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POPPY SEASON: Janet Butler reminds islanders that it's "time to remember." The annual Remembrance Day ceremony on Salt Spring gets underway at 10:45 a.m. in Centennial Park this Sunday. The Driftwood's Remembrance Day pages can be found at the start of this edition's second section.

SALT SPRING RADIO Tower location no longer an option

Search for new site begins

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
 DRIFTWOOD STAFF

A neighbourhood's opposition has convinced Ron Cudmore to withdraw his offer to permit construction of a 500-watt radio transmission tower on his Mount Belcher Heights property.

"Even if it can be proven that the transmitter is not detrimental [to people's health] on paper, it still causes a problem if there is a perception that it does, if you know what I mean," Cudmore said from his home in Port Alberni.

Despite support for Salt Spring Island Radio from island residents, Cudmore said he had to acknowledge the impact on neighbours living in the tower's immediate vicinity.

"I figured it wasn't worth upsetting them," he said, adding that realtors contacted about the proposal confirmed the tower would have a negative impact on property values.

John Rudd, a Mount Belcher resident who said the tower would have ended up in full view from his home, expressed relief upon hearing Cudmore's decision.

"This tower is unsuitable for any neighbourhood as long as an alternative is available," he said.

Rudd suggested the radio station's backers look into using the existing tower on Mount Bruce.

Salt Spring Island Radio's Gary Brooks said he and his partners are examining their options, which still include an alternate site near the summit of Mount Belcher.

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ISLANDS TRUST

Trustees bow to public OCP pressure

'Hot buttons' tossed at full-house meeting

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
 DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Salt Spring Island trustees towed the line of public opinion at last week's Local Trust Committee meeting by scrapping a number of contentious focus group recommendations in the official community plan (OCP) review.

Proposals to implement a tourist tax, impose a 3,000-square-foot limit on new homes, extend the minimum setback from the sea from 15 to 30 metres, expand the Fulford village boundary and downzone the subdivision potential of larger island properties by 20 per cent were among the "hot button" issues taken off the table.

Island residents voiced strong opposition to these recommendations during a series of OCP public hearings in October. Many of those opponents were among the nearly 250 participants at ArtSpring on Thursday afternoon.

While trustee George Ehring acknowledged the public's strong response, proposals such as the tourist tax, he said, were nixed because they did not fall under the Trust's limited jurisdiction as a land planning agency.

"A tourist tax is not something the Trust could impose or collect," he said. "I don't see how it could be done."

Rather than imposing size restrictions on new homes or downzoning larger properties, trustee Peter Lamb suggested the Trust work on an incentive-based system to reward property owners who wish to preserve a portion of their property.

"It is certainly more effective in my view if we were to target those areas that we want to protect rather than trying to reduce development in a rather ad-hoc way," he said.

Trustees took the opportunity to defend the roughly 75 people on the six focus groups and two advisory groups who helped develop more than 200 recommendations when the OCP review process began in 2006.

"We didn't ask people for their CVs, we didn't ask people what kind of background they had or what they were bringing to the table apart from a willingness to participate with an open mind about what is going on in the community," Ehring said.

"When we sat here in June, we forwarded the majority of these topics because we felt OCP continued on A2

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OCP: What the trustees said . . .

BY PETER LAMB AND GEORGE EHRLING
SALT SPRING TRUSTEES

Here is a summary of the decisions made at the Local Trust Committee (LTC) meeting last week that relate to proposed changes to the Salt Spring Island Official Community Plan (OCP).

We discussed a number of proposals from the eight focus groups that were asked to consider current issues and visions for the future of our community. Once again, we want to thank all the volunteers on the focus groups for the months of hard work they contributed, and we want to remind readers that the various proposals came from these groups and not from the trustees.

We also want to acknowledge the many comments that community members made during the five public meetings we held recently, and the great many e-mails that we received. We hope those of you who sent e-mails understand that we were not able to respond to all of them individually.

At the LTC meeting, our planning staff were given the following directions:

Economic Sustainability, Jobs and Tourism

- Give no further consideration to the recommendation to "discourage non-residential speculative ownership" and the proposal for a tourist tax.

Population, Housing and Settlement Patterns:

- Give no further consideration to the recommendation to downzone 20 per cent of the densities on existing properties, nor to the proposed 3,000 square-foot maximum house size. We asked staff to review the present one-third residential lot coverage in the current land use bylaw.

Environment

- Provide information on how a recommendation on community empowerment might work.
- Give no further consideration to the proposal to require developers to post a performance bond for work in a development permit area. We also withdrew the recommendation to decline permits to those who violate bylaws or agreements.

Energy

- Provide more information about density transfer policy.
- Give no further consideration to the recommendation to increase the horizontal shoreline setback to 30 metres, but retain for further discussion the recommendation to increase the existing vertical setback from 1.5 to 2 metres.
- Give no further consideration to the proposal for a drainage management bylaw.
- Give no further consideration to the recommendation to require all new commercial tourist accommodation excluding campgrounds to be

developed within settlement containment boundaries.

- Give no further consideration to the recommendation to remove existing development potential from less developed areas.
- Provide detailed information on the authority of the Trust to require building standards that exceed those in the provincial building code.

Ganges Village and Harbour

- Suggest to staff that the idea of including targets in the OCP was not supported, and that when drafting amendments to the OCP, staff should consider the targets as goals or directions, but should not include dates and other limits. These belong more properly in a strategic plan.

Fulford Harbour

- Resolve to establish a study group for Fulford Village to engage the community in a dialogue about the future of the village area, including discussions of changed boundaries, a heritage designation and other issues that will be developed by the Trust in terms of reference. We encouraged the study group to propose OCP amendments within the time-frame of the OCP review. We agreed to remove consideration of the boundaries proposed by the Fulford focus group from the present discussion.

Agriculture

- Write to the Agricultural

Land Commission (ALC) for clarification of the Trust's jurisdiction in establishing a policy of "no net loss" of Agricultural Land Reserve land on the island and for further information respecting the delegation of ALC powers to the LTC.

- Give no further consideration the recommendation that the Trust hire a planner with agricultural expertise, as this is already the case.

- Provide guidance on the proposal that buffers be put in place on properties adjoining agricultural land.

Potable Water

- Give no consideration at this time to the recommendation that "the entire zoning framework of the island be reviewed and changed with a view to securing reliable water resources in the future." A great deal of work would have to be done on water availability before any undertaking like this could be considered.

- Provide guidance about the authority of the Trust to implement the recommendation requiring a water plan prior to development of a property.

- We also asked staff to consolidate the remaining proposals and public response to date before arranging further community consultation, which may include open meetings, topic workshops and an island-wide survey.

Recommendations there for consideration

OCP continued from A1

they deserved to be heard," Ehring told the audience. "The recommendations are here for your consideration because we thought you had the right to be heard."

Kevin Bell said he looked forward to getting the OCP debate back on track now that some of the more "distracting" topics have been dealt with.

"I think that frankly we were becoming divisive as a community and think it was

a very good move that you've done today to clean out some of the stuff and start concentrating on the things that are perhaps going forward," he told trustees.

"A lot of things in those OCP documents never got discussed because there were a dozen things that took priority. It's nice to have that stuff gone so we can perhaps get on with the meat of the matter," he added.

Greg Spendjian, chair of the Economic Sustainability, Jobs and Tourism

Focus Group, was unable to attend the meeting, but said the trustees' decision was unsurprising based on the public's reaction.

"I don't see it as a matter of dispatching or disregarding. I wouldn't use those terms at all," he said. "It's more important to see what actually goes ahead as opposed to what gets taken out."

With a year to go before the OCP review process wraps up, trustees and several speakers called for all involved to respect the discussion process.

They expressed disappointment the debate had sometimes focussed on personalities rather than substance and called for more cooperation to create a long-lasting community plan.

"It seems this has become an issue of 'us and them'," said Anne Humphries during the meeting's town hall session.

"I am passionate about the health of this community and I have a feeling the sense of community is getting lost."

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SAFER ROADS

No easy roadmap to curb drinking and driving

Safe ride programs fall on hard times

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

One need only stop by the monthly sittings of the Ganges Provincial Court to sense the severity of the impaired driving problem on Salt Spring.

Beyond the added expense to the legal system, each driver brought before the court represents another potential fatality, another disaster averted. For most first-time offenders, the judge issues a one-year driving suspension and a \$600 fine.

On other occasions, charges can be far more serious.

That was the case at the October court session where 58-year-old Brian McIvor of Campbell River faced charges of criminal negligence causing death, dangerous operation of a motor vehicle causing death and impaired driving causing death in relation to an October 24 accident that killed a Salt Spring woman.

Whatever pleas McIvor enters at his next court appearance on November 23 in Victoria is a technicality.

At this point, what is most significant is the community's failure to address drinking and driving on the island, according to Kimberly Lineger, coordinator of the Salt Spring RCMP's victim services department.

Lineger has spent the past seven years trying to develop a way to get people home without placing people's lives at risk, yet has made little headway.

She began by asking parents to volunteer their time to drive their children and friends home from bars and parties. Despite an initial wave of enthusiasm, Lineger said, she ended up as the lone volunteer.

"Kids sometimes still give me a call," she said, years after her own teenage son has grown up.

Lineger will never refuse a request for a ride home, but has called it quits on developing solutions.

Three volunteers are required to coordinate the "safe ride home" project and Lineger has always had trouble filling the ranks.

"People like the idea, but when you actually try and put something together, you have to volunteer or put money forward," she said. "Many people say they would love to do it, if only they could drive people home at four in the afternoon, not four in the morning."

Alternative programs such as taxi voucher programs sponsored by the Insurance Corporation of British Columbia and Molson, Lineger said, are only effective when taxis are available when called.

"Quite often people will phone a cab, only to be told they'll have to wait an hour or more," Lineger said. "When faced with waiting or getting home on time, people often end up making poor decisions and taking the risk."

Salt Spring RCMP Sgt. Danny Willis sees the consequences of people's risky behaviour first hand whenever he arrives on the scene of a serious accident.

"I don't see that we are worse or any better than anywhere else," he said. "We're average, but being average is still not



PHOTO BY DERRICK LUNDY

Roadside flowers, cross and prayer flag mark the spot of a fatal accident on Salt Spring two weeks ago.



PHOTO BY SEAN MCINTYRE

RCMP Sgt. Danny Willis with roadside screening device.

acceptable because it still results in the loss of lives."

He couldn't provide specific numbers for Salt Spring, but out of seven accidents resulting in serious personal injury or death over the past two years, six have been alcohol related.

RCMP road blocks and patrols, he said, act as a constant reminder, but are only effective if sufficient staff members are available.

"Getting more officers is an ongoing issue," he said.

In the meantime, officers on duty will continue to conduct random patrols of the island's watering holes, where bar owners themselves have been left searching for a solution of their own.

Alf Reda, owner of the Fulford Inn, said bar managers have a responsibility to keep an eye on people they believe have had too much to drink.

Staff can occasionally offer patrons a ride home and rooms are available to those who are in no shape to get home. Home delivery of alcohol is offered to residents who have already been drinking and cannot drive to the Fulford Inn's beer, wine and spirits store.

"People are welcome to have fun," he said. "That's what they come here for, but we have to be very careful."

Jim Burrows of Moby's Pub said he hopes to have a weekend drive-home program in place when and if he can find the proper person.

"It's more complicated than it seems, but I think it's important that this is going on," he said. "There have already been far too many deaths."

Potential solutions will be discussed at the Crime Prevention Association's December meeting. For more information on how to become involved, contact Kimberly Lineger at 537-5555.

News briefs

Procurement policies set

Only two months after release of a consultants report critical of attempts to create a new indoor tennis facility on Salt Spring, the Parks and Recreation Commission (PARC) has adopted new procurement policies.

Based largely on existing documents used by the Capital Regional District, which delegates its authority to PARC on Salt Spring

Island, the PARC General Procurement Policy and Engagement of Consultants Policy were passed unanimously and without discussion at last Monday's PARC meeting.

PARC had in the past used CRD policies when seeking bid tenders or consultants for its projects, but the KPMG Advisory Services' suggested PARC adopt its own.

For more information, contact the PARC office at 537-4448.

Impaired drivers

A single-vehicle accident occurred Thursday night, November 1 in the 200 block of Fulford-Ganges Road. The 64-year-old male driver was charged with impaired driving and driving with a blood-alcohol reading of more than .08.

On Saturday night, November 3, the RCMP issued a 24-hour driving prohibition to a 32-year-old

male after he was stopped for driving with his passenger door open.

An RCMP road check in the 100 block of Fulford-Ganges Road during the early morning of Sunday, November 4 resulted in impaired driving and over .08 charges to a 47-year-old male.

Lake theory challenged

The former manager of the North Salt Spring Water-

works District (NSSWD) says St. Mary Lake is not lower than its true "historic" level as suggested by lake-side dweller Ed Davis in a Driftwood story last week.

Mike Larmour contacted the Driftwood to point out that NSSWD records for this time of year from 1988 to 1996 show the 2007 level is similar.

"The lake is amazingly close to what it's been historically," said Larmour.

Levels ranged from 40.2 to 40.4 metres from 1988 to

1996, before a beaver dam artificially raised the water level, while the current level is 40.3 metres. Pre-beaver historic levels were kept in mind when planning for the weir took place, he said. The weir was built last October after being on the NSSWD agenda for years.

Larmour said waterworks and provincial government officials were more concerned about the weir being built too high, which could flood private property and prompt lawsuits as a result.

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SATURDAY MARKET

Vendors act to block imported products

Request help from PARC

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

A majority of Salt Spring's Saturday market vendors are asking the Parks and Recreation Commission (PARC) to consider limiting the type of goods and services offered in the parking stalls rented out by "Gasoline Alley" business owners.

"The whole market has been affected by their presence," reads a letter to PARC penned by market vendor Alvaro Sanchez.

"The market has a reputation for being an artists' and farmers' market. Visitors often believe that these vendors are part of the market and that goods that are being sold are actually being made on Salt Spring."

Sanchez and the 82 signatories of a petition calling for action are asking PARC to take steps to make sure vendors who rent the stalls on the non-PARC-controlled side of the area abide by the "Make it, Bake it, Grow it" requirements of the Saturday market — even though they don't fall under PARC market regulations.

Sanchez, a 17-year vendor, said people selling materials imported from off-island have an unfair advantage when compared to artisans who make their own items.

"I hope that we can make the merchants understand," he said. "I know there is going to be opposition and I know how things on Salt Spring work and am moderately optimistic."

The market's current regulations, Sanchez said, were established roughly 15 years ago after area business owners sought to curtail the sale of low-priced items then sold at the Saturday market.

"The merchants are opening the back door and allowing the same items that upset them," he said.

Even if the number of people who aren't in compliance is very low, Sanchez said, offering commercial jewellery and other goods at lower prices has a serious impact on the legitimate vendors' bottom lines.

Sanchez hopes to meet with PARC officials next week.

He plans to discuss the possibility of requiring merchants to join the market by bringing their stores outside, sublet their storefront parking space to people who qualify to be market vendors or having the market itself sublet the space for day vendors.

PARC representatives could not be reached for comment before the Driftwood's Tuesday deadline, although at the last PARC meeting the matter was referred to the Market Advisory Group for consideration.

Gasoline alley business owner Stacy Wyatt said she has no problem using most of her parking spots for her own business during the summer months, but wonders whether the market association will still permit her to rent out one of her five parking stalls to a masseuse since regulations don't permit "service providers" in the market area.

"The whole market has been affected by their presence."

ALVARO SANCHEZ
Market vendor

Wyatt said she empathizes with other Gasoline Alley business people since she knows the challenges of operating a business in the area seven days a week and 365 days a year.

"We're not just here for three hours a week," she said. "We pay for this space year-round and need the [summer] revenue."

Wyatt further questioned what authority PARC would have over private businesses operating next to the market.

"I don't think we need the added regulations for the sake of stopping one or two people," she said.

RAINFOREST APPEAL

Saturday night play, art auction aid Cusheon Creek lot purchase

Buoyed by news that more than \$100,000 has been pledged for the purchase of a Cusheon Creek rainforest lot, the group behind the fundraising drive is excited about two big events on Salt Spring and in Florida this week.

On-island people can support the Salt Spring Island Rainforest Appeal campaign by attending the play *Unless the Eye Catch Fire*, performed by Vancouver actor Romany Miller at Mahon Hall on Saturday, November 10.

The show begins at 7:30 p.m., with doors open at 7.

Pat Barclay, who has seen the play three times and recommends it highly, said the night will be an interesting one and certainly not depressing.

"It's a beautiful play," she said.

Unless the Eye Catch Fire is adapted by Joy Coghill from a story written by acclaimed Canadian poet-author P.K. Page.

A lively discussion will follow the show.

Tickets for the event, which are available in advance at ArtSpring or at the door, cost \$15 and will benefit the campaign to purchase the 7.5-hectare (19-acre) parcel of land off Stewart Road now owned by a numbered company based in Duncan.

It has long been valued by the community for its lush nature and hiking trails.

The Land Conservancy of B.C. is handling purchase negotiations, which Moore said are still underway.

Meanwhile, an art show in Florida with island connections will see a portion of profits benefit the Rainforest Appeal.

Environmental Awakenings opens at the Art Futures@2300 Studio Gallery in Miami on Saturday, November 10.

For more information about how to make a pledge for the Cusheon Creek land purchase, contact Maureen Moore at 538-1732 or via e-mail at m@gulfislands.net.

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Newly-approved radio station must find a new site for tower

RADIO TOWER
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Brooks has not confirmed whether or not there will be a public information meeting where the transmission tower's location could be discussed.

Debate over the tower's location resumed after the Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission (CRTC) approved Salt Spring Island Radio's operating licence in October.

NEWSBEAT



PHOTO BY DERRICK LUNDY

GARBAGE PATROL: Grade 10 students, from left, Alexa Matheson, Delaney Johnson, Kirsty Girard and Alice Paveley gather garbage to raise funds for the high school's junior volleyball team. The fundraiser is part of the local Lions' Adopt a Highway project.

FULFORD FARMS

Agriculture commission okays Three Point Properties proposal

Islands Trust to prepare draft rezoning bylaw

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

A Three Point Properties plan to construct three waterfront homes along Fulford Harbour gained Agricultural Land Commission (ALC) approval last Thursday.

"This is just another step along the path," said Mark Wyatt, Three Point Properties' Fulford Farms project manager, following news of the decision.

As part of the company's Islands Trust amenity zoning application, Three Point Properties is requesting one density be transferred to its property at 203 Isabella Point Road in exchange for the company's donation of 25 hectares (64 acres) of Fulford Valley farmland to the community.

"I think one density down on Isabella Point is a low price to pay for the potential we face for this agricultural improvement," said John Wilcox, owner of Duck

Creek Farm and the former president of Island Natural Growers.

Wilcox said Three Point's offer provides Salt Spring residents with an unprecedented opportunity to create a community farmland trust that would support the island's fledgling agricultural initiatives.

Resembling the San Juan Island's Preservation Trust or England's Land Trust, a community farmland trust would provide a mechanism for the community to lease out land that cannot be afforded by potential food producers.

"We need support for this initiative," Wilcox said. "It's imperative that we create a community farmland trust and rebuild our food system on Salt Spring."

Despite support from the Farmers Institute and Island Natural Growers, some south-end residents oppose the plan on the grounds it could destroy Fulford Harbour's rural feel and require rerouting a short stretch of Isabella Point Road.

Current zoning permits the construction of two homes on the nine-hectare

(22-acre) property at 203 Isabella Point Road.

At last Thursday's Salt Spring Island Local Trust Committee (LTC) meeting, trustees voted to have Trust staff prepare a draft rezoning bylaw to permit the construction of three homes on the subject property.

"It's imperative that we [...] rebuild our food system on Salt Spring."

JOHN WILCOX
Community agriculture proponent

The applications and draft bylaw have been forwarded to the LTC's Agricultural Advisory Committee for further comment.

Three Point Properties is a real estate development company based in Victoria.

HARBOUR AUTHORITY

Vote marks new tide

Facility maintenance a high priority

Nominations are still being accepted for candidates interested in ushering in a new era for the Salt Spring Island Harbour Authority's role in the community.

Rick Hill, the harbour authority's interim harbour master, said he hopes the organization's goals for the near future will help stimulate more interest in the community.

"People are starting to realize that the harbour is extremely important to us," Hill said. "The harbour authority fulfills a function beyond anything that can be done by the private sector."

Hill said his immediate priorities, should he become full-time harbour master on Monday, are to schedule a review and maintenance of the harbour's public facilities.

Many harbour features, including the breakwater near the coast guard station, he said, are in need of immediate attention.

"This is very much in need of essential maintenance," he said.

In addition to service and facility upgrades, the board seeks to gather information for a prospective clean-up operation and the continuation of a plan for Ganges Harbour, a process started by former harbour master Bart Terwiel.

Members will cast their ballots for board directors representing the community, community-business, commercial non-fishing and commercial fishing sectors on Monday, November 12 between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. at the harbour authority office. The cutoff for nominations is noon on Sunday, November 11.

"Anybody with an interest in the harbour is invited to become a member," Hill said.

The Living Word

John 15, 13

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NEWSBEAT



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DELIBERATIONS: Salt Spring trustees George Ehring, left, and Peter Lamb review official community plan notes at a November 1 meeting while Trust planner Alison Fox looks on. Trustees dropped contentious items from an OCP work plan.

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Harbour Authority of Salt Spring Island ELECTION ANNOUNCEMENT - BOARD VACANCIES

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- 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.

For further information please contact the HASSI office at 537-5711.

Q&A

Crown counsel to local court reflects on doing 'island time'

Victoria-based Crown counsel Barb Penty recently announced that she would no longer be making her monthly trek from Victoria to serve at Ganges Provincial Court. The Driftwood took the opportunity to ask Penty to reminisce on Salt Springers and the law. She will be replaced by Pinder Cheema, QC, on November 13.

within the office every year or two, and somehow I managed to hang onto the Ganges rotation for much longer than that. I kept a low profile because I enjoyed the work and the people of Salt Spring so much.

lution has meant not only increased enforcement of the law, but a corresponding increase in matters before the courts.

Driftwood: What made you decide to become a lawyer and serve the Crown?

Barb Penty: Those are two different questions. I became a lawyer because I enjoy working with people and I joined the Crown because I enjoy criminal law and wanted to serve in our criminal justice system.

D: What was one of the highlights of serving on Salt Spring?

BP: It is hard to pick a highlight. I certainly enjoyed the small town feel of the courthouse and the open and direct relationship I had with the people appearing before the court.

D: Is there a chance Salt Spring could get an additional court sitting sometime in the near future?

BP: That is something I have no control over. The issue has been raised at the appropriate levels and I hope that when resources permit there will be an extra sitting day. At the moment, we do get an extra day from time to time when the caseload is particularly heavy.

D: Do you recall any cases that were quintessentially Salt Spring?

BP: No, unfortunately crime is the same everywhere.

D: What have been some of the challenges of serving on Salt Spring Island?

BP: I think catching the ferry has been the biggest challenge.

D: Why will you no longer be representing the Crown on Salt Spring?

BP: The administrative Crown in charge of our scheduling decided it was time to let someone else have a turn. Crown counsel are supposed to rotate through different positions

D: Have you noticed any changes — i.e.: case load, nature of charges, etc. — since you began working on the island?

BP: Absolutely. The gradual increase in both the number of police officers on the island and the popu-

D: Any advice to aspiring lawyers?

BP: Don't believe the TV shows. As a rule, lawyers don't have just one client at a time and they are not all rich.

FULFORD TRAFFIC

Trucks added to Fulford's traffic woes

Expect delays for next three weeks

ing between the Shell lot and the Vesuvius ferry terminal while the company restores the property.

tures due to increased traffic in the area. Contaminated soil will be removed from the Shell property and trucked to an approved landfill facility on Vancouver Island.

Work to decontaminate Shell Canada's former bulk fuel depot site on Morningside Road means people travelling through Fulford will face additional traffic congestion until the end of November.

The company warns of increased truck traffic on the Vesuvius-Crofton ferry and increased truck traffic on Morningside, Fulford-Ganges, Rainbow, Atkins, Lower Ganges and Vesuvius Bay roads.

"Our company's first choice is to always put unused property back on the market," Masters said.

Jana Masters, a spokesperson for Shell Canada, said island residents can expect truck traffic operat-

Drivers not accessing the Fulford-Swartz Bay ferry should plan their trips to avoid ferry arrivals and depar-

Masters said she expects the property will be placed on the market once restoration work is complete. The site has been vacant for more than a decade.

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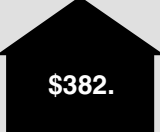
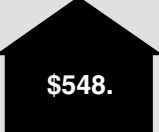
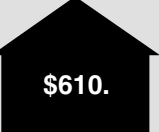
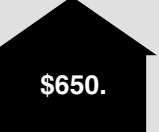
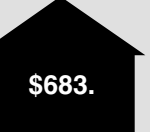









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Salt Spring Island Fire Department Strategic Plan

...by the numbers

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COST TO TAXPAYERS BASED ON \$500,000 ASSESSED PROPERTY	 \$382.	 \$548.	 \$610.	 \$650.	 \$683.
PROPOSED VEHICLE PURCHASES (cost)	 (\$70,000)	 (\$400,000)	 (\$1,070,000)	 (\$70,000)	
TOTAL NUMBER OF FULL-TIME FIREFIGHTERS ON STAFF	 6	 15	 19	 23	 26

Above: Data extrapolated from 10-Year Strategic Plan. Below, the rationale behind the staffing numbers.

Fire service: we get what we pay for

BY MARK WYATT
SPECIAL TO THE DRIFTWOOD

In the event of a fire, what do you expect from your fire department? The answer seems obvious, and most would answer, "I expect the fire department to come and rescue anyone inside the structure, and put out the fire."

In theory, this makes perfect sense, but with a volunteer fire department, it is sometimes easier said than done.

On Salt Spring Island, we don't have firefighters standing by at the hall ready to respond to emergency calls. After hours, we have one duty officer on call, who will be responding from his residence. The time it takes for him to arrive is not guaranteed, and beyond the duty officer, the emergency response is up to volunteers. In the middle of the night, when the pager goes off, the volunteer firefighter (if he or she chooses to respond) has to get up, get dressed, drive safely to the hall, put on his turnout gear, get in the engine, wait for at least three

other volunteer firefighters to arrive, and then the truck rolls to respond to the emergency. This process can take anywhere from seven to 10 minutes or more before the truck even leaves the hall.

Then there is the driving time to the emergency scene. Depending on where you are located on the island and weather conditions, this could be upwards of 12 minutes. What this means is that from the time you discover a fire in your home (after hours) and call the fire department, it could be anywhere from nine to 20 minutes before trucks arrive on scene.

A fire doubles in size every minute that it burns. A small, contained fire one moment can easily engulf an entire room in a matter of minutes, and consume an average sized residential home in as little as seven to 10 minutes.

Obviously, in the event of a fire or other emergency situation, response times are critical. Having firefighters stationed at the fire hall, ready to respond in

the event of an emergency, reduces response times by six minutes on average.

On our island, the fire department faces another unique challenge – mutual aid. With most other departments on Vancouver Island, municipalities are right next to other municipalities with other fire departments. In the event of an emergency, the incident commander can call upon dispatch to request the assistance of additional fire departments. In many cases, automatic mutual aid is dispatched. What this means, for example, is that a community like Maple Bay has additional resources from Crofton, Duncan, Chemainus and Ladysmith readily available. When a structure fire breaks out, at least two departments usually respond.

Salt Spring Island has mutual aid agreements with Pender, Mayne and Galiano islands, but we are surrounded by water. While other communities have mutual aid minutes away, aid to Salt Spring is hours away and addition-

al resources are limited to manpower only. We are on our own during the critical phase of any emergency situation we may face.

We currently have six career firefighters (including the chief and deputy chief), 32 volunteers (although six are on leave of absence, bringing the current number down to 26) and two recruits. Needless to say, we are very short on volunteers and need at least 20 more over the next two years.

The Salt Spring Island Fire Protection District held a public meeting to present and discuss the 10-Year Strategic Plan on October 27. More public input is still desired.

Copies of the plan are available at the Ganges fire hall or online at saltspring-fire.com.

Ultimately, it is up to the public to decide the level of fire service it wants and expects, and we welcome your input as we continue to develop this plan for the future.

The writer is SSIFPD trustee and volunteer firefighter.



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EDITORIAL

Debate essential

Community dialogue may have seemed a bit rough and nasty in the past few weeks, but the vocalization was an essential part of developing a revised official community plan (OCP) for Salt Spring Island.

However, compared to any number of heated issues over the years, the tenor of OCP review meetings and letters to the Driftwood was quite tame.

In fact, the purpose of the recent OCP review period was to gauge general public opinion about various focus group recommendations, and the public responded in droves. Some of the voices raised had never been heard before, which should be considered a positive thing, since the island's population does consist of more than those with time on their hands to volunteer for committees and write letters to government agencies.

THE ISSUE:

Salt Spring OCP review

WE SAY:

Messy debate necessary

At last Thursday's Salt Spring Local Trust Committee, trustees George Ehring and Peter Lamb admirably and calmly removed contentious items from the table and proposed other ways to look at issues such as Fulford village. They responded to what they heard and were not critical of the vocalizers, unlike some people who questioned the public's right to their opinions. Some opponents to focus group suggestions were told they should have spoken up earlier, or, alternately, that they were reacting prematurely to something that was nowhere near being adopted by anyone.

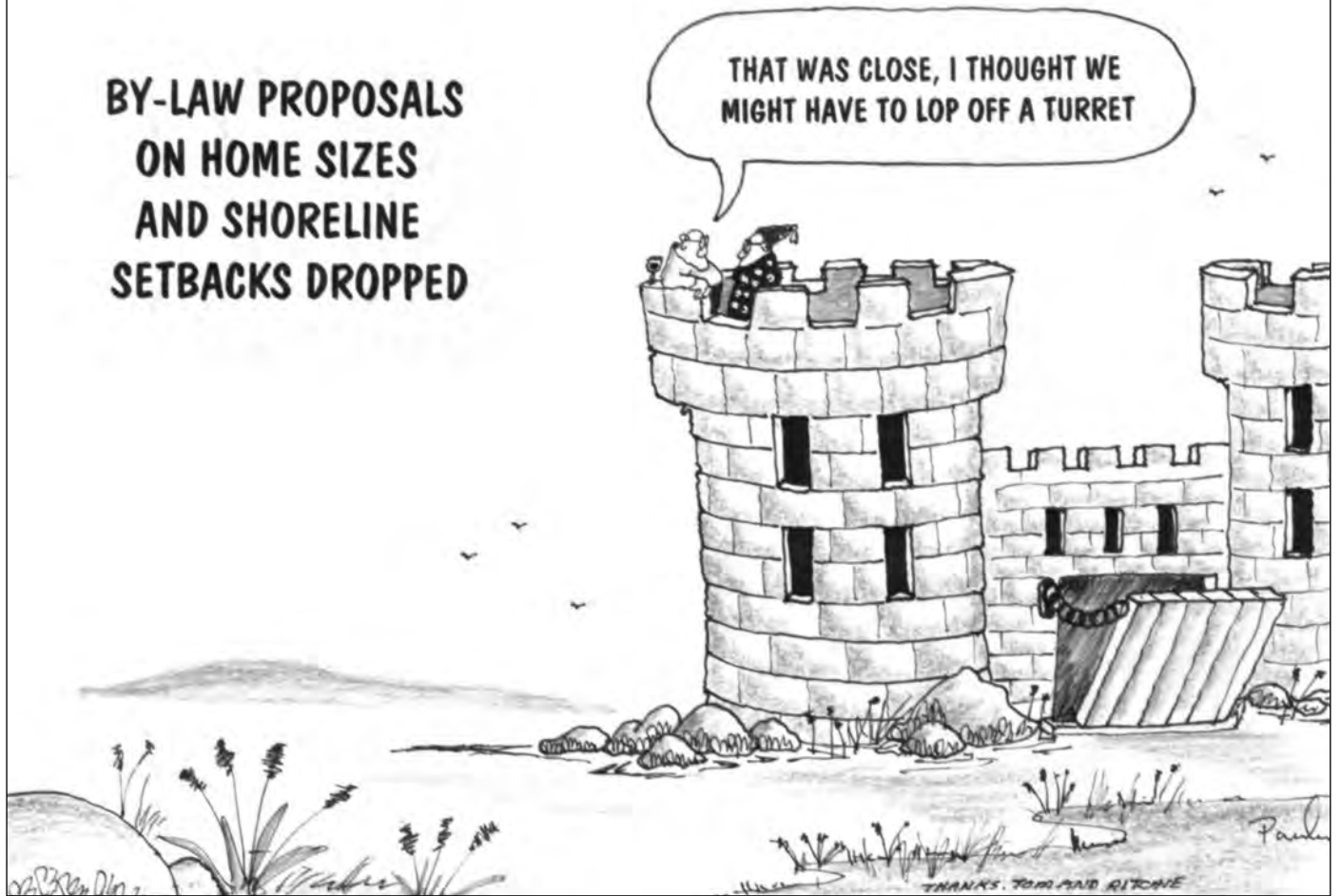
Realtors were unfairly criticized for raising concern through two full-page ads, as if individuals who deal intimately with existing and new property owners on a daily basis would not be concerned about those property owners or anything beyond their pocketbook.

Yes, sometimes excited public opinions are not derived completely from fact, or have not considered certain rationales — and that can be said for all sides. But that's part of the process of developing policies that affect both individual lives and the overall community.

It's a messy and often stressful process to go through and not for the faint of heart.

But the OCP will not be a respected document without that debate and general public support that should result.

BY-LAW PROPOSALS ON HOME SIZES AND SHORELINE SETBACKS DROPPED



Trust chair assures she's on task

BY KIM BENSON

I want to assure Salt Spring Islanders that as chair of the Salt Spring Island Local Trust Committee (LTC), I am listening carefully to the input we receive from all sources.

These include not just the public meetings, but mail, e-mail, personal contact, interest groups, individual submissions, meeting minutes and notes, reports of focus groups, consultants, advisory groups, staff, legal advice, agencies, First Nations and so on.

The local trustees also inform me on a regular basis about the concerns that people raise with them at public meetings that I am unable to attend.

I have attended every business meeting of the Salt Spring LTC where the OCP review has been discussed.

When we reach the stage of having a draft bylaw to amend the current OCP, my intention is to attend public meetings associated with that proposal whenever possible.

I will also be listening carefully to hear whether any draft amendments to the current OCP have widespread community support on Salt Spring, whether there is a consensus between the local trustees on any particular amendment proposal, and whether there is a legal, technical, or public interest that needs to be considered.

Where these criteria are not satisfied, my inclination, as a point of principle, would be to retain a current OCP policy rather than to amend it.

In other forms of local government, all members of boards and council do not attend every public information meeting on every issue.

It is my observation that LTCs in the Islands Trust Area, and

VIEWPOINT

certainly including the Salt Spring LTC, have more opportunities for public input than do most local governments. I have every confidence that any decisions made by the Salt Spring Island LTC will be responsible ones.

Within the current requirements of the Islands Trust Act, the two locally elected trustees form a quorum of the three-person LTC. The role of the chair of a LTC is primarily to represent the interests of the Province and the Islands Trust Council, within the context of the whole Islands Trust area.

It is customary for the two locally elected island trustees to take the lead in gathering community input in the early phases of the OCP review for each island community in the Islands Trust area to determine whether any amendments to the current plan are warranted.

All input received to date has been from members of the Salt Spring Island community. All of the suggestions under discussion have been made by members of the Salt Spring Island community.

It's important to remember that none of the ideas under discussion were submitted by any member of the Salt Spring LTC.

No amendments to the current OCP have been formally considered by the LTC. No summary of input from staff has been received. There is no draft amending bylaw under consideration.

All these will come later in the process and, once again, there will be many more opportunities for public input.

Thanks again for your comments.

The writer, a Gambier Island local trustee, chairs both Islands Trust Council and the Salt Spring LTC. She read this submission at the November 1 LTC meeting.

... any decisions made by the ... LTC will be responsible ones.

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IslandVoices

QUOTE OF THE WEEK:
"It's nice to have that stuff gone so we can perhaps get on with the meat of the matter."

KEVIN BELL, ON TRUSTEES' SCRAPPING OF CONTROVERSIAL TOPICS

SALT SPRING SAYS

We asked: How do you feel about plans to lower the GST by one per cent?

LAWRENCE BRIDGES
I think it's a good idea. Anything that costs the consumer less is a good idea.

ALEX HOUSTON
I think it is a good idea, but it makes the government's cash cow a little leaner.

AL LAYARD
I think eliminating it altogether would be a better idea.

JOELLE MORRISON
I work in childcare and I feel they will only be taking something away from our budget in the end.

LEE SOLLITT
I'm always in favour of anything that will lower my costs, even if it's a clever election ploy.

Letters to the editor

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

No way team

After reading the last issue of the Driftwood I can now say that had I ever given thought that Salt Spring should incorporate, I would now join the "no way" team.

Last week's paper was filled with fear mongering from Islanders for Self-Government, island realtors and other self-interest groups who have taken over the process of public dialogue by ranting over the same issues, paying for full-page ads and falsely rehashing the issue of the role of our trustees.

What part of public dialogue and letting everyone have their say don't they get? This is a revision of the considerations from the focus groups who have spent long unpaid hours considering our future.

The process strives to encompass all our thoughts from meetings and e-mails with the staff bringing it back to the community. The recommendations are not something our three trustees made up. What seems to have happened is the pro-

cess has turned into a push for incorporation.

I want no part of a place that will allow big business, self-interest groups and those who don't contribute to this community to become our mayor and council.

If we don't get this right we will become like the once beautiful towns in the Fraser Valley (Maple Ridge, Chilliwack, Langley). Then there's Nanaimo, Victoria . . . heck, just look around and see what uncontrolled development looks like. They all have mayors and just look at the problems they face.

Being incorporated is not a magic bullet. It will not repave our roads, give us sustainable farms and bike paths or solve the degradation of our environment. It will not produce caring, supportive neighbourhoods.

Let's not waste so much energy harping on the incorporation issue and get on with planning and protecting our islands.

SUSAN PAYNTER,
SALT SPRING

Troubles in paradise

Wake up islanders! We are used to the idea that Salt Spring is heaven on earth. Unfortunately earthly heaven is a place — or a state of mind — which has to be earned. Otherwise it may quickly morph into a less blessed place.

Headlines on Page 1 of this week's Driftwood state this problem succinctly: "North End Road accident ends in tragedy," and "Public silent on district fire plans."

The fundamental cause of Salt Spring accidents is that we try to shave off a couple of minutes in the travel time required to get into Ganges. Despite the many traffic-warning signs to slow down, we persist in driving as though this is a major highway rather than a charming country road. Enjoy the view. This is Salt Spring.

Of course a little corrective surgery on the dangerous blind corner opposite St. Mark's church would

save a few lives, as some of us have pointed out to the local and Victoria police. But, more importantly, we need a change in our driving habits.

Your second headline reports a lack of public interest in fire protection, judged by the comments of Mark Wyatt. This is surprising in view of the recent catastrophic fires in California. Salt Spring has a resident population of around 10,000 on an area of approximately 70 square miles. Compare this with Hong Kong Island which has one million crowded onto seven square miles.

The steep slopes, dry summers and densely wooded nature of our island guarantee high fire hazards each summer.

We are fortunate in having a dedicated, three-person, local committee of the Islands Trust to debate "preservation and protection," but let us not leave it all to Kim, George and Peter or we might find that we are ruled by a group of developers and other special-interest groups on the way

to living on "Hong-Spring" Island.

ALAN CLEWS,
CANVASBACK PLACE

It's my toy!

Something about the tenor of the correspondence and commentary in recent Driftwoods has caused me to experience flashbacks to my childhood.

Images of my mother telling me that if I break my model car I won't be able to fix it, and me replying, "It's my toy and I can do what I like with it — so there!" This followed, of course, by my appreciation of her point next time I wanted to play with it.

The same is true these days, except that what is in danger of getting broken is our environment and our community — and it won't be easily fixed either. Fortunately, although we may own our properties, we can't do what we like with them — for the very good reason that our actions can harm our neighbours, our communities, our successors and our planet.

But this is a very adult concept, and there are many

on this island for whom it is too complex to comprehend. Take the realtors, for instance, with their expensive full-page two-colour ads saying in effect, "We don't want anyone doing something that might affect the value of the hockey cards we like to trade."

What these realtors are snivelling about is not the value of our properties but the price of our properties. The prices are more than high enough — certainly high enough to provide them with a comfortable income, and high enough to provoke an affordable-housing crisis.

The value of our properties, however, is inextricably linked to the viability and sustainability of our communities — which is what the OCP review is all about.

Perhaps I am being unduly pessimistic — maybe somewhere in some dark corner of a Ganges coffee shop there hides a realtor who's a grown-up?

MICHAEL WALL,
SALT SPRING

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Five things I love about 'Big Love' — Utah

At first blush, you would think that we, on this blessed plot, this earth, this realm, this Salt Spring Island, have little in common with the polygamous den of law and order that is Salt Lake City, other than the briny surname.

But wait. Read on. There is a lot we can learn from the epicentre of Mormonism. After a three-week stay, I would like to report the following items that got me thinking:

(1) There are no helmet laws in Utah. Not on bicycles. Not on motorcycles. This is a no-nanny zone.

The no-nanny philosophy goes like this: "You know the dangers. If the joy of cycling au naturel is greater than the danger of having your skull cracked open like an overripe pumpkin, fly at it."

North of the 49, we would have our helmetless heads on the block for such insouciance. It's this chipping away of individual freedoms "for our own good" that many find so irksome here in Canada. The Marxian tenet of the "greater good" always trumps individual freedoms. Helmets, seat belts, no smoking on public patios, no vacation rentals, no in-law suites, no this, no that. I'm not suggesting anarchy here, but for god's sake, let's assume that we are not all drooling idiots.

(2) The restaurant wait staff — the men and

women who take your food orders — make \$2.50 an hour in Utah. Of course, no one can make it on those slave wages, and so they rely on tips. They only make decent tips if the service is good. And the service in every restaurant was incredible — smiling, hospitable and fast. I could not put my coffee cup down before someone was over topping it up.

Again, the free market means that if you are not willing to be polite, be pleasant . . . if you are not real keen about actually thanking a diner for coming in, you will likely have a very short career in the restaurant trade. The difference here in Canada is the general misconception that the wait staff are actually doing you a favour. I generalize of course, but Canadian companies that understand become hugely successful. Think WestJet.

3) Beer in the grocery stores. Isn't it time British Columbia grew up? If B.C. grocery stores are permitted to sell such vile indulgences as tobacco, why are beer and wine not given an aisle? This Prohibition hang-over needs a makeover. Let's pretend that having a beer or a glass of wine for dinner will not lead to crack cocaine.


Peter Vincent

HEAD TO HEAD

(4) High occupancy vehicle (HOV) lanes in Salt Lake City should be a model for Vancouver and Victoria. If you drive to Vancouver, you will see the HOV lanes are practically empty, save the odd bus and motorcyclist braving the elements. To the best of my knowledge, you need three in your car to use the lane (some municipalities have now smelled the coffee and switched to two occupants).

In Salt Lake City, you only need two in your car to qualify — a small difference that has a lot more people carpooling down there. It appears two is doable, while three is too great a leap. The other bonus down there is that if you have a hybrid, you get a free pass for the HOV lanes even if you are the solitary occupant. As a result, hybrid cars are as common as house flies. And that's a good thing for the environment.

Salt spring will never need HOV lanes, but wouldn't it be nice if we just got a bike lane from Fulford to Fernwood? Wouldn't it be great if we could take all that money we are spending on subsidized bus routes, transit authorities and gas-guzzling buses, and laid down a bike lane? Let's get safer roads for

bikers and pedestrians before embarking on another government-run money funnel.

(5) Salt Lake Mayor Rocky Anderson. He recently stood up at an anti-war demonstration in Salt Lake City, a bastion of Republican Bush supporters, and passionately upbraided Mr. Bush for the better part of an hour. Regardless of your politics, the keyword here is "mayor." He is mayor of a city that actually has garbage pick-up once a week at your driveway. He is mayor of a city that drops off big orange bags for you to rake up the leaves and provides blue bins for recycling curbside. They have their own police force, autonomy over their tax revenues, their own fire department, library and museum.

Salt Spring seems to be in a state of arrested development, bogged down by a murky bureaucracy, red tape and an arbitrary decision-making process.

As the saying goes, once in a while you need to get out of the forest to see the trees. You don't have to go all that far out of this forest to see that our island is fast becoming a rancorous, dysfunctional, polarized set of fractured self-interest groups. To quote a line from Mayor Anderson's speech: "We're not going to take it anymore!"

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Growth rationale

Henry Wallich, former governor of the U.S. Federal Reserve, once pointed out in defending the current economic model: "Growth is a substitute for equality of income . . ."

George Monbiot, in the Guardian Weekly, continues: "Growth is a political sedative, snuffing out protest, permitting governments (from national to municipal) to avoid confrontation with the rich, preventing the construction of a just and sustainable economy . . . Surely the 'rational' policy for the governments of the rich world [and that includes Salt Spring] is now to keep growth as close to zero as possible" in our finite world.

That was and is the reason for the preserve and protect mandate of the Islands Trust.

The Trust is our gift from the 1970s for the construction of a just and sustainable economy.

Is that the rational/rationale (two meanings intended) of the full-page ads from island realtors in the Driftwood?

EILEEN WTEWAALL,
 SKY VALLEY ROAD

Sized

While you're all so fervently protesting the size of a house, perhaps you could put some additional energy into protesting the size of the education budget; the size of the military budget; and, the sizes of clearcuts, automobiles, corporate tax breaks, salaries of CEOs and the minimum wage.

MYNA LEE JOHNSTONE,
 LOWER GANGES ROAD

Need the rich

Although I am not rich, nor do I live in a big house, I am writing in defence of the "rich."

Many rich and prosperous people on this island are very green. They drive cars with the latest anti-pollution devices and hybrids. No 20-year-old gas guzzlers for them.

Some of them use their houses for only part of the year, so use little water and energy. Some even have desalination plants.

They pay very high taxes for the services they lightly use.

They keep density down by building

large houses on large properties, which is surely their right.

They contribute large amounts of money to all our causes (ask Lady Minto).

Watch what you wish for when you decide you don't need the rich. If the rich leave, there go your services, expensive swimming pools, libraries and what all.

We and most of our friends like and admire Americans - who would you rather share a border with?

Think before you marginalize this island. Gentrification is not a bad word and rich is not an obscenity!

DIANA PHIPPS,
 SALT SPRING

Hot potato

Even though setbacks have been taken off the OCP table, climate change still must be front and centre in the OCP review.

In a spirit of respectful dialogue, not dissension, can we please, as a community, look at how the OCP will guide us into the uncharted waters ahead? It's no longer about "if" there is climate change, but about how we will deal with a number of issues in the coming years.

The hard-working and thoughtful focus groups tried to look at how we, a coastal community, can plan for a time that includes the real possibility of higher sea levels, reduced energy availability, greater frequency of security-threatening weather events, and service disruptions. And, the trustees, in asking the focus groups to look at this issue have done us all a service.

Briony Penn pointed out in her article last week that we have a responsibility to avoid the expensive scenario of future residents and businesses suing local governments that ignore risk-management planning tools. Isn't land use planning, the primary function of the Islands Trust, about weighing risks to our community and finding ways to offset them?

Isn't the precautionary principle called for in this discussion?

Instead of building a head of steam about our own properties, can we please join the Trust in examining how communities like ours can ensure that wise planning decisions are made in the face of global uncertainty? We're not alone.

Every coastal community in North

America, indeed the world, needs to be on top of this. What are they doing? What can we learn from them?

By the way, when I checked with my insurance agent, I learned I already have bylaw insurance! Maybe you do too!

But, here's the point: my insurance will not cover a flooded home in the event of sea level rise. No one's will! My agent said that the industry is taking this possibility very seriously — seriously enough to protect themselves against future claims.

Can we avert climate change? I don't know, but I believe we have to do everything we can. We have a lot of hard work ahead of us.

Everyone, please take a deep breath and let's talk about our island's future in a constructive dialogue.

NORA LAYARD,
 RAINBOW ROAD

More light

I notice that the Island Trust and the OCP committee members have stirred the pot and what has risen to the top seems to be greed and self-interest.

I ask myself why island realtors are so interested to oppose both the trustees and the draft OCP to such a large financial and time extent.

I don't know the answer since they make a living from sales and listings and those would continue, one would presume.

I was a member of one of the OCP committees.


I applied to be a member and though there were limited spaces, most who did apply were accepted. Once again one would wonder what motivates the people who might have been part of the planning process to be so inappropriate with their comments now.

I ask my community to have empathy for our trustees and their neighbours who may have been on one of the six committees or who may think differently.

I ask my community to present their ideas with respect for the process which has been over a year in the works. We can move ahead here.

As one of our esteemed island philosophers, Andy Gibson, once said about a previous heated controversy: we need "more light, less heat."

DEBORAH MILLER,
 SALT SPRING



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A celebration of Anne's life will be held at Ganges United Church on Friday, November 9th, 2007 at 2 pm, reception following. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in Anne's name to the Gulf Islands Seniors Residence Association, 121 Atkins Rd., Salt Spring Island, V8K 2X7. Personal remembrances are invited at www.remembering.ca



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OPINION

Implausible deniability

With politics come politicians. Politicians caught naked in the public square need that old Nixonian fig leaf, plausible deniability. But this is Salt Spring, so the spinmeisters are trying something new and unique: implausible deniability.

Last week's Driftwood contained a number of items defending our trustees from critics of the OCP review. Two letters on a theme caught my eye, one by trustee Lamb and one by an OCP focus group member, both arguing that the most controversial proposals sprang unbidden from the focus groups with the trustees not involved.

It's an interesting argument, designed primarily to obscure an exceedingly inconvenient truth: Every focus group was stacked with political supporters of our trustees, with a few token opponents thrown in for "balance."

I am a political naïf, but I guessed in broad strokes what was coming as soon as I saw the group memberships and before a single meeting was held. It beggars belief that our politically savvy trustees didn't know what their trusted allies would propose once appointed.

When I finished reading the letters, I thought the attempts to muddy the track had ended. So I was a little surprised to see the Briony Penn article near the end

of the paper, presenting yet another justification for our trustees' consideration of the most radical proposals.

As usual, Ms. Penn writes well and convincingly, arguing that the trustees operate under mandates from higher levels of government to consider measures like increased setbacks on waterfront. She bolsters her case by making repeated and extensive reference to a federal government report as authority. Readers with internet access should find the report online and compare it to Ms. Penn's article.

Here is what I found. The "federal government report" is not policy, nor even proposal. It is instead a literature survey of research and advocacy on the subject of insurance and natural disasters, compiled by research staff of the Library of Parliament. The terms setback, waterfront, oceanfront, lakefront, or riverfront are nowhere to be found in the document. The general "recommendations" that Ms. Penn implies are direction to our trustees are copied from a 1997 paper by two private authors, not government policy or mandate that justify or require action by local governments.

Don't take my word for it. Read the document for yourself. You will be as amazed as I was at the misrepresentation of the context and content of this supposed authority.

Random rogue citizens led the trustees down the garden path? Sure they did.

The trustees are just fol-

lowing the orders of higher-ups? Sure they are.

You have to laugh or you would start crying.
NORBERT SCHLENKER,
SALT SPRING

Who gains?

With the recent about-turn by PARC regarding the replacement of a tennis bubble at Portlock Park, perhaps it is time to look at some of the key points in the saga of the replacement bubble project.

For the past 15 years the Salt Spring Tennis Association (SSTA) has provided a facility for winter tennis. Who gained? Anyone on the island who wanted to play tennis over the winter, and not just SSTA members.

Who lost? Certainly not the taxpayer. The bubble was provided initially by SSTA members' personal contributions, then was self funding under the management of SSTA volunteers. In addition, the operation provided funds sufficient to replace the bubble at the end of its useful life.

Over the past seven years, SSTA has attempted several times to reach an agreement with PARC to replace the present bubble. These have all failed. In one attempt, according to its own figures, a decision made solely within PARC wasted about \$300,000 of funds allocated for tennis. Who gained? Nobody. Who suffered? Island taxpayers of course. Plus those SSTA members who voluntarily undertook the hard labour

of raising the old bubble yet again. And nobody in PARC.

A group purporting to represent the taxpayers of Salt Spring Island then initiated an action against PARC which cost, again using their own figures, approximately \$60,000. Who gained? Nobody. Who suffered? The taxpayers!

The latest sad episode saw an agreement between PARC and SSTA fall apart at the 11th hour. SSTA would have donated a new bubble and associated equipment valued at over \$200,000. PARC would have spent \$100,000 on a supporting system. Further, SSTA would have guaranteed any overrun up to \$32,500.

The decision on the part of SSTA to go for a new bubble and anchoring system rather than try to repair the old one and use the old anchors was an informed decision based on professional engineering experience of its members, advice from bubble manufacturers and expertise gained with the old bubble over 15 years. The old bubble is, in SSTA's opinion, beyond economical repair, and, if put up, would represent a physical risk to any user from collapse. An attempt, five years ago, to strengthen the 80 old anchoring supports was not successful because of the condition of the sub soil (clay and mud).

Who gains? Nobody. Who suffers? Anyone on the island who wishes to play indoor tennis this year, and any individual or group who would have been offered use

of the new facility.

Having had seven years of delays and disappointments from its involvement with PARC, SSTA is now committed to pursuing its goal — to provide indoor winter tennis to anyone on the island — with no public money, and to arrange purely private funding.

MIKE LEEDHAM,
VICE PRESIDENT, SSTA

Clear priority

No matter what mode of travel — from the automobile, to air travel to ferry service — people are paying a premium for transportation these days as the cost of fuel, staff, and materials increase. In the island communities along the coast of the province, there is no doubt that the resulting increase in ferry fares is a concern.

The Province of British Columbia is doing its part to keep ferry fares affordable. Since 2003, we've contributed additional funding to make sure our commitment to ferry services remains substantial. We provided \$7 million to help with fuel costs on the northern and minor routes, helping reduce the impact on ferry users.

Government contributes more than \$130 million a year to guarantee service levels for minor, northern and Sunshine Coast ferry routes. Of this subsidy, \$55 million goes to the Islands Trust alone — to a population of 25,000 people. We will be providing an additional \$22 million once the Northern Expedition enters into service. More funding

will be provided when the third replacement vessel for the north is in service. That's not all.

In addition to this, government also provides \$20 million to keep costs affordable for seniors, students, disabled residents and those travelling for medical reasons. This government is making a concerted effort to consider island communities. Unfortunately, the same cannot be said for all governments.

Under the former NDP administration, ferry fares rose significantly and erratically. Between 1991 and 1999, ferry rates increased by 70 per cent, with little or no investments in the fleet to show for it, while BC Ferries' debt increased by 1,800 per cent in the same period. Today, we see a ferry corporation making massive investments in new and refitted vessels and terminal upgrades.

There is no question that as fuel and other costs increase, the cost of transportation will also increase. This is as true for drivers and those travelling by air as it is for ferry users. It is an unfortunate reality, but is a reality we have to face. This government is taking the initiative to keep costs down for island residents, and as the recipients of the largest ongoing subsidy in the province, ferry dependent communities remain a clear priority for the Province of B.C.

KEVIN FALCON,
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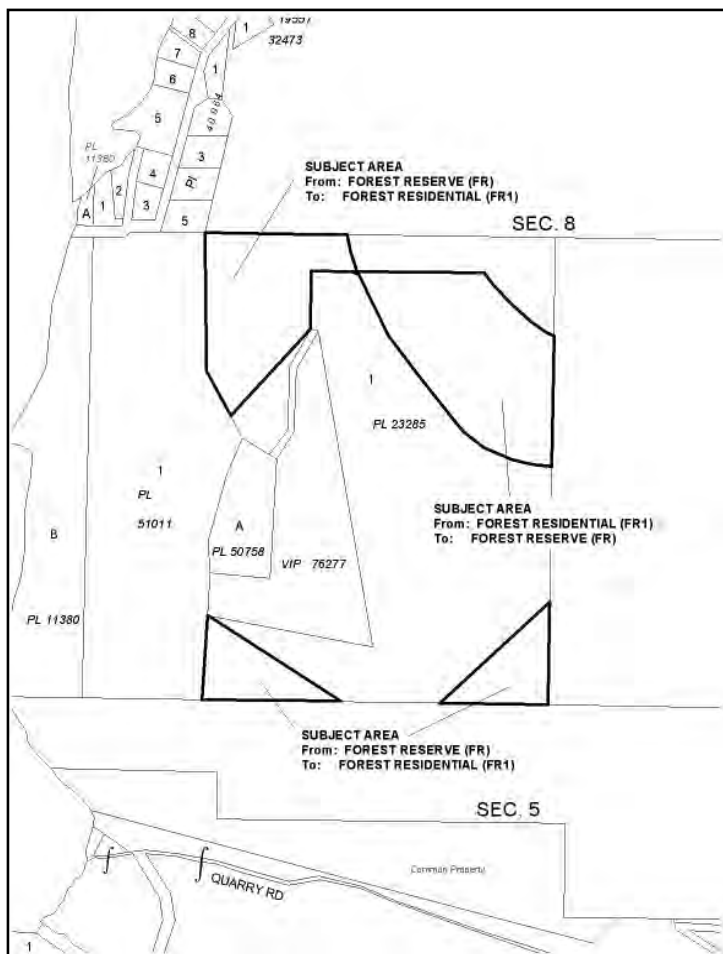
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for the purpose of allowing the public to make representations to the Local Trust Committee respecting matters contained in the proposed bylaw at **1:30 p.m., Wednesday, November 21, 2007 at the Saturna Island Community Hall, 105 East Point Road, Saturna Island.**

At the public hearing all persons who believe that their interest in property is affected by the proposed bylaw shall be afforded a reasonable opportunity to be heard or to present written submissions respecting matters contained in the proposed bylaw.

- **Bylaw No. 91 – cited as “Saturna Island Land Use Bylaw No. 78, 2002, Amendment No. 1, 2007”**

In general terms, the purpose of Proposed Bylaw No. 91 is to amend Schedule B of the Saturna Island Land Use Bylaw by changing the zoning of a portion of land legally described as Lot 1, Plan 23285, Section 8, Saturna Island, Cowichan District from the Forest Residential (FR1) Zone to the Forest Reserve (FR) Zone and also by changing a portion from the Forest Reserve (FR) Zone to the Forest Residential (FR1) Zone as shown on the following map.



A copy of the proposed bylaw and any background material that may be considered by the Trust Committee in respect of the proposed bylaw may be inspected at the Islands Trust Office, #200 - 1627 Fort Street, Victoria, B.C. between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday to Friday, inclusive, excluding statutory holidays, **commencing November 9, 2007 and up to and including November 20, 2007.**

Also for the convenience of the public only, and not to satisfy Section 892(2) (e) of the *Local Government Act*, additional copies of the proposed bylaw may be inspected at various Notice Boards on Saturna Island, B.C., commencing November 9, 2007 and can also be viewed on the World Wide Web at the following URL: <http://www.islandstrust.bc.ca/ltc/sa/bylaws.cfm>

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Written comments made in response to this notice will also be available for public review.

Inquiries regarding the proposed bylaw may be directed to the Islands Trust Office, Island Planner, Gary Richardson at (250) 405-5157 or, for Toll Free access, request a transfer via Enquiry BC: In Vancouver 660-2421 and elsewhere in BC 1-800-663-7867.

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Kathy Jones
Deputy Secretary

OPINION

Housing focus group aimed to represent ‘the public good’

BY BOB WILD

It is now widely-known that the OCP focus group on “Housing and Settlement Patterns” proposed a cap on new homes on Salt Spring Island of 3,000 square feet.

As a member of that group I was present at recent public meetings which offered islanders the opportunity to respond to the work of the focus groups. When discussing house size, many speakers objected to our recommendation, defending private interests with understandable passion.

However, the responsibility of focus groups is to represent the public good. There is a long history in western society of the need to defend the well-being of “the Commons” from being steadily reduced by private interests. The Islands Trust stands in this notable tradition.

The inference by some speakers that our focus group was unrealistic fails to realize that we gave this question of house size much serious thought. In the end, group member Neddy Harris dissented from the recommendation.

We all agreed that the question of actual size remains debatable; but the majority believe that the principle of a cap on house size is sound. In defence, I offer three arguments: economic, moral, and social/aesthetic.

First, the economic argument. Since the mid-1940s North American society has

lived with rising expectations for our standard of living. Economic growth has been urged as essential for human well-being. However, in the mid-70s an important study document was made public titled Limits to Growth. It was stated then, and often since then, that if most of the world’s people were to rise to a typical North American standard of living, three or four extra earths would be needed.

The planet’s material resources are limited. Even if we succeed by the next decade in reducing our expectations, we must think now in terms of conservation and not of exploitation without end.

On a finite planet, continuing growth is an oxymoron: it is self-contradictory. We do not know when we shall hit the wall that will clearly halt the reach of our economic activity, but one barrier already visible in many places is the supply of potable water.

If we care at all about the needs of future generations, we must learn to curb our own present demands on Mother Earth. Not growth but gradual diminishment in our material desires is the only rational course of action.

The economic argument leads into the moral argument. And this can be illustrated nicely by a short story written over 100 years ago by the English novelist

John Galsworthy. He tells of a certain Russian kulak, a prosperous farmer who was constantly seeking to expand his land holdings. One day his neighbours asked him, “How much more land do you need?”, and after some thought the man said, “As much as I can walk around in one day.”

How big a house on

Salt Spring Island is enough?

When challenged to show how much this might be, the man chose a day with the most hours of daylight and prepared himself as thoroughly as he could.

He set off promptly at sunrise. His neighbours watched as he strode at a fast pace around his chosen route, pressing himself to his maximum walking speed. As sundown came close, he increased his pace so as to be sure to return in time to his starting point where his neighbours were gathered. Exactly at sundown he arrived and fell down dead.

The title of the full story is *How Much Land Does a Man Need?* and the short answer is: sufficient in which to bury him.

But the story addresses a much deeper and more pertinent question: What will happen to a society as it moves beyond a subsistence economy and is able to provide itself with increasing material abundance? How much will prove to be enough? The ever-present moral question for us is: How much is enough? We know that world-wide there is a rapidly widening gap between wealthy and impoverished people.

If we continue in this direction, it can only lead to terrible social stress and ultimately to social collapse. How big a house on Salt Spring Island is enough?

This brings us to the social/aesthetic argument. Our focus group’s research turned up the present phenomenon of “gentrification.” This occurs in communities where over time properties become increasingly larger and more costly: the gentry push out the peasants.

We already have a few huge homes (sometimes called monster houses).

Only by a reasonable cap on size can we control this trend. What kind of island do we want in 50 years’ time? A place where the only limit in house size is the quantity of money available, where the rural landscape becomes increasingly dominated by manor houses, and where people of modest means cannot afford to live?

I suggest that we want an island with a lifestyle that is economically sound, morally responsible, and socially and aesthetically desirable.

The writer is a member of an OCP focus group.

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OPINION



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LIONS WARMTH: George Breden de-nails shingles and stacks them during a Monday kindling work bee staged by local Lions Club members. The kindling will eventually be sold as a Lions fundraiser at Thrifty Foods and Ganges Village Market.

MORE LETTERS

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Drop web poll

As a professional social scientist with a 30-year career in research, I must protest this newspaper's inappropriate use of a weekly question on the editorial page, ostensibly to tap community opinion.

First problem: you publish percentages without the raw numbers which is very misleading. If a significant number of people have replied, we might learn something, but if only 40 or 50 or even 100 replied, we can learn nothing of value.

Second, we don't know who is replying. Are they representative in any way, or are they (for example) a bunch of people with an axe to grind about that week's question? We have no way of knowing.

Third, online pseudo "surveys" such as these are wide open to manipulation. Someone with (for example) something to lose or gain from outcome of the issue can launch a campaign urging everyone on his or her email list to "vote" a certain way.

Once again we learn nothing of validity or value from the results.

Fourth, the wording of survey questions is critical. Ask a loaded question, and you'll get a predictable answer. Conducting meaningful opinion research takes some professional training. What you are doing just muddies the waters of public discussion. I urge you to drop it.

**JUDI STEVENSON,
MOUNT BELCHER**

No mandate

I was at Musgrave Landing recently on a roof performing my day job as a chimney sweep when suddenly the Mars water bomber flew directly overhead.

What a beautiful behemoth she is!

I instantly realized where it was headed.

I can't imagine California being so strapped for resources to fight its wildfires as to need assistance from Canada.

The national guard would otherwise be there on duty in such cases, but — oh wait, I almost forgot — they're serving in Iraq. Yes, that's right. There's precious little left on the home front to fight real

— not perceived — threats such as fires and floods. And this time it's the rich and famous who are affected, as their leaders gamble all the chips to fight its never ending ideological war.

Things should get interesting now.

My other reason for writing is to respond to Tom Pickett's letter regarding Andrew Lewis' stand on the Security and Prosperity Partnership. I want to further mention that this is another name for the proposed North American Union, with a common currency called the Amero being fine-tuned as we speak.

This is not some goofy conspiracy theory, either. In fact, for any doubters out there, go to YouTube on the internet and enter "Lou Dobbs North American Union."

Lou Dobbs is a financial anchor on CNN, and he makes no bones about the fact that this next phase of NAFTA is without any mandate.

What doesn't surprise me is that there is a virtual media blackout on this issue.

**DAVE CAMPBELL,
SALT SPRING**

Is This The Kind of Government You Want?

Trustees Lamb and Ehring removed at least two topics from the focus groups recommendations before the recent public meetings. Trust minutes state that the Salt Spring Island Local Trust Committee (LTC) "supported further consideration of" the rest of the recommendations. Both Trustees maintain that they have no ownership of the recommendations and put all of the focus groups recommendations through.

At Thursday's LTC meeting, Trustee Ehring stated that many of the recommendations put forward by the focus groups were advocacy statements and that some were outside the scope of an Official Community Plan or outside of Trust jurisdiction.

At the same meeting last week, Trustee Ehring moved to instruct staff not to consider several of the focus group recommendations including:

1. Downzoning of existing large properties;
 - Trustee Ehring stated that the resulting densities would not amount to a large enough number to merit the adverse effect it would have on landowners.
2. Limiting house size to 3000 sq. ft.;
 - Trustee Ehring stated that limiting house size would not necessarily correlate to reduced energy use.
3. Increasing shoreline setbacks to 30 meters.
 - Trustee Ehring stated that due to the island topography a vertical limit would be more relevant

Trustee Ehring further moved that a study group be formed to explore options for the Fulford Village and that study group be instructed not to consider the boundaries proposed by the focus group.

In each case Trustee Lamb seconded the motion, there was no debate, nor was there mention that any of the public input affected any of their decisions.

No Debate, No Disagreement, No Mention of Public Input

The citizens of Salt Spring were subjected to a month of divisiveness, argument and unpleasantness because the OCP recommendations were not vetted for legalities, appropriateness and Trust mandate before the public process began. We have spent a month arguing and fighting over topics that should never have been put forward. The hard work of the focus groups has been diminished because of this. Our dirty laundry has been spread over the pages of national newspapers.

In the end, the Salt Spring LTC did not change their recommendations on these topics because of public input. The Public Process has yet to truly begin. Islanders for Self Government demand that the LTC change the recommendations as per their Thursday meeting and begin the public meeting process again before beginning their draft of the document. The last six meetings have been completely dominated by argument and protest over topics that should never have been included. We need the time to consider the rest of the document, debate its merits and downfalls and decide what we want for our community. This is an important document we need to embrace as a community for years to come.

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- Two 24 passenger minibuses will provide service Monday through Friday with some Saturday service between Fulford, Ganges & Vesuvius & in & around Ganges.
- Buses would operate with fixed routes and schedules so you can travel to work, school and around the island.
- The minibuses are lift-equipped and include two bike racks.
- Discount passes & tickets will be available at various locations throughout the island.
- The service will be provided by a local operator under contract to BC Transit & the CRD.
- Watch for an open house in November and stay tuned for more information.



Did you know?

CRD Public Transit and Transportation Commission was established to provide a public transit system, sidewalks, bicycle trails, parking services, pedestrian safety and traffic calming services.

Volunteer members are: Nigel Denyer, Bob Fenske, Gary Gibson, Kimi Hendess, Gary Holman (Interim Chair), Jan Steinman, Harold Swierenga, Jean Taylor, Maggie Ziegler, Marion Pape (Interim Coordinator).

CYCLING: British Columbia's Motor Vehicle Act says that cyclists have the same rights and responsibilities as drivers of vehicles.

PARTNERS CREATING PATHWAYS
Two very successful work bees to clear the pathways from Wildwood to Blaine Rd. have been completed and plans are underway to have two more before winter to finish the clearing. **Mark your calendars to meet at the BC Hydro building Wed. Nov. 14th and Sun. Nov. 18th from 10:00 to 12:00 noon. RSVP Jean at 537-4859**

BICYCLING
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WALKING Top 5 reasons for walking as a mode of transport in Canada:

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3. Practicality/Convenience...**10%**
4. Environmental Concern.....**10%**
5. Saving money.....**9%**

Walking the Talk ...

Cyclist Carron Carson commutes to work at Island Savings in Ganges daily from her Furness Road home. Yes, that means starting her day with a ride up Lee's Hill. With a car-free commuting commitment, Carron walks the talk in a big way.

TAKE THE CHALLENGE

- Take the bus, it is planned to start in January!
- Plan to ride your bike to the bus stop or to a Park 'N Ride spot.
- Give a bus pass as a 'Green' Christmas present.
- Purchase passes or sheets of transit tickets for your employees
- Join Island Pathways and the Trail and Nature Club to see the island on foot and by bicycle.
- Join the monthly Salt Spring critical mass rides when they resume in the spring.
- Try an electric assist bicycle instead of your car for short trips.
- Be safe when walking and cycling. Wear bright colours, use lights and reflectors at night, and wear a properly fitted helmet whenever you cycle.
- Pick up a copy of the Bike Sense cycling safety guide at I-SEA or from Island Pathways.
- Ride share on Salt Spring and beyond. Check out the "Salt Spring Rides" website. (See resources)
- Avoid jet flights and cruise ship vacations; they are the most GHG intensive modes of travel.

TOOLS AND RESOURCES

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- Island Pathways www.islandpathways.ca
- SS Rides www.saltspringrides.com
- Jack Bell Rideshare: <http://online.ride-share.com/en/my>
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OPINION

RANTS and Roses

Rants

To all those people who speed along our country roads and fail to slow down when passing horses. Fortunately our horses are sensible enough to tolerate the inconsiderate drivers who race past, some making faces at the fact that we wave and ask them to slow down. Mandy Spottiswoode

great matrons and patrons that appreciate and buy my art. Thank you for the best birthday celebration and retrospective art exhibition! I love you all, Amarah Gabriel

An ocean full of roses to Dave on the water taxi (Scholarship) on October 29 for getting my best friend home so quickly to her family from Galiano when she heard the news at work. Thanks so very much. Denise Akerman and all of "A" Watch too. We love you Alice.

Roses

Bright and inspiring bouquets of roses to the incredible Grade 10 students at GISS who have just completed their work with the "Respectful Relationships" program. Your insight, wisdom and perseverance remind me of how blessed we are to have each of you in our Gulf Islands community! With respect and gratitude, Christina Antonick, R+R adult facilitator

A dog bed full of roses for all the people who sent positive thoughts and a special bunch for Theresa, Sharon and Sally for all your help... Stanley, Karen Hartley

A dozen litres of rose-flavoured gelato to Ralph and Jen Quick for being such great neighbours. Your watchful eye, home advice and thoughtfulness will be missed. Enjoy your new home! Lauren, Marck, Michael, Daniel, Murphy and Maggie!

Dozens of locally grown roses to the businesses of Ganges and Fulford that contributed counter space and staff time to the Greenpeace petition to the B.C. legislature for mandatory labelling of genetically engineered foods. Thank you for your help in securing so many signatures by making this petition widely available all summer. Salt Springers for Safe Food

A diamond rose to Cathy Ward of Family Jewels. Thank you for your generous donation to the SS Dragon Boat Team. Paddles up to Cathy. SS Dragon Boat Team

Roses to all those kind and considerate drivers who slow down when passing horses on the road. We, and our horses, really appreciate those people who understand that even the most sensible horse can spook at cars and trucks whizzing by.

The Lions share of roses to, you guessed it, the Salt Spring Lions Club for helping the Salt Spring Search and Rescue Society to go paperless. No more paper plates, styrofoam cups and plastic utensils. Thank you, Lions!

A huge bunch of sweet smelling roses to Paul who shimmied into the storm drain to rescue our two beloved but goofy golden retrievers. Thank you so much for your heroic strength and bravery! The Steffiches

Sixty vibrantly painted roses to my wonderful partner, Timothy Hume and my fabulous friends, Ellen and Bob Reid, Barb, Brianna and Melissa Grimmer, my handsome sons Dan Flynn and Orion Gabriel, my always supportive mother Lita Pero, Joyce, Jon and Crystal Hume and all my wonderful helpers, Lisa Lipsett, Cindy Jacobson, Theresa Hitch, Rheona Severson, Jill Tarswell, Bob Rogers, ArtSpring, Derrick Lundy, Ian Kyle, Maddy Tarris, Diana Morris, Dorothy Cutting and all the

Dozens and dozens of roses to Island Star Video, TJ Beans, GVM, the fire department, parents, coaches, spectators and anyone else who donated to or helped with the football playoff game last Saturday. Your support is greatly appreciated! TH

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SPOOK HOUSE:

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OCP process moving along as it should

BY RUTH TARASOFF

I spent the evening of Wednesday, October 31 reading the Driftwood and specifically the two ads and the Viewpoint article by Islanders for Self-Government.

The dire message of impending doom for Salt Spring was clear: I should be "very concerned" with the process that has been undertaken for the "proposed official community plan (OCP)." "It is not a revision, it is a complete re-write." "It seriously affects employment, housing, property rights, culture and the environment." The "current OCP review demonstrates how flawed the current process is." There is "likely to be dissent" between the two local trustees. I should attend the Local Trust Committee meeting on November 1 because this could be my "last chance" to express my opinion to the "tie-breaking vote before the OCP draft is done."

It was even suggested new focus groups be formed and the process started again. Then I read the letters to the editor and later, I tried to go to sleep.

Well, I didn't sleep that night. As one of hundreds of volunteers who had spent many months reviewing the OCP, I had been told, in a public newspaper, that my contribution was worthless and should be repeated by a new set of people starting from scratch.

INDEPTH

It's time to set out the facts. Since last November, the public has had ample notice that an OCP review was underway. A huge effort was mounted to attract interested folk, to volunteer their thoughts if not their presence at countless organizing meetings, strategy sessions, lecture series [outstanding] and public meetings. The trustees made every effort to contact and visit all the groups that make this place such a vibrant place to live; to inform and to invite participation in this lengthy process.

My involvement started in November 2006.

Included in our oversized folder was a clear graphic describing time lines leading to August 2008. We spent four months of intense discussions, Local Government Act in one hand and the land use bylaws in the other. We were duly impressed by the work done by previous focus groups.

Many sections of the OCP required little up-dating whereas others did. If one is to get it right, an eye to the future is crucial, and so that is where we looked. If one is to do it right we all need to be involved, and that is what we did.

By late spring, open houses were hosted by the focus groups to invite input into

our findings, but were poorly attended. Exhortations from the trustees by e-mail, newspaper articles, advertisements, opinion forums and surveys have followed one another in an attempt to get everyone on board. The process moved forward.

The mountainous work of collating the focus group reports and extrapolating themes were carried out by the planners and Trust staff. These recommendations were aired at the first open house at ArtSpring earlier this year, presented to the public by the trustees. The current round of public meetings have taken place, the process is moving forward according to plan.

The recent spate of critical articles, letters to the editor and paid advertising show a remarkable level of misinformation is being circulated in order to stir up anti-Trust sentiment. It's a great pity that such energy isn't being harnessed to all pull in the same direction. Think what we could achieve if we did.

It behooves all of us to reflect on the origins of the Islands Trust. Recognized as unique places vulnerable to untoward pressures by the government of the day [1974], the Gulf Islands were placed "in trust" as an early example of the precautionary principle. It is a form of government unique in Canada and as such deserves to be endowed with all the care and caution that

its inhabitants can muster. It is our document, written by our islanders and relying on people of goodwill to see it complete.

So last Thursday I went to the Trust meeting. There I learned there is no "proposed official community plan (OCP)." No formal amendments to the current Salt Spring OCP have been considered. No amending bylaw has been drafted yet and there will be many more opportunities for public input at each step of the way.

I listened for two hours while the trustees and chair discussed the process, the focus group recommendations and the public input to date. I heard reasonable, well-informed discussion. I heard no dissent between the trustees. There was no "tie breaking vote." Further directions based on community feedback were given by the trustees to the staff. The trustees requested a summary of input with options and recommendations made by the staff. No final decisions were made. Some contentious recommendations were removed from the table.

Everyone was encouraged to participate and to continue providing input to the ongoing OCP review process. It certainly appeared to me that the system was working.

And so we all went home.

The writer is an OCP review focus group member.

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NEWSBEAT

FERRY TRAVEL

Cost of assured loading ferry tickets increases \$400

"B.C. Ferries needs funds"

BY CHRIS STEPHENSON
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

B.C. Ferries hopes a significant increase in assured loading ticket (ALT) costs will encourage passengers to make more regular trip reservations, says the company's media director.

ALTs, which come in packs of 10 one-way fares, rose to \$1,250 from \$819 on November 1. The tickets

guarantee one driver and vehicle passage between Tsawwassen and Swartz Bay, Duke Point and Tsawwassen, or Horseshoe Bay and Departure Bay up to 20 minutes before departure time without a prior reservation.

Deborah Marshall, director of media relations for B.C. Ferries, hopes customers will make more reservations instead of using ALTs, especially during peak times such as long weekends. She said ALT

holders can create longer lines in regular traffic as they don't need to wait or make reservations.

"We are trying to curb usage," she said.

Regular ticket prices rose 4.4 per cent on November 1 and will increase again approximately four per cent in April 2008 on the minor routes, including Salt Spring.

Marshall said in a September interview that overall increases to all ticket sales are partly due to the

higher cost of fuel, maintenance and the capital cost of the fleet and docks.

The hike in fares also occurred because B.C. Ferries did not receive an increase in provincial government funding — or the "service fee" — which offsets ridership costs, as publicly reported in June.

Salt Spring Ferry Advisory Committee (FAC) member Bob Jones said Marshall is not telling the full story. He said the price increase of

ALTs is nothing more than an easy way for B.C. Ferries to gain revenue. He said the ferry company must use every possible method to increase its revenue due to the lack of government funding for the minor routes.

"There is no other avenue for them."

Jones said while the ALTs can be beneficial, passengers lose their spot in the line if they arrive less than 20 minutes before boarding time.

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Shopping list:

- Chicken—raw or pre-cooked (Optional)
- Rice
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•Pre-Heat oven to 350 degrees F. Prepare **2 cups rice** as per package instructions, set aside. Prepare chicken meat (or use an already cooked chicken from our deli department). Mix together **cooked chicken, 1 can cream of chicken (or cream of mushroom) soup, 1/2 cup sour cream, 1/4 cup milk, 1 can chopped green chile peppers & 1 minced onion.** Set aside. Layer cooked rice and the chicken & soup mixture into a greased baking dish. Top with **1 cup shredded cheese.** Bake for about 35 minutes, or until it is hot and bubbling. Add **1 cup crushed Doritos (or other zesty taco chips)** to the top of your casserole and bake 5 minutes longer. Enjoy!

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CLIMATE CHANGE

Local politicians need action plan

Trio reports on climate change regional conference

BY GARY HOLMAN, PETER LAMB AND GEORGE EHRLING

A report from the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) earlier this year concluded, among other things, that scientific evidence showing warming of the world's climate is so strong it is "unequivocal," that scientists have "very high confidence" or are about 90 per cent sure that they understand how human activities are causing the world to warm and that, even if greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions are stabilized, warming and sea-level rises would continue for centuries.

A Canadian scientist working on the panel said he hoped this report "would finally put to rest any lingering doubt that climate change is happening and will have dramatic effects if not brought under control."

Findings by several research agencies, including a NASA team, suggests that the IPCC report understates the rate of global warming. Thus, there is a critical need to address the challenge of, not just climate change, but what many are calling a climate crisis. At the same time, international studies demonstrate that there are

economic opportunities created by the crisis.

How are we supposed to respond in the face of such a projected different future?

Hope it won't happen?

Hope enough people and businesses will voluntarily change their usual ways?

Or plan for the future?

It has been said that voluntary measures do not bring about formative change and, in such circumstances, that the public expects government to act. Governments are responding. The federal government has finally recognized the critical importance of dealing with climate change.

The B.C. government has established a climate change secretariat and recently announced that it will introduce new legislative measures this fall to mandate GHG reduction targets and provide legal tools to implement reductions in GHG emissions by 33 per cent below current levels by 2020.

Improved energy efficiency standards for new housing are expected to be released soon. The province has also agreed to a B.C. Climate Action Charter with the Union of B.C. Municipalities and signatory local governments, including the Islands Trust Council. Local governments are being advised to develop a range of actions that can affect climate change, become car-

bon neutral in their operations by 2012 and reconsider zoning regulations in areas vulnerable to climate change.

How are we supposed to respond in the face of such a projected different future?

Last Saturday, we attended an excellent forum organized for elected officials in the Capital Regional District to discuss the impact of climate change on the region. Cooperative action on community energy planning by provincial, regional and local government was stressed.

On Salt Spring, the Community Energy Strategy Task Force has completed an energy and GHG baseline study and proposed targets for energy and GHG reductions. It has identified measures needed to meet those targets and has made a number of recommendations for addressing climate change in the official community plan. Our next step is to consider those recommendations in the context of the CRD energy plan and

adopt an action plan for Salt Spring, including an implementation and monitoring plan with estimated costs.

The CRD has identified six goal areas for action. These are:

1. improve the energy efficiency of buildings
2. increase transportation efficiency
3. encourage energy efficient land use planning
4. diversify the energy supply
5. educate and engage residents and businesses
6. demonstrate local government leadership

To help understand the range of results that could be achieved, CRD defined four scenarios:

1. Business as usual: A do-nothing scenario.
2. Selective Measures: Energy use and GHG emissions continue to increase. A patchwork of actions with some progress made in each goal area.
3. Hold the Line: No net increase in GHG emissions in spite of growth in the region. A coordinated effort to make progress on all goal areas.
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We continue to work with the Energy Strategy Task Force on an action plan for Salt Spring for further public discussion, but we welcome your comments at any time.



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SALES: Market vendor Chris Arnett adds a little entertainment to his folk art booth by singing and playing the guitar.

WILDLIFE

Cougars, bears call Salt Spring home

Wildlife swims from Vancouver Island

BY CHRIS STEPHENSON
 DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Wild animals such as cougars and bears that live on Salt Spring may swim from Vancouver Island to get here, says the island's animal control officer.

A cougar was spotted early Tuesday morning, October 30, on Salt Spring near Reynolds Road in the island's south end.

Wolfgang Brunnwieser, animal control officer for the Capital Regional District (CRD) on Salt Spring, said it's not uncommon for the animals to swim from Vancouver Island across Sansum Narrows on the south-east side of the island.

"They come over on the low tide," he said.

Over the 14 years Brunnwieser has worked as the local animal control officer, he has received numerous calls about cougar or bear sightings on the island. He said it's rare for the animals to attack humans, but there are accounts of the wildlife killing deer or livestock.

Brunnwieser said when the population of a certain species is too high or if the animal gets into another animal's territory, it might decide to swim to Salt Spring in search of a suitable place.

Karen Hudson, executive director of the Salt Spring Conservancy, agreed with Brunnwieser that cougars and bears do live on the island. Hudson said she doesn't have the exact numbers but speculated there might be a pair of female cougars on Salt Spring.

However, Hudson said she's not sure why the animals end up on the island. She suggests cougars or bears may arrive by accident after chasing a predator into the water.

"It's beyond us to know why," she said.

Jackie Ballerone, director at the Island Wildlife Natural Care Centre (IWNCC) on Salt Spring, said she's certainly aware of cougars and bears on the island. She said despite what many people think, bears and cougars are excellent swimmers. She said the animals can easily swim from Vancouver Island.

Ballerone said the animals are quite shy of humans and residents shouldn't be concerned. She said IWNCC staff

don't go out to look for the animals and hope residents will take the "live and let live" attitude towards cougars and bears.

"They come over on the low tide."

WOLFGANG BRUNNWIESER
 Animal control officer

Kate Thompson, media relations and issues manager with the B.C. Ministry of Environment, said wild animals swimming to Salt Spring is nothing new. She said there is no way to control the animals coming to Salt Spring and suggests residents consider the interaction cougars or bears might have with other wildlife. She said the animals could potentially keep the deer population in check, adding that it is currently out of control on some other Gulf Islands.

Anyone spotting a cougar or bear should back away from the animal slowly and call Brunnwieser at 537-9414.

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BOOK SALE

Community Ed and Driftwood team up for Bag-a-Book Sale

Fundraiser set for Dec. 1 at Meaden Hall

Salt Spring Island Community Education has joined forces with the Driftwood to present its first annual Bag-a-Book Sale at the Legion's Meaden Hall on Saturday, December 1 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The event sees the public donate high quality books for the cause, which are sold at bargain prices. Books must be in mint condition — without mould or mud — and

no magazines, encyclopedias or National Geographics are accepted.

Books can be dropped off in bags or small boxes on Wednesday-Thursday, November 28-29 between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. at Meaden Hall (below the Legion).

"Clean your shelves of new and gently used books — paperback or hardcover, fiction or non-fiction, kids books and unique books," requests Community Education in a press release.

"You will be giving others the opportunity to acquire books at a

modest price and support the Community Education Society in raising non-restricted funds for those items not covered by student fees, such as insurance and computer maintenance."

Those with questions about either donating or delivering books to be sold at the Bag-a-Book Sale, or anyone who wishes to volunteer to help with this project should either call the Community Ed office at 537-0037 (messages are checked daily) or e-mail info@ssicommunityed.com.

PROGRAMS FOR YOUTH

Youth mentoring supported on Salt Spring

Program matches teens with children

Big Brothers Big Sisters hopes to open arms on Salt Spring in the new year with a teen mentoring program.

Teen mentoring is a friendship-based non-academic program that matches high school students with boys and girls from grades one to seven for one hour a week at the child's school.

Volunteers are matched with students with common interests, which gives the pair a foundation for their friendship, states a recent mentoring program press release.

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Victoria plans to work with the community to start the program in January when students return to class after the Christmas holidays.

Big Brothers Big Sisters is a not-for-profit, charitable

organization that matches children with mentors. The program is designed to offer one-to-one mentorship with a volunteer to provide companionship, guidance and to enhance the child's personal development.

Jenn Burgoyne, youth mentor program coordinator on Salt Spring, said considerable research supports findings that relationships developed in the mentoring program provide stability

and support that is crucial for the healthy development of an individual.

"Mentoring has a real and measurable impact in the life of a child," she said in a press release.

Burgoyne said all that is required now is community support to get the program in motion.

Local groups or individuals interested in making the project happen should contact Burgoyne at 538-8705.

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INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL

Earth Track Education seeks interns for Thailand journey

Seven-week stint planned

Two interns are needed to join a seven-week project in Thailand.

For the past three years, David Krieger and Tashmyra Crowe of Earth Track Education have been mentoring youth on Salt Spring and the Cowichan Valley in wilderness skills and nature awareness and tracking.

This December and January, six other instructors from the U.S., England and Thailand will join them to teach six wilderness weekend camps for urban Thai youth in Phetchaburi Province, Thailand.

Earth Track instructors will also work with Thai wilderness guides from Kaeng Krachan National Park on a documentary film and tracking study of the Phetchaburi River, which will be part of a comparative documentary study of the

Cowichan and Phetchaburi river systems.

"The similarities and differences between cultures, environment and how the two relate in terms of learning, experience and outcome will form the exploration of the film project," states a press release.

To complete their team, Earth Track needs two trainee interns to join them for the seven weeks in Thailand.

Interns will work for three days each week at the camps, assist in the film project and live within Thai culture as a part of a community.

They will also have time to explore and track the Phetchaburi River from the mountains of Kaeng Krachan National Park, home of elephants, tigers and leopard, to the ocean at the Gulf of Thailand with its mangrove swamps and fishing villages.

Interns will also be

invited to work with Earth Track Education at summer camps along the Cowichan River and estuary with local youth, and continue the tracking film project.

Krieger and Crowe have been working with Benchamtheputhit School in Thailand for over six years. For the past three years, they have organized exchange programs between Gulf Island and Cowichan Valley schools and the Thai school.

Interns must cover the cost of their flight and insurance, and contribute toward expenses and training (\$100 per week). All internal travel, accommodation, food and training will be provided.

Interested applicants should contact Krieger or Crowe at dovredfox@hotmail.com or 538-8513 and be available to be in Thailand December 10-January 30.

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SENIORS HEALTH

Dementia in focus at hospital event

Irene Barnes is guest speaker

A presentation called The Brain and Dementia is open to the public at Lady Minto Hospital next week.

Irene Barnes, a clinician, author and educator with the Elderly Outreach Service of the Vancouver Island Health Authority, will speak on Friday, November 16 from 1 to 4 p.m. at the hospital.

After reviewing normal brain functions, Barnes' focus will be on the different dementias and interventions that assist in providing care.

The presentation is suitable for professionals as well as family members and volunteers.

People can call Jo Twaites at 538-4827 for more information.

Pre-registration is not necessary.

PATHWAYS PROJECT

Work bees in motion with foundation grant

Islanders are invited to help with two more work bees as the Partners Creating Pathways project makes great strides.

Weather permitting, the next bees are on Wednesday, November 14 and Sunday, November 18 from 10 a.m. to noon.

People should meet in the Islands Trust office parking lot before heading to the pathway across the road.

Jean Gelwicks of the Partners Creating Pathways project was also pleased to announce receipt of a \$5,000 grant from the Victoria Foundation, "which is bringing us very close to our targeted funding goal," she said.

For more information, call Gelwicks at 537-4859.

Islanders park legacy tour at next historical meeting

Salt Spring's parks and protected areas will be the topic of the November historical society meeting. Presenters Nora Layard, assisted by Charles Kahn, will explore stories of how land came to be protected so that islanders can today enjoy an island-wide patchwork of parks.

"Hikers and nature lovers enjoy the gifts of generous islanders," notes a press

release. "Some parks are the result of foresight by those in power at the time. Others are the result of community campaigns. Who can forget the struggle to acquire the Texada lands?"

Each park has a story. People can find out more when Our Park Legacy is presented on Wednesday, November 14 at 2 p.m. at Central Hall.

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HOSPITAL FOUNDATION

Minto donors recognized through art

Glass mural represents island life

A glass mural representing the spirit of Salt Spring now hanging inside the entrance of Lady Minto Hospital pays tribute to the facility's donors.

Gil Schultz, Lady Minto Hospital Foundation president, said the mural was created to recognize the donors and enhance the entrance to the wards. He said the donors expressed the need to improve the recognition program so foundation board members decided to commission a local artist to create something new. The mural will eventually replace the old donor name plaques along the entrance hallways.

"We are really pleased to have such a nice display," Schultz said.

The piece, created by glass artist and designer Jerry Ringrose, is a five by 24-foot tempered glass mural that will have moveable donor names placed on top.

Schultz said the board chose Ringrose for the job because the design was the most practical for the hospital. The new mural, which consists of coloured glass pieces that form pictures, is less expensive to update than the plaques and the glass will not break if hit.



Lady Minto Hospital Foundation president Gil Schultz is happy to see the hospital's new donor recognition wall, created by Salt Spring artist Jerry Ringrose.

Ringrose said the piece represents the elements of Salt Spring.

"There are elements of water, wind, sails. It echoes the spirit of Salt Spring," Ringrose said.

He said the work is meant to uplift and relax people who walk by.

"It's a welcoming type of piece."

The mural will be able to hold 8,000 to 10,000 names placed on moveable tracks.

Ringrose said he designed the tracks to allow people to still enjoy the art with donor names attached.

The donor wall represents just one of the foundation's activities over the last 12 months. The foundation recently committed

\$143,000 to help purchase the ultrasound machine replacement for medical imaging, provide nurses' education, pay for ongoing improvements to the emergency room and fund other minor projects.

Schultz said an official opening of the new donor recognition program will take place on November 24.

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VOLUNTEERING

Volunteer jobs need to be filled in driving and depot projects

Latest postings from Volunteer Salt Spring

Volunteers are always needed on our island for projects big and small, and Volunteer Salt Spring has an active listing of all sorts of great opportunities just waiting for those of us with a bit of time and passion to spare.

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For more information or to arrange an interview contact: John Mowbray, Coordinator of Volunteer Drivers Program, The Salt Spring Senior Services Society, 259 Lower Ganges Road (across from GVM). Phone 537-5971 (home) or 537-4604 (Seniors Services).

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Loan depot help

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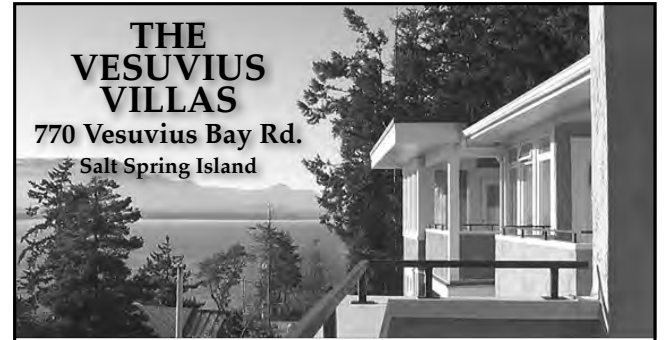
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PEOPLE & COMMUNITY



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PUMPKIN PATCH: A line of pumpkins along North End Road at St. Mary Lake amuses passers-by in an annual display.

FUNDRAISING Sales support music lessons

Resident sets up fund for kids

A fund created to assist low-income families send their kids to music lessons is up and running on Salt Spring thanks to a resident with a talent for baking.

Michele Mackenzie started the charity fund Giving Everyone Music and Art (GEMA) in September.

An administrator at Acoustic Planet Music, Mackenzie set up the fund to help kids who are interested in playing music but can't afford the cost of lessons.

She decided to build the fund by selling snacks at local venues like ArtSpring. She sells water, coffee, tea and treats she bakes herself. "I've been baking like crazy," she said.

So far the fund has \$500. She hopes to get it up to \$2,500 as a base amount.

The GEMA fund is offered through Acoustic Planet Music.

The Ganges business has 12 instructors who can teach everything from piano to saxophone. Mackenzie said families with income of less than \$30,000 per year are eligible to access the fund if they want their child to learn to play an instrument.

"If they have a passion, we'll figure something out."

Mackenzie is at ArtSpring this Thursday to Saturday, November 8 to 10, selling her goodies at the comedy play Salt Spring Blues.

Anyone who would like to donate to GEMA or to hire Mackenzie's concession services can call her at 538-6262. Residents can also donate to GEMA directly at Island Savings Credit Union account #1900539.

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SIMS FOOTBALL

Slayers advance to finals with win

Middle school team faces Harewood Bull Dawgs

BY SHELLIE BARRETT
SPECIAL TO THE DRIFTWOOD

Salt Spring Island Middle School (SIMS) Slayers hosted a semi-final playoff game this past Saturday against the Port Alberni Sea Lions.

The biggest crowd of the season was very enthusiastic in anticipation of the game. The weather was perfect fall football. The smells of popcorn, hot dogs and hot chocolate made you feel as if you were at a large outdoor venue, not at the SIMS field.

The game was to kick-off at 1 p.m., but a number Sea Lions parents got lost en route, missed the ferry and so the game was delayed until 3 p.m. Although the fans had to wait for a long time, everyone stayed for the game.

When the game started, Salt Spring had 22 players and the Sea Lions 15, including their "giraffe" quarterback. Torin McIvor, the Slayers' quarterback, had his team pumped and ready for a great game.

In the first quarter the Slayers scored first with a run in from running-back Sam Miles and a conversion by full-back Aaron Hoffman. At the end of the first quarter and then the half, the score was 7 to 6 for the Slayers, with a final score of Slayers 19, Sea Lions 6.

On offence, Miles had a great game with 19 carries for 162 yards and accounted for the Slayers' three touchdowns. Hoffman had 16 carries for 74 yards. One highlight was on a fourth down: with 11 yards to go, four-back Eric Weatherby caught a 15-yard pass from McIvor to move the team up field.

In the early part of the first quarter the crowd really got into the game when on defence, cornerback McIvor made a spectacular tackle on the Sea Lions' quarterback known as "the giraffe." On defence, Hoffman led with 11 tackles, followed by Tyler Layard, Sam Miles, McIvor,



PHOTO BY JOHN CAMERON

Sam Miles blasts through heavy traffic during a touchdown romp in Slayers action.

Derek Oswell, Brady Moore, Kayla Pultke, Noah Price, Gord Fraser, Barry Goodwin and Eric Weatherby.

History was made as a result of the win, as it was the first time that a football team from the Gulf Islands reached the finals. The team plays the

Harewood Bull Dawgs, game start time to be announced.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the coaches, parents and the fans that came out to support the Slayers. We had a great day and the Slayers have made us all proud!

GISS FOOTBALL

Senior varsity Scorpions head to B.C.s

Last game of year extended

BY PATRICK CWIKLINSKI
DRIFTWOOD CONTRIBUTOR

The Gulf Islands Secondary School (GISS) senior varsity Scorpions thought they had finished off their season with a bang last Tuesday, shutting out the G.P Vanier Towhees.

For 2008 grads on the team, it was to be their last game as a Scorpion.

However, the players learned Monday that their season's performance had qualified them to play in the provincial finals at B.C. Place

GISS runners pick up the pace at provincials

Team finishes 21st overall

Six high school cross-country runners competed against the best in the province last weekend, with three improving their times from the previous week.

The top three finishers for Gulf Islands Second-

ary School (GISS) ran faster than in previous events at the 4.4-kilometre provincial championship race at Beaver Lake in Victoria on Saturday.

Finishing first for GISS, Kirsten Iverson placed 74th (18:18) overall out of the 246 athletes in the race, followed by Grace Morgan, who came in 134th (19:05).

Superb play continued in the second quarter with the Scorpions adding another six points off a 16-yard touchdown from Barrett, which would increase their lead to 12-0.

The overall team effort from GISS was just too much for the Towhees to handle and the Scorpions kept their lead going into the half.

Barrett would leave the game with an injury and not return, forcing the Scorpions to adjust their plan of attack.

The Scorpions changed up the style of their game, focussing more on defence to make sure that the Towhees would be stopped

from getting on the scoreboard. Angus Fraser, four tackles and a sack; Patrick Poetsch, three tackles and a sack; and Myles Raposo, four tackles, along with Dan Foley, Christian Piatka, Graham Moore and Felipe Machado, all contributed to the phenomenal defensive effort.

It pressured Vanier into throwing two interceptions, both caught by Morrisette, and a fumble, with a 17-yard recovery by Hugh Finer.

The Scorpions finished the game with a 12-0 score, not giving up a single point in one of the team's best efforts of the season.

Nicole McMahon placed 191st, taking almost two full minutes off her previous time. Adelina Boeddinghaus placed 193rd (20:11), followed by Kaylea Kray, 196th (20:18) and Seanna Johnson, 207th (20:41).

Team member Sierra Lundy was unable to compete due to an injury.

The high school squad

earned a berth in provincials at the Vancouver Island regional event last week, when points accumulated by the top five finishers launched them into a fourth-place overall finish.

At the provincial event on Saturday, GISS finished 21st out of the 26 schools competing.

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SPORTS & RECREATION

GISS FOOTBALL

Work ethic and heart meet Armada

GISS junior varsity holds own against injury-free team

BY PATRICK CWIKLINSKI
 DRIFTWOOD CONTRIBUTOR

The junior varsity Scorpions football team ended their season with a great effort that would surprise a much larger and injury-free Alberni Armada team.

The Gulf Islands Secondary School (GISS) Scorpions, who missed a total of six players for a variety of reasons, showed a lot of heart and determination against the Armada and made sure that they were all playing to the best of their abilities.

The opening kick-off saw an outstanding first drive from the Scorpions as Kevin Abbott and Zach Corley led their team all the way to the red zone where they were stopped just about three yards shy of a touchdown. The Armada took advantage of the turnover, running the ball all the way into the Scorpions end-zone and taking a 6-0 lead after failing to convert.

The Scorpions worked hard to get something going on offence in the second quarter, but it seemed for every play they had, the Armada had an answer.

However, Alberni would be shut down for the entire quarter thanks to some outstanding defensive play from Corley, who played quarterback on offence but managed three tackles and

a sack on defence, and Gordon Fraser, who also had three tackles and sack.

In the third quarter a semi-breakdown plagued the Scorpions as two touchdowns were added by the Armada, increasing their lead to 19-0 and holding GISS off to finish the quarter ahead once again.

The fourth quarter brought along with it the Scorpions' first touchdown of the game off a four-yard touchdown from Corley, which was made possible by some spectacular blocking and work ethic.

This score would set up a dramatic finish with the Scorpions being stopped just one-yard short of a touchdown and time would expire before they would get a chance to run the ball, with the final score 19-6.

MEN'S SOCCER

FC Alumni maintains undefeated record

Old Boys outshot in Nanaimo

Salt Spring Alumni FC players put to rest any doubt they belonged atop the Vancouver Island Soccer Association's Masters C division with a 5-0 victory against Cowichan Sunday.

"The other team played well," said Dave McColl, the team's spokesperson. "We weren't expecting that."

Despite the five-goal victory, McColl said, Salt Spring failed to get on the scoreboard until early in the second half when Duff Goodwin scored the game winner.

"At the half we were starting to get really antsy because we normally score a lot of goals," McColl said.

Goodwin's goal opened the floodgates for Salt Spring, as Ken Marr, Jude Sugar, Richard Lee and

Sean Norgard combined to give the team a five-goal lead.

"Halfway through the second, the other guys lost their legs," McColl said.

Goodwin and Marr took turns in goal to earn the team a shutout.

Alumni FC puts its 8-0-1 record on the line on Salt Spring against Prospect Lake Sunday at 10:30 a.m.

"This should be a good game," McColl said. "They're

the only team we haven't beaten."

Division rivals Salt Spring Old Boys remain in sixth position following a loss to Nanaimo United at Pioneer Park Sunday.

Jim Witherspoon scored Salt Spring's lone goal in the 4-1 match.

The Old Boys will try to turn the tides when they host Vantreights at 12:30 p.m. on Sunday, November 11 at the high school field.

WOMEN'S SOCCER

Dragons 'click' in tie with division leaders

Defence shines in Sunday match

Salt Spring Dragons women's soccer team held on to a 0-0 draw against division-leading Bays United despite an early red card during a Sunday afternoon game in Oak Bay.

"Everybody really stepped up to the plate," said Sue-Anne Donaldson, a player and team spokesperson.

"We kept the game moving through the midfield. We were really clicking as a team."

With a red card issued for what Donaldson called "an unfortunate misunderstanding" in the game's opening minutes, the Dragons hung on to prevent an unrelenting Bays United offensive charge from taking control of the game.

Donaldson said Dragons players spent much of the

game keeping the ball away from Bays United's high-scoring forwards.

"We even had a few opportunities near their goal," Donaldson added.

Donaldson credited the team's defence with a strong game-long effort. Tami Benoit, she added, held up in net with several crucial saves to preserve the tie.

"She made some amazing diving saves that kept us in

it," Donaldson said.

The draw means the Dragons (3-2-2) are in fourth place in division three, six points behind Bays United (5-0-2).

The Dragons will attempt to close the gap against the division's best when they visit second-place Juan de Fuca on Sunday, November 11.

"We're playing for the top spot," Donaldson said. "We're very excited."

Seniors boys host AA north island volleyball championships

Fans urged to cheer on Saturday

Islanders are welcome to watch some first-class high school volleyball when the senior boys AA north island championships are held at Gulf Islands Secondary School (GISS) on Saturday, November 10.

People can cheer on the home team when GISS plays games beginning at 10 a.m., 11:10 a.m., 1:30 p.m., 2:40 p.m. and 5 p.m.

The finals match is set for 6:10 p.m. Also qualifying for the championships and playing on Saturday are Chemainus, Kwalikum, Cedar, Wellington and Mark Isfeld.

GISS team members include David Out-

erbridge, Cole Wrigley, Hal Cook, Brendan Nickerson, Stuart Garside, James Cameron, Cayce Fedberg, Chris Howe, Taka Koshimoto, Gerrit Gosch, Conrad Fankhanel and Dennis Balcerzak.

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SPORTS & RECREATION

YOUTH SOCCER

Hat-tricks among highlights

• Salt Spring's U10 Boys had a brilliant match-up this weekend against Prospect Lake. Salt Spring wasted no time getting on the score sheet when Josh Brown took a well-placed shot that found its mark.

Salt Spring controlled most of the first half.

Chase Kasakoff played keeper in the first half, and was relieved by Matthew Traer for the second, and both keepers made some great saves.

Kevin Marr had some personal best moments playing up front and working really hard. Gabe Gold's lightening speed helped the team keep Prospect Lake from getting a few breakaways.

Thomas Weatherby made a couple of strong crosses and passes, and Brown set another one in the net with just six minutes left.

It was an excellent, well-matched game, with the boys working together and staying focused, as well as showing excellent sportsmanship in their victory.

• Salt Spring's U12 Team Kopetzki made a valiant effort against Juan de Fuca this weekend, playing one man short, with no available subs and under a steady rain.

Justin Kopetzki kicked in the first goal of the game, assisted by Gurjyot Grewal. With steady battling and near goals on both sides, Juan de Fuca finally answered with two goals of their own. Kopetzki brought the score to 2-2 with an unassisted goal moments before the half-time whistle sounded.

The second period began with impressive defence by Team K, with Tai Levitt and Kopetzki each knocking potential goals out of danger, and with Austin Finer, Alex Graham, Sage Sevigny and keeper Cody MacQueen holding Juan de Fuca at bay.

The opposition snuck two goals into the net, but Kopetzki, assisted by Levitt, scored his hat-trick goal, which brought the final tally to 4-3 for Juan de Fuca.

• The Salt Spring Gelato U13 girls were on the wrong end of a 7-3 goal-fest on Saturday. Playing at their "field of doom," Glanford Park, Salt Spring ran Prospect Lake much closer than the score suggests.

The Lakers had two players of great pace and strength, who, once they got going, cut through the valiant Salt Spring defence and scored all of the goals.

The Gelato had their own scoring star in Olivia Kornelsen, who got her hat-trick with a distance free kick that ricocheted off the head of a defender and into the top corner of the net. That strike was a lesson for the Salt Spring attackers: have the confidence to shoot more often.

At times Salt Spring played a beautiful passing game, outclassing their opposition and drawing admiration from those watching. They may not be the strongest team in the league but are certainly one of the most



PHOTO BY JOHN CAMERON

Rodrigo Cruz, right, takes on an opponent in U18 boys action at Portlock Park on Sunday.

SOCCERKICKS

skillful.

• Salt Spring's U14 Boys Spartans notched a narrow victory in Esquimalt Saturday, eking out a 1-0 win against Gorge.

Salt Spring started the game in top form, controlling the play for much of the first half. Despite half a dozen good scoring chances, including a crossbar, the half ended scoreless.

Play in the second half evened out, with chances on both ends. The game's only goal occurred midway through the half, with Lukas Wenzel cracking a solid shot from the 18-yard box past a sprawling Gorge keeper. Steve Fedberg and Arthur Irwin-Campbell earned offensive and defensive "men of the match" awards, for their solid and consistent play.

Salt Spring keeper Byron Mussell didn't get tested much, but responded well when called upon, to earn his second consecutive shutout.

With only five goals allowed in six games, the Spartans' defence and goal-tending are "tougher to get through than downtown Ganges on a Saturday," says coach Markus Wenzel. The real test will come this Saturday, when they battle Bays United for first place, 12:30 p.m. at GISS.

• Torrie Holmes scored two goals for Salt Spring's U15 Island Star girls during a match against Gordon Head at Gulf Islands Secondary School on Saturday.

Holmes scored both goals off strong crossing plays developed by midfielders Becky Edwards, Clover-Fedoruk Russell, Jody Pringle and Amalia Smith in the first half.

Despite solid netmind-

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• Salt Spring's U10 Boys had a brilliant match-up this weekend against Prospect Lake. Salt Spring wasted no time getting on the score sheet when Josh Brown took a well-placed shot that found its mark.

Salt Spring controlled most of the first half.

Chase Kasakoff played keeper in the first half, and was relieved by Matthew Traer for the second, and both keepers made some great saves.

Kevin Marr had some personal best moments playing up front and working really hard. Gabe Gold's lightening speed helped the team keep Prospect Lake from getting a few breakaways.

Thomas Weatherby made a couple of strong crosses and passes, and Brown set another one in the net with just six minutes left.

It was an excellent, well-matched game, with the boys working together and staying focused, as well as showing excellent sportsmanship in their victory.

• Salt Spring's U12 Team Kopetzki made a valiant effort against Juan de Fuca this weekend, playing one man short, with no available subs and under a steady rain.

Justin Kopetzki kicked in the first goal of the game, assisted by Gurjyot Grewal. With steady battling and near goals on both sides, Juan de Fuca finally answered with two goals of their own. Kopetzki brought the score to 2-2 with an unassisted goal moments before the half-time whistle sounded.

The second period began with impressive defence by Team K, with Tai Levitt and Kopetzki each knocking potential goals out of danger, and with Austin Finer, Alex Graham, Sage Sevigny and keeper Cody MacQueen holding Juan de Fuca at bay.

The opposition snuck two goals into the net, but Kopetzki, assisted by Levitt, scored his hat-trick goal, which brought the final tally to 4-3 for Juan de Fuca.

• The Salt Spring Gelato U13 girls were on the wrong end of a 7-3 goal-fest on Saturday. Playing at their "field of doom," Glanford Park, Salt Spring ran Prospect Lake much closer than the score suggests.

The Lakers had two players of great pace and strength, who, once they got going, cut through the valiant Salt Spring defence and scored all of the goals.

The Gelato had their own scoring star in Olivia Kornelsen, who got her hat-trick with a distance free kick that ricocheted off the head of a defender and into the top corner of the net. That strike was a lesson for the Salt Spring attackers: have the confidence to shoot more often.

At times Salt Spring played a beautiful passing game, outclassing their opposition and drawing admiration from those watching. They may not be the strongest team in the league but are certainly one of the most



PHOTO BY JOHN CAMERON

Rodrigo Cruz, right, takes on an opponent in U18 boys action at Portlock Park on Sunday.

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skillful.

• Salt Spring's U14 Boys Spartans notched a narrow victory in Esquimalt Saturday, eking out a 1-0 win against Gorge.

Salt Spring started the game in top form, controlling the play for much of the first half. Despite half a dozen good scoring chances, including a crossbar, the half ended scoreless.

Play in the second half evened out, with chances on both ends. The game's only goal occurred midway through the half, with Lukas Wenzel cracking a solid shot from the 18-yard box past a sprawling Gorge keeper. Steve Fedberg and Arthur Irwin-Campbell earned offensive and defensive "men of the match" awards, for their solid and consistent play.

Salt Spring keeper Byron Mussell didn't get tested much, but responded well when called upon, to earn his second consecutive shutout.

With only five goals allowed in six games, the Spartans' defence and goal-tending are "tougher to get through than downtown Ganges on a Saturday," says coach Markus Wenzel. The real test will come this Saturday, when they battle Bays United for first place, 12:30 p.m. at GISS.

• Torrie Holmes scored two goals for Salt Spring's U15 Island Star girls during a match against Gordon Head at Gulf Islands Secondary School on Saturday.

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WAR & REMEMBRANCE

Normandy Memoirs of Geoffrey Donald Corry

Geoffrey Donald Corry is the late father of Salt Spring resident Leslie Corry.

Geoffrey Corry served in WWII, enlisting with 2 Battalion of the Canadian Scottish Regiment (Princess Mary's) beginning in July 1942. In June of 1943 he went to England to serve with the 1 Battalion of that regiment and was squadron commander where he fought, was wounded and subsequently relieved of duty.

With his degree in history from UBC, he enlisted as keeper of historical records and aide-de-camp to General Rockingham in Korea. He chose to remain an officer in the Canadian army and to work as Lt.-Col. in Germany (twice), London, England (foreign affairs), with NORAD, training troops in Ontario and acting as military attache to the Canadian Embassy in Australia. He then retired from the army and worked as personnel director for Loram Group for 10 years.

In his retirement from that he volunteered at the Regimental Museum at the Bay Street Armoury in Victoria and was named honorary colonel.

Leslie says he never missed a Remembrance Day parade, honouring his friends and compatriots who lost their lives for their country.

In 1987, Geoffrey Corry compiled "Normandy Memoirs." Some excerpts are published here.



Geoffrey Donald Corry

D-Day, 6 June 1944. We had slept fitfully, some not at all. The sea was swelling, the early light of dawn showing an overcast, rain-darkened sky, the horizon difficult to see. The transport lurched and rolled, frustrated by the convoy's slow speed across the channel. I went on deck, happy to escape the pungent atmosphere of the small cabin, a mixture of woolly body odour and oil impregnated air. My fellow officers joined me to view an extraordinary sight: in every direction there were ships, ships, ships of every size, shape and purpose.

There were destroyers, cruisers, Landing Craft Tanks, Landing Craft Infantry, minesweepers, escort vessels, transports and battleships, their huge bulk blocking the distance. Suddenly I realized that with this armed might, the invasion would succeed. It was as simple as that.

Our actual landing was uneventful, as by that time (approximately noon) the beach area had been secured.

We waded ashore in chest high water but as I was already wet it made little difference. The Corsuelles beach was a scene of organized chaos: landing craft disgorging troops, Landing Craft Assaults badly damaged and abandoned, equipment scattered, vehicles stranded, wounded waiting to be evacuated, bodies both Canadian and German, but through it all a steady flow of troops, vehicles and tanks slowly moving inland.

My first experience of seeing a dead man — it gave me a lurch and then it was over . . . Then we were past the shell houses and into the farmland, where we finally bivouacked in a wooded area some two miles inland. We

immediately dug in and waited for nightfall or to be called forward to replace casualties in the Battalion, which, we learned later, had penetrated further (six miles) than any other formation in the Second Army.

Dawn came about 0430 hours this 8th of June . . . As soon as stand down was over, breakfast was cooked in the bottom of the slit trench on a small burner, consisting of strong tea, pork and beans, and hard biscuits. It was quickly eaten. I had just completed my rounds of the position (all men were in good heart) when there was a sudden cry from one of the trenches. Without warning an ME 106 zoomed not more than 50 feet above our position, so low and close that I could easily see the pilot's face.

He was firing his cannons as he passed over us and everyone dived for the nearest trench. In a flash he was gone with no casualties to us, but it made us all realize how vulnerable the soldier is to attack from air, unless he is under cover. We stayed close to our slits for the rest of the morning.

Although there was little activity around the Scottish reserve position, we were not far from the two forward battalions of the 7th Brigade. Suddenly, the Germans launched a very strong armoured attack against the Regina Rifles, left forward of the Norrey-en-Bessin, and even more strongly against the Royal Winnipeg Rifles, right forward at Putot-en-Bessin . . . At about 1830 hours the Company Commander was called to Battalion Headquarters. He returned in about 15 minutes and immediately called for his platoon commanders.

The orders were brief: the Winnipegs had been overrun by the Germans and the battalion's task was to counter-attack and retake Putot-en-Bessin. Our failure would allow the Germans to drive to the beach and jeopardize the whole invasion. Pretty heady stuff!

No time to lose. Return to platoon on the run. Call together platoon sergeant and section commanders. Try to talk clearly but quickly. Explain situation on map. Everyone understands. Send them back to sections. On with small packs. Ammunition checked by Tom Carney. Begin to move out. 13 Platoon on my left. D. Company already well ahead.

Much smoke from our own screen of mortars and artil-

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lery. Check to see that my two forward sections are moving forward in extended line with me in centre. [Sergeant] Tom Carney with platoon headquarters and reserve section behind.

Fire beginning to get heavy. Bullets buzzing close. OK if you can hear them — you're not hit. Smoke clearing. How far to go? Look around — no platoon. Gone to ground because of fire. Screw up courage, wave pistol in direction of enemy, shout "Come on guys, up the Scottish!", get everyone moving again.

Suddenly on outskirts of Putot-en-Bessin — pass through hedge into orchard, pass through orchard, then through another hedge. See dead Germans, dead Scottish. See Scottish officer flattened by a tank. Take up position rear of D Company. All hell breaking loose. Tank, machine gun fire, mortar fire, artillery fire coming from everywhere.

Can't tell which side bullets are on. Everyone digs in. Fastest slit trenches made in Normandy. Next minutes, hours, a daze. D Company seem to be holding their own. Finally nightfall. Tracer bullets make a brilliant fireworks display. Everyone awake. Weapons cocked, waiting for the next German attack.

During the day (9 June),

the battalion was subject to counter-attacks by the Panzer Grenadiers against the left and left-centre positions, but these were successfully beaten off.

At the end of the day the Scottish were in firm control of Putot and the battle had been won, but at a very high cost: 45 officers and men were killed and another 80 wounded. Fortunately, my platoon casualties were low and during the next few days I got to know my men.

They were good men, just average Canadians, from all walks of life, dedicated to doing the best job that they could. It was a privilege to be with them.

While in Putot I received a birthday parcel from my parents, quite forgetting that I had arrived at the ripe old age of 21 the month before.

"What could it be?" I thought. "Socks... cigarettes... chocolates?" I opened it up, undid the tissue paper, and there, in all its newness lay a beautiful, bright red silk dressing gown!

"My God," I thought, "the perfect gift for a man who lives in a hole in the ground!" My batman collapsed with laughter and it didn't take long for the word to be passed around that the Platoon Commander received the perfect gift for the Normandy campaign.

I always regret that I never had the chance to wear my bright red silk dressing gown.

On 6 July we were told that the battle of Caen was about to take place, and on the evening of 7 July the battalion was relieved by a British armoured regiment and began moving east to the village of Caron.

That same evening we were given an aerial display of might that few have seen. To soften up Caen the Allies sent in 500 bombers at about 2,000 feet, on a route that took them directly over us.

In addition, the Royal Navy joined the barrage with its battleships' 16-inch guns, and as these huge shells passed over our heads at about 500 feet, they sounded exactly like an express train travelling through the sky.

At 1730 hours [of July 8], we moved across the Start Line. B Company was on the right of C Company, with B and D Companies in reserve... The noise was deafening. Our guns firing. Enemy mortars, eighty-eights and machine-guns firing. No good ducking.

Must keep moving. Must keep the platoon moving. Buzz, buzz, buzz. At least I can still hear them. Must

keep moving. Check section on left, section on right, me in centre with runner behind. Keep moving. Our shells landing 50 yards in front. Great shooting. Some falling behind. Realize not ours but German.

Moving ahead in a box between opposing artillery barrages. Eerie feeling... Christ, a walled village. Too much to the right. Company off line. Can't take whole village with one platoon. To hell with it. Time to charge. "Come on men, up the Scottish!" I yell and in we go at

the dead run.

Pass through break in wall, move left into small orchards, one section with me. Look ahead to see German behind wall. Aim Schmeisser and fire. Chips fly from wall. Missed. Great blow on leg. Fall down. Shit! I'm hit! Funny, not much pain. Get up and hobble to east side of orchard. Where are my men? All killed or wounded. All alone. Look around wall. Boom! Part of wall collapses. Bloody big Panther tank staring me in the face.

Duck back behind wall. Must get off leg. Lie down against wall, behind small pile of rubble. Poke my head up.

Twang! Two Germans, 50 feet away, potting at me. Another hole in helmet. What to do. Lie still. Might think you're dead. If they rush have only pistol and grenade.

Grenade best. Slowly ease off belt. Place finger in ring. If I raise up to throw, make great target. Have to throw on one side.

Good time to pray.

In distant lands,

So far away, row by row, our soldiers lay.

Where men had fought, gave their last breath.
Is now their final place of rest.

Where sons and fathers said goodbye
To wives and mothers, tears they cry.

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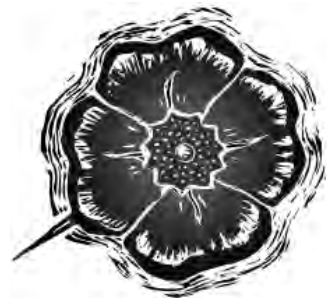


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Charlie Buckley, at left, with fellow P.O.W.s in Germany, World War II. (Submitted by Joan Buckley)



Submitted by Mary Small: This picture was taken during World War II at Westminster Abbey in London, England. It shows my brother, Capt. Peter Cotton, and my father, Sgt. A. F. (Pete) Cotton standing in front of an oil portrait of my brother painted by the canon of the abbey, The Right Reverend Chris Hilliard, who lived in the cloisters of the abbey. My father joined up by lying about his age and was fortunate enough to be able to meet up with my brother while both were posted in London in 1942. They spent their weekend leave at the abbey, at which time Canon Hilliard did several portraits of Peter.



Capt. (Matron) Jean Doerr, now Jean Holmes of Salt Spring Island, in 1958.

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Private Jesse Bond, February 1916, age 21. In the spring of 1915 Bev Acland, Jesse Bond, Vic Jackson and Dudley "Tiny" Seymour, all from Salt Spring Island, joined the 48th battalion in Victoria. After training camp they shipped via Panama, Jamaica and Bermuda, landing at Plymouth, England in the fall of 1915. Just prior to his leaving England Jesse had this photo taken and sent to his mother in Victoria "just in case I didn't come back." It was nearly prophetic. Jesse's platoon of some 30 men was sent into no man's land on their first night in the front line. Their goal was to restore communications trenches. The Germans opened up with star shell, artillery and machine gun fire. Only Jesse and one other survived the ordeal, the others dying out there, being part of the some 65,000 Canadian dead of 1914-1918. All four Salt Spring Islanders survived the war intact but were changed forever. Jesse and Dudley attended numerous reunions in the 1960s.



Above, top, an RCAF flight school class in Chatham, N.B., including William (Bill) Steel, father of Salt Spring resident April Steel, second from left in back row. At left is Bill Steel in Montreal, 1943, and Bill's "Liberator" bomber. He joined the RCAF in 1942. Following the Burma campaign he was assigned to RAF Squadron 203.

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and in the sky
The larks, still bravely
singing, fly
Scarce heard amid
the guns below
We are the Dead.
Short days ago,

We lived, felt dawn,
saw sunset glow,
Loved and were loved,
and now we lie
In Flanders Fields.

Take up our quarrel
with the foe,
To you from
falling hands we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high
If ye break faith with us who die,
We shall not sleep,
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Major Marc Holmes, 1958, Canadian Army, Artillery. Holmes was also Salt Spring's regional director to the Capital Regional District and an Islands Trust representative.



Flight Lieutenant Jack Weston, bottom right, and the crew of the Halifax LK959. All were killed in action, October 1943. (Submitted by W. Weston)



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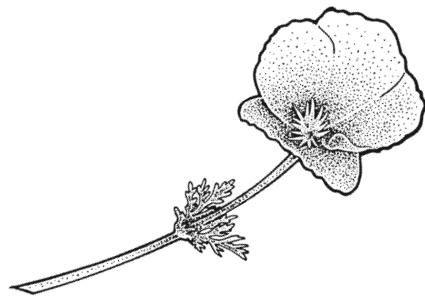
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On our cover — Counter-clockwise from bottom left: Major Marc Holmes, 1958, in Churchill, Manitoba (and in photo at left on this page); one of several WWII photos submitted by Bill Hoag, who served in England, Burma, India and Ceylon; Canadian army nursing sister Jean (Doerr) Holmes before Coronation parade in Ottawa, 1956; Jean Holmes in Hanover Germany during 1946 occupation; Bill Hoag's Allied Air Forces Club membership card; Bill Hoag and two friends in Bombay, 1944.

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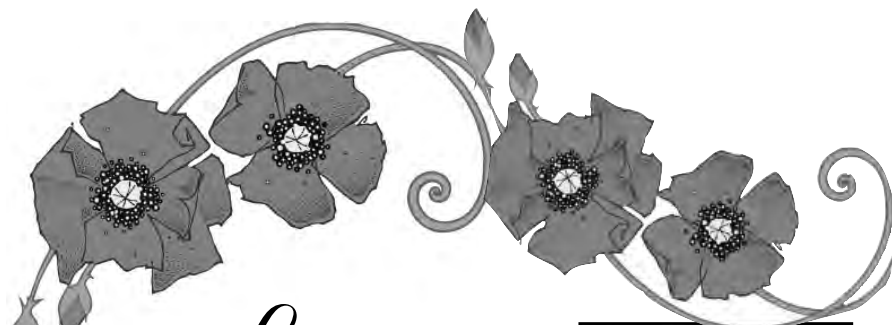
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Above and below: Durban, South Africa, 1942. Bill Hoag of Salt Spring Island, below, and second from left in the photo above.



Three generations: Bruce D. Bailey (father, top left) served in the Canadian Armoured Corps during World War II. He was killed in a jeep accident at Camp Borden on October 29, 1945. Gary R. Bailey (son, above left) served in the Royal Canadian Army Service Corps from 1952 to 1977, and in Korea, Cyprus, Egypt, Germany. Retired as a chief warrant officer in 1977. Bryon W. Bailey (grandson, above right) is currently serving in the Canadian Armed Forces as a master warrant officer. He has served in Bosnia, the Gulf War and Germany. (Submitted by Mary Lynne Hetherington)



We Will Remember Them

Come out and give thanks to those who served and those who died so that we might live in freedom!

Remembrance Day Service 2007

Sunday, November 11th at 10:45 am at the Cenotaph in Centennial Park.

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What's On This Week

Wed. Nov 7

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

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OTHER ACTIVITIES

Dealing With Low Vision. And Falling in Love With Daisy -- the Daisy Reader, that is. Presentation by Margaret Spencer at Meadowbrook. 10:30 a.m.

Youth Alcoholics Anonymous Group. For under 30-year-olds. 105 Rainbow Rd. 7 p.m. Info: Helani, 537-8978.

Zen Meditation. Group meets at 210 Cedar Lane every Wednesday, 7-9 p.m. Info: 537-2831.

Open House Poker. Tourney starts at The Local.

Family History Centre. Open at 221 Vesuvius Bay Rd. on Wednesdays, 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. & 7-9 p.m.

Core Transformational Healing Workshop. Intro session at Ganges Yoga Studio. 7-10 p.m.

Painters Guild. Life Drawing at ArtSpring, 9 a.m. to noon, plus a Painting With Coloured Papers workshop with Bly Kaye. Info/register: Jose, 537-1211.

Thurs. Nov 8

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

One Night Stand. Shipstones. 8 p.m.

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

Lonesome Don Wilkie. Live music at Falconshead Grill. 6-9 p.m.

The Medicine Path. Guitar journeys to the soul with Michael Waters. Acoustic psychedelic chill at All Saints. 8 p.m.

OTHER ACTIVITIES

African Drumming Classes. Thursdays with Laurent Boucher at 162 OakSpring. 5-6:30 p.m. Info: 537-4979

Family History Centre. Open at 221 Vesuvius Bay Rd., 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

SSI Weavers & Spinners Guild. Show Ask & Tell. ArtSpring. 10:30-noon.

Movies That Move Us. Snowflake is shown in Thursday film series at United Church. 7 p.m., with tea at 6:30 p.m.

Expressive Drawing. Core Inn, 3rd floor. Drop-in. 2-4 p.m. Info: Gillian, 537-5833.

82 The Circle. Reading event for Florence Reid's new book at Salt Spring Books. 6 p.m.

Core Transformational Healing Workshop. Intro session at Ganges Yoga Studio. 7:30-10:30 p.m.

Men a la Mode. "Phase Deux" fashion show and Splash pool society fundraiser. Harbour House Hotel. 5:30 p.m.

Micro-Exercise Classes. Focus on the Neck & Shoulders sessions begin today at Island Farmhouse Health Centre, 185 Horel Rd. Info: 653-9898.

Fri. Nov 9

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

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Lonesome Don Wilkie. Live music at Falconshead Grill. 6-9 p.m.

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OTHER ACTIVITIES

Drum Our Souls Free. Empowering 3-day drum workshop with Afia Walking Tree begins. Info: Calyx, 537-4758.

Core Transformational Healing Workshop. Nov. 9-12 workshop with Ger Lyons from Ireland begins. 538-8410.

Ratatouille. Special showing at The Fritz. Fundraiser for SS Co-op Preschool. By donation. 3 p.m.

Retired Lady Officers. If you have served in the military of any country, join group for a Remembrance Day luncheon at Hasrings House. Info: Marg Monro, 537-5004.

Circle Dance Group. Fridays at the Core Inn. 7-9 p.m. Info: Ling, 537-5784

Parent Child Mother Goose. 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.

Sat. Nov 10

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

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

Unless the Eye Catch Fire. Adaptation of P.K. Page play from La Run Theatre in Vancouver. Rainforest Appeal fundraiser. Mahon Hall. 7:30 p.m.

OTHER ACTIVITIES

Expressive Acrylics. Painters Guild Workshop with Suzanne Northcott. First of two-days. Info: 537-1211.

Big Night Out. Entertaining auction event in support of Galiano's new library building program. South Galiano Hall. See http://gulfinet.sd64.bc.ca/~GLS_Auction for more info.

Sun. Nov 11

ACTIVITIES

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

Remembrance Day Breakfast. At Meaden Hall, 8:30-10 a.m.

Remembrance Day Ceremony. Parade and ceremony at Centennial Park. 10:45 a.m.

Wilderness Awareness Workshop. The 5 Arts of Tracking, for adults and teens. 9:30-4. Register: 653-9122

Mon. Nov 12

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Joe Trio. Acclaimed group performs at ArtSpring. 8 p.m.

OTHER ACTIVITIES

Eckhart Tolle Practising Presence Group. Drop-in. 7:30 p.m. Info: Amrita, 537-2799.

Toastmasters. Meet Mondays at ArtSpring. 7 p.m.

Soul Food & Co. Community Chanting Circle Mondays. 705 Beaver Pt. Rd. 7:30-9 p.m. Info: 653-4186. All welcome.

Kundalini Yoga Beginners Class. Mondays at All Saints. 5:30-6:30 p.m. 537-9299

Osho Kundalini Moving Meditation. Drop-in. 5:30 p.m. Info: Amrita, 537-2799.

Voice of Women. Meet at 440 Old Scott Rd. 4 p.m. New members welcome.

Tues. Nov 13

ACTIVITIES

West African Dance Classes. Join Mohammed Andre Durateau of Guinea, Mérielle Comeau and Iroko for live percussion dance classes. Beaver Pt. Hall. 6-7:30 p.m. All ages. Info: 653-2431.

Warren Miller's Playground. Action sports film shows at ArtSpring. 7 p.m.

SSI Community Transit & Transportation Commission. Meet at I-SEA. 7 p.m. Public welcome.

OTHER ACTIVITIES

Portrait Drawing. Painters Guild event at ArtSpring. 9 a.m. to noon. Drop-ins welcome. Info: Jose, 537-1211.

Stitch Dimension Quilt Guild. Meets every other Wednesday at Baptist church, at the back. 7 p.m. Info: Gwen, 537-2443

Salt Spring Island: Our Park Legacy. SS Historical Society meeting with Nora Layard & Charles Kahn. Central Hall. 2 p.m.

Wed. Nov 14

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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., Nov. 7, see the Salt Spring A&E Report. Next Tues.-Wed., Nov. 13-14, see a story about the Lady Minto Hospital history book, including interviews with co-authors Sue Mouat and Charles Kahn. Also tune in for community messages, weather and news headlines. For further details about community programming, call 537-1335.

EXHIBITIONS

- Vanishing Silver** — images of abandoned mining towns by **Russ and Wendy Kwan**. At **Galleons Lap** from Fri., Nov. 9 to Sat., Nov. 24, with an opening reception on Sat., Nov. 10 from 3-6 p.m.
- 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.
- Cody Conner** is this month's guest artist at the **Roasting Co.** in Ganges. Theme of the show is **Golden Feet — Broken Shoes**.
- 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**.

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DANCE DRAMA: Lauren Bowler, right, leads a Broadway burlesque dance workshop in the Farmers Institute building on Salt Spring. The former islander now makes a living as a Vancouver-based actor and dancer.

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ISLAND AUTHORS

Smart named Canada's people's poet

Part of honoured literary tradition

Salt Spring writer Chris Smart is the 2007 winner of the Acorn-Plantos Award for People's Poetry.

Smart's book *Decked and Dancing* was published last year by Hedgerow Press of Sidney and has won the award that in many ways is considered similar to the Governor General's award for poetry.

According to press material, the award was established in 1987 in honour of Milton Acorn, an acclaimed poet from Prince Edward Island, who was passed over for the Governor General's award so many times that his fellow poets felt he should receive a special award for his wonderful and non-academic style of poetry.

ARTS & CRAFTS

Woodworks artists join Victoria craft fair

Out of the Woods features the best

Salt Spring Woodworks is again teaming up with a prestigious Victoria craft fair to put contemporary hand-made furniture in the limelight.

Joining Celia Duthie and Nicolas Hunt of Salt Spring

Woodworks is island craftsman Illyd Perkins, whose classic Morris standing desk is among work by several fine furniture makers at the Out of the Woods show at the Victoria Conference Centre.

Out of the Woods runs Thursday, November 22 to Sunday, November 25, in conjunction with the Out of

demical style of poetry. They presented him with the award in 1970.

In life, Acorn worked as a fireman, freight handler and longshoreman and deemed himself a troubadour of the working class. He performed at coffee houses in his early career and wrote extensively from the 1950s up until his death.



CHRIS SMART

"He was considered one of the most accessible Canadian literary figures of his time," states recent press material. "The award recognizes poetry written with the common reader in mind."

After Acorn's death in 1986, the award was established and given to a poet whose work best reflected the Acorn tradition of writing poetry that speaks "to the people."

"One of the early winners was Ted Plantos and he was also a driving force behind the prize," explains a press release. When he died, the award was re-named in his honour.

The award consists of a medallion, to commemorate that presented to Milton Acorn at Grossman's Tavern in Toronto in 1970 by his fellows, and a cash award of \$500.

Past winners have included Ken Babstock, Barry Butson, Louise Halfe and Evelyn Lau, amongst others.

A reading and a public presentation of the medallion and cheque may take place on Salt Spring in early December.

Hand craft fair, on tap for the 19th year running.

Other woodworkers in the show include John Lore and Evan Sadler of Live Edge Design; Brent Comber, Enrico Konig, Judson Beaumont and Wes Giesbrecht.

Show hours are noon to 8 p.m. on November 22, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. on the 23rd,

10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on November 24 and from 10-5 on the 25th.

Admission costs \$7, with seniors/student days on Thursday and Friday for \$6. A fair pass costs \$8 and those under 16 are admitted free.

For a sneak peek, see www.outofhand.ca/xmas.htm.

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NEW BOOKS

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The Southern Gulf Islands have come alive in a new book *Enchanted Isles* created by a two Pender residents.

Enchanted Isles offers an insider's view of the unique life and history of the southern Gulf Islands through factual tidbits, stories and professional photos. Author David A.E. Spalding and photographer Kevin Oke are long-time residents of the Gulf Islands and give their valuable knowledge of the area to the book.

Readers enjoy an historic overview of the islands as well as insiders' tips for visitors. The photos showcase the landscapes and local wildlife of the islands.

Spalding has already published 13 books including *Whales of the West Coast* and *Dinosaur Hunters*. He has also worked in radio and television. Oke is a freelance photographer who has captured landscapes from around the world, including Thailand and Mexico. His work is published in numerous books, magazines and travel guides.

This November, Spalding and Oke will present a slide-show from *Enchanted Isles* as well as discuss the various islands it highlights.

The author-photographer tour starts on Pender Island on Friday, November 10 at 5 p.m. at Talisman Bookstore and Galley. The second stop on their tour is Galiano Island on Sunday, November 18 at 2 p.m. at Galiano Island Books. Spalding and Oke end the tour on Salt Spring Island on Saturday, November 24 at 2 p.m. at Salt Spring Books.

A book signing with both the author and photographer will follow the presentations.

Enchanted Isles is published by Harbour Publishing.

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PUMPKIN ART: High school students clean out pumpkins in preparation for a carving contest at Gulf Islands Secondary School on Halloween.

ISLAND WRITERS

Author opens doors to life in '20s

Book tells true tales of English childhood in verse

Childhood memories of author Florence Reid hit Salt Spring Books this Thursday with the launch of her book titled *82 The Circle*.

Reid, who has written for the *Times-Colonist*, *Monday Magazine* and *Focus on Women*, started the material for the book after she moved to Canada in 1946 as a war bride.

During the period of adjusting to Canada and her new family, she was

homesick for England and began to relive her childhood memories through writing.

She kept the stories throughout her life and took them out two years ago when she learned her eyesight was failing.

Reid said she needed a project to keep herself occupied and decided to turn her stories into verse.

"I love the rhythm of verse," she said.

The collection of works in her book revolves around her six-member family during the 1920s in England.

The family lived in a house outside of London that was

part of a group of seven-circle council houses.

The address was 82, which is why she chose the number in the title for her book.

Reid said all the stories are accurate tales of her life, but she decided to change the names of her family to make them into characters.

Reid, who has lived on Salt Spring for 14 years, said the whole process was a lot of fun.

The book launch is on November 8 at 6 p.m. at Salt Spring Books.

82 The Circle is published by Art House Studio and illustrated by Reid's daughter Alexandra Fischer.

PHOTOGRAPHY

Ghostly impressions of bygone era at Galleons Lap for last 2007 show

Russ and Wendy Kwan present *Vanishing Silver*

Hauntingly beautiful art will visit Galleons Lap Atelier-Gallery for the next two weeks, as Russ and Wendy Kwan present a show called *Vanishing Silver*.

The Kwans will share 22 new images from visits to lost silver mining towns in a show and sale that runs from Friday, November 9 to Saturday, November 24.

An opening reception runs on Saturday, November 10, from 3 to 6 p.m. with the artists in attendance.

An artist's talk will take place on the same day. People should check the Galleons Lap website at www.gphoto.com or call (538-0182) for details.

"*Vanishing Silver* is our homage to the abandoned silver mining towns of Montana," say the Kwans.

"Many of them are far up long-forgotten forest service roads, far away from civilization, leaving us to contemplate the ghostly impressions of townspeople in their buildings, furniture and cemeteries."

The talented couple uses traditional lack and white materials to create what gallery owner Seth Berkowitz calls "hauntingly beautiful art."

"This has been an exciting year for the gallery," adds Berkowitz.

"I am tremendously pleased to be able to finish the year with Russ and Wendy's work. . . They create images that echo the look and quality of great photographers of the past century."

Russ and Wendy Kwan exhibited images from their award-winning book *Chasing Light Stranger* in a very popular show at Galleons Lap in 2006.

The book won an award at the prestigious Prix de la Photographie Paris.



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PLAY REVIEW

Salt Spring Blues hits home with look at relationships

Runs for three more nights

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Do more marriages fail on Salt Spring than elsewhere?

Is there something about the would-be haven that causes relationships to crumble?

Or do couples bring troubles with them so insurmountable that any move would cause a breaking point and the island gets unfairly blamed?

These are the central questions behind Sid Filkow's play Salt Spring Blues, a semi-comedic examination of one couple's marital demise and the similar troubles affecting all those around them.

Filkow is well known on the island for his role in community theatre and as one of The Geezers (Arvid Chalmers' oft-time partner in comedy).

This is his first effort as a full-length writer and director, taking on topical themes such as building bylaws, the real estate market and new-age spirituality in addition to marriage.

Filkow's disclaimer posted in the theatre lobby states: "Any similarity to someone you know is coincidental because it's Salt Spring and they are all over the place." Indeed, watching the two main characters air their grievances and concerns, one realizes that their real problems could apply to couples anywhere.

The play takes place entirely within Phyllis and Allen's Salt Spring home, which has been divided down the centre with police tape (including the couch). Personal belongings, clothes and books are in stacks everywhere, tagged with pink or blue sticky notes.

The projection of a Salt Spring view against the back wall cleverly brings a sense of place to the otherwise minimalist set.

Phyllis has been unhappy in the marriage for some time and has decided she can't take it anymore, while Allen is trying anything to get her to stay.

There are many scenes of talking and fighting, with a few tender moments where one or both remember some happy aspects. Typically, Phyllis is all about talking

and therapy and self-help workshops, while Allen avoids talking about feelings and would rather just joke things along.

"These conversations are like a death experience to me," he mopes.

Phyllis' plan to separate is contingent on getting the house sold so they can take the money and go their own ways. Allen is not for this plan, and sabotages it (not so subtly) whenever real estate agent Helen attempts to show the house.

He appears to be channelling Kevin Spacey's American Beauty character, revelling in an extended adolescence that includes Batman T-shirts and pot smoking.

Helen has her own failed relationships, and the only people interested in the house look like their marriage is about to hit the rocks any second. The cast of characters is rounded out with sultry Lola, the interior designer who "knows all the tradesmen."

The women in Salt Spring Blues are articulate and insightful, but bitter overall (except Lola). The men are sad, sex-deprived bumbler who are surely at fault for

their partners' disappointments, but are portrayed a little more sympathetically.

Marriage is certainly Filkow's main target, but the real estate industry also gets plenty of jabs. Most funny is when Allen begins to think the sad fate of marriages on Salt Spring is a conspiracy by the real estate agents to sell houses more often.

The island's spiritual community also takes some hits: Phyllis is busy trying to complete the 20,000 prostrations necessary to get into a Buddhist retreat in Colorado, and at one point the pair attempts to settle matters by consulting the I Ching.

The actors share a strong responsibility in such a character-driven story, and they do not disappoint. Stewart Katz, known for his one-man self-deprecating comedy shows and books, does a fine job as Allen.

He manages to keep the character likeable instead of seeming whiny or over-desperate, and his sense of comedic timing is put to good effect here. Marit McBride is equally good as Phyllis, although since her character is much angri-

er, she isn't given many of the funny lines.

Randie Clark is the perfect real estate agent and voice of pragmatism. Marck Shipley as Marvin, Therin Glover as Molly and Wendy Beattie as Lola all appear to have great fun with their roles.

How much you enjoy Salt Spring Blues probably depends on the state of your own long-term relationship.

(If you are not yet involved in one, you may decide to stay single after seeing this play).

Although many funny moments occur, the overall message is more serious, and the first half especially can get rather heavy.

Watching a couple fight can be anxiety provoking, and not everyone's idea of a fun evening out — though you wouldn't guess that from the laughter coming from the row of women seated front and centre last Saturday.

Clearly, there's a lot in Salt Spring Blues that hits home.

It's on at ArtSpring Thursday, Friday and Saturday, November 8-10 at 8 p.m., with tickets available through ArtSpring (537-2102).


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FOLK MUSIC

Award nominees present acoustic house concert

Jaime RT and friends on Nov. 15

Admission is \$25 for adults and \$10 for children (which includes gourmet finger foods and drinks).

Islanders are invited to share an intimate evening of wonderful music on Thursday, November 15, when Andy Hillhouse and Jaime RT present an acoustic concert at the exquisite home of Ted and Carol Brown.

The "acoustically exquisite" Brown home is located at 143 Castle Cross Road, which is five minutes south of Ganges, near Slegg Lumber.

Emilyn Stam will make a special appearance on piano and the concert will include gourmet finger food and beverages.

All are welcome, but seating is limited. Tickets are by advance sale only. People wanting to be a part of this wonderful and musical evening should RSVP to Jaime@jaimert.com, or purchase tickets at Salt Spring Books or Acoustic Planet Music.

"It will be a wonderful evening of acoustic instrumental music and song, featuring the sounds of Jaime's five-string viola (fiddola), Andy's brilliant guitar playing and beautiful voice, and Stam playing lush piano on an elegant Steinway grand," describes recent press material.

To hear samples of the music, check out www.myspace.com/jaimert, www.myspace.com/andyhillhousemusic or www.jaimert.com. Jaime RT's CD Spark, which features guitarist Hillhouse, was recently nominated for a Canadian Folk Music Award.

Doors will open at 7:30 p.m. and the music will start a bit later, "when it feels right."

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Visionary drum amazon visits island

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"They mobilized to create a meeting place to commemorate and reawaken the lineage of lost cultures and traditions through drumming, dancing, chanting and vocalizations named by Walking Tree as 'sound powah affirmations,'" notes press material.

The Salt Spring workshop called Drum Our Souls Free: Empower Our Voice, Awaken Our Rhythms will give cultural background and context, and encourage multi-instrumental techniques and soloing confidence for all ages, genders and abilities.

Born and raised in Kingston, Jamaica, she is currently based in Oakland, California.

She has shared the stage with many luminaries such as jazz soul artists Tuck + Patti, Arthur Hull and Ubaka Hill.

For more information, contact Calyx Kuprowski at 537-4758 or e-mail howlnow@hotmail.com.

Walking Tree serves as the musical director of Spirit Drumz, an organization which opened the Underground Drum Sanctuary in

Writer and activist Alice Walker writes of Walking Tree's work: "She brings

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INNOVATIVE MUSIC

Joe Trio presents smart, wacky evening

Music genres meld at Monday show

When it comes to demystifying classical music, "there are smart ways of doing it and there are dumb ways," says ArtSpring's executive director George Sipos.

Vancouver's Joe Trio, who will be playing at ArtSpring on Monday, November 12, are among the smartest of the smart, he says.

"No ponderous and po-faced demonstrations of major and minor chords or the supposed melodic felicities of dreary dead Russians. Joe Trio's performances are based on the twin premises that lightness and humour are essential to music, and that wit and intelligence are more important to demystification than dumbing down."

A typical Joe Trio concert combines piano trio music from the likes of Haydn

and Shostakovich, with arrangements in a variety of classical styles from jazz standards, rock and pop tunes, and original new music. The goal is to open the ears of audiences to new combinations of musical genres that bring us closer to the essence of the classical experience.

The group is made up of violinist Cameron Wilson and cellist Charles Inkman, both active members of the Vancouver Symphony and of the CBC Radio Orchestra, and pianist Allen Stiles, the founding artistic director of Vancouver's Little Chamber Music Series That Could.

Only musicians with such impeccable classical pedigrees could pull off what has been described as "amply witty, charming and tremendously musical" performances, said Sipos.

What can you expect at a Joe Trio concert? Here is Deryk Marlow writing

recently in Music in Victoria:

"The Pink Panther Variations depicts two centuries of musical development via nine variations on Henry Mancini's famous theme, including brilliant pastiches of Mozart, Beethoven, Stravinsky, Webern, Shostakovich, Elvis Presley and (gulp!) Deep Purple. A tour-de-force both as composition and performance."

Sipos met Wilson two years ago when he played the Mozart Double Concerto in Prince George.

"He is that rare combination of the brilliantly serious and the seriously wacky that can only make you think of... well, Mozart himself. This will be an evening not to be missed."

Tickets for good seats are still available from the ArtSpring Ticket Centre (537-2102).

Joe Trio's performance is also eligible for EyeGo-to-the-Arts student discount admission.

United Church hosts 'moving movies' series

Thursdays set aside for films, tea, discussion

ning at the United Church in Ganges for the month of November.

"Films like this are guaranteed to make you glad you saw them, or took this opportunity to see them again," states a press release.

The schedule sees Snow-cake shown on November 8, Babette's Feast on November 15, The Straight Story on November 22 and The Fez Festival on the 29th. The films are intended to feature themes such as forgiveness, hospital-

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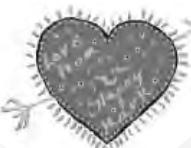
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DARING DAVE: Men à la Mode fashion show participant Dave Phillips gets set for the November 8 Ssplash UV-system fundraiser at the Harbour House. Ssplash president Wendy Rosier helps keep him decent at the new pool site.

November offers something for all

• Thursday-Saturday, November 8-10: Salt Spring Blues — a comedy written and directed by Sid Filkow. Life, love and separation — Salt Spring style. 8 p.m.

• Monday, November 12: Joe Trio. You've heard violinist Cameron Wilson, cellist Charles Inkman and pianist Allen Stiles on Stuart McLean's Vinyl Café. Trio members are fantastic performers who engage the audience in a way few classical musicians can. Witty, charming and tremendously musical, Joe Trio leaves audiences with a new appreciation for classical music. 8 p.m.

• Tuesday, November 13: Warren Miller's Playground. Film from the man who invented the extreme sports film genre. Film chapters include varied locations from Whistler Blackcomb to Dubai, United Arab Emirates and Sweden to Alaska. For each \$20 ticket sold, ticket holders will receive a 2 for 1 lift voucher for Mount Washington and another 2 for 1 lift voucher for Whistler Blackcomb; that's a \$140.00 value. 7 p.m.

• Sunday, November 18:

WHAT'S ON AT ARTSPRING

Coming Up For Air. The dean of the Vancouver acting community, the always-wonderful Bernard Cuffling, stars in this one-man show as a disenchanted insurance salesman who, just before the beginning of World War II, sets out to prove that "there's life in the old dog yet." Adapted from George Orwell's novel, this smart, humorous and blunt play follows put-upon George Bowling returning to the village of his childhood after 25 years. Instead of finding the "juicy green meadows" of his youth, he finds only glimpses of the sterile England yet to come. Winner "Best New Play" & "Best Performance" — Critics Choice Spotlight Awards 2004. CBC Radio. 2 p.m. and 8 p.m.

• Wednesday, November 21: Celebrating Diversity with Aboubacar Camara and Doundounba. West African amasumbou music — a min-

gling of musical traditions — including ancient Guinean rhythms and popular West African dance-driven melodies of mandeng guitar. Along with diverse instrumentation, it's a combination that gets everyone on their feet dancing or moving in their seat! On stage, Aboubacar's extra-ordinary dance moves, with their speed, energy and style, are thrilling to watch. 8 p.m.

• Thursday, November 22: Stacey Earle and Mark Stuart. Stacey's "Simple Gearle" twang and Mark's sympathetic harmonies, paired with their songwriting chops, beget the warm homespun music of this real-life married duo. They live in Ashland City, Tennessee, but call the road home most of the time. Much-loved for their performances here on Salt Spring, Stacey and Mark return to ArtSpring after sharing stages with Joan Baez, Steve Earle, Willie Nelson, Ralph Stanley, Richard Thompson, Gregg Brown, Iris Dement and many more musical friends. 8 p.m.

• Saturday, November 24: An Afternoon with Gilbert

& Sullivan presented by the Victoria Gilbert and Sullivan Society. The show tells the story of the brilliant, sometime stormy, collaboration between W.S. Gilbert and Arthur Sullivan from the point of view of Helen D'Oyly Carte, the second wife of the impresario Richard D'Oyly Carte. The story is interspersed with songs from their famous comic operettas such as The Mikado, Pirates of Penzance, HMS Pinafore, Yeoman of the Guard and many more. 2 p.m.

• Friday, November 30: Guy Davis. He's a musician, composer, actor, director and writer, but most importantly he's a bluesman. The blues permeates every corner of Davis' creativity. Throughout his career, Guy Davis has dedicated himself to reviving the traditions of acoustic blues and bringing them to as many ears as possible through the material of the great blues masters, African American stories, and his own original songs, stories and performance pieces. 8 p.m., with Garry Oaks Winery tasting at 7 p.m.

Graffiti Theatre clinic set to raise the bar

Acclaimed director hosts comedy workshop

The director of Genie award-winning Margaret's Museum hopes to mine a new level of artistic talent from aspiring Salt Spring Island actors during two four-day workshops beginning November 8 and 15.

"What he wants to do is

help in terms of raising the bar of acting professionalism on the island," said Amanda Spottiswoode, Graffiti Theatre's executive director.

Mort Ransen, who has made a career of directing and starring in films touching on political and social themes, will use film to help Salt Spring actors hone their comedy skills.

Because a successful comedic performance involves a combination

of delivery, posture and motion, organizers hope video will provide students with a frame-by-frame analysis of what works and what falls flat.

The decision to host a comedy workshop, Spottiswoode said, follows news that Graffiti Theatre will stage the Garson Kanin Born Again play in May 2008 as part of ArtSpring's new theatre series, directed by none other than Ransen.

Though not required for prospective actors seeking parts in the spring presentation, completing the workshop is helpful, said Spottiswoode.

Class sizes are limited to 12 participants.

Space remains in the session beginning on November 15 only.

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WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 7

5 PM	:00 The Simpsons	Pieds dans la marge	Timothy/(-10) Mama	(4:00) NHL Hockey - Philadelphia vs. Pittsburgh (Live)	CHEK News	Full House The I.Q. Man	Early News	CTV News	Punjab Times	A Channel News at 5	The Ellen Degeneres Show (N)	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
	:30 Arrested Altar Egos	L'Union fait la force	(35) Babar			King of the Hill	Global National		Phoenix World News		CityCooks	That '70s Show	The Simpsons	ABC World News				CBS Evening News	Endurance	Pratt & Taylor
6	:00 News	Le Téléjournal	Kratts' Creatures	NHL Hockey - Edmonton vs. Colorado (Live)	News	The Simpsons Friends	News	News	CTI News	Vancouver Report	CityNews International	That '70s Show	Family Guy	News	KING 5 News	News	Saskatchewan Provincial Election (N)	News	SpongeBob SquarePants	Sportsnet Connected
	:30		Popular Mechanics																Drake & Josh	
7	:00 Coronation Street	Virginie	Meerkat Manor		EI 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	Call of the Wild	Entertainment Tonight	Malcolm (Part 1 of 2)	Boxing WIBF World Featherweight Championship
	: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	Two and a Half Men	Jeopardy	Inside Edition	Oregon Field Guide		The Insider	Fresh Prince of Bel Air	Mrdjenovich vs. Cofer
8	:00 Little Mosque	Le match des étoiles	Bach in Notre Dame		Kid Nation Starved for Entertainment (N)	Home Improvement	Back to You (N)	The SciFiBank Giller Prize (N)	Vancouver Nights	Phenomenon (N)	Next Top Model The Girl Who Crawled (N)	Next Top Model The Girl Who Crawled (N)	Back to You (N)	The 41st Annual CMA Awards (N)	Phenomenon (N)	Wired Science (N)	CBC News: The National	Kid Nation Starved for Entertainment (N)	Prank Patrol	Prank Patrol
	:30 Opportunity Wasted (N)					Home Improvement	'Til Death (N)		Iranian Pop				'Til Death (N)						Fries With That?	
9	:00 The fifth estate	Une heure sur terre			SportsCentre	Bionic Woman The List (N)	The Standard	Kitchen Nightmares Sebastian's (N)	Sabor Latino	Smallville	"The Ladykillers" ★★★ (Com, '04) Tom Hanks.	Gossip Girl Victor/Victrola (N)	Kitchen Nightmares Sebastian's (N)		Bionic Woman The List (N)	The War The Ghost Front	CBC News: The National	Criminal Minds Identity (N)	Futurama	Best Show Sports Period
	:30				UEFA Soccer Champions		Ustat												Pinky & the Brain	
10	:00 CBC News: The National	Le Téléjournal	Why Democracy? In Search of Gandhi (N)	League - Manchester vs. Dynamo K.	Forbes TV 20 (N)	Cold Case The Promise	Life A Civil War (N)	CSI: NY Commuted Sentences (N)	Hola Que Tal	The Collector The Pharmacist		Seinfeld The Maid	Q-13 Fox News at Ten		Life A Civil War (N)		Call of the Wild	CSI: NY Commuted Sentences (N)	Naruto (Part 2 of 2)	Sportsnet Connected
	:30											Seinfeld The Maestro							S. Raiders	
11	:00 (:05) The Hour	Le Téléjournal	Season of the Child		News	It's a New Day	News	News	TV Patrol	News		Frasier Miss Right Now	Family Guy	News	News	Elvis Lives: The 25th Anniversary Concert	CBC News: The National	News	Spider-Man	Sportsnet Connected
	:30	(:45) Fosse aux lions	Angry Girls						CTV News	CTI News	(:35) The Tonight Show With Jay Leno (N)	Frasier	King of the Hill	(:35) News Nightline	(:35) The Tonight Show With Jay Leno (N)			(:35) David Letterman	Prank Patrol	
12 MID	:00 (:05) Arrested	La zone	Auction	Off the Record	(:05) Chelsea Lately (N)	Saved by the Bell	(:05) Ent. Tonight	(:05) The Daily Show	Jai Fiji	News	(:05) Jimmy Kimmel Live	South Park	RENO 911!	(:05) Jimmy Kimmel Live			The Hour		Futurama	Pratt & Taylor
	:30 (:35) Hour 22 Mins	(:45) Fosse aux lions	Great Artists Constable	Equest.	(:35) Late, Late Show	PR Maxx	(:35) E.T. Canada	(:35) Colbert Report	Caribbean Beat	(:35) Conan O'Brien (N)		South Park Cancelled	M*A*S*H	(:35) Conan O'Brien (N)	Gospel of Elvis			(:35) Late, Late Show	Malcolm (Part 1 of 2)	

THURSDAY NOVEMBER 8

5 PM	:00 The Simpsons	Match!	Timothy/(-10) Mama	(4:30) NHL Hockey - Montreal vs. Boston (Live)	CHEK News	Full House Greek Week	Early News	CTV News	Punjab Times	A Channel News at 5	The Ellen Degeneres Show (N)	My Wife and Kids	Malcolm in the Middle	KOMO 4 News	KING 5 News	Charlie Rose	The Hour	KIRO 7 News	Being Ian	Canucks This Week (N)
	:30 Arrested Development	L'Union fait la force	(35) Babar		News	King of the Hill	Global National	News	Phoenix World News		CityCooks	That '70s Show	The Simpsons	ABC World News				CBS Evening News	Endurance	Sportsnet Connected
6	:00 News	Le Téléjournal	Mentors		News	The Simpsons Friends [Part 1 of 2]	News	News	CTI News	Vancouver Report	CityNews International	That '70s Show	Family Guy	News	KING 5 News	News	CBC News: The National	News	SpongeBob You Wish	NHL Hockey - Vancouver vs. Calgary (Live)
	:30	Oniva	Reach for the Top																Drake & Josh	
7	:00 Coronation Street	Virginie	Profiles of Nature		EI 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 Nature of Things	Entertainment Tonight	Malcolm (Part 2 of 2)	
	:30 Who Do You Think (N)	Infoman	Vultures: The Carrion Gang		The Insider	The Simpsons	Ent. Tonight Canada	Access Hollywood	Pure in Heart	Friends	Jeopardy	The King of Queens	Two and a Half Men	Jeopardy	Inside Edition	Ask This Old House (N)		The Insider	Fresh Prince of Bel Air	
8	:00 The Nature of Things (N)	Tous pour un René Lévesque	A History of Britain Revolutions		Are You Smarter Than a 5th Grader? (N)	Home Imp [Part 1 of 2]	Survivor: China High School Friend Contest (N)	CSI: Crime Scene Who & What (N) [Part 1 of 2]	What's in Vancouver? Main Office	Scrubs	Ugly Betty A Nice Day for a Posh Wedding (N)	Smallville Wrath (N)	Are You Smarter Than a 5th Grader? (N)	Ugly Betty A Nice Day for a Posh Wedding (N)	My Name Is Earl (N)	Canada's War in Colour	CBC News: The National	Survivor: China High School Friend Contest (N)	Prank Patrol Lost Dog	Sportsnet Connected
	:30					Home Imp [Part 2 of 2]	Smarter-5th Grader (N)	Grey's Anatomy (N)	Teri Meri Duniya Sadabahaar	Supernatural Red Sky at Morning (N)	Supernatural Red Sky at Morning (N)	Don't Forget the Lyrics (N)	Grey's Anatomy (N)	Grey's Anatomy (N)	The Office (N)	Nova Sputnik Declassified		CSI: Crime Scene Who & What (N) [Part 1 of 2]	Pinky & the Brain	CMI: Chris Meyers
9	:00 Doc Zone (N)	Enquête	(:05) Marie Antoinette	Boxing: Countdown	"Love Notes" (Dra, '07) Laura Leighton.	The Standard	Messages		Mor Deo Koi	Big Shots Who's Your Daddy (N)	Terminal City	Seinfeld The Rye	Q-13 Fox News at Ten	Big Shots Who's Your Daddy (N)	ER Blackout (N)	Frontline Extraordinary Rendition	The Nature of Things	Without a Trace Where & Why (N) [Part 2 of 2]	Naruto	Sportsnet Connected
	:30			Boxing Ruelas/Gatti					Desi Rhythms			Seinfeld The Wink						Without a Trace Where & Why (N) [Part 2 of 2]	Shadow Raiders	
10	:00 CBC News: The National	Le Téléjournal		Ultimate NASCAR Speed and Danger	Cold Case Colors	Shark In Absentia (N)	ER Blackout (N)	News	Mor Deo Koi	Big Shots Who's Your Daddy (N)	Terminal City	Seinfeld The Rye	Q-13 Fox News at Ten	Big Shots Who's Your Daddy (N)	ER Blackout (N)	Frontline Extraordinary Rendition	The Nature of Things	Without a Trace Where & Why (N) [Part 2 of 2]	Naruto	Sportsnet Connected
	:30							CTV News	Desi Rhythms	News	Realty Television	Frasier	Family Guy	News	News	News	CBC News: The National	News	Spider-Man	Sportsnet Connected
11	:00 (:05) The Hour	Le Téléjournal	Canada's War in Colour		News	It's a New Day	News	News	CTI News	(:35) The Tonight Show With Jay Leno (N)	CityNews International	Frasier	King of the Hill	(:35) News Nightline	(:35) The Tonight Show With Jay Leno (N)	Nightly Business	CBC News: The National	(:35) David Letterman	Prank Patrol	
	:30	La zone	War in Colour								(:05) Jimmy Kimmel Live	South Park Jewbilee	RENO 911!	(:05) Jimmy Kimmel Live	(:35) Conan O'Brien (N)	Smart Travels		(:35) Late, Late Show	Malcolm (Part 2 of 2)	
12 MID	:00 (:05) Arrested	(:15) La fosse aux lions	New Tricks Nine Lives	Off the Record	(:05) Chelsea Lately (N)	International Laser Clinic	(:05) Ent. Tonight	(:05) The Daily Show	Punjabi Vibes	Desi Rhythms	(:05) Jimmy Kimmel Live	South Park	RENO 911!	(:05) Jimmy Kimmel Live			The Hour		Futurama	Pratt & Taylor
	:30 (:35) Can. Reflections			FigSkate	(:35) Late, Late Show	PR Maxx	(:35) E.T. Canada	(:35) Colbert Report		(:35) Conan O'Brien (N)		South Park	M*A*S*H	(:35) Conan O'Brien (N)	Nightly Business			(:35) Late, Late Show	Malcolm (Part 2 of 2)	

FRIDAY NOVEMBER 9

5 PM	:00 The Simpsons	Match!	Timothy/(-10) Mama	(4:30) NHL Hockey - Toronto vs. Buffalo (Live)	CHEK News	Full House	Early News	CTV News	Punjab Times	A Channel News at 5	The Ellen Degeneres Show (N)	My Wife and Kids	Malcolm in the Middle	KOMO 4 News	KING 5 News	Charlie Rose	The Hour	KIRO 7 News	"Fairly Odd Parents: Abracastrophe" ★★★ (Ani, '03) Tara Strong.	(4:00) NBA Basketball - Toronto vs. Philadelphia (Live)
	:30 Arrested Missing Kitty	L'Union fait la force	(35) Babar		News	King of the Hill	Global National	News	Phoenix World News		CityCooks	That '70s Show	The Simpsons	ABC World News				CBS Evening News	News	
6	:00 News	Le Téléjournal	Serious Amazon (N)		News	The Simpsons Friends [Part 2 of 2]	News	News	CTI News	Vancouver Report	CityNews International	That '70s Show	Family Guy	News	KING 5 News	News	CBC News: The National	News	SpongeBob SquarePants	Sportsnet Connected
	:30	Canada en amour	Kratts' Creatures																Drake & Josh	
7	:00 Coronation Street	Du cœur au ventre	Canada's War in Colour Call to Duty		EI 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	NHL Hockey - Colorado vs. Vancouver (Live)
	:30 Canadian Antiques Rd				The Insider	The Simpsons	Ent. Tonight Canada	Access Hollywood	Pure in Heart	Friends	Jeopardy	The King of Queens	Two and a Half Men	Jeopardy	Inside Edition	KCTS Connects		The Insider	Team Galaxy	
8	:00 RCAF: Air Force Live	Paquet voleur	By the Book The Moving Finger		Deal or No Deal	3D Dialogue	Numb3rs Primacy (N)	Ghost Whisperer Unhappy Medium (N)	Weekly News Forum	Next Great Am. Band Top 8 Perform (N)	Men in Trees (N) [Part 1 of 2]	Friday Night Smackdown (N)	Next Great Am. Band Top 8 Perform (N)	Men in Trees (N) [Part 1 of 2]	Deal or No Deal	NOW (N)	CBC News: The National	Ghost Whisperer Unhappy Medium (N)	Naruto	
	:30 Rick Mercer Report			Off the Record					CTS Night Club	Hwang Jin Yi	Don't Forget the Lyrics (N)				Washington Week (N)			Avatar		
9	:00 Torchwood	L'heure de gloire		Pool World Trickshots	Women's Murder Club Maybe Baby (N)	The Standard	Friday Night Lights How Did I Get Here (N)	Moonlight The Ringer (N)			"The Incredible Mrs. Ritchie" ★★★ (Dra, '03) Gena Rowlands. (N) [Part 1 of 2]	Don't Forget the Lyrics (N)	Women's Murder Club Maybe Baby (N)	Friday Night Lights How Did I Get Here (N)	Bill Moyers Journal (N)	CBC News: The National	Moonlight The Ringer (N)	Numb3rs Primacy (N)	Futurama	
	:30																	Death Note		
10	:00 CBC News: The National	Le Téléjournal	The Memoirs of Sherlock Holmes The Red Circle		20/20 (N)	Cold Case Bad Night	Las Vegas It's Not Easy Being Green	Without a Trace Where & Why (N) [Part 2 of 2]	Open Concert	To Be Announced		Seinfeld The Hot Tub	Q-13 Fox News at Ten	20/20 (N)	Las Vegas It's Not Easy Being Green	"Mister Roberts" ★★★ (Com, '55) Henry Fonda.	the fifth estate	Numb3rs Primacy (N)	Death Note	Sportsnet Connected
	:30																		Bleach	
11	:00 (:05) The Hour	Le Téléjournal	Real Country House		News	It's a New Day	News	News	TV Patrol	News	Pink Planet III Zurich	Frasier Detour	Family Guy	News	News		CBC News: The National	News	Eureka Seven	Sportsnet Connected
	:30	La zone	Wild at Heart						CTV News	CTI News	(:35) The Tonight Show With Jay Leno (N)	Frasier	King of the Hill	(:35) News Nightline	(:35) The Tonight Show With Jay Leno (N)			(:35) David Letterman	Spider-Man	
12 MID	:00 (:05) Cowboy Junkies: Trinity Revisited	(:15) La fosse aux lions	National Geographic Inside the Vatican	Off the Record	(:05) Chelsea Lately (N)	Saved by the Bell	(:05) ECW Wrestling	(:05) CSI: Miami	Vancouver Masala	Music Bank	(:05) Jimmy Kimmel Live	South Park	RENO 911!	(:05) Jimmy Kimmel Live			The Hour		Futurama	Prime Time Sports
	:30			In This Corner	(:35) Late, Late Show	Kingstar						South Park	M*A*S*H Back Pay	(:35) Conan O'Brien (N)	Nightly Business			(:35) Late, Late Show	Invader Zim	

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SATURDAY NOVEMBER 10

5 PM	(4:00) NHL Hockey - N.Y. Rangers vs. Toronto (Live)	5 sur 5	Miss BG/(:15) Dive, Oly George Shrink	(4:30) Boxing The Contender NBA Basketball - Toronto vs. Chicago (Live)	CHEK News	Home Improvement	Family Guy	Sue Thomas: F.B. Eye Endings and Beginnings	(4:30) Swiat Polskiej Wiadomosci	Star Trek: Voyager Projections	Best of MuchOnDem and	Star Trek The Deadly Years	Everybody Loves Ray According to Jim	NCAA Football Boston College vs. Maryland or Kansas vs. Oklahoma State (Live)	KING 5 News	Amer. Test Kitchen Kitchens A'Field	Antiques Roadshow Kedleston Hall (N)	KIRO 7 News	(4:00) "Rugrats Go Wild" ★ (Ani, '03)	EPL Soccer FA Barclaycard Premiership - Teams TBA
6 PM	Le Téléjournal	Le Téléjournal	Meerkat Manor	Wild at Heart	News	Eagle Com Time Sale	News	News	Xin Tan Ren	Bravo!Fact Presents	Speaker's Corner	That '70s Show	Friends	NBC Nightly News KING 5 News	Lawrence Welk Show Salute to Sinatra	Saturday Report	News	Prank Patrol		
7 PM	NHL Hockey - Edmonton vs. Calgary (Live)	La Fureur (N)	In Search of a Soul		Zoe Busiek Wild Card Con Artisty	Diya	Andromeda The Things We Cannot Change	W-FIVE (N)	Entrepreneurial Leader	The New Canoe	"Zoolander" ★ (Com, '01) Ben Stiller.	CSI: Miami Course of the Coffin	Two and a Half Men	Two and a Half Men	NW Backroads Inside Edition	Rosemary and Thyme And No Birds Sing	Doc Zone China's Sexual Revolution	Entertainment This Week	Adrenaline Project	FSN Pro Football Preview
8 PM	Le moment de vérité	Heartbeat Please Please Me	SportsCentre	"The Secret of Hidden Lake" ★★ (Susp, '06) Rena Sofer.	Islam 101	Andromeda Tunnel at the End of the Light	CSI: NY A Daze of Wine and Roaches	Phoenix Gathering Satrang	Kool Countdown	The King of Queens	The King of Queens	Cops (N)	Whacked Out Sports	Bionic Woman The List	Antiques Rd. Hartlepool Time Goes By Rewrite	CBC News: The Lens Beyond the Red Wall	CSI: NY A Daze of Wine and Roaches	"The Great Outdoors" ★★ (Com, '88) Dan Aykroyd.	To Be Announced	
9 PM	Dre Grey Épanouis et rayonnants (N)	Midsomer Murders Garden of Death	Ultimate NASCAR The Explosion		Sikh Virsa	Blue Murder Necklace	Whistler Out of Bounds (N)	Asian Variety Show	"Jack's House" (Dra, '01) Christian McKenna.	Chuck Versus the Alma Mater	Fraser	Most Wanted Hawaii Remote Special (N)	Wheel of Fortune Jeopardy	Chuck Versus the Alma Mater	American Masters Carol Burnett: A Woman of Character	Saturday Report	Criminal Minds North Mammon			
10 PM	Hockey: After Hours (Live) CBC News	Le Téléjournal Zone doc (N)			True Hollywood Story Investigates Kidnapping (N)	Insights Into Sikhism Muslim Faith	Global Currents Time Bombs	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit Svengali	Vanna Malargal Sabor Musical	Making It	CSI: Miami Darkroom	Q13 FOX News Scrubs My Balancing Act	Northern Exposure	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit Svengali	Carhenge	Dragons' Den	48 Hours Mystery Capture the Queen (N)	Smallville	Sportsnet Connected	
11 PM	Hockey Night in Canada: Replay	"L'ouest sauvage" ★★ (West, '03) Robert Duvall.	A History of Britain Revolutions	Special Olympics on TSN	Spike Feresten (N) The Soup (N)	Jack Van Impe	(:05) The Hills (:35) Life of Ryan	"Khamosh Pani: Silent Waters" ★★	Professional Poker Tour	World Poker Tour	Cold Case Files	Spike Feresten (N) Chappelle's Show	(:35) Girls B. Badly	News	Globe Trekker Ireland	CBC News: The Lens Beyond the Red Wall	(:35) Insider Weekend	Prank Patrol	Poker Red Rock Showdown	
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SUNDAY NOVEMBER 11

5 PM	Coronation Street	Oniva	Miss BG/(:15) Oly George Shrink	(:15) NFL Football - Indianapolis vs. San Diego (Live)	CHEK News	Home Improvement	Family Guy	W-FIVE	Spazio Libero Sport Italia	Star Trek: Voyager Elogium	Best of MuchOnDem and	Girlfriends The Game	American Idol Rewind	KOMO 4 News	(:15) NFL Football - Indianapolis vs. San Diego (Live)	This Old House Hometown	Dragons' Den	KIRO 7 News	(4:00) "Racing Stripes" ★★ (Fam, '05)	(4:30) SN Connected CMI: Chris Meyers		
6 PM	Coronation Street	Le Téléjournal	From the Heart The Freeman Legacy		That News Show	Raymond Pat's Secret	King of the Hill	Cold Case It Takes a Village (N)	"Khamosh Pani: Silent Waters" ★★ (Dra, '03) Kiron Kher.	Relic Hunter Deadline	NewMusic	Gossip Girl Victor/Victoria	Family Guy	To Be Announced	History Detectives	CBC News: Sunday Night	News	News	Fitness Ms. USA			
7 PM	Coronation Street	Unknown Soldier			Tribute Bands (N)	Voices of Hinduism	King of the Hill	"Da Kink in My Hair" (N)		Home Videos	Blood Ties	CW Now	King of the Hill	Home Videos	Antiques Rd. Milwaukee (Hour Two) [Part 2 of 3]	God On My Side	60 Minutes	AnnaSophia Robb.	Poker Red Rock Showdown			
8 PM	"Johnny English" ★★ (Com, '03) Rowan Atkinson.	Tout le monde en parle	The Royal Coming to a Boil (N)		Makeover: Home Marrero Family (N)	Ground Level Alan Levine	The Simpsons	The Amazing Race (N)		Kyle XY	Everybody Hates Chris	Life is Wild Games People Play (N)	The Simpsons	Makeover: Home Marrero Family (N)	Nature The Cheetah Orphans (N)	CBC News: Our World	The Amazing Race (N)	Game Gurus	Best Damn Sports Show Period			
9 PM		New Tricks Powerhouse (N)	Hockey World Junior A Challenge		Dr. 90210	Sufism: Heart of Islam	Family Guy (N) American D. Haylias (N)	Desperate Housewives (N)	"Haende Hock Herr Trimmel"	Next Top Model The Girl Who Crawled	"The Interpreter" ★★ (Dra, '05) Nicole Kidman.	Next Top Model The Girl Who Crawled	American D. Haylias (N)	Desperate Housewives (N)	Dateline NBC	Masterpiece Theatre (N) [Part 4 of 5]	CBC News: Sunday Night	Cold Case It Takes a Village (N)	Falcon Beach	The Ultimate Fighter 4		
10 PM	CBC News: Sunday Night	(:15) Le Téléjournal	In Search of a Soul		True Hollywood Story (N)	Path to Enlightenment Leprosy Mission	Brothers & Sisters 36 Hours (N)	Law & Order: Criminal Intent Courtship (N)		Stargate: SG-1 Avalon [Part 1 of 2]	Seinfeld The Stakeout	Q13 FOX News (:35) Q It Up Sports	Brothers & Sisters 36 Hours (N)	Law & Order: Criminal Intent	Art in the 21st Century Ecology (N)	God On My Side	Shark In the Crosshairs (N)	Weird Years Sausaginatour Fries With That?	Sportsnet Connected			
11 PM	CBC News: Vancouver	Minuit, le soir	The Leading Edge		News	It's a New Day	News	I-Watch News	Idea City	Without a Trace Trip Box	Law & Order: S.V.U. The Third Guy	News	News	Expose [Part 1 of 2]	Expose [Part 2 of 2]	Without a Trace	Casey and Wendy Treat Kevin Gerald	In the Life	Dragons' Den	(:35) The Dead Zone	Mystery Hunters	The Ultimate Fighter 4
12 MID		"New York, New York" ★★ (Mus, '77)	Heartbeat Please Please Me	TSN the Reporters	JR Digs (N)	PR Maxx	(:05) Popoff Ministry (:35) Jack Van Impe	(:05) CSI: Miami Curse of the Coffin	"Big Fish" ★★ (Fant, '03) Ewan McGregor.	Wheel of Fortune	Without a Trace Moving On	24 Day 5: 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM	(:05) Da Vinci's Inquest	Casey and Wendy Treat Kevin Gerald	In the Life	Dragons' Den	(:35) Face of the Nation	"Because of Winn-Dixie"				

MONDAY NOVEMBER 12

5 PM	The Simpsons	Kif-kif	Timothy/(:10) Mama	(4:30) NFL Countdown	CHEK News	Full House	Early News	CTV News	Punjab Times	A-Channel News	The Ellen Degeneres Show	Seahawks Pregame	Malcolm in the Middle	KOMO 4 News	KING 5 News	Charlie Rose	The Hour	KIRO 7 News	Naked Brothers	(4:30) Poker After Dark
6 PM	Arrested Development	L'Union fait la force (N)	(:35) Babar	NFL Football - San Francisco vs. Seattle (Live)	News	The Simpsons Friends	News	News	Phoenix World News	CityCooks	CityNews International	NFL Football - San Francisco vs. Seattle (Live)	The Simpsons	News	News	News	CBC News: The National	News	SpongeBob SquarePants iCarly	Sportsnet Connected
7 PM	Coronation Street	Virginie (N)	The Leading Edge		E! News	According to Jim	Entertainment Tonight	Etalk (N)	Police Woman	E2	Wheel of Fortune	Two and a Half Men	Wheel of Fortune	Evening Magazine	Rick Steves' Europe	On Tour With the Taliban	Entertainment Tonight	Malcolm in the Middle	Poker Johnny Chan Classic	
8 PM	Dragons' Den	L'Auberge du chien noir Ah les blondes! (N)	Child of Our Time Flesh and Blood		Met Your Mother (N)	Home Improvement	Prison Break Bang and Burn (N)	Dancing With the Stars (N)	Founding Emperor of the Ming Dynasty	Notes Underbelly The Big Bang Theory (N)	Chuck Versus the Truth (N)	Prison Break Bang and Burn (N)	Dancing With the Stars (N)	Antiques Roadshow (N) [Part 3 of 3]	CBC News: The National	Met Your Mother (N)	The Big Bang Theory (N)	Prank Patrol	The Ultimate Fighter 4	
9 PM	Intelligence A Sweetheart Deal With the Devil (N)	Les Boys (N)	Season of the Child Polygamy's Lost Boys (N)		K-ville AKA (N)	The Standard	Heroes Four Months Ago (N)	I Luv New York	Two and a Half Men (N)	Stargate: SG-1 Company of Thieves	Hates Chris (N)	K-ville AKA (N)	Heroes Four Months Ago (N)	The Kennedy Center Presents (N)	CBC News: The National	Two and a Half Men (N)	Futurama	Best Damn Sports Show Period		
10 PM	CBC News: The National	Le Téléjournal	Season of the Child		Janice Dickinson You're Fired	Cold Case Committed	Journeyman Winterland (N)	CSI: Miami Permanent Vacation (N)	Magpakailanman	Monk Mr. Monk and the Wrong Man	The Bachelor The Women Tell All (N)	Girlfriends (N)	Q-13 Fox News at Ten	The Bachelor The Women Tell All (N)	On Tour With the Taliban	CSI: Miami Permanent Vacation (N)	Shadow Raiders	Sportsnet Connected		
11 PM	(:05) The Hour	Le Téléjournal La zone	Profiles of Nature Vultures: The Carrion Gang		News	It's a New Day	News	TV Patrol	News	Speaker's Corner	Seinfeld The Robbery	Family Guy	News	News	News	News	CBC News: The National	News	Spider-Man	Sportsnet Connected
12 MID	(:05) Arrested Development	(:15) La fosse aux lionnes	Why Democracy?	Off the Record	(:05) Chelsea Lately (N)	International Laser Clinic	(:05) Ent. Tonight (:35) E.T. Canada	(:05) The Daily Show	Kurd TV	News	Jimmy Kimmel Live	Fraser	M*A*S*H B.J. Papa San	(:05) Jimmy Kimmel Live	(:35) Conan O'Brien (N)	KCTS Connects	The Hour	(:35) Late, Late Show	Malcolm in the Middle	Pratt & Taylor

TUESDAY NOVEMBER 13

5 PM	The Simpsons	Kif-kif	Timothy/(:15) Mama	(4:30) Poker World Series	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	SpongeBob SquarePants	(4:30) Poker After Dark
6 PM	Arrested Development	L'Union fait la force (N)	(:35) Babar	Boxing HBO Championship p - Card TBA	News	The Simpsons Friends	News	News	Phoenix World News	CityCooks	CityNews International	That '70s Show	The Simpsons	News	News	News	CBC News: The National	News	SpongeBob SquarePants	Sportsnet Connected
7 PM	Coronation Street	Virginie (N)	Into the Wild		E! News	According to Jim	Entertainment Tonight	Gossip Girl Seventeen Candles (N)	Police Woman	E2	Wheel of Fortune	The King of Queens	Two and a Half Men	Evening Magazine	Rick Steves' Europe	Wal-Mart Nation (N)	Entertainment Tonight	Malcolm in the Middle	NBA Basketball - Detroit vs. Portland (Live)	
8 PM	Rick Mercer Report	Providence (N)	The Divine Michelangelo		The Biggest Loser A Taste of Home (N)	Home Improvement	NCIS Designated Target (N)	Pushing Daisies Bitches (N)	Filo Diretto	Jeff Ltd.	Beauty and the Geek Raising the Bar (N)	Beauty and the Geek Raising the Bar (N)	Bones Boy in the Time Capsule (N)	Cavemen (N)	The Biggest Loser A Taste of Home (N)	Nova Judgment Day: Intelligent Design on Trial (N)	CBC News: The National	NCIS Designated Target (N)	Prank Patrol	
9 PM	The Tudors (N)	Sophie Paquin Des loups dans la bergerie (N)	Boxing The Contender		The Standard	Women in Focus	House Ugly (N)	Dancing With the Stars: The Results (N)	Made in Germany euromaxx	"Anger Management" ★★ (Com, '03) Adam Sandler.	Reaper The Cop (N)	Reaper The Cop (N)	House Ugly (N)	Dancing With the Stars: The Results (N)	CBC News: The National	The Unit Play 16 (N)	Futurama	Pinky & the Brain	NBA XL	
10 PM	CBC News: The National	Le Téléjournal	In the Footsteps of Michelangelo		Boston Legal Attack of the Xenophobes (N)	Cold Case Saving Patrick Bubley	Bones Boy in the Time Capsule (N)	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit Blinded (N)	Schauplatz Europa	Stargate Atlantis The Intruder	Seinfeld The Secret Code	Q-13 Fox News at Ten	Boston Legal Attack of the Xenophobes (N)	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit Blinded (N)	Independent Lens Miss Navajo (N)	Wal-Mart Nation	Cane All Bets Are Off (N)	Naruto	Sportsnet Connected	
11 PM	(:05) The Hour	Le Téléjournal La zone	Ravens and Eagles		News	It's a New Day	News	TV Patrol	News	News	Jimmy Kimmel Live	South Park Wing	RENO 911!	(:35) Conan O'Brien (N)	Ask This Old House	The Hour	(:35) Late, Late Show	Malcolm in the Middle	Pratt & Taylor	
12 MID	(:05) Arrested Development	(:15) La fosse aux lionnes	Child of Our Time Flesh and Blood	Off the Record	(:05) Chelsea Lately (N)	Coach I Hate Barbara	(:05) Ent. Tonight (:35) E.T. Canada	(:05) The Daily Show	Aina-e-Afghan	News	Jimmy Kimmel Live	South Park	M*A*S*H	(:35) Conan O'Brien (N)	Ask This Old House	The Hour	(:35) Late, Late Show	Malcolm in the Middle	Pratt & Taylor	

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NOTICES

6 DEATHS

DALE CODD 1943-2007

Former Salt Spring resident Dale Codd passed away in a motor vehicle accident in California on October 16. Dale is sadly missed by his friends and family. Wife Lois of Deroche, British Columbia, and daughter, Lisa Codd, of Vancouver are thankful for their time spent with this kind and gentle man, and will miss his dry humour and love of life.

Dale was born in Lethbridge, Alberta in 1943 and married Lois in 1965. The couple moved to Salt Spring in 1969. Their only daughter, Lisa, was born on Salt Spring Island in 1971 and graduated from Gulf Islands Secondary School.

Lois and Dale were local business owners, including ownership of the General Store from 1979 to 1988. They were involved in the Chamber of Commerce and Downtown Business Association for many years, and Dale served as President of the Chamber of Commerce. The Cods left the island in 1998. They spent the past 7 years in Deroche, just east of Mission, and enjoyed their winter vacations to the Palm Springs area.

A celebration of Dale's life will be held at the chapel in the Burnaby Village Museum on Saturday, November 10th at 1:00 p.m. Condolences may be sent to Lois at lcodd1@yahoo.com or Lisa at lcodd@shaw.ca. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to a charity of choice.



KATHERINE JOYCE CHORNEY 1956-2007

It is with great sadness that we announce Kathy's sudden and unexpected death. Kathy was born in Winnipeg, Manitoba, the daughter of Frank and Norma Dann. She was the loving wife of Thomas Chorney. Kathy is deeply mourned by her sisters, Susan and Lindsay; brother-in laws, Timothy Chorney, David Dalglish and Martin Landy; and is deeply missed by her niece Sarah. Kathy's loss is also felt by the Chorney family of Rainy River, Ontario and the Callewaert family of Dryden, Ontario.

Kathy was a Registered Nurse working at Greenwoods and Lady Minto. She had a long history of caring for people, especially those in long term care. She loved her work and her loss will be felt by the patients and staff.

Kathy's family wholeheartedly thanks the Greenwoods staff, the local RCMP and Haywards Funeral Service for their kindness and care for our family. Also, we genuinely appreciate the help and sympathy we have received from all the Salt Spring community. Kathy loved animals, especially "her girls" and Bam Bam; in lieu of flowers, please send donations to the Salt Spring SPCA.

A celebration of Kathy's life will be held in the future. An announcement will be made once plans are definite.

She was unique and we will never see her like again.

6 DEATHS

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6 DEATHS

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Hughes, Ketty Lykkegaard (Kristiansen) January 6, 1945- November 2, 2007

Ketty was born in Denmark, but was brought to Canada by her parents, Niels and Margrethe in 1953, along with younger sisters Margit and Inga. Raised in Salmon Arm, B.C., she attended Simon Fraser University in 1965 and graduated in 1967 with a BSc in mathematics. While at SFU, she worked as one of the library's first student assistants, along with her future husband and fellow student, Philip. Ketty and Phil were married on December 24th, 1969. Ketty accompanied Phil to a number of remote locations where he worked as a Meteorological Technician.

When the couple moved to Victoria in 1978, Ketty attended UVic, where she obtained a degree in geography, majoring in environmental studies. While working as a bookkeeper, Ketty became active in many garden clubs in the Greater Victoria area, and later on Salt Spring Island, where the couple retired in 1996.

Her spirit lives on in the beautiful house the couple built in 2001-2, and in the lovely garden which she created from what had been an old seaside orchard. Ketty died suddenly of a fatal arrhythmia following a brief illness. She died with her two much-loved kittens, Casey and Buddy, gamboling around her, while Phil and their dog Gemma went to pick up the mail.

She is survived by her husband Philip, daughter Dianne (Mike Ramirez), mother Margrethe, sister Margit (Bill Krebs), and many friends in the gardening world.

There will be a Memorial Service for her on Saturday, 2 p.m., November 10th at the Harbour House Hotel, 121 Upper Ganges Road, Salt Spring Island. In lieu of flowers, please make a donation to your local SPCA or wildlife rescue centre.



5 BIRTHS



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Sept. 4, 2007

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5 BIRTHS



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5 BIRTHS



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20 CELEBRATIONS

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20 CELEBRATIONS

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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.
 FOUND: DARK blue, "down style" vest. Portlock Park tennis courts, weekend of Oct. 13, please call to identify. 537-4448.

LOST: LONG Harbour, 8 ft. fiberglass dinghy. Blue outside, red inside. "Hobo" on stern. If found please call 537-9366.

LOST: SEVEN foot aluminum extension ladder, Alright. On Friday, Oct. 26 at the carwash. Please call Myles 538-7187.

LEFT BEHIND on Wednesday, Oct. 31 at Mahon Hall: Purple kids jacket, red feather boa, black kids witch hat. All items can be claimed at the Driftwood Office.

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MISSING TAN "Roots" backpack containing Pentax camera and two lenses. Last seen in the Media Art room at G.I.S.S. Tuesday, October 24 during lunch. \$200 reward for any info leading to its safe return. Call Tina Rothwell 537-6461.

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 Info: Marg Monro 537-5004

Salt Spring Island Historical Society
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32 MEETINGS

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
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 (Gulf Islands)
 A regular meeting of the Board of School Trustees, will be held at Galiano Community School
Wednesday, Nov. 14, 2007
at 1:00 p.m.
 Public welcome!
 To view the agenda for this meeting, please refer to www.sd64.bc.ca/board_meetings.html

The Unitarian Fellowship of Salt Spring Island
Nov 4 - Meaningful Things - Bring something meaningful to you
Nov 11 - Remembrance Day and Restorative Justice
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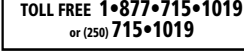
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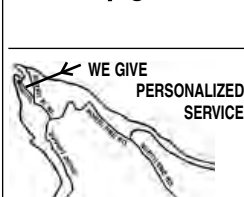
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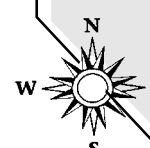
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This Week's Horoscope by Michael O'Connor

Aries (Mar 21 - Apr 20)

Some deep probing of your life continues. These may be contemplative and philosophical, literally renovations in your home or outright purges of pent-up emotional blocks. In any case, you may feel powerful changes and a whole new level of power. Hopefully you are feeling your wings. However, please remember that deep responsibility will accompany this new emerging cycle. Current love interests may be experiencing sparks and possibly some challenges as Venus will form an exact square with retrograde Mars - everyone stands to be clearly impacted. This is a call to think well with responsibility in mind before you make important decisions. Relationships are highlighted but clear communication may be absent. Share deep thoughts and feelings you might otherwise keep private to win points.

Taurus (Apr 20 - May 21)

Flowing with the fall season continues. Allow the beauty and inner reach of this time to inspire you to original design. This is a good time to tap into the maverick energy that is guiding your life these days and will continue. Avoid trying to fit too much and aim to strike out in new directions or doing familiar things in unique ways. There is always another way of seeing, believing and doing. Whatever else is happening, there are signs that this year has been one of inheritance. Perhaps it has been money or property yet it may also be one of talents from ancestors and ancestral times. Sometimes we awaken to we did not yet realize only to discover that these very same abilities were reflected some great grandparent. For support, share your insights with someone who loves you.

Gemini (May 21 - Jun 21)

Cleaning, cleansing and clearing continues as a central theme. Hopefully you have done so because very soon it will be too late. If you have not and know you should, take action without hesitation and you will be happy you did. By next week it will be too late or you will miss other important engagements. Conflicts with your significant other may occur in either case yet at least if you are busy and productive you can deflect the energy effectively. Passivity and procrastination could lead the energy to be negatively expressed. There are a lot of supportive energies at this time yet it is important that be tuned in to the need for mature assessment and approach. This means being true and honest.

Cancer (Jun 22 - Jul 22)

By inspiration or desperation you must direct your energy in new ways. People and situations perhaps beyond your control are awakening you to new perspectives. You might call it a wake-up call. Old ego patterns are dissolving steadily. Your challenge is to move ahead with this flow into new territory or perspectives at least. The time has come to take a deeper look both within and without. Do not take this personally and look for the silver lining. Security is a deep rudder for you and re-assessing what that means and how you can feel it fully again are important questions? Pay attention to both the big picture and the consequent details of new perspectives. December will bring rewarding opportunities - be prepared to act upon them.

Leo (Jul 23 - Aug 23)

The call of your destiny now requires that you take some calculated risks. Life is a game and it is time to play. Playing the game is good yet getting caught in mind

games could be a problem. Whether these are self-imposed or coming from without or both, you will have to pay closer attention somehow. You willingness to awaken to new perspectives and to entertain alternatives is the key to your magic now. You may have to dig deeper than your would normally and this may require some courage and determination. You may have to play catch-up and you might be moved to skip ahead, it is in the dice and the cards now. Avoid wishing for luck at the expense of setting your intention with clear, sharp focus. If you do you will win and advance to the next level.

Virgo (Aug 24 - Sep 22)

Although the winds of Mercury are blowing your way again, the stormy weather and wave surges linked to Mars in Cancer pose some big challenges now. We are all feeling the power yet it may be very noticeable in your life. Maintaining your emotional center is a top priority and an utmost need. All being well, you have loving support on your journey, added reason and support to see you through the dark night. For love and truth as you will persevere beyond normal capacities, you will have to. It is important that you are aware of certain key facts. Do your investigative work as necessary now, avoid mere guesses. Some graces are with you now; use them to activate a realistic momentum.

Libra (Sep 23 - Oct 22)

Building upon new foundation continues. It is likely that you have been working hard to overcome the inertia of the past. Keeping pace with new realities in your life may feel full on. Financial realities and responsibilities are weighing in big. New relationships are also moving ahead quickly and not without their share of stresses. The key is to continue to move with the energies. They will soon diversify into a wider range of activity. Maintain your center and hasten your pace to meet the challenge. The next month could prove challenging and there is more than the bad weather to contend with. Intend to concentrate as you build even more character.

Scorpio (Oct 23 - Nov 21)

Taking some bold new leads over the past few weeks is likely. Showing others how is part of the plot. Making changes in thought and deed continues as well. You are and have been determined to stick to the facts. Through your discovery you may be less certain of things than you were before. If so, do you feel comfortable about it? Hey, just because you now know greater truths, it does not mean that prior truths were not valid, in their time. This common concern can carry some weight, especially if you add to it with regrets. Accept the new realizations for what they truly are - gifts. Since resistance to the flow of change is futile, why bother. But if you accept you can negotiate for a better deal.

Sagittarius (Nov 22 - Dec 21)

Exploring and creating alternate realities is keeping you busy. A new status quo finds you having to make extra efforts to sustain the pressure. It is important that you build your foundation with beauty in mind.

Avoid just wanting to get it done at the expense of what you might truly want and need. Look down the road at the big picture. What efforts can and must you make to meet the demand? Pay attention to the inner, subtle layers as well as the obvious outer realities. Like a good relationship founded upon positive experiences and memories, the beginning is ever important. Venus square Mars this week could produce some challenges in the love department. Aim to undo tangles and knots with understanding and forgiveness.

Capricorn (Dec 22 - Jan 19)

Keeping an open mind about both who you are and what possibilities you foresee is the call now. Investigating new ways and methods, tools and techniques is in focus. It is time to learn and to unlearn too. Let logic yield at least some of its ground to intuition and imagination. Other players will challenge you to keep an open mind and/or to look a little deeper at things. As one year draws to a close and new one approaches you may feel eager to prepare to take some calculated risks. The time has come to negotiate some new deals. By this time next year you will feel like a whole new person. In some ways more powerful than ever while in others noticeably and permanently transformed. Trust the process!

Aquarius (Jan 20 - Feb 19)

Waves of freedom and are washing into your mind. Dreams of play, fun and games directed by your own intuitive guidance and inner authority are teasing. Set your sights on this with hope in your heart yet be ready to be fully focused on the work you have to do right now. This includes attending to unfinished business. Further, it includes letting go of former self-concepts and modes of expression. The better able you are to steadily climb the cliffs of current realities the more likely you will be to leap freely ahead into your dreams. Do the work now and maintain the pace of the power play. With firm footing prepare to leap in December.

Pisces (Feb 20 - Mar 20)

Career opportunities and responsibilities are both active now. These next few weeks could prove to be a very important window of time for you. How you approach your situation is important. Avoid undue scepticism and judgment and simply do what you feel you must. Pay attention to the details with a vision for the future. The biggest danger is that you will lose sight of the forest for the trees. When the Sun is in Sagittarius's a good time for your sign to approach authority figures and others in positions of power for favours and earned rewards. Make a list of who these may be and what steps you need to take. Gain an overview then proceed with calculated steps.

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OPINION

Well meaning

Re: "House size, setbacks steal OCP show," October 24 Driftwood article.

In these most troubling energy times, it is unfortunate that the Driftwood sets up for ridicule well-meaning efforts by OCP focus group members to reduce the overall environmental footprint of structures and dwellings on a groundwater-dependent community in the rarest ecosystem in all of Canada.

Helping to spark self-centred outpourings from property owners is no responsible way to come to terms with an overcrowded, overheated planet.

Indeed, it is very self-crediting of the Driftwood to routinely publish broadsides instead of constructively assisting islanders who seek to keep the

Gulf Islands from becoming moated communities of sparsely populated megahomes far from ever being carbon neutral-responsive dwellings.

As ecologist Aldo Leopold poignantly put it: "A thing is right when it tends to preserve the integrity, stability and beauty of the biotic community. It is wrong when it tends otherwise."

HOWARD BREEN,
GABRIOLA ISLAND

Dollar impact

Earlier this year, I wrote an article in the Driftwood on the Kiva organization which allows us in the first world to make very efficient microloans to small business owners in the third world.

After it was printed I received considerable feedback thanking me for helping individuals become aware of the program.

If you missed the article, it is available on my family web page at: http://www.thestandens.ca/Ramblings/Driftwood/2007_02_14.html. The reason for this letter is to remind readers of this opportunity and to highlight that the loans are made in US dollars and that with the recent rise of the Canadian dollar (closing just over \$1.07 on Friday), such loans have become much more affordable. It has certainly prompted me to do a little more business with Kiva.

JIM STANDEN,
SALT SPRING

Guidelines, instead

I believe that, essentially, the convictions that precipitated the OCP house-size issue are logical and honourable. The suggested

solutions, however, to solve these problems, are what the concerns and outrage were all about.

Understandably so! It is highly unlikely that islanders will calmly accept that, by the stroke of a pen, a tiny local governing body can make the decision to devalue their waterfront properties. What a ridiculous suggestion!

Certainly there should be some guidelines and perhaps, bylaws, in place for the building of future dwellings in regards to shoreline/high tides. The fact that we live in an earthquake zone and could experience tidal waves, should make people concerned about how and where they build their houses for their own personal safety and that of their families.

There are others issues at stake as well, but the former should at least be embraced by individuals as it relates to them on a more personal level. Having said that, how can the focus group involved in this study and the Trust members, consider creating regulations regarding private property that people have already built on? Is this not a democratic society we live in?

There would have to be huge monetary compensations made to offset the consequences should this proposal become law.

In this day and age, we should all be concerned about natural resources. I am assuming that the suggestion regarding the limiting of house size is related to this concern.

However, I would suggest that the size of people's homes does not necessarily mean that they will take more or less of the resource pie. In fact, I can pretty much guarantee that this equation doesn't work that way.

Our family lives in a 3,200-sq.-foot house but we are very environmentally conscious — recycle, keep our thermostats at a moderate level, water plants only when really needed and not just to keep the grass green, are vegetarians and eat mostly organic food, much of it locally produced, plan our trips into town and shop mainly on island to minimize the use of fossil fuels.

If I lived in a 5,000-square-foot home, these practices would continue because of the values that we uphold. It is education that is needed, not limiting house size.

Perhaps a better suggestion regarding this issue is, if possible, to create guidelines and information regarding the use of power and water, for example. Households that go beyond maximum suggested usage would have penalties imposed such as the withholding of these services.

Monetary fines generally would not be the answer as there are many people who

would not be as negatively affected because they can afford to pay. In my mind, there has to be a more reasonable, equitable solution than the one that was put forth regarding limiting house size.

Salt Spring is a beautiful island paradise and we should all feel so blessed to live here. It is our own individual responsibility to posterity to live our lives in a way that is respectful to our fellow islanders and, in particular, to the earth.

CANDACE SNOW,
SALT SPRING

Developers are coming

In view of the recent plethora of advertisements and letters in the Driftwood concerning the Islands Trust, your readers might be interested in a copy of the Raging Grannies' recent song.

To the tune of "She'll Be Comin' Round the Mountain."

The developers are coming - be on guard - be on guard!

The developers are coming - be on guard - be on guard!

The developers are coming - you can hear their backhoes humming!

The developers are coming - be on guard!

'Cuz they're diggin' up our islands where they can - where they can!

And they're building out the farmland where they can - where they can!

They don't give a damn for beauty, they just care about their booty!

So they're changing all our islands where they can!

But they'll make life so much better, so they say - so they say!

And they'll give us lots of jobs with little pay!

Oh, they'll make life so much better, so don't worry, don't you fretter

'Cuz they'll make life so much better, so they say!

And our "sanc-tu-ary" islands will become - will become

Just another glitzy playground in the sun - in the sun!

Oh, forget the farmers market, we'll get malls, fast-food and pine

For happy days of rural peace and family fun.

We must stop this prostitution of our land - of our land!

We must all rise up, speak out and take a stand - take a stand!

We have trustees with a vision, who'll protect us as their mission

And preserve our fragile hold on something grand.

When the plan is all reviewed by the Trust - Islands Trust!

Be aware of special interests - it's a must

We must stop the backhoes coming and curtail the urban humming

Or our rural land will wear and asphalt crust!

VALERIE PITMAN,
SALT SPRING RAGING GRANNY

Instrumental helper

In writing my article From Clutter to Flow in the October 17 Driftwood Home Improvement supplement, I focussed on my current situation at home and the techniques that are now working well for me in terms of controlling clutter and keeping a healthy flow in my home.

I would like to take the time now to acknowledge someone who helped set me on the path a few years ago. I have realized that "de-cluttering" is a huge process, and it is about a lot more than simply finding storage solutions and tidying up. You need to discover why you are hanging on to so much "stuff" and sometimes you need to have a shift happen in your life that allows you to release that tight hold and move on.

Julie Howard runs a wonderful business called "The Creative Crab" and she specializes in helping her clients figure out how to create the kind of home they want to live in, with comfort, beauty and ease.

When I called her a few years ago, I was desperate for help. I was so overwhelmed with the constant mess that I dreaded walking in the door. I didn't know how or where to begin to tackle the piles, and I was so busy that it just never got any better.

Julie and I worked hard together and a lot of good things happened. We took many loads to the recycling and thrift store and she used her wonderful creativity and eye for style to arrange furniture and add splashes of colour that transformed many rooms in my house. She did a "make-over" of my daughter's bedroom that was absolutely stunning, and perfect for Jesse.

Julie was there for my first steps out of the mess, my first real acknowledgement that the situation was detrimental and needed to change. But after Julie left, my house slowly began to fill up again.

There was still way too much stuff and I wasn't yet able to let it go. She reorganized the things that I insisted on keeping, but the reality was that to truly open it up and solve the problem, I had to purge and I wasn't ready.

This summer, due to a year full of change and painful personal growth, I became ready. And each small step of letting go allows you to see what you really need and want around you and what things do not contribute to your happiness and well being.

So, thank you Julie, for launching me on that long path. You are a kind and talented soul and the Creative Crab was instrumental in helping me find the flow that I am enjoying so very much right now.

DAWN HAGE,
MOBRAE AVE



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Most dangerous chemical in the world

I hope you're sitting down as you read this. My intention is not to cause panic and anguish in the community, but you need to know that we are facing a grave and imminent danger. There is an insidious, uncontrolled substance running rampant through society and nobody's doing a damned thing about it.



Arthur Black

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organ failure and ultimately, certain death.

And the name of this nightmare chemical that threatens our future and rules our destiny? Some call it DHMO – dihydrogen monoxide. It's also known as hydroxyl acid.

Most folks just call it water.

It's a strange, love-hate relationship we have with water. In 1779, the U.S. warship known as Old Ironsides set sail from Boston carrying 475 officers and men, 7,400 cannonballs, 11,600 pounds of black powder, 7,000 gallons of rum and 48,600 gallons of fresh water. She returned to Boston seven months later with no cannon balls, no black powder, no rum . . . and 48,000 gallons of stagnant water.

These days? A total sea change in attitude. Today, in shopping malls and airport lounges; at baseball games and bar mitzvahs you see people practically welded to their personal water supply. They're all clutching their

plastic bottles of Dasani and Aquafina. They look like they're preparing for a crossing of the Gobi, but no, they're merely "keeping hydrated," a la the latest fad. When I was a kid the only adults who actually carried their own water supply around with them were GIs in war movies and Humphrey Bogart crawling through the cacti in Treasure of the Sierra Madre. Nowadays, everybody packs their own "canteen."

Must have been a bit of a challenge for the Madison Avenue advertising buzzards to figure out how to make so many of us pay for something we can get for free. In the end, they used the same technique they use to flog that watery beer that all tastes the same — they sold us an image.

Aquafina, for instance, shows a range of snow-capped mountains on the bottle's label, implying that we're purchasing water air-lifted from pristine and untouched streams high in the Rockies. The fine print at the bottom of the label reads: "bottled at the source P.W.S."

Hmmm. P.W.S. What could that mean? Pure Wonderful Stream? Paradisiacal Welcoming Sweetness?

Actually, it stands for Public Water Supply. Aquafina (which is owned and oper-

ated by Pepsi-Cola by the way) is trying very hard not to tell you that what you are paying for is tap water.

Which is not to be confused with Smartwater. Smartwater is a designer brand of bottled water that former Friends star Jennifer Aniston is flogging these days. You can see the toothy blonde smiling back at you in dozens of glossy magazine ads. She's clutching a plastic bottle of Smartwater, implying I suppose, that drinking that brand will make you brighter — possibly rich, beautiful and famous to boot.

Victoria Kaplan disagrees. She speaks for a movement called Quitting the Bottle, which is dedicated to getting rid of all those plastic bottles, 86 per cent of which wind up in landfill.

"Customers are waking up to the myth of bottled water, despite celebrity endorsement," says Kaplan.

She's not too keen on the Smartwater label, either. "I'll tell you what smart water is: smart water is when you walk to the tap and there is this wonderful product that is life fulfilling and delivered right into the room we want it in."

Oh, yeah — tap water. The stuff we've already paid for. Before companies like Pepsi bottle it and sell it back to us.

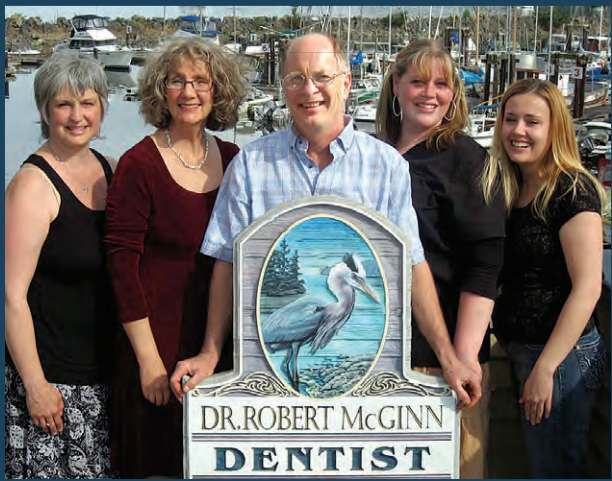


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Q: If we become a municipality aren't we just adding one more layer of bureaucracy? Wouldn't it cost more than the present system?

A: We don't believe so. The 6 councilors and the mayor would be paid salaries based on pay scales in other municipalities. Our charges from the CRD and Island Trust would be reduced. The council would make decisions on government matters that are currently made by various boards and agencies both on and off island. The Trust would be able to concentrate their resources on Land Planning issues.

Q: What about the Island Trust?

A: We would still stay a member of the Trust. But after 3 years we can save a significant amount by taking over our own planning. One of the common complaints is that Salt Spring is paying too large a share of the Trust's costs.

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