sipos.

"The reality is that Paula has gathered some of the very finest soloists in our region to present a terrific concert of the music of Bach and Brahms."

Arthur Rowe, professor of piano at the University of Victoria, is a widely acclaimed international recitalist whose playing the New York Times described as "first-rate, with an execution tinglingly alive to the shape and contribution of each phrase."

Violinist Sharon Stanis, whose recital career has taken her all over North America and Europe, is a founding member of the Lafayette Quartet and is currently Artist-in-Residence at UVic.

Israeli-born violist Yariv Aloni has also pursued an active international career of performance and recording. He is music director of Victoria's highly regarded chamber group The Galiano Ensemble.

These "friends" are but associates to the concert's star, Salt Spring musician Paula Kiffner. A former member of the Vancouver Symphony, Kiffner has had and continues to develop a highly regarded career as a chamber musician and solo cellist.

She appears frequently as a recitalist and concerto soloist throughout the Pacific Northwest and can frequently be heard on CBC Radio and KING FM in Seattle. Kiffner is also a member of the teaching faculty of the Victoria Conservatory. She is known as an inspired mentor of young musical talent.

The concert these four friends will present to a Salt Spring audience includes Brahms' Piano Quartet in C and a string trio transcription of Bach's Goldberg Variations.

"The Goldberg Variations is perhaps Bach's most famous work, apart from his choral compositions," said Sipos.

"While originally written for harpsichord and nowadays most commonly played on the piano, the variations have been transcribed for all manner of instruments: organ, harp, guitar, electronic synthesizer, jazz trio and full orchestra. The string trio rendition we will hear on Sunday is one of the loveliest."

The Sunday event, which begins at 2:30 p.m., is part of ArtSpring's continuing project to present concerts for a local audience of some of the best professional musicians on the island.

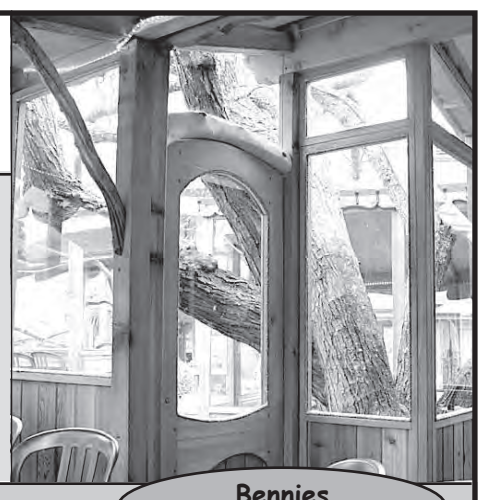
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POETRY

Top lyric poet from Ottawa presents rich word 'concert'

Free reading with David O'Meara at ArtSpring

ArtSpring hosts the first of several literary events this season when Ottawa poet David O'Meara reads from his work on Thursday, Jan. 21 at 7 p.m. in the Guild Room at ArtSpring.

"Why would anyone want to attend a poetry reading?" wonders ArtSpring executive director George Sipos. "The answer is similar to why anyone would want to hear a live concert of music instead of listening to a CD. Poetry, like music, is a much richer experience when heard spoken than when read on the page."

O'Meara is one of the best of a younger generation of lyric poets in Canada. Born in Pembroke, Ontario, he has lived most of his life in the Ottawa Valley, while travelling extensively throughout the world. His poems reflect both a sense of place and a world-view influenced by the dislocations and insights of travel.

His first book, Storm Still, was shortlisted in 1999 for the prestigious Gerald Lampert Award, and his second, The Vicinity, for a Trillium Award, Ontario's major literary prize. His most recent book, Noble Gas – Penny Black, was published in 2009 by Brick Books, Canada's most important poetry publisher.

"David and I first met in the Writing Studio at Banff," said Sipos, "and I admire his work immensely. There is a wonderfully wry freshness to his language and to his take on being human and living a life. I recommend his work to anyone who cares about careful, well-crafted language."

When he is not writing or travelling, O'Meara tends bar at the Manx Pub in downtown Ottawa.

The reading is free and is made possible by funding from the Canada Council for the Arts.



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READY TO READ: Members of Wordplay practice for a dramatic reading of the classic Oedipus the King by Sophocles running this Saturday, Jan. 23 at ArtSpring. Two shows are offered: one at 2:30 p.m. and another at 7:30. Admission is free, with donations always gratefully received.



ART BEAT

Showcase of workshop results makes for inspirational viewing

Salt Spring Painters Guild lobby show at ArtSpring

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

The Salt Spring Painters Guild is remarkable for its commitment to showing new work: several annual shows at its home base of ArtSpring are supplemented by frequent, less formal lobby shows.

The guild is just as remarkable for its commitment to continuing education, providing workshops with visiting and local experts for its members. Often the work that comes out of these workshops offers fresh results from even the most experienced artists.

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A single wall on ArtSpring's lower level hung with two works currently demonstrates this phenomenon to great advantage with Red Poppy by Victoria Olchowecki and I'm Stumped by Judy Nurse. Although completely opposed in subject matter and viewing experience, each painting employs multimedia for a richly textured appeal.

I'm Stumped is a nuanced layering of thick paint and torn paper that sets orange and green against a pale blue sky. The setting against an empty vista makes the stump resemble a solitary mountain, and this feeling is reinforced with the collaged scene of an alpine hillside emerging from beneath the subsequent layers.

With chunky paint and paper becoming moss, bark and parasite fungus, the painting presents the stump as part of an unfinished process. Although the tree was cut down (emphasized by the flat plane at its top), the organic material belongs to an unending continuum of past and future evolution.

Nurse's masterful work is marred only by the inclusion of a heart-shaped pin (probably part of the workshop instructions?) and by the choice of hand-pressed paper for the matting, whose busy look draws away from the already very complex scene.

Olchowecki's poppy also emulates its organic subject through the fleshy texture of combined paint and paper. But unlike Nurse's stump, this close-up view of a single bloom is a moment captured in time and therefore timeless. The celebration of the blossom bursts forth in scarlet petals shaded in deep purple and complemented by the sunny yellow stamen.

Peter Eyles also gets good results from workshop lessons in Forest Pond. The mixed-media work gives an impression of the forest's busy splendour with many opposing branches and trunks, set off in shades of green with gentle highlights in yellow and orange.

Similar colours can be found in Wendy Wickland's Autumn Glow, an acrylic painting on paper. The autumn colours are not found in foliage, which is absent. Instead, the moss-green background provides the cushion for russet-coloured, bare alder trunks. Rich gold tones suggest afternoon's last sunlight shining in.

Wickland's portrait called Reclining makes an academic study more interesting through her creative colour application. Not content to stay "within the lines," Wickland's bone-white nude has gold and soft red spilling over her body from the background area, while vivid mauve shadows add contrast.

Jose Campbell provides another nice nude in From Life Drawing. Though subtle in effect, the seated female shown from behind is the material for Campbell's expert eye for form and shading.

Deirdre Tessman shows similar delicacy with the view from behind in her oil painting, The Pink Scarf. With her hair mostly covered by the scarf in question, the woman's body is shown just to the fleshy part above the buttocks. Tessman uses rich brown tones to round out background and to shadow the flesh and pink shades.

The exhibit can be seen at ArtSpring through January.

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The Hurt Locker deserves popular acclaim

Oh, no . . . another Iraq war film? And one without any major stars? Kathryn Bigelow's The Hurt Locker might not seem like the ideal candidate for the year's most loved film, and yet it's easily one of the best viewing experiences I've had for a long time.

Relative unknown Jeremy Renner stars as William James, U.S. Army bomb-defuser extraordinaire. As the film begins, James is matched up with two new partners, J.T. Sanborn (Anthony Mackie) and Owen Eldridge (Brian Geraghty). The three are summoned by "higher ups" whenever a bomb is found (or thought to be present).

Sanborn and Eldridge quickly find out that their new partner is not your typical by-the-books officer. James does things his way, frequently ignoring procedure in order to follow his wits. This causes a lot of friction, but it's clear that it works as the three make their way from one deadly situation to another and come out safe almost every time. Almost.

I can't really give away much more of the plot without, well, to be honest, The Hurt Locker frequently feels almost completely plotless. Of course, that is partly the point. This is a film in many ways about the experience and processing of fear, a careful meditation on the relationship between danger and excitement.

This is an incredibly tense film. Without an obviously structured plot or typical stock characters, we're never given that "comfort zone" wherein we can feel safe in knowing that a given scenario isn't going to turn out to be a disaster. Bigelow is an amazing visual stylist, using multiple handheld cameras to perfectly approximate the feeling of what it is actually like to defuse bombs that can level city blocks.

The Hurt Locker's focus on mood and tension has led many critics to call it an "apolitical" film, and in a way they're right. It's not a film that wears its heart on its sleeve, spoon-feeding an obvious message to a passive viewer.

Instead we're forced to look at the details and come to conclusions ourselves, and this is the hallmark of a truly mature work of art. Bigelow has somehow created a movie that is exciting and visceral at the same time that it is meaningful, and this is an incredibly difficult task. This is the kind of movie that I really hope gets a lot of popular acclaim — are the Oscars calling?

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VISUAL ART

Volquardsen retrospective opens this week

Artist in attendance at Saturday afternoon opening

A longstanding Salt Spring artist is showing his work at the Salt Spring Gallery of Fine Art from Saturday, Jan. 23 to Thursday, Jan. 28.

Tom Volquardsen is a well-known carver on the island with a career span of over 30 years.

His commissioned artwork is in collections of Edgar Kaiser, of Canadian shipbuilding family fame, and the Bank of Montreal on Salt Spring.

Volquardsen was also an early member of the Community Arts Council.

He will be in attendance at the show from 1 to 3 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 23 at the gallery at 135 McPhillips Ave.

Regular gallery hours are 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. from Tuesday through Saturday.

ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

THEATRE REVIEW

Classic roots of vampire legend steer plot in high school's Dracula

Students put together another stand-out show

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

With certain romantic vampire types dominating popular culture these days, it's nice to be reminded of the true terror these creatures classically represent.

The sense of horror that pervades eastern European mythology was masterfully captured in Bram Stoker's novel Dracula, first published in 1897. Stoker invented many of the ideas we associate with vampire lore today and his text is still read as the official literary word on the subject.

Talia Pura's theatrical adaptation of the book, performed by GISS senior drama students last week, stays true to many of Stoker's plot elements. With a few creative twists of their own devising, the GISS group presented a highly entertaining version of the classic story that made vampires scary again.

The curtain opened gradually to reveal a group of howling and snarling female vampires with tattered black clothing and wild hair. (They were so truly frightening that I was worried about some small children in the audience).

In a chilling and mysterious moment that set the tone for the rest of the night, the lights went up just for a beat to reveal a solitary man, looking lost and surrounded from behind by the vampires. A fantastic set design also added to that tone, featuring a multi-level castle extending from the backdrop into the stage space and a wonderful arched door topped by a gargoyle head at stage right.

Dracula proved to be a good script to work with given the class demographics, with many more females than male students participating. Expanding Dracula's consort number from three to six worked well, as did casting a female to play the title role.

Sean Cunningham looked suitably menacing in black hood and cape and pale makeup, having perfected the swoosh of her cape and the predatory bite on her victims. Unlike the "trouser role" performed in some operas by female singers, in this case Cunningham's costuming and carriage allowed for the proper suspension of disbelief necessary for audience enjoyment.

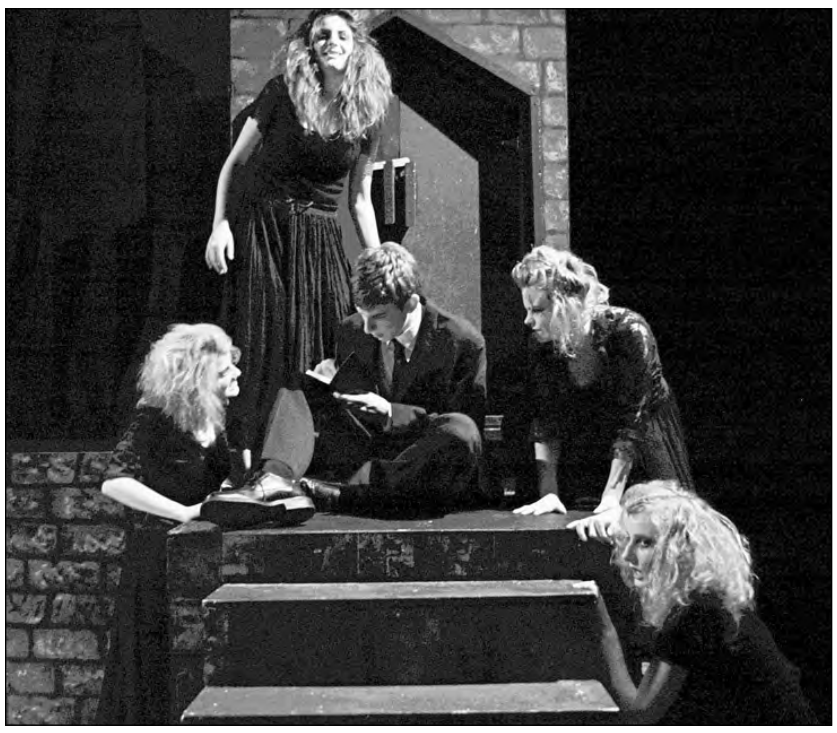


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A scene from last week's Dracula performance.

Courtenay Bolton gave a good performance as Lucy, particularly when under Dracula's spell. She made a creepy lady in white, leading small children off to be fed on. Leilani Fraser-Buchanan, playing Mina, was similarly at her best in scenes of transformation. Her restless, demonic sleep near the play's end looked very convincing. She also pulled off a cunning sleight of hand to insert vampire teeth without the audience noticing for a surprising final scene.

Jesse Grindler played a slightly over-the-top version of Van Helsing, getting many laughs throughout the evening for his rendition of simple lines like: "Miss Wells, bring me my bag!" Lucy's suitors Arthur and Jack provided a more serious tone, played with attention by Christopher Stein and Adrian Rodig, respectively. Kyle Anderson's turn as Jonathan was also fittingly grave.

The break-out star for the production had to be Josh Bedford, who gave a hilarious performance as Dracula's wannabe servant, the mental patient Renfield. Bedford was equally delightful and crazed whether asking for more sugar to catch flies or threatening death and attacking people.

Some of the play's best scenes were those that made use of the ensemble in choreographed movements. The short scenes symbolizing London's busy streets were especially effective, with actors in black bowler hats and umbrellas walking briskly to an industrial soundtrack.

Chaotic group scenes from the insane asylum were likewise enjoyable, enhanced by live accompaniment on violin and accordion by Clayton Upex and Dorah Prieto. The music of the asylum echoed the gypsy music Upex and Prieto played during the crowd scenes in Transylvania.

A recorded soundtrack that accompanied most of the scenes was also effective in building up the dramatic tension, but in many cases was too loud and overpowered the actor's voices.

As I saw the show on opening night, the technical issue may have been addressed for the following performance, although it appears to be somewhat of an ongoing problem for high school productions.

This lone issue is the sole complaint in an otherwise stand-out production, another credit to GISS theatre teacher Jason Donaldson and his students.

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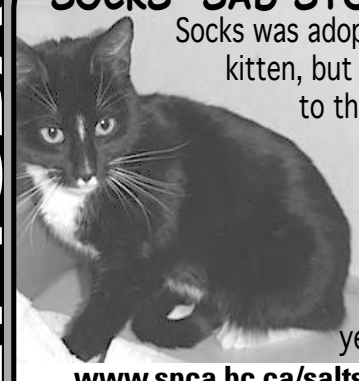
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CONCERT PREVIEW

Internationally famous accordionist at All Saints

Jelena Milojevic performs next Saturday

BY GAIL SJUBERG
DRIFTWOOD EDITOR

The North American west coast has always attracted trail-blazers and been a place where people from all over the world can make their dreams come true.

For Jelena and Aleks Milojevic, Victoria has already proven itself "the perfect place" to promote their love of classical accordion music in the past two years.

A full-house concert at the Wood Recital Hall in November and the audience's enthusiastic response bolstered their feeling that they made the right choice in moving there.

"I'm not that used to having a full hall because classical accordion is not that popular, but here it seems that people really like the accordion," said Jelena during a phone interview last week.

"At the end of the concert, every single person was standing, and that was fabulous."

Salt Spring Islanders will get a chance to see what excited the Victoria audience so dramatically when Jelena performs at All Saints By-the-Sea on Saturday, Jan. 30 at 5 p.m.

I've promised Jelena and Aleks that the island is full of accordion music fans, so I'm expecting all of them to appear for this concert. (Some readers may remember my participation in both a Music and Munch recital with Vlad Konik and the wild and crazy Planet Squeezebox event at Lions Hall in 2002.)

Jelena will also perform at the Mary Winspear Centre in Sidney the following day, Sunday, Jan. 31 at 2 p.m., ideal for Southern Gulf Islands residents who can catch an early evening ferry back home from Swartz Bay.

Her program consists mainly of original pieces written for the accordion, but also some arrangements of popular music. Composers are from Spain, France, Italy, Russia and Norway, parts of the world where the instrument has deep roots and high stature.



PHOTO BY GORDAN DUMKA

Jelena Milojevic

She will talk about specific compositions and the accordion in general, connecting with her audience and educating them in the process.

As was obvious during our conversation, Jelena speaks with ease and warmth about her musical passion.

"The accordion is a great instrument," she said. "It can be played as a solo instrument, yet it has a huge sound. It's almost like a small orchestra when playing a really good repertoire."

Jelena has won the highest possible honours in international competition (in Italy in 2003), been recognized worldwide for her playing, and has studied and collaborated with some of the best accordionists on the planet.

In May of 2009 she played at New York's Carnegie Hall, the first solo accordion recital held there in 30 years.

She plays a beautiful custom-made chromatic button accordion — keyboards on the right hand are definitely not the norm in much of Europe and Russia.

Jelena said she and Aleks enjoyed an active musical life in Serbia, but wanted a better future for their children, so immigrated to Canada in 2007, living first in Vancouver. But B.C.'s largest city didn't turn out to be such a hotbed of accordion activity. Everyone was clearly in Victoria, where an active accordion club has existed for several years and now hosts an annual festival, plus workshops and concerts.

Jelena has several students in Victoria and still teaches at Vancouver Community College one day each week. She is in the home stretch of recording her first CD and she and Aleks have just initiated an accordion orchestra in Victoria. Aleks, who also plays the accordion, and is a composer and concert promoter, will be its director.

You can learn more at Jelena's Myspace site or come to the Jan. 30 concert at 5 p.m. I promise it will be musically spectacular and full of warmth and fun.

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Gulf Islands improv teams move on to regional finals

Junior and senior squads advance with Ladysmith

Gulf Islands Secondary School's junior and senior improv teams are congratulated for their success at the Canadian Improv Games' South Island Cup on Jan. 16.

In each case GISS teams were runners-up to first-place champions from Ladysmith Secondary School.

The Ladysmith and Gulf Islands teams will move next to the Vancouver Island regional finals taking place Feb. 5 to 7 in Victoria. The winning senior team for that competition will then travel to the national tournament, which takes place March 23-27 at the National Arts Centre in Ottawa.

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JAPANESE GARDEN

Heiwa Garden celebrates milestone

Interpretive panels recount and move past 'shameful' era

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF



PHOTO BY DERRICK LUNDY

Islanders gathered at Heiwa Garden in the sun last Friday to witness the unveiling of interpretive panels and the planting of a Japanese maple tree.

Efforts to complete the Heiwa Garden project took a big step forward on Friday afternoon as 25 people gathered for the unveiling of interpretive panels depicting the island's Japanese-Canadian heritage and the planting of a weeping Japanese maple tree.

Nancy Wigen was only a young girl when Japanese-Canadian residents of Salt Spring Island and Canada's West Coast were forcefully relocated under the federal government's War Measures Act in 1942.

Nearly 70 years later, Wigen still remembers how many of her young Japanese-Canadian classmates left their Salt Spring school in tears, not understanding why they had to move nor knowing where they would end up.

She called that era of Canadian history "shameful" and commended the Japanese Garden Society and its many volunteers for their work to create a garden of peace.

"It certainly makes people aware and you've got to start somewhere with making peace," she said in a Friday interview at the park on Jackson Avenue.

Wigen's granddaughter-in-law, Japanese-born island resident Kaori Lane, called the Heiwa Garden a wonderful project.

Organizers couldn't have wished for better weather as a week of heavy rains made way for brilliant afternoon sunshine just in time for the event.

The interpretive panels were created and installed thanks to a grant from the National Association of Japanese Canadians.

The panels provide a timeline of Japanese-Canadian settlement on the island and historical information about the relocation of Japanese-Canadians during the Second World War.

Of the many families who were relocated to the B.C. Interior, only the Murakami family would return, rebuild their lives and remain to this day.

"I commend the hard work and dedication of all the individuals, groups and businesses that have brought this project to a successful completion," wrote Terumi Kuwada, president of the NAJC, in a letter read to participants at Friday's ceremony by Maggie Ziegler.

"It is critical to the history of Salt Spring Island, as well as our country, that the history of its citizens are documented and preserved for future generations. It is through the past that we learn valuable lessons to create a more tolerant and kinder society that we leave for our children and grandchildren."

Society member Deb Stevenson thanked individuals and community groups who developed and installed the historical panels, wooden benches and tree in time for Friday's festivities.

Contributions from Phil Vernon, Mana Nakata, Michael Dragland, Colin Beamish, Warren Langley, Patrick Normal, Aki Otsu, Lloyd Klassen, Marlene Rice, Clifton Schooley, the Salt Spring Zen Circle, Masa Ito, Luke Hart-Weller, Hannah Brown and the Salt Spring Island Foundation made Friday's event a reality.

Peter Levitt, founder of the Salt Spring Zen Circle, used the afternoon's ceremony to note the garden's significance to this and future generations.

His group provided the maple tree planted in a prominent position near the Heiwa Garden's entrance.

"To plant a tree in a garden dedicated to reconciliation and peace is a wonderful thing, because by planting a tree in such a place, we also plant a seed of peace in all those people in the future who will see it, walk past it or sit beneath its sheltering embrace," Levitt told participants.

"May the seed of peace this beautiful Heiwa Peace Garden sows in our community be constantly and properly tended and nourished by all of us, so that the true heart of peace, of reconciliation and of community grows strong here on Salt Spring."

Members of the the Japanese Garden Society intend to continue work on the park with plans to install lighting by the end of January and an irrigation system by early spring.

For all the latest information about the garden or to find out how you can lend your support, visit the group's website at www.saltspringjapanesegarden.com or contact the society at 250-537-4716.

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Wed. Jan. 20

ACTIVITIES

Burns Tea. Annual Salt Spring Seniors Services Society event at SS Seniors. Come early to be there when the piper performs. 2 p.m.
Daily Community Yoga Classes. Led by Kristen Woodruff. Pay what you can and bring your own mat at the Core Inn, 3rd floor. 10 to 11:15 a.m. All levels welcome.

Thurs. Jan. 21

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

David O'Meara. Poetry reading with Ottawa poet at ArtSpring guild room. 7 p.m. Free. Sponsored by the Canada Council for the Arts.
GISS Music. Term-end concert at ArtSpring. 7:30 p.m.
Open Mic. Hosted by Stephanie Rhodes at The Local. 8 p.m.
Blues Night. With Soul Shakedown and friends at Moby's Pub. 8 p.m.

ACTIVITIES

Flu Clinics.
For both H1N1 and seasonal flu vaccine. Call the health unit for appointments: 250-538-4880.
Viva Voce! Choir.
Registration and first practice for new choir season — A River of Sound. Debbie Toole conducting. SS Baptist Church. 6 p.m.
Contemporary Dance Class.
With Naomi on Thursdays at Mahon Hall. 5:30 to 7 p.m. Drop in or register at SS Arts Academy: 250-537-4294.
Yoga-robics.
With Kirsten Woodruff at North End Fitness. 12:15 to 1 p.m.
Daily Community Yoga Classes.
See Wednesday listing.

Fri. Jan. 22

LIVE ENTERTAINBMENT

Billie Woods & Rodrigo. Live music at the Harbour House Lounge. 6:30 p.m.
An Island Girls' Showcase. Live music at the Tree House Cafe. 5 to 8 p.m.

ACTIVITIES

Fierce Light. Screening of film by Velcrow Ripper, with director in attendance. A Salt Spring Film Festival fundraiser at The Fritz. 6:30 p.m.
Library StoryTime: It's in the Bag! Stories and surprises with Kaz. For children in early grades and preschoolers. SS Library. 1 p.m.
West African Dance Classes.
New six-Friday series begins with Wontanara Drum & Dance. All Saints. 6 to 7:15 p.m.
Rollerblading.
Fridays at Fulford Hall. 7:30 to 9 p.m.
Daily Community Yoga Classes.
See Wednesday listing.
Interfaith Prayer & Song Nights.
Core Inn, 3rd floor, 7:30 to 9:30 p.m.

Sat. Jan. 23

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Oedipus the King. Wordplay reading of classic tale. ArtSpring. 2:30 and 7:30 p.m.
Vaughn Fulford and the Folke Fiends. Live music at the Harbour House Lounge. 6:30 p.m.
Live Music. TBA at Moby's Pub. 8 p.m.

ACTIVITIES

Fierce Light Workshop. Filmmaker Velcrow Ripper leads session on personal activism. Mahon Hall. 1 to 5 p.m. Limited spaces, so register in advance at SS Books.
PARC Extraordinary Public Meeting. Community Gospel Chapel upstairs. 2 p.m.
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Neighbourhood Night at the Raven. Raven Street Cafe. 8 to 11 p.m.
Dance Yoga. Pay what you can at the Core Inn. 7:30 to 9:30 p.m.

Sun. Jan. 24

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Paula Kiffner & Friends.
Salt Spring cellist Paula Kiffner plus Sharon Stanis, Yariv Aloni and Arthur Rowe perform chamber music, including Bach's Goldberg Variations arranged for string trio and Brahms' Piano Quartet in C. ArtSpring. 2:30 p.m.
QuintEssential.
Live jazz at Moby's. 7 p.m.
The Barley Brothers.
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ACTIVITIES

Dances of Universal Peace.
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Ballroom Dancing.
Mahon Hall from 6-9 p.m. Info: Kathy at ballroomonsaltspring@gmail.com or 250-537- 5058.
Daily Community Yoga Classes.
See Wednesday listing.

Mon. Jan. 25

ACTIVITIES

Strategic Treatment for the Anxiety Disorders.
Workshop for mental health professionals presented by Reid Wilson, Ph.D. Harbour House Hotel. 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sponsored by Community Services. Register through ArtSpring: 250-537-2102.
Life Drawing.
Mondays at the Core Inn upstairs. 1 to 3:30 p.m. Info: Jose Campbell, 250-537-1121.
Toastmasters.
Mondays at the Crofton Room at the Harbour House. 7 p.m.

Tues. Jan. 26

ACTIVITIES

Central Community Hall Society.
Board of directors meeting at the lower hall at 7 p.m.
SS Transportation Commission.
Meets at 118 Fulford-Ganges Rd. (off of the hallway near the CRD office). 7 p.m.
SSI Prostate Cancer Support Group.
First discussion and get-together of the year. Farmers Institute. 1:30 p.m.

Wed. Jan. 27

ACTIVITIES

Salt Spring Genealogy Group.
Meets the last Wednesday of the month at the Mormon church. 7 p.m. Info: Claudia, claudia2@shaw.ca
Starting and Running Your Own SS Business.
Community Ed course begins tonight. GISS. Room S211. 7 to 9 p.m.



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EXHIBITIONS

- **Tom Volquardsen** shows work at **Salt Spring Artists Gallery of FIne Art** from Saturday, Jan. 23 to Thursday, Jan. 28. Artist in attendance on Jan. 23 from 1 to 3 p.m. Regular gallery hours are 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday.
- **The Salt Spring Coffee** cafe show for January is the third annual **cafe staff group show.**
- **Check out the** ArtSpring **lobby for the new** Salt Spring Painters Guild **exhibit.**
- **Gillian McConnell** has work hanging at **Salt Spring Books**.
- **Lisa Lipsett is exhibiting her work at Island Savings Credit Union.**

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SS FILM FEST

For the love of film: festival runs on volunteer energy and spirit

Meet coordinators Diane Copeland Thomas and Jim Meadows



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From top are festival volunteers Dan Dickmeyer, Deirdre Rowland, Jim Meadows and Diane Copeland Thomas with the new festival name and logo. Meadows and Copeland Thomas are the coordinators for the second year in a row.

BY PATRICIA LOCKIE
SPECIAL TO THE DRIFTWOOD

At the heart of Salt Spring's annual film festival is its army of volunteers. Dozens of people offer their time, energy and goodwill to make sure the festival is a rewarding experience for audiences.

Without a doubt, though, the heaviest load falls on the shoulders of the festival coordinators, Diane Copeland Thomas and her partner, Jim Meadows. This will be the couple's second year heading up the festival organization and their fifth as volunteers.

Their extensive overseas travel and work experience make it no mystery as to why a film festival embracing documentaries about social justice, the environment and humanitarian projects around the world is a natural fit for them. Meadows had a subsistence farm in Ecuador for many years, worked on development projects in Africa and taught pottery production in Mexico.

In fact, Meadows has been involved in the visual arts his entire life. He is an accomplished sculptor and potter who ran a pottery studio in Vancouver for seven years. Another claim to fame, he likes to joke, was his years working as a prop man for commercial films such as Clan of The Cave Bear and The Ice Man.

Copeland Thomas has a background in video production and ran a company that produced educational media in Vancouver during the '90s. An avid and experienced traveller, she has visited many of the countries that today are among the most troubled in the world, including Afghanistan, Israel, Egypt, Sri Lanka, India and Burma, places that often feature in the festival's films.

The couple met in Mexico in 2001, spent some time there and finally decided to make Salt Spring home. Copeland Thomas still wanted documentary film to be a part of her life. The festival seemed a ready-made solution. She volunteered them both.

"I always do everything Diane does." More laughter from Meadows.

They took over as festival coordinators essentially to guarantee that the event would not die when a vacuum of leadership arose in 2008. Copeland Thomas manages all the film procurements, negotiates with distributors and other film festivals such as Courtenay's, which supplies much of the island's festival program, and liaises with the volunteer committee heads. Meadows is in charge of scheduling, chair of the film festival society board, and responsible for grants and funding applications.

The countdown to the Feb. 26-28 festival brings with it deadlines to meet and a host of administrative details to manage. For example, Meadows and Copeland Thomas are determined to improve physical comfort for audiences. Last year, festival attendance was bigger than anticipated, GISS rooms were over-filled and sometimes it was standing room only.

"That motivated us to change our scheduling this year, to limit the number of people at one screening and to show more of our films twice. We want this to be a comfortable, enjoyable experience for people," Meadows said.

Helping to make that goal a reality are people like Andrea Rankin, who heads up the hospitality and donations committee. Rankin has been a festival volunteer for several years. When asked to explain what it is about the festival that fosters such deep loyalty among its volunteers, many of whom return year after year to work and to be part of a one-of-a-kind community event, Rankin said, "They return because of their personal convictions and their belief in the value of these films and the stories they tell."

She added, "It's also because they are part of a successful movement in full swing.

"Like the festival's first organizers, our volunteers feel that the films educate the public, a public more and more willing to be influenced by documentary reporting. Documentary films are hot. They're winning awards and becoming an important part of the mainstream film world. Our volunteers sense that and have joined the growing number of people meeting to discuss current issues, viewing films and volunteering. We're on a roll."

Dan Dickmeyer and Melissa Searcy are living proof of Rankin's observations. Searcy joined the festival as a volunteer two years ago and this year joined its board of directors.

"I originally volunteered because of my heroine, Maggie Schubart, who began the festival with a group of interested people 11 years ago. I was very happy to join the board and to be able to put some concentrated energy into this event which embodies so much of what is great about Salt Spring."

Dickmeyer is in his first year as a festival volunteer. He explained the festival's attraction this way: "Even before I moved to Salt Spring permanently, I marvelled at the quality of films being shown at the festival. Being a fan of documentaries, I knew I had to get involved. I knew it would be a way to meet other people passionate about films. It's been exciting being involved in the screening group that selects films and my ideas have been accepted as a newcomer. I plan to volunteer with some of the 'grunt' work of food service, putting up posters or whatever else it takes. I urge others to get involved."

Festival organizers are especially keen to hear from anyone with technical expertise handling audiovisual equipment, projectionists and those willing to help out with the festival's many set-up and dismantling jobs. For more information, phone 250-537-1904, or email info@saltspringfilmfestival.com.

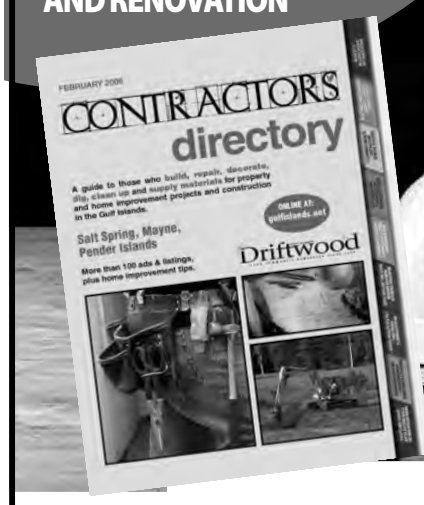
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This is what happens at the annual Christmas party, and it goes for boxes of chocolates as well. This year it became a New Year's party on Jan. 4, the original Dec. 14 date having been snowed out. Seven and a half tables of thirsty and sweet-toothed players made haste to compete and the winners of the four bottles of wine were Griff Thompson, Vic Parks, A. Nonymous and Charles Kahn, although an unknown thief made off with the bottle he had in his tote bag, may it turn to vinegar. The chocolates went to Jean Elder, George Laundry, Lynn Thorburn and A. Nother. Sorry about the strangers, but some people neglected to report their takings as requested, no doubt in their haste to enjoy them.

Oh yes, there was a bridge game going on too, but without prizes. North-South winners were Judy Norget and Charles Kahn, with Isabelle Richardson and Jean Elder coming second. Third N-S were Gisela Welsh and Blanche Poborsa. In the East-West section, Linda Stafford and John Woodward were the winners, second were George Laundry and Paul Retallack, and third were Andy Bryant and Flo Laundry, who had also been presented with a gift to honour her many years as the club's treasurer.

Who knew that Jan. 11 is Plough Monday? This is the first Monday after Epiphany and in ye olde England was the day men went back to work after the holidays, but didn't work. They dressed in white smocks with ribbons and dragged a plough through the villages while singing and dancing to music, collecting money for the "plough light," which was kept burning in the church all year. In the evening, the farmers would give a supper for their workers, replete with beef and beer.

Fortunately there was no need for a plough to get the six and a half tables through the rain to Seniors' that evening. Sans white smocks, the money collectors North-South were Judy Norget and Charles Kahn, by quite a margin over everyone. There was a tie for second place, with Isabelle Richardson and Jean Elder earning the same amount as Zelly Taylor and Ian Thomas. The East-West winners were Gillian Mouat and Jennifer Quick, and second were Patricia Hewett and Bob Morrisette. Third were Linda Stafford and John Woodward. Maybe the rest had downed too much beef and beer for their Plough Monday supper?

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Ford Fusion hybrid claims best mid-size fuel economy

New for 2010 technologies also cutting edge

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QUÉBEC CITY — We're climbing the Cote de Montagne, a steep approach that curves up to the ramparts of the old town of Quebec.

I'm thinking, "This is probably not the best way to attain great fuel economy."

But this is real-world testing and we are in just one of Ford's latest Fusion additions to the midsize market — the 2010 Ford Fusion Hybrid.

Since its introduction, the Fusion has proven a viable alternative to Camry, Accord and Altima.

Now, for the 2010 model year, the Fusion line-up has evolved and expanded with a refinished design, new technologies and a four-selection palette of powertrains that includes a brand new hybrid model.

Fusion's design and styling proved popular from the get-go, inspired by the 427 concept, and was adapted and adopted across the line-up as the new look for the Ford family. This latest Fusion makeover thickens the bars on the now-trademark three-bar grille and adds a powerdome hood, restyled projector headlamps, a new lower fascia and some rear accent lines. Changes you don't see — new underbody shields — add to a smoother aerodynamic package.

All Fusion models benefit from a new interior. Hard plastics have been replaced with soft-touch finish on the dash and instrument panel. There's a new leather-wrapped steering wheel, a new shifter and the seats have been reconfigured for more side support and comfort.

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Debbie Rhodenizer with her newly restored 1929 Ford Model A Roadster.

Model A Roadster is ride of choice

Project restores 1929 vehicle to original state

BY ALYN EDWARDS
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When Debbie Rhodenizer drove her freshly restored black 1929 Ford Model A Roadster to Hougan Park in Abbotsford alongside Highway 1 east of Vancouver for the All Ford Picnic in August, she was just beaming.

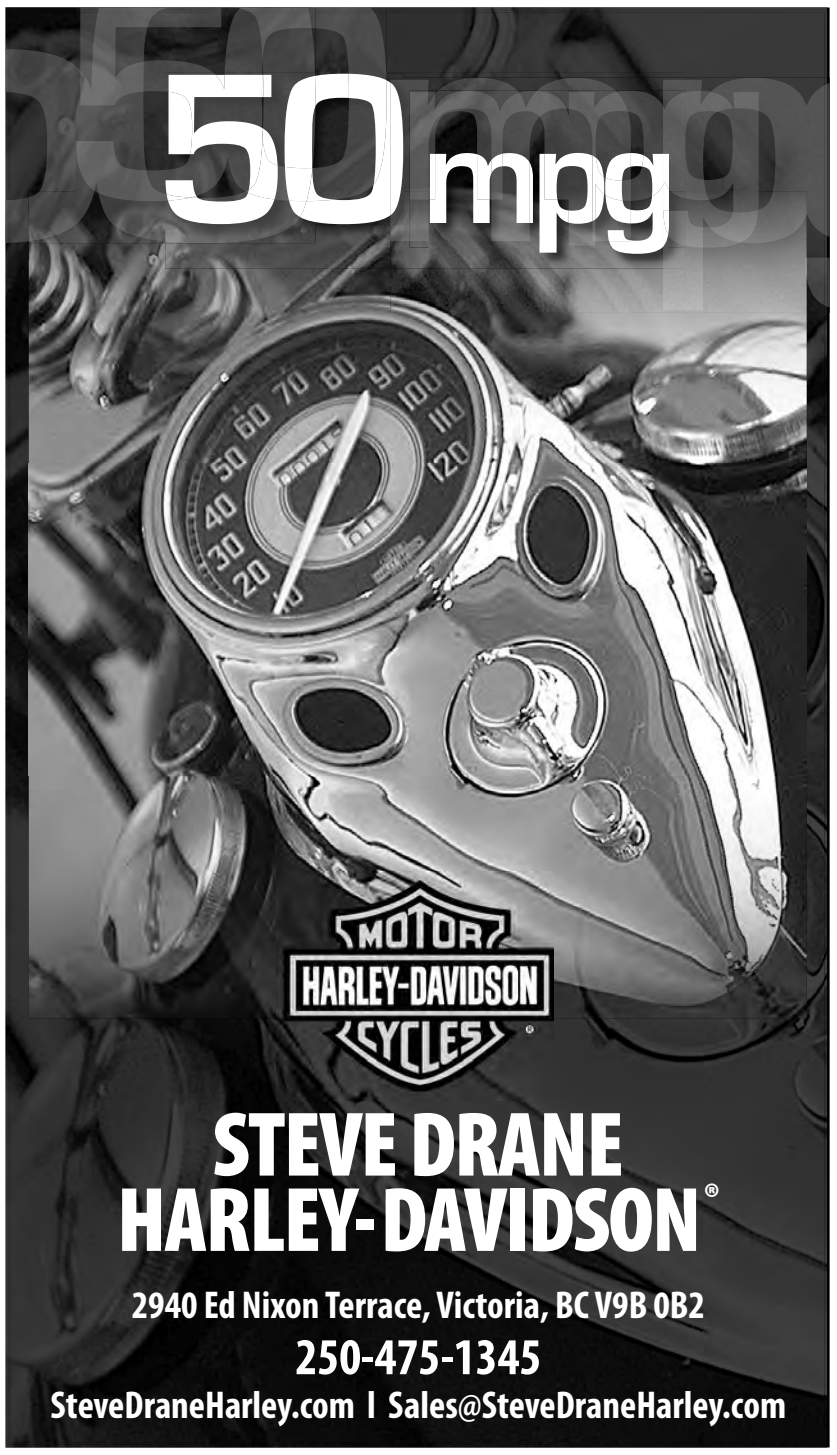
"I'm lovin' it" was about all she could say. It was her first time driving the car that had taken almost 15 years to restore.

Bruce Brown, her long-time business partner in nearby Langley's Hourglass Restaurant, had purchased the car from Rumbleseat Restorations in Mission. The former owner, who took it to the restoration shop, hadn't been able to carry through with the restoration of the 80-year-old Ford and Brown snapped it up. Then Rhodenizer got her first look at it.

"I just fell in love with it when I saw the car," Rhodenizer says, looking back on the day Brown took her to see his acquisition. "I just kept after Bruce until he gave the car to me."

Brown and friend John Kereluk took the Model A completely apart and rebuilt it piece by piece, work that was overseen by Rhodenizer.

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Dashboard of the new Ford Fusion.

New depth of choice

FUSION

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Engine choices have been improved across the board and include a 2.5-litre I4, a 3.0-litre V6 and a sporty 3.5-litre V6, all of them mated with new manual or automatic six-speed transmission choices. The V6 models come with SelectShift six-speeds for individual gear control and are also available with all-wheel drive.

For the Fusion Hybrid model, the 2.5-litre I4 Duratec has been combined with electric-power motor assist and a CVT transmission.

I test-drove a number of the different trim levels and power applications, each of them complemented by overall improvements to the car itself — suspension geometry revisions, new available electric power assist steering (EPAS) system on 2.5- and 3.0-litre models and improved braking and brake pedal feel along with a significant effort to further isolate wind, engine and road noise.

Other new-for-2010 technologies and content additions across the line-up include:

- AdvanceTrac with electronic stability control
- Cabin air filter
- EasyFuel capless refueling system
- Available blind spot information system with cross traffic alert
- Available reverse camera system
- Available 12-speaker Sony sound system
- Available voice-activated navigation system and SIRIUS satellite radio
- Available Ford SYNC system

But when you're talking new technologies, it's hard to avoid cycling back to the new focal point of the line-up, the Fusion Hybrid that joins the Escape Hybrid in Ford's hybrid line-up.

Actually, in many ways, it improves on the Escape, for example, with a battery system that is 50 lbs. lighter and 20 per cent more powerful.

Ford boasts that the Fusion Hybrid will be the most fuel-efficient mid-size sedan in North America with a fuel economy rating of 4.6L/100 km in the city and 5.4L/100 km on the highway. That would suggest a range of well over 1100 km for the 64.3-litre tank.

Our modest result was a 5.8L/100km average — not bad considering a three-passenger payload and a mix of hilly roads and different driving styles.

A Ford test with somewhat more disciplined drivers recently set out to break the 1,000-mile mark on a single tankful of gas and they came back with an astonishing 1,445 mile result (2,326 km) or 81.5 mpg and 2.88L/100km.

Pretty impressive stuff, although, trust me, your mileage and mine will vary significantly compared to those guys.

Even so, the Ford Hybrid team has developed a powertrain system that blends a new Atkinson-cycle, 2.5-litre, four-cylinder engine, making 155 hp and 136 lb/ft of torque, with a permanent-magnet electric motor, both of them combining for a net overall output of 191 hp.

That combined effort gets you up to speed quickly and quietly. Indeed, the Ford Fusion Hybrid can operate up to 75 km/h (47 mph) in pure electric mode, approximately twice as fast as some competitors.

"Because our hybrid can run at a much higher speed in electric mode, you can do so much more in city-driving situations," said Gil Portalatin, hybrid applications manager. "Under the right conditions, you can drive in your neighbourhood or mall parking lots without using a drop of gasoline."

When the gas engine does kick in to assist in power or to recharge the battery, it does so with seamless efficiency. You might not even notice.

This is where the SmartGauge with EcoGuide, a unique instrument cluster, comes in handy to show drivers how to optimize performance of their hybrid. A combination of high-resolution, full-colour liquid crystal display screens spreads out on either side of the speedo. You can make these displays as simple or as detailed as you like, depending on how involved you are with your vehicle's fuel efficiency.

The driver can configure the displays to show different levels of information, including fuel and battery power levels, average and instant litres/100 km, etc.

Tech nerds will opt for the detailed gauge view that includes a fuel-efficiency bar graph. Others may prefer "efficiency leaves," a simpler graphic that "grows" leaves and vines on-screen as a visual reward for efficient driving.

The novelty will probably wear off quickly, but these are useful tools to tune you into better driving habits and increased fuel efficiency.

The few elements that separate Fusion Hybrid from its gas-powered siblings include unique hybrid "road and leaf" badging on the sides and rear of the vehicle, unique 16-inch, eight-spoke wheels, eco-friendly recycled seat fabric and a convenient 110-volt power outlet.

By adding this new hybrid, the new Ford Fusion line-up now covers a wide spectrum, from fuel economy to full-blown performance, with another brand new Fusion model — the 263 hp 3.5-litre-powered Fusion Sport.

Not to mention the wide variety of other model selections, powertrain choices, trim levels and content options.

"With the new Ford Fusion, we are offering consumers more choice, even better fuel economy and the leading quality and reliability that they have come to expect," said Derrick Kuzak, Ford's group vice president of Global Product Development.

The mid-size market is crowded with competent performers. But with this kind of variety, bolstered by class-exclusive technologies like the blind spot detection and warning system and Ford SYNC, and with a new hybrid designed to deliver the best fuel economy of any sedan in North America, the Ford Fusion line-up for 2010 offers a new depth of choice for Canadian drivers.

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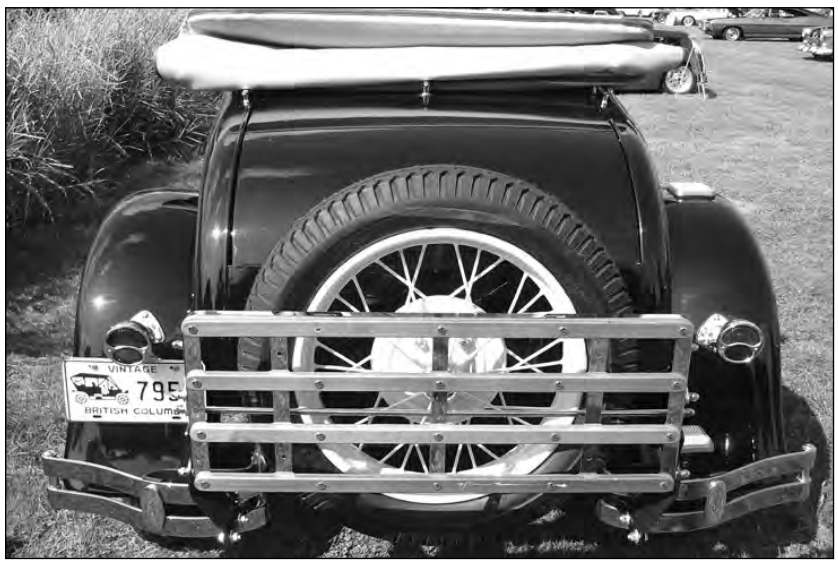


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Rear view of the Model A shows the rear-mounted spare tire, split back bumper and closed rumble seat, which, when opened, provided space for two additional passengers.

Model A among Ford's successes

ROADSTER

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"I was introduced to the old car hobby by Bruce, who has restored many cars," Rhodenizer says. "The Model A roadster is such a cute car and I am so pleased to have it."

Rhodenizer, who owns a farm north of Mission, likes her roadster just the way it was delivered new. The car was restored with its original-style mechanical braking system, a 40 horsepower, four-cylinder engine and three-speed floor shift transmission. The roadster has a pull-out rumble seat to carry two extra passengers.

Over a four-year production period, the Ford Motor Company manufactured nearly five million Model A vehicles, including roadster models like the example owned by Rhodenizer, along with coupes, convertible sedans, touring cars, two-door coach models and four-door sedans. There were even Model A panel delivery vehicles, mail trucks, station wagons and pick-up trucks. Model As were produced in Detroit, Argentina, Germany, Ireland and England.

The Model A proved to be Ford's second huge success after the amazing Model T, which was mass produced by Ford by the millions. Rhodenizer's roadster would have sold for approximately $385 when new.

Her 1929 Model A roadster is destined to become a regular at car shows in the Fraser Valley.

"I just love the car," she says. "I'd like to drive it every day."

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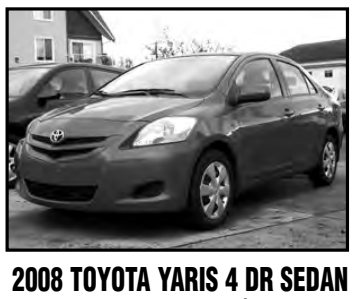
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Driftwood
Wednesday, February 13, 2008 — YOUR COMMUNITY NEWSPAPER SINCE 1960
ISLANDS TRUST
Trustees scrap land use proposal
Neighbours express resounding opposition
BY SEAN MCINTYRE

The Driftwood welcomes your feedback.

We would like your help to gather reader feedback about our newspaper, special publications and websites. We want your suggestions so we may cover our island communities more effectively. Please fill out the survey and return it to our office, the Public library on McPhillips Ave. or via mail, 328 Lower Ganges Road. Thanks for your time and input, we look forward to your comments.

Peter McCully - Publisher

Draw Prize

All completed surveys will be entered to win a $250 gas certificate from the Salt Spring gas station of your choice. A random draw will be held Monday, Feb. 15th. Deadline to enter is Friday, Feb. 12th.

News

What regular features do you read in the Driftwood?

	Always	Sometimes	Never
1. Editorial Cartoon	❑	❑	❑
2. Editorial Comment	❑	❑	❑
3. Letters to the Editor	❑	❑	❑
4. Salt Spring Says	❑	❑	❑
5. Rants and Roses	❑	❑	❑
6. What's On	❑	❑	❑
7. Peter Vincent	❑	❑	❑
8. Shilo Zylbergold	❑	❑	❑
9. Special Supplements (i.e. fall fixup)	❑	❑	❑
10. Question of the Week	❑	❑	❑
11. You Asked	❑	❑	❑

Arts & Entertainment / People & Community

Is there a topic you would like to see us cover more?

_____

Do you have a have story suggestion?

_____

Sports

Is there a topic you would like to see us cover more?

_____

Do you have a story suggestion?

_____

How do you rate our:	Very Good	Good	Poor
News coverage and information	❑	❑	❑
Photographs	❑	❑	❑
Advertising information	❑	❑	❑

Classifieds	Yes	No
Do you read the classifieds each week?	❑	❑
Have you placed an ad in the Driftwood or Driftwood Weekender?	❑	❑
Have you made a purchase from the classifieds?	❑	❑

Comments:

_____

Driftwood Weekender	Always	Sometimes	Never
Do you read the Driftwood Weekender edition?	❑	❑	❑

Where do you pick up your copy?

_____

Do you have a story suggestion?

_____

Special Publications	Always	Sometimes	Never
Do you read the Gulf Islands Real Estate Magazine?	❑	❑	❑
Have you read the Gulf Islands Real Estate Magazine online? (www.gulfislandsrealestate.ca)	❑	❑	❑
Do you read AQUA Magazine?	❑	❑	❑
Have you read AQUA Magazine online? (www.gulfislandsaqua.com)	❑	❑	❑

Do you have any comments or story suggestions?

_____

_____

Consumer Information	Yes	No	Sometimes
Do you use flyers and inserts to make shopping decisions?	❑	❑	❑

How often do you travel off-island?	❑ weekly	❑ monthly	❑ rarely
Your usual destination?	❑ Victoria	❑ Duncan	❑ Nanaimo

Newspapers

How do you get your copy of the Driftwood?

Home Subscription	❑
Purchased at a store or box	❑
Read someone else's	❑

Do you read a print copy of a daily newspaper? If so which one?

_____

How much time do you spend a day reading that paper?

_____

Do you read an online version of a daily newspaper? If so which one?

_____

How much time do you spend a day reading an online paper?

_____

Magazines


AQUA
Artistic Expression
FREE
Gulf Islands Real Estate
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How many different magazines do you read in a week?

Do not read magazines	❑
One magazine	❑
Two or more magazines	❑

What type of magazines do you read?

Business	❑
Special interest / hobby	❑
Sports	❑
Professional	❑
Other	❑

Radio Stations

What type of radio station do you normally listen to?

News / Talk / Information	❑
Contemporary Music	❑
Classical / Easy listening	❑
Community Radio	❑

How much time do you spend a day listening to radio?

Less than an hour	❑
Between 1 & 2 hours	❑
Between 2 & 3 hours	❑

Websites	Always	Sometimes	Never
Do you visit the Driftwood's website? (www.gulfislandsdriftwood.com)	❑	❑	❑
Do you search our online classifieds?	❑	❑	❑
Do you shop other websites online for used items, before making a purchase? (i.e.: Craigslist, Kijijiji, Usedvictoria etc.)	❑	❑	❑
Do you utilize social media sites (i.e. Facebook, Twitter, blogs)?	❑	❑	❑

PEOPLE AND COMMUNITY

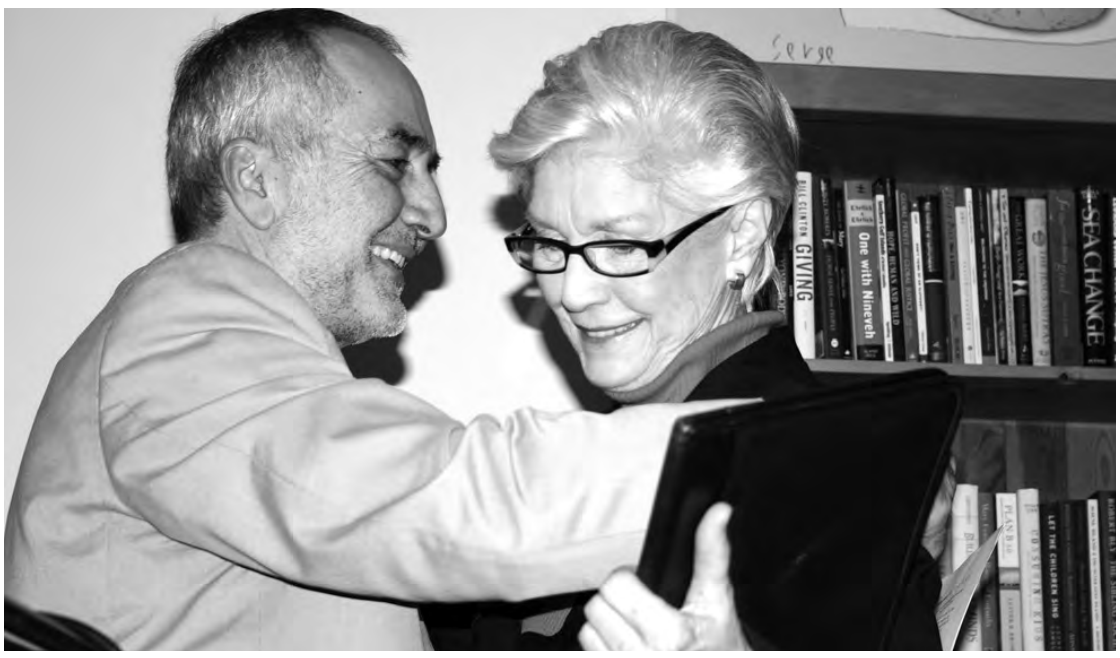


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CENTRE OPENING: Raffi and former lieutenant governor Iona Campagnolo share a celebratory embrace at last Sunday's open house at the new Child Honouring Centre on Long Harbour Road.

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PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Anxiety disorders expert offers class for those in the mental health field

Community Services sponsors Dr. Reid Wilson visit

Mental health professionals will have access to a top-level workshop on anxiety disorders with a visit to Salt Spring by Dr. Reid Wilson on Monday, Jan. 25.

Salt Spring Island Community Services is sponsoring the 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. session, called Strategic Treatment for Anxiety Disorders, at the Harbour House Hotel.

According to material from Community Services, Wilson directs the Anxiety Disorders Treatment Centre in Chapel Hill, North Carolina, is the associate clinical professor of psychiatry at the University of North Carolina School of Medicine and an international expert in the treatment of anxiety disorders. His books have been translated into nine languages.

He is the author of Don't Panic: Taking Control of Anxiety Attacks and Facing Panic: Self-Help for People with Panic Attacks. He co-authored, with Edna Foa, Stop Obsessing! How to Overcome Your Obsessions and Compulsions, and is co-author of Achieving Comfortable Flight, a self-help package for the fearful flier.

He designed and served as lead psychologist for American Airlines' first national program for the fearful flier, and served on the board of directors of the Anxiety Disorders Association of America for 12 years. He was program chair of the National Conferences on Anxiety Disorders from 1988 to 1991.

His free self-help website — anxieties.com — serves 385,000 visitors (16 million hits) per year.

To register for Monday's workshop, contact ArtSpring at 250-537-2102. Cost is $25 per person.

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Mental Health First Aid

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Mental Health First Aid

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When: February 6 & 7
Time: 9 am - 5 pm (6 hours training with breaks)
Cost: $150 per person

This workshop teaches you how to help someone showing signs of mental health problems or experiencing a mental health crisis:

- Identify when a person may be a danger to themselves or others and take steps to preserve life
- Recognize the early signs for mental health problems and provide help to prevent more serious problems from developing
- Provide comfort to someone with a mental health problem and support them in recovering their mental health

One in 3 Canadians will experience a mental health problem at some point in their life. The earlier a problem is detected and treated, the better the outcome. Mental Health First Aid gives people the skills to provide that early help that is so important to recovery.

Who Should Attend?
General public, teachers, health service providers, emergency workers, frontline workers who deal with the public, volunteers, human resources professionals, employers, community groups.

To register, call Debbie at 250-653-4724 or email debra_mcnish@live.ca

Gulf Islands baby births: comparing local and province-wide figures



Amy Geddes

YOUASKED

READ THE BLOG AT WWW.GULFISLANDS.NET/WORDPRESS

How many babies of Gulf Islands parents were born at home on the island in 2009; at Lady Minto Hospital; or at other hospitals (Vic General, Cowichan)?
— GS, Salt Spring Island

The challenge for this one is that the B.C. Vital Statistics Agency — the government entity that records B.C. births via birth certificates issued — tracks births according to birth location, not the parents' place of residence.

"For all new live births in B.C., parents must fill out a Registration of Birth form within 30 days and return it to the Vital Stats Agency," explains Brian Cotton, a Ministry of Health Services spokesperson, in an email message. "Stats are, in turn, gathered from these registration forms."

So while data is not available for how many Gulf Islands parents gave birth off-island, Vital Stats can give us a snapshot of births that took place locally.

In 2009, more babies (17) were born in non-hospital locations (i.e. at home) versus those born at Lady Minto Hospital on Salt Spring (12).

Last week, registered midwife Maggie Ramsey said she and other Salt Spring midwives usually assist with around 60 births per year on the island.

"2009 was no different," she said.

An overall 2009 birth number for the other Gulf Islands were not available.

However, even using a number like 60 means that more than half of the babies born to Gulf Islands parents were born off the islands, presumably in hospitals. But the islands' home birth ratio is still much higher than it is in the rest of the province.

In B.C. there were 43,569 hospital births versus 1,058 non-hospital births in 2009.

On the Gulf Islands versus the rest of the province

2009	
GI hospital births	12
GI non-hospital births	17
BC hospital birth	43,569
BC non-hospital birth	1,058
2008	
GI hospital births	25
GI non-hospital births	13
BC hospital births	43,866
BC non-hospital births	928
2007	
GI hospital births	17
GI non-hospital births	21
BC hospital births	43,190
BC non-hospital births	851

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