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FATAL CRASH

North End Road accident ends in tragedy

RCMP allege alcohol a factor in fatal crash

BY SEAN MCINTYRE AND GAIL SJUBERG
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

A 51-year-old Salt Spring Island woman is dead after a two-car accident along North End Road last week.

Greenwoods nurse Katherine Chorney was driving south at approximately 2:30 p.m. on Wednesday, October 24 when a full-sized Dodge pick-up truck travelling in the opposite direction collided head on with the red Mazda she was driving near St. Mark's Anglican Church. RCMP report Chorney died on the scene.

The collision occurred just past the crest of a hill and corner.

Per Svendsen, the driver of a south-bound school bus, passed the pick-up only seconds before the accident.

"I just knew something was going to happen because he was driving so erratically and so fast," Svendsen said, adding that he was on his way back to the depot after having dropped off 63 school children earlier that afternoon. "He was just flying through that corner."

Fernwood Elementary School teacher Joyce Weir, driving just ahead of Chorney, was almost hit by the same truck.

Weir said she encountered the vehicle at the top of the hill by the church.

"I had a very clear impression of the excessive speed and that he was two feet over [the centre line]."

Weir said she jerked her steering wheel to the right to avoid being hit and then instinctively pressed her car horn before hearing the crash impact

behind her.

"It just makes you think how fateful a couple of seconds are in your life," said Weir.

She praised the efforts of North End Road residents Brian and Susan Cunningham and a friend of theirs, a young man travelling in a vehicle behind the pick-up truck and Salt Spring Fire/Rescue first responder Jim Buckley, who was the first emergency worker on the scene.

Emergency services personnel spent more than five hours at the site, forcing the closure of North End Road for much of the evening.

Brian McIvor, 58, of Campbell River, is charged with criminal negligence causing death, dangerous operation of a motor vehicle and impaired driving causing death.

If convicted of criminal negligence causing death, McIvor is liable to imprisonment for life.

McIvor was held in police custody from the time of the incident until Friday after posting \$5,000 bail in Victoria. Neither he nor his passenger suffered significant injuries in the accident.

McIvor's bail conditions prohibit him from setting foot on Salt Spring Island, consuming alcohol or visiting licensed drinking establishments.

He is scheduled to issue a plea in Victoria Provincial Court on November 23.

Salt Spring RCMP ask anyone who witnessed the grey pick-up driving near the Central intersection on the afternoon of October 24 to contact Const. Jewkes at 537-5555.



PHOTO BY CHRIS STEPHENSON

Salt Spring emergency service workers investigate the site of a two-vehicle collision that killed an island woman last Wednesday. Driver of the pick-up truck in the photo faces multiple criminal charges.

FIRE DISTRICT

Public silent on district fire plans

Low public turnout for big island questions

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

A lack of public interest in the Salt Spring Island Fire Protection District's 10-year plan has board members questioning Salt Springers' attitudes towards the department's plans for the future.

"At this point, I think the public on Salt Spring is a little bit apathetic in terms of this whole plan," said Mark Wyatt, speaking at a 10-year plan open house presentation on Saturday morning.

"I'm not seeing people coming out. Maybe the public doesn't care or maybe the public realizes the fire department has a business to run and a job to do and we need to move ahead and do it."

While there were few empty seats

at the two-hour public meeting, fewer than five participants had no direct affiliation with the fire department or volunteer firefighters association.

The meeting was the second opportunity for people to seek information on the Salt Spring Fire Protection District's 10-year plan. Released in September, the plan outlines what measures are required to ensure the department can

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Turn back clocks

Islanders can say good-bye to daylight saving time for another year as of 2 a.m. on Sunday, November 4.

People should turn clocks back by one hour before they go to bed on Saturday night.

Daylight saving time was extended by a total of four weeks this year, coming into effect earlier in the spring and remaining for an extra week.

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NEWSBEAT

TRANSIT SERVICE

Transportation group members mull over bus schedule and fares

Bus service for islanders, not BC Ferries

BY CHRIS STEPHENSON
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

The Salt Spring public transit service is set to go, but may need fine tuning as transportation commission members expressed concerns at a public meeting last Wednesday.

Part of the Salt Spring bus schedule is designed to service Vesuvius and Fulford ferry terminals up to five times daily.

However some members of the Capital Regional District Public Transit and Transportation Commission (PTTC) questioned the feasibility of the schedule,

especially if the ferries are late.

"This is a critical issue. Is the bus schedule more important than the ferry schedule?" asked PTTC member Maggie Ziegler.

An example of the proposed schedule has the bus arrive at Fulford Harbour at 7:40 a.m. and leave at 7:50, exactly when the ferry is expected to depart.

If the boat is late, the bus either has to wait for offloading ferry passengers and disrupt the rest of the schedule or leave them behind.

Ziegler said the priority should be on residents who are travelling on the island, not commuters on B.C. Ferries.

"I think the service should be about getting people to the ferries, but not picking

them up."

All PTTC members agreed. Nigel Denyer said sticking to the schedule is important.

"If someone goes out and waits for 20 minutes for the bus [because it's late], they aren't going to go out again."

Denyer, a member of the newly formed commission, was also concerned with the bus fare.

He said the suggested \$2.50 one-way fare by BC Transit is too high for Salt Spring residents.

Denyer recommended either charging passengers one low fare island-wide or two separate fares depending on the trip distance.

He suggested one fare could be charged for Ganges and the surrounding area and a higher fare charged

from town to the ferry terminals.

However, Ziegler said having a two-fare system could be difficult as zone boundaries would need to be set similar to the public transit system in Vancouver.

Despite concerns, all members agreed the \$2.50 fare is too high.

Further discussion and recommendations for the Salt Spring transit system were set to take place last night (Tuesday) at the Institute for Sustainability, Education and Action office.

PTTC plans to have a public information session on how to use the service prior to the January 7 start date.

The service provider for the bus system has yet to be determined.

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Keith Oliver

Salt Spring fire district at a "crossroads"

FIRE PLANS

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continue to provide "safe and cost-effective service" to islanders.

Wyatt said trustees remain open to input from the public and hope to accept the plan, with some minor modifications, by the board's November 19 meeting.

A major component of providing that service involves hiring an additional 20 firefighters by 2012 at a cost of approximately \$81,000 per firefighter per year. The plan proposes nine firefighters be hired by 2009.

The new firefighters are needed to counteract the dwindling number of volunteers, the higher call volume and a growing population, explains the plan.

According to statistics provided by the fire district, 69 per cent of the department's 26 volunteers have less than five years' experience. Veteran volunteers are retiring without being replaced by young recruits, who cite work constraints, cost of living and time commitments as factors for not joining.

"Our situation here is not unique," Wyatt said. "Volunteer departments

across the country are experiencing similar concerns."

Wyatt suggested the department needs at least 50 volunteers to even consider alternative staffing plans outlined in the strategic plan.

"We are going to look at all options we have before we go hire nine firefighters in 2009, but if it doesn't happen and we are still sitting at between 26 and 30 firefighters in 2009, we won't have the manpower to do the job we want to do."

Wyatt said the department intends to have its main hall staffed around the clock by 2012 to ensure it can provide response times recommended by the National Fire Protection Association.

Full-time staffing, Wyatt said, will allow the department to shave off between eight and 10 minutes from its response time.

Faster response times and increased coverage come at a cost to ratepayers.

According to the 10-year plan, costs to hire the new firefighters will double the department's budget over the next five years.

According to Wyatt, ratepayers can expect to see their fire department requisition increase from the current \$0.53

cents per \$1,000 of assessed property value to \$1.08.

Additional long-term expenditures for new equipment — including the proposed purchase of a ladder truck in 2010 — a new fire hall and training facility will add an additional \$0.29 per \$1,000 of assessed property value.

Fire trustee Tony Kennedy acknowledged the increases may appear substantial, but said ratepayers can expect a corresponding savings on fire insurance premiums.

Insurance companies have not stated how much homeowners can expect to save, Kennedy said.

"Those are numbers we would like to have, but they are numbers the companies aren't willing to hand out," he said.

Fire district chair Mike Schubart encouraged members of the public to express potential strategies to increase volunteer membership and information on how to improve the delivery of fire services on the island.

"This is a draft plan. It isn't carved in stone, but we are at a crossroads," he told the crowd.

Copies of the 10-year plan are available at the Ganges fire hall and online at www.saltspringfire.com.

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BC FERRIES

Salt Springers encouraged to foot the bill

Fare surcharge could speed up terminal upgrades

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

They may not have christened a new era of understanding between island residents and B.C. Ferries management, but comments made by ferry company president and CEO David Hahn on Friday definitely handed south enders plenty to chew on.

Hahn suggested Salt Spring residents and visitors to the island pay for expedited improvements to the Fulford terminal through a special levy applied to travellers arriving to and departing from the island.

The comments came during a live broadcast of the CBC Victoria On the Island morning show from Fulford Harbour on October 26. Hahn's response followed an audience member's question about B.C. Ferries' plans to alleviate the traffic gridlock caused by the unloading and loading of passengers.

Traffic management, pedestrian safety and emergency access in Fulford village have proven central themes to south-end residents engaged in the Islands Trust's ongoing OCP review process.

Because Salt Spring Islanders choose to live on an island, Hahn told listeners, they should be the ones paying for any unscheduled upgrades to facilities or services.

Choosing to live in Fulford, he added, is a choice to live with the village's congested streets.

Hahn was not available to comment when called on Monday and Tuesday. He did not specify the size of a potential surcharge nor indicate how much money would be needed to complete the upgrades.

According to B.C. Ferries' terminal management schedule, a solution to the Fulford traffic congestion issue will not be considered until 2009 at the very earliest. Improvements to the terminal are not likely to occur until well into the next decade.

Ken Lee, president of the South Salt Spring Property Owners and Residents Association and a ferry advisory board member from 1993 to 1997, called Hahn's behaviour inexcusable considering the severity of the Fulford predicament.

"He responded with unbelievable arrogance," Lee said. "I felt very badly for the people of the village."

Hahn has repeatedly dodged any and all responsibility to improve the village's ferry facility, despite pleas from residents and emergency workers calling for a solution, he added.



PHOTO BY CHRIS STEPHENSON

Salt Spring residents, from left, Valdy, Bruce Patterson and Janice Harkley, express their views of B.C. Ferries on the CBC morning show last Friday at the Rock Salt Café.

"I was really horrified," Lee said, calling for islanders to stand united in response to rising ferry fares and the corporation's attitude.

"If Hahn is serious, the time is long overdue to make another clear statement to the government that we aren't going to put up with this."

Public demonstrations and pressure from the Salt Spring Ferry Advisory Group in 1997, Lee said, led B.C. Ferries' management, then operating as a Crown corporation, to freeze fares for two years.

Talk of the surcharge comes at a time of unprecedented fare increases, with ticket prices slated to jump 89 per cent between 2003 and 2011.

Harold Swierenga, chair of the Salt Spring Island Ferry Advisory Committee, said the idea of a ferry terminal improvement fee is nothing new, but was surprised Hahn raised the issue Friday morning.

"I really don't think it is going to come to that," Swierenga said. "I'm sure B.C. Ferries would love it if we started giving them money, but that is certainly not the way we want to go about this."

Swierenga said he is confident a final terminal solution can be developed by 2012 without any additional levies, surcharges or improvement fees.

"I have had a verbal commitment [to solve the problem] within five years," he said. "If we want to accelerate it significantly, that's when the user fee would come in."

A similar user surcharge model was proposed for Bowen Island, where residents finally deemed the plan unworkable.

Swierenga said improving B.C. Ferries' Tsawwassen, Swartz Bay and north coast terminals is the corporation's top priority. The Salt Spring Island Ferry Advisory Committee's next public meeting will be held in November.

News briefs

RCMP snuff out cocaine ring

Salt Spring Island RCMP have arrested two local males after a seven-month undercover investigation into an island-based cocaine ring.

Police arrested two men aged 23 and 25 and seized 31 grams of cocaine, a prohibited knife and a BMW. Police could not release the men's identities as charges have not yet been formally laid.

"This was a very organized business enterprise," said Sgt. Danny Willis of the Salt

Spring Island RCMP. "We heard from lots of sources that there are drug problems in the area and we moved in."

Working in conjunction with the RCMP's Vancouver Island federal drug section and the E-Division's undercover unit, the investigation led police to a drug supplier in Victoria who was subsequently arrested on October 25, 2007.

Victoria police seized 311 grams of cocaine, 4.5 kilograms of marijuana, 268 tablets of ecstasy and a Mercedes-Benz.

Willis estimated the

raids prevented more than \$10,000 worth of drugs from reaching island streets.

South-end cougar reported

A cougar was spotted early Tuesday morning on Salt Spring near Reynolds Road on the south end of the island.

Wolfgang Brunnwieser, animal control officer for the CRD on Salt Spring, said it is not unusual for the island to have cougars, but warned residents to be cautious

when walking or hiking. He said residents should bring a friend or dog when hiking alone and make plenty of noise. He said there could possibly be two cougars in the area.

Brunnwieser asks anyone who spots a cougar to call the animal control office at 537-9414.

RCMP stop wild drivers

Erratic drivers kept officers busy this past week as Salt Spring RCMP issued two 24-hour driving suspensions.

The first incident involved a 56-year-old male who appeared to be driving under the influence of prescription drugs at 7:30 p.m. on October 27. The following day, police issued a suspension to a 53-year-old female driver for the same reason.

Police also stopped the male driver of a vehicle observed driving in a hazardous manner at 11:30 p.m. on October 27. RCMP stopped the vehicle in the 2500 block of Fulford-Ganges Road. The driver, a 46-year-old male, reportedly became belligerent and threatening when questioned by police.

Charges of impaired driving, refusing to supply a breath sample and uttering threats are pending.

FOR THE RECORD

An October 24 article on an official community plan meeting at Fulford Hall incorrectly identified Mardon Dary as speaking out at the meeting. In fact, Dary was not at the meeting. Martyn Day was the speaker.

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NEWSBEAT

SALT SPRING RADIO

CRTC's radio decision reopens tower debate

Mount Belcher remains preferred site

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Last week's Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission announcement to grant an operating licence to a Salt Spring Island radio station has rekindled opposition to the prospect of a new transmission tower on Mount Belcher.

"I'm disappointed to realize that perhaps this is going to go ahead after all," said Tom Vikander. "I would prefer not to have to live here and look up to the mountain ridges and see a stupid antenna."

Vikander suggested the station's management search for alternative sites or use existing transmission facilities located on the island's south end instead of building yet another tower.

Debate over the transmission tower was postponed in July when the Salt Spring Island Local Trust Committee (LTC) elected to defer comment on the antenna until the CRTC made its decision.

While the LTC cannot regulate the use of the tower, it can regulate the siting of structures associated with the antenna.

With the operating licence in place, the radio station's

management is prepared to put any outstanding concerns over the radio tower's potential health effects, blinking red orbs and height to rest.

"The 'buzz' on the island has been overwhelmingly warm and positive, which largely overshadows the NIMBYs," said Gary Brooks, one of the station's initiators. "Obviously we're ecstatic that two federal agencies [the CRTC and Industry Canada] had enough faith in our business plan, the professional expertise we bring to the station and of course the overall need for a radio station on our island."

According to the Salt Spring Island Radio Corporation's CRTC application, the station will provide listeners with 123 hours of local programming per week as well as information and discussion programs. The station will place a strong emphasis on volunteers, local talent and provide a fast and effective method of transmitting emergency information.

Brooks said the Mount Belcher site remains under consideration, but has yet to meet with any of the project's detractors.

"If the [Islands Trust] wants us to hold public info meetings, of course we'll do it," he said on Monday.

"We're not reinventing the wheel. These things have been around for 100 years,"

he said. "There's probably more noise starting your car than there will be from the tower and it's yet to be established that there will be any light needed on the tower. There's a lot of trees larger than the tower, so it won't be seen by 99.9999 per cent of our people."

"The buzz on the island has been overwhelmingly warm and positive, which largely overshadows the NIMBYs."

GARY BROOKS
Salt Spring Island Radio

The proposed 32-metre (105-foot) 500-watt tower will serve a broadcasting area only slightly larger than Salt Spring Island.

According to Wilf Hoffmann, vice-president of the Salt Spring Island Amateur Radio Association, a 500-watt tower is "not very much of a concern" compared to most commercial radio transmitters.

"There's more danger from the microwave in your kitchen," Hoffmann said. "I would let my grandchildren play under this tower."

HOUSING ISSUES

New project aims to shelter Salt Spring homeless people

Damage deposit funds collected

A charity fund to assist a well-known homeless couple on Salt Spring has spawned an island project to help all those in need of shelter.

Copper Kettle coordinator Cherie Geuvreau said since the incident where Tony and Marcie were evicted from their camp along Ganges Harbour, residents have pitched in to help the couple.

As of Tuesday morning, Geuvreau found accommodation for Tony and Marcie. She said a Salt Spring resident offered a trailer to the couple to rent for the winter.

"It's a shelter and it's warm. That's the big thing right now," Geuvreau said.

But now Geuvreau has widened the scope of the project to assist anyone who is homeless on the island.

"There are 2,500 people on Salt Spring living below the poverty line," she said. "The main goal is to get as many people as possible off the streets."

Last week the Remove the Barriers project had more than 12 financial contributors and a small group of residents willing to assist Tony and Marcie and other islanders needing community support.

Geuvreau said homelessness on the island is an issue that is quickly becoming critical.

"They have nowhere to go," she said.

The project has \$1,000 so far. The fund will go towards a damage deposit on a place to rent for Tony and Marcie.

The Remove the Barriers project will continue on Salt Spring to help others in need.

To get involved, call Copper Kettle at 537-5863.

FARMING

Farm plan funding deadline close

Gulf Islands farmers are reminded that applications for Environmental Farm Plan (EFP) projects must be submitted by Friday, November 30.

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Funds for the EFP Pro-

gram come through the National Farm Stewardship Program. There is no cost to the farmer for the program materials or the services of the Environmental Farm Planning Advisor.

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OPEN HOUSE: Celine Comeau holds the fire department's 10-year plan, which was discussed at an open house at the Ganges fire hall last Saturday.

COMMUNITY HOUSING

Best energy-saving neighbour in town needs donation surge

Murakami Gardens plan still needs \$21,000

BY LIZZY ROE
SPECIAL TO THE DRIFTWOOD

The man was polite, but obviously worried as he walked up to Brent Baker, construction manager for the Murakami Gardens project.

"I don't mean to tell you how to do your job," he said, "but do you realize that you're putting the insulation on the wrong side of those walls?"

Well, not actually. It's all part of a super energy-conservation design for the Murakami Gardens. The building uses an insulation system that will save thousands of heating dollars — and protect the environment — over the lifetime of the project.

In a bid to make the Murakami Gardens one of the most sustainable buildings on Salt Spring, a variety of other conservation mechanisms will be incor-

porated into the building: a solar pre-heating system for hot water; a heat pump to improve the efficiency of the hallway ventilation; and upgrades to the building's lighting and appliances to ensure their maximum efficiency.

The inclusion of the energy-conservation mechanisms was initiated when the project received from the Islands Trust a \$15,000 award it had received from the province for its Community Energy Strategy activities.

The question was, how to use the award to maximize energy-saving in the building? A number of options were considered, and each was rated according to the energy savings it would provide.

The amounts varied — but so did the costs and the potential cost savings. The project development team debated the issue for several weeks — and then decided to go for the brass ring: why not include the three best options, and get all the benefits?

The Community Action on Energy Efficiency grant wouldn't cover the total cost of all those upgrades. But the project development team believed that islanders would meet the challenge of finding the additional funds. And so they went ahead and agreed to the package.

So is it true that islanders want to support the Murakami Gardens' plan to be the best energy-saving neighbour in town?

Well, as of October 17, individual donations and pledges totalling \$8,515 have been received; \$5,000 has been contributed by the Capital Regional District; and a request to a local foundation for a \$5,000 grant is being considered. That leaves \$21,485 still to go to fully fund the project's energy-saving system.

If you'd like to be part of the solution, please go to www.saltspringcommunityservices.ca and make a pledge; or phone 537-9971 (ext. 234) to talk to Lizzy Rowe, at Salt Spring Community Services, about making a donation.

SEARCH AND RESCUE

SAR needs more helpers

Low numbers follow island-wide trend

Members of the Salt Spring Search and Rescue Society encourage volunteers to drop by a November 13 information meeting to help increase the group's numbers for the 2007-08 training season.

"New personnel are needed to enhance our ability to conduct ground search and rescue operations throughout all of the southern Gulf Islands," said Chuck Hamilton, coordinator of the Search and Rescue Society. "[The society] has a variety of equipment at its disposal, but its most valuable resources are its members, women and men between the ages of 17 and 70, who dedicate their time and enthusiasm."

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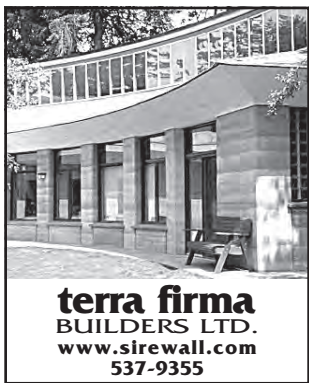
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NEWSBEAT

ISLAND HOBBIES

A hundred years sit side by side

Rare collector's item kept in good hands

One hundred years of National Geographic history is in the hands of a Salt Spring resident who owns an October 1907 issue of the magazine.

Long-time islander Harold Repen showed his rare collector's item beside the current 2007 issue. Repen, who collects first-edition publications, inherited the October 1907 issue from a friend in 1958.

He keeps the magazine sealed in plastic, but took it out during an interview at the Driftwood last Thursday.

"The content basically hasn't changed," he said. "But the older magazine has a better quality of reporting."

Geologists in China and The Deep-water Route from Chicago to the Gulf are some of the article titles in the 1907 issue.

The 2007 issue deals with the carbon crisis and the space age.

The photos in the older magazine are black and white, but Repen said the quality was way ahead of the times.

A quick survey on ebay, an online auction site, found the 1907 october issue on sale for \$32 US last Friday.

However, Repen said his issue is not for sale.

He plans to send the collector's item to his son for safe keeping.

Repen also owns a 1913 National Geographic where colour photos were first used.

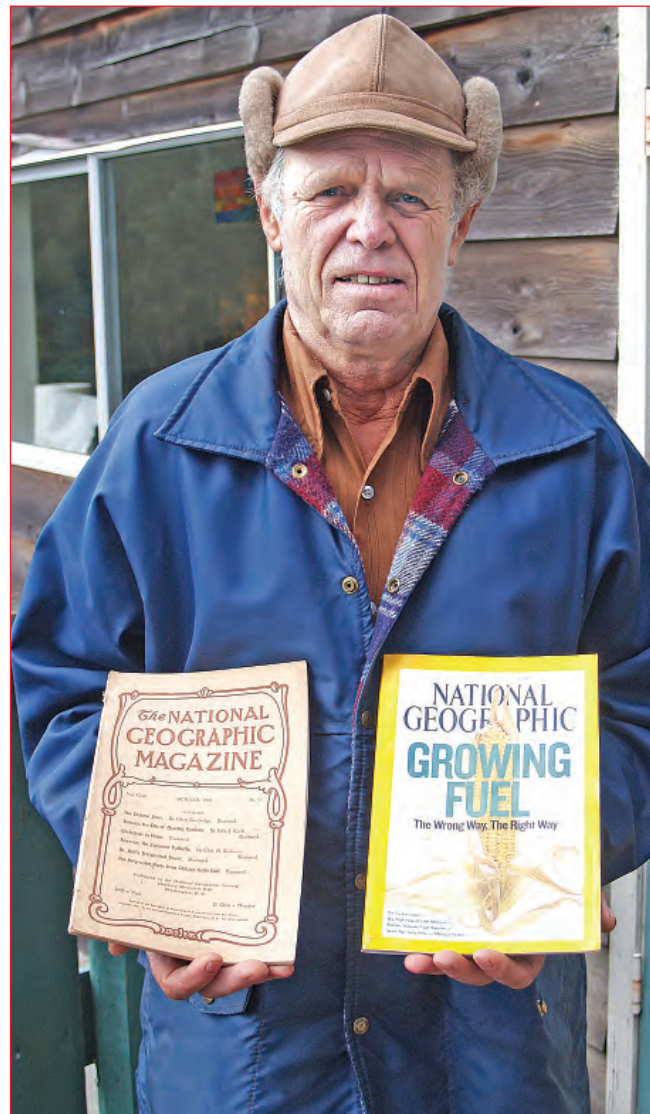


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Harold Repen holds his 1907 collectors edition of the National Geographic magazine beside the current 2007 issue.



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GALIANO FOREST LANDS

Public hearing resurrects divide

Bylaws propose an end to island's strife

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Galiano residents attending a public hearing on Saturday appear on the cusp of bringing the contentious forest lands dispute to a close after nearly two decades of debate.

Roughly 150 people attended the eight-hour Galiano Local Trust Committee (LTC) meeting.

Participants voiced opinions on how to resolve an existing bylaw predicament which has positioned local property owners, Islands Trust staff and trustees, and environmentalists against one another since former forestry giant MacMillan Bloedel sold its Galiano holdings to private buyers in 1991.

Existing regulations stipulate that owners of the 98 forest lots, covering 2,800 hectares (7,000 acres) on Galiano's north end, must "donate" 75 per cent of their property to a conservation-oriented third party or register a covenant to ensure the forest is managed in a sustainable manner before they can legally build a home on their land.

Under proposed bylaws #197 and 198 to amend the island's land use bylaw and official community plan, the Islands Trust would create a new F4 zone, allowing forest lot owners to construct a single home and retain title of their land on condition they agree to enter into a sustainable forestry cov-

enant held by the LTC or an accredited third party.

While opponents maintain the new zoning will result in the unbridled development of the island's northern half, forest lot owners appear satisfied a compromise is finally within sight.

"Once again the bylaws have become battles and the community is extremely distressed by this turn of events."

BARBARA GEARY
Galiano Island resident

"Once again the bylaws have become battles and the community is extremely distressed by this turn of events," said Barbara Geary, a Galiano Island resident.

"Let the trustees, with the cooperation of the Islands Trust, do the job they were elected to do; resolve, with community input, the forest land issues that have created untold hardship for so many for so long."

The bylaws are on the agenda for the next Galiano LTC meeting on Wednesday, November 7, though Trust planner Brodie Porter said he expects there will be at least one more public meeting before trustees make a decision.

NEWSBEAT

SS DOLLARS Brazilian bankers look at SS dollars

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

When the Brasil Central Bank's Marden Marques Soares and Marusa Vasconcelos Freire attended an international banking conference in Vancouver last week, they just couldn't pass up the opportunity to get a close-up look at a Salt Spring dollar.

"It is one of the most organized community currencies we have come across," said Freire during a lunch meeting with Salt Spring Dollars founders Eric Booth and Bob McGinn at a Ganges cafe. "We are interested to see how this experiment has worked and how the central bank is involved."

Freire and Soares have spent months travelling throughout North America to examine the different approaches community groups have taken to kick-start local currency campaigns.

They're interested in learning how to coordinate the use of local currency with the central bank in order to start similar initiatives in Brazilian communities.

"The community currency helps increase local spending and promotes the local community," said Freire. "It's something we want to try."

Salt Spring dentist McGinn said he co-founded Salt Spring Dollars in 2001 as a way to do just that, promote the island's economy.

By creating a currency that can only be spent on Salt Spring, he said, people are reminded to support local businesses.

Every Salt Spring dollar in circulation is backed by a reserve fund in cash, term deposits or gold. Net income generated by the reserve fund is intended to help finance community projects.

McGinn remains encouraged that Salt Spring Dollars' reputation has begun to set the standard for upstart community currencies around the world.



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GRAD PRANKS: The Class of 2008 made its mark known at the high school last week-end. Students arriving at Gulf Islands Secondary School on Monday morning were met with handprints on windows and stacks of chairs in high places.

EDUCATION

Ministry funding change sees fewer dollars in classrooms

Schools funded per class, not program

BY CHRIS STEPHENSON
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

School districts across the province could fall short in funds this year as the Ministry of Education recently announced a change in how it allocates money.

Susan Lambert, first vice-president of the British Columbia Teachers' Federation (BCTF), said the ministry decided mid-October to allocate district funds based on the number of classes a student takes as opposed to the program he or she is enrolled in.

She said now the rate is based on an eight-class system for students in grades 10, 11 and 12. For students who take seven classes, for example, the district receives 7/8ths of the funding where it used get 100 per cent.

"This jeopardizes all other programs schools provide," Lambert said.

BCTF was surprised by the move and Lambert called the new system "absolutely bizarre."

"How can boards know at what level to staff when it will depend on how many courses a student takes in

each semester in school? Now if a student takes even one of their eight courses elsewhere or less than a full course load, their school district stands to lose funding," she said in a press release.

School District 64 is no exception. While superintendent Jeff Hopkins is optimistic the new policy can be adjusted to make the district's budget work, the Gulf Islands could fall short anywhere from \$150,000 to \$310,000 for this school year.

"We don't know how this will affect us yet," Hopkins said.

In a letter to the B.C. Ministry of Education, Hopkins stated the new policy is not necessarily the best way to serve students.

Hopkins hopes to work with the ministry to come up with solution to the possible district shortfall.

David Lockyer, secretary treasurer for School District 62, is not as optimistic. He considers the new policy a done deal. Sooke schools stand to lose close to a million dollars this school year.

"There is nowhere we can claw back [on funding]," he said.

Lockyer said there should be a high level of

trust between the ministry and the district, but there was no consultation before the policy was implemented.

However, Education Minister Shirley Bond said the ministry always makes budget adjustments before funds are released to the districts in December.

She said the policy was changed because the previous system allowed for districts to receive "double funding" from enrolment numbers.

She explained that part-time students used to be counted as full-time students and received the total allowable amount.

But now schools will receive funding for the amount of time the student goes to school.

Bond said the ministry announced the education budget of approximately \$4.3 billion in March and that amount hasn't been reduced because of the policy change.

"That money is still in place," she said.

She said if schools fall short of their budgets, the ministry will look at the pressure points and work with districts to solve the issues.



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EDITORIAL

Don't blame the roads

Last week's tragic and fatal vehicle crash on North End Road has shaken community members and prompted them to ask how it may have been prevented — as always occurs in cases like this.

That particular spot has certainly been the scene of a number of accidents over the years, as nearby resident Susan Cunningham has pointed out in the past. But it's also marked by a "slow to 40 km/h" warning sign in a 60 km/h speed zone, and if approached at reasonable speed from either direction, poses no difficulty whatsoever.

However, when excessive speed and alcohol consumption are factors, as alleged in the case of the driver of the vehicle responsible for the crash and death of an island woman, it's a whole other ball game.

It's easy for people to blame the twisty nature of some island roads or the number of deer that wander alongside them as the cause of various mishaps. But despite those factors, Salt Spring sees few horrific crashes or those that result in death.

THE ISSUE:

Island accidents

WE SAY:

Caused by speed and alcohol

Most people drive at a reasonable speed — if not completely at or under the maximum limits — and sober.

Those are basic keys to a crash-free life, not restricting one's travels to easily navigable roads.

Driving in an unfamiliar environment also demands more care, even if it's only a north-ender driving on Beaver Point Road.

When islanders curse tourists for driving too slowly, they should perhaps be grateful the visitors are not pretending to know where they're going at top speed.

But bad driving is exhibited by individuals everywhere and is frequently seen on Salt Spring Island at the hands of residents as well as visitors. Drivers routinely cross centre-lines when travelling on windy roads, seemingly unwilling to drive the few kilometres slower required to stay in one's own lane.

One suggestion received by the Driftwood this week is for people to report to RCMP all drivers seen passing on double solid lines. It might not be a bad idea.

Regardless of where one drives, it's imperative to slow down and obey speed limits and — it seems so obvious that it's painful to restate it — to not drive after drinking alcohol.



Trust chair needs to hear passion

BY KEN MARR

Islanders for Self-Government (ISG) is very concerned with the public consultation process that has been undertaken for the proposed official community plan (OCP).

We strongly believe the trustees need to start the consultation process again with some very important changes before beginning to draft the final document.

Four contentious issues dominated the recent five public meetings and the meeting with the Fulford residents: house size limits, setbacks from waterfront, removal of densities from large property owners and the increased densification of Fulford Village. These topics dominated all discussions, in spite of our trustees' attempts to steer discussion into different areas during the meetings at ArtSpring, Lions Hall, and Fulford Hall.

I understand that attendance at these six meetings ranged conservatively from 75 to 200 people per meeting. Allowing for multiple attendances by a handful of very concerned citizens, it is fair to say the average was at least 100 per meeting or at least 600 people. The vast majority did not support any of these four proposals, in fact, at the last meeting, no one spoke out in support or indicated any support whatsoever for these proposals.

When questioned whether they would immediately drop these proposals at the next local Trust committee (LTC) meeting, the trustees replied that they had received about 100 e-mails regarding the OCP, about half pertaining to these hot issues and that "some even supported the proposals." Citizens are so concerned with these proposals that they have not had the time, energy or desire to look at the other 250 pages of materials.

ISG does not support nor oppose these "hot topic" proposals, but we are concerned that the balance of the document has not

VIEWPOINT

"ISG finds this unacceptable."

received its deserved attention due to our citizens' preoccupation with these four proposals.

Our LTC consists of two locally elected trustees and the chair from Keats Island. The most important role of the chair is to cast the deciding vote in the event of a tie between our two locally elected trustees. Although it makes most of our members cringe to think that someone from an island so far away and so unlike ours could cast the deciding vote, these are the rules and we must abide by them.

Unfortunately, of these five meetings, the chair chose to attend only one. We believe that our trustees have not made up their mind on the OCP and therefore believe also that there is likely to be dissent between them when it comes to making their final decision. The tie-breaking vote exercised by the chair will need to rely on notes, minutes and the opinions of our trustees to make up her mind.

ISG finds this unacceptable. The tie-breaking chair needs to hear the passion and resolve the trustees heard at the public meetings in order to make a clear and informed decision for Salt Spring Islanders.

The proposed OCP is one of the most important documents ever to be introduced for land use planning on Salt Spring. It is not a revision, it is a complete re-write. It seriously affects employment, housing, property rights, culture and the environment. Islanders need to be able to embrace and support this document for years to come.

The Trust must make some serious amendments to this document where it comes to these "hot topics," perhaps with some fresh focus groups, and start the public meeting consultation process again, before drafting the final document. Let's take our time and get it right. And the next time, we expect the LTC chair to attend.

The writer is president of ISG.

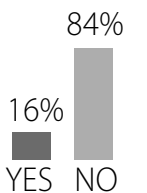
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QUOTE OF THE WEEK:
"It just makes you think how fateful a couple of seconds are in your life."

TEACHER JOYCE WEIR, AFTER OCTOBER 24 FATAL CRASH

SALT SPRING SAYS

We asked: How do you feel about Salt Spring's drivers?

JOAN FARLINGER

I think the majority are very courteous and careful, but there are a few who should not be on the road. There are some eccentric drivers you have to watch out for.


LEE EVANS

They are pretty good compared to those in the city.


CLAUDE BERGERON

I think there might be room for some improvement, but it's not Vancouver. The most annoying thing is driving at night. If people can't figure out their headlights, they should only drive during the day.


GEOFFREY DEVRIES

All of them seem to have heavy feet. It's hard enough to walk down the street without getting knocked over.


JOAN BYRNE

I think Salt Spring Island drivers are generally very considerate. There could be some road improvement that would help us all.

Letters to the editor

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Responsibility Scrap proposal

Last week's fatal crash on North End Road was tragic and horrific. I do not believe "fixing the road" will resolve anything. Obeying the speed limit will.

I travel this road daily and I estimate that I am passed by speeding vehicles crossing the double line at least three times a week. I used to think that blowing my car horn and waving would do some good.

After this tragedy I think I have a responsibility, as I believe all responsible drivers do, to take note of the vehicle type and licence plate numbers of the speeders passing double lines and start reporting these drivers to the RCMP. Perhaps then there will be fewer accidents on the road.

M. IVERSON,
SALT SPRING

I vehemently oppose every one of the proposed limits on building sizes. Has anyone investigated how many existing smaller lot properties will be affected by becoming non-conforming?

If the purpose is to maintain a population balance over a wide range of income levels, social engineering to drive away the "gentry" as the policy paper calls them, who are the source of the greatest tax revenues required to pay for much-talked-about subsidized housing, appears crazy. The proposals appear ill thought out. Setting such a huge horizontal setback for waterfront lots in the name of rising sea levels is peculiar, to put it mildly. A height restriction above sea level

already exists. Increase it if the province so advises.

Policies which force a great proportion of islanders to suffer non-conforming zoning status such that in the event of a misfortune they cannot rebuild what they have lost is not in the spirit of "preserving and protecting" as the mandate of the Islands Trust so clearly states.

Scrap this dreadful proposal and concentrate instead on subsidizing those who cannot manage on their own. One policy paper proposes a complex one per cent tax on new construction. So be it, but as a simple levy.

R. HARLAND,
WOODLAND DRIVE

Don't speak for me

I have never paid much attention to the politi-

cal goings on of this little island. I moved here about four years ago, and because I was young and hadn't lived here the minimum amount of time to call myself a Salt Springer, I stayed out of it.

However, in the near future I will be marrying a man who is proud to say that not only was he born and raised on Salt Spring Island, but is a fourth-generation Isabella Pointer. We hope to one day raise children on the land first owned by their great great grandparents, and that they will be able to enjoy a similar childhood.

I feel I can now take some interest. But I am torn by the war between the Friends of Fulford and the OCP process.

The Friends of Fulford claim to speak for those not included in, or consulted by the Fulford OCP focus group (i.e. myself).

OCP focus group members are people I see and speak to on a day-to-day basis. Bruce Patterson gave my partner Johnathan and his brother (and countless other Fulford kids) their first jobs. Jill Thomas gave me my first and only Salt Spring job, and has taken a personal interest in ensuring I will be a functioning member of this society.

Drew Thorburn personally invited us to be a part of the Isabella Point Community Group, as he knows our dream of being life-long Isabella Point residents, and Harold Swierenga was kind enough to rent us affordable housing, so we could begin to realize that dream.

In a recent interaction with some of the Friends of Fulford, I felt unvalued as a human being (not just a young member of the community). Perhaps it was because I have

not been actively involved in their processes, but in truth I felt it was because I am "just a waitress." (As a side note, I would like to point out that by no means am I personally attacking John Rowlandson, who has been nothing but kind to me.)

Reading the paper and speaking to various people, the two groups seem to have the same goal in mind — preserving the "essence" of Fulford and solving the traffic problem.

Who should I believe has a real interest in the future of my family and the community we plan to live in?

Perhaps the career activists could put a pause on the finger pointing and begin to compromise?

TEILE BOTTING,
ISABELLA POINT

MORE LETTERS continued on A10

Preserve and protect reason in OCP sacrifices

BY JOHN MACPHERSON

Once upon a time, human sacrifice was used to appease the gods and/or to win favour. Imagine your horror in seeing the high priests arrive, seeking your life blood for today's gift to the goddess!

They say it's an honour, at worst merely the price of living in the enlightened society of your day, but you are afraid of pain, afraid of death, afraid of what may happen to your family — and most of all you're very sure the gods aren't receptive to blood sacrifice anyway. You resist horribly as they drag you away.

Some of these images came to mind as I attended several of the public meetings hosted by the Trust re: proposals to include in the new official community plan. Out of 200 recommendations, only four dominated discussions: 1) limiting house sizes to 2,000 or 3,000 square feet 2) doubling setbacks for waterfront properties 3) down-zoning larger parcels of land and 4) increasing village boundaries for Fulford Village.

The first two would create many hundreds if not thousands of non-conforming properties which cannot be rebuilt in the event of fire or earthquake except within the new restrictions. The third is a form of theft. The environment, resources, energy and global climate change are all cited as sufficient reasons.

For their part, citizens perceive reverse discrimination; erosion of property values; nest eggs wiped out or greatly diminished; livelihoods threatened; family life made insecure; freedom of expression denied;

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the island's diversity extinguished; and people take issue with the rationales themselves. But while trustees spoke positively of other recommendations (including how they would be responsive to public demand for legalized suites), they remained utterly mute under the most intense questioning as to whether they will be bound by the will of the community in these other most pressing matters.

To be clear: the focus groups and trustees have failed to show there is a crisis that actually warrants this pain. In particular, the proposals fail to show any relationship between environmental degradation on Salt Spring and house size or setbacks. (Simplistic as they are, they also overlook the fact that a 3,000-square-foot home can have the same footprint as a three-level 9,000-square-foot home.)

They have also failed to show that waterfront owners need double set back protection "for their own good" — setting aside, of course, the non-good of making maybe 70 per cent of them non-conforming.

Likewise they have utterly failed to show that the Trust's mandate is to preserve and protect the non-island resources that go into building a home at the possible expense of the many human resources (jobs) right here on Salt Spring that do go into building and maintaining a home.

Specifically too, on water issues, they have

utterly failed to show that a larger home in any way threatens the island's water supply or that of its neighbours. (They also overlook the fact that even if there was a possible water issue for a proposed home of "too many bathrooms," a requirement for a hydrogeological report or water collection would suffice.)

Likewise they have utterly failed to show that the Trust mandate includes regulating energy which comes from off-island. And they fail to show that massive downzoning will preserve sensitive areas. Instead, we are treated to self-evident truths that are anything but self evident in this effort to re-define Utopia.

John Christie is a leading scientist and an author for the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, co-winner of the Nobel Peace Prize with Al Gore. He has been quick to point out that the Peace Prize is a political award, having nothing to do with actual scientific achievement. And he is far from alone in disagreeing with the elegantly simplified conclusions that Gore voices so well. Not that Al's a bad guy or that the climate isn't changing — it's just that the world's best climatic models do not actually predict the things that are happening. And the things that are happening are at odds with what should be happening. In other words, some basic environmental axioms are based on leaps of faith using inaccurate climatic models as their springboards.

Remember the evidence for invading Iraq? Or the last big threat, how when we got to year 2000 the stopping of computers

was supposed to destroy the world? We do love a devil, and are for the most part easily convinced! But political endorsements are no guarantee of the facts.

The bottom line is that our local trustees have a tool called the "precautionary principle" at their disposal. It may be good in its intent, but I fear it may supersede reason. For example, by simply adhering to fear and perpetual doubt, and regardless of community protest, sound reasoning and good facts to the contrary, trustees may justify such ultra-conservatism as to make even conservatives wince. (Why not a 900-square-foot maximum house size?)

I'm sure this is not right. It is certainly not the kind of "Trust" I imagined when I first moved to the island over eight years ago. After all, "fear and doubt" do not spell "probably" when it comes to addressing perceived problems.

If there are going to be even more restrictions placed on us, this time with very real pain, there had better be very sound reasons, transparently expressed. Or will our high priests insist on the senseless drama of human sacrifice on the supposition of appeasing bloodthirsty gods?

Please, let the trustees be truly enlightened and refrain. Please, let the trustees remove these proposals from further consideration at their meeting tomorrow, November 1 at ArtSpring at 1 p.m.

The writer's Salt Spring house is larger than 3,000 square feet, but environmentally friendly in a number of ways.

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Short sighted

I am amazed that so many people who did not participate in the OCP focus groups, did not make their opinions known at prior OCP public meetings, and did not attend the lecture series held to inform the community are now angry that some of the OCP group recommendations could affect them personally.

The OCP recommendations were the result of much research, thought and discussion about how to address climate change and other community problems.

I doubt that it is possible to address any major issue without someone being affected negatively.

Large houses are targeted in many communities because they usually require a lot of energy to maintain plus a tremendous amount of energy (and environmental destruction) goes into producing and transporting the materials that go into them.

Of course, it would have been better to stop large houses before they were built (at least on small lots) as they did on Hornby Island.

Ice in the north is melting. The sea is rising. Flooding of some oceanfront homes is inevitable. How can we mitigate future damage to our villages and community? Do we want a coastline of seawalls?

Doing things the way we always have is short sighted and dangerous. Many local communities

are taking action to fight climate change. I hope Salt Spring Island will be among them.

MAXINE LEICHTER,
SALT SPRING

Property owners beware

Thankfully, I first became aware of the proposed changes to the official community plan (OCP), due to the informative notice placed in the Driftwood by local island realtors.

Having attended the OCP review public meeting on Sunday, October 21 at Lions Hall, I was encouraged that the substantial majority in attendance shared my concerns in opposing the recommendations put forward specifically related to maximum allowable house floor area of 3,000 square feet, for all residential properties that exceed one half acre, and increasing the shoreline setback from 15 metres (or 10 with a geo-tech's certification) to 30 metres.

Most disturbing was that in the handout materials provided to the public at the meeting as well as information posted on the walls, there was no reference to the above proposed recommendations. Keep in mind that all affected properties would be labelled as "nonconforming"! This will have negative consequences for such issues as property disclosure statements used in sale of your property, applications for alterations and home insurance.

Mr. Ehring's "Look above bottom line" letter response to the Salt Spring realtors' ad included the following: "I was disappointed by its inflammatory headline, that

the proposed changes to the plan 'could negatively affect your property value.'"

My response is that at least someone brought these proposals to my attention. To conclude, I hope that all property owners opposed to these proposals will make their concerns known to the Islands Trust.

GARY BRADY,
NOSE POINT ROAD

Not convinced

Yikes! An eight-member self-government group has finally identified themselves publicly and there is the added weight of a seven-member realty team whinging about property values and homes that must be oversize to be satisfactory. (October 10 and 17 full-page Driftwood ads about the OCP.)

None of you are elected, or will enter an honest election within the majority's time frame. Do you recall our trustees and CRD director being elected by an enormous majority?

Our Driftwood editorial (of October 10) criticizes fees for legal proceedings to preserve our neighbourhoods, while the newspaper readily accepts payment for large, expensive ads for "self-government" and OCP hazing. News for the glib erasures of our OCP — this document has involved hundreds of islanders over a 10-year period. Over a 15-year period, under the Islands Trust, our property value has increased three-fold. Will our realty "team" address this, and the loss of affordable land and homes?

An e-mail address is a cowardly and all-too-easy invitation to

membership in an organization whose statements in their advertising are non-sequitur, misleading and poorly presented. Our Trust is not exclusively a land-planning agency, but perhaps the realty and self-government groups wish it to be! It is unethical to present us with misconceptions and faulty assumptions.

The scant attendance of 100 at the meeting for "self-government" on a Sunday afternoon in September must tell you something — you haven't sold us!

You are my friends and neighbours. I do business with you, but you have not convinced me of your lack of self-interest, special interest or your concern and knowledge of our islands and why they were placed "in trust."

ANNE HUMPHRIES,
BAY RIDGE

More sense

Would people please get a grip and stop bleating and beating up on the trustees about the OCP recommendations? You're making yourselves look ill-informed at best and ridiculous at worst.

The trustees did not create the OCP recommendations. Nor are they attempting to railroad them through. Quite the contrary, they have brought them before you, the public, for your response, in as open and forthright a fashion as possible.

The recommendations put before you by the trustees were developed as the result of months-long, intense, earnest and good-faith discussions by members of the several focus groups called together to discuss issues facing the island that could perhaps be

addressed by the imperfect tools available in an OCP. The results are admittedly uneven, but in many cases worth further consideration. That's what we're all supposed to be doing now — considering the most interesting recommendations further.

This conversation should really be taking place among neighbours, without rancour, in a calm, reasonable, lively and good-humoured fashion. But good grief, that's hardly what's underway at the moment, is it?

If you don't like one or more of the recommendations, it is certainly incumbent upon you to say so. But out of respect for your friends and neighbours, who showed how much they love their community by devoting enormous amounts of precious time and energy to considering ways in which it might be improved or at least maintained, you owe it to them to:

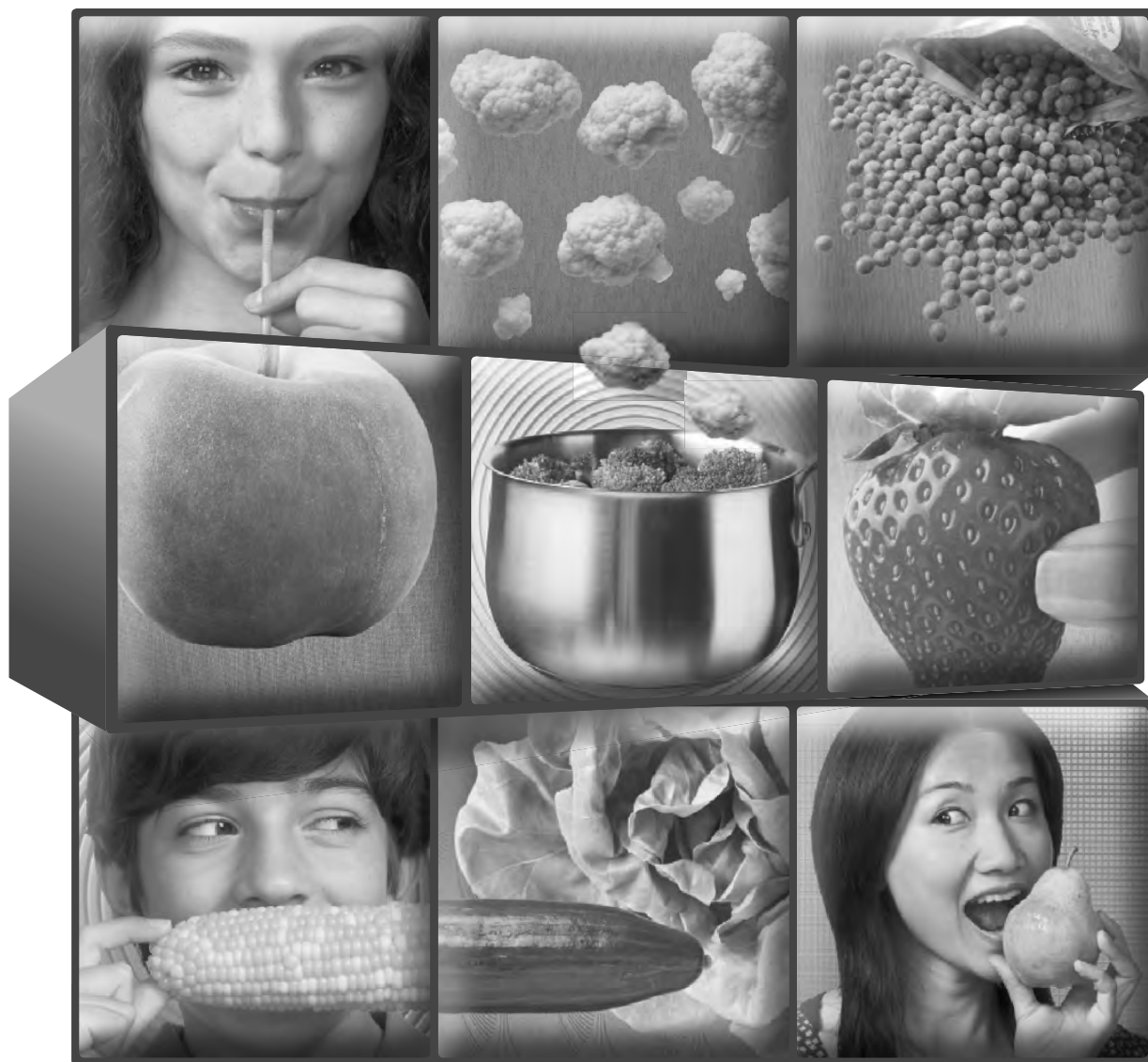
1. Find out why the recommendation was made in the first place. It didn't just materialize out of thin air; it was developed in response to a perceived present or future problem. And;

2. Suggest a positive alternative. That's what the OCP review is intended to accomplish — involving as many people as possible in the discussion about our present and future needs and the best ways to address them.

Blaming the trustees for the focus group recommendations is simply shooting the messenger. Really, people, you do have more sense than that. Right?

SAM LIGHTMAN,
FULFORD

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- A. To remove the following four contentious items from the OCP Review:
 1. Maximum size of residential dwellings and accessory buildings;
 2. Downzoning of existing properties to limit subdivision potential;
 3. Increase shoreline setback requirements;
 4. Expansion of the Fulford Village area.

- B. To hold several additional meetings to allow input on the other important aspects of the Official Community Plan that have yet to be addressed due to the overwhelming reaction to the four most contentious topics.

We encourage all islanders to attend the next Local Trust Committee meeting at 1:00 p.m., Thursday, November 1 at ArtSpring.



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From left, Fulford Elementary students Kai Kikuchi, Cole Tara and Molly O'Donnell decorate their Malawi donation boxes in preparation for Halloween trick or treating.

Agendas

Over the last couple of years, I have heard a great deal of negative information from various sources regarding the conduct of our trustees George Ehring and Peter Lamb in Trust meetings. I have heard allegations of secret agendas, narrow-mindedness and lack of flexibility on their part.

I don't know either one of them well enough personally to comment on the truth of these allegations. However, I know many people on this island are dissatisfied with the local government in place. Many of the choices the trustees make will either reinforce this dissatisfaction or diminish it.

I believe that their intentions deserve the benefit of the doubt. I would like to think that they are genuinely considerate of doing the right thing for Salt Spring and Salt Spring Islanders and not driven by a self-serving, ideological agenda as some have suggested.

I think as a species it is important that we change our ways. We simply cannot conduct ourselves in the same manner that our parents and grandparents have. The question is, what behaviours need to be changed and which ones are fine? And there is a great deal of controversy over which is which. My suggestion is that we change the behaviours that most people agree are changes we can live with. If we have a choice of making a change that helps people, we should choose that one over a change that hurts people.

We should also choose changes that have a tangible benefit to our community as opposed to making changes that are theoretical in nature. For example, community composting, bike paths, in-home suites to name a few. These are things that could be done easily, have an immediate benefit and don't hurt anybody. And with regards to suites, let's just get rid of the bylaw that prohibits a second stove in a house — problem solved. Let the market take care of the rest — it will. No need for rent capping, permits and government regulation.

The housing size limits, the change in set-backs and down zoning are policies that hurt people. The supposed benefits are difficult

to measure and might even be non-existent.

Human beings make decisions based on two criteria. Impulse and reason. When we get emotionally attached to a policy we tend to make our decisions based on impulse. I hope the trustees have not become emotionally attached to any of the policy proposals suggested by the focus groups. Please step back and look at the policy proposals purely from a standpoint based on reason. Sometimes, we need to go where the evidence takes us, even if we don't like it. And especially when we don't like it. Personal tastes, likes, dislikes have no place here. Decisions must be made on the basis of data and raw information so as to achieve policies that are fair and correct.

I see things going two ways. Either Peter and George will be remembered for posterity as the two trustees who were known for making fair and reasonable decisions for the benefit of the majority of Salt Spring Islanders and putting us on the road towards environmental responsibility in the context of economic security. Or they will go down in history as the two trustees who pursued an ideological agenda and forced their personal ideas on a reluctant population.

The choice is yours, gentlemen.

SANDRA DITLOF,
SALT SPRING

Evolution

As all of us know, there is an urgent need to address many issues regarding the preservation of our environment for the present and future residents of Salt Spring, of B.C., of Canada.

Let's establish a way to do that, without confrontation!

I don't think you can set a square-footage figure on a house if you want humane, creative architecture, taking into consideration the needs and situations of many individuals.

Our current trend may well be to go back to "generation housing" so that we can take care of our older generations. This requires space. That choice should not be removed by an inflexible bylaw.

How to go about it?

The population of Salt Spring is 10 times that of Hornby Island. Bowen

Island, which has a third of Salt Spring's population, is a municipality and has an elected mayor and council who work with a professional team. I and many others believe that the time has more than come for Salt Spring to follow suit.

The question of how to deal with planning issues is to have a part or full time, independent municipal architect who is specialized in house and town planning, especially in sensitive environments. He/she should give general guidelines.

We already have zoning and other restrictions on land use in place. There are formulas for establishing a sensible proportion of land that can be used for construction; but each case should be considered individually.

Sustainable construction, from taking into consideration the environment in the building process, to energy use and emissions of carbon dioxide and chemicals in building materials, are all vital areas which must be looked at objectively by professionals and the construction industry.

The existing proposed density plan and "affordable housing" scheme are unworkable in their current state. The protection and preservation of this island for present and future residents will depend on humane legislation, drawn up by apolitical professionals and on the expertise of those who have advanced knowledge of green construction techniques. But it is also the voluntary, cooperative actions of the island residents who now nurturing and taking responsibility for the long-term integrity of their environment (Islands Trust Policy Statement) which are at stake.

I doubt that voluntary cooperation can be inspired the way we are going.

Without a doubt, we would all like our collected taxes to be spent wisely here on the island. I suggest that if we have no confidence in the current "few decision-making individuals" (October 24 editorial), we vote to apply for Salt Spring to become a municipality.

We need awareness in our evolution, not revolution.

LARS HOOK NILSSON,
SALT SPRING

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Harbour Authority of Salt Spring Island ELECTION ANNOUNCEMENT - BOARD VACANCIES

On Monday, November 12, 2007 members in good standing of the Harbour Authority of Salt Spring Island are invited to appoint individuals to fill vacancies on the board. The following seats for director are up for nomination and election:

- Community (1)
- Community Business (1)
- Commercial Non-fishing (1)
- Commercial Fishing (2)

The term for each seat is for two (2) years, except one of the Commercial Fishing seats is for a one (1) year term. Any individual standing for the position of director is bound by the constitution of the Harbour Authority.

NOMINATION PROCESS:

Any member who wants to nominate an individual to stand for a board position in their sector is asked to complete a nomination form, available at the Harbour Authority (HASSI) office during business hours, seven days per week. Completed nomination forms need to be submitted to the HASSI office by Sunday, November 11th at 12:00 noon.

VOTING PROCESS:

Voting will take place from 9 am - 4 pm on Monday, November 12 at the Harbour Authority office. Members will cast ballots from the list of nominees put forward from each sector. Voting in each sector is restricted to members from their respective sector.

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- Make the path to your door safer with some outdoor solar lights.
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- Get a solar shower, either the camping version or an all-season solar hot water system.
- Buy a PV panel to solar charge your electric bicycle.
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Decision respected

Congratulations to Richard Moses and Gary Brooks of SS Radio Corp on their successful application for a radio licence for Salt Spring Island. In granting the licence the CRTC rightly acknowledged Richard Moses for his decades of experience with the CBC.

As all the applicants know, the reason it has taken so long to get a radio station for our community is that there are formidable technical

challenges: how to cover the south end, what transmission tower to use and how to avoid interference with existing stations. The CRTC has chosen Richard and Gary's solution to these problems over ours, and though disappointed, we respect that decision, and we offer them our on-going assistance in helping to get the station on air.

The important thing is for Salt Spring to have a good local radio station, reflective of island values. Best of luck, and congratulations!
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Free will

I find it quite disturbing to read about the problem a certain couple is facing regarding their homelessness. ("Charity to aid Tony, Marcie," October 17 Driftwood.)

The web that a certain group is trying to weave is full of inaccuracies and assumptions, aimed no doubt at creating some form of guilt or compassion in the heart of Salt Springers.

This wonderful couple has plenty of help available to them. They are not destitute as they are no doubt receiving monthly cheques from the government, and what

they choose to do with their assets is entirely their business!

Free will is a beautiful thing. Why not leave them alone?

**ROSELYNE SCHNEIDER,
 SALT SPRING**

Good thing

Andrea Collins' slamming of the meeting between some islanders and Community Services Minister Ida Chong ("Self interest" letter in the October 24 paper) should not pass without a comment. Chong's ministry is responsible via the Islands Trust Act for the oversight of the entire Trust area.

We have another incident

where the oligarchy can't recognize the ordinary folk. The dysfunctional government of the day and the ordinary folk brought us the Magna Carta (1215) and the Boston Tea Party (1773). This dysfunctional Local Trust Committee (LTC) brought us the meeting of the people with the LTC's masters, the provincial government. Governments are changed. Some self interest is a good thing.

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What's for Dinner?



THE GANGES VILLAGE MARKET WILD WEST COAST POTAGE

Short cuts to cooking for one or two @ with Sarah Lynn, 2007

Leeks: The leek is a vegetable belonging, with onion and garlic, to the *Alliaceae*, the onion family. Rather than forming a tight bulb such as the onion, the leek produces a long cylinder of bundled leaf sheaths which are generally blanched by pushing soil around them (trenching). The edible portions are the white onion base and light green stalk. Leeks were prized by the ancient Egyptians, Greeks, and by the Romans who distributed the vegetable across Europe. The leek was favoured by Emperor Nero who doted on a leek potage (a thick creamy soup). The leek is one of the national emblems of Wales and is a staple of the national cuisine. According to legend, King Cadwallader ordered his Celtic warriors to identify themselves by wearing the vegetable on their helmets during an ancient battle against the Saxons. Even now, the Welsh wear the leek on St. David's Day, their national holiday. Leeks have a more delicate and sweeter flavor than onions. Leeks add a subtle touch to recipes without overpowering the other flavors that are present.

In a medium saucepan combine **3 cups vegetable broth** and **1/2 cup uncooked Lundenberg Wild Rice Mix**. Bring to a boil. Reduce heat and simmer, covered, for 40 minutes. Remove from heat. Sauté over medium heat for two or three minutes **2 tablespoons butter, 1/2 cup chopped leek bulbs, 1/2 cup diced brown mushrooms, 1/2 cup grated carrots, 1/2 teaspoon thyme** and **1/4 teaspoon pepper**. Add cooked rice to leek & mushroom mixture. In a small bowl whisk together **1 cup light cream, 2 tablespoons flour, 1 can Sea Change Salmon Pate**. Combine with rice and vegetable mixture. (Optional-stir in **1/2 cup pale ale**.) Cook and stir until thickened and bubbly and heated through). Serve with a warm sliced **GVM Bakery Bagette**.

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- Thyme
- Black pepper
- Light cream
- Flour
- 1 can Sea Change salmon pate
- 1 can Saltspring Island Brewery pale ale (optional)
- 1 GVM Baggette.



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Big part

We are the parents of Brian Bleskie, the subject of the three articles on mental health published in the Driftwood.

While this was very painful we hope it will save some other families from having to deal with a similar experience. Only a family losing one of their children to suicide can imagine the pain you feel.

If you think about the worst day you have ever had in your life and multiply it by 10 you may be close.

One issue that really stands out and bothers us is while the largest number of admissions at Lady Minto Hospital are mental health related, Ms. Twaites feels there is no need for a full time psychiatric nurse. While she notes that she and others have psychiatric training, one must bear in mind that mental illness is not a 9 to 5 disease.

We would like to thank from the bottom of our hearts the staff at the Driftwood for printing the stories, our daughter-in-law Ernie, her son Si, Matt Steffich for his many acts of kindness and his many contributions, Jamie, Lance, Tammy and Anita, and most of all our beloved daughter Lisa, who took on a whole lot of first-hand care in the last few weeks of Brian's life. Lisa we love you and we are so very proud of you.

We are very sorry if we

missed thanking anyone but rest assured that it was not intentional.

We have visited Salt Spring Island many times in the past and hope to do so again in the not too distant future. Salt Spring will always be a big part of our lives and especially Mount Maxwell, Brian's final resting place. We hope he found the peace there that he didn't have in his life.

FRANCES AND ED BLESKIE,
WATERLOO, ONTARIO

Not endorsed

I want to clear up a misleading impression that is being circulated about the current OCP review.

I want to assure everyone that none of the recommendations or proposals relating to ocean setbacks, house sizes, downzoning or the Fulford village boundary, (or indeed any of the proposals we have received to date) have been endorsed by any member of the Local Trust Committee.

They are not "trustees' proposals" as is commonly stated. They resulted from a number of community focus groups, advisory committees and individuals who were asked to address current issues and visions for the future direction of our community as expressed in the OCP.

We are now at the stage of seeking public feedback before we give direction to our staff to proceed with draft changes to the OCP. In the meantime, many proposals will also involve more

research, legal review, referral to other agencies and public consultation before we give further consideration to them. However, given the significance of these specific proposals, we will be considering them at our next LTC meeting this Thursday.

All of the proposals were designed to meet important community objectives and it is in that context that trustees will be considering them.

For example, protecting our drinking water sources, addressing global warming through reduction of greenhouse gas emissions, maintaining the health of our ecosystems, meeting affordable housing needs, assuring our agricultural future and sustaining the local economy.

I encourage readers to review the final reports of the focus groups, available on the Trust website at www.islandstrust.bc.ca (go to Salt Spring Island, Project Reviews), or from the Trust office, to appreciate the scope of, and rationale for, their proposals.

PETER LAMB,
SALT SPRING TRUSTEE

Form group

I am writing this letter in response to the OCP review.

I feel to reason that an increased setback to 30 metres will protect against rising water levels is flawed. If this is so, a raising of the vertical minimum height makes more sense.

My home insurance poli-

cy from Lloyds leaves much doubt as to the possibility of rebuilding in a new location at their cost in the event of the destruction of my home due to the proposed setback change.

As to the proposed 3000-square-foot limitation protecting the environment, the reasoning here is also flawed.

Setting limits as in California for the amount of energy consumption allowed per dwelling makes more sense by covering all sizes of houses and commits us to established principles of energy conservation by using heat pumps, solar hot water heating and green materials.

In spite of the overwhelming concerns of residents on these issues, I feel those of us affected by such changes need to form our own association to work as a group to investigate protecting our interests.

If you agree, please contact me at 537-5337 or betsyderek@saltspring.com.

BETSY JOHNSTON,
LONG HARBOUR ROAD

Anne tribute

I would like to pay tribute to the memory of Anne Mouat.

She and I go back 61 years on this island. In those years, Anne's cheering bearing and smiling face have been a joy. She was "Anne Salt Spring," a volunteer always ready to help anyone and everyone. Love you, Anne.

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BIRTHDAY MOVIE BASH: Among those waiting for the doors to open at the Fritz Cinema last Sunday were birthday party boys (front row, from left): Jackson Sweet, Syrus Andress, Jack De Kock and Ryder Schill.



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Rants

The earth sends the most hell-spawned species of rants to all those on island that must litter this beautiful paradise. It's real fun to go on a walk and stumble over beer cans, nappies, tampons, condoms, coffee cups,

plastic bags and bottles, and even more fun to cut your feet on broken glass bottles at the beach. Wake up, take your crap home with you and recycle it. It doesn't take much and we have a great service here. Next time I see you do it, it ends up on your doorstep! Gavin Ellis

Rants to the person or persons who were out joy riding and trespassed October 21 at 2 a.m. and had the nerve to steal innocent children's toys, including two bikes (boys' and girls'), a wagon and a carseat. My son is devastated. T. Cudmore

Roses

A beautiful autumn bouquet of thanks to the Bonds, GVM, Thrifty Foods, Embe Bakery and Island Savings for supporting the Salt Spring Island Special Olympics volunteer appreciation BBQ. SSISO board

Greenwoods staff would like to send armloads of scented roses to thank the Salt Spring community for their great support this past week in the tragic loss of one of our nurses. The former "city girl!" turned "chicken lady" is so greatly missed. Heartfelt thanks also to our CEO, Andrew Brown, who has been there for us and a huge support.

Salt Spring Search and Rescue has found one way to thank David Griffiths for helping to repair parts of the SAR hall. Hope you like window roses, David. We do.

Paul Linton, you're the best! Thanks for coming with your apple press. The juice will keep us going through the winter until our trees "fruit up" again! From Kim, Kaya, Emma, Heidi, Bill and all the kids at A Child's Garden

A beautiful fall rose to "good ol' Bob" at Apple Photo for helping Arthur Black to not spend the rest of his natural life in the Sarnia airport. Lynne Raymond & Arthur Black

Thank you to the Salt Spring Inn, Patterson's Store and Cornerstone Driving School for their generous donations to the Annual Richard Vermeulen Memorial Junior Golf Tournament Fundraiser for Junior Golf at the Salt Spring Golf Club. Steven Marleau

A "Spook-tacular" bunch of roses to Uncle Jim's Big Blues Band and all the "spooks" that attended our bash on Saturday evening. With your support we have completed our fundraising for the children's playground at the Rainbow Road recreation site. Big thanks from Donna, Mafalda and all the Salt Spring Rotarians and spouses.



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Chamber AGM and awards night go hand in hand

Salt Spring Chamber of Commerce held its annual general meeting on October 27 at the Harbour House Hotel, and handed out its Second Annual Salt Spring Business Awards on the same evening.

This year's Chamber of Commerce executive consists of Mafalda Hoogerdyk as president, David Griffiths as vice-president tourism, Peter McCully as vice-president business and Ann Ringheim as treasurer.

Rounding out the board are directors are Steve Hunt, John Cade, Marion Markus, Margery Moore and Tim O'Connor.

Hoogerdyk, of Oceans West Insurance Brokers, was also honoured as Chamber Member of the Year in the business awards. That award goes to a Chamber member "who demonstrates a continuing active interest in the well being of the Chamber and has made a significant contribution to the overall success of the Chamber."



MARGUERITE LEE wins award for Citizen of the Year.

Citizen of the Year Award went to born-and-raised islander Marguerite Lee, who is well known through

her volunteer work with the Islands Farmers Institute, Island Comfort Quilts and emergency services. She is the former owner of The Travel Shop and now runs My-My Bed & Breakfast.

The citizens award is presented "to an individual who has had a special impact on Salt Spring Island through volunteerism, advocacy, community building or business leadership."

Salt Spring artist Warren Langley created the unique stone-sculpted awards.

See the next two pages for details and photos of seven other award winners.

In other Chamber news, congratulations go out to Perry and Lyall Ruehlen on the birth of their daughter on Saturday, October 27.

Perry Ruehlen is on maternity leave from her position as Chamber executive director.

Replacements are Gail Sibley and Andrea LeBorgne. The chamber office in Ganges is now open Monday to Friday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 2 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Congratulations!!

Calla Marrion Ruehlen was born October 27th at 1:50 pm to proud parents Lyall and Perry. She weighed in at 8lbs 4 ounces.



Visitors: Where do they all come from?

The following analysis is based on data collected in the Visitor Information Centre. Although not a scientific survey, the data is a good representation of the people who drop into the Information Centre on Salt Spring Island. Year over year comparisons are of particular interest.

Records show that between May and September 2007 the Visitor Information Centre answered questions and queries from nearly 18,000

parties. With an average of 2 visitors in each party it meant the Info Centre was a very busy place this summer. But not quite as busy as last summer. On average the total number of inquiries was 12% lower than the same period in 2006.

The Information Centre doesn't only cater to tourists. Locals also use the Centre to gather information for arriving guests and for their own travels throughout BC. Local residents accounted for around

18% of traffic through the Centre from May to September this year.

Visitors from other parts of BC made up 33% of information seekers; our neighbours in Washington and California accounted for 8%. For the same period last year Washington and California residents made up about 12% of the visitors to the Info Centre. The year-over-year decrease in Washington & California visitors was a whopping 42% (ouch!).

A decrease in US

travellers this year was not unexpected given the strength of the loonie and rising costs such as gas prices and ferry fees. Year-to-date August visitor stats for BC reveal that US traffic was down 4.6% over 2006. Another factor affecting US visitors might be the elimination of the GST rebate program by the Conservative government last fall. This move particularly impacts US tour operators who were the major users of the rebate programme.

Calendar What's Up

Wednesday Nov 21st
Business Breakfast Club
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Thursday Nov 29th
Visitor Centre Volunteer Appreciation Lunch
Lions Hall 11:30am
This is our chance to say "Thank you" to the hardworking volunteers who greet visitors and do a terrific job representing local business and Salt Spring Island. Please contact Gail or Andrea at the Chamber if you would like to sponsor a volunteer and if you would like to attend.

Business Award Winners

- Green Business of the Year:** Salt Spring Natureworks
- Citizen of the Year:** Marguerite Lee
- Agricultural/Farm Business of the Year:** Apple Luscious Organic Orchard
- Home Base Business of the Year:** McIntyre Electric
- Business Ambassador of the Year:** Salt Spring Coffee Company
- New Business of the Year:** TJ Beans
- Small Business of the Year:** Salt Spring Books
- Business of the Year:** (>6 employees): Mouat's Trading Co. Ltd.
- Chamber Member of the Year:** Mafalda Hoogerdyk

Congratulations to all the winners and many thanks to the 2007 award sponsors: I-SEA, Island Savings Credit Union, Mouat's Trading Co. Ltd, Salt Spring Cheese, Salt Spring Kayaking, Seabreeze Inne, and the Chamber of Commerce.

New Members

- Cornerstone Driving School**
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- Judy Weeden Pottery**
- Pomodoro Pizza and More**
- Sunshine Hair Artist**

If you are interested in the benefits of being a member of the Chamber of Commerce, drop by the office and speak with Gail or Andrea.

Special Thanks to the following people for their ongoing support and generosity:

- Harry & Gerry at the Seabreeze Inne for hosting the quarterly Info Centre Volunteer meetings
- Ann and the team at the Harbour House Hotel for hosting the AGM and our monthly Chamber Board meetings
- Finally, many thanks to the hardworking volunteers and volunteers-in-training at the Visitor Information Centre who make a significant contribution to supporting Salt Spring businesses.

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Business Ambassador Award

Salt Spring Coffee Company is this year's winner of the Business Ambassador Award, sponsored by Mouat's Trading.

The ambassador award is presented to the business owner who "through their business, regularly attracts positive attention and interest to the entire community as a result of their business practices. The individual will have regular contact in their travels and/or business with other business leaders and will have promoted potential opportunities and quality of life on Salt Spring Island."

Salt Spring Coffee Company was created as the Salt Spring Roasting Company in 1996 by Mickey McLeod and Robbyn Scott, when the specialty coffee business was in its nascence. The 80-employee company now roasts more than 45,000 pounds of coffee monthly, and its product is sold in major grocery stores and served at more than 200 cafes throughout Western Canada.

PHOTO BY DERRICK LUNDY

At right are Robbyn Scott and Mickey McLeod of Salt Spring Coffee.



Business of the Year



Mouat's Trading won the 2007 Business of the Year Award, which is for companies that have more than six employees.

Demonstration of sound business practices, leadership, community involvement and exceptional employee relations are required to win this award, which is sponsored by Island Savings.

As Mouat's general manager Kevin Bell notes, since the company has been in business for 36,500 days, "We must be doing most things pretty well."

Mouat's prides itself on training and treating its employees well, with good wage rates, profit sharing and benefits, and on providing excellent customer service.

As for community involvement, Bell says, "We try to contribute to every request for support from the community. Islanders have been very supportive of Mouat's and it is only right that we, in turn, support the community."

Kevin Bell of Mouat's



Adina Hildebrandt and Andrew Haigh of Salt Spring Books.

Small Business Award

Salt Spring Books wins the Small Business of the Year Award for businesses with six or fewer employees.

The award is presented to a small business that has demonstrated sound business practices, leadership, involvement in the community and exceptional employee relations.

Adina Hildebrandt and Andrew Haigh have owned the Ganges bookstore for seven and a half years. It has five employees.

In its nomination statement, the business

included a lengthy list of groups Haigh and Hildrebandt have volunteered for, contribute to or, in the case of Salt Spring Energy Circles, instigated.

Salt Spring Books also has a number of positive staff-oriented activities and benefits, and buys a high percentage of supplies on island. It stocks "all books by any Salt Spring author, whether internationally famous or just starting out."

The award is sponsored by the Salt Spring Cheese Company.

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Green Business Award

Salt Spring Natureworks is the Green Business of the Year Award winner.

Sponsored by the Institute for Sustainability, Education and Action (I-SEA), the award goes to a business that has made a conscious effort to make their business environmentally friendly and sets an example for the business community on Salt Spring Island.

From using environmentally friendly lighting to minimizing water usage and waste, and promoting sale and growth of locally produced organic food, Natureworks has set a benchmark for green business on the island. The company also supports groups such as Island Natural Growers and Salt Spring Seeds, and aims to buy as many items as possible on the island.

Salt Spring Natureworks is owned by Cathryn and Craig Seedhouse.

Cathryn and Craig Seedhouse of Salt Spring Natureworks



Agricultural/Farm Business Award



Harry and Debbie Burton of Apple Luscious Orchard

The Agricultural/Farm Business of the Year Award — for consistently showing excellence and quality in service and/or product — is a new one in this second year of the Salt Spring Business Awards.

The inaugural winner is Apple Luscious Orchard, owned by Harry and Debbie Burton.

Award criteria include a commitment to the broader community, aiming to have an environmentally friendly business, making an effort to purchase supplies locally and

being involved in the community.

From instigating the Tuesday Farmers Market to organizing the Salt Spring Island Apple Festival and being a Fulford hall society and Salt Spring Folk Club board member, Harry Burton has been highly involved in the community since Apple Luscious was created in 1986.

Promoting local food consumption and sustainability is also a big part of the business.

Seabreeze Inne is the award sponsor.



John Dolman and Tim O'Connor of TJ Beans

New Business Award

Winner of the New Business of the Year Award for 2007 is TJ Beans, owned by Tim O'Connor and John Dolman.

The award goes to a business that in its first three years of operation on the island is demonstrating business excellence in one or more ways, such as

growth in its operations, community involvement, sound employee relations and purchase of local supplies.

O'Connor and Dolman have supported scores of societies, fundraisers and teams benefiting youth and the entire community, and offer several benefits

to their staff.

They try to buy as many products as possible from local suppliers, from Salt Spring Bagels to Salt Spring Hospitality Supplies.

Island Star Video is also owned by Dolman and O'Connor.

Salt Spring Kayaking sponsors this award.

Home Based Business Award

McIntyre Electric wins the 2007 Home Based Business of the Year Award, sponsored by Salt Spring Kayaking.

The award goes to a home-based business that consistently shows excellence and quality in service and or product, demonstrates a commitment to and involvement in the broader community and makes an effort to purchase supplies locally.

Business owner Todd McIntyre credits his employees with a large part of his business' success since its inception in 1992. Two journeymen electricians and two apprentices are currently part of his team.

McIntyre has also been a volunteer firefighter for more than 19 years and his company has supported numerous community groups, sports teams and the food bank.

Todd McIntyre of McIntyre Electric



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Kelly Johnson, Registered Massage Therapist

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My love of people and healing has guided me through the years to study various types of healing.

At my clinic on Hereford Avenue, I offer various therapies to assist each individual with their healing process, whether it's an acute injury or a chronic condition.

I originally studied at The West Coast College of Massage Therapy and went on to receive training from The Upledger Institute in Craniosacral Therapy and Visceral Manipulation (organ release). The combination of somatoemotional release and deep tissue massage, as well as gentle myofascial unwinding allows the body to correct in a profound yet gentle manner.

More recently, I spent an incredible month in India attending the Oneness University. Since that time I have been passing on the "Oneness Blessing" or "Deeksha" (as it was originally phrased) to help awaken the energy of the Oneness consciousness. This transfer of energy assists the individual in connecting to their Divine Presence allowing for blockages to clear and for the heart to flower. The Oneness Blessing has also been known to de-clutch your consciousness from the chatter of your mind which may lead to more clarity in your, life. You may contact me for a private Oneness Blessing, or I would be happy to attend specific meetings or associations on request to offer a group session. For further reading on the Oneness Blessing/Oneness Movement you may browse www.onenessmovement.org or www.onenessuniversity.org.

When I'm not attending courses to further my knowledge in health and healing, I'm working in my garden with my herbs or spending time with my wonderful cats and border collies and, of course, my special partner.



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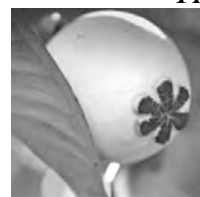
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Carbon Neutral — the latest buzz

Everybody's Doing It...

According to David Suzuki, all kinds of individuals, groups and events are choosing the carbon-neutral path, including:

- > The Olympics
- > World Cup Soccer
- > Super Bowl
- > The 2005 Stephen Gaghan film *Syriana*
- > An Inconvenient Truth documentary
- > HSBC Bank
- > Vancity Credit Union
- > The 2004 Democratic National Convention



What's all this talk about "carbon neutral?"

A carbon-neutral company is one that "neutralizes" the emissions it releases into the atmosphere through environmentally sound business practices and the purchase of "carbon offsets."

As the David Suzuki Foundation explains: "Carbon offsets are simply credits for emission reductions achieved by projects elsewhere, such as wind farms, solar installations or energy efficiency projects. By purchasing these credits, you can apply them to your own emissions and reduce your net climate impact."

The website of CoolDrivePass, which recently merged with Vancouver-based Offsetters Climate Neutral Society, puts it this way:

"A 'carbon offset' is an emission reduction credit from a project that results in less carbon dioxide or



Lauren Shipley of Salt Spring Gelato with looped water system at the factory.

other greenhouse gases emitted in the atmosphere than would otherwise occur. There are various kinds of offset projects such as tree planting or reforestation, building retrofits (i.e. installing more efficient heating/cooling systems) and renewable energy projects such as ground source heat pumps or wind power. The common goal of all such projects is to reduce fossil fuel usage, which in turn, eliminates harmful greenhouse gas emissions."

In order to "go neutral," companies hire a carbon footprint analyst to determine their total emissions and then come up with a cooling plan.

Four locally operating companies have recently taken the challenge to go carbon neutral.

Salt Spring Gelato Delizioso Ltd.

Salt Spring Gelato Delizioso Ltd. owner Marck Shipley said the program is derived from the company's sense of responsibility to minimize its impact on the environment.

He said while he tries to buy mostly local products, sometimes ingredients like Belgian chocolate are needed. To balance the direct or indirect emissions of running a gelato shop and factory, Shipley purchases credits from three different organizations — locally, regionally and internationally — that deal with alternative energy.

Salt Spring Gelato also uses a looped water system in its production factory, which recycles the large amount of water it would normally take to make gelato.

Harbour Air

Harbour Air Seaplanes aims to be the first carbon neutral airline in the world. As of October 1, 2007 the company began to purchase carbon credits to offset emissions caused by all scheduled service, charter and tour operations.

The project was created in partnership with Vancouver-based Offsetters Climate Neutral Society. The society invests the funds received from Harbour Air in renewable energy and energy efficient projects.

"Harbour Air views this initiative as a way to demonstrate that it is serious about putting its money where its mouth is when it comes to being a socially and environmentally responsible company," states a press release from the company.

Chad Wetsch, vice-president of ground operations for Harbour Air, said the company has so far put in \$15,000 worth of credits in going carbon neutral. He said the program will cost slightly more for passengers to fly; about 53 cents extra for a Gulf Islands trip.

By January 1, 2008, all of Harbour Air's corporate operations will be carbon neutral.

Salt Spring Coffee

Salt Spring Coffee has also taken the plunge in reducing emissions. As of March 21, 2007, the company



Harbour Air Seaplanes embarks on carbon-neutral journey.

became the first carbon-neutral coffee company in Canada.

The company purchases green-e certified renewable energy credits from Carbon Fund.org Foundation to offset emissions for its operations.

The program, called Carbon Cool, is an important part of developing emission reduction, said Mickey McLeod, the company's owner and president in a press release.

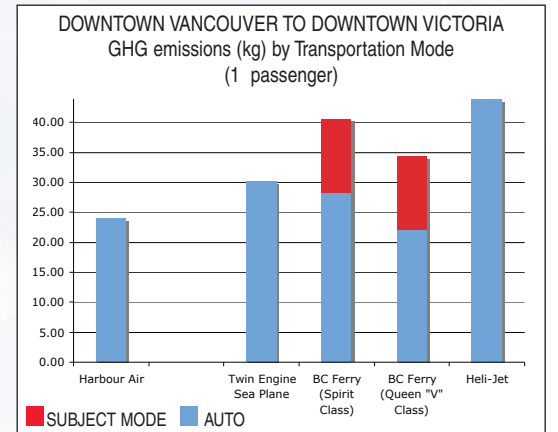
Salt Spring Coffee also uses bio-diesel-fuelled trucks for delivering, recycles materials, composts coffee grounds and purchases energy-efficient products.

Solar Energy Host

One Salt Spring company takes carbon neutral one step further. Solar Energy Host is part of a 100 per cent carbon-free web server. Owner Aaron Handford connects his sites to a server in California that uses only solar power to generate electricity.

He said the data centre prevents 19,890 pounds (approximately 9,000 kilograms) of carbon dioxide from being released into the air per year.

As of now, Handford has 10 sites registered with Solar Energy Host, including www.ecofashionworld.com and www.veonengland.com.



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SUSTAINABILITY

I-SEA's green mini-MBA marks a milestone

Institute comes of age

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

From its humble beginnings as an idea wrought by equal parts circumstance and conviction, the Institute for Sustainability, Environment and Action (I-SEA) has evolved to become a major influence on islanders' actions and attitudes on leading a healthy and sustainable lifestyle.

With last week's announcement the institute will offer a mini-green Masters of Business Administration (MBA) beginning in November, it has become clear the institute and its founders' philosophies are for real.

"What prompted us, or me, to pursue this program was that I really see people in my age group needing and also directly requesting training like this," said institute co-founder Margery Moore in an interview from Vancouver, where she participated in a sustainability seminar last week. "I have had lots of support from locals on this program, and even expect a few to attend."

The green MBA, she added, is intended for younger professionals who want to get exposure to MBA courses in a shorter and more affordable format than those offered by the more

traditional institutions.

"This program would help them decide if this is something they want to do, and completely prepare them for the experience," Moore said.

"We are about talk, ideas, conversation and action."

MARGERY MOORE
Co-founder, I-SEA

What makes the green mini-MBA so unique, she added, is how it incorporates sustainable models into business, management and marketing. These notions, Moore explains, are becoming increasingly sought after by consumers, who are placing ever more stringent conditions on the products they consume and those who supply them.

The class continues I-SEA's mandate to provide people on Salt Spring with a connection with one another and with the planet that is holistic, respectful and celebratory, Moore said.

"I-SEA is about being active part of the sustainability conversation in the community and encouraging others to talk about sustainability and take steps in that direction. We are about talk, ideas, conversation and action," she said.



PHOTO BY DAWN HAGE

Mark Starik and Margery Moore founded the Institute for Sustainability, Education and Action (I-SEA) on Salt Spring Island in 2005.

Though the green mini-MBA program will be an I-SEA core initiative, Moore said she doesn't see creating and running any others like it right now.

"We are working toward bringing other trainers to the island to offer certifications like green building and green real estate," Moore said, adding the institute will continue to provide services based on the needs and interests of island residents.

Seeds of I-SEA: how did it start?

The vision for I-SEA was first proposed by a team of graduate students from George Washington University (GWU) visiting Salt Spring in the summer of 2004 for a study-abroad MBA course in Sustainable Communities and Organizations.

Another team of graduate students in the same course visited in 2005 when they provided additional analyses and recommendations for such an institute, which was eventually established during the fall of 2005 by Salt Spring's Margery Moore and her

husband Mark Starik, a GWU professor.

The couple started I-SEA with funds out of their own pocket, but the organization has developed the volunteer ranks needed to help it evolve.

Today the centre relies on course fees and private donations to help sustain the organization's activities.

"In December we expect to get tax-exempt status and be able to provide tax receipts to donors," said Moore. "A big fundraising plan is unfolding for spring, so stay tuned."

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An online directory for eco-minded design, building and living on Salt Spring Island and surrounding areas.

The goal is to provide accessible information for the general public, particularly for those wishing to design and build more green homes and those wishing to get involved in the eco-design and building movement. Expected in December.

SSI Harbours Charrette:

Dreams and designs for Salt Spring of tomorrow in conjunction with the Islands Trust's ongoing OCP review.

Proposals and ideas are available online at www.i-sea.org.

Greening of Salt Spring Businesses:

I-SEA plans more workshops and information sessions to encourage local businesses to get involved in greening of business initiatives on the island.

Green Accommodations:

Continued support for fostering green technologies and business practices in Salt Spring Island hotels and bed and breakfasts.

Green Map for SSI:

Mapping project designed to use local talent to create a map of green resources on Salt Spring Island.

The world-wide green map movement puts people in touch with sustainable activities in their neighbourhoods, towns and cities.

For more information visit www.greenmap.org or contact I-SEA.

Green Drinks:

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CONTACT I-SEA

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- By phone: 537-4400.

Shopping with a conscience

Where items are made and what they're made of is something to consider

With the amount of clothing for consumers to choose from it's hard to determine what is the best choice for the buck.

Two Salt Spring clothing designers, Jada-lee Watson, owner and designer of Nixxi, and Caroline Thibault, owner and designer of Dancing Bear Hemp Co., discuss what consumers should keep in mind when updating their wardrobes.

Thibault suggests:

- No cheaply made clothing. Cheap clothing won't last long and consumers will have to throw it away after a short time.
- Strongly stitched clothing. Clothing with quality stitching will last longer. Turn the clothes inside out and give the material a pull to test the stitch.
- Material that stretches. Stretchy material like hemp or a cotton/hemp mixture stretches with the wearer and will last a long time.
- Shopping at one store with good business ethics. Look for a clothing store that supports environmentally friendly clothing and fair working

conditions.

Watson suggests:

- Locally made products. This supports local economies and increases the likelihood of fair working conditions.
- Certified organic material. This ensures no pesticides or herbicides were used to grow the material, which is a benefit to the environment.
- Bamboo or hemp. Both of these materials may cost more but are durable and will last for years.
- Do research. Find out where the clothes are made and whether or not the factory practises fair working conditions.

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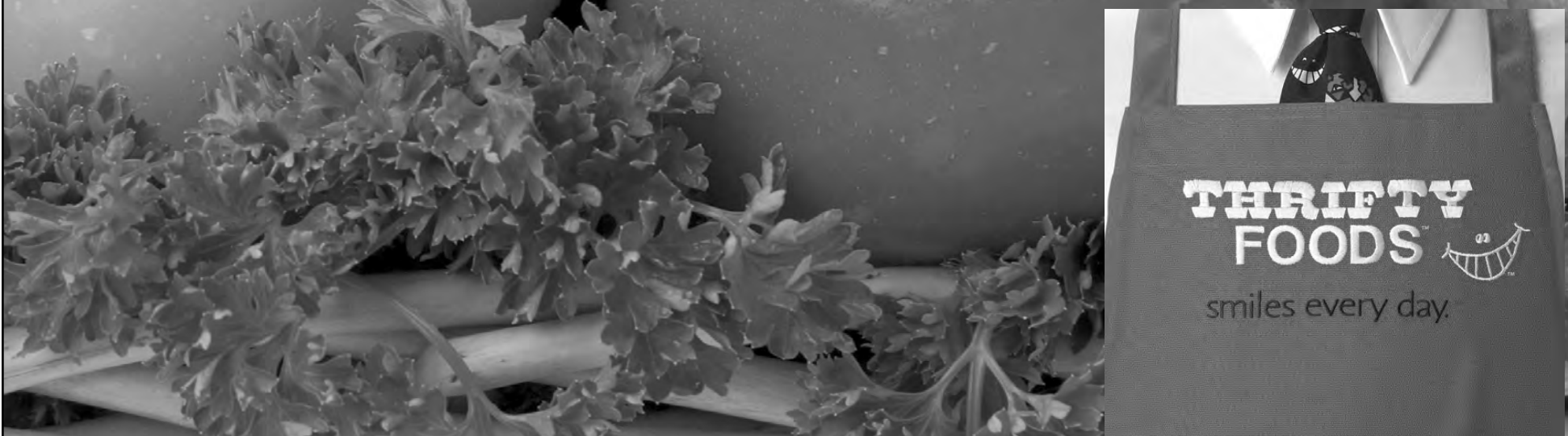
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Compost: from waste to fine farm soil

Methods demand hard work, but it's worth it!

BY CHRIS STEPHENSON
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

To create the perfect compost takes more than piling up organic waste, says a pair of Salt Spring farmers — it requires science.

Kenn Danner and Janis Gauthier run Fulford Valley Organics farm on Fulford-Ganges Road. They use a specific blend of okara, a by-product of tofu making, food waste, hay and other yard trimmings.

"We focus on the materials at hand," Gauthier said.

The couple uses all local waste, including okara from the Soya Nova Tofu shop, and food scraps and coffee grounds from Barb's Bakery.

Danner and Gauthier then blend the waste together with hay and other yard trimmings. The okara provides high nitrogen content to help process the other material and produce a nutrient and bacteria-friendly compost.

"Micro-organisms are essential for [plant growth]. Instead of buying nitrogen we produce our own locally and reduce our carbon footprint," Danner said.

"There are millions of creatures in the piles — bacteria, beetles, fly larva, flies, earth worms," he added. "These are all good for the soil."

On the couple's property there are approximately two tons of compost. Danner and Gauthier, who have been composting since 2002, turn the material



PHOTO BY CHRIS STEPHENSON

Kenn Danner and Janis Gauthier, of Fulford Valley Organics, point to one of several composting structures on their Salt Spring farm.

every couple of weeks to make sure it is mixed equally.

"It's just trial and error. We just do it. Sometimes it needs more straw or more okara for the proper carbon-nitrogen balance," Gauthier said.

Another factor in the process of composting is temperature and keeping track of it. As the material rots, the bacteria involved create heat.

To activate the seeds and kill off any harmful bacteria, the compost must be at 130 degrees Fahrenheit.

"Our organic certifying organization mandates that composted materials reach 130 degrees Fahrenheit or higher. We typically reach 130 within five days

and this will increase to 140 to 150 average," Danner said.

The material is also covered in the winter to protect it from the elements.

"We don't want to get it too wet or the minerals will leech out," Gauthier said.

In the summer the couple waters the compost or it gets too dry and turns to powder.

The end product becomes one-third the original amount in volume and it takes up to one year to fully process the material into compost.

The whole process is quite labour intensive, Gauthier said, as the couple must turn the piles by hand.

Danner, who is an industrial

designer, is working on a compost machine to fix that.

"The machine looks like a snow blower. It takes the compost and whips it up."

He said the manufacturers who make the machine don't produce a small enough version suitable for his farm, so he plans to build his own.

"It will transform our process and make it much more fluid."

The machine should be ready in a year or two.

Danner and Gauthier currently grows vegetables like kale, onions and broccoli in a large greenhouse. They sell their produce at a farm stand near their house and also to local restaurants.

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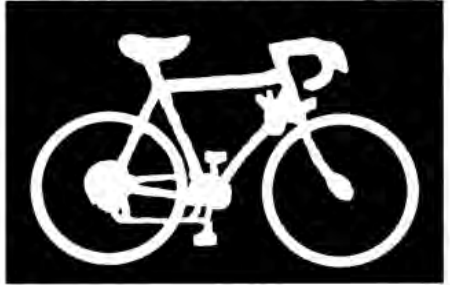
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'Dragonpreneur' saves the world three fingers at a time

Dubs Salt Spring cradle of sustainable thought

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

As a former MBA professor at Hong Kong's Centre for Entrepreneurship, Philip McMaster seems an unlikely candidate for leading a charge to save the planet, but that's exactly what he's up to, three fingers at a time.

If you've already run into McMaster, or "Professor P" as he's known to school children on Salt Spring and beyond, he's likely already asked you a few questions.

"The first thing I do is ask people to identify the two-fingered peace sign," he said.

People always get it right, at which point he raises his ring finger and asks people the meaning of the three-fingered salute.

Few are aware of the symbol and that's where McMaster steps in to help out.

"The three-fingered salute represents society, environment and economy," he said. A balance between these three elements, he said, is required to ensure people on earth live in a sustainable and responsible manner.

"Then I ask them to repeat the exercise with three people they know," he said.

Sounds like a simple enough idea, but the response has been so strong that McMaster has even surprised himself.

"Not only has the three-finger salute registered, it has taken hold," he said. "The symbol is not political or religious in any way. It's totally non-prescriptive. I'm just asking them to think. Once people start thinking about this, they'll start acting that way."

While McMaster admits he's been preaching to the converted on Salt Spring, that wasn't the case in Hong Kong, an environment where turning a profit trumps talk of sustainability.

McMaster taught his students the salute as a way for them to remember that there is more to making money for money's sake.

"This way I hope they can remember to incorporate that balance into whatever it is they choose to do," he said. "It is my hope that they will become part of the solution."

Much like the peace sign defined a generation eager for social and political revolution, McMaster said he hopes the three fingers will become the rallying call for a new generation of environmental consciousness.

The sustainability salute, he said, doesn't really ask par-



PHOTO BY SEAN MCINTYRE

Professor P or Philip McMaster gives a three fingers up sign.

ticipants to do or buy anything and that's what has allowed it to take off around the globe, McMaster said.

Aside from taking off in parts of Hong Kong, McMaster has kept track of the symbol's progress on his website. According to the latest news, he said, the symbol has reached Egypt and is about to enter Qatar.

Before landing on Salt Spring two months ago, McMaster spent much of his time speaking at trade shows, music festivals and classrooms in Asia and across Canada.

The Quebec-born entrepreneur, teacher, photographer and activist is the founder of the UpNorth News, Cool to be Canadian and an e-waste initiative based in Montreal. McMaster has taught business in China and has developed an ethical-entrepreneurship program called Dragonpreneur.

McMaster also started an adventure travel company

geared towards sustainable and environmentally friendly initiatives.

While he remains eager to cultivate his many organizations' global reach, McMaster said he feels as though the number of like-minded people on Salt Spring make it an ideal base from which to work.

"I got here and everything really came together," he said. "A lot of people are in tune with sustainability issues and that works for me."

A passage on McMaster's blog, www.dragonpreneur.com, summarizes his attitudes:

"On my first visit, mid September, there was a sense of synchronicity in the air — Salt Spring Island is a community of people who are making an effort to THINK about the way they live — the three-finger Sustainability Symbol is no surprise for them," he writes.



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At left is Tin Man Jordan Godlonton, while above, centre, are Virginia Midgett and Bruce Mailey as Cleopatra and Mark Anthony; and, above right, is a colourful Leah North.

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MUSIC AWARDS

Jaime RT, Manx hit national folk award lists

Finalists in several categories announced

The Canadian Folk Music Award nominations have just been announced, with some local islanders being among those in the spotlight.

Three musicians from Harry Manx's Salt Spring-based label

Dog My Cat will have a chance to take home the prestigious awards in December.

Well-known island fiddler Jaime RT, along with musical partner Andy Hillhouse, have been nominated in the category of Best Instrumentalist - Group for her album Spark.

"Salt Spring's own East-West blues master Harry Manx also

received two nominations for his recent collaboration with Toronto guitarist Kevin Breit, for Best Ensemble and in the Pushing the Boundaries category," states a Dog My Cat release.

The latter award "recognizes a solo artist or group that takes creative risks by creating music with folk roots that is innovative, original and imaginative."

Manx and Breit's CD, entitled In Good We Trust, was released on the Stony Plain label last spring.

Manx's label received another nod when one of its folk artists — Sarah Noni Metzner — was honoured with a nomination for Best Solo Artist for Daybreak Mourning. Other nominees in this category included Jeremy Fisher and Bruce Cockburn.

The Canadian Folk Music Awards, like the Canadian Junos, are judged by independent juries of industry experts with a separate jury for each category.

This year's awards ceremony will be held in Gatineau, Québec at the Canadian Museum of Civilization on Saturday, December 1. Details can be found at <http://www.canadianfolkmusicawards.ca/cfma/>.

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ISLAND ARTISTS

Spiritual dimension brings depth, magic to new work

Lore Schmidts opens art salon

Painting is nothing new for Lore Schmidts: in a professional career spanning over 20 years, his work has taken him all over the world. He has painted murals everywhere from Whistler hotels to a United Arab Emirates palace. He is also skilled at reproductions, and can faithfully copy almost any artist's style.

Painting non-commissioned work is something new for Schmidts, however. He recently opened his studio to share with the public 24 new paintings that explore different styles and subject matter, as Schmidts gets creative with his own talents. Though inspired by Van Gogh's brushwork, he is not so much looking for his own style as giving himself the time and space to pursue whatever captivates him — a rare occurrence, one imagines, in the commercial art field.

The centrepiece of Schmidts' Entities show is a series of six large paintings inspired by walks in the Mexican jungle. In a palette of oils dominated by bright greens and set off with equally bright blue, yellow and red, leaves and flowers appear in vor-



Elizabeth Nolan

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tex-like patterns. These are not typical landscapes, nor are they as they first appear. Coming through each foliage design is a large human face, often so subtle it can be hard to see. These faces are inspired by Schmidts' experience of almost glimpsing something — or someone — when out in the wild.

Three paintings in another series taken from Salt Spring walks contain a similar sense of magic. A soft road heading through trees on both sides disappears into the mist in the background, glowing from sunlight somewhere behind. Schmidts completely captures the quality of light and mist, especially in the largest of the three, Fools Walk. The smaller but equally powerful Courage was originally done as a study for a potential mural at Vancouver General Hospital's cancer centre, in the education room. Schmidts explains he wanted to avoid a condescending

cheeriness yet still convey a sense of hope; something he accomplishes very well.

In other pieces, Schmidts is more experimental, such as Birch Moment, a stylized design of orange trunks against a blue background, or Caught in the Rain, an imaginative portrait of a friend which features mini human raindrops and past, present and future represented by the subject's back view, front view and a blank space.

In all his new work in various styles, the show is united by Schmidts' underlying intention and by his solid execution.

"I really love the hidden entities — the spirit world — and how as a painter I can reflect that visually," he reports.

The fact that visitors have all selected different pieces as favourites, he says, tells him that "although there are many different styles, the work is consistent and has all received the same attention. There is thought behind every brushstroke."

Schmidts will reopen his studio at 601 Upper Ganges Road to the public on Saturday, November 3 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., and Sunday, November 4 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

THEATRE SS Blues spins marital comedy

Filkow play opens Thursday

As Salt Spring Blues sets to open this week, the play's writer-director Sid Filkow has a message for paranoid islanders: It's not about you.

Filkow said last week that a number of islanders have approached him to say they hope his comedy about marital breakdown on Salt Spring won't put their personal experiences in the spotlight.

The island actor reiterated the play's content is not about specific individuals, but the only way to know for sure is to see the play live at ArtSpring. It opens Thursday, November 1 (with a special two for \$25 ticket price), then runs November 2, 3, 8, 9 and 10 at the regular price of \$16.

The show begins at 8 p.m. Salt Spring Blues' cast is comprised of well-known island actors Marit McBride, Randie Clark, Wendy Beatty, Stewart Katz, Marck Shipley and Therin Gower.

Filkow is also a pillar of Salt Spring drama and comedy, perhaps best known as one of the Geezers with Arvid Chalmers and as a member of the former Salt Spring Hysterical Society.

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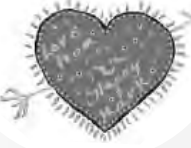


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Men à la Mode make fashion statement

Splash fundraiser tickets now on sale

With the Christmas shopping season just around the corner, islanders will get a preview of what's hot in men's fashion at the second annual Men à la Mode Fashion Show and Dinner on Thursday, November 8.

Taking place at Harbour House Hotel and presented by Ssplash, eight local retailers will showcase their coolest clothes, modelled by half a dozen islanders, including Arvid Chalmers, Steve Marleau, Louis Pepin, Dave Phillips, John Robatscher and Laurence Spencer.

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ON STAGE

P.K. Page story comes to life in stage show

Creekside Appeal fundraiser Nov. 10

Islanders can see a gripping one-woman play called *Unless the Eye Catch Fire*, while helping the Creekside Rainforest Appeal, when La Run Theatre brings the story to Mahon Hall on November 10.

Based on a story by renowned Canadian writer P.K. Page and adapted by Joy Coghill, *Unless the*

Eye Catch Fire is directed by Marek Czuma and stars Romany Miller.

Miller, the proprietor of La Run Theatre in Victoria, has been an actor since her childhood years in Britain. She is taking the play to Toronto, Stratford, London, Israel and South Africa in 2008.

"It's a powerful and literary event with a strong environmental message," notes Pat Barclay of Salt Spring, who has seen the

show three times. According to press material, Page's text describes the actions and thoughts of an elderly woman living in a quiet garden suburb during the final few months when the Earth warms up.

"The story suggests that during this time certain individuals have visions accompanied by vivid colours and a sense of well-being. The protagonist of the story is one of these visionaries, and as the temperature rises, her

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visions become more complex and more real. Eventually, sealed in her home with its many recent layers of thick insulation against the heat, the old lady and her dog unite, in her mind, joyously, with a universal cosmos."

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DANCE

Salt Spring dancer accepted by Royal Winnipeg Ballet school

Sam Neville off to summer program

A budding Salt Spring performing artist will head to an intensive summer program after he was accepted into a prestigious dance school in Winnipeg.

Dancer Sam Neville, age 10, was recently accepted into the professional division of the Royal Winnipeg Ballet School summer program after an audition in Victoria last month.

The intensive four-week program, focussing on classical ballet, runs in July in Winnipeg and serves as an audition period for the school's full-time ballet program for youth in grades six to 12.

Sam's mother Andrea Rabinovitch said she originally wanted Sam to go through the audition in Victoria to gain some experience, but wasn't intent on him getting accepted.

However, she said, Sam worked hard and he's excited to go.

"His father, brother and I applaud his efforts," she said.

Andrea, a professional dancer, teacher and choreographer, said while the summer program is a great opportunity for Sam, she feels he's too young for the full-time program.

Neither Andrea nor her husband Lindsey Neville are willing to relocate to Winnipeg and she doesn't want Sam to be on his own.

Sam, who started at Dance Alberta when he was four

years old, currently studies in the Stagecoach School for the Performing Arts Dance program six hours a week under ballet teacher Jill Smith, Lisa Hall for character, his mother Andrea for hip hop and jazz and numerous other local guest teachers.

Andrea and Lindsey said they are grateful to all of Sam's dance teachers, Stagecoach founder Simon Henson and to a community that supports kids who excel in the arts.

ISLAND MUSICIANS

Cellist's talents showcased in Victoria

Young musician accepted to youth orchestra

A young Salt Spring cellist's career is on the move after being accepted into the Greater Victoria Youth Orchestra (GVYO).

Rylan Gajek, 14, auditioned earlier this fall in Victoria. He started playing the cello at age five and has excelled ever since.

Rylan's mother Trinda Gajek said he has worked hard to get to the point where he is now.

"We are all really supportive" she said. "He's a gifted child."

The orchestra, which was initiated in

1986 by British musician Stuart Knusen, is now in its 22nd season.

GVYO performs throughout the year. Its mission is to nourish the love of music in young people and challenge its musicians to achieve the highest level of skill.

GVYO performs in numerous schools and at the University Centre Farquhar Auditorium at UVIC.

The orchestra also offers a stage for gifted orchestra members to perform solo. GVYO has featured over 30 young soloists in 18 years.

Trinda Gajek said she was surprised to hear the news of her son's acceptance as GVYO usually takes students

who are older.

Paula Kiffner, Rylan's cello teacher, said Rylan is on his way to becoming a professional cellist.

Kiffner, who has played cello professionally with the Vancouver Symphony Orchestra and other groups, has taught Rylan for three years and seen his talents grow during that time.

"He's a joy to work with," she said.

In addition to GVYO, Rylan recently performed with the B.C. Provincial Honours Orchestra and is set to play with the Salt Spring Island Concert Band this December.

Rylan is also composing his own music.

Jazz society season opens with acclaimed pianist

Nov. 10 at All Saints

BY JOHN MOORE
SPECIAL TO THE DRIFTWOOD

In the wake of a successful Salt Spring Jazz Festival 2007 in June, the Jazz and Blues Society launches its fall season on Saturday, November 10, featuring Vancouver pianist Bob Murphy in a duo concert with Salt Spring saxophonist Monik Nordine.

Many will remember Murphy playing the Hammond B3 organ at an exciting Lions Hall concert last year with the seasoned quartet of Nordine, Pat Coleman, Ken Lister and Buff Allen.

This time he returns on piano, in a more intimate format with soprano and alto saxophone, that promises a powerful and inventive collection of mainstream and contemporary

jazz works.

Murphy is without a doubt one of the most diverse and prolific jazz composers, arrangers and pianists in Canada today. He has led some of the hottest jazz bands in the nation, playing with Vancouver Juno-award winners such as Campbell Ryga on sax, Miles Hill on bass or Blaine Wikjord on drums as well as a host of visiting jazz greats.

Reflecting the influences of Bill Evans, Keith Jarrett, Miles Davis, Cannonball Adderley and John Coltrane among others, Murphy has evolved his own highly recognizable personal style.

Nordine is well known to island jazz fans for her quartet work with Coleman, Lister and Allen as well as her appearances in our favourite funk group Planet Music. A graduate of UBC

and McGill, she studied in New York and London with Kenny Wheeler, Evan Parker, Stan Sulzmann and Jane Ira Bloom. She has worked with, among many others, Brad Turner and Phil Nimmons, was until recently a regular with Victoria's Monday Night Big Band and played on the West Coast Music Award-nominated album Cruel Yet Fair with Vancouver's Hard Rubber Orchestra.

The November 10 concert takes place at All Saints church at 8 p.m. Tickets are available at Acoustic Planet and at the door: \$18 general admission, \$15 to Jazz and Blues Society members (membership available at the door) and a bargain \$5 for students.

For further information, contact society secretary John Moore at 653-9763.

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DRESSED FOR THE CONCERT: Among those performing in the Salt Spring Concert Band's Return of the Demons show last weekend were, from left, Pat Antonik and Christina Schulze-Ardey on the flute and Vlad Konik, playing the bassoon.

ON STAGE

Award-winning play kicks off theatre series

Four top shows fill drama roster

On Sunday, November 18, ArtSpring presents the first event in a brand new venture: a full season of professional theatre on Salt Spring.

Coming Up for Air, a one-man play featuring Bernard Cuffling, the dean of the Vancouver acting community, kicks off a four-play season that will culminate in May with a locally staged production by Graffiti Theatre of Born Yesterday.

"People keep stopping me in town to say how glad they are that ArtSpring is moving into presenting professional theatre," said executive director George Sipos. "Nobody has yet asked me why we would want to do that, though it's a reasonable question."

The point of live theatre, Sipos believes, is the same as that of live music.

"There is far greater surprise, delight and excitement from live performance than there can ever be from film or television or a recording. The arts are about our lives, and the emotional immediacy and intuitive understanding that passes between actors and audiences can't be duplicated in any other medium."

Coming Up for Air is a case in point, Sipos said. Here we have a somewhat dull middle-aged man in 1930s England who yearns for a happier, richer life. He believes he can find it by returning to the village of his youth and recovering the missed opportunities for happiness that were just beyond his reach then.

"As a story, this is moderately interesting. But with a first-class actor living out that story on the stage in our presence, a real man drawing us into the emotional urgency of his experience . . . well, nothing can beat that,

just like nothing can beat a live pianist taking us along on the emotional journey of a Beethoven sonata note by note while we sit a few feet away in the same room."

Coming Up for Air first played at the Belfry Theatre in Victoria in 2004. It is a stage adaptation by Vancouver playwright Leslie Mildner from a 1939 novel of the same title by George Orwell. The play won several awards and has now been remounted for an 11-day run at UBC, from where it will come to ArtSpring for two performances on November 18, a 2 p.m. matinee and an 8 p.m. evening show.

The season continues on January 19 and 20 with two performances of Live Radio Theatre staged by Salt Spring actor and producer Jan Rabson. The show takes us inside a 1940s radio studio where live actors and sound-effects people broadcast a series of radio dramas — comedies, romances and even a murder mystery — complete with period commercials. Rabson stresses that this will be all new material, quite different from but just as enjoyable as a similar production he presented at ArtSpring a few years ago.

"This is so interesting," said Sipos, "because here too a distant medium — voices on the radio — becomes immediate and fascinating when we see it happening live before us on the stage."

On April 4 and 5, ArtSpring presents a touring production of Hockey Mom, Hockey Dad from Vancouver's Arts Club Theatre. It is the story of a single dad and single mom who meet in the bleachers of a small-town hockey arena while their young sons play on the ice. The relationship that evolves is both predictable and surprising. With two very fine Vancouver actors, our emotional involvement rests on the fine nuances they allow

us to share as the characters both yearn and hesitate in each other's company.

The season ends with a classic American romantic comedy, Born Yesterday, that was a huge Broadway hit in 1946. A tough-guy mobster goes to Washington to buy himself a senator. He assumes his girlfriend is a dimwit who will do as she's told. But, with the help of a naïve young journalist, she proves more than a match for the crook, outwits him, exposes the senator's corruption, and runs off with the money and the nice young reporter.

Directed by Mort Ransen and co-produced by Graffiti Theatre and ArtSpring, the play will be lavish in both set and costumes and is scheduled to run for seven performances between May 9 and May 17.

"There is a lot of diversity in these four plays," says Sipos, "and the best way to enjoy them is to buy a season subscription to all of them. An adult subscription to the four plays is only \$85 and can be even cheaper when combined with a subscription to ArtSpring's dance series. Single tickets to individual shows are also available now at only \$25 per show, which is a whole lot cheaper than most professional productions in Vancouver or Victoria."

As an introduction to the series, and to encourage people to try out the first play, ArtSpring is running a promotion that will see someone who buys a ticket for Coming Up for Air win a \$400 WestJet gift certificate.

Sipos also points out that all the plays are available to high school students for \$5 as part of the national Eye-Go to the Arts program in which ArtSpring is now participating.

Both season subscriptions and individual tickets are available from the ArtSpring Ticket Centre — 537-2102.

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MUSICAL THEATRE

Lauren Bowler leads theatre workshop

Burlesque classes bring out flamboyant teasers

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include handouts, a warm-up, choreography and props.

Islanders with a flair for the dramatic are invited to bring their fishnet stockings and fedoras to a pair of Saturday, November 3 workshops on Burlesque choreography.

Its influence on musical theatre through the last 80 years has been profound, and highlighted in such shows as Cabaret, Guys and Dolls, Funny Girl and Gypsy, among many others.

Held on the third floor of the Core Inn, they're suitable for all levels of dancers, male or female, 16 years and up.

Come and work your butt off, like the Broadway superstar you are, in these three-hour dance workshops that focus on Burlesque choreography," urges a press release.

Bowler has performed in all of these, including the story of the burlesque queen herself, Gypsy Rose Lee, with the Arts Club in Vancouver.

Bowler suggests people wear whatever they're most comfortable in — whether it's pajama pants or fishnets.

"Led by triple threat performer and teacher, Lauren Bowler, the sessions will be geared to the flamboyant teaser in all of us — whether we know it or not!"

Saturday's workshops run from 12:30-3:30 and 4:30-7:30 p.m. and will begin with a brief and "terribly thrilling" history of the art form on Broadway, and then jump into a physical exploration of what it is all about.

Bowler's next performances are in the starring role of My Fair Lady this Christmas at the Gateway Theatre in Vancouver, and The Producers next summer with the Arts Club.

The classes, which cost \$30, will also

To register, phone Sue Newman at 537-5289 or Bowler at 604-808-7690, or send an e-mail to missbowler@gmail.com.



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Veteran's Week noted at M&M

Traditional concert and readings continue

Each year Canada marks Veterans' Week from November 5 to 11, when commemorative events and activities take place nationwide to honour and remember those who served Canada in times of war, military conflict and peace.

Music and Munch at All Saints church continues its tradition of many years with a Remembrance program entitled Dona Nobis Pacem, Grant us Peace, taking place on Wednesday, November 7.

"The Vocal Quartet: Connie Holmes, soprano, Anke Smeele, alto, Lyle Eide, tenor and Alan Robertson, bass, with pianist Beth Ranney, will sing Songs of Remembrance and Gratitude for the sacrifices and achievements of those who have served and continue to serve our country," states press material.

Music by Faure, Sibelius, Handel and Mozart will be interspersed with readings by Lottie Devindisch and some familiar sing-along songs that invoke memories of the war years.

This year, according to a Veterans Affairs Canada news release, there will be a special emphasis on youth in Canada's Remembrance Day activities.

"Students from Salt Spring Elementary will contribute to this Music and Munch program by adding their own hope for a future free of conflicts, a future of peace, expressed through poems and song under the direction of their music teacher Mitch Howard."

The free concert promises to be a moving and fitting contribution to Veterans' Week. Beginning at 12:10 p.m. at All Saints Anglican Church on Park Drive, the concert will be followed by a tasty optional lunch for \$5.50.

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WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 31

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	7:30	Marketplace (N)	L'Épicerie	Wild at Heart	The Insider	The Simpsons	Ent. Tonight Canada	Jeopardy	Pure in Heart	Friends	Jeopardy	The King of Queens		Jeopardy	Inside Edition	Oregon Field Guide (N)		The Insider	Mystery Hunters	
8	8:00 Little Mosque	Le match des étoiles Quart de finale	In Search of Mozart	Off the Record	Kid Nation	Home Improvement	Back to You	Private Practice (N)	Vancouver Nights	Phenomenon (N)	America's Next Top Model (N)	America's Next Top Model (N)	Q-13 News	Pushing Daisies Girth (N)	Phenomenon (N)	Wired Science (N)	CBC News: The National	Kid Nation	Mystery Hunters	
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12 MID	12:00 (:05) Arrested	(:15) La fosse aux lionnes	Auction	Off the Record	(:05) Chelsea Lately (N)	Saved by the Bell	(:05) Ent. Tonight	(:05) The Daily Show	Jai Fiji	Show With Jay Leno (N)	(:05) Jimmy Kimmel Live (N)	South Park	Two and a Half Men	(:05) Jimmy Kimmel Live (N)	(:35) Conan O'Brien (N)	M. Theatre (Part 2 of 5)	The Hour	(:35) David Letterman (N)	Futurama	Pratt & Taylor
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6	6:00 News	Le Téléjournal	Mentors (N)	Reach for the Top (N)	News	The Simpsons	News	News	CTI News	Vancouver Report	CityNews International	That '70s Show		News	News	News	CBC News: The National	News	SpongeBob SquarePants	
	6:30		Oniva			Friends													Drake & Josh	
7	7:00 Coronation Street	Virginie (N)	Profiles of Nature	SportsCentre	E! News	According to Jim	Entertainment Tonight	Etalk (N)	Police Woman	Star! Daily	Wheel of Fortune	The King of Queens		Wheel of Fortune	Evening Magazine	Rick Steves' Europe	The Nature of Things	Entertainment Tonight	Malcolm in the Middle	
	7:30	Who Do You Think (N)	Infoman	Special Meet The Weasels	The Insider	The Simpsons	Ent. Tonight Canada	Access Hollywood	Pure in Heart	Friends	Jeopardy	The King of Queens		Jeopardy	Inside Edition	Ask This Old House	The Nature of Things Weather Report	The Insider	Fresh Prince of Bel Air	
8	8:00 The Nature of Things	Tous pour un René Lévesque	A History of Britain	Off the Record	Are You Smarter Than a 5th Grader?	Home Improvement	Survivor: China I'm Not as Dumb as I Look (N)	CSI: Crime The Chick Chop Flick Shop (N)	What's in Vancouver?	Smallville	Ugly Betty	Smallville	Q-13 News	Ugly Betty (N)	My Name Is Earl Our Other Cop Is On	Canada's War in Colour	CBC News: The National	Survivor: China I'm Not as Dumb as I Look (N)	Prank Patrol	
	8:30					Home Improvement	Smarter-5th Grader (N)	Grey's Anatomy Kung Fu Fighting (N)	Mor Deo Koi	Supernatural Bedtime Stories (N)	Supernatural Bedtime Stories (N)	King of the Hill	Malcolm in the Middle	Grey's Anatomy Kung Fu Fighting (N)	The Office (N)	Nova Marathon Challenge	CBC News: The National	CSI: Crime The Chick Chop Flick Shop (N)	Futurama	Sportsnet Connected
9	9:00 Doc Zone	Enquête	(:05) Looking For Victoria [Part 1 of 2]	Boxing - McCline vs. Peter	The Standard	Messages		ER The Test (N)	Desi Rhythms	(:05) Big Shots Car Trouble (N)	Terminal City	Seinfeld [Part 1 of 2]	Seinfeld The Engagement	Q-13 Fox News at Ten	ER The Test (N)	Frontline The Undertaking	The Nature of Things Weather Report	Without a Trace Run (N)	Naruto	Sportsnet Connected
	9:30	Canadaville (N)																	Shadow Raiders	
10	10:00 CBC News: The National	Le Téléjournal	Looking For Victoria [Part 2 of 2]		Canadian Documentary True Bond (N)	Cold Case	Shark	ER The Test (N)	Mor Deo Koi	(:05) Big Shots Car Trouble (N)	Terminal City	Seinfeld [Part 1 of 2]	Seinfeld The Engagement	Q-13 Fox News at Ten	ER The Test (N)	Frontline The Undertaking	The Nature of Things Weather Report	Without a Trace Run (N)	Naruto	Sportsnet Connected
	10:30																		Shadow Raiders	
11	11:00 (:05) The Hour	Le Téléjournal La zone	No Price Too High Victory: March 1945 to Year's End	SportsCentre	News	It's a New Day	News	News	TV Patrol	News	Realty Television	Frasier Boo!	Family Guy	News	News	News	CBC News: The National	News	Mystery Hunters	Sportsnet Connected
	11:30																		Prank Patrol	
12 MID	12:00 (:05) Arrested	(:15) La fosse aux lionnes	New Tricks Ducking and Diving	Off the Record	(:05) Chelsea Lately (N)	Saved by the Bell	(:05) Ent. Tonight	(:05) The Daily Show	Punjabi Vibes	Show With Jay Leno (N)	(:05) Jimmy Kimmel Live (N)	South Park	Two and a Half Men	(:05) Jimmy Kimmel Live (N)	(:35) Conan O'Brien (N)	Smart Travels	The Hour	(:35) David Letterman (N)	Futurama	Pratt & Taylor
	12:30	(:35) Can. Reflections		Motoring 2007	(:35) Late, Late Show	PR Maxx	(:35) E.T. Canada	(:35) Colbert Report	Desi Rhythms	(:35) Conan O'Brien (N)		South Park	RENO 911!					(:35) Late, Late Show	Malcolm in the Middle	

FRIDAY NOVEMBER 2

5 PM	5:00 The Simpsons	Grand-papa (N)	Timothy/(:10) Mama (:35) Babar	CFL Football - Montreal vs. Winnipeg (Live)	CHEK News	Full House	Early News	CTV News	Punjab Times	A Channel News at 5	The Ellen Degeneres Show	My Wife and Kids	Malcolm in the Middle	KOMO 4 News	KING 5 News	Charlie Rose	The Hour	KIRO 7 News	"Drake and Josh Go Hollywood" ★★ ('06) Drake Bell.	(4:30) Poker After Dark
	5:30 Arrested Development	L'Union fait la force				King of the Hill	Global National		Phoenix World News		CityCooks	That '70s Show	The Simpsons	ABC World News				CBS Evening News	News	Pratt & Taylor
6	6:00 News	Le Téléjournal	Serious Amazon (N)		News	The Simpsons	News	News	CTI News	Vancouver Report	CityNews International	That '70s Show	The Simpsons	News	News	News	CBC News: The National	News	Sportsnet Connected	
	6:30		Le Canada en amour			Friends							Family Guy							
7	7:00 Coronation Street	Du cœur au ventre	Canada's War Rumours of War		E! News	According to Jim	Entertainment Tonight	Etalk (N)	Police Woman	E2	Wheel of Fortune	The King of Queens	Two and a Half Men	Wheel of Fortune	Evening Magazine	Rick Steves' Europe	the fifth estate	Entertainment Tonight	(:05) Storm Hawks	FSN Pro Football Preview
	7:30	Canadian Antiques Rd			The Insider	The Simpsons	Ent. Tonight Canada	Access Hollywood	Pure in Heart	Friends	Jeopardy	The King of Queens	2 1/2 Men Pilot	Jeopardy	Inside Edition	KCTS Connects		The Insider	Team Galaxy	
8	8:00 RCAF: Farce Live (N)	Paquet voleur	By the Book 4:50 From Paddington	SportsCentre	Deal or No Deal	3D Dialogue	Numb3rs In Security (N)	Ghost Whisperer Double Exposure (N)	Weekly News Forum	The Next Great American Band Top 10 Perform (N)	Men in Trees I Wood if I Could (N)	Friday Night Smackdown (N)	The Next Great American Band Top 10 Perform (N)	Men in Trees I Wood if I Could (N)	Deal or No Deal	NOW (N)	CBC News: The National	Ghost Whisperer Double Exposure (N)	Naruto	Ultimate Fighter
	8:30	Rick Mercer Report														Washington Week (N)				
9	9:00 Torchwood	L'heure de gloire		Boxing Holyfield vs. Ibragimov	Women's Murder Club (N)	The Standard	Friday Night Lights Let's Get it On (N)	Moonlight B.C. (N)	Hwang Jin Yi	"America's Sweethearts" ★★ (Rom, '01) Julia Roberts.	Seinfeld	Q-13 Fox News at Ten	20/20 (N)	Friday Night Lights Let's Get it On (N)	Bill Moyers Journal (N)	CBC News: The National	Moonlight B.C. (N)	Futurama	Best Damn Sports Show Period	
	9:30	Small Worlds (N)																		
10	10:00 CBC News: The National	Le Téléjournal	Memoirs: Sherlock The Golden Pince-Nez		20/20 (N)	Cold Case	Las Vegas	Without a Trace Run (N)	Open Concert	America's Next Top Model	Seinfeld	Q-13 Fox News at Ten	20/20 (N)	Las Vegas	"The Best Years of Our Lives" ★★ (Rom, '46) Myrna Loy.	the fifth estate	Numb3rs In Security (N)	Death Note	Sportsnet Connected	
	10:30																		Bleach	
11	11:00 (:05) The Hour	Le Téléjournal La zone	Real Country House	SportsCentre	News	It's a New Day	News	News	TV Patrol	News	Pink Planet III Glasgow	Frasier	Family Guy	News	News		CBC News: The National	News	Eureka Seven	Sportsnet Connected
	11:30		Wild at Heart																Storm Hawks	
12 MID	12:00 (:05) FigSkate	(:15) La fosse aux lionnes	National Geographic Explorer Bear Island	NHRA Drag Racing AC Delco Nationals	(:05) Chelsea Lately (N)	Saved by the Bell	(:05) ECW Wrestling	(:05) CSI: Miami	Vancouver Masala	Show With Jay Leno (N)	(:05) Jimmy Kimmel Live (N)	South Park	RENO 911!	(:05) Jimmy Kimmel Live (N)	(:35) Conan O'Brien (N)	The Hour	(:35) David Letterman (N)	Futurama	Pratt & Taylor	
	12:30	Home Sense Skate Canada International			(:35) Late, Late Show	Kingstar			Music Bank	(:35) Conan O'Brien (N)		South Park	M*A*S*H				(:35) Late, Late Show	Invader Zim		

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SATURDAY NOVEMBER 3

5:00 PM	(4:00) NHL Hockey - Toronto vs. Montreal (Live)	5 sur 5	Miss BG/(:15) Dive, Oily George Shrinks	(4:00) CFL Football - Edmonton vs. Hamilton (Live)	CHEK News	Home Improvement	Family Guy	Sue Thomas: F.B. Eye	(4:30) Swiat Polskiej	Star Trek: Voyager The 37's	Best of MuchOnDem and	Star Trek Metamorphosis	Raymond Favors	NCAA Football - Teams TBA (Live)	KING 5 News	(3:00) KCTS Cooks A to Z (N)	Antiques Roadshow Carter's Steam Fair	KIRO 7 News	(4:00) "Fairly Odd Parents: Channel Chasers"	EPL Soccer FA Barclaycard Premiership - Teams TBA
6:00 PM		Le Téléjournal Pendant ce temps (N)	Meerkat Manor	Wild at Heart	News	Eagle Com Time Sale	Global National	News	Xin Tan Ren	Bravo!Fact Presents	Speaker's Corner	That '70s Show	Friends		NBC Nightly News		Saturday Report	News	Prank Patrol	Ghost Trackers
7:00 PM	NHL Hockey - Vancouver vs. Colorado (Live)	La Fureur	National Geographic	CFL Football - Calgary vs. B.C. (Live)	Zoe Busiek: Wild Card	Diya	Andromeda The Knight, Death and the Devil	W-FIVE (N)	Entrepreneurial Leader	The New Canoe	Making It	CSI: Miami Going Under	Two and a Half Men		NW Backroads	Celtic Woman: A New Journey	Doc Zone Canadaville	Entertainment This Week	Adrenaline Project	FSN Pro Football Preview
8:00 PM		Le moment de vérité	Heartbeat Intelligence Matters		"Safe Harbor"	Islam 101	Andromeda Immaculate Perception	CSI: Miami Going, Going, Gone	Phoenix Gathering Satrang	Kool Countdown	Battlestar Galactica Lay Down Your Burdens	The King of Queens	Cops Coast to Coast (N)		To Be Announced		CBC News: The Lens School of Secrets	CSI: Miami Going, Going, Gone	"Ferris Bueller's Day Off" ★★★ (Com, '86)	To Be Announced
9:00 PM		Dre Grey, leçons Une affaire d'homme (N)	Midsomer Murders Judgement Day			Sikh Virsa	Blue Murder Hard Time	Whistler Always a Bride (N)	Asian Variety Show	"Wilby Wonderful" ★★ (Com, '04) James Allodi.	"The Fraternity" ★★ (Thrill, '01) Robin Dunne.	Fraser Dinner Party	Most Wanted Bad Girls Special Edition (N)		To Be Announced		Saturday Report	CSI: Crime Scene Fannysmackin' n'	Matthew Broderick.	
10:00 PM	Hockey: After Hours	Le Téléjournal Zone doc Ondes de choc (N)		Triathlon Subaru Ironman Lake Placid	True Hollywood Story Investigates Hot for Student (N)	Insights Into Sikhism Muslim Faith	Global Currents Sabrina's Law (N)	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit	Vanna Malargal Sabor Musical		To Be Announced	Cold Case Files On the Case: A Child Remembers	Mad TV (N)	News	News	Suze Orman: Women & Money	Dragons' Den	48 Hours Mystery A Time to Kill	Smallville	Sportsnet Connected
11:00 PM	Hockey Night in Canada: Replay	(:45) "Le Pacte des loups" (Avent, '00) Samuel Le Bihan.	Ancient Clues		Mad TV (N)	News	News	Bubble Gang	To Be Announced	SeXtv	Cold Case Files On the Case: A Child Remembers	Mad TV (N)	News	News	Saturday Night Live		News	Adrenaline Project	Poker Red Rock Showdown	
12:00 MID			A History of Britain	SportsCentre	Spike Feresten	Saved by the Bell	Jack Van Impe	(:05) The Hills	"Sahibaan" ★★★ (Rom, '93) Rishi Kapoor.	Professional Poker Tour	World Poker Tour Finals	Cold Case Files The Taunt/ Death in Deadwood	Spike Feresten	(:35) Girls B. Badly			CBC News: The Lens School of Secrets	(:05) Paid Program	Futurama	The Ultimate Fighter 4

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 4

5:00 PM	The Pacifier" ★★ (Com, '05) Vin Diesel.	Oniva	Miss BG/(:15) Dive, Oily George Shrinks	(:15) NFL Football - Dallas vs. Philadelphia (Live)	CHEK News	Home Improvement	Family Guy	W-FIVE	Spazio Libero	Star Trek: Voyager Initiations	Best of MuchOnDem and	Girlfriends Good Grief The Game	American Idol Rewind	KOMO 4 News	(:15) NFL Football - Dallas vs. Philadelphia (Live)	(2:00) KCTS Cooks A to Z	Dragons' Den	KIRO 7 News	(4:00) "The Flintstones" ★★ (Com, '94)	(4:30) SN Connected
6:00 PM		Le Téléjournal Découverte	The True Intrepid		That News Show	Everybody Loves Ray	Global National	News	"Sahibaan" ★★★ (Rom, '93) Rishi Kapoor.	Relic Hunter French Connection	NewMusic	Gossip Girl Pilot	Family Guy	News		American Soundtrack Doo Wop's Best on PBS	CBC News: Sunday Night	News	"Fat Albert" ★ (Com, '04) Kenan Thompson.	NBA Action
7:00 PM	Heartland Taking Chances (N)	Lafaque	Love and Duty		Tribute Bands (N)	Voices of Hinduism	The Simpsons	Cold Case World's End (N)		Home Videos	Blood Ties Norman	CW Now	The Simpsons	Home Videos			Poker Face	60 Minutes		Poker Red Rock Showdown
8:00 PM	Just for Laughs 25th Anniversary Special (N)	Tout le monde en parle	The Royal Starting Over		Ext. Makeover: Home Miller Family (N)	Ground Level	The Simpsons	The Amazing Race (SP) (N)		Kyle XY Blame It On the Rain	Everybody Hates Chris	Life is Wild Bad to the Bone (N)	The Simpsons	Ext. Makeover: Family (N)		Nature in the Valley of the Wolves (N)	CBC News: Our World	The Amazing Race (SP) (N)		Poker After Dark
9:00 PM		New Tricks Nine Lives			Dr. 90210	Sufism: Heart of Islam	Family Guy (N)	Housewives Now I Know, Don't be Scared (N)	"Maruja" (Rom, '97) Carmina Villaruel.	America's Next Top Model	"I, Robot" ★★ (Sci-Fi, '04) Will Smith.	America's Next Top Model	Family Guy (N)	Housewives Now I Know, Don't be Scared (N)		Dateline NBC	Masterpiece Theatre (N) [Part 3 of 5]	CBC News: Sunday Night	Cold Case World's End (N)	Falcon Beach Sins of the Father
10:00 PM	CBC News: Sunday Night	(:15) Le Téléjournal	Master's Orders and Pilot's Advice	ATP Tennis Series - Final	True Hollywood Story (N)	Path to Enlightenment Diya	Brothers & Sisters Two Places (N)	Law & Order: Criminal Intent		Stargate: SG-1 Moebius	Seinfeld The Bookstore	Q13 FOX News	Brothers & Sisters Two Places (N)	Law & Order: Criminal Intent	Art in the 21st Century Protest (N)		Poker Face	Shark In Absentia (N)	Weird Years Best Fries With That?	Sportsnet Connected
11:00 PM	the fifth estate	Minuit, le soir (N)	The Leading Edge		News	It's a New Day	News	News	I-Watch News	Idea City		Without a Trace Copy Cat	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit	News	American Soundtrack Doo Wop's Best on PBS		News	Mystery Hunters	Sportsnet Connected	
12:00 MID	Canadian Reflections Gymnast	"Prêtre" ★★ (Dra, '94) Linus Roache.	Heartbeat Intelligence Matters	TSN the Reporters	JR Digs (N)	PR Maxx	(:05) Popoff Ministry	(:05) CSI: Miami Death Pool 100	"Maruja" (Rom, '97) Carmina Villaruel.	"Save the Last Dance" ★★ (Dra, '00)	Wheel of Fortune	Without a Trace A Tree Falls	24 Day 5: 12:00 Noon - 1:00 PM	(:05) Da Vinci's Inquest	Casey and Wendy Treat Kevin Gerald		Dragons' Den	(:35) The Dead Zone	Futurama	The Ultimate Fighter 4

MONDAY NOVEMBER 5

5:00 PM	The Simpsons	Grand-papa (N)	Timothy/(:10) Mama	(4:30) NFL Countdown	CHEK News	Full House	Early News	CTV News	Punjab Times	A-Channel News	The Ellen Degeneres Show	My Wife and Kids	Malcolm in the Middle	KOMO 4 News	KING 5 News	Charlie Rose	The Hour	KIRO 7 News	Drake & Josh	(4:30) Poker After Dark
6:00 PM	Arrested Development	L'Union fait la force (N)	(:35) Babar	NFL Football - Baltimore vs. Pittsburgh (Live)	News	The Simpsons Friends	Global National	News	Phoenix World News		CityCooks	That '70s Show	The Simpsons	News	News	News	CBC News: The National	News	SpongeBob SquarePants	Sportsnet Connected
7:00 PM	Coronation Street	Virginie (N)	The Leading Edge		E! News	According to Jim	Heroes Out of Time (N)	Etalk (N)	Police Woman	E2	Wheel of Fortune	The King of Queens	Two and a Half Men	Wheel of Fortune	Evening Magazine	Rick Steves' Europe	Beckham	Entertainment Tonight	Malcolm in the Middle	Poker Johnny Chan Classic
8:00 PM	Dragons' Den	Chien noir Douce vengeance (N)	Celebrating Mozart: A Concert Gala		Met Your Mother (N)	Home Improvement	Prison Break Photo Finish/Vamonos (N)	Dancing With the Stars (N)	Founding Emperor of the Ming Dynasty	Notes Underbelly The Big Bang Theory (N)	Chuck Chuck Versus the Alma Mater (N)	Hates Chris (N)	Prison Break Photo Finish/Vamonos (N)	Dancing With the Stars (N)	Antiques Roadshow (N) [Part 2 of 3]	CBC News: The National	Met Your Mother (N)	Prank Patrol Magic Shop	Adrenaline Project	The Ultimate Fighter 4
9:00 PM	Intelligence Something in the Air (N)	Les Boys (N)	C.A. L'agace (N)		The Simple Life	The Standard		I Luv New York	Two and a Half Men (N)	Stargate: SG-1 The Quest	Girlfriends (N)	The Game (N)		Heroes Out of Time (N)	American Masters Carol Burnett: A Woman of Character (N)	CBC News: The National	Two and a Half Men (N)	Futurama	Best Damn Sports Show Period	
10:00 PM	CBC News: The National	Le Téléjournal	Glenn Gould Plays (N)	UEFA League (N)	Motoring	Janice Dickinson Measure Up (N)	Cold Case The Woods	Journeyman Double Down (N)	CSI: Miami Chain Reaction (N)	Magpakailanman	Monk Mr. Monk and the Daredevil	Seinfeld The Finale	Q-13 Fox News at Ten	The Bachelor (N)	Journeyman Double Down (N)	My Music The British Beat	Beckham	CSI: Miami Chain Reaction (N)	Shadow Raiders	Sportsnet Connected
11:00 PM	(:05) The Hour	Le Téléjournal La zone	Profiles of Nature Special Meet The Weasels		News	It's a New Day	News	News	TV Patrol	News	Fraser	Family Guy	News	News		CBC News: The National	News	Spider-Man	Sportsnet Connected	
12:00 MID	(:05) Arrested Development	(:15) La fosse aux lionnes	Why Democracy? Looking for Revolution	Off the Record	(:05) Chelsea Lately (N)	International Laser Clinic	PR Maxx	(:05) Ent. Tonight	(:05) The Daily Show	Kurd TV	South Park	South Park	M*A*S*H Old Soldiers	(:05) Jimmy Kimmel Live	(:35) Conan O'Brien (N)	Back Care Basics	The Hour	(:35) David Letterman (N)	Futurama	Pratt & Taylor

TUESDAY NOVEMBER 6

5:00 PM	The Simpsons	Grand-papa (N)	Timothy/(:10) Mama	NBA Basketball - Toronto vs. Milwaukee (Live)	CHEK News	Full House	Early News	CTV News at Five	Punjab Times	A Channel News at 5	The Ellen Degeneres Show	My Wife and Kids	Malcolm in the Middle	KOMO 4 News	KING 5 News	Charlie Rose	The Hour	KIRO 7 News	Being Ian	(4:30) Poker After Dark
6:00 PM	Arrested Development	L'Union fait la force	(:35) Babar City Ways		News	The Simpsons Friends	Global National	News	Phoenix World News		CityCooks	That '70s Show	The Simpsons	News	News	News	CBC News: The National	News	SpongeBob SquarePants	Sportsnet Connected
7:00 PM	Coronation Street	Virginie (N)	Into the Wild		E! News	According to Jim	Entertainment Tonight	Gossip Girl Victor/Victoria (N)	Police Woman	E2	Wheel of Fortune	The King of Queens	Two and a Half Men	Wheel of Fortune	Evening Magazine	Rick Steves' Europe	Beckham	Entertainment Tonight	Malcolm in the Middle	NBA XL
8:00 PM	Rick Mercer Report	Providence (N)	Dragon Songs: Lang Lang in China		The Singing Bee	Home Improvement	NCIS Requiem (N)	Pushing Daisies	Filo Diretto	Jeff Ltd.	Beauty and the Geek	Beauty and the Geek	Bones Intern in the Incinerator (N)	Cavemen (N)	The Singing Bee	Nova Sputnik Declassified (N)	CBC News: The National	NCIS Requiem (N)	Prank Patrol	Cleveland vs. Golden State (Live)
9:00 PM	The Tudors (N)	Hauts/bas de Sophie Preuves d'amour (N)	Dragon Songs	UEFA Soccer Champions League - Matchday #4 Liverpool vs. Besiktas	The Standard	Women in Focus	House Whatever it Takes (N)	Dancing With the Stars: The Results (N)	Made in Germany euromaxx	"Meet the Fockers" ★★ (Com, '04) Robert De Niro.	Reaper	Reaper Love, Bullets and Blacktop (N)	House Whatever it Takes (N)	Dancing With the Stars: The Results (N)	Frontline Extraordinary Rendition (N)	CBC News: The National	The Unit Five Brothers (N)	Futurama	Pinky & the Brain	
10:00 PM	CBC News: The National	Le Téléjournal	Vivaldi: The Four Seasons		Boston Legal The Object of My Affection (N)	Cold Case Family	Cane One Man Is an Island (N)	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit Svangali (N)	Schauplatz Europa		Stargate Atlantis The Siege	Seinfeld The Finale	Q-13 Fox News at Ten	Boston Legal The Object of My Affection (N)	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit Svangali (N)		CBC News: The National	Cane One Man Is an Island (N)	Naruto	Sportsnet Connected
11:00 PM	(:05) The Hour	Le Téléjournal La zone	Ravens and Eagles		News	It's a New Day	News	News	TV Patrol	News	Fraser	Family Guy	News	News	Tony Bennett Duets The Making of an American Classic	CBC News: The National	(:35) The Late Show With David Letterman	Prank Patrol	Sportsnet Connected	
12:00 MID	(:05) Arrested Development	(:15) La fosse aux lionnes	Child of Our Time Happiness	Off the Record	(:05) Chelsea Lately (N)	Coach	PR Maxx	(:05) Ent. Tonight	(:05) The Daily Show	Aina-e-Afghan	South Park	South Park	M*A*S*H Lend a Hand	(:05) Jimmy Kimmel Live	(:35) Conan O'Brien (N)	John Denver	The Hour	(:35) Late, Late Show	Futurama	Pratt & Taylor

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THERAPEUTIC RIDING

Four certified in therapeutic riding

Program expands to three days per week

The Salt Spring Therapeutic Riding Association (SSTRA) is celebrating the certification of four assistant instructors.

Gerri Alton, John Herbert, Jacqueline Sutton and Lynn Thorburn have just completed their certification to become Canadian Therapeutic Riding Association (CANTRA) assistant instructors, also known as "AIs." Normally a two-year program, they have completed it in just over a year.

All have varied and extensive experience in the equestrian realm.

Alton has been riding most of her life and is an Equine Canada English instructor. She taught riding in Surrey before moving to Salt Spring three and a half years ago. Alton was also greatly involved with the Richmond/Delta Pony Club for many years. She has competed in three-day eventing (dressage/show jumping/cross-country) and now operates a small riding school on her south-end farm. She is the main instructor for SSTRA and has been teaching therapeutic riding for three years.



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Salt Spring Therapeutic Riding certified assistant instructors are Gerri Alton, John Herbert, Jacqueline Sutton and Lynn Thorburn.

Thorburn has been riding and competing for many years. As a physiotherapist, she uses her expertise to assist SSTRA riders. She is also the association's volunteer coordinator and is on the board.

Sutton has also been riding and working with horses most of her life. She practices body-centred psychotherapy and co-owns and operates Wind Horse Centre on Musgrave Road where horses act as co-facilitators in group and individual

emotional therapy sessions. The centre also holds numerous workshops and recently hosted Josh Nicols teaching natural horsemanship.

Herbert has returned to the horse world. He started trail guiding at a young age and went on to endurance riding.

"I became involved in the therapeutic riding program when my sister Trish asked me to come and exercise one of the horses," he said. "The instructor at the time,

Margaret Rigby, asked me if I would be interested in helping out. I learned of the huge benefits therapeutic riding offered the special needs riders: physiotherapy, exercise, building of self-esteem and confidence, socialization and much more. When Margaret asked if I wanted to work towards becoming an AI, it was a pretty easy 'yes.'"

Rigby, a Level 2 coach, was the AIs mentor, preparing them for the two-day technical evaluation held in July and then the exam in September.

Because the AIs can teach independently, SSTRA has expanded the program this fall to three days a week — Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays.

We always welcome new volunteers to participate in this very rewarding work and will provide training in leading, side walking, grooming and tacking up, notes a press release. This program is very dependent on our volunteers and we would like to thank all of them, past and present.

Anyone interested in either riding or volunteering for the program should contact Liz Anderson at 653-4979 or 653-0043, or Lynn Thorburn at 653-4441.

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"In difficult and desperate cases, the boldest counsels are the safest," said Titus Livius, aka Livy (in Latin) around 25 BC.

There were lots of very difficult bridge hands on October 15, and the bold-

BRIDGETRICKS

est counsels among the four and a half tables were those of Sandy Thompson and Paul Retallack. Almost as fortitudinous were Ian Thomas and Zelly Taylor in second place, and rejoicing in the safety of third place were Patricia Hewett and Bob Morrisette, a serendipi-

tous and unusual combination.

October 22 produced five and a half tables, with some familiar names rising to the top. Sandy Thompson and Prem Margolese were first, and George Laundry, partnered by Paul Retallack this time, came in second. There was a tie for third place between the Thomas-Taylor pair and a new combination, Gillian Mouat with happy

first-timer April Wright.

As for the rest, good old Livy had more to say about misguided efforts: "Such impetuous schemes and boldness are at first sight alluring, but are difficult to handle, and in the result disastrous." Oh yes.

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LETTER LESSON: Mariah McLean gets a lesson in drawing Japanese letters with renowned Japanese calligraphy artist Seisetu Comori in Centennial Park last weekend.

INTERNATIONAL AID

Songs, images merge to benefit Kenyans

Maggie Ziegler and Phil Vernon mount show

A multimedia performance about Kenya returns to Salt Spring with additional images and music on Saturday, November 3.

A fundraiser for SOLID projects in Africa, We Continue Forward is an inspiring journey to the heart of Kenya which received praise for performances earlier this year in Vancouver, Victoria and on Salt Spring.

"Drawing on their recent travels, Maggie Ziegler and Phil Vernon have interwoven stories, songs and images to reveal the talent, courage and resiliency of ordinary Kenyans, leaving the audience with feelings of respect and hope for the continent," states a press release.

The evening performance at Lions Hall has HIV/AIDS education as one of its themes,

and one of SOLID's projects supported by the event involves important work within the textile factories of Nairobi.

It begins at 7:30 p.m. Suggested donation at the door is \$15.

SOLID funds directed towards the Kenya project will support further training so that peer educators become more skilled in counselling and supporting those who are just now beginning to come forward publicly about their HIV status.

The public performance of We Continue Forward coincides with SOLID's weekend workshop, The Paradox of Altruism, running November 2-4 for those engaged in African projects or wishing to become more involved.

For information on the Paradox of Altruism workshop, contact SOLID at info@solid-saltspring.com.

PALLIATIVE CARE

Bessie Dane Hospice opens new island resource centre

More timely programs in the works

A new office and resource centre is one of the exciting developments in community palliative care now offered through Salt Spring's Bessie Dane Foundation and Hospice (BDFH).

Located in Upper Ganges Centre, above Golden Island Restaurant, a one-time grant from the Vancouver Island Health Authority to cover set-up costs made the office possible.

This gives hospice volunteers a home, a place where they can meet and access information and share with people in the community who need emotional support and information, whether patient, caregiver, family or friends.

Besides other grief-process tools like a "sand tray," the library is being updated, including books, videos/DVDs for use by volunteers and the public.

Bessie Dane Hospice soon hopes, with the necessary help of funding requests and more dollar donations from the Salt Spring community, to be able to offer



more timely programs open to all. Examples include "self care for caregivers" (possibly a Friday-afternoon drop-in clinic) and a "teens talk" share group.

BD Hospice will sponsor a workshop on Sunday, December 2, called Coma Communication, led by Ann and Stan Tomandl from Victoria.

"They are well travelled, inspiring teachers with years of experience with people in coma or those who can not 'speech' communicate," states a press release. "It is open to volunteers, hospital and health care workers and anyone interested in the community." (Register at 537-2770.)

The upcoming November 9-11 workshop called Caring for the Dying led by Stephen Jenkinson is highly recommended.

Four BDFH volunteers

are honoured to be attending this notable experience. (Call 537-1817 to register.)

Also in the near future, an information evening for those thinking of volunteering for hospice work will be held.

A hospice volunteer training course will be offered in the new year.

This past August, the BDFH voted in a new board of eight directors.

The new board has balanced representation from hospice volunteers and the community, and both bring a valued depth of experience and willingness to serve.

They are Jean Addison, Alan Coombes, Pat Desbottes, Sandy Gordon, Joseph Kandler, Gayle Parkinson, Gerri Pringle and Kathy Williams.

Donations are most appreciated and may be made to further the work of the hospice by sending to: Bessie Dane Foundation & Hospice, Box 521, Ganges PO, SSI, V8K 2W2.

The office/resource centre is at #202, Upper Ganges Centre and open Tuesdays from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and Wednesdays from 1-4 p.m., The hospice office number is 537-2770.

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PARENTING

Circle set for holistic parents

First Monday of each month

Starting on Monday, November 5, new mothers will have a place to meet, in order to connect with each other and explore holistic, natural parenting.

Held at the Arbutus Therapy Centre, local homeopath Karin Beviere will provide a nurturing space for new mothers with babies up to 10 months old to gather and support each other in creating healthy beginnings for their families.

"Each meeting will focus on different themes such as natural medicine, holistic nutrition, self care and attachment parenting," explains press material.

"The art of self care and connecting with our community are some of the most important things we can do for our children."

At the circle sessions, guest speakers will also be invited to speak on different topics.

A recent press release explains that the support circle will provide a peaceful, warm and bright environment in which to connect with each other to explore the holistic wisdom inherent to joyful mothering.

Drugs which were previously thought safe for children are being pulled from the shelves annually, press material states.

For example, over-the-counter decongestants which were previously thought safe are no longer recommended by Health Canada for children under two years old.

"The truth is these harmful, useless and sometimes deadly drugs are not needed when we embrace health care for our families using preventative strategies and natural remedies."

The support circle hopes that by honouring wholeness using the wisdom of plants and using food as medicine, and by using homeopathic remedies diluted for safety, as well as other complementary therapies, mothers can provide care for their families that is natural and nourishing.

The Natural Parenting Circle will meet the first Monday of each month from 9:30 to 11 a.m., starting November 5.

The Arbutus Therapy Centre is located at #5-121 McPhillips Avenue (upstairs from Apple Photo).

For more information, phone 537-4728.



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ON SALE: Margot Chisholm is surrounded by merchandise at last Saturday's 10,000 Villages Festival Sale at the United Church in Ganges.

WOMEN'S HEALTH

Female wisdom meets homeopathy, nutrition

Facilitators promote hands-on approach

Local holistic health practitioners Jamie Capranos and Karin Beviere will be facilitating a two-day workshop called The Wise Woman Approach to Health on November 17-18.

"Drawing on their combined talents in homeopathy, nutrition, herbal medicine and feminist-based spirituality, participants will learn a fun and refreshing and hands-on approach to women's health," explains a press release.

"Believing that whole health includes understanding the awe-inspiring complexity of your body and tending to the needs of one's mind and spirit, facilitators will encourage taking your health in your own hands."

Appropriate for women of all ages, the weekend will include a thorough explanation on a variety of simple solutions to balance hormones, with the intention of demystifying the natural and sometimes uncomfortable ebb and flow of our body's rhythms.

A nourishing approach to diet and integrated lifestyle changes will be offered.

Easy to understand tools such as food combining, applying a more alkaline diet, adrenal/thyroid support and herbal wisdom, including making your own simple home remedies, will be explored.

Learning which homeopathic remedies to have at home and how it differs from herbal medicine and naturopathy in its applica-

tion will also be explained.

Natural solutions for urinary tract health, cancer prevention, menstrual irregularities and peri-menopausal symptoms are just a few topics that will be covered.

"In addition, the soul of women's health explored through journaling, movement and energy exercises will be enjoyed. Among a rich tapestry of topics to explore there will be room for participants to bring in their own questions and concerns."

The workshop runs from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. both days at The Barn on Stowell Lake Farm and costs \$195.

To register, phone Jamie Capranos at 537-0602 before November 10, as space is limited.

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Classy Threadz runs

Area ridings put on Nov. 8 event

Islanders are invited to participate in a Saanich-Gulf Islands riding Liberal party fundraiser on Thursday, November 8.

The "Classy Threadz" fashion show will help raise funds for the campaign of Salt Spring-based candidate Briony Penn as community leaders become "models of environmental excellence" by showing consignment store clothing.

"We're showing it is possible to look great at a fraction of the cost, and at the same time we're putting the environment into the spotlight," said social and economic policy advocate Anne Park Shannon, Victoria Liberal candidate who will be one

of the models.

It runs at the Ambrosia Event Centre, 638 Fisgard Street in Victoria, from 7-9 p.m. Hosts for the evening will be former MLA Sheila Orr and MP Scott Brison — fresh from his appearance on the Rick Mercer Report — coming from Halifax to take part in the event.

In keeping with the theme, some door prizes will be "regifted" items provided by event organizers. The main prize will be a set of "Dropped Threads," the best-selling anthologies of Canadian women's writing, provided by Beacon Books of Sidney.

The event is tax deductible and contribution forms will be provided with tickets, which cost \$50 and are available at participating consignment stores.



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October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month

Stepping Forward to Fight Breast Cancer

Breast cancer: reducing the odds

Breast Cancer Awareness Month is an ideal time to remind women of the importance of regular mammography screening as a means of reducing breast cancer rates in B.C. through early detection.

"Regular screening offers the best chance of detecting breast cancer early," said Premier Gordon Campbell at a public cancer fundraiser this fall.

"B.C. has a comprehensive, province-wide breast cancer screening program. We want to raise awareness of this service and emphasize the importance of all women between the ages of 40 and 79 receiving screening for breast cancer at least every two years."

An estimated 2,800 B.C. women will be diagnosed with breast cancer this year alone, states a Ministry of Health press release, and approximately 635 will die from the disease. One in nine women will develop breast cancer in her lifetime. Regular screening for breast cancer has been shown to reduce the number of deaths from this disease by 25 per cent.

Screening Mammography Program

The Screening Mammography Program of B.C. (SMPBC) was established in 1988 through the B.C. Cancer Agency to increase early detection of breast cancer and to reduce mortality rates. SMPBC provides free mammograms to women between the ages of and 79 across the province.

Salt Spring and Pender islands are served by the B.C. Cancer Agency's mobile service in the spring and fall, with mammograms provided in the provincial government building on Salt Spring and St. Peter's Anglican Church on Pender.

In 2006, SMPBC conducted 266,790 screening mammograms.

Women aged 40 to 79 do not need to be referred by their doctor in order to book appointments, which take about 15 minutes to complete.

"Finding breast cancer early means more treatment options and a better chance for a cure," said Barbara Kaminsky, CEO of the B.C. & Yukon division of the Canadian Cancer Society. "Fortunately, B.C. women have the lowest mortality rates for breast cancer in Canada, but we need to continue to raise awareness about the importance of screening programs and the opportunities for preventing breast cancer before it even starts."

Eligible women can book a free mammogram by calling 1-800-663-9203.

Watch the Driftwood newspaper in February for notices about the next local mammogram van visit.

Cancer facts:

Breast cancer is the most frequently diagnosed cancer in Canadian women. It starts in the breast tissue, in the area between the armpit and the breastbone.

All women are at risk of developing breast cancer, but some women are at higher risk because of their age, family history or reproductive history. Many women are alive and well today because their breast cancer was found and treated early. Breast health is one area in your life where you can take control.

What to watch for:

- Any place in your breast that feels lumpy like a pea or that is thicker or harder than the rest.
- Puckering, dimpling or swelling of the skin on your breast or around nipples.
- Orange-peel skin - patches of skin where the pores stand out, which may or may not be discoloured.
- Bleeding or discharge from your nipples, or crusting on your nipples.
- Tenderness, redness or pain in your breasts.

What is breast cancer?

Breast cancer is an uncontrolled growth of breast cells that may form a mass of extra tissue called a tumour. Tumours can be benign (non-cancerous) or malignant (cancerous).

The most common type of breast cancer begins in the lining of the ducts - the tube-like part of the breast that milk passes through to reach the nipple - called ductal carcinoma. When it spreads outside the ducts, it is called invasive breast cancer - most breast cancers are invasive. Metastatic breast cancer is cancer that has spread from the site of the initial cancer to other parts of the body.

Local cancer support groups

Salt Spring women diagnosed with breast cancer have a few options for support and practical advice.

Three trained volunteers work through the Canadian Cancer Society's Cancer Connection Program, a phone-based service that matches women with others who have had similar experiences, and they're also part of a completely local support group.

"We also have an informal support group that isn't affiliated with anyone," explains Roz Woolley. "That is for all women's cancers, not just breast cancers, although most are breast cancer survivors."

They meet for coffee at Falconshead Grill at the golf course on the first Wednesday of each month at 10 a.m. On the third Wednesday of each month they get together at the Croftonbrook lounge at the same time.

"Sometimes new people choose to come (to the Croftonbrook session) because it's a more private environment."

The Cancer Connection Program number is toll-free 1-888-939-3333.

Local contacts are Woolley and Melinda Okulitch, whose numbers are listed below or in the Lions Directory.

The support groups listed below are for those who have been diagnosed with cancer. Some members are newly diagnosed, others may be in treatment, and many have been living with the effects of cancer for a long time.

Canadian Cancer Society

Toll-free Cancer Connection Line: 1-888-939-3333

Victoria CCS Support Programs

(250) 380-2353

Salt Spring cancer support group

Roz Woolley: 538-1902

Melinda Okulitch: 537-8327

Resource Guide

Cancer website evaluation guidelines for patients

www.impac.com

Lists criteria for evaluating websites and provides suggestions on discussing the information you find with your physician.

Clinical practice guidelines for the care and treatment of breast cancer

www.cmaj.ca/cgi/content/full/158/3/DC1

Provides Canadian treatment guidelines for diagnosing and treating various types of breast cancer.

Canadian Cancer society

www.cancer.ca

The Get Support section has a service directory which lets you search for cancer-related organizations, services and support groups in your postal code area.

Canadian Breast Cancer Network

www.cbcn.ca

Includes the CBCN resource and support database which provides unique information links such as resources in other languages and a younger woman's section.

Medlineplus - breast cancer

www.nlm.nih.gov/medlineplus/breastcancer.html

Organizes reliable breast cancer websites by topic such as anatomy/physiology, nutrition and genetics. Lets you search for recent research articles using the medical database, Medline.

Cancer.gov - breast cancer

cancer.gov/cancerinfo/types/breast

Contains information on treatment, prevention, screening and testing. There are also sections on research and clinical trials which summarize recent breast cancer clinical trials and research.

For more websites, visit www.bccancer.bc.ca and click on Recommended Links under Patient/Public Info.

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Halloween Family Fantastic. Haunted house, performers, games and goodies. Presented by Stagecoach School for the Performing Arts at Mahon Hall. 6-9 p.m.
Simply Organic. Organ recital with Barry Valentine at All Saints. 10:10 a.m.
Halloween Bash. With Hey Boy Hey Ghoul at Shipstones. 9 p.m.

OTHER ACTIVITIES

SS Genealogy Group. LDS church on Vesuvius Bay Road. 7 p.m. Info: 538-1708.
Soul Food & Co. Community Song Circle. Mercer Gallery. 7:30-9 p.m. Info: 653-418.
14th Annual Family Fun Fest. Games, face painting, cake walk and candy at Community Gospel Chapel. 5-7 p.m.
Stitch Dimension Quilt Guild. Meets every other Wednesday at Baptist church, at the back. 7 p.m. Info: Gwen, 537-2443
Trick or Treat at West of the Moon. Bring a food bank donation. 6:30 p.m. until the fireworks start.
Fireworks in Ganges. At the usual spot! 7:30 p.m. Hot dogs and hot chocolate served at the Ganges fire hall afterwards.
Kundalini Yoga Classes. Wednesdays at Paradise Found Yoga. 6-7:30 p.m. 537-9299

Thurs.
Nov 1

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

One Night Stand with Matt & Tom. Shipstones 8 p.m.
Soul Food & Co. Community Song Circle Thursdays. 705 Beaver Pt. Rd. 7:30-9 p.m. Info: 653-4186. All welcome.
Alex Cuba. Juno Award-winning Cuban musician with trio at Beaver Point Hall. Doors at 8 p.m. Refreshments available.
Salt Spring Blues. Original comedy about island life written & directed by Sid Filkow. ArtSpring. 8 p.m.

OTHER ACTIVITIES

Micro-Exercise Classes. Focus on the Knees sessions begin today at Island Farmhouse Health Centre, 185 Horel Rd. Info: 653-9898.
SSI Weavers & Spinners Guild. Business meeting. ArtSpring. 10:30-noon.
African Drumming Classes. Thursdays with Laurent Boucher at 162 Oakspring. 5-6:30 p.m. Info: 537-4979
Bingo. At Meaden Hall. 7 p.m. Early bird games at 6:30.

Fri.
Nov 2

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Salt Spring Blues. Original comedy about island life written & directed by Sid Filkow. ArtSpring. 8 p.m.

OTHER ACTIVITIES

Parent Child Mother Goose. Fun morning of stories and song for parents and their children aged 18 months to four years. Core Inn. 10 a.m. to noon. Pre-register at 537-9176 or familyplace@ssics.ca.
Circle Dance Group. Fridays at the Core Inn. 7-9 p.m. Info: Ling, 537-5784
CFUW Salt Spring. 10th anniversary bridge luncheon. Lions Club. Noon. Tickets \$25. Call 537-4581.
Paradox of Altruism. Three-day SOLID workshop on helping African people begin. Info: 537-0863.
Rollerblading. Fridays at Fulford Hall. 7:30-9 p.m.

Sat.
Nov 3

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Joh Middleton. Acoustic, folk, reggae at Barb's. 7 p.m.
Salt Spring Blues. Original comedy about island life written & directed by Sid Filkow. ArtSpring. 8 p.m.
We Continue Forward. Songs & stories of Kenya. Lions Hall. 7:30 p.m.
Culture Sessions. Featuring Intrinsic with Miss Bliss and Sirbassa. Fulford Inn Pub. 8 p.m.

OTHER ACTIVITIES

Focusing on the Figure. Painters Guild workshop with Nicolas Pearce. Info/register: Jose, 537-1211.
Journal Writing for Lesbians. Bring self, a journal & the desire to write. Led by Wendy Judith Cutler. Info: 653-4286 or winnie@saltspring.com
Broadway Burlesque Dance Workshops. Led by Lauren Bowler. Core Inn, 3rd floor. 12:30-3:30 p.m. or 4:30-7:30 p.m.

Sun.
Nov 4

ACTIVITIES

Kundalini Yoga. Sundays at Ganges Yoga Studio. 4:30-6 p.m.

Mon.
Nov 5

ACTIVITIES

Osho Kundalini Moving Meditation. Drop-in. 5:30 p.m. Info: 537-2799.
Eckhart Tolle Practising Presence Group. Drop-in. 7:30 p.m. Info: 537-2799.
Beginners' Yoga. Mondays with Celeste at Ganges Yoga Studio. 7 p.m.
Toastmasters. ArtSpring. 7 p.m.
Soul Food & Co. Community Chanting Circle Mondays. 705 Beaver Pt. Rd. 7:30-9 p.m. Info: 653-4186.
Kundalini Yoga Beginners Class. All Saints. 5:30-6:30 p.m. 537-9299
Natural Parenting Circle. For mums & babies up to 10 months. First Monday of every month at Arbutus Therapy Centre. 9:30-11 a.m. Info: 537-4728

Tues.
Nov 6

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Canadian Pacific Ballet. Romantic & Classical ballet set to Brahms, Bach & Tchaikovsky from professional Victoria company. ArtSpring. 7 p.m.

OTHER ACTIVITIES

Morning Sadhana. Tuesdays at Paradise Found Yoga. 4 a.m. Call to confirm: 537-9299.
West African Dance Classes. Join Mohammed Andre Durateau of Guinea, Mérielle Comeau and Iroko for live percussion dance classes. Tuesdays at Beaver Pt. Hall. 6-7:30 p.m. All ages. Info: Deanna, 653-2431.

Wed.
Nov 7

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Dona Nobis Pacem, Grant us Peace. Music & Munch Remembrance program at All Saints. 12:10 p.m.

OTHER ACTIVITIES

Zen Meditation. Group meets at 210 Cedar Lane every Wednesday, 7-9 p.m. Info: 537-2831.
Soul Food & Co. Community Song Circle Wednesdays. Mercer Gallery. 7:30-9 p.m. Info: 653-418. All welcome.
Youth Alcoholics Anonymous Group. For under 30-year-olds. 105 Rainbow Rd. 7 p.m. Info: Helani, 537-8978.
Family History Centre. Open at 221 Vesuvius Bay Rd. on Wednesdays, 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. & 7-9 p.m.
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• **Attention Shaw Cable TV Channel 11 viewers** — The Daily is your source for stories reflecting Salt Spring and southern Vancouver Island people and places. The program is about half an hour in length and repeats continuously during the day and evening with new stories added daily. On Wed., 31, watch a feature on the Salt Spring Seniors Services Society and the Lost Chords Choir. Also tune in for community messages, weather and news headlines. For further details about community programming, call 537-1335.

EXHIBITIONS

• **Lore Schmidts** presents recent paintings in **Entities** at the **Salt Spring Art Salon**, 601 Upper Ganges Road. Sat., Nov. 3, 10-4; and Sun., Nov. 4, 11-4.
• **Salt Spring Painters Guild** presents **Celebrating Autumn** — the **ArtSpring** lobby show from November 1-30.
• **Visions in Stone** is an exhibition of stone-themed sculptures and paintings by **Roland Gatin, Kristina Boardman** and **Ken Kirkby** running at **Pegasus Gallery** through Nov. 8.
• **Kathy Robertson** — **Close to Home** — shows new paintings at **SS Woodworks** on Churchill Road.
• **Jewels of the Westcoast**, a collection of mixed media and acrylic abstract paintings, featuring West Coast landscapes by Salt Spring artist **Teresa Gaye Hitch** is on display at **Island Savings** until November 1.

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CROSS-COUNTRY

Girls team makes B.C.s

GISS running girls take trail less trodden

Gulf Islands Secondary cross-country running coach Raymond Colleran had a surprise in store for him when he arrived home from the Vancouver Island regional finals last week.

"We had already left the event when they announced the winners and didn't know until much later," he said. "We left, satisfied that we had all done our personal best."

It turned out the girls team's personal best was enough to place them in fourth position, high enough to qualify for the mother of all cross-country races this weekend at Beaver Lake in Victoria.

The 4.5-kilometre girls course pitted students from grades 9-12 against each other. The top 20 individuals and top four teams qualified for the provincial event.

Top teams were determined by points accumulated from each school's top-five finishers.

For GISS, that included Kristen Iverson, who came 26th overall with a time of 18:44, followed by Sierra Lundy (36th in 19:06), Grace Morgan (44th in 19:33), Adelina Boeddinghaus (54th in 20:01) and Kaylea Kray (57th in 20:05).

Runners Seanna Johnston (63rd in 20:25) and Nicole MacMahon (106th in 21:52) will round out the seven competitors registered for this weekend's final.

Racers competed against 165 girls from 16 schools across Vancouver Island.

A total of 15 athletes from GISS competed in the event, including three boys who ran the 6.5-km male's course.

According to Colleran, the most amazing thing about the girls' performance is that all athletes with the exception of Iverson are in Grade 9.

"The future looks good if they stick with it," he said. "It's sort of a fledgling sport at the beginning and takes a back seat to soccer and volleyball. We usually get a small but mighty turnout."

Colleran said he hopes the team's successful season will encourage the young runners to keep up with the sport through high school.



PHOTO BY DERRICK LUNDY

OLD BOY KICK: Salt Spring Old Boys player Mark Aston is surrounded by Cowichan Leon Signs Over 35s in last weekend's game. The match resulted in a 2-1 victory for the Old Boys, "dragging away from the basement of the Masters C Division," according to press information.

ATHLETIC ACHIEVEMENT

Eland Bronstein seeks support for Adopt An Athlete program

Island grad's college team in provincial finals

Eland Bronstein, who grew up and played soccer on Salt Spring Island, is now playing for the North Vancouver's Capilano College soccer team and participating in a fundraising program.

The Adopt An Athlete Program raises money for athletes to support travel costs for tournaments and championships.

The Capilano Blues head to provincial championships this week, followed hopefully by the nationals, explains a press release.

"The Blues are currently in first place in their league and Bronstein is confident they can proudly represent their province back east."

Bronstein actively participated in Salt Spring's community and school soccer for

many years before graduating from high school in June.

Besides playing on several different teams, he was involved in coaching, skill development and training of young players in both the community and school soccer system.

"It's been a lot of fun this year, we've been to California, and if we can win the provincials, we'll be off to Halifax for the nationals in a few weeks," said Bronstein.

"Good luck to all the young soccer players on Salt Spring. I hope they move on with their soccer careers," he added.

Bronstein is looking for financial contributions to the Adopt An Athlete Program from Salt Springers to reach his goal of raising \$300 to help cover some of the travel costs. Tax deductible contributions can be sent directly to Capilano College Men's Soccer, 2055 Purcell Way, North Vancouver, V7J 3H5.

WOMEN'S SOCCER

Dragons team drops close one

Team prepared to take on division leaders

Defeat in front of their loyal home-island fans last Sunday hasn't dampened the Salt Spring Island Dragons' spirits ahead of this weekend's match against the as-of-yet undefeated Bays United squad.

"We lost a close one, but we're still in third place," said Sue-Anne Donaldson, the team's spokesperson.

"We're still in the game." The Dragons failed to overcome a one-goal deficit against visiting Peninsula on Sunday, despite sustained

pressure and numerous scoring opportunities.

"It was as though there was some kind of vortex around their net," Donaldson said, bewildered by the number of near goals, post shots and last-second saves faced by her team's unrelenting forwards.

Donaldson linked the team's ho-hum performance with the previous evening's Halloween bash at the Farmers Institute.

"We were a little slower than usual," she said.

The loss places the team six points out of top spot in the Lower Island Women's Soccer Association's third division with a record of 3-2-1.

Donaldson said strong defensive performances from Karla Copeland-Rice and Lorna Walde helped keep the game within reach. Keeper Kim Bellavance was also credited with several awe-inspiring saves.

"They played three positions really well," Donaldson said.

Donaldson anticipates a close game on Sunday when the team attempts to close in on first place.

"This is a really big game and they really know how to score goals," Donaldson said.

"This is our big chance and we'll have to find the back of the net."

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SS Alumni vs. Cowichan
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Sun., Nov. 4 at 10:30 a.m.

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SIMS FOOTBALL

Slayers battle Cowboys in exciting season finale

Team in playoffs on Saturday

BY ELIJAH GOLD
SPECIAL TO THE DRIFTWOOD

Saturday's away game in Nanaimo saw our team, the Salt Spring Island Middle School Slayers, play our last game of the season against the Fairview Cowboys.

It was a defensive struggle for the Slayers as the Cowboys' time of possession was almost twice that of the Slayers. It was an excellent game with excitement right to the end!

In the first quarter, the Cowboys scored first with a deep pass up the middle. We responded with fullback Aaron Hoffman running in a 20-yard touchdown (TD) and quarterback Torin McIvor converting with a three-yard quarterback sneak.

The second quarter saw Hoffman again score a TD on a "34 lead option" play. Our conversion attempt was foiled by the Cowboys defence.

At half time, the score was Cowboys 14, Slayers 13.

The third quarter saw the Cowboys score a TD, but we "stuffed them" on their

three-yard line conversion attempt. The score was then 20 to 13.

In the fourth quarter, having stopped a long Cowboys drive and with their turnover on downs, we took possession on our 10-yard line. With less than two minutes remaining, we were able to drive up field, making first downs, to our 40-yard line. Quarterback McIvor, seeing that the Cowboys defence had adjusted outwards, called a run up the gut with a "30 trap" play. This allowed Hoffman to hit the point of attack and break through the middle of the Cowboys line and run up field for a 60-yard TD. McIvor then called his own number, a QB sweep, and ran in for the conversion, tying the game, on what turned out to be the final play of the game.

Final score was Slayers 20, Cowboys 20.

Offensively, Hoffman had 16 carries for 139 yards, including three touchdowns. Running-back Sam Miles had six carries for 108 yards. McIvor had three carries for 11 yards and notched our two conversions. McIvor made four pass attempts and completed three. One

was a pass to Miles, which resulted in a 40-yard gain, and two were passes to four-back Luc Comeau, who notched up 18 yards. We didn't help our offensive game with our fumbles, as we were having problems holding onto the ball.

On defence we were kept very busy. Just when we thought we were going to stop the Cowboys on fourth down, they would manage to get their first down again. The game was a tough defensive struggle for us, but we were "swarming" on our tackling.

Our nose tackle Tyler Layard led with two QB sacks and 12 tackles, followed by McIvor, also with 12, then by Hoffman, Derek Oswell, Kayla Pultke, Gordon Fraser, Brady Moore, Sam Miles, Noah Price, Ben Beaver, Eric Weatherby and Liam Murray.

Our pass coverage has improved from last week, with cornerback Luc Comeau jumping and making a phenomenal interception.

The team meets Port Alberni Sea Lions on Saturday, November 3 at 1 p.m. at the SIMS field.



PHOTO BY DERRICK LUNDY

STILL ON THE SEA: Jasper Snow-Rosen (front) and Jack Rosen bring a kayak in from the harbour in Ganges, following a cool, autumn ocean excursion.

TRAIL & NATURE CLUB

November activities set out

Our social this month will be on Thursday, November 22, 7:30 p.m. at the United Church, where Andrea Rankin will give a show and talk about the "Lure of Labrador."

This year's Christmas Lunch is on December 11, starting at 11:30 a.m. at the Legion. Tickets will be available from your coordinators by mid-November.

The annual fees for the 2007/08 season are now due, still \$17/person/year, but \$20 after December 31, 2007. Please complete and sign the membership/waiver form, which was attached or enclosed in the last Oystercatcher, and leave it with your cheque at the Cobbler's Box or present to our Membership Secretary Barry Spence (537-2332).

At www.saltspringtnc.ca you will find more details on our activities.

Following is the November schedule:

HIKERS

NOVEMBER 6: Simon Rook is leading his favourite hike up Mount Sullivan. This will be a strenuous one. Meet at ArtSpring at 9:45 a.m. or join at Burgoyne Bay at 10 a.m.

NOVEMBER 13: Ron Hawkins will lead a moder-

ate hike from Beaver Point Hall to Yeo Point in Ruckle Park. Meet at ArtSpring at 9:45 a.m. or join at Beaver Point Hall at 10:05 a.m.

NOVEMBER 20: Mary Hof is leading a new moderate hike with some steeper sections off-island on Maple Mountain. Meet at Portlock Park at 8:30 a.m. to catch the 9 a.m. Vesuvius ferry.

NOVEMBER 27: Linda Quiring will lead a moderate hike to the elusive Jasper mine in the south end. Meet at ArtSpring at 9:45 a.m. or join at Drummond Park at 10 a.m.

WALKERS

NOVEMBER 6: Nancy Braithwaite is leading from Burgoyne Bay a relatively easy undulating walk. Carpool from ArtSpring at 10 a.m. or south enders may join at the Burgoyne Bay parking lot at 10:15 a.m.

NOVEMBER 13: Bryan and Marge Radford will lead a moderate walk with a gradual climb to the "plateau" in the Shepherd Hills. Carpool from ArtSpring at 10 a.m. or join at the T-junction of Cranberry Road and Toynbee/ Mount Maxwell Road at 10:10 a.m.

NOVEMBER 20: The nature walk will be off-island at Hemer Park. Nieke

Visser will lead an easy walk along the park's two lakes watching the water birds. Lunch at the Crow and Gate afterwards. Participation will be limited to 25 and is for present members only! Please pre-register with Nieke (537-5443). Registered participants will meet at Portlock Park at 8:25 a.m. for the 9 a.m. Vesuvius ferry.

NOVEMBER 27: Gill and Fran Schultz lead an easy walk around the north end of the St. Mary Lake area. Meet at ArtSpring at 10 a.m. or pull off on North End Road opposite Lepage Road (just before Lang Road) at 10:10 a.m.

RAMBLERS

NOVEMBER 6: Betty Sharp will lead a Channel Ridge walk. Carpool from Centennial Park at 10 a.m.

NOVEMBER 13: Edna Gatt will lead a walk around some parts of the north end. So carpool from Centennial at 10 a.m.

NOVEMBER 20: Joan Wrigley will take us on a walking trip on Tripp Road. Carpool from Centennial at 10 a.m.

NOVEMBER 27: Louise and Terry Fuoco will take us around some north end territory, so carpool from Centennial at 10 a.m.

FC takes pounding in Duncan game

Salt Spring's Division 1 FC men's soccer team absorbed a hard 3-0 loss against Cowichan Sussex last Friday in Duncan.

According to a game report, FC came on strong in the first 20 minutes of play with four scoring chances, but couldn't find the back of the net. Cowichan took control of

the game with a goal after 30 minutes of play and never let go.

In the second half, FC lacked scoring chances.

Cowichan continued to dominate and scored two more goals late in the game off of two FC fouls.

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Discerning serial-killer genre watchers will like Mr. Brooks



Jason Tudor

Mr. Brooks stars the unfairly maligned Kevin Costner as Earl Brooks, successful Portland businessman and loving father to wife Emma (Marg Helgenberger) and daughter Jane (Danielle Panabaker). He's got a small problem: an addiction to killing, fostered largely by a constant imaginary companion he names Marshall (William Hurt).

It's a problem that gets him in trouble when his latest murder garners the attention of blackmailing wannabe-serial killer "Mr. Smith" (Dane Cook) and determined-but-bonkers detective Tracy Atwood (Demi Moore). Things become even more complicated by Jane's return from college with a few increasingly serious secrets.

Apologies if that summary doesn't properly give you an idea of exactly what Mr. Brooks is all about. To be fair, I'm not even totally sure

myself. But what I do know is that Mr. Brooks is a daring and complex film that will reward the discerning viewer who knows his or her way around the serial-killer genre.

The last 15 or so years have seen a Hollywood fascinated with serial killers, and it's a trend that may have run its course. First you had the first couple of decent serious films (Silence of the Lambs, Natural Born Killers), then all manner of lousy thrillers (pretty much anything based on a real killer), then the "po-mo" alternative comedies wherein the bad guy was not such a bad guy after all and was only misunderstood.

Mr. Brooks seems much like the latter until you take a careful look. While Earl himself is quite a sympathetic character, his ailment seemingly given by birth, the film plays with different ways of looking at the morality of his murderous

actions. Sometimes they seem self-serving, at others completely random and evil, and at others aimed at helping the ones he loves.

The effect isn't to justify murder, or to promote some sort of relativism. It's more about addiction, and inevitability, and the fragility of life. There are parts of Mr. Brooks that evoke genuine dread, particularly the film's completely absurd last half hour which see us go from shoot-out to bloody murder scene to hilarious dialogue to (finally) a poignantly depressing coda to all the previous thrills.

Mr. Brooks certainly isn't for everyone, and it may go straight to the bottom of the cinematic dustbin with a dull clang. This would be a crime — though not quite akin to murder of course — as this is a film that deserves an audience.

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High scores in bowling league play in recent weeks were:

Special Olympics, Oct. 24: Max Heoppner, 145; Gloria Dale, 156-182; Jason Newport, 158-161; Mahjor Bains, 191-152.

Salt Spring Seniors, Sept. 18: Henry Otto, 286; Rita Dods, 215; Carol Kaye, 212, 237/622.

Seniors, Sept. 25: Ken Robinson, 223; Jim Glenn, 210; Henry Otto, 204.

Seniors, Oct. 2: Carol Kaye, 200; Harald Repen, 209; Martin Berg, 239.

Seniors, Oct. 9: Phil

Cheevers, 203.

Seniors, Oct. 16: Jim Glenn, 204, 242, 306/752; Carol Kaye, 200.

Seniors, Oct. 23: Jim Glenn, 211; Henry Otto, 212; Stan Sage, 241. The seniors need more players. They play at Kings Lane at 1 p.m. Tuesdays.

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YOUTH SOCCER

Island teams battle it out on the soccer pitch

• Salt Spring's U10 boys did a great job of keeping the ball moving on the field as they played to a 1-1 tie game against Gordon Head.

It was a well-matched, entertaining and exciting game with end-to-end rushes and heart-stopping heroics.

Matthew Traer engineered the only Salt Spring goal with deft ball control and a well-placed diagonal pass to Gabe Gold, who showed his prowess as one of the fastest players in the league by holding off two defending players and confidently striking the ball into the old onion bag.

Chase Kazakoff was instrumental in setting up Salt Spring forward movement on the field; Riley Brennan's dogged control of the midfield proved at times too overwhelming for the opposition; Kevin Marr did a great job in goal for the first half, ultimately succumbing to a single goal after many saves, while Si Wood kept a perfect record on his inaugural stint in goal in the second half.

• Salt Spring U12 Team Kopetzki's win over Lakehill last Saturday was an exercise in teamwork. Team K dominated the first half, starting out with a rapid goal in the first minute of play, booted skillfully by Eric Weatherby with rapid fire assists from Justin Kopetzki and Gurjot Grewal. Tai Levitt bumped the score up to 3-0 with two goals in a row, set up first by Justin Kopetzki and then Eric Weatherby.

Not long after, Levitt returned the favour to Weatherby, whose goal made the score four-nil. The defence was formidable as Alex Graham, Awstin Finer, Eldin Miller-Stead, Grewal, Sage Sevigny and cool-headed keeper Cody MacQueen consistently

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rebuffed their opponents.

In the second half, Lakehill managed to pressure two goals into the net, but Team K did not let go of its lead, winning 4-2.

• Salt Spring's U13 Gelato girls lined up against the giants of Sooke Saturday, but refused to be overawed.

The girls graced the field with incisive passing, forcing Sooke back into its own half. Sooke scored a breakaway goal, against the run of play, but the Gelato girls responded magnificently when Nima MacDuff equalized with a typically brave run. Shortly before half time, Brenna McIntyre scored her first goal of the season to give Salt Spring a deserved lead at the break.

The home team continued to control the game into the second half and was unlucky again, to concede an equalizer. But the girls dug deep and put all their hearts into denying Sooke the victory it expected.

It was a team performance of great skill and bravery, typified by Una Conradi returning from injury, who gave her all for the team.

• Salt Spring's U14 boys Spartans had their best performance of the young season, soundly beating Bays United 5-0 at Portlock on Saturday.

The local lads grabbed an early lead when Lukas Wenzel lobbed a well-placed free kick under the crossbar. Moments later, Bays had their best chance denied when a hard shot was kept out by the home team's crossbar. First-half scoring was added by defenceman Corey Miles, whose precise midfield lob



PHOTO BY JOANNE PAL

Local U16 player Paige Hickman defends against Prospect Lake in recent soccer action.

found its way behind the visiting keeper.

The second half was all Salt Spring, as three more goals were added. Nick Slakov finished a nice crossing from Dylan Bullach. Cedar Rumsey played a strong game, notching one of his own. And Alex Hayes added another to put the game well out of reach for Bays United.

Goaltender Byron Mussell, with the help of his goalposts and crossbar, earned the shutout.

• Salt Spring's U15 Island Star girls played with cool calm determination during a 2-1 loss against Prospect Lake at Beckwith Park on Saturday.

Highlights included stellar net-minding by Ashley Kilbourn and Megan Jarman. But Jody Pringle stole the show with a goal in the

second half and two amazing last-ditch saves when she played defence in the early going.

Among other notables: Liz Fennell and Amalia Smith generated several attacks on the left wing with smooth overlapping play; Pilar Brooks, Alex Crandall and Christine Villadsen maintained composure on the back line; and Jarman and Becky Edwards each claimed blistering shots on Prospect Lake (wishing for taller nets).

Offering hope for the equalizer, Bonny Peter earned a penalty kick when she was taken down from behind during a ferocious breakaway play late in the game, but the referee declined the call.

• Salt Spring's U18 boys pulled off a remarkable 1-0 away victory over Prospect Lake on Sunday at Beckwith Park.

Missing five regular players because of injury or off-island activities, an 11-man squad bolstered by Kevin Coates' first game in 10 months, Salt Spring took the field determined to preserve its unbeaten record. After a nervous start, the boys gradually built their attacks with several close opportunities by Jeremy Marchi and Rodrigo Cruz. Salt Spring thought it had gone ahead with a goal by Quinn Temmel, only to see the goal disallowed for an offside decision. The first half ended 0-0.

In the second half, Salt Spring was rewarded for tenacity when Cruz scored from the penalty spot. Now it was a case of conserving energy, playing tight defence and attacking the breakaway.

The final whistle arrived to give Salt Spring a tremendous team victory with everyone contributing to the win, with special mention to Coates, who managed to play 60 minutes, enough to take pressure off a Salt Spring defence that bent but never snapped.

GISS SOCCER

GISS boys end soccer season on high note

Team prepares for regional finals

Coach Doug Pearson hopes his team's perfect end to a near perfect regular season will extend into the Vancouver Island regional finals next week in Victoria.

"To be really honest, anything could happen," Pearson said about the senior boys' chances at next week's two-day tournament. "I've made predictions before, but we haven't made it to the provincials in ages. Just getting off Vancouver Island has been really hard."

A top-three finish at the regionals will guarantee the team's first appearance in the provincial finals since the mid-1990s, though stiff competition is expected from perennial winners such as Lambert Park and Saint Andrews.

The Scorpions clinched a birth in the regionals after two convincing victories against Vancouver Island rivals last week.

Chemainus players were sent home with plenty to think about after a 13-2 loss to GISS on Tuesday. On Wednesday, an early red card allowed visiting Woodlands to inch their way to within one goal before the final whistle awarded the Scorpions a 4-3 victory.

PARC NEWS

PARC issues grants; garden group funds

Salt Spring's Parks and Recreation Commission (PARC) doled out four community group grants and approved in principle a contribution to the Japanese Garden Society project at its Monday night meeting.

PARC accepted recommendations from its grant application review committee to provide the following:

• \$500 to the Ruckle Park Family Farm Day Committee to assist with the 2008 Family Farm Day event at the park.

• \$1,000 to the Salt Spring Football Association for purchase of uniforms and equipment.

• \$694.70 to the Salt Spring

Preschool Society for playground equipment.

• \$700 to the Salt Spring Dragonboat Club to help purchase a pop-up canopy shelter and life jackets.

PARC has issued a total of \$18,318.37 in grants this year, from a budget of \$28,000.

After much discussion, the group also agreed to earmark \$23,800 from its long-dormant "linear park" fund for the Japanese Garden Society project at the current peace park site. Commission members agreed the funds should be specified for infrastructure costs related to installation of a lighting system at the park.



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You can still WIN!!!
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CALL CLAUDIA, KIM OR EVA TODAY
TO BOOK YOUR CLASSIFIED AD!
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Or email classified@gulfislands.net



DEADLINES

Driftwood

Published Wednesdays
Ad deadline: **Monday 4 pm**
Too Late To Classify deadline: 10 am Tuesdays

Driftwood

Published FRIDAYS
Ad deadline: **Wednesday 4 pm** for the Weekender

How to Book Your Ad

In person at 328 Lower Ganges Rd., Ganges
By telephone 250-537-9933 or fax, 250-537-2613
By email to classified@gulfislands.net
By post to Driftwood, 328 Lower Ganges Road, Salt Spring Island, B.C. V8K 2V3

Payment By cash, debit, Mastercard or Visa.
Classifieds are prepaid unless you have an advertising account.

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DOUBLE DIP - Buy Wed, get Fri 1/2 price - 1st ad: \$10.95/2nd ad: \$5.48
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Buy only Wednesday: 1st ad: \$10.95 / 2nd ad: \$8.76
3 FOR 2 - Get the 3rd ad free! (no refunds - prepaid private party merchandise only)
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Buy Vancouver Island - \$123
Your 25 word classified ad appears in the Driftwood and 15 community papers on V.I. Over 262,455 readers.

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Your 25 word classified ad appears in 15 community papers in the lower mainland. Over 525,455 readers.

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NOTICES

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HAYWARD'S FUNERAL SERVICE



PATRICK BEATTIE
Licensed Funeral Director

#22 Merchant Mews
Box 315, Ganges P.O.
SSI, V8K 2V9
Tel: (250) 537-1022
Fax: (250) 537-2012

5 BIRTHS

PART OF the baby boom? Call Welcome Wagon for a personal Baby Visit. Gifts & greetings from local businesses and a warm welcome for baby. Andrea 537-8464.

20 COMING EVENTS

GRAFFITI THEATRE will be hosting a four day intensive, acting for comedy workshop taught by Mort Ransen. Cost is minimal and space is limited. Workshop will be held Nov. 8, 9, 10, 11. Call 537-1283 or email spottyonsaltspring@shaw.ca for info and registration.

OUR LADY of Grace Garage & Bake Sale. Sat., Nov. 24, 10 - 2pm. Watch for future announcements.

SSI SEARCH & Rescue Society A.G.M., November 6, 2007. 7pm S.A.R. base, 251 Fulford-Ganges Rd.

20 COMING EVENTS

EVERYONE IS invited to join us for a talk and discussion with Elizabeth White about Climate Change Actions - you and your home Thursday Nov. 1, United Church Potluck at 6:30. Talk to follow SSI NDP Club.

FABULOUS FLEAMARKET
Saturday, November 17. 10am - 2pm at Fulford Hall. Table rental: 8' - \$20, 4' - \$10. Home made food. Telephone 537-5482, bargains galore.

THE BISHOP'S family farewell party. Friends, customers and students please join our potluck on Friday, Nov. 9 at 6pm, at Mahon Hall.

NEW FUSION MASSAGE CLASSES

Learn a combination of Hot-stones, Swedish, Thai and Balinese massage. Includes breath work, energy balancing, pressure points & Thai-Yoga stretching. Nov. 30 - Dec. 2. Kristie Straarup, R.M.T. 537-1219.

SUSTAINABILITY IS FUN!

Be part of the solution to global warming. Artists and educators, business owners and agents of change, let's share the 3 finger sustainability symbol globally and save the planet. Founding meeting on SSI early November. McMaster Institute for Sustainable Commerce (HK). PeacePlus1@gmail.com, optimistic.truth@gmail.com, 537-1818. SustainabilitySymbol.com.

STAY FIT FOR THE HOLIDAYS!

Divya Walk & Run Bootcamp. Class cancelled Oct. 31, back on next Wednesday 6:15pm. Meet at Rainbow High School, 537-7696 or salt-springfitness.com.

Yoga Workshop

with Brett Wearne
The Gatehouse
Nov. 23-25
RMT's get 14 credits
spacetoremember.com
538-0924

PARENTS!
Are your kids dreaming about something at
WEST OF THE MOON?
There is a storewide
SALE
THURS, Nov. 1 - SUN, Nov. 4
EVERYTHING
20% OFF!!
4 DAYS ONLY

CLEAN SWEEP CLEARANCE SALE
at
BOARDWALK GREENS
Everything goes including seasonal & Christmas items!
Every Saturday 10 am- 4:30 pm
until it's all gone
Open during the week by chance or appointment.

20 COMING EVENTS

There will be a monthly support meeting of the Bessie Dane Foundation & Hospice on Wednesday, Nov. 14, 2007. We will meet at 7 pm in our new office space located at 202 Upper Ganges Center.

The Largest SPCA Fundraiser of the Year!
13th Annual Auction
Saturday, Nov. 24th
Mahon Hall
Donations now accepted.
Please call 537-2123 to donate or more info.

Message Night
A Demonstration of Clairvoyance
sponsored by The Continuous Light Sanctuary
Friday, Nov. 2 6:30 pm
506 Lower-Ganges Rd. (Masonic Hall)
Suggested Donation \$10
Info: 537-2154

20 COMING EVENTS

Trick or Treat!
at
West of the Moon
Oct. 31 6:30-8 pm
Please bring donations for the Food Bank

14th Annual Family Fun Fest
You are invited!
A great evening for big kids, little kids & young at heart with our famous cake walk skill testing games face painting & free candy
Wednesday, Oct. 31 from 5 pm - 7 pm
Community Gospel Chapel
Kids under 12 come with an adult

Free Climbing! Belay Course!
During No-Fee November, climbing at The Wall is FREE!
PUBLIC CLIMBING SESSIONS
Thursdays and Sundays 6:30 - 9:30 pm
Sunday afternoons 3 - 5:30 pm
BELAY SAFETY TRAINING COURSE
with Jack Rosen Monday, Nov. 12 6:30-9 pm \$30
Contact Jamie at 537-9971 ext. 231 or jalexander@ssics.ca
Salt Spring Island Community Services

Stagecoach presents
Halloween Family Fright Night
Oct. 31 6-9 pm Mahon Hall
• scary haunted house • circus entertainment
• live youth bands • food • spooky story telling
• trick or treating • face painting
Bring your already carved pumpkin to win a prize!
Free Admission
(Game Tickets \$1 ea.)
Come for the fright of your life!



Edith Yardley (née Fooks)

Born July 11, 1906 in Edgbaston, England and died October 28, 2007 on Salt Spring Island, BC surrounded by her family in her 102nd year.

Edith is predeceased by her husband Geoffrey (1900-1986), her four siblings and many beloved dogs and horses. Her step-sons Richard and David, daughter Jennifer, son Jonathan, 13 grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren carry on her memory.

Edith was home-schooled in her younger years and in 1924 qualified as a P.E. Instructor. She shared her love of the outdoors with many young students before marrying Geoffrey Miller Yardley in 1935. Settling in Lichfield, England, Edith was a Justice of the Peace (magistrate) for many years. In 1975 Edith and Geoffrey moved to Salt Spring Island to be closer to their young grandchildren.

On Salt Spring, Edith was an active member of the OAP and a devoted grandmother. She continued to play tennis way into her eighties, practised Tai Chi in her nineties and played her final game of bridge last Wednesday. She was a founding member of the 'Fulford Mafia' (you know who you are!), a gardener of the highest order, and had a profound connection to animals of all shapes and sizes.

Among other things, Edith will be remembered for growing the sweetest smelling roses in Fulford (the sewage runs down hill!), handing out scotch pancakes to trick or treaters at Halloween, making jam from her own raspberries and sharing it with everyone, and insisting on listening to the Queen's Speech before opening Christmas presents every year (much to the grandchildren's despair).

Edith believed in eating food from the garden, walking her dog every day and that having a G&T in the evening was good for the soul. Her strength, kindness, tenacity and humour will never be forgotten by all those she knew and loved.

Her family would like to thank Dan Leavitt for his gentle care and home visits, the compassionate staff at Greenwoods for making her last days so comfortable, her wonderful group of friends who made Edith's years in Fulford her best, and, of course, a huge thank you to Peggy McCaffery, whose care and friendship allowed Edith to stay in her own home for so long.

A memorial service for all those who wish to pay their respects to Edith will be announced next week.



6 DEATHS



Lorraine Evelyn MOTH (Dods)

October 23, 1955 to October 18, 2007
Lorraine is survived by her husband, Leslie Moth of Athabasca; her mother, Rita Dods and sister Loretta Rithaler (Mark, niece Anna and nephew William) of

Salt Spring Island. She also leaves behind step-son Lawrence (Yvonne, Alysha), step-daughters Sheila (Amie, Echo, Kodiak) and Donna (Angus, Lex). Remembering her are sister-in-law Laurette Moth, niece Lenora, nephew Patrick (Shelly and family), aunts Marguerite & Lorraine, her dear cousins, wonderful friends and co-workers.

A memorial service will be held on:
Saturday, November 3, 2007 at 2:00 pm
Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church, 135 Drake Road, Salt Spring Island, BC

Followed by a reception and Celebration of Life at the Community Gospel Hall, 147 Vesuvius Bay Road, Salt Spring Island, B.C.

A further Celebration of Lorraine's life will be held in Athabasca, Alberta in the near future.

In lieu of flowers, donations in Lorraine's memory may be made to your local chapter of the SPCA, Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) or other community organizations of your choice.

BINGO
MEADEN HALL
Royal Canadian Legion
7 PM THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 1
Early Birds, 6:30 pm
Sponsored by Ladies Auxiliary
Royal Canadian Legion Br. 92.
All proceeds to bursaries for Salt Spring Island students.


Flying Dreams
AERIAL ARTS PRODUCTIONS
NEW SESSION for adults & teens
Aerial Acrobatics/Silks MON & THURS 6:00 PM
"Hands-on Circus" TUES 6:00 PM
- juggling, balancing, spinning, still-walking, unicycling
Handstand Class TUES 7:30 PM
Trapeze Class WED 7:00 PM
www.flyingdreams.ca
537-4840 flyingdreams@telus.net 112 Sun Eagle Drive

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classified@gulfislands.net

20 COMING EVENTS

Broadway Burlesque Dance Workshop
for young & mature women and men 16 yrs +
with **Lauren Bowler**
DRESS-DOWN OR DRESS-UP!
12:30-3:30 pm & 4:30-7:30 pm
\$30 each session Saturday, Nov. 3
3rd Floor, Core Inn
missbowler@gmail.com or 537-5289 to register



VANCOUVER ISLAND health authority PREVENTION SERVICES

Free Publicly Funded INFLUENZA CLINICS
Seniors Over 65 & Eligible Adults
No Appointments Needed
Drop-in to the Meeting Room Behind
Lady Minto Hospital on Thursdays, November 1 & 8
10 am - 12 pm and 1 - 3 pm
Any questions regarding eligibility or families & children appts please call
538-4880

JOIN THE CELEBRATION !!!
10th ANNIVERSARY CFUW SALT SPRING ISLAND CLUB
Bridge Luncheon and Fund Raiser for GISS Scholarships
OPEN TO ALL THE BRIDGE PLAYERS IN THE COMMUNITY • SOLO or WITH YOUR FAVOURITE PARTNER • INVITE YOUR BRIDGE PLAYING FRIENDS
FRIDAY, NOV. 2, 2007, THE LIONS HALL
103 BONNET AVENUE
Lunch at Noon, Bridge to Follow
Prizes and a Raffle
\$25.00 per person – tax receipt for a portion
Tickets – call Joan Byrne
537-4581 email: hum123@shaw.ca

Salt Spring FOLK CLUB

07/08 Season Lineup

Oct. 15	John Reischman & Jaybirds opening: Stephanie Rhodes
Nov. 19	Colcannon opening: Deb Maikie
Dec. 10	Todd Butler opening: Carolyn Hatch/Fiddlers
Jan. 28	Alan Moberg & Ed Peekeekoot opening: Lisa Maxx
Mar. 10	Quartette opening: Buck (of Barley Bros.)
Mar. 31	GuMBoOT GaLA featuring Bill Henderson & Valdy

www.saltspringfolkclub.ca

07/08 SSFC Season Pass Salt Spring Folk Club
can be purchased by sending c/o 180 Mobrae Ave
a **cheque** for ~~\$85~~ **now \$70** SSI, B.C. V8K 1J8

Wine Tasting at Steffich Fine Art
Saturday, Nov. 3 7:30 pm
"ZINFANDELS"
hosted by Steve Coopman
Tickets included food paring from Auntie Pesto's
Introducing photography by Steven Friedman & Janet Dwyer
Call 537-8448 to book a seat or to get on our email list.

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Grace Point Square phone 537.8448 toll-free 1.877.537.8448

20 COMING EVENTS

Cellular Healing & Sacred Transmission Workshops with Ger Lyons
Global Spiritual teacher, Illuminator & Healer from Ireland
Join us for these powerful workshops with Ger where stagnation, fatigue, sickness, disease, old traumas and programming rapidly & permanently become a thing of the past.
On Salt Spring Island:
Intro Nights Wed. & Thurs. November 7th & 8th
Workshop #1 November 9-12th
Workshop #2 November 16-21st
Contact:
Michelle Renick for more Information & to register:
Phone: 250-538-8410 or
email: michelletrenick@hotmail.com
Check out: www.gerlyons.net for more information on Ger's amazing healing work!

Come one! Come all!
to the
LADY MINTO HOSPITAL AUXILIARY ANNUAL CHRISTMAS SALE
Saturday, November 3rd
9:00am to 1:00pm
Meaden Hall at the Legion
120 Blain Ave
Salt Spring Island
Great Gifts... Jewellery, sweaters, china, books, toys, pottery, linens and much more...

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Making a difference...together
BUILDERS' LIEN ACT
Notice of Certification of Completion
NOTICE: Re: Salt Spring Island, Fulford Water System, Reservoir, Contract 05-1545, Certificate of Completion for Stanco Projects Ltd.
Take notice that on September 10, 2007 a Certificate of Completion, or court order to that effect, was issued with respect to the contract between Stanco Projects Ltd. (Contractor) and the Capital Regional District (Owner) in connection with an improvement on land described as follows: Fulford Water Local Service, Salt Spring Island
All labour, material and equipment required for all of the work as outlined in the Capital Regional District's Contract 05-1545 for the supply and installation of 80,000 ltr reservoir for the Salt Spring Island, Fulford Water System.
All persons entitled to claim a lien under the Builders' Lien Act and who performed work or supplied material in connection with or under the contract are warned that the time to file a claim of lien may be abridged and Section 20 of the Act should be consulted.
R.H. Edwards, PEng
Design Engineer
Environmental Services
Capital Regional District

25 EDUCATION
KINDERGARTEN AND Intermediate classes each have one spot open at the Salt Spring Centre School. Come join our dynamic program! Phone for a visit. 537-9130.
THERE IS A CRITICAL SHORTAGE of medical transcriptionists throughout North America. Work from home or on-site. 99% graduate employment rate. Start your MT training today! Contact CanScribe Career Centre now for a free information package. 1-800-466-1535, www.canscribe.com, info@canscribe.com.

29 LOST AND FOUND
LOST: GREY, female, 13 year old cat. Moved from Morningside to Isabella Point. Musi (Moo-see) was last seen October 17. Please contact Claire. 653-4995.
2 KEYS FOUND on road near Gulf Island Veterinary Clinic. Owner may claim at the Driftwood.
LOST: SMALL digital voice recorder. Phone 537-5405.
DROP OFF your found items at the Driftwood and we'll try to find the owner.

20 COMING EVENTS

RIDING LESSONS
-ACCEPTING ADULTS & CHILDREN
-SCHOOL HORSES AVAILABLE
-WILL TRAVEL
-SPACES LIMITED
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CELL 537-6588

splash
To help raise funds for UV Systems for the Indoor Pool
Splash presents
MEN A LA MODE-PHASE DEUX
2nd Annual Men's Wear Fashion Show & Dinner
Thurs., Nov. 8, 2007
5:30 -9:30 p.m.
at Harbour House
Tickets \$40.00
Available at Harbour House, or call Barbara - 537-8700

SSPLASH NOTICE: TO MEMBERS & PUBLIC
SSPLASH, Salt Spring Pool Association will hold its Annual General Meeting on
Tuesday, November 20th, 2007
1:30 pm - 3:00 pm
United Church, 111 Hereford Ave (Upstairs)
Refreshments, conversation and pool updates will follow.
ALL ARE WELCOME

34 NOTICES
IF YOUR Driftwood subscription label has the date highlighted, now is the time to renew!
Need a Subaru?
We have a one year lease on a Forester from Saunders Subaru that we're giving away. If you would like to have your name entered in the draw - simply renew your subscription to the Driftwood before Jan 15th, 2008. There are also 4 early bird draws of \$250 gas certificates from the Payless, Johnson's, Patterson's and Save-on. Drop by the Driftwood Monday thru Friday, we're open from 8:30 til 4:30, or give us a call at 537-9933. Renew today!

50 BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES
TRUE NORTH Satellites is for sale! Great, profitable small business for energetic person. The only Bell Expressvu franchise on the Gulf Islands. The best product, with the most hi-def channels on the market. In business on Salt Spring for 15 years. Solid client list. Will train. Financing possible. \$29,900, including all equipment. 538-1705, or head2head@telus.net.
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55 HELP WANTED
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ROCK SALT RESTAURANT SERVERS, BARRISTAS & busers needed. Be a part of our team in a busy and fun atmosphere. Must be available to work weekends. Come by and fill out an application, or speak to Teille in person. 653-4833.
EXPERIENCED BARTENDERS & servers required at Harbour House Hotel. Please drop resume off at front desk, attention Dave Carey. Benefits are available for long term employment.

55 HELP WANTED

AREYOU looking for part-time sales desk work that's all year round? Bring your resume to Drycleaners or phone Mary at 537-2241.
NORTH SALT Spring Waterworks District is seeking 2 permanent full time Waterworks Operators. Duties will include treatment and distribution activities. Experience in a trade will be beneficial but not essential. Applicants must: have a minimum of Grade 12 education; be a resident of Salt Spring Island or be able to relocate; able to do physical work, possess a valid BC drivers license. For further details call the District office at 205-537-9902. Send resumes to: 761 Upper Ganges Rd., Salt Spring Island, BC, V8K 2S1. We thank all applicants for their interest; however only those candidates selected for further consideration will be contacted.
BEHAVIORAL INTERVENTION position available. No experience necessary, we will train. Experience with small children a must. Age 19+, 30 hours per week, car a must, criminal check a must. 653-9255.
MOONSTRUCK CHEESE is looking for part time relief milkers. Call Susan at 537-4987.
Certified Dental Assistant
Full time, for downtown Dental Office. Please call 537-1616 daytime, or 537-2093 evenings, or drop off your resume to Dr. McGinn at Suite 2201, Grace Point Square.
PART-TIME CHILD care needed and light housekeeping (small house) for one-year old boy. Fernwood area. References required. 537-5304.

32 MEETINGS

55 HELP WANTED
DO YOU know Microsoft "Front Page", we need your knowledge. Call 537-8448.
HARBOUR HOUSE Hotel is hiring in their housekeeping dept. Experience not necessary, a keen eye for detail is essential. Benefits are available for long term employees. Drop off resume at front desk; Attn: Charlene.
HOSPITAL EMPLOYEE looking for regular P/T child care for 4 yr. old girl. Must be flexible & able to work 1 or 2 days on weekends. Must have valid driver's license & reliable transportation. For more info please call 537-2297.

HOUSE CLEANER
We require an experienced person to clean our home and cottage occasionally. Please email greg@salt-spring.com or call 537-6038.
TILE SETTER needs labourer at Rainbow Road Rec. Center on Salt Spring, top wages. Contact Matt 1-250-217-3337. stockmancermatics@hotmail.com.
BARTENDER/SERVER required at The Local Bar in Gasoline Alley. Variety of flexible shifts available. Please drop by with resume and speak to Kelly.
MEDICAL OFFICE Assistant wanted for mid November, P/T or F/T, experience preferred. E mail resume to: drkmborg@telus.net or mail to: 158 Park Drive, V8K 2R7.
JOIN OUR TEAM
Harbour House requires a night auditor. Shifts are Thursday, Friday, Saturday, from 11pm to 7am. Must have bookkeeping experience. Please bring resume to front desk

55 HELP WANTED

PARTS PERSONNEL/SERVICE ADVISOR openings at Bonnyville/Cold Lake Chrysler Ltd. Growing dealership in Alberta. Opportunity for advancement, employee medical, dental, pension plan, relocation assistance and competitive wages. Apply online now: www.bonnyvillechrysler.com. Fax: 780-826-6171. Phone: 780-826-9800. Email: humanresources@bonnyvillechrysler.com.
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PRACTICAL NURSING instructor(s), Malaspina University-College, Powell River. Comp: 07-2055. Closes: 1 pm, November 8, 2007. Full-time and part-time instructor(s) required for the Practical Nursing Program at the Powell River campus, running from January 2, 2008 to December 31, 2008. For full details: <http://www.mala.ca/HumanResources/postings/index.asp>.

Dagwoods Diner
Dagwoods Diner has openings for one full-time and two part-time servers.
Applications should be pleasant, energetic and reliable. Wages are entry level.
Full training provided for right applicant.
Work in a positive environment, join the Dagwoods team!
Apply in person with one page, hand-written resume

artcraft
The Salt Spring Arts Council is seeking a Managing Director for ArtCraft
This is an exciting opportunity for the right energetic, and committed professional with demonstrated abilities in retail management, a broad knowledge of arts and crafts, and superior organizational and communication skills.
Applicants must be available and reside on Salt Spring Island by **March 15th, 2008**.
For a complete job description, email manager@artcraftgallery.ca with your request.
Please send résumé and cover letter to:
ArtCraft Search Committee,
Salt Spring Arts Council
114 Rainbow Rd.
Salt Spring Island, B.C.
V8K 2V5
Deadline: November 30, 2007

55 HELP WANTED

SALT SPRING ISLAND PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION

Applications are being received from persons interested in serving as a member of the PARC Commission.

Terms begin January 2008

Application forms are available by email by contacting parc@saltspring.com or the PARC office Mon. to Fri. 8:30 am - 4:30 pm Phone 537-4448 for more information

Please submit your application no later than Nov. 9, 2007 to:

PARC 145 Vesuvius Bay Road Salt Spring Island, BC V8K 1K3
or by email to parc@saltspring.com



60 WORK WANTED

FRUIT TREE pruning, hedge trimming, Garden clean up and maintenance. 15 years experience. Doug 653-9292.

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CHAINSAW & TRUCK FOR HIRE Cutting trees, hauling, clearing land and windfall, cutting firewood, and various other related jobs. Call Gabriel 537-7536.

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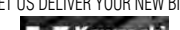
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Insurance question looms in setbacks

BY BRIONY PENN

On the issue of increasing waterfront setbacks in the OCP to mitigate increasing storm damage and shore erosion, which is giving some waterfront owners just cause for concern with regard to their insurability, there seems to be a lack of discussion about the three larger issues of insurability, liability and civic responsibility that were raised by our trustees.

This is critical because it provides the rationale behind why local government has to take a proactive stance on this issue: 1) will insurance companies continue to cover claims caused by climate change, since they are no longer seeing it as an "act of god" that is "sudden" or "unpredictable" and, if not, 2) will some of this liability be passed onto local governments who issue the permits to build close to the shoreline, and 3) how do we limit the amount of damage to this fragile ecosystem and cost to future generations in the way of infrastructure.

In a report by the federal government on Natural Disasters: Insurance Availability and Affordability, at www.parl.gc.ca/information/library/prb-pubs/prb0354-e.htm, the authors have identified that the trend is increasingly for insurance companies to get out of the business of insuring waterfront properties all together.

Rulings by California courts already suggest that in disasters that are not "acts of god" but human-

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induced and predictable, e.g., climate change, there is an onus of responsibility on government to prevent and mitigate the problem.

This is all fuelled by the fact that disaster recovery payments by insurance companies and taxpayers have been doubling every five to 10 years since 1980.

The federal report makes several recommendations: that government 1) assist in educating the public on climate change and preventative actions, 2) support monitoring activities, 3) accept the proposition that climate change will

increase with the level of uncertainty underlying actuarial calculations, and, finally 4) implement mitigation which includes the application of stricter building codes and community planning.

Our trustees are attempting to do precisely that. They are also asking the community for input on the recommendations made by the focus groups and suggest alternate ones if there are better ideas out there to achieve the objectives.

At the OCP meeting that I attended, I was shocked at the general derisive atmosphere and personal attacks towards the two trustees who have been directed by all levels of government to consider measures that

the Trust can take to mitigate future impacts on the shoreline from climate change.

I received the same kind of response when I asked the question of whether as a community we should be passing on the costs of waterfront damage to subsequent local governments, in other words our children, because we were liable for not acting, despite knowing the risk.

At the meeting there was a few constructive comments about how we as a community protect ourselves and shoreline habitat.

I would hope that in subsequent meetings that all those in the room turn their minds to solving one of the most pressing problems facing this island.



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This Week's Horoscope by Michael O'Connor

Aries (Mar 21 - Apr 20)

The time has come to dig a little deeper than you may be used to. If there is not buried treasure down there, at least you stand to get to the bottom of things and get some solid answers. Further, you may also clear away some long standing dead wood. Whether literally or figuratively, some sort of transformation process is at play. Your conscious participation will prove most profitable. If you feel that you no longer know who you are or where you belong, have heart for you will strike gold soon. Keep looking for the openings and be ready for big change because ready or not it is coming. In the short term, give to the process if only by trusting in it.

Taurus (Apr 20 - May 21)

Deepening the scope and quality of important relationships continues. This implies more responsibility, one way or another. Inheritances and returns are coming your way, yet these could prove to be challenging somehow. Watch what you wish for.... Friends are linked to realizing your dreams now so be on best behaviour. Certain opportunities are limited only by your own lack of imagination. This is a good time for careful critical analysis, especially where improving relations is needed. Refining some of your favourite creative expressions meanwhile requires deep patience and imaginative input.

Gemini (May 21 - Jun 21)

Ambitions to breakthrough to a whole new level are brewing. This will require effort and not simply desire. To this end you may well be challenged to face a few fears. What does clearing the old to make way for the new mean to you? Hopefully you are already actively engaged in this. Is it harmful lifestyle habits, limiting attitudes, psychological blocks, limiting perspectives or all of the above requiring some attention? You are not who you think you are; your thoughts reflect limited opinions. In other words you are so much more and this quality of being does not require you to do anything; closer to earth, what could you do to flow more freely?

Cancer (Jun 22 - Jul 22)

The time is ripe to look into making some key investments. This can include real estate and other holdings, yet it can also include new educational pursuits. In either case, knowledge is power and this is a good time to get some more. Rather than concern yourself about what others might think of you, concentrate on what you think about yourself. Consider that anything other than positive thoughts is a negative expression of your ego. In other words, beyond all character traits you are a soul. So too is everyone else, however, it takes dedication of focus to truly appreciate what this implies. Don't be fooled and reduced by limited materialistic minds and conclusions, embrace your soul and nurture your nature and the returns will come quickly.

Leo (Jul 23 - Aug 23)

Accessing the deeper reaches of your power potential continues. If you are reacting by being controlling recognize that your ego is back firing. The time has come to commit to building upon the next level of your foundation. Consider that the security you seek comes with change and dynamic action. Avoid desperation and access inspiration instead. Associate pleasure to the process of receiving creative inspirations for now and have the necessary tools to receive them, handy. You will know when it is time to act; when you have enough confidence and inspiration. Build emotional strength all the while so that you will follow-through when it is time.

Virgo (Aug 24 - Sep 22)

Making power moves is keeping you busy now. This includes initiatives that may well require courage. Overcoming fears of rejection may be uppermost in this regard. The key is to act without thinking too much with trust that once you do you will feel calmer and will also know what to do next. Write down your goals, set dates and times as appropriate and act upon them. If you find yourself complaining about someone or something, do something about it rather than vent. Deliberate action is the call now. Every choice to act

will build momentum. Start with small actions first if necessary. Take yourself seriously enough to act with deliberate determination. Call now!

Libra (Sep 23 - Oct 22)

Ways to make more money may be on your mind. Increasing the scope of your talents is another distinct possibility. In either case, your challenge includes letting go of limiting fears, security concerns and tired allegiances. Every commitment has its time and then the time comes for new commitments. Actively bringing your dreams into reality has been keeping you busy and now you must prepare for other creative initiatives. The danger of spreading yourself too thin is present; yet increasing your scope is ideal. With new perspectives will come new attitudes and opportunities. 'Free your mind and the rest will follow.'

Scorpio (Oct 23 - Nov 21)

Exploring new territory should be keeping you busy now. Tempting possibilities of all kinds may be coming your way. With an angel on one shoulder and a devil on the other, you may not be sure what to do. Making responsible choices often means choosing free of the hunger of desire. The problem with lower appetites is that they are never fully satisfied. Aiming for a higher taste is important because less is more and is less likely to produce negative side effects. It may be necessary to push for what you want, yet if you have to push too hard it may not be worth it. Think carefully before you commit your arrows.

Sagittarius (Nov 22 - Dec 21)

Doing the work to expand your horizons and your market share continues. The proverbial carrot and stick are both at play. Now that you are clearer about what to do, learning to concentrate more fully is an important next step. You will likely be involved in your pursuits for many years so aim for efficiency and credibility rather than flounder around with half-baked ideas and approaches. Tavern talk may sound convincing and chit chat is entertaining but neither will sell in the real world until it bears the marks of integrity. Your willingness to work diligently both on your studies and on yourself over the course of the winter will give you a big head start in the spring.

Capricorn (Dec 22 - Jan 19)

Gaining new levels of knowledge implies higher education. However you choose to get it over the next few years; if you do not you will struggle a few years hence. Whether you are already busy with a career or just getting going, look to the future and get clear about how you would like it to look. Of course, there are no guarantees except that nothing ventured is nothing gained. Listen to the guidance and be open to the support of others now as necessary. There is probably wisdom in their words and promptings. Review your current skills, outline your experiences and add to your repertoire. Have faith in the pace and enjoy the journey as the destination itself.

Aquarius (Jan 20 - Feb 19)

Do you have any favours to request of others in positions of power? The time has come to make your needs, wants, desires and/or plans clear to yourself and known to those who can assist you. The urge to break free from certain existing realities is growing stronger. Avoid the temptation to make premature judgements and aim to follow through, whatever it takes. Your power and potency is running high now, yet collaborative efforts may be necessary for success. Breaking through to new levels of power implies clearing away some long standing beliefs, attitudes and behaviour patterns. Do what you must to be free with the long-term in your vision.

Pisces (Feb 20 - Mar 20)

Bringing a new level of balance, depth and power to your overall philosophy of life continues. A new commitment to a whole new level of freedom is part of the plot. Since knowledge is power, you will have to do the work to get your share. This includes making some key power plays. With so many opportunities knocking and your power running high these days you are wise to take some calculated risks to advance to new levels. How can you take effective action now, as the window of opportunity is likely to be especially wide? Balance bold action with calculated risk for greater success.

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Since Lewis started the business three years ago, he has quickly gained a collection of satisfied clientele, but he is initially thankful to Wilco Construction for giving him his first break into the Salt Spring market with his flooring work in the Bayside Condos.

“The most effective kind of advertising is by word-of-mouth”, says Lewis and this is especially true here on Salt Spring where establishing relationships is foundational to growing one’s reputation. Still, who you know can only take one so far; it’s experience that counts most of all.

Lewis originally trained in Victoria where he learned to install and refinish higher end flooring in both new and heritage homes. He decided to go into business for himself when he realized the value of his knowledge and experience - all he needed to start were the tools.

One of the biggest challenges Lewis faced upon coming to Salt Spring is starting a business without a storefront. However, this initial challenge has turned out to be a positive because Lewis can pass on the savings he makes from his low overhead to his customers.

“I can get the best possible price here and off-island, not only because I don’t have a storefront, but also because I work directly with wholesalers

and import and export companies. I arrange the transport of product -- at no extra charge.”

Lewis also offers a complimentary mobile showroom service to potential and existing customers, whereby they can see samples of hardwoods in their own homes. One of the difficult aspects of interior design is figuring out how everything will work together. Bringing samples to the house helps people to visualize what the new floor will look like under their furniture, against the colour of the walls, and within the general floor plan.

Many people these days are interested in the

Whether you have a small or large job, residential or commercial, Marty Lewis has the tools and ability to take on all areas of flooring installation & refinishing.

air quality in their homes. Carpets trap odours, dust, and many other microscopic entities. A hardwood floor is not only an excellent choice for environmentally sensitive clients, but it also exhibits an heirloom quality that can never be achieved with carpet or laminate.

Hardwoods may be pricier than other options, but the benefits outweigh the costs. Lewis is interested in giving people value for their money and, thus, steers them away from flooring like laminate because it is simply not the best product. Laminate is a sawdust composite. Because of the jigsaw-like construction, water swells cannot be

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“There is no wrong time to put hardwood in your home, but the number one concern is to allow the wood to acclimatize. Let it sit a week or two until the moisture levels of the existing and new flooring are the same,” says Lewis.

A home is an investment, and it makes sense to install features that contribute to the value. Products like laminates are copies of the ‘real thing’ and are part of the ‘slap it together’ construction characteristic of many houses built today. Lewis has noted that in his eighteen years of experience, he has only done three laminate jobs, saying that when it comes to quality, there is nothing better than the rich character of hardwood in a room.

Whether you have a small or large job, residential or commercial, Marty Lewis has the tools and ability to take on all areas of flooring installation and refinishing. His goal for the future is to expand his business, but he says that in a skilled trade, attention to detail is essential and hiring people who share his vision is challenging:

“Training is key; finding a good crew, keeping them busy, and maintaining the highest quality is part in parcel of growing an effective business. I named my business “Best Flooring” because, quite simply, I’m always going to do my best.”

Marty Lewis can be reached at 537-1000 or by e-mail at besthardwoodfloors@hotmail.com



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