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Transport group ready for increased

TRANSPORTATION

Tax increase would start improvements

action

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN DRIFTWOOD STAFF

The Salt Spring Island Transportation Commission is ready to get to work implementing the first in a series of safety improvements for pedestrians, cyclists and motorists, but will need community support to do so.

Bob Fenske, CRD manager for transportation operations on Salt Spring, said the commission is ready to move forward with plans in both the transit and transportation branches.

"The commission is really excited to bring to the community a lot of benefits we've been working on for a number of years," Fenske said.

On the transit side, Fenske reported that bus ridership has far exceeded expectations and the commission is hoping to extend service by 2,156 hours in 2011.

"The system is now overcapacity - we're actually leaving people behind on a couple of runs."

The proposed service expansion would include an evening run to Fulford, an additional run to the Vesuvius ferry, a Fernwood morning commuter trip, Sunday and holiday service, and a taxi overflow supplement for passengers left behind.

Fenske said the entire expansion is possible with the system's existing buses.

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SEASONAL GARB: Rose Prieto — seen over the weekend at the last Saturday market of the year — dresses as a harvest nymph in honour of Halloween.

ISLANDS TRUST

Hearing serves up tennis support

Trustees to consider decision on Thursday

BY SEAN MCINTYRE

Island residents speaking at an Oct. 27 public hearing gave local trustees little reason to deny a rezoning proposal for construction of an indoor tennis facility at the Salt Spring Golf and Country

Make that no reason.

Of the 28 speakers who addressed the island's local Trust committee members during a standing-room-only event at Lions Hall, not a single person spoke against the proposed bylaw amendment.

The crowd of tennis enthusiasts, many of whom are members of the Salt Spring Tennis Association, indicated that indoor tennis stands to improve the health and well-being of islanders by providing an affordable recreation opportunity to residents of all ages.

"Approval of this zoning variance helps to achieve the official community plan's objectives by allowing this land to be used for an indoor recreation facility that will be open for public use," said Fernando Dos Santos on behalf of the Salt Spring Tennis Association.

Dos Santos assured trustees that the tennis association will allow non-members to use the court at rates comparable to similar facilities on Vancouver Island and the Lower Mainland.

Proposed Bylaw No. 445 seeks to amend the golf and country club's PR3 zoning to allow an "indoor recreation facility." The application was

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Ferry Schedule.

submitted by island resident Bob Rush on behalf of Salt Spring Recreational Holdings Limited, owner of the golf club property.

According to plans submitted to the Trust by the applicant, the 7,200-square-foot structure would be constructed on property between the club's cart sheds and the ninth hole.

Regulations permit a structure no higher than 7.6 metres (25 feet) in height. Plans show that the structure will be constructed three feet below grade. The application allows for construction

John Stewart, a member of both the golf and tennis clubs, said restoring indoor tennis on

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NEWSBEAT

RESCUE

Late-night heroics save drowning man

One live-aboard resident rescues another

A low-key island resident is credited with saving the life of a man whose canoe capsized in Ganges Harbour on Oct. 27.

The rescuer, who lives on a vessel moored in the harbour and works at a local auto-body repair shop, said he heard calls for help coming from a location somewhere between his vessel and the shore at around 11 p.m.

Within moments, the anonymous hero found himself pulling the hypothermic victim out of the water and into his own

"I'm not really out for glory," said the rescuer, who asked that his name not be published.

"I'd expect anybody else to do the same for me."

He estimates the man was in the frigid waters for up to 20 minutes. Though the victim was wearing a personal flotation device at the time, prolonged exposure to the elements had nearly drained all his strength by the time he was pulled from the water.

According to Troy Haddock, maritime coordinator at Victoria's Joint-Rescue Coordination Centre, any amount of time spent in the water at this time of year is potentially life threatening.

A Ganges Coast Guard vessel arrived at the scene moments after the victim was pulled from the water.

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Bus service expansion in sight for 2011

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The commission will be able to fund the service increase as long as matching funds are provided by BC Transit. The commission may have to wait until April 2011 to learn whether those funds will be provided. If so, the expansion would go into effect in September of that year.

On the transportation side, the commission is ready to start implementing the North Ganges Village Transportation Management Plan (NGVTMP). An initial study by Richard James in 2007 has been followed up with detailed design drawings by J.E. Anderson, which will be delivered to the commission soon.

The reports and community open houses have identified safety improvements — including pedestrian pathways and bike lanes — along the north side of Lower Ganges Road from Blain to Upper Ganges Road as the top priority. Proposed Bylaw 3740, which would raise some \$100,000 more per year through property taxes, is set to enter the Alternative Approval Process in mid-November. If the bylaw receives voter approval through that process, the resulting funds would ensure the improvements could begin to be made.

CRD director Garth Hendren has pledged \$549,453 in federal gas tax funding toward the project for 2011.

The tax requisition is necessary to cover items that the gas tax funding cannot be applied to, including an updated bicycle study and soft costs, including administration, advertising and project

The transportation commission's projected five-year capital plan includes funding from the Ministry of Transportation, which it has yet to secure, gas tax funds ranging from \$330,000 to \$380,000,

as well as future tax requisition increases for construction of a roundabout at the Lower Ganges/Upper Ganges intersection. The latter would require voter approval through the alternate approval process.

Fenske said the commission will be creative in seeking community partnerships and other grants to secure funding necessary to complete the NGVTMP through 2015.

If people have questions about any transportation commission matters, they can call the commission office at 250-931-1372 or director Hendren at 250-538-

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Proposed amendment gets numerous letters of support

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the island is essential for players who are keen to keep on top of their game. "It's very important for me to keep

active and, as the years advance, it's more important," he said.

He vouched that the new structure does not stand to affect the golf club's day-to-day operations.

"As a member of the golf club, I'm aware of what went into the selection of the location. It has been carefully located in a place that will not interfere with normal golfing activities.

"Even for golfers of my standard, who vary a lot around the course, I don't think it can be reached. I've sliced many a ball off the ninth fairway but never anywhere near the proposed area.'

Trust staff said the Oct. 27 public hearing and any ensuing decision taken by the Salt Spring Island LTC has to do exclusively with land use, not funding for the project or ongoing maintenance costs.

The statement followed financial queries raised by Mike Best, president of the Salt Spring Ratepayers' Group, throughout the application process. "I realized that [the public hearing]

wasn't the place and that's why I didn't say anything," Best said after the meeting.

Trustees concluded the public comment period after a second hearing session on Thursday morning.

As of Wednesday evening's session, the proposed bylaw amendment had generated 41 letters of support and a single letter against the plan.

A staff report outlining staff's recom-

mendations about the file will be presented to trustees at the next LTC meeting, set for tomorrow (Nov. 4) at ArtSpring. Trustees have the option of giving the bylaw second and third reading.

Members of the public are welcome to attend the session, although trustees are prohibited from receiving any further comments on the matter.

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Newsbeat

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PARC study reveals diverse recreation appetite

Respondents balance facilities wish list with fiscal restraint

BY SEAN MCINTYRE

Responses to a recent Parks and Recreation Commission survey show an appetite for playing fields still exists in spite of commissioners' September decision to scrap a proposal to buy 50 acres of land for a multi-use sports park in the Burgoyne Valley.

The interest expressed by island youth in soccer and, to a lesser extent, baseball provides statistical justification for PARC's efforts to increase the number of playing fields," said commissioner Stanley Shapiro.

PARC members voted to not pursue the 50-acre Burgoyne Valley project because of rezoning costs and procedural uncertainties.

A group of neighbours had also expressed opposition to the proposal.

Commissioners have since agreed to look for smaller parcels of land throughout the island as an alternative.

The desire for more playing fields was among a slew of wish-list requests based on 260 responses to PARC's "recreational gaps survey" conducted earlier this year.

The survey, made available online and in print form at the PARC office, asked respondents to indicate where improvements can be made to existing facilities and what components could be added to improve recreation options

Trail hiking ranked as the most popular activity among respondents aged 18 and over and was the second most popular activity among respondents aged 17

Shapiro said the popularity of hiking is consistent with PARC surveys dating back to 1992.

"All things considered, the results suggest that the current PARC emphasis on improving trails and beach access is an appropriate one," Shapiro said.

The indoor pool was the most popular recreational choice for respondents aged 17 and under.

"The popularity of the pool is, given the costs involved, reassuring and suggests this facility is already making a very significant contribution to the island's mix of recreational options," Shapiro added.

Half of the survey's 260 respondents offered commissioners a sense of how to improve existing programing and

The most frequent suggestion (17 responses) was that PARC provide better information about the types of activi-



DRIFTWOOD FILE PHOTO

Hiking is a popular recreational activity on Salt Spring.

ties that are available. Seventeen respondents suggested the need for more playing fields and 16 demanded better

"Also worth noting," Shapiro said, "are the 12 respondents opposed to any further budgetary increases, the 14 comments critical to varying degrees of the pool and nine critical of PARC itself."

When it came to asking respondents which athletic and fitness opportunities should be made available, 51 voiced a need for an ice rink, 29 suggested improved trails and 20 spoke out for an "indoor facility of one kind

"The large number of pro-ice rink comments may well have been the result of an organized campaign conducted by arena advocates," Shapiro said.

"Be that as it may, the result suggest a significant segment of the community considers the absence of an ice rink to be a major recreational gap.'

In spite of the result, Shapiro noted that a variation of the question that appeared in a 2009 survey showed more respondents were opposed to an ice rink than were in favour.

The recreational gaps survey is but one of the methods used to help PARC establish how to meet the community's recreation needs.

Part of that process, according to PARC manager Kees Ruurs, is the development of a parks master plan in 2011. The plan will focus on the development of additional capacity for sports and other "active recreational pursuits" in keeping with PARC's mandate.

Survey results will be taken into account when commissioners meet to discuss potential projects early in

Feel like sharing your vision for Salt Spring's recreation needs? Comment on this and other stories at www.gulfislandsdriftwood.com.

News briefs

Fall back this Sunday

It's that time of year again. People should turn back their clocks by one hour as of 2 a.m. on Sunday, Nov. 7 as Pacific Standard Time returns until next spring.

Missing horse found dead

The owner of a missing Belgian horse has reported the animal accidentally drowned in Weston Lake, which borders the Reynolds Road property where the animal was kept.

The horse named Pearl disappeared at the end of September. Owner Mira to earthquake victims in

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Warrington and friends feared it had been taken off-island by unknown persons and launched a public appeal for the horse's

A recent search of the far edge of the property located Pearl's body, she said. There was no indication of foul

New Haiti donation requirements

More boxes have been set up to accept donations for an orphanage in Haiti.

Renee Sanden, a local nurse, has been collecting goods to deliver in person Haiti. She said she now has enough children's clothing but could use more bar soap, deodorant, hair combs and brushes, hair barrettes, toothbrushes, tooth paste, band-aids, antiseptic soap and children's Tylenol.

Until Monday, Nov. 15, donations can be left at the Driftwood office, RBC Dominion Securities at Merchant Mews, ArtSpring ticket centre, BMO in Ganges and Pemberton Holmes in Ganges.

Sanden thanks everyone who has donated to date.

Russell Island dinghy dock

Marine construction currently underway at Russell Island will provide a new dinghy dock serving visitors and Parks Canada staff by the end of the year.

Todd Shannon, manager of visitor facilities and assets for the Gulf Islands National Park Reserve, said Russell Island is part of a project that includes new docks for several park locations, including Roesland, Princess Bay, Royal Cove and Winter Cove.

Shannon said the Russell Island dock is going in at the same location where a former dock existed and was later removed for safety

The new facility will allow visitors easy access to the site via dinghy or kayak, and will help Parks Canada staff in their year-round monitoring activities.

Weather permitting, construction should be complete by mid-December.

Mellow Halloween

Local police enjoyed a relatively quiet Halloween night with the exception of one group. While on foot patrol in Ganges early in the evening, police observed two males discussing the purchase of drugs with a third male.

Police stopped the third male, a 35-year-old Victoria man, on the sidewalk and arrested him for possession of a controlled substance. A search revealed a small quantity of marijuana as well as three pills.

Following up on this transaction, police attended the skate park around 10 p.m. and located a group of young people drinking and setting off fireworks. Police located the two males they had seen earlier, and informed them they were under arrest for possession for the purpose of traffick-

A 28-year-old male took off on foot, throwing items from his possession. He was eventually arrested nearby by police. A search located one baggie of marijuana. Two more baggies were located where items had been thrown.



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NEWSBEAT

Leisure pool campaign makes waves

SSplash AGM to address referendum strategy

BY SEAN MCINTYRE

DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Plans to add a leisure pool component

to the Rainbow Road Pool will be front and centre when SSplash members meet for their annual general meeting on Nov. 14.

"We are thrilled to have an indoor pool, but something is missing," said SSplash chair Wendy Rosier. "We've been dedicated to the full pool concept from day one."

Now that the Rainbow Road Pool has celebrated its second anniversary, Rosier said, the time has come to develop a strategy to raise funds and promote awareness for construction of a leisure pool on the site.

SSplash members want to see the matter put to a vote in a referendum held during local government elections in November 2011.

be shallower and warmer than the existing lap pool. A low-angle "beach-like" entry point would facilitate access and a "lazy-river component" would be a valuable recreation and therapeutic component to the facility, Rosier said.

The projected cost for a multi-use leisure pool and adjacent fitness area is approximately \$2,000,000, more than three times the \$600,000 estimate of a similar facility back in 2005.

"We are disappointed that we didn't get it, but we aren't going to cry over spilt milk," Rosier

An information booth complete with brochures, a proposed design and pictures of

A leisure pool would similar facilities have been set up in the Rainbow Road Pool's lobby for much of October.

Rosier said the information has attracted a steady flow of interest from regular pool users and others in the community.

She said roughly 2,000 people signed a petition in favour of a leisure pool before construction of the Rainbow Road Pool began.

In spite of SSplash members' enthusiasm, however, Parks and Recreation Commission manager Kees Ruurs noted that much work needs to be done before any decision about a leisure pool referendum is made.

A full account of projected revenues and expenses of an addition will be needed before any steps are taken, Ruurs said during a PARC meeting on Oct.

Further details about other recreation facilities, such as an indoor ice rink or synthetic ice-like surface, must also be considered, he said.

Commission members indicated that PARC would not be willing to provide funding for a leisure pool or initiate a referendum on the subject at this time.

Members of the public who want more information about the leisure pool campaign can contact Rosier at 250-653-4034 or attend the SSplash AGM at the Salt Spring Sailing Club (152 Douglas Rd.) on Sunday, Nov. 14 at

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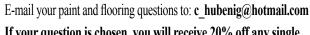




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Card skimmers compromise debit cards

Island Savings clients inconvenienced

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN

DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Some clients of Island Savings Credit Union were surprised last week to learn their debit cards had been cancelled after their banking information was stolen by card skimmers.

Salt Spring resident Amy Geddes was out for breakfast last Tuesday when she tried to pay for her meal via Interac. The machine informed her her card had been cancelled.

A visit to the credit union's local branch revealed that Geddes' debit card was one of several that had been compromised by card skimmers, criminals who install electronic recording devices and cameras to steal people's card information and personal identification numbers (PINs).

Geddes checked her statement on the spot but fortunately she hadn't lost any money. If she had, the credit union would have refunded her the full amount.

Cindy Manhas, manager of

risk and security for Island Savings, said to her knowledge the skimming had not taken place at a Salt Spring terminal. She noted, however, that criminals often install recording devices and replace PIN-pads at businesses without the proprietors or employees ever being aware.

"More often than not, stores are innocent victims as well," Manhas said

According to Manhas, skimmers gather information at a targeted location and then create their own cards.

They use the PINs they have captured to gain funds, often by making fake deposits and then doing a series of quick withdrawals.

Usually the place where the phony cards are used is far away from where the original information was stolen.

Card skimming has been described as an epidemic happening right across Canada, but Manhas said the financial community is working on advances to prevent theft. Increased monitoring of card activity, for example, means financial institutions are frequently able to cancel compromised cards

before they're ever used.

"You usually find that it takes time for criminals to remake a bunch of cards — it takes time for them to get information on all the different financial institutions to make up fake cards," she explained. Island Savings will be intro-

ducing chip cards by early 2011, with information stored on a microchip instead of a magnetic strip.

Manhas said consumers can help prevent theft by checking their accounts regularly for unusual transactions.

Island Savings members now have the ability to cancel their debit cards online if they happen to discover something suspicious after hours. If they have lost money from their account it can usually be reimbursed the next day.

Manhas also strongly encourages consumers to change their PINs at least every couple of months. PINs should not be written down, especially anywhere near the card.

"If they just have the card number but they don't have the PIN, they won't be able to access your account," she said.

ISLANDS TRUST

Trustees demand clearer process

Islanders' views requested in LUB/DPA discussion

BY SEAN MCINTYRE

DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Members of the Salt Spring Island Local Trust Committee want staff to provide a clearer timeline about work to update the island's land-use bylaw and development permit areas.

"I think we assume that people understand [the process], but they don't," said Christine Torgrimson during a special meeting of the island's local Trust committee on Oct. 27.

Specifics about how and when public input will be collected is especially important, Torgrimson said.

"I think this is such an important matter and I don't want us to miss anything," she added.

Staff have worked behind closeddoorswithrepresentatives from what the Trust describes as "a broad cross-section of community organizations" since the summer to develop proposed changes to the island's land-use bylaw and development permit area guidelines.

Though working group meetings are not open to the public, a complete list of working group members and meeting minutes are available to peruse at the Trust office.

The first LUB open-house event, about proposed changes to the island's land-use bylaw, was held on Tuesday after-

A summary of the event could not be published in time for this week's print edition, although a story will be available online at www.gulfislandsdriftwood.com.

The event marked the first

public presentation of the proposal to legalize the rental of suites and cottages on Salt Spring.

More open-house events, scheduled for November and January, will deal with proposed changes to industrial and agricultural land uses.

Information meetings and formal public hearings will be scheduled before trustees consider passing any proposed bylaw amendments in the late spring and early summer of

Staff will present trustees with an update about ongoing projects at the LTC's November business meeting at ArtSpring on Thursday, Nov. 4.

More information about the LUB and DPA amendment process is online at the Salt Spring Islands Trust office or online at www.islandstrust. bc.ca.

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NEWSBEAT

TECHNOLOGY

Tweeters'spring up'on Salt Spring

Group sees 'silicon island' as the new digital frontier

BY SEAN MCINTYRE

DRIFTWOOD STAFF

If you can already tell the difference between a tweet and a text, chances are good you've already heard all about the island's inaugural Tweetup event that took place at the Rock Salt Café on Oct. 26.

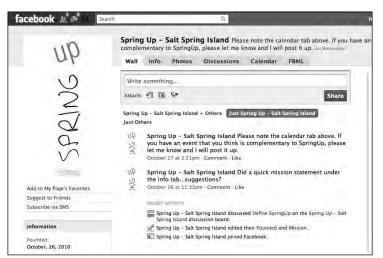
Within hours of the event, word of the gathering spread among Twitter accounts and e-mail inboxes like a digital wildfire.

The message, for those of us still twiddling our thumbs at the thought of tweeting our lives away, is that something of a digital transformation is booting up across the island.

By the look of things, the revolution will feature a lot more face-to-face conversations than one might expect from such a computer savvy bunch.

Suzanne Little and Christopher Roy, the minds behind the Salt Spring Community List, organized the Tuesday night Tweetup event to assemble like-minded technology lovers, communications strategists, writers, publicists and social networking junkies in a real-time and face-to-face discussion about the prospects of transforming Salt Spring into Silicon Island.

The idea, according to Roy, is to create an economy designed to inspire digital innovation and entrepreneurship, which might create more vibrant and better



paying work opportunities for people who live in the commu-

"I'm deeply interested in the future of Salt Spring," Roy said. "We could be a place people could look to [as a model for a new digital

Roy is a senior web strategist and partner for an internet-based communications company and has worked around the world. Thanks to his career in social media and online technology, Roy and his family can live anyplace that has a high-speed internet connection.

It's a phenomenon Jon Suk, a technology consultant who also volunteers on the island's Parks and Recreation Commission, calls "tricking the distance."

'The internet has allowed me to maintain relationships with some interesting people in my life," he said. "It hasn't replaced human connections, it's intensified the relationships.'

Thanks to the internet and

growth of social media networks like Twitter and Facebook, people don't have to live in New York, San Francisco, Tokyo, London or Toronto; they can live the life of digital pioneers right here on Canada's West Coast.

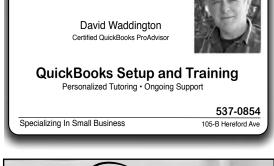
"I envision a time when people no longer need to live in cities at all," said one of the dozen participants at last week's Tweetup gath-

To push things along, the group has created a Facebook site called 'Spring Up - Salt Spring Island."

The site is designed to act as a venue where technology enthusiasts can meet up and exchange ideas, organize events and illustrate how technology can actually do something few people ever thought possible, bringing us and our families closer to the natural

A link to Spring Up - Salt Spring Island is available on the Driftwood's Facebook site: facebook. com/gulfislandsdriftwood.

The "Spring Up - Salt Spring Island" Facebook page is a place where members can exchange ideas about social media and life on 'the digital frontier.



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CAPITAL REGIONAL DISTRICT

Sustainable U' offers transport refresher

Government program seeks class of 700

BY SEAN MCINTYRE

The Capital Regional District is giving 700 residents from across the region a chance to go back to

school. A flashy new website and the potential to win prizes might differentiate the CRD's Sustainable U from a traditional bricks and mortar institution, but organizers of the new initiative still plan to inform and educate a new class of sustainable-minded transporta-

tion advocates. "We think this will be a fun way to reach out and change behaviours," said Sarah Webb, climate new bicycles, helmets, locks, caraction co-ordinator for the CRD.

Prospective students have a chance to become faculty members by attending a two-hour workshop or following an online course designed to teach people how they can make wiser transportation choices.

The Transportation Tune Up campaign seeks to equip the 700 students with all the skills they need to head out and teach friends, family and colleagues about more sustainable transportation options.

"What we're really looking for is for people to get out, educate others and have fun with spreading the word," Webb said.

Graduates who can successfully spread the message will be eligible for prizes like bus passes, share credits, taxi vouchers and in Victoria at 250-360-3000.

vehicle tune-ups.

Webb said workshops will be held throughout the region, including on Salt Spring and North Pender islands, over the next several months. Registration is free and open to anyone with an interest in transportation, energy efficiency and climate change ini-

According to figures supplied by the CRD, transportation is responsible for the largest source of carbon dioxide emissions in the region; vehicles were responsible for almost 60 per cent of greenhouse gas emissions in 2007.

More information about the Transportation Tune-up program, along with other Sustainable U initiatives, is available online at www. sustainableu.ca or by calling Webb

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Individual also breaks window at private residence

A wave of broken windows and damaged property that hit Ganges in late October found a new target at Gulf Islands Secondary School Friday night.

A security person reported discovery of a broken window to police just after midnight on Oct. 30.

Police observed that a large rock had been thrown through a glass door. Anyone with information regarding this incident is asked to contact Salt Spring RCMP at 250-537-5555 or call Crimestoppers.

In other police news, during

RCMPREPORT

a routine patrol on Monday, Nov. 1, RCMP officers observed a vehicle being driven with an expired licence plate.

After the vehicle was stopped, police determined the driver had an invalid driver's licence. The 45-year-old male driver was issued a violation ticket with a \$598 fine for having no insurance and a \$276 fine for not having a driver's licence. The vehicle was towed from the scene.

Also on Monday evening, police received a report of an intoxicated male who refused to leave a residence.

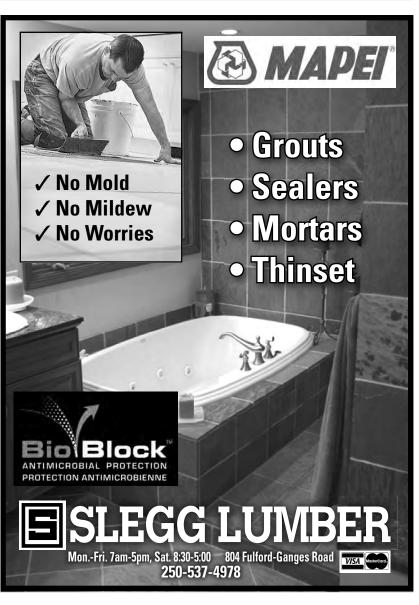
Police attended and located

a 56-year-old Salt Spring male lying in the driveway. He had broken a window at the resi-

The man refused to leave with police and while being escorted to the vehicle, the male bit the police officer. The man was transported and detained and faces criminal charges.

Around 8:45 p.m. on Monday, police received a request for assistance where a male had caused mischief in a residence.

After checking his record, police attended the residence and arrested the 30-year-old Salt Spring man to execute an outstanding warrant for breaching a conditional sentence order. The male was transported by police and transferred to Duncan



NEWSBEAT

COMMUNICATION

Waterworks district aims to draw viewers to website

Extensive information on new site

The North Salt Spring Waterworks District has launched a new and improved website that's hoped to engage and inform customers and anyone else who takes an interest in water-related issues.

The new site offers visitors billing and rate information, links to water-related organizations across the country, extensive information about the district's 97-year history, and details about water quality, quantity and conservation.

Information on the website indicates that the average amount of water used per Salt Spring resident litres. That's well below the 490litre provincial average but still higher than the national average of

Trevor Hutton, manager of the NSSWD, said he will use the website as a tool to distribute water district updates, meeting minutes, studies and reports.

Updating and developing the site will be an ongoing process.

"The target audience is primarily our customers, but anyone with an interest in water-related issues on Salt Spring Island will find it useful," Hutton said.

The new site can be viewed at www.northsaltspringwaterworks.

WILDLIFE



Island Wildlife Natural Care Centre staff and adoptive "parents" release rehabilitated seals at Hudson Point.

Seal adopters witness wildlife centre release

77 seals rehabilitated to date in 2010



The first participants of a local adopt-a-seal program watched their charges swim off to new healthy lives from Hudson Point last Wednes-

Staff from Island Wildlife Natural Care Centre were joined by two groups for the release of six seal pups. Rescued by the centre earlier this year, the seals will hopefully find their way to a colony living in the Secretary Islands north of Wal-

lace Island. Several science students from the Phoenix high school program accompanied teacher Ian Mitchell to say goodbye to Lucy, a pup he rescued with another group of students in late July. Lucy had followed participants of the summer Ocean Educations program based at Pearson College back to the school after a canoe trip to Race Rocks.

"The seal hung around for about a week and was getting smaller and smaller and smaller, and there was no sign of the mother," said Mitchell, who runs the advanced marine biology program each summer. He called the Island Wildlife Natural Care Centre back home on Salt Spring to get advice. Marielle Bonnet, the centre's seal team leader, told

almost certainly die without intervention. The Ocean Educa-

Mitchell the pup would

PHOTO BY DERRICK LUNDY

Boo boo the seal gives a goodbye look to her human friends.

tions students voted to rescue "Ernie" (as Lucy was then known) and even took up a collection to help fund the adoption. One of the kids scooped the pup out of the water and deposited him in a plastic storage bin. Then Mitchell drove him to Swartz Bay, where he was met by the wildlife centre's transport officer Trevor Matthews.

"I was kind of afraid he would die on the way up," Mitchell said, but the pup survived to be taken by Matthews and his wife back to Salt Spring in their private boat.

IWNCC's Jackie Ballerone said the centre often faces a "mad rush" of seal rescues during the pupping season in mid-June, when babies (often premature ones) are abandoned by their

By the end of July they start seeing pups come in that have had trouble making it on their own, or that have been injured by boat propellers or log booms. Usually, the further the season goes on, the worse condition the seals are in.

The seal program at IWNCC is one of the centre's major efforts. Founder Jeff Lederman actually started the centre as a place for seal rehabilitation, one of only two such locations in Canada. However, as Ballerone noted, once the centre existed, people started bringing in all sorts of wild animals that needed help. Over the years IWNCC has grown to accept all wildlife except for large land mammals, hiring specialized staff to work with various species.

Ballerone said before release, the centre likes to bring pups up to the weight they would be at if their mother had naturally weaned them — between 50 and 60 pounds.

"That's the best chance we can give them," she said, but admitted centre personnel sometimes get extra attached and let a pup stick around for a few extra pounds.

The cost of bringing a seal up to weight in fish and staffing varies, but averages to about

This year the centre has introduced the

seal adoption program so people can donate directly to specific projects and animals.

Unlike larger programs where adoptive families receive just a certificate and a toy stuffie, IWNCC decided to make the experience more personal by allowing people to meet (or meet again) with their charge the day before its release for a final weigh-in and check-up. The adopters are also invited to attend the release itself.

Last week's release was the first one where adopters were present. Ballerone said the event was a success but the centre would have to closely monitor future sessions to make sure animals aren't being stressed by too much human noise and activ-

Several seals currently at the centre could use adopting, particularly one named Felix.

Ballerone said the seal was found badly injured: his face was completely smashed in, possibly by a log boom; both his jaws are severely broken and he has worms in his lungs.

"And he's so sweet you can't possibly believe how sweet he is," she said.

Felix is due for jaw surgery with Derrick Milton on Friday. If he survives he will probably be at the centre rehabilitating for a long time. People interested in adopting him can call 250-537-0777 or email iwncc@aol.com.

Ballerone also reminded islanders the centre is open all winter: "If any little animals are in distress, we're here to help."



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NEWSBEAT

GARDENING

Free workshop teaches composting

Participants gain insight from Victoria team

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN DRIFTWOOD STAFF

A free workshop on backyard composting held at the Farmers' Institute last Wednesday gave participants simple tools to make the practice effective.

Nashira Birch, education and outreach coordinator for the Greater Victoria Compost Education Centre, was on hand along with assistant Desirae Kozak to speak to a large and keen group. Although many of the participants appeared to be already involved in composting, Birch's lecture helped clarify several points as to why people should work to ensure its success, and how to do it.

Composting is technically defined as the decomposition of waste in an aerobic environment. Birch explained that the practice is valuable, as most gardeners know, because it returns nutrients to the soil. "Closing the loop" of the growing system means there's no need to truck in fertilizers from outside.

Another benefit is to the greater environment, through the reduction of waste going to landfills. Birch said 37 per cent of the Hartland landfill (where Salt Spring garbage ends up) is material that could have been composted instead.



PHOTO BY ELIZABETH NOLAN

Nashira Birch of the Greater Victoria Compost Education Centre at last Wednesday's workshop.

Organic material at the landfill does not compost on site with no access to air it instead decays into methane gas. Hartland pipes out some of this gas, which in turn heats around 1,600 homes. But as Birch pointed out, this is "a great solution to a problem we shouldn't have" and releases CO2 into the air when it's burned.

Adding compost to the soil improves its growing capacity by increasing biodiversity, which makes soil more resistant to disease and pests. It also allows plants to access nutrients more easily by improving soil structure in sandy and clayfilled ground.

People who have composted before are most likely familiar with the concept of "greens and browns" or the need for both nitrogen and carbonbearing materials in the mix. Birch explained that some common composting problems can be solved by ensuring the carbon levels are high enough. A compost filled with just kitchen scraps and coffee grounds may turn into a toxic soup. Fully 50 per cent of the mix needs to come from materials such as dry leaves, grass clippings, newspaper and wood chips, and should be its decomposed matadded in every time the greens are.

(As a side note, sawdust should be used sparingly as it is almost pure carbon. Treated wood is not recommended.

Cedar and other allelopathic woods including holly, black walnut and eucalyptus actually prevent decomposition because they contain chemicals that prevent other plants from growing in their area.)

Aeration is important for the compost pile, but Birch said there is no need to try to turn everything over with a pitch fork. A better strategy is taking something like a ski pole to poke holes down to the bottom level, to be done once every week or two.

As for rodent problems, Birch recommended several measures to keep rats away. For the average backyard compost heap, bread, pasta, meat and fish products should be avoided. The heap itself should be contained in wire mesh and lidded (for example, a box made from recycled pallets can be lined with mesh, including on the bottom). Keeping the pile somewhere out in the open is also a good idea, since rodents prefer to stay covered to be safe from predators.

In addition to the regular compost heap, Birch discussed vermiculture and demonstrated the Digester. This device can take any kind of waste, but

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WORLD PEACE

Students spread letter of peace

Command letter takes off in school district

Salt Spring Island students are demanding peace.

Following the Oct. 21 Children and Youth Peace Assembly organized by Peace Works! at Mahon Hall, a "command letter" to the United Nations and all the nations of the world is now in circulation throughout the

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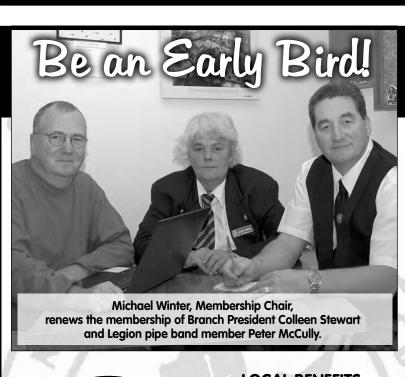
GISS student Abbie Sherwood read the letter at the annual assembly of School District 64 and Salt Spring Centre School youth and it is available for signing online at www.sd64.bc.ca under "Peaceworks form."

It commands "the United Nations and all the governments of the world to bring world peace and the complete end to all wars on planet Earth by November

11, 2018 - 100 years to the day that the treaty to end all wars was signed.

The letter will be on the school district website until Nov. 10, said Cherie Geauvreau of Peace Works! She said students are working on having their own page with the letter by Nov. 11.

Schools superintendent Jeff Hopkins will now be challenging all school districts in B.C. to circulate the letter, said Geauvreau.



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EDITORIAL

Moving along

ecent updates from the Salt Spring Island Transportation Commission and electoral area director Garth Hendren about matters of safe walkways, bike lanes and buses have been welcome.

When the official notice for an Alternate Approval Process — previously known as a counter-petition — asking for permission to raise our taxes by another \$100,000 per year appears in a couple of weeks, islanders should be at least somewhat apprised of what the money will be spent on. At that point the commission may choose to go into campaign mode to convince people of the plan's merits, although with 10 per cent of registered voters required to sign forms to oppose the plan, it probably won't be difficult to get the associated bylaw passed. This topic

THE ISSUE:

Transportation commission proposals

WE SAY:

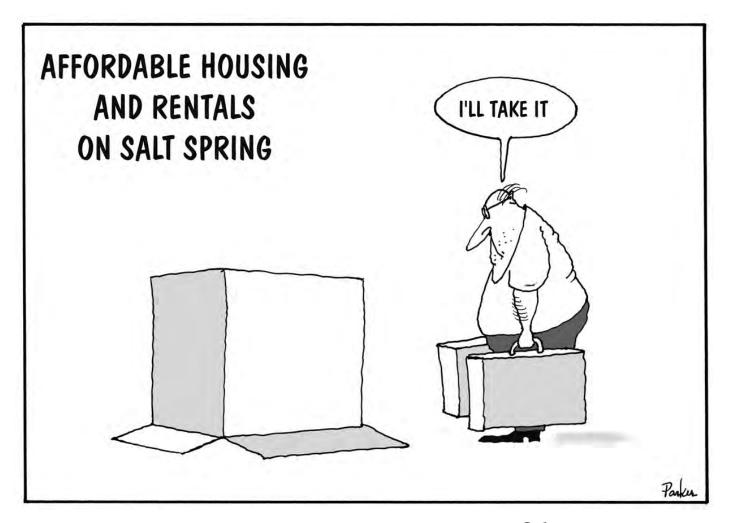
Islanders need to be fully informed should not get people riled up in the same vein as the Harmonized Sales Tax, but we do live on Salt Spring Island and one never knows.

According to the transportation commission's five-year capital expenditure plan, when the \$100,000 is added to some \$550,000 available in gas tax funds (which

are disbursed by the federal government to its local counterparts) and if another \$100,000 in provincial government funding is acquired, it should be able to establish safe walkways along Lower Ganges Road from Blain Road down to the Lower Ganges/Upper Ganges intersection, and a bike lane from Crofton Road to that same intersection. It doesn't sound like much for \$750,000, but transportation infrastructure is expensive stuff.

Island property owners should be aware that the transportation commission's five-year plan contemplates further tax requisition hikes. In 2013, some \$555,910 could be required from us to pay for the bigger-ticket items like a round-about at the Upper/Lower Ganges Road intersection, by 2013. Voter assent would again be needed to make that happen, though.

On the bus side of the transportation coin, it's exciting to hear an extension of the service is within reach, as long as BC Transit comes up with some more funds. Sunday and holiday service are included in the proposal. At this point it looks as if expansion might not occur until September of 2011. We urge BC Transit to bump up its approval process by a few months to get the new system in place for the summer.



Keep government out of housing

Re: the "Limit the Legalization" letter by Maxine Leichter in last week's paper, the writer calls for draconian regulations limiting rental accommodation. Whoa!

This is reminiscent of the worst times in communist Eastern Europe where the state, through its appointed Gauleiters and sycophants micro-managed every aspect of a serf's life. The principle to which she appears to subscribe seems to be: Everything should be illegal unless it is legalized. I take grave exception to this. Society is us, not "them."

Firstly, what's wrong with the market-place taking care of housing needs? Why should the authorities be solely responsible for it? Why can't individuals help as they see fit? Why regulate such people?

So what if their taxes change . . . let them, not Leichter and her rules-orientated cronies, work that out and decide whether it makes sense for them or not. So what if some suites are luxurious? Why can't the owners be left to decide what makes economic sense?

economic sense? And, while we're at it, why should the rule makers militate against owners who want to add suites or cottages on grounds that they may be putting their own

taxes up, or that the capital costs thereof exceed the capitalized return of rents from the accommodation provided? Maybe the owner is happy to rent out a luxury suite to someone deserving until aging Granny wants to move in.

Such is the nature of this segment of the rental accommodation market . . . it's temporary from the perspective of both

Secondly, I submit that an overall increase in available accommodations in general (wherever that comes from) is a

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pre-requisite to housing homeless people, period. In Great Britain, we have an example of the reverse — a socialist administration introduced rent-control legislation and a Tenants' Rights Charter whereby "they" could force the landlord to sell tenants their property at a multiple of the

rent. Result? Holes mysteriously started to appear in roofs, which didn't get fixed by landlords (along with broken windows and anything that needed repair), a severe contraction of available housing and a crisis for low-income families . . . exactly the opposite of what was intended by the legislation.

Here, Leichter is advocating another instance of meddling by big government and rule makers, probably to the detriment of society in general and the homeless in particular.

I say keep government out of it as much as possible and let the free market contribute the best it can . . . let it be given sufficient incentives to help meet unsatisfied demand, not legislated out of helping, as Leichter would have it.

There would appear to be a close parallel here to the argument that Salt Spring Island's resources are overstretched as it is and we must discourage visitors accordingly by controlling the availability of rental accommodations.

If Leichter is hiding her support for this presumption by calling for draconian limitations on the rental sector in the affordable-housing context, may I remind her that Salt Spring is not short of water. It's falling from the sky much of the time. Just collect it off your roofs, use it and you may well find 50 per cent of your water consumption from the mains disappears. So much for "water shortages."

The writer is a retired professional engineer.

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CLAIRE JUTRAS, FOXGLOVE FARM This is my first winter on Salt Spring. I'm going on vacation for a month and am farm-sitting for the



GRANT WICKLAND, BANJOS ON SALT SPRING For me the market never shuts down. I build instruments all winter. The market is just a day off and some social time.



SUSANNA KONG, TWO MONKEYS DESIGN Making hats and scarves and working towards winter



ZOE DUBIEN, OWL + DOT DOT BABY APPAREL I co-organize the Salt Spring Island Craft Bazaar to extend my selling experience.

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MYSTIC MUNCHIES We created a game called Word Weaver; the minute the market is done we get back into it. Also it's a chance to relax and create

new things.

Letters to the editor

Positive reasons

Re: Mike Best's Oct. 27 Viewpoint, being neither a tennis player nor a golfer, just an island resident, I have nevertheless followed Best's comments on the long-running saga about attempts to build an indoor tennis facility.

He made several good points in his recent column, but I didn't see any of the positive reasons for locating a tennis facility at the Salt Spring Golf Club: It would be on a main road built for high volumes of traffic, there's existing parking, another activity unaffected by winter weather would help keep the clubhouse busy all year and people employed.

And, as a community, we could encourage both the Salt Spring Tennis Association and the golf club to take an interest in island youth by setting up further tennis and golf lessons for them, much like the learn-to-sail programs at the Salt Spring Sailing Club (another private club).

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Abusive government

He prefers to operate alone and is often in conflict with his best advisors.

With only a tenuous minority mandate, our one-man government has swiftly moved Canada from having a cash surplus in the bank to being \$56

Still, Prime Minister Stephen Harper thinks it's a good idea for Canadians to squander \$16 billion borrowed dollars on a new fleet of F-35 first-strike fighter jets.

The lack of a competitive bidding process and his refusal to consider our practical and tactical needs illustrates how Harper's top-down decision making process abuses all Canadians. It is an indicator of the health of our nation, and of the future we may face.

Harper claims we need these high-tech murder weapons to maintain our place in the world order, but logic says otherwise.

They are single-engine planes, increasing the risk to pilots flying missions along our vast northern

They are built to launch and land on aircraft carriers, but we don't have aircraft carriers.

These jets have stealth capabilities which might come in handy if and when Canada decides to invade another sovereign nation, but we're not likely to do

They could be useful to chase off a small attacking army, but what nation would invade the invader?

Thanks to Mr. Mulroney, Canada has already given over control of our resources, our businesses and much of our our future to Uncle Sam, with barely a shot fired. Invade Canada — who else would dare?

And the \$16 billion? Given this government's culture of secrecy, backroom deals and blatant lies, it's a safe bet the final bill will far exceed this fig-

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.

> It's a great incentive to vote more carefully next time we get a chance.

CHRIS DIXON, MANSELL ROAD

Preposterous and offensive

Following is an open letter to MP Gary Lunn, filed with the Driftwood for publica-

I have just read your letter of Oct. 19 responding to my concerns over some evidence of your government's attempts to sway the CRTC.

In it you said that "any suggestion that Prime Minister Harper is somehow influencing the CRTC in this matter is preposterous and offensive.

The words "preposterous and offensive" reminded me of the latest report of Mr. Harper's annual travel expenses for 2010 being nearly \$7 million. Then, too, I was reminded of the enormous amount that was spent lobbying the UN, which nevertheless rejected Canada in favour of Portugal in the Security Council.

It also called to mind the two times Mr. Harper prorogued our national Parliament for his convenience. As the district's representative of this prime minister, you might consider softening your language. MELISSA SEARCY,

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Abattoir fundraiser: a worthy cause to get behind

Last week I fell in love on the Vesuvius ferry. As I sat in my seat poring over pointless emails, I became aware of a pair of great big, beautiful brown eyes staring at me in the vehicle to my left. Attached to those eyes was a body to kill for, followed by four of the shapeliest legs to ever grace the back of a pick-up truck. Yes, I was smitten with bovine

Of course, this Hereford love affair was to end in tragedy, as this creature was on its last journey. Dead cow walking. Those big brown, trusting, somewhat anxious eyes and those parts still attached would soon be hanging from a meat hook in some ghastly facility on Vancouver Island. This cow was on its way to the abattoir. For those unfamiliar, an "abattoir" is gentry-speak for slaughterhouse. Sounds a bit like a French pastry, doesn't it?

The Salt Spring farming community is presently raising money to build our very own abattoir here on the island. Finally a cause I

You may find it somewhat curious and a tad disingenuous that I would throw my weight behind such a project. After all, I am a vegetarian. Let me give you the reasoning behind the abattoir. But first allow me to bore you with the reasons I became a vegetarian.

There are the obvious health issues. A diet with a lot of meat has been linked to higher blood cholesterol levels, higher levels of heart disease, higher blood pressure, hypertension, Type 2 diabetes and cancer rates. And veggies tend to be skinnier (really, how many corpulent old people do you see out there?)

A large moral component also begins to percolate with living the veggie lifestyle. According to Jonathan Safran Foer's recent book Eating Animals, the average North American eats the equivalent of 21,000 entire animals during their lifetime. Disregarding the moral imperatives of such a figure (do humans have the right to kill animals just because we can, etc.) the real elephant in the room is that 99 per cent of these animals are factory farmed (95 per cent

Factory farms are the most vile, insidious industry in North America. Factory farms are the single largest contributor to global warming, responsible for 40 per cent more than the entire worldwide transportation sector planes, trains, and automobiles. So listen up, all of you Smart Car driving, cotton shopping bag hordes out there . . . if that shopping bag has a nice porterhouse steak in there, don't be calling yourself an environmentalist. By filling your shopping cart with meat and poultry you are tacitly contributing to and supporting the biggest polluter on the planet.

Numbers vary, but somewhere around 450 billion — billion — animals are now factory farmed each year. That's a hard number to fathom. How about in Canada? About 600 million. Still too big a number? How about 18 million made-in-Canada pigs? That's a lot of back bacon.

These are impressive numbers, but even more impressive is the oceans of untreated sewage created by factory farmed animals. Much of this mess is sprayed onto land planted with crops. If you don't think it mat-



Peter **Vincent**

ters, remember Walkerton? In 2000, seven people died from E. coli found in drinking water. It was quickly traced back to a manure pile.

Don't think it matters? The **Environmental Protection** Agency estimated that 56,000 kilometres of rivers are already polluted in the U.S. — almost one and a half times around

the planet's equator. Alberta estimates that half of its streams are now polluted, and forecasts the end of freshwater fishing in the next 40 years.

At this point I will spare the gentle reader the graphic details of what goes on behind the doors of factory farms and large-scale slaughterhouses. Linda McCartney put it best when she said, "If slaughterhouses had glass walls, we'd all be vegetarians."

So why would such a blatantly anti-carnivore be an unapologetic booster of a local abattoir? Salt Spring farmers are, well, Salt Spring farmers. They are our neighbours. They generally treat their animals like family. They are some of the last bastions of the family farm. Since government regulations shut down the island's ability to slaughter and prep our meat, production has slowly been dropping, as farmers find it's just not worth the trip to the big island with a truck full of squawking chickens. We need to support local growers, whether they are growing cauliflower or cattle.

And then, there are the animals. Somewhere along the line, farm animals became a commodity. Not on Salt Spring. The pigs are real pigs that get to root around and do what pigs do. Cattle, chickens, lambs can usually be spotted living the idyllic life, unencumbered by genetic engineering, infusions of antibiotics and growth hormones, or factory farm employees having bad days.

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That's how it should be. After all, these creatures are paying the ultimate price, eventually ending up on the dinner table. As it now stands, the last hours and days of their lives are spent in a strange, crowded feedlot or worse, the smell of blood in the air, the sounds of animals screeching in pain and

Pigs have the intelligence of a four year old. They can be taught to play video games with their snouts. They are not stupid. They are more than commodities. They know what's going on behind those doors. A local abattoir will allow these animals to die the way they lived — with a certain peace and dignity.

So here's the pitch. The local abattoir would benefit our farmer neighbours, their animals, and our own access to unsullied meat. Like everything else, it takes money. The B.C. Food Processors Association is willing to pony up \$150,000, and there is someone providing up to \$75,000 in matching funds. Salt Springers have contributed about \$35,000 thus far. The cost of the facility will run about \$350,000, so there is still a distance to go for this to become a reality. Please call Margaret Thomson at 250-537-4669, or email her at windrush@telus.net to contribute to this worthwhile venture. I don't need to be smitten by another pair of big, brown bovine eyes on the Vesuvius ferry.

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OPINION





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FUN:

A full-house of whacky and wonderful costumes showed up at the Rotary Club's annual Halloween Spooktacular event Saturday night at the Farmers' Institute. At far left, Iris Beck is one of the helpers at the black jack table; while, at left, a group of "skewered prawns" take top prize for group costumes.

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MORE LETTERS

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Conundrum

This is not really a letter to the editor, but is rather a comment on the Question of the Week in last week's paper about the proposed tennis facility at the golf course.

I couldn't answer the question because if the tennis facility is to be community owned and the cost quite affordable, I would say yes. If it is private (as the golf course), then I would say no. The community should not contribute directly to a sports/recreation venue or activity if access is limited by serious cost to the users.

Thanks for your patience with my inability to vote.

IRENE WRIGHT, SALT SPRING

Reading practice

As the one who suggested the library make book and CD combinations for children a 2010 library annual giving campaign priority, I have been asked to share with the community the reasons why this is so important. Being a former elementary and middle school teacher who can speak from personal experience, I am happy to do just that.

How can using a book and CD set help a child improve reading? Give a young child a book and the child will behave like a reader, hold the book, turn the pages and pretend to read. Ideally the child will spend many hours on a lap listening and following, developing reader skills. With a book and CD combination, these hours of reading enjoyment can be increased. Whether reading with mom and dad or reading while listening to a CD, the child learns to match the pages to the words being spoken. For a beginning reader, listening while reading helps the child make the connection between the printed words and the sounds of the language.

Reading is a skill which takes practice, lots of practice. When practising a skill, it is wise to follow a good model. The model could be a parent reading aloud, but it could also be an audio disk. The audio disks usually provide excellent models of pronunciation, phrasing and expression. Many older children also enjoying listening to books on CD. Those who have difficulty with reading skills can enjoy listening to books on CD that are at their interest level without the frustration of struggling with decoding every word. Following along with the text can help them improve their literacy skills.

Please keep the above in mind

when considering the library's request that you support its 2010 annual giving campaign.

SHEILA SPENCE, SALT SPRING LIBRARY VOLUNTEER

Noble example

The rescue of the Chilean miners has provided the world with an amazing drama with a good ending. Being a professional engineer myself, it was fascinating to watch this great engineering feat unfold.

From a spot on the ground, drilling a hole 2,000 feet into the earth and hitting what must have been a small target area — and in a lot faster time than originally anticipated — was really something in itself. What kind of a drill do you use to drill a two-foot-diameter hole 2,000 feet long? Then the design, construction and operation of the rescue facilities was a major accomplishment, and the whole thing seemed to be carried out so efficiently.

However, what impressed me most was the miners themselves. They have given us a fine example of true nobility. When faced with what must be the most terrifying experience, being buried alive, they did not just panic; they looked after each other and kept up hope. When rescue was imminent, their expressed concern was not who gets out first, but who gets out last. No queue-jumpers in this lot! As they got to the surface, they resisted being sent for needed medical attention until the last miner was out. And I understand that they have now decreed that any financial benefits from media interviews, books written, etc. will be shared equally amongst them.

So I say once again, what a wonderful example of nobility for all of us to consider; an attribute that is so often lacking in our modern society.

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RANTS and Roses

Rants

Arthritis in your reeling wrist to the low life fisherperson who helped themselves to my new Garcia spinning rod and reel from my boat on St. Mary Lake. Used to be that fishermen had more class than to steal someone else's gear. Must be the same blockheads that like to spend their afternoons getting pissed and entertaining the locals with their foul-mouthed behaviour while leaving behind beer cans and garbage floating on the lake. Knock it off, "eh," word is out. It is a new white spinning rod with silver Garcia reel. If it shows up in your place, please inquire and advise that it should be returned to its place of origin. I will then call off the hounds and posse. Ed Davis -Tripp Road

A hundred short circuits to the thieves that stole all the heaters from the Tree House Cafe Saturday night. Tree House has worked hard to create a warm and inviting hangout where people can enjoy great local food while listening to great local talent. Warm and cozy is obviously difficult to achieve with no heat. This was also done on the same night that Tree House co-sponsored a free shuttle to the Fulford Hall so that everyone

could enjoy a fun, safe, Halloween weekend. I hope you feel ashamed of yourself, because you should. Christina Pennington

Roses

A bucket of roses and "wimbledown" to Chuck and Joe at PARC for cleaning out the muddy drain between courts one and two - and for doing it so quickly! Thank you from all the tennis players.

Adozen pint-sized red roses for Robert Steinbach and Moby's pub for the wonderful donation to the Salt Spring Arts Council from their Wednesday night "Pint Club" event. Robert you are gallon-sized in your community spirit. The SSAC

A dozen mystery roses for Val Konig and her students for their donation to the Salt Spring Arts Council Artist in the Class program. Nicola Bell's "mystery painting" was the source of much attention and a silent auction for the SSAC at their recent art show at ArtSpring. Thanks to all who participated. The

Dozens of percussive pink roses to Luanne Katz for putting on new heads and retuning the three timpani at SIMS, which are also shared by the Salt Spring Concert Band and Bach on the Rock Orchestra. Thank you. Bruce, Dawn and

Healthy roses to Dr. Paula Ryan, RNs Lee-Ann, Arla and Amy, x-ray tech Aaron, paramedics Catherine and Brodie, the air ambulance crew, the VGH crew and our many friends and family for your support during Maggie's recent illness. We are indeed blessed to live in such a supportive and wonderful community. Thank you! Jean, Bob and Maggie

I am sending a heartfelt thank you to Greg, Meghan and Katherine for all the help they provided my sister and I on the passing of our mother. Good neighbours are a wonderful

blessing. Dave Gosse and Pam Jackman

Fernwood Elementary School would like to deliver a lovely bunch of "Red" roses to the friends of Tom Wright who donated money towards our library in honour of the memory of Tom Wright — a former teacher at our school. Thank you so much!

Roses to the Ganges government liquor store for expanding its single malt Scotch section. It is now one of the best in the region.

A very delayed but beautiful bouquet of roses to Sandy of Sunset Farm for being so very thoughtful and helpful when I was trying to find the right sheep hide for my friend in Victoria. You were so very kind! Thank you.

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POOL FUN: From left, Laticia Taylor, Kelsea Tippet and Riley Kirkpatrick bob for apples at the Rainbow Road pool facility's Halloween celebration and swim.

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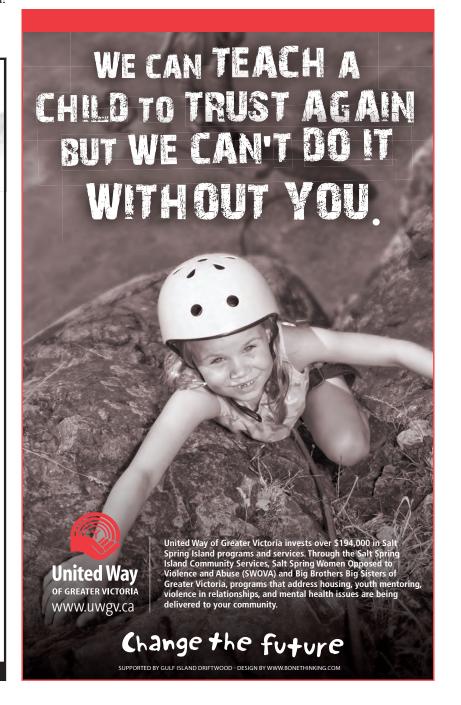
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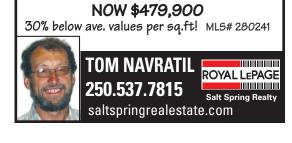
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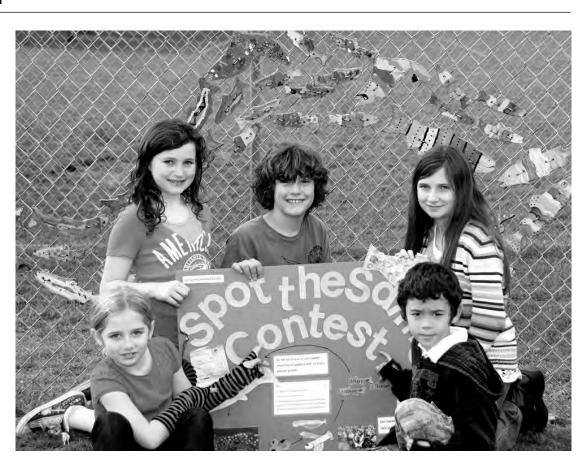
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SEEKING SALMON:

Clockwise from bottom left, Stella Pingle, Nicola Mackenzie, Luca Mouammar, Emily Anness and Sean Close display a "spot a salmon" contest poster. Salt Spring Elementary School is offering prizes to the first adult and first child to spot a salmon in Ganges Creek. Anyone who sees a salmon should take a photo and bring it in to the school with name and phone number attached. The cut-off for entries is Dec. 15. SSE has worked with Salmon Enhancement releasing salmon into the creek for 20 years.







Foundation grant-making serious

BY JUDY NORGET

Each year charitable organizations on Salt Spring apply for about \$100,000 in grants from the Salt Spring Island Founda-

As all the funding for grants comes from islanders' donations and bequests to the community endowment fund, the foundation knows how important it is to grant this money wisely, with the donors and the needs of the community in mind. Few people know the careful process that's involved in the foundation's granting decisions.

Let's suppose your organization wants a grant from the Salt Spring Island Foundation. What are your chances and just how complicated is the process?

If your organization is a registered charity with a CRA tax number, or you have the sponsorship of another organization that does, go to the foundation's website-www.saltspringislandfoundation.org — for the information you are going to need. Look for the next deadline for their twice-yearly grant applications (usually mid-September and the end of March) so you know how much time you have to prepare your application.

Then look at the foundation's "grant guidelines." In deciding which organizations are to receive grants, the foundation considers the importance to the community of whatever you would like funding for, and also the level of cooperation and coordination with others in the same field. It also wants to have some assurance that the amount granted will be enough to achieve the results you're intending, and how much volunteer and citizen involvement there will be.

It's important to know that the

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foundation does not give grants to cover budget deficits, for general fund drives, regular staff salaries, scholarships or to benefit individuals.

What's next? Take a look at the grant application form on the website, which asks for a description of your project, the issues or community priorities it addresses and how it will make a difference to our community. It also asks for your objectives, your budget, other potential funders and your timeline. Once you have all the information, fill in the form online and email it to the foundation along with a list of your board members and your organization's latest financial statements. You can be sure that the foundation will keep all this information confidential.

What happens then? The chair of the foundation's ninemember grants advisory committee reviews your application to make sure there is no missing information, and if there is, asks you to provide it.

It's then circulated by email to all the committee members, who read all the applications before they meet.

The committee usually meets two or three times before finalizing its recommendations. At the first meeting, members get a synopsis of all the basic information: how much money is available for distribution, a list of the applying organizations, what they want funding for and the amount each is requesting. The total amount requested is usually almost twice the amount available. That amount is determined by the foundation's board, based on the income generated by the community endowment

Your application is assigned to a committee member, who will be your main contact. If the committee feels that they'd like more information about your project, that member contacts you and may even come for a "site visit."

According to Adina Hildebrandt, one of the committee members, this is a "respectful and open group," which manages to come to sometimes difficult decisions after "amazingly open discussions." She says they're "all on the same page despite different backgrounds, although we sometimes have to wrangle a bit." In the end, "the greater good" causes them to reach decisions by consensus.

Within about six weeks of the application deadline, the committee makes its recommendations to the foundation's board of directors, who are responsible for final approvals. Although they have every right to make changes, they almost always follow the advice of the grants advisory committee.

But the process doesn't end there. If your organization is to receive a grant, you won't actually get the funds until after you've sent the foundation a final report with invoice copies. And organizations that don't take this final step are not considered for any other grants — all part of the foundation's commitment to granting money responsibly.

As Emily Hepburn, the chair of the foundation's grants advisory committee told me, "It's amazing what a tough job it is to give money away."

The writer is a board member of the Salt Spring Island Founda-

What's happening?

In the Oct. 27 front-page article reporting on the Gulf Islands being among the world's best coastal destinations, it mentioned the islands being unspoiled.

It talks about keeping the island communities authentic. and it mentions the local amenities and how the islands have developed self-sufficient and unique island cultures.

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As one comes into Ganges I like seeing the local businesses like Soapworks and Admiral's and Acoustic Planet and Windflower Moon.

I have heard that those businesses are losing their leases as the building is being rebuilt. Now I have heard that the entire building will be leased by Mark's Work Wearhouse, not exactly a local business.

What next, Walmart to welcome visitors to Ganges? Please tell me what is happening here? Thank you.

LEEZEE PORTER.

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Editor's note: Admiral's is still looking for a new downtown space, Soapworks is moving into the Mark's spot next to Island Star Video, Acoustic Planet is moving to its studio space and Windflower Moon is closing. The Salt Spring Mark's Work Wearhouse franchise is locally owned.

Hockey: legit procrastination

On Oct. 7, I could have dropped to my knees and kissed the earth in joyful praise. That's the day when, after an incredibly long hiatus, NHL hockey returned and once again I could fill my evenings with important hockey watching rather than things like cooking dinner or helping out with homework.



Susan Lundy

JUSTABOUTANYTHING

(Actually, I could not have kissed the earth because I was at the Air Canada Centre in Toronto, watching the Leafs' home-opener against the Habs, so it was more of a beersmeared, concretefloor-type scene. I could have kissed Tomas

Kaberle, who I met upstairs after the game, but I'm really only including this to taunt island Leaf fans)

Hockey-less months mean people like me everywhere must find other means of procrastination or risk long evenings of self-loathing due to lack of productiveness.

I must say, 2010 was a stellar procrastination year between the Olympics, the Canucks' playoff run and the FIFA World Cup. But then came the long, agonizing summer of baseball and — worse — football, and somehow the cosy chair in front of the TV became a faraway place that never got visited.

Luckily, I am capable of forming other, equally pervasive forms of procrastination, like the time — obviously prior to Oct. 7 — I was at the recycling depot, FINALLY dealing with the overflowing buckets of glass, tin and plastic, and had every intention of FINALLY going to the gym for a workout immediately after.

But as I drove down Rainbow Road, a battle brewed in my head.

"I don't feel like working out."

"You never do. But you actually like it once you start."

"I could go home and go for a run instead."

"You hate running."

"But I did go for a run last week."

"You ran four minutes down the road and four minutes back."

"Oh. Not much of a workout. Hmmm. But I could go to the gym tomorrow instead."

"No way! You promised! You said you'd go today AND tomorrow!"

"That might not be long enough recovery time between workouts. I think it could actually be detrimental to my ... um ... muscles."

"Seriously. Muscles. And how much recovery do you need from 28 minutes on a stationary bike?"

"It's 30 minutes."

"You never do the full 30 minutes. You always 'remember' something else you have to do. Like have a beer at Shipstones . . . And by the way, don't even think you're going for a beer if you don't do the workout."

"Fine. I'll do it ... oops ... missed the turn-off."
"Yes, you missed the turnoff ... where are you going?"

I parked at Thrifty's, purchased a package of coconut macaroon cookies and ate three of them before I got home. Then I called up my friend Daphne to come over and drink scotch. I never went back to the gym, meaning that every workout in that \$99, three-month deal I got cost about \$33.

But hockey is a good friend of the procrastinator because it is cleverly disguised as A Very Important Use of Time. It becomes all-consuming, especially when the Leafs are doing weirdly well so you must watch all their games, as well as all the Canucks games.

Then there is all that other happily distracting time while you talk about last night's game and speculate on tonight's game; go to watch the game at the bar an hour early (well, you need a good seat); read everyone's hockey status updates on Facebook, click on "like" or — even more time-consuming — compose a comment; send out a few snarky, but well-crafted emails to losing team fans; google stats and personal information on emerging stars or particularly hot players; roll your eyes at Don Cherry's latest jacket and then google "how old is Don Cherry, anyway?" — this all takes time and because it is hockey, it is legitimate time.

Even better — enter a hockey pool and you can probably triple your important hockey watching hours.

vatching nours. Odd, though, when suddenly it's over.

"I had a barbecue last night," Sean, my coworker announced after a hockey-less day last spring. There was a sense of wonder in his voice. I too had this strange feeling of . . . emptiness. Why am I standing up and not sitting in my chair? What's missing in my hand . . . oh, the remote control. And even when one of my daughters reminded me that I used to cook dinner in the evenings, I had this momentary panic where I couldn't remember what I used to cook.

The good news for procrastinators is that hockey takes a long, long time to end (because even once all the Canadian teams are knocked out of the play-offs, and you promise yourself to do laundry and cook food and clean up the house in the evenings, you WILL eventually decide that it IS the Stanley Cup finals and you probably SHOULD watch it ... and it will inevitably go all seven games).

But for now, the season is young and and we can happily look forward to months and months of blessedly unproductive evenings.

In fact, I'm pretty sure I won't be able to finish this column tonight yup, a quick check to my bookmarked Canucks, Leafs, NHL and hockey pool websites, and I see I am very, very busy.

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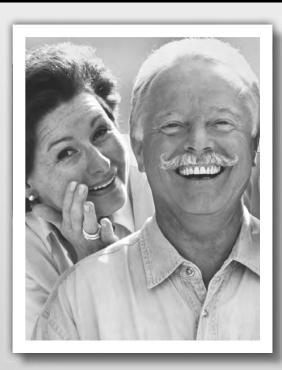
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WOMEN'S SOCCER

Div. 2 team remains on a winning streak

Costumed offence nets 3-0 score

Dressed in "camo-glamour" and bringing a fighting spirit to match, Salt Spring United continued its assault on the ranks of Division 2 women's teams with a decisive Halloween win against Gorge FC.

The first goal by Sue-Anne Donaldson came halfway through the first half with action beginning with a well-struck corner kick from Valri Cunningham.

"A beautiful header from LeeAnn Norgard somehow hit a foot and scrambled in front of the net," said Donaldson, who took the opportunity to finish it off.

The point gave United a 1-0 lead going into the second half.

The second goal came early in the second half with a solid shot from Cunningham just inside the 18-yard box that hit the cross bar.

Cheryle Johnson made no mistake in getting the rebound and giving

pumps

United a 2-0 lead.

Shortly after, Ruby Erck scored a beautiful goal from about 10 yards in. United kept the pressure on to refuse Gorge for the rest of the game.

Norgard said the winning streak is evidence that United has really gelled in its current line-up.

"Our passing is just incredible and that's what makes the game," she said. "We're just putting the ball around people — it's not hard work that way."

Norgard was recognized by the team for her stellar game in midfield last Sunday, making plays and creating chances.

Alice Paveley had a solid game on defence and Alexa Matheson had a great game in net.

Next up for United is an away game at Lochside against the Cordova Bay Cascades. United's record now stands at 5-1-1.

The Cascades' last reported score had them at 1-1-4. (Updated standings after the weekend were not available)



PHOTO BY JOHN CAMERON

Sue-Anne Donaldson scores the first goal as the costumed Salt spring women camouflage their way to a 3-0 victory.

Girls help undermanned U15 boys

Counterparts win own game first

• Salt Spring United boys U15 silver team, chronically undermanned with their roster of just 10, got some help Saturday thanks to an influx of five "borrowed" players in their home match against second-place Gorge. Four U15 silver girls came across town after their noon victory, along with an unsuspecting U12 player (the coach's son), to give the locals the luxury of three substitutes!

Play started out a little sloppy on both ends, as the players got into the pace of the game. At about the 15-minute mark, Gorge struck first on a great shot that got past keeper Alex Graham.

Momentum began to shift in favour of Salt Spring, as the girls began making great contributions to the flow of the game. Eric Weatherby struck first for the locals on a strong shot. He followed up with another nice possession along the end line, finding Tai Levitt on a nice pass, who found the back of the net. With Salt Spring up 2-1, Liam Wenzel was taken down in the box, and made it 3-1 with a nice shot to the top corner.

The second half was all Salt Spring, thanks to strong defending from Robbie Daillie, Daniel Irving, Awstin Finer, Sofia Pickstone and Jasmine Cooper. The locals got two more, with Justin Kopetzki and Weatherby bringing it up to 5-1 before the final whistle.

Weatherby's second goal put him atop the team's scoring lead, with seven goals, compared to six for each of Levitt, Kopetzki and Lukas Wenzel.

• The U11 boys travelled to a sunny Juan de Fuca in the mood

PHOTO CONTRIBUTE

Quentin Miles makes a stop on a point blank shot on U12's way to a 3-0 shutout against Sooke.

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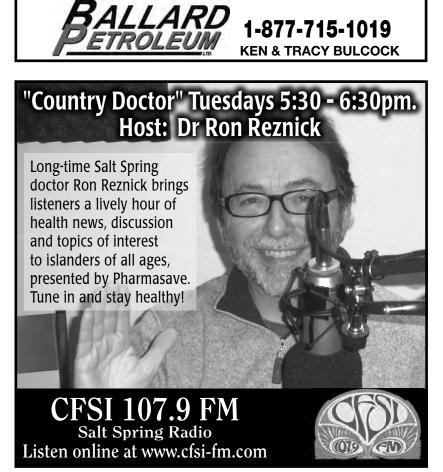
to score some goals and tap into the elegant side of their game. Things didn't work out quite as they hoped and Salt Spring found themselves battling their way to a scrappy victory. Salt Spring went up 2-0 early courtesy of a brace of Kaleb Morgan goals. This stung Juan de Fuca into action, who soon pulled one back to make it 2-1. Jimmy Steel scored to make it 3-1, but not for long as the hosts scored to make it 3-2 at half time.

Soon into the second period, Juan de Fuca scored to draw level, but Brennan Shaver gave Salt Spring the victory near the end, with a final score of 4-3. Not an elegant win, but a win nonetheless. Ryland Donaldson and Max Temmel both had their best games for the team so far.

• Salt Spring's U15 girls proved they are deserving of first place in their division by knocking second place Bays United to third place with a big win on Saturday. The first half started off with Salt Spring attacking and working their way around Bays' tough defence, having only given up four goals this season. Zorah Wiltzen sent a strong shot into the net but it was disallowed due to an offside call. Bays responded but Zoe Savage was there to block it.

Both teams held strong, with Eliza Moat and Sofia Pickstone blocking for the defence until the end of a scoreless first half. The second half saw more back and forth action until a Bays player passed back to her keeper, resulting in an indirect shot. Jasmine Cooper called the play and Wiltzen passed to Cooper, who passed right back to Wiltzen who chipped it over the wall of Bays players in front of the net for the 1-0 lead. Bays fought back, but Linda Herbert was there to block two shots, but no one was able to stop a high bouncer into the net for 1-1.

Back down the field, Hannah James stopped a goal kick and passed it up and Cooper sent it flying into the net over the keeper's head for 2-1. Bays responded with a long attempt and keeper Cassidy Fraser came out and kicked it away, but Bays took another try and Maia Beauvais was in position to block the shot. Cooper and Wiltzen teamed up on two more goals to give Wiltzen the hat trick and the 4-1 win for the U15 girls.



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WATER WALK: Graham Faulkner "walks on water" at the Rainbow Road Indoor Pool during Halloween activities last weekend.

MEN'S SOCCER

Salt Spring FC moves into 4th spot

Old Boys yearn for first win

BY SEAN MCINTYRE

Salt Spring FC sits in a twoway tie for fifth spot in its division after pulling off a mammoth win against Gordon Head on Saturday afternoon.

Harrison Jason scored his second goal of the season and Simon Munneke notched his first of the year to seal the twogoal win.

Miguel Alvaredo earned his third shutout thanks to another stellar performance by FC's defensive backfield.

The victory puts the team back on the winning track as it prepares to face ninth-place Cowichan Sports Traders (1-2-5) in Duncan on Saturday, Nov. 6.

In other Vancouver Island

Soccer League action over the weekend, Salt Spring FC Alumni failed to topple the Masters A-division titans in its Saturday night match against Gorge FC in Victoria.

FC Alumni went down 3-0 and is now in sixth place with a 2-4-1 record.

The team travels to Nanaimo on Sunday for a huge game against fifth-place Nanaimo United (3-3-1). A win would vault FC Alumni into a tie for fifth spot.

In Masters B-division play, the Old Boys failed to frighten visiting Peninsula Cove Reunited (5-1-1) in a Sunday morning Halloween showdown.

The defeat, which is the team's third straight 3-0 loss, drops the Old Boys into last spot in the Masters B division.

"In a case of déja vu, the Old

undone by a failure to put away the chances they had and too many stray passes," wrote player Richard Steel in his post-game

"Peninsula was a large and physical team and showed no mercy in capitalizing on the mistakes Salt Spring made.

"We need to think a bit quicker and take more care with our passing. There's not too much we're doing wrong as a group."

The Old Boys (0-6-2) have a chance to climb out of last spot on Sunday at 10 a.m. when the team hosts the Cordova Bay Bobcats Alumni squad (1-6-0).

"They are more our level, so we need to win this one," Steel wrote. "We feel that if we can score early on, then we can go on to win.

"The Old Boys will be up for it. Boys worked hard but were As ever our desire is strong."

The top eight swimmers from GISS travel to Nanaimo for the provincial finals on Nov. 20 and

"Most schools had over 50 swimmers."

relay team placed third.

Chavez swam personal bests.

GISS SWIMMING

Island swimmers

reach for success

The Gulf Islands Secondary School's modest swim team placed among the top five in all four categories during the group's latest swim meet. Coach Dean Crouse said all 10 students ended

Christine Villadsen, Tilly Morgan and Karla

"Out of the 22 teams, GISS placed eighth in overall points with only 10 swimmers," Crouse said.

Top eight off to provincials

the meet with super-fast swimming results. Marc Spiess, Cassidy Fraser, Arthur Irwin Campbell, Jason Funk, Gabrielle Spiess, Stephanie Kos and Maxime Gregorieff each placed among the top-five swimmers in their respective categories. The boys' relay team finished first and the girls'

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SENIOR BOYS SOCCER

Scorpions host north island's best

Quality soccer on tap locally for Nov. 3 and 4

Players on the Gulf Islands Secondary School's senior boys soccer team will be the centre of attention this week as the team prepares to host the 2010 North Vancouver Island championships on Nov. 3 and 4.

Eight teams will compete at the high school and Portlock Park soccer fields to determine who will advance to play at the Vancouver Island championships later this month.

Each team plays three games in roundrobin action before a Thursday afternoon playoff match is held.

The top four teams move on to play at the Vancouver Island championships.

Doug Pearson, coach of the GISS squad, said he anticipates some high-quality soccer as the Scorpions aim for one of the top four spots.

"I think it's going to be harder than the islands," Pearson said. "It's going to be nip and tuck for all the games."

In other soccer news, the GISS junior boys soccer team wraps up their trip to the Vancouver Island championships on Thursday, Nov. 4.

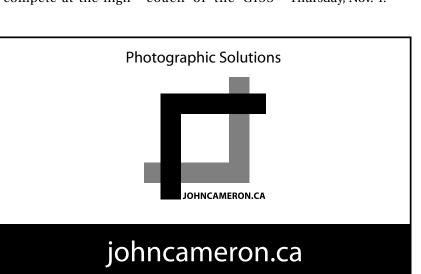
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Virsty Chalmers is pleased to announce the birth of her precious son **Hector Azul Chalmers** on October 14, 2010 at 8:45am weighing 8lbs 13oz.



Hector is welcomed by proud Grandparents Kerry and Arvid, Aunt Zoe, Uncle Martin and Cousins Kaya and Finn. A big thank you to Salt Spring midwives Maggie, Kelly and Tracy and midwife Heather Nelson and the medical team at VGH for all of their care and support.

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Elizabeth Lee **Funeral** Consultant 537-1023

WHAT'S ON?

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Tony Winston

passed away of cancer Oct. 25, 2010. "Banker Tony" will be greatly missed by all who knew him. He always put others before himself, especially me.

Gazing out at the dark velvet abyss, Knowing how much his love I will miss, and never more his goodnight kiss. Such sorrow, this. Marcie Winston Berner

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> Sunday November 28, 2010 at 1:00 p.m. ArtSpring Gallery.

The Board will present a proposal to amend two sections of the constitu tion - the purposes, and the number of board members.

Details are available or the ArtSpring website www.artspring.ca under 'News'

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ANTHONY (Tony) JAMES WINSTON Born July 31, 1962, Died October 25, 2010.

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of our loved one. Tony succumbed to his multiple complications of cancer, and subdural hematoma.

He is survived by his loving wife Marcie who he shared 30 years of his life. Also his mother Eileen Winston of Kamloops, brother Dan (Barb) - Kamloops, sisters Natasha (Pierre) Port Hardy, Pamela - Rimouski Que. and Lana also Kamloops.

Tony was a free spirited artisan who touched many people with his flamboyant life style. With a tender heart he lived a quiet life and was always ready to share with others. We will also remember him for that million dollar smile of his.

A private family memorial to celebrate his life will be at future date. Condolences may be made to: bdwinston@shaw.ca

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Totus Ruckle

Born in the BC interior on February 2, 1911, and died on Salt Spring on October 27, 2010. Pre-deceased by husband Gordon, daughter Gwen and son Henry. Survived by sisterin-law Helen Ruckle and many nieces and nephews, with special mention to Dale Oakes. The family wishes to thank Dr. Ron Reznick for his compassionate care during Lotus' life. No funeral by request.

Lisa Eriksen W Kellogg 💜

Lisa Eriksen Kellogg, 75, of Fall City, Washington, passed away on Sunday evening, Oct 24, 2010, at Overlake Hospital in Bellevue, Washington.

Lisa was born Inger-Elisabeth Eriksen, on February 8, 1935, in Grenaa, Danmark. She lived with her mother and father, Alma and Johannes Eriksen, and

brothers Svent, Jorgen, Bent, and Frans, on their farm, Naesgaard. After completing secondary school, and attending university in Copenhagen, she travelled across the Atlantic to work in Canada as an airline stewardess. Lisa met her future husband and love of her life, Robert Payne Kellogg, during this time. They were married on December 20, 1959, in Arhus, Danmark. Bob and Lisa lived in Edmonton, Alberta, and Seattle, before settling in Lakewood, Washington where they raised three daughters and made a home. After Bob's death in 1999, Lisa moved to Fall City, Washington, and lived next door to her daughter Inga and son-in-law John Rouches.

Lisa first came to Salt Spring in 1957, and over the rest of her life gave her love and energy to the Kellogg family's farm at Musgrave. It was one of her favorite places, and she spent many wonderful times there, connecting with nature and wildlife, gardening, embracing the company of family and friends, and travelling the Sansum Narrows in her skiff. Lisa's family from Danmark often visited at Musgrave and shared in the beauty of the land. She loved animals, music, and inspiring others to live their dreams. She is remembered for her grace, tenacity, generosity, strength, and courage.

Lisa is survived and greatly missed by daughters Inga Rouches of Fall City,

Risskov, Danmark, son-in-law John Rouches and grandchildren Jake and Sophia Rouches of Fall City, Washington, and many nieces, nephews and friends. A service in honor of Lisa will be held Saturday November 20, at East Shore Unitarian Church, 12700 SE 32nd St., in Bellevue, Washington, from 1 to 4 pm.

Washington, Susanna Kellogg of Friday Harbor, Washington, Vivian Kellogg of

Ketchikan, Alaska, brothers Jorgen Eriksen of Grenaa, Danmark, Frans Eriksen of



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Public welcome! To view the agenda for this meeting, please refer to www.sd64.bc.ca/ board_meetings.html.

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TO MEMBERS & PUBLIC

SSPLASH, Salt Spring Pool Association will hold its Annual General Meeting on Sunday, November 14th, 2010 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm

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AND OTHERS

others Creditors and having claims against the Estate of PAUL ANTHO-TOMLINSON, 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 16, 2010, 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.

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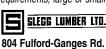
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Musicians record Hallam song for Ken Rouleau

'May you live long and live well

BY SUSAN LUNDY DRIFTWOOD STAFF

A group of Salt Spring musicians pooled their talents recently, coming together at Old Growth Music Studio to record a song for Ken Rouleau an island man diagnosed in August with ALS.

"I felt really, really happy [during the recording]," said David Hallam, who wrote the song for Rouleau and called May You Live Long and Live Well.

"[Iwas] amazed at what people on our island will do — with no fuss — to help someone who needs help, and make it a joy to do so every second of the way.'

The collection of island singers and musicians spent a recent Sunday afternoon in Daryl Chonka's Old Growth Studio at the tip of Burgoyne Bay, recording the song under the direction of local sound wizard Mark

The song is upbeat and catchy and all the participants appeared to take great joy in recording it. Rouleau — who is well-known and wellloved to many as a social justice activist and caregiver — attended part of the recording, obviously touched by everyone's enthusiasm.

"The song is intended



From left, Ramesh Meyers, Dan Howlett, Mark LeCorre, Brian Nash and Peter McFarlane provide back-up male vocals for David Hallam's May You Live Long and Live Well.

to raise money for Ken," Hallam said, adding that a local benefactor has agreed to help fund it. "Once the mix is done, we'll sit down and try to figure out the best way to package and sell the song. Every penny it [raises] will go to Ken."

A fundraising pancake breakfast and garage sale recently collected \$4,500 for Rouleau, who is seeking out alternative — but costly — therapies to treat the fatal, degenerative disease, in which people become progressively paralyzed.

Hallam, who is a documentary filmmaker as well as a singer-songwriter with the band Lane 31, met Rouleau several years ago and the two had discussed making a film together.

"I was pleased to meet someone in his 30s who had some fire in his belly over things it's been unpopular to care too much about ... We talked for three hours or more the first time we met."

Lane 31 bass player Peter McFarlane got to know Rouleau years ago when he ran Starbooks in Gasoline Alley. The two later worked together at Harbour Lodge group home and then GIFTS (along with Lane 31's Brian Nash), and also played tennis and floor hockey together before Rouleau's condition made it impossible.

"He's got a big heart," McFarlane says. "He is truly a gem; an amazing person. He is kind and sweet and smart."

Hallam adds: "Ken shines so much that he illuminates everything he comes anywhere near . . . What I know how to do best is write songs and sing, and Ken's the kind of fine, fine man who inspires writing and singing."

After Hallam wrote the song, he brought it to a Lane 31 rehearsal and the band played it through.

"We realized there was a lot of space for harmonies," McFarlane recalls. "There was room for a lot of people."

Ouickly the idea grew to invite other musicians to take part in a record-

'When I asked people to help record the song, everything fell into place effortlessly," Hallam said. "I think we all felt very connected to Ken — who was there — and also to each other the day we

Guest musicians included Ramesh and Susheela Meyers, Tara Hollingsworth and power singers Ashton and Rama Cheromaya of Sweetwater Revolver. Former Lane 31 member Dan Howlett was back in his chair, joining regular members Hallam, McFarlane, Nash, Bruce Cameron and Dale Bishop.

"It was the easiest collaboration I've ever experienced," Hallam said.

The resulting recording is "absolutely stunning," according to McFarlane, who added, "This song has legs."

The bands hope to have the song online to raise money for Rouleau via paid downloads.

It will also be highlighted at a Nov. 27 fundraising dance for Rouleau. Three bands - Lane 31, Wallabee Indeed and Mancubs — are already set to play at the golf course event.

MUSICAL REVUE Songs from the '30s and '40s celebrated With the Alf Alf Carter and his sisters popular music from jazz by a delicious chicken

Carter Band

The Alf Carter Band is ready to take islanders for a trip down memory lane with its Remembrance Week Cabaret and Revue at the Salt Spring Legion on Friday, Nov. 5.

Alf Carter is part of the Carter family on southern Vancouver Island, wellknown for their entertainment at shows, conventions and other events.

His family began the music tradition by opening a music store in Duncan several years ago, providing music instruction to hundreds of students.

As an accomplished accordionist, Carter has produced several CDs and recordings of the various groups he has formed. He has entertained at several night spots in Vancouver and travelled to Edmonton to entertain at Klondike Days.

Barbara Stewart and Karen to big band, folk to polka Lonsdale are the nucleus of the current group. The group also includes star banjoist Borgy Borgerson, trumpeter Mike Broadley from the Naden band and jazz trombonist Bob Cadwallader. The perform covers of a wide range of

and blues to pop.

The night at the Legion is a Remembrance Day and Veterans' Week tribute, appropriately titled "Remember When."

The evening starts with an open bar in Meaden Hall at 5 p.m., followed parmesan dinner by the Legion's Ladies Auxiliary at 5:30 p.m., and then at 7 p.m. the grand finale of Remember When.

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Wallabee moves up in talent comp

Band member Hardisty also performing in Winnipeg Nov. 6

Members of the popular Salt Spring youth band Wallabee Indeed are grabbing space in the spotlight, as one musician nails a TV spot and the band itself is one of 20 finalists left in the Vancouver Island's Got Talent competition.

Wallabee Indeed, which includes 17-year-olds Oscar Kempe, Wesley Hardisty and Geoff McFarlane — will compete in the final qualifying round of

The top 10 finalists will perform at a Christmas show in December before competing for the top spot on Jan. 21.

The coveted prize for the number one contestant is worth over \$20,000 and

includes a contract with Nevada Talent Agency, a professional photo shoot, a spot on V: The Ultimate Variety Show at Planet Hollywood in Las Vegas and either a three-song demo recording or a promotional video.

The band's VIGT run began in late September when it performed and was one of 40 contestants (a multi-age collection of bands, soloists, musicians and dancers) chosen to advance to one of two qualifying rounds in early October.

A performance on Oct. 10 at Alix Goolden Hall in Victoria springboarded the youths to another elimination round on Oct. 24 — from which they again advanced.

Now there are 20 contestants left, with 10 to be knocked out at two late November shows.

In the meantime, band member Hardisty — a fiddler from Fort Simpson who has lived on Salt Spring for the past 18 months — has been invited to perform at the Burton Cummings Theatre in Winnipeg on Nov. 6 as part of Aboriginal People's Television Networks' show Breaking New Sound — "a live showcase of today's hottest Aboriginal perform-

Hosted by Bronson Pelletier, the star from Twilight's wolf pack, along with Crystle Lightning, the show will feature 10 acts that include rock, hip hop, new age, electronica, fiddle and folk.

On the Breaking New Sound website, Hardisty is described as "one to watch" and the Gulf Islands School of Performing Arts (which he attends) is described as "prestigious."

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ON STAGE

'Gloom and horned helmets' tossed in family-friendly Cinderella opera

Monday night show provides great intro to genre

Vancouver Opera in the Schools, a touring outreach program of the Vancouver Opera, brings a brand new production of Cinderella to ArtSpring on Monday, Nov. 8.

An English language adaptation of the Rossini opera reduced to a 45-minute production with four singers, piano accompaniment and full costumes and sets, the show is intended as a lively, enjoyable introduction to the magical world of opera suited for children from kindergarten to Grade 7

Vancouver Opera in the Schools visited Salt Spring two years ago with a very successful production of Jack Pine, an opera about forest ecology based on a book by Salt Spring resident Chris Patton.

'Jack Pine was a huge success and had children singing around the supper table for days," said ArtSpring executive director George Sipos.

"It introduced children to an art form that's all about fun and high spirits, and not at all about gloom and horned hel-

"Cinderella, whose story has an inherent appeal for young audiences, will be an equally enjoyable experience for Salt Spring kids."

The Monday evening performance is specially timed to start at 7 p.m. so that families can come after supper and still get everyone to bed at a decent hour for the next school day.

Several school classes will also attend a special performance of Cinderella on Tuesday morning, but ArtSpring encourages parents to bring their children to the Monday evening performance even if their kids might be attending next morning through school.

"There's nothing more satisfying for parents than to be able to share experiences in the arts with their children," said Sipos.

"Talking with children after a show about what they saw lays a great foundation for developing a taste for the arts and a critical appreciation in children of what they see."

Tickets for the Monday evening performance, at \$5 for children and \$19 for adults, are available from the ArtSpring Ticket Centre at 250-537-2102.

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CERAMIC ART



Ceramic artist Claire Olivier and basket weaver Judy Goodman collaborate.

Fresh territory in collaboration

Potters and artist friends at New **Explorations show**

Salt Spring potters keen to challenge their creative skills have been busy working towards their first exhibition in two years to feature mixed media and collaborative art.

The New Explorations show opens Friday, Nov. 5 at ArtSpring, from 5 to 8 p.m., then runs daily through Thursday, Nov. 11 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and is open during evening events at ArtSpring's theatre.

"More than 20 ceramic artists spent the summer and fall exploring ways to expand the limits of clay by combining it with basketry, linen, fibre, wood, metal and glass," explains a press release. "Every piece in the show is one-of-a-kind, on display for the first time.'

Ceramic artist Claire Olivier will celebrate her third partnership with basket weaver Judy Goodman.

'We enjoy doing things we haven't tried in the past," said

Olivier. "Collaboration throws us into new thought processes."

For their first effort in 2007 they produced a Viking ship with a ceramic serpent head. In their second collaboration, they created whimsical and historically inspired pieces ranging from "the great escape" fishing creel to "she'ld who must be obeyed," inspired by ancient fighting shields. For 2010, Goodman and Olivier are still finalizing their work.

Tracy Harrison, loved by island kids for her clay workshops, is collaborating with her partner Carl Borgstrom to produce window hangings crafted from glass, wood and clay.

"It will be a stretch working in glass this way," said Harrison, but then she's used to jumping into the fire with raku and feathery, smoke-fired horse hair vessels and tiles.

Artists displaying new work at the show include Kuno Egger, who adds glass and woven fibre to his creative mix.

Pat Webber's much-loved frogs paddle their way into the future in a green ceramic canoe, while her whimsical dogs bear a striking resemblance to her pet Labrador, Daisy.

Judy Weeden, internationally recognized ceramic artist, reveals extravagant explorations in clay, copper, silver and wood.

Multi-talented potter and painter Libby Jutras partners with ceramic artist Anne Byrne to echo the beauty of her creations in watercolour. Merle Box, revered amongst pottery guild members for her knowledge of decorative finishes, experiments with new glazes.

Additional artists include Joan Warren, known for her exquisite porcelain and crystalline vessels, Sonja Barnard, whose tide pools of shimmering green and blue were a hit at the fall fair, returning Galiano artist Sandra Dolph, Lee Ann Norgard, Deborah Gainer, Alexandra Hasenfratz, Kathleen Horsdal, Julie MacKinnon, Karen Reiss, Florence Roberge, Melissa Searcy, Meredith Fawcett, Sharon Wilson and Carol Dodd.

Everyone is invited to meet and mingle with the artists at the opening reception on Friday evening.

CONCERTS

Bach on the Rock offers Mozart's C Minor Mass

Concerts Saturday, Sunday at All Saints

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN

Bach on the Rock is presenting

an advanced program of music for its latest concert, which will take place in two shows at All Saints By-the-Sea this weekend.

With performances set for Saturday, Nov. 6 at 7 p.m. and Sunday, Nov. 7 at 2 p.m., audiences will have the opportunity to see the orchestra's most ambitious concert to date.

The centrepiece of the program is Mozart's C Minor Mass, which Bach on the Rock's director Jim Stubbs describes as one of that composer's great choral

"This is just a beautiful piece," Stubbs said. "Some people think it's even more remarkable than his requiem."

The mass will feature soprano soloists Rasma Bertz and Monica Orso, along with Mitch Howard as tenor and David Sasaki as bass.

The choir has done a lot of hard work to perform this really difficult work that's really beautiful," said Stubbs.

"It's a major milestone to be able to perform a work of this complexity.'

Also on the program is J.S. Bach's Third Orchestral Suite. Six of Salt Spring's youngest violinists, who are students at the high school, will join the orchestra for several dance sections.

Stubbs said that in Bach's day the composer would use whichever musicians he could find. including church musicians, municipal players in Leipzig and university students.

"It's a real thrill because we're

doing the same thing, so we're part of a long tradition," Stubbs explained.

Music by 20th-century composer Francis Poulenc rounds out the concert. Stubbs describes his Gloria as an exquisite work that is "beautiful and melodic." Bertz will be the soloist accompanied by Matthew Stubbs on

The entire program is one that is a pleasure for Stubbs, a lifelong professional musician, to present to the island.

"For me it's really exciting to have an orchestra and choir that's capable of performing a classic repertoire like this. It's really unique for a community of this size," he observed.

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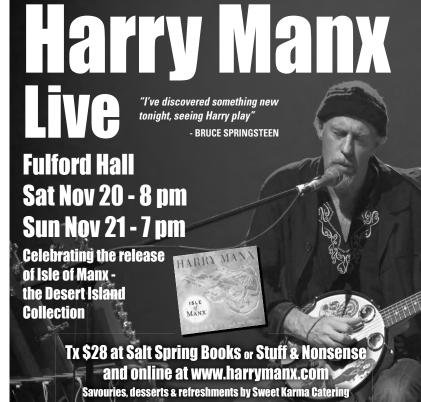


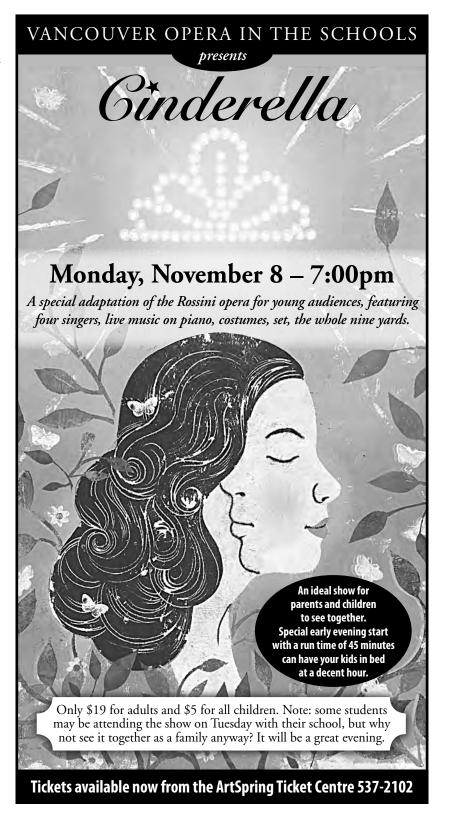
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November 4 November 5

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Alf Carter Band. Remember When

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ACTIVITIES

Salt Spring Local Trust Committee.

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Games at GISS and Portlock

ACTIVITIES

7:30 p.m.

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November 6

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Bach on the Rock. Mozart Mass in C Minor, Poulenc Gloria and Bach Orchestral Suite No. 3 performed by chorus and orchestra. All Saints By the Sea, 7 p.m. **Declan McGarry.** Live music at the Tree House Cafe. 6 to 9 p.m.

The Sutcliffes. Live music from Beatles cover band at Moby's.

ACTIVITIES

Giant Book Sale. Salt Spring Island Community Education fundraising book sale at the Farmers' Institute. 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

2nd Annual Greenwoods/Braehaven **Christmas Craft and Bake Sale**

Fundraiser. At Braehaven, 137 Blain Rd., 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. All proceeds directly support the residents' recreation programming. Not Your Average Craft Fair. Arts and crafts from emerging Salt Spring artists, plus music and food from Rawsome Living Foods. Mahon Hall, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. **Itaeli and the Crocodile.** Book launch

for Lee Evans' kids' book at Fables Cottage. 10:30 a.m. Fundraiser for the Stephen Lewis Foundation for Grandmothers and Others.

November 6

ACTIVITIES

Painting With Paper Collage Workshop. Two-day workshop with Bly Kave at Stowel Lake Farm begins today. 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Register: 250-653-4453; gbkaye@gmail.com

November 7

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Bach on the Rock. See Saturday info. All Saints By the Sea, 2 p.m. The Barley Bros.

Sundays at the Harbour House Hotel.

ACTIVITIES

Literary Reading. With Don Domanski and Alissa York at ArtSpring. 3 p.m. **Giant Book Sale.** Salt Spring Island Community Education fundraising book sale at the Farmers' Institute. 10 a.m. to

Ssplash Pool Party. Salt Spring Pool Association event for kids 12 years and under at Rainbow Road Pool from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Includes hot dogs, cupcakes and punch for lunch.

Mon. November 8

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Cinderella: Vancouver Opera in the Schools. Production for young audiences and

families at ArtSpring. 7 p.m.

Tues. November 9

ACTIVITIES

Family Communications. A talk presented by counsellor Melissa Weigel at the GISS multi-

purpose room. 7 p.m. Salt Spring Island

Transportation Commission. Meets in the Portlock Park portable from 4 to 6 p.m. Public welcome. **Belay Safety Course.**

With Jack Rosen at the Climbing Wall at 6:30 p.m. \$35. Register/info: 250-537-9971.

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Open Stage. Wednesdays with Stephanie Rhodes at Moby's. 8 p.m.

Lloyd English Trio. Live jazz every Wednesday at the Harbour House.

October Browne. Singer/ songwriter and fingerstyle guitarist. Home Routes house concert. 7 pm. Tickets at Acoustic Planet or by calling 250-538-7262.

ACTIVITIES

A History of the Navy League of Canada, 1895 to 1965.

A Salt Spring Historical Society presentation by Ken Mackenzie. Central Hall. 2 p.m.

Co-parenting Workshop.

Six-week workshop for parents coparenting through separation and divorce begins today. Info/register: Maryanne, 250-537-9938.

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EXHIBITIONS

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- Starish Gallery & Studio is currently exhibiting Medicine Wheels, a series of watercolours and calligraphy by **Briony Penn**. Plus original paintings by **Nicola Wheston**, **Tina Louise Spalding** and **Suzanne Lee**.
- Salt Spring Gallery of Fine Art Co-operative is showing the work of its 14 members featuring acrylic, oil, pastel, and mixed media painting, photography, bead and gold and silver jewellery, pottery, stained glass, and sculpture.
- Sculptor Morley Myers shows new work at his Merchants' Mews gallery.
- Mikaela Heydemann has her work hanging at Barb's Buns.
- Delaine Faulkner shows work at Island Savings through October.
- The Salt Spring Photography Club displays photos by club members at the Salt Spring **Coffee Company** on an electronic picture frame, with updated photos every two weeks.
- Margaret Ann Argiro, visual artist and photographer, has eight photos and one pastel painting hanging in **Bruce's Kitchen**. Images feature fruits, vegetables and the Northern Range as seen through the notch in Mt. Belcher.
- Shari Macdonald shows new photos at Jana's Bake Shop.

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Kristen Lewis leads five-week expedition

Salt Spring Arts Academy's newest teacher is offering a performance lab for acting, singing and dancing.

Kristen Lewis will lead a fiveweek performance training intensive for students aged 16 and older, culminating in a production of No Ordinary Christmas Pageant.

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'Seasoned performers will be challenged to go deeper into their craft, accessing perhaps previously untapped reserves of energy and presence. And performers with little stage experience will be gently coaxed into developing the skills and confidence necessary to deliver a high-quality performance — on the stage, as in life."

Start time and dates for the session will depend on what works best for the participants.

Contact Shelley at 250-537-4294 for more information or visit www.saltspringartsacadPHOTO BY DERRICK LLINDY

JAIL BREAK: Jeff Pawson, with Run For Cover, plays bass at Moby's Pub during Halloween celebrations last weekend.

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Tree Frog fundraiser

Local talent will converge at Falconshead Grill on Friday, Nov. 12 for Frogapalooza — a family concert and dance to benefit Tree Frog Daycare.

Frogapalooza has a great line-up of local talent featuring The Mancubs, The Relatives and Matt Steffich. There will also be a cash bar, a silent auction and a 50/50 draw.

"This event is a wonderful way for the whole family to enjoy a night out, since children are encouraged to come," states a press release.

"All proceeds from Frogapalooza will be used to support and improve the ongoing operation of Tree Frog Daycare. Events like this allow Tree Frog to build its resources and continue to develop the high-quality programs that are offered to the

Tree Frog Daycare is a non-profit, licensed daycare providing quality, affordable care for children from newborn to six years of age.

"Tree Frog has been in operation for almost 20 years and is pleased to be part of a community that is so caring and places such high value on its children," the society says.

Tickets cost \$15 for adults and \$5 for children 12 and under. They're available at Fables Cottage, Falconshead Grill at Salt Spring Golf and Country Club, Tree Frog Daycare and at the door.

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LIVE THEATRE

Living legend performs in Tuesdays with Morrie

Antony Holland at Mahon Hall benefit production

BY ROB LOWRIE

"So Antony, is it true you're 88?" "No that is not true, I'm 90 and a

After a phone call, a few emails and a Google search, Holland's age was just one revelation of many.

In the process of preparing for this Friday's (Nov. 5) play called Tuesdays with Morrie, the wealth of experience that comes with Antony Holland is quite staggering. With a professional stage career that spans over 60 years, he is considered a pioneer of theatre

Holland seems to defy the conventions of the later golden years. He started playing Morrie at the age of 85. He has since performed the play 254 times throughout B.C., into Ontario and as far away as England. He claims to be the oldest professional actor still playing leads. Those lead roles include three other plays he currently tours and he's preparing another that will be ready next year.

As those attending will see, playing Morrie comes very naturally to Holland, whose "philosophy mirrors his own."

"It's an acceptance of what's going on instead of getting upset about what's happened . . . If you don't like the culture, make your own."

He began his acting career during WWII. He was vice principal at Laurence Olivier's Bristol Old Vic Theatre School for 10 years before moving to Vancouver in 1957. He is the founder of what developed into Langara College's Studio 58, one of the top-rated actor training schools in Canada. Retiring from Langara as the artistic director in 1985, he returned to acting, directing

His lengthy credits extend into television and film as well. He has shared the film set with some of the biggest names in Hollywood, from Katharine Hepburn to Brad Pitt. He started his film career in 1971 with McCabe and Mrs. Miller and the list goes on. He is well known for his role as Lenny Stillmach in Stephen King's Kingdom Hospital in the 2004 television series.

Here on Salt Spring on Friday night he's performing as College Professor Morrie Schultz sharing the stage with fellow Gabriola Islander Antonio Gradanti as Mitch. Even if you've read the bestselling book or seen the movie, there is nothing like being in the same room live with Morrie and Mitch. For his role as Morrie, Holland was awarded the Jessie Award of acting excellence from the Vancouver theatre community. That is one of three Jessies he's won, not to mention four separate Lifetime Achievement Awards, as well as being elected into the B.C. Entertainment Hall of Fame.

Tuesdays with Morrie is being brought to Mahon Hall by Salt Spring Hospice with the generous assistance of Pharmasave. This play is a natural fit for Salt Spring Hospice to be presenting as it poignantly touches the important role of companioning at a very key time in another's life.

Tickets, \$25, are still available at Salt Spring Books and possibly at the door.



QUILTED CANVAS: Mother and daughter team Vi and Gwen Denluck check out this "Around the World" style historic quilt at the Patches of Red exhibit from Jim Erickson at ArtSpring over the weekend

LITERARY EVENT

Prolific writers enliven ArtSpring

Alissa York and Don Domanski at free event

Two prominent Canadian writers will visit ArtSpring for a joint reading from their work on Sunday, Nov. 7.

Poet Don Domanski and novelist Alissa York are two of four participants the day before at UVic in a special literary forum called Writing and Religion. Through the financial support of the Canada Council, ArtSpring is able to spirit Domanski and York here the day after so that Salt Spring audiences can hear them read from their books.

Domanski, originally from Cape Breton Island, has had a



YORK

DON **DOMANSKI**

long and distinguished writing career that includes eight books of poetry and a Governor General's award.

The late Gwendolyn MacEwen described his poetry this way: "Domanski's is a vision that encompasses life and death without useless rage or intellectual bleakness, but with an acceptance that is both passionate and articulate."

Alissa York, who now lives in Toronto but is originally from Winnipeg, has published both short stories and three novels. Her 2007 novel Effigy was shortlisted for the prestigious Giller

"Providing Salt Springers periodic opportunities to hear important Canadian writers read from their books is an ongoing goal for ArtSpring," said executive director George Sipos, "and we are delighted to be able to welcome Don and Alissa for Sunday's event."

The reading, which begins at 3 p.m. is free and will be held in the ArtSpring theatre.

TREE HOUSE MUSIC

American country-rock artist at Tree House

Declan McGarry records in Nashville

The Tree House Cafe hosts an extra special guest on Saturday, Nov. 6 when Nashville recording artist Declan McGarry takes

the stage. McGarry hails from Winnipeg, but recorded his self-titled debut American country-rock album at the famous Blackbird studios in Nashville last fall and released it this spring.

George Marinelli, guitarist for the legendary Bonnie Raitt, and Robbie Harrington, bassist sive debut, Declan McGarry's information.

for country star Dierks Bentley, were among the cast of A-list musicians who played on his record.

His first single, called Summer Heat, is being played on radio stations across Canada and McGarry is touring Western Canada to capitalize on the exposure from radio this fall and winter. With his aunt Ida Marie Threadkell living on Salt Spring, the island is the perfect spot to kick off the tour.

Jim Simpson from No Depression publications says of McGarry's album: "An impresstrengths are in his powerful yet relaxed voice, covering familiar territory with passion. This album is like a cool breeze on a sweltering summer afternoon. Enjoy it.'

McGarry has written with and shared the stage with reputable writers in Nashville such as Billy Falcon, who has over a dozen Bon Jovi cuts, and Rich Fagan, who's had 10 number one hits over the last three decades.

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CRAFT SHOW

Not Your Average Craft Fair supports upcoming artisans

Art, music and food at Mahon Hall

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN

DRIFTWOOD STAFF

The second offering of the biannual Not Your Average Craft Fair is set for Mahon Hall on Saturday, Nov. 6, offering a venue for the island's newest and most interesting up-and-coming artisans.

Coordinators Katie Burke and Zoe Dubien launched the idea last spring as a way to enable young artists in the community and make the craft fair experience more fun for both participants and shoppers.

"The first one was nervewracking, but it was so successful you have to keep going with the motion of it," Burke said at her con-



PHOTO BY ELIZABETH NOLAN

Katie Burke and her daughter Ella.

signment store Damsel and Babe last week.

Both Burke and Dubien have been building on their businesses during the past year, and know what it means to have the community's support behind their creations. Dubien's Owl &

Dot Dot line of stylish baby caps was a hit at the Saturday Market in the Park. She's now expanded the line to include her own "onesie" designs, and is being courted by Hip Baby in Vancouver and Smoking Lily in Victoria.

Burke also had a successful summer with Featherettes, the decorated headbands and hair combs she makes with artistic partner Katie Parsons. Who Loves Ya Baby, her other line of headbands for kids, has been put on the sideline with the opening of Damsel and Babe, which she describes as sort of the permanent expansion of the craft bazaar.

"It's a place for moms making their own stuff and for consignment — the idea was that people should make what they deserve," Burke said, explaining she doesn't charge a large commission.

The philosophy of creating a place that's "really accessible and affordable for participants" is also the key to Saturday's bazaar,

which will include many more types of creative work than the store can host. Craft-makers will have their tables, musicians will play on stage, and visual art will be exhibited by Shel Neufeld, Francis Boutin and Angelo Scaia. Raw food chef Jim Maurice of Rawsome Living Foods will be back serving delicious and healthy treats, including raw desserts and hot soup.

Last spring's craft fair featured an amazing make-over by Fiona Kennedy as one of the special events, in which she transformed a shopper into a realistic alien. The organizers are hoping Kennedy will perform a similarly exciting transformation with hair, the area she's currently studying.

Burke said she and Dubien are especially excited that

one of their original goals is being fulfilled with the participation of high school students at the bazaar.

"It took us six months to convince them it was a good idea, so we are really happy about that," Burke said, noting that students are the true emerging artists of the island.

Their artwork will be exhibited in the food room and student musicians will be performing on stage.

The craft fair takes place from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday. Burke promised it will be a great place to kick off the holiday shopping season and enjoy live music, handmade products and fresh food.

"Bring the kids, get ready to dance, eat and buy handmade gifts for your friends and family," she said.

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HISTORY

Historian dives into navy league story

Next Wednesday at Central Hall

The Salt Spring Historical Society program this month is a presentation by Ken Mackenzie called A History of the Navy League of Canada, 1895-1965.

The audience on Wednesday, Nov. 10 will hear how the HMCS Rainbow, the first ship of the Royal Canadian Navy arrived in Esquimalt, and Rainbow Road on Salt Spring Island may have been named after it.

According to a press release, the Victoria branch had links to Salt Spring Island and where arch-imperialist Clive Phillipps-Wolley provided information and guidance.

This early period was in Victoria, where the branch activities reflected the feeling that Victorians were "more British than the British." It was also a period of Canadian nationalism and the growth of the west.

In his recently completed book, Mackenzie will outline the reality of the period. In the years following World War I, the Navy League took particular interest in seeking continued support for a Canadian flag, the Merchant Marine and maintained shore hostel facilities for the benefit of seafaring personnel.

The training of boys was formalized under the name Boys' Naval Brigades across the country; this became the main raison d'être for many local branches during the Depression.

The establishment of the Royal Canadian Naval Volunteer Reserve in 1923 was assisted by the enrolment of graduates of this scheme; a parallel apprenticeship program was set up with Canadian shipping companies to enroll ex-cadets in the Merchant Marine.

All are welcome to the event that begins at 2 p.m. at Central Hall.

Tea and coffee will follow and copies of Mackenzie's book will be on sale.

Annual memberships (\$10) for historical society members are also now due.



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BOOKS

Inspiration in African story

Children's book to benefit Stephen Lewis Foundation

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN

A former teacher who has lived and taught around the globe is sharing one of her stories in a new children's book.

Lee Evans is the author and illustrator behind Itaéli and the Crocodile, the tale of a heroic boy in the small village of Liuli, Tanzania. Based on true events that happened while Evans and her husband were living in the village in the late 1980s, the story is both a testament to an individual's strength and a model for how community values could benefit western society.

The book is not just a testimony to a remarkable occurrence, however. As a fundraiser for the Stephen Lewis Foundation through the Grandmothers to Grandmothers campaign, its publication will potentially benefit the villagers, and others like them, that Evans once lived

Written at a reading level that would probably suit eight- and nine-year-olds, the story is an education in a very different culture. Itaéli is of an age to start school, but can't go because his widowed mother can't afford to buy his uniform. Itaéli is also already responsible for important jobs,

including waking before dawn to scare monkeys out of the maize patch on which the family income depends.

When a fisherman is attacked by a crocodile, Itaéli's quick thinking and equally quick feet help bring medical help just in time. His action is recognized by the emergency doctor at the

hospital, and so Itaéli's dream of attending school becomes real.

The story is set against Evans' charming watercolour illustrations. (She says she learned the skill "at the knee" of daughter Carol Evans, the celebrated watercolour artist, who advised her on needing shadows for scenes with bright sunshine).

Evans said she always wanted to write this story, and in fact she did write it 10 years ago. She was inspired to publish it (with printing by Barnyard Grafix) because of her work with the Grandmothers to Grandmothers group, which helps African grandmothers raise children orphaned by AIDS.

AIDS was just beginning to be known in Africa when Evans was there. Nicknamed "Slim" in the local villages, no one knew at the time what it actually was. Evans changed one minor fact in Itaéli's story to reflect the current reality that has brought an orphanage even to Liuli: in the book, Itaéli's father has died of AIDS.

As in many impoverished places, children are incredibly valued in Tanzania, in part as "the only insurance for old age." As Evans notes, children themselves are very familiar with death.

"No one names a child until after they're one year old because they do die . . . so they are familiar with it and they know how to deal with death because they believe firmly in everlasting life."

Evans said she hopes this book will give Canadians a strong feeling of association with Africans, who despite their extreme poverty seem to live happy lives full of song.

"The African philosophy could change a life," said Evans, but conceded, "we're very materialistic here, so it's hard to imagine."

With years spent travelling, working and volunteering, Evans believes there is much to value in experiencing other people and cultures. She has belonged to the Ometepe group on the island since its beginning, for example, and has helped its projects in Nicaragua.

Evans finds Stephen Lewis in particular to be a model worth supporting, noting his devotion and eloquence in helping HIV/AIDS victims all over Africa. She hopes her book will help raise some much-needed funds toward that cause.

Evans will be present for a book launch at Fables Cottage on Saturday, Nov. 6 at 10:30 a..m. The book will also be available through the local Grandmothers to Grandmothers group. Look for upcoming events and information.



HALLOWEEN FACES: Robert Steinbach and Meghan Casault are seen with pumpkins from a carving contest at Moby's Pub.

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BODYBALL at All Saints church from 9 to 10:15 a.m. A low-impact aerobic class for energetic mature women. An exercise ball and yoga mat are required. For more information contact Minzie Anderson at 250-537-4004.

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FAMILY HISTORY CENTRE is open at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, 221 Vesuvius Bay Rd. 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m. Info: 250-537-9573.

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ZEN MEDITATION at 210 Cedar Lane at 7 p.m. Call 250-537-2258 for details. Newcomers always welcome.

CAREGIVERS SUPPORT GROUP for people caring for individuals with Alzheimers and others. Every Wednesday at Salt Spring Seniors (379 Lower Ganges Rd.) at 11 a.m. Info: Margaret Monro, 250-537-5004.

SMARTSOMATICS CLASSES are suitable for all fitness levels and can help you reclaim a comfortable relaxed body at any age. North End Fitness, 3 to 4 p.m. Bring a flat pillow and wear comfy stretchy clothes. Smartsomatics card available 10 sessions for \$130 and 11th class free. Drop-in \$16; 4 consecutive classes \$52. Register at smartsomatics@shaw.ca to save your spot, or call 250-537-2056.

THURSDAY

BINGO at Meaden Hall on the first and third Thursday of each month at Meaden Hall. 7 p.m.

every THURSDAY

SALTY WHEELS SQUARE DANCE CLUB meets every Thursday at Central Community Hall

every Thursday at Central Community Hall at 7:30 p.m. A social, mental and physical work-out. For information, contact Marilynne Cunningham at 250-537-5356.

KINDERGYM runs every Monday and Thursday (except on school holidays) for kids aged 0 to 4 and their parents. Community Gospel Chapel. 9:30 to 11 a.m. \$2 per family. Coffee & tea supplied.

FAMILY HISTORY CENTRE is open at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, 221 Vesuvius Bay Rd. 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Info: 250-537-9573.

SALT SPRING BADMINTON CLUB. GISS gym from 8 to 10 p.m. For teens and adults. Bring own racquet and non-marking gym shoes. \$3 drop.in

SMARTSOMATICS CLASSES. See Wednesday listing. North End Fitness, 3 to 4 p.m. **FIT FOR LIFE CLASSES** with Bettv-Lou Lake.

FIT FOR LIFE CLASSES with Betty-Lou Lake. All Saints lower hall. 8:45 to 10:15 a.m. Focus

every THURSDAY

on balance, strength, flexibility. Target group is boomers and up. Info: bllake@telus.net; 250-537-1638.

YOGA WITH DOROTHY PRICE for all levels at the Salt Spring Centre of Yoga. 9 to 10:30 a.m. and 4:30 to 6 p.m.

every FRIDAY

ROLLERBLADING at Fulford Hall for all ages. 7:30 to 9 p.m.

SUNRISE YOGA with Jenny at Ganges Yoga Studio. 7:30 to 8:30 a.m.

YOGA LEVEL 2 with Celeste at Ganges Yoga Studio, 9 to 10:30 a.m.

RESTORATIVE YOGA with Jenny at Ganges Yoga Studio. 5 to 6 p.m.

PUMP PRIMERS co-ed heart health fitness

class. All Saints By-the Sea. 7:45 to 8:45 a.m. **EVERYBODY STRETCH** — Everyday stretches for the everyday body to classical music. Ganges Yoga Studio. 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. **BODYBALL** at All Saints church from 9 to 10:15 a.m. See Wednesday listing for more info. **RUGG HUGGERS** Baby and Parent Drop-In group. Family Place, 120 Park Drive. 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Info: 250-537-9176; familyplace@ssics.ca

FELDENKRAIS AWARENESS THROUGH
MOVEMENT CLASS at Cats Pajamas Studio,
104 Langs Road. \$12 drop in or \$100/10
classes. 10 to 11 a.m. Info: Anna Haltrecht at
250-537-5681 or anna@bonesforever.com

TANGO PRACTICA at the Core Inn, third floor. 8 to 10 p.m. Info: Keith, 250-537-1544.

every SATURDAY

PILATES CLASSES with Diana Bell at 210 Cedar Lane. All levels class at 9:30 a.m. More info: 250-537-5965. \$10 drop-in. Bring your own mat. HARDCORE BODY BLAST with Lola at Ganges

Yoga Studio. 9 to 10 a.m. **FLOW YOGA** with Kristen at Ganges Yoga Studio. 10:30 a.m. to noon.

DAD 'N' ME Pancake Breakfast for kids and their dads at Family Place, 120 Park Drive. 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. Info: 250-537-9176; familyplace@ssics.ca

every SUNDAY

SALT SPRING BADMINTON CLUB. GISS gym from 7 to 9 p.m. For teens and adults. Bring own racquet and non-marking gym shoes. \$3 dron-in

KARMA KLASS yoga at Ganges Yoga Studio. 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Free.

MONDAY

SALT SPRING ISLAND FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT trustees meeting runs on the third Monday of each month at Ganges fire hall, 7:

SALT SPRING PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION meets on the fourth Monday of each month in the Portlock Park Portable, 7 p.m. — although actual meeting dates are subject to change. Info: PARC, 250-537-4448.

every MONDAY

FLOOR HOCKEY at Fulford Hall. 7 p.m. Drop-in \$5.
BODYBALL at All Saints church from 9 to 10:15
a.m. See Wednesday listing for more info.

LIFE DRAWING every Monday at the Core Inn (third floor). 1 to 3:30 p.m. Info: Jose Campbell, 250-537-1121. Drop-ins welcome.

DUPLICATE BRIDGE meets every Monday evening at Salt Spring Seniors Services Centre. 7 p.m. **PLAY READING GROUP** meets every Monday at Salt Spring Seniors Services Centre. 10 a.m. to 12 noon.

EVERYBODY STRETCH — Everyday stretches for the everyday body to classical music. Ganges Yoga Studio. 12:30 to 1:30 p.m.

THE CLINIC by OPT: Options for Sexual Health is open every Monday at the Çore Inn 2nd floor. 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. 250-537-8786.

PILATES CLASSES with Diana Bell at 210 Cedar Lane. A gentle stretch-based class suitable for beginners. 2 p.m. More info: 250-537-5965. \$10 drop-in. Bring your own mat.

YOGA WITH DOROTHY PRICE for all levels at the Salt Spring Centre of Yoga. 4:30 to 6 p.m. PUMP PRIMERS co-ed heart health fitness class. All Saints By-the Sea. 7:45 to 8:45 a.m. TOASTMASTERS public speaking group meets

every MONDAY

Mondays at the Harbour House Hotel, Crofton Room. 7 p.m. Members of the public welcome. **KINDERGYM** — See Thursday listing. **BONES FOR LIFE CLASS** at Cats Pajamas

Studio (104 Langs Road). \$12 drop in or \$100 for 10 classes. 4-5:15 p.m. Info: Anna Haltrecht at 250-537-5681 or anna@bonesforever.com

SALT SPRING SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCERS meet every Monday at All Saints Church

hall. Basic class 6 to 7 p.m.; mixed class 7 to 8 p.m.; intermediate class 8 to 9 p.m. No previous experience required. For info, contact Mary Davidson, 250-653-4357.

every TUESDAY

MEDICAL QIGONG with Naomi Jason at the Gatehouse at Stowel Lake Farm. 9:30 to 11 a.m. \$12 drop-in. Call 250-653-9498 for more info. **ADULT BALLET/MOVEMENT CLASS** at Antler Ridge with Naomi Jason. \$15 drop-in. Call 250-653-9498 for info and rideshare.

FIT FOR LIFE CLASSES with Betty-Lou Lake. All Saints lower hall. 8:45 to 10:15 a.m. Focus on balance, strength, flexibility. Target group is boomers and up. Info: bllake@telus.net; 250-537-1638.

SYNERGYFIT STRENGTH AND BALANCE class at Beaver Point Hall. A low-impact class designed to increase your heart rate and over-all strength and balance using props such as tubing, medicine balls and stability balls. Pilates-based moves on the ball will be integrated throughout the class. 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. 10 sessions for \$100 or \$12 drop-in. Info: 250-653-4656, trisha@synergyfit.ca

TAOIST TAI CHI - Weekly class at All Saints church. 10:30 a.m. to noon.

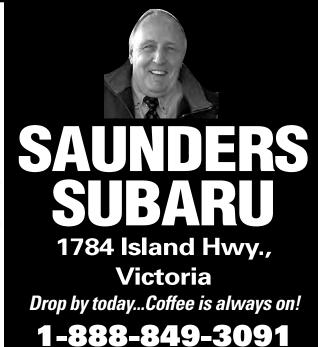
KUNDALINI MOVING MEDITATION from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. and ECKHART TOLLE PRACTISING PRESENCE from 7:30 to 9 p.m. Info: Amrita, 250-537-2799.

PILATES CLASSES with Diana Bell at 210 Cedar Lane. An energetic class suitable for the fit client. 5:30 p.m. More info: 250-537-5965. \$10 drop-in. Bring your own mat.

YOGA WITH DOROTHY PRICE for all levels at the Gatehouse at Stowel Lake Farm. 7 to 8:30 p.m







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ALL DRESSED UP: Jackson LeCorre demonstrates the frightening stance associated with his Halloween costume. The youngster was spotted at Salt Spring Centre School.

Upcoming book sale surpasses expectations for quality, quantity

Event runs this weekend at the Farmers' Institute

Bibliophiles will be going bananas this weekend when the fourth annual Community Education Giant Book Sale gets underway at the Farmers' Institute.

Book committee head Lynne Johnson said notable for this year's sale isthat the books are in even better condition than they were last year, thanks to the unprecedented quality of the donations received.

"I'm just blown away by what people are donating," she said last week.

Of particular note are the children's books, many of which are in as-new condition.

There's also numerous newer trade paperback fiction books, and any Wilbur Smith fans won't want to miss the

"I think we've got the entire series of his writings," said Johnson.

Tilly Crawley, the library board chair who died last month, donated a significant part of her collection to the sale, including some fantastic art and gardening books.

Last year tables of books in easy-to-

access open boxes filled much of the Farmers' Institute floor and the committee estimates a similar number will be there this year. More than 600 boxes of books are ready to be set up for the sale, which runs on Saturday and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Prices are \$1 for paperbacks, \$2 for trade paper books and \$3 for hardcovers, with a separate section for specially priced "unique" books. Some of the children's books will be only 50 cents.

At some point on Sunday the sale kicks into bargain mode, depending on how many books are left. Community Ed would like to see everything

People should bring their own bags and boxes for transporting their trea-

A cafe with baked goods and refreshments will also be set up so people can take a break for some relaxation and socializing in between their book browsing.

Donations will not be accepted at the institute before the sale as they have been in the past. Collection spots at Salt Spring's three financial institutions, and drop-off days at Country Grocer have ensured a full supply of books for the event.



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TUESDAY Time: 7:00pm-8:30pm The Gatehouse, Stowel Lake Farm, 190 Reynolds Road Level: All levels

WEDNESDAY Time: 9:00am - 10:30am The Gatehouse, Stowel Lake Farm, 190 Reynolds Road Level: All levels

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YOUTH EMPLOYMENT

Understanding built at Bridging the Gap forum

Tourism and hospitality sector discussion fruitful

Over coffee, muffins and candlelight, local employers and youth gathered in the multi-purpose room at GISS on Friday for an informal discussion about the issues facing business owners and young people in the tourism and hospitality sector.

According to Sarah Hook-Nilsson, coordinator of School District 64's Connecting Generations program, 25 youth and adults, ranging in age from 15 to 60, discussed their concerns about being a young employee or hiring youth, and their hopes and expectations as members of the future workforce or as business owners.

Youth comments included, "I got answers today to questions I've never

asked [before]" and "You could see the passion in the employers for what they do when they talked about their professions."

Adults observed that "Youth have some of the same concerns I do" and "In future, I will listen more to my young employees and remember that this [job] may be very hard...."

The forum was part of the Bridging the Gap project which is supported by Service Canada. It was the first in a series for youth and local employers, the second of which is for artists and entrepreneurs and takes place at the beginning of December.

For more information about the forums or Bridging the Gap, contact Sarah Hook-Nilsson either by email at shooknilsson@sd64.bc.ca or by leaving a message at the high school at 250-537-9944.



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HAUNTING: From left, Nicola Mackenzie, Jessica Pereira and Madeline Woodley stir the pot in a spooky haunted house created at Salt Spring Elementary School.

PERMACULTURE

Food forest plan gets rooted at Salt Spring Elementary

Soil building next step; composting donations requested

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN

A patch of hillside that once hosted invasive gorse and blackberries could bear fruit as an educational food forest for Salt Spring elementary and middle schools by next fall.

Katharine Byers, a member of SSE's Parent Advisory Council and the co-founder of a company that creates nature-centred games and activities for children, said the project is a fantastic opportunity for the school district.

"The idea of a food forest

is you can actually grow an awful lot of food in a small area."

she said. "It's going to be a very lovely area, for learning and for enjoyment."

Byers explained that a food forest makes sense for the site because it has a steep slope but also gets lots of sun.

Unlike Fernwood and Fulford elementary schools, where vegetable gardens are grown, the same space isn't available in town.

The idea for transforming the hillside between the elementary school and middle school into a permaculture bed producing fruits and nuts came about through beneficial timing and opportunity, Byers said.

The need to replace the

elementary school's septic field provided funding from the maintenance department to clear and terrace the site.

At the same time, the school learned about a program offered by the Habitat Acquisition Trust that creates educational nature gardens for schools in the Capital Regional District.

School District 64 received further help from Transition Salt Spring and Saltspring Air's Green Island carbon neutral program.

The company Edible Gardens created the plan for the food forest set within HAT's garden of native plants. Edible Garden's consultant Jacquie Harkema drew up a planting design that includes fruit and nut trees, blueber-

ries, pomegranates, lavender and grapes.

"Besides being beautiful, this type of permaculture garden will bring many other benefits to the community," Byers observed.

"The forest will provide food and habitat for animals and humans alike, stabilize a steep hillside and increase water retention in the area."

Students will be involved in the process all along the way, from soil building to planting through maintenance and harvesting. Harkema has already prepared lesson plans for SSE teachers, who will lead the students in these activities, and students of the middle school will have access to the outdoor classroom.

With clearing and terracing complete, the next step is soil building in preparation for planting in the spring.

Byers said the native plants garden under HAT will require 30 cubic yards of top soil.

For the forest portion, volunteers are working on building soil nutrients. Donations are being sought for straw, newspaper and cardboard, raked leaves and manure. Paper bags of leaves can be dropped off inside the slope's fenced area.

There will be a bin for collecting newspaper inside the elementary school.

For other material donations, contact the school at 250-537-9928 or email Byers at katharinebyers@yahoo.com.

ART WORKSHOPS

Relief print-making on SSI

Richard Tetrault sets up two sessions

Master printer Richard Tetrault returns to Salt Spring next weekend with two relief printmaking workshops.

An introductory relief printmaking workshop and a slightly advanced class on multi-block and multi-colour printing will run in the ArtSpring guild room on Nov. 13 and 14 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The intensive twoday workshop will introduce everyone to the main techniques of relief printmaking. "The highly portable nature of relief printmaking allows the artist to create a series, or edition, of prints in virtually any size of studio," explains press material. "Participants will gain a good understanding of both the materials and techniques of printing, and will learn how to transform their own drawings into a print format, transferring their drawings to the blocks.'

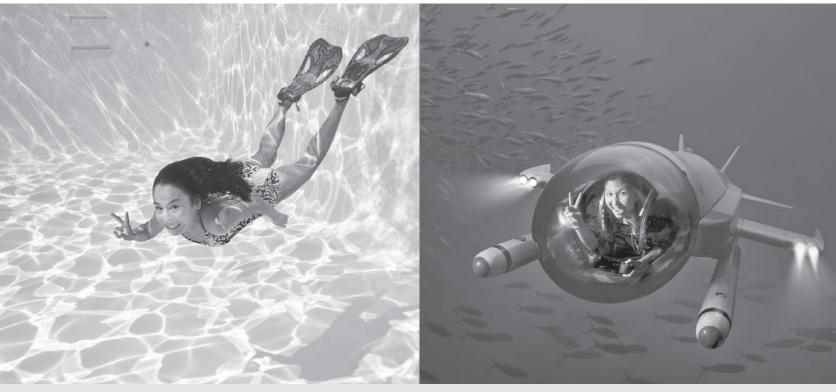
The first day will see participants work with different cutting techniques for block carving and explore reduction processes for colour printing. The second day will focus on multiple block printing. By the end of these workshops, participants will have several prints to take home.

Cost is \$75 for one day or \$125 for two.

Tetrault is a Vancouver-based painter, muralist and printmaker who has been making relief prints for more than 30 years. He has exhibited his prints in solo and group exhibitions across Canada, in Japan, the Netherlands, Poland, France, Mexico and the United States.

His prints appear in numerous private and public collections worldwide. Tetrault's print work is featured in several published books, (Oppenheimer Park, The Suzie A and the Alcuin award-winning Signs of the Times, Anvil Press). Locally, Tetrault's prints are exhibited at the Salt Spring Woodworks gallery.

To register for one or both workshops, contact Celia Duthie at info@saltspringwoodworks.com or by phone at 250-537-9606.



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