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March 2010

Family-development group to shut down

Success by 6 loses B.C. funding

By Rob Shaw, Times Colonist March 25, 2010 6:05 AM

<http://www.timescolonist.com/life/Family+development+group+shut+down/2724028/story.html>

Gaming grant cuts leave service clubs strapped

By Katherine Dedyne, Times Colonist March 19, 2010

<http://www.timescolonist.com/life/Gaming+grant+cuts+leave+service+clubs+strapped/2700685/story.html>

B.C. funding cuts could put at risk devices helping those with severe speech disabilities

By Doug Ward, Canwest News Service March 17, 2010 6:29 AM

<http://www.timescolonist.com/funding+cuts+could+risk+devices+helping+those+with+severe+speech+disabilities/2692085/story.html>

Cut reduction won't stop pain: Agencies

Derek Spalding, Nanaimo Daily News; with a File From Canwest News Service

Published: Tuesday, March 16, 2010

<http://www2.canada.com/nanaimodailynews/news/story.html?id=2b93702e-35e8-4bed-aac2-36f053775723>

Victoria News

B.C. budget cut results in another casualty

By [Lisa Weighton - Victoria News](#)

Published: March 15, 2010 3:00 PM

http://www.bclocalnews.com/vancouver_island_south/victorianews/news/87705377.html

Grant loss hurts poor renters: TAPS

By Judith Lavoie, Times Colonist March 13, 2010

<http://www.timescolonist.com/life/Gaming+grant+cuts+leave+service+clubs+strapped/2700685/Grant+loss+hurts+poor+renters+TAPS/2679553/story.html>

Jody Paterson: These cuts will drive up health costs

By Jody Paterson, Special to Times Colonist March 12, 2010

Read more:

<http://www.timescolonist.com/health/Jody+Paterson+These+cuts+will+drive+health+costs/2674520/story.html#ixzz0i0BNZzAI>

Jack Knox – March 12, 2010

<http://www.timescolonist.com/sports/Jack+Knox+annual+book+sale+finds+home/2674489/story.html>

Agencies say service cuts costly

By Judith Lavoie, Times Colonist March 12, 2010

Read more:

<http://www.timescolonist.com/health/Agencies+service+cuts+costly/2674492/story.html#ixzz0hZpPferW>

Axe to fall on community programs

Southern Vancouver Island will have to deal with cuts that exceed \$2 million

By Kim Westad, Times Colonist March 11, 2010

Read more:

<http://www.timescolonist.com/life/More+than+million+community+programs+Southern+Vancouver+Island/2669885/story.html>

Gaming grant cut to Victoria anti-poverty group

thetyee.ca

By Andrew MacLeod March 11, 2010 05:55 pm

<http://thetyee.ca/Blogs/TheHook/BC-Politics/2010/03/11/TenantAdvocateCut/>

Grant cuts fail competence test – editorial

Times Colonist March 10, 2010

Read more:

<http://www.timescolonist.com/Grant+cuts+fail+competence+test/2665500/story.html>

Paul Willcocks: Health cuts for poor, disabled cost us all

By Paul Willcocks, Times Colonist March 10, 2010

Read more:

<http://www.timescolonist.com/news/Paul+Willcocks+Health+cuts+poor+disabled+cost/2665503/story.html>

Daycares, preschools, playgrounds affected by cuts to B.C. gaming grants

By Rob Shaw, Times Colonist March 10, 2010 6:22 AM

Read more:

<http://www.timescolonist.com/life/Daycares+preschools+playgrounds+affected+cuts+gaming+grants/2665483/story.html#ixzz0hnPaa6lD>

Supports cut for low-income B.C. residents

Minor savings to province signal a devaluation of vulnerable people

By Michael J. Prince, Times Colonist March 9, 2010

<http://www.timescolonist.com/health/Supports+income+residents/2660442/story.html>

The bottom line is a gaming grants cut

By Les Leyne, Times Colonist March 9, 2010

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Victoria community groups shocked, disappointed in B.C. funding grants cut - Shock wave hits capital groups

By Jim Gibson, with files from Jeff Bell, Rob Shaw, Times Colonist March 9, 2010

<http://www.timescolonist.com/Victoria+community+groups+shocked+disappointed+funding+grants/2660400/story.html>

Disability Community Stunned by Provincial Cuts to Crucial Medical Goods and Services

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<http://www.bccpd.bc.ca/cutstomedical.htm>

**Grant loss will afflict Parkinson's patients
Epilepsy and Parkinson's Centre a vital part of coping with illness**

By Doreen Lee, Special to Times Colonist March 4, 2010

Read more:

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Drop in revenue comes as legal-aid demand increases

By Fiona Anderson, Canwest News Service March 4, 2010

Read more:

<http://www.timescolonist.com/business/Legal+services+take+fiscal/2640367/story.html>

Critics blast B.C. health, education funding

Last Updated: Tuesday, March 2, 2010 | 6:52 PM PT [Comments83](#) [Recommend26](#)

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Read more: <http://www.cbc.ca/canada/british-columbia/story/2010/03/01/bc-budget-reaction.html#ixzz0j7jBfxaw>

Saving our not-for-profit sector

Donald K. Johnson, National Post

Published: Monday, March 01, 2010

Read more: <http://www.nationalpost.com/opinion/story.html?id=2626238#ixzz0gxwcf12a>

A brief examination of the 2010/11 BC Budget, emphasizing longer term spending and revenue trends

By Michael Butler (15-year director of finance and fiscal research with the B.C. Ministry of Finance) (FIA forwarded report – not available online, pdf available)

B.C.'s Deficit and Other Fanciful Tales

By Jason Yousman

Focus Magazine – March 2010

<http://www.mondaymag.com/articles/entry/bcs-deficit-and-other-fanciful-tales/news/>

February 2010

Will Campbell legacy be stupid cruelties

By Jody Paterson, Special to Times Colonist February 19, 2010

<http://www.timescolonist.com/sports/2010wintergames/Will+Campbell+legacy+stupid+cruelties/2585667/story.html>

Attention Ottawa: Insite is a health care service

By Maxine Davis, Special to the Sun February 17, 2010

<http://www.vancouversun.com/opinion/Attention+Ottawa+Insite+health+care+service/2574886/story.html>

Cutting social services won't pay benefits

Slashing government programs will push up health-care costs

By Jennifer Charlesworth, Special to Times Colonist February 17, 2010

<http://www.timescolonist.com/health/Cutting+social+services+benefits/2575398/story.html>

Anorexic Nanaimo woman dying needlessly, dad says

By Rob Shaw, Times Colonist February 15, 2010

<http://www.timescolonist.com/health/Woman+critically+from+anorexia+lack+hospital+treatment+finally+gets/2575375/Anorexic+Nanaimo+woman+dying+needlessly+says/2568323/story.html>

Responses

- **Woman critically ill from anorexia due to lack of hospital treatment, finally gets bed**

Canwest News Service

<http://www.timescolonist.com/health/Woman+critically+from+anorexia+lack+hospital+treatment+finally+gets/2575375/story.html#ixzzOfvqhM8Hf>

- **Anorexics desperate for help, parents say**

Island family finally gets daughter into Paul's Hospital after months of waiting

By B Pamela Fayerman, Vancouver Sun February 17, 2010

<http://www.vancouversun.com/health/Anorexics+desperate+help+parents/2574892/story.html>

A life lived for others, devalued on your behalf

Because of cutbacks, man will go into a care home, at higher cost

By Dr. Shabehram Lohrasbe, Special to Times Colonist February 13, 2010

<http://www.timescolonist.com/health/life+lived+others+devalued+your+behalf/2560929/story.html>

Letters to the editor on this story:

- Society turns its back on those in need
<http://www.timescolonist.com/Society+turns+back+those+need/2569575/story.html>
- Cuts increase costs, hurt individuals
<http://www.timescolonist.com/health/Cuts+increase+costs+hurt+individuals/2569576/story.html>
- Cuts are costly and destroy our dignity
<http://www.timescolonist.com/health/Cuts+costly+destroy+dignity/2569577/story.html>
- Parkinson's patients hurt by cut to centre
<http://www.timescolonist.com/health/Parkinson+patients+hurt+centre/2606156/story.html>

Follow up story:

- Meals recipient gets reprieve
<http://www.timescolonist.com/Meals+recipient+gets+reprieve/2708470/story.html>

B.C. to cut \$10 million from community services for children, families

By Jonathan Fowlie, Vancouver Sun February 12, 2010

<http://www.vancouversun.com/news/thewest/million+from+community+services+children+families/2556519/story.html>

Counselling cuts damage community

By Dawn Olson, Times Colonist February 3, 2010

<http://www.timescolonist.com/Counselling+cuts+damage+community/2516207/story.html>

Counselling lost over insurance

By Darcy Ambler, Times Colonist February 2, 2010

<http://www.timescolonist.com/business/Counselling+lost+over+insurance/2511968/story.html>

Oak Bay News

Affordable counselling service left in insurance limbo

Published: February 04, 2010 5:00 PM

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Volunteers unable to practice

http://www.bclocalnews.com/vancouver_island_south/oakbaynews/news/83600887.html

January 2010

Jack Knox: Counselling cuts mean more untreated mental illness

By Jack Knox, Times Colonist January 29, 2010

Read more:

<http://www.timescolonist.com/health/Jack+Knox+Counselling+cuts+mean+more+untreated+mental+illness/2498353/story.html#ixzz0eyY8icsg>

Social-services cuts are likely to backfire

Short-term savings will result in higher costs down the road

By Anthony Ostler, Times Colonist January 14, 2010

<http://www.timescolonist.com/health/Social+services+cuts+likely+backfire/2440434/story.html>

Counselling centre offers great value

By Colleen Hamilton, Lesley Cockrell, Times Colonist January 6, 2010

<http://www.timescolonist.com/news/Counselling+centre+offers+great+value/2410905/story.html>

December 2009

Cutting support is shortsighted

By Marilyn Sundeen, Times Colonist December 31, 2009

<http://www.timescolonist.com/health/Cutting+support+shortsighted/2394580/story.html>

Counselling cuts will cost money

By Lee McLeod, Times Colonist December 31, 2009

<http://www.timescolonist.com/health/Counselling+cuts+will+cost+money/2394579/story.html>

Restore funding for counselling

By Ed Tait, Times Colonist December 31, 2009

<http://www.timescolonist.com/news/Restore+funding+counselling/2394578/story.html>

Can We Revitalize Public Dialogues?

Posted in December 20th, 2009

by [Rob Wipond](#) in [Society](#)

<http://robwipond.com/?p=337> (originally published in Focus Magazine)

VIHA moving ahead on local crisis line cuts

Canwest News Service December 18, 2009

<http://www.canada.com/health/VIHA+moving+ahead+local+crisis+line+cuts/2356970/story.html>

November 2009

New deal for disabled

Professor says dignity of pension could replace welfare for thousands

By Katherine Dedyne, Times Colonist November 19, 2009

Read more:

<http://www.timescolonist.com/health/deal+disabled/2240062/story.html#ixzz0eyhE6bnG>

Non-profits bleeding from small cuts

Community groups say \$2 million in reductions will hurt clients

By Richard Watts, Times Colonist November 13, 2009

Read more:

<http://www.timescolonist.com/health/profits+bleeding+from+small+cuts/2218137/story.html#ixzz0eybTQg6J>

Victoria News

Local lines save lives

By [Lisa Weighton - Victoria News](#)

Published: November 06, 2009 6:00 AM

http://www.bclocalnews.com/vancouver_island_south/victorianews/community/69304502.html

Letters to the editor:

Victoria News

Crisis line needs to be local

Published: November 18, 2009 6:00 AM

Letter to the editor

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Victoria News

Local volunteers crucial to crisis line

Published: November 25, 2009 6:00 AM

Letter to the editor

http://www.bccolnews.com/vancouver_island_south/victorianews/opinion/letters/72812107.html

Follow-up stories:

Victoria News

Need submits bid for Island crisis line

By [Lisa Weighton - Victoria News](#)

Published: November 17, 2009 4:00 PM

http://www.bccolnews.com/vancouver_island_south/victorianews/community/70327712.html

Victoria News

Need waits on crisis line bid

By [Lisa Weighton - Victoria News](#)

Published: December 17, 2009 7:00 AM

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Victoria News

Nanaimo crisis line wins Island-wide bid

By [Lisa Weighton - Victoria News](#)

Published: February 03, 2010 1:00 PM

Updated: February 03, 2010 1:35 PM

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VIHA cuts: mental risk

Nov 04, 2009 11:56 PM

Mike Vasilev, Danielle Pope

<http://www.martlet.ca/article/20385-viha-cuts-mental-risk>

B.C. legal aid facing cuts, service reduction

By Louise Dickson, Victoria Times Colonist November 4, 2009

<http://www.vancouversun.com/legal+facing+cuts+service+reduction/2184130/story.html>

Related:

Access to Justice Media Release

<http://accesstojustice.ca/2009/01/23/cuts-will-deny-legal-services-to-thousands-of-low-income-bc-residents/>

[This is the Liberals' 9/11](#)

Posted in November 3rd, 2009

by [Rob Wipond](#) in [BC Politics](#), [Economics](#)

<http://robwipond.com/?p=317> (originally published in Focus Magazine)

Website: Campbell Cuts

List of some of the cuts.

http://www.campbellcuts.com/health_care_funding_slashed.html

October 2009

Recession hits B.C. non-profits, charities

Most had less money in 2009 and fear that 2010 will be worse, survey finds

By Doug Ward, VANCOUVER SUN October 23, 2009

Read more:

<http://www.timescolonist.com/life/Recession+hits+profits+charities/2139311/story.html?id=2139311#ixzz0gO23nhVN>

Letter to the Editor

- **Health cutbacks now will hurt us later**

By David Laundry, Times Colonist November 17, 2009

Read more:

<http://www.timescolonist.com/life/Recession+hits+profits+charities/2139311/Health+cutbacks+will+hurt+later/2231574/story.html#ixzz0gO30Z5QK>

Nurses condemn VIHA healthcare cuts

"Ill-conceived, short-sighted, harmful to seniors, to vulnerable members of the public and to the nurses who provide their care"

October 22, 2009

http://www.bcnu.org/whats_new_media/news_releases/2009/10-22.htm

Cuts to health spending costing programs, jobs in Victoria

Greater use of nurses cost-effective, critics of VIHA budget trimming say

By Richard Watts, Times Colonist October 20, 2009

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Critical condition

Published: October 19, 2009 3:00 PM

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Budget cuts threaten money-saving Vancouver Island health-care clinic

Provided by: Canadian Press

Written by: Dirk Meissner, THE CANADIAN PRESS

Oct. 19, 2009

http://chealth.canoe.ca/channel_health_news_details.asp?channel_id=11&relation_id=1932&news_channel_id=11&news_id=29265

Psychiatric cuts to Victoria services will cost: MD

By Kim Westad and Richard Watts, Times Colonist October 16, 2009

<http://www.timescolonist.com/health/Cuts+health+spending+costing+programs+jobs+Victoria/2122947/Psychiatric+cuts+Victoria+services+will+cost/2109922/story.html>

Canadian Mental Health Association

Document: Supported Housing and Mental Health & Addiction Services:

Continued Investment Needed - 2010 Budget Consultation

October 16, 2009

<http://www.cmha.bc.ca/files/Budget2010ConsultationPaper.pdf>

VIHA gets out the scalpel

Health authority unveils sharp cuts to deal with \$45-million shortfall

By Richard Watts, Times Colonist October 14, 2009

Read more:

<http://www.timescolonist.com/business/VIHA+gets+scalpel/2099558/story.html#ixzz0ezCOj98u>

Fewer surgeries, care home closures, less respite support result of \$45 million budget shortfall

The health authority says the changes are needed to balance its \$1.7-billion budget

By Richard Watts, Times Colonist October 14, 2009 [Comments \(56\)](#)

Read more:

<http://www.timescolonist.com/VIHA+budget+cuts+fewer+surgeries+care+home+closures+less+respite+support/2097571/story.html#ixzz0eyfbkZ0b>

The Health Sciences Association of British Columbia

Radio ad in response to cuts

<http://www.hsabc.org/content.php?id=335>

BC Schizophrenia Society

Response to cuts from website

<http://bcssvictoria.ca/wp-content/uploads/2009/10/stop-the-cuts-final- 2 .pdf>

September 2009 and earlier

300 job cuts coming: B.C. memo

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Read more: <http://www.cbc.ca/canada/british-columbia/story/2009/09/02/bc-job-cuts-government.html#ixzz0ezPiObXS>

B.C. non-profits, schools brace for cuts

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Read more: <http://www.cbc.ca/canada/british-columbia/story/2009/09/01/bc-budget-cuts-non-profits-school-district-sports.html#ixzz0ez1NVPEK>

Vancouver Island Health Authority to cut jobs, sell assets, hike fees to balance budget

The health authority is scrambling to avoid a budget shortfall of \$45 million - about 3.1 per cent of its budget.

By Rob Shaw, Times Colonist July 16, 2009 [Comments \(47\)](#)

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<http://www.timescolonist.com/health/Vancouver+Island+Health+Authority+jobs+sell+assets+hike+fees+balance+budget/1793378/story.html#ixzz0eyg138yc>

B.C.'s plan to cut public service by up to 57%

NUPGE website

May 14, 2009

<http://www.nupge.ca/node/2292>

Non-profits face serious funding challenges

By Peggy Mahoney, Times Colonist, December 2008

<http://www.communitycouncil.ca/pdf/p-mahoney-TC-12-29-2008.pdf>