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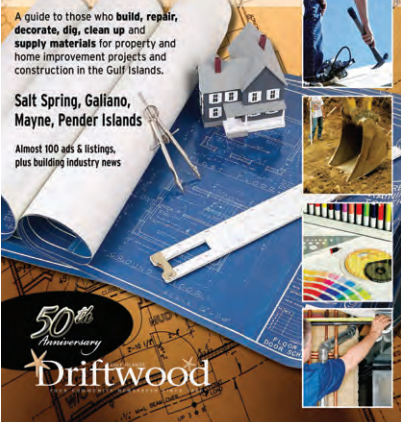


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BLOOMING: Among the signs of spring around Salt Spring — brought on by an unseasonably warm January — is this daffodil, blooming at a home near Beddis Beach.

SATURNA CRASH

TSB updates float-plane investigation

'Jammed' doors obstructed passengers' escape

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

A Transportation Safety Board (TSB) update released on Jan. 28 contains new information about the investigation into a fatal float-plane crash off Saturna Island in November.

TSB staff say the crash outcome echoes several of the board's findings and recommendations from previous float-plane accidents.

These include findings that "seaplanes may not be optimally designed to allow easy occupant escape while under water" and that "occupants of submerged seaplanes who survive the accident continue to be at risk of drowning inside the aircraft."

Only two of the eight passengers, including the pilot, escaped the sinking wreckage of the Seair-operated de Havilland Beaver and survived the Nov. 29 tragedy.

The plane was travelling from Saturna Island's Lyall Harbour to the Vancouver International Airport.

"The winds were generally from the southeast, but gusting and variable. In open areas, the wind was blowing to about 30 knots," reads the TSB report. "Once airborne, the aircraft remained below the surrounding terrain and during a turn to the left, it descended and collided with the water near the north shore of the harbour."

Bill Yearwood, the TSB's lead investigator for

the incident, has determined that the plane did not crash as a result of engine failure.

"We've determined that the engine was producing significant power at the time of impact," he said. "Examination of the wreckage and the continuing investigation has not found any problems with engine power or any control mechanism malfunctions."

According to the report, only the doors beside the survivors' seats popped open as a result of the crash.

"The left cabin door, which is normally used for embarking and disembarking passengers, was jammed shut from the airframe's deformation on impact," states the report.

"Neither of the survivors donned lifejackets and none of the available lifejackets had been

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VANCOUVER 2010

Islander lives out Olympic dreams

Volunteer's posting links culture and sport

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Sky blue may not be Jon Suk's favourite colour, but he didn't dare complain when he received his official Olympic volunteer uniform last week.

After a nearly four-year wait, the colour of his jacket was the last thing on his mind.



JON SUK

"I'm starting to feel a little excited," he said, a few days before his month-long stint as a volunteer with the National Olympic Committee (NOC) began this past weekend. "Things are starting to happen."

Suk, who also volunteers as a member of the island's Parks and Recreation Commission, signed up because of a life-long love of sports and a desire to get a close-up look at the athletes and events of the 2010 Winter Olympic Games.

He never really knew what to expect, but he certainly hasn't been disappointed.

That's because volunteering at the Games has given him the chance to experience not one but two Olympic dreams.

On the one hand is the opportunity to reconnect with his ancestral heritage as an official translator for the 100-plus athletes, coaches,

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NEWSBEAT

ANGLICAN CHURCH

Anglican diocese proposes church closures

Salt Spring, South Pender potentially affected

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Closure and sale of two Gulf Islands churches is recommended in an internal report by the Anglican Diocese of B.C. that recommends radical changes to its structure.

St. Mary's church in the Fulford Valley on Salt Spring, and Good Shepherd on South Pender are two of more than 30 churches on Vancouver Island and the Gulf Islands that would be closed if the findings of the Diocesan Transformation Team are accepted in March. The team's Jan. 25 report calls for grouping congregations and selling off properties in an effort to keep the organization from potential extinction within a generation.

During the past century the number of people in B.C. identified as Anglican has dropped from a high of 39 per cent to just 1.2 per cent.

The report authors state: "While we see no alternative to making recommendations to reduce the numbers of our parishes, the goal of this report is transformational and thus much farther reaching than a survival strategy alone, or seeking to maintain the status quo. As has been stated many times in this process, the status quo is not an option."

The Venerable Bruce Bryant-Scott, executive officer and Archdeacon of the diocese, said the issue is one of "critical mass"; if parishioners are grouped together instead of spread apart in little-used locations, the church will be able to do more things with the resources it has.

In the Gulf Islands, parishes with single churches on Mayne, Galiano and Saturna islands would be unaffected by the recommendations. Besides closing Good Shepherd and St. Mary's, the report also



St. Mary's Church in Fulford.

calls for St. Mark's congregation on North End Road to join All Saints By-the-Sea in Ganges. St. Mark's would not be sold but transformed into an arts centre or rented to other ministries.

Bryant-Scott served as rector on the Penders between 1995 and 2004. He said that the southern island's church has historic significance because it was built by an isolated community in the 1930s when there was no bridge between the islands, which were newly separated by a canal. However, since the 1950s when the bridge was built, fewer parishioners have attended the church of the Good Shepherd. During Bryant-Scott's time, service was offered infrequently in winter

months and when it was available it often had as little as 13 or 14 attendees.

Bryant-Scott said the heritage status of such buildings as the Good Shepherd church would warrant covenants that protected that aspect before they were put up for sale. However, he warns against getting too attached to physical sites.

"The buildings are simply a means for us to do certain things," he explained, while holding onto such buildings is not one of the requirements of Christianity.

On Salt Spring, Rev. Richard Stetson travels to give the service both at All Saints and St. Mark's on Sundays, and also goes to St. Mary's for its occasional service. All Saints is already the location in case of snow for St. Mark's and could easily accommodate the entire Salt Spring parish.

Whether the proposed changes go through is up to the members of the diocese, who will decide on whether to accept the proposal at the March meeting of the synod. Bryant-Scott explained the synod, the legislative body of the B.C. diocese, comprises three components: the bishop, licensed clergy members and members of the laity. The lay members, volunteers from each parish, outnumber the clergy and could have significant say in the outcome of individual areas. The proposal has already received both positive and negative responses.

Bryant-Scott said he expects that a great number of motions will be brought to the floor and debated during the synod, rather than a vote on whether to accept or reject the transformation team's report as a whole.

While the archdeacon said he has no opinion on the proposal, the report is optimistic about change: "It is a time to remember that when we reach the end of our resources, we have not reached the end of all possibilities," the transformation team writes.

Who reads us?
88% of Islanders read the Driftwood each week.
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TSB focusing on float-plane safety

PLANE CRASH

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removed from the aircraft.

"Five were still in their storage pouches," it continues.

"Five of the passengers remaining in the aircraft were free from their seatbelts."

Yearwood confirmed the six crash victims

survived the plane's impact with the water and drowned after the aircraft sank.

The crash has focused the TSB's attention on a number of float-plane safety issues such as the use of jettisonable or push-out emergency exits on seaplanes, underwater egress training for air crew,

aircraft handling characteristics and the wearing of personal floatation devices."

The investigation has prompted questions as to why similar recommendations forwarded by the TSB to Transport Canada as a result of past incidents were not adopted.

Investigators are conducting flight tests

on a similar aircraft and examining wind conditions to determine if they may have been a factor in the crash.

The TSB has established that the aircraft was "in good serviceable condition before impact."

Yearwood said he expects to conclude the investigation by the end of the year.

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ROAD MAINTENANCE

Disappearing road lines not a fading concern

Crossing the line in road safety

BY AMY GEDDES

DRIFTWOOD STAFF

FIRST OF TWO PARTS

As Wendy Hilliard drives to evening choir practice, she knows the roads will be dark and badly marked, but she loves to sing, so she goes out anyway.

With centre road lines on Fulford-Ganges Road worn down to a faint yellow wisp, she feels insecure about driving on Salt Spring, particularly at night.

"I always think twice about anything I commit to at night," she says, "because with nothing on the roads, driving can be pretty puzzling."

As a senior who has lived on the island for nine years, her concerns extend to others over the age of 60 at risk of suffering from compromised night vision.

But it is not just seniors who feel uneasy about driving on roads with faded or non-existent centre lines.

As Hilliard says, "The shared experience of almost anyone you talk to [about this issue] is nervous and inhibited."

It has become a core island conundrum: where have the centre lines gone?

The good news is that Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure staff are prepared to fight hard for Salt Spring Island to get a cut of the ministry's pavement markings budget this year.

Assurances aside, every time islanders squint over their steering wheels in the dark, they must be asking themselves: What beast licked the roads clean of yellow and white? When will they be repainted again? Have faded road lines become an acceptable quirk of island living? Or will something be done to ensure centre lines again become a constant fixture of island roads?

WHERE THE LINES HAVE GONE

It's been 16 months since island roads were last graced with a fresh coat of paint. A September 2008 ministry baseline project brought all rural road lines in the Vancouver Island service area up to standard. But an above-average snowfall that winter wreaked havoc on the new paint and severely diminished the reflectivity required for night-time visibility.

"All lines we invested in, we lost them all," says Bob Webb, operations manager



PHOTO BY DERRICK LUNDY

Wendy Hilliard pretends to paint lines on Beaver Point Road. She assures us she would never take direct action to bring back the lines, but does hesitate before deciding to drive to a night-time event on the island because of the hazard caused by the faded lines.

for MoTI's Saanich-area office who is now seeking long-term solutions to the fast-disappearing paint.

Natural pavement wear is expected, but Webb has a hunch that the switch from rubber to steel snow plough blades is the likely culprit since as far as he knows, the type of paint applied has not changed since 2004 when Mainroad Pavement Markings Ltd. received the line-painting contract.

What did change in 2004 was that Mainroad South Island Contracting Ltd. received the overall road maintenance contract. That saw a switch from the rubber blades used on snow-clearing equipment by the former contractor, with Mainroad stating steel blades were more effective at keeping roads clear of ice.

"It's really hard with a squeegee to get ice off, where steel blades will cut through it,"

"I always think twice about anything I commit to at night because with nothing on the roads, driving can be pretty puzzling."

WENDY HILLIARD
Salt Spring driver

Webb says. "[Mainroad] wants some comfort we're not going to come after them on the other side if they leave ice."

A "shoe" device that raises the plough blade about half an inch is being experimented with in hopes of preserving road paint, says Webb, but some snow will be needed before any experiments can be undertaken. (Part two next week.)

ROAD PAINT FACTOID

Road marking paint is produced by several manufacturers and it is the contractor's choice which type they use, providing it meets ministry standards.

Both the yellow and white paint are alkyd-based paint made reflective by specially manufactured glass beads that are added to the paint after it is sprayed on the pavement.

These beads are what steel-blade snow ploughs can almost entirely scrape off in a single pass.

B.C., however, may see a change to its approved road paint products. Federal Environmental Regulations being legislated to limit volatile organic compounds in paints and coatings could possibly be in effect as of January 1, 2012. These would alter "recognized traffic paint" products approved by the ministry in the future.

Whether or not this paint will be less durable and further compound the problem of quickly fading road lines remains to be seen. The ministry, however, assures that it "tests road marking paint on a regular basis to assess its suitability for road marking."

News briefs

Teen cellist wins top honour

Salt Spring student Rylan Gajek took first place at Sunday night's Louis Sherman Competition in Victoria. The annual contest gives young string players

up to 19 years of age the chance to play with the Victoria Chamber Orchestra.

Gajek's win will see him play his competition piece, Haydn's Cello Concerto in C Major, with the orchestra in late March. He was also awarded a \$500 cash prize.

The Louis Sherman Competition was established by the Victoria Chamber

Orchestra and Sherman's daughter, Claudia Chance, as a living memorial to a great benefactor to musicians and the founder of the orchestra.

Dinner serves up relief funds

Bocados Bistro is hosting a fundraising dinner next

week to help the people of Haiti.

Chef James MacKenzie will serve a three-course meal of traditional Haitian food on Wednesday, Feb. 10 at 7 p.m.

Bocados owners Mark and Lynda Voyce have provided the use of the restaurant and MacKenzie has donated his time and

skills as chef. All the food has been donated by local businesses and the bistro's suppliers. There will also be a basket draw and auction of goods from local businesses, including Love My Kitchen, Salt Spring Soapworks, Garry Oaks Winery, Upper Ganges Liquor Store, The Local Liquor Store, Salt Spring Cheese and Country

Grocer, to name just a few.

Tickets are \$25.

All funds raised will be donated to the Canadian Red Cross and will be matched by the Canadian government.

"We're hoping to raise over \$2,500 to help the Haitian people recover their lives and spirit," MacKenzie wrote in an email.

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WATER COUNCIL

Members seek Water Act input

Toilet-rebate program nears completion

next public meeting on Friday, March 26.

"I think this is something we should be involved in," said George Ehring, the Water Council's chair and a trustee with the Salt Spring Local Trust Committee.

According to the province's Living Water Smart website, proposed changes to the Water Act have come about as a way to mitigate the impacts of population growth and climate change on water supply and quality.

"Modernizing the Water Act is not about fixing something that is broken. Instead it is about recognizing that the context and foundation upon which the Water Act was built was very different 100 years ago," reads the www.livingwatersmart.ca website.

"Our ways of doing business have and will continue to change to reflect today's context and play a key role in the future sustainability of B.C.'s water resources."

Toilet rebates flowing fast

Fewer than 16 low flush toilet rebates are available to island home owners.

The Water Council began offering the \$100 rebates to Salt Springers in late September as a way to encourage water efficiency in island homes.

Individuals can apply for the rebate after purchasing their new low-flush toilet. A list of qualifying models and application forms are available from local retailers, the Capital Regional District Building Inspection office in Ganges, and the City Green Solutions website.

The average pre-rebate price for toilets purchased under the program thus far is approximately \$250.

Only toilets purchased and installed after the start of this program are eligible for the rebate.

WC calls for CRD presence

Water Council reps want to encourage Capital Regional District director Garth Hendren to become more involved in the group's bimonthly meetings.

Members agreed to communicate their desire to find a mutually acceptable time that would make it easier for Hendren, the island's elected CRD representative, to attend.

Some Water Council members expressed frustration at the number of questions that could not be answered because of the CRD director's absence at Friday's meeting.

Hendren could not attend Friday's meeting as a result of a scheduling conflict with his new community radio show, Report on the CRD.

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M-F 7:10	7:16	7:23	7:27	7:30	7:40	7:43	7:47	7:54	8:00
9:10	9:16	9:23	9:27	9:30	9:40	9:43	9:47	9:54	10:00
11:10	11:16	11:23	11:27	11:30	11:40	11:43	11:47	11:54	12:00
3:10	3:16	3:23	3:27	3:30	3:40	3:43	3:47	3:54	4:00
5:10	5:16	5:23	5:27	5:30	5:40	5:43	5:47	5:54	6:00

M-F Trip operates Monday to Friday only.

3 Vesuvius

Monday - Saturday

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

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

5 Fernwood

Monday - Saturday

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

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

4 Long Harbour

Monday - Saturday

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

M-F Trip operates Monday to Friday only.
SAT Trip operates Saturday only.
M-S Trip operates Monday to Saturday.

1 Ganges Local

Monday - Saturday

Visitor Info Centre: Ganges	Meadowbrook	Hospital	Brinkworthy Place	Visitor Info Centre: Ganges
8:05	8:08	8:11	8:15	8:22
10:05	10:08	10:11	10:15	10:22
12:55	12:58	1:01	1:05	1:12
2:10	2:13	2:16	2:20	2:27
4:05	4:08	4:11	4:15	4:22
6:05	6:08	6:11	6:15c	-

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

Hypothermic man rescued from dock dive

Police credit quick action by local residents for saving a life

Salt Spring RCMP were involved in the rescue of a 43-year-old Salt Spring man who had fallen into the water between two boats tied up at Centennial Dock at about 1:30 a.m. on Sunday.

According to a press release, when police arrived, "He was being kept from slipping under the water by two local residents who had heard his cries for help. With help from the two men, police were able to pull the man on board one of the boats with a cable wrapped around the male in the water."

With help from paramedics and first responders, the intoxicated man was transferred safely to the dock. "He was found to be mildly hypothermic and taken to hospital for further treatment."

RCMPREPORT

The man was released a few hours later having suffered no serious injuries. Salt Spring RCMP credit his survival to the local residents who responded quickly and contacted emergency services.

In other RCMP news:
• On Monday evening at 10:22, police observed a man jumping in front of cars and dancing in the middle of Fulford-Ganges Road trying to get a ride south. Police stopped the man and, upon questioning, the 28-year old Salt Spring male admitted to consuming alcohol. The man was detained for his own safety and released later in the morning after appearing sober.
• Last Wednesday at 5:07 p.m. police

were called to assist ambulance crews with a cyclist they were attempting to treat who appeared to have consumed an intoxicating substance.

The 19-year-old Victoria male was transported to hospital and an investigation revealed a small bag containing illicit drugs. The items were seized and the man was arrested for possession of a controlled substance.

• Salt Spring police were called to attend four incidents of reported shoplifting at a local grocery store in the past week. Charges are being recommended in some instances.

• Police have been advised of a small aluminum boat found floating St. Mary Lake since the rain storm approximately two weeks ago. The boat washed ashore and is being monitored by an area resident. Call Salt Spring RCMP at 250-537-5555 if it's yours.

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FUNDRAISERS

Dancers all set to raise relief funds

Pieces fall into place for motivated islander

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

A young woman locally famous for winning Salt Spring's Top Model is proving to be more just than a pretty face: Mya Hardman is the motivating force behind this Saturday's Shake it for the Quake, a fundraiser benefit for earthquake victims in Haiti.

Hardman has long enjoyed bringing groups of people together at more personal events like potlucks and parties. Whether working at Persnickety Clothing For Kids or singing at local pub nights, Hardman is known for her social capabilities. The Haiti fundraiser is the first time she's organized an event for so many people, but the venture already looks like a good move.

Hardman's motivation for taking on such a large responsibility came from her realization of what her life is like compared to the quake's victims.

"On the day that it happened I was having a really bad day, and I was all self-pity," she recalled. "The next day I heard what was happening there and I felt horrible — I was complaining about my cell phone not working!"

"I was at work and I was crying my eyes out. I needed to do something, but I don't have any money," she added.

Remembering the recent series of dance parties planned by Rupert Adams as fundraisers for the Seed Sanctuary, Hardman figured she could do something similar. Now with help from Najma Guermoudi, she's brought to life an event that includes a dance, raffle and silent auction at Beaver Point Hall this Saturday, Feb. 6.

Since getting the event in motion, Hardman said all the pieces have fallen into place surprisingly well.

"I think this is all happening for a reason, so how can it go wrong?" she asked.

The evening begins at 8 p.m. with a contemporary dance and movement class taught by Naomi Jason. Music by DJs Joshua James and Dan Snakehead will follow. The raffle takes place at 11 p.m., followed by more music by Andrew from Interchill. (Oasis and Prodigal Sun are no longer able to appear.) A silent auction will also go on throughout the night, featuring donated items, includ-

More Haiti fundraising . . .



PHOTO BY AMY GEDDES

Country Grocer cashier Samantha Rennehan displays some summer clothing donated for a Haiti clothing and bedding drive organized by islanders Jackie Rieder and Elizabeth Yake, in conjunction with the Compassionate Resource Warehouse in Victoria.

Besides the Feb. 6 Shake it for the Quake dance and the Bocados Bistro dinner on Feb. 10 (see Page A3 of this issue), here's more Haiti relief fundraising news:

- The local Rotary Club's ShelterBox drive is going great guns, with almost \$3,500 raised as of Monday, in addition to the two \$1,000 boxes already sent by the Salt Spring club. Young Andrea Aguila and her classmates are aiming to buy an entire ShelterBox and will be at Country Grocer on Saturday collecting donations for the cause.

Islanders can also send cheques made out to the SSI Rotary Club

Foundation to Box 513, Ganges PO, V8K 1A6.

And see Amy Geddes' You Asked column on Page A13 for details about what's in a ShelterBox.

- Salt Spring's Jackie Rieder, working with the Compassionate Resource Warehouse of Victoria on Haiti relief, says the response to last week's request for clean summer clothing, shoes and bedding for Haiti survivors has been "fabulous — we have to empty the box every day!"

The donation box is at Country Grocer and schools are also organizing individual collections.

ing a signed print by Robert Bateman and a \$200 package from Studio One.

Raffle tickets are \$2 each or three for \$5 and available at Studio One, Persnickety and Alchemy Arts Collective (Hereford Avenue). Items include a vast amount of jewellery, pottery by Ruphi, oil-change coupons from Pretzel Motors, baked goods and herbal gift baskets and gift certificates for Auntie Pesto's and Per-

snickety, among many other things.

With everything donated but the food and the hall rental (which was given at a reduced rate), almost the full ticket price will go to Haiti. Funds will go through the Humanitarian Coalition and then be matched by the federal government.

Tickets for the dance are \$20 for adults, \$15 for teens and free for children. The event is "very kid friendly," Hardman said.

FULFORD STUDY GROUP

Traffic issues accelerate Fulford area concerns

Weekend meeting draws strong response

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Members of the Fulford Study Group are optimistic that a new round of discussions with representatives from BC Ferries and the provincial government will finally translate into a permanent fix for Fulford's traffic woes.

"What we've been pushing is not the grand design that's another 10 years down the road," said Margaret Day, a study group member. "We want to mitigate what's happening down there now."

Approximately 40 people turned out for a Saturday morning open house at Fulford Hall. The gathering was held to collect information from community members ahead of a meeting on Tuesday, Feb. 2 with BC Ferries and Ministry of Transportation staffers.

The majority of people at Saturday's study group session expressed their wishes to have something done about the chronic ferry-related congestion that plagues their village. Day said ensuring the safe and

efficient flow of vehicles through the village without compromising Fulford's rural charm is the crux of the matter.

Illogical and haphazard signage, Day added, poses additional barriers to an area renowned for its logistical challenges.

Part of the immediate fix agreed upon by many area residents is the installation of removable speed-bump-like traffic calming devices and the development of a cyclist and pedestrian pathway between the village core and Beaver Point Road.


Martyn Day, another study group member, said he's optimistic about Tuesday's meeting.

The official start of a multi-agency risk-assessment process, he said, is a sign that Fulford residents' concerns may finally be acknowledged and acted upon in a meaningful way.

"I think that it's going to be extremely important," he said. "I'm hopeful we can start to move forward instead of always complaining about what we would like things to look like."

For a follow-up story recapping Tuesday afternoon's meeting, check the Driftwood website: www.gulfislandsdriftwood.com.

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NEWSBEAT

ENVIRONMENT

Whole community invited to Feb. 6 climate action day

Ideas wanted for session at GISS

BY PETER LAMB
SPECIAL TO THE DRIFTWOOD

There is growing concern around the world over the twin impacts of climate change and decline in fossil fuel supplies. Salt Spring, like most communities, is over-reliant on affordable and secure oil supplies for transportation and most of our food delivery. Recent scientific reports also suggest that we can expect significant changes in climate to occur sooner than previously thought and with uncertain timing and scale.

Climate change makes the transition from carbon-based fuels essential — declining oil supplies make it inevitable. Together, they demand actions to lower our greenhouse gas emissions.

It is clear from the recent Copenhagen Climate Conference that we cannot delay action while we wait for agreement on a global treaty to address the challenges ahead and it is also clear that our federal government is not moving quickly enough to

set effective targets for GHG reductions across Canada.

It is up to us, as individuals in our own communities, to act.

Local communities need to consider ways in which they can rebuild community resilience, that is, their ability to withstand shocks from the outside, through being more self-reliant in areas such as food, energy, transportation, jobs and local economy. Complete self-sufficiency is not practicable but less dependence on oil is possible. We need to ask the question — for all those aspects of life that our community needs in order to sustain itself and thrive, how are we going to significantly rebuild resilience and drastically reduce carbon emissions?

This transition from oil dependence to community resilience is the driving force behind a large and growing international network of transition communities, numbering almost 300 to date. Here, a small group is exploring the idea of Salt Spring becoming a model “transition island,” one with an energy-lean, carbon-constrained and re-localized future that is both

vibrant and resilient.

Only by involving all of us — residents, businesses, public bodies, community organizations, churches and schools — will we come up with the most innovative, effective and practical ideas, and have the energy and skills to carry them out. Our future has the potential to be more sustainable and ultimately more satisfying than today. By working together we can unleash the collective enthusiasm and genius of our community to make this transition.

On Saturday, Feb. 6 at Gulf Islands Secondary School from 1 to 5 p.m., the Islands Trust, CRD and some local community groups are sponsoring an important workshop for Salt Spring islanders. Their prime objective is to discuss actions that local government and islanders can initiate to significantly reduce greenhouse gas emissions in order to set appropriate targets for GHG emission reductions to meet provincial requirements under Bill 27.

See the notice in today's Driftwood for details and plan to participate in this process of transition.

WATER COUNCIL

Beddis water committee sees progress

CRD orders audit and legal review

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

The Beddis Water Service Committee's chair says her group is finally about to get some answers to explain what went wrong with water-system upgrades overseen by the Capital Regional District.

Zwanette Pereboom told Salt Spring Water Council members on Friday that the CRD has promised to conduct an audit and legal review of how it went about initiating and completing upgrades to the Beddis water system.

“There is no fiasco,” she said. “We are all on the same page now.”

After seven months spent trying to get explanations for cost overruns and questionable procurement procedures, Pereboom said, it appears senior CRD staff have finally gotten the message.

Pereboom said BWSC representatives heard of the CRD's intentions during a meeting between

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ZWANETTE PEREBOOM,
Chair, Beddis Water Service Committee

the two groups on Jan. 22.

The BWSC came under the CRD's jurisdiction in 2004 as a way to access federal-provincial infrastructure funds for system upgrades.

But costs for the work ballooned from \$800,000 to \$1.2 million, and a further \$500,000 to \$800,000 is required to complete the project, according to the BWSC.

The water district serves approximately 127 subscribers.

Despite news of the audit, Pereboom said, she and many others within the BWSC are concerned the faulty construction process may still prove costly to district property owners.

“I'm concerned that irregularities may make subscribers liable for any system failures over the coming years,” she said.

At this point, however, Pereboom is satisfied that BWSC's pressure has made the CRD take initial steps towards remedying the situation.

She anticipates CRD staff will abide by its own procurement policy and other regulations from now on.

“As far as we are concerned, this has been done out of ignorance, not out of malice,” she added.

Colwyn Sunderland, a local services engineer for the CRD, was not available for comment.

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GOLD RUSH: Howard Kliaman holds some of the jewellery brought in to a special "gold-buying" event at the United Church last week. High gold prices have created a demand for old or broken gold jewellery.

FIRE PROTECTION

Fire trustees act on new vehicle command unit

New vehicle a safer, more versatile option

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

After several months of deliberation, the Salt Spring Island Fire Protection District's truck committee has selected a vehicle to replace the department's aging command unit.

Bruce Patterson, a fire trustee and truck committee member, said he's confident the new vehicle will "meet the needs of the people who will use it."

At a Jan. 18 board meeting, trustees unanimously approved a motion authorizing the purchase of the \$129,000 command vehicle.

The new truck will be capable of carrying five people and gear. As an added bonus, Patterson said, the new vehicle will be able to transport a fully equipped first-responder crew to the scene of an accident.

The custom-built unit will boast an eight-foot box and numerous compartments for carrying emergency equipment.

The unit will be assembled by Manitoba-based Fort Garry Industries and is expected to be delivered within 180 days.

The deteriorating state of the department's current Ford Excursion command unit facilitated the trustees' decision.

The Excursion suffered extensive damage in a December 2005 collision. Major repairs and regular maintenance have not fixed the unit's "terminal problems."

In related fire news, fire chief Tom Bremner told trustees the

department has postponed plans to acquire two new mini-pumper units.

Bremner said fiscal responsibility has encouraged the department to consider the purchase of a single mini-pumper apparatus and upgrading "the best of the old units."

"We want to get our ducks in order so we want to table the mini recommendation at this point," he said.

GEOLOGY

Local's personal mapping project benefits public

Free lecture from UBC professor emeritus offered on local geology

Salt Spring resident Dr. Hugh Greenwood will offer a free presentation on local geology on Saturday, Feb. 13 at ArtSpring's multipurpose room.

A professor emeritus with the University of British Columbia, Greenwood will present the results and take questions on his newly completed geology map of the island.

His presentation will outline the geological history of Salt Spring Island and include remarks on the applications of the map to such things as water resources and land-use planning.

Greenwood mapped the island between 2006 and 2009 as a personal project.

He released the 1:25,000 scale geological map with accompanying notes in collaboration with the British Columbia Geological Survey in December 2009.

The map allows property owners, hikers and tourists to identify rocks at any point on the island.

To view or download the Salt Spring Island Geology map, open the link:

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The Islands Trust is committed to meeting the deadline imposed on all local governments in BC to set greenhouse gas emission reduction targets, develop policies and plans to meet those targets, and integrate the foregoing into its Official Community Plan by May 31, 2010. This is an opportunity for you to be part of the start of a process to address and manage change that impacts us all. Everybody welcome!

CLIMATE ACTION FOR A CLIMATE-WISE ISLAND

Discussion Topics: Energy Supply/Food and Agriculture/Land Use Building Design/Conservation/Transportation.

Workshop Details:

Date: Saturday, February 6

Location: Multipurpose Room, Gulf Islands Secondary School

Time: 1:00 – 5:00 p.m.

Faciliator: Maggie Ziegler

Please consider carpooling or taking the bus. Bring your own mug and a dessert or snacks for sharing. Coffee and tea will be available on site.

Visit www.islandstrust.bc.ca/climatechange for more information on climate change in the Islands Trust area.



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EDITORIAL

Listening to the TSB

Transportation Safety Board investigators do not yet know what caused the Nov. 29, 2009 fatal crash of a Seair de Havilland Beaver in Lyall Harbour.

But in writing a fairly comprehensive "issues update" on the incident, released last week, they found themselves in very familiar territory. The report notes six of the passengers died from drowning inside the plane. The pilot and one passenger who escaped were pulled from the water by Saturna Islanders and survived.

A 1994 TSB Safety Study of Survivability in Seaplane Accidents analyzed the 1,432 incidents that occurred in Canada between 1976 through 1990. It found 168 of 276 people on board had died in 103 of those cases where the plane "terminated" in the water. Of those deaths, 11 per cent occurred during impact; 10 per cent were injured during the impact and subsequently

THE ISSUE:

Float-plane deaths in Canada

WE SAY:

TSB's next recommendations deserve a look

drowned; [67 per cent died from drowning] and two per cent died from exposure, with the remaining 10 per cent unknown.

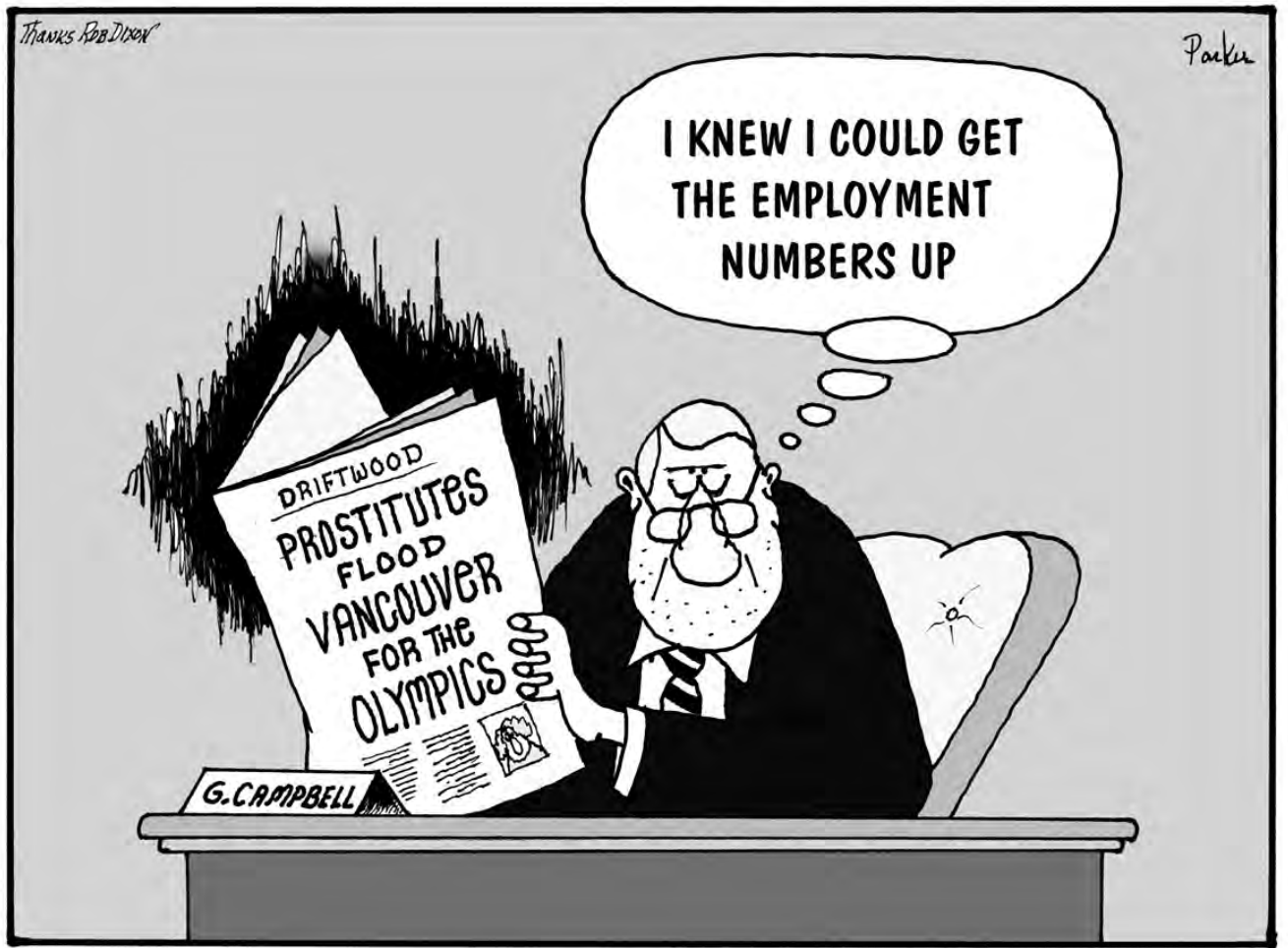
Of the drowning deaths, most occurred inside the aircraft, although 86 per cent of the people who died outside of the cabin had also drowned.

The authors of the comprehensive 1994 report made several recommendations for improving pilot and passenger survival, including better marking of exit doors and pre-flight safety orientation for passengers, and installation and use of shoulder restraint systems. They also recommended that all seaplane occupants "wear a personal flotation device during the standing, taxiing, take-off, approach and landing phases of flight," noting the advances that had been made in inflatable life jacket design.

The report determined it was almost impossible for an individual to put on a life jacket after a plane was submerged, even if the item could somehow be found.

That the TSB is looking at yet another tragic accident when nothing has changed in the regulatory realm in the past six years may have prompted them to note last week: "We are looking at our past safety communications and at the responses from the regulator and industry to resolve the concerns raised by the TSB."

While that line doesn't sound like a throwing down of the gauntlet, by any means, it does hint that maybe the TSB is tired of its suggestions regarding seaplane accidents remaining submerged. Let's hope recommendations arising from its final report on the Saturna incident are not just left floating.



Get on the climate action bus

BY BOB FENSKE

A rare and important opportunity for community discussion will happen on Saturday, Feb. 6.

The Islands Trust, Capital Regional District and community organizations have put together a program focused on achieving reduction in greenhouse gas emissions and identifying ways and actions to mitigate climate change. The Salt Spring Island Transportation Commission fully supports this initiative and encourages all islanders to come together as a community and participate.

Why should you come? What value is your input? Will this be another session with a lot of unfocused talk resulting in no action?

These are important questions, and you could probably identify other reasons to stay home. However, the development of this program has been carefully considered and structured to bring critical attention to six key discussion areas: Transportation, Residential Building Design, Commercial, Industrial and Institutional Sectors, Energy Supply, and Food and Agriculture. You can choose a specific topic for discussion and even attend two discussion groups of your choice.

The format will capture your comments, suggestions and ideas on how to take action in the six specific areas. The plan is to take the results from the day and consider them in clarifying the most strategic actions the community can take. This is just one important step in an ongoing island-wide effort.

Transportation will be a key discussion area and we anticipate many islanders will want to explore the various ways and actions that are possible to change our entrenched need to use our vehicles for any and all transportation.

We expect lots of discussion around the development of bicycle infrastructure, the same for pedestrian pathways and, of course, our very successful transit service.

VIEWPOINT

There are other innovative alternatives to our gas-powered vehicles: we need to hear from you.

Almost every week now you can read about new alternative transportation ideas and initiatives being taken by government, business and individuals.

An interesting range of electric vehicles are emerging as all car manufacturers have recognized the new reality in transportation. Transit companies are now talking about hybrid buses.

BC Hydro is talking with municipalities about their preparations for the switch to electric transportation, how municipalities should plan for the introduction of a variety of vehicles and what recharging infrastructure will be needed.

There is growing and active interest in developing our cycling infrastructure.

Island cyclists are organizing themselves to be a more potent and influential voice for more and safer cycling. Pathway and sidewalk development is occurring and more needs to be done. With these initiatives and actions and more, our island community will be making concrete contributions to the reduction in GHG emissions.

We have demonstrated clearly our ability and commitment to have the most successful small transit system in the province. BC Transit has recently confirmed that fact again. We are unique because of the efforts and dedication of so many. If we have done that with our bus system, we can do it for all of the transportation components in our community.

So please come and share your ideas, thoughts and experience on Feb. 6 — this Saturday. This is something we must do for ourselves, our community and our families. Get on the climate action "bus"!

The writer is chair of the Salt Spring Island Transportation Commission.

THIS WEEK'S QUESTION:

Is full-day kindergarten a good idea?

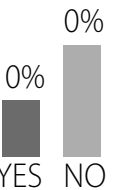
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QUOTE OF THE WEEK:

"It is a time to remember that when we reach the end of our resources, we have not reached the end of all possibilities."

ANGLICAN DIOCESAN TRANSFORMATION TEAM

SALT SPRING SAYS

We asked: Is your safety compromised by poorly painted road lines?

**TONI POULIN**

Yes. It makes it difficult to see in the dark, especially when it's raining.

**SHAWN STEVENS**

With how narrow the roads are already it doesn't help. There are some sections that are really sketchy. A lot of roads are not built for two cars and a bike.

**DEAN BEITEL**

Yes. As it is now you're kind of driving by braille. Something simple like cat's eyes would work.

**TOM MARTIN**

Yes. In the '80s we had good paint on the roads — really good paint. Now we don't.

**NICK BROWN**

As a cyclist I don't feel compromised. Drivers don't feel obligated to stay on centre lines; they just pull around to give us more room.

Letters to the editor

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Seek and explore talents

I am constantly amazed that, on an island with more than 10,000 residents, there aren't more people attending local amateur theatre performances.

Salt Spring is blessed with several wonderful amateur theatre companies, comprised of your friends, co-workers and neighbours, who devote countless hours preparing shows for your pleasure. Although these theatre companies may be "amateur," it usually just means that the cast and crew volunteer their time, while the talent and expertise many of them bring is certainly on the professional level.

These companies welcome anyone with an interest in theatre, and they all offer classes or workshops to the general public. We all know the island is full of people

with hidden talents. Come out and watch them shine, or join a company and explore your own talents. Support local theatre.

SHEILA CHRISTENSEN,
LONG HARBOUR

No unity in water plans

CRD director Garth Hendren aims to unite Salt Spring as a municipality. It appears that he hasn't given much thought to how divisive the water issue will prove to be.

Many on Salt Spring are 100 per cent responsible for their own water, through wells and septic systems. These households get no government help or subsidy, nor can they look forward to getting any. To ask them to pony up for those who share a water system will stick in quite a few crawls.

Mr. Hendren gave nearly all of Salt Spring's latest share of gas tax money (\$300,000+

I hear, which everyone who drives on the island paid into) to the Beddis water system. There are plenty of non-profits who work hard to benefit the entire island who seriously wonder about giving community dollars to one set of landowners.

Unifying all the water improvement districts, so those who pay fully for their own water systems can eventually put a swack of tax money into every subsidized household, is not the way to unite Salt Spring.

BRENDA GULED,
HEIDI PLACE

Not a good match

The F.S.A. acronym stands for Fundamental Skills Assessment. I, like most parents and grandparents, assumed that the tests were to find out if the students in grades 4 and 7 were progressing as should be in reading,

writing and arithmetic. I thought if the children were being tested in those analog learnings by analog and oral or written tests, fine.

But no, they are tested with digital computers. Analog and digital systems are not a good match. The F.S.A. acronym now stands for Fundamentally Stupid Assumption on the part of the Ministry of Education, parents and the Fraser Institute.

RON STACEY,
QUEBEC DRIVE

Tree damage preventable

The recent windstorm again pointed out the harm to human life by those who object to removing trees.

Trees came down, causing expensive damage, removing electricity that helps save one scarce resource — individual human time — and in some cases services from transportation to education and health

care were interrupted. It's one thing if the damage and disruption are experienced by the property owner, but downright not community minded if others are affected.

The fall of many of those trees could easily be predicted: just look for the big cracks and rotted sections, and be suspicious of any tree with multiple trunks (as may occur if it has been topped years earlier).

Perhaps central rot could be more difficult to detect. I invite tree experts to comment.

KEITH SKETCHLEY,
SAANICH

Erroneous conclusion

In regards to the Jan. 27 You Asked column on island births, it stated that "In-hospital births were favoured over home births" and went on to quote a local health nurse's explanation for this to be that mothers wanted a

physician rather than a midwife to deliver their babies.

In support of midwife-attended island births, I would like to gently point out that the figures you present only show the "number" of births in the various locations. They do not show women's preference for birth location, or birth attendant, nor do they indicate where the births began!

Medical circumstances (near the last minute) precluded our 2009 preference for an at-home, midwife-attended island birth. While I fully applaud and appreciate the wonderful care received at Vic General and the well-judged "transfer orders" from our midwife, I would not want our birth "statistic" to be part of an erroneous conclusion that we chose a physician-led hospital birth over a midwife-assisted one!

ROSE ALKOFF-DROST,
SALT SPRING

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Smiling for Olympic guests: appearances are everything

By now you've probably heard of the Olympic Protocol Handbook that has been distributed to over 600 employees of the City of Vancouver. This 120+ page "how-to" guide lays out the do's and don'ts of dealing with Olympic dignitaries visiting the region during the next few weeks.

The Protocol Handbook, in conjunction with special classroom training, teaches the unwashed among us the finer points of Olympic etiquette and conduct. Although issues such as loose change ("avoid jangling change in pockets") and business cards ("never use your left hand to offer or receive a card; the left hand is reserved for 'unclean' functions in Middle East culture") are discussed, the Handbook deals mainly with the topics of smiling, dress code, and toilet duties.

Knowing when to smile and how much to smile is a major protocol consideration. According to the Handbook, one should "smile gently but with sincerity," because "false smiles look artificial." Besides being warned not to overdo smiles, civic workers are also advised to "be friendly and polite but keep a certain reserve." No, we wouldn't want the general hoi polloi rubbing elbows with the Olympic hoity-toity.

Suitable clothing and knowing what and what not to wear are also high up on the protocol list. Apparently, clothes should fit properly but not too snugly because tight clothes "make a slim person look gaunt and a large person look heavier."

For some strange reason, socks are a big issue in the protocol guide. Workers are instructed to "wear knee high socks or stockings that reach above the calf," and avoid short socks "that show bare leg when you sit down". Above all other considerations, "socks should match pant colour."

Nature, or perhaps more correctly, the call of nature is another category that is addressed in the Handbook. According to the protocol manual, "when you have an extra minute or it is convenient, use the toilet because you never know when you'll next have a break." It's hard to argue with this kind of advice.

Perhaps we here on Salt Spring should have our own protocol guide. After all, who's to say that some of the Olympic dignitaries won't be stepping off the beaten track to sample a slice of island hospitality? Certainly, we should have our own protocol or "code of conduct" to help us have "proper" interactions with such people of distinction.

A dress code should reflect a stylish, yet relaxed, look. One can choose natural fibres or synthetics, but the two should never be mixed. Similarly, wearing tie-dyes over grey Stanfield's is a definite no-no and could result in major skirmishes breaking out along the Kazakhstan-Uzbekistan border.

Above all, remember that plaids can be dangerous to your health.

Once again, socks are very important. It's no big deal whether or not your socks match your pants, but try at least to make them match each other. Socks usually come in pairs but one should avoid wearing both stockings on the same foot.

Another area of correct protocol involves giving directions. Nothing is more irritating to visitors than being given confusing or unclear directions on how to get from point A to point B. It

is your duty as a citizen of Salt Spring Island to help unfamiliar guests find their way to their destinations with as little difficulty as possible. Don't let a trivial detail like the fact that you haven't the slightest clue how to get from here to there stop you from offering elaborate descriptions (complete with sketches and hand-drawn maps). Remember, it's more important to appear helpful than to actually know what you're talking about. And if the result means your unsuspecting tourists end up on a wild goose chase that takes them around Salt Spring seven times, well, at least you've given them a good tour of the island.

If ever there was an official protocol needed for this island, it would be in the area of parking. Let's assume you see an

open parking spot somewhere in Fulford village. Do you display your considerate nature by carefully looking around to see if perhaps there is a visiting Olympic dignitary in need of a place to park? Or do you rev up your engine, stare down any competition and jam your vehicle into the space? This is really a moot question because you're never going to find an open parking spot anywhere in Fulford.

Islanders working in the service industry are most likely to interact with visiting Olympic dignitaries. Whether you are a cab driver, a barista, or someone waiting tables at one of the many island eateries, you are standing in the front lines of island hospitality.

Remember to smile with sincerity. If you find this difficult or impossible, an honest glare that pierces to the very marrow will do. Try to limit looks of indifferent boredom to one to a customer.

Nobody asked me, but I think we need to take this Olympic Protocol Handbook seriously. We have to create a good impression on the world, especially since the unseasonably warm weather is likely to make a shambles of the winter sports (maybe it's not too late to call it the 2010 Summer Olympics). If we all put our best foot forward (not the one with the matching pair of socks) we can still achieve our goal.

Oh yes, one more thing. Don't forget to smile.

**Shilo Zylbergold**

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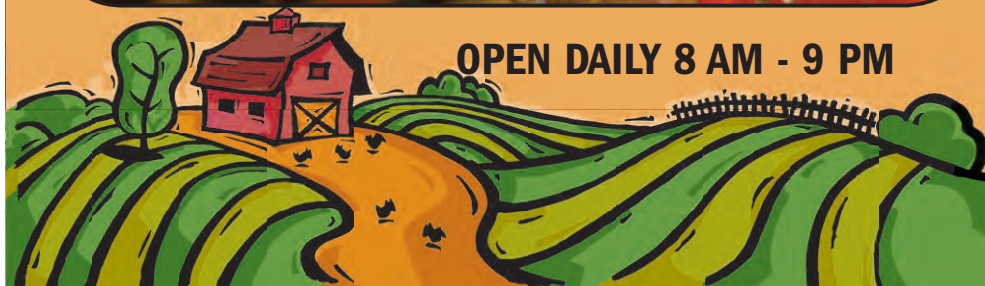
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OPINION



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HUNGRY FOR HAGGIS: A group of women present the freshly-prepared haggis at last Friday's annual Burns Night celebration at Meaden Hall.

Truth, honesty, the FSA and prorogation

BY BOB MACKIE

I enjoy reading the Driftwood letters to the editor and am often impressed by the quality and openness of the discussion. I thought that the Jan. 13 letter from Richard Hayden ("Poor role modelling") made a good point about teaching children to recognize right from wrong by example.

When I read the following week's rebuttal by John Nicolson of the Gulf Islands Teachers' Association ("Limited advice re: FSAs"), I was initially perplexed that he felt writing a "Dear Principal" letter to excuse your child from a test because you didn't like the test was not a false pretext.

I should say that I have no axe to grind here. My children are long gone from school. In fact, my daughter is a teacher, so if anything I should be teacher biased.

I researched the matter by reading the instructions to parents and the text of the letter. The instructions are directly under the BCTF president's signature and state:

"Please detach and use the letter to request that your Grade 4 or 7 child be withdrawn from the January and February 2010 FSA testing."

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OK, it is pretty clear what the teachers federation wants parents to do. Next is the letter parents were asked to sign:

"Dear Principal, I understand that parents may request the principal to excuse a student in the event of a family emergency, lengthy illness, or other extenuating circumstances. Please excuse my child, (space for name), from all three Foundation Skills Assessment (FSA) tests for the following reason: Select from: 1. Family emergency. 2. Lengthy illness. 3. Other extenuating circumstances. Thank you for your co-operation. Sincerely, Parent/guardian signature."

Richard Hayden is right. Parents are clearly being asked to bend the rules about a valid excuse for missing a test. "Extenuating circumstances" should not be used as a general-purpose loophole. This is dishonest.

Perhaps for those as closely involved as John Nicolson, it is hard to see right from wrong, so let me refer to a similar question of right and wrong

in another context. Quite a few people went out on the streets in Canada in the middle of winter to say that proroguing Parliament without a good reason is not right even if the system can be used that way. That example also serves to point out that being able to tell right from wrong is an important life skill. As citizens, we have to make judgments about whether others are being honest.

Honesty is paramount. If anyone feels strongly enough about the issue to want to use the "get out of class due to extenuating circumstances" loophole... go ahead. It's there and you can use it... but be honest about it. Do not say it is not at all a "false pretext" — because it is.

Finally, I was amazed at the narrow-minded arrogance of suggesting to the Driftwood that Richard Hayden's letter should not have been printed, although John Nicolson does not really say that directly. He says, "While recognizing the rights of freedom of speech and freedom of opinion, we" (who is he speaking for?) "also believe that, in the future, the Driftwood should not print letters that do not further

respectful debate about community issues."

Direct honest statements would be better. He could have said, "I do not think the Driftwood should have printed Richard Hayden's letter because it will not further respectful debate in the community." Then he could have gone on with his debating points. (Although obviously he would have to make his points disrespectfully or he would defeat his previous point.)

I hope that any parents that did choose to have their children excused from the FSA tests are careful to explain to their children what they are doing. Protesting what you believe to be wrong is not only a right, it is a duty of citizenship. Telling the truth is also a duty. It is a basic duty we owe to ourselves and to others. Tell your children that you are not telling the truth because you feel very strongly that these tests are wrong and this is how you are going to protest. Good luck. Depending on their age, it may not be an easy concept for your children to understand... but don't lie to them by word or by deed.

The writer is a Salt Spring Island consultant.

MORE LETTERS

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Keep saying 'no way'

According to last Saturday's Globe & Mail, 36 pieces of legislation slid off the table and into the trash can when Mr. Harper prorogued our Parliament.

Some of these laws were critical to the nation, others perhaps not. But all of them together represent hundreds, perhaps thousands of man hours of research, drafting, presentation and debate before the House. They represent thousands, perhaps millions, of dollars in wages and supporting costs for the legions of government employees, Parliament members and Harper's own cabinet, all who have been put on hold, unable to perform their normal work while the Prime Minister attends the Olympics and "recalibrates."

This unconscionable waste of person power and taxpayers money, the irresponsible use of the prime minister's power, the flagrant disregard for the urgent concerns of the electorate and for their hard-earned tax dollars is almost unbelievable. But we are seeing it for the second year in a row. We must stand up and say "no way," keep saying it and make sure it never happens again.

MELISSA SEARCY,
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OPINION

Future forested lands should be preserved

BY CORRIE HOPE FURST AND WENDY JUDITH CUTLER

In response to Mary Gillies' Jan. 20 Viewpoint ("All of our lots were once logged"):

We, too, are residents of Roland Road (since 1998). We are aware that a number of lots on the road have been logged since we bought our home here. We are also aware that that 17-acre parcel referred to was owned for many years by a relative of the current owner, and that he and the current owners have allowed people on the road to walk through its trails, which connect to a public access. We are all grateful for that.

This was a very special piece of property. We don't understand how a "conservationist" could say that the area had "no

serve our forests should be an important strategy of the island for climate change.

A couple of months ago we heard from a neighbour that the land was for sale. We had not heard about it from the current owner, who lives off-island much of the time. About a dozen concerned neighbourhood people met (along with someone from the Salt Spring Conservancy) to see if we could come up with any ideas. The next step was for a couple of people to meet with the owner to see if we could come up with a mutually beneficial plan. There are tax incentives or covenanting part of the land. If necessary, we thought about

IN RESPONSE

potential as a conservation area." I have had several conversations with Briony Penn, a well-known geographer on the island, who has walked on the land for years and is very familiar with its ecological values. According to Briony, there are many features worth conserving. The forest is in a less common moist subzone within the dry coastal Douglas-fir zone — like Creekside. These ecosystems, with their mature red cedars, maples and a forest floor of swordferns and shrubs, provide important habitat to amphibians, songbirds and gastropods at risk. Briony says that even as second growth, they are now identified as threatened ecosystems by provincial government scientists. The older veteran firs provide habitat for owls and birds of prey. For example, close to this lot was an osprey nest. The seasonal creek provides much needed riparian habitat. It is Briony's belief, as well as ours, that virtually all mature intact forest in the coastal Douglas fir zone, especially these moist subzones, are of ecological importance now, especially since these lush forests provide a dual role of pulling carbon out of the atmosphere and maintaining carbon sinks. More than half of B.C.'s carbon emissions are released from the degradation of our forests, more than all the other energy and transportation sectors. Providing incentives to con-

trying to raise money for the conservancy to acquire this property (like the Creekside land). None of this ever happened, as the owner never met with anyone or even returned phone calls.

Logging started shortly after this, creating a large clearcut area, including a very steep slope. A few trees were left standing in the logged area, some of which have come down in the recent windstorm. I am not an expert, but I know that cutting all the trees down on a steep slope can cause serious problems — mudslides, flooding, erosion.

According to the Islands Trust, there are no laws against this on rurally zoned land. We have heard from a few people, "It's her land. She can do whatever she wants." This, unfortunately, is true.

This particular piece of land cannot be saved. The damage has already been done. But laws need to be changed so that owners can't just do whatever they want — especially when it creates a potentially hazardous situation for others around them. This is about more than just one person being given permission to walk on someone's property.

We have not always "owned" this land. Most of us are not natives here. All we can do now is to try to be good stewards of the land that we do live on. And to try to "preserve and protect" as many green spaces as we can on our island and on our planet.

The writers are Roland Road residents.

RANTS and Roses

Rants

Rants to the person, or persons who borrowed, broke, or misplaced our 60 new glasses from the Lions Hall. Having just finished our new kitchen restocked the cupboards with all new dishware it is disheartening to have not one or two glasses go missing but 60! Shame on you. Gayle of the Salt Spring Lions Club

Roses

A huge, fragrant bunch of roses to the wonderful, dedicated volunteers who made the CommunityWelcome at the Centre for Child Honouring such a magical and warm occasion. Beautiful bunches of roses also to Country Grocer, Salt Spring Coffee and Thrifty's, who donated delicious refreshments for guests.

To Island Comfort Quilts — very many thanks for the beautiful quilt and carrying bag. So much thought, so many people, so much caring went into the creation of this lovely thing. When I undid the splendid wrapping and read the card, tears came to my eyes. Your gift did indeed give me comfort, and now I am able to say, "I'm well." Jan

A humongous bunch of red roses to Ellen Karpinski and Jerry Barenholtz, plus the cats and sheep from The Salt

Spring Way B&B, for hosting and taking such great care of Velcrow Ripper, and to Marion Pape for transforming Mahon Hall into a visually welcoming space for Velcrow's workshop, and to Diane Copeland Thomas for the cookies and tea. Here's to hope, activism and pursuit of your own Fierce Light!

To the staff at Lady Minto: You are the greatest! After grappling with the system in Nanaimo and waiting hours to step through the endless hoops, I really appreciated the relaxed, attentive, friendly, compassionate staff at Lady Minto. Alan Caplan

Little Red Roses to Graiden's dad Cyrus Vandort and Wyatt's dad Al McMaster for re-roofing our preschool sandbox! Thank you! From all of us at the Little Red School House

A truck load of European roses and a big hug for Joe Somebody for hanging the Climate Action Community Workshop banner. Salt Spring Island Climate Change Action Committee

A large bouquet to Lorne Bunyan of Salt Spring Transit for going out of his way to hand deliver to our home my prescription eyedrops that fell out of my purse at some point when I was riding our wonderful bus from Fulford to Ganges on Monday morning. Such a wonderful bus and service!

NEWSBEAT

ShelterBoxes for Haiti explained

Q. Salt Spring's Rotary Club is fundraising to send ShelterBoxes to Haiti. What exactly are ShelterBoxes?

— Michaela Wells, Salt Spring Island

A. At \$1,000 apiece, each box provides a tent shelter and other supplies for 10 people.

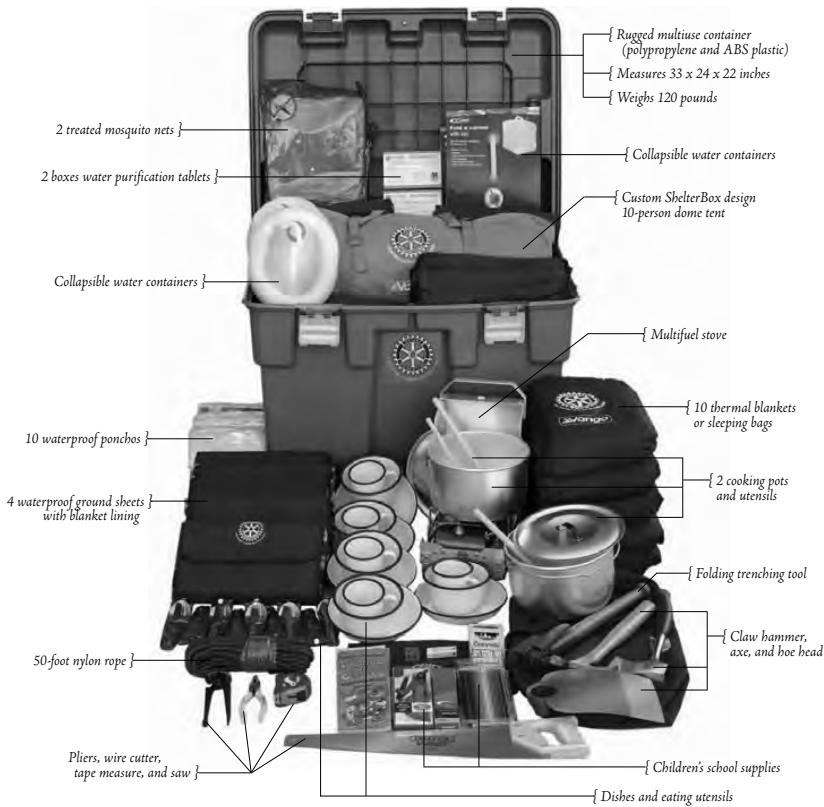
Stepping up to aid in Haiti disaster relief, the international charity ShelterBox has sent 4,100 such boxes to Port-au-Prince with more to follow.

Administered by Rotary Clubs, ShelterBox Canada met its target of sending 1,000 boxes to Haiti on Jan. 28. The organization has now bumped its goal up to 1,500 and Salt Spring Rotarians are urging Gulf Islanders to donate to the cause.

Tracking numbers are assigned to each box, so donors can trace where their ShelterBox ends up, says Dawn Evans, a Salt Spring Rotarian and former director of ShelterBox Canada.

Each ShelterBox is a large, green plastic container with a volume close to that of the average bathtub.

It holds a 10-person tent and a range of other equipment such as basic tool kits, cooking equipment and a multi-fuel stove that burns anything from diesel to old paint. Customized for Haiti, the boxes include a chil-



Standard ShelterBox, above. Contents have been tailored to Haiti disaster relief (i.e. children's activity kits are sent instead of school supplies).



Amy Geddes

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dren's activity pack, shovels for digging latrines and wind-up radios are supplied in one out of 10 boxes.

Haiti's president, Rene Preval, has urgently appealed for more tents to house the estimated 1.5 million

people made homeless by the earthquake.

The ShelterBox response team has provided emergency shelter for more than 20,000 people and is now in Port-au-Prince and surrounding areas with small camps already set up in Delmas, Petion-Ville, Carrefour and Leogane, according to their website.

Priority is being given to families with pregnant women and families with newborns.

As of Jan. 13, ShelterBox dropped the price

for Canadians from \$1,200 to \$1,000.

Anyone wishing to donate can write cheques payable to the Salt Spring Rotary Club Foundation and mail them to Box 513, Ganges PO, V8K 2W2 or give them to any Rotarian. Tax receipts are available for amounts over \$25.

Donations can also be made online at www.shelterbox.ca.

Funds received until Feb. 12 will be matched by the Canadian government.

ISLAND HISTORY

Vesuvius Bay story highlighted

Marshall Heinekey gives PowerPoint presentation on Feb. 10

A man with deep roots in Vesuvius Bay will share the history of the area when the Salt Spring Historical Society meets at Central Hall on Wednesday, Feb. 10.

Marshall Heinekey was born and raised on Salt Spring and through the 1940s and '50s lived in Vesuvius, where three generations of his family have been for the last 90 years.

Heinekey, a long-time Toastmaster, has recently moved back to his family's old homestead.

The fascinating program, called The Story of Vesuvius Bay, will include a PowerPoint presentation

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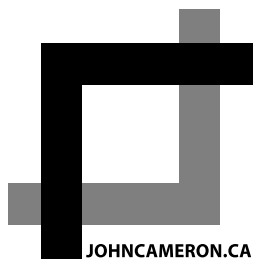
The talk will trace the early establishment of the Vesuvius settlement through pre-emption, the conflicts and struggles within the settlement and the emergence of the Bittancourt family.

The role of the Sandstone Quarry in building Victoria will be explained, as well as the homesteading of the Inglis, Chapman and Goodrich families after World War I and the area's buildings, churches and businesses. The final part of the presentation will highlight the presenter's experiences growing up in Vesuvius.

Heinekey's talk occurs at 2 p.m. after the historical society's general meeting.

Refreshments will follow the program.

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HOME FIELD ACTION: With the score tied 2-2 and less than a minute to play, Oliver Cannon makes a great cross past a Juan de Fuca defender in U17 Salt Spring United action. The ball was headed towards the net but bounced off the goal post. The game ended in a draw.

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MEN'S SOCCER

Gremio drops cup debut

Team to focus on regular season success

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

A full roster of healthy players wasn't enough to ensure a Ganges Gremio victory against one of the league's top teams in George Peakes Cup action on the weekend.

"They were a great team — young, fast and tireless," said player and team spokesperson Ryan Smith. "They just kept coming at us, but couldn't break us down until exhaustion finally took its toll."

Gremio fell 2-0, but it wasn't until the game's final minutes that home-town Nanaimo United got on the board and put the game out of reach.

"What we lacked in speed and youthfulness, we made up for in stubbornness," Smith said.

"When Nanaimo finally got a goal there was almost a collective sigh of relief on both sides."

Although almost the entire

game was focused in Gremio's end, Smith said, Gremio's defenders shut down nearly everything thrown at them.

With four minutes left to play, an exhausted Gremio side allowed the winning goal and dashed the prospect of a 30-minute overtime period.

"We were all smiles coming off the field at the end," Smith said. "We proved we could run with the best team in the tournament, if not for quite as long."

Smith said getting bounced out of cup play early on will let the team focus its attention on wrapping up second place in its division.

Gremio travels to Vancouver Island where it takes on eighth-place Juan de Fuca on Sunday.

"If we play anything like we did in Nanaimo, they don't have a hope," he said.

Salt Spring FC players got the weekend off, taking advantage of the team's first of two weekend byes. FC's next game is against FC Sagres at Victoria's Royal Athletic Park on Feb. 13.

WOMEN'S SOCCER

No goals in Div. 2 match

SS United looks forward to home game on Feb. 6

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Finlayson Turf was the location of a well-fought match between Salt Spring United and Vic West last Saturday night, with neither team allowing the ball into the net.

Player Sue-Anne Donaldson said the 0-0 game was "an excellent fast-paced game of soccer."

"We played as a unit, everyone doing their job and then some."

SS United played two goalies, with Joanne O'Connor in net during the first half and Erin Hornell in for the second. Donaldson said both keepers performed spectacularly, making big saves to shut out Vic West and keep Salt Spring in the game.

Salt Spring's defence did a solid job at keeping Vic West forwards out of their zone and minimizing their shots, while the midfield controlled the middle and worked hard at distributing the ball to the outside of the field. But despite impressive play by everyone, the Salt Spring players were not able to push the score to their favour.

"The forwards broke through Vic West's aggressive defence and fired off some strong shots, but were just unable to capitalize on our chances," Donaldson said.

She added that the entire team should be proud of "a terrific game of soccer."

Salt Spring's Div. 2 women look forward to a home game on Saturday, Feb. 6 at 12:30 p.m. against the first-placed team in the division — Lakehill Thunder.

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Local man takes role as translator at Olympics

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training staff and dignitaries representing Team Korea at the Games.

As a translator, Suk will be responsible for ensuring that the Korean visitors have as smooth an experience as possible while in Canada. He's among 900 volunteers from across the country and around the world who have been selected to take part in the Olympic experience.

For Suk, who moved to the Vancouver-area from Korea with his parents when he was two years old, the opportunity to work with the team is a chance to reconnect his family's heritage with his everyday identity.

To act as a Canadian representative to athletes and staff, many of whom will be visiting the country for the first time, he said, is a tremendous honour.

Luckily, his Korean is still in pretty good shape.

And if that wasn't enough of a prize in itself, it turns out Suk's Korean connection includes an added benefit that promises to push his Olympic experience into a league of its own.

While Suk will get a close-up look at many of the events and venues where Korean athletes compete,

he's really looking forward to spending time at the Richmond Olympic Oval, where Korea's world-class speed skaters are expected to capture some serious hardware.

Suk takes long-track speed skating very seriously and he's probably among the few island residents who've ever laced up a pair of the long-bladed skates.

"I'm going to be star struck, but I have to take my role quite seriously," he said. "If the athletes engage [me in conversation], I'd be happy to talk, but I think they'll have other things on their mind."

Suk has already spent a good deal of time cutting up the ice at the Olympic venue as part of his regular training with the Richmond Rockets, a speed skating club that competes throughout North America.

Despite living on Salt Spring Island, Suk has maintained a solid training regimen and somehow been able to keep on practising his favourite sport.

"It's been mind-bogglingly difficult," he said.

While ice-time is usually clocked in Saanich or the Lower Mainland, Suk spends most of his island time working on fitness and strength.

Because of his job as a self-employed information technology specialist, Suk gets to spend plenty of time with clients in the Lower Mainland, where speed-skating opportunities abound. But that doesn't mean he hasn't been tempted to flood his yard when the temperature dips below freezing.

It doesn't take long to realize that Suk's love of the sport runs pretty deep. Our discussion of his Olympic dreams turns into a detailed low-down on wind resistance and the impact of Richmond's lower elevation on prospective skating times.

"Don't expect any world records," Suk suggests, adding that speed-skating records just aren't broken at sea-level competitions due to the relatively high air pressure.

It's a technicality that Suk doesn't expect will get in the way of his enjoyment of the Games.

As long as he's got his official blue uniform and volunteer access pass, slower ice times should be no problem at all.

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At right, Jon Suk is ready to live out his Olympic dream by volunteering as a translator.



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CELEBRATIONS

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DEATHS

Morton Brown Stratton

March 24, 1916 –
 January 29, 2010



Beloved Salt Spring
 resident of forty years,
 Morton B. Stratton
 died peacefully in Lady
 Minto Hospital on
 January 29th, 2010.
 By his side, as always,
 was Margaret (Biz)
 Stratton, devoted wife
 for 74 years. Services for
 Mort will be held at Salt
 Spring United Church on
 Saturday, February 6, at
 11 A.M.

Mort was born in Moylan,
 Pennsylvania, son of John
 Alfred and Isadora Stratton.
 His family belonged to
 the Middletown Friends
 Meeting. Mort attended
 high school at Westtown
 Quaker Boarding School
 graduating second in his
 class of 369 students and
 was Valedictorian of his
 senior class. He attended
 Earlham College, received
 a Masters degree from
 Tufts University and a
 PhD from the University
 of Pennsylvania in 1942.
 Mort was a professor of
 History at Denison
 University in Granville,
 Ohio from 1943 until
 1976. In 1950, Mort took
 his young family and his
 Hudson car to
 Montpellier, France,
 where they lived for a
 year while Mort studied
 at The University of
 Montpellier. A second
 sabbatical leave was
 taken at Harvard
 University where he
 received a grant from
 the Ford Foundation to
 research the feasibility
 of introducing Asian
 studies into liberal arts
 colleges.

Mort married Margaret
 Barker, his grammar
 school sweetheart, in
 1936. They had three
 children, Peggy,
 Nancy and John, whom
 they raised on a
 gentleman farm in
 Granville, Ohio. After
 lecturing on European
 history, Mort milked his
 cows and fed his
 chickens before sitting
 down to dinner.

Mort was drafted into
 the Army in 1945 as a
 Conscientious Objector
 and served as a Medic
 in the Philippines. He
 recalled with humor
 the first injection that
 he gave where he bent
 the needle in a poor
 soldier's derriere!

Mort and Biz traveled
 worldwide and found
 Salt Spring Island one
 of the most beautiful
 destinations on earth.
 They purchased 21
 acres on Mt. Belcher
 in 1970, built a home
 and retired full time
 there in 1976. For the
 past 40 years Mort and
 Biz have been active
 in the community.
 Mort taught Power
 Squadron courses,
 researched the history
 of agriculture on Salt
 Spring and was a
 contributing author to
 the book, Salt Spring
 Island, The Story of an
 Island. Both Mort and
 Biz worked tirelessly
 and were instrumental
 in the establishment
 of the Meadowbrook
 Retirement Community
 where they have
 resided for 6 years.
 Quietly and modestly
 working behind the
 scenes, Mort has
 contributed to making
 Salt Spring Island a
 better place to work
 and live.

He is survived by his
 wife of 74 years, Biz
 Stratton, his daughters
 Peggy Bent (husband
 Joe Bent), Nancy Van
 Wormer, and son John
 Stratton (wife Linda
 Bonar), sister Alice
 Webster, seven
 grandchildren and
 seven great
 grandchildren.

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Capital Regional District

Salt Spring Island Transportation Operations Manager

Persons with hands-on experience and skills are invited to submit a resume for this contract term opportunity.

An exciting and challenging term opportunity exists for a Transportation Manager for Salt Spring Island. Reporting to the Capital Regional District's General Manager of Planning and Protective Services, and under the guidance of the Salt Spring Island Transportation Commission and the Electoral Area Director, the Manager of Transportation Operations provides leadership and support in the development, administration and delivery of transit and transportation services. This role is responsible for establishing Commission operating programs, objectives, procedures and priorities though long range strategic planning, and for leading and meeting the objectives and priorities as initiated through the CRD and its Commission. This position requires an emphasis on leadership, customer service and establishing and maintaining strong and positive relationships with the community and government agencies at all levels. This is a part time contract opportunity, an effort of approximately 3 days per week on average.

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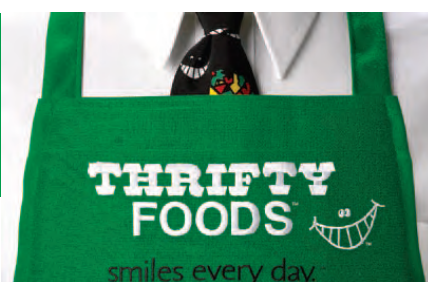


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SPORTS & RECREATION

MEN'S SOCCER

Alumni FC wins opener in Tony Grover Cup play

Old Boys not so fortunate

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Players with Salt Spring Alumni FC had cause to celebrate as the team defeated the Castaways in the Tony Grover Cup's opening match on Sunday morning.

Alumni FC struck early in the first half with a goal from team newcomer Josip Bratonovic.

The team held onto its lead until early in the second when a Castaways surge tied the game up at one.

It wasn't until midway through the second that Sean Norgard capitalized on a free kick to give the visiting squad a permanent lead.

Salt Spring's Richard Lee had a goal called back with 20 minutes left in the game, though Jesse Fisher eventually got an insurance goal with fewer than five minutes left to play.

Fisher said the victory is especially significant given that FC had dropped its two previous matches against the Castaways.

The cup-play victory means Alumni FC will host Juan de Fuca in round two action at Portlock Park later this month.

Fisher said he's optimistic about the team's prospects given that the tournament draw favours Salt Spring.

In the meantime, it's back to regu-

lar-season action as Alumni FC travels to play Gorge FC on Saturday, Feb. 6 at 4 p.m.

Gorge FC is currently ranked second in the Vancouver Island Soccer League Masters A division with a 9-2-5 record. A Salt Spring victory could pull Alumni FC (3-10-0) into sole position of eighth spot in its division.

In other soccer action, high hopes weren't enough to boost the Salt Spring Old Boys past the team's first-round opponents in the Tony Grover Cup on the weekend.

The team dropped a 3-0 decision to the skillful Bays United squad in Victoria on Saturday afternoon.

Bays had a two-goal lead after a first half that saw most of the Old Boys players "chasing the game," according to player Richard Steel.

The Old Boys took to the field in the second with a strong attacking formation, but just couldn't find the pressure to overcome the early deficit.

"It was a good performance, full of effort and heart," Steel said in his post-game report. "Unfortunately, the opposition was just too strong."

The Old Boys travel to Victoria again on the weekend to take on Zgoda (2-6-5) in regular season play.

"[We're] determined to bounce back from this defeat," Steel said.

Big kicks and heart lead to hard-earned win for girls

U11 boys masters of mud

SOCCERKICKS

Salt Spring United U11 Boys hosted Juan de Fuca Saturday on a moist and muddy Portlock pitch. Still looking for their first win, the locals hoped the sloppy field might bring them an advantage over their "pristine-turf" city rivals.

Early action saw plenty of slips and slides, with Salt Spring showing good positional play. It soon paid off, as Ian Hall put the locals up 1-0. Juan de Fuca tied it up soon thereafter, on a rebound from a great first save by Quinton Miles. Jackson Walde scored next for Salt Spring, with a nice finish near the opposing goal. Juan de Fuca had their sights on the tying goal until a speedy Logan Wenzel adeptly cleared the ball after keeper Miles lost a footrace to a breakaway ball. The half ended 2-1, a rare lead for the local boys.

The Salt Spring boys decorated their faces with mud for the second half, and came out strong. Jonah Baker made a coupe of great headers. Hall scored a brilliant "top corner" shot. Liam Wenzel notched a pair of goals. And Logan Wenzel scored on a sliding shot after a long run from defence. Aidan Haigh did everything but score, while Nigel Bisnar and Wisse Andringa had strong positional games.

Muddy from head to toe, nothing could have wiped the smiles from these boys after their first win, finishing 6-1.

• Salt Spring's U14 girls were energized by the bright warm day as they met Juan de Fuca on the new City Turf field on Jan. 23.

Linda Herbert's big kicks kept the ball away from the net while Zoe Savage and Jasmine Cooper's skilled footwork drove it back down the field repeatedly. The girls came off the break determined to win the game for injured player Becki Steel, who had her ankle stepped on by the opposition. After a hand ball, Maggie Birch sent an impressive free kick directly to Jade Beauvais, who sent a high bouncer into the net for the 1-0 lead.

Juan de Fuca's offence relentlessly pressed the defence until they finally got a shot in, tying the game 1-1. Salt Spring stepped it up with Birch, an unstoppable force, but it was a whole team effort in a well coordinated play driven down the field by Cooper passing to Zorah Wiltzen, who passed to Brenna McIntyre, who assisted Beauvais' forceful shot into the net for the 2-1 win.

• In gold league action, Salt Springers Tim Camps and Tai Dunkley-Whelan are enjoying another successful season with the Peninsula FC 95, a U15 boys team. Camps, as centre-back, and Dunkley-Whelan, playing full-back and midfield, are key players on the Saanich-based squad currently leading the gold division with 33 points (10-3-2).

• The beautiful weather and some exciting soccer proved a winning combination for some entertainment on Jan. 16 at the GISS field.

Salt Spring United's U17 team played a hard game against Juan de Fuca with numerous great plays of sportsmanship and teamwork. The first half of the game was a little slow as the two teams felt each other out. The Victoria team had many shots on net and keeper Steve Fedberg did a stellar job of stopping them all.

The game remained scoreless until midway through the second half when Torin McIvor, who was having an awesome game, made a beautiful pass to assist Adrian Rodig in a solid shot on goal. Leh Smallshaw and Corey Miles both had good games and were key in stopping the off-island visitors from scoring. The powerful kicking skills of Sam Lewis helped keep the Juan De Fuca busy, and Sam Miles speed was a definite asset to the Salt Spring boys.

After the 9-2 win for the boys the previous weekend against Bays United, their winning streak continues as they start a new soccer year.

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Search and Rescue Trackers make their mark



PHOTO BY SEAN MCINTYRE

From left, Gus Oliveira, Penny Harrower, Chuck Hamilton and Judy Burch are among a few of the specially trained trackers who volunteer their time and skills with Salt Spring Search and Rescue.

Science of tracking essential to successful search

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Tracking has taken a giant stride toward the mainstream in recent years as television programs like *Survivorman* and *Mantracker* have become prime-time fixtures on cable television networks.

In *Mantracker*, a man on horseback attempts to track down a pair of "fugitives" through a remote wilderness setting. More often than not, it's the tracker who comes out on top and it isn't only because he's the guy riding a horse.

Tracking is the science-like analysis and deciphering of clues, called "sign," left after a person travels through an area. What appears as a kind of sixth sense to uninitiated observers comes after years of training, plenty of experience, and a tremendous amount of patience and persistence.

Salt Spring Search and Rescue's Judy Burch began attending tracking courses offered by the Universal Tracking Services (UTS) back in 1993.

"Tracking is like doing a puzzle — a jigsaw, Sudoku or a crossword," Burch said. "The answer is there. You just need to find it. As my skill increased, I realized how it could benefit locating the lost subject in the shortest amount of time."

With nearly two decades of training behind her, Burch has gotten into the habit of constantly scanning the ground for sign.

"Tracking becomes a part of the way you look at the ground, whether that be on trails, the side of the road, a playground or in someone's yard," she said. "It's a way to know where your grandkids went, how many people hiked this trail or even where you left a garden tool in your yard."

According to Chuck Hamilton, leader of the Salt Spring SAR group, trackers have an advantage in that, as opposed to looking for the one subject of a search, they're trained to look out for any of the hundreds of clues left in that subject's wake.

Finding any of those clues plays an important role in focusing a search effort in a given direction, saving valuable time and resources. Given that a search area grows exponentially with every passing hour, narrowing the focus and resolving the search as quickly as possible has the potential to save lives.

Learning how time, weather, light and other factors affect a subject's trail is only one component of a tracker's education.

**"All sign left by the subject tells a story
which the searcher learns to read."**

PENNY HARROWER
Volunteer, Salt Spring Search and Rescue

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EMERGENCY

EMERGENCY RESPONSE

First responders: What are they, why do we have them?



An explanation for 'all those sirens'

BY MITCHELL SHERRIN
SPECIAL TO THE DRIFTWOOD

Imagine you've just been struck by a car. Moments ago you were happily walking along and now you are lying on the side of the road spitting out gravel, feeling pain everywhere, drifting in and out of consciousness, wondering if you will have permanent injuries and questioning if you will even live.

Fortunately, if you live on the island, you will receive pre-hospital care within minutes — regardless of whether you are in Ganges, Ruckle Park or along Sunset Drive — because of coordinated efforts between Salt Spring Island Fire Rescue (SSIFR) and the local B.C. Ambulance Service (BCAS).

Islanders are sometimes surprised to learn that local firefighters, acting as licensed first responders (FR), attend significantly more medical emergencies than any other type of call.

While many people support the FR program, others might wonder why firefighters need to respond to medical problems, and many probably don't even realize the FR program exists.

The reality is that local firefighters attended 268 medical or FR calls in 2009 — over a third of SSIFR's 735 total call volume.

Before responding to medical emergencies, SSIFR first responders must attend a 60-hour course on scene management, patient assessment, critical interventions, CPR, automated external defibrillators and spinal immobilization skills. These firefighters are licensed by the Emergency Medical Assistant Licensing Board with requirements for continual practice and recertification every three years.

But islanders might still be asking themselves, "If the ambulance is already responding, why are firefighters going to a medical call?"

The provincially run FR program began in 1990 following recommendations by then chief coroner Vince Caine.

He found that 12 per cent of all trauma deaths in the Lower Mainland were pre-hospital deaths, compared to 45 per cent on Vancouver Island, 59 per cent in the interior and 75 per cent in northern B.C.

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Salt Spring firefighters are usually involved in assisting at on-island traffic accidents, like this one, above, from a few years ago.

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Salt Spring firefighters tackle a night-time blaze at the ambulance station on Kings Lane in 2009.

Mantra: 'Better to have and not need than need and not have'

RESPONSE

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"When evaluated by region, we discovered the expected discrepancy, with pre-hospital deaths much greater the farther the distances to definitive care," Caine wrote.

Consequently, the province called for fire departments to help boost pre-hospital responses and Salt Spring joined the FR program in 1993.

Even though the first responders have been utilized for some 20 years, a recent Emergency Health Services Commission report urged the province to expand the FR program as part of their key recommendations.

"Given the importance of first response and the lack of it in some areas, there needs to be a more proactive effort put into seeking new FR agencies," Peter Cameron wrote in the First Responders, Fire Services and Pre-hospital Emergency Care in British Columbia (2007) report.

Local firefighters responding from home or one of the three fire halls can often reach a call for assistance before the ambulance based in Ganges.

Most commonly, firefighters attend calls for heart or breathing problems, trauma, falls, burns and diabetic emergencies.

But even if firefighters arrive simultaneous to or after the ambulance, they can still offer support to paramedics. This assistance can save valuable time, especially in critical situ-

ations.

Moreover, some seven SSIFR members are also BCAS paramedics.

Non-critical services provided by firefighters at a medical call can include collecting patient medications, collecting equipment, moving the ambulance or assisting medics to carry a patient down stairs.

Complex medical calls commonly require four to six people, while traffic control, carrying patients over long distances and other issues increase that number (not to mention rescue-type calls).

It should be noted that while firefighting is recognized as a dangerous occupation, paramedics have a higher incidence of injury — mostly from lifting patients — and the cooperation between SSIFR and BCAS helps to protect local paramedics from career-ending incidents.

But firefighters don't attend every ambulance call. First responders are only sent to the most serious medical emergencies (as determined by BCAS dispatch) or for "lift assist" calls to help ambulance crews move patients, for less than 20 per cent of local BCAS calls. (Salt Spring's BCAS station received 1,284 calls in 2006 compared to 232 FR calls for SSIFR that year.)

Critics might still question why they need to hear so many sirens or see so many responders at emergency scenes (or pay the extra tax expense). And admittedly, there are many times when more firefighters respond than are required for a given problem.

One report, titled Medical Role of First Responders in an Urban Pre-hospital Setting, by Ross Berringer et al (2008) recently questioned whether firefighters were needed at many calls in Vancouver.

"Future research should attempt to identify dispatch criteria that more accurately predict the need for first-responder intervention," the report recommended.

But it is difficult to accurately predict what resources will be needed based on a panicked 911 call until someone actually arrives on scene to assess the situation.

And in a rural or remote location like Salt Spring Island where driving distances can easily reach 15 minutes, help will arrive long after it's called.

However, recognizing the significant demand that FR calls place on SSIFR volunteers, the fire department has recently adopted a new policy that will see career staff respond in the immediate Ganges area without volunteer assistance during office hours.

Common best practice dictates that resources will be dispatched immediately for the worst-case scenario, based on available information, and then those resources will be released if they are not required.

A common emergency-response mantra is, "Better to have and not need than need and not have."

The writer is a career SSIFR firefighter and BCAS paramedic.

Tracking techniques indispensable

SAR

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Search and Rescue's Penny Harrower said a competent tracker can also find out more than where a given subject is headed.

"It tells you much more than the simple passage of the subject. [It tells you] if they were strolling, walking or running, if they were scared, frightened or terrified, if they were mentally

rational or irrational," she said.

"All sign left by the subject tells a story which the searcher learns to read."

An introduction to basic tracking techniques is a part of the standard course all search and rescue volunteers in the province must take before they are officially admitted into the group.

Beyond that introduction, people with an interest in the discipline can specialize in tracking by taking further courses to

become a Tracker 1, Tracker 2 or Sign Cutter.

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Emergency response: it's an island-wide issue

New commission unites professional and civilian interests

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

The head of a new Capital Regional District-funded commission hopes the group will promote the message of emergency preparedness throughout the entire community.

Steve Leichter, chair of the island's new Emergency Management Commission, became involved in emergency response when he was hired as a police dispatcher back in 1974.

Though he may not be able to pull a fire hose or rappel down mountains like he used to, Leichter said he still wants to promote preparedness any way he can.

"My preferred field is communications," he said.

"It's something I can do and it's something that has always been an important part of any response.

Leichter's main role is to facilitate communication between the board members representing a variety of emergency groups and community organizations who are represented on the commission.

"Frankly the first responders are fairly well prepared, but we sometimes overlook the fact that the community doesn't understand what we do," he said.

"It's important to work with the community."

The commission includes first response members from the fire department, BC Ferries, the Salt Spring Amateur Radio Club, Search and Rescue, BC Ambulance, RCMP and Emergency Social Services. Community members are the school



PHOTO BY SEAN MCINTYRE

Steve Leichter chairs the new Emergency Management Commission.

district, three neighbourhood POD members and one community member at large.

CRD director Garth Hendren sits as a permanent member and former fire chief Dave Enfield sits as a non-voting member in his capacity as the island's emergency coordinator.

"So the commission is pretty evenly split with seven Salt Spring-based first response agencies and five community-based members," Leichter said.

"The community members are a change from the predecessor Emergency Program,

which was made up only of first responders, and they have proven to bring with them a great deal of insight on the community point of view."

Travis Whiting, the CRD's senior manager of planning and protective services, said the new commission is a way to improve the efficiency and accountability of the previous framework.

"This brings it under formal control," he said.

Spreading the message of emergency preparedness beyond the traditional first-response agencies is among the com-

"We sometimes overlook the fact that the community doesn't understand what we do."

STEVE LEICHTER
Chair, Emergency Management Commission

mission's goals for the coming year and beyond.

"We live on an island and everybody needs to be involved," he said.

Branching out to include non-traditional groups like the school district, Leichter said, offers emergency workers and residents access to opportunities that may not be so obvious at first.

That's exactly what happened when island school bus drivers were recently instructed on how they can turn the bus' radio systems into a valuable mobile emergency communications centre should the need arise.

"There are a lot of options that we don't think about," he said.

"A school bus is a big yellow thing that people can't miss."

Other immediate priorities for the commission are to promote expansion of the island's POD program, the modernization and maximization of resources at the island's emergency operations centre and encouraging people across the island to prepare for the worst.

The Emergency Management Commission's next public meeting is at 1 p.m. on Feb. 8 at the Ganges fire hall.



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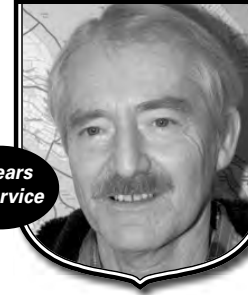


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Wed. Feb. 3

ACTIVITIES

Betty Rothwell and Milton Family Players. Free Music and Munch recital at All Saints, 12:10 p.m., followed by optional lunch.

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SynergyFit Class. A total-body strength and conditioner. Wednesdays at Beaver Point Hall. 5:30-6:30 p.m. Info: 250-653-4656; trisha@synergyfit.ca.
Stitch Dimension Quilt Guild. Meets on the first and third Wednesday of each month at SS Baptist Church (around the back). 7 p.m. Info: ptquilts@telus.net.
Family History Centre. Open at 221 Vesuvius Bay Rd. on the first Wednesday of each month. 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m. Info: Sonja Baker, 250-653-4430.

Thurs. Feb. 4

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Blues Night. With Soul Shake-down & Friends at Moby's. 8 p.m.
Open Mic. Hosted by Stephanie Rhodes at The Local. 8 p.m.

ACTIVITIES

A Voce Sola Masterclasses. With Eva Bostrand, Judith Bradley and Kim Cousineau. SS United Church. 9 a.m. to noon. Public welcome to watch.
Family History Centre. Open at 221 Vesuvius Bay Rd. on the first Thursday of each month. 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Info: Sonja Baker, 250-653-4430.
Child Rights & Positive Discipline: Honouring Children at Home and School. With guest speaker Dr. Joan Durrant at the Centre for Child Honouring at 291 Long Harbour Rd. 7 p.m.
SS Local Trust Committee. Monthly public meeting at ArtSpring. 10:30 a.m.
St. Mary Lake Stewardship Association. Meeting at Portlock Park portable. 7 p.m.

Fri. Feb. 5

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Shirley Valentine. Grace Jordan presents her acclaimed presentation of the Willy Russell comedy. At ArtSpring. All proceeds to Haiti relief. 7:30 p.m.
Paul Bram. Live music at the Harbour House Hotel. 6:30 to 9 p.m.

ACTIVITIES

B.C. Biodiversity Presentation. By David Fraser, endangered species specialist for the B.C. government. SS Conservancy event at Community Gospel. 7 p.m.
Rollerblading. Fridays at Fulford Hall. 7:30 to 9 p.m.
StoryTime at the Library. N is for NOISE! Featuring Robert Munsch stories. Stories, activities and fun for early grade and preschool children. At the library. 1-2 p.m.
A Voce Sola Masterclasses. See Thursday listing.
Lanterns With a Difference. SSI Community Education workshop led by Wendi Gilson at Mahon Hall. 1-4 p.m. Register through SSI Community Ed at www.ssicommunityed.com

Sat. Feb. 6

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Simon Boccanegra. Verdi opera at The Met Live HD at ArtSpring. 10 a.m.
Shake it for the Quake: A Haiti Relief Dance. Beaver Point Hall. Doors at 8 p.m.
Baba Brinkman. Rap poet performs at ArtSpring. A Theatre Alive event. 7:30 p.m.
Oona McQuat & Corbin Keep. Tree House Cafe. 5 to 8 p.m.
Heyboy Heygirl. Moby's. 8 p.m.
Sweetwater & Co. Live music at the Harbour House Hotel. 6:30 to 9 p.m.

ACTIVITIES

Climate Action Community Workshop. Help local government identify actions that can be taken to address climate change mitigation and adaptation for Salt Spring Island. GISS multipurpose room. 1 to 5 p.m.
Mental Health First Aid. First of two-day workshop from the Canadian Mental Health Association. Mahon Hall. 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Register: 250-653-4724 or debra_mcnish@live.ca.
Commedia Dell'arte Workshop. Led by Angela Brown for teens and adults at ArtSpring. 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. Register at www.saltspringartsacademy.ca.

Sat. Feb. 6

ACTIVITIES

Baroque Dance Workshop. SS Arts Academy event for teens and adults with Catherine Lee of the Historical Performance Ensemble. ArtSpring stage. 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. Register at www.saltspringartsacademy.ca.
A Voce Sola Masterclasses. See Thursday listing.

Sun. Feb. 7

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Bach on the Rock Orchestra. Work by Gluck, Corelli, Vivaldi, Warlock and Haydn, under the direction of Jim Stubbs and featuring Paula Kiffner in Haydn's Cello Concerto in C. All Saints. 7:30 p.m.
Ladies' Aires and Dances. Historical Performance Ensemble presentation of dance styles of the 17th and 18th centuries, with live music on period instruments and costumed performers. ArtSpring. 2:30 p.m.
John Charowsky. Jazz at Moby's Pub. 7 p.m.

Sun. Feb. 7

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

The Barley Brothers. Acoustic music every Sunday at the Fulford Inn. 6:30 p.m.

ACTIVITIES

Mental Health First Aid. Day two of workshop.

Mon. Feb. 8

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

BTU. Salt Spring Folk Club presentation of Barney Bentall, Tom Taylor and Shari Ulrich. With opening act Corbin Keep. Fulford Hall. 7 p.m.
Student Recital. From Eva Bostrand Masterclass session. At SS United Church. 7:30 p.m.

ACTIVITIES

Emergency Management Commission. Public meeting at the Ganges fire hall. 1 p.m.
SSI Scottish Country Dance Club. Open house for new members. All Saints. 6 p.m.

Tues. Feb. 9

ACTIVITIES

Triple P; Positive Parenting Program. Eight-Tuesday program begins at Family Place. Info/register: Maryanne - mbenwood@ssics.ca
SS Transportation Commission. 118 Fulford-Ganges Rd. 7 p.m.

Wed. Feb. 10

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

One Night Only. Student-directed one-act plays. ArtSpring. 7:30 p.m.

ACTIVITIES

The Story of Vesuvius Bay. SS Historical Society presentation by Marshall Heinekey. Central Hall. 2 p.m.
Ted Grant, the Art of Observation. Film about the famous Canadian photojournalist who will be in attendance. A SS Film Festival fundraiser at The Fritz. 7 p.m.
SS Centre School Open House. At the Blackburn Road school from 4 to 6 p.m.
Gulf Islands Board of Education Meeting. School trustees meet at GISS. 1 p.m.

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- **Cafe Talia** features native eagle masks, drums and oars by **Halukwii** from Nitinaht Lake, B.C.
- **The Salt Spring Island Painters' Guild** is showing and selling works at **Bruce's Kitchen**.
- The February artist at the **Salt Spring Coffee Company** cafe is **Dawn Young** exhibiting **Permission to Play**.
- **ArtSpring** lobby has works by **Salt Spring Painters Guild** members.
- **Gillian McConnell** has work hanging at **Salt Spring Books**.
- **Lisa Lipsett** is exhibiting her work at **Island Savings Credit Union**.
- **Shari Macdonald** shows new photos at **Jana's Bake Shop**.

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Glamour meets 'firecracker' at ArtSpring

Sultry chanteuse
Jenn Beaupre

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
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Valentine's Day celebrations can range from cheesy to lacklustre to downright depressing, but one event for the upcoming holiday promises to make people happy whether they are in relationships or not.

Jenn Beaupre, a sultry singer-songwriter and pianist based in Calgary, will perform a concert of original music and carefully chosen cover songs at ArtSpring on Sunday night. A former contestant on Canadian Idol who made a big impression on at least one judge, Beaupre has continued to develop her voice and unique stage presence ever since.

Event planner and concert promoter Mark Wyatt, the person to thank for bringing Beaupre to Salt Spring, has worked with the young artist for several years at corporate events. He said he foresees Beaupre transcending the corporate market to achieve the same success as fellow Canadian Michael Bublé. Others have compared her voice with artists such as Sarah McLachlan and Holly Cole.

While Beaupre has been described by herself and others as "quirky" and even a "goofball" on stage, who can always make people laugh, she also exudes the glamour of a 1950s diva. Her original mix of old and new caught the attention of viewers during her appearance on Canadian Idol, but even more so



PHOTO CONTRIBUTED

Jenn Beaupre plays Valentine's Day concert on Salt Spring.

that of contest judge Sass Jordan.

Jordan pleaded with voters to choose Beaupre as someone whose artistry outweighed her commercial appeal.

"I love Jenn Beaupre — what a firecracker. Full of fun, fun, fun!" Jordan gushed.

Beaupre's training in voice began at age 14, when an acclaimed opera coach took her on despite having no room for new students. Though as an adult she turned from opera music to the path of the singer-songwriter, Beaupre said her classical instruction has served her well.

"It's something I'm really, really grateful for, because although it's not what I do today, it's not what I write and not what I perform, it's been a great foundation," Beaupre said.

She admits that opera

is something she misses, however. "It's something I might dive back into one day. And it's kept my voice agile for what I have to do."

To become a singer-songwriter, Beaupre used her passion to play her own music to teach herself piano. Her lyrics began as "talking to music" and have since been praised for displaying an insight unusual to pop stars.

"I started basically journaling out loud — it caught people's attention," Beaupre observed.

Her original songs, as heard on the 2007 release *Lullabies for Grownups*, "tell it like it is" on diverse subjects while employing lovely melodies and Beaupre's strong, rich voice.

Beaupre has also given up her songwriter's snobbish dismissal of cover songs to include some

pop, soul and jazz classics that she really does make her own. Taking the cue from artist Eva Cassidy, Beaupre has added gems such as *Cruisin'* by Smokey Robinson and *The Beatles' Oh Darlin'* to her repertoire. The combination has been so successful she recently toured across Canada opening for the *Moscow Ballet*.

Beaupre said the Salt Spring concert will have something for everyone, and although the Valentine's program will feature lots of love songs, she joked there will be some break-up songs as well, so single people are just as welcome as couples.

Having done some recording at Randy Bachman's studio a few months back, Beaupre is pleased to return and play her first island show.

"I just want to thank

them in advance," she said of the Salt Spring audience, "because in everything I've read about them, they're a really liberal and artistic community."

"My show is just good, solid art that I'm excited to share with the community."

Beaupre appears at ArtSpring on 7:30 p.m. on Feb. 14 with a special guest, Salt Spring's Gemma G. Tickets are \$15 in advance (at the ArtSpring ticket centre), \$20 at the door.

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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

DANCE

Baroque period flourishes with Feb. 7 ensemble performance

Origins of 'movement as art' on stage

Vancouver's Historical Performance Ensemble brings a highly unusual dance performance called Ladies' Aires & Dances to ArtSpring on Sunday, Feb. 7.

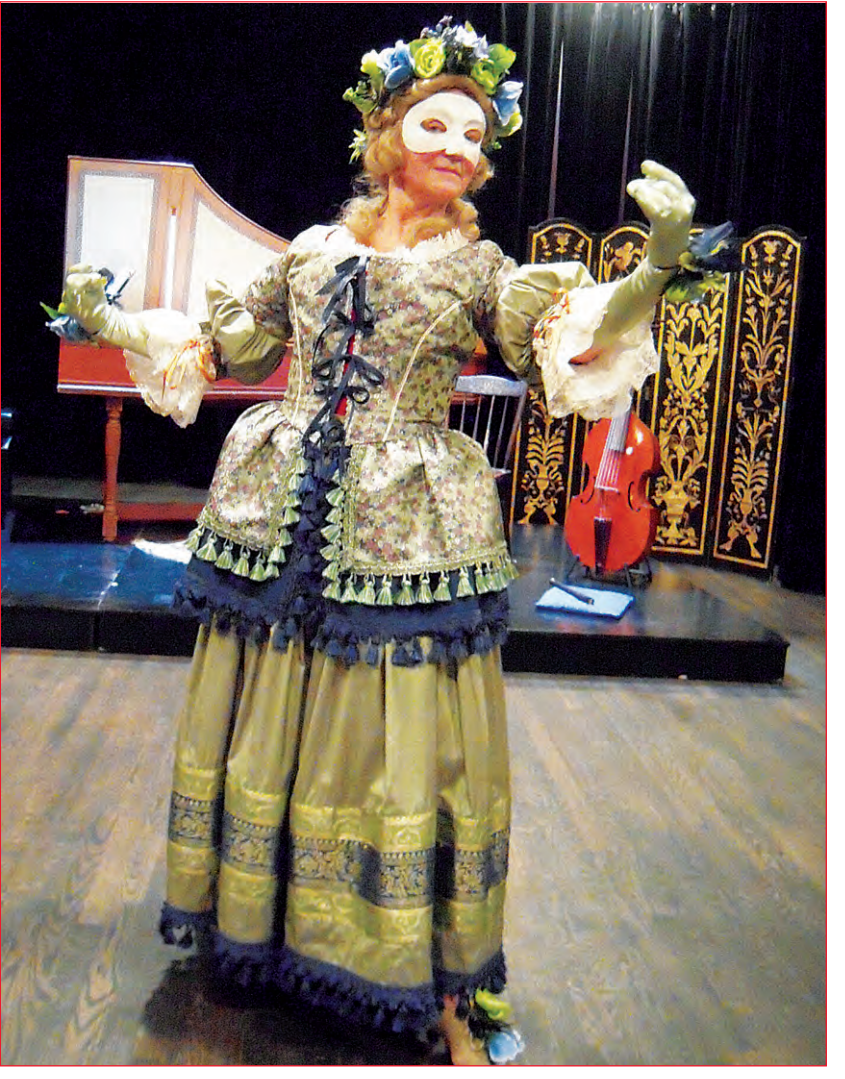
This group of artists has for several years devoted itself to the meticulously accurate reproduction of 17th-century formal dance, complete with period costumes, live music on harpsichord and gamba, and the carefully researched choreography of dances from the French court, from Commedia dell'arte and other long-vanished Baroque art traditions.

The Vancouver Sun has described this dance as "surprisingly delicate to modern eyes, tiny, mincing steps and elaborately crossing feet."

"Much of the dance we are accustomed to seeing on the stage at ArtSpring is contemporary movement, an art form that constantly experiments with the expressive possibilities of the body," said executive director George Sipos.

"Ladies' Aires & Dances, by contrast, is a rare opportunity to return to a distant, formal past to a time when the idea of movement as an 'art' first began."

Catherine Lee, the Historical Performance Ensemble's artistic director, is as much a researcher as a dancer.



A dancer in the Feb. 7 show called Ladies' Aires & Dances.

She teaches courses in decoding and sight-reading the strange dance notation of the 17th century, which looks more like Arabic or a computer flow chart, than anything a modern dancer would recognize.

The Feb. 7 ArtSpring performance will intersperse the music and dance of various styles with commentary to help the audience understand what they are seeing and the dances' historical and cultural context.

"Ladies' Aires & Dances should appeal not only to dance enthusiasts, but also to anyone interested in costume, period music and the just plain wonderful vertigo of looking back at a past era of which we now know only bits and pieces," said Sipos.

The performance begins at 2:30 p.m. on Sunday.

Tickets are available from the ArtSpring ticket centre at 250-537-2102.

Three workshops

will also be offered at ArtSpring by the Historical Performance Ensemble on Saturday, Feb. 6 in conjunction with the Salt Spring Arts Academy: Baroque dance for kids at 2:30, Baroque dance for teens and adults at 3:30 and Commedia dell'arte for teens and adults at 2:30.

Information about registration for these workshops is available from the academy at 250-537-4294 or www.saltspringartsacademy.ca.

LITERARY EVENT

Rap troubadour set to thrill audience

Baba Brinkman at ArtSpring on Saturday night

An award-winning Vancouver rap poet known for his hip-hop version of The Canterbury Tales is set to perform at a Theatre Alive event at ArtSpring.

Organizers hope Baba Brinkman will bring out a student audience as well as the island's usual avid literary crowd on Saturday, Feb. 6 at 7:30 p.m.

Brinkman is a former tree-planter who worked in the Rocky Mountains of B.C. every summer for more than 10 years, personally planting over one million trees.

He is also a scholar with a Masters in Medieval and Renaissance English Literature. His thesis drew parallels between the worlds of hip-hop music and literary poetry.

After graduating in 2003, Brinkman began his career as a rap troubadour.



Baba Brinkman

Since 2004 Baba has toured his award-winning hip-hop theatre show, The Rap Canterbury Tales, to dozens of cities around the world, including two tours of Australia, three critically acclaimed runs at the Edinburgh Fringe, several college campus tours of the U.S.A., including Harvard, and frequent returns to the U.K. and

Europe. His rap adaptations are now used in hundreds of classrooms around the world.

He also founded the indie record label Lit Fuse Records and has joined forces with UK BBC Slam Champion MC Dizraeli to form the hip-hop group Mud Sun.

They co-wrote and released two albums, including The Rebel Cell, a hip-hop play that was one of the biggest critical successes of the Edinburgh Fringe, winning the Spirit of the Fringe Award.

Brinkman's latest project, The Rap Guide to Evolution, won the prestigious Scotsman Fringe First Award at the Edinburgh Fringe this summer and will continue touring the U.K. and U.S.A. throughout 2009, celebrating the 200th anniversary of the birth of Charles Darwin.

Brinkman's visit is sponsored by the Canada Council.

Admission is free, with donations much appreciated.

ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

LITERARY EVENT

Galiano hosts first ever literary fest

More than 25 writers participating in Feb. 19-21 event

Book lovers looking to soothe their spirits and souls amid the Olympic hoopla should look to Galiano Island on the weekend of Feb. 19 to 21.

The first annual Galiano Literary Festival begins with a welcoming reception on the evening of Friday, Feb. 19 for a weekend of readings and talks by more than 25 writers of fiction, nonfiction and poetry.

Visitors will be able to talk one-to-one with writers and fellow book lovers, or just sit back and enjoy the conversation.

Participants include John Barton, George Bowering, Norma Charles, Sean Cranbury, Dede Crane, Anthony Dalton, William Deverell, Ann Eriksson, Jenn Farrell, Pam Frier, Bill Gaston, Gary Geddes, Kim Goldberg, Geoff Inverarity, Michael Kenyon, Francis Mansbridge, Teresa McWhirter, Catherine Owen, Jamie

Read, Linda L. Richards, Timothy Taylor, Audrey Thomas, Harry Thurston, Rhea Tregobov, Alan Twigg, Gudrun Will, Rhonda Ganz, Mike Christie and George Sipos.

A full slate of workshops and panels will discuss a wide variety of book and writing-related topics, including how to develop a writing style, how to get published and the future of the printed page in the e-book age.

Visitors will be able to talk one-to-one with writers and fellow book lovers, or just sit back and enjoy the conversation, according to press material.

The festival will take place at the Galiano Inn, a world-class resort that will provide a relaxed and cozy atmosphere.

Festival organizers anticipate an intimate and vibrant event.

The inn is just a very short walk from the ferry dock and Galiano Island Books, so visitors coming to the island for the festival can leave cars at home or at the ferry terminal in Tsawwassen.

Registration for the weekend is \$150 per person, which includes the opening reception, admission to all sessions, and lunch on Saturday and Sunday.

Festival-goers may choose to attend for a single day for \$85 including lunch, or \$40 for a half-day without lunch.

Attendees are also welcome to join the authors on Saturday evening for dinner and conversation. The dinner is \$25 per person (excluding beverages).

Event tickets can be purchased at Galiano Island Books or by calling 1-877-795-2665. The full festival program will be available soon at www.galianoislandbooks.com.

Lodging is available at the Galiano Inn through www.galianoinn.com or the toll-free reservation line at 1-877-530-3939.

Accommodations for the weekend, including cabins, bed and breakfasts and lodges, can also be found through the Galiano Island Chamber of Commerce website at www.galianoisland.com.



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A TOAST TO THE HAGGIS: Jim Ballantyne gives a toast to the meal's centrepiece at last Friday's annual Burns Night, held at Meaden Hall.

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CONCERTS

Folk club hosts Shari Ulrich Barney Bentall, Tom Taylor

Trio ready to have 'so much fun' on Salt Spring

The Salt Spring Folk Club will present super songwriter combo Barney Bentall, Tom Taylor and Shari Ulrich for its next concert, set for Monday, Feb. 8 at 7 p.m. at Fulford Hall.

Press material for the group explains the three accomplished musicians first played together in November 2007 at a concert on Bowen Island. The show at Cates Hill Chapel made the most of an eclectic mix of the character, voices and songwriting talents of three unique artists. The artists and the audience enjoyed the collaboration so much that they soon embarked on more shows together, returning one year later to Cates Hill Chapel for what they now plan to make an annual event.

"It was an easy combo to bring to life," Ulrich is quoted as saying in the press material. "Tom's got a killer voice — tons of character — and he's a wonderful guitar player. When he sent me his tunes I fell in love with them instantly. And Barney, well there's just no one in the world like him. I'm utterly captivated by his writing, his singing, his music. After every show we say the same thing . . .



PHOTO CONTRIBUTED

From left, Tom Taylor, Barney Bentall and Shari Ulrich are BTU.

"Man, that was so much fun!"

Bentall and his band The Legendary Hearts were a hit in Canada through the '80s and '90s. In 1997 Bentall traded in his rock 'n' roll life for that of a cattle rancher in the Cariboo, deciding that he would only write songs when they wouldn't leave him alone.

Many of them didn't. Those songs have renewed Bentall's love of performing, both in the form of solo acoustic shows and the Grand Cariboo Opry, and most recently, his partnership with Ulrich and Taylor. He has released two solo albums since 2006 as

well as a DVD of the Opry show.

Taylor has spent most of his musical career playing in the Vancouver cult band She Stole My Beer. After two albums and years of touring, the band decided to call it quits for a time, prompting Taylor to pursue songwriting as a solo artist. In 2008 Taylor teamed up again with Juno-award-winning multi-instrumentalist and producer Steve Dawson to record Running Late. Taylor carries on the classic tradition of the singer-songwriter — a troubadour who can effortlessly draw listeners into his world.

Ulrich's finesse on

violin, mandolin, flute, piano, sax and dulcimer was first heard in the early '70s with Pied Pumkin. After two years with the Hometown Band, Ulrich went on to record seven solo albums of original songs as well as two with UHF and three with the re-emergence of the Pied Pumkin.

Their latest was the award-winning Pumkids. She has just released a long overdue new solo album, Find Our Way. Ulrich also composes and produces music for television and documentaries, teaches songwriting and produces the long-running Bluebird North songwriter series.

CONCERT PREVIEW

Feb. 14 perfect day for Barry Valentine tribute

Late Anglican reverend was cornerstone of musical outreach

February is traditionally the month of love, and "if music be the food of love" then the Anglican Parish of Salt Spring will soon be serving an excess of it.

As a tribute to the late Barry Valentine, whose musical life brought so much pleasure to the parish and local community, a concert on the afternoon of St. Valentine's Day, Feb. 14, is only fitting.

During his lifelong devotion to music, Valentine upheld the Anglican tradition of supporting music and musicians as part of its holistic ministry.

"He was a catalyst for the creativity of others and it was his profound joy to encourage and mentor their gifts and often to integrate them with his own," explains a press release from the Music Makers group of the church.

"He was the cornerstone of the musical outreach of the parish from the time he arrived as priest in 1989, until

he retired as music director in 2009."

Valentine established the popular Music and Munch music series in 1996 by playing two short organ recitals a week.

With just a handful of audience members at its conception, it has blossomed over the past 14 years into an eclectic programming of music to please a variety of tastes.

Valentine was always available to accompany singers and musicians and was especially pleased to promote and encourage young artists, not only at Music and Munch, but also at special services in All Saints church.

Valentine also established the Wednesday morning Simply Organic organ recital series, where his dry wit and extensive musical knowledge was as much appreciated as his playing.

"Dear to his heart were the traditions of the Choral Evensong and the Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols, which he established in All Saints' while he was music director.

"Quintessentially Anglican, these services expressed his belief that the music is

the servant of the liturgy and reaches into the heart in a way that words alone often do not."

In an attempt to convey the gratitude and affection of many of the artists with whom Valentine so generously shared his passion for music, and for creating beauty, Sunday's concert is titled In Omnia Caritas: In Everything is Love.

The list of performers is long: Lyle Eide, Don Fisher, Dawn Hage, Connie Holmes, Jean Knight, Jean McClure, Beth Ranney, Alan Robertson, Betty Rothwell, Anke Smeele, David Storm, Laurie and Matthew Stubbs, Deb Toole; dancers Lottie Devindisch, Gale Hings-ton, Sue Newman and Robyn Scott.

It promises to be a magnificent feast of music and dance, which will also include the choir of All Saints.

The concert is at 2:30 p.m. in All Saints and in the spirit of the occasion, admission will be by donation to Haitian relief for which tax receipts will be available for sums of \$20 or more.

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Zombieland: pretty much straight-up comedy

A funny post-apocalyptic zombie movie? It's real, and it's called Zombieland.

Two years after a "mad cow" type disease has spread to humans and caused the death — or undead — of pretty much everyone around, a nebbishy anxious college student (Jesse Eisenberg) wanders the land. By chance he meets a rough-and-tumble, grumpy Southerner (Woody Harrelson). Calling each other "Columbus" and "Tallahassee" respectively, the two agree to team up.

It's only days before our intrepid heroes find themselves conned out of their car and guns by two sisters, but the foursome quickly bonds and "Wichita" (Emma Stone) and "Little Rock" (Abigail Breslin) suggest everyone heads to an amusement park outside of L.A. that supposedly is free of raving cannibals.

Zombieland, despite the presence of substantial blood 'n' guts, is basically just a straight-up comedy. Most of the laughs coming from the awkward-buddy routine of Eisenberg and Harrelson, with both doing their usual schticks. Stone doesn't really have much to do except play cute-tough and act as if she's not into Columbus, and Breslin is a pretty painful fourth wheel.

Story-wise, there's really nothing interesting

about the film, but there's a lot of fun to be had in the details. Pop-culture references abound, the zombie-killing is occasionally pretty creative, and there's a nearly ridiculous cameo from an established star that feels lifted from another movie.

Zombieland also has one of the best opening-credit sequences I've ever seen, a series of slow-motion images showing various zombie attacks in all their yucky glory. The words on the screen even get pushed out of the way by people running, bats swinging and bullets flying.

It's really too bad that this kind of creativity doesn't extend — for the most part — to the rest of the film. Once you get over the curious premise, not very much is done with the material. It's almost as if the filmmakers, who of course are pretty new to the craft at this level, figured a good idea was all they needed and phoned in the rest.

On top of this, Zombieland is probably the first zombie movie I've seen without even a smidge of social commentary. Even silly homages like Shaun of the Dead had "something" to say. Have we witnessed the point where even the flesh-eating zombie has become accepted mainstream fare? I don't think George Romero would approve of what's going on here.

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Haiti fundraiser, Met opera and rap poet kick off Feb. at ArtSpring

• Shirley Valentine Fund-raiser for Haiti — Friday, Feb. 5, 7:30 p.m. Grace Jordan is back performing the popular classic Shirley Valentine. Standing in her kitchen wondering what else she could do for the people in Haiti, Jordan decided that Shirley Valentine would be the perfect solution. "A great night of theatre, a wonderful story, all of us gathered together knowing why we are there. Where else would you want to be?" The Government of Canada through World Vision will match all the funds raised, translating each \$20 ticket into \$40 for the Haitian people. Made possible by sponsorship from ArtSpring, the Driftwood and Imagine That Graphics.

• Simon Boccanegra – Met Opera Live in HD — Saturday, Feb. 6, 10 a.m. Four decades into a legendary Met career, tenor Plácido Domingo makes history singing the title role in Verdi's gripping political thriller, which is written for a baritone. Adrienne Pieczonka, Marcello Giordani and James Morris are his co-stars in this moving and tragic story of a father and his lost daughter. James Levine conducts.

• Theatre Alive! presents: Baba Brinkman — Saturday, Feb. 6, 7:30 p.m. in the ArtSpring gallery.

Baba Brinkman is a former tree-planter and a scholar with a Masters degree in Medieval and Renaissance English Literature. His thesis drew parallels between the worlds of hip-hop music and literary poetry. Since 2004 Baba has toured his award-winning hip-hop theatre show, The Rap Canterbury Tales, to dozens of cities around the world. He performs the rap version of The Miller's Tale at ArtSpring. Sponsored by the Salt Spring Theatre Alive Society and

WHAT'S ON AT ARTSPRING

the Canada Council.

• ArtSpring Presents: Ladies' Aires & Dances — Sunday, Feb. 7, 2:30 p.m. Vancouver's Historical Performance Ensemble is dedicated to presenting accurately reproduced Baroque and Renaissance performances of dance, music and costuming. Accompanied by live music on period instruments, the performers of the ensemble present a delightful narrated tour through dance styles of the 17th and 18th centuries. Whether you enjoy dance, baroque music, or gorgeous costumes, this will be a special evening unlike anything you have seen outside of a Jane Austen soiree.

• GISS Drama — Wednesday, Feb. 10, 7:30 p.m. Second Story Theatre presents student-directed one-act plays in One Night Only: Tracey Wilson's Small World, Craig Lucas' Credo and The Best Daddy by Shel Silverstein.

• The Geology of Salt Spring Island — Saturday, Feb. 13, 2 p.m. This free presentation by local geologist Hugh Greenwood will outline the geological history of Salt Spring Island and include remarks on the applications of the map. The map allows property owners, hikers, and tourists to identify rocks at any point on the island.

• Don McKay & George Sipsos poetry reading — Sunday, Feb. 14, 3 p.m. ArtSpring gallery. Don McKay is Canada's most distinguished poet, winner of the Griffin Prize and Companion of the Order of Canada. George Sipsos is ArtSpring's executive director and will be launching his new

collection of poems, The Glassblowers.

• A Very Special Valentine's Evening with Jenn Beaupre — Saturday, Feb. 14, 7:30 p.m. Join one of Canada's fastest rising singer/songwriters for a very special Valentine's performance. Jenn Beaupre burst onto the music scene when she appeared as a contestant on Canadian Idol. Audiences, judges and critics alike took note of her incredible talent, and she's been going strong ever since. Her powerful, classically trained vocals are layered atop gorgeous accompaniment and combined with humorous storytelling and audience interaction. Jenn's performances are memorable and come straight from her heart. With special guest, Gemma G.

• ArtSpring presents: Salt Spring Chamber Players — Sunday, Feb. 21, 2:30 p.m. Following last season's hugely successful performance of the complete Brandenburg Concertos, Jim and Laurie Stubbs convene a smaller chamber ensemble of Salt Spring and Victoria to present Schubert's famous Octet, as well as works by Albinoni and Alexandre Tansman.

• ArtSpring presents: Rankin/Church/Crowe — Tuesday, Feb. 23, 8 p.m. Friends and colleagues Raylene Rankin (Rankin Family and the Rankin Sisters), Cindy Church (Quartette, Lunch at Allen's and The Nearness of You) and Susan Crowe are all award-winning recording artists from Atlantic Canada who bring their varied musical signatures to the stage in a mix of elegance and accessibility. Folk, country, jazz and contemporary singer-songwriter are blended with a confident ease that makes for richly textured harmonies and a welcoming rapport with their audience. "Only good things can come from this union." (Charlottetown Guardian)

THEATRE

One-act plays rolled out for single GISS night

Directing 12 class takes the lead

So far in 2010 ArtSpring audiences have been treated to stellar drama from the Gulf Islands Secondary School's Acting 11-12 class and the middle and high school improv teams.

Now the directing talents of senior students will get a chance to shine with One Night Only, an evening of one-act plays presented by the Directing 12 class and other students, on Wednes-

day, Feb. 10 at 7:30 p.m.

Courtenay Bolton directs Tracey Wilson's play Small World, which sees three unique couples set up on blind dates, although it turns out they have all dated each other in the past. Hilarity ensues as the couples recall stories from their previous relationships.


Credo, directed by Leilani Fraser-Buchanan, is Craig Lucas' heartfelt story about a woman who, in her darkest hour, buckles beneath the weight of her world falling

apart and begins to question the undying optimism that had previously taken her through such times of despair.

The Best Daddy, described as a charming and hilarious father-daughter story by Shel Silverstein, is directed by Sean Cunningham.

In the play, Lisa's not-so-average dad makes her 13th birthday everything she had never dreamed of and more.

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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

FILM FESTIVAL

Canadian photojournalism legend here

Ted Grant speaks at film made about his life and art

BY PATRICIA LOCKIE
SPECIAL TO THE DRIFTWOOD

Remember this famous picture, a defining moment in the life of a future Prime Minister.

Pierre Elliott Trudeau sliding merrily down a bannister at the Chateau Laurier Hotel during the 1968 Liberal leadership convention.

It is an image which now partially defines the late PM's demeanour — calm, cool, playful even, amidst the stuffy world of politics. In a far different vein, who could forget the haunted expressions of children whose young bodies were ravaged by the effects of the Chernobyl nuclear disaster? What about the shot of Ben Johnson's gold medal finish at the 1988 Summer Olympics, a brilliant moment that made a nation proud before a drug scandal turned pride into disillusionment.

These are all different moments and different moods captured by Ted Grant, a man who has been tagged as the father of Canadian photojournalism. Grant, who is now 80 and living in Victoria, is the subject of a documentary film produced by Bravo! TV called Ted Grant, The Art of Observation.

The film and its subject will be at The Fritz cinema on Wed., Feb. 10 at a fundraiser for The Film Festival Society.

For anyone with an interest in photography, and for anyone who would love to listen to an engaging raconteur and artist who has been creating iconic images from around the world for more than half a



Grant's famous Pierre Trudeau photo.

century, this is an event not to be missed. The screening starts at 7 p.m. Admission is by a suggested \$12 donation.

Thousands and thousands of Grant's images are held in the National Archives of Canada, whilst many others are in the National Gallery of the Museum of Contemporary Photography.

These images combined create the largest body of work by an individual photographer in the history of Canada. He was honoured by the University of Victoria in 2008 with an Honorary Doctorate of Laws in recognition of his remarkable career. He also received the prestigious Lifetime Achievement Award, along with fellow photographic giant, Yousuf Karsh, from the Canadian Association of Photographers and Illus-

trators in Communications.

One critic said that Grant works with "the eye of an artist, the concentration of a surgeon and the reflexes of a cat." Diane Copeland Thomas, one of the coordinators for the island's documentary film festival, worked with Grant in Vancouver.

"Ted is the quintessential modest and thoughtful Canadian, always with a camera in his hand. Beginning with a small Argus camera in the early '50s, Ted Grant's natural gift of astute observation captures the magical human moments in life that connect us as people," she said.

Grant's outstanding reputation as a photojournalist and commercial photographer has been assiduously built on coverage of many major news and sports events. As the film points out, Grant's life work documents what it means to be Canadian.

An amazing achievement, for a man who has only one good eye. He has taken pictures of presidents, statesmen, princes, celebrities and heroes, as well as the downtrodden and marginalized in society. Grant said once that he wanted his pictures to be "an evocation of lived experience."

He sees his art as a form of storytelling. Grant was one of the first professional photographers to start using 35mm film and one of the first to convert to the use of colour. Interviewed in the film, he says he loves photography today with an even greater passion than when he first began his career "because I don't have another 50 years left."

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CONCERTS

SSI's Bach on the Rock premieres first-ever orchestral concert show

No Bach, but lots of other great composers

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

The acclaimed community group of singers and musicians, Bach on the Rock, will present its first stand-alone orchestral concert this coming Sunday, Feb. 7.

At a show set for All Saints By-the-Sea at 7:30 p.m., the group will offer a concert that does not include any Bach compositions but will feature pieces that make the most of the talented musicians based on Salt Spring.

Orchestra director Jim Stubbs explained that the group is branching out into

other repertoire for its first concert without the choir to create a program with performers like cellist Paula Kiffner in mind.

Kiffner will be soloist for Haydn's Cello Concerto in C, a piece that lay undiscovered from the time of the composer's death in 1809 until the 1950s. Since then, Stubbs said, the concerto has emerged as one of Haydn's most popular pieces for its virtuosic potential.

The concert will also include soloist Bo Curtis on flute in Gluck's Dance of the Blessed Spirits from the opera Orphée et Eurydice. Stubbs said the composer Wagner famously described the piece as having the most beautiful melody ever written. Audiences can judge

for themselves on Sunday.

Salt Spring's string capabilities will be exhibited in Vivaldi's Concerto for Four Violins, featuring Carolyn Hatch, Jean Knight, Christie Gray and Stubbs. Vivaldi composed the concerto for the skilled students at the Venice orphanage for girls he sponsored and taught in.

Also on the program is Corelli's Concerto Grosso in D and Warlock's Capriol Suite for String Orchestra. The English composer based his work on country, rather than courtly, dances.

Tickets for Bach on the Rock are \$20 for general admission and \$5 for students, on sale now at the ArtSpring ticket centre.

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COMMUNITY EDUCATION

Navigating a high-tech jungle

Class helps islanders survive the wilds of handheld devices

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
 DRIFTWOOD STAFF

A well-meaning and, needless to say, very patient island resident with a keen eye for all things high-tech has come to the rescue of those among us who can't tell their Blackberries from a Bluetooth or a Palm Pilot from a whatchamacallit.

The title of Isy Cohen's new course, *How Does This Thing Work?*, couldn't say it any better.

The course is a one-evening workshop on Feb. 24 that promises to show students all the wonderful things they can do with their Blackberries.

Adding a few choice expletives to the title might better convey the message, but we all get the point, right?

Cohen has been teaching people how to use and unlock the full potential of the latest electronic wizardry for more than a decade. It started out as an idea forwarded to him by a colleague at the University of British Columbia's Department of Health Sciences.

He didn't know what to expect when he was approached to teach physicians at university hospitals about all the so-called time-saving and organizational opportunities promised by portable devices.

Within no time, however, people were lining up to take the course.

It turns out doctors are among the most technologically illiterate people out there, Cohen joked in a recent interview.

And it appears doctors aren't the only people who need a bit of extra tutoring.

Cohen's upcoming class is the result of a strong demand by island residents keen to figure out what their new handheld device is all about.

Space is filling up quickly and Cohen isn't surprised.

"The technology is changing so quickly that people are getting caught off guard," he said.

While new technologies are supposed to make things eas-

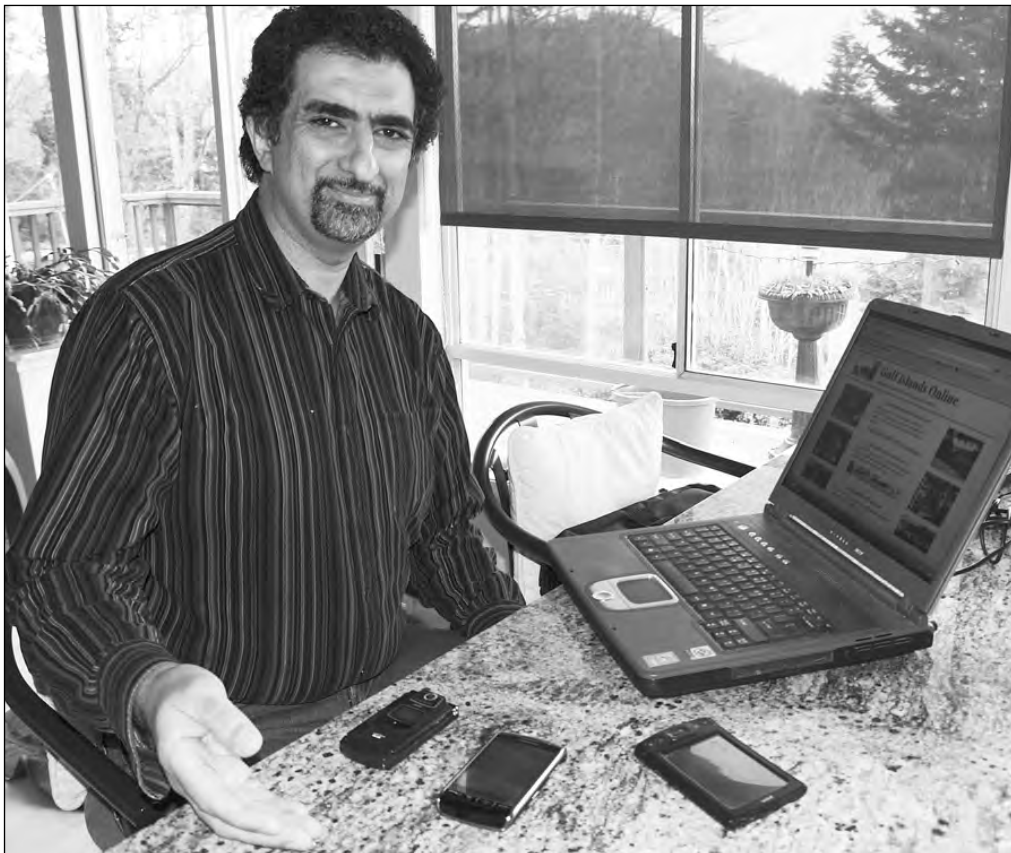


PHOTO BY SEAN MCINTYRE

Isy Cohen is teaching a Community Education workshop on using a Blackberry.

"The technology is changing so quickly that people are getting caught off guard."

ISY COHEN
 Instructor, SSI Community Education

ier, Cohen said, he doubts the continual marketing of new products lets people take full advantage of a given piece of equipment.

Cohen, who works full time as a nurse at Lady Minto Hospital, uses his Blackberry to check stocks, listen to music, keep in touch with friends and family, take the odd picture and work on documents. All that on something that's smaller and lighter than an average-sized paperback novel.

According to Cohen, the "Star

Trek environment" in which almost anything is only a click away is well underway and here to stay.

He's confident just about anyone who's not yet hopped aboard the handheld-device bandwagon will learn something at the course.

"It's not going to be a high-end course," he said. "I'm trying to gear it more to the population that has no clue what they're doing or are still unsure about which way to go."

The session complements Community Education's many other courses aimed at the island's more technologically challenged residents.

The group periodically offers courses on the basics of email, working with spreadsheets and using word processing software.

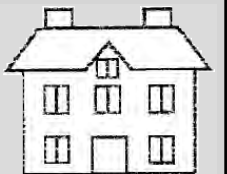
More information about Cohen's and other courses offered by Salt Spring Island Community Education is available online at www.ssicommunityed.com or by calling 250-537-0037.

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Applications For Membership

Gulf Islands National Park Reserve

Park Advisory Board

Parks Canada invites applications from Canadian citizens interested in sitting as one of three public members on the Park Advisory Board to provide advice and guidance on:

- the development of the Park Management Plan,
- annual business planning, and
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For a copy of the Terms of Reference contact Parks Canada at the address/website below.

Meetings are held at least 4 times per year (1/2 day duration) at the main park office (Sidney, BC). During the development of the park management plan, this is likely to increase to full-day meetings at least 6 times per year. Members will be required to attend stakeholder or public meetings with Parks Canada on occasion. Travel expenses are reimbursed as per Parks Canada policy.

Appointments will be for a 3-year term and are anticipated to begin in August 2010.

Send us a 1-2 page summary of your qualifications that includes: your expertise in one or more of the following areas: conservation, marine-based recreation, land-based recreation, education, tourism or cultural heritage and any special skills you have that would benefit the Board. In addition, note why you would like to serve on the Board and provide your contact information.

Deadline for receipt of applications is 4:30pm March 3, 2010.
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EDUCATION OPTIONS

Centre school's full-day kindergarten plan among Feb. 10 open house topics

Tours and presentations at the Blackburn Rd. school

BY ERIN PORTER
 SPECIAL TO THE DRIFTWOOD

Ask your child what he or she likes about school and you will probably hear "recess."

When students at the Salt Spring Centre School were asked what they would tell a family or child about their school, here is what some said: "learning is so much fun," "best teachers," "there's

no bullying allowed," "you get a lot of time outside and there's a big garden," and "we do science and researching."

Grade 3 student Sophie Kornelsen would ask, "Do you like awesome teachers and fun, exciting and mysterious classes? Well if you do, come here!"

Grade 6 student Jacob Richardson describes the school by stating, "At other schools, it's about the answers. At the Centre school, it is about the questions."

The students are proud

of their school, and invite you to come see for yourself what their on-island five-day-a-week school offers. On Wednesday, Feb. 10 from 4 to 6 p.m., the Centre School is hosting an open house, where visitors will be toured by students, meet the dedicated teachers and chat with current parents.

Presentations about the new full-day kindergarten program beginning in September 2010 and the expanding Middle School Leadership Program will begin at 5 p.m.

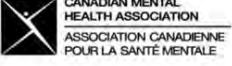

Find out about the enriched curriculum, focus on social development and programs like horticulture, theatre, fine arts and French for all students in kindergarten through Grade 7.

Registration packages will be available, along with yummy snacks. Bring your children or come on your own.

The school is at 355 Blackburn Road. Phone for more information: 250-537-9130.

The writer is the principal of Salt Spring Centre School.

Who reads us?
 88% of Islanders read the Driftwood each week.
 -Combase survey

WORKSHOP: Mental Health First Aid

Where: Mahon Hall, 114 Rainbow Rd. SSI
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.

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FAMILY MATTERS

New round of positive parenting gets underway at Family Place

Emphasis on prevention in eight-week program

Salt Spring parents can take advantage of an acclaimed parenting course when Triple P, the Positive Parenting Program, begins at Family Place on Tuesday, Feb. 9.

Running for eight Tuesday evenings from 5:30 to 7 p.m., Triple P is offered through Salt Spring Community Services and is funded by Vancouver Island Health Authority.

The program, which helps families approach parenting in a positive way that is preventive rather than reactive, was developed by Dr. Matt Sanders from the University of Queensland.

"Positive parenting aims to promote children's development and manage children's behaviour and emotions in a constructive and non-hurtful way," explains an excerpt from Sanders' website. "It is based on strong, nurturing relationships, good

communication and positive attention to help children develop.

"Positive parenting involves emphasizing the positive and planning ahead to prevent problems. It also involves using everyday situations and creating opportunities to help children learn and to motivate them to do their best.

"Children who grow up with positive parenting are likely to develop the skills they need to do well at school-work, build friendships and feel good about themselves. They are also much less likely to develop behavioural or emotional problems when they get older. Parents who learn to use positive parenting skills typically feel more confident and competent in managing daily parenting tasks, are less depressed, less stressed and have less conflict with their partners over parenting issues."

For more information or to register, contact facilitator Marianne Benwood at 250-537-9938 or email mabenwood@ssics.ca.



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AGRICULTURE

Seedy Saturday weekend is beyond seed exchange

Workshops, films and lunch part of Feb. 12-14 happenings

Salt Spring's community of gardeners and farmers is ready for another season of sowing, with the 14th annual Seedy Saturday just around the corner.

Island Natural Growers has been organizing the island's seed exchange and sale since 1996, and has become an island gardening tradition and a cooperative effort of Island Natural Growers, the Salt Spring Garden Club, Salt Springers for Safe Food, the Salt Spring Seed Sanctuary and any other farm and garden organizations that have wanted to help.

"Saving seed and growing food locally have become highly politicized hobbies for the home gardener and the key to survival for small farmers," states a press release.

"Most of the produce available for us in the stores may look good, but has a fraction of the food value it had 50 years ago. Genetically modified seed has made it dangerous to buy seed from conventional sources. Industrial food just can't feed the body or the soul the way that our own food can, but only if we take the time to grow that food or if we patronize our local growers."

This year, Island Natural Growers offers an entire weekend of seed sales, gardening workshops and information about organic

production.

On Friday, Feb. 12 at 7 p.m., two films will be shown at the Farmers Institute by admission to ING. They are Wilf and Hijacked Future.

On Saturday, Feb. 13 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., people can return to the Farmers Institute for the seed exchange, seed and plant sales and a healthy, tasty lunch.

Throughout the day, there will be presentations by Carolyn Herriot, Linda Gilkeson, Dan Jason, Andrew Haigh and Sharon Sullivan.

Come learn about bees, liquid gold and humanure, the Zero Mile Diet, growing the most food in the smallest space with the least work, and how we can encourage other communities to start a seed sanctuary like the one on Salt Spring.

Admission is \$2.

On Sunday, Feb. 14, the event is called Breaking New Ground, with two workshops for farmers and gardeners: Love Your Soil and Starting a New Market Gardening Enterprise.

Cost is \$20 for workshops, \$10 for lunch and preregistration is required through dogwoodlane@telus.net.

For event information, contact Pauline Martens at 250-931-1233 or ssiseedysaturday@gmail.com. For information on the history, present and future of seeds and seed saving, contact Dan Jason at 250-537-5269 or dan@saltspringseeds.com.



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BC SENIORS LIVING ASSOCIATION

January 21, 2010 – Vancouver, BC – Seniors seeking quality retirement living homes should look for communities which qualify for the new **Seal of Approval**, an independent quality review program launched today by the B.C. Seniors' Living Association (BCSLA).

The new program will identify senior living communities that adhere to the highest industry standards.

"The **Seal of Approval** will help seniors and their families identify the very best retirement communities in B.C.," said Amir Hemani, President of BCSLA. "We are already reviewing member communities to determine which will be granted our **Seal of Approval**."

To obtain the **BCSLA Seal of Approval**, the community must complete both an internal self-assessment and an independent external review. Successful communities meet multiple criteria in five areas: **safety measures, infection control, staff training, resident services, and assisted living supports.**

"This comprehensive review ensures communities with the **Seal of Approval** offer seniors the best quality of service and care," Hemani said. "We know seniors and their families will value this independent assessment that will help them to provide confidence of choice for the best community to meet their needs."

Hemani said BCSLA members support the **Seal of Approval** as a way to publicly demonstrate their excellent service, professional integrity, and industry leadership. **Seal of Approval** residences will give today's seniors and future seniors the best in retirement living.

The **Seal of Approval** program is expected to raise standards throughout the industry, as communities strive to earn the designation. Assessment of member communities has begun and will continue throughout 2010.

"When seeking a retirement residence, seniors and their families can be assured of the best quality and service by choosing communities which have earned or are in the process of earning the **BCSLA Seal of Approval**," Hemani said.



Heritage Place for Seniors, Salt Spring Island, was awarded the BCSLA "Seal of Approval" in December 2009.

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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.

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

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