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FIRE PROTECTION

Creativity demanded for fire funding

Trustees 'open to alternatives'

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Salt Spring residents flooded Monday night's public board meeting, urging fire trustees to consider alternatives to a full-time paid fire department.

"I appreciate your efforts and am encouraged by the turnout at tonight's meeting," said Marguerite Lee, speaking from the audience. "My only comment is to base your guidelines on needs rather than wants. Perhaps the wants can come into play if we survive the taxes which come with the needs."

According to the Salt Spring Fire Protection District's 10-year Strategic Plan Draft 5.5, the island's growing population and declining volunteer firefighter ranks have led trustees to consider staffing the Ganges fire hall around the clock with four paid firefighters.

Completing the plan entails hiring 20 additional firefighters by 2012 at a cost of \$81,000 per person per year.

According to the strategic plan, the mil rate to cover staffing alone would increase from 23 cents per \$1,000 of assessed property value in 2008 to 72 cents by 2012.

In spite of the jump, fire board trustee and volunteer Mark Wyatt says the tripling of rates will bring the department much closer to the provincial mil rate average for fire departments operating outside of incorporated areas.

Insurance savings experienced by property

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PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION

Here comes the bus... open house set for Tuesday

Islanders can indulge their dreams for a public bus service with an open house at ArtSpring on Tuesday, November 27.

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CRAFTY CHARACTERS: Helena Cuddy sets up and sells hand-made finger puppets at Saturday's flea market at Fulford Hall.

SCHOOL DISTRICT 64

Appeals policy irks SD64 trustees

Legislation puts more accountability on school boards

BY CHRIS STEPHENSON
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A new process for parents who want to appeal decisions made at their children's schools has frustrated some District 64 board trustees, who say the policy is an inadequate use of resources.

Under the B.C. School Act, new legislation states parents who don't agree with a decision made by a teacher, principal or school board can appeal directly to provincial "superintendents of achievement."

The superintendents have the authority to refer the matter to mediation, adjudication or dismissal. In the past, the appeal process was handled through local school boards that made final decisions for everyone involved.

"What we're doing is encouraging an adversarial system," said Salt Spring school trustee Charles Hingston. "What a complete waste of time and money."

Hingston said 99 times out of 100 the Gulf Islands School District comes up with a suitable solution for all concerned parties.

"We find homegrown solutions. That guy in Victoria isn't going to do that," he said during a public school board meeting at Galiano Island Community school last Wednesday.

School board trustee Mike Krayenhoff agreed.

"I find this really frustrating. It's like undercutting our local

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COMMUNITY HEALTH

Outreach worker offers youth a helping hand

Society tackles addiction issues on Salt Spring

BY CHRIS STEPHENSON
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A Salt Spring addictions counsellor is aiming to bridge the gap between at-risk youth and resources available to them by offering ground-level support on the island.

Helani Davison, founder of the non-profit Alternatives to Addiction Advocacy, wants to address the challenges youth face with addiction on Salt Spring. She brings teens together under a support group and plans various dry events. She also holds educational sessions, acts as a liaison for community resources and provides ongoing support for teens and adults.

While Alternatives to Addiction offers help to anyone in need, Davison said Salt Spring youth are most at risk due to a prevalent drug and alcohol culture on the island.

"It's imperative to intervene before substance abuse gets out of hand," she said.

While Salt Spring has addiction resources available, Davison said there is a need for youth-based programs, since young people often don't feel comfortable accessing adult addiction resources on their own. Davison works with youth by providing a venue where they can confide with their peers about addiction-related issues and she can offer recommendations on community services appropriate to their needs. The advocacy offers court support, arranging for rides to meetings and encouraging clean and sober youth to find and support each other.

"Youth need to be with other youth who have a desire to arrest their drinking or drug habit," she said. "When they do they are so grateful to speak openly about their problems. It's really heartwarming to see."

Davison hopes to get her message out through education by offering talks and workshops on the dangers of addiction and the resources available to various health organizations such as Lady Minto Hospital, Island Women Against Violence and Community Services. A mobile information table will be implemented and a contact list of all resources on Salt Spring will be circulated throughout the island, especially to the medical field.

"The biggest part and most important part is public education — to make everyone aware of addiction and the help available and that they are not alone with their problem."

Davison, who has 25 years of counselling experience with a focus on public education, has suffered from various addictions through her life. She has volunteered in the field on Salt Spring for the last eight years and decided to formalize her work by creating Alternatives to Addiction. The society is currently finalizing its official status with the



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Helani Davison is the founder of Alternatives to Addiction Advocacy, which aims to assist youth at risk of becoming addicted to drugs and alcohol.

provincial government, but Davison said its programs are already up and running.

The society has five board members from the community. Sgt. Danny Willis of the Salt Spring Island RCMP detachment is one of them.

He agrees with Davison that education is an important tool, noting that the most successful way to educate youth is to spread the message at a "street level" where the problems occur.

"We need to go down into [the problems] and give a helping hand, instead of waiting."

He said Salt Spring needs more outreach work.

"There is lots of community support with donations of items and money already. This demonstrates the community sees the need."

Wayne Fraser, of the Salt Spring Restorative Justice program, said up until now there has been no focussed work on

youth addiction on the island.

He said Alternatives to Addiction is cultivating an environment where young people feel free to speak on their own about problems. But he said like many new projects, it will take some time before the community catches on.

"It's in its infancy now. It takes a while to evolve to tackle the issues and come together."

Fraser said one of the hurdles for the society is working collectively with all the health-care organizations on Salt Spring.

Still, he said Davison has received a lot of support in the community and the youth involved are "pretty pumped."

The group is also in communication with Youth and Family Services, Youth at Risk, the Core Inn and 12-step programs to establish needs and options for the future.

For more information, contact Davison at 537-8978 or e-mail her at alternatives@unet.ca.

News briefs

Driving without due care

A vehicle heading south on Fulford-Ganges Road crashed into a ditch last Wednesday morning after the driver swerved to avoid striking another vehicle turning into a driveway.

The 68-year-old female driver and a passenger were both taken to Lady Minto Hospital with minor injuries. The driver received a ticket for following too close to the other vehicle.

Then late on Saturday night, a vehicle was stopped by police in Ganges for driving in a suspicious manner.

The driver, a 32-year-old male, received a 24-hour driving prohibition, a 90-day administrative prohibition and was charged with driving without due care and attention.

Phoenix moving

Phoenix Alternative High School will move from its spot on Jackson Avenue at the end of this

school year, and school board trustees are currently looking for a location for the program.

Jeff Hopkins, superintendent of District 64, said the school was originally going to a newly-acquired house near Gulf Islands Secondary School, but the space is not suitable.

FSA concern voiced

John Nicolson, Gulf Islands Teachers' Association (GITA) president, voiced his concern about Foundation Skills Assessment (FSA)

exams during the Galiano board meeting.

FSA results are a snapshot of student performance in reading, writing and numeracy for kids in grades 4 and 7. Nicolson said the tests are unnecessary and intrusive to students and that the statistics can be used erroneously.

Standardized testing was in the news earlier this year when Sooke teacher Kathryn Sihota was disciplined for refusing to follow her principal's direction to administer a District Assessment of Reading Team test to her Grade 3 class.

Fire fundraising alert

The Salt Spring Fire Rescue Department is warning island residents that telephone fraudsters posing as fire foundation volunteers have been operating throughout the province.


Cases reported on Vancouver Island and the Lower Mainland involve the caller claiming to represent fire department-related charitable societies and burn units.

Callers usually ask for donations of \$20.

"There is no telephone solicitation taking place," said Dave Enfield, chief of the Salt Spring Island Fire Rescue Department.


"In the Cobble Hill instance the caller was asked to put his supervisor on the phone and was hung up on."

People who suspect they are the target of any such scam are advised to take down the caller's number and report the incident to the Salt Spring RCMP at 537-5555.



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NEW LOOK: Gail Sibley, left, and Andrea LeBorgne wear new jackets and stand by a new sign at the Chamber of Commerce's Visitor Centre.

BC FERRIES

Soil trucks cause ferry delays at Vesuvius dock

Capacity crunch expected for rest of week

Delays experienced last week by Vesuvius-Crofton ferry travellers will continue through Friday due to heavy commercial truck traffic boarding the morning sailings.

Trucks filled with contaminated soil from Shell Canada's former bulk fuel depot in Fulford have reduced the number of other vehicles that can be carried by the 70-car-capacity Howe Sound Queen on its 9 a.m. to 12:40 p.m. sailings.

Deborah Marshall, director of media relations for B.C. Ferries, said the loaded trucks max out the weight restrictions on the ferry, despite the fact that space

may still be available for cars. She said the total dead-weight carrying capacity of the Howe Sound Queen is 160 tonnes.

She said the service is still on a first come first serve basis and only two loaded trucks are allowed on each sailing.

"The trucks are not a priority," she said.

Harry Burton, owner of Apple Luscious Organic Orchard on Salt Spring, said via email he missed his ferry last week despite arriving 40 minutes early.

He said each commercial truck weighs approximately 40 tonnes loaded.

"That only leaves 80 tonnes for regular vehicles."

Burton said it's only a problem heading off Salt Spring when trucks are full.

SWANSON'S POND

Students stand by their pond

Petitioners try to raise awareness

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
 DRIFTWOOD STAFF

With the future of Swanson's Pond hanging between multiple levels of government regulations, students at Gulf Islands Secondary School (GISS) hope a final plea will raise the community's support.

"The pond is basically our backyard," said Kelsey Mech, a high school student who has collected more than 450 names as part of a petition asking the pond property be preserved as a park.

"It's a living laboratory. The petition shows that a lot of students are keen to get involved."

A proposed 35-unit seniors condo development for the multi-family zoned property is under discussion between developers and staff at the Islands Trust.

Planner Mark Brodrick said the Islands Trust is awaiting more information from the developer on engineering, landscape, architecture and drainage before a development permit can be considered.

Concern among neighbours and students arose after Eric Booth, acting on behalf of property owner Salt Spring Ventures Limited, began work in late August to divert Swanson Creek before it entered the property.

The pond is located across from GISS on a three-acre residentially zoned property between Kanaka Road and Park Drive.

Teacher Debbie Magnusson recalled taking her Grade 1 class down to the banks of Swanson's Pond to bury the class hamster, but said students' attempts to raise awareness is about more than holding onto childhood memories.

"I think it's fantastic they realize they can put their minds to something like this," she said. "This is about kids learning how to practise democracy."

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GALIANO ISLAND

Forest project gets plants growing

Conservancy uses hands-on skill to diversify land

BY CHRIS STEPHENSON
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

A unique forest restoration project initiated by the Galiano Conservancy Association (GCA) aims to restore a commercial plantation to a fully functional forest ecosystem — all by hand.

Odin Scholz, restoration coordinator for the conservancy, said the parcel of land located near the centre of Galiano Island was logged twice and replanted in 1980 with homogenous Douglas-fir seedlings. He said the area has become a simplified version of what a natural forest should be.

Scholz and his team are now in the process of assisting nature to diversify the land and make it part of a complex ecosystem.

For the last six years, Scholz and the conservancy have worked on the land, mimicking nature by pulling down, cutting and pruning the trees without the use of machinery and with as little impact on the environment as possible.

"It does require a shift in thinking as we're out there killing trees," he said last Wednesday at the GCA office.

He said restoration is really about learning how to manage the forest. The 152-acre parcel of land has a long history of human disturbances and negative impact on the ecosystem.

While the plantation density is 1,000 to 2,000 trees per hectare, a natural old-growth forest contains 100 to 120 trees in the same space.

Scholz said the overcrowding prevents other native species from growing, which results in a deserted forest floor.

"We are trying to promote faster growth and create more complexity in the forest."



PHOTO BY CHRIS STEPHENSON

From left, Galiano Conservancy Association members Odin Scholz, Ken Millard and Pauline Brest van Kempen take a break near the entrance of the forest restoration site last Wednesday.

The team is currently working on a 15-hectare parcel of the plantation. Workers use a pulley device to take down some of the trees, which opens up the forest canopy to let in more light and allow other plants to grow.

Scholz and his team also use hand-held saws to cut off the tops of trees, creating "snags." Also known as standing dead trees, snags are vital in the forest ecosystem, he said. They are used by insects, small mammals and birds, including the pileated woodpecker.

Another technique the team uses is "girdling." Scholz will take off the bark of the tree around the base, which slowly kills it. As the tree dies, it gradually loses its needles and branches, slowly letting more light reach the forest floor and providing nutrients to the soil.

The team also arranges stumps and moves piled wood debris around the for-

est to further diversify the area. Scholz stressed that none of the trees or wood are taken out or sold.

The conservancy has seen an improvement in the land over the six years, he said. Woodpeckers are looking for insects in the snags, native species of plants are growing and the soil is more fertile.

For the conservancy, the restoration project also provides a great educational tool for students who visit the area on field trips.

The conservancy brings in groups of students from Vancouver and Vancouver Island for a number of educational programs. Part of a field trip involves a guided walk in the woods, which allows students to see a sample of an old-growth forest, the plantation and the restoration site.

GCA environmental educator Patti Pringle said the educational programs help empower students environmentally. After the students finish their field trip, the

educators see how the kids can make changes in their own community or become more involved in environmental stewardship.

Many of the students come from inner-city backgrounds and have no connection to the natural environment, she said. The program's focal point is to re-establish that relationship.

"If you have a connection with [nature], you will have respect for it," she said.

The restoration site is just one stop for the students, with marine, wetland and other forest environments also included on Galiano field trips.

For Scholz, showing students the restoration site is key to the project's success. He said it's important for people to know that a healthy forest is one that is managed properly.

To get more information on the GCA, check out its website at www.galianoconservancy.ca or call 250-539-2424.

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PROVINCIAL COURT

Salt Spring man jailed for a day

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

A Salt Spring Island man must serve one day in jail and pay a \$300 fine after he pleaded guilty last week to possession of marijuana for the purposes of trafficking and breaching conditions.

"I was wrong for my actions in the past and would like to proceed with my life," Stuart Soucy, 21, told the court. "I look forward to getting on with my life."

Soucy aroused the suspicions of RCMP officers on routine foot patrol through Centennial Park on September 18 by throwing a small plastic bag to the ground when approached by police.

Police discovered five

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individually wrapped portions of marijuana, each weighing approximately 1.5 grams in the bag.

Police later discovered Soucy had violated conditions of his probation by failing to meet with his probation officer.

Soucy received a 12-month suspended sentence for the trafficking charge. In addition to the jail term and fine levied by Justice Brian Mackenzie for his breach, Soucy must attend substance abuse and psychological counselling as advised by his probation officer.

HARBOUR AUTHORITY

Ballot box openness prompts member's concern

DFO stands by election procedure

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

A spokesperson for the Department of Fisheries and Oceans (DFO) confirmed last week that no procedural anomalies occurred during a Salt Spring Harbour Authority board of directors election on November 11.

"When it comes to not-for-profit organizations, most votes are held in the open, usually by a show of hands," said Robin Richardson, the manager of programs at DFO's Vancouver office, on Friday.

Concern over the voting process arose when a Harbour Authority member questioned why he was required to mark his name on his ballot in order to cast a vote.

Drew Clarke said an open voting process could deter many people from voting against the will of the majority. He suspected asking people to identify themselves may have contributed to the low voter turn-out rate of 29 people.

Rick Hill, the Harbour Authority's interim harbour master and former chair, said having members identify themselves was required to ensure members vote for representatives of their respective sectors.

"We are not the CIA," he said.

Hill called the move "an innocent error." The board will look at a different system next year, he added.

John Elliott and Chris Acheson were elected to represent the commercial fishing sector. Voters elected Rod Macdonald to the community-business sector. Elliott was named the new harbour board chair.

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NEWSBEAT

GROUND WATER

Gas tax funding eyed for Mayne conservation

Project could spread to other islands

BY CHRIS STEPHENSON
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

A Capital Regional District (CRD) water conservation pilot project to install low-flush toilets and low-flow shower heads on Mayne Island will significantly curb consumption, says the chair of the Mayne Island Integrated Water System Society.

Mary Cooper said the pilot project could save close to 16,000 litres of water a year per household with the low-flush toilets.

"The low-flush toilet is the best way," said Cooper last week.

Cooper said low-flow shower heads also reduce water consumption. According to the Natural Resources Canada website, the shower heads use up to 60 per cent less water than standard fixtures.

Since Mayne Island relies only on ground water for its supply, Cooper said the island needs serious water conservation initiatives to save the resource.

A CRD report on the project states the island's population has increased 26.4 per cent over the last five years, which places a heavy strain on local ground water.

Cooper said the project could be implemented on all southern Gulf Islands if it is successful.

"We hope to polish it up and use it for all the islands."

According to Cooper, islanders involved in the project will receive a \$100 rebate and free installation for the toilet and shower head. All residents who currently don't have low-flush or low-flow systems in place are eligible.

Primary project funding would come from the Gas Tax Agreement, which provides funds to local governments for programs that result in reduced greenhouse gas emissions, and cleaner water and air.

Cooper said the only thing standing in the way of the project is finalization from the federal and provincial governments. Under the agreement, she said, rural areas don't qualify for water conservation projects because the funds are

intended for government-owned water systems only.

However, Cooper said increased pressure on the aquifers is something that will not go away.

"Wells are being drilled deeper today than 20 years ago, indicating a lowering of the aquifer levels," she stated in a report written on behalf of Susan DeGryp, CRD director for the Southern Gulf Islands.

Cooper hopes with the support of the CRD, project approval will come soon.

"It will be unproductive to say 10 years from now that we should have moved sooner to ensure our island water's sustainability," she wrote.

DeGryp could not be reached for comment by Driftwood press time Tuesday.



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SOCCER SATURDAY: Parents and spectators haul out rain gear and umbrellas as they take in mini program soccer action at Portlock Park in typical soccer weather last Saturday.

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EDITORIAL

Bounty of books

For the past several years, Salt Spring's Community Education Society has been quietly organizing and offering islanders of all ages the chance to keep on learning well after their school-bell days are done.

It's the group people can thank for a chance to make sense of their computers, get the most out of their gardens, venture into the world of Chaucer or learn about world religions and cultures.

This fall, through partnerships with groups such as the Salt Spring Island Conservancy, Salt Spring Historical Society, Salt Spring Foundation and the Weavers and Spinners Guild, Community Ed was able to expand its offerings even further, and registration has ballooned.

Years ago islanders were served by a community education program through School District 64, but that was one of the first things to go when the word "cutbacks" entered the realm of public education.

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Community Ed fundraiser

WE SAY:
Needs your support

was revived, although it must now scrounge like all non-profit societies for enough resources to keep running each semester.

With a dedication to lifelong learning as its mantra, raising funds through a book sale is more than appropriate for the group and that's what Community Ed is undertaking for the first time next week.

Since the Driftwood thrives on having educated readers and has always supported the society's endeavours, we were happy to join forces with Community Ed on a project involving books.

We support Community Ed in appealing to islanders to donate good-quality fiction and non-fiction books of all kinds — including children's books — to the cause by bringing them to Meaden Hall at the Legion building on Wednesday and Thursday, November 28-29 between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. Then we hope to see even more people show up there on Saturday, December 1 to buy the books and ensure that Continuing Ed can keep offering affordable and enriching courses to islanders.

Now's the time to weed out those bookshelves — and then fill them up again — so everyone can continue to pursue the joys and rewards of learning on Salt Spring.



Island: beacon of positive change

BY JUDI STEVENSON

The level of debate about the Salt Spring Island Official Community Plan (OCP) review has been depressingly low since the focus groups made their recommendations.

Their process was searching and intelligent, from what I can tell by reading the eight reports they put forward for public discussion. Part of what is so impressive about what they did is that a big bunch of volunteers (many with amazing qualifications) was willing to devote a whole lot of their time to studying complex issues, in depth, as a basis for their proposals.

Since then, well-informed discussion seems to have sunk under waves of near hysteria about "property values." It's true that an OCP is supposed to be about values — the values at the heart of living together. I hope what lies at the heart of this community is something more than the self-interested protectionism of "property values."

We need a very different set of values now and in the years just ahead, given that world panels of eminent scientists are telling us — as of this week — that we have maybe 15 years to act radically in defence of the planet or it is going to fry, along with maybe 25-30 per cent of the living species on it.

Salt Spring Island won't be spared from the effects of global warming. The people who are lucky enough to own land here will not be able to cool themselves, or feed themselves, with "property values."

Basing our OCP on the views of those whose main concern seems to be their personal rates of profit has the distinct ring of

VIEWPOINT

fiddling while Rome burns. But we don't all have to join the fiddlers. We're Salt Springers. We can wow the country with our bold, thoughtful, far-

seeing official community plan, can't we?

We can think the unthinkable — smaller house sizes, greater protection for our precious water sources, local carbon off-setting, an end to clear-cutting, and more. We can tell our trustees that we want strong regulations to help us do our utmost to protect this tiny green dot on the ocean from the climate change tipping point that is looming. Isn't that the kind of sleeves-rolled-up story we'd like to see written about us in *The Globe and Mail* and *The National Post*?

Let's rally around that wonderful word "community" in its full meaning. Let's work to create an OCP whose central values express our responsibility to one another and the other beings with which we live in an interdependent community of life. Let's not succumb to the voices of the self-interested. Let's be a beacon of positive, dare I say visionary, change.

Of course, major changes are always hard on somebody. As caring islanders, we will need to find ways of helping those who don't have the resources

to adapt. But somehow I don't think that's who is making the current stink about the OCP.

On Saturday, December 8 a Climate Change Action Day will be happening around the world. Salt Spring is going to have a musical gathering at the ArtSpring gallery. Come join friends and neighbours in sending a message to all politicians: act now, we can't do it alone.

The writer is a Mount Belcher resident.

"Let's not succumb to the voices of the self-interested."

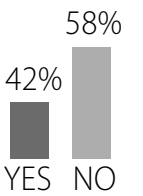
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IslandVoices

QUOTE OF THE WEEK:
"We are going to tax people off the island and end up with a rich enclave of nothing."

ANDREW HAIGH, AT MONDAY'S FIRE MEETING

SALT SPRING SAYS

We asked: What's your reaction to the "taser video" released last week?

STEVE PATERSON

I didn't watch the video because I was kind of overwhelmed from the coverage it was given on the CBC. It sounds like the RCMP were in the wrong or reacted too quickly.


DAVE FORBES

I saw the video and the police's reaction was totally uncalled for. Why did [the victim] spend so long waiting around, especially nowadays with all this security everywhere? It was horrendous and disturbing to watch.


MARK HILDEBRAND

I feel very bad and it appears like the RCMP is trying to sidestep the issue.


SUSANNA KONG

I haven't seen it, but it seems like they overreacted. I'm angry and ashamed.


DEJAN LOYOLA

I think it was necessary for Canadians to see what occurred. This is not a proud moment for any of us.

Letters to the editor

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Where's democracy?

Islanders may be unduly disturbed by the new buzz word "gentrification" and all the nonsense thereto attached. What we should truly be disturbed by is what happens at Local Trust Committee (LTC) meetings.

The first LTC meeting I attended I thought it was just an aberration: the fact that one local trustee made a motion, the second local trustee seconded it, the two trustees agreed with each other, which was the only "discussion," then the two trustees and the chair voted. Motion carried; on to the next item where the same procedure occurred. Same thing at the next meeting I attended.

The third meeting I had the opportunity to see on video, and was able to study it closely: Same procedure. The chair (who does not live on Salt Spring) gives a preamble stating that this

is a business meeting of the committee. Fair enough, but where is the democracy in two local people plus one outsider deciding what happens on Salt Spring? Makes my blood run cold.

Of course, the trustees will tell you that there is all sorts of local input into their decisions — where? When? At a town hall meeting or perhaps just button-holing a trustee in the street? The rules for this odd procedure may be buried in the Islands Trust Act, but it is contrary to any deliberative procedure I have researched.

No doubt that Mr. Ehring and Mr. Lamb have the best intentions: it is the process that is badly flawed. Salt Spring needs a more democratic form of representation and a local governance called municipal status.

If you want to see for yourself what I have been talking about, go to the YouTube link at www.islandgov.org and look at the LTC meeting. It's an eye-opener. They even refer to themselves as

"local government." The Trust is not government; it is a land-use agency. As an island municipality, Salt Spring would have a duly elected mayor and council of responsibly accountable, available local people making decisions rather than a triumvirate, one of which is not local.

If you were ambivalent about Salt Spring becoming an island municipality, this alone could make up your mind. Again, that link to the Local Trust Committee meeting on YouTube is: www.islandgov.org. Salt Spring may not ever return to the bucolic, totally laid back, not-involved way it once was, but we can take governance into our own hands, make it responsible, accountable, democratic and viable. It is called an island municipality.

PATSY SIEMENS,
SALT SPRING

Worthy cause

I've been reflecting lately, since my knee surgery was

postponed, on my decision in March 1989 to purchase my Salt Spring Island property which I occupied in May 1990.

I'm often asked back East and even in Vancouver: "What's so special about Salt Spring?"

I never hesitate to reply, "the people."

Those that have visited here comment on how pretty our island is. I agree, but seldom tell them that it doesn't compare to the Muskoka and Haliburton lake country of Ontario where I spent my first 15 summers.

There's an eclectic mix of friendly people. I've come to like hundreds and have made more than a dozen friends. But there is also something special about many parts of our island's physical environment. Arthur Black's November 14 Driftwood View Point on efforts to save 19 acres of Cusheon Creek area land has made me realize that Salt Spring has been good to me and that I should help to

save this pristine environment.

I am not wealthy but with a bequest from my sister two years ago I am now financially comfortable. I've decided to pledge \$5,000 and hope that others who feel that Salt Spring has been good to them will open their hearts and wallets for this worthy cause.

The cost of nearly a million dollars seems to me very high, but I accept that Eric Booth negotiated for the developer in good faith and will earn a handsome commission.

From all I can learn I believe Salt Spring Island has been good to Eric so I'll be interested to learn how much he will personally pledge to save these very special acres.

JACK HALLAM,
NORTH END ROAD

Tragedy

A few words in Polish from a kindly soul would have saved a life and all of us from the shock and despair

of the taser incident involving Robert Dziekanski at the Vancouver International Airport has prompted.

MYNA LEE JOHNSTONE,
LOWER GANGES ROAD

Molly's ornaments

My name is Molly Patterson and I am almost eight years old. In a couple of months I am going to go to Ethiopia to bring home my two little brothers. I am raising money to buy art supplies for a school in Ethiopia. I am selling home-made Christmas tree ornaments at Fables Cottage. It is really hard to get art supplies in Ethiopia so I will buy the art supplies here and bring them to Ethiopia.

You could go to Fables Cottage to see my ornaments and leave a donation. Or you could phone me. My phone number is 537-1107.

Thank you.
MOLLY PATTERSON,
SALT SPRING

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Letter to the premier: it's payback time for dutiful voters

To the Right Honourable Gordon Campbell

Dear Gordon,

I'm confused. We British Columbians swept you into office six years ago with a huge majority. We British Columbians put you in office knowing full well that it was going to involve some pain to right the fiscal ship. We knew that government jobs would go, department budgets would be cut, salaries would be frozen. We went along.

In 2005, we re-elected you and your government under the mantra "Our Plan is Working." OK, so we have done our part — given you an eight-year mandate. Well, it's payback time.

Last year, B.C. wildly outperformed your budget forecast, with a \$1.3-billion surplus. This year, much to the embarrassment of those same government financial pundits, we are looking at a \$3.2-billion surplus. Remember Gordon, this is our money, not yours. With this kind of bank account, we should not have to come begging to restore and improve basic human services. Let's look at some of those services.

It was your government that labelled education an "essential service." Our school district is flat broke, so broke that we have to close down schools one day a week. Parents with deep pockets send their children

off island. Those parents that don't have big bank accounts — well, they have to work five days a week, which means there is one day a week where they might not know where their kids are. It means that we send out emissaries to far off countries enticing rich foreigners to send their children to Salt Spring "for the culture," but we all know it's for the money.

Essential services? This past summer I got the call from Vancouver General Hospital. With great enthusiasm, the administrator pronounced that they were ready to take me for my hip operation. Five years. That's how long it took for me to get that call. Five years. There are presently almost 7,000 on the government wait list for hip or knee surgery. God knows how many British Columbians just gave up and paid for it out of their own pockets.

Essential services? How about B.C. Hydro and B.C. Ferries? Despite public opposition, B.C. Hydro in its infinite wisdom is replacing the existing ugly hydro towers on Salt Spring with enormous ugly towers. This, the most popular of tourist destinations in the Gulf Islands; this, the jewel in the crown


Peter Vincent

HEAD TO HEAD

of the entire archipelago, has these monsters cutting through the middle, not for our benefit, but for the power-hungry industries on Vancouver Island. They could have gone around us, gone under water, but what the hell — B.C. Hydro CEO Bob Elton doesn't have to look at them. And just to rub our

noses in it, B.C. Hydro is upping residential rates by 11 per cent, and rates to farmers will rise over 20 per cent. Oh, did I mention? BC Hydro made over \$400 million this year.

And how about David Hahn, head of B.C. Ferries? Surely he has brainstormed with Mr. Campbell to ease the burden of getting over to Vancouver Island and the mainland? Earlier in November, B.C. Ferries announced a 53 per cent rate increase for "assured-loading." That means if you have a plane to catch in Vancouver, you will need to pay \$125 one-way to ensure you get there on time. It costs the same to fly to Las Vegas as it does to cruise the 25 miles to the mainland. Not to be overlooked, our rate from Salt Spring to Victoria just went up nearly five per cent.

OK, so we're paying more for ferries and more for hydro. Our "free" medicare system

is in a shambles. Surely, Gordon, you can cut us a break on consumer taxes. In your dreams. Flush with their own resource royalty windfall, the feds have now cut the GST down to five per cent.

So what about our PST? The Albertans pay nothing. What about Alberta's poor cousin, Saskatchewan? Despite its modest spot on the provincial pecking order, they managed a little extra in the provincial coffers this year, and immediately dropped the PST to five per cent. To cap it off, the government spent a little over a million making Saskatoon a WiFi zone. Nice government.

And B.C.? Nada. The PST still sits at seven per cent. What do we get? We get the Liberals announcing that they are "retraining" 100 Downtown Eastside homeless people to work the 2010 Olympics. We have \$3.2 billion and this is what we get? "Let's put a fresh coat of paint on the worst skid row in North America, at least until after the 2010 Olympics."

C'mon Gordon. We've been good. We have bit the bullet, done our bit. It's time we got a little something back in return. Fix our roads, fix our schools, our medicare. Show some generosity of spirit. The road that you and the B.C. Liberals are travelling down is neither right, nor honourable.

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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.

For more information, or to join ISG, visit our web site at Islandgov.org

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Giant book sale

The book event of the season is soon to take place. The first Bag-a-Book Sale, a joint Community Education and Driftwood initiative, is a two-part event.

On either Wednesday, November 28 or Thursday, November 29, those with books to contribute—paperback or hard cover, fiction or non-fiction, for children, teens or adults—can bring those books to Meaden Hall (at the Legion) between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m.

You'll have an opportunity to prune your collection while allowing other readers to acquire these volumes at a very modest (\$1 for most books) price.

The book sale itself will take place at Meaden Hall on Saturday, December 1, also between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m.

The Driftwood has always been very supportive of Community Education's efforts to fill the "life-long learning" gap on Salt Spring. It's now co-sponsoring this book sale, with all net proceeds used to keep the prices charged for Community Education courses as low as possible and comparable to those charged elsewhere. Book donors and book buyers, in many cases the same people, are asked to help us make this "community first" a great success and an instant tradition.

If you have any questions about delivering books (no magazines, encyclopedias or National Geographics please) or wish to help with this event, please call 537-0037.

And for the book bargain of the year, don't forget—Meaden Hall between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. on Saturday, December 1.

STAN SHAPIRO, FULFORD

Insult, indeed

Two weeks ago in the letters section, Norbert Schlenker wrote about the official community plan process: "Every focus group was stacked with political supporters of our trustees, with a few token opponents thrown in for 'balance.'"

We've explained this many times before, but here's how the focus group members got selected.

The Trust advertised in the Driftwood for several weeks for community members to serve on the various focus groups.

Altogether, about 80 people let us know that they were willing to undertake this service on behalf of the community. Norbert Schlenker was not among those who offered their time.

We then called together the members of the Advisory Planning Commission (APC) and the chairs of our other advisory committees, and asked them to pick the members of the focus groups.

All of the names of the people who applied—every single one—was given to that group, and they selected the focus group members themselves.

They chose about 60 people. (I can't really say why they chose particular people and not others, because I had no role in the selecting.) Furthermore, let me point out that almost all of the members of the APC itself were appointed by the previous Local Trust Committee, and not by Peter Lamb or myself.

There were two exceptions to this selection process. The Chamber of Commerce requested that a spot be reserved on every focus group for one of their members.

We agreed to this request, and the chamber appointed its own representative to each group. In addition, I personally asked B.C. Ferries to put two of their staff on the Fulford focus group, because it seemed very important to have their participation in that discussion. They did this.

Neither Peter Lamb nor I had any role whatsoever in picking the people who were chosen to serve on the focus groups, and as you can plainly see, there is no basis at all to assert that the focus groups were "stacked."

Norbert Schlenker also wrote that he knew "in broad strokes what was coming as soon as I saw the group memberships and before a single meeting was held."

Last week, Hugh Greenwood, one of the focus group members, wrote to

say that he was insulted—and rightly so, in my opinion—that Norbert had essentially accused him and the others of participating in a corrupt process whose conclusions were predetermined.

To suggest this, as Norbert did, is to wave off with the back of his hand the months of hard work and thought that the focus group members put into their reports. It also ridiculously proposes that their entire effort was a fraud.

Norbert's allegation was indeed an insult. I will say again, as I have many times, that we owe all the focus group members our gratitude for their work on behalf of our community.

GEORGE EHRLING, ISLANDS TRUSTEE

Act together

On November 10 there was a full house at Mahon Hall to see *Unless the Eye Catch Fire*, a one-woman play based on a short story about global warming by B.C. poet P.K. Page.

This was the first fundraiser for the Save Salt Spring Rainforest Appeal, chosen because it's a strong and remarkable play. (Thank you to author P.K. Page, actor Romany Miller, organizer Pat Barclay).

After a brilliant tour de force performance by Romany Miller, most of the audience stayed for a very moving discussion, facilitated by Briony Penn. Thank you to all those who helped make this event a success, especially the wonderful audience.

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More information, photos and pledge forms are available on-line at www.savesaltspringrainforest.com and pledge forms are also at the Salt Spring Con-

servancy office, Salt Spring Books and Patterson Market, while brochures are in many local bookstores and cafes.

Upcoming fundraisers will be posted on the website and advertised in this paper. Thanks so much to Salt Springers for all your creative, supportive ideas, photos, encouraging messages and generous pledges.

MAUREEN MOORE, SAVE SALT SPRING RAINFOREST APPEAL

Solar cooker gift

Meaningful gift-giving is a problem for most of us at this time of the year. One solution could be to make a financial donation to an organization that is making a positive difference here at home or abroad. With this in mind I would like to draw your attention to the Lesotho Solar Cooker Project.

This initiative, supported by the Salt Spring Island Raging Grannies, facilitates the purchase, demonstration and distribution by Canadian volunteers of solar cookers to Lesotho grandmothers who are caring for their AIDS-orphaned grandchildren. In this sunny country, where 60 per cent of the people are under the age of 24, the cookers are a very efficient and environmentally friendly way of making meals for large families.

Grannies who receive cookers, relieved of the arduous task of collecting scarce firewood, are understandably delighted, appreciative and overwhelmed that unknown people on the other side of the world are concerned about them. To them these cookers are literally a gift from heaven, as most of the work is now done by the sun.

The suffering and misery in African countries like Lesotho can be somewhat offset by the compassion and generosity of people from wealthier nations.

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Does size limit give environmental benefit?

BY GEORGE GRAMS

As the former chairman of the Scottish Ecological Design Association, as an architect who for a decade before coming to Canada operated a successful small group of companies specializing in low environmental impact design and construction, and as a former consultant to the Royal Incorporation of Architects in Scotland on low environmental impact design strategies and policies, I can offer some critical analysis of the now-withdrawn proposal to reduce the environmental impact of dwellings on Salt Spring to 3,000 square feet.

Let me state that I applaud attempts to legislate to reduce the ecological impact of buildings on Salt Spring. Such an initiative deserves provincial and national support as well as that of the local community. My concern isn't whether such a proposal should be undertaken but how it can best be achieved and, having applied some simple environmental filters to the proposed legislation, I have some serious concerns.

Firstly, I would guess that the percentage of dwellings of more than 3,000 square

feet would amount to a small percentage of the total built environment on Salt Spring. I therefore question why focus groups would suggest legislation allegedly intended to lessen environmental impact but which targets a small and specific section of the housing market.

To get best value from environmental policies, surely legislation that has maximum impact is required. So why would new houses under 3,000 square feet be exempt from having to make a contribution to lessen their environmental impact? Why would schools, hospitals, commercial, industrial and retail buildings not be asked to make sacrifices also? Thirdly, if we examine specific low environmental impact issues, how does limiting house size reduce, say, building toxicity? How does it impact on embodied energy and energy efficiency? What is the measurable effect on building wastes and emissions? How does it promote the use of renewable energy components and design strategies? How does it encourage designing for deconstruction so at the end of its useful life

materials and components in a building can be reused? How does restricting area benefit resource efficiency? How does it promote thermal zoning? (Thermal zoning involves placing principal spaces on the sunny south side of the building to maximize passive solar gain. The cooler, north side of the house is used as a thermal buffer to locate garages, vestibules, laundry rooms and the like which either do not require heating or which require lower temperatures. In addition, these north-facing rooms either do not require windows or require smaller windows ensuring that heat loss to the cold, north side of the building is minimized.)

These are only a few of the questions that would need to be answered to determine if an area limitation proposal has any beneficial environmental effect.

It's a simple fact that a small, badly designed dwelling can be many times more toxic than a well-designed large one. It can use more resources, consume more energy, emasculate the flora and fauna in which it resides, pollute more, consume more fossil fuels

and have considerably greater embodied energy. Indeed, limiting area is a very ineffective tool with which to reduce environmental impact which raises the fear that this isn't legislation designed to protect our environment because it plainly doesn't do that very well at all. Good legislation would be targeted where it could do most good. It wouldn't exclude dwellings under 3,000 square feet. It wouldn't exclude industrial, retail or commercial buildings, government offices or schools.

There's no doubt we need laws to reduce the environmental footprint of our buildings, but that can best be managed through the B.C. Building Code, authored by professionals in consultation with affected sectors of the community. It would need to be rigorously researched and applied to all buildings to ensure they are environmentally responsible, not just to large dwellings that form a small percentage of the total built environment and not just by the imposition of some random limit on floor area.

The writer is an architect now living on Walker Hook.

Superficial negative comments harm school community

BY MONIKA MAYR

As a Salt Spring Island Middle School teacher, I face many challenges all day long.

I am working with a group of people who are shifting back and forth between child and young adult. They long for independence and the freedom to make choices while still having a child's developing brain, meaning some of their choices will not reflect the qualities of responsibility, maturity and empathy that we hope for. They are going to make mistakes. Herein lies the difficulty.

There seems to be a perception in the general public and among those who work briefly in the middle school that we don't have consequences for our students. "Consequences" in this context seem to be used synonymously for "punishment."

We have consequences for poor choices, just not the immediate "punishment" that some people are looking for. For example — a child with difficulty responding appropriately to change may behave rudely to a teacher on call (TOC). Rather than punishing that child with "the office" or for worse offences "being sent home," we go through the painstaking process of helping the child identify and become aware of the effects their behaviour has on others (TOC and classmates). Then we show them how to "fix" the prob-

lem by taking responsibility for their actions and communicating that to the people affected. We use language that can later be repeated to help the child recognize and stop inappropriate behaviour before it escalates.

Simply punishing a child reinforces a behaviour they have already learned all too well — "getting themselves removed." In order for the child to learn new coping strategies for change, we take the time to help them identify what is going on and how to manage their own behaviour appropriately. For example, a frustrated child is taught to "take five," a process that gives them space and time to calm down before a situation escalates. This allows for real success. It empowers the child to make choices that are positive, problem solving and self reinforcing.

I have given only one example. There are as many examples of real consequences for inappropriate behaviour in our school as there are students. In a class of 25 plus, this can be a daunting challenge. It is actually one of the attractions for people like us who choose to work with a middle school age group. We have a real effect on a future generation by providing an environment that nurtures the development of good choices and personal responsibility.

These kids are an exuberant, ever changing and vulnerable group of stu-

dents. We take enormous pains to provide them with an exciting curriculum while respecting and guiding their special time of growth.

I am deeply affected when I hear negative comments based on a superficial view of our school. It is easy to make an off-the-cuff, negative remark or point fingers. On Salt Spring, those comments take on a life of their own and feed a negative perception in the community. They become self-fulfilling. "That's what I heard. It must be true."

As a teacher who is passionate about teaching this age group, (with their huge diversity of needs), hearing some positive feedback would go a long way to fostering a sense of "whole community" based support for our kids.

SIMS is staffed by energetic, knowledgeable professionals. We take the time to share information about students and approaches to behavioural issues so that we can work as a team. It is a collaborative, Herculean effort in this age of immediate gratification, technological growth and changing family structures. Our jobs have become much larger than simply giving information.

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The writer is a Grade 6/7 SIMS teacher.

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ARE YOU CONCERNED?

Overwhelming public outcry over the current OCP review demonstrates how flawed the current process is. Three people, one of whom does not live on Salt Spring Island, control decisions that affect every Salt Spring Islander.

ISLANDERS FOR SELF-GOVERNMENT is a group of Islanders from all walks of life and all areas of the island who are united in their belief that becoming an Island Municipality within the Islands Trust will provide Salt Spring Island with accountable, representative local government. Our membership has already grown by 60% since October 1, and increasing numbers will persuade the government that Salt Spring Island wants a referendum about Incorporation.

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Join Islanders for Self-Government today and send a clear message to the Provincial Government that Salt Spring Islanders are not content with the current situation. Fill out the attached form, mail it in or drop it off at one of our Island Business Supporters:

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Powerful weapon

I have been living on Salt Spring Island for the past several years. When I came to this community-oriented island I felt an instant connection to the place and its people. Never have I encountered such strong community-oriented folk before.

I am very grateful for the learning and spiritual growth this little island has offered me. I have been an active member of this community. Most of all, though, I am a devoted father. Together with my now ex-wife, we worked impossibly hard to give our children the beautiful opportunity of a life in this community.

It is my firm belief that Salt Spring Island has a habit of reflecting to us who we really are, in a non judgmental

way. Blame it on the amount of quartz? It is us who attach meaning of good and bad to these apparent "reflections" of ourselves. Sometimes the lessons can be hard, but nevertheless offer us an opportunity to grow. An islander friend of mine once said, "I am sick of inner work! Just gimme work!"

The last two years of my life have been marred with a bitter and acrimonious separation from the mother of our wonderful children. This situation has reached new heights with a bitter custody war. The suffering is immense, the lawyers get rich, and the children are caught with conflicting loyalties. We seem to be the victims of a system that harbours hate and makes good money from it in the process. Definitely not the "Salt Spring way," one might say.

Three months ago, I last saw my children. I witnessed a powerful weapon of mass destruction: denial of access —

applied without a court order to back it up. This highly damaging napalm bomb, although aimed at the adult, has immediate and long-lasting psychological effects on the child.

I am not here to question the motives behind denial of access, or to justify my position as the victim or perpetrator of such a weapon. I am merely trying to suggest that unless the law specifically states the contrary, kids should never be subjected to being blocked from seeing their parents, no matter how awful the parents' relationship to each other. We are moving towards an age where joint custody is becoming more and more commonplace, in an effort to recognize both parents' role in a child's upbringing.

I am asking the reader to take the time to send loving thoughts to my children and all children who are victims of denial of access. I do this religiously every day. **NAME WITHHELD BY REQUEST**

RANTS and Roses

Rants

Shame on the Driftwood and the RCMP for insinuating that because someone is different that he has no right to due process. Palu (Paul Beckman) is a very kind, sweet individual that would not harm a fly. Just because he does not meet with your ideals does not mean that he does not have rights. Carole Wagner

To whoever owned the very large truck with a front boom who turned in our driveway on Beddis Road the night of Tuesday, November 6, and chewed up our driveway and culvert. You made a terrible mess and never even came and apologized. You know who you are. Please come and fix it, it would be most

appreciated. Dorothy Kyle

Roses

An armload of black roses to "Hagrid," AKA Bob Twaites, for helping create the spookiest Haunted House yet, and for Barb Bird too for helping Mrs. W's class at SSE

Arose to our amazing neighbour Donna B for leading us into our barn to safety and waiting with us! Also to the Hydro staff that fixed the line in our paddock on that stormy day. Copper, Amie & April

Roses to Lightning Press. "An honourable man is worth his weight in ruby-red roses." JH

A red rosebud to the lady

at the librarian's table in the library who promised to "do what we can" to trace a rare book. She searched on her own time and found it at a Ganges store. We are indeed blessed to have such a caring library staff. TF

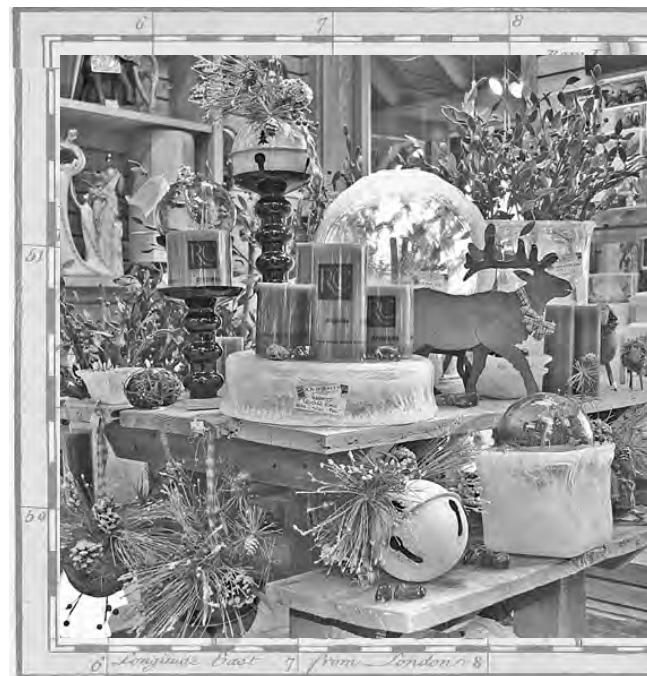
Roses and heartfelt gratitude to the following businesses for their generous support for our weekend workshop. Embe Bakery, Barb's Buns, Ganges Village Market, Salt Spring Coffee Co. and Thrifty Foods. From the directors of SOLID

Many roses to the families of the Boys U11 soccer team and to our many family members and friends who have kept our bellies full while we've adjusted to life with a new baby. You

have all made our daily life so much easier. Thank-you from the Waldes

I'm sending 10,950 yellow roses to my husband Tom. Thank you for all your love for the past 30 years and especially for the last eight months. You are my rock (and now my chauffeur too!) Happy 30th anniversary. Love always, Lisa

A host of tiny golden-hearted tree frogs, each bearing a rose, all the willing and cheerful helping hands that contributed to the Tree Frog Apple Press and Juice Sale: Tami; Shannon and Brianne; Heidi, Mike, Quinn and Cleo; Tina, Grant and Abi; Liz and Addi; Lynda and Peter; Mike and Devon; Matt and Chris; Meghan and Zoey; Janice, Mark and Scott; Eamon and Finn; Kate; Martine, Celine and Lila. Tree Frog Daycare



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NEW VIEW: Clean-up work is underway to restore the Shell Oil property in Fulford. Toxic materials are being shipped from the site to Vancouver Island via the Vesuvius-Crofton ferry.

OCP REVIEW

Critic questions OCP process

Staff streamline recommendations

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

The president of Islanders for Self-Government is eager for the Salt Spring Island Official Community Plan (OCP) debate to resume in earnest, but has questions about the process thus far.

Ken Marr said last week the OCP review process has had less to do with measuring public opinion than with establishing the government body's jurisdictional range.

"Not once during the last [local Trust committee] meeting did I hear either of the trustees mention anything about public pressure," Marr said.

Instead of "airing the island's dirty laundry out to dry" with proposals standing no chance of passing in the first place, Marr said, members of the six focus groups and two advisory committees ought to have verified their suggestions with Trust staff before public meetings in October.

Now that residents know which recommendations actually fall within the Islands Trust's jurisdiction, Marr is asking for a renewed public consultation process.

Mark Brodrick, an Islands Trust planner tasked with

coordinating the OCP review, said more hearings are precisely what the public can expect once staff refine overlapping and contradictory recommendations remaining from the list of focus group recommendations.

Completing the task by the Trust's December 13 local Trust committee meeting, he said, is unlikely due to the amount of work involved.

"We are also working on day-to-day applications too," Brodrick said.

The process is long and drawn out because trustees have endeavored to make it as open as possible, he added.

Brodrick said he anticipates the next round of public discussion will occur once trustees and staff have concluded work on the first draft of the OCP, complete with a legal review of spe-

cific policies, expected by spring of 2008. An updated timeline is available online and at the Salt Spring Trust office.

In the meantime, Brodrick said people can continue adding to the growing list of correspondence.

Based on the letters submitted by the end of last week, adoption of the precautionary principle and the proposal to apply heritage status to a portion of Fulford village remain at the forefront of debate.

Some elements among the OCP recommendations, Marr said, are more appropriate to a land-use bylaw than a community plan's traditionally broad vision statements.

"It's salvageable, but there are problems," Marr said. "We want to embrace this document as islanders until it is time to revise it."

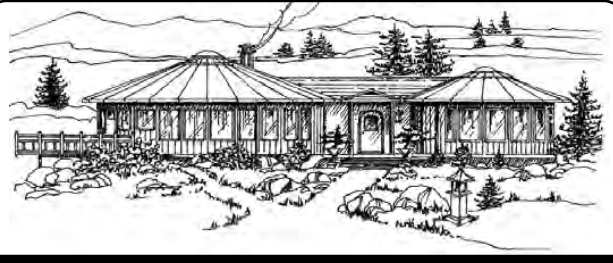


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- **PAT BYRNE**
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Resident since 1982

"If the taxpayers of Salt Spring Island realized how many of our tax dollars are being shipped off island to be spent at the discretion of strangers at the Islands Trust, the CRD and the Province, they would vote for incorporation immediately".

"Presently there is no individual or accountable body charged with considering our community as a whole when it comes to prioritizing how our tax dollars are spent. The community of Salt Spring Island as it is presently governed must seem like a 'bottomless pit' of tax dollars. Piece meal or a la carte spending decisions as they are now made are not the most cost effective or efficient way to meet community needs. If Salt Spring Island was incorporated, all community wants and needs would be considered together instead of in isolation and priorities for spending would be set by our own locally elected officials, directly accountable to us, the taxpayers"

- **KELLIE BOOTH**
CRD Electoral Area Director for Salt Spring Island, 1996 - 2002
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"Salt Spring Island is not the idyllic rural island community the Islands Trust was envisioned to preserve and protect. Instead, we resemble classic suburban sprawl, with cluster/pod subdivisions popping up all over our Island with more to come. Is this what we want? Under the Trust, we have more roads per capita than any other community in BC and new roads are constantly being cut to facilitate more cluster subdivisions. Go for a drive and see for your self.

The Islands Trust was never envisioned to replace the need for good local government. Nor were they intended to frustrate the efforts of citizens to organize municipalities within the Trust area. How can we, in all good conscience, stay on this illusionary path of "All is well as long as we don't incorporate - the Trust will save us?" Please join us to assist our community to become an Island Municipality. We owe it to ourselves, to our children, and to Salt Spring's future."

- **WAYNE FRASER**, Optician
Past: PARC commissioner for 9yrs, 2yrs as Chairperson
SSI resident since 1996

"As a past member of PARC from 1990 - 1999, the last 4 as chairperson, I fully support incorporation for Salt Spring Island.

The ability of Salt Spring Islanders to fully retain their own tax money and make decisions with that money to improve and upgrade our community, along with having a proper governmental process to govern our own island, is critical for islanders considering our population is swelling over 10,000 residents. It is time to control our own destiny."

- **MALCOLM LEGG**
PARC Member 1990-1999
SSI Resident since 1977

"Salt Spring should incorporate. With a population of 10,000 we are past due to take on the responsibility of self-government."

- **GRACE BYRNE**
Former Trustee Islands Trust
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FROM THE REPORT: Island Natural Growers Salt Spring Island Local Produce Study

REFERENCE:
<http://www.islandstrust.bc.ca/ltc/ss/projects.cfm>

Walking the Talk ...

For Marsha Goldberg, food security is as basic as it gets. As a driving force behind the Salt Spring-based Seed Sanctuary for Canada, she is among those empowering farmers and gardeners to grow their own food from seeds they've saved themselves, putting control of the food supply into individual hands.

PERMACULTURE:
So what is Permaculture? Permaculture is the design of sustainable human habitats. It is based on the observation of natural systems and uses ecological principles to increase diversity and productivity of local human ecosystems. Permaculture designs can be developed for any climate and on any scale, from balconies to entire villages.
Why is it important? Permaculture designs incorporate food, energy, and shelter for people and animals while linking the needs and outputs of each element of the system. The result is a dynamic yet stable system that sustains itself.
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SWOVA YOUTH TEAM

Youths part of R+R program delivery

A "youth team" of senior students assists in Respectful Relationships program development and delivery.

Participation on the committee has numerous benefits: program acceptance by peers and younger students, curriculum review and reinforcing positive school culture. The youth themselves receive an honorarium for their commitment and invaluable experiences. They are considered to be "youth leaders in violence prevention" and

learn leadership skills helping them become global citizens. Here is what Youth Team members have to say:

"I like going into the classrooms and talking to the students because I know that they listen to us and we can influence them in a positive way."

"I am really happy to have a chance to make a difference in the world."

"Due to my experience on the youth team, I have found that my views on life have become more open and calm

during confrontations, and I am also more self-aware."

"I feel like we, as today's youth, have a huge impact on the world and the people around us."

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BULLYING AWARENESS WEEK



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Members of the GISS SWOVA youth team include both junior and senior students. This year's group is at left.

Skills practised here all year long

Bullying awareness is becoming a hot topic in Canada. The fifth annual National Bullying Awareness Week, November 19 to 25, has been declared by the TV Family Channel and Bullying.org Canada.

Here on the Gulf Islands, bullying awareness in our school district is not confined to a week of notice in November. It has been on this community's radar for more than a decade.

This year's theme for Bullying Awareness Week, "Stand Up to Bullying!" emphasizes the opportunity for people to get involved in this issue, not by waiting for someone else to do something, but rather by working together to prevent bullying through education and awareness.

Research findings indicate that one of the biggest ways to reduce bullying is for bystanders to stand up for peers who are bullied. The research of bullying prevention experts Drs. Debra Pepler and Wendy Craig (scientific co-directors of PRE-VNet) shows that bullying stops within 10 seconds 57 per cent of the time when a peer bystander intervenes on behalf of individuals who are being bullied. This research has also demonstrated that bystanders are present in 85 per cent of bullying episodes, but only intervene 25 per cent of the time.

How do we "stand up" to bullying on Salt Spring?

According to accounts of life at Gulf Islands Secondary School (GISS) some 14 years ago, fights at school and incidents of violence were a common occurrence. Tension between off-island students and those from Salt Spring led to the "spectator sport" of pre-arranged fights taking place off school grounds on the Hydro field.

It was the joint initiative of teachers Debbie Magnus-

son, Kent Andrews and Rob Griffith, who asked for the issue to be put on the agenda for a staff professional development day, which led to the formation of an advisory committee to develop a school strategy for violence prevention. The subsequent policy of zero tolerance for violence received 100 per cent backing from staff.

At GISS, the school violence prevention policy takes B.C. Safe Schools Act policies to prevent violence one step further by saying that: violent activity, whether or not on school property or during school hours which involves or affects any member of the school community, is a potential threat to the school environment and will be considered accordingly.

Nowadays, if students are in a situation involving harassment, they may be warned or suspended from school. Any occurrence of physical violence results in an automatic three-day suspension from school. All situations resulting in suspension due to infractions of the policy are referred to the Violence Prevention Committee, consisting of a school administrator, a counsellor and one or two teacher representatives. The student, with the assistance of a parent or an adult advocate, will be expected to explain his/her side of the story and to assure the committee before re-admittance that they are not putting others at risk, nor that they themselves feel unsafe. In addition, strategies for avoiding a re-occurrence are discussed. At the meeting, the administrator makes a determination for the student's return.

How does it work? "Absolutely great!" says GISS teacher, Debbie Magnus-

In 14 years, she remem-

bers only two repeat offenders. Physical fights are rare.

"Both staff and students hold the belief that unsafe situations, if made known, will be dealt with in a predictable and timely way. It helps makes the school a safe place to learn."

The Other Side of the Violence Prevention Coin on Salt Spring

On Salt Spring, we also stand up to bullying by trying to stop it before it starts. Over the last decade, SWOVA (Salt Spring Women Opposed to Violence and Abuse) has developed and delivered the Respectful Relationships program (R+R), a four grade-level curriculum that includes 12 workshops and student handbooks for each level. Workshops focus on developing the skills and awareness needed to have healthy and respectful relationships. In partnership with the school district, interactive workshops are delivered to students in grades 7, 8, 9 and 10 in all of the schools on the Gulf Islands. The reinforcement that R+R provides to the school's policy on violence prevention is the other side of the violence prevention coin.

"What would SWOVA say?" is a critical question which students ask themselves. It can make the difference to a student who, caught in a moment of strife, stops to consider how to use the tools of peaceful conflict resolution that he/she has learned in the workshops.

Eight years ago, when SWOVA's R+ R program first began to be delivered in schools on Salt Spring, additional attention became focussed on the prevention of verbal and psychological violence, as well as physical violence. The entrenched nature of these issues makes it even more important to establish a school climate of respect and consideration. The cumula-

tive effects of unbroken program delivery over so many years have led to what Debbie Magnusson calls a "culture of acceptance," where reports of bullying are few and far between.

While there is still work to be done, those attending GISS agree that they are proud of the school's climate.

"Both staff and students hold the belief that unsafe situations . . . will be dealt with in a predictable and timely way. It helps makes the school a safe place to learn."

SWOVA is still short of funds to complete delivery of the program this year, and future delivery for the following years is uncertain. Without funding to continue delivery of the Respectful Relationships program in this school district, we would be forced to return to a one-sided coin in preventing violence in our schools on the Gulf Islands. If you are interested in helping, please consider supporting the program by sponsoring a youth team member, by making a financial contribution or by becoming a member of SWOVA. Contact the SWOVA office at: SWOVA, 390 Upper Ganges Road, SSI, B.C. V8K 1R7. Phone: 537-1336; www.swova.org.
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BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Nearly \$100,000 in grants offered by the Salt Spring Island Foundation at a gala event last Thursday evening means 24 island charities can buy everything from a kitchen sink to a horse.

"Salt Spring doesn't fit into any of the surveys," said Carol Biely, chair of the Salt Spring Island Foundation during her opening remarks. "In my mind this is the most generous community in Canada. I know it because what I'm seeing is incredible."

The organization's 2007 fall grants were awarded to groups working on affordable housing, special-needs education, mental health programs, domestic violence, recreation and the arts.

"I wanted to thank you all for helping us to improve our acting," said 11-year-old Jessica Kliaman, a three-year veteran at Stagecoach School for

the Performing Arts. "It is great that you have given this to us."

Funds will help Stagecoach purchase equipment required for a video-feed-back program.

A contribution to the Murakami Gardens Community Housing Project will go towards acquiring Energy-Star appliances, a solar hot-water system and heat pump.

"Hopefully it will be the most environmentally sound building on Salt Spring," said Rose Murakami.

Gladys Campbell, chair of the foundation's grants advisory committee, presented funds to the Farmers Institute for improved facilities at its Rainbow Road property, the Core Inn to host additional after school programs, the food bank, Tree Frog Daycare, Island Women Against Violence, the Greenwoods Foundation and the Land Bank Society for its work on the Dean Road housing project, among other groups.

A grant for the purchase of a horse will allow coordinators of the Salt Spring Therapeutic Riding Society to nearly double their number of students.

"The foundation's task was made somewhat easier because we had almost \$100,000 to spend," Campbell said.

"It's great to see what an absolutely huge spectrum of activities are made available here."

"This is the first time we've been asked to purchase a horse."

GLADYS CAMPBELL

The foundation also announced the completion of its new website at www.saltspringislandfoundation.org.

The site provides a thorough overview of the organization's contributions, annual reports, board of directors, founding principles and goals for the future.

It also features a multimedia photography presentation created by Diane Thomas displaying grant recipients.

CONSERVATION

Wetland issues splashed about at meeting

Living by Water co-founder makes Dec. 2 presentation

BY DAVID DENNING
SPECIAL TO THE DRIFTWOOD

Water is on the minds of many Salt Spring Islanders these days, and it's not just the winter storms that have whetted this interest.

The shoreline residence issue raised by an OCP review committee, the Swanson's Pond property development and the Cusheon Creek conservation initiative are among the watery topics

that have washed right into island politics.

To shed some light on environmental and planning approaches to wetland issues, the Salt Spring Island Conservancy and The Islands Trust Fund are sponsoring a presentation and discussion on the topic of "Living by Water" on Sunday, December 2.

The event will have a general focus on shorelines, lakes and wetlands and their importance to the community and to natural ecosystems. It takes place from 7 to 9 p.m. at Lions Hall. Light refreshments will be served.

Guest speaker Clive Callaway is the co-founder of the Living by Water Project, an award-winning national initiative dedicated to helping shoreline and wetland property owners protect their land, water quality, fish and wildlife habitat.

Callaway will discuss the natural functions and benefits of wetlands and riparian areas, and what landowners can do to protect shorelines, vegetation and water resources on or near their property. His talk will also look at the potential threats of climate change to wetland ecosystems and what can be

done to better prepare for these long-term effects.

Callaway is co-author of On the Living Edge — Your Handbook for Waterfront Living with nearly 17,000 copies sold to date. In 2002, Clive shared the gold medal for the "Clean Water" category of Canada's Environment Awards Program. In 2004, he shared Canada's National River Conservation Award.

A short panel discussion will follow Callaway's talk and he will be available after the event to talk to individual residents with specific questions.

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One good turn can prove critical

Once upon a time I was a driving instructor. One of my students, a Middle-Eastern woman of a certain age, was having trouble. Had I not grabbed the steering wheel, she would several times have steered us clean off the road. Or perhaps I should say not steered us, for she seemed to be unaware of how to prevent this eventuality.

I thought about this: about steering and about how we learn to do it. Most of us don't even think about it. At an early age, perhaps even before we walked, we rode: kiddy cars, wagons, trikes (all manner of wheeled affluence) and we soon discovered how to keep from bumping into things — Mommy, for example. Nobody taught us; we just learned.

But what if we had had no



Richard Moses

OL' CURMUDGEON

wheeled vehicles to practise on? What if the very first set of wheels we were expected to control was the driving instructor's car: My car!

What we did, my client and I, was adjourn to a big, empty parking lot and just drive round and round in big figure eights so she could learn how the steering wheel worked — and so I could breathe right. True, she was a bit shy. In fact, at one later lesson, we started off, she at the wheel, and drove through a busy section of Oakville, through a number

of challenging intersections, until she shyly turned to me asked, "Could we pull over for a moment?"

"Of course," I answered. "Is there a problem?"

"Well," she said, "I'd like to put on my glasses."

I hadn't thought of any of this in 20 years until, walking home one day, I began to think about this steering business again. How do we learn to do it — not cars or wagons or even boats, but us? Us, as we walk or run. I tried to watch myself steer myself as I came to a bend in the path. My efforts were invisible. I was unable to divine how it happened, how, all unconsciously, one leg took a slightly longer stride than the other, keeping me on the road, instead of into somebody's yard, or worse.

Wouldn't it be funny — or not so funny — I mused, if this rudimentary skill had not been learned and, like a canoe in the snow, we found ourselves just moving straight ahead with no notion of how to turn. We would set out like the jogger who was instructed to run five miles a day. His trainer did not hear from him for some time and then received a phone call:

"I'm in Kelowna; now what?"

A remarkable structure we humans inhabit. It also occurred to me that after, for example, a serious stroke, the sufferer may, indeed, have to learn these small but crucial skills all over again. And does so.

I guess one good turn is fairly important. Just ruminations.

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Ann Jacob, former island resident, and Stan Tomandl, are two of only a handful of people in the world teaching "process oriented coma communication" skills for connecting with those in faraway states of consciousness.

According to a press release from the Bessie Dane Hospice group,

Alzheimer's/dementia, delirium, depression, autism, coma, vegetative state and traumatic brain injury, besides bringing difficulty and grief, are times for special communication techniques to further patients' inner work and help make their experiences meaningful.

"Tomandl and Jacob will present process work techniques, as developed by their mentors Drs. Amy and Arnold Mindell, that are specially designed to work when familiar forms of communication are lacking: when people are no longer verbal, are lost internally, or are loud, stubborn or agitated. This training can bring relief to staff and family by teaching skills to pass onto family and friends, easing trauma around

medical and end-of-life decisions by obtaining patients' input, even when delirious or comatose, and by facilitating patients' relationships and spiritual connections."

"Near the end of life and in states of altered consciousness, patients' greatest fear is not necessarily death, but of being left alone and confused with insufficient awareness of themselves and others. The techniques offered in this workshop can help patients with their inner and outer awareness, and further relationships with themselves and others."

Tomandl and Jacob maintain their counselling practice in Victoria. They are instructors at the Process Work Institute Graduate School and also serve on the faculties of the

Sacred Art of Living Center and the Anamcara Project, and the Board of ComaCARE in South Africa. They have recently returned from teaching this work in Japan and presenting at the Canadian Hospice Palliative Care Conference in Toronto. Tomandl has published in Canadian Nursing Home with Irene Barnes, and last year released An Alzheimer's Surprise Party: New Sentient Communication Skills For Relating to People with Dementia with co-author Tom Richards. For more information, see www.comacommunication.com.

The workshop takes place on Sunday, December 2, 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Cost is \$50. For more information and to register, leave a message for Pat at: 537-2770.

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Island pedigree goes south

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Blair, along with breeder Dale Hunter, will compete against not only the top show dogs in the country on December 1-2, but also a slate of the finest specimens from around the world. Dogs from Asia, Europe and South America are expected to compete.

People can see the show highlights when it airs on Animal Planet and the Discovery Channel on February 2, 2008.

The by-invitation-only AKC/Eukanuba National Championship is the largest prize money dog show in the world, with cash and prizes awarded totalling more than \$225,000.

Blair runs Dapper Dog pet spa on Salt Spring.

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TREASURE HUNTER: Sylvia Iniguez finds a mask as she checks out the goods at a Fullford Hall flea market last weekend.

SALT SPRING CONSERVANCY

Conservancy hires new executive director

Linda Gilkeson familiar to many on and off island

For the Salt Spring Island Conservancy, the New Year brings sadness and excitement.

"Sadness because we are losing our first and long-time executive director Karen Hudson, and excitement because we have hired a new executive director in the person of Linda Gilkeson," states a press release issued Monday.

"The conservancy could not be more proud to make the announcement and introduce Linda Gilkeson, who is affectionately known as the Bug Lady on Salt Spring Island. She is well known in gardening circles on the island as past president of the garden club and from gardening courses and talks on insects. She is down to earth and so modest you might not know she has a Ph.D. with Honours from McGill. Her thesis was on biological control of aphids in greenhouses. She is fascinated with and passionate about bugs and this rubs off on everyone in her audience."

Her present job with the provin-

cial government involves heading a team charged with producing periodic reports on the state of the provincial environment. She is currently working on the fourth provincial state of the environment report planned for release in December.

She has also negotiated an unprecedented partnership between Fisheries and Oceans Canada, Environment Canada, UBC Fisheries Centre, University of Victoria and BC Ministry of Environment to report on the coastal and marine environment of the province. This project was completed last year. She has written seven book and many publications, training manuals and articles. She loves to teach, and has experience in facilitation, grant writing, research, contracts, budgets and organizational change. She has won many awards, too numerous to mention.

Hudson has been accepted into the University of B.C for a Master of Library and Information Science program, which has been a goal of hers for some time.

"I feel very fortunate to have had the

opportunity to be the Salt Spring Island Conservancy's first employee," she said, "and to have developed and coordinated programs for such a well-respected and successful organization. The highlights I will remember the most are the Mount Maxwell Watershed fundraising concert with Shooglenifty, sitting backstage at ArtSpring with Birgit Bateman and Peter Matthiessen, the Mount Erskine campaign, seeing my daughter and all of the school children soaking up the outdoors on the conservancy school programs, the dedication ceremonies for the conservancy's two nature reserves and finding new locations on the island for species at risk."

What she has most enjoyed is working with all the conservancy volunteers. "I have met hundreds of amazing people who have inspired me with their dedication to protecting what is important to them and to Salt Spring Island," she said.

Under Hudson's direction in the past eight years, the conservancy membership blossomed from 125 members to over 900.

Gilkeson begins her work in January.

AWARDS

Charitable efforts net national award

Anna Callegari noted for AIDS work

A Salt Spring Island pharmacist has earned one of the most prestigious awards in her profession, through a desire to help those in need both at home and in developing countries.

Anna Callegari, a previous pharmacy manager on Salt Spring Island and now a clinical pharmacist with Victoria General Hospital, received the Charitable Work Award at this year's Commitment to Care and Service Awards gala in Toronto on November 19.

The national awards program is hosted by Pharmacy Practice and Pharmacy Post, one of Canada's leading pharmacy magazines.

Callegari has spend countless volunteer hours aiding struggling communities around the world, explains press material.

"She spent three months in 2005 travelling through South Africa and Lesotho, helping to develop a two-acre community permaculture garden and tree nursery for AIDS orphans, providing agriculture tools to school-aged children and procuring fund-

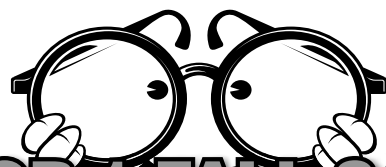
ing for a memorial garden at Ontario Health Africa's Tse-pong 'Place of Hope' Clinic."

Callegari also participated in a mission to Africa called "Sala Hantle Africa" from February to April 2007, where she offered front-line assistance at hospitals and clinics for AIDS patients in four sub-Saharan African countries.

On Salt Spring, Callegari has also devoted her time to homelessness, family support, early childhood development, mental health, community housing and the local food bank, all through her long-standing service as a board member of the Salt Spring Island Community Services Society.

Callegari was also instrumental in the non-profit Salt Spring Organization for Life Improvement and Development (SOLID), explains press material.

In a letter accompanying her nomination for this award, Callegari writes that when she began travelling in the developing world in her 20s, she was "inspired to make a difference and decided then to dedicate myself to offering whatever I was able, in all areas of my life, to those in need."



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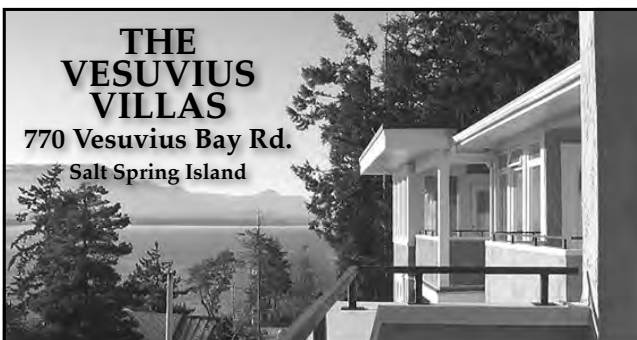
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4-H ACTIVITIES

Youth sheep club tots up year's successes

Community support and fairs among highlights

The Salt Spring Island 4-H Sheep Club had a busy year, and recently celebrated its success at a dinner and awards banquet at the home of Sandy and Ian Kyle.

According to a club report, activities included district judging (Saanich), south coastal judging (Maple Ridge), the Pacific National Exhibition (PNE) and fairs at Coombs, Saanich and on Salt Spring.

In the competitions, all members achieved their goals and some surpassed them. New members Sarah and Emma Kyle did very well, participating in three fairs, even though they started late. Sarah won the trophy for Junior Showmanship and Emma won the trophy for Pee Wee

(Cloverbud) Showmanship.

The three senior members — Justine Watkins, Clorisa Simpson and Rosalie Beaudoin — were constantly in the champion class in the fall fairs and did even better at the PNE (a six-day event). Simpson won Overall Champion Showman; Watkins and Beaudoin won senior champion trimming competition and Beaudoin's ewe received Reserve Grand Champion.

The sheep club members were gratified by the community support and the welcome they received from the various fall fair committees. Here's a quote from the Coombs 4-H coordinator: "The Coombs Fair board thanks all the 4-Hers for their participation at our fair. You make a difference. Many of the visitors to our fair make a point of telling our volunteers at the various locations or stop in

at the office to say how much they learn from the 4-H members as they stop and chat with them and ask a question or two. They also comment on the great job the kids do with decorating and keeping the barns clean and tidy. You must know that is impressive to fair visitors."

At the end of its year, the club thanked all the local organizations and individuals who help the club, particularly IODE, Lions Club, Fibre Fest and club sponsor Sunset Farm (Sandy Robley).

Club members also wished luck to Justine Watkins, who won a place on the seven-member judging team from B.C. and participate in the Canada-wide competition in Regina. The club convenes in January and new members are invited to join. Phone 537-2920 or 538-1900 for information.



PHOTO BY SEAN MCINTYRE

SHROOMING SEASON: Bob Casey tempts passing motorists on Lower Ganges Road with a batch of freshly picked chanterelle mushrooms.

CHRISTMAS GENEROSITY

Annual Santa's Workshop now open for business

Donation depots now set up

Christmas will soon be here and Santa's Workshop is now open to receive toys for distribution to needy children on Salt Spring.

"A number of businesses on the island have generously agreed to put out boxes into which members of the public may place their contributions," said the project's Santa Bob Appleton.

They are the CIBC, Mouat's, West of the Moon, Pharmsave, GVM, Bank of Montreal and Fables Cottage.

Appleton and "Large Elf" Judy Willett hope islanders will make sure the donation boxes are continuously filled.

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2:10 pm: SANTA leaves the float plane dock aboard a Salt Spring Fire Department Fire Truck and heads to Mahon Hall. Families can stroll over to Mahon Hall via the Boardwalk.

2:15 to 4:00: FREE PHOTOS for the kids with Santa in Mahon Hall, there will also be Arts & Crafts activities, Cookie Decorating, big screen Holiday Videos, (courtesy of Island Star Video), Hot Cocoa & Goodies!

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5 :00 :30	The Simpsons Arrested Good Grief	Pieds dans la marge L'Union fait la force	Timothy/ (:15) Mama (:35) Babar	(4:30) NHL Hockey - Ottawa vs. Buffalo (Live)	CHEK News	Full House King of the Hill	Early News Global National	CTV News	Punjab Times Phoenix World News	A Channel News at 5	The Ellen Degeneres Show (N)	My Wife and Kids My Wife and Kids	Malcolm in the Middle The Simpsons	KOMO 4 News ABC World News	KING 5 News	Charlie Rose	The Hour	KIRO 7 News CBS Evening News	Being Ian Endurance	(4:00) CHL Hockey ADT Challenge - Canada vs. Russia (Live)
6 :00 :30	News	Le Téléjournal	Kratts' Creatures Popular Mechanics		News	The Simpsons Friends	News	News	CTI News Vancouver Report		CityCooks CityNews International	That '70s Show That '70s Show	The Simpsons Family Guy	News KING 5 News	News	News	CBC News: The National	News SpongeBob SquarePants	Drake & Josh	
7 :00 :30	Coronation Street Marketplace (N)	Virginie (N) L'Épicerie	Meerkat Manor Wild at Heart		SportsCentre E! News	According to Jim Paintball	Entertainment Tonight Ent. Tonight Canada	Etalk (N) Access Hollywood	Police Woman Pure in Heart	Degrassi: Next Gen.	Wheel of Fortune Jeopardy	The King of Queens The King of Queens	Two and a Half Men Two and a Half Men	Wheel of Fortune Jeopardy	Evening Magazine Inside Edition	Rick Steves' Europe Oregon Field Guide	Nefertiti and the Lost Dynasty	Entertainment Tonight The Insider	Malcolm in the Middle Fresh Prince of Bel Air	Sportsnet Connected NBA Basketball - Denver vs. Los Angeles (Live)
8 :00 :30	Little Mosque (N) No Opport. Wasted (N)	Le match des étoiles (N) Une heure sur terre	Riddles of the Dead Immortal Comrade (N)	Off the Record	Kid Nation Let Me Talk! (N)	Home Improvement Home Improvement	Back to You Fish Story Til Death	Private Practice (N)	Vancouver Nights Iranian Pop	Phenomenon (SF) (N)	Next Top Model The Girls Go To Shanghai (N)	Next Top Model The Girls Go To Shanghai (N)	Back to You Fish Story Til Death	Pushing Daisies Smell of Success (N)	Phenomenon (SF) (N)	Wired Science (N)	CBC News: The National	Kid Nation Let Me Talk! (N)	Prank Patrol Killer Bees Fries With That?	
9 :00 :30	the fifth estate	Une heure sur terre	Diamond Road The Stone That Divides	Poker World Series - Main Event	Deal or No Deal (N)	The Standard Insights Into Sikhism	Kitchen Nightmares Lela's (N)	Criminal Minds Penelope (N)	Sabor Latino	Smallville Bizarro	"Dodgeball: A True Underdog Story" ★★ (Com. '04) Vince Vaughn.	Gossip Girl The Wild Bunch	Kitchen Nightmares Lela's (N)	Private Practice (N)	Deal or No Deal (N)	Great Performances The Israel Philharmonic 70th Anniversary Gala Concert (N)	CBC News: The National	Criminal Minds Penelope (N)	Futurama Pinky & the Brain	
10 :00 :30	CBC News: The National	Le Téléjournal	Why Democracy? Bloody Cartoons (N)	Poker World Series - Main Event	Cold Case Detention	Life Tear Asunder	CSI: NY One Wedding and a Funeral (N)	Hola Que Tal	Dirty Sexy Money The Country House (N)		Seinfeld The Apartment Seinfeld [Part 1 of 2]	Q-13 Fox News at Ten	Dirty Sexy Money The Country House (N)			Nefertiti	CSI: NY One Wedding and a Funeral (N)	Naruto Shadow Raiders	Sportsnet Connected	
11 :00 :30	(:05) The Hour	Le Téléjournal La zone	Season of the Child	SportsCentre	News	It's a New Day	News	News	TV Patrol	News	RAW	Frasier Family Guy [Part 2 of 3]	News	News	American Soundtrack Doo Wop's Best on PBS	CBC News: The National	News Spider-Man	Sportsnet Connected		
12 :00 :30	(:05) CFL Football Classics '78 Grey Cup	(:15) La fosse aux lionnes	Auction Great Artists Whistler	Off the Record FigSkate BMO Canada	(:05) Chelsea Lately (N)	Coach PR Maxx	(:05) Ent. Tonight (:35) E.T. Canada	(:05) TMZ (:35) The Daily Show	Jai Fiji Caribbean Beat	(:35) Conan O'Brien	South Park South Park South Park M*A*S*H Life Time	RENO 911! RENO 911! RENO 911! M*A*S*H Life Time	(:05) Jimmy Kimmel Live	(:35) Conan O'Brien	The Hour	With David Letterman (:35) Late, Late Show	Futurama Malcolm in the Middle	Pratt & Taylor		

THURSDAY NOVEMBER 22

5 :00 :30	The Simpsons Arrested Sad Sack	Match! Haute tension L'Union fait la force	Timothy/ (:10) Mama (:35) Babar	NFL Football - Indianapolis vs. Atlanta (Live)	CHEK News	Full House King of the Hill	Early News Global National	CTV News	Punjab Times Phoenix World News	A Channel News at 5	The Ellen Degeneres Show (N)	My Wife and Kids My Wife and Kids	Malcolm in the Middle The Simpsons	KOMO 4 News ABC World News	KING 5 News	Charlie Rose	The Hour	KIRO 7 News CBS Evening News	Being Ian Endurance	CHL Hockey ADT Challenge - Canada vs. Russia (Live)
6 :00 :30	News	Le Téléjournal Oniva	Mentors Reach for the Top		News	The Simpsons Friends	News	News	CTI News Vancouver Report		CityCooks CityNews International	That '70s Show That '70s Show	The Simpsons Family Guy	News KING 5 News	News	News	CBC News: The National	News SpongeBob SquarePants	Drake & Josh	
7 :00 :30	Coronation Street Who Do You Think (N)	Virginie (N) Infoman	Profiles of Nature A Mountain Goat's Story		E! News The Insider	According to Jim The Simpsons	Entertainment Tonight Ent. Tonight Canada	Etalk (N) Access Hollywood	Police Woman Pure in Heart	Degrassi: Next Gen. Friends	Wheel of Fortune Jeopardy	The King of Queens The King of Queens	Two and a Half Men Two and a Half Men	Wheel of Fortune Jeopardy	A Tribute to the Teachers of America (N)	The Nature of Things Magazine	Entertainment Tonight The Insider	Malcolm in the Middle Fresh Prince of Bel Air		
8 :00 :30	The Nature of Things (N)	Tous pour un Le cinéma québécois	A History of Britain The Wrong Empire	SportsCentre	Are You Smarter Than a 5th Grader?	Home Improvement Home Improvement	Survivor: China (N)	CSI: Crime Scene You Kill Me (N)	What's in Vancouver? Main Office	"The Stork Derby" ★★ (True, '01) Megan Follows.	Ugly Betty Giving up the Ghost (N)	"Raise Your Voice" ★ (Dra. '04) Hilary Duff.	"Dodgeball: A True Underdog Story" ★★ (Com. '04) Vince Vaughn.	Ugly Betty Giving up the Ghost (N)	"The Incredibles" ★★ (Ani. '04) Craig T. Nelson.	American Experience	CBC News: The National	Survivor: China (N)	Prank Patrol Giant Rat Fries With That?	Sportsnet Connected
9 :00 :30	Dubai: Miracle or Mirage? (N)	Enquête	Going to Extremes Tibet (N)	Down The Barrel	"The Perfect Child" (Susp. '07)	The Standard Messages	Smarter-5th Grader (SF) (N)	Grey's Anatomy (N) [Part 1 of 2]	Teri Meri Duniya Sadabahr Naghmae	B. Galactica Lay Down Your Burdens [Part 1 of 2]			Grey's Anatomy (N) [Part 1 of 2]	Nova Pocahontas Revealed	CBC News: The National	CSI: Crime Scene You Kill Me (N)	Futurama Pinky & the Brain	Best Damn Sports Show Period		
10 :00 :30	CBC News: The National	Le Téléjournal	Heaven on Earth Wild at Heart		Cold Case Debut	Shark Burning Sensation	Without a Trace Fight/Flight (N)	Mor Deo Koi Desi Rhythms	The Collector The Pharmacist	Across the River to Motor City (P) (N)	Seinfeld The Stranded Seinfeld [Part 2 of 2]	Q-13 Fox News at Ten	October Road Let's Get Owen (SP) (N)	The Office	Frontline On Our Watch (N)	The Nature of Things Magazine	Without a Trace Fight/Flight (N)	Naruto Shadow Raiders	Sportsnet Connected	
11 :00 :30	(:05) The Hour	Le Téléjournal La zone	Canada's War Victory and Beyond	SportsCentre	News	It's a New Day	News	News	TV Patrol	News	Realty Television	Frasier King of the Hill	Family Guy [Part 3 of 3]	News	Roy Orbison and Friends: A Black and White Night	CBC News: The National	News Spider-Man	Sportsnet Connected		
12 :00 :30	(:05) CFL Football Classics '95 Grey Cup	(:15) La fosse aux lionnes	New Tricks Buried Treasure	Off the Record In This Corner	(:05) Chelsea Lately (N)	Coach PR Maxx	(:05) Ent. Tonight (:35) E.T. Canada	(:05) TMZ (:35) The Daily Show	Punjabi Vibes Desi Rhythms	(:35) Conan O'Brien	South Park South Park South Park M*A*S*H	RENO 911! RENO 911! RENO 911! M*A*S*H	(:05) Jimmy Kimmel Live	(:35) Conan O'Brien	The Hour	With David Letterman (:35) Late, Late Show	Futurama Malcolm in the Middle	Pratt & Taylor		

FRIDAY NOVEMBER 23

5 :00 :30	The Simpsons Arrested Development	Match! L'Union fait la force	Timothy/ (:10) Mama (:35) Babar	(4:30) Boxing HBO After Dark - Cotto vs. Mosley and Soto vs. Guzman	CHEK News	Full House King of the Hill	Early News Global National	CTV News	Punjab Times Phoenix World News	A Channel News at 5	The Ellen Degeneres Show (N)	My Wife and Kids My Wife and Kids	Malcolm in the Middle The Simpsons	KOMO 4 News ABC World News	KING 5 News	Charlie Rose	The Hour	KIRO 7 News CBS Evening News	"Garfield" ★ (Com. '04) Jennifer Love Hewitt.	Pratt & Taylor NHL Hockey - Vancouver vs. St. Louis (Live)
6 :00 :30	News	Le Téléjournal Canada en amour	Serious Desert Kratts' Creatures		News	The Simpsons Friends	News	News	CTI News Vancouver Report		CityCooks CityNews International	That '70s Show That '70s Show	The Simpsons Family Guy	News KING 5 News	News	News	CBC News: The National	News SpongeBob SquarePants		
7 :00 :30	Coronation Street Canadian Antiques Rd	Du cœur au ventre	Canadian Waterways Rugged Coasts		E! News The Insider	According to Jim The Simpsons	Entertainment Tonight Ent. Tonight Canada	Etalk (N) Access Hollywood	Police Woman Pure in Heart	Degrassi: Next Gen. Friends	Wheel of Fortune Jeopardy	The King of Queens The King of Queens	Two and a Half Men Two and a Half Men	Wheel of Fortune Jeopardy	Evening Magazine Inside Edition	Rick Steves' Europe KCTS Connects	the fifth estate	Entertainment Tonight The Insider	(:05) Storm Hawks Team Galaxy	
8 :00 :30	Air Force Live (N) Rick Mercer Report	Paquet voleur	By the Book At Bertram's Hotel (N)	Off the Record	Deal or No Deal	3D Dialogue	Killer Wave [Part 1 of 2]	Ghost Whisperer (N)	Weekly News Forum CTS Night Club	Next Great Band 7 Cut to 6 & Top 6 Perform (N)	Men in Trees Sea Change (N)	Friday Night Smackdown	Next Great Band 7 Cut to 6 & Top 6 Perform (N)	Men in Trees Sea Change (N)	"The Family Man" ★★ (Dra. '01) Nicolas Cage.	NOW (N) Washington Week (N)	CBC News: The National	Ghost Whisperer (N)	Naruto Avatar	Sportsnet Connected
9 :00 :30	Torchwood They Keep Killing Suzie (N)	L'heure de gloire Deuxième demi-finale	Canadian Chopper Grey Cup Edition		Women's Murder Club (N)	The Standard 3D Dialogue		Moonlight Fleur de Lis (N)	Hwang Jin Yi	"Serving Sara" ★ (Com. '02) Matthew Perry.		Don't Forget the Lyrics	Women's Murder Club (N)	Bill Moyers Journal (N)	CBC News: The National	Moonlight Fleur de Lis (N)	Futurama Gundam S Destiny	The Page		
10 :00 :30	CBC News: The National	Le Téléjournal	Memoirs: Sherlock The Cardboard Box	Poker World Series - Main Event	20/20	Cold Case Dog Day Afternoon	Num3rs Graphic (N)	Sabbatical (P) (N)	Open Concert	Kool Countdown	Seinfeld The Statue Seinfeld The Shower Head	Q-13 Fox News at Ten	20/20	Rick Steves' European Christmas	the fifth estate	Num3rs Graphic (N)	Death Note Bleach	Sportsnet Connected		
11 :00 :30	(:05) The Hour	Le Téléjournal La zone	Real Country House Wild at Heart	SportsCentre	News	It's a New Day	News	News	TV Patrol	News	Pink Planet III London	Frasier Odd Man Out	Family Guy King of the Hill	News (:35) News Nightline	(:35) The Tonight Show With Jay Leno	CBC News: The National	News Spider-Man	Sportsnet Connected		
12 :00 :30	(:05) CFL Football	(:15) La fosse aux lionnes	National Geographic The Triplets	Off the Record NFL Films The Triplets	(:05) Chelsea Lately (N)	Coach Kingstar	(:05) ECW Wrestling	(:05) CSI: Miami	Vancouver Masala Music Bank	(:35) Conan O'Brien	South Park South Park South Park M*A*S*H	RENO 911! RENO 911! RENO 911! M*A*S*H	(:05) Jimmy Kimmel Live	(:35) Conan O'Brien	The Hour	Elvis Lives: The 25th Anniversary Concert	With David Letterman (:35) Late, Late Show	Futurama Invader Zim	Pratt & Taylor	



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SATURDAY NOVEMBER 24

5:00 PM	(4:00) NHL Hockey - Toronto vs. Phoenix (Live)	5 sur 5	Miss BG/(-15) Dive, Oly George Shrinks	Poker World Series - Main Event	CHEK News	Home Improvement	Family Guy	Sue Thomas: F.B. Eye Did She Or Didn't She?	(4:30) Swiat Polskiej Wladomosci	Star Trek: Voyager Parturition	Best of MuchOnDem and	Star Trek Space Seed	Everybody Loves Ray According to Jim	NCAA Football - Teams TBA (Live)	KING 5 News	(2:00) KCTS Cooks Appetizers 2	Antiques Roadshow Bishop Auckland	KIRO 7 News	(4:00) "Hook" ★★ (Fant, '91) Robin Williams.	NBA Action
6:00 PM		Le Téléjournal Pendant ce temps (N)	Meerkat Manor Wild at Heart	Poker World Series - Main Event	News	Eagle Com Time Sale	News	News	Xin Tan Ren	Bravo!Fact Presents	Speaker's Corner	That '70s Show	Friends	NBC Nightly News	Lawrence Welk Show Southern Show	Saturday Report	Antiques Roadshow	Evening News	NBA Basketball - Denver vs. Houston (Live)	
7:00 PM	NHL Hockey - Chicago vs. Edmonton (Live)	La Fureur (N)	National Geographic	SportsCentre	Zoe Busiek: Wild Card	Diya	Andromeda Mad to Be Saved	W-Five Presents The Suicide Tourist (N)	Entrepreneurial Leader	The New Canoe	Speaker's Corner	CSI: Miami Come as You Are	Two and a Half Men	NW Backroads	Rosemary and Thyme	Dubai: Mirage or Mirage?	Entertainment This Week	Adrenaline Project		
8:00 PM		Le moment de vérité	Heartbeat Pretty Woman	Boxing HBO Championships p - Kessler vs. Calzaghe	"The Secrets of an Undercover Wife" (Myst, '07) Shawnee Smith.	Islam 101	Killer Wave (Part 2 of 2)	Phoenix Gathering Satrang	"Grey Owl" ★★ (Dra, '99) Pierce Brosnan.	B. Galactica Lay Down Your Burdens (Part 2 of 2)	The King of Queens	Cops (N)	Cops	"The Incredibles" ★★★ (Ani, '04) Craig T. Nelson.	Antiques Rd. Newmarket Time Goes By The Plan	Mommy, Mommy	CSI: Miami Backstabbers	"Planes, Trains and Automobiles" ★★ (Com, '87) Steve Martin.	Ultimate Fighting	
9:00 PM		Dre Grey, leçons Inséparables (N)	Midsomer Murders The Electric Vendatta		Sikh Virsa		Whistler Family Ties (N)	Asian Variety Show	"The Rhino Brothers" ★ (Dra, '01) William MacDonald.	Frasier	America Most Wanted (N)	Wheel of Fortune Jeopardy		Jackie Gleason: Genius at Work	Saturday Report	CSI: NY Raising Shane	48 Hours Mystery	Smallville	Sportsnet Connected	
10:00 PM	Hockey: After Hours (Live) CBC News	Le Téléjournal Zone doc (N) [Partie 2 de 2]	Boxing Classics Ward vs. Judah - 1998	True Hollywood Story Heather Locklear	Insights Into Sikhism Muslim Faith	Global Currents The Bully's Mark	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit	Vanna Malargal Sabor Musical	30 Rock The Collection	CSI: Miami Backstabbers	Q13 FOX News	Northern Exposure	30 Rock The Collection	Sammy Davis Jr. Live in Germany	Dragons' Den	News	Adrenaline Project	Poker Red Rock Showdown		
11:00 PM	Hockey Night in Canada: Replay	"La veuve de St-Pierre" (Dra, '99) Juliette Binoche.	A History of Britain The Wrong Empire	Canadian Chopper Grey Cup Edition	Spike Feresten (N) The Soup (N)	Coach Teachers Pet Jack Van Impe	(05) The Hills (35) Isle of MTV 2007	"Rabb Ne Banaayan Jodiean" (Dra, '06)	Professional Poker Tour	World Poker Tour Borgata Poker Classic	Cold Case Files	Spike Feresten (N) Chappelle's Show	(35) Girls B. Badly	Back Care Basics	the fifth estate	(05) Paid Program	Futurama	The Ultimate Fighter 4		

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 25

5:00 PM	(2:30) CFL Football Grey Cup - Teams TBA (Live)	Oniva	Miss BG/(-15) Dive, Oly George Shrinks	(15) NFL Football - Philadelphia vs. New England (Live)	CHEK News	Home Improvement	Family Guy	W-FIVE Presents Unsafe to Teach	Spazio Libero Sport Italia	Star Trek: Voyager Persistence of Vision	Best of MuchOnDem and	Girlfriends The Game	American Idol Rewind	KOMO 4 News	(15) NFL Football - Philadelphia vs. New England (Live)	(4:00) Rick Steves' European Christmas	Dragons' Den	KIRO 7 News	(4:00) "To Grandmother's House We Go" ★★	(4:30) SN Connected
6:00 PM		Le Téléjournal Découverte	Into the Wild	That News Show What Happened?	Everybody Loves Ray	News	News	News	"Rabb Ne Banaayan Jodiean" (Dra, '06) Nill Ofer.	Relic Hunter Women Want to Know	NewMusic	Gossip Girl The Wild Bunch	Family Guy Brian in Love	News	Rosemary and Thyme	CBC News: Sunday Night	News	"Home Alone" ★★ (Com, '90)	B.D. Sports Show Best Damn Wacky Talent Show	
7:00 PM	To Be Announced	Lafaque	National Geographic Creepy Healers	Ext. Makeover: Home (N) [Part 1 of 2]	Voices of Hinduism	The Simpsons	Cold Case Justice (N)	"Da Kink in My Hair" (N)	Kyle XY Overheard	Blood Ties	CW Now	The Simpsons	Ext. Makeover: Home (N) [Part 1 of 2]		Sex Slaves	60 Minutes	Macaulay Culkin.	NHL Hockey - Chicago vs. Vancouver (Live)		
8:00 PM	To Be Announced	Tout le monde en parle	The Royal Laura (N)	Ext. Makeover: Home (N) [Part 2 of 2]	Ground Level Col. Yoram Hamizrachi	The Simpsons	The Amazing Race (N)	Kyle XY End Game	Everybody Hates Chris	Life is Wild Pilot	The Simpsons	Ext. Makeover: Home (N) [Part 2 of 2]	Mike Holmgren	The Amazing Race (N)						
9:00 PM	To Be Announced	New Tricks Curse of Beauty (N)	UEFA League (N)	Dr. 90210	Sufism: Heart of Islam	Family Guy (N)	American D. Tearjerker (N)	Desperate Housewives A Distant past (N)	"Ciuleandra" ★★ (85) Ion Ritiu.	Next Top Model The Girls Go To Shanghai	"Hitch" ★★ (Com, '05) Will Smith.	Next Top Model The Girls Go To Shanghai	American D. Tearjerker (N)	Desperate Housewives A Distant past (N)	Andre Rieu: Radio City Music Hall: Live in New York	CBC News: Sunday Night	Cold Case Justice (N)	Falcon Beach	Sportsnet Connected	
10:00 PM	CBC News: Sunday Night	(15) Le Téléjournal	Life Isn't All Ha Ha Hee Hee (Part 1 of 3)	AVP Beach Volleyball - Women's	Hilary Duff: Revealed	Path to Enlightenment Diya	Brothers & Sisters Something New (N)	Law & Order: Criminal Intent	Stargate: SG-1 Origin	Seinfeld The Heart Attack	Q13 FOX News (35) Q It Up Sports	Brothers & Sisters Something New (N)	Law & Order: Criminal Intent	Sex Slaves	Shark Every Breath You Take (N)	Weird Years Infodollity	Fries With That?	Sportsnet Connected		
11:00 PM	the fifth estate	Minuit, le soir	The Leading Edge	Driving TV (N)	It's a New Day	News	(35) House & Home	CTV News	I-Watch News	Pass Da Mic	Careers TV	RAW	Without a Trace	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit Remorse	(35) Ebert & Roeper	Upfront With Robert Mak	Rick Steves' European Christmas	News	Mystery Hunters	Sportsnet Connected
12:00 MID	Canadian Reflections	"Amours chieuses" ★★ (Psy, '00)	Heartbeat Pretty Woman	TSN the Reporters	JR Digs (N)	PR Maxx	(05) Popoff Ministry	(05) CSI: Miami Backstabbers	"Ciuleandra" ★★ (85) Ion Ritiu.	"Little Nicky" ★ (Com, '00) Adam Sandler.	Wheel of Fortune	Without a Trace	24 Day 5: 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM	(05) Da Vinci's Inquest	Casey and Wendy Treat Kevin Gerald	Dragons' Den	Futurama	"Home Alone"	The Ultimate Fighter 4	

MONDAY NOVEMBER 26

5:00 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	My Wife and Kids	Malcolm in the Middle	KOMO 4 News	KING 5 News	Charlie Rose	The Hour	KIRO 7 News	Naked Brothers	(4:30) Poker After Dark	
6:00 PM	Arrested Switch Hitter	L'Union fait la force (N)	(35) Babar	NFL Football - Miami vs. Pittsburgh (Live)	News	The Simpsons Friends	News	News	Phoenix World News	CityCooks	That '70s Show	The Simpsons	News	News	News	CBC News: The National	News	SpongeBob SquarePants	Pratt & Taylor		
7:00 PM	Coronation Street	Virginie (N)	Into the Wild	E! News	According to Jim	Entertainment Tonight	Etalk (N)	Police Woman	Degrassi: Next Gen.	Wheel of Fortune	The King of Queens	Two and a Half Men	Wheel of Fortune	Evening Magazine	Rick Steves' Europe	Blue Helmets: Peace (N)	Entertainment Tonight	Malcolm in the Middle	NBA XL		
8:00 PM	Dragons' Den	L'Auberge du chieen noir Ne me quitte pas (N)	Child of Our Time Your Recipe for Success	Met Your Mother (N)	Home Improvement	House Mob Rules	Dancing With the Stars (N)	Founding Emperor of the Ming Dynasty	Underbelly (SP) The Big Bang Theory	Chuck Chuck Versus the nemesis (N)	Hates Chris (N)	House Mob Rules	Dancing With the Stars (N)	Chuck Chuck Versus the nemesis (N)	Antiques Roadshow [Part 2 of 3]	CBC News: The National	Met Your Mother (N)	Prank Patrol	NBA Basketball - Phoenix vs. Golden State (Live)		
9:00 PM	Intelligence A Woman Inside (N)	Les Boys	Season of the Child Lottery on Ice (N)	K-Ville Flood, Wind & Fire (N)	The Standard	Heroes Truth & Consequences (N)	To Be Announced Corner Gas (N)	I Luv New York	Two and a Half Men (N)	"Stuck On You" ★★ (Com, '03) Matt Damon.	Girlfriends (N)	K-Ville Flood, Wind & Fire (N)	Samantha Who (N)	Heroes Truth & Consequences (N)	My Music The British Beat	CBC News: The National	Two and a Half Men (N)	Futurama			
10:00 PM	CBC News: The National	Le Téléjournal	Season of the Child Family Values (N)	Canadian Athlete	El Presents	Cold Case Sanctuary	Journeyman Blowback (N)	CSI: Miami CSI: My Nanny (N)	Magpakailanman	Monk Mr. Monk and His Biggest Fan	Seinfeld The Busby	Q-13 Fox News at Ten	October Road How to Kiss Hello (N)	Journeyman Blowback (N)	Blue Helmets: Peace and Dishonour	CSI: Miami CSI: My Nanny (N)	Naruto Gaara vs. Rock Lee	Shadow Raiders	Sportsnet Connected		
11:00 PM	(05) The Hour	Le Téléjournal La zone	Profiles of Nature A Mountain Goat's Story	News	It's a New Day	News	TV Patrol	News	CTV News	CTI News	(35) The Tonight Show With Jay Leno	CityNews International	South Park	RENO 911!	(35) News Nightline	(35) The Tonight Show With Jay Leno	Great Performance s Cream Reunion Concert	CBC News: The National	News	Spider-Man	Sportsnet Connected
12:00 MID	(05) Arrested	(15) La fosse aux lionnes	Why Democracy?	Off the Record	(05) Chelsea Lately (N)	International Laser Clinic	(05) Ent. Tonight	(05) TMZ	Kurd TV	Wiadomosci	(35) Conan O'Brien	South Park	M*A*S*H	(35) Conan O'Brien	(35) Late, Late Show	Malcolm in the Middle	Pratt & Taylor				

TUESDAY NOVEMBER 27

5:00 PM	The Simpsons	Kif-kif	Timothy/(-10) Mama	(4:30) NHL Hockey - Montreal vs. Toronto	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	Endurance	(4:30) Poker After Dark
6:00 PM	Arrested Development	L'Union fait la force	(35) Babar	NHL Hockey - Vancouver vs. (Live)	News	The Simpsons Friends	News	News	Phoenix World News	CityCooks	That '70s Show	The Simpsons	News	News	News	CBC News: The National	News	SpongeBob SquarePants	Pratt & Taylor	
7:00 PM	Coronation Street	Virginie (N)	Into the Wild	E! News	According to Jim	Entertainment Tonight	Gossip Girl Blair Waldorf Must Pie (N)	Police Woman	Degrassi: Next Gen.	Wheel of Fortune	The King of Queens	Two and a Half Men	Wheel of Fortune	Evening Magazine	Rick Steves' Europe	Flight From Darkness	Entertainment Tonight	Malcolm in the Middle	Ultimate Fighting	
8:00 PM	Rick Mercer Report	Providence (N)	Art Made the World The Day Pictures Were Born	The Biggest Loser (N)	Home Improvement	NCIS Corporal Punishment (N)	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit Paternity (N)	Filo Diretto	Jeff Ltd.	Beauty and the Geek	Beauty and the Geek Meet the Parents (N)	Bones The Santa in the Slush (N)	A Charlie Brown Christmas	The Biggest Loser (N)	Nova Master of the Killer Ants (N)	CBC News: The National	NCIS Corporal Punishment (N)	Prank Patrol Werewolf	Fries With That?	
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HIGH SCHOOL VOLLEYBALL

Team nails berth in B.C. event

Fourth high school team to make provincials this year

An exciting, down-to-the-last-game win has spring-boarded the high school senior boys volleyball team to the AA provincial championships for the first time in 34 years.

Remarkably, this marks the fourth Gulf Islands Secondary School (GISS) team to earn a berth in the provincial championships this school year.

The 12-member volleyball squad — consisting of a majority of Grade 11 students — took third place in the AA Island Volleyball Championships held last Friday and Saturday at Pacific Christian School in Victoria, knocking out the host team in a fierce final match.

They finished behind Wellington and Reynolds high schools, which will also advance to the provincial event in Kelowna, November 27 to December 1.

According to spectator Bob Howe, the GISS squad was the only undefeated team at the tournament following three games on Friday.

"Saturday's challenges proved to be much more difficult," said Howe in a note to the Driftwood.

"We were surprised by the Wellington team's offence in the early morning match-up, even though we had played against them during the North Island tournament."

GISS lost to Wellington



PHOTO BY BOB HOWE

Gulf Islands Secondary School senior boys volleyball team is seen with bronze medals after taking third spot in the AA Island Championship and qualifying for provincials.

in two straight games, and needed to defeat Pacific Christian in order to attain the final position at provincials.

The boys came out "strong and hard" and won the first of five games, said Howe, but the next two games were taken by Pacific Christian.

"Our boys had to win the next two games. Game four proved to be a real test of their abilities and determination. [It was] a struggle for every point, but GISS was the first to achieve the required 25 points."

Now tied, GISS and Pacific Christian each needed a win in the fifth match to secure the provincial berth.

"The first team to 15

would win this right," said Howe. "As the intense drama [unfolded], GISS began to win point after point and soon sensed victory. They held their focus [and] after what seemed an eternity, they achieved victory."

Team members are Takayuki Koshimoto, Cole Wrigley, Brendan Nickerson, Chris Howe, Cayce Fedberg, Gerrit Gosch, Dennis Balcerzak, James Cameron, Stuart Garside, Hal Cook, Conrad Fankhanel and Dave Outerbridge.

The volleyball squad, coached by Kellie Booth, Cam Johnson and Tony Mason, will be the fourth GISS team competing at

provincials this season.

The girls cross-country team, senior boys soccer team and senior varsity football team also earned berths at provincials this school year.

As Howe pointed out, high school sports depend on community members and organizations to support their programs.

All donations can be made out to the "Gulf Islands Educational Trust Fund — Senior Boys Volleyball" and a tax receipt will be issued upon request.

Inquiries can be directed to Connie Moulton at the school board office (537-5548) or to staff members at GISS.

WOMEN'S SOCCER

Dragons come from behind for victory

Keeper keeps team in game

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

The Salt Spring Dragons kept pace with their division's top teams after a hard-fought 3-2 victory over visiting Cordova Bay on Sunday afternoon.

With help from keeper Kym Shepard-Bellavance, the Dragons were able to overcome a one-goal deficit in the second half.

"She came up big several times late in the game," said team spokesperson Sue-Anne Donaldson.

Donaldson gave the Dragons an early lead after connecting with an

immaculately placed cross from Cherlye Johnson.

In hopes of nabbing their first victory of the season, Cordova Bay players fought back to take a one-goal lead before the end of the half.

The Dragons tied the game early in the second on a goal from Clara MacKenzie, assisted by Lorna Walde.

The Dragons (5-2-2) remain only six points away from first-place Bays United.

Donaldson put the Dragons ahead for good by connecting with a pass delivered by Lindsey Graham with roughly 15 minutes remaining on the clock.

"We were pretty happy to get that goal," Donaldson said.

The Dragons travel to Vancouver Island where they will face Peninsula (3-5-1) on November 25.

Donaldson said the team has its work cut out for itself if players hope to catch up with the as-of-yet undefeated division leaders during the season's second half.

"We are still moving the ball up on the ground from defence to our forwards," she said.

"We get lost sometimes during the passes, but should be totally capable of bringing the ball forward."

MEN'S SOCCER

Alumni keeps division lead; FC hosed in washout

Don Brown scored the lone goal in the Old Boys' victory over Cordova Bay after sitting through a three-hour rain delay at Lochside Park on Vancouver Island Saturday.

The perfect performance earned Old Boys keeper Henry Braak his first shut-

out of the season.

The sixth-place Old Boys remain only four points out of first position in the Vancouver Island Soccer League's Masters-C division with a 4-4-3 record.

The Old Boys' next match is at home against Cove Reunited on Sunday at 10:30

a.m.

In Div.-1 news, Salt Spring FC (2-9-0) suffered their worst defeat of the season, losing 7-0 to a league-leading and undefeated Gorge FC squad on a rain-drenched Saturday afternoon in the city.

Salt Spring FC will try to

put their best foot forward when they host the Gordon Head Titans (8-2-1) Saturday at 2:15 p.m.

A Sunday match between Salt Spring FC Alumni and Cove Reunited was delayed due to wet field conditions. The Alumni team will visit Sooke this Sunday.

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SPORTS & RECREATION



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GETTING A FOOT ON IT: Bob Byron is up and on the ball as the Gulf Islands Secondary School senior boys soccer team competes in the provincial AA soccer championships in Burnaby. The boys won their first game Monday 4-0 over Creston, and then lost the second match of the day in a shoot-out against Notre Dame. The boys were set to play again as the Driftwood went to press Tuesday, with the finals set for today (Wednesday). Photographer John Cameron, who is in Burnaby, said Monday was dark and wet.

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A loss, a tie and metro team standings

• Salt Spring Gelato played with passion and pride but were no match for a skillful, fast, fit and well-organized Bays United team on Saturday.

A blustery and wet lunch-time kick off next to the Ross Bay cemetery didn't bode well, and sure enough, Bays caused Salt Spring all kinds of grief.

A final score of 7-0 was a little cruel, especially on the Salt Spring goalkeeper, Becki Steel, who truly had an outstanding game and was unlucky to see two teammates put the ball past her into their own net.

The Gelato girls have now finished a run of games against the top teams. Two home games against slightly weaker sides follow, where the girls will hope to benefit from the lessons and resolve picked up over the past few weeks.

• The U 15 girls travelled to Victoria on Saturday to face Gorge in a very close

SOCCERKICKS

game. The local squad gave it their all, playing a tight match against a much bigger and aggressive Gorge team.

Despite many fouls and much pushing, the girls maintained their composure and built the play from the defensive end through to the opposition's net.

Their tenacity paid off when Jody Pringle scored the first goal with a solid kick from a pass by Becky Edwards. They continued their offensive style and landed a second goal on a quick, high kick by Megan Jarman off a short pass from Pringle.

With few subs, the team had to rely on each other and the girls rose to the challenge by agreeing to play in positions they were not comfortable in and

by supporting one another throughout. Midway through the second half, they scored their third goal when Liz Fennell carried the ball from the defensive third well into the offensive zone, and crossed a beautiful pass to Pilar Brooks, who then landed a powerful shot.

Salt Spring was ahead 3-1. Gorge was not to be outdone, their rough style of play intensified and Salt Spring felt the pressure when these moves remained uncalled. Valiant efforts were evident from all and the score settled at 3-3.

• After between nine and 11 games, Victoria United metro (girls) and selects (boys) teams with Salt Spring players are sitting everywhere from the very top to the lower half of their leagues.

Lording over its division with 27 points is Callum Gunn's U17 squad, which has won nine of its 11 games

and lost only two.

Keegan Pearson's U16 Victoria United team has won seven of its 10 games (lost two, tied one) for 22 points and fourth place among 15 teams.

The U14 selects team with Salt Spring's Adrian Alonso has 18 points after 11 games and is sitting in the top third of 19 teams, having won five, lost three and tied three.

Kevan Brown's U15 team has won four, tied two and lost five for 14 points and 10th-place standing.

The U15 Victoria United metro team with Grace Morgan and Sierra Lundy is sitting in ninth place out of 14 teams with 13 points. Their team has played 10 games, winning four, losing five and tying one.

Meredith Raddysh's U17 metro team is in seventh place out of 11 teams with 12 points, having played nine games and won three, lost three and tied three.

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SPORTS & RECREATION

SIMS FOOTBALL

Mud, rain foils Slayers pursuit of island title

Aaron Hoffman named game MVP

The Salt Spring Island Middle School (SIMS) Slayers completed the most successful season in their seven-year history with a semi-final playoff game at the "Dawg Pound" in Nanaimo on Saturday.

As a result of less-than-ideal field conditions and weather, "the Slayers were ineffective on both offence and defence" against the Harewood Dawgs, said teacher-coach Mike Miles.

The Dawgs won the contest and the island championship, but Miles said Slayers player Aaron Hoffman was rewarded for his outstanding play in the contest and named Most Valuable Player for the game.

It was the last game in a Slayers uniform for six Grade 8 players, who will move on to Gulf Islands Secondary School next year. They are Hoffman, Ben Beaver, Luc Comeau, Tyler Laird, Torin McIvor and Derek Oswell.

"The players, parents and coaches would like to thank the entire Salt Spring Island community for their support to the football program," said Miles.

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At left, Aaron Hoffman (wearing #3) was MVP of the Slayers game against the Harewood Dawgs.



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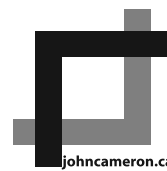


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PARKS AND RECREATION

Commission given Channel Ridge trails

Blasting prompts temporary closures

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

An agreement reached between the Capital Regional District and representatives of the Channel Ridge development has ensured public access to hiking trails on the north-end property.

"We've finally reached the end of a very long process," said Rob Wiltzen, a parks and rec commissioner. "It's a significant accomplishment."

Under terms of the registered right-of-way, trails through the village site and nearby parkland will be maintained by the Salt Spring Island Parks and Rec-

reation Commission.

Trails on adjacent property owned by the Water Preservation Society are not part of the agreement, though representatives from the society report no intention to restrict public use of any trails within the watershed.

Trails in the Channel Ridge village site are temporarily closed due to construction and blasting in the area, but are scheduled to re-open when construction is complete.

Work on the project is expected to resume before the end of the year. PARC can expect to receive additional parkland and trails on the property when work on the village is complete, said Dave Gibbon, PARC operations and project manager.

BOATING

Pender marine festival set

Decorated boats vie for prizes

Bedwell Harbour on Pender Island will shine bright this Christmas season for the fourth annual Lighted Boat Festival.

The event begins at 5 p.m. on December 8 at Poets Cove Resort and Spa. A performance by the Pender Island Pipe Band will kick off the event, followed by hot chocolate and chili served around beach bonfires.

At 6 p.m., the boat parade sets sail. Once judges have awarded prizes for the top three entries, parade-goers can enjoy a dinner buffet in Syrens Lounge at Poets Cove Resort.

The cost is \$30 for adults and \$15 for children.

Entry fees of \$25 per boat include overnight moorage and a raffle ticket.

Sailors who want a berth on dry land or landlubbers who want to watch from shore are welcome to overnight at Poets Cove Resort and Spa. Boaters can sign up or get more information by contacting Poets Cove Marina at 1-866-888-2683.

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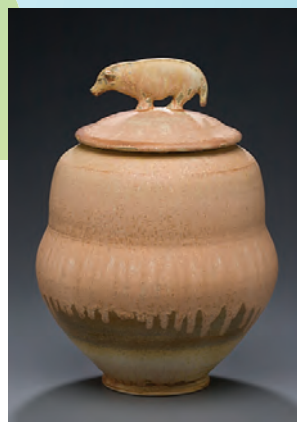
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ART DREAMS: Phoenix High students, led by instructor Tracy Harrison, are gearing up for an art show that explores the mystical, magical, eerie and disturbing dreamworld. It runs at ArtSpring from November 29 to December 5, with a special opening event on the 29th from 5-7 p.m. From left are Brodie Dailly, Harrison, Grace Budewit and Freddie Dailly.

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Allison Crowe heralds Christmas on Salt Spring with Dec. 1 concert

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BY ADRIAN DU PLESSIS
SPECIAL TO THE DRIFTWOOD

Allison Crowe loves to perform on Salt Spring, where she's been appreciated from the start for her exciting vocal and piano music.

On Saturday, December 1, at 8 p.m., she brings her Tidings concert to ArtSpring with a special guest, singer-songwriter Billie Woods.

Tidings stirs together traditional Christmas carols and holiday favourites with Crowe's organic blend of rock, jazz, folk, gospel and soul.

"The Yuletide find of the year," says The Record.

"Be prepared to be amazed," says Christmasreviews.com.

"Allison Crowe is a stunningly talented performer."

The 26-year-old musician has just returned to Canada from the U.K. where she was a sensation at the John Lennon Northern Lights Festival.

In Scotland, at the three-day event recently crowned the U.K.'s "Best New

Festival," her audience included members of John Lennon's family alongside the Queen's Master of Music, Sir Peter Maxwell Davies.

The Scotsman reports: "Canadian angel Allison Crowe gave one of the weekend's most magical moments."

Earning a standing ovation, "Her rendition of Lennon's 'In My Life' (almost literally) brought the house down."

Festival director Mike Merritt describes Allison Crowe's performance as "awesome" and "spine-tingling," adding: "Allison has put Canada well and truly on the map here!"

Learning from the paths of Ani DiFranco and Loreena McKennitt, Crowe puts her own stamp of freedom on artistic and commercial success.

She's grateful, too, that her concerts can help support worthy causes.

From her December 1 show, \$5 of each concert ticket and each CD sold goes to the Salt Spring Island BCSPCA.

SPCA shelter manager Jena Peori and her team hold their largest fundraiser of the year, a live auction, this Saturday, November 24 at Mahon Hall.

(Among more than 200 items to bid

on, you'll find concert tickets and CD bundles from Allison Crowe.)

The island's shelter is at full capacity — though they do maintain a waiting list for people wanting to bring in cats.

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It's a need Crowe knows well. She shares her home in Nanaimo with Sambuca, and in Corner Brook, Newfoundland with Johnny, her two adopted feline friends.

Another cool cat, Salt Spring's globe-trotting musician and photographer, Billie Woods, opens the concert with a set inspired by life in our northern coastal forest, and infused with the warmth and vitality of the sambas, bossa novas and other cultural rhythms of Brazil. Radiating her joyous nature, in English and Portuguese, Billie's vocals and classical guitar make for all-seasons good times.

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ART GALLERIES



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Milada Huk, co-owner of Renaissance Gallery on Pender Island, with part of the Dali exhibit on until November 24.

Dali and Friends on Pender

Renaissance Gallery holds special show and sale

BY CHERIE THIESSEN
DRIFTWOOD CONTRIBUTOR

It's 2 p.m. on Saturday, November 10, and wine-sipping locals are elbow to elbow in Milada and Jan Huk's Pender Island studio, agog at the surrealist art on display in this cornucopia of a gallery, glittering and sparkling with Milada's own jewellery, her new crystal mosaics and treasures they've uncovered from Eastern Europe and elsewhere.

On the floor of Renaissance Gallery are valuable Persian rugs, while overhead chandeliers gleam and a 19th-century stained glass window, the acquisition of which is a story in itself, provides an auspicious passage for a weak sun. It's the perfect venue for the over 40 expertly framed works by famous 20th-century artists. We're looking at numerous extremely limited edition lithographs by Dali and work by Alexander Calder, and, amazingly, even by Chagall. Prices vary from \$490 to \$9,500, but first you have to find one to buy.

"We've run out of red stickers," Jan laughs. "Thirty pieces have already sold."

A week later, it's slim pickings indeed, although the show continues until November 24. After all, how often do locals from a small Gulf Island have an opportunity to see an art show like this?

"The frame alone is worth more than that," he laughs.

It took the talented couple three weeks of very long days to prepare for the most prestigious and largest art event to be held on the Penders, which enabled locals to not only enjoy a once-in-a-lifetime showing, but to even acquire art they could never have imagined owning. The Huks are happy about that because it wasn't easy for either of them to offer their beloved collection for sale.

"I have very mixed feelings," Milada admits, "because every piece we got, we got because we really loved it."

Jan agrees. "It's difficult, like giving up your home, but the majority of the art went to Penderites."

"So we can still see them," Milada points out. "And now we know our friends are enjoying them as well."

The Huks made North Pender their home in 1989, after leaving Prague, and after that, Toronto, where Jan had a successful art restoration business.

They started their successful Renaissance Gallery soon after, showcasing Milada's exquisite original crystal jewellery and designs, their art collection and Jan's innumerable artistic finds and restorations.

If you missed the show, don't despair. The surrealists may have come and gone, but next year modern Canadians may well arrive, up to 42 of them. Group of Seven? Who knows? New York, move over!

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SALT SPRING PAINTERS GUILD

Guild expands landscape of learning

New members urged to try
Wednesday gatheringsBY ELIZABETH NOLAN
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

With a membership around 100 strong, Salt Spring Island Painters' Guild has to be one of the strongest groups in the community.

That doesn't satisfy Milan Stevulak, however. The guild's vice-president is embarking on a campaign to increase public awareness of the guild and its programs, with the goal of enticing even more members into its fold.

Milan has been a member of the Painters' Guild since moving to the island five years ago. Now having the time to take up painting, he has appreciated the supportive environment fostered by the group, which includes artists with a wide range of experience.

"It's always an advantage to meet other people with the same interests," he observed.

Given the group's diversity — members range in age from 30 to 90-plus and include both amateurs and professionals — Stevulak says being a member of the guild also brings multiple learning possibilities.

"You have the opportunity to dialogue with artists working in other styles, and

learn how to identify pitfalls," he suggested.

The Painters' Guild has always had an educational mandate. Since its foundation in 1972 as a way of providing training opportunities for inspiring artists, the group has continually expanded its programs. Now it operates full time on a September to May calendar, offering workshops at ArtSpring on a weekly basis. It offers special classes and a sketching program during the summer and also supports local island students by providing an annual scholarship.

Stevulak says the regular Wednesday morning sessions are a wonderful chance to improve your artistic skills and to socialize, whatever your skill level. Some classes are free while others cost a fee. It is the guild's practice to invite well known artists from on and off island to lead these workshops.

"There are a number of very good instructors from this part of the world who come over," the vice-president said, noting Nicolas Pearce from Victoria has done so, and Janice Robertson, Joyce Kamikura and Bob McMurray are planned for the spring. While the classes are meant for guild members, Stevulak invites all interested parties to come to a Wednesday meeting.

"We strongly encourage members of the public to participate."

The workshops are fun as well as instruc-

tional, and often lead to new work and new directions for the artists. Stevulak reports that it is not unusual for people working in small groups together in class to continue working on projects together afterward.

Besides the educational opportunities and camaraderie, Stevulak says the great advantage to membership is the ability to have one's work shown.

"The opportunity to show work is a really big draw, and ArtSpring has a lot of traffic because of its music and theatre events," he explained.

The Painters' Guild mounts several exhibitions throughout the year, such as the lobby show at ArtSpring up currently for the month of November, and ones planned for January and March 2008. There will also be two full gallery shows at ArtSpring in April and July, plus exhibitions at Mahon Hall for Christmas and ArtCraft in the summer.

"We also hang our work at Lady Minto Hospital and Greenwoods to improve the facilities and make them more friendly."

With the fall program underway and the winter program in development, Stevulak says now is the perfect time for interested members of the public to explore the programs offered and to consider joining the guild.

For more information and schedules, see www.ssipaintersguild.com. To join, contact registrar Jose Campbell at 537-1121.



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Suzanne Prendergast prepares for Wintercraft at the Painters' Guild's Wednesday meeting.

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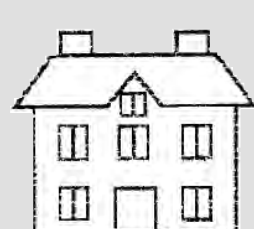
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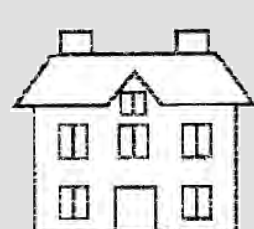
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MUSIC MAKER: Shei Born strums an acoustic guitar she scored at Fulford Hall as she attended a flea market there last Saturday.

FILM EVENTS

Human rights tragedy highlighted

Finding Dawn Wed., Nov. 28 at The Fritz

Finding Dawn, a documentary film by Salt Spring filmmaker Christine Welsh, follows the national tragedy of how 500 aboriginal women went missing or were murdered in Canada over the past 30 years.

Welsh said Finding Dawn is an emotionally charged documentary geared towards raising awareness about the women.

"As a writer and filmmaker, I am passionately committed to documenting the experience of aboriginal women in Canada," said Welsh in a recent press release.

Amnesty International reported the tragedy as a human rights issue in 2004 and Welsh wanted to draw attention to that.

"I wanted to put a human face to the issue," she said.

In 2004 Welsh began research for

the documentary and decided to focus on three aboriginal women who went missing or were murdered: Dawn Crey, Ramona Wilson and Daleen Kay Bosse.

The film has generated enormous interest and Welsh said it is a useful tool in the effort to find answers to the crisis. She said the RCMP have reopened approximately 200 missing women cases in Canada as a result of public pressure.

Welsh, who was born in Regina, Saskatchewan in 1953, has been making films since 1974.

She wrote and produced Women in the Shadows, a one-hour documentary about her search for her Metis grandmothers. The film won the Best Documentary award at the 1992 Vancouver International Film Festival.

She also wrote, directed and co-produced Keepers of the Fire, a one-hour tribute to aboriginal women's resistance. More recently, Welsh wrote, directed and

produced The Story of the Coast Salish Knitters, a one-hour television documentary on the women who knit the world-famous Cowichan sweaters.

Welsh received her B.A. in English from the University of Regina and studied History and Women's Studies at the University of Toronto.

Welsh said the making of Finding Dawn was so emotionally intense she needs some recovery time before pursuing her next project.

Finding Dawn plays at The Fritz Movie Theatre on November 28, as a fundraiser for the Respectful Relationships program. The doors open at 6:15 with home-baked refreshments for sale and Community Services info tables, while the film starts at 7 p.m.

Salt Spring singer-songwriter Alan Moberg will also perform, and Welsh will speak about the film and partake in a question and answer period afterwards. The evening is a co-production of SWOVA, Film Festival Café and The Fritz.

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His albums include I Sense your Presence (2001), Toward the One (2003/2006), and Live on Maui (2003/2006), "all which have been highly revered by the worldwide spiritual community."

His 2004 collaboration with fellow artist Tina Malia, called Jaya Bhagavan, was signed to the independent record label Spirit Voyage in 2005, and his most recent release, Deliverance (2006), showcases his abilities as a solo performer.

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Largest fundraiser of year for shelter

On Saturday, November 24, islanders will have the chance to bid on more than 200 fabulous items, all while helping those who cannot speak for themselves.

The local branch of the SPCA is holding a live and silent auction at Mahon Hall that also includes a twoonie/loonie table, a garage sale and eight fantastic door prizes. Roberta Shapiro's book about a real-life Salt Spring SPCA cat, *In From the Cold: Hank's Story*, will also be for sale.

Auctioneer Randy Sloan will auction off items such as a framed and now out-of-print Robert Bateman print entitled *Peregrine Falcon & White Throated Swifts* — valued at approximately \$1,600 — as well as two other Bateman framed prints, lots of local pottery and crafts, thousands of dollars in gift certificates, a Salt Spring Air return ticket to Vancouver and much more.

Participating artists are Julia Lucich, Jill Louise Campbell, Patricia Brown, Joan Wrigley, Janet Cameron, Lari Robson, Meg Buckley and Stella Bruce.

A quilted wall hanging called *Owl Island* by Heather Maxey is "stunning," said local SPCA supervisor Jena Peori, and an unpublished Nick Bantock piece is also on the auction block.

"It is our largest fundraiser of the year," explains press material, "and it helps our local branch."

There will also be sweet and savory goodies available.

Doors open at 5 p.m. with the live auction beginning at 6.

Upcoming fundraisers for the local SPCA include an Allison Crowe concert taking place at ArtSpring on Saturday, December 1.

The SPCA shelter is at full capacity with a one to two-week waiting list for cat surrenders.

"We still have over a dozen kittens looking for homes," said Peori.



PHOTO BY DERRICK LUNDY

READY TO PLAY: Kristen Lewis, left, and Paula Johnson rehearse for an original stage performance piece called *Thank You*, written by Lewis, which debuts at Mahon Hall on Thursday, November 22 at 7:30 p.m. Admission is "pay what you can."

ISLAND BOOKS

Enchanted Isles celebrated in slides at All Saints Church

Book tour comes to Salt Spring

Salt Spring residents can bask in the beauty of all the Gulf Islands when author David Spalding and photographer Kevin Oke present a slide show and book signing event at All Saints By-the-Sea on Saturday night.

The two collaborated on *Enchanted Isles*, *The Southern Gulf Islands*, a just-released all-colour photo and narrative book from Harbour Publishing.

The November 24 presentation, which is sponsored by Salt Spring Books, although it takes place at the church in Ganges, begins at 7 p.m.

"Enchanted Isles offers an insider's perspective on the unique beauty and charm of the southern Gulf Islands that run along the coast between Victoria and

Nanaimo," explains a press release from the publisher. "This gorgeous coffee-table book is sure to be a hit with island dwellers and tourists alike."

It's available for \$34.95 in bookstores throughout the region.

Spalding, who lives on Pender Island, has published 13 books, including *Whales of the West Coast*, *Dinosaur Hunters* and *Into the Dinosaurs' Graveyard*, as well as many articles and television scripts.

Oke has lived on North Pender Island since 1990, pursuing his career as a freelance photographer and artist.

To read a review of *Enchanted Isles*, pick up a free copy of the Winter 2007 edition of *Aqua — Gulf Islands Living*, put out by Driftwood Publishing and available on November 28.

Christmas Story Writing Contest

The deadline for our annual writing contest is Thursday, November 29.

Win a cash prize for a story of up to 500 words about Christmas or the Christmas Season.

- Write a story of 500 words or less whose topic relates to Christmas or the Christmas season.
- All Gulf Islands students in Kindergarten to Grade 12 are eligible.
- Stories will be judged by retired teachers and librarians on quality of writing, clarity of presentation and originality of theme.
- Winning entries will be published in the Driftwood in December.
- The name, age, address and telephone number of the writer must be written on the back of each entry.
- Send entries to the Driftwood, 328 Lower Ganges Rd., Salt Spring Island, B.C. V8K 2V3, email to news@gulfislands.net or fax to 250-537-2613.
- For more information, call 250-537-9933.

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What's On This Week

Wed. Nov 21

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Simply Organic. Organ recital with Barry Valentine at All Saints. 10:10 a.m.
A Celebration of Diversity. West African sounds with Aboubacar Camara and six-member Doundounba. ArtSpring. 8 p.m.

OTHER ACTIVITIES

Zen Meditation. Group meets at 210 Cedar Lane every Wednesday, 7-9 p.m. Info: 537-2831.
Parks, Plans & People. Friends of Salt Spring Parks AGM & potluck at 960 Rainbow Rd. 7 p.m. Info: 537-1116.
Family History Centre. Open at 221 Vesuvius Bay Rd. on Wednesdays, 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. & 7-9 p.m.

Thurs. Nov 22

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Stacey Earle & Mark Stuart. Country-folk duo at ArtSpring. 8 p.m.
Shimshai in Concert. Beaver Point Hall. 7 p.m.
Thank You. Original performance piece with drama, dance, music & art. Mahon Hall. 7:30 p.m.

OTHER ACTIVITIES

Micro-Exercise Classes. Focus on the Feet sessions begin today at Island Farmhouse Health Centre, 185 Horel Rd. Info: 653-9898.
Movies That Move Us. The Straight Story is shown in film series at United Church. 7 p.m., with tea at 6:30 p.m.
Creative Movement in Yoga. Classes led by Kristen Woodruff at Beaver Point Hall Thursdays at 9:30 a.m.
Spanish Conversation. Opportunity to practise and improve Spanish. Thursdays at Croftonbrook. 1:30-3 p.m. Info: Barbara, 653-4945; 653-9330.
SS Weavers & Spinners Guild. Part 1: Texture samples, open weave scarves & shawls. With Ilse Leader & Terri Bibby. ArtSpring. 10:30-noon.
African Drumming Classes. Thursdays with Laurent Boucher at 162 Oakspring. 5-6:30 p.m. Info: 537-4979

Fri. Nov 23

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Comedy Night. An evening of stand-up comedy and variety show fun at Mahon Hall. 8 p.m.

OTHER ACTIVITIES

The Mind is a Trixter: Soul Creation. Discussion, techniques & tips to find and stay in your soul space & positively create your future. Arbutus Therapy Centre. 7-9 p.m.
Island Pathways. AGM with guest speaker Ted Harrison — End to End: a Classic Bike Ride in Britain. All Saints. 7 p.m.
Yoga Workshop. First of three day workshop with Brett Wearne begins at The Gatehouse. Info: 538-0924.
Story Time at the Library. Free at SS Library for 3-5-year-olds. 1-2 p.m. Nov. theme is Explorers in Space, Science & on Earth.
Parent Child Mother Goose. Fun morning of stories and song for parents and their children aged 18 months to four years. Core Inn. 10 a.m. to noon. Pre-register at 537-9176 or familyplace@ssics.ca.

Sat. Nov 24

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

An Afternoon With Gilbert & Sullivan. Concert by the Victoria Gilbert & Sullivan Society. ArtSpring. 2:30 p.m.

OTHER ACTIVITIES

SPCA Auction. 13th annual fundraiser with more than 200 items plus loonie/toonie table. Mahon Hall. Doors at 5 p.m.
Enchanted Isles: the Southern Gulf Islands. Slide show and talk with author & photographer David Spalding & Kevin Oke. Presented by SS Books at All Saints. 7 p.m.
Sounder Sleep. Workshop with Anna Haltrecht. 1-4 p.m. Register: 537-5681 or anna@bonesforever.com
Women's Journal Writing Workshop. Journaling through transitions, for women mid-life & beyond. 11-5. Info: 653-4286, winnie@saltspring.com.

Sun. Nov 25

ACTIVITIES

How to Get Through Christmas. Grief Recovery Group presentation. Croftonbrook Lounge. 2-3:30 p.m. Info: Noreen, 537-2654.
Island Arts Centre Society. AGM at ArtSpring. 3 p.m.

Mon. Nov 26

ACTIVITIES

Osho Kundalini Moving Meditation. Drop-in. 5:30 p.m. Info: Amrita, 537-2799.
Eckhart Tolle Practising Presence Group. Drop-in. 7:30 p.m. Info: Amrita, 537-2799.
SSI Parks & Recreation Commission. Public meeting at Portlock Park portable. 7 p.m.

Tues. Nov 27

ACTIVITIES

West African Dance Classes. Join Mohammed Andre Durateau of Guinea, Merielle Comeau and Iroko for live percussion dance classes. Tuesdays at Beaver Pt. Hall. 6-7:30 p.m. All ages. Info: Deanna, 653-2431.
SS Public Transit & Transportation Commission. Open house on new bus service. ArtSpring. 7:30 p.m.
Prostate Cancer Support Group. Topic is laparoscopic prostatectomy. Farmers Institute meeting room. 1:30 p.m.
Central Community Hall Society. Board of directors meeting at the hall. 7 p.m.
Island Paddlers. Frances Burnett of Parks Canada shows slides of Gulf Islands National Park Reserve. All Saints. 7:30 p.m.

Wed. Nov 28

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Simply Organic. Organ recital with Barry Valentine at All Saints. 10:10 a.m.

OTHER ACTIVITIES

Artistic Challenge Workshop. Bring talent and gear for a morning of artistic challenges. Painters Guild. ArtSpring. 9-noon.
Habla! Spanish Class Intro. Conversational Spanish with Sondra Jordan. Register: 537-9382
Physiotherapist Presentation. Dan Spiess discusses fall prevention and exercises for seniors at SS Seniors. 2 p.m.
Finding Dawn. Showing of film plus music by Alan Moberg at fundraiser for Respectful Relationships program. The Fritz. 7 p.m., with doors open at 6:15.
Portrait Drawing. Painters Guild event at ArtSpring. Drop-ins welcome. 9-noon. Phone Jose, 537-1121.
SS Genealogy Group. Meets the last Wed. of each month at LDS church on Vesuvius Bay Road. 7 p.m. Info: Claudia, 538-1708.

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EXHIBITIONS

- **Vanishing Silver** — images of abandoned mining towns by Russ and Wendy Kwan. At Galleons Lap until Sat., Nov. 24.
- **Second Annual Salt Spring Christmas Tour.** Six artists at three locations. **StoneRidge Pottery & Flowers by Arrangement** (520 Long Harbour Rd.); **Pat Webber's Pottery Studio** (425 Stewart Rd.); **Martinus Studio** (145 Seaview Ave.). Sat.-Sun., Nov. 24-25, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- **Judy Weeden Pottery Exhibition and Sale** at 125 Primrose Lane. Sat.-Sun., Nov. 24-25, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- **Salt Spring Painters Guild** presents **Celebrating Autumn** — the ArtSpring lobby show from November 1-30.
- **Cody Conner** is this month's guest artist at the **Salt Spring Coffee Co.** cafe in Ganges. Theme of the show is **Golden Feet — Broken Shoes**.
- **On Galiano Island: Three Artists** — K. Holmes, B. Mitchell & L. Foden. **Winter Works 4.** Fri.-Sat.-Sun., Nov. 23-25, daily from noon to 4 p.m. at 667 Linklater Rd., Galiano Island, with a reception on Friday from 4 to 7 p.m.

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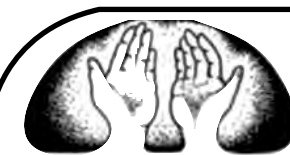
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FORESTER
 continued from B9

that cross-country trip to Prince Edward Island that you'd always dreamed of." Driving out past huge cleared acres destined for subdivision heaven/hell and finding a fetching little country road that ended at a body of water, I imagined that I was on that trip. "Oh look, there are the prairies, and hey, isn't that one of the Great Lakes?" I queried while easily enjoying the countryside because of the great visibility that the large windows provided. I parked by the beach to really check out the interior of the car, right next to a construction truck with a couple of young guys in there doing God knows what. They couldn't figure

out why someone in a 2008 Forester with the price stickers on it would be parked during the day in the middle of the week, staring at the dashboard. They continued to stare, a function of their altered state or mere rudeness — hard to tell — as I backed up easily. Because I could see everything around me and the ends of the car, my usual backing-up paranoia dissipated handily, leaving me to wave at my baffled fellow travellers as I took one last look at the pretend Hudson Bay. A half hour had passed wherein a Mennonite's carriage from southern Ontario and the chic lads and lassies of Montréal rolled passed my windows. I turned the corner at my grandparents' store in Ituna, Saskatchewan, smiled longingly at the Atlantic

Ocean, and here I was back at Saunders Subaru. My bum still warm from the heated seat, my sea legs ready to hike the West Coast Trail after sitting perfectly in the designed space, I took one last look at my dream vehicle that for a mere \$38,000 could see me realizing my goal of a cross-Canada trip. Norman, the elderly yet dignified black lab owned by Bob's daughter Ruth Saunders, lifted his big head from the floor, his tail thumping in greeting. As I crouched on the floor to rub his ample chest, I whispered the sights that I'd seen and he acknowledged the description with a weary, "Been there done that" air. After all, he's a Saunders and totally gets why Subaru produces such a fine vehicle.

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On February 3, 1960, the Dodge was purchased by Jim's grandmother Helen Carpenter from Coleman Auto Sales in nearby Mission City for \$875. Her insurance cost \$116 for the entire year.

Mrs. Carpenter was a dental assistant and needed the car to travel to her downtown

Vancouver job. She wanted a car with an automatic transmission. The Dodge was equipped with "Hydrive" and it filled the bill. The Dodge made many trips to Vancouver from the rural Mission farm where Helen roomed with her mother-in-law. Nan, Jim's great grandmother, would occasionally ride along so she could tend to her business in town, making her the oldest Carpenter generation to ride in this family heirloom.

By 1966, Mrs. Carpenter had moved downtown and could walk to work. She no longer needed her venerable Dodge. Jim Carpenter's parents bought the car for \$100. It became the family's second car and Jim's father had the leaky old Hydrive transmission changed to a standard-shift unit. The Dodge regularly towed the family boat to the lakes east of Vancouver. The car did much family service until it became unreliable and rusty and was parked in the yard at the family's suburban Vancouver home in 1969. It had travelled just 72,147 miles.

Jim Carpenter couldn't wait to turn 16. When he came of age in 1974, he began taking pieces of the old Dodge to his high school shop class.

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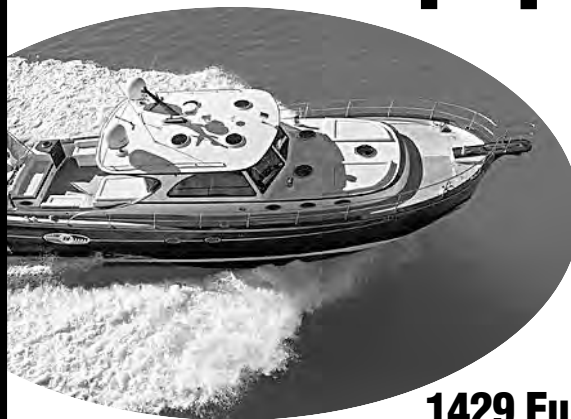
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FAMILY CAR
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It became his shop project. It started with the master cylinder and other brake parts. After months of work getting the brakes serviceable, a tow rope was used to pull the old Dodge down the road to the Maple Ridge High School shop.

The flathead-six engine was seized and there were other mechanical problems to cope with. Carpenter punched the stubborn pistons out with a hammer and a 2 X 4 and purchased a set of piston rings and gaskets for \$75.

Shop instructor Wayne Rowley told Jim Carpenter: "You know Jim, for a hundred bucks you could get something that already runs."

Jim didn't listen. He was determined to fix his car with its long family history.

He and high school buddy Terry Steneker worked long hours fixing the engine in the old Dodge.

The work was completed by January 10, 1975 and Jim drove the car through the rest of his high school years. Jim is pictured at his high school graduation in front of the Dodge.

He and Terry Steneker then used the car to commute to the suburban

At right is Helen Carpenter with Roy Bailey, who taught her how to drive at the time she purchased her six-year-old Dodge in 1960. At far right, is the vehicle's original bill of sale.



Vancouver campus of the British Columbia Institute of Technology. They would both go on to jobs at BC Tel, which became Telus.

After Jim and his bride used the car on their wedding day, the Dodge continued service as their daily driver.

Jim brought both his sons home from the hospital in the car. In the '80s, the Dodge was a regular on the Vintage Car Club's May tours.

In 1992, he and his father took the car on a muddy and bitterly cold rally to Fairbanks, Alaska.

The block heater became an essential tool to ensure the car would start in the morning.

Jim drove the car to his

10-year high school reunion where he received the "fuzzy dice award" for driving the same car he had in high school.

He also drove the car to his 25-year reunion in 2000. Last year, he took his oldest son to his high school grad in the venerable Dodge. He will take his youngest son to his grad in 2008.

Both of Jim's sons have learned to drive the "three-on-the-tree" column shift Dodge, so if you've been counting, that's four generations of Carpenter drivers and five generations of passengers in the same car.

Over the years, Jim has restored the Dodge twice: The first time was in Wayne Rowley's high school shop.

In 1981, he completely rebuilt the engine at 116,000 miles.

He also added the optional overdrive transmission to give the six-cylinder Dodge faster highway cruising speeds and better than 25 miles per gallon of gas.

In 1999 the body was restored a second time, and for 2007, the Dodge got new rear-axle bearings, a steering box rebuild and wide whitewall radial tires.

Jim's Dodge Regent was built in Windsor, Ontario. The Canadian Dodge is much different than its American cousin.

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from the firewall back.

Even the 228 cubic-inch six-cylinder engine uses different parts than the American-built Dodge of that year.

Through the many rebuilds of the car, Jim Carpenter learned how to source out parts that became increasingly hard to find.

Five years ago, Jim went into the vintage parts busi-

ness full time with CollectorsAutoSupply.com.

Through his business, he now sends parts around the world to help other people restore their cars.

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Car restoration leads to a memorable reunion

FAMILY CAR
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It's really never been off the road since he first started driving the car to high school after getting it running in Wayne Rowley's shop class. This fall, after 33 years and 135,000 miles since shop class, Jim looked up the teacher and gave him a call.

Jim Carpenter's shop instructor Wayne Rowley told him: "You know Jim, for a hundred bucks you could get something that already runs."

"It's Jim Carpenter from your 1974 shop class. I have an artifact from our past and I'm coming to Vancouver to see you."
He drove the car through the mountains from his



Jim Carpenter with his beloved Dodge at high school graduation in 1974.

home in Peachland for a reunion with Rowley and Steneker, who helped him restore the car the first time.

For Jim and Steneker, who hadn't seen their teacher since they were 16, it was a memorable reunion with the 50-year-old students seeming to catch up in age with their old teacher, who is now 66.

At the reunion, Jim imparted the secrets to keeping the old Dodge

going: He faithfully changes the oil on a regular basis and uses the block heater to ensure the engine is warm when he starts it. He also avoids short trips with a cold motor.

Jim Carpenter has always been glad that he ignored his shop teacher's advice to use his money to buy a car that already ran.

"The old Dodge and I are still on the road to see where the next 30 years takes us."



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WORK HORSE: John Woodward puts his Ford Model T to work on his property, loading it up with bricks that need transporting.

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6,000 more crashes = six per cent increase

ICBC reports investment income up in third quarter, along with crashes

ICBC reported strong financial results and high customer satisfaction scores for the first nine months of 2007 in a press release issued earlier this month.

However, ICBC said the numbers are "discouraging" on the claims front, including increases in the number and cost of crashes.

"There are too many injuries and fatalities; and too many families are affected by the increase in crashes," said Paul Taylor, ICBC's president and CEO.

"More claims, more crashes and higher claims costs ultimately translate into higher rates. ICBC believes crashes are preventable and that's why we're focussing on getting bad drivers to either change their behaviour or pay more for their insurance."

ICBC states it continues to invest in road safety programs to reduce the number and severity of crashes, and to look for ways to make higher-risk drivers more accountable for the additional costs they represent.

On average this year, for every \$1 in premium revenue, ICBC's claims and operating costs have been approximately \$1.02. However, rates remain low and stable as customers continue to benefit from ICBC's strong investment income.

Equity gains and the sale of the Central City development in Surrey were the primary factors contributing to increased investment income.

These circumstances cannot be counted on every year.

Bad driving habits affect everyone's insurance rates

• ICBC invests in road safety because safer roads reduce claims costs and help keep rates low and stable.

• ICBC makes significant annual investments in road safety.

These initiatives save lives and reduce injuries, and result in financial savings by lowering claims costs.

Examples include support for enhanced police enforcement, road improvements at high-crash intersections, and public awareness campaigns.

Rate stability continues in 2007

• Rate changes were implemented in May, and for more than half of customers who choose ICBC, rates in 2007 were the same or lower than they were in 2004.

• The average premium for optional coverage decreased by \$26, or 3.8 per cent.

• The average premium for basic coverage increased by \$21, or 3.3 per cent (subject to final approval by the BCUC).

• Over the last five years, the average combined increase in rates has been about the rate of inflation.

Crashes and claims costs on the rise

• There were 6,000 more crashes in the first nine months of this year compared to

last year — the largest increase in five years. This contributed to a six per cent increase in the number of claims.

• Increases in the average cost of payouts for customers with injury claims have continued, although the rate of increase has moderated.

Claims reserves (money set aside for claims which have occurred but not yet been paid out) are subject to volatility.

In 2005 and 2006, there were negative adjustments for unpaid injury claims totaling approximately \$600 million.

• Increases in the number of crashes and increases in the average cost of claims put pressure on insurance rates.

the annual targets.

• High levels of customer satisfaction were confirmed by an independent third-party organization. Levels of customer satisfaction for:

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PAUL TAYLOR,
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- Claims services 84%
- Driver licensing services 91%

• Customers are continuing to choose ICBC's combination of price, product and service for their optional coverage.

Currently, more than 2.1 million customers have chosen ICBC for their optional insurance.

Looking ahead

• BCUC's final decisions on 2007 rates for basic insurance and other adjustments to the way rates are set are expected by year-end.

• Rates for 2008 will be reviewed after year-end, and any future changes will be based on forecasted claims costs.

Investment income drives profitability

• Investment income for the first nine months of 2007 was \$526 million, an increase of \$142 million compared to last year. The turnaround and sale of the Central City development contributed \$133 million to the increase.

• Net income for the first nine months of 2007 was \$513 million, or \$380 million excluding the impact from the sale of the Central City development in Surrey.



• Operating costs (overhead) remain low — ICBC continues to be a leader in the industry for low operating costs.

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Driftwood

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NOTICES

6 DEATHS

Memorial Service & Internment for

Edith Yardley

Saturday, November 24 at 2 pm
St. Mary's Anglican Church, Fulford Hrb.
Followed by a gathering in the OAP Room, Fulford Hall

6 DEATHS

HAYWARD'S FUNERAL SERVICE



PATRICK BEATTIE
Licensed Funeral Director

#22 Merchant Mews
Box 315, Ganges P.O.
SSI, V8K 2V9
Tel: (250) 537-1022
Fax: (250) 537-2012

6 DEATHS

JAMES FREELAND BRODIE CUPPLES 1926-2007

Brodie Cupples was born in Edmonton, grew up and lived in Victoria, and retired to Salt Spring Island. Brodie was educated at Victoria College, UBC and McGill. He was predeceased by his wife Catherine and his brother Alec. Brodie is survived by Will and Claire Cupples, Jane and Hugh Carroll, Brodie and Brenda Cupples, Catriona and Steve Nantel, Sally and Rob Dailly, and ten grandchildren.

In honour of dad, have an independent thought, do something kind for someone else without having to tell the world and enjoy a drink. No funeral at his request. Please donate to the charity you most admire. Many, many thanks to Jill Hickford, Christine Hildred, Alf Cronk, Laurel Hill, Dr. Woodley and the fabulous people at Lady Minto Hospital.

8 CARDS OF THANKS

Words cannot express my gratitude to all my family, especially my 2 wonderful children, Brad and Melissa, who valiantly fought to save their dad's life. To the First Response Unit, Salt Spring Island fire department, the ambulance crews and the RCMP who got my children to the hospital. To Dr. Woodley and all the staff in the ER, the hospital nurses who comforted my family while we said goodbye to Murray. Also, "A" watch Queen of Nanaimo, who made arrangements to get me back to Salt Spring, to Dave and Mark who water taxied me to Salt Spring and drove me to the hospital. Thanks and love to my best friend Denise, who still had to be professional and conduct business in the catering department when I left. You are a true hero, Denise. To "A, B & C" watches and BC Ferries for being there for support to all the crews, to everyone who visited, brought food, phoned, sent flowers and donated to the SPCA and 676 KittyHawk Air Cadet Squadron, we thank you. To BCFMWU staff for making sure everything is being attended to, and for attending. To my dear friends who still made our traditional Hallowe'en a success, it was so nice to have you there with us. I am truly honoured that so many people showed up to Murray's memorial tea, I am so happy that Murray shared a part of your lives. All our family is blessed to have you all. Finally, to the Royal Canadian Legion for hosting the Memorial Tea, thanks Ladies, as always you do great work. Murray, you are always in our hearts, we love you. Alice, Brad and Melissa Henderson.

5 BIRTHS



Lillah Anne Walde finally arrived on Friday, November 9th at 6:31 am at Cowichan Hospital.

She joins her mamma Corina, her daddy Colin, and her two big brothers Hamish & Jackson. Lillah weighed in at 9 pounds, 7 ounces and was 21.5" long.

Our greatest thank you's to Jane Ballaro for caring for us and delivering Lillah with such calm and confidence. Also, thank you to Terry & Maggie for all your before and after care and all your moral boosting.

The long journey to bring Lillah to our family was so very worthwhile.

10 CELEBRATIONS

Congratulations Tom & Lisa on your first 30 years of marriage.



The best is yet to come.
Much love from all your family & friends.

5 BIRTHS

PART OF the baby boom? Call Welcome Wagon for a personal Baby Visit. Gifts & greetings from local businesses and a warm welcome for baby. Andrea 537-8464.

10 CELEBRATIONS

Happy 40th Birthday!

Yeah baby yeah! You're still smashing

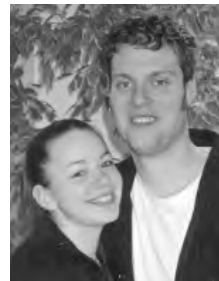


Remember growing old is mandatory, growing up is optional.

Lots of love, your family.

11 ENGAGEMENTS

Engagement



Jeannie Connors of Maple Ridge and Tom & Lisa Butler-Cole of Salt Spring Island are pleased to announce the engagement of their children **Cassandra Jean & Adam Thomas.** Marriage to take place on Salt Spring Island in December.

20 COMING EVENTS

FOR A complete calendar of coming events check the Driftwood Community Calendar, in our office in the Upper Ganges Centre, 328 Lower Ganges Road, or on our website at www.gulfislands.net. Use the calendar for event planning and to make sure your date doesn't conflict with someone else's.

WEAVING FOR CHRISTMAS
Make a gift or item for your home. No experience necessary - all ages welcome. Choose Nov 24 or 25 or Dec 1 or 2 - 1-4 pm www.saltspringweaving.com / 537-8813.

THE LIONS CLUB CHRISTMAS SALE
November 30 and December 1. 10 am to noon. See you there!

20 COMING EVENTS

SALT AIR MARKET
A country market featuring arts, crafts, produce and collectables. Every Saturday & Sunday, 9-3 Mt. Brenton Art Centre, 3850 South Oyster School Road. Off the Old Chemainus Road between Chemainus and Ladysmith. To reserve a table: (250) 416-0363 or toll free: 1-866-605-2604 www.elizahemingway.com for more details.

CIRCLES OF WOMEN WRITING
Special weekend workshop. Sat. & Sun., December 8 & 9 (11-5 & 12-4). Using journals to deepen connections with our authentic selves. Safe, nurturing, explorative environment. \$125-150. Space limited. Wendy Judith Cutler, 653-4286, winnie@saltspring.com.

FINDING DAWN
A Christine Welsh film to benefit SWOVA's Respectful Relationships program Wednesday, November 28 at The Fritz. Discussion with filmmaker to follow music-food-community service tables-childcare (call 537-1336). Doors 6:15. Film at 7:00 Co-sponsored by SWOVA, Film festival Café & The Fritz. Entrance and childcare by donation.

GRIEF RECOVERY GROUP
"How to get through Christmas." Sun. Nov. 25, 2-4pm. Croftonbrook Lounge. Anyone welcome. Contact Noreen 537-2654.

SALT SPRING NEWCOMERS CLUB
Pre Christmas Pot Luck supper meeting, Tuesday, November 27. Please call Lorraine, 537-8557 or email tenlen@telus.net by November 25 for details. Existing and new members welcome.

LIVING BY WATER
SSI Conservancy and the Islands Trust Fund present Clive Calloway, the Living By Water Project Co-founder. How and why we can protect our shorelines and wetlands. Sunday, Dec. 2, Lion's Hall, 7pm. (see press release Nov. 21).

HABLA! SPANISH Class, new session starts Wed., Nov. 28, 7-8:30pm. 1298 Beddis Road, \$15 group rate, \$10 intro class. Let's speak Spanish. **CHAMPAGNE AND PORT** Tasting, Friday, Nov. 30, 7:30 pm at Steffich Fine Art. Call 537-8448 to book a seat. Food by Auntie Pesto's

The 2nd Annual Salt Spring Christmas Tour

3 LOCATIONS - 6 ARTISTS

StoneRidge Pottery & Flowers by Arrangement

520 LONG HARBOUR RD.
Gary Cherneff - Pottery
Beth Cherneff - Seasonal Decor

Lisa Cherneff - Glass Jewellery

Pat Webber's Pottery Studio

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Ulriekke Benner - Art you Wear
Pat Webber - Pottery

Martinus Studio

145 SEAVIEW AVE.
Jewellery in Gold & Platinum

Saturday & Sunday November 24 & 25 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Please join us on this special weekend!

Kilbourn, John Douglas March 13, 1962- November 18, 2007

John passed away suddenly on November 18th, 2007 at his home on Salt Spring Island. John is predeceased by his mother June and his father Ken Kilbourn. He is survived by his brother Rick Kilbourn, nephews Josh and Zack, his niece Ashley and beloved pets Tiger and Runty.

John spent much of his time helping and caring for animals through his volunteer work at the SPCA and around the island; animals were his life-long love.

Many islanders will remember John from his long walks into town with his orange vest, carrying his recycling bags. John loved to walk his route to town, visiting with people along the way. John will be sadly missed by all who knew and loved him and were touched by his gentle soul.

A special thank you to the Plambeck-Wesley family for helping to care for him and allowing him to grow into his independent living situation in the last months of his life.

In lieu of flowers, please send donations to the Salt Spring SPCA. A service to be held Saturday, November 24 at 1:00 p.m. at the Community Gospel Church, 147 Vesuvius Bay Rd.

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20 COMING EVENTS

YOGA NIDRA

Sat. Dec. 1
1 - 5 pm \$50
Yogic sleep - meditative heart of Yoga

DAY OF MOVEMENT

Sun. Dec. 2
2 - 4:30 pm \$30
with Leslie, Nia Black Belt. Play, dance, explore

GANGES YOGA STUDIO
537-2444

20 COMING EVENTS

GARAGE & BAKE SALE

Our Lady of Grace Church
135 Drake Rd.
Sat., Nov. 24
10 am - 2 pm
Treasures & Treats



Come have coffee, cake and browse!

20 COMING EVENTS

RIDING LESSONS

·ACCEPTING ADULTS & CHILDREN
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YOGA & THE MOON with Allie Chisholm-Smith
FRIDAY, NOV. 23
7:30-9:30 PM
Call 537-9785 to register

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26 LEGALS

Notice of Exclusion Application regarding land in the ALR I, Yale Woodlands Ltd., of 1929 Fulford-Ganges Rd., Salt Spring Island, B.C., V8K 2A6, intend on making an application pursuant to Section 30 (1) of the Agricultural Land Commission Act to exclude from the ALR a portion of the following property, which is legally described as: **Part of Lot 1, Section 5, Range 2, South Salt Spring Island, Cowichan District, Plan 6405, in Red on Plan 1018R and located at 1929 Fulford-Ganges Road, Salt Spring Island.**

Any person wishing to express an interest in the application may do so by forwarding their comments in writing to: **Islands Trust, 1-500 Lower Ganges Road, Salt Spring Island, B.C., V8K 2N8 by December 05, 2007.**



Raymond P. Hatch (Pres),
Yale Woodlands Ltd.

29 LOST AND FOUND

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.

LOST NOV 11: Cedar stripped kayak, fibreglass bottom, Isabella Point area. 537-6777.

FOUND, EXTRA large, black Nike hoodie. Found at Sims field several weeks ago. Phone 653-4282.

FOUND: SMALL kayak, phone to identify. 537-0807.

LOST: BROWN sunglasses in restaurant or?? Also, hand made turquoise bracelet. Linda 537-5116.

FOUND: AN electrician's fluke clamp metre. Found outside Mouat's Home Hardware door. Claim at main office, Kim or David.

32 MEETINGS

MEETING - BOARD of directors of Central Community Hall, Tuesday, November 27, 7pm. Public welcome.

Island Arts Centre Society AGM
The Island Arts Centre Society AGM will be held in the ArtSpring auditorium, Sunday, 3pm., November 25. All members are invited to attend this meeting. The following proposed by-law change will be presented to the membership: The Board may, by special resolution and 2/3 majority vote, remove a director before the expiration of his term of office for such reasons as, but not restricted to, lack of attendance, disruptive behavior or breach of confidentiality. The Board may appoint a successor to complete the term of office.

34 NOTICES

IF YOUR Driftwood subscription label has the date highlighted, now is the time to renew!

WINNERS AT Nov. 2/07 CFUW Bridge: #1 John & Linda Woodward; #2 April Steele, Judy Nurse. Copper Kettle won the raffle.

34 NOTICES

NEED A SUBARU?

We have a one year lease on a Forester from Saunders Subaru that we're giving away. If you would like to have your name entered in the draw - simply renew your subscription to the Driftwood before Jan 15th, 2008. There are also 4 early bird draws of \$250 gas certificates from the Payless, Johnson's, Patterson's and Save-on. Drop by the Driftwood Monday thru Friday, we're open from 8:30 til 4:30, or give us a call at 537-9933. Renew today!

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TOP PRIORITY! Repent sinner; read New Testament, accept Jesus Christ for soul salvation from hellish destiny. Be paradise bound. Alleluia! Amen! Nestor Rose.

NOTICE

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55 HELP WANTED

DRIVER - TOP EARNINGS! Quik X city drivers wanted. 18 months experience. Eggleston's drivers service. 866-433-0113.

CAT SITTER. Wanted for South end, twice daily visits on a regular basis. Refs please. Contact 604-264-8700.

PART-TIME phone worker required. Must have unlimited long distance & computer skills to work at home. Health related. Good communication skills. 537-1219.

KINDERGARTEN TEACHER needed, January - June, Salt Spring Centre School. Mon. - Thurs. 8:30-noon. Please send resume to: 355B Blackburn Road, V8K 2B8 or email sscs@saltspring.com. 537-9130.

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ABA INTERVENTIONIST required to work with 5 year old (high functioning) autistic girl. Training provided. Suit responsible female with reliable transportation. Part-time, wage negotiable. Must be 18+, clear criminal record. Contact Lila @ 653-9702.

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60 WORK WANTED

17 YRS. CONSTRUCTION experience, commercial/residential, building, renovation (roofing, drywall, flooring, finishing carpentry), machine operation. 538-0004.

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SERVICES

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127.1 GARBAGE

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• appliance removal & recycling
• tenant left over clean-ups
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130 HEALTH

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Next Meeting November 25
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FINDING DAWN
A Christine Welsh film to benefit SWOVA's Respectful Relationships program
Wednesday, November 28 at The Fritz.
Discussion with filmmaker to follow.
Music - Food - Community Resource Tables - Childcare (call 537-1336). Doors open 6:15 pm - Film at 7:00 pm
Co-sponsored by SWOVA, Film Festival Café and The Fritz
Entrance and childcare by donation

The Largest SPCA Fundraiser of the Year!
13th Annual Auction
THIS Saturday, Nov. 24th
Mahon Hall
Doors open 5 pm
Call 537-2123 to donate or more info.

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30% OFF JACKETS & SNOWBOARD PANTS, TOQUES, GLOVES, BASE LAYERS
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a slide show and talk with author **David Spalding** & photographer **Kevin Oke.**
November 24 at 7 pm
All Saints by the Sea
110 Park Drive

Salt Spring Books
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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
ISLAND PATHWAYS
Nov. 23, 2007 at 7pm
All Saints by the Sea
110 Park Drive
Update on the Partners Creating Pathways will be given
Special guest speaker
Ted Harrison - End to End: A Classic Bikeride in Britain from Land's End, Cornwall to John O'Groak in North E. Scotland
Refreshments

40 PERSONALS

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55 HELP WANTED

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GANGES VILLAGE Market has part-time cashier positions available. Preference will be given to students wanting evening shifts and or weekends but consideration given to all. Please pick up your application and drop it off at the Lotto Center.

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MERCHANDISE

302 APPLIANCES

FRIDGIDAIRE FRIDGE. All white, 3 yrs. old., works great. \$250. 538-0231.

340 GARAGE SALES

GARAGE SALE: Saturday, Nov. 24, 8-11. Lots of eclectic stuff. 251 Byron Road. LIONS GARAGE Sale: Fridays & Saturdays only 10 am - 12 pm. Many household items. Note: We no longer offer pickups. We do not accept appliances. Drop-offs accepted only on Fri. & Sat. morning. Please, no garbage!! 103 Bonnet Ave.

GARAGE SALE. Sat. Nov. 24, 9am to 2pm. 181 Broadwell Rd. Microwave and other household items.

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350 MISC. FOR SALE

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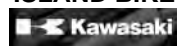
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Aries (Mar 21 - Apr 20)

Mars retrograde is a heads up for us all and perhaps especially you, as it the ruling planet for Aries, co-ruler of Scorpio. This will lead you to want to make some very noticeable changes close to home. Your house may undergo renovation. You may move. Family themes will come to the forefront. Your own childhood experiences and memories will begin to surface and have influences on your environment. Be careful not to project your distant of childhood past onto the present. Tune-in to what is needed now appropriate to the situation. Intimate relationships will be activated as well. This could prove to be a powerful breakthrough period, yet you will probably have to earn it. Rise to the occasion!

Taurus (Apr 20 - May 21)

You may notice that your sensitivities are increasing. This includes your body feelings and senses as much as it does your thoughts and feelings about what you and others believe and perceive. Dancers, athletes and others deeply connected to their body could benefit immensely. Bring attention to this process. Engage with added training for core strength and coordination. Pilates, yoga and/or disciplines such as physiotherapy Feldenkrais could go a long way now. Why wait to remedy injury when you can enhance strength and agility to prevent it. The same can be said of your relationships. Change wants to occur and it will happen reactively or pro-actively. Meet the challenge with conscious intention to build your core and inner strength.

Gemini (May 21 - Jun 21)

Clearing and cleansing in one form or another continues. Perhaps it is simply raking leaves or perhaps you are clearing parasites. These may be literal as in the guts or they could be other energy suckers. Un-kept areas of your house, body, mind and/or emotions are on the surface. Nothing personal, elimination and cleansing is a natural part of life. Whatever you do now, pace yourself and make this your intention for the winter. This is a good time to conceive of and to gestate plans and projects but perhaps not so good to act upon them. Be careful not to berate yourself and others for their efforts and achievements - sometimes there are slower periods than at others. Cleanse, get clear and rest deeply, 2008 will require your fully charged batteries.

Cancer (Jun 22 - Jul 22)

Mars retrograde in your sign is a heads-up for you. No energy patterns as indicated by planetary placements are bad per-se, yet some are certainly more challenging than others. The current alignments do have their share of challenges, especially on intimate relationship fronts. How you direct your creative energy, your Shakti, now is important. The time has come to make some important decisions and choices. Big changes are brewing and these will ultimately prove necessary and good. How you handle these is up to you. Actively listen to your feelings. Observe what you feel and make it clear to your self. Your feelings reveal your truth and will also give you intuitive guidance about what to do. Put your heart feelings in charge of your should-thoughts and reactive-emotions.

Leo (Jul 23 - Aug 23)

A creative surge is headed your way. This could prove to be a very fun, stimulating and exciting time or you could waste it by getting lost in regrets and misgivings. The key now is to review what has worked and what has not over the past year or two. Trust that there are really no mistakes just experiences, actions and yes consequences. The point of power is ever in the moment. Avoid what could, should and would have occurred and focus on what you can and will do. Creative repairs, reviews, rewrites, renovations etcetera are signs of attunement. If you did or said the wrong things in the past in relationships, make that clear to yourself and others. Forgiveness is a golden key to freedom. Begin with your own self and then extend the love to others.

Virgo (Aug 24 - Sep 22)

Communications, investigations, designs and plans have all been keeping you busy. Breaking through barriers of some kind is part of the plot. Perhaps these are literal and obvious or perhaps more subtle and psychological. Romantic relationships fronts are on obvious area of focus. Hopefully you are experiencing the high end of healing and deepening of love. The sharing of visions and ideals can be the most bonding of all reasons for being with someone. If you do not feel that you are having this experience, then aim to create a situation so you can. This could mean ending certain relationships. If this feels necessary trust that it will be best for all. Either way, outline your priorities in love relationship. Make a list of say 7 for each category: physical, mental, emotional and spiritual then look at your actual relationship, get honest and share your findings and feelings.

Libra (Sep 23 - Oct 22)

Building and consolidating a more stable financial base continues. This includes reviewing the quality of your offering, your products, skills and talents. Perhaps there is need for improvement or new design. You may feel the need to make important choices leading to changes for the sake of a more secure and/or satisfying experience

for the future. A new momentum and set of directions will begin by February 2008. Be aware and patient of this fact. Since you are going to change, perhaps you can afford to and would like to take some time off now - a break between major chapters. Changes always bring stress and you are wise to take care of yourself. Avoid fear and trust that you will be a dynamo again, especially in a few months.

Scorpio (Oct 23 - Nov 21)

The Sun in your Sign indicates the energy to take new initiatives of some kind. Investigations into how you can invest, expand and increase your over position in the world is on your mind. This probably includes diversification of some kind. You are seeking a greater measure of freedom. This could prove tricky on relationship fronts. On the other hand, you may liberate your feelings of love for your true love. Knowing the difference between desire and love is part of the plot. Perhaps your feelings will transcend this mortal coil and be directed at higher realities. You may want time alone to reflect, meditate and dream for a while. Just be careful not to get lost in the mist. Seek guidance and venture safely.

Sagittarius (Nov 22 - Dec 21)

As the Sun approaches and enters your sign you will begin to feel the rise of energy. Meetings, mergers and connections behind the scenes have been keeping you busy. This inner work will shift to a new phase this week. The beginning of new arrangements will become more evident over the next month. Regeneration, especially in intimate relationships is likely. You will reassess what your truly desire. Avoid getting lost in jealousy of others. Initiate opportunities by venturing out. You will feel more communicative in a couple of weeks. For now be silently present as necessary and observe outer realities and your inner state. Who you are and how you are not necessarily the same. Connect with who you are to re-direct how you are more authentically.

Capricorn (Dec 22 - Jan 19)

Autumn is a time to go within. It is tempting to take the deepened emotional feelings personally, but is not a good idea. Clear intentions to yield to the deepening dark and to see the advantage in this inward and mysterious time is the best choice. The call for you now includes tapping your inner source to access the well spring of faith that resides there. It is always darkest before the light and this next month is when we literally experience that as Winter Solstice approaches. Surrender, let go, yield, unlearn and clear the way to make way for the new in the New Year. At deeper levels, the time is right to review the quality of your perceptions, beliefs and actions in relationships. Witness without defence or reaction, just take note.

Aquarius (Jan 20 - Feb 19)

You are coming into a power play period. Opportunities to experience new levels of freedom are immanent. This is actually an annual cycle yet it may prove extra strong this year. With Mars retrograde, however, you may need to take time to readjust your energies. Between the declining hours of sunlight and an urge to explore new horizons, you will have thoughts about what you need to do to feel grounded and secure. Avoid judgment about how you feel. Simply tune-in and accept. There are ever many overlapping cycles yet no two are the same - variables amidst constants. Nurture a vision of creative freedom and power. Innovate and plan, outline and design. Be the architect of your universe.

Pisces (Feb 20 - Mar 20)

Looking to the bigger picture over the long term continues. This time frame may encompass a few weeks, months or even years or all of the above. Life requires that we use all of our lenses. Look to the big picture first and make an outline of your goals, intentions and dreams. Next, look to the next six months or so especially. Then look at the next month or two and outline what is happening, what opportunities are present and what you want. Now, make a list of what you can best do to prepare to meet the short term steps which will lead to your larger goals and plans. Life can be a mystery and when we learn to approach it with imaginative intention and follow through we experience success.

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OPINION

Taser incident points to need for training change

BY LEE MIDDLETON

I hope some good can come from the avoidable and very sad loss of Robert Dziekanski at Vancouver International Airport.

Not only a change in RCMP policy regarding the use of the Taser weapon, but also as a very powerful reminder of how good policing is so important to society and how RCMP training cannot stress enough the techniques used by constables all over Canada every day that don't result in harm to civilians.

Indeed recently two members of the RCMP died in Nunavut and the North West Territories doing just that. Their deaths moved many because they died upholding our laws, laws we live with as the best way we've yet discovered to ensure our peace and prosperity.

One of the great steps forward that society has taken in my opinion is the institution of civilian

policing. That police enforce laws through consent and cooperation of the people, rather than through coercion through violence or threat of physical force, is in some small way perhaps one of the reasons people immigrate to Canada. The point here is that police are the agents of the law, which we for the most part obey voluntarily because we believe in the value of many of these legal codes, not through our desire to avoid death and violence at the hands of the law.

I myself have witnessed a heavily armed RCMP emergency task force in Dawson City, Yukon arrest a man without harm to himself or members of the police, without firing a single shot. This was an act of amazingly good policing considering this individual had fired perhaps a hundred rounds from his rifle at the people of Dawson and at the RCMP members themselves.

I'm sure unreported incidents of truly excellent policing like this go unreported every day.

The immediate use of the Taser weapon on Dziekanski in the Vancouver Airport situation is so contrary to the principles of civilian policing that it raises many questions in my mind about RCMP training. Is the training in Regina markedly different post 9/11, excluding considerations of personal engagement through gestures, body language and the like before using force as a final option, not a first option? Do constables posted to the airports feel through their duty mandate that counter-terrorism is such a focus that they can ignore such elementary factors as language barriers in international arrivals terminals? Or is all this a result of the availability of weaponry such as the Taser that is actively marketed as a device not a weapon and in my opinion hasn't

been issued to police in Canada with a properly thought through policy?

In the U.K. (and not without controversy) on a trial basis firearms police constables have been equipped with Tasers, but with a very clear policy to draw the Taser weapon only in situations when they would have otherwise drawn their firearm. Had the RCMP such a policy it seems highly unlikely Dziekanski would have died.

To me it is very apparent the RCMP constables who attended this incident carried out appallingly bad policing. The question has to be: How much of this is these officers' deviation from their training vs. that the content of their training in a post 9/11 airport policing scenario made it so much more acceptable to use potentially lethal force first before really trying other techniques of non-verbal communication and restraint? In

the constables' defence, the marketing material for the Taser weapon stresses it is a policing device that saves lives — they certainly wouldn't have used this weapon with intent to kill Dziekanski, but RCMP training must classify these as weapons of force.

If in training, Tasers are described as "devices for suspect compliance," (which is how Taser International describes their product), then this needs to be changed. Tasers are weapons and their use, as the public outcry over Dziekanski's death shows, is completely contrary to the principles of civilian policing where extreme force is a final option, not an initial response.

If anything positive can come out of the death of Dziekanski, I hope it's this change to policing policies and training.

The writer is an Isabella Point Road resident.



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Snowflake — A story of peace

BY ROGER BRUNT
DRIFTWOOD CONTRIBUTOR

I have never been much of a regular churchgoer, so the following story may have been told from pulpit to pulpit across the land for generations and I would not know.

But when I heard this story here in our Salt Spring Island United Church, I was very moved, and several things I'd been thinking about for a long time suddenly clicked together like pieces in a tricky jigsaw puzzle. I'm sure I've got some of the details a little askew, but I don't think that really matters.

The story, which was read out in church by Reverend Ruth, went something like this.

One day in the forest it begins to snow — not a storm or a raging blizzard, just a nice peaceful snowfall that can make the world seem such a magical place.

A dove and a sparrow fly up into the thickest branches of a large fir tree to seek protection.

"What do you think about snowflakes?" the sparrow, perky and curious as ever, asks the dove.

And, as always, the dove being a wise bird remains silent and thoughtful and does not answer.

Ever restless and soon bored, the sparrow decides it will count the snowflakes that land upon the large branch where they are perched. It counts and counts and, by afternoon, as the snow gradually begins to lessen, proudly announces, "Well; I've counted 3,675,419 snowflakes. What do you think of that?"

The dove does not answer and the sparrow soon flies off in search of mischief. Even though the snow has nearly stopped falling, the occasional flake still floats down and the dove watches as one more single flake, number 3,675,420 by the sparrow's count, lands on the already snow-laden branch.

Under the weight of this single additional snowflake, the heavy fir branch dumps

its load of snow and springs back into place.

At that point in the story, Reverend Ruth makes this observation: "Maybe, somewhere in this world," she says, "right at this second, or maybe at some very near time in the future, a single word will be added to the countless words that have already been uttered about the need for world peace and, as this word is spoken, peace will come."

When I heard this, I was immediately reminded of that great speech of Martin Luther King Jr. in which he states: "I have a dream!" No person who has ever heard those words, either in person, or on the radio, or on a television news report, could possibly doubt the sincerity and power of that simple phrase: "I have a dream." Those words changed the world, and continue to do so to this day, and will forevermore.

I have a dream. Quite an ordinary statement, not so different, in a way, than all the other things that occur in the world — barely more unusual, let's say, than a snowflake.

In my brief time on this planet (I am 60 years old), I have only seen one opportunity of similar importance other than the Martin Luther King Jr. speech, which I was really too young to fully appreciate as these great words were uttered August 28, 1963, when I was only 16 years old.

The opportunity occurred when the war between the United States and Afghanistan began. I don't know who fired the first shot, or how, or why. It does not matter.

But for a long time now I've had a thought. The thought is, at that very moment in history, the world had a chance.

George Bush could have jumped on his Air Force One jet with his best Special Forces soldiers and flown to the airport in Kabul. He could have marched down the steps and taken off his suit jacket and tie and draped them over those fancy velvet ropes they always seem to find whenever dignitaries

arrive.

And he could have spoken. He could have said, "No!" He could have said, "This time the United States will not go to war."

He could have ordered his Special Forces troops off the plane and onto the tarmac

The thought is, at that very moment in history, the world had a chance.

and ordered them to remove their helmets and pistols and rifles and grenades and rocket launchers and flame throwers.

"Lay them on the ground," he could have said. "Remove your uniforms too; you won't be needing them here. The United States of America will fight no more. We will come here to help, if needed and if asked. We will come to build hospitals and roads and bridges and help teach farmers to grow alternative crops so no more opium is made.

"I know not all the people in this country will welcome us here," he could have said. "Some of us will very likely be killed but, this time, the United States will not fight. From this moment on, my country will represent all that is right and just and good in this world. We will fight no more."

Those words could have been what George Bush might have said. They could have been, in fact, his own Texan version of "I have a dream."

Of the billions and billions of words that have begged for peace over the centuries, and in the billions and billions of tears that have been shed in hope that peace will someday come, one of Bush's words, or perhaps a phrase, or a gesture could have turned the tide of world history.

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OPINION

Refuse drumbeat of outrage created by business clique

BY CHARLES BRETH

In this "supernatural" province the forests are dying, fish stocks have been decimated and bird populations are collapsing. Yet, the big issue on our island last month was protecting the owners and builders of houses larger than 3,000 square feet, i.e. the very few who have \$500,000 to build a home.

The uproar over the OCP conceals the real message being sent to the trustees — the material appetites of the better people are not to be inhibited. Stepping lightly has been trampled by the blowhards of unrestrained consumption.

Understand the mutual

message among media, business and politics on Salt Spring. Not a few could characterize the Driftwood as the house organ of the Chamber of Commerce — not so much newspaper as a sanitized brochure foregrounding bucolic images of hobbit people and uplifting narratives of fulfillment in paradise.

Look at island economics and a different picture emerges of overlapping interests promoted by the Driftwood, the Chamber, the realtors and Islanders for Self Government. No conspiracy, just a shared mentality so ingrained it could be cloned.

One does not have to live here long to realize that the

only issue with real clout is development. Extracting profits from scenic wealth is the credo of Salt Spring today. The only bump in the road is the Trust, whose preserve and protect mandate interdicts equating business interests with community health.

Coincident with a barrage of ads attacking the trustees, the Driftwood publishes a webpoll that purports to show a great majority want no limits on house size. The sensational percentages of that little bar graph make a memorable impression, but no poll numbers are stated. Rather than appreciate the recommendations put forward by committees of average Salt Springers

among which only the business community was guaranteed a seat, some realtors banded together to alarm the public about spoiled property values. The rubric under which all this outrage has gathered is property rights.

The claim to property rights is repeated by Ken Marr, president of ISG, whose group of scorned vacation rental sympathizers has been casting about for an issue to propel them into the limelight. But, sorry folks, there are no property rights. You have a right to vote if you are of age, you have a right to a passport, you have a right to worship your god, but ownership is not a right nor does it convey any.

You may own a car, but you cannot drive it on the sidewalk. You may own a dog, but you have no right to starve it. Ownership is a legal fiction that is always socially malleable.

We took the land from the natives and some took land from the Japanese. We have men with guns to enforce pieces of paper called the title. Again, the real issue is the Trust whose mandate inhibits the free flow of capital so beloved of the close-the-deal set.

Thoughtful people will notice in Mr. Marr's statement the well-worn salesman's technique of bait and switch. The bait is incorporation within the Trust as if ISG

supported preserve and protect. Yet, a municipal council will surely dilute the trustees' influence and try to rewrite the bylaws limiting development. Not only does Mr. Marr trot out the very same complaints we heard during the vacation rental contretemps, but ISG has asked the Crown to deny additional trustees. So much for support.

To claim that ISG "neither supports nor opposes" the OCP recommendations is beyond hypocrisy. The call for another round of consultations is a ploy to shove the OCP process into the next election so the Chamber, ISG and its allies can have the last word. ISG pretends to fly above the fray but quacks like a duck that is a pro-business, conservative, partisan fowl.

There has been an unusual amount of self-pity and bloated cant flung from people who reside at the top of the food chain. The swift and nearly hysterical reaction to what were understandable proposals revealed a chasm between the rhetoric of greenness and the reality of entrenched appetites for big stuff.

Many societies of notable attainment have had sumptuary laws. Domestic architecture in pre-modern Japan was strictly controlled and yet gave rise to an order, beauty and refinement foreign to these shores.

In our culture individuality and self-worth have been welded to consumption. Every man and woman is his own god when he goes shopping. Success is the power to purchase.

In a remarkably smarmy letter, one S. Ditlof comes to the heart of this dispute. She repeats unfounded gossip that the trustees have an "ideological" agenda. After this coy slander, she has the nerve to claim she will give them the benefit of the doubt. How magnanimous.

With a feint to eco-consciousness, she allows that we simply can't go on living as we always have, but then suggests changing behaviour only to the extent that we are comfortable. In her eyes, it's hurtful to circumscribe people who want to build 4,000-square-foot waterfront vacation homes.

Let's be frank; our behaviour hurts people. The Canadian dollar is now called a petro-dollar, which means our prosperity is based on selling carbon pollution. Should dead coral reefs be a question of comfort? Industrial production has been off-loaded to overpopulated, poor countries. When we shop for clothes, food, appliances, etc. someone somewhere is being cheated. Is slave labour a question of comfort?

Climate change is just silly, according to a spokerealtor quoted in the Driftwood. The war in Darfur has been characterized as the first war of global warming. Are fistulas (ask your doctor) a question of comfort? I think we should refuse the drumbeat of outrage fostered by a rather shallow business clique and their fellow travellers. The Islands Trust undoubtedly has faults, but in today's world, preserve and protect takes on a new meaning that deserves our support.

The writer is a Harbourside resident.

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