The annual Remembrance Day ceremony on Salt Spring gets underway at 10:45 a.m. in Centennial Park this Sunday. The Driftwood’s Remembrance Day pages can be found at the start of this edition’s second section.

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More daily flights home from the mainland

By PETER LAMB and GEORGE EHRLING

12/21/11

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

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

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

We are currently in the process of setting up the LTIC, our planning board was given the following directions:

Economic Sustainability, Jobs and Tourism

• Give us further consideration to the recommendation to “discourage non-residential speculative ownership” and the proposal for a tourist tax.

• Give us further consideration to the recommendation to “downzone 20 per cent of the existing property, not to the proposed 3,000 square-foot maximum house size. We asked staff to review the current one-third residential lot coverage in the current land use bylaw.”

Environment

• Provide information on how a recommendation on community empowerment might work.

• Give us further consideration to the proposal to require developers to post a performance bond for work in a development permit area. We also withdraw the recommendation to decline permits to those who violate bylaws or agreements.

• Provide more information about density transfer policy.

• Give us further consideration to the recommendations to increase the height guideline shoreline setback to 30 metres, but even more to further discussion the recommendation to increase the existing vertical setback to 2.5 metres.

• Give us further consideration to the proposal for a designation management bylaw.

Energy

• Give us further consideration to the recommendation to require all new commercial and residential accommodation excluding campgrounds to be available for public viewing.

• Group Benefit packages

• Disability Insurance

• Life Insurance

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The recommendations put forward at this time to the recommendation that “the entire zoning framework of the island be reviewed and changed with a view to supporting reliable water resources in the future.” A great deal of work would have to be done on water availability before any undertaking like this could be considered.

They also asked staff to consolidate the remain- ing proposals and public response to date before arranging further commu- nications about the authority of the Trust to require building stan- dards that exceed those in the provincial building code.

Ganges Village and Harbour

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

• Fullerton Bay seaward

• Resolve to establish a study group for Fulford Village to engage the community in a dialogue about the future of the village area, including discussions of changed boundaries, a heritage designation and any changes that would be developed by the Trust in terms of reference. We encouraged the study group to propose OCP amendments within the time- frame of the OCP review. We agreed to support the commis- sion of the boundaries proposed by the Fulford study group for the present dis- cussion.

Agriculture

• Write to the Agricultural Land Commission (ALC) for clarification of the Trust’s jurisdiction in establishing a policy of “no net loss” of Agri- cultural Land Reserve land on the island and for further information regarding the delegation of ALC powers to the Trust.

• Give no further consider- ation to the recommendation that the Trust provide information on its services to farmers with agricultural expertise, as this has been covered in a meeting on properties adjoining agricultural land.

• Provide Water

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SAFER ROADS

No easy roadmap to curb drinking and driving

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

Beyond the added expense to the legal system, each driver brought before the court represents another potential fatality, another disaster averted. For most first-time offenders, the judge issues a one-year driving suspension and a $500 fine.

On other occasions, charges can be far more serious.

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

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

“At this point, what is most significant is the community’s failure to address drinking and driving on the island, according to Kimberly Lineger, coordinator of the Salt Spring RCMP’s victim training program and Lineger has always had trouble filling the ranks.

“People like the idea, but when you actually try and put something together and you have to volunteer or put money forward,” she said. “Many people say they would love to do it, if only they could drive people home at four in the afternoon.

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

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

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

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

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

“Quite often people will phone a cab, only to be told there’ll be an hour or two wait,” Lineger said. “When faced with waiting or getting home on time, people often end up making poor decisions and taking the risk.”

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

“I don’t see that we are worse or any better than anywhere else,” he said. “We’re average, but being average is still not acceptable because it still results in the loss of lives.”

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

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

“Getting more officers is an ongoing issue,” he said. “In the meantime, officers on duty will continue to conduct random patrols of the island’s watering holes, where bar owners themselves have been left searching for a solution of their own.

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

Staff can occasionally offer patrons a ride home and rooms are available to those who are in no shape to get home.

Home delivery of alcohol is offered to residents who have already been drinking and cannot drive to the Fulford Inn’s beer, wine and spirits store.

“People are welcome to have fun,” he said. “That’s what they came here for, but we have to be very careful.”

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

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

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

Newsbriefs

Procurement policies set

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

Based largely on existing documents used by the Central Regional District, which delegates its authority to PARC on Salt Spring Island, the PARC General Procurement Policy and Engagement of Consultants Policy were passed unanimously and without discussion at last Monday’s PARC meeting.

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

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

Impaired drivers

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

On Saturday night, November 3, the RCMP issued a 24-hour driving prohibition to a 32-year-old male after he was stopped for driving with his passenger door open.

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

Lake theory challenged

The former manager of the North Salt Spring Waterworks District (NSSWD) says St. Mary Lake is not lower than its true “historic” level as suggested by lake-side dweller Ed Davis in a Driftwood story last week.

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

“The lake is amazingly close to what it’s been historically,” said Larmour.

Levels ranged from 40.2 to 40.4 metres from 1988 to 1996, before a beaver dam artificially raised the water level, while the current level is 40.3 metres. Pre-beaver historic levels were kept in mind when planning for the weir took place. He said the weir was built last October after being on the NSSWD agenda for years.

Larmour said waterways and provincial government officials were more concerned about the weir being built too high, which could flood private property and prompt lawsuits as a result.
Vendors act to block imported products

By Sean McIntyre

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

“The whole market has been affected by their presence,” reads a letter to PARC penned by market vendor Álvaro Sanchez.

“The market has a reputation for being an artists’ and farmers’ market. Visitors often believe that these vendors are part of the market and that goods that aren’t being made are actually being made on Salt Spring.”

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

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

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

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

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

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

Sanchez hopes to meet with PARC officials next week.

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

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

Rainforest Appeal

Saturday night play, art auction aid Cusheon Creek lot purchase

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

On-island people can support the Salt Spring Island Rainforest Appeal campaign by attending the play Unless the Eye Catch Fire, performed by Vancouver actor Romany Cusheon and the 82 signatures of a petition call for action must find a new site for tower radio tower

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

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Market vendor

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

“We’re not just here for three hours a week,” she said. “We pay for this space year-round and need the (summer) revenue.”

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

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

A lively discussion will follow the show. Tickets for the event, which are available in advance at ArtSpring or at the door, cost $15 and will benefit the campaign to purchase the 7.5-hectare (19-acre) parcel of land off Stewart Road now owned by a number of companies.

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Crown counsel to local court reflects on doing ‘island time’

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

Driftwood: What made you decide to become a lawyer and serve the Crown?
Barb Penny: Those are two different questions. I became a lawyer because I enjoy working with people and I joined the Crown because I enjoy criminal law and wanted to serve in our criminal justice system.

D: Why will you no longer be representing the Crown on Salt Spring?
BP: The administrative Crown in charge of our scheduling decided it was time to let someone else have a turn. Crown counsel are supposed to rotate through different positions within the office every year or two, and somehow I managed to hang onto the Ganges rotation for much longer than that. I kept a low profile because I enjoyed the work and the people of Salt Spring so much.

D: What was one of the highlights of serving on Salt Spring?
BP: It is hard to pick a highlight. I certainly enjoyed the small town feel of the courthouse and the open and direct relationship I had with the people appearing before the court.

D: Do you recall any cases that were quintessentially Salt Spring?
BP: No, unfortunately crime is the same everywhere.

D: Have you noticed any changes — i.e. case load, nature of charges, etc. — since you began working on the island?
BP: Absolutely. The gradual increase in the number of police officers on the island and the population has meant not only increased enforcement of the law, but a corresponding increase in matters before the courts.

Q&A

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

NEWSBEAT

Harbour Authority of Salt Spring Island
ELECTION ANNOUNCEMENT - BOARD VACANCIES

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

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

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

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

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Members will cast ballots from the list of nominees put forward from each sector. Voting in each sector are up for nomination and election:

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Members will cast ballots from the list of nominees put forward from each sector. Voting in each sector is restricted to members from their respective sector. For further information please contact the HASSI office at 537-5711.
Above: Data extrapolated from 10-Year Strategic Plan. Below, the rationale behind the staffing numbers.

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Salt Spring Island Fire Department Strategic Plan...by the numbers

BY MARK WYATT
SPECIAL TO THE DRIFTWOOD

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

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

On Salt Spring Island, we don’t have firefighters standing by at the hall ready to respond to emergency calls. After hours, we have one duty officer on call, who will be responding from his residence. The time it takes for him to arrive is not guaranteed, and beyond the duty officer, the emergency response is up to volunteers.

In the middle of the night, when the pager goes off, the volunteer firefighter (if he or she chooses to respond) has to get up, get dressed, drive safely to the hall, put on his turnout gear, get in the engine, wait for at least three other volunteer firefighters to arrive, and then the truck rolls to respond to the emergency. This process can take anywhere from seven to 10 minutes or more before the truck even leaves the hall.

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

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

Obviously, in the event of a fire or other emergency situation, response times are critical. Having firefighters stationed at the fire hall, ready to respond in the event of an emergency, reduces response times by six minutes on average.

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

When a structure fire breaks out, at least two departments usually respond. Salt Spring Island has mutual aid agreements with Pender, Mayne and Galiano islands, but we are surrounded by water. While other communities have mutual aid minutes away, aid to Salt Spring is hours away and addition-\n
al resources are limited to manpower only. We are on our own during the critical phase of any emergency situation we may face.

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

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

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

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

The writer is SISFPD trustee and volunteer firefighter.

Advertising Deadlines

Please note the Driftwood office will be closed
Monday, November 12 for the Remembrance Day weekend

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**EDITORIAL**

**Debate essential**

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

However, compared to any number of heated issues over the years, the tenor of OCP review meetings and letters to the Driftwood was quite tame. In fact, for the purpose of the recent OCP review period was to give general public opinion about various focus group recommendations, and the public were receptive in droves. Some of the voices raised had never been heard before, which should be considered a positive thing, since the island's population does consist of more than those with time on their hands to volunteer for committees and write letters to government agencies.

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

Real estate was unfairly criticized for raising concern through two full-page ads, as if individuals who don’t own property do not have existing and new property owners on a daily basis would not be concerned about those property owners or anything beyond their pocketbook. Yes, sometimes excited public opinions are not derived completely from fact, or have not considered certain rationales — who can say that can be said for all sides. But that’s part of the process of developing policies that affect both individual lives and the community at large.

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

Where these criteria are not satisfied, my inclination, as a point of principle, would be to retain a current OCP policy rather than rushing to amend it. In other forms of local government, all members of boards and council do not attend every public information meeting on every issue. It is my observation that LTCs in the Islands Trust Area, certainly including the Salt Spring LTC, have more opportunities for public input than do most local governments. I have every confidence that any decisions made by the Salt Spring Island LTC will be responsible ones.

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**Viewpoint**

Trust chair assures she’s on task

By Kim Benison

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

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

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Utah

Five things I love about ‘Big Love’ — Utah

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

LAWRENCE BRIDGES Salt spring says: 

I am sorry but I am with you. Anything that costs the consumer less is a good idea.

ALEX HOUSTON Salt spring says: 

I think eliminating the GST altogether would be a better idea.

AL LAYARD Salt spring says: 

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JOELE MORRISON Salt spring says: 

I feel they will only be taking something away from our budget in the end.

LEE SOLLIIT Salt spring says: 

I'm not with you on anything that will lower my costs, even if it's a clever election ploy.

No way team

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

Last week’s paper was filled with fear mongering from Islanders for Self-Government, Island realtors and other self-interest groups who have taken over the process and are ranting over the same issues, paying for full-page ads and falsely rehashing the issue of Salt Spring should incorporate.

I want to thank the owner, the editor and all those on staff who have contributed to Salt Spring’s lifeblood, the Driftwood.

It makes me feel good to know that there are others out there who understand that what is happening here is an attempt by some at being unduly pessimistic — maybe some are more suited for a dark corner of a Ganges coffee shop there hides a realtor who’s a bit too complex to comprehend.

What these realtors are unsure about is not the value of our properties but the price of our properties. What we are offering for sale is too high enough to certainly high enough to provide them with a comfort level. From time to time they are saying that things will soften up and high enough to provoke an affordable-housing crisis.

What the future of our properties, however, is inextricably linked to the viability and sustainability of our communities — which is what this Driftwood is all about.

Perhaps I am being unduly pessimistic — maybe someone is in the process of doing something that would make this a better place for us.

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Letters to the editor, welcome, but writers are requested to keep their submissions to 350 words or less. Letters may be edited for brevity, legality and taste. Writers are also asked to furnish a telephone number where they may be reached during the day. To sign their letters with their full names, you may send them to the editor, head2head@telus.net.
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Implausible deniability

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

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

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

I am a political naif, but I guessed in broad strokes what was going on as I saw the group membership. It beggars belief that our politically savvy trustees didn’t get the message: Our political supporters were there to obscure an exceedingly inconvenient truth: Every focus group was stacked with political supporters of our trustees, with a few token opponents thrown in for “balance.”

The general “recommendations” that Ms. Penn implies were authorized by the elected politician who approves such plans wouldn’t pass muster. The “feast” that Ms. Penn writes of can only be the huge expenditure that we are asked to pay for an old anchoring system rather than try to repair the old one and use the old anchors was an informed decision based on professional engineer estimates of its merits. As the SSTA members included in the document are a part of the largest ongoing project involving the Island Trust alone – to guarantee service levels while that as fuel and other costs increase, the cost of transportation will also increase. This is as true for drivers and those travelling by air as it is for ferry travel. It is an unfortunat reality, but is a reality we have to face. This government is taking the initiative to keep ferry service affordable. Since 2003, we’ve contributed an action against PARC to the Islands Trust alone – to guarantee service levels unifying the north is in service. That’s the report online and compare it to Ms. Penn’s article.

Who’s in? The recent about-turns by PARC regarding the replacement of a tennis bubble at Portlock Park, perhaps it is time to look at some of the key points in the saga of the replacement bubble project.

For the past 15 years the Salt Spring Tennis Association (SSTA) has provided a facility for winter tennis. Who gained? Anyone on the island who wanted to play tennis over the winter, and not just SSTA members. Who lost? Certainly not the taxpayers. The bubble was provided initially by SSTA members’ personal contributions, there was self funding under the management of SSTA volunteers. In addition, the bubble was self funded sufficient to replace the bubble at the end of its useful life.

Over the past seven years, SSTA has attempted several times to reach an agreement with PARC to replace the paraplu bubble. These have all failed. In one attempt, according to its own figures, a decision made solely within PARC wasted about $308,000 of funds allocated for tennis. Who gained? Nobody. Who suffered? Anyone on the island who wished to play indoor tennis this year, and any individual or group who would have been offered use of the new facility. Having spent years of delays and disappointments from its involvement with PARC, SSTA is now committed to pursuing its goal—to provide indoor winter tennis to anyone on the island — with no public money, to arrange purely private funding.

Mike Leedham, Vice President, SSTA

Clear priority

No matter what mode of travel — from the automobile, to air travel to ferry service — people are paying a premium for transportation these days as the cost of fuel, staff, and materials increase.

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ISLANDS TRUST
SATURNA ISLAND LOCAL TRUST COMMITTEE
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE is hereby given that the Saturna Island Local Trust Committee will hold a public hearing within a Local Trust Committee Meeting on the following proposed bylaw:

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

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

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

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

A copy of the proposed bylaw and any background material that may be considered by the Trust Committee in respect of the proposed bylaw may be inspected at the Islands Trust Office, #200 - 1627 Fort Street, Victoria, B.C. between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday to Friday, inclusive, excluding statutory holidays, commencing November 9, 2007 and can also be viewed on the World Wide Web at the following URL: http://www.islandslandtrust.bc.ca/ltc/bylaws.cfm

Written submissions may be delivered to:
1. the office of the Islands Trust; by mail at #200 - 1627 Fort Street, Victoria, B.C. V8R 1H8, by Fax (250) 405-5155 or can be sent on-line by going to the Islands Trust Website at the following URL: http://www.islandslandtrust.bc.ca/ltc/ltc/meetings.cfm and completing the “Public Hearing, November 21, 2007, Submission Form” prior to 4:30 p.m., November 20, 2007.
2. after 4:30 p.m., November 20, 2007 to the Trust Committee at the Public Hearing at 1:30 p.m., Wednesday, November 21, 2007.

Email comments should not be considered as complying with the requirements of this notice. The Islands Trust does not guarantee that any email comment will be received by the Saturna Island Local Trust Committee. Reasonable efforts will be made to provide email comments, if they are opened and received, to the Saturna Island Local Trust Committee for consideration, but the public should not rely on email as a means of providing a written comment.

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

NO REPRESENTATIONS WILL BE RECEIVED BY THE SATURNA ISLAND LOCAL TRUST COMMITTEE AFTER THE CONCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC HEARING.

Kathy Jones
Deputy Secretary

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THINK... commerical machines, new and used, inning presses
THINK... repair service at Salt Spring Dry Cleaners
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Remember...

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

How big a house on Salt Spring Island is enough?

When challenged to show how much additional land his family needed, the man chose a day with the most hours of daylight and prepared himself as thoroughly as he could.

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

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

But the story addresses a much deeper and more pertinent question. What will happen to a society as it moves beyond a subsistence economy and is able to provide itself with increasing materialistic expectations? How much will prove to be enough?

The ever-present moral question for us is: How much is enough? We know that western industrialized societies are increasingly dominated by materialist expectations, we must learn to curb our desires and live within our means. As the story suggests, we can afford to have a house. But the question now is: How big a house?

Should a home be a part of the public good? There is much to suggest that an island with a lifestyle that is economically sound, morally responsible and socially and aesthetically desirable.
MORE LETTERS continued from A11

Drop web poll

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

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

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

Third, online pseudo “surveys” such as these are wide open to manipulation. Someone with (for example) a bunch of people with an axe to grind about that week’s question? We have no way of knowing.

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

JUDI STEVENSON, ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION 

No mandate

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

What a beautiful behemoth she is! I instantly realized where it was headed.

I can’t imagine California being so strapped for resources to fight its wild fires as to need assistance from Canada.

The national guard would otherwise be on duty in such cases, but — oh wait, I almost forget — they’re serving in Iraq. Yes, that’s right. There’s precious little left on the home front to fight real — not perceived — threats such as fires and floods. And this time it’s the rich and famous who are affected, as their leaders gamble all the chips to fight its never ending ideological war. Things should get interesting now.

My other reason for writing is in response to Tim Pickert’s letter regarding Andrew Lewis’ stand on the Security Agreement. I want to further mention this is another name for the proposed North American Union, with a common currency called the Anero being fine-tuned as we speak.

This is not some goofy conspiracy theory, either. In fact, for any doubters out there, go to YouTube and enter “Lou Dobbs North American Union.” Lou Dobbs is a financial anchor on CNN, and he makes no bones about the fact that this next phase of NAFTA is without any mandate.

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

DAVE CAMPBELL, SALT SPRING

Is This The Kind Of Government You Want?

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

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

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

1. Downzoning of existing large properties;
2. Limiting house size to 3000 sq. ft.;
3. Increasing shoreline setbacks to 30 meters.

Trustee Ehring stated that due to the island topography a vertical limit would be more relevant.

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

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

No Debate, No Disagreement, No Mention of Public Input

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

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

Do you want something different?
Join Islanders for Self-Government

Islanders for Self-Government is a grassroots organization of nearly 800 members from all walks of island life, united in their belief that incorporation as an Island Municipality within the Islands Trust is the way for Salt Spring to have accountable, representative local government. As a municipality, we would have an elected council of seven members, all from Salt Spring Island, who would openly debate governance issues.

For more information please visit us at www.islandgov.org

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To join us, please see our membership ad on page 5.

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REMEMBRANCE DAY BREAKFAST

Sunday, November 11th  •  8:30 am - 10:00 am

at

MEADEN HALL

Pancakes, sausages, scrambled eggs, coffee, tea, juice

by donation

Please join us in the branch lounge after the Remembrance Day Ceremony for a social afternoon with refreshments, meat draws, and special draws. Hot chocolate and cookies for kids in Meaden Hall.

Everyone welcome

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Getting Around Salt Spring

PUBLIC TRANSIT IS COMING TO SSI JANUARY, 2008

Bus service is planned to begin in January. Initial schedules and routes will evolve over time in response to public interest and feedback. The CRD Public Transit and Transportation Commission welcomes public input on service priorities that will help make transit a practical option for residents: e.g. transit stops, schedules and stops, HandyDART services, drop-off pick-up services, better linking services...

Two 42 passenger minibuses will provide service Monday through Friday with satellite services between Fisgard, Ganges & North Saanich. Buses would operate with fixed routes and schedules so you can travel to work, school and around the island.

The minibuses are lift-equipped and include two bike racks.

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Downtown Saanich rides will be available at various locations throughout the island. The service will be provided by a local operator under contract to BC Transit & the CRD.

Watch for an open house in November and stay tuned for more information.

BICYCLING

Convenient, healthy and a low impact alternative for getting around the island. It is possible to CObike everywhere, at all times of the day and at any speed necessary.

Cycling is a good exercise while you are walking. Use reflectors at night, and wear a properly fitted helmet whenever possible. At least something red is available; you can ride one way and bike back during daylight hours.

WALKING

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

1. Exercise health
2. Pleasure
3. Practicality/Convenience
4. Environmental Concern
5. Saving money

ECOLOGICAL FOOTPRINT QUIZ!

Visit www.ecofoot.org

Win Eco-Prizes! Fill out a ballot and enter every week at:

1. Ganges Village Market
2. Salt Spring Coffee
3. Thrifty Foods
4. Moots’ Home Hardware
5. Ganges Floor Covering
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7. Salt Spring Books
8. Salt Spring Natureworks

No Eco-Prizes will be awarded. Enter at any of the businesses on this page with this logo:

First Prize:

The use of a Smart Car for a weekend of fun!

Second Prize:

$250 credit towards the purchase of an energy-saving electric bike for your home or office.

Third Prize:

An energy-efficient toaster for your home.

Fourth Prize:

A pair of hand-knit socks to wear with your new toaster!

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Sustain300: Sustainability Information, Operations & Performance (Begin March)

Sust200: Sustainability Values, Strategy & Policy (Begin Nov.)

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Sustainable Development, Social Practice, and Business is a course designed to help students take charge of their own education, to make a positive impact on their communities and organizations.

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Please direct any questions or concerns about this matter to Shell Canada via Jana Masters (403) 691-2646.

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OCP process moving along as it should

BY RUTH TARASOFF

I spent the evening of Wednesday, October 31 read-
ing the Driftwood and spe-
cifically the two ads and the Viewpoint article by Islanders for Self-Government.

The dire message of impending doom for Salt Spring was clear: I should be “very concerned” with the process that has been under-
taken for the “proposed offi-
cial community plan (OCP).” It is “not a revision, it is a com-
plete re-write.” It seriously affecs employment, housing, property rights, culture and the environment." The “cur-
rent OCP review demonstrates how flawed the current pro-
cess is.” There is “likely to be dissent” between the two local trustees. I should attend the Local Trust Committee meet-
ing on November 1 because this could be my "last chance" to express my opinion to the "tie-breaking vote before the OCP draft is done!"

It was a remastered new focus groups be formed and the process is about to begin. Then read the letters to the editor and later, I tried to go to sleep.

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

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

My involvement started in November 2006. Included in our oversized folder was a clear graphic describing time lines lead-
ing to August 2008. We spent four months of intense dis-
cussions, Local Government Act in one hand and the hand-
use bylaws in the other. We were duly impressed by the work done by previous focus groups.

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

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It behooves all of us to reflect on the origins of the Islands Trust. Recognized as a unique places vulnerable to unique places the current salt Spring OCP have been con-
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tinue providing input to the ongoing OCP review process. It certainly appeared to me that the system was working. And so we all went home.

The writer is an OCP review focus group member.

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**FERRY TRAVEL**

**Cost of assured loading ferry tickets increases $400**

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**Ganges Village Market News**

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**Community News**

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**What’s for Dinner?**

**THE GANGES VILLAGE MARKET MOM’S ZESTY CHICKEN & RICE CASSEROLE**

Short cuts to cooking for one or two with Sarah Lynn

Many of you may be familiar with the poem written by Mary Rita Schilke Korzan in 1980 for her mother, Blanche Schilke—When You Thought I Wasn’t Looking. The poem says in part: “When you thought I wasn’t looking—I looked...And wanted to say thanks/For all those things you did/When you thought I wasn’t looking.” When I was young this was a family favourite recipe taken for granted in our house, easy to prepare & wonderful to eat. It was made of ingredients my Mom always had on hand & it brings back fond memories for me. This can be made or eaten over rice, pasta or even tacos (taco chips) to the top of your casserole and bake 5 minutes longer. Enjoy!

Shopping list:

- Chicken--raw or pre-cooked (Optional)
- Rice
- 1 Can cream of chicken soup or cream of mushroom soup
- Sour cream
- Milk
- 1 Can chopped green chile peppers
- 1 Onion
- Cheese of your choice
- Doritos or taco chips

Pre-Heat oven to 350 degrees F. Prepare 2 cups rice as per package instructions, set aside.

Prepare chicken meat (or use an already cooked chicken from our deli department).

Mix together cooked chicken, 1 can cream of chicken (or cream of mushroom) soup 1/2 cup sour cream, 1/4 cup milk, 1 can chopped green chile peppers & 1 minced onion. Set aside.

Layer cooked rice and the chicken & soup mixture into a greased baking dish. Top with 1 cup shredded cheese. Bake for about 35 minutes, or until it is hot and bubbling. Add 1 cup crushed Doritos or other taco chips to the top of your casserole and bake 5 minutes longer. Enjoy!

**Lotto Centre**

OPEN DAILY 8am - 9pm

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**What’s for Dinner?**

**THE GANGES VILLAGE MARKET MOM’S ZESTY CHICKEN & RICE CASSEROLE**

Short cuts to cooking for one or two with Sarah Lynn

Many of you may be familiar with the poem written by Mary Rita Schilke Korzan in 1980 for her mother, Blanche Schilke—When You Thought I Wasn’t Looking. The poem says in part: “When you thought I wasn’t looking—I looked...And wanted to say thanks/For all those things you did/When you thought I wasn’t looking.” When I was young this was a family favourite recipe taken for granted in our house, easy to prepare & wonderful to eat. It was made of ingredients my Mom always had on hand & it brings back fond memories for me. This can be made or eaten over rice, pasta or even tacos (taco chips) to the top of your casserole and bake 5 minutes longer. Enjoy!

Shopping list:

- Chicken--raw or pre-cooked (Optional)
- Rice
- 1 Can cream of chicken soup or cream of mushroom soup
- Sour cream
- Milk
- 1 Can chopped green chile peppers
- 1 Onion
- Cheese of your choice
- Doritos or taco chips

Pre-Heat oven to 350 degrees F. Prepare 2 cups rice as per package instructions, set aside.

Prepare chicken meat (or use an already cooked chicken from our deli department).

Mix together cooked chicken, 1 can cream of chicken (or cream of mushroom) soup 1/2 cup sour cream, 1/4 cup milk, 1 can chopped green chile peppers & 1 minced onion. Set aside.

Layer cooked rice and the chicken & soup mixture into a greased baking dish. Top with 1 cup shredded cheese. Bake for about 35 minutes, or until it is hot and bubbling. Add 1 cup crushed Doritos or other taco chips to the top of your casserole and bake 5 minutes longer. Enjoy!

**Lotto Centre**

OPEN DAILY 8am - 9pm
Local politicians need action plan

By Gary Holaan, Peter Lamb and George Ehring

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

A Canadian scientist working on the panel said he hoped this report “would finally put to rest any lingering doubts about the reality of the change happening and will have dramatic effects if not brought under control.”

Findings by several research agencies, including a NASA team, suggests that the IPCC report underestimates the rate of global warming. The report calls for a critical need to address the challenge of climate change, but many are calling a climate crisis. At the same time, vocational studies demonstrate that there are economic opportunities created by climate change.

How are we supposed to respond in the face of such a projected different future? Hope it won’t happen?

Hope enough people and businesses will voluntarily change their usual ways? Or plan for the future?

It has been said that voluntary measures do not address the climate change and, in such circumstances, that the public expects government to act. Governments are responding.

The federal government has finally recognized the critical importance of dealing with climate change.

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

Improved energy efficiency is the backbone of climate control. New houses are expected to be released soon. The province has also agreed that Climate Action Charter with the Union of B.C. Municipalities.

Local governments, including the region’s municipalities, are being advised to develop a range of actions that can affect climate change, become carbon neutral in their operations by 2012 and reconsider zoning regulations in areas vulnerable to climate change.

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

Last Saturday, we attended an excellent forum organized for elected officials in the Capital Regional District to discuss the impact of climate change on the region.

Cooperative action on community energy planning by provincial, regional and local governments was stressed.

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

The CRD has identified six goals for action. These are:

1. Improve the energy efficiency of buildings
2. Increase transportation efficiencies
3. Encourage energy efficient land use planning
4. Diversify the energy supply
5. Educate and engage residents and businesses
6. Demonstrate local government leadership

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

2. Selective Measures: Energy use and GHG emissions continue to increase. A patchwork of actions with some progress made in each goal area.
3. Hold the Line: No net increase in GHG emissions in spite of growth in the region. A coordinated effort to make progress on all goal areas.
4. Comprehensive: No net increase in energy use. A leadership scenario with a concerted effort to excel in all areas.

We continue to work with the Energy Strategy Task Force on an action plan for Salt Spring for further public discussion, but we welcome your comments at any time.

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WHEN THIS RUNS OUT ARE YOU PREPARED?

To our friends on Salt Spring!
“Thanks for stopping by!”

PHOTO BY DERRICK LUNDY

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

Advertising Deadlines

Please note the Driftwood office will be closed Monday, November 12 for the Remembrance Day weekend

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WILDLIFE

Cougars, bears call Salt Spring home

Wildlife swims from Vancouver Island

By Chris Stephenson
Driftwood Staff

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

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

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

“They come over on the low tide,” he said.

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

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

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

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

“It’s beyond us to know why,” she said.

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

Ballerone said the animals are quite shy of humans and residents shouldn’t be concerned. She said IWNC staff don’t go out to look for the animals and hope residents will take the “live and let live” attitude towards cougars and bears.

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WOLFGANG BRUNNWIESER
Animal control officer

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

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

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

Fundraiser set for Dec. 1 at Meaden Hall

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

The event sees the public donate high quality books for the cause, which are sold at bargain prices. It is hoped to open arms on Salt Spring in the new year with modest price and support the Community Education Society in raising non-restricted funds for those items not covered by student fees, such as insurance and computer maintenance.

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

Youth mentoring supported on Salt Spring

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

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

Big Brothers Big Sisters is a not-for-profit, charitable organization that matches children with mentors. The program is designed to offer one-to-one mentorship with a volunteer to provide companionship, guidance and to enhance the child’s personal development.

Jenn Burgoyne, youth mentor program coordinator on Salt Spring, said considerable research supports findings that relationships developed in the mentoring program provide stability and support that is crucial for the healthy development of an individual.

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

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

Local groups or individuals interested in making the project happen should contact Burgoyne at 538-8715.
Seven-week stint planned

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

For the past three years, David Krieger and Thasminiya Crowe of Earth Track Education have been mentoring youth on Salt Spring and the Cowichan Valley in wilderness skills and nature awareness and tracking. This December and January, six other instructors from the U.S., England and Thailand will join them to teach six wilderness week-end camps for urban Thai youth in Phetchaburi Province, Thailand. Earth Track instructors will also work with Thai wilderness guides from Kaeng Krachan National Park on a documentary film and tracking study of the Phetchaburi River, which will be part of a comparative documentary study of the Cowichan and Phetchaburi river systems.

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

To complete their team, Earth Track needs two trainee interns to join them for the seven weeks in Thailand. Interns will work for three days each week at the camps, assist in the film project and live within Thai culture as a part of a community. They will also have time to explore and track the Phetchaburi River from the mountains of Kaeng Krachan National Park, home of elephants, tigers and leopards, to the ocean at the Gulf of Thailand with its mangrove swamps and fishing villages.

Interns will also be invited to work with Earth Track Education at summer camps along the Cowichan River and estuary with local youth, and continue the tracking film project. Krieger and Crowe have been working with Benchamaphuth School in Thailand for over six years. For the past three years, they have organized exchange programs between Gulf Island and Cowichan Valley schools and the Thai school.

Interns must cover the cost of their flight and insurance, and contribute toward expenses and travel ($100 per week). All internal travel, accommodation, food and training will be provided. Interested applicants should contact Krieger or Crowe at dki@hot- mail.com or 538-8513 and be available to be in Thailand December 10-January 30.

SENIORS HEALTH

Dementia in focus at hospital event

Irene Barnes is guest speaker

A presentation called The Brain and Dementia is open to the public at Lady Minto Hospital next week. Irene Barnes, a clinician, author and educator with the Elderly Outreach Service of the Vancouver Island Health Authority, will speak on Friday, November 16 from 1 to 4 p.m. at the hospital.

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

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

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

Pre-registration is not necessary.

PATHWAYS PROJECT

Work bees in motion with foundation grant

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

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

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

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

For more information, call Gelviks at 537-4839.

Islanders park legacy tour at next historical meeting

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

“Tillers and nature lovers enjoy the gifts of generous islanders,” notes a press release.

“Some parks are the result of foresight by those in power at the time. Others are the result of community campaigns. Who can forget the struggle to acquire the Treada land?”

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

Glass mural represents island life

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

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

“We are really pleased to have such a nice display,” Schultz said. The piece, created by glass artist and designer Jerry Ringrose, is a fly by 24-foot tempered glass mural that will have moveable donor names placed on top.

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

Ringrose said the piece represents the elements of Salt Spring. “There are elements of water, wind, sails. It echoes the spirit of Salt Spring,” Ringrose said.

He said the work is meant to uplift and relax people who walk by. “It’s a welcoming type of piece.”

The mural will be able to hold 8,000 to 10,000 names placed on moveable tracks. Drivers can move the tracks to allow people to still enjoy the art with donor recognition.

The donor wall represents just one of the foundation’s activities over the last 12 months. The foundation recently committed $143,000 to help purchase the ultrasound machine replacement for medical imaging, provide nurses’ education, pay for ongoing improvements to the emergency room and fund other minor projects.

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

Volunteer jobs need to be filled in driving and depot projects

Latest postings from Volunteer Salt Spring

Volunteers are always needed on our island for projects big and small, and Volunteer Salt Spring has an active listing of all sorts of great opportunities just waiting for you and me with a bit of time and passion to spare. Here are just two of the rewarding opportunities available. Go to the website www.volunteersaltspring.com for more information and volunteer options!

Drivers wanted

• The Salt Spring Senior Services Society needs volunteer drivers with their own cars to drive seniors to and from appointments, both on Salt Spring and to mainland Victoria (generally in Victoria) during the week. Accommodating your life schedule, volunteers drive on a rotating basis — generally one or two weeks in the morning or afternoon, although if you have a spare you’re happy to have you. Shift length varies with trip requirements. Drivers are dispatched with generous advance notice.

Drivers should be experienced with an excellent driving record. An interview will be required. Ferry expenses are covered, and the society arranges special insurance coverage. Drivers may opt to receive a tax donation receipt or a fixed rate of cash for expenses per trip from the society.

• The Salt Spring Senior Services Society offers assistance in various areas of senior living for those 55+. The drivers program provides door to door, and available transportation for any senior citizen who needs it, so that no senior finds himself/herself housebound.

Volunteer drivers will receive the grateful appreciation from the many seniors they help.

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

E-mail: mowbray@saltspring.com

LOAN depot help

• The Canadian Red Cross needs eight volunteers for the Lady Minto Hospital, Red Cross Loan Depot to provide front line assistance, both in person and on the phone, and four volunteers to inspect and maintain loan equipment.

The Red Cross Loan Depot provides a free medical equipment loan service to the community of Salt Spring Island to clients recovering from injury or surgery who require the loan of wheelchairs, walkers, commodes etc.

Front line volunteers are needed for morning or afternoon shifts.

Duties include answering the telephone, replying to messages; loaning out the necessary equipment; and entering computer data; and maintaining accurate records.

Volunteers should have good interpersonal and communication skills for dealing with the public and the medical staff (face to face and by telephone) and willingness to learn about the equipment (e.g. — walkers, wheelchairs, versa frames, raised toilet seats, etc.) Training is provided both on Salt Spring and in Victoria.

Equipment maintenance volunteers are needed for morning or afternoon shifts. Duties include inspecting all equipment to ensure it is in safe working order; cleaning equipment as required; carrying out basic maintenance on equipment as directed, according to established procedures.

Contact: Nathan Huculak, Canadian Red Cross, Victoria, Phone: 1-800-661-9055, extension 504, E-mail: victoria@redcross.ca, website www.redcross.ca/bccoastal.

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@gulflands.net or fax to 250-537-2613.

• For more information, call 250-537-9933.

Teachers: Classes with the highest participation level are eligible to win a donation of $100 made on behalf of the class to the charity of their choice!
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Sports & Recreation

Slayers advance to finals with win

Middle school team faces Harewood Bull Dawgs

BY SHELLIE BARRETT

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

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

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

When the game started, Sam Miles had 22 players and the Sea Lions 15, including their “giraffe” quarterback. Torin McIvor, the Slayers’ quarterback, had his head pumped and ready for a great game.

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

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

In the early part of the first quarter the crowd really got into the game when on defense, running-back McIvor made a spectacular tackle on the Sea Lions’ quarterback known as “the giraffe.” On defence, Hoffman led with 11 tackles, followed by Tyler Layard, Sam Miles, McIvor, Sam Miles blasts though heavy traffic during a touchdown romp in Slayers action.

BY SHELLIE BARRETT

Senior varsity Scorpions head to B.C.s

Last game of year extended

by PATRICK CUIKLINEK

The Gulf Islands Second-

ary School (GISS) senior var-
sity Scorpions thought they had finished off the season with a bang last Tuesday, shutting out the G.P Vanier Towhees.

For 2018 grads on the team, it was to be their last game as a Scorpion.

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

in the second quarter with the Scorpions adding another six points off a 16-yard touchdown from Barrett, who would increase their lead to 12-0. The overall team effort from GISS was just too much for the Towhees to handle and the Scorpions kept their lead going into the half.

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

The Scorpions changed up the style of their game, focussing more on defence to make sure that the Towhees would be stopped from getting on the scoreboard. Angus Fraser, four tackles and a sack; Patrick Poertsch, three tackles and an assist; and Myles Raposo, four tackles, along with Dan Foley, Christopher Palka, Graham Moore and Filippe Machado, all contributed to the phenomenal defensive effort.

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GISS FOOTBALL

Work ethic and heart meet Amada

BY PATRICK CWIKLINSKI

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

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

Despite the five-goal victory, McColl said, Salt Spring failed to get on the scoreboard until early in the second half when Huff Goodwin scored the game winner. “At the half we were starting to get really ants because we normally score a lot of goals”, McColl said.

Goodwin’s goal opened the floodgates for Salt Spring, as Ken Marr, Jude Sugar, Richard Lee and Sean Norgard combined to give the team a five-goal lead. “Halftime through the second the other guys kicked their legs”, McColl said. Goodwin and Marr took turns in goal to earn the team a shutout. “We even had a few opportunities near our goal,” McColl said.

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YOUTH SOCCER

Hat-tricks among highlights

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

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

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

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

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

The opposition stuck two in the net but the team, Kopetzki, assisted by Levitt, scored his hat-trick goal, when Salt Spring rallied the tally to 4-3 for Juan de Fuca.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Cruz finished off more for a twinkle of a well-taken goal, but from then on Salt Spring lost their way without being punished by Juan de Fuca.

Early in the second half the alarm bells rang when Juan de Fuca was awarded a penalty. Fortunately, it came off the post and was cleared to safety. This roused Salt Spring, which was quickly galvanized into producing a third goal from a fine surging run from midfield by Jenson Metherell. It was quickly followed by a quality goal from Cruz who finished off a fine flick pass from Payer.

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**Normandy Memoirs of Geoffrey Donald Corry**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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**D-Day, 6 June 1944**

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

There were destroyers, cruisers, Landing Craft Tanks, Landing Craft Infantry, minelayers, escort vessels, transports and battleships, their huge bulk blocking the distance. Suddenly I realized that with this armed might, transports and battleships, their huge bulk blocking the distance, with this armed might, we waded ashore in chest high water but as I was already well ahead. My first experience of seeing a dead man — it gave me a lurch and then it was over . . . Then we were past tanks slowly moving inland.

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**DIARY**

**Normandy**

**Geoffrey Donald Corry**

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

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**Dawn came about 0430 hours this 8th of June . . . As soon as dawn stood was over, breakfast was cooked in the bottom of the slat trench on a small burner, consisting of strong tea, pork and beans, and hard biscuits. It was quickly eaten. I had just completed my rounds of the position (all men were in good heart) when there was a sudden cry from one of the trenches. Without a warning an ME 109 zoomed not more than 50 feet above our position, so low and close that I could easily see the pilot’s face. He was firing his cannons as he passed over us and every- one dived for the nearest trench. In a flash he was gone with no casualties to us, but it made us all realize how vulnerable the soldier is to attack from air, unless he is under cover. We stayed close to our slits for the rest of the morning.**

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

The orders were brief: the Winnipeg’s had been overrun by the Germans and the battalion’s task was to counter-attack and retake Putot-en-Bessin. Our failure would allow the Germans to drive to the beach and jeopardize the whole invasion. Pretty heady stuff! No time to lose. Return to platoon on the run. Call together platoon sergeant and section commanders. Try to talk clearly but quickly. Explain situation on map. Every- one understands. Send them back to sections. On with the courage of those who fought for our freedom. Throughout our history, it has been through the efforts and sacrifices of those who have served our country that we are privileged to live in a free and peaceful nation.
On November 11, the people of our country who served in wars past will be remembered for their valour.

We thank the men and women who serve our country and make our dreams possible.

In distant lands, So far away, row by row, our soldiers lay. Where men had fought, gave their last breath. Is now their final place of rest. Where sons and fathers said goodbye To wives and mothers, tears they cry. The scarlet poppy grows there now ...In Flander’s Field. Thank You

In remembrance of our veterans who sacrificed their lives for our freedom, and in appreciation of those who continue to protect us today.

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On November 11, take time to remember those who fought for our freedom.

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Capt. (Matron) Jean Doerr, now Jean Holmes of Salt Spring Island, in 1956.
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We must remember.

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

Above, top, an RCAF flight school class in Chatham, N.B., including William (Bill) Steel, father of Salt Spring resident April Steel, second from left in back row. At left is a Bill Steel in Montreal, 1943, and Bill’s “Liberator” bomber. He joined the RCAF in 1942. Following the Burma campaign he was assigned to RAF Squadron 203.
We have freedom today and hope for tomorrow. Therefore we are grateful for those who sacrificed time, energy and life... We honour and we do not forget.

On Rememberance Day, I wish your life be blessed with the courage of our heroes!

Lest we forget...

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On our cover — Counter-clockwise from bottom left: Major Marc Holmes, 1958, in Churchill, Manitoba (and in photo at left on this page); one of several WWII photos submitted by Bill Hoag, who served in England, Burma, India and Ceylon; Canadian army nursing sister Jean (Doerr) Holmes before Coronation parade in Ottawa, 1956; Jean Holmes in Hanover Germany during 1946 occupation; Bill Hoag’s Allied Air Forces Club membership card; Bill Hoag and two friends in Bombay, 1944.
We Will Remember Them
Come out and give thanks to those who served and those who died so that we might live in freedom!

Remembrance Day Service 2007

Sunday, November 11th at 10:45 am at the Cenotaph in Centennial Park.
Legion Chaplain Rev. Barry Valentine officiating.
Parade of Veterans with Legion Pipe Band.

Following the service we invite members of the public to the Royal Canadian Legion on Blain Road to meet our veterans and members.
Enjoy our Community Meat Draw. Tickets on sale @ 2:00 pm.

- President Kerry Butler

Three Door Prizes
Tickets $2.00 each or 3 for $5.00
Two TURKEYS & one SURPRISE!

EARLY BIRD DRAW
for membership renewal, with membership fees as prizes for the two winners.
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What's On This Week

Wed. Nov 7

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Dossa Nkimo Piazza, Great to Praise, Music & Movement Rememberance program at ISRLC, 7:30 p.m.

OTHER ACTIVITIES

Dealing With Low Vision, panel talk & viewing of “The Daily Reader” film, presented by Marguerite Spring of the National Foundation, 10:30 a.m. Youth Alcoholics Anonymous Group for under 20s, 7:30 p.m. Info: VSLS 537-8978.

Zen Meditation, group meeting at 2:30 at Deer Lake every Wednesday, 7 p.m., 537-0511.

Thu. Nov 8

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

One Night Stand, 8 p.m. at Vancouver Island’s largest selection of quality Pre-Owned Vehicles! Stuffing, 5:30-9:30 p.m.

OTHER ACTIVITIES

Alcohol Drumming Circles, Thursdays at Juke Box, 7 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. Info: 537-8879.

Fri. Nov 9

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Staples, 7-9 p.m. Live music at the Sir John A. McDonald Centennial Park. Info: 537-7121.

Sun. Nov 10

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Bee Movie — Held over! This latest animated feature from DreamWorks Studios is sure to charm the soul with Michael Waters. Acoustic Guitar, 10:30 a.m. Info: 537-8855.

Mon. Nov 11

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Kundalini Yoga, Sunday at Ganges Yoga Studio, 4:30 p.m. Info: 537-7121.

 Tue. Nov 13

Activities

Kundalini Yoga Workshop with Suzanne North. 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Fri. Nov 16

Activities

Kundalini Yoga Workshop with Suzanne North. 7-9 a.m. and 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Sun. Nov 18

Activities

Kundalini Yoga Workshop with Suzanne North. 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Wed. Nov 21

Activities

Kundalini Yoga Workshop with Suzanne North. 4 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Sat. Nov 24

Activities

Kundalini Yoga Workshop with Suzanne North. 7 a.m. to 9 a.m.

Wed. Nov 28

Activities

Kundalini Yoga Workshop with Suzanne North. 7 a.m. to 9 a.m.

Fri. Nov 30

Activities

Kundalini Yoga Workshop with Suzanne North. 7 a.m. to 9 a.m.

Sat. Dec 1

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BAG-A-BOOK SALE

Sat., Dec. 1, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Meaden Hall Want to donate? Drop off any new books to Meaden Hall on Wed.-Thurs. Nov 28-29 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Info: Carolyn Maycock 537-9810; info@ssicommunityed.com

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Sun. Dec. 2

Activities


Marmo Miller’s Playroom. Artworks, open 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. 750 Community Transit & Transportation Commission. Meet at 3:30 p.m. 7 p.m. Public welcome.

Wed. Nov 14

Activities

Portrait Drawing. Painters Guild event at ArtSpring, 9 a.m. to noon. Drop in or RSVP. Info: Joe, 537-1211.

Stitch Dimension quilt Guild. Meets every Wednesday at Baptist church, at the back, 7 p.m. Info: Carolyn 537-2403.

Salt Spring Island: Our Park Legacy. 55 historical society meeting with Bosnia Lapid and Charles Kuhn. Central Hall, 2 p.m.
ISLAND AUTHORS

Smart named Canada’s people’s poet

Part of Honourd literary tradition

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

Smart’s book Decked and Dancing was published last year by Hedgrowing Press of Sidney and has won the award that in many ways is considered similar to the Governor General’s Award for Poetry.

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

They presented him with the award in 1979.

In life, Acorn worked as a fireman, freight handler and longshoreman and deemed himself a troubadour of the working class. He performed at coffee houses in his early career and wrote extensively from the 1960s until his death.

“He was considered one of the most accessible Canadian literary figures of his time,” states recent press material.

“The award recognizes poetry written with the common reader in mind.”

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

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

The award consists of a medalion and cheque may take place on Salt Spring in early December.

ArtSpring Theatre 537-2102
www.artspring.ca
www.allisoncrowe.com

WOODWORKS ARTISTS join Victoria craft fair

Out of the Woods show includes John Lore, Man Illtyd Perkins, whose classic Morris standing desk is among work by several fine furniture makers at the Out of the Woods show at the Victoria Conference Centre.

Milk woodwork in the show include John Lore and Evan Sadler of Live Edge Design, Brett Comber, Enrico König, Judson Beaumont and Wes Giesbrecht.

Show hours are noon to 8 p.m. on November 22, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on November 24 and 10-5 on the 25th.

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

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

NEW BOOKS

Essence of islands captured

New coffee table book offers inside information

The Southern Gulf Islands have come alive in a new book Enchanted Isles created by a two Pender islanders. Enchanted Isles offers an insider’s view of the unique life and history of the Southern Gulf Islands through factual tidbits, stories and professional photos. Author David A.E. Spalding and photographer Kevin Oke are long-time residents of the Gulf Islands and give their valuable knowledge of the area to the book. Readers enjoy an historic overview of the islands as well as insiders’ tips for visitors. The photos showcase the landscapes and local wildlife of the islands.

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

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

The author-photographer team will also be on Pender Island on Friday, November 10 at 5 p.m. at Talisman Bookstore and Gallery. The second stop on their tour is Galiano Island on Sunday, November 19 at 2 p.m. at Galiano Island Books. Spalding and Oke will also present an author-photography talk at Salt Spring Island on Saturday, November 24 at 2 p.m. at Salt Spring Books.

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

Enchanted Isles is published by Harbour Publishing.

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ISLAND WRITERS

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

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

PHOTOGRAPHY

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An artist’s talk will take place on the same day. People should check the Galloons Lap website at www.gphoto.com or call (250) 318-0182 for details.

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PLAY REVIEW

Salt Spring Blues hits home with look at relationships

By Elizabeth Nolan

Do more marriages fail on Salt Spring than elsewhere? Is there something about the island that causes relationships to crumble?

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

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

Filkow is well known on the island for his role in community theatre and as one of The Geezers (Arvid Chalmers’ oft-time partner in comedy). This is his first effort as a full-length writer and director, taking in comedy (Arvid Chalmers’ oft-time partner in comedy). This is his first effort as a full-length writer and director, taking in comedy.

The play takes place entirely within Phyllis and Allen’s Salt Spring home, which has been divided down the centre with police tape (including the couch). Personal belongings, clothes and books are in stacks everywhere, tagged with pink or blue sticky notes.

The projection of a Salt Spring view against the back wall cleverly brings a sense of place to the otherwise minimalistic set.

Phyllis has been unhappy in the marriage for some time and has decided she can’t take it anymore, while Allen is trying anything to get her to stay.

There are many scenes of talking and fighting, with a few tender moments where one or both remember some happy aspects. Typically, Phyllis is all about taking therapy and self-help workshops, while Allen avoids talking about feelings and would rather just joke things along.

“These conversations are like a death experience to me,” he moans. Phyllis’ plan to separate is contingent on getting the house sold so they can take the money and go their own ways. Allen is not for this plan, and sabotages it (not so subtly) whenever real estate agent Helen attempts to show the house.

He appears to be channelling Kevin Spacey’s American Beauty character, revelling in an extended adolescence that includes Batman T-shirts and pot smoking.

Helen has her own failed relationships, and the only people interested in their marriage is about to hit the rocks any second. The cast of characters is rounded out with sultry Lola, the interior designer who rocks any second. The cast of characters is rounded out with sultry Lola, the interior designer who knows all the tradesmen.

The women in Salt Spring Blues are articulate and insightful, but bitter overall (except Lola). The men are sad, sex-deprived blokes who are surely at fault for their partners’ disappointments, but are portrayed a little more sympathetically.

Marriage is certainly Filkow’s main target, but the real estate industry also gets plenty of jabs. Most funny is when Allen begins to think the sad fate of marriages on Salt Spring is a conspiracy by the real estate agents to sell houses more often.

The island’s spiritual community also takes some hits. Phyllis is busy trying to complete the 20,000 proclamations necessary to get into a Buddhist retreat in Colorado, and at one point the pair attempts to settle matters by consulting the I Ching.

The actors share a strong responsibility in such a character-driven story, and they do not disappoint. Stewart Katz, known for his one-man self-deprecating comedy shows and books, does a fine job as Allen.

He manages to keep the character likeable instead of seeming whiny or over-desperate, and his sense of comedic timing is put to good effect here. Marri McBride is equally good as Phyllis, although since her character is much angrier, she isn’t given many of the funny lines.

Randie Clark is the perfect real estate agent and voice of pragmatism. Marck Shipley as Marvin, Thom Glover as Molly and Wendy Beattie as Lola all appear to have great fun with their roles.

How much you enjoy Salt Spring Blues probably depends on the state of your own long-term relationship.

(If you are not yet involved in one, you may decide to stay single after seeing this play.)

Although many funny moments occur, the overall message is more serious, and the first half especially can get rather heavy.

Watching a couple fight can be anxiety provoking, and not every one’s idea of a fun evening out — though you wouldn’t guess that from the laughter coming from the row of women seated front and centre last Saturday.

Clearly, there’s a lot in Salt Spring Blues that hits home.

It’s on at ArtsSpring Thursday, Friday and Saturday, November 8-10 at 8 p.m., with tickets available through ArtsSpring (537-2102).

The play runs from Tuesday through Saturday, November 20-23 at 8 p.m., with tickets available through ArtsSpring (537-2102).

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FOLK MUSIC

Award nominees present acoustic house concert
Jaime RT and friends on Nov. 15

Islanders are invited to share an intimate evening of wonderful music on Thursday, November 15, when Andy Hilthouse and Jaime RT present an acoustic concert at the exquisite home of Ted and Carol Brown. Enlynn Stam will make a special appearance on piano and the concert will include gourmet finger food and beverages.

“It will be a wonderful evening of acoustic instrumental music and song, featuring the sounds of Jaime’s five-string fiddle, Andy’s brilliant guitar playing and beautiful voice, and Stam playing lush piano on an elegant Steinway grand,” describes recent press material.

Doors will open at 7:30 p.m. and the music will start a bit later, “when it feels right.”

Admission is $25 for adults and $10 for children (which includes gourmet finger foods and drinks). The “acoustically exquisite” Brown home is located at 143 Castle Cross Road, which is five minutes south of Ganges, near Slegg Lumber.

All are welcome, but seating is limited. Tickets are by advance sale only. People wanting to be a part of this wonderful and musical evening should RSVP to jaime@jaime-ment.com, or purchase tickets at Salt Spring Music, www.sylphides.com andyblushousemusic or www.jaimer.com. Jaime’s CD Spark, which features guitarist Hilthouse, was recently nominated for a Canadian Folk Music Award.

WORKSHOP

Visionary drum amazon visits island

Nov. 9-11 workshop at The Gatehouse

Afi a Walking Tree will be at The Gatehouse retreat centre from November 9-11, offering her skills as a world-renowned shaman, spiritual activist and empowerment facilitator.

Born and raised in Kingston, Jamaica, she is currently based in Oakland, California.

Walking Tree serves as the musical director of Spirit Drumz, an organization which opened the Underground Drum Sanctuary in 2001 to celebrate the chirality of women, youth and men worldwide from many cultures.

“They mobilized to create a meeting place to commemorate and reawaken the lineage of lost cultures and traditions through drumming, dancing, chanting and vocalizations named by Walking Tree as ‘sound powah affirmations,’” notes press material.

She has shared the stage with many luminaries such as jazz soul artists Tuck + Patti, Arthur Hall and Ubaka Hill.

Writer and activist Alice Walker writes of Walking Tree’s work: “She brings in strong medicines of release, inspiration and creativity to those of us who long to rest in the nurturance of rhythm, song, drum, and movement that is useful, stress free, fun, and loving.”

The Salt Spring workshop called Drum Our Souls: Free Empower Our Voice, Awaken Our Rhythms will give cultural backgound to context, and encourage multi-instrumental techniques and soloing confidence for all ages, genders and abilities.

For more information, contact Calyx Kuprowski at 537-4738 or e-mail howl-thenow@hotmail.com.
Music genres meld at Monday show

When it comes to demystifying classical music, “there are smart ways of doing it and there are dumb ways,” says ArtsSpring’s executive director George Sipos.

Vancouver’s Joe Trio, who will be playing at ArtsSpring on Monday, November 12, are among the smartest of the smart, he says. “No ponderous and po-faced demonstrations of minor and major chords or the supposed melodic felicities of dreary dead Russians. Joe Trio’s performances are based on the twin premises that lightness and humour are essential to music, and that wit and intelligence are more important to demystification than dumbing down.”

A typical Joe Trio concert combines piano trio music from the likes of Haydn and Shostakovich, with arrangements in a variety of classical styles from jazz standards, rock and pop tunes, and original new music. The goal is to open the ears of audiences to new combinations of musical genres that bring us closer to the essence of the classical experience.

The group is made up of violinist Cameron Wilson and cellist Charles Inman, both active members of the Vancouver Symphony and of the CBC Radio Orchestra, and pianist Allen Stiles, the founding artistic director of Vancouver’s Little Chamber Music Series That Could. Only musicians with such impeccable classical pedigrees could pull off what has been described as “simply witty, charming and tremendously musical” performances, said Sipos.

What can you expect at a Joe Trio concert? Here is Deryk Marlow writing recently in Music in Victoria: “The Pink Panther Variations depicts two centuries of musical development via nine variations on Henry Mancini’s famous theme, including brilliant pastiches of Mozart, Beethoven, Stravinsky, Weben, Shostakovich, Elvis Presley and (gulp!) Deep Purple. A tour-de-force both as composition and performance.”

Tickets for good seats are still available from the ArtsSpring Ticket Centre (537-2102).

The Wall: Indoor Rock Climbing Gym, Contact jalexander@salics.ca

Recycle Depot: Open Tuesday - Saturday 10 am - 5 pm, 349 Rainbow Rd., 537-1200.

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Q: Would my property taxes go up?
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November 8-10: Salt Lake City Blues — a comedy written and directed by Sid Flikow. Life, love and separation — Salt Lake style. 8 p.m.

• Monday, November 12: Joe Trio. You’ve heard violinist Cameron Wilson, cellist Charles Iskanian and pianist Allen Stiles on Stuart McLean’s Vinyl Café. Trio members are fantastic performers who engage the audience in a way few classical musicians can. Witty, charming and tremendously musical, Joe Trio leaves audiences with a new appreciation for classical music. 8 p.m.

• Tuesday, November 13: Warren Miller’s Playground. Film from the man who invented the extreme sports film genre. Film chapters include varied locations from Whistler Blackcomb to Dubai, United Arab Emirates and Sweden to Alaska. For each $20 ticket sold, ticket holders will receive 2 for 1 lift vouchers for Mount Washington and another 2 for 1 lift voucher for Whistler Blackcomb, that’s a $40.00 value. 7 p.m.

• Sunday, November 18:

Stacey Earle & Mark Stuart
ArtSpring Theatre
Thursday, November 22
8 p.m.

Acclaimed director hosts comedy workshop

The director of Genie award-winning Margaret’s Museum hopes to mine a new level of artistic talent from aspiring Salt Spring Island actors during two four-day workshops beginning November 8 and 15.

“What he wants to do is involve a combination of delivery, posture and movement, organizers hope video will provide students with a frame-by-frame analysis of what works and what falls flat.

The decision to host a comedy workshop, Spot- tiswoode said, follows news that Graffiti Theatre will stage the Garson Kanin Born Again play in May 2008 as part of its 2008-2009 season — an extension of Graffiti’s new theatre series, directed by none other than Ranser.

Though not required for prospective actors seeking parts in the spring presentation, completing the work- shop is helpful, said Spot- tiswoode.

Class sizes are limited to 12 participants.

Space remains in the ses- sions beginning on Novem- ber 8 and continuing on November 15 only.

Cost and registration information can be obtained by calling Spottiswoode at 357-1283.

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SPECIAL

DARING DAVE:
Men & a Mode fashion show participant Dave Phillips gets set for the November 8 Splasht UV- system fundraiser at the Harbour House. Splasht UV-system fundraiser at the Harbour House. Spottiswoode, Graffiti Theatre’s executive director, shared the news that Graffiti Theatre will stage the Garson Kanin Born Again play in May 2008 as part of its 2008-2009 season — an extension of Graffiti Theatre’s new theatre series, directed by none other than Ranser.

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Skin Sensations

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At Skin Sensations, facials are done using Eminence Organic Skin Care Products. We would like to take this opportunity to tell you a bit about Eminence’s “The Greenest Company in Town” initiative.

Eminence Organic Skin Care - Take a trip to Hungary and treat your senses and your skin to an exotic skin care line that brings together high quality Hungarian ingredients with an old world knowledge of herbs and fruits.

Our active ingredients are grown organically in Hungary, and have been chosen for their beautifying and therapeutic properties. Natural ingredients are potent and they give beautiful lastings results for a clear, balanced, revitalized, and naturally glowing complexion.

Green Production:-

- Ingredient farm in Hungary is powered by solar & wind energy and geothermal heating in the laboratory.
- Natural compost is used during planting.
- Planting and harvesting are done by hand, producing little or no carbon emissions.
- Eminence uses natural farming techniques like honey traps instead of harsh toxic chemicals.
- Paper boxes are made from 50% recycled materials and are recyclable. Wooden boxes are made from 50% recycled materials and bamboo display stands are made from renewable resources, plastic containers are reusable and recyclable.
- Packing chips are made completely from corn-based products and dissolve in running water.
- Eminence’s courier company uses environmentally friendly hybrid vehicles that reduce emissions by 50% over conventional cars.

This month, Skin Sensations is featuring:

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**KATHERINE J OY CHORNEY 1956-2007**

It is with great sadness that we announce that Katherine J. Chorney’s sudden and unexpected death. Katherine J. Chorney was born in Winnipeg, Manitoba, the daughter of Frank and Norma Dunn. She was the loving wife of Thomas Chorney. Katherine J. Chorney is deeply mourned by her sisters, Susan and Lindsay; brother-in-law, Timmy Chorney, David Dalgleish and Martin Lany; and is deeply missed by her nieces and nephews, including Jordan, Kaitlyn, Daniel, and Catherine. Kathy leaves behind the mother of her two children, Philip and Elizabeth.

Katherine was a Registered Nurse working at St. Mary’s Hospital, where she obtained her degree in nursing from the University of Victoria. She was a dedicated and respected nurse, and her presence will be deeply missed by her patients and colleagues.

She loved the outdoors and the peace and beauty of nature. She enjoyed hiking, camping, and spending time with her family. She was a kind and generous person, always willing to lend a helping hand.

Katherine J. Chorney’s passing leaves a void in the lives of her family and friends. She will be deeply missed, and her memory will live on in the memories and hearts of those who knew her.

**Memorial Service & Interment**

St. Mary’s Anglican Church, Fulford Harb.
Fulford Hall, November 4, 2007

She will be interred at the Salt Spring Island Cemetery.

Katherine J. Chorney’s life was a testament to her love of nature and her commitment to helping others. She will be deeply missed, but her memory will live on in the hearts of those who loved her.
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SALT SPRING ISLAND PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION
Applications are being received from persons interested in serving as a member of the PARC Commission. Terms begin January 2008
Application forms are available by email by contacting parc@saltspring.com or the PARC office Mon. to Fri. 8:30-4:30 pm.
Please submit your application no later than Nov. 9, 2007 to:
2870 Dewdney Ave., North Vancouver, BC V7R 2C3
or by email to parc@saltspring.com

RESIDENT HOMEMAKER
Here we Grow! A Must-See Place
Our newest house, Elm, at Heritage Place is very close to having enough Residents to warrant its own Homemaker.
Would you like to manage your own House at Heritage Place by providing and maintaining a clean, healthy and serene living environment for senior ladies? The live-in Homemaker will:
• Prepare and serving the evening meal five days a week (Recipes, menus and food are supplied)
• Cleaning suites once a week which includes laundered linens
• Responding to Lifeline calls so as to offer comfort until the Emergency team arrives
• Recording House activities for various purposes.

Times of Work: Five days per week 11:00am-7:00 pm.
Live-in Apartment: The Resident Homemaker is required to occupy the bright, attractive, self-contained 1-bedroom apartment located upstairs from the Seniors’ suites. Rent for the apartment is $50 per month which includes hydro, water, garbage, parking for one car, blinds, telephone, fridge, dishwasher, use of house laundry facilities, and cable television.

Qualifications: The Resident Homemaker’s position is a key one for the success of Heritage Place. It is the Resident Homemaker who is primarily responsible for the quality of life at Heritage Place.

The key qualifications for a successful Resident Homemaker are:
• Excellent interpersonal skills (including consensus building, conflict resolution, and negotiating, team building, etc.)
• Excellent cooking skills
• Good basic tool knowledge, valid BC Driver’s License
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Please submit resumes and references to: General Manager by email: manager@heritageplace.info or by mail to Heritage Place for Seniors, #600 – 120 Crabb Road, Salt Spring Island, B.C., V8K 2T4
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Well meaning Re: “House size, setbacks strangle OCP,” October 24 Driftwood article. 

In these most troubling energy times, it is unfortunate that the Driftwood sets up for ridicule well-meaning efforts by OCP focus group members to reduce the overall environmental footprint of structures of the future. 

Hoping to spark self-centred outpourings from property owners is no responsible way to come to terms with an overcrowded, overheated planet. 

Indeed, it is very self-discarding of the Driftwood to routinely publish broadsides instead of constructively assisting islanders who seek to keep the Gulf Islands from becoming communities of sparsely populated mega-homes far from ever being carbon neutral-responsive dwellings. 

As ecologist Aldo Leopold poignantly put it: “A thing is right when it tends to preserve the integrity, stability and beauty of the biotic community. It is wrong when it tends otherwise.”

HOWARD BREEN, SALT SPRING ISLAND

Dollar impact

Earlier this year, wrote an article in the Driftwood on the Kiva organization which allows us in the first world to make very efficient micro loans to small business owners in the third world. 

After it was printed I received considerable feedback thanking me for helping individuals become aware of the program. 

If you missed the article, it is available on my family web page at: http://www.thestandens.ca/Ramblings/ Driftwood/2007_02_-14.html

The reason for this letter is to remind readers of this opportunity and to highlight that the loans are made in US dollars and that with the recent rise of the Canadian dollar (closing just over $1.07 on Friday), these loans have become much more affordable. It has certainly prompted me to do a little more business with Kiva.

IMMEDIATELY! So it is highly unlikely that Island residents will calmly accept that, by the stroke of a pen, a tiny local governing body can redefine, diminish and wreck their waterfront properties.

What a ridiculous suggestion! Certainly there should be some guidelines and perimeters in place to protect the building of future dwellings in regards to shoreline high tides. The fact that we live in an earthquake zone and could experience tidal waves, should make people concerned about how and where they build their houses for their own personal safety and that of their families. 

There are other issues at hand but, for the moment should at least be embraced by individuals as it relates to them on a more personal level. Having said that, how can the focus group involved in this study and the Trust members, consider creating regulations regarding private property that people have already built on? Is this not a democratic society we live in?

There would have to be a monetary compensation made to off-set the consequences should this proposal become law. 

In this day and age, we should all be concerned about natural resources. I am assuming that the suggestion for standardizing the building of house size is related to this concern. 

I would suggest that the size of people’s homes does not necessarilly mean that they will take more or less of the resource pie. In fact, I can pretty much guarantee that this equation doesn’t work that way.

Our family lives in a 3,200-sq.-foot house but we are very environmentally conscious — we try hard, keep our thermostats at a somewhat lower level, only grow vegetables and eat mostly organic food, much of it locally produced, plan our trips into town and shop mainly on island to minimize the use of fossil fuels.

If I lived in a 5,000-square-foot home, these practices would continue because of the values that we uphold. It is education that is needed, not limiting house size.

Perhaps a better suggestion regarding this issue is, if possible, to create guidelines and information regarding the use of power and water, for example. Households that go beyond the maximum suggested usage would have penalties imposed as the way of handling these services.

Monetary fines generally would not be so negatively received but it would be less of an affront to pay to. In my mind, there is has to be a more realiable way to monitor the value of the OCP for the current .

Salt Spring is a beautiful place in which we should all feel so blessed to live here. It is our own individual responsibility to protect the integrity of our jurisdiction, in particular, to the earth.

Developers are coming

In view of the recent plethora of advertisements and letters in the Driftwood concerning the Islands Trust, your readers might be interested in a copy of the Raging Granaries’ recent song.

To the tune of “She’ll Be Comin’ Round the Moun-

Developers are coming - be on guard - be on guard! The developers are coming - be on guard - be on guard! 

‘Cuz they’re diggin’ up our farmland where they can - where they can.

‘Cuz they’re diggin’ up our farmland where they can - where they can.

They don’t give a damn for beauty, they just care about their booty.

So they’re changing all our islands where they can! 

But they’ll make life so much better, so don’t worry, don’t you fretter 

Cuz they’ll make life so much better, so don’t fretter 

And our “sanc-tu-ary” islands will become - will become 

Just another glitzy play-ground in the sun - in the sun.

Oh, forget the farmers market, we’ll get malls, fast-food and pine

For happy days of rural peace and family fun.

We must stop this pros-pering - be on guard - be on guard.

We must stop this pros-pering - be on guard - be on guard.

We must all rise up, speak out and take a stand!

We have trustees with a voice, we’ll protect us as their mission 

And preserve our fragile islandortonate.

When the plan is all through - to the Trust - Islands Trust.

Be aware of special interest.

We must stop the back-hoes coming and curtail the buildings.

Our rural land will wear and asphalt crust 

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I hope you’re sitting down as you read this. My intention is not to cause panic and anguish in the community, but you need to know that we are facing a grave and imminent danger. There is an insidious, uncontrolled substance running rampant through society and nobody’s doing a damned thing about it.

Poten? This stuff can turn a Leopard tank into a mound of rust. Dangerous? It can smash through cement walls and devastate entire towns — even cities. Harmful to the plane? It reconfigures entire landscapes, causes acid rain and is a major contributor to the Greenhouse Effect.

What’s more, this chemical is everywhere. In our hospitals, our schools, our homes — even ourselves. It’s been found in the tumors of terminal cancer patients as it’s known to be present in every organ of our bodies. Can it kill you? In a variety of ways. In solid form it’s been known to cause severe tissue damage. As a gas it can leave you with third degree burns. Inhaling it as a liquid will kill you stone dead in minutes.

Now for the bad news — we’re all addicted to it. Can’t live without it. Total withdrawal will cause headaches, weight loss, major organ failure and ultimately, certain death.

And the name of this nightmare chemical that threatens our future and rules our destiny? Some call it DHMO — dihydrogen monoxide. It’s also known as hydroxyl acid.

Most folks just call it water.

It’s strange, love-hate relationship we have with water. In 1779, the U.S. warship known as Old Ironsides set sail from Boston carrying 475 officers and men, 7,400 cannonballs, 11,600 pounds of black powder, 7,000 gallons of rum and 48,600 gallons of fresh water. She returned to Boston seven months later with no cannon balls, no black powder, no rum . . . and 48,000 gallons of stagnant water.

These days? A total sea change in attitude. Today, in shopping malls and airport lounges, at baseball games and bar mitzvahs you see people practically welded to their personal water supply. They’re all clutching their plastic bottles of Dasani and Aquafina. They look like they’re preparing for a crossing of the Gobi, but no, they’re merely “keep- ing hydrated,” a la the latest fad. When I was a kid, the only adults who actu- ally carried their own water supply around with them were GIs in war movies and Humphrey Bogart crawling through the cactus in Treas- ure of the Sierra Madre. Nowadays, everybody packs their own “canteen.”

Must have been a bit of a challenge for the Madison Avenue advertising buzzards to figure out how to make so many of us pay for something we can get for free. In the end, they used the same technique they use to flog that watery beer that all tastes the same — they sold us an image.

Aquafina, for instance, “bottled at the source. P.W.S.” Now for the bad news — this stuff is smart water is when you walk the tap and there is this wonderful product that is life fulfilling and delivered right into the room we want it in.”

Oh, yeah — tap water. The stuff we’ve already paid for. Before companies like Pepsi bottle it and sell it back to us.