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**ENCOMPASSED BY CHRISTMAS:** Charlene Sharratt (left) and Verna Meyer sell Christmas wreaths in the market area at Centennial Park.

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## HONOURS

### Vine takes spotlight to accept B.C.-wide award

Retired principal wins leadership and music education award

BY AMY GEDDES  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Salt Spring youths may remember taking ukulele classes with him or partaking in the Christmas concerts he helped produce.

Kevin Vine, the retired principal of Salt Spring Island Middle School (SIMS), was recognized last month for his contribution to the school music program as the recipient of the British Columbia Coalition for Music Education's 2008 Principals of Music Award.

The coalition, an association of music educators and their supporters, selects one principal from the province each year who has demonstrated exemplary leadership and support for music education.

Vine was nominated by middle school music and dance teacher Mitch Howard, currently on leave, who worked alongside him at the school for seven years.

"He always saw music as being as vital to the school as anything else," Howard said, noting that while some principals might allow their school's music programs to be the first to go in a budget crunch, Vine never put the program on the chopping block.

"He saw the music program as ephemeral," Howard said. "He embodied the 'lifelong learning' principle many of us give lip service to."

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## FEDERAL POLITICS

# Coalition support strong at local level

MP Gary Lunn prepared to get on with business

BY SEAN MCINTYRE  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Many Salt Spring Liberal and NDP supporters remain confident a federal coalition is a strong possibility in spite of last week's decision by the Governor General to prorogue Parliament until Jan. 26.

"I don't think the concept of a coalition is going to go

away," said Briony Penn, former Liberal party candidate for the Saanich-Gulf Islands riding, on Tuesday afternoon. "Like it or not it's time to get ready and much better to embrace it than be fearful of it."

Penn was among 300 participants at a University of Victoria vigil sponsored by the Progressive

Canadians for a Coalition last Thursday.

She said it is clear the appetite for a coalition between the NDP, Liberal and Bloc Quebecois parties is especially strong among younger voters.

"It was a sombre vigil, but when you're with students you get the sense that they know this is the way things have to go," Penn said.

"There's never been a more important time for people to understand how politics work," she added.

Irene Wright, chair of the provincial NDP's standing committee on environment and sustainable economy, said the prospect of a coalition remains entirely plausible as far as the NDP is concerned.

"I think there are still prospects and I hope it will work," she said. "I can't read the future, but I think [Harper] will see how little he can get away with."

Wright said she is confident the coalition can persist under the leadership of Liberal leader Michael Ignatieff, now the lone candidate in the race for that party's top position.

Wright said the Conservative party's failure to address the current economic crisis is as relevant as it was when talk of the coalition erupted in late November.

Under what may not necessarily be called "normal circumstances," Saanich-Gulf Islands MP Gary Lunn intends to carry on with business as usual before returning to his riding later this week.

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**NEWSBEAT**

**Government aims for revised plan**

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Lunn said he saw nothing out of step with the Governor General's decision to prorogue Parliament. "Of course [the Governor General] hasn't spoken [about her reasons], but it is clear the prime minister presented the case that [continuing] was not in the national interest," Lunn said in an interview from the nation's capital on Tuesday afternoon.

While Lunn said he foresaw Tuesday morning's withdrawal by former Liberal party leadership candidate Bob Rae, he could not say if relations between parliamentarians will improve when Ignatieff assumes control of the party.

Lunn said he and his fellow Conservative party members intend to work on a refined proposal to address the global economic downturn before bringing forth the 2009 budget when the House is recalled.

"What happened here was that Canadians have said that they are disgusted with all of us," Lunn said. "[The past week and a half] has been a bit of a wake-up call that this isn't what Canadians want."

As Canadians wait to see

what transpires when Parliament resumes next year, Salt Spring environmentalist and social justice advocate Jan Slakov urges people to take action and voice their opinions in support of the coalition.

"I know that a lot of people are concerned about climate change and that is one of the big reasons behind our hope that the coalition will work," she said.

She asks others concerned about the country's democratic health and climate change issues to write letters to newspaper editors, and send e-mails to their friends and acquaintances in an effort to keep the momentum flowing.

"The Conservatives have so much money and I worry that, in our society, money dictates so much," Slakov said. "If enough people can get involved, we can make up for the lack of money."

While there are no immediate plans for a local "coalition vigil," Slakov said, she hopes islanders will mobilize support for a similar effort sometime before Parliament resumes.

"Right now there are too many things to think about, but I think it would be a really good idea," she said. "The symbolism of vigils is visible."



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**LIGHTING THE DARK:** Molly Divers lights a candle in the Salt Spring Centre School's annual Advent ceremony.

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**Former middle school principal honoured**

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Vine proved to be a good fit for the principals award, but was reluctant to take all the credit.

"For me," Vine said, "the Principals of Music Award is about the talent, commitment, dedication, creativity and hard work of all the music educators, past, present and future, in the Gulf Islands."

He emphasized that for many years SIMS had the good fortune of having two excellent music teachers on staff: Mitch Howard and Bruce Creswick.

"For a small middle school, [Howard and Creswick] were a rare and remark-

able piece of good fortune," he said. "With these two amazing music educators, and with the talented kids they were working with, the music program at SIMS was as good a program as you would find anywhere."

Having just retired in June, along with his wife Wendy, also a long-time district teacher, the award was the grand finale to Vine's 32-year career in education. He accepted his award before a full house on stage in the Orpheum Theatre in Vancouver.

"For me, it was an amazing, once-in-a-lifetime thrill and honour."

"The real payoff," he said, is that SIMS will also benefit from the award. The

"... [it's] about the talent, commitment, dedication, creativity and hard work of all the music educators ..."

KEVIN VINE  
Former principal, SIMS

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**5 Fernwood**  
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**NEWSBEAT**

**AGRICULTURE**

**Island's new agricultural alliance making fertile presence known**

Farm Assessment Review Panel presentation one of first actions taken

BY ELIZABETH WHITE  
SPECIAL TO THE DRIFTWOOD

Following the launch of Salt Spring's Area Farm Plan early this year, island producers and supporters have been busy preparing to implement the plan's key recommendations.

Some priorities are already beginning to be met by projects such as Growing Up Organic, which supplies food from local farmers to Meadowbrook and Gulf Islands Secondary School and is helping to increase local food production by creating larger, guaranteed markets.

Growing Up Organic is also conducting a preliminary study of options for producing value-added food products using local organic produce.

The Salt Spring Island Agricultural Alliance (SSIAA) is now incorporated as a not-for-profit society (Area Farm Plan Recommendation # 1).

The alliance will oversee implementation of the Area Farm Plan and represent Salt Spring agricultural interests on- and off-island. Member organizations of the SSIAA are the Islands Farmers' Institute, Island Natural Growers, the Gulf Islands Chapter of Canadian Organic Growers, Salt Springers for Safe Food, the Earth Festival Society (representing the Salt Spring Energy Strategy) and the Salt Spring Chamber of Commerce.

Each member organization appoints

a director, with the two farm organizations appointing up to three directors each to ensure the board always has a majority of grower representatives.

The agricultural alliance has already made its first formal submission — to the Farm Assessment Review Panel on the split assessment process — because it is concerned about how the rules have been used to penalize small farmers and farms near urban growth areas and those practising good stewardship.

**The Salt Spring Island**

**Agricultural Alliance is now**

**incorporated as a not-for-**

**profit society.**

Earlier in the year, SSIAA member representatives and Salt Spring trustee George Ehring met with B.C. Parks senior staff in Victoria to discuss the future of the farmlands in Burgoyne Bay and Ruckle Park.

The second recommendation of the Area Farm Plan is to establish a community farmland trust to acquire and manage land, to arrange leasehold agreements and to ensure that farmland held by the trust will be actively farmed in an environmentally and socially sustainable manner.

This process is well underway with a founding board established with two representatives from the Farmers'

Institute, two members from Island Natural Growers and three members from the general public. Work is being done on the constitution and bylaws with emphasis on an application for charitable status.

The SSIAA is now working on a major funding application to the Islands Agri Food Initiative Fund to help with key priorities such as the establishment of community facilities that support the expansion of agricultural activities. These include cold storage, local food processing, composting, and an abattoir so that poultry, at least, can be processed on-island.

The SSIAA welcomes input from any organization or individual working on a project identified as a priority in the Area Farm Plan.

Salt Spring received lots of positive feedback at the Our Farmlands, Our Foodlands, Our Future conference held in Sidney on Nov. 27. We learned that local government has a key role — perhaps the key role — in ensuring that food growers have land to grow food on and are adequately supported, or at least not hindered, by bylaws.

We heard that the Salt Spring Local Trust Committee is taking the right steps in having an agricultural advisory committee and participating in an Area Farm Plan and that Salt Spring is ahead of most other areas of the province in this regard.

The Salt Spring Area Farm Plan report is available at the library and online at <http://tinyurl.com/25fs9G>. For more information about the alliance, contact Anne Macey at 250-537-5511 or [annemacey@telus.net](mailto:annemacey@telus.net).

**HEALTH**

**Gardasil vaccine accepted by majority of Grade 9 girls**

Vaccination participation rates revealed

BY AMY GEDDES  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

In October when the controversial Gardasil vaccine was offered to Grade 6 and 9 girls for the first time in B.C. schools, parents and daughters quizzed public health nurses about the safety and necessity of the vaccine.

It was anyone's guess how many girls would opt in.

Vancouver Island Health Authority (VIHA) statistics released last week show 59 per cent — 44 of 74 — eligi-

ble girls on Salt Spring participated.

Age was a determining factor in whether or not they received the vaccine, possibly reflecting the widely expressed concern that 11-year-old girls may be too young to be vaccinated against the human papillomavirus (HPV) — a sexually transmitted disease.

On Salt Spring, only 39 per cent of Grade 6 girls agreed to get the Gardasil vaccine versus 74 per cent of Grade 9 girls.

When asked to explain why fewer Grade 6s participated, VIHA South immunization coordinator Shelagh Machin said, "My guess is that parents may not think

their kids are sexually active in Grade 6..."

After consulting with public health staff, Machin pinpointed other possible explanations.

Grade 6s had less lead time than Grade 9s to gather the facts and make a decision because their immunizations took place a month earlier. Also, Grade 6s can put off getting the vaccine until it is offered again in Grade 9.

VIHA South, an area that includes Greater Victoria and the Gulf Islands, similarly saw fewer Grade 6s than Grade 9s get the vaccine; 61 per cent of Grade 6s versus 66 per cent of Grade 9s.

Of interest is that Grade 6


participation on Salt Spring was 22 per cent below the VIHA South average, yet Grade 9 participation was eight per cent above the average.

Based on Salt Spring Island's track record of having an under-vaccinated childhood population compared with the rest of Vancouver Island, the Grade 9 Gardasil uptake was surprising.

The B.C. Centre for Disease Control has not yet released provincial participation numbers so it remains to be seen if fewer Grade 6s across the board turned down the first shot of Gardasil offered in B.C. schools.

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**REMEMBERING:** Islanders of all ages attend a candlelight vigil in Centennial Park on Saturday evening to mark the 19th anniversary of the LeColle Polytechnique murders.

**YOUTH ISSUES**

**Parent meeting set to raise awareness about teen parties**

Event tackles escalating teen party scene

was prompted by a party in late October that resulted in one young person being admitted to Lady Minto Hospital for treatment of alcohol poisoning.

BY SEAN MCINTYRE  
DRAFTWOOD STAFF

The Gulf Islands Secondary School (GISS) Parent Advisory Council invites parents to attend a Dec. 16 information session to address the issue of teens, parties, alcohol and drugs on the island.

"What we've found as parents is that parents are unaware of the extent of the alcohol abuse that is going on," said Sheri Dekoven, a concerned parent. "[The event's goal] is to make them aware and get them talking about what they can do to make sure their children are safe."

Dekoven said the event

She added that it is not uncommon for such parties to attract upwards of 150 people, with some participants as young as 13 years of age.

Once parties get to that size, there is little set from the middle and high schools to address what Dekoven said appears to be an escalating problem on the island.

The event is at the GISS multipurpose room at 7 p.m. Though it is geared towards parents, teens are welcome to attend.

Due to the mature nature of material covered, Dekoven added, parents are advised not to bring young children.

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**ISLANDS TRUST**  
Trust and first nation reach an agreement

A protocol agreement between the Snuneymuxw First Nation and the Islands Trust signed Dec. 4 sets the stage for collaborative protection of the Gabriola Local Trust Area.

According to a press release, the agreement, modelled on the protocol between Snuneymuxw and the City of Nanaimo, will establish mutual respect and cooperation with respect to planning, land use management and heritage conservation.

A joint working group will develop specific procedures for protecting Snuneymuxw's interests in the Gabriola Local Trust Area and to identify topics on which the parties wish to develop further agreements.

The agreement will be celebrated when Islands Trust Council meets in the Harbour Towers Hotel in Victoria through Friday afternoon (Dec. 10-12). Delegations and a town hall session are scheduled for 1-2 p.m. on Thursday.

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**WATER**

**St. Mary Lake plan unveiled**

Aerators, monitoring and land use regs to combat the looming blooms

BY AMY GEDDES  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Toxic algal blooms have been a looming threat to St. Mary Lake's treasured drinking water supply since settlers first built their homes around the lake.

Long-term solutions for keeping the blooms at bay and overall stewardship of the lake were pitched to the public on Thursday at Lions Hall during the unveiling of the St. Mary Lake Watershed Plan in first-draft form.

Key steps include aeration of the sediment to keep phosphorous sealed in the bottom layer, a CRD septic monitoring program, use of Islands Trust development permits and a stormwater management program to reduce runoff from roads and other paved areas.

More than 45 people came to flip through the provided copy of the watershed and offer feedback to St. Mary watershed steering committee members.

Like Dick Trory, many in attendance were St. Mary Lake area residents.

"I'm interested in the quality of the lake and fishing," Trory said, emphasizing he would like assurance that fish caught in the lake are safe to eat.

About 210 residences currently exist within the St. Mary Lake watershed with 37 more partially within the watershed, according to recent mapping by the Islands Trust.

Those who reside in these areas expressed they wanted information on the quality of their drinking water supply and advice about how to ensure their septic systems do not exacerbate the phosphorous problem.

"We want to know what we can do," said one woman

at the meeting.

Presenters put unanimous faith in the aerators installed this fall to manage phosphorous right where it counts — in the sediment.

Biologist John Sprague pointed out that a whopping 63 per cent (625 kg/year) of the lake's total phosphorous comes from decaying plant matter in the sediment, according to a Ministry of Environment 1971-81 study.

"It's clear we've got to do something about the sediment," said Sprague, "or else it's absolutely hopeless to try to clean up [the rest of] St. Mary Lake."

Much emphasis was placed on the new aerators' future ability to keep phosphorous levels in the lower part of the 10-15 parts per billion range in the late fall — the upper limit for algal blooms.

A chart presented by Bob Watson, North Salt Spring Waterworks District trustee, showed historical phosphorous concentrations from 1997 to early 2008 have averaged around the 20 parts per billion mark — far from the targets hoped for today.

Phosphorous levels touched close to the desired mark only during 1986-90 when the first set of aerators were active.

While aerator designer Ken Ashley was confident the new, more durable aerators would help to reduce

**"We can't think because we've dealt with the sediments that we can have a free ride on the rest of the system."**

KEN ASHLEY  
Designer of past and present St. Mary Lake aerators

sediment phosphorous by 80 per cent, he echoed the plan's aim to reduce phosphorous input from other sources as well.

"We can't think because we've dealt with the sediments that we can have a free ride on the rest of the system," Ashley said.

The plan stressed that the responsibility for implementing the plan will rest with local government and the St. Mary Lake Stewardship Group, once the steering committee's work of delivering a final draft is completed.

The St. Mary Lake Watershed Management Plan was produced by the St. Mary Lake steering committee aided by volunteer groups, the CRD, Islands Trust and the Ministry of Environment.

**Objectives**

The unveiled plan has eight main objectives:

- Define and map St. Mary's watershed, its land uses, creeks, wetlands, the status of riparian vegetation and drainage ditches.
- Continue to monitor the lake for phosphorous levels and sources as improvements are made and subject this data to scientific analysis as required.
- Reduce loading from sediment through aeration.
- Reduce phosphorous inputs from septic systems.
- Reduce phosphorous inputs from built-up areas.
- Reduce phosphorous inputs from other land runoff.
- Continue to assess phosphorous reduction target levels.
- Encourage stewardship activities and increase local and provincial government protection.

**COMMUNITY NETWORKING**

**Islanders required to sponsor individuals, families in need**

Copper Kettle initiative launched

BY SEAN MCINTYRE  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Salt Spring's Copper Kettle Community Partnership, an organization dedicated to eradicating poverty, is calling on islanders to sponsor an individual or family in need this holiday season.

"This isn't so much about money. It's about networking individuals and families that will take on individuals and families with specific needs," Geauvreau said in an interview last week.

"We are just people living here and there on this island. There's nothing to be afraid of."

Geauvreau said she cur-

pants who have volunteered to mentor others in the community.

Families are helping families and people are reaching out to other individuals to form long-term relationships based on compassion and understanding.

It's a commitment that has paid off for more than a few people in the community so far.

Over the past year, demand for help has increased by 50 per cent and, she said, there's now a need for more volunteers.

The program is but one of the Copper Kettle's initiatives.

Others include the operation of a community wood lot, a boot and shoe program to ensure all islanders have decent footwear, and a community garden. The organization's food program provides needy families and individuals with approximately \$700 per month in food vouchers for Country Grocer.

Geauvreau will have a table outside the Country Grocer store on Tuesday, Dec. 2 to collect donations and answer any questions people may have about Copper Kettle's programs.

For more information, contact Geauvreau at Cop-

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HOLMAN Q&A

# Former CRD director looks back

Could life after politics include outdoor tennis?



GARY HOLMAN

As directors at the Capital Regional District (CRD) embark on a new term today (Wednesday, Dec. 10), the Driftwood's Sean McInyre took the opportunity to speak with Gary Holman as the former Salt Spring director's six-year reign comes to an close.

**Driftwood: What did you learn over the six years you spent as Salt Springs' CRD director?**

Gary Holman: I came to realize that the degree of involvement, passion and skills of island citizens in its own governance is unmatched in the province and that Salt Spring Island is seen as a model of leading-edge, sustainable governance. In terms of specific issues, I probably learned the most about the challenges and value of our emergency first responders.

**Driftwood: What accomplishments are you most proud of completing as a CRD director?**

Holman: I'm proud of a number of community position and forwarded that name (along with the other candidates' names) to the minister of education, who will appoint the new trustee.

McKenzie said the process required to fill the position was not completely clear, so the board attempted to follow rules set out in both the Local Elections Act and the School Act.

The board should be able to name the new trustee soon, she added.

McKenzie has been board chair since 1997.

In the meantime, Salt Spring trustee Mike Krayenhoff was returned to the position of board vice chair.

Susanne Middleitch from Saturna Island is the B.C. School Trustees Association rep, while Pete Williams of Pender will represent local interests with the B.C. Public School Employers' Association, as well as the Vancouver Island Labour Relations Board.

## Seven apply for board vacancy

SCHOOL BOARD

Trustees interview potential comrades for third SSI seat

Mayne Island school trustee May McKenzie was once again named chair of the Gulf Islands School Board as local trustees started another three-year term last Wednesday. The new session began one trustee short as the board works to fill the spot left vacant when no one stepped forward during local elections to replace retiring Salt Spring trustee Wolfgang Temmel.

Last Wednesday the board interviewed seven candidates — who put their names forward for the position following the election — in a "town hall" format, asking questions and giving the candidates an opportunity to discuss why they wanted the position — following the town hall meeting, selected their preference for the

## Rezoning required for housing project

AFFORDABLE HOUSING

Public meeting to gauge response

Members of the Salt Spring Island Land Bank Society will host a public meeting on Wednesday, Dec. 17 to discuss ongoing efforts to construct an affordable housing complex along Rainbow Road.

The land bank society has applied to the Islands Trust seeking to rezone a piece of land at 586 Rainbow Road to permit the building of a maximum of 15 densities.

Fourteen of the units would be the subject of a housing agreement to insure they can remain affordable in perpetuity.

The remaining unit would remain "unfettered" so as to retain the value of the land for mortgage purposes, according to information supplied by the land bank society's Neddy Harris.

Each unit on the property would "be modest in size and be self-contained including kitchens.

"There will be a shared laundry and an option to provide a multi-use space (shop, storage, etc. . . ) and centre and near the Juniper Place intersection.

The Dec. 17 meeting was scheduled following a request by Islands Trust trustees during a local Trust committee meeting in October.

It will take place at Lions Hall between 4 and 6 p.m. For more information about the event, contact Neddy Harris at 250-653-4573.

BY SEAN MCINTYRE

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**Driftwood: Would you consider running for mayor?**

Holman: Gary Holman, Mayor of Salt Spring? That seems so wrong, in so many ways.

**Driftwood: If you could run your election campaign over again, would you do anything differently?**

Holman: I'm happy with the substance and positive vision of my campaign.

**Driftwood: Do you have any words of advice for Salt Springs' new CRD director?**

Holman: I hope that while Garth [Hendren] is evaluating governance options, he continues to support the good work that our current system is already delivering.

**Driftwood: What do you intend to do now that you have a bit more free time?**

Holman: I need to take care of some personal business that I've been ignoring for too long. I'll take some time to sort out my place in the community. Perhaps I'll take up outdoor tennis.

**Driftwood: Will you run as Salt Springs' CRD director?**

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**EDITORIAL**

## Fights don't serve us

One of the most disturbing features of recent political events in Ottawa is that relations in the House of Commons have crumbled to such a point that one can almost reach out and grab a piece of the hatred both sides feel for the other. It's shockingly tangible and grotesque.

The proposed coalition group may continue to claim their moves were related solely to the Conservatives' inadequate response to the global economic crisis, but they clearly stemmed from anger incited by the government's plan to gut public funding for federal parties. Providing per-vote funding was something admirably brought in only five years ago to reduce the power of groups with vested interests trying to buy their way onto the agenda of those parties. The Conservatives' aim to financially cripple their less wealthy opponents (who all face huge bills for an unnecessary recent election called by Stephen Harper) was a brazen cheap shot. That it was done in the name of self-sacrificial belt tightening — especially when other more effective decisions could have been made in a "financial update" instead — just made it worse.

**THE ISSUE:**  
Federal political party relations

**WE SAY:**  
We've had enough of all-out war

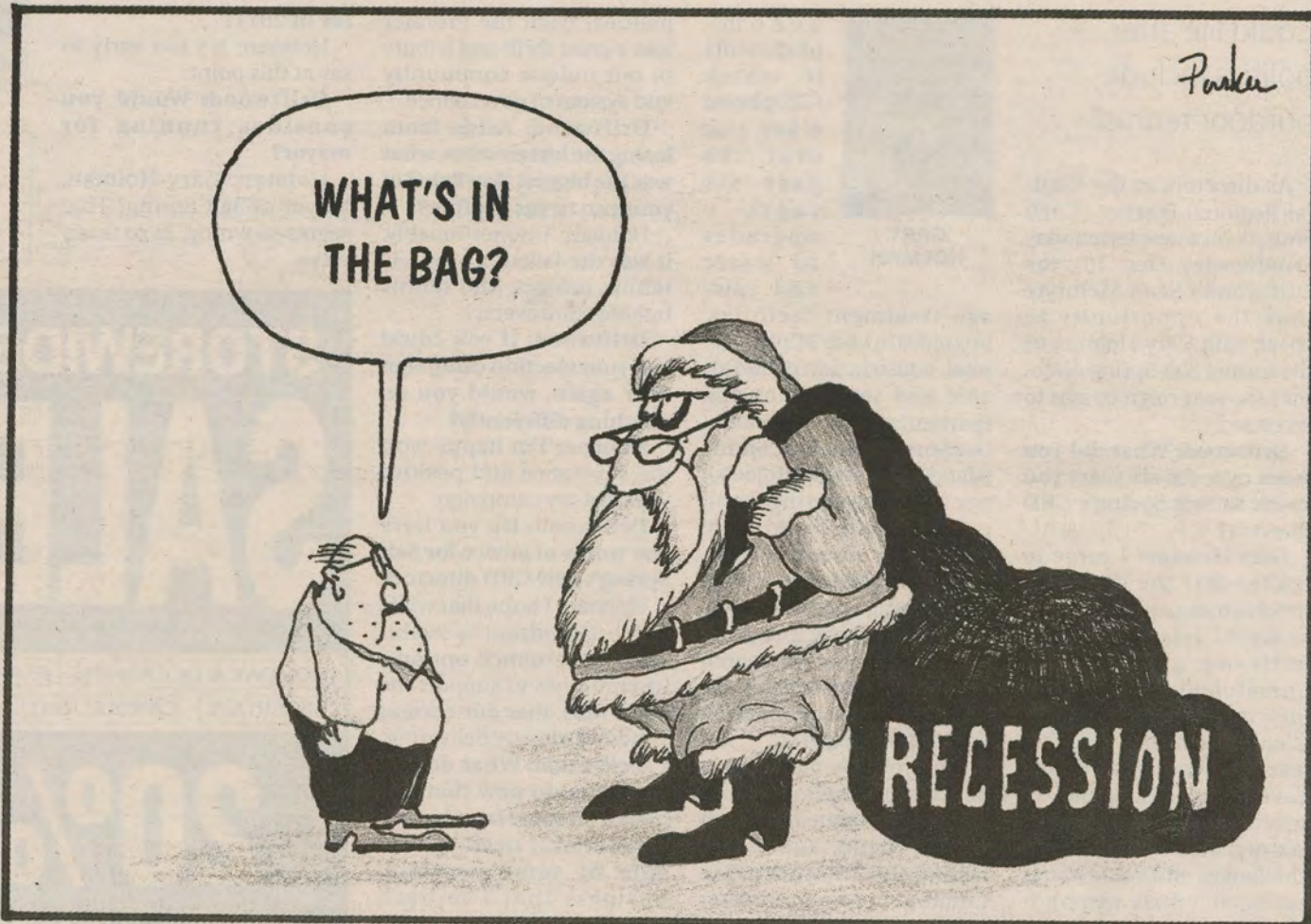
We chastize people for not exercising their right to vote, assuming they do so out of apathy or ignorance, but perhaps what they're really doing is passively expressing disgust with a political system that seems to function only in full-on battle mode, where each side exaggerates the evil of the others' beliefs, trying to denigrate or handicap their foes as much as possible in order to secure victory.

Yet it's ridiculous to believe that one elected official is an idiot whose every action is folly, or that his or her opponent has all the answers and needs no input from anyone else.

That's why it's critical for all members of the Conservatives, Liberals, NDP and Bloc to take a huge deep breath during the current break and come back to the House of Commons ready to start listening to each other and bringing some respect back to Parliament.

As much as the Conservatives want to govern as if they had a majority, and the opposition parties are emboldened by the sheer power of their numbers, until they start working together, the rest of us will be nothing but an inconsequential third party in an ugly personal dispute.

It's no way to run a country.



## Future of our country at stake

**BY MAGGIE O'SCALLEIGH**

*The following is a letter sent to Saanich-Gulf Islands MP Gary Lunn.*

I would like to express my dismay that our leader Stephen Harper has asked Honourable Governor General Michaëlle Jean to "prorogue" Parliament.

There is no way out for him now and our government will fall into disgrace.

Our leader is not listening to the majority of voters and his choices in what was put into the mini-budget of late November were shortsighted, insensitive and arrogant.

He has shown no empathy for Canadian citizens' concerns at this time of unprecedented economic crisis, and as human beings, we respond poorly to people who do not attempt to relate to us. This is a shoddy foundation for peace and cooperation, which is what we look for in leadership.

This country is now divided down political lines in a way that my generation has never seen before.

Democracy has been truncated by Stephen Harper's request to the Governor General, and he has always said that he has a mandate from the Canadian people, but only 20 per cent of citizens gave him support. Canadians want a healthy democracy, and a coalition government may be a sign of a healthy democracy. Letting our Parliament decide by voting on the constituents' behalf is democracy.

Our democracy has been dissolved at Prime Minister Stephen Harper's request.

Stephen Harper has failed as a leader of this beautiful, strong country that we have here and by demonizing the Bloc Quebecois to try and remain in power, he has also put the geographic stability of our country in jeopardy! He has stooped to the lowest form of defamation possible to try and "save his own hide."

Our leader has failed us, and you yourself would be well served to listen and empathize with constituents in your riding as they take time to send you e-mails and letters about what

### VIEWPOINT

they need from you.

You have an opportunity to redeem yourself as an honourable MP by reaching out to your constituents. Our electoral system does not

work, as is indicated by this catastrophe! We need electoral reform and you can save your government by proposing this in January when you return.

You can still distance yourself from our leader's blunders. Please consider what I am writing to you and put your personal values aside to try and get a broader picture of what is happening here. Our leader only wants to see his side of the issue. Please do not spend any more money on smear campaigns, because for every finger the Conservatives points, four point back.

There is no future for the Conservative government unless you do a complete turn-around on your adversarial behaviours. Please tell our leader his choices are poor. This is the future of our country at stake!

I am listening to the radio right now, and politicians and citizens are seeing Honourable Stephen Harper as a "bully," "spoiled boy" and a "soon-to-be defeated prime minister that has run away from Parliament." Please advise him soundly for the good of the entire country. That country includes Quebec! Apologies need to be made, but I'm uncertain if January will be soon enough.

Thank you for taking time to read this. I felt compelled to appeal to your sense of what is right for every citizen of the country, not just the Conservative ones, or the English-speaking ones.

I would like a reply to at least acknowledge receipt of this e-mail.

Most sincerely, and with respect for your leadership in this riding.

*The writer is a Toynbee Road resident.*

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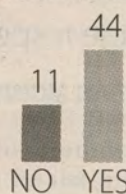
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**Is a surgical program essential for Lady Minto Hospital?**



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# Island Voices

## SALT SPRING SAYS

**We asked:** Has talk of economic woes affected your holiday shopping plans?



**ROSHANN CORNWALL**

No, it hasn't affected me and I don't think it should.



**KISHORI HUTCHING**

Not really. We don't do a big deal anyway. It's more about meeting people, getting together and connecting with people.



**ETHEL MAGNUS**

It hasn't affected me. I'm alarmed by the amount that children have been given. It should be more about quality than quantity.



**SARAH JANE GIDDY & SHEKINAH PARKS**

Not at all. I don't really celebrate Christmas the traditional way. It's not about spending, it's about celebrating the return of the sun and honouring families.



**LINDA SCARLETT-HAUCK**

No, because I always try not to spend money needlessly and try to get what people want.

## VHA

### commitments

I would like to take this opportunity to address concerns expressed by Salt Spring Island residents as reported in your coverage of the community meeting held on Nov. 27.

First — and to be absolute clear — VHA is NOT closing any aspect of Lady Minto Hospital. Acute care services will continue, surgical services will resume once a surgeon is recruited and VHA is working diligently to develop a plan for surgeries that can be appropriately and safely provided in the community hospital setting.

We have met with our staff and physicians at Lady Minto to clarify that we are moving forward with surgical services. We have been working closely with the Lady Minto Hospital Foundation, which has been instrumental in supporting this community hospital. We have been actively working with Lady Minto Hospital for over a decade and it has never been clearer that it is not only becoming unsafe to walk or cycle on Salt Spring, it has also become precarious to drive. I have experienced near misses in each of these areas and have occasionally had the opportunity to do a follow-up with the person involved. Support too much detail, I can say the responses revealed a preoccupation with what we now refer to as "self."

My last experience, just based by a man in a blue pickup truck for having the nerve to slow down to check an address on Reynolds Road, of all places (as if you can't be mellow there). Ms. Mavor has asked, "What gives? I think the answer is simple. There are a heck of a lot of aggressive Salt Spring drivers with a big sense of entitlement. I'm talking about plain old rudeness, but in cars, where from the corrosive spread of the consequences range from the corrosive spread of a decade and it has

### Sense of entitlement

Regarding frightened newcomer Gayle Mavor's assessment of driving habits here on Salt Spring ("Stay on right side of road," Nov. 26 Driftwood letter), I sadly and wholeheartedly agree.

People on Salt Spring love tours. They just can't get enough of them. We've got house and spurs while herding dogs across the Badlands, you and your Blundstones would be knee-deep in fresh manure while forking rotting compost from one bin to another or, if you're lucky enough to take a tour during lambing season, you can tolerate, other than by sending Thunder Bay and staying way longer than you can tolerate, other than by sending them off for a few hours on an island tour?

You would think the "Tour Market" must be saturated by now. No street! Considering the potential, we're just looking at the tip of the iceberg. Think of the possibilities. How about a "Septic Field" tour? Nothing beats the thrill of following the gravitational flow of household effluent as it percolates its way through the ectoplasm of billions of hungry little soil microbes and bacteria. There are probably hundreds of you who would run to get in line for that one.

A "Realtor" tour could be very popular. Imagine being able to "drop in" unannounced at any time of the day or night at the homes of actual realtors so you can just have a quick look around. "Farm" tours would go over big as well. Imagine a "City Slicker" style cattle drive, but fix the-ups around the island. It could be a repairing project, a storm sewer installation, A "Road Maintenance" tour, on the other hand, would take you to a number of stretches of loose gravel on the south end.

Take your life in your hands as you try to negotiate a blind corner on a narrow S curve to the crusher and that box of 5 1/4-inch floppy disks that was an incredible deal at the time. If you want something a little different, sign up for a "Virtual" tour. For example, you could do the virtual "Market Vendor" tour where you can simulate the experience of a day selling at the Saturday market with-out ever leaving the comfort of your home computer terminal. Enjoy the excitement of a downed hydro wire, or just a little right-of-way brush cutting, but here you can spend a few relaxing minutes idling er conditions, and putting up with having your canopy in hurricane force weather waters in the predawn, struggling to assemble a company an Islands Trust proposal through the various twists and turns of red tape before it can be approved as a bylaw.



**Shilo Zylbergold**

NOBODY ASKED ME BUT... can advance to the next delay. If "Extreme" tours seem like more than you can handle, you might want to try something a bit tamer. The "Attic, Crawl Space and That Nameless Area Above the Rafter" tour takes you to a dozen residences spread across the island where you can peruse such useless contents as rubber bands, twist ties, dead batteries, keys to vehicles that have long since gone to the crusher and that box of 5 1/4-inch floppy disks that was an incredible deal at the time.

Another option is for one of those "Extreme" adventures. How about an "Illegal Suites" tour? For the really stout-at-heart, you would be supplied with a "Building Inspector" cap, a flak jacket and extra insurance coverage. Or you see if you can cheat the reaper by making a death-defying drive over some of Salt Springs notorious pot-holed roads.

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# OPINION

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### Grab on and hang on

What a chess game in Canadian politics right now! This latest Machiavellian move by Harper set out the bait for the opposition parties, and they're taking it. Harper's either a complete fool or a genius. But what else can Dion, Layton and Duceppe do?

Perhaps the coalition should have formed before the last election. Is there no other way to contest the removal of public funding for the other parties?

What's this I hear of such a union being unconstitutional? Let's make no mistake. The current Conservative Party of Canada is a coalition of the Reform, Alliance and Progressive Conservatives and whose formation has a very dubious beginning. I wrote about this a few months ago. Cry me a river, Mr. Harper.

At any rate, if the coalition is allowed to form, what I foresee is an ineffectual

governing body struggling to hold things together during the coming economic storm, the much touted "global economic crisis," with the circle R trademark symbol after it.

Of course a financial crisis is happening. It's preached non-stop in the media every two and a half minutes, which naturally makes me suspicious. Canada is a very rich country and has much less to worry about than the U.S.A., a country stripped of resources and whose manufacturing base appears to consist solely of armament sales.

Nevertheless, the financial tidal wave, real or perceived, is coming to Canada and Harper is hanging the coalition leaders out to dry. Watch the mainstream media (another chess piece) quickly turn on them. The Conservatives will be primed for a majority the next time around. Then we'll see the real Harper. I'll move to Greenland or some damned place if that happens.

Harper should never have been elected prime minister in the first place, but Canadians fancied playing roulette at the polls two elections ago for the sake of "change." In hindsight Chretien and Martin didn't turn out to be so bad after all. But hindsight is 20/20.

I saw a similar phenomenon take place provincially in 2001 with Gordon Campbell, and it's brewing locally with the push for incorporation.

Be careful with what you wish for, folks. You just might get it.

So what's the answer to the current federal drama? Grab on and hang on.

**DAVE CAMPBELL**  
FULFORD-GANGES ROAD

### Which minority?

Minority government or minority coalition? Neither group is anti-Canadian. Both are democratic. Each is a numbers game.

My concern is that the balance of power will be held by a special-interest "bloc" that Canadians from 9/10ths of Canadian provinces, and the three territories, have not had opportunity to vote either for or against. That point seems to be overlooked by the media.

Opposition (i.e. the voice of the largest number of those who voted for other than the majority of seat holders) is expected to keep the larger group honest and acting in the best interests of the country. However, in addition to not being chosen by Canadian voters across the country, the Bloc Quebecois has also signed a promise not to vote against the coalition for 18 months. So who is to keep the governing party from running amok?

No one has to inflame my passions this time around. Logic tells its own story and I only hope it has a happy ending.

**PATRICIA FRASER,**  
STONECUTTER WAY

### Sad apathy

On Friday evening, Nov. 28, I picked up my wife after she'd finished work and suggested we take a tour of the town to enjoy the retailers' Christmas "Light-up" displays.

Well, "Bah, Humbug" to that idea! The almost complete lack of anything to do with Light-up, with the exception of a few creatively beautiful shop windows (and we thank you), was truly amazing!

What a shame, Ganges. In Christmases gone by one could spend a good hour wandering the village streets and enjoying the efforts of the shop keepers. On Friday evening there was precious little to enjoy.

I know that creating a comparison between Sidney, Ladysmith or Duncan and the fantastic ambience created by the light-up festivals in those towns will bring cries of "No fair, they've got municipal money." That's true — but guess what? The actual shops lining the streets of our neighbouring towns don't receive any funding for their Christmas Light-ups and they've all found the time and energy to be creative or at the very least throw a string of lights into their windows!

In my opinion the apathy shown by shop keepers toward Light-up is really sad. This is their chance to give back to the community that supports them and to brighten and revitalize our village in this time of hope, happiness and good cheer.

**DAVE HINCHCLIFFE,**  
SALT SPRING

### Litter levels disturbing

This is a rant regarding the litter I see all over the Ganges village.

I moved to Salt Spring nine months ago after growing up in Richmond. When I was young it was a lovely mix of farms, residential areas and fishing fleets. In high school I got involved in getting kids at my school to stop dropping their garbage on the streets around the school neighbourhood. With education and some strategically placed garbage cans, the problem stopped almost altogether. Thirty-eight years have passed since those halcyon days of new environmental awareness and wanting the world to be a better place to live.

Richmond is peppered now with high-rises and condos and litter is everywhere. I moved to Salt Spring in part because I knew that it was a hotbed of environmental awareness. So it really confuses me to see the litter, but also where it is. I can almost let go of seeing garbage pile up around garbage cans and cigarette butts on the sidewalks and roadways, but I can't help but feel outrage when I see it in the streams that meander through the town! A people can measure their success level in the environment by how they maintain the streams in their home areas. Based on that idea, I don't think we have a very good grade.

I realize that the culprits may not be the kind of people who read the letters to the editor, much less the newspaper. I would invite and challenge others who think like me to help put a stop to this disturbing trend. To start with we can be like somebody's mother and pick up after them. We can challenge people who witness littering, albeit from a safe

distance. I realize that over here individuals must pay for garbage disposal and that contributes to the problem.

I've never witnessed a place with so few garbage cans available to the public. So who would pay for them and the disposal costs, I don't know. I'm new here and find the politics confusing.

**THOMAS WALKER,**  
GANGES

### Alarming concerns

I have just received the address (www.fordlake.org) of a website dedicated to the preservation of the Ford Lake neighbourhood.

It raises some alarming concerns — the main one being the possible granting of industrial zoning in a rural area of Salt Spring.

It also states "The (Roasting) Company is currently hoping to become a supplier for Costco"! This would imply a tremendous potential increase in processing volume with the attendant problems of waste disposal, traffic on a narrow road, noxious odours, etc.

While enjoying the odd cup of coffee at "Roasters," I beg them to reconsider this proposal. This is a small island — let's have small industry (in appropriate zoning)!

**HARRY J. WARNER,**  
LEE ROAD

### Message for dog owners

I'm a walker who does not own a dog. Today I was peacefully walking on my favourite neighbourhood trail when all of a sudden a big dog came running at me barking, crouching threateningly and trailing me around a corner.

As I wondered if it was going to attack me from behind or not, its owners ineffectually scolded their beloved dog from quite some distance away, shouting out limply, "You know better than that."

To all you dog people out there who frequent Mouat Park and Duck Creek Park and the trails all over Salt Spring: if you have a happy friendly pooch, I am happy to see it running free and wagging its tail. I'm even happy to say hi and pat it if it's a nice doggie.

But if you have a snarling, out-of-control attack dog who likes to terrorize hikers, could you please put it on a leash or set it free somewhere where you won't likely meet anyone else? I take my kids on the trails, too, and I'm really glad they weren't with me today.

Some consideration for your human neighbours, please!

**SCHUYLER MATTHEWS,**  
CHANNEL RIDGE

### Alas, not a Burnett

The picture accompanying the Dec. 3 "Ganges window shopping" article identifies Pat Robertson as Pat Burnett. Last I checked she was still a Robertson and even though we would dearly love for her to be a Burnett, alas she is not.

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**Respect Livestock**

Peter Vincent is no doubt hoping to start a lively debate with sheep farmers in reference to his comments in last week's Head to Head column, but the fact of the matter is that there just aren't enough of us left.

To all dog owners out there, please respect livestock wherever you are and that I am still doing home energy assessments under the EnerGuide program. For energy assessments under the EnerGuide program. For p.s. Just so you know, in answer to your statement, "there are no documented cases of a dog on a walk with its owner suddenly going all-out wolf and tearing a sheep to pieces. It doesn't happen." Well, it happened to me. I lost all of my lambs and year-

ling ewes while the owner of the dog stood and watched. **LORRIE IRWIN, SALT SPRING**

**Correction**

Thanks so much for honoring me with the Livestock Community Hero monthly award, and for the Livestock bag of energy and water saving goodies.

I just noticed a small error in the write-up, which implies consumption and air leakage analysis of your home's energy locations, recommendations for the most cost-effective upgrades, and access to federal and provincial incentives if you implement any eligible upgrades.

Not to mention a more comfortable home, reduced energy bills, and bragging rights for being green. **ELIZABETH WHITE, EARTH FESTIVAL SOCIETY**

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**THE RACCOONS DID THIS. REALLY!**  
Caught in the act, this Sheland pony sifts through some garbage on Sky Valley Road.

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# Tennis flaws have been remedied

BY GARY HOLMAN

I'm responding to Mike Best's nasty and distorted article ("Still looking for accountability," Dec. 3 Driftwood), in which he accuses me of "dodging bullets" on the tennis issue. Nothing could be further from the truth.

I have stated publicly a number of times that as the elected CRD director, I am ultimately responsible for all CRD decisions during my term. Having said this, I think most people understand that the tennis debacle was a collective failure in which PARC, its then manager and I all played our roles.

First of all, let's be clear about the original decision. The PARC manager and commission recommended awarding of the Cover-All contract, despite the flaws in the bidding process. After I requested advice from CRD staff regarding the acceptability of the bidding process and the potential liability of overturning PARC's decision, I supported PARC's recommendation to the CRD board.

I did promise a public meeting (not "a public hearing," which is quite another matter) to more fully explain the decision, but this was delayed, first by the unnecessary litigation launched by Mr. Best and then by the cancellation of the project. Once the project was cancelled, I requested CRD staff to undertake a review of the tennis issue, resulting in the KPMG report. The Ombudsman's request for a review came after my conversations with CRD staff, not the other way around as Mr. Best suggests. I also instructed CRD staff to reduce my salary by 20 per cent for the last two years

## IN RESPONSE

of my term to acknowledge my ultimate responsibility for the issue. How is this dodging accountability?

As I promised, the KPMG review was presented in a public meeting. KPMG made a number of recommendations which were accepted by PARC, including formal adoption of CRD's procurement policy. There were some edits made to the KPMG report after the public meeting to correct some minor factual errors, some of which were identified by PARC commissioners, but no conclusions or recommendations were changed, as Best seems to imply.

A key conclusion of KPMG report was that PARC should be a policy advisory, not a managerial body. This is why CRD staff recommended, and I agreed, that the PARC manager position should be a CRD employee who would not be vulnerable to a commission with the power to hire and fire. This presumably was the decision to which Best refers, over which several commissioners resigned. Not only did they want the power to hire and fire the PARC manager (despite the commission's acceptance of the KPMG report), they could not accept that appointed commissioners could be overturned by a CRD director elected to represent the community. However, these particular commissioners, as with notables like Mike Best and Don Gainor, seem perfectly happy to recognize the director's ultimate responsibility when it comes

to attributing blame.

Mr. Best is now advocating the location of the bubble at Portlock Park. But the PARC-Salt Spring Tennis Association agreement inherited by the current commission, allows the facility to be located elsewhere as long as public access, satisfactory to CRD, is provided. I believe it is still possible for PARC and the SSTA to negotiate location of the bubble at Portlock Park, with no further taxpayer costs. However, the only thing Mr. Best's threats of litigation will achieve is further taxpayer losses.

Part of being accountable is to remedy the problems underlying the tennis failure and I believe I've done this. PARC has now been substantially reformed. Commission membership has almost completely changed over and the bylaw now requires fixed term limits of six years, to avoid entrenchment. The bylaw also ensures the CRD director plays a role in appointments, which again is only fitting if the director is to bear ultimate responsibility for PARC decisions. There is greater diversity of membership, with two commissioners coming from the south end. Our new PARC manager is a professional, CRD employee.

In 2009, PARC will be undertaking a community survey to identify future priorities. This should be PARC's focus for the next term, not to be embroiled in counter-productive power struggles and litigation with people like Mr. Best.

*The writer was Salt Spring's regional director from 2002-2008 and was defeated in the Nov. 15 election.*

## MORE LETTERS

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### Don't feel reassured

Despite the arguments for and against and the public relations campaign from the Salt Spring Coffee Co., we still feel that the proposed location of the new, bigger (13,000 sq. ft.) roasting facility at Ford Lake is a bad idea.

The environmental impact study commissioned by Salt Spring Coffee Co. seemed perfunctory with the concern about carcinogens and mutagens dismissed in a few words. Over the years these could have a deleterious effect on the Ford Lake

and Fulford Creek watershed with its many organisms from birds to fish and on down the food chain. We just don't know and we certainly don't feel reassured.

We have been made aware that there are quite a number of roasters offering organic coffee. In checking their locations, the ones we have found have been in an industrial park or a pre-existing commercial strip. Not one is located in a low-density residential area surrounded by nature.

Why should Salt Spring change the zoning to allow this industry (and an industry it is) to locate in such a place?

In searching the Salt Spring Coffee Co. (SSCC) website

we see very few facts and figures describing their future plans for expansion. What is the present production level at their current location? What is the proposed new production level? What are the plans for the next 10 years for possible expansion? Are they exploring possible markets with big box stores such as Costco? (All that coffee will be trucked onto Salt Spring and then trucked off again to supply markets far and wide.) Might the present owners sell in a few years? And how responsible would the new owners be? What are the guarantees for the future?

It is worth repeating the Islands Trust's mandate to "preserve and protect." The precautionary principle should apply to industrial expansion. Once the deed is done, it will never go back to what it was.

Most of us on Salt Spring cherish the "small is beautiful" ambience here. "Bigger is better" seems to be the motto of Richmond, Surrey and Nanaimo. The world is seeing shrinking economies and perhaps we will all have to learn to live smaller. There is no question that continuous growth is not only devastating for nature, it is impossible in the long run.

If the spot zoning for this expanded coffee company is approved, what is the

guarantee that future expansion and even change of use will not take place? There is none. Once any development has taken place there are no federal, provincial, municipal or Trust rules and regulations that we know to enforce them.

We all do know that the regulations and enforcement are weak to say the least. It is dangerous to open this Pandora's Box.

SSSCC has been a proud member of our island community. They need to relocate, but what is the rush? They should be in a small and hopefully green industrial park which is about to be explored by a committee. The Ford Lake area is not the right place for this industry.

**BIRGIT AND ROBERT BATEMAN,**  
 MERESIDE ROAD

### Switch spots

In response to Andrew Okulich's Dec. 3 "What's in a name?" letter and his invitation to smell the coffee, perhaps he might visit "Fordlake.org" and familiarize himself with some of the larger issues related to placing a bean roasting facility in such a location. Perhaps he might offer his own neighbourhood for this small facility?

**CHRIS ARNETT,**  
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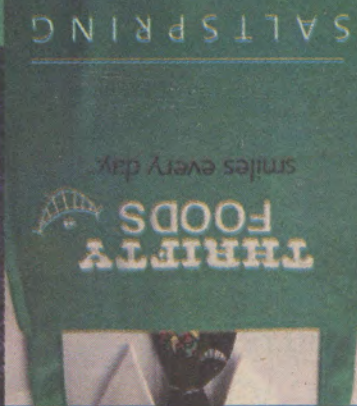
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According to our local RCMP, by 1 a.m., most of those kids were drunk. The RCMP estimated that over 90 per cent of them had consumed alcohol.

One was in the hospital with acute alcohol poisoning and many others had staggered home or to friends' houses to sleep it off.

As a parent, I am frightened by the amount of alcohol that these kids are consuming. They are not just having a few coolers with friends but are drinking bottles of tequila and vodka (and sometimes both) and they are drinking as quickly as possible so as to maximize the alcohol's effect.

Even if your child is not drinking at these events, he or she is still among a group of peers who feel that binge drinking at parties is completely acceptable. That is, peers who consider a 26-oz bottle of vodka shared between two girls not an excessive amount of alcohol for one night of partying.

The Gulf Islands Secondary School (GISS) Parent Advisory Council (PAC) feels that it is important that parents realize the extent of this problem and talk about solutions.

The PAC has invited the RCMP to give parents an overview of the drug and alcohol scene at the parties on Salt Spring. After the official question period, there will be a GISS PAC invites parents to come, listen and learn just what is going on at the parties their child may be attending.

This event takes place at the GISS multi-purpose room on Tuesday, Dec. 16 at 7 p.m. followed by refreshments. Due to the sensitive nature of the information at this meeting, we ask that you make other arrangements for younger children and members of your family to attend. Everyone who participated has helped to make a difference in the lives of these young women and in their community.

It's hard to express the gratitude I feel towards everyone who helped us meet this goal! Kelda Logan, GISS vice principal

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To claim, as many of your readers do, that the coalition of opposition parties represents a legitimate alternative to the BNA Act, indicates that the coalition represents none of those objectives. The coalition has been repudiated by prominent Liberals like John Manley and Michael Ignatieff. Many Liberal Parliamentarians oppose Stephane Dion's gambit and cannot be relied upon to support the coalition.

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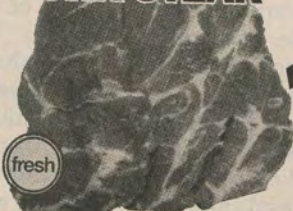
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## OPINION

### MORE LETTERS

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### Broader scope of concern

As one of the residents to whom last week's letter writer Andrew Okulitch referred to as a "SIBUN," I wish you to know that I am hurt and offended.

The issue of the application for a coffee roasting factory to be approved on a piece of sensitive land in a watershed adjacent to already protected properties is important to me. Yes, I am a neighbour. I am applying for a conservation covenant on my own land. Must it end there? The Ford Lake ecosystem is very fragile and the existing neighbours are doing their personal best to protect it. We are encouraging our trustees to see the importance of "preserving and protecting" this area, as it is their mandate to do.

This is emphatically not an issue of a few "uninformed Nimbys" getting their knickers in a twist. If you visit our website ([www.fordlake.org](http://www.fordlake.org)), that you might see the broader scope of our concern.

To state that this watershed has already been profoundly changed by former agricultural practices is not to say that this negative change should be allowed to continue.

Speaking for myself, I value the Salt Spring Coffee Company for their obvious concern for our planet. But this community, our own small planet, must look at our own issues. This is not a totally benign proposal. There are too many inherent possibilities to rely on manufacturers' promises. Ford Lake sits in a bowl above which air disperses with difficulty, and therefore any airborne particulates could funnel down from the proposed factory site and hover directly above the lake and the adjacent wetlands, threatening the land and aquatic wildlife therein. I am referring to an area that is barely populated by us humans, but rather by wildlife. If that makes me a bleeding heart, so be it.

Salt Spring needs to address the question of industry — be it agricultural or otherwise — and if we can accommodate any industry here then informed persons must find appropriate site(s). It is possible that as an island community we may have to decide that there are no sites here that are appropriate. That is not what our group is saying, but certainly any watershed should be out of the question.

**DAWN LUKER,**  
MERESIDE ROAD

### Three times zero

Reading the Driftwood, I see that a number of writers seem to feel that this proposed coalition of federal opposition parties is the best thing for Canadians since whole wheat bread. I cannot share their enthusiasm.

There are a number of incongruencies that bother me. Perhaps some of you who are so sold on the idea can make sense of them for me; I certainly can't.

defy any kind of common sense that the candidate who has just been soundly rejected at the recent election should suddenly become our Prime Minister? Then again, why should I believe that the Liberal Party, who was unable even to get the tape of its leader's memorable address to the media in time for broadcast, be the ones to lead us through these turbulent times — and who is, or is going to be the leader?

It appears that the NDP has been on the road to Damascus without ever going to the Middle East. They are now, we are told, supporting the war in Afghanistan and also a reduction in corporate taxes. I know I heard Jack Layton say a number of times that he is unalterably opposed to both. How can a person go ahead and backwards at the same time?

This two-and-a-half-legged stool is to be propped up by the Bloc, in a move which is purported to be a generous gesture to the benefit of Canada. How hollow is that? My recollection of the Bloc is a party whose main objective is to draw as great a vacuum as it can on the collective udder of Canadian taxpayers, to the exclusive benefit of Quebec, and to hell with the rest of us — always using separation from Canada as an inducement.

On the night of the election, I distinctly remember each of the opposition leaders making pious statements that they accepted that Canadians had spoken, and that they would now work with the new minority government for the benefit of all Canada. However, it now transpires that soon after the election, and well before any of the alleged reasons for forming the coalition had been aired, plans were already being forged to get together for the express purpose of defeating the government. It would have been more honest if they had said they were prepared to work together against the government, and never mind the welfare of Canadians.

It seems to me that the real driving force behind this coalition is not at all to better confront the economic woes that beset us, but rather, a pathological hatred of the word "Harper" by the three opposition leaders and some others, and having as a first priority their own personal ambitions instead of the greater good.

Those who support the coalition would have me believe that 60 per cent of us voted for it. We did nothing of the kind. Sixty per cent of us voted for candidates of three parties who told us they were not prepared to form a coalition with anyone else. None of those three parties obtained enough votes to form even a minority government; and three times zero still equals zero the way I do mathematics.

So how did we get into this mess? I think I see it all now. This is just a plot to help the Americans do what they could not do on their own — eliminate Osama bin Laden! He will rupture his spleen laughing, looking at Canada self-destruct.

**HAROLD PAGE,**

# Sports & Recreation

MEN'S SOCCER

## FC Alumni closer to division title

Landslide victory confirms division dominance

BY SEAN MCINTYRE  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Salt Springs' FC Alumni opened up an 11-point lead atop its division after Lakehill GoalTek squad 7-0 on Sunday.

"I think it's turning out that we're really good," said player Jesse Fisher.

"Really good" may be an understatement for the as-of-yet undefeated FC Alumni (10-0-1). With only five games remaining to play in its season, the team is on the verge of locking up the Vancouver Island Soccer League's Masters B division title.

"One more win and we can crack open the champagne," Fisher said. Despite the one-sided nature of their latest outing, FC Alumni took 20 minutes to score its first goal of the match, a low-flying shot by Dave McCall.

McCall would net two more before the match's close. Richard Lee and Fisher also scored in the outing.

The Salt Springs Island Old Boys' Donnie Brown was called into action, scoring a single goal in the effort.

Ken Marr and Mike Brown each played a half in the FC Alumni goal to earn a shared shutout.

"It was a solid performance," Fisher said. "We had more subs than we were able to see some new faces."

FC Alumni's next match is on Vancouver Island against the Cordova Bay Orange (3-1-6) on Friday evening.

In other soccer news: Ganges Gremio pulled off a tie at home against Comox Valley United on



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remains only two points behind fourth-place Comox (9-1-2) on Sunday, Dec. 14 at 2:15 p.m.

Both the Salt Springs Island Old Boys and Salt Spring FC were off last weekend. FC retakes the field at home against Alber-

move up in the standings before the season wraps up in early February.

Gremio's next match is off-island against division-

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# SPORTS & RECREATION

## Salt Spring's U15 boys lose match despite strong play

U13 girls victorious; boys suffer defeat to Lakehill

### SOCCERKICKS

• Salt Spring's U15 boys suffered their first defeat of their silver season over the weekend, playing against a Bays United team.

It was an exciting game to watch with many near misses and several amazing saves by keeper Byron Mussell.

Jonah Grinder played a strong game, as did Austin Reynolds and Dylan Bullach.

Derek Oswell and Leh Smallshaw played solid defence, but it was not enough to hold off the powerful Victoria team.

The first half was all Bays and ended with a 4-0 score.

Salt Spring fought back and the

ball remained in the opponent's end most of the second half.

Armando Morineau scored Salt Spring's only two goals, an excellently executed penalty kick and a nice one that went off a Bays player and in. Morineau continued to wow the crowd with his extreme footwork and amazing skill.

• Salt Spring U13 girls met up with Gorge on a slippery field at home on Saturday.

Salt Spring took the early lead when Jasmine Cooper assisted Brenna McIntyre for the first goal of the game. Soon after, Zorah Wiltzen drove past the defenders and crossed the ball to Jade Beau-

vais, who scored to make it 2-0.

Salt Spring's defence came out strong with Linda Herbert keeping Gorge far away from the net.

Cooper got the ball to the box for Beauvais to make it 3-0 at the end of the first half.

The rain came down hard, but the girls played even harder with Maggie Birch assisting McIntyre's second goal, giving Salt Spring a lead of 4-0.

Becki Steel scored on a free kick and then drove the ball down the field, pounding the ball to the back of the net, to win 6-0.

• Salt Spring's U13 boys Oasis had their toughest home game yet, facing Lakehill's top gold team Saturday at Portlock.

The two teams played once before in an exhibition match,

with the stronger Lakehill squad coming out on top 10-4.

The game began in favour of the skilled visiting side, whose smooth passes caught the locals a little flat-footed.

However, after a few strong defensive stands and timely saves, Oasis players gained their composure and started to get a few chances of their own. Lakehill scored first, but soon after, Salt Spring tied it up.

Justin Kopetzki drew the goalkeeper out, beat him and then launched the ball to a waiting Tai Levitt, who popped it into the open net.

The half ended 1-1.

Second-half action began fairly even, but slowly the advantage turned to Lakehill, which man-

aged to win most of the ball battles in the midfield. Eventually, this led to their second and then third goals, making the final score 3-1.

Man of the match goes to Billy George, who had a stellar day on left defence, stymieing numerous chances for the visiting Lakehill sharpshooters.

• Salt Spring's U16 girls lost a heart-breaker to division leader Sooke in a 5-2 home game on Saturday.

The result leaves the girls in fourth place in a tightly contested race for top spot.

• Salt Spring's U18 girls nailed a 3-1 win over Bays United in a home game on Saturday.

With only one loss all season, the team is tied for first place in the division.

# expert ADVICE

### Real Estate

## A Time For Thanks ....



JAN MACPHERSON

As this holiday season advances we are all reminded of how blessed we are to live on this island, in this province, and in this country.

To my clients, friends, and colleagues in real estate, I continue to enjoy and appreciate working with you especially during these times of change and transition.

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### Personal Trainer

## Fitness advice for the holiday season.



SHEENA BULL

The first thing to remember is to plan ahead to create time to exercise and relax during the busy holiday season. Give yourself an hour a day to spend at the gym or out walking or running. Instead of sitting and talking and eating, try a walk on your favourite trail, or a stroll along a beach. If you have company arriving, take them on a walk or encourage them to join you at the gym. The most important thing to keep in mind is staying focused on a healthy lifestyle, even in the middle of fun and festivities. Remember that excess calories equal weight gain and it is difficult and time-consuming to have to exercise off those "extra" pounds.

*A Happy "Wholesome" holiday season to all.*

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### Spa Explained

## What is the importance of sanitation, disinfection and sterilization in the spa?



JUDITH

Each client has the potential to carry some kind of bacteria and viral infection. It is important to regularly and consistently take the necessary steps to disinfect and decontaminate implements, linens and surfaces in the spa. This is an important service that spa owners provide their clients and to their staff. Think of these practices as "risk elimination." There are three levels of decontaminants: sanitization, disinfection and sterilization.

Level one is sanitization. This is the process of making an object clean before disinfecting it by means of hot water detergents, antibacterial soaps and other sanitizers. To sanitize means to reduce the number of microorganisms to a safe level. This does not include bacterial spores and all viruses. Spores are the reproductive element and are more resistant.

Level two is disinfection. This is the process that eliminates many disease producing germs and organisms. This does not eliminate spores and all viruses.

Level three is sterilization. This is the destruction of all forms of bacteria, fungi and viruses. Estheticians need to be concerned about fungi. Fungi can cause conditions such as Athlete's Foot. Proper sterilization of pedicure implements and foot basin can prevent spread of infection. The use of stainless steel bowls and implements made of hard, non-porous materials impedes the growth of such fungi and bacteria.

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### Car Service

## How often do I need my car checked?



BLAINE

It is a good idea to have your car checked every 4 months or 5000 kms. This is so your mechanic can look the whole car over, not just change the oil. If you do not check the car over this frequent, you run the risk of having minor problems turn into major problems.

A major problem will always cost more than a minor problem, and will probably leave you broke down and stranded. It is also a good idea to have your oil and tires checked each time you fill up with gas. Don't feel bad about asking this as you are already paying for this. This should help you save money and time over the long run.

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### Financial Advisor

## Resist the temptation of trying to pick a market bottom



PAUL HORACHEK

When stocks fall substantially - as we have seen in 2008 - many investors may see the opportunity of purchasing stocks at relatively low prices - but they decide to wait until the market's lowest level possible before buying anything.

If you find yourself thinking like that, remember that there's a big difference between buying "low" and buying at "the low." The reality is that it's nearly impossible for even the most brilliant professional to predict exactly when a bear market will reach its low point. Instead of trying to time the market, you might find it's a much better idea to stick with a buy-and-hold strategy designed for the long haul. So if you have money to invest during a bear market, consider continuing to buy more of the quality stocks you like.

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**Happy 90th Birthday Grace**  
 Love Eric, Susan, John and Chris  
 Dec. 4, 1918



Please share your thoughts of Grace Bracher for a memory book.  
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## CARDS OF THANKS

**THANK YOU to everyone who supported me during my Dad's illness and since his passing. Your kind words of encouragement and the cards and flowers I received mean a lot to me. I'm very grateful to my friend, Sharon, and to her son, Derek, for their kindness, ongoing support, and for preparing and delivering food to my family at Dad's house. The gathering at Fulford Hall was made all the more memorable by each and every one of you who attended. Thanks to Fulford Hall Committee, who served lunch. A very special thank you to my Cowichan cousins who came to Dad's bedside and who also shared their ceremonial dance and song with us at the celebration of Dad's life. May the spirit of the hawk be with you all. Sincerely, Jim Akerman.**

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## COMING EVENTS

**Barbara Edna Caddon**  
 October 23, 1917 - December 1, 2008  
 Barbara Caddon passed away peacefully on December 1, 2008 at the Greenwood Care Facility on Salt Spring Island, B.C.

## COMING EVENTS

**Gilbert Marcotte**  
 The Last Choir Practice  
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 Bring your stories and jokes  
 SALT SPRING  
 ROD & GUN CLUB  
 223 Long Harbour Road,  
 December 13, 2007 at 2 pm  
 Food and refreshments will be served.

## COMING EVENTS

**Barbara Edna Caddon**  
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 The family wishes a heartfelt thanks to Dr. Woodley and staff/friends at Greenwood's. A Celebration Of Life will be held 1 p.m. at All Saints By The Sea Anglican Church followed by a tea on Saturday, January 17, 2009.

## COMING EVENTS

**ELIZABETH DARLENE HOGG**  
 (nee Downey)  
 was called home on December 4, 2008 at Lady Minto Hospital on Salt Spring Island, BC after a long battle with Leukemia.  
 She is predeceased by mother (Eva), father (Archie), brother (Aaron), ex-husband (Lloyd), brother Robert (Karen), son Joseph, daughter Jeannine (Joe) and Elsie (Tasso), Grandchildren Santana, Kirsten, Warren, Megan, Serena, Keira and Angoni; stepchildren Cliff (Michelle), Lois (Adam), Brad, Kristi (Drew); nieces Crystal and Colleen (Richard).  
 Darlene was born June 23, 1938 at Kimberley, BC. Darlene moved with family to Fernie, BC where they operated a dairy farm. She graduated high school in Campbell River, BC. She worked at the Royal Bank in Campbell River and also Edmonton, AB. In 1970 she moved to Manitoba where she married Lloyd Spare. Darlene moved between various provinces until 1983. She settled in Swan River, MB. In 1992 she married Bruce Hogg and they retired to BC, finally settling on Salt Spring Island, BC.

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COMING EVENTS



**FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT MEETING**  
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COMING EVENTS

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COMING EVENTS

**COMMUNITY GOSPEL CHAPEL'S EVENTS.** Kids Zone Christmas Program, Dec. 14 @ 6:30pm. Community Christmas Celebration & Live Nativity, Dec. 21 drop in from 6:30pm - 8:00pm.

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INFORMATION

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INFORMATION

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**PETS REMEMBERED**



Jack has said goodbye to his beloved companion Blaze and his most affectionated last Saturday morning by Dr. Harold Bond.

**PET MEMORIAM**

**PETS REMEMBERED**

Of all six dogs Jack has had, Blazey his great dane cross was by far the most intelligent and affectionate. She would have been 11, next February. Obtained from Dr. D. Milton on May 6, 1998. Her previous owners had brought her in to find a new owner or to be put down. Jack adopted her name from Oprah Blazey. She had a white slash on her black chest. Blazey loved to accompany Jack in his van on trips to town and off the island, probably about 2000 trips in 10 1/2 years. If Jack was away for several days, or once for 11 days, Blazey was delicious with joy on his return. She will leave a terrible void in Jack's life. Blazey had severe arthritis and possible cancer in the left front shoulder area. Her limping became so pronounced that she had difficulty with stairs. Blazey, who was not purebred looked as if he was a sealpoint Siamese. Until two years ago, he and his purebred lilac point Siamese mother Shan, were inseparable. When Shan was euthanised two years ago, Blazey transferred all his affection to Jack. Of the 15 or so cats in Jack's long life, Shan and Blazey were the most affectionate. Blazey had kidney failure and for three weeks was almost totally blind.

**PETS REMEMBERED**  
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**Libra (Sep 23 - Oct 22)**  
A steady climb to the top might be in your future. You may feel the desire to push central theme now. Your confidence about how things were, what you once considered important and secure is changing.

**Scorpio (Oct 23 - Nov 21)**  
Taking stock of what you have, want and need is now in the spotlight. Security will come from knowing you have reserves, savings, multiple streams, contingencies, plans, and multiple skills and so on.

**Gemini (May 21 - Jun 21)**  
Who are your best friends? Is it your family or local birds of the same feather, or your colleagues? Ideally, your answer includes or cycle continues to guide your focus and actions. Practical considerations are a top priority. This is a good time to be covering all your bases in terms of finances especially.

**Cancer (Jun 22 - Jul 22)**  
Introducing new rhythms and patterns to your daily routine is drawing inward to get away from the maddening crown may be the call now. A retreat of any kind will make you feel a powerful urge to escape. Ideally, you are tending to your health and seeing the advantage in your situation.

**Leo (Jul 23 - Aug 23)**  
A creative power cycle continues. Sharing and enjoying arts and cultural activities continues to guide your outer focus. Yet, you may likely feel drawn inward to escape, also feel drawn inward to escape, dream and plan for the future. You may wish you felt more confident.

**Pisces (Feb 20 - Mar 20)**  
Pushing ahead to realize a bigger and better future should be keeping you busy now. Things you have wanted to accomplish for a long time may seem easier than ever to achieve. This is how it is when you are on a roll.

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# SPORTS & RECREATION

## WOMEN'S SOCCER

# Dragons: two wins in a row

Bellavance preserves shutout

BY SEAN MCINTYRE  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

The Salt Spring Island Dragons closed in on second place after defeating Vic West at the lower high school field 1-0 on Sunday afternoon.

The game's lone goal came in the first half following a melee in front of the Vic West net that saw the Dragons forwards receive repeated rebound

opportunities.

An alert Mardon Dary finally nailed a shot into the right-hand corner to give the Dragons the lead.

Vic West players attempted to mount a comeback during the second half but failed to get the ball past Dragons keeper Kym Bellavance despite several opportunities.

"Everything we practised sort of transpired," said player Joanne O'Connor.

Solid refereeing by Malcolm Legg, O'Connor added, kept tempers down and foul

play to a minimum.

"There were lots of whistles, but that kept everyone on both teams in check," she said.

The victory gives the Dragons (6-3-2) 20 points on the season.

The team is tied for third place with Ladysmith and only two points behind second-place Vic West.

The team is 11 points out of first place and has two games in hand.

The women travel off-island this weekend where they will take on Prospect Lake (5-5-3).

The Dragons defeated Prospect lake 3-1 on Salt Spring in October.



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If you want quality, then you will pay what it is worth. Your purchase supports sustainable business practices, the use of quality materials, careful design that wraps your feet in comfort, and a sense of well-being knowing your soles are well taken care of. I'm not saying that shopping at Cardino's Shoes will put you in debt, but rather, it will give you a taste of what fine craftsmanship looks and feels like. Along with the ample shoe selection, Jean stocks the store with warmth and comfort in the form of Carneau sheepskin slippers made in Quebec and indoor/outdoor Acorn slippers for men and women. Italian leather gloves, exquisite handbags, and other footwear accessories also adorn the shelves.

Your feet, with their many nerve endings and fine bones, need a good platform with arch support, cushioning, breathability, durability - and, yes, beauty. This thing that happens between women and shoes - a love affair, a desire, an obsession... whatever it may be, a smart man realizes that this is the way to a woman's heart and will earn huge rewards for paying attention to details like her shoe size. The women at Cardino's can guide you through the process of selection - or to a gift certificate if you have absolutely no idea.

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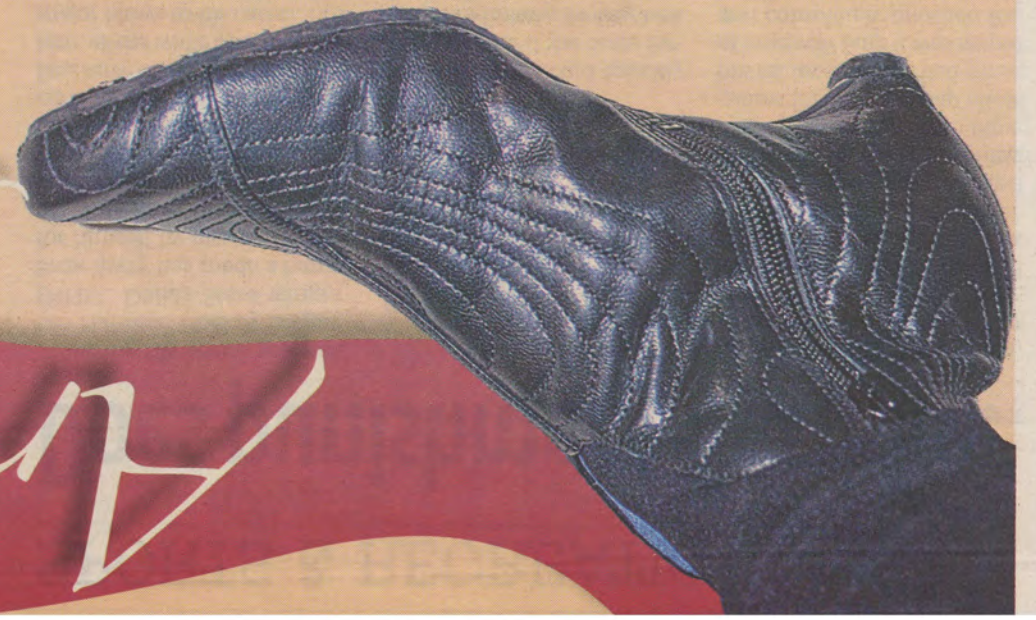
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Fashionable footwear is not synonymous with aching arches at Cardino's Shoes in downtown Duncan.

Step into this shop and be overwhelmed by footwear that truly can be called works of art. Fine leather, meticulous stitching, unique design - these are the features that define a quality shoe and captivate every woman who wanders in, including myself.

Owner Jean Cardino chooses her shoes on the strength of her impeccable taste, and when possible, on the business practices and locations of the companies themselves. Most adhere to a sustainability agenda as much as possible, make a difference in their communities and strive for the utmost quality of workmanship. Jean says it's difficult to find shoes that don't come from an Asian assembly line, but there are many designers who are devoted to producing a quality leather shoe - one that can be both seductive AND comfortable, sustainable AND durable, or stylish AND work-day appropriate. She focuses on Canadian and European designed footwear that suits the west-coast climate but also includes office and evening wear. Having choices is essential because shoes need to suit any occasion.

Over the past few years I have seen footwear trends shift with the growth of large corporate stores and the expansion of clothing companies marketing poorly-made shoes as accessories to their clothing lines. I was beginning to wonder if the attention to quality had, in fact, become usurped by mediocrity. However, if there's two things I know to be true it's that you get what you pay for, and if the price is too good to be true, there is always a hidden cost somewhere else, be it environmental, social, or economic.



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## SPORTS & RECREATION

# Does punishment fit crime?

During his seven years in the National Hockey League (NHL), Dallas Stars winger Sean Avery has made a name for himself by pissing people off. But even though Avery talks enough trash to fill a New York City dumpster to the brim, he has somehow managed to keep playing the style fans have come to expect from him, all the while avoiding any major blows to his career. But it seems that Avery's luck has finally run out after his latest stunt, which has seemingly everyone in the hockey world thinking the same thing, where do you draw the line?

Last Tuesday, in a poor and tasteless attempt to stir things up for the Stars game against the Calgary Flames that night, Avery brought the media together after a morning skate to share with them his thoughts on Flames defenceman Dion Phaneuf dating his ex-girlfriend, Canadian actress Elisha Cuthbert.

"I'm really happy to be back in Calgary, I love Canada," said the Ontario native. "I just want to comment on how it's become like a common thing in the NHL for guys to fall in love with my sloppy seconds. I don't what that's about, but enjoy the game tonight." After finishing what he had to say, Avery walked out of the locker room with or without the knowledge that he'd just started what is so far the biggest controversy of the 2008-2009 NHL season.

After Avery's comments hit national television that same



Patrick Cwiklinski

### LET'S TALK SPORTS

day, the NHL acted quickly and suspended the Stars forward indefinitely, forcing him to miss his chance to face Phaneuf, who would have likely murdered him, on the ice. The now infamous words that came out of Avery's mouth hit media outlets like a hurricane, with everyone putting in their two cents. Everyone from Don Cherry to Toronto Maple Leafs head coach Ron Wilson made their opinions heard as the entire hockey world waited to hear the decision on Avery's fate. Finally, after a New York meeting with NHL commissioner Gary Bettman, along with Stars co-general manager Brett Hull, it was decided that Avery would be given a six-game suspension without pay and forced to complete an anger-management evaluation before he can come back and play.

Okay, let me catch my breath here. Wow. I'd like to start by saying that what Avery said was probably one of the most offensive things I've ever heard come out of a hockey player's mouth in the public eye. He should be embarrassed and ashamed of himself for making those kinds of comments towards a fellow

player and his ex-girlfriend, and some kind of punishment should be given out without question. But despite all of this, I have to say it . . . Six games — are you kidding me?

Call me crazy, but what kind of example is the NHL setting when players get two to three games for brutal cheap shots but six for having a bad sense of humour? Sure it was stupid and completely uncalled for, but the league should be tackling bigger issues than one player's ignorance.

All the talk about him being warned before and this being the last straw is, quite frankly, absurd. It's just words, people. Sure they can hurt, but I doubt they can hurt as much as a 6-foot-4, 230-pound enforcer giving you a concussion and nearly ending your career. Plus, Avery is going to endure enough punishment once he gets back, his team-mates are embarrassed to be playing with him and there's a long list of players who are waiting to teach him some manners the next time they play against the Stars with him in the line-up.

The bottom line? Keep the hefty suspensions for someone who actually does something that puts someone else in danger, not for this, not for something that didn't happen on the ice.

If this is the way commissioner Bettman is going to go about suspending players that do things not at all related to the game, then I guess Plaxico Burrell is lucky to be in the NFL.

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