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LAYING THE WREATH: Ron Holcroft lays a wreath at the Cenotaph in Centennial Park during the Nov. 11 ceremony as part of a large crowd looks on. Holcroft celebrated his 95th birthday on Nov. 15.

EMERGENCY

Condo units emptied due to CO leak

Woman treated off-island, neighbours taken to hospital

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

A Salt Spring woman has been sent to hospital off-island and four other residents were treated at Lady Minto Hospital after a case of severe carbon monoxide poisoning was discovered Monday night.

Salt Spring Fire-Rescue was first alerted to the situation when it received a call to attend a believed case of CO poisoning at Kingfisher Cove's Unit 8, Monday evening at 8:19 p.m.

Salt Spring Fire Chief Tom Bremner said firefighters confirmed a strong smell of CO coming from the unit upon arrival. After suiting up in breathing apparatus, the fire-rescue crew located a resident inside Unit 8 who was suffering extreme CO poisoning. She was immediately sent to hospital with BC Ambulance and is believed to have been helicoptered off-island for further treatment later that night.

Fifteen people in Unit 9 who were attending an election meet-and-greet event for Larry Woods and Carole Eyles next door were also evacuated. All had suffered some degree of poisoning.

CO LEAK continued on 2

LOCAL ELECTIONS

Voters fill in the circles on Saturday

Electronic voting machines here to stay

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

When chief electoral officer Thomas Moore began to oversee elections throughout the Capital Regional District nearly 30 years ago, late nights and ballot recounts were commonplace. Today, recounts are rare and Moore can count on calling it a day as early as 9 p.m., less than an hour after polls close on Saturday, Nov. 19.

The difference, he said, is a result of the use of electronic voting machines in local elections across the province. Rather than checking off a square next to their chosen candidate's name before folding their ballot and stuffing it into a box, voters using the new system fill in oval

circles on a sheet that's roughly the size of a standard piece of loose leaf paper. When their selections are made, voters deposit the form into an electronic ballot machine that tabulates the results.

What makes it so simple is that voters only need to fill out a single sheet.

After it was successfully put to use in most areas during the last round of local government elections in 2008, electronic voting technology is being implemented at all advance polls and on election day.

"It's far more accurate and quite efficient," Moore said.

Depending on how many candidates were

running in a specific election, Moore said, electoral staff would often be awake until 2 or 3 a.m. counting ballots and preliminary election results would only be made public the morning after election day.

While many voters expressed initial skepticism about the machines, fearing they would be similar to the complex and controversial electronic voting machines used in the United States, experience has left voters with little to worry about, Moore said.

"It works like a damn," he said. "They're using them everywhere now."

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NEWSBEAT

Election candidates among carbon monoxide leak victims

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Bremner said. Four were sent to Lady Minto with moderate symptoms, while the rest were able to return home with caution. Eyles reported Unit 9's CO alarm had been going off periodically through the day, and the hostess had tried to air out her house, but didn't realize there was an actual problem. "No one thought there was any-

thing wrong until someone came to the door and said we had to evacuate immediately," Eyles said.

Later on in the evening, when the guests had moved from standing outside to resting at the house of a neighbour across the street, firefighters and paramedics were particularly concerned about the residents of units 7 and 9, who had slept in their homes during the previous night and therefore received CO

exposure through being connected to the source of the leak.

Eyles herself was not much affected as she had only been in Unit 9 for around two hours before the evacuation, and was upstairs where CO levels were lower. Another guest later realized that CO poisoning was probably the reason she had been unable to knit at the event, as she kept dropping her knitting needles, and had a headache.

Eyles said that despite the confusion over what was happening, the meet-and-greet guests had no reason to feel afraid given the firefighters' calm, matter-of-fact demeanor.

"They were great. I have high praise for everyone — they were so efficient and so kind."

Twenty firefighters with four pieces of equipment attended the scene, along with police and paramedics. "It was a job that I think was very

well handled by our membership," Bremner said. "It was a very regrettable and very preventable incident. In review, it appears to be accidental and through human error."

Bremner said CO gas, which is produced by burning fossil fuels and found in car exhaust, is known as "the slow and silent killer" for its ability to build up in the body and take over the space for oxygen without victims realizing it.

Voting times and places clarified for Saturday, advance polls

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The machines are well suited to the local government level because of the selection of candidates, categories and referendum questions voters are often faced with, some-

thing that isn't common during provincial and federal elections.

"The federal and provincial ballots are not so complex," he said.

Results of this year's local government elections will be available at [www.gulfislands-](http://www.gulfislands-driftwood.com)

[driftwood.com](http://www.gulfislands-driftwood.com) when they are made public, hopefully before 9 p.m. on Saturday.

An advance poll is open today (Wednesday, Nov. 16) at the Ganges Fire Hall or the Mary Winspear Centre in Sidney between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m.

On Nov. 19, voters can cast

their ballot between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m. at the Community Gospel Chapel (147 Vesuvius Bay Rd.), Fulford Elementary School (203 South Ridge Rd.), Salt Spring Elementary School (122 Rainbow Rd.), Piers Island Fire Hall or Richmond's A.R. MacNeil Secondary School

(6611 No. 4 Rd.).

The Islands Trust stressed the above locations in a letter Tuesday after incorrect information about voting times and places was circulated by a third party.

Information about voting qualifications is available at

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Candidate information is in this and recent issues of the Driftwood, or online at www.gulfislandsdriftwood.com under the Elections tab. Some candidates have also set up their own websites, as noted in their advertising.



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HOUSING

Copper Kettle revisits solution for island's homeless

Community support needed for wagon wheel idea

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

The discussion of how to meet affordable housing needs in the community has one clear answer, according to the directors of Salt Spring's Copper Kettle organization.

For several years Cherie Geauvreau and Jewel Eldstrom have said Salt Spring would best be served by creating a number of "wagon-wheel" complexes, which are designed to include a central caretaker's home surrounded by a ring of small sleeping cabins.

"We need 10 wagon wheels to stem the flow of human misery," Geauvreau said during a recent interview.

"Poverty and homelessness are the biggest issues on Salt Spring. What happens when you're poor is you don't thrive, and when you don't have housing you're unstabilized."

Geauvreau said the wagon-wheel concept is intended to serve people who need some assistance to lead everyday life but who would also prefer to retain a measure of dignity and privacy. In fact, many of the island's homeless population might find themselves unable to accept help in any other way, given the various conditions

that may have driven them to homelessness in the first place, including mental illness.

"There's a million reasons why people don't want to live in housing with someone else," Geauvreau noted.

Copper Kettle's vision for the arrangement includes a series of furnished 8 X 12-foot cabins complete with a front door, a back door with a green view and a porch. The central "hub house" is envisioned as a two-storey, 2,000-square-foot building with a 600-square-foot apartment upstairs for a caretaker individual or couple. Administrative offices would also be upstairs.

Downstairs would include a bright, open concept living room, dining room and kitchen, separate rooms for workshops and counselling, and baths, showers and laundry.

"We can see some residents gaining mobility to the point where they 'graduate' from a wagon wheel . . . to a life of going forward with confidence, enthusiasm and grace," Copper Kettle literature states.

Geauvreau calls the plan flexible, adaptable, less expensive to build than other forms of housing and potentially financially sustainable. It's one that could meet mixed needs or specialized ones, such as clusters just for women and children or just for seniors. It's also one that is supported in Salt Spring's official community plan. But

clearly, the wagon-wheel concept will involve a lot of community good will and contribution, including the donation of one-quarter-acre parcels of land, before it can be realized.

"We're looking for more awareness of solutions of the little things we can do, because everyone has a role to play," Geauvreau said.

Copper Kettle supports islanders, especially women and children, with food and other items such as clothing and sleeping bags. They are currently selling fundraising calendars for 2012 at Embe Bakery and Salt Spring Books, for a donation of \$25.

"It's this crazy calendar that everyone thinks is just wonderful," said Geauvreau. It includes special days such as International Kindness Day, which is on the birthday of late Copper Kettle supporter Maggie Schubart, Puddle Jumpy Day and Love Broccoli Day.

Individuals and groups are also welcome to get a copper kettle from the group and collect change to fill it up. Like other charitable groups, the Christmas season sees increased need for Copper Kettle services.

For more information about any Copper Kettle programs, contact them at 250-537-5863.

Geauvreau said she and Eldstrom are also grateful for the anonymous donation of a vehicle for Copper Kettle use.



PHOTO BY DERRICK LUNDY

Cherie Geauvreau, left, and Jewel Eldstrom of the Copper Kettle Community Partnership unveil the group's fundraising calendar titled A Fun Look at 2012 at Saturday's Wellness Fair. The calendar is on sale at Embe Bakery and Salt Spring Books.

News briefs

School trustees bid adieu

Two veteran members of the Gulf Islands School District will be celebrated by their peers and the countless others they've touched throughout the region after nearly 40 years of combined service during a special afternoon open house event on Tuesday Nov. 22.

Charles Hingston and Mike Krayenhoff announced their retirement from the school board earlier this year. School board chair May McKenzie said both trustees have played an important part in many of the district's decisions and innovations since they became involved on the

board when their children entered the public school system.

Hingston served on the board for 30 years while Krayenhoff was elected for three consecutive three-year terms.

"Over the years Charles was the chair of just about every committee and the trustee liaison at every school on Salt Spring," McKenzie said.

Krayenhoff played an integral role in the creation of Phoenix school before she began to serve on the District Parents Advisory Council executive.

The open house takes place between 2 and 5 p.m. at the school board office on Rainbow Road.

McKenzie invites everyone who knows the trustees

to come by, say goodbye and offer thanks for the individuals' exemplary dedication to public education and to the children of the Gulf Islands.

Visitor Centre volunteers

The Chamber of Commerce will honour Salt Spring's visitor information centre volunteers on Thursday, Nov. 17 with an appreciation luncheon at the Harbour House Hotel.

In addition to the lunch featuring appetizers, soup, dessert and main course, as a thank you for their service volunteers will receive gift bags filled with products and discounts from island merchants. As well, some significant door prizes will be raffled off. Last year's

event, held at the Oyster-catcher, featured \$8,000 in prizes that included three weekend getaway trips to B&Bs on Vancouver Island.

Audrey Denton, a volunteer who won one of the trip packages to Cowichan Lake in last year's draw, said, "The lunch, prizes and recognition are all very flattering and I know we all appreciate it — but as volunteers we really do enjoy guiding the visitors to accommodations, activities, entertainment and restaurants that best suit their requirements. The volunteer experience itself is fun and rewarding, and that is the most important."

Visitor centre volunteers answer questions from over 35,000 visitors and locals about accommodation,

restaurants, where to rent a vehicle or kayak, or how to find a trail head. As such the chamber considers them the face of the island and the lifeblood for tourism on Salt Spring.

Contact the chamber office at 250-537-4223 for ticket information. Tickets cost \$20 plus HST.

Toilet rebates

North Salt Spring Waterworks staff encourage district residents to take advantage of the limited supply of \$100 high-efficiency toilet rebates.

The district has issued about half of the 100 toilet rebates since the program was launched in conjunction with the Salt Spring

Water Council in May, according to NSSWD manager Trevor Hutton.

"These toilets use far less water than older toilets," Hutton said. "The program is meant to be an incentive to help us begin to get rid of old water-hogs."

An appropriate dual-flush unit costs roughly \$200 before the rebate is applied, Hutton said. The application form and a full list of eligibility criteria are available from the water district office at 761 Upper Ganges Rd. during regular business hours. The rebate is applied as a credit on homeowners' regular water bills.

For more information about the program, contact Hutton at the NSSWD office by calling 250-537-9902.



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PARKS & RECREATION

PARC keeps on blazing new trails

New beach accesses proposed

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Despite the completion of nearly a quarter million dollars of trail upgrades and new beach access points in recent years, Salt Spring's parks and recreation staff have no intention on letting up anytime soon.

Anyone who's been down to the beach at the end of Baker Road in the past week may have noticed some major upgrades to the rickety old staircase down to the water's edge.

"If we hadn't done something, there would have been a good chance of injury or collapse," said PARC manager Kees Ruurs.

Thanks to some preventive maintenance that includes installation of a hefty concrete block at the base of the staircase, Ruurs is confident beach-bound trail users will be safe for years to come.

AGRICULTURE

FGR proposal takes bite out of land crunch

LTC refers application to AAC

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Members of the Salt Spring Island Local Trust Committee are heralding a Burgoyne Valley subdivision application as "an innovative proposal with potential to increase food production and food security on the island."



PHOTO BY DERRICK LINDY

Andy Hickman completes work on the beach at the end of Baker Road, one of various PARC projects to improve local beach accesses.

The work at Baker Beach is but the latest in a string of improvements that have washed across the island since a PARC survey conducted in 2009 indicated that trail upgrades and beach access point improvements were islanders' top priorities.

Trail work was done on the

Bryant Hill Park trail, Peter Arnell Park trails, Churchill to Long Harbour trail, Madrona Bay trail off Long Harbour Road, Quarry Road trail extension down to Baker Road, Armand Way connection to Mount Maxwell, and the Duck Creek, Fern Creek, Grace Point, Reginald

Hill and Welbury Park trails.

Other upgrades include a new staircase beside the Fernwood dock and improved beach access points at Zach and Zadra roads, Beachside Drive and Kingfisher Lane.

Ruurs has already begun to eye another series of beach access upgrades he hopes to have completed in time for next year's swimming season. Rights of way near Stevenson Way on the island's south end and Maliview Drive are under consideration.

He said the work, along with new trail signs, fresh brochures and maps has amounted to approximately \$225,000.

Islanders and visitors can look forward to a new guide that details PARC's beach access points, all of which will be identified by new shore access signs.

"People didn't know where they were," Ruurs said. "By next spring when people are ready [to hike] at least they'll know."

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NEWSBEAT

SHELTER

Extreme weather shelter ready

Provincial guidelines in place

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

With colder weather in the forecast for this weekend, Salt Spring Community Services staff and volunteers are ready to open up the island's extreme weather program, In From the Cold.

Exactly when that might happen is completely out of their hands, however, since strict guidelines from the program's funder, BC Housing, limit such programming to nights from Nov. 1 to March 31 when the mercury slips to zero or

lower.

Information from BC Housing explains its extreme weather response program "funds time-limited, temporary shelter beds needed during extreme weather conditions," unlike emergency shelters that "provide people who are homeless with shelter, food and access to support services" 24 hours every day. While SSICS is exploring how to establish an emergency shelter, it does not currently have the funding or space to do so.

Cheryl Bell-Gadsby is the clinical director of and director of outreach services for SSICS and as such, the person who must make the call whether the temporary

shelter can open. Keeping a vigilant eye on the forecast and temperature updates, the only time she has dared to go beyond the strictures was for Christmas Eve and Christmas night last year. (BC Housing wound up funding the two nights.) With or without the funding she intends to do the same this year.

Bell-Gadsby points out that although it is much in need, the program's limitations include having to lay down sleeping mats in rooms used for other services during the day.

"The dollars are specifically for 6 p.m. to 8 a.m. only, and it's very difficult on all of us to have to kick people out in the morn-

ing," she said.

On the other hand, Salt Spring's shelter opens earlier in the evening than many others do, and includes a hot meal. SSICS tries to accommodate as many people as possible indoors during the day with the Yellow Submarine drop-in.

Aside from assisting people whose lives would be in danger if they slept outside, the program has helped to bridge participants with other Community Services programs they might not access otherwise. Bell-Gadsby shared the good news that a well-known homeless person has been housed after SSICS worked with him for four years. Other people who

have used the shelter's services are now volunteers and helping to run it.

In addition to the many programs the non-profit organization offers the community, one initiative, the Collaborative Psychiatric Outreach Project, recently received an award from the Vancouver Island Health Authority. Coordinated by VIHA's child, youth and family mental health services, and funded by the Ministry of Health's specialist services committee, the project has a child psychiatrist working with Salt Spring physicians and health workers to assess and treat child and youth mental health issues.

PETS

Strange dog trek confounds owners

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

A Salt Spring family has been left scratching its head after its dog disappeared and then turned up near Swartz Bay, with no clues as to how he might have got there.

Markus Wenzel said his family's two-year-old Labrador retriever/poodle cross named Ollie went missing from their Isabella Point Road home last Wednesday night.

Wenzel and his wife Charlene phoned their neighbours to ask if anyone had seen Ollie. To their surprise, they heard from one neighbour who thought she had seen him — but not on Salt Spring. Her sighting had happened that day near the Land's End overpass south of Swartz Bay.

Wenzel said the neighbour tried

to call to Ollie but the dog was frantic and wouldn't come, so was not sure if it was actually him or not. Acting on the tip, the Wenzels called the Saanich SPCA and eventually heard that some good samaritans had captured the dog and had him at their home near Swartz Bay. After calling the couple and hearing enough to convince them it was probably their dog, the family was reunited with the beloved pet.

Despite the positive outcome, however, Wenzel has some questions he's hoping someone in the community can answer, to solve the mystery of how Ollie travelled all the way to the distant overpass undetected.

Wenzel said Ollie might take a swim on a nice summer day, but it's unlikely he would get all the way

to Canoe Cove, even if the weather had been nicer. It seems equally unlikely that he ran away to Fulford.

"He couldn't really have walked to the ferry terminal, around 8 km from our home, and boarded with the commuters. It would have been somewhat noticeable," Wenzel observed.

Being a popular Labradoodle breed, Wenzel has also wondered if someone stole him. But if so, he wonders why they would let Ollie go again near the ferry.

"It might just be one of those bizarre incidents on Salt Spring Island. It has a happy ending but it does raise some alarm bells," Wenzel concluded.

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BY DAVID DENNING
SPECIAL TO THE DRIFTWOOD

It will take more than a plastic beach ball, a pitcher of water, and a few images of space to solve our daunting planetary problems. But using those simple props and his encyclopedic knowledge of science research, Bob McDonald, host of CBC Radio's Quirks and Quarks, convincingly demonstrated why and how we can tackle the threats to earth's delicate balance.

McDonald's talk at ArtSpring Sunday afternoon was part of an annual fundraiser for the Salt Spring Conservancy attended by about 250 islanders.

Along with our own Valdy, McDonald recently earned the Order of Canada. He is such a huge Canadian icon that he needed two introductions. Arthur Black set the stage with a concise history of Quirks and Quarks, highlighting McDonald's prolific work and recognitions. He also warned of the lingering threat of invasion by CBC hosts and production staff.

Bill Henderson then took over with his guitar and a terrific song about how science, as Bob McDonald communicates it, is a powerful force for positive change. No doubt the Beatles' original words also resonated in much of the audience as the theatre resonated with Bill's chorus: "All You Need is Bob."

You'd think that following those introductions would be challenging, but McDonald breezed in and "wowed" the audience. His message focused first on the known nature of universe — it is an immense place fundamentally hostile to life — that makes our planet absolutely unique and precious on a cosmic scale.

Bob carried the beach ball earth in his hands as he urged the audience to think ecologically like John Muir (founder of the US Sierra Club and National Park movements): "When you tug on anything, you'll find it connected to everything else on the planet."

McDonald proposed solutions to difficult issues that he said are technologically feasible right now, but just require the political and social will to make them happen. Our dependence on fossil-fuel-powered vehicles that are only 20 per cent efficient is one of the first places to focus our efforts — electric cars, compressed air cars, fuel cells, and solar power generation were among the solutions he proposed.

To solve the problems of climate change, getting off fossil fuels, and stemming humanity's run-away population growth and consumption, we'll need more than just one Bob McDonald. But like the beach-ball model of planet earth, McDonald is a valuable model for how we can think and inspire others toward embracing science, informed action, and optimism for a better future.

MESSAGE FROM CRD DIRECTOR CANDIDATE LESLIE WALLACE



Dear Fellow Islanders: I am running for CRD Director because I want to give back to this community that has been my beloved home for over eighteen years. I am also running because I have a vision for the island that I think a lot of you share.

I see a Salt Spring that is easier and more enjoyable to walk, hike and cycle around, with a dedicated Fulford to Vesuvius bike lane and car traffic diverted around a beautified Ganges commons. I see a more vibrant and diverse local economy that reflects our unique island culture and employs more islanders. I see a Salt Spring with affordable, year round housing for everyone who lives here. I see a Salt Spring where the majority of the food we consume is grown on the island, and where we can drink the water because we've taken the action needed to protect

this precious resource. I see a Salt Spring with respectful, collaborative processes in place for working out our differences and turning community challenges into opportunities. I invite you to join me in working together to meet the needs of all islanders.

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ELECT LESLIE WALLACE CRD DIRECTOR FOR SALT SPRING ISLAND**

"What Salt Spring Island needs in a CRD director is someone who can bring disparate groups together and help them work towards common goals. I know Leslie Wallace well, and I believe she has the commitment and capacity to do this. Her planning and organizational skills are impressive, and she has a genuine dedication and commitment to working for the good of the community as a whole."

~Honor Griffith, Fulford

Leslie Wallace is best known as the organizer of the island's opposition to the provincial government's plan to overhead pesticide spray Salt Spring five years ago. As a direct result of Leslie's efforts, the provincial government abandoned its plan to overhead pesticide spray the island. Currently a member of the Salt Spring Island Liquid Waste Disposal Local Service Commission, Leslie also served on a subcommittee of the CRD Roundtable on the Environment. Leslie has many years' experience working as a consultant to non-profits and government. "I know how government works."

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EDITORIAL

Change is on its way

This fall's local election campaigns are almost complete and congratulations are in order for Salt Spring candidates and their supporters.

For the most part the debates and proceedings have been civil. Candidates took a positive approach and their positions were clearly stated. Those involved seemed to be reacting less from fear and kept the fear-mongering to a minimum as a result.

Despite the tumult in local politics this year, especially on the Trust side of things, islanders appear to have buckled down and chosen to listen to and learn from the flock of new faces and ideas before them.

They seem ready to embrace a change in leadership and direction; and that only makes sense since, like it or not, the nature of Salt Spring Island has changed significantly in the last 10 years.

The next census figures will show we have grown well past the 10,000 mark in population. Many of the people who've arrived in recent times have come from places where local politics are less of an imagined life-and-death matter, and where a community's economic and social health are more important when it comes to making decisions.

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Salt Spring local elections

WE SAY:
Change inevitable this time

They may not be entrenched in any particular camp, unlike longer-term islanders, with more experience working with diverse groups.

The injection of new blood has also led to unprecedented interest in this school board election — another refreshing trend. More participation in local affairs, by people with a vast range of views, can only be considered a sign of health for our growing community.

Of course, just because we elect people who vow to change the way things are done or appear to be done does not mean an ideological cyclone is going to roar across the island. Those who are elected will face a muscly bureaucratic structure that can chisel away at a successful candidate's most noble stated aims, and any number of obstacles can send them tumbling off their path.

But we don't need politicians to turn things upside down. We need capable leadership from those who will represent the broader community now, while working towards achieving a governance structure that would see more of this election's fine candidates working together around a larger decision-making table.

Polls are open from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. today (Wednesday) and Saturday. Please take time to vote.



We must invent the way forward

BY ELIZABETH NICKSON

While it is true that the Islands Trust is a relatively new form of government, it is hardly unique, as its most fervent advocates claim. Conservation land use planning agencies are everywhere now, in one form or another, in almost every pretty place in world.

Dr. Alston Chase, philosopher of science (Princeton, Harvard, Oxford) who lives on the slopes of Yellowstone, is the most credentialed and trenchant critic of the environmental movement I've met. He says it's largely a philosophical and aesthetic movement that is trans-cultural, which is to say everywhere, which is to say the next natural evolution of mankind. We all want green, as much as we can afford, largely, and that desire grows in common acceptance every year.

But Dr. Chase continues, that worthy desire has been hijacked by bad politics and worse science. As a result, and I've spent the last five years searching, in every jurisdiction that has a quasi-Islands Trust, the same problems arise: aging population, flight of young families, loss of old rural ways, a declining economy and degrading natural systems. This last the most surprising, and a ferocious indictment of the way green land use is being prosecuted.

Does green mean poor and old and servile? My whole being recoils at the repressive stance of some Trust supporters who — on the evidence of their committees' recommendations — would rein in every activity, and portion out our carbon use, housing, water, food and travel. I suppose, if necessary, most of us would sign on, but it's not and deep down every adult knows it's not.

The Trust taught me a lot when I did my subdivision which is, by the way, now taught as a case study in good green development at regional colleges. I was able to afford it because I sold my little house at the top of a once-in-a-lifetime property

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boom, but otherwise, the covenants, the salmon pond, green house, geothermal, carbon-neutral rammed earth etc., would have bankrupted me. My title is 123 pages long; most are three. Some Trust ideas, embedded in our OCP are excellent. Some are profoundly destructive. Which is understandable, this is all new stuff.

Everywhere people are searching for rational green solutions. They will not come from repression and over-regulation. They will not arise from increased surveillance and enforcement or the use of our tax money to sue our neighbours. They will come from careful, do-no-harm regulation, to which is attached honest economic analysis. From good science, not one-size-fits-all science, science which is specific to our distinct island geography. And science that has received independent peer review. Little of what we conform to now is any of those things.

This will be hard because we will have to lead. Everywhere people are grappling with just the kind of difficulties we face, and no one has patterned the way forward. We are going to have to invent it right here right now in a true local solution.

We can't go backwards and we can't hire a mediator clueless about Trust process, to talk us all into the notion that the status quo is just fine, now shut up.

We have to go forward, testing new ideas within our current system, and discussing a truly local government with genuine local control. We need leaders who have worked with green solutions, understand the complexities of the Trust, who are raising a young family and are deeply known in the community or have a wealth of experience in wrangling senior bureaucrats. We need George and Mark and Wayne.

Elizabeth Nickson is a writer living on Salt Spring Island.

THIS WEEK'S QUESTION:

Do you like the concept of plastic money?

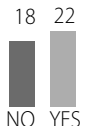
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LAST WEEK'S QUESTION:

Is the local conflict-of-interest case justified?



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QUOTE OF THE WEEK:
 “Children are essential members of the community and we need to hear from them.”

RAFFI, OF THE CENTRE FOR CHILD HONOURING

SALT SPRING SAYS

We asked: What is the most important issue this election?



DAVE JACQUEST

Where to find the polling station. Get out and vote!



JILL TARSWELL

All of the issues are important to somebody.



JEAN-PAUL LESPERANCE

Community and island identity.



PETER ORO

Community vision: how people want to see Salt Spring evolve in the next five to 10 years.



AMY SANDIDGE

I think affordable housing is still the big picture — that, and clean drinking water.

Letters to the editor

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

Support for McIntyre

Read Wayne McIntyre's platform and bio (www.waynemcintyreforcrd.ca); listen to and observe him at the all-candidates meetings: It's all there. No CRD candidate is better qualified to represent us to the CRD.

Wayne's education, business experience, skills and testimonials speak impressively to his ability to deal with every issue we face here: governance, fiscal responsibility, accountability, affordable housing, water management, economic development and more.

The CRD is a complex, many-faceted administrative body. A director's job is not easy. But Wayne is not looking for “easy;” his job

experience is evidence of that. A CRD director's job is not for the faint of heart or one less solidly committed to principles.

I've come to know Wayne over the past few months. He is a solid citizen, reliable, dependable, honest, and likable. I'm impressed with his sincerity when he speaks of his love for Salt Spring; his desire for a future here for himself and his young family, and his commitment to the principles inherent in the Islands Trust Act. He is wholly steeped in the ideals of democracy and transparency in governance.

And I believe he will work on our behalf for . . . a new era of cooperation and openness.” Even the Gulf Islands Alliance would endorse that.

SHELLEY NITIKMAN,
SALT SPRING

Open mind

I am supporting David Borrowman for trustee in this election. I believe that Salt Spring has reached a point where we need to make some important decisions in the next couple of years about where we are going, and how we want to get there.

At this time I believe that we need trustees, like David Borrowman, who have not already made up their minds about what is “best for us.”

We deserve trustees who will participate fully in our community conversations, and who will bring to these conversations an open mind. I have known David for many years, and while we do not agree on everything, he always listens to what I have to say, and he explains his positions in a rational, polite,

and non-judgmental way. Sometimes, if I listen carefully, he can also be funny.

In this upcoming election, there appear to be several candidates for trustee who appear to have already decided what is best for Salt Spring. I don't need somebody to tell me what is best for me, I want somebody who will listen to all of us as we work out what is best for ourselves, and for this community. This election I am supporting David Borrowman for trustee, and I hope you will too.

SETH BERKOWITZ,
SALT SPRING

Restore the balance

I have been following the activities of the Trust and the trustees for a long time, as have many in this communi-

ty. I was even there two terms ago when two of the legs of the “three-legged stool” were taken away. Before that, the preserve and protect mandate for this island included taking into account three things: the environment, social and economic well-being of Salt Spring. The change was to instead make it an “inverted pyramid,” with the environment trumping all. Now we all know that it is crucial to pay attention to the needs of this Earth, but to make that the primary focus of the Trust is to the detriment of the other two aspects that contribute to a healthy, thriving community.

After reading about and listening to George Grams and Mark Wyatt, I feel strongly that they have the skills, the experience, the vision and the appetite to bring about

change that will benefit all of us. I respect their commitment to hearing all the voices and involving a cross-section of residents on any advisory committees. We know that the current Trust has some failings, and I look forward to having George and Mark bring processes up to date.

And add to all of this the depth of experience that Wayne McIntyre would bring as CRD director, and I think we would have a bright future, with divisions healed and common sense brought to bear in all decision making.

Please vote on the 19th for George, Mark and Wayne. Let's restore the balance. It's time for a change.

ARLENE DASHWOOD,
SALT SPRING

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Vincent offers Dummies Guide to the Election

With businesses closing and tourists opting out of the hundred dollar ferry crossing, this upcoming election is of great import to anyone lucky enough to still call Salt Spring “home.”

After innumerable “meet and greets,” two official and two unofficial all-candidates meetings (the Remembrance Day ceremonies and the Fulford flea market) I have come to the not-so-earthshaking conclusion that we need diplomats at the big table. This time, the consequences are far too great to leave in the hands of rookies, rebels and raconteurs. We need diplomats.

In the recent past, we have tried it the other way. We all witnessed a rebellious Eric Booth abdicate his seat on the local Trust committee months before the end of his term. Very undiplomatic. We have seen raconteur Dietrich Luth on national television, pursued by TV crews like some Bosnian war criminal, to the delight and amusement of all of Canada. Very undiplomatic. We have seen the current trustees banish visiting council members and forbid cameras at public meetings. Again, very undiplomatic.

Most of the “Dirty Dozen” running for the CRD and the Trust are people I know personally, some a short time, some for decades. I met Carole Eyles for the first time at the recent Fabulous Fulford Flea Market, and was immediately smitten. I have known Garth Hendren for over 10 years and have always been impressed with his dogged determination, trudging up the stairs at North End Fitness three times a week to keep healthy. All these folks vying for public office are friends.

It is not without some consternation that I dispense a big tablespoon of tough love.

This time around we need diplomats in the seats. To paraphrase Mark Twain, “A diplomat is someone who can tell you to go to hell in such a way that you will look forward to the trip.” Yup. That's what we need. People with proven track records working the room.

There are some contenders that are lovely but unripened. Their resumé are essentially home-grown and a bit thin. Carole Eyles is a 21-year veteran of the classroom. Leslie Wallace gained local respect for her work with eliminating gypsy moths. In my opinion, the CRD position is too important for on-the-job training.

We have those in the running that have been there before — Messrs. Luth, Hendren, and Borrowman — running the gamut from bland to downright unbelievable. That colourful gamut does not quite make the “diplomat” grade. To the best of my knowledge, Mr. Hendren has never, ever apologized for the disgraceful performance of the CRD around our water problems. A little empathy goes a long way. Mr. Luth talks about “needing a big stick.” Yikes.

Mr. Borrowman, loaded with experience and credentials, seems to be missing something. Possibly a pulse. Maybe it's the spotlight, maybe it's the microphone . . . whatever the root cause, there does not seem to be the fire in the belly nor the engagement, both essential tools in a diplomat's kit — and yes,

I know he was a Canadian diplomat in a past life.

Mr. Wyatt's public persona is much the same. And seriously he didn't do himself any favours when, in his opening remarks at the ArtSpring debate he pointed down the table to George Grams and declared “I'm with him.”

And there are plenty of rebels with plenty of causes. Larry Woods is an unapologetic Islands Trust soldier, and like any good soldier, will do and say whatever it takes to protect the Trust against the heathens at the front gate. When the end justifies the means, it is referred to as Machiavellian, not diplomatic.

Carol Dodd has had plenty of causes over the past few years. Some of the more contentious headlines took place on her watch at PARC. She was front and centre in the fractious indoor tennis scandal, the indoor pool debate over its amenities and the library location. One of the hallmarks of good diplomacy can be the ability to reduce the blare of the headlines.

There are two dark horses in the race, straddling between the diplomat and the deranged, the rebel and raconteur. George Grams has the resumé and the fire in the belly. Because he was one of the primary spokespeople arguing for the doomed Coffee Company application, his presence at the executive trustee table may be viewed as guarded at best. Others at the table may see him as a tear in the Trust fabric. His first



Peter Vincent

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order of business should he get in, will be to allay the fear and mistrust. I think he has the diplomatic tools to woo.

Ken Lee is engaging, affable and knows his way through the maze. He seems to get things done. He brought high speed internet to Beaver Point, which, at the time, I thought was impossible to achieve. He hectored BC Ferries into a late night run from Tsawwassen to Long Harbour, to which I am eternally grateful. And as a Cambridge-educated geologist he might have the tools and the savoir faire to solve the island's water problems.

The other two candidates with resumé as long as your arm are Wayne McIntyre and Peter Grove. Wayne brings a huge background in commerce and municipal affairs. Peter Grove brings just as impressive credentials as a chartered accountant and a practicing mediator. Both these candidates qualify for the Henry Kissinger Award for Lifetime Achievements in Diplomacy. Both are rabid island volunteers. Both are relative newcomers to Salt Spring, which will cost them some votes. An oldtimer approached me the other day and said he wouldn't vote for Peter Grove because he didn't like his accent. Unbelievable.

So that's my Dummies Guide to the Election. On a personal note, I was thumbing through the Driftwood and immediately chose to cast my vote for the pretty woman with the guitar, until I realized it was Liona Boyd. As if I didn't have enough to fret about. Thank God it will all be behind us in a week.

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OPINION

Real change

For those who proclaim the Islands Trust as an endangered species if Salt Spring Island is allowed/encouraged to determine if it's the best form of local governance; I say shame on you!

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SALT SPRING

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Right man for the job

If a job description was put forth for the position of trustee on the Islands Trust governing body, the candidate should firstly have the ability to distribute our tax dollars wisely and secondly to be able to resolve conflicting opinion disputes about both policy and the spending of these dollars.

Peter Grove is both a chartered accountant and a professional mediator. He has the training and the experience to fulfill both of the above requirements for the position.

That he is not attached to one extreme or another is a refreshing change from many of the candidates of past election slates. He knows the importance of a balanced approach and that decisions should not be taken, which to a large extent throw the baby out with the bath water. On this island, far too often, the baby is the economy, but sometimes it is the environment.

Peter has been my neighbour for four years and has always been a willing helper, whether it be around my farm or doing farm-related errands on his many trips to the mainland. I jokingly teased Peter

last week that his biggest obstacle to electoral success was the lack of middle-of-the-road residents on Salt Spring and a more than adequate supply of NIMBY extremists.

The only other candidate that I have a long-term association with is Mark Wyatt. This is mainly through my occupations as veterinarian and farmer. I know from his care of his pets and his work in the community that he is a compassionate, competent and versatile person.

The other candidates are not as well known to me. However, voters have the advantage in the case of David Borrowman to judge his performance as trustee due to his past terms on the Islands Trust. As for the other candidates, congratulations are in order for making the effort to bring their expertise to the table.

Some years ago, Tony Richards asked me if I was considering running for Islands Trust. My reply to him was that I would consider the job of sitting as a separatist in Ottawa far easier and more attractive than being a trustee on Salt Spring.
MALCOLM BOND,
SALT SPRING

Experience is critical

There are five new candidates and one

incumbent seeking your support for the position of Capital Regional District director on Salt Spring.

It's time to elect a new CRD director — Wayne McIntyre, who will bring a wealth of past experience combined with the ability to get positive results. In addition, our new CRD director must have the necessary financial and leadership qualifications to manage CRD expenditures on Salt Spring that are cost effective and achieve the desired results for the benefit of our community.

Wayne currently serves on the Lady Minto Hospital Foundation Board and the CRD's Salt Spring Community Economic Development Commission and has significant other community experience, which will benefit Salt Spring.

I believe Wayne McIntyre has the qualifications and leadership skills to best represent Salt Spring. Please take the time to visit Wayne McIntyre's website: www.waynemcintyre-forcrd.ca. When you do I trust you will find a candidate worthy of your vote.

GARY BRADY,
SALT SPRING

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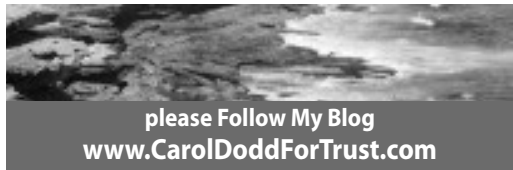
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Stand up and vote for what you love about Salt Spring

I would be remiss as a Driftwood columnist if I didn't weigh in on the upcoming local election; but seeing as I'm a humble lass, I won't dare tell you who to vote for. I will, however, push you to vote, so that your vision of Salt Spring has a chance at being realized.

I've been surprised by the number of people who've said they're not following the election this time around and that they may, or may not, cast a ballot on Nov. 19. With such contentious issues and a full slate of contrasting candidates, this can't be just the usual electoral apathy — I've a sneaking suspicion it's more a disenchantment with the political divisiveness built up within our community over the past years.

All the negativity and anger that certain factions have built up (perhaps unintentionally) around their causes has left a number of islanders put off by local politics. Rather than join the fray and shout over the tumult of voices in order to be heard, many have simply turned away in disgust... meaning that a great many honest, intelligent, caring islanders' voices may go unheard this coming Saturday.

But now is hardly the time to be silent and removed... on the contrary, it's precisely the time to speak up for yourself. For once I'm encouraging folks to climb into their selfish pants



Meghan Howcroft

LIVE AND LEARN

ies and think solely about what it is YOU love about our little island and what YOU want to see for its future.

Take a moment and think about it... why did you come here, if you're from away, and why do you stay if you're one of the few who've been here since Moses parted the Red Sea?

I chose Salt Spring as home because of its rural atmosphere, stunning and well-protected environment and vibrant community of diverse and creative thinkers and doers. Personally, I hope to find a candidate who will strike a balance and support both people and place, but who also understand that sometimes the place (meaning the environment) needs to come first and be protected at all costs.

And as a (relatively) young working person who is starting a family on the rock, I'm also looking for someone who recognizes the need for and importance of good, green businesses and who will work to find ways for young families to not just stay, but thrive, on our beloved

rock. After all, if islanders want the luxuries and services of full-fledged grocery stores, a one-of-a-kind arts centre, thriving schools and bustling cafes, they also need people willing to work there.

If I can't find everything I want from our roster of brave candidates, I might have to tick a box for the "next best thing"... and that's OK with me. Better that we vote for someone who is almost in line with our personal wants, needs and beliefs, than to not vote and potentially get stuck with Mr. or Mrs. Totally Lame-o.

There's no excuse good enough for not voting in this election. In 15 minutes you can pick up a newspaper or get your electronic groove on and find platforms for each and every candidate. If you've spent even five minutes over the past year complaining about this island we call home, you owe it to yourself and this community to spend a wee bit o' time making your voice heard at a time when it really counts.

Islanders are well known for spending time standing at the complaint counter of life, but as the saying goes, "If you have time to whine and complain about something, then you have the time to do something about it." Vote on Nov. 19 and stand up for the Salt Spring you believe in, the Salt Spring that you're proud to call home.

OPINION

Garth gets vote

I have lived on Salt Spring my entire life, but I have never voted in the CRD elections before. I never voted because I have never thought any one candidate was worth voting for. But this year I will vote for Garth Hendren.

I am not voting for Garth because he has the best platform — although he does. He is the only candidate whose promises are realistic. He knows he can't get the water money back so he doesn't promise to. Instead, he just wants to continue fixing the water system.

He is the only candidate to promise more than a governance study that won't get provincial funding in the next term. He has identified a number of Islands Trust committees that he believes overstep the Trust's jurisdictional boundaries and he has already called for them to be disbanded. And if Garth is re-elected, the new trustees will have to respond.

Garth is the only candidate who seems to be working for everyone — seniors, children, young working families, everyone.

But that is not why I will vote. I will vote for Garth because of the things he does that you don't read about in the paper. My wife runs one of the island's charities that works with the less fortunate people here.

And for the last couple of years I have seen that Garth has quietly gone about working for those that really need it — the homeless and the unemployed. He is working at getting not just a homeless shelter

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for one night's accommodation — but graduated housing that will help get people off the streets permanently.

He has worked with a number of groups to identify the barriers that prevent people from getting employment and to find solutions to help people find work. These people aren't homeowners — some don't even have homes. They have no money so they have no political power. And they probably don't even vote. And yet Garth works for them.

That is why I am voting for Garth Hendren.

CALLUM WRIGHT,
SALT SPRING

GHG targets achievable

George Grams correctly states that a 40 per cent reduction in GHG emissions by 2020 is a steep hill (Nov. 9 Driftwood). But he then suggests that meeting this goal would require islanders to abandon their cars and stop heating their homes. This is clearly not the case.

The Salt Spring Climate Action Plan shows that the 40 per cent target can be met with a combination of voluntary measures which involve sensible, healthy and money-saving actions such as walking and cycling more, ride-sharing and taking the bus, growing more of our own food, consuming less prepackaged convenience food and factory-farmed meat, and replacing aging gas-guzzlers with more efficient vehicles, including electric cars.

Local and provincial governments are supporting these lifestyle changes. As of Dec. 1, there is a provincial rebate of up to \$5,000 for electric vehicle and plug-in hybrid new car purchases. LiveSmart BC and other energy-efficiency grants are also available. Areas of local government leadership include long-term planning for increased housing in Ganges village, expanded transit, pedestrian and bicycle infrastructure, and support for local agriculture.

Most communities in B.C. have 2020 targets similar to, or a little lower than Salt Spring's. Bowen Island, for example, has adopted the provincial target of 33 per cent.

The Climate Action Plan requires an over-seeing body. That body is the Salt Spring Island Climate Action Council Society. It is limited to a maximum of 17 members, all of whom are volunteers and must support the implementation of the plan. The council is modelled largely after the Salt Spring Island Agricultural Alliance, which is responsible for the implementation of the Salt Spring Island Area Farm Plan. The alliance is a great demonstration of how effective this model can be when people from different organizations get together to achieve community objectives.

In the future there may be benefits to restructuring the Climate Action Council as some form of CRD, or joint, commission. These were not available options when the council was set up.

ELIZABETH WHITE,
VESUVIUS BAY ROAD



PHOTO BY DERRICK LUNY

WELLNESS FRIENDS: Feldenkrais practitioner Alice Friedmann introduces her friend to Wellness Fair goers at the Harbour House on the weekend. See the Driftwood's video from the fair at gulflandsdriftwood.com under Lifestyles, or through our Facebook page.

Important skills

In writing this letter, I am making my endorsement of Carole Eyles public.

I am endorsing her candidacy for a number of reasons. First I think the drinkable water on the island is our greatest current and future problem. The condition of our lakes is not our only water problem. The serious cost overruns and delays in completing our water treatment plants is a primary concern. Carole has had considerable experience with the Fulford Water Treatment Plant delays and overruns. She is committed to getting to the bottom

of the water treatment plants problems.

As a former teacher, not only does Carole know how to communicate but she also knows how to deal with local and provincial bureaucracies. Teachers take information, synthesize it, and present it in an orderly and measured form to an audience. These skills are important in public relations and at the CRD directors' meetings.

I look forward to working with her after Nov. 19. **JOHN BORST,** CHAIR, CUSHEON LAKE STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

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The Trust's preserve and protect mandate — what does it mean?

BY BEN SUTTON

The mandate requires we define what we mean by preserving and protecting our environment and indeed how we define environment.

Many people think of the environment as being primarily the natural environment including forests, rare plants and animals, as well as clean air and water. While those things are very important, one has to ask what the broader population of provincial residents for whom the Gulf Islands represents a special place worthy of protection, have as a vision of the island they want to see preserved. I would suggest that they expect to see the following attributes:

- Tracts of undisturbed land liberally interspersed with agricultural land, which is actually farmed, preferably with a sprinkling of sheep.
- Frequent sightings of deer, birds and other wild animals.
- Charming little heritage churches, barns and houses in a rural setting.
- Accessible parkland and beaches for pleasant walks.

- Attractive little harbours which one can visit by boat.
- Small concentrations of houses and shops with the occasional pub or inn.
- An interesting mix of residents doing interesting things, implying a somewhat viable local economy.
- They would not want to see:
 - Abandoned farmland turning into scrubland.
 - Streams and lakes full of algal slime.
 - Areas which look like residential subdivisions in rural areas: A subjective judgment meaning that a subdivision should not look like a subdivision.
 - An endless patchwork of smallish residential lots spreading across the countryside.
 - An island population which appears to be one large retirement community.
- Assuming my supposition is even part way representative of what people, both locally and provincially, want to see, then clearly the environment represents a broad range of things which include, but go beyond, the natural environment. In

some cases the human-created environment may even be in conflict with the natural environment, as it often is. For example, most people agree that farming is a core component of the area's character but farming per se does not provide benefits to the natural environment. Instead it may provide food and employment but, to the human eye, most of all it provides excellent views of the countryside which would otherwise quickly disappear.

In summary, what most people want to protect is an aesthetic, indeed a very human one.

At such a critical juncture as election time it is important to be clear about what we (and therefore the Islands Trust) are trying to protect, lest we fail to see the wood for all the trees, so to speak. The zoning and other mechanisms by which we achieve this goal is of course and larger and more complex subject which will have to wait for another letter.

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Head and heart

For me, George Grams and Mark Wyatt have emerged as the only true voices of reason in an election that sadly includes gutter politics. They believe that preserve and protect is about "people in place," fostering a healthy community, a healthy deep green economy and a healthy environment too — using the tools of better governance. "Their" Salt Spring is a model for the world.

I've known them both for some months now. George has a career spanning 37 years in ecologically sensitive design and community planning. To me he is the greenest candidate we have, bar none.

Mark is younger with two young kids, very active in the community as a volunteer firefighter and part-time paramedic, and very concerned for the future of our island. They are a great team.

Why better governance? We've had hand-selected private committees said to be working on behalf of the community; trustees working as a quorum behind closed doors with groups that aim to lobby for "appropriate legislation"; flawed

processes leading, for example, to the notorious RAR bylaw which neglected community input at the outset and ignored the calls for accurate mapping until the community shouted; processes that have no established criteria for moving applications along that result in rejecting the greenest business proposal ever (the coffee company's) on the basis of "feelings" and fears of "industrial sprawl" after 15 months of studies and reports...

It's not wrong or anti-Trust to want better governance. It's not about incorporation either. There are ways to improve things. George and Mark are genuinely committed to open and transparent government — with accountability. They are good listeners and they have big hearts.

George and Mark show they truly know the issues. They will therefore preserve and protect more holistically, promoting a healthy environment, a healthy community and a deep green economy too. We desperately need all three.

On Nov. 19, please join me in supporting George Grams and Mark Wyatt for trustees. The time for change is right now. See www.abettersaltspring.com for more.

JOHN MACPHERSON,
SALT SPRING

Clarifying

At the Fulford all-candidates meeting on Oct. 27, a question was asked: "Do you feel Salt Spring could 'benefit' from incorporation? The question was not do you 'favour' incorporation. My full position is posted on my website www.waynemcintyreford.ca and has not changed and will not if I am elected.

The main point: "... the community needs an independent provincial government governance review, including the incorporation option. Only then will the benefits, disadvantages and costs be available so informed judgments can be made..."

As the election date draws near I wanted to share some of my experiences.

I have met many hundreds of residents and have been impressed by their insights into making Salt Spring an even better place and also their appreciation expressed to candidates who have put their name forward to serve the

community. It is hard to fathom a community with as much talent and passion.

When the election is over, like many others, I want to see a paradigm shift in how our local affairs are conducted. It is time to focus the community's talent and energy on positive action, not confrontation... cooperation, not conflict. Regardless of the model in place it is important to remember that successful government brings diverse viewpoints together for the common good in a respectful manner. If I have the honour of being elected, I pledge to work toward that goal.

WAYNE MCINTYRE,
CRD CANDIDATE

Vote for Grams and Wyatt

On Nov. 19, elect George Grams and Mark Wyatt as trustees.

I have listened and talked to George and Mark and they have the best understanding and vision for bringing Salt Spring matters to the table. They are objective, grounded, responsible, responsive, caring and passionate about Salt Spring, and knowledgeable, while supportive of the governance structure under Trust jurisdiction and of eco-values. Their platform is about "preserve and protect," balancing the needs of the environment with the need for a healthier community, and a deep-green economy too, facilitated by improvements to the tools of governance. Please see their website: www.abettersaltspring.com/whywerrunning/

These are today's men with today's values. Not yesterday's men with yesterday's values, clinging obstinately to the status quo, all of which brought us to the fiasco of effectively evicting Salt Spring Coffee. And the consequences of that fiasco are disastrous — word is out that we're business-unfriendly and no entrepreneur will come near the place.

The average Salt Springers — who want to live here, get a job here, buy a house here, bring up a family here and enjoy economic stability — have past Trust policies to thank for lack of opportunities.

The "mood of the nation" is for change away from airy-fairy, vague governance guided by self-serving committees, and determined by the sinecured bureaucrats sitting in a Victoria vacuum (conjuring irrelevancies like clean-air protocols when we've already got clean air), none of whom understand much about what concerns most Salt Springers. We want relevance to today's issues — and single-mindedness between our elected candidates: otherwise

the vote will get split and a "foreigner" chairperson (as in the past) will unilaterally cast the deciding vote for us according to his or her predilections — a freebie! — and not for Salt Springers.

The status quo is no longer good enough. Let's move forward with Grams and Wyatt at the helm... give them a chance to build an ecologically sensitive environment with, at the same time, economically sustainable and stable local business and social values. Let George Grams and Mark Wyatt represent the aspirations of all Salt Springers, not just the effete elite who, hitherto, have run the show.

ROSS KING,
BEDDIS ROAD

Supporting Trust supporters

Salt Spring Island is a special place. We came here because we love it. And if it weren't for the Islands Trust it would mostly be split up into lot-sized pieces. The Trust may have its faults but by and large it has been a very good thing.

So when we choose our candidates, let's choose people who are comfortable with preserving and protecting this beautiful place. Once they're elected, they are duty bound to fulfill that mandate anyway so let's vote for people whose hearts are in it.

Incorporation is not on the ballot. A system with principles we believe in is.

We're voting for people who clearly support the Islands Trust.

BILL AND MAY HENDERSON,
SALT SPRING

Trust in democracy

There is one common theme evident in all the CRD and Trust candidate platforms (except one): The current system of governance is failing Salt Spring Islanders. Whether the issue is transparency, accountability, honesty, trust, conflicts of interest, unclear or unwritten approval processes, "place before people," poorly crafted bylaws, population and employment decline, loss of small bird habitat, the common theme is that the Trust (or your two overworked, underpaid trustees) has not served Salt Spring or its citizens for some time now.

Our candidates (except one) vow to pursue an incorporation study as they all (except one) understand the wish of a majority of islanders. I could question the sincerity of some of these folk, but not here.

Fellow islanders, the system is showing weakness with age. Many believe incorporation is the answer, giv-

ing islanders the right to self-determination with more hands on deck to manage the workload. Many believe the Trust is the ultimate model, but elected officials need to be answerable to islanders, guided by priorities defined by islanders — a review of the Islands Trust Act may be required. But, let's be realistic: In the next three-year term, there will be no review of the Trust Act, no incorporation study completed, and, obviously, no referendum on incorporation. So, then, what should we, as voters, consider as we head to the polls?

How about focusing on credentials and experience? On platforms that prioritize issues critical to us all? Measure candidates for their ability to get the current system to actually work for us, not against us. Why don't we look for a mindset that differs from that which, honestly, has not served us so well these last six years?

Look, we all love the idea of Salt Spring and we all want to live as organically as possible. Let's all take this election very seriously, study the critical issues and the candidate platforms, and get out and vote!

I am supporting George Grams, Mark Wyatt and Wayne McIntyre because I think they will rally the whole community and make us all proud.

JEFF GOGUEN,
SALT SPRING

Carry the torch

Leslie Wallace is a gifted communicator who does her homework, makes a point of including everyone and all points of view in the conversation.

She is diligent, persistent and well-spoken and therefore will be the right person to carry the torch for Salt Spring water users interested in getting to the bottom of the awful and as-yet unexplained mess that has been made and if at all possible rectifying it.

I am impressed by the opinions of those who have already endorsed her, including Mark Whittier, Guy Dauncey, Sharanah Ray Waxman and others, and above all, by last week's letter to the Driftwood from Mike Larmour, an individual with a long history on water issues on this island and a man whose views and personal integrity I deeply respect.

Another supporter, Hannah Brown, wrote a letter to this paper saying in support of Leslie, "The best man for the job can also be a woman" and while it could be either, I trust Leslie to do a great job for all of us.

DENNIS LUCARELLI,
SALT SPRING

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ELDERS AND YOUNGERS: From left, World War II veteran Terry Byron at the Nov. 11 ceremony, and members of Salt Spring's Girl Guides of Canada group get ready to participate in the parade.

Preserve and protect the facts

There is a belief held by some, perpetuated at the all-candidates meeting in Fulford, that the RAR bylaw was unnecessary because our existing bylaws were already in compliance.

A letter sent from the Ministry of the Environment to our island planner in June 2008 lays this myth to rest. It states: "... we notified you (Islands Trust) that you must include riparian area protection provisions in your zoning bylaws and permits" and "Although you have not yet implemented a RAR-compliant bylaw for Salt Spring, you must ensure that no development proceeds which is contrary to the regulation." See <http://www.islandstrust.bc.ca/ltr/ss/pdf/ssrarltrjun272008.pdf>.

The letter continues with a description of the regulations which are very similar to those in our own proposed bylaw. At the height of the RAR debate I asked this paper to publish the letter to help clear up the confusion which had waylaid constructive discourse, but they declined. I mention this to highlight the difficulty of establishing factual information around which islanders can make informed decisions. I support Larry Woods for trustee because he will work with the facts rather than pursue an ideology, and I urge you to join me at the polls.

MICHAEL WALL,
SALT SPRING

Eyles stands out

My vote for CRD director is going to Carole Eyles. Of the six contenders, Carole stands out as the most highly qualified candidate.

She's savvy and genuine, fair-minded and realistic. Carole is diplomatic and a good listener; not a person to descend into the sort of behaviour that so

bitterly polarizes our island politics. I know that she will attend all meetings, and be actively engaged with the demands of the job in a hands-on fashion.

Carole is tough enough to handle the heat in the kitchen, while retaining her deep commitment to the well-being of islanders and to a strong, stable vision for the future of our island.

R.M. DUPUY,
MOUNTAIN ROAD

Doctor in the house?

What we have here is a local emergency. For some time, family physicians have been telling us that many of them feel overwhelmed by their workload. Rumour has it that one GP is leaving for sure and two others are considering going. Currently, there are no replacements. Faced with this exhausting scenario, the remaining GPs probably feel like running for the hills. Salt Spring needs more family physicians.

Strenuous working conditions impel GPs to seek a less demanding work environment, one with more free time to spend with their families or to simply relax. Outside of office hours and administration, GPs provide on-call service, hospital visits, attend meetings with colleagues and take time out to stay educated and up to date in emergency procedures like management of fractures, placement of chest tubes, etc. Some make house calls, no easy feat in a rural area. On top of it all, they are responsible for physician and locum recruitment.

Salt Spring's high turnover of family physicians detracts from the quality of our health care and surely discourages other physicians from exploring our islands as an attractive work environment. While I am no spokesperson for the GPs, this is my take on it.

The two most urgent issues: focus our energy and resources right now to attract excellent long-

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term GPs and ward off an exodus that could strand many more of us without a family physician.

So would family physicians welcome our help? If so, count me in. Could we:

- Help design and implement a social recruiting strategy, using LinkedIn, Twitter, Facebook, YouTube?

- Organize travel arrangements and local tours for serious candidates and set up ways to ease the newcomer's transition to the community?

- Assist with housing, recreational opportunities or offer free club memberships or other perks?

- Lobby health authorities to help finance the recruitment process?

- Headhunt candidates by posting jobs, screening candidates, scheduling and participating in interviews, completing reference checks, drafting offers, etc.

One thing for sure, GPs desperately need more boots on the ground. Let's take our doctors' advice and focus our energy where it's needed now.

VAL ALOIAN,
FULFORD HARBOUR

Cares about community

Larry Woods says his first priority as trustee would be to restore civility and respect in discussions on land use in our community.

He would work to improve the Trust's communication, with a focus on providing timely information and making sure that a wide diversity of islanders will be able to share their concerns and ideas for change.

I believe many other islanders share Larry's desire to make participating in local decision-making less adversarial and more rewarding and I am sure we will be success-

ful in this effort.

I urge you to read Larry's bio on the larryfortrust.ca website. This is a person who loves life and the heritage and quirkiness of this place. When he describes having carpooled, potlucked, broom-pulled, sang, etc. his way into a village of neighbours, you can tell: here is someone who cares about community.

I hope you will join me in voting for Larry and urging your friends to do so as well.

JAN SLAKOV,
SALT SPRING

Deserves second term

I've never written an endorsement letter before, but the one thing I do know is that people do read the letters in the Driftwood, so here is my first crack at it.

Vote for Garth Hendren, because I just got him trained. But seriously, while serving on the Salt Spring Parks and Recreation Commission for the past three years, I have had an opportunity to work with Garth and see first-hand how much he cares for our diverse and politically active community.

Garth has been very supportive of our efforts and actively participates on the commission, and at the same time gives us all of the information required to make an informed decision in our dealings within the CRD.

During these past three years, Garth has really hit his stride, and it is my personal opinion he deserves a second term.

This is why Garth Hendren has my support for CRD director.

GREGG DOW,
PARC CHAIR

Make vote count

As a former trustee I have been asked my opinion on the ques-

tion numerous times over the past month. So, after careful consideration, I'd like to say I will be supporting George Grams and Mark Wyatt for Islands Trust, and Wayne McIntyre for CRD.

For those who know me, and trust my opinion on the subject of accountable local government, please believe me when I tell you these three will serve the island well for the next three years.

Check out their websites and platforms, or better still, find the time to talk with them, or, if you would prefer, feel free to call me and ask me — "Why should I vote for them?"

And please, encourage everyone you know to get out and vote this Saturday. It's your island, your future and your choice. Make it count.

ERIC BOOTH,
FRAZIER ROAD

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OPINION

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Consider choices

It appears from the platforms I have been reading that there are a couple of the contenders for the Islands Trust seats who might be planning to change zoning bylaws to suit industry and developers.

This means that it is possible, if they are elected, that the people who live in certain areas might lose their rights to the zoning into which they purchased their lands and in which they enjoy a pristine and peaceful life style.

It behooves everyone on Salt Spring to think carefully exactly what the candidates stand for. Perhaps you want development of subdivisions and industry? In that case, you might want a noisy, smelly industry next door to your home. You might like the appearance of a subdivision on land that is zoned agricultural. It's all a matter of choice.

Another point that you might want to consider is whether or not an experienced new-comer who would like to see Salt Spring just like Vancouver is a better choice than a thoughtful, long-time resident who cares deeply for this island and the people who live here.

MARY DAVIDSON,
FULFORD HARBOUR

Special place

One of the formative questions to ask if you cares enough to vote is what do I care about?

Most people live here by choice. Why Salt Spring? Why not where we came from? My answer: a special place. Special in the sense of the physical and geographic, the social and cultural, the intellectual diversity, and tol-

erance. The spirit of place.

Everywhere in the world human numbers expand and with this compression of space and time, of life. Developers and development respond.

Decision-makers must operate in and respond to such realities. To do this responsibly they need a community vision, and standards.

George Grams and Mark Wyatt say they represent both — both the environment and the economy. Make no mistake, all decision-makers must consider both. Their real message, to me: less environment, more economy.

In 1974, the B.C. government passed the Islands Trust Act. The intent: to preserve and protect this special place. They recognized our unique environment, fast or long disappeared elsewhere, a place to which all of us and visitors have been commonly drawn.

Today personal choice and personal gain challenge the public good at every turn, with common cause and common effect. The "me" factor — not that which is good for all of us, now and future.

Protective standards are imperative if the Trust is to have any hope of preserving, in my view. Since the community has long established and continuously redefines its vision, it enables an official community plan to exist, which strives to reflect appropriate bylaws, etc. The OCP does not preclude development, it defines it — rather than being defined by it. Remember: Protective measures may be forever challenged and reversible. Development is forever irreversible, as only noteworthy development should be.

RON HAWKINS,
SALT SPRING

Progress on our island

With all the election talk of governance studies, we should not forget the considerable progress that has been achieved under the existing local government structure. We continue to have a significant arts and crafts community, many theatre groups and diverse sports activities. Over the past 10 years, Salt Spring has absorbed about 800 new residents and over 600 homes have been built.

Much has been said of the very few developments that have been turned down, yet 95 per cent of proposed developments have been approved.

Collaboration among the Trust, CRD and improvement districts, together with active and engaged community volunteers, and access to millions of dollars of federal and provincial funding has resulted in the following major initiatives;

- Updated OCP, including policies to address climate change and energy efficiency.
- Greenhouse gas emission reduction targets, a Climate Action Council and a Climate Action Plan.
- An Area Farm Plan, including a new Agricultural Alliance and Farm Land Trust.
- Energy baseline study and community energy strategy.
- Sustainability checklist for land-use planning and building design.
- First provincial Green City award of \$25,000
- Gas tax funding for pedestrian and cycling infrastructure and for potable water upgrades.
- SSI Transportation Commission and provincial funding for Salt Spring's first bus system.
- Transportation plan for Upper Ganges village.
- About 200 units of seniors housing, assisted living facilities, and low income residences.
- SSI Housing Council and access to the CRD's Regional Housing Trust Fund
- SSI Economic Development Commission and Tourism strategy.
- Construction of over 600 residential homes and new/expanded commercial properties.
- Lady Minto Hospital upgrades.
- SSI Water Council to coordinate agencies in protecting potable water supplies.
- Watershed management plans for Cusheon and St. Mary lakes.
- Six water districts upgrading water treatment facilities with federal/provincial infrastructure funding.
- Water conservation measures through "Soft Path Strategy," low-flush toilet rebate program and education.
- Upgraded or expanded two secondary sewage treatment facilities.
- Updated feasibility study for reclaimed water at Ganges plant.
- Funding for solid waste recycling programs.
- Household hazardous waste collection.
- Thousands of acres of public greenspace protected.
- Islands Trust Fund's NAPTEP program implemented.
- Indoor recreation site purchased

and new indoor pool opened.

- Land purchased for a new library in Ganges and new library under construction.
- New fire-fighting vehicles purchased and new site for Ganges fire hall planned.

The initiatives described above help build a healthy and vibrant community, preserve our natural heritage and create jobs on the island. With continued political will and broad community support, Salt Spring will remain a great place to live and work and an attractive place for visitors.

PETER LAMB,
FORMER ISLANDS TRUST TRUSTEE

Wallace listening

I recommend listening to the Salt Spring radio forum for a good sense of how candidates compare across many issues. cfsi-fm.com — see the link under "local election forum", in case you haven't heard it.

CRD candidate Leslie Wallace has done her homework and has reached out to hear the concerns of local groups, commissions and boards.

I found that many of her colleagues in this forum seemed less well-informed or told irrelevant stories, dwelled on past problems and spoke in oppositional language, used bafflegab and generalities while Leslie spoke with a broad and considered knowledge of the issues in each area, did not get stuck on single issues and was fair-minded and respectful of all sides.

Wallace listened well, answered questions directly and to the point, and was clear when "thinking on her feet" during opportunities to address other candidates' views.

Wallace has creative ideas for Ganges (a pedestrian zone), supports a bike lane along the main roads, wants a demographically well-supported island, which means affordable housing and developing employment, and sees water as a priority and fundamental to our community's future.

Wallace, along with most others, supports a renewed study of incorporation and a referendum. She is environmentally sensitive and aware and I believe she is already listening to the Salt Spring community.

ROWAN PERCY,
SALT SPRING

Grinding to a halt

I see that Eric Booth, island realtor and pro-

ponent of the controversial Swanson's Pond development (the one that's met with considerable resistance from its neighbours), wants to see the Housing Council defunded, to go along with the Climate Action Council and the Water Council. ("Booth hints at further conflict issues," Nov. 9 Driftwood.)

I don't have much first-hand knowledge of the first two, but I was coordinator of the Water Council for about six years and I want to use the limited space I have here to tell readers at least one important fact about it: people who work on water issues in government, in non-governmental organizations, and in universities love the Water Council.

They've partnered with it to develop island-wide conservation strategies; to monitor the quantity of our groundwater; to map and monitor the levels of groundwater pollutants including arsenic through a geo-chemistry survey; to offer a low-flush toilet rebate program; to present research findings on algal levels in St. Mary Lake; to present findings on aquifer susceptibility and develop sustainable water yield models for the island . . . the list could go on, but I trust you get the point.

But now? Now you can easily imagine the reaction when someone from Natural Resources Canada or the provincial Ministry of Environment tells their boss they've been invited to make a presentation to or work on a project with the Salt Spring Island Water Council — "Umm, aren't they involved in some kind of legal action? Aren't they getting sued or something? I think we better wait till that's gone through the courts."

And that really gratifying sound you're hearing in the background? That's the sound of community initiatives in climate action, in water protection and affordable housing grinding to a halt.

MURRAY REISS,
FULFORD

No candidates on the bus

All the candidates in the upcoming elections are committing themselves to climate change action and transportation issues.

How come I never see any of you on the bus?

MYNA LEE JOHNSTONE,
GANGES

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REASONS TO VOTE FOR CAROL DODD



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What I bring to the table is a strong practical business background in both small and large companies as well as experience in construction and finance. I seek consensus, and once the facts are in, I'm not afraid to make a decision and support that decision with my reasons.

Having owned and worked in my own business I understand the challenges facing small businesses on Salt Spring. I have always participated in and supported the Arts.

The last fifteen years of my career I was a project manager for a large Canadian brokerage firm. This involved talking to all the users to determine their needs; writing specifications; working with the IT folks to ensure that the programme was delivered to specifications; testing the programme; writing procedure manuals and training personnel.

So I have lots of experience in bringing groups with divergent needs and opinions together; coming to a consensus; and delivering a good product within financial constraints.

I have worked as a volunteer in many groups on Salt Spring. I love this community and hope to live here for the rest of my life. I value our rural neighbourhoods, but appreciate the opportunity to be able to purchase everything I need right here on the island.

I have successfully taken on and developed a multitude of projects. My background gives me a unique perspective on the Islands' issues. I look forward to serving as your Trustee.

Please visit my website www.CarolDoddForTrust.com for more details on my position on the issues important to Islanders.

I am proud to be a member of the Salt Spring Island Rotary Club. The Rotary motto is "**Service Above Self**".

As your trustee I pledge to submit all actions to the Rotary Four Way Test

Of the things we think, say or do:

- 1. Is it the TRUTH?**
- 2. Is it FAIR to all concerned?**
- 3. Will it build GOOD WILL and better FRIENDSHIPS?**
- 4. Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?**

1 I am Independent.
I am beholden to no one. I have no hidden agenda. As a Trustee I will work for the betterment of ALL Salt Springers, not just those with a particular view. All business of the Trust will be carried out in the public view.

2 I will always seek consensus in decision making.
I will research and listen to all points of view. The best overall outcomes are those in which everyone has input. I will always seek that input. But I am not afraid to make a decision when one is required.

3 I understand small business and finance.
I have spent my career in the **practical** aspects of business and finance. In the last fifteen years of my career I worked as a project manager and as a trouble-shooter. I am experienced in working with people who have divergent opinions and needs and coming to a workable solution.

4 I believe in the Islands Trust and its Mandate
Land use is the primary function of the Islands Trust. We have both an excellent Official Community Plan and a Land Use Bylaw. I will be guided by them in making all land use decisions. Affordable housing for all residents though the legalization of secondary suites and re-examination of other affordable housing applications will be a top priority. We can work smarter with what we already have, then look to the possibility of any new development. Preserve and protect both the place **and** the people

5 I believe we Urgently Require a Provincial Governance Study
I will press for a provincial governance study so that the people of Salt Spring will have full information on costs and the pros and cons of alternate forms of government. It will commit us to nothing. It may lead to a referendum on incorporation where the people of Salt Spring can make a democratic decision. I believe that a strong Trust and an effective municipality are not mutually exclusive. But my personal opinion is irrelevant except that it indicates that I **will** work for a study.



DODD, Carol

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OPINION



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REMEMBRANCE RAINBOW:

A rainbow appeared over Ganges during Friday's Remembrance Day ceremony, which included the island's war veterans, Legion members, Salt Spring Pipes and Drums, Royal Canadian Navy sailors, members of the island's emergency services groups, and Girl Guides and Boy Scouts.

Putting the voting puzzle together

BY DONNA JOHNSTONE

I have lived on Salt Spring for almost 30 years, and island politics never fails to bore me. I take my election rights seriously and like to thoroughly research each candidate before I cast my vote. So on that note, thank you to the Driftwood and local radio station for endeavouring to help me in the decision-making process.

Unfortunately I was off-island for the Fulford debate, but I did catch the audio portion on the internet. It was informative and insightful, but I decided I needed to go to the ArtSpring debate to catch the full flavour. Body language is a very important component of a debate. I arrived early enough to get a good seat and throughout the course of the evening several things became clear. Some candidates are more knowledgeable of island issues than others, some are more

polite than others and some even answered the questions that were asked instead of trying to change the subject. At the end of the evening I had narrowed things down but still had some unanswered questions.

The Driftwood newspaper again provided much-needed answers. I looked at the questions being asked one by one and read all six Trust candidates' responses. It was becoming very clear now who really had a grasp of islander concerns, and what might be done. Two of the candidates stood out from the others, again in the clear, concise manner in which they answered the questions, their knowledge of issues and the fact that they stayed on topic, actually answering the question rather than going off on their favourite rant. The two candidates who impressed me the most by their

answers were David Borrowman and Peter Grove.

The third part of the puzzle came together when I listened to our local radio station CFSI. It is unfortunate that more islanders do not listen to our local programming. My final concern was one of time available to commit to the Trust job. Darlene Steele asked the Trust candidates if elected would they serve full or part time. Mr. Grams answered that he would keep up off-island clients, and Mr. Wyatt, in answer to another question, spoke at length about his successful business with Japanese clients, managing significant trade events.

While we naturally wish them well with these professional obligations, they seem to raise questions about the ability of these candidates to make the Trust their first priority. I prefer a team made up of David Borrowman

and Peter Grove as our next trustees. Both have other obligations and will have to transition to the Trust job, but these obligations seem far more manageable than those facing George Grams and Mark Wyatt. Having enquired, I learned that Mr. Borrowman intends to continue meeting the needs of existing clients of his part-time photography business and Mr. Grove will continue to serve mediation clients, but for perhaps three days per month.

Mr. Borrowman's experience as trustee, and fresh energy for the job, especially as showcased at the ArtSpring debate and through the Driftwood questions, mesh ideally with the enthusiasm and qualifications of Mr. Grove. I believe Borrowman and Grove are the right men for job.

The writer is an island artist.

RANTS and Roses

Rants

To the offensive person who leaves anonymous nasty notes on people's cars (with reference to fleas, camels and false accusations). Please get a life and stop spreading your bad energy around. I was parked partway in a space which no vehicle could fit into, except perhaps a SmartCar, plus there were plenty of other spaces available. If you are a SmartCar owner, I apologize, but I suspect you rather fall into the category of hypocritical, bitter, coward. I would think you could find something worthwhile to complain about. M. Manning

Just a note to the person/s who took down five signs on two of our community pathways in the last little while. These pathways are a labour of love by community volunteers for the safety of our residents and visitors. All money is raised by volunteers and all money for replacement of signs comes from their hard labour. Please think twice before doing random acts of damage. Island Pathways and Partners Creating Pathways

Roses

A spooktacular bunch of roses to Linda and downtown Pharmasave for a generous donation of gruesome items to the haunted house at Fulford Hall.

Many mummified roses to the Southend Ghoulfriends who gave their time and talent to provide another haunted house to the families on Halloween night.

A fire engine full of pink roses to

all who helped make our 1st Annual Jail and Bail for Breast Cancer event such a huge success — to the tune of over \$7,000! In particular, SS Fire Rescue thanks Bellavance Welding, Tom Verhalen and TNT Signs, TJ Beans, Thrifty's, Country Grocer, SS RCMP, CFSI, the Driftwood, and of course all of our convicts: Dave Phillips, John Quesnel, chief Tom Bremner, Tracy Supina-Cottrell, Gary Brooks, Arvid Chalmers, Sid Filkow, Rita Dods, Jim Raddysh, Erin Bettger, Donna Robinson, Banana Joe and Hilary Clemente, Greg Bellavance and Latitia Lane, Tim O'Connor and John Dolman, Dave Enfield, Mike Fraser and Dr. Ron Reznick.

A huge bouquet of roses to the young man who so beautifully leaves such lovely messages in chalk on the sidewalk. His messages are inspiring, his printing works of art and his drawings comforting. Thank you. Cherry Jensen

Bushels of fragrant fall roses to IODE members for their generous donation of book funds to the Fernwood School library. As well, a huge bouquet of gratitude to Jean Stewart of IODE for stocking our "hungry kids" cupboard with all our special requests. Fernwood students and staff

Many roses to the great staff at Irwin Collision. They did an excellent job on my car, going above and beyond my expectations with their professionalism and competence. Keep up the great work!

Rainbow roses to everyone who helped out at my quilting bee. Not only did you ladies help sew my quilts but you also warmed

my heart and filled me with sunshine. Extra big roses to Gail, Kerry and Barb for all the hours spent cutting, and to Chris and the Community Gospel Chapel for hosting us. Special thanks to the dads and grandpas who stayed home with the children so the wives could come out to sew. Michelle

Phoenix Elementary School students send fresh-cut wood-scented roses to Scott Royal for donating the cord of firewood for our raffle prize. Roses to Country Grocer, Mout's and Embe for letting us sell tickets outside their businesses. Special thanks to Embe Bakery for their cash donation. Your generosity will be remembered while on our excursions. Congratulatory roses to our winner, Mrs. Nowicki. Phoenix school PAC

Roses to those who supported the RC Legion's Halloween Dance: Fran Fenly-Leask, Windsor Plywood, Harlan's, Choices, Billy Shorts, SSI Medical, Mout's, Harbour's End Marine, Blane, SS Exchange, Driftwood and the clean-up crew — and special guests The Pinkertons. I put a spell on you, and now you're mine. See you next year!

The GISS improv teams thank the Rabson family, John and Alicia Herbert, Katherine Ackerman, and the many kids who helped out at the spook house. Special thanks also to Maggie and the Stagecoach Theatre School for the loan of props, to Marv Coulthard for lighting effects, and the fire department for their safety advice and the loan of extra fire extinguishers. Let's all strive to make every event as safe and fun as this one.



PETER GROVE

Candidate for
Islands Trust,
Saltspring Island,
November 19, 2011

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- Integrity, consistency and openness in all communications
- Restoring faith in the relationship between trustees and the people they serve
- A fresh look at incorporation through a new provincial restructuring study
- Initiatives to help provide more affordable housing
- Growing our local economy through support of green technologies, sustainable farming, the arts, and tourism. We need jobs to support young families.
- Making decisions consistent with our duty to preserve and protect the natural environment.

What I have to offer:

- A powerful combination of mediation, arbitration and administration skills working with companies, institutions and individuals for 35 years in British Columbia.
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David BORROWMAN

*25 years on Salt Spring Island 6 years an Island Trustee
3 years on Trust Executive . 2 years of Trust Fund Board
11 years a Canadian diplomat*

"I share the Trust's vision for a community in harmony with the land. But the Trust is so much more than a conservation body in a vacuum. I will work hard to realize the larger Trust mandate for a healthy island community and economy."

"I support the widest possible legalization of suites and cottages consistent with water supply and watershed health. Let's provide low cost housing, mortgage helpers for young families and support for those aging in their own homes."

"I will implement a made on Salt Spring RAR solution that protects our fishbearing waters and our drinking water, while respecting property rights and Provincial law."

"Let's find the means to hold on to the fire hall property in Ganges for the community."

"I support a provincial restructure study leading to a referendum on incorporation"

"My record shows that I can build consensus and get things done."

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OPINION

'Wonderful madness' is in your hands, dear islanders

BY BRIAN BRETT

When I first came to these islands more than 50 years ago I swam with ling cod and the whales dusted me with their stinky blow-hole spray. I camped on just about every sandstone beach in this glorious archipelago, crab-stomping our eel grass bays and fishing for salmon with a white rag for a lure. At night, the northern bluebacks finning in the bays would wake me.

The people of the islands were few, yet resourceful, surviving somehow in invisible economies. I discovered desire and sex here. Now the oceans are a near-desert compared to what they once were and the population and economy is slowly but steadily growing, despite the disinformation you might hear.

Salt Spring was once wisely called "a difference of opinion surrounded by water" by our court singer, Valdy. Any of us who have spent time here remember the battles. Magic Lake on Pender. Who can forget the Ganges Sewage War, or the even more rancorous uproar over the public market? Now, in retrospect, they are almost amusing.

In the early '70s, one of the most unique governance experiments in Canada began. The Islands Trust. A democracy of big islands and little islands, where the little islands protect the big island (Salt Spring) and the big island shelters the

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small islands. It's created an oasis of heaven on the coast. To break it apart is the equivalent of stating that the West End of Vancouver should incorporate and abandon those low-lives in the East End. How ugly.

We only have to look around us and see what we could have become without the Trust. Sidney? Sechelt? Gibsons Landing? Courtenay? Nanaimo? It's not pretty.

This protection hasn't come without controversies, and pie-in-the-sky ecological schemes — trustees either ready to condo the place or kick people off the island or put everyone on bicycles. We've elected our share of ecological fruitcakes and real estate flippers. I can remember leading the campaign against the ridiculous community plan that ended up being flung at the heads of the trustees. Only recently, the foolishly rolled-out RAR regulations managed to annoy just about everyone. The concept was good and legally necessary, and the Trust still rangled almost everyone.

Yet somehow, the community has always settled down and gotten on with glorious Gulf Islands living. The Islands Trust might be a flawed child, but she's our child, and in the end, she's protected this magical community where

we all debate and celebrate. If we want to recognize organizations that damage, why are our free-enterprisers not on the case of BC Ferries, which is ripping our island apart?

During recent years a new spirit of abuse and a toxic atmosphere has appeared. It can be traced to the resort home issue. Ever since I can remember a few neighbours would rent out their cottages, or even their homes for summer weekends, hoping to pay the mortgage and providing illegal competition to the B&Bs. But since they were few and discrete, nobody paid much attention. Not until several individuals saw the industrial potential in owning 20 residential houses and turning them into hotels, or managing as many as 23 at once. These soon became party houses and neighbourly disturbances, and the Trust, in its usual slow way, attempted to shut down the most obvious of these illegal industries.

This instantly created an implacable and moneyed enemy. At the same time, arising out of this issue and other zoning questions, the ISG (Islanders for Self-Government) appeared and the campaign to emasculate the Trust by creating a municipality.

Over the years various other controversies arose, such as the application for what was essentially a strip mall in a residential area on the Fulford-Ganges road

by the Salt Spring Coffee Company. Mickey McLeod and Robbyn Scott made an honest application for what they thought would be a green roasting company. They should have known that flipping residential into an industry next to a lake eco-system would have been controversial, but a government body must consider every application and the trustees, I suspect, knew that if they gave too many negative signals they'd be publicly vilified for not being open minded. It was a classic disaster in the making. The trustees listened. The coffee company tried its best. The right decision was finally made after a lot of money and words were spent. Everyone lost.

The tragedy of governance is that many people don't recognize the legalities and the processes involved today. Incorporation won't solve them. It will only add a new layer of governance.

Why has it taken so long for Slegg Lumber to get its rezoning? One reason is that part of the land is in the fabled Agricultural Land Reserve. Now there's a wall of bureaucracy! Yet it's a good wall in many ways. I just drove from Frankfurt to the boot of Italy and was astonished at the amount of farmland and green space between cities. Europe has learned more than we have. The bureaucracy might be nerve-shattering, but they are protecting their sacred places.

Are we?

We have the honour of living on an ecological treasure. We are barking at each other in paradise and that thought alone should make us slow down.

We are now facing a tough election where smooth greenwashing trumps lousy public speakers with good ideas. It's a classic island election where the abusers are accusing the abused of being abusive. And vicious lawsuits are erupting, intimidating anyone public-spirited enough to run for office. We've come through an ugly time of insults and screaming and proxy political organizations with big money and media advisors which have led to hilariously dumb initiatives by trustees.

It would be amusing if it wasn't so tragic. All this wonderful madness is in your hands, good islanders that you are. And good luck to you, figuring out this mess, reading between the lines. But somehow I find myself trusting the intelligence of islanders.

Vote well. Maybe, down the road, we will find ourselves once more in a vibrant community where we can all survive economically and our grandchildren will once again swim with the killer whales.

The writer is an award-winning author whose latest work is Trauma Farm: A Rebel History of Rural Life.

Clear heads

My family have been full-time residents of Salt Spring for 65 years and my husband's family for almost twice that.

For years now, the Islands Trust has been looking at Salt Spring as a "retirement" community. I think it is time they got their heads out of the sand and started looking at it as a "working" community.

I would really like to see my children able to remain on the island, and their children for generations to come. Turning it into a

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park or something similar is not going to help their situation. We need more Salt Spring Coffee companies, John Quesnel and gravel pits on the island to ensure its survival.

We need affordable housing that includes basement suites and other forms of "mortgage-helpers." We need applications to the Islands Trust for workable areas expedited. It's not going to do any good if we allow more

people to live here if there are no jobs or houses they can afford to live in.

And who is going to be running the grocery stores and coffee shops if only the wealthy and narrow-minded people are living here? And if you think cutting down a tree means there will be no trees for future generations, you have never tried to keep even a small area cleared.

The mandate of the Islands Trust is, theoretically, to "preserve and protect." I would like to know who is going to preserve and protect us from

the Islands Trust? I think that job can be handled by Mark Wyatt and George Grams. They, at least, seem to be looking to the future with clear heads and no self-centred agenda.

MARILYNNECUNNINGHAM,
SALT SPRING

Stop erosion of property rights

I am disgusted with those who would steal and deface election signs.

I will be voting for Wayne McIntyre, George Grams

and Mark Wyatt, whose signs have been the only ones affected, apparently.

One must assume that the juvenile criminals involved are opposed to open and accountable governance.

Are those involved from the same group of well-meaning but damaging coupon-clippers, nouveauriche, rural gentry and social tinkers who stole hundreds of RAR hearing-notice signs a few months ago?

Do you want yet more erosion of your property rights? How about green

shores? Setbacks? Ditches? Get serious!

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THEATRE REVIEW

Daddy's Girl draws lots of laughs

Play continues at Mahon Nov. 19-20

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
 DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Salt Spring Community Theatre has added another enjoyable ensemble piece to its repertoire with *Daddy's Girl*, the humorous tale of a grumpy cook, his dead wife and an angel on a mission.

Opening last weekend and continuing for two more shows Nov. 19 and 20, *Daddy's Girl* is the perfect light touch to brighten up the November blahs. The action revolves around Maudie's Diner proprietor Benard Muloooy and his sudden opportunity to reunite with the daughter he gave up for adoption 25 years earlier, after his wife died in childbirth. Nothing much has changed at the diner during those 25 years (he still has daily conversations with Maudie's portrait), except perhaps the wait staff, until the angel Michael appears to help set things straight.

Two potential but inappropriate candidates show up at the diner and Benard has to choose between them, all the while dealing with a forgetful waitress in training, a desperate admirer and a nefarious attempt to steal the secret recipe behind Maudie's Sandwich. Meanwhile, side plots among the customers include a tongue-tied professor who comes in for the waitress, not the food, a pair of old ladies who habitually finish each other's sentences and one customer who really would prefer not to



From left, Therin Gower, Deanna Masterson and Andrea Rankin in a *Daddy's Girl* scene.

wear his shirt or shoes.

Community Theatre continues to shake things up and keep things fresh with its rotating crew of directors, this time with Jacqueline Szoke at the helm. Having several new faces among the cast also makes things fun, with the bar raised this time around with Jake Roberts' obvious professional experience evident in the lead role. His gruffness and the soft side it doesn't quite mask are equally believable, and his timing during sarcastic remarks is dead on.

Group stalwarts Christina Penhale and Scott Merrick also have anchoring roles, respectively appearing as the wife who hasn't lost sight of her husband and the angel in Elton John mode.

Newcomers Sara Jacobson and Kari King make enjoyable

debut as the potential daughters, the former embodying the haughty restaurant critic "E.L." who has no problem referring to other people as "common," and the latter portraying Lizzy, a reserved young woman who turns into a superhero of song once her glasses come off.

E.L. is eager to cash in on the potential millions of Benard's investments and tries to reverse the bad impression she's made with help from the slimy womanizer Alex (an inspired turn in slicked back ponytail and creepy mustache by Bobby McGee).

Lizzy, on the other hand, is happy with the daddy she already has, while her biker mom Big Earl Ella (played with gusto by Wendy Beatty) would be happy to create a new family with Benard as her new man. She's going to have to fight

family friend Darlynn (Marit McBride) for the prize, however, and it might be a toss-up as to who has the more creative outfit choice.

Deanna Masterson is quietly powerful as Betsey, and has clearly put her extra study under Nadine Wright to good use. Although her character may not remember where the salt and pepper should go, she becomes sympathetic to the audience for her good-natured attitude.

With plot elements that would do either a Moliere play or an episode of *Three's Company* proud, *Daddy's Girl* is ultimately the kind of play where absurd situations and characters drive both the humour and the plot. It won't come as a surprise when all's well that ends well, but there is definitely fun to be had while getting there.

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CLASSICAL MUSIC

Trio Accord's Wind, Sand and Stars premieres on SS

Vancouver group showcases results of creative residency

Wednesday, Nov. 16 marks a historic moment in ArtSpring's commitment to classical music.

Vancouver's Trio Accord will perform the premiere of a new work partially commissioned by ArtSpring and created here last August when the trio and composer Marcus Goddard participated in ArtSpring's first-ever creative residency.

Entitled *Wind, Sand and Stars*, the new work for violin, viola and cello is inspired by the writings of Antoine de Saint Exupery. The music captures the solitude and contemplative grandeur felt by a pilot flying solo over long distances in a small plane above the Sahara in the early 20th century.

Composer Marcus Goddard is principal trumpet with the Vancouver Symphony and a highly regarded composer of both orchestral and chamber music. Dr. Kong Khoo from Kelowna is co-commissioner of the new work with ArtSpring. The music will also be performed in the Okanagan at a later date after its Salt Spring premiere.

"We are very excited to have hosted the composer and musicians for a week so they could work together on this new piece," said ArtSpring executive director George Sipos. "Apart from Banff and a handful of universities, there are very few opportunities for Canadian musicians and composers to collaborate intensively on creating new work. ArtSpring is happy to fill this gap from time to time."

During the creative residency in August, the public was invited to hear the work-in-progress and have the composer answer questions about it and about the process of composition. Those who attended will now be able to hear the finished piece and see how the creative process evolved.

To make a complete concert of the premiere, Trio Accord will also perform Beethoven's *Serenade in D major*, and Brahms' *Piano Quartet in C minor*, for which they will be joined by well-known Canadian pianist Ian Parker.

Tickets for the 8 p.m. performance are available from the ArtSpring Ticket Centre (250-537-2102) or online (tickets.artspring.ca). A 7 p.m. pre-concert chat precedes the performance, at which composer Goddard will be in attendance to speak about his new work.

ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

HOUSE CONCERT

Marianne Girard ready to 'touch deeply' with music

Concert at Long Harbour B&B on Thursday night

It's time for another cozy house concert by the fire at Long Harbour B&B when Marianne Girard visits from Ontario on Thursday, Nov. 17.

"Marianne touches deeply with her music, nudging us to ponder life's offerings while revealing the funny edges of topics like love, city living, needing a handyman and being single," notes a press release. "She was nominated Best Contemporary Singer for the Canadian Folk Music Awards."

Girard's third album, called *Pirate Days*, has received rave reviews. "Pirate Days is a revelation... alternately bold and tender, the tunes are clever and memorable, the production tasteful and the ensemble musicianship of



PHOTO CONTRIBUTED

Marianne Girard performs Thursday on Salt Spring.

the finest order," wrote Greg Quill of the *Toronto Star*. "But on *Pirate Days* it's the vocal performances that stay with you. They're warm, inclusive, commanding. The confes-

sional, occasionally ribald tone of the songs is served exquisitely by a voice that's unequivocally pure and joyfully unrestrained."

House concerts hosted by Fridas Villa and

Long Harbour B&B, which is at 120 Little Mountain Rd., are known for their "warm community feel with a potluck smorgasbord of appetizers and finger foods and donations for the food bank which are taken at the door. Salt Springers cozy into couches and chairs and listen to the songs and stories of the performer with wine, tea or coffee in their hands."

The show starts at 7 p.m. Tickets are on sale at www.fridasvilla.com (see the bottom of the reservations page). Advance tickets cost \$12, while they're \$15 at the door.

People should call Diane at 250-537-1059 in advance of showing up to ensure there are seats still available. Tickets can also be reserved at that number.

A snack to share and an item for the food bank are also welcomed.

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ISLAND MUSICIANS

KC Kelly's Long & Tall Tales let loose on Friday

KC Kelly CD release party

The island is invited to help KC Kelly celebrate the launch of his new CD, *Long & Tall Tales*, this Friday, Nov. 18 at Steffich Fine Art.

"A departure from his first three CDs, this one focuses on telling some big stories, the expulsion of the Acadians from Nova Scotia, the wreck of the Spanish Armada in Ireland, burning hotels, and more," explains a press release.

Sandra Proffitt (vocals) and Monik Nordine (soprano sax) are in the mix,

with some lovely accordion playing from Andrea June.

Kelly will be joined on stage by special guest Dan Weisenberger from Victoria, a fine musician and songwriter himself.

CDs will be available at the show, and the songs can be heard in their entirety on CBC Radio 3 (search KC Kelly). MP3s are downloadable from iTunes and CDBaby, and the first video, for *Black Irish*, can be found on Kelly's YouTube channel.

Doors for Friday's show open at 7 p.m. and the music starts at 8 p.m.

Cover charge is \$5.

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PRINCIPLES: As part of the My Drawing Our World project, Salt Spring students are creating drawings of Centre for Child Honouring "principles of the week," some of which have been given to the Driftwood for printing in coming weeks. This week's drawing, done by Gia Hasenfratz from Salt Spring Centre School, depicts Conscious Parenting. "Conscious Parenting is about being good parents, parents who listen to and understand what their children are thinking and feeling and provide what they need . . . Conscious parents help guide their children to be caring, respectful and aware of others. They help their children to know right from wrong and they teach their children how to honour others. It's not about parents giving their children whatever they want; it's about parents setting boundaries and giving clear guidance with respectful love."



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JEWELLERY

Martinus on McPhillips opens

New studio for jeweller

The "master of all things gold" has followed his calling on Salt Spring for seven years and discovered the perfect new location downtown. Martinus, also known as Martin Ebbers, has relocated his studio to 121 McPhillips Ave. beside the new library.

"At last I can offer a spacious workshop for my students with four work benches and room for expansion, alongside an intriguing showroom with a relaxing atmosphere and privacy for my clients," Martinus said in a press release. Martinus teaches weekend ring-making workshops for beginners and sessions in troubleshooting and advanced

techniques in apprenticeship-style programs. Martinus achieved his master goldsmith degree and teaching certification through the esteemed Institute of Goldsmithing and Arts called Staatliche Zeichenakademie in Hanau, Germany. "In British Columbia, Martinus is becoming recognized for his superior design work which

translates the stunning, natural beauty on the West Coast into exquisite artistic statements in precious materials that sparkle and adorn the body." For more information, visit www.martinus-gold.com. A public grand opening event takes place on Saturday, Nov. 19 between 11 a.m. and 4 p.m.

DRAMA

Testament of a Naked Man shares the good news according to Mark

Special performance at All Saints this Thursday

Actor and priest Rev. Angus Stuart comes to Salt Spring on Thursday to present his one-man drama Testament of a Naked Man at All Saints By-the-Sea. Stuart, from West Vancouver, created the piece in which he recites from memory the New

Testament Gospel of Mark. He has performed the show at several venues in the Lower Mainland and on the Sunshine Coast. The Nov. 17 Salt Spring show begins at 7 p.m. "He began this project by memorizing the portions of the Bible read on the Sunday before Easter that tell the story of the last week of Jesus' ministry," explains a press release.

"The week is marked by conflict with the religious authorities, the Roman occupation government, and Jesus' suffering and death." Angus found the story had entered into his heart "and was alive there," so he gradually added verses, just to see if he could do it. Tickets are on sale in the parish office (250-537-2171 or e-mail ssanglican@shaw.ca) for \$15.

POETRY

New edition of Levitt's poetry classic released

Re-release of much-loved One Hundred Butterflies



Award-winning poet and author Peter Levitt will launch a new edition of his book, One Hundred Butterflies, on Friday, Nov. 25 at Lions Hall.

According to the press release, "The short poems in this newly designed edition of the much beloved One Hundred Butterflies offer readers the full range of humour, wisdom and a love of life for which their author is known."

Levitt's book, based on his Zen practice and what it has brought to his life, received a terrific boost when Natalie Goldberg, famed author of Writing Down the Bones and other books, endorsed it on the back cover, writing "Almost 20 years ago I read these poems and

loved them. Now they are back in print and I love them even more. What is better than a short piece, a slice, a moment of words that stops you dead like a black exploding sun? There is real happiness here in this book. Come to it no matter how grieved or unhappy you may be."

Originally published in 1992, the first edition sold out almost immediately, but shortly afterwards the Seattle publisher went out of business. At his poetry readings over the years, Levitt was asked for copies of the book many times, but none

were available. "Now," he said, "happily, I can hand people a book and say here you go! It's really so great to be able to do so, since people seem to love the size of this book and these poems."

Levitt will sign copies at next Friday's free event, which begins at 7 p.m.

Levitt has also provided a couple of poems from the book:

Watermelons and Zen students grow pretty much the same way.

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POWER TO MOVE: Helani Davison performs her original *Daughter of Chaos* piece at All Saints last week, an exploration of addiction and mental health issues. Photographer and poet Diana Hayes described the show as “a very powerful presentation and an incredible life story.”

WRITING

Dynamic team leads journal sessions

Workshop ideal for women in the midst of change

An exciting collaboration of benefit to women continues next week with the offering of the upcoming workshop called *Journaling and Journeying through Transitions*.

Co-facilitated by Wendy Judith Cutler, feminist writer, teacher and activist, and Emma-Louise Eley, a life coach and writer, the Sunday, Nov. 27 workshop

is especially for women who are in the midst of change and are journeying through life's transitions, turning points, endings, beginnings, changes and challenges. It is intended for both those who already journal, those who have in the past (and perhaps stopped) or those who want to begin.

“In a nurturing and intimate circle, participants will use free-writing, mapping, guided visualization and other creative practices to tap into their intuition, share stories and

explore possibilities to help one journey through life's changes with confidence, self-compassion and trust,” explains press material. “Journal writing is a potent tool for reflection, self-intimacy and to strengthen one's inner resources.”

Cutler and Eley are close friends and members of a long-standing women's writing circle which has been meeting for over four years. The circle began as the first Women Writing Memoir course that Cutler taught through Community Education.

This workshop runs from 11 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. in a beautiful cedar yurt across from the ocean in the serene south end of the island. Tea, snacks and handouts will be provided.

Space is limited to ensure the intimate nature of the group.

The cost is \$90 (early bird just \$75 until Sunday, Nov. 20).

For more information and to register, contact Cutler at 250-653-4286 (winnie@saltspring.com) or Eley at 250-537-2250 (emma@simplicitylifecoaching.com).

LIBRARY

Animals theme begins at library

Friday sessions for youth

StoryTime at the Library returns on Friday, Nov. 18 with the first in an animals theme series.

Children in preschool and early grades can hear some pig adventures this Friday, followed by pussycat stories on Nov. 25.

Other 2011 sessions at the library annex at 108 Jackson Ave. are on Dec. 2, 9 and 16.

StoryTime sessions

run for 45 to 60 minutes beginning at 1 p.m., with the kids listening to stories and participating in creative activities such as play acting, singing and cut-and-paste fun.

Flags will be flying at the annex on StoryTime afternoon.

Check out www.saltspringisland.bc.lib.ca or see the What's On calendar in the Driftwood or at www.gulfislandsdriftwood.com to find out the week's theme.

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I sometimes wonder if our planet is the asylum of the universe for disordered minds.
— Goethe



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WIT & WHIMSY

Ever get the feeling you've been shanghaied into showing up at the wrong cocktail party? Or perhaps downloaded onto the wrong planet?

It's the little jarring signs, such as finding yourself living next to a nation which is in the process of selecting candidates for Supreme Leader — and the contenders are as bizarre a collection of nutbars, fruitcakes, Flat Earthers and tin pot fascists as you could find this side of the bar scene in Star Wars.

Or hearing the news that baseball fans lined up to pay \$250 a pop for a half-ounce of clay taken from the baseball diamond where Derek Jeter got his 3,000th major league hit last summer. Other mementoes from that game available for purchase: 30 baseballs used during the game (\$2,000 each); first, second and third base (\$7,500 per bag) and one pair of Jeter's sweaty socks (\$1,000 — all prices USD, no HST).

How about the results of that survey conducted by London's Museum of Science last month? It asked 3,000 Britons to list things they absolutely could not live without.

According to science, the correct answers are: air, water, food, sleep and sex. According to the British survey results air, sleep and sex don't even make the top ten. Four absolute indispensables that do: the mobile phone, Internet connection, email and Facebook.

No wonder increasing numbers of citizens can be seen jaywalking down the streets staring off into space and jabbering to them-

selves like lunatics.

Oh, sorry. Those are Bluetooth customers.

First time I saw a guy decked out in a Bluetooth earpiece in a restaurant I thought I was witnessing the victim of a hideously botched plastic surgery experiment. The gizmo gives off a whiff of robot and always struck me as the ultimate in ubergeekdom, but hey, I've still got vinyl records, so what do I know?

Speaking of whiffs, are you familiar with the work of Christopher Brosius? No?

Where have you been, child? Christopher Brosius is a New York perfumier — he manufactures perfumes. Some people — especially Christopher Brosius — think that he's quite possibly the most talented and innovative perfume maker in the world.

He's come up with some doozies, alright. Brosius specializes in fragrances that invoke memories of childhood — hence his offering of phials and atomizers that dispense scents of Green Bean, Baseball Glove and (my favourite) Clean Baby Butt. But that's minor league stuff for Christopher Brosius. Like a psychic bloodhound he's got his nose high in the air sniffing the next perfume frontier. A perfume so subtle, so evanescent, so exclusive...

... that no one will be able to smell it.

He's already got a name for the wonder fragrance. He's going to call it “Where We Are There Is No Here.”

Perfect. Especially for a perfume maker with a website called “I Hate Perfume.”

I think I might have managed to hang on to my few remaining marbles had I not come across another news story. YLAN TAKING UP THE PIPES the headline reads:

Oh, please, god — no. Bob Dylan and the Scottish bagpipes? The Marquis de Sade couldn't have thought that up. As a man with an impeccable Scottish pedigree (Clan Macgregor) and a mouldy collection of Bob Dylan's first LPs let me declare my bias right up front: I think Dylan wrote some of the best popular music of the twentieth century — but he hasn't uttered an intelligible lyric in the past 30 years. Theoretically that makes him a good match for the bagpipes, which when played properly still sound like a hyena being waterboarded.

And yet Dylan travels the world constantly, playing sold out concert after sold out concert, during each of which he comes on stage, ignores the audience, mumbles and growls through a medley of his hits in the wrong key, singing the wrong words, playing in the wrong tempo... and leaves the stage to a standing ovation. Pretty soon he'll be doing all that — and playing the bagpipes.

A French philosopher by the name of Augustus Saint-Gaudens once said: “What garlic is to a salad, insanity is to art.”

Perhaps some day Dylan will write a song about that.

Not that we'll ever understand him when he sings it.

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NEW CAR REVIEW

2012 Hyundai Genesis Sedan gets refreshed look

By Neil Moore, Metroland Media Carguide Magazine

Eight-speed automatic transmission and better fuel economy

LAS VEGAS, Nevada: Some question the wisdom of a non-premium automaker building premium cars, but I think it's quite clever.

Over the course of a decade, the swift succession of XG300, XG350 and Azera sedans, along with the Veracruz crossover and finally the Canadian and North American Car of the Year, Genesis Sedan, has virtually wiped out all but the most painful memories of the Pony and Stellar.

These mid-'80s rust buckets are no longer millstones around the company's neck any more than today's Ford is hobbled by the exploding Pinto and the dissolving Maverick of the '70s — the latter of which my family had the misfortune to own.

It's a speedy and successful repositioning of Hyundai from cheap-and-cheerful to a serious contender in any segment they compete.

I would also suggest that despite the lack of brand cachet, the Genesis rear-wheel-drive luxury sedan can hold its own against just about any vehicle in its price range, which in this case spans an entry point of \$39,999 for the base 3.8-litre to \$53,499 for the more powerful and fully loaded Genesis 5.0-litre R-Spec.

This sounds like a lot of money for a Hyundai, and for 2012 it's even more than the current model. The base car has gone up \$1,000 and the top-trim, V6-powered Genesis is now priced the same as last year's 4.6-litre V8.

That being said, these models all benefit from a big bump in power, better fuel economy, an eight-speed automatic (up from six-speed) and more standard and available content.

The big news for Genesis is the R-Spec, its single all-in, eight-cylinder trim level, powered by Hyundai's largest and most powerful engine to-date — the 5.0-litre Tau V8 with gasoline direct injection (GDI).

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Although the 2012 Genesis enjoys a big bump in power, exterior changes are more subtle. The refreshed model does, however, appear more aggressive with a larger lower intake and redesigned trapezoidal headlights with striking LED accents.

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ISLAND WHEELS

Hyundai goes for upscale market with Genesis Sedan



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The Tau, which was recently named to the Ward's Ten Best Engines list, produces 429 hp and 376 lb/ft of torque. This is not only bests the previous 4.6-litre V8 engine's 385 hp and 333 lb/ft, but with an output of 85.8 hp per litre, sits above its naturally aspirated premium luxury competitors as well.

To find the extra power, the cylinder walls were bored out to a larger diameter, and GDI was added — a technology that significantly increases power and torque while simultaneously reducing fuel consumption and emissions.

Not that buyers in this segment are necessarily thrifty, but it's nice to know that the added muscle came without a fuel penalty. The engine is rated at 13.1/8.1 L/100 km (city/hwy), which is nearly identical to last year's smaller powerplant.

The 3.8-litre V6 also enjoys some big gains in power. Not that the previous engine was a slouch at 290 hp and 264 lb/ft of torque, but the 2012 version now delivers even more punch.

Also with GDI technology, the new V6 delivers 333 hp (a gain of 15 per cent) and 291 lb/ft. All this, along with lower emissions and a five percent improvement in fuel economy (now 11.1/6.9 L/100 km).

During the launch, I didn't have much time in either Genesis, but will admit that although the 5.0-litre model is more powerful, it's not dramatically quicker.

And that's not a slam against the R-Spec, but a tribute to the

liveliness of the 3.8.

The 5.0-litre also comes with a stiffer suspension, perhaps a little too stiff for a large, quiet and otherwise plush luxury sedan. If Hyundai really wants to push the sports aspect of this trim level, I'd suggest a little exhaust growl to go along with its more aggressive driving dynamics.

Both engines are paired with Hyundai's proprietary eight-speed automatic transmission with Shiftronic manual control. This is accomplished with the console-mounted shifter, as no steering wheel paddles are available.

Like the former six-speed, it is extremely smooth and quiet, but also feels to be geared more towards fuel economy. A sport setting would be appreciated, giving drivers the option of a quicker throttle response and later shifts.

The interior of the Genesis remains pretty much the same as last year, but the exterior has been refreshed.

The 2012 model now wears a more aggressive front with a larger lower intake and redesigned trapezoidal headlights with striking LED accents. From the side, rocker panels protrude even more, and brushed aluminum window surrounds are a nice touch.

The rear has new combination taillamps and dual integrated exhausts in the back bumper. The R-Spec also gets a set of 19-inch alloys.

On the inside, the Genesis is fitted as nicely as you'd expect for a premium, full-sized sedan.

You can check the Hyundai web site for specific content, but I will note that the company still has one minor problem to fix. Although they provide heating for up to four seats, cooling is only available for the driver.

It's a minor gripe, but one I'm sure wouldn't be missed by my wife on a scorching summer day.

That aside, the Genesis Sedan does offer a lot of car for the money, despite only accounting for a relatively small share of the segment with 317 units sold in the first half of 2011. But this vehicle is up against some stiff competition in the pricier Mercedes-Benz E-Class and BMW 5-Series, both of which can be had with all-wheel-drive.

Hyundai expects sales figures to grow with the improvements for 2012, and understands that a good number of buyers want AWD in this type of vehicle. One executive I spoke with admitted that it's on the way, but there's no word yet on timing.

Will the Genesis be as successful as other Hyundai vehicles in their respective segments? Probably not, as no matter what the build quality and content levels, buyers today still expect the prestige of a luxury marque.

Granted, cars like the Genesis Sedan and the even more luxurious Equus sedan may have little impact on the bottom line, but they do an even more important job in demonstrating the capability of this manufacturer.

Which can't help but continue enhancing buyer perceptions throughout the rest of Hyundai's product lineup.

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BODY STYLE: Full-size premium sedan

DRIVE METHOD: front-engine, rear-wheel-drive

ENGINE: 5.0-litre V8 with Gasoline Direct Injection (429 hp, 376 lb/ft of torque); 3.8-litre V6 with GDI (333 hp, 291 lb/ft of torque)

FUEL ECONOMY: 5.0-litre V8 13.1/8.1 L/100 km (city/hwy); 3.8-litre V6 11.1/6.9 L/100 km (city/hwy)

SAFETY: eight airbags, ABS with brake assist and electronic brakeforce distribution, electronic stability control with traction control

PRICE: Genesis 3.8 \$39,999; 3.8 w/Premium Package \$44,999; 3.8 w/Technology Package \$49,499; 5.0 R-Spec \$53,499

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What's On This Week

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Wed. November 16

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Simply Organic
Lottie Devindisch hosts the show of organ pieces from CDs. Free event, with coffee and muffins available afterwards for \$2. All Saints Anglican Church. 10:10 a.m.

Trio Accord & Ian Parker
World premiere of a work developed on Salt Spring, as well as trios and quartets by Brahms and Beethoven. ArtSpring. 8 p.m.

Open Stage with Stephanie Rhodes
Moby's Oyster Bar & Marine Grill. 8 p.m.

ACTIVITIES

Advance Election Poll
Ganges Fire Hall or at Mary Winspear Centre in Sidney. 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Film Nite at Morningside Organic Bakery and Cafe
See Magic Trip, a colourful documentary about Ken Kesey's road trip across America. 7 p.m.

Scholastic Book Sale
Family and community day. Fernwood Elementary School. 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Thurs. November 17

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Marianne Girard House Concert
Long Harbour B&B. 7 p.m. 120 Little Mt. Rd. Info: 250-537-1059.

Open Mic with Richard Cross
The Local 6 p.m.

Testament of a Naked Man
The Rev. Angus Stuart recites from memory the New Testament Gospel of Mark. All Saints. 7 p.m.

ACTIVITIES

Meet CRD Candidate Leslie Wallace
Hot apple cider will be served. Central Community Hall Society. 4 p.m.

SSI Weavers and Spinners Guild
Weekly meeting ArtSpring. 10:30 a.m.

Salt Spring Island Community Economic Development Commission meets
School Board Office meeting room. 4 p.m.

SPLASH SS Pool Association
Annual General Meeting. Salt Spring Sailing Club. 7 p.m.

Fri. November 18

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Salt Spring Community Theatre presents 'Daddy's Girl'
A Gary Ray Stapp comedy. Mahon Hall. 8 p.m.

Live music at Raven Street Market Cafe
Musical duo Richard and Wesley. Raven Street Market Cafe. 6 p.m.

KC Kelly CD Release
For Long & Tall Tales. Special guest Dan Weisenberger. Steffich Fine Art. 8 p.m.

Live Music at Moby's
Jukebox Social. 8 p.m.

Live Music at the Harbour House Hotel
Sweetwater & Co. 6:30 p.m.

Live Music at the Treehouse Cafe
Julia Beattie. 6 p.m.

ACTIVITIES

Film Nite at Morningside Organic Bakery and Cafe
See the edgy, award-winning drama, Fix. 7 p.m.

Storytime at the Library Annex
Animals in the Library: Pigs Everywhere. Suitable for preschool and early grade children. Salt Spring Library Annex. 1 p.m.

Sat. November 19

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Live at the Harbour House - Lloyd English and Ian Van Wyck. 6:30 p.m.

Viva Voce - Songs from the Heart
Deb Toole leads choir at ArtSpring. 8 p.m.

Live Music at Moby's with Sweet Ginger - Bluegrass band. 8 p.m.

Live Music at the Local - Lost Boy Found with The Go To Me's. 7 p.m.

Live Music at the Salt Spring Inn with the Barley Bros. - 6 p.m.

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ACTIVITIES

Local Election Day
Polls at Community Gospel Chapel, Fulford Elementary, Salt Spring Elementary. 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Farmers Market in Centennial Park
Farmers continue to sell their produce as weather permits. 9 a.m.

4th Annual Home Based Business Fair
A chance to shop locally and support islanders with home based businesses. Harbour House Hotel. 9:30 a.m.

Anglican Parish Christmas Bazaar
All Saints Anglican Church. 9 a.m.

Sat. November 19

ACTIVITIES

Film Nite at Morningside Organic Bakery and Cafe
See Friday listing.

Inspire the World
Dinner, live and silent auction fundraiser for BC Cancer Foundation put on by Thriftify Foods. Meaden Hall. 5 p.m.

Manifesting Workshop with Kristie Straarup
Learn to manifest-clear what's blocking you and tap into divine energy. 10 a.m. 250-537-1219.

Martins Studio Grand Opening
121 McPhillips Ave. 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Sun. November 20

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Diana English at the Piano Bar
Harbour House Hotel. 6 p.m.

Live Music at the Harbour House Hotel with English & English
6:30 p.m.

Sun. November 20

ACTIVITIES

Dowsing Workshop - Cecile Petra
Conscious Co-Creation: Healing the Earth, Healing Ourselves session. 171 Kitchen Road. 9 a.m. astrader@shaw.ca

Therapeutic Personal Massage Workshop
Facilitated by Brian Pack, LMT. Pre-registration in pairs necessary. North End Fitness. 1 p.m.

5 Rhythms Class - Shauna Devlin
Drop in. Ganges Yoga Centre. 9:30 a.m. http://www.shaunadevlin.com.

Mental Time Travel
Anthony Hamilton leads session. Fulford Hall 2 to 4 p.m.

Legion Event & Meeting
War in the Mind Film followed by branch meeting at the Legion. 11:30 a.m.

Mon. November 21

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Rock Salt Unplugged
Live music every Monday Rock Salt Restaurant and Cafe. 6 p.m.

Texas Holdem hosted by Jeff
The Local 6:30 p.m.

Mon. November 21

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

An Evening with Liona Boyd
Five-time Juno award-winner with special guest Michael Savona. ArtSpring. 7:30 p.m.

BettySoo and Doug Cox Concert
Acoustic roots music hosted by Peter Prince, who will also be the show's opening act. Lions Hall. 6:30 p.m.

ACTIVITIES

In the Driver's Seat Workshop
An interactive workshop sponsored by BCAA and facilitated by GISS PAC. Parent Advisory Committee chair Alicia Herbert provides parents with the knowledge, tools and resources to have a positive influence on their teen's driving. GISS multi-purpose room. 7 p.m.

Tues. November 22

ACTIVITIES

Party for Charles Hingston and Mike Krayenhoff
Thank-you party for retiring Salt Spring school trustees. School board office. 2 p.m.

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- Gecko Green Living at 103 McPhillips Ave.** is now showing art and photography by local artists Diane Mortensen, Julianna Slomka and Elehna de Sousa.
- Pegasus Gallery of Canadian Art** shows Prints and Other Works on Paper; Six Bronze Sculptures by Sorel Etrog.
- Robert Prince** shows relief pieces at Penny's Pantry.
- Peter Osterweghel** has 24 pieces of his photography hanging in the Harbour House Hotel lobby and restaurant.
- Beside the Salish Sea** — mixed-media art, photography and haiku by Elehna de Sousa is showing at Islands Savings Credit Union.
- The Porch Gallery** is open Sundays from 12 to 4 p.m. at the home of Mother Tongue Publishing's Mona Fertig & Peter Haase, 290 Fulford-Ganges Rd. Featuring work of George Fertig, Jack Akroyd, Irene Hoffer Reid, Wim Blom, Ina D.D. Uthoff, Gary Sim, LeRoy Jensen, Gordon Caruso and Peter Haase.
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DEATHS

Norma Irene Barlow
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 November 9, 2011



Norma is remembered by friends and family as a loving, generous and caring spirit. Born in Vancouver, BC on the 22nd of January, 1919, she died with two of her great-nieces beside her, on November 9, 2011. Her parents were Walter and Isabella Barlow of North Vancouver BC. She is survived by her nieces, Irene Stacey of Salt Spring, BC, Sheila Stacey of Duncan, BC, many great-nieces and nephews. Memorial Service will be held on Wednesday, November 16th at 1:00 PM at the Columbia-Bowell Funeral Chapel, 219-6th St., New Westminster.

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Know Thyself: A Day of 5Rhythms & The Way of Council for Women
 November 26
 10-4:30 Stowel Lake Farm, the Gatehouse

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The Island Arts Centre Society (ArtSpring) will hold its AGM on:
Saturday, December 3rd at 2:00 pm at ArtSpring in the ArtSpring Gallery.
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COMING EVENTS

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Val will be remembered for many things. She was a devoted mom, a loving daughter, sister, aunt and friend, a musician, a painter, a poet, an activist, an entrepreneur, a blogger-extraordinaire, and a rather savvy craigslist shopper.

Her life was short, but it was full. Bursting at the seams. Spilling into the streets. In every day she packed in so much love, friendship, and beauty.

Please join us in celebrating Val's life at St. Luke's Parish Hall, 3821 Cedar Hill Cross Road, on December 10th from 2 - 4 pm.

We would like to thank the doctors, nurses, and staff at the Royal Jubilee for their exemplary care. In lieu of flowers, we encourage you to donate to your favorite charity.

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to our patients
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Tuesday, November 15 - Friday, November 18

The office will reopen
Monday, November 21
We apologize for any inconvenience
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INFORMATION

INFORMATION NEEDED on stolen black 2008 Dodge Ram 4 door taken Sept. 26/2011 from 3100 block 18th Ave., Port Alberni, plate #CW7744. Call Darlene at ICBC at (250)731-2255 quoting claim #P183524.4

LEGALS

NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND OTHERS
 Re: The estate of **KIMBERLEY ELLEN HOBAN**, a.k.a. **KIMBERLEY ELLEN HOBAN**. Deceased, formerly of 161 Norton Road, Salt Spring Island, BC, V8K 2P5. Creditors and others having claims against the Estate of **KIMBERLEY ELLEN HOBAN**, are hereby notified under section 38 of the *Trustee Act* that particulars of their claims should be sent to the Executors at Box 414, Ganges P.O., Salt Spring Island, BC, V8K 2W1, on or before December 8, 2011, after which date the Executors will distribute the estate among the parties entitled to it, having regard to the claims of which the Executor then has notice. James Pasuta, Solicitor for the Estate of **KIMBERLEY ELLEN HOBAN**, a.k.a. **KIMBERLEY ELLEN HOBAN**.

NOTICE OF SEIZURE

The motor vessel Timalu, A 33 ft. Cabin Cruiser presently moored at the Salt Spring Harbour Authority's Centennial Wharf facility is now under seizure for non payment of moorage in the amount of \$965.68 plus additional charges of \$946 in Bailiff and legal fees. The registered owner of this vessel Ms. Paget Murphy, or the boat manager Mr. Kerry Thompson have 14 (fourteen) days from the date of this publication to satisfy the outstanding debt after which the vessel will be sold. Interested parties may view the above described vessel at 127 Fulford Ganges Road, Salt Spring Island B.C. All offers or inquiries should be directed to the Harbour Managers Office at the same address. Phone (250) 537-5711, email: harbour@hassi.ca
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Re: The Estate of CHRISTOPHER LEE BUELL, Deceased, formerly of Salt Spring Island.

Creditors and others having claims against the Estate of CHRISTOPHER LEE BUELL otherwise known as CHRIS BUELL, are hereby notified under section 38 of the Trustee Act that particulars of their claims should be sent to the Administrator c/o Owen Bird Law Corporation, P.O. Box 49130, 2900 595 Burrard Street, Vancouver, B.C. V7X 1J5 (Attention: Daniel W. Burnett), on or before December 7, 2011, after which date the Administrator will distribute the Estate among the parties entitled to it, having regard only to the claims of which the Administrator then has notice.

ANGELA BUELL, Administrator
Owen Bird Law Corporation, Solicitors

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND OTHERS

RE: The estate of FRANK CULLIS, deceased, formerly of 130 Ontario Place, Salt Spring Island, BC, V8K 2L5.

Creditors and others having claims against the estate of FRANK CULLIS are hereby notified under section 38 of the Trustee Act that particulars of their claims should be sent to the executor c/o Aikenhead Moscovich & Jones, Barrister & Solicitors at 316-2000 East First Avenue, Vancouver, BC, V6M 4P3 on or before December 9, 2011 after which date the executor will distribute the estate among the parties entitled to it, having regard to the claims of which the executor then has notice.

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NOTICE OF OFFICE CLOSURE

THE SALT SPRING ISLAND OFFICE OF THE ISLANDS TRUST WILL BE CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC ON WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 23RD AND WILL RE-OPEN AT 8:30 AM, THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 24TH, 2011.

WE APOLOGIZE FOR ANY INCONVENIENCE THIS MAY CAUSE.

IN CASE OF EMERGENCIES, PLEASE CONTACT OUR VICTORIA OFFICE AT 250-405-5151.

Dr. D.W. (BBO) CROSSLAND is closing his office permanently as of 18 November 2011.

He will do Internal Medicine consultations in hospital and home visits on a part time basis.

Harbour Authority of Salt Spring Island Notice of Annual General Meeting

To be held
Wednesday November 16, 2011
at 7:00 p.m.

Harbour House Hotel, Salt Spring Island.
Financial Statements & Appointment of Auditors, Presentation of Directors, New Business

Harbour Authority

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2 BDRM Fulford waterfront \$950 /mo. incl Hydro, internet and use of sauna. Contact Royal Property Management at 250-537-5577.

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118 QUARRY DR. Sat. Nov. 19, 10 am-2pm. Under cover so rain or shine. Tools, camping, skiing, kayaking equipment, gardening items, nuts & bolts, household items, dishes, furniture, piano, canoe, inversion table, lawn mower, baseboard heaters, light fixtures & more bargains.

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LOCAL POLITICS

School trustee candidates stage friendly gathering

Upcoming education challenges discussed

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

A Nov. 8 meeting with the candidates for school board trustee proved to be a welcome antidote to the more heated exchanges surrounding recent local politics.

Moderator Les Brost, a school trustee in Alberta for 15 years, set out the rules for the evening with a demand for respectful and to-the-point questions, and stated no tolerance for heckling or placard-waving. The capacity crowd at the high school cafeteria showed no appetite for such behaviour, however, and instead served up a menu of well-considered issues for the school board hopefuls to digest.

Eight candidates, (listed in the order of their opening speeches) — Katharine Byers, Scott Howe, Rob Pingle, Michael Ryan, John Wakefield, Kathy Page, Neal Wilkinson and Cindy Clark — in return offered answers that showcased their positions, abilities, sense of humour and teamwork.

Christine Hunt, a ninth candidate vying for one of the three available places with the board, did not participate because of a prior commitment.

During the two-minute opening speeches, Byers said with the move toward 21st-century learning ideals, “The school district superintendent needs trustees that share his vision for authentic, place-based, project-based learning, who will work with him to ensure all our children succeed to the very best of their abilities; trustees who are engaged with the changes of our education system, and who are committed to moving forward in an effective and equitable way.”

Howe explained that his focus in running for school trustee is on improving foundation skills.

“While our district is seen across the province as an outstanding example of much of what is good in our education system,” he said, “I would say from the information I have seen . . . that we don’t have enough kids that exceed expectations in math skills, reading and writing. For me the results are not good enough, and we must keep this a priority. If our children are to be exceptional, they have to be more than average.”

Pingle, an incumbent who just finished serving his first term, said he would like to continue his work as trustee.

“I really think that our district is amazing and it has great opportunities to embrace the changes that are there in front of us that the BC Ministry of Education would like us to work with. They’re asking for our input at this time, and this is the time when we can speak as a whole through our school board and as individuals to share where we think education should be going.”

Ryan said his background and knowledge gained from a long career in education would be an asset to the school board, especially during the transition to a new learning model.

“Everyone’s talking about 21st-century learning, but what is it? Different people have different views of what it is. So it’s really important for us to get together as parents, as teachers, to have forums, and understand what it is, and then have a plan of imple-

mentation, and especially a plan to evaluate what it is that we’re doing,” he said.

Wakefield’s position is that the transition in education models is a time of opportunity for an already great school district.

“Yes, we have challenges, but there are also exciting opportunities ahead. The board’s primary directive is to improve student performance by engaging the community. We need to encourage all stakeholders to take an active part in the evolution of our district. We need trustees that are equally adept at raising the bar as well as making consensus at the table.”

Page said she has concerns and questions “about the practicalities of implementing 21st-century education in our district,” noting the system will need to be implemented in a way that prepares students for the changes with strong foundation skills.

For an explanation of “21st-century learning,” see the News & Election tabs at www.gulfislands-driftwood.com.

“Resources are always limited. Personalized learning will require more, not less. We are famous for ingenuity but still, some special needs and other students fall through the cracks. Parents are increasingly expected to participate — a wonderful thing for sure, but not possible for all. This creates inequality. I want to help make a school system that works for all.”

Wilkinson told the audience a large part of his family’s reason for moving to the island was its education system and also its strong sense of community, which he has engaged in fully during the election campaign.

“Since doing this the learning curve has been huge,” he said.

“I’ve learned tons of stuff talking to teachers, administrators, parents and the kids. It’s been great walking around all the schools and I would like to bring the information I’ve gathered from them to the board. And I’d really like to hear what you have to say.”

Working for the last five years as a family counsellor on the outer Gulf Islands, Clark said she has been working to create bridges between families and schools and has become more aware of challenges teachers face in the district’s classrooms.

“The other thing that concerns me is with the 21st-century learning plan coming in, there’s a lot of change that’s going to come with that. I think it’s going to be really positive change, but there’s going to be struggle as well, so I want to support ease of that struggle if I can.”

Questions from the audience following the speeches tackled issues including the four-day school week, communication between the board and the community and even how the “Occupy” protests going on around the world would figure into potential trustee work.

One member of the audience observed that previous questions about the four-day week and 21st-century learning were largely concerned with revenue.

“What ideas do you have for maximizing revenue in order to maintain and expand programs for students?” he asked.

In order of response, Ryan said, “I am a proponent for any school district to seek funds other than from the Ministry of Education. To expect the ministry to have full pockets and suddenly give more and more money is a dream and I think we have to be independent and seek other forms, alternative forms of monies.”

Clark demurred from the business model and said, “I think we have a lot of really amazing resources here that we could look at using as efficiently as possible. So before we go and spend money on more resources, [let’s look at] what’s available, what’s here, what can we use, how can we use it so we’re effective and efficient.”

Pingle observed the district has introduced programs in the past few years that are both educationally innovative and bring in extra funding.

“The SEEC program on Saturna is a unique way to educate people about the environment, in a wonderful environment, and it actually ends up being a way for our district to receive additional funds because of the isolation of the Saturna school.”

“I think the good thing about 21st-century learning and its use of technology is we can possibly get more technology into rooms and save in other ways,” Wilkinson said, noting the \$20 million spent per year on paper in schools across the province. He also noted funding generated by the international student program.

Page warned against the district getting involved in business projects. “I think the business model is something we actually have to get away from. The countries that do education well, like Finland, they do it well . . . because they have high taxes. And they have an idea of the common good, which people want to contribute to.”

Byers agreed that the board could advocate for more funds from the ministry, saying, “I would certainly support that and be a strong voice in doing that.” In addition, she advised supporting green business practices and making energy savings with an aggressive hydro reduction program.

Wakefield suggested a three-tiered approach of reducing expenditures, advocating for more money from the ministry, and looking at appropriate revenue streams such as GISPA and international education.

“We have to be careful to not over-compensate and over-skew to a business model, but I believe they will play a part in trying to meet these financial challenges,” he said.

Howe agreed with Page that adopting a business model should be avoided, adding, “We should not be losing focus here and we need to focus on education — we should not be focusing on side businesses to try to generate revenue. We can do that through our international programs and through GISPA, but we’ve got enough on our plate as it is and we’ve got to spend that dealing with our education system.”

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Horoscope

Aries (Mar 21 – Apr 20)

Clearing the old to make way for the new continues. To this end you are determined to make extra efforts. A review of your priorities is featured. Financial concerns and considerations are likely. Yet deeper questions are on your mind as well. Your sights are set on creating genuine security and satisfaction for yourself and others.

Taurus (Apr 20 – May 21)

Passionate exchanges on relationship fronts continue. Circumstances are pushing you to create and negotiate for improvements. This will require the letting go of certain things, attitudes and/or perspectives replacing them with better ones. Yet the answers you seek are not so straightforward. It is time to openly negotiate for agreeable solutions.

Gemini (May 21 – Jun 21)

Cleaning, clearing, and purging to bring closure to one cycle and to prepare for the next lingers. Yet, you have also been doing your best to be social and this desire is growing. Assessing your situation, deciphering priorities between short and long term goals persists. Ideally your long term health remains at the top of your list.

Cancer (Jun 21 – Jul 22)

Looking to the future, you are determined to create a smoother flow. This may require that you re-invent yourself somehow. Digging deep to access hidden gifts, talents or to decipher the possibilities is likely. To realize some of your goals and dreams you may need to make some measurable improvements and/or adjustments.

Leo (Jul 22 – Aug 23)

Staying close to home in your den, workshop or studio has been your inclination of late. Yet, you are beginning to feel restless and inspired to play and venture. Your ambitions are on the rise, yet your energy levels may not be. Steady and sure remains ideal. Do the ground work now amidst play time in preparation for an expansive focus in the New Year.

Virgo (Aug 23 – Sep 22)

An independent and introspective cycle continues. The gears are shifting though and you are opening to stimulating exchanges of ideas, philosophies and talents. Having it your way, these will occur close to home and/or with your closest friends. Coming to assess what is truly important is the lead question. Consider that it is to celebrate creativity.

Libra (Sep 22 – Oct 22)

Tending to the very real practical affairs of life continues. Also recognizing the spiritual and/or mystifying aspects is suggestive of a complex

mix of perspectives. Exchanging perceptions, concepts and philosophies meanwhile is stimulating desires for nurturing, beyond the basics. Major changes on relationship fronts are central to the plot and this will continue.

Scorpio (Oct 22 – Nov 21)

Taking key initiatives to push through and beyond any restrictions continues. That the main blocks may be linked to your own self-concepts and familiar lifestyle patterns may be a bitter pill to swallow. So, will it be the red or the blue pill? You know, one will reveal the deeper truth and the other will perpetuate comfortable illusions. Choices, choices. . .!

Sagittarius (Nov 21 – Dec 21)

The urge to retreat continues. That some may call it escape is up for review. You do want to make some key improvements. This desire is leading you to entertain the creative possibilities. Establishing a more stable, reliable and healthy lifestyle rhythm likely remains a top priority. Making small improvements everyday is a well worn road to success.

Capricorn (Dec 21 – Jan 19)

Rubbing elbows with those of authority, influence and creative powers of all kinds remains a main focus. You are and have been industriously determined to get to the bottom of things. Yet the focus will shift this week to a more conservative approach. Your scope of communications continues, yet probably more from behind the scenes.

Aquarius (Jan 19 – Feb 19)

Understanding that true power serves and true service activates genuine and integral personal power continues as a core theme. With your confidence is steadily growing. Your focus has been pragmatic and disciplined. Yet, now the urge to socialize and have more fun is rising. Balance is the golden key in life and, for the sake of it, now it’s time to play.

Pisces (Feb 19 – Mar 20)

You are in a rather philosophical mood. Yet practical realities and circumstances are pushing as well. This is leading you to get creative and come up with new angles, gather tools and develop your skills. Investments of your time, focus and energy are required. As well, review and/or organize all your achievements and successes to build confidence.



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2011 Santa's Workshop season gets rolling



Salt Spring Toy Run organizers give Santa's Workshop coordinator Crista Wohlfahrt (centre, top) the \$2,000 raised from their run event held this fall. Toy donation boxes are now set up in various spots in Ganges.

Salt Spring Toy Run donation kicks things off

It's time to get Santa's workshop underway for another season, and islanders are asked to give generously to local children and families in need.

The program asks people to donate new (or very gently used) unwrapped toys and gifts into marked drop boxes around town or at the local CIBC's Angel Tree.

Toys and gifts will be distributed with Christmas food hampers through Salt Spring Community Services around Dec. 16. Families in need are invited to pick up Santa's Workshop Forms at the Community Centre; completed forms must be returned by Dec. 2 to be included in the program.

The elves note they already have enough stuffed toys on hand to fill this year's requirements and that war

toys are not a desirable item. The biggest demographic in need this year is boys and girls aged seven to 15.

Drop boxes will be available at the following locations until Dec. 9: Country Grocer, Moutat's Home Hardware, West of the Moon, both Pharmasave loca-

tions and Island Savings.

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SOCIAL CHANGE

Child Honouring Centre hosts Elizabeth May at upcoming fundraiser

Fundraiser features Raffi's musical version of Layton's Letter to a Nation

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Green party leader Elizabeth May will join host Raffi Cavoukian as part of the Centre for Child Honouring's fall speaker series and fundraising campaign during an afternoon event at the ArtSpring theatre on Saturday, Nov. 26.

"She's been there for Child Honouring all along and she really supports the vision," said Raffi, founder of the Salt Spring-based organization. "One of the things I admire about Elizabeth is that she's so steeped in the principles of sustainability, which mirrors the Child Honouring society's own vision."

May and Raffi will speak to the subject of children, youth and democracy. The dialogue and ensuing question-and-answer session will examine how child honouring, like democracy, is an essential component of any sustainable society.

Raffi said he's especially honoured to have May speak at the event because of her recent effort to restore civility and respect to the House of Commons since being elected as Canada's first Green Party of Canada MP in May.

He said May's "non-partisan spirit and willingness to uplift public discourse" is sorely needed and in short supply.

"I really appreciate her positivity," he said.

The event will address ways to engage the next generation of voters into the political process and civic life. With constant reports of



RAFFI

dwindling voter turnout rates across the country, Raffi said, more work with students, parents and educators is needed to reconnect and ensure that today's children have opportunities to become responsible, opinionated and engaged voters.

"Children are essential members of the community and we need to hear from them," he said.

Raffi said the event is designed for anyone "who is passionate about democracy and wants to come and hear our member of parliament speak on this very important issue."

Participants will also be treated to Raffi's first public musical rendition of Jack Layton's poignant Letter to a Nation, which he wrote using Layton's words and with the blessing of his wife Olivia Chow.

The event is but one part the Centre for Child Honouring's fall fundraising campaign. Other initiatives include informal house salons and an ongoing friends drive for donations above \$25.

Raffi established the non-profit organization as a way to advance the concept of child honouring as a universal ethic and an organizing principle for societal transformation. By focusing on the well-being of and respect for children worldwide, the organization strives to make the world a more sustainable and peaceful place.

The Saturday, Nov. 26 event begins at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$20 each and can be reserved by calling 250-931-3190. More information about the event and the Centre for Child Honouring is available online at childhonouring.org.

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LOCAL ELECTIONS 2011

Q&A with CRD candidates

The Driftwood asked the six Salt Spring CRD candidates to answer four election-related questions.

Their responses are found on pages 34, 35 and 36 of this issue of the paper.

1. The CRD is the vehicle we

have for providing new services. What new services, if any, do you think Salt Spring needs via the CRD and how do you propose they be paid for?

2. What specific actions will you take to deal with the CRD water district issues?

3. Describe two of the most significant challenges facing the island and how you will address them if elected to the CRD.

4. What is your position on a provincial restructure study and possible referendum on incorporation?

CAROLE EYLES - CRD

Age: 63
 Years on SSI: 31 resident (35 as property owner)



CAROLE EYLES

1. The Salt Spring Transportation Commission has done amazing work getting the bus system up and running and the North Ganges Village Plan approved. Sidewalks and bike lanes to ensure safety along Rainbow Road and south from Country Grocer are already funded in phase 1 of this plan.

Seniors and people with reduced mobility need a door-to-door transportation service such as handyDART. Although I would apply for grants, this would probably require a referendum for funding.

We have an outstanding soccer program that regularly sends players to regional and provincial teams yet they don't have an all-weather field to play on. Families with young children, people with mobility issues or recovering from surgery want the leisure pool.

These services are outlined in the Parks System Master Plan and I would consult with PARC about setting budget priorities. I would look for funding grants from government, foundations and trusts before going to a public referendum.

2. I will work with both staff and water district commissioners to clarify their roles and responsibilities, in particular who works for who and

who makes financial decisions so that we move forward with clearer understanding.

At the same time, CRD staff must be held accountable for the financial implications of their decisions. I will continue to pursue the issue of insurance to cover CRD errors and omissions. When acting as their own contractor the CRD must have insurance in place as required by their own policies and procedures. It is past time that this insurance was accessed to the benefit of local water districts.

If necessary, I will ask the provincial minister responsible to intervene. If that is not successful I will go to the mainstream media.

3. Our hospital is extremely important and we need to look after it and the people who work there. I am hearing of extended care patients in acute care beds, doctors who are considering leaving in frustration, nurses who cannot afford to live here and care aides who are getting hurt.

I will lobby VIHA to begin at once to find ways to provide the 40 residential beds that their own study says we are missing and to start planning now for the additional

130 beds they say we will need in another 10 years. The CRD provides 40 per cent of VIHA's capital and equipment costs and I would use that to lobby strongly on behalf of Salt Spring.

There are several community groups concerned with affordable housing and I would bring them together in a public forum.

First we have to define "affordable," then we have to work with property owners to find a way to provide it. Simply legalizing suites and cottages does not mean that they will be affordable or that they will stay that way.

Landlords are entitled to determine the rent they charge and not all of them will want to keep their rents low. We have to agree on a mechanism to deal with this.

I will continue to pursue developing public housing on the land donated by the school district.

4. There is no perfect system. What we have works but it can be cumbersome and requires determination. I support a restructure study so we can know what incorporation would look like and how we would pay for it.

However, it is not a high priority. I am concerned that an emphasis on getting a study may take away from the time and energy needed to work out the very real issues we already have at hand.

KEN LEE - CRD

Age: When Mozart was my age he had been dead for 42 years
 Years on SSI: 20



KEN LEE

1. I don't think we should be looking at any more new services until the governance issue is sorted out.

I remember the time as a fire trustee when we considered, but decided against, switching from a fire improvement district fire department to a CRD fire department with the supposed economies of scale in purchasing equipment, salary negotiations, legal advice, accounting and auditing that might have come with it.

A comparison of the

operation and costs of the North Salt Spring Waterworks District and those of CRD-operated water commissions is very revealing.

2. Call immediately a town hall meeting of all the water stakeholders, including the Salt Spring Water Council, CRD water management engineers and islands trustees, and

see if we can work out a 10-year Salt Spring Island water sustainability strategic plan. This plan would centralize and micromanage all existing community surface and subsurface water delivery initiatives, sewage treatment and oversee all future initiatives.

A feasibility study of the costs and practicality of the connection and treatment of all septic systems surrounding St. Mary Lake.

3. a) Proper management of our subsurface and surface water resources.

b) Getting back the surgical services at Lady Minto and the

relocating of extended care spaces that are now spilling over into acute care spaces.

4. The sooner the better. We shouldn't have to wait three or six years until some Victoria bureaucrat gives us the green light! We certainly don't need to spend \$100,000 on this.

I honestly believe if we had had a mayor and council speaking and lobbying for Salt Spring Islanders we would have full surgical services at Lady Minto Hospital and a BC Ferries CEO prepared to see ferry services to the Gulf Islands as a basic necessity rather than a frill for "pampered whiners."

More answers online . . .

Early in the campaign the Salt Spring Arts Council sent questions to all candidates for the Trust and CRD.

"We had 10 out of 12 respond," reported the SSAC communications and advocacy chair Pat Preston. "We consider that an excellent response. SSAC was eager to determine specific

commitments from the candidates' responses. Some were thorough; others less so. But the important thing about the exercise was the exercise itself. We wanted the arts to be part of the election agenda and it was.

"We also wanted to know how our future leaders would support the arts once elected.

SSAC intends to not only hold those elected to their promises but also to step up its advocacy role on behalf of the arts on Salt Spring. We urge people to check out the responses prior to voting."

The responses are posted on the Driftwood website under the Election and News tabs.

LOCAL ELECTIONS 2011

GARTH HENDREN - CRD

See Page 34 for questions.

Age: Not provided
Years on SSI: 24



GARTH HENDREN

1. First, a handy DART service. What would it cost? That is BC Transit's responsibility. If the resources in the transit function of the Salt Spring Transportation Commission are not sufficient, then a referendum would be required.

Second, purpose-built bike lanes. In 1999, a study with costs attached was produced. We have to update this to produce shovel-ready projects. Since this is a capital project, grant applications to cover three quarters of the cost would be produced. The remainder would have to be covered by a referendum.

2. The problems with the water district capital upgrades originated before my term. Upon taking office I realized the extent and gravity of the issues. Since then I have been working to bring all concerned parties to the table to discuss potential solutions. We have had numerous meetings with top-level CRD staff and representatives of Salt Spring water districts and have put in place a range of measures to ensure that processes will be more efficient and accountable. We have:

- 1) Assigned engineering to help in describing new and underway projects.
- 2) Ensured that financial information will now be provided to the commissions in a timely and understandable manner.
- 3) Assigned new staff to support all financial aspects.

4) Assigned new staff to support all water district administration.

5) Undertaken a forensic audit for Beddis and Fulford water districts.

6) Ensured that project management will be provided for all existing and future projects.

7) Continued discussions with water district representatives and Capital Regional District staff to make the work of the commissions more effective and efficient.

The fact is that the CRD is only funded by taxpayers for specific purposes. There is no slush fund for cost over-runs. On Salt Spring, the water districts and all commissions are the CRD entities. While I agree completely that there needs to be accountability, recovering funds for bad decisions of the past remains elusive since there is no CRD account to take it from without dipping into the tax authority of a different service, which is completely inappropriate.

3. Making housing affordable on Salt Spring requires a two-pronged approach. One, it is vital that we build the maximum amount of affordable housing. The housing council will help in this.

Two, keep housing affordable on the island by increasing the supply, with secondary suites

and creative approaches to development — but also to support the economic development of the island to help people who want to live here make a living wage.

We have begun the development of a Community Economic Development Strategy for the island and by continuing to work on that and engaging all parties on the island who are stakeholders, we can raise the potential for all our citizens.

4. I am a supporter of a governance study with a referendum. This study can only be provincially sponsored. I shall do everything possible to get a study underway, but the reality is, getting it done in the next term will be challenging. However, the CRD director can start to address some of the Trust problems that have led many people to be unhappy with our current governance structure. For example, the Trust overstepping their jurisdictional boundaries. There are a number of committees such as the local design panel that clearly are not within the Trust mandate. I would lobby for disbanding these committees.

In addition I shall lobby to get the study underway and will use all available means to get this started, including motions to be voted on by the Union of British Columbia Municipalities, meetings with the appropriate minister and seeking support of our elected officials, both provincially and federally.

WAYNE MCINTYRE - CRD

Age: 68
Years on SSI: 6 1/2



WAYNE MCINTYRE

1. I plan a full analysis of all CRD budget items, which would include a review of the existing services for efficiency of delivery, cost effectiveness and alternatives. This is a critical step before looking at additional services. By developing an overall service plan complete with funding options, we may find there are better ways to provide existing services more cost effectively, resulting in savings that could be invested in expanding current services or developing new services.

2. Water management on Salt Spring is complex. Examples of water delivery and usage include individual wells, shared wells, private systems and CRD commission areas using water from wells and lakes. Add to that the administrative complexities involved and it is no wonder that there is confusion on roles, responsibilities, accountabilities and credibility.

Actions must be taken, including but not limited to:

- Clarifying and documenting the roles, responsibilities and accountabilities of the CRD director, CRD staff

and the commissions.

- Initiating an independent audit on recent projects.

- Doing an evaluation of the existing recommendations and developing a long-term plan for water quality, supply and distribution. This would involve working with the Salt Spring Water Council and the water commissions, and I would also advocate for involvement of the various private system groups such as North Salt Spring Waterworks. This plan would include priorities and budgets for the short, medium and long-term and dovetail with conservation measures such as water catchment systems. Waste management also enters into this and funding support for septic upgrades and sewer expansion will also be investigated.

- All projects to have a documented professional project management plan with clear accountabilities and risk assessment.
- Lobbying for

increased local engineering and project management resources on Salt Spring to help plan and resolve water issues.

3. a) I believe our biggest challenge is attaining better balance in our community. A strong community considers all aspects of sustainability: economic, social and environmental. Some of the ways that I will work to help our community to achieve this balance include:

Economic: I will push to complete the CRD SSI Community Economic Development Strategy. This work is vital as a healthy economy is a key factor in retaining services, jobs and keeping (and attracting) young families, concerns that many residents and businesses have voiced.

Social: I will support and be innovative in finding ways to increase affordable housing options. A strong economy will pave the way for supporting social programs.

Environmental: I will support green construction standards through formal and informal channels and look at ways to encourage and fast-track green initiatives in areas such as the arts, education, technology, agriculture

and tourism.

b) We need to keep our costs under control. The impact on residents of compounded tax increases has been devastating to many. I will help bring increased costs down by treating your tax dollars as an investment, not an expenditure. I will ensure a transparent and professional approach in all avenues and facilitate and encourage continuous community consultation. Fiscal prudence, controls and accountability are essential.

4. My position on the issue has not changed during my campaign and will not change if I am elected.

The Driftwood survey showed strong support for a new governance model without defining what that might look like. To provide clarity on possibilities, the community needs an independent provincial government-sponsored Salt Spring governance review including the incorporation option. Only then will the benefits, disadvantages and costs be available so informed judgments can be made. I will be relentless in ensuring this study occurs before my term expires.

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LOCAL ELECTIONS 2011

DIETRICH LUTH - CRD

Age: 70
Years on SSI: Came here 54 years ago; lived more than half of that time on-island since then.

1. While I successfully brought CRD Parks to the island, I am also confident as a former member of the Capital Regional District Housing Corporation board that I can bring them in to work with Salt Spring Island Community Services. As an example, the planning and execution of the 16 to 24 units of housing which were earmarked for a part of the Catholic lands could be resumed.

I am also going to suggest co-ordinating a number of individual consultants made up of professionals and funded by grants in aid, private donations and sponsorships. In particular, we need to attract individual expertise to such issues as water management, housing, employment

and the marketing of the arts. I can visualize a cadre of professionals establishing workshops and sharing their knowledge when they know their advice will be acted upon.

With regard to employment opportunities, we need to acknowledge that the new technologies have resulted in the disappearance of some traditional jobs. Many people, and artisans know this well, are presumed to be unemployed when in fact they are working overtime and have simply not figured out how to market their skills. More marketing professionals through workshops could help such people innovate and create their own employment opportunities as so many already have and will in the future.

2. Where water quality is concerned, we have nearly 20 years experience with the Ganges Pollution



DIETRICH LUTH

Control Centre since the upgrade to membrane filtration, which happened during my term as CRD director. This technology will work equally well on St. Mary Lake and

other lakes since it is designed for both potable water and wastewater.

I would immediately put together an advisory commission of professional engineers on water issues. There may be an economical way out of the current dilemmas if such an advisory commission works for the island.

Perhaps we can get a demonstration plant built on St. Mary Lake, which would cost less as a demonstration project and have it invigilated by the engineers. A long-term

capital improvement like that would be amortized through the water rates in the same fashion that the Pollution Control Centre upgrade was paid for.

These costs should be bearable since the lake water users' fetch area is sizeable enough to make it doable. This would guarantee good drinking water for all who use St. Mary Lake. No such certainty exists if only sewer systems are addressed since eutrophication and the growth of algae are the foremost problems at St. Mary Lake.

3. The CRD and the Trust. As the CRD director in a split jurisdiction I will make every effort to clarify for the community that this structural fault in our local governance is precisely where the dysfunctionality lies. Short of becoming a municipality we need to address the limitations of the Trust land-use planning mandate, its costs

and unreasonably slow response to applications. This is at the heart of what is affecting housing, employment and the health of our economic prospects. The least I can do is support a review of the Trust legislation. It badly needs an update.

4. While this is only a single issue among many in this election there are serious problems with our present split jurisdiction. Recent cries for incorporation show us that islanders may be ready for broader representation and I sympathize with that. The question is how incorporation can be accomplished without collateral loss of provincial support for road construction and maintenance as well as the new burden of supporting a larger police establishment.

Therefore, my position is simple: no to a blank cheque and yes to a new study. Islanders will decide.

LESLIE WALLACE - CRD

Age: 58
Years on SSI: 18 years full time



LESLIE WALLACE

1. New service needs I have identified in the community to date include:

- Replacement and expansion of our aging, at-capacity public bus fleet.
- A study to explore central and neighbourhood-based options for more environmentally friendly and more cost-effective liquid waste treatment. (Our liquid waste treatment equipment is outdated and has been subject to ongoing, costly malfunctions.)

- A dedicated Fulford to Vesuvius bike lane.

- Several middle-income retirees and workers told me during this campaign that they were going to have to leave the island because local taxes are so high. We have lost many young people and families over the years because of affordability issues, specifically because rental and market housing costs are so high. If we lose our remaining middle-income earners and retirees, who will be left? If I need to raise taxes to meet the costs of new services that the community identifies as priorities, I pledge to do my best to reduce taxes in other areas.

2. I will lobby the province for an independent management and financial audit of errors and delays by CRD staff in Salt Spring water districts, with recommendations as to how to avoid such errors and delays in future. I will lobby the CRD, the province and anyone else I need to lobby, for compensation for affected taxpayers.

3. a) Drinking water quality

The quality of our local drinking water supplies is at risk, as evidenced by the increasing incidence of advisories warning people to boil their water or not drink it at all. The work on how to address the sources of the problems in St. Mary and Cusheon lakes has been done and is contained within the St. Mary and Cusheon lake watershed management plans. I will implement

the recommendations within those plans that are within CRD jurisdiction. Septic monitoring in drinking water-sheds, a key CRD action step, would cost less than \$20 per household per

year in property tax for affected households. I will encourage the local Trust committee to implement the recommendations that fall within their jurisdiction. I will work closely with people on the island who know a lot about water issues to develop a comprehensive water quality management plan for the island for surface and ground water. I will support the work of the SSI Water Council.

b) Affordable housing

I believe that a balanced demographic is the key to a resilient, healthy community. The future of our local economy depends on it. It's hard to run a business without employees! Young people and families will make Salt Spring their permanent home only if their needs for secure (year-round), affordable housing are met. If elected, I will lobby the new local Trust committee to legalize existing suites and cottages immediately and to legalize new suites and cottages that can prove adequate water supply and septic. I will also lobby the Trust to put housing agreements in place to ensure that suites and cottages remain affordable. I will increase significantly the annual household contribution to this fund (currently only \$5.08 per household per year) while reducing taxes in another area. I will support other local initiatives to create affordable housing.

4. I support a study of governance options for Salt Spring Island, and I will lobby the province vigorously for a governance study that examines all options and their various impacts on the island, with a view to going to referendum on this issue.



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PEOPLE AND COMMUNITY

GREEN BUILDING

Sirewall recognized for innovation

Projects tops for environment

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Salt Spring-based Terra Firma Builders was one of 12 companies to be honoured at the 6th annual MISTIC Innovation Awards last week, taking home the prize for advanced manufacturing for its Sirewall technology.

The award is but the latest in a number for the business, which is a three-time winner of the Canadian Home Builders' Association's best homebuilder in BC award (once gold and twice silver). The NK'Mip Desert Cultural Centre constructed in Osoyoos in 2005 earned a World Architecture Festival award, the Governor General's Medal in Architecture and a Royal Architectural Institute of Canada award for innovation.

Company founder and president Meror Krayenhoff has been a local champion of the green building movement for over 20 years, pioneering a modern take on an ancient method with Sirewall, which stands for stabilized, insulated rammed earth. Using



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Van Dusen Gardens' new visitor centre.

inorganic materials such as stone, clay and sand is the only way, he believes, of protecting what William Bryant Logan has called the "ecstatic skin of the Earth": a living layer of biomass that is, comparatively speaking, thinner on the planet than the skin on a tomato.

"We're of the view that wood is completely unsustainable as a building material," Krayenhoff said.

"Sustainability is usually defined as not diminishing the prospects of future generations, so if we leave them with less biomass than we have, we're diminishing their future."

Krayenhoff observes it took ten thousand years after the ice receded from

North America to build up eight inches of topsoil and organic material, but that clear-cutting and other practices can remove much of that layer almost instantly.

He points to once fertile areas such as Lebanon, Iraq and Easter Island, which all became barren wastelands following human interference. "So it's pretty clear where we're going," if building practices don't change, he said.

"Our ambition is to have our technology as common as stick frame is today — and when that happens, it will mean a million acres of trees not clear-cut every year."

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is not just sustainable. Krayenhoff notes that rammed earth homes can be toxin free, which is impossible for wooden constructions built to code; can stand for hundreds of years instead of falling to rot and mould; are insect and rodent resistant and inspire an architectural style that works with the beauty in nature.

Since rammed earth has become known as an available building material with the exposure gained from the NK'Mip project, Terra Firma and Sirewall have been at the forefront of innovative designs taking place around the world including Van Dusen Botanical Garden's new visitor centre, a project that aims to become Canada's first living building.

Other recent and ongoing projects include China's first LEED Platinum-certified project in the Naked Stables retreat outside Shanghai, India's first LEED Platinum building with a new hotel being built in New Delhi, a resort in Sri Lanka and a school addition near Shanghai.

"It's really amazing to be involved with cultures of developing economies — the people are

way more idealistic and visionary than we are in North America," Krayenhoff said.

"We don't set a very high bar here, and due to the nature of my work I end up on projects where people do set a high bar."

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HEALING

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For people who want to learn how to dowse, a Nov. 20 workshop is being offered by islander Cecile Petra.

"One can easily learn to dowse not only for water or minerals, but also subtle energies such as geopathic stress lines," Petra explains in a press release. "Geopathic stress is transmitted from the earth's crust in a grid-like pattern called Hartmann Lines, the term coined by Dr. Ernst Hartmann in 1951.

"Dr. Hartmann discovered that these lines disrupt human, animal,

and plant health. He noted that his cancer patients invariably had their beds located on an intersection of these lines. Surprisingly, these lines are easy to clear from a property using 'co-creative' techniques."

Petra, who has been working with these methods for over 12 years, will teach participants how to dowse using copper dowsing rods, how to communicate with nature and how to permanently clear disruptive geopathic stress from any property.

Sunday's session runs from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at 171 Kitchen Rd. Email Petra at astradevi@shaw.ca for more information.

QUESTING

Mental time travel on tap at Fulford Hall Sunday

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The secrets of mental time travel will be shared in a workshop with Anthony Hamilton at Fulford Hall on Sunday.

"Psychologists at Harvard University now say the mind acts more like a time machine than a recorder," states a press release. "It's now possible to look inside the brain and watch your

consciousness operate in real time. This new information opens up an entirely new aspect of your mind to you."

Hamilton, a former professor of communication at Capilano University in North Vancouver, is the author of *Mind, Time and Power!*

In the two-hour introductory training session, which runs from 2 to 4 p.m., participants will learn the secrets of mental time travel and experience it directly.

Hamilton's website is at www.anthonymilton.org.

Cost for the event is \$10 in advance with tickets at Salt Spring Books or from Barbara Lyngard at 205 Morninside Rd. in Fulford, or \$12 at the door.

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MEN'S SOCCER

FC mounts comeback

Huge win puts FC within single point of lead

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Players on Salt Spring FC showed it's never too late to wow the crowd during the team's dramatic second-half comeback in Saturday's game against the Castaways FC.

A series of unfortunate errors left the visiting Salt Spring FC squad down by two goals about halfway through the second half.

"I didn't think it was going to be our day, but the guys ended up proving me wrong," said player Jordon Morrison.

Salt Spring began to claw its way back into the match after Tony Bennett connected with a well-placed free kick taken by Jeremy Byron. Within moments, Salt Spring struck again when Joe Akerman buried a pass from Gord Akerman into the corner of the Castaways' net.

"I would have been happy with the tie, but with about four minutes left to play, Gord Akerman beat his defender and then walked around the goalie to score into an empty net to give us the lead," Morrison said.

"After that we sat back and held on for the win. Strong performances by

everyone and it felt really good to win like that."

The win gives Salt Spring a 6-2-1 record and moves the team to within a single point of the Castaways in Division 2 of the Vancouver Island Soccer League. FC will get a chance to take over top spot when it hosts sixth-place Powell River Villa (3-5-2) on Saturday, Nov. 19.

In other men's soccer action, Salt Spring Alumni continued to dominate the VISL's Masters-B division with a 1-0 victory against Vantreights on Sunday.

The win gives Salt Spring Alumni a 9-0-1 record and an 11-point division lead.

Alumni is back in action on Sunday, Nov. 27 against the seventh-spot Fernwood Dragons in Victoria.

In the South Vancouver Island Classics Soccer Association, Salt Spring's Old Boys took to the field under the watch of new head coach Phil Ritson in what player Richard Steel called an "exciting and incident-packed game."

In spite of a left-foot bullet from Graham Tweddle that put the Old Boys on the board and nearly broke the Cordova Bay net, Salt Spring ended the match on the losing end of a 5-1 score.

"All in all, it was a good game, but a lousy result," Steel said in his post-game report. Next week, the Old Boys will be in Victoria to take on Vantreights.

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Salt Spring Alumni player Stefan Cermak defends the Salt Spring goal in fine style in mens Masters-B division play on the island on Sunday. Alumni won the game by a 1-0 score to tally an 11-point division lead.

DUPLICATE BRIDGE

Zombie spooks way to the top at bridge

Players also adjust to time change

BY JILL EVANS
DRIFTWOOD CONTRIBUTOR

Was it the ghoulies and ghosties and long-legged beasts that kept the bridge players away on that Halloween Monday night?

There were only three tables but plenty of tricks and treats, and a spooky

BRIDGETRICKS

greeting from a hideous zombie who turned out to be cheery George Laundry when he was unmasked from the rubbery horror.

As it turned out, he and his prettier half, Flo Laundry, were the trickiest of the lot, with Prem Margolese and Paul Retallack second in

craftiness. The rest did enjoy the basketful of treats.

It was local politics which may have made some others stay away on Nov. 7, the evening of the CRD and Trust all-candidates meeting, but four full tables turned up anyway for a pleasant contest in spite of the earlier darkness caused by the switch from Daylight Saving to wintry Standard Time. The Margolese-Retal-

lack partnership moved up brightly to first place, with Zelly Taylor and Ian Thomas illuminating the second spot while Patricia Hewett and Bob Morrisette shone in third. The remaining duplicate devotees were far from dim and will light up the evening another time.

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RUNNING

Salt Spring's Andrew Haigh on track to compete at national championships

Remembrance Day run latest triumph

With fewer than two weeks to go before he's set to compete in the Canadian National Cross-Country Championships in Vancouver, island runner Andrew Haigh continues to outshine the competition.

Haigh's latest accomplishment is a 24th place overall finish at the Remembrance Day Run

on trails surrounding the Brocton Oval in Vancouver's Stanley Park on Friday, Nov. 11.

Haigh completed the eight-kilometre course in 32:17, about four minutes out of first spot overall and only two minutes shy of the top 10.

Haigh was the second-fastest racer aged 55 and over and ranked fourth among racers aged 50 years and older. The performance was strong enough to earn Haigh a silver medal in

the 55-59 age category. He finished 11th in the over-40 masters race category.

The run attracted 123 racers between the ages of 18 and 81.

Haigh, a member of the Salt Spring Sneakers running club, was about half a minute off the blistering time that earned him a seventh-place finish at the B.C. Cross Country Championships on Oct. 29.

The national championships are in Vancouver on Nov. 26.

SPORTS & RECREATION

RECREATION & EDUCATION

Phoenix Place students jump at chance to make bike shop

School project combines passion and practical skills

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Students of Phoenix Place alternative program are putting their passion to good use with a learning project that will result in a fully equipped bicycle shop.

Teacher Kim Chalmers, who is supervising the 10 students involved, said half the Phoenix portable has now been hung with bikes in the process of being refurbished. When everything is fully up and running, the students will have a business supporting Gulf Islands Secondary School that offers both bike sales and repairs.

Before that happens, however, they'll need to complete tasks such as writing grant proposals and creating a business plan and marketing strategy.

"One of the main reasons for this project is it's helping with life skills: communication, organization, focus. The learning reflects the type of work skills that people use in the everyday world," Chalmers said, noting the "place" in the school's name stands for Personalized Learning and Community-based Education.

Most of the project's participants are into BMX bikes and spend a lot of time at the skate park. Because of this project, they're expanding their interest to include consultations with local bike shop operators.



Silas Flynn and Sage Bauer in the Phoenix Place bike shop.

PHOTO BY ELIZABETH NOLAN

They also had a floor display at the recent Velo Village roundtable event. Many bike parts have already been donated through appeals on the Community Exchange.

Chalmers said that while having dedicated cycling lanes for the island isn't the main priority, it is a concern to some of the students, who may choose to get more involved in the discussion.

"We're getting really good feedback from the community," Chalmers said.

"We have a really homelike feeling here, and for these boys, especially, they're part of something bigger, which is important for them."

WOMEN'S SOCCER

Tie keeps Over 30s steady in race for second place

Late goal steals the win away from Salt Spring

Salt Spring United took on its rivals for second place in the Over 30s league with strong determination on Sunday, ending with no change to the stalemate after a 1-1 tie.

Coach Sue King reported the team played hard in the first half and came back strong in the second half after going into half time with a 0-0 score.

"Early in the second half Danie Wood got an incredible shot off a great throw-in she took, passed back to her by Cheryl Johnson," King said.

"It was then a first-time shot to the top far corner, just too high and too hard for the goalie to stop. It was perfect throw-in play execution."

The game continued with great play development and passing, while solid goalkeeping by Kym Bellavance stopped many shots from Cowichan.

"Christine Godlonton as sweeper did an outstanding job

blocking many shots to net as well," King added.

"It looked like it was going to be a shut-out for Salt Spring when, late in the second half, Cowichan tied it up by getting a breakaway and putting one in our net for a 1-1 tie finish."

King said her player of the match was Sue Robinson, citing her "awesome defensive positioning, super timing when challenging for the ball, great through-balls and some strong runs with the ball as we countered their attacks. It was definitely her best game ever."

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**average daily electricity usage

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Water. I have worked tirelessly to redress the mismanagement that dates back to 2002. But there is more to be done. If elected I will continue to fight to upgrade our water system without further costs to our community. This is not the time for new financial burdens. I believe in **no more tax hikes** for our community.

And you all know I believe in addressing our **governance** problem. But then reading all the new CRD candidate's platforms - who doesn't? I believe that my fight for affordable **housing** must continue until the shovels hit the dirt. The Trust makes **business development** complicated. But it isn't impossible.

I believe we can see economic development without needing to develop huge tracts of land. Green policy can be social policies: I want **sidewalks** and cycle paths for the safety of our community, more **buses** and a HandiDart for our **seniors**. But I haven't forgotten about the kids - thanks to SD64 we just negotiated public **sports pitches** to be built at Fernwood!

Building a sustainable community.