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HORSES ON SHOW: Gina Klemm and Alysha Collette hang out with Penny as Blennerhassett Equestrian Centre holds a horse show on Saturday.

WATER

CRD faces resident water wrath

Lead-up to March 19 borrowing vote

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

With less than a week to go before residents of the Fernwood and Highland water districts head to the ballot box, most of the roughly 50 people who attended a Monday evening information session left with more questions than answers.

Residents of the districts' 332 properties are being asked to vote in a March 19 referendum that could give the Capital Regional District authority to borrow up to \$500,000 for cost overruns incurred during the construction of a new treatment facility on Maycock Road.

Should the borrowing be approved, ratepayers who draw water from the Fernwood and Highland districts can expect to pay an additional \$44 every three months for the next 15 years to cover the loan.

According to Scott Mason, the CRD's manager of regional infrastructure, that's the price to ensure access to efficiently delivered potable water.

Should the referendum pass, the CRD anticipates completion of the new dissolved air flotation (DAF) unit by March 2012. Mason said the new facility will meet the community's need for about 20 years.

"It's an ambitious schedule and we think we can achieve

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ISLANDS TRUST

Adjudication proposal stirs dissent

Ehring regrets 'misleading' statement

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Local politics rarely achieve the dramatic highs reached at Thursday's meeting of the Salt Spring Local Trust Committee after trustees gave first, second and third readings to a bylaw that will implement a new bylaw enforcement adjudication process.

Trustees and Islands Trust staff spent a significant part of the afternoon's discussion trying to dispel notions that the bylaw entails any new fines, penalties or infractions.

"There are no new fines," trustee George Ehring told the uncharacteristically large crowd gathered at the ArtSpring theatre.

"The bylaw itself and the schedule of fines comes out of the land use bylaw. Those sections that it references already exist in the land use bylaw," Ehring said. "Those sections have already been part of the bylaw for many years and were already part of a bylaw adoption process that included public hearings, so there's nothing new here."

Ehring's reassurances that the new bylaw represented no major changes veered off course when it was determined that the new regulation included larger fines. In some cases, those fines are as much as 300 per cent higher as a result of Thursday's decision.

Accompanying the new Bylaw No. 446 is a list

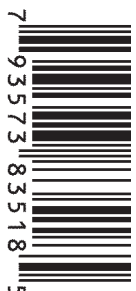
of 114 wide-ranging infractions with fines of between \$100 for the failure to provide vegetation screens for kennels and/or boarding facilities and \$500 for the disposal of waste matter on land or marine areas.

In most cases, fine amounts are significantly higher than those established when the initial ticketing bylaw was established back in February 2006. In some cases, fines are higher than the 2006 levels even after something called the "compliance agreement discount" is taken into account.

In a Monday interview, Ehring confirmed that what he intended to mean by the sentence "no

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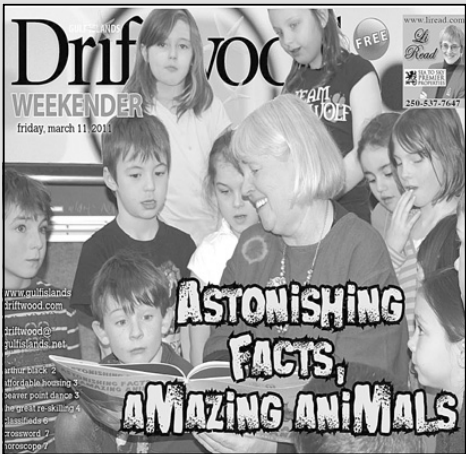
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NEWSBEAT

HIGHLAND WATER DISTRICT

Algal bloom still in active growth phase

VIHA set to reconsider water advisory with use of new sand filters

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

The water advisory imposed on residents of the Highland Water District during the past six weeks could be repealed as early as next week, according to a Capital Regional District spokesperson on Tuesday.

CRD staff are set to meet with representatives from the Vancouver Island Health Authority to discuss if an improvement in the quality of treated water justifies an end to the advisory.

Maria Roxborough, a CRD laboratory specialist, said microcystin levels from the raw water continue to come in at between six and eight parts per billion, significantly above the 1.5 advisable limit set by the federal government.

"The bloom is still in the active-growth phase and toxicity levels haven't decreased," she said.

The addition of new sand filters at the Highland water treatment plant have, however, effectively filtered out much of the toxin.

Whether or not those new filters are doing an adequate job to provide long-term potability will be the subject of next week's meeting between VIHA and the CRD.

Roxborough said residents of the Highland district should continue to draw water from the tap outside the North Salt Spring Water District office at least



PHOTO BY DERRICK LUNDY

Grant Tamboline and Charlie McDonald of North Salt Spring Waterworks test St. Mary Lake water. Samples are then sent off for analysis.

until results of next week's meeting are in hand.

Customers on Salt Spring's Highland drinking water system were advised not to use their tap water for drinking or food preparation on Jan. 26 after detection of a toxin produced by blue-green algae growing in St. Mary Lake.

Roxborough said water can be used for bathing, showering and the brushing of teeth as long as it isn't swallowed.

"This notice does not apply to the Fernwood or North Salt Spring Water-

works drinking water systems as the water treatment process in those systems can remove the microcystin toxin. Recent testing confirms that the tap water in those systems continues to be safe to drink," reads information on the CRD's website.

Roxborough said CRD staff are testing water from both Fernwood and Highland systems on a weekly basis. NSSWD staff also do weekly water testing.

Updates are available on the CRD's website, www.crd.bc.ca.

CRD cites 'construction issues' as water district problem

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it," Mason told participants.

If the referendum fails, Mason said, the project will face further delays and will likely lose approximately \$950,000 in provincial infrastructure funding.

Should infrastructure funds be lost, the district runs the risk of being on the hook for the project's full costs if the Vancouver Island Health Authority orders the CRD to meet federally legislated drinking water standards.

"If you vote no, there may be no more money available," Mason said.

While Mason did his best to chart residents' options, questions from the floor persisted on getting to the root of

why the project is overdue and overbudget.

"We had issues with the construction process," he said.

Issues arose when it was determined that plans from the DAF unit, buildings and access road didn't jive with the property's lot lines.

Although an internal CRD review has been launched, Mason said, blame for the oversight has yet to be determined.

"We're not going to lose sight of assigning blame," Mason said. "We have got to go through a process to determine who to assign the blame to. I'm not going to stand up here and say somebody else has to wear the bill 100 per cent."

He also noted that

legal costs associated with resolving a "falling out" between the CRD and the project's original contractor, Ridge-line Mechanical, continue to mount.

None of the CRD representatives present at Monday evening's meeting could say how much the legal bill associated with the dispute is at present or high it is expected to get.

Mason noted that accountability will be taken care of once the project is back on track to meet the March 2012 provincial infrastructure grant deadline.

Salt Spring Island CRD director Garry Hendren assured everyone in attendance that a more thorough breakdown of the proposed \$500,000, including more detailed informa-

tion about legal costs, would be distributed to residents in time for the referendum.

Hendren also promised to offer more detailed information about how money borrowed as a result of a 2009 referendum was spent.

An information sheet distributed on Monday listed the amount approved by Highland voters in 2009 as \$400,680, when the amount on the ballot was \$559,000. Fernwood district voters had approved \$195,000 in borrowing for the project in 2009, for a total of \$754,000, not the \$595,680 stated on the public meeting documents.

Total costs for the project have reached nearly \$2.5 million, a 30 per cent increase from the initial \$1.9-million budget.

Hendren also responded to participants' requests that the CRD investigate options for residents to provide a one-time \$1,500 lump-sum payment in order to forgo the \$44 per quarter charge.

As one audience

member noted, interest over the 15-year period brings the per property cost for the upgrade to approximately \$2,600.

"I'd much rather just pay it up front and be done with it," said one participant.

Advance polls for the referendum take place between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m. on March 9 (today) and March 16 at the Ganges Fire Hall (105 Lower Ganges Rd.). General voting day is set for the Fernwood Elementary School (150 Fernwood Rd.) on Saturday, March 19 between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m.

Eligible voters must have lived on or owned property in the Highland and Fernwood Water Service areas for 30 days.

The CRD anticipates that a newsletter addressing participants' questions will be distributed before the end of the week.

More information about the process is available on the CRD's website, www.crd.bc.ca.

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PARKS AND RECREATION

SSI rowing club recently denied lake access

Popular group seeks permanent home

BY SEAN MCINTYRE

DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Members of Salt Spring Island's rowing club need access to a sliver of lakeside property if there's any hope the group can continue to thrive.

"We just want a home," said high school rowing coach Stacy Mitchell during a formal delegation at the Parks and Recreation Commission's monthly meeting on Feb. 28.

The rowing club must find a new location to launch its boats and park a 60-foot boat trailer during practice sessions because the property it now uses has been put up for sale.

PARC members reluctantly voted against a proposal that would have given the club permission to use a lake access point at the end of Suffolk Road.

While all commissioners at the meeting voiced support for the club and its objectives, modest public opposition and provincial government policies led them to deny the application.

Both the Salt Spring Island Water Preservation Society and the St. Mary Lake Stewardship Committee had submitted letters opposing any development, however minimal, at the Suffolk Road site.

"Since this land is a public resource, it should be dedicated to its highest and best use," wrote WPS chair Ron Hall in a December 2010 letter to PARC.

"In this case, we believe that its best use is to protect the quality of water in St. Mary Lake, the source of drinking water for a large portion of the island. The best way to do that is to maintain this area in its current vegetated state with no development."

Comments from representatives of the Ministry of Transportation received in late February scuttled any hope of using the site by confirming that neither PARC nor the Capital Regional District is permitted to enter into a lease arrangement with the rowing club.

At last 12 rowing club members showed up at last week's meeting. They noted that acquisition of a permanent site for the club is needed to promote the club.

"This is the fifth piece of land we've used since 1980," said club member and veteran rower Judy Raddysh.

Commissioner Jane Horsburgh called the prospect of the club being kicked off the lake "absolutely dreadful," but acknowledged that there is little PARC members can do.

"There's sensible and then there's policy," said Jon Suk,



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Rowers enjoy St. Mary Lake in 2006.

vice chair of PARC. "It seems we have a huge amount of policy that has turned something very sensible into something very difficult."

Commissioners have asked that the rowing club's members continue to seek an appropriate location, ideally on private land adjoining the lake.

The rowing club comprises nearly 30 members, half of whom are enrolled at Gulf Islands Secondary School.

"This has been really important in my life," said high school rower Anna Hoskins. "It's helped me a lot with my confidence."

Rowing club members and parks and recreation com-

"If there is a win-win situation, I'm sure we'd all like to see that come about."

STANLEY SHAPIRO
PARC commissioner

missioners welcome any public suggestions about potential rowing sites on St. Mary or any other island lake.

"If there is a win-win situation, I'm sure we'd all like to see that come about," said commissioner Stanley Shapiro.

News briefs

Dry grad uncorked

The annual BC Liquor Stores' dry grad fundraising campaign is now underway.

Customers at the government liquor stores on Pender and Salt Spring can donate \$1 or more when they make a purchase, receiving a chocolate in return.

All donations will be distributed to Gulf Islands Secondary School's alcohol-free graduation celebrations.

Last year, BC Liquor Stores customers across the province donated a total of \$548,157 in support of dry graduation events.

The annual Support Dry Grad campaign is part of

BC Liquor Stores' corporate social responsibility program, which promotes the responsible use of beverage alcohol and prevention of underage drinking.

Sweet 9th in spelling bee

A Salt Spring student finished ninth in the Times Colonist Canwest Canspell Regional Spelling Bee on Saturday.

Held at the Farquhar Auditorium at the University of Victoria, Jackson Sweet, who is 10 years old and a Grade 5 student at Fernwood Elementary School, cracked the top 10 among 61 finalists in the event.

A total of 8,000 students from grades four through

eight throughout Vancouver Island began the spelling bee process with classroom bees in January.

Winner of the regional contest was Laura Weir, a Grade 8 student from Landsdowne Middle School. She will go on to compete in the National Spelling Bee in Ottawa.

Time changes this weekend

Daylight Saving Time returns for another year this weekend.

Gulf Islanders should move their clocks ahead by one hour before retiring on Saturday night, with the time change in effect as of 2 a.m. on Sunday, March 13.

Home-based business changes proposed

Salt Spring Local Trust Committee members gave first reading to a proposed bylaw to amend home-based business regulations outlined in the island's land use bylaw.

The new bylaw allows home-based businesses of 150 square metres (1,600 square feet) on properties more than 1.2 hectares (2.96 acres).

For properties sized 1.2 hectares and under, home-based businesses can occupy up to 70 square metres

(753 square feet).

The island's existing land use bylaw stipulates that "The total floor area used for home-based business use on any lot must not exceed 50 per cent of the total floor area of dwelling and permitted residential accessory buildings on the lot, up to a maximum of 70 square metres."

Trustees increased the maximum employable number of employees not living in the property's dwelling unit from one to two on properties of 1.2 hectares and under. For larger lots, the rules have changed to permit up to three additional persons employed at the site.

"I do have some questions about whether this is

the right direction, but I'm willing to put this out there for the community to comment on because we can reduce this if need be," said trustee Christine Torgrimson.

Trustee George Ehring introduced the changes on the basis that there hasn't been a "demonstrated problem where we just know that there are lots of these places that operate with more than one worker."

The proposed bylaw also introduces a newly designated definition for farm-related light industry.

Trustees have asked that staff schedule a public hearing for the proposed bylaw. A date and location for the meeting have not been set.



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ISLANDS TRUST

ADP set to re-review Creek House plan

Local trustees split over building's design

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Plans for Phase 3 of the Ganges' Creek House project face another bureaucratic hoop after trustees voted 2-1 last Thursday to send plans for the site back to the Advisory Design Panel.

"I might as well say that I'm disappointed that there's less willingness than I thought there was to make this building look different from its neighbouring buildings, which is what I keep hearing from people in the community. I don't think interlocking pavers, the colours of the building and bicycle ramps cut it," said trustee George Ehring at the local Trust committee meeting at ArtSpring.

"I'm open to hearing from the design panel about what their suggestions would be, but I don't think that I would support issuing the permit today."

A staff report issued to trustees in time for Thursday's meeting recommended that the application to complete

a two-storey structure at 162 Fulford-Ganges Rd. be sent back to the Trust's advisory design panel as a result of outstanding concerns relating to the building's design.

Most notable among the list compiled at the ADP's Feb. 10 meeting is a request for "a completely different building" that has "a more contemporary look" and meets OCP guideline E 1.6.6.

That guideline stipulates that "New buildings should not have a street frontage width more than 2.5 times their height. Buildings with extensive street frontage should avoid long homogenous facades. They should have a scale, size, massing, shape, roof line and exterior finish that is sufficiently varied and articulated as to give the impression of separate small units, rather than a large mass."

Jonathan Yardley, the architect heading the project, told trustees that his client was willing to compromise on most of the ADP's non-structural change recommendations.

He suggested that further changes to the building's design would go against plans for the three-phase Creek House

development, which began in the late 1980s, and said trustees should refer to original plans submitted in May 2009. Yardley said he could not see how that design would negatively affect the Ganges streetscape.

"What has been achieved by these compromises of design carried out by committee is a dishonest expression of what was meant to be the completion of one of the better developments in Ganges," Yardley said during Thursday's meeting. "I believe that my client, Leon Aptekmann, has been most lenient in allowing his vision and my interpretation of it to be destroyed before his eyes."

Trustee Christine Torgrierson acknowledged the applicant's willingness to bring detailing more in line with the ADP's initial recommendation and suggested that any further review would be futile.

"Since you have, in a sense, drawn a line here and said, 'This is what you're willing to do and not do,' I don't quite see the point of sending it back to the design panel again," Torgrierson said. "It seems to me to be a bit of an empty exercise and a waste of time."

Torgrierson said the sooner the building is finished, the sooner business can resume at the prime downtown location.

The deciding vote fell to LTC chair Sheila Malcolmson, who sided with procedure over expediency given the project's scope and public interest in the project.

"I think this is something that is going to be permanently on the village landscape of Ganges," she said.

Malcolmson also said she felt uncomfortable voting without having the design from May 2009 in front of her.

"When we rush and do things on the fly, we may end up with something that's completely counter," Malcolmson said. "I appreciate what the applicant is saying and what the trustees are saying, but it's just not good practice to revise without having all the material on hand."

The next meeting of the ADP is on Thursday, March 17 at the Baptist Church (rear entrance). Meeting time is tentatively set for 3 p.m.

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ISLANDS TRUST

Trustees put environmental DPAs on fast track

Draft bylaws expected by April 7

Trustees hoping to see draft bylaws for environmental development permit areas by early April and their passage by June have given staff a tall order.

At Thursday's local Trust committee meeting, resolutions were passed that should see draft development permit area bylaws covering watershed protection and the Ripar-

ian Areas Regulation as well as an amended DPA 6 for steep slopes presented at the April 7 LTC meeting.

While most of the work on RAR implementation has been completed on schedule, more work is needed to narrow down what measures should be taken to implement any meaningful changes to watershed protection guidelines in DPA 4.

Trustee Sheila Malcolmson said she feared tagging the DPA 4 discussion alongside the RAR

could be "hobbling one process by accelerating another."

Trustees George Ehring and Christine Torgrierson said that strengthening watershed protection is too important an item to be left off the table.

"I do not think that the drinking watersheds piece has to be extensive," said Torgrierson. "I think there could be some simple measures that could be inserted into the current DPA 4 language. I'm also willing to consider that, given the time frame and amount

of information we have on hand right now that we first address Cusheon and St. Mary watersheds because we have the watershed management plans."

Ehring said, "I'm inclined to agree that we need not be reinventing the wheel on this and that we look at the existing guidelines and say, 'What is our best effort knowing that we are on a tight deadline?'"

More discussion on the DPA topic could occur at a special LTC meeting later this month.

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Passenger lounge re-opens

Island companies involved in Howe Sound repairs

Passengers travelling between Vesuvius and Crofton on the Howe Sound Queen this week found their trip more comfortable with the reopening of the upstairs lounge on March 7.

The area was closed for three weeks following a failure that occurred in the ship's sanitary system on Feb. 13, causing the system to purge through the piping and into the passenger lounge and crew areas.

According to a BC Ferries press release, a detailed inspection revealed damage in the bulkhead insulation behind the decorative wall board throughout the passenger lounge and crew mess.

Captain Dale Romagnoli, a senior master with BC Ferries since 2007, told the Driftwood the clean-up and repairs had to take place while the ship was in operation because the Howe Sound Queen does not currently have a ready replacement vessel.

"The alternative would be no ferry at all," he observed, while recognizing passengers made the best of the situation given the circumstances. A school bus was brought onto the car deck to provide extra shelter for foot passengers, but could not be heated for safety reasons.

The cleanup process was done with collaboration between BC Ferries' Occupational Safety and Health division, Health Canada and the BC Ferry and Marine Workers' Union. The groups worked together to ensure the safety and well-being of passengers, crews and contractors were thoroughly addressed, the press release states.

Work required to return the lounge to use included extensive testing, replacement of the insulation, new wall panels installed, bulkheads sealed and caulked, carpet removed and new floor coating applied. The necessary time between treatment and testing caused unavoidable delays.

"BC Ferries appreciates the closure of the lounge was an inconvenience to its customers and we thank them for their patience during the time," spokesperson Deborah Marshall said.

BC Ferries also thanked local businesses Gulf Islands Carpet and Upholstery Care, Clean Sweep Services, Salt Spring Rentals and Salt Spring Island Drycleaners for their assistance on the project.

The press release adds the Howe Sound Queen is scheduled for a shipyard refit in mid-April. This will include the application of the permanent flooring systems and additional passenger comfort upgrades.

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CLARIFICATION: A new sign is erected for boaters in Ganges Harbour clarifying the state of "outfall" flowing into the ocean.

PARC

Liability fears prompt revision of liquor regs

Decision prohibits beer gardens on PARC lands

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Commissioners have voted to cork in any further applications for the operation of beer gardens on property owned by the Parks and Recreation Commission.

The Feb. 28 decision coincided with a community group's request that the Rainbow Road Pool property be considered as a location where a beer garden could be held as part of a fundraising effort at an unspecified date this year.

"We have no specific date or event in mind, but would like to be able to consider having a beer garden when we have a time capsule closing ceremony," wrote Splash president Irene Gibbs in a letter to PARC.

Splash is committed to raising funds for improvements to and the expansion of the island's public swimming pool on Rainbow Road.

According to PARC manager Kees Ruurs, stringent provincial drinking and driving laws along with a string of recent court decisions have rendered such "special occasion permits" risky from a

liability perspective.

"Court cases have put the blame for drunk driving injuries and deaths partly on the shoulders of the people supplying the liquor and/or the owners of the location where the liquor was consumed," Ruurs wrote in a report presented at the February PARC meeting.

"In light of the recent changes in liquor laws and outcome of court cases, the manager recommends that [PARC's] beer garden policy be changed to not allow any beer gardens in any of PARC's parks."

Commissioners considered the measure unfortunate but felt the prospect of legal action in the event of an incident on PARC property was too great a risk to ignore.

"Unfortunately, there is a tendency to come up with more and more rules to make everything impossible," said commissioner Robert Bosman.

Although PARC has had regulations prohibiting the consumption of alcohol in parks since 1990, consumption of alcoholic beverages at special public events at Portlock Park, Rotary Park and the Fulford Ball Park had been considered on a case-by-case basis since 1999.

Bylaw discussion evokes anger

BYLAWS

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new fines" is that the proposed system contains no new offences.

"The fines enumerated in the proposal bylaw, however, are increased over those that are currently in place, in some cases substantially, and my statement is misleading in that respect," he wrote in a letter to the Driftwood. "I regret that, and want to clarify it here."

The new fines are listed on a four-page document accompanying the draft bylaw and are available by downloading the March 3 LTC agenda package from the Islands Trust's website.

Miles Drew, an Islands Trust bylaw enforcement officer and self-declared "most popular man in the room" at Thursday's meeting, said new fine amounts are based on "the seriousness of the offence, ease of compliance and the cost for compliance."

When asked why nobody from the Trust felt it important to mention the increase during Thursday's meeting, Drew said, "If I could anticipate everything I would."

"People [at Thursday's meeting] were saying that these are all new offences, but those offences already exist in the land use bylaw," he said.

Besides the higher fines, the main purpose of Bylaw 446 is initiation of a new adjudication system that's intended to facilitate compliance and the appeal process.

Drew calls the bylaw adjudication system an interim step between voluntary compliance and going to court. Under the current system, individuals have no option but to go to court if they receive and fail to comply with a violation ticket. The new adjudication system has been tested throughout the province as a way to streamline the bylaw enforcement process and redirect relatively minor bylaw infraction cases away from a clogged provincial court system, Drew said.

In the new regime, individuals who feel they have been incorrectly levied with a bylaw infraction can appeal the ticket by presenting the matter to a screening officer who will review the case.

Should the screening officer rule against the individual, the case may be heard in person, in writing or by phone by a North Vancouver-based adjudication panel.

Contrary to slips of paper distributed in the community before the meeting that declared "they no longer need a complaint to act on or enforce," Drew said the new system will not change how bylaw infractions are investigated. At present, most investigations are prompted by complaints from the public.

"There will be no specific change in the style of enforcement. People who are concerned about whether or not there's going to be a new wave of enforcement don't necessarily need to be."

Drew said the new adjudication should assist the Trust in dealing with what he considers the most common complaint about the Islands Trust, notably that it doesn't go far enough to enforce its own bylaws.

Ehring said the new system should make a difference when it comes to resolving complaints without necessarily having to levy fines.

"These are community bylaws, and we actually expect people to respect them. It's important to stress that for the most part the bylaws operate on a complaint basis," he said on Monday.

"If neighbours aren't bothered by what might be an infraction, they don't complain, and there's nothing to enforce."

In municipalities where the adjudication process has been initiated, Drew added, the system has worked well for government and citizens.

He said the Trust aspires to implement a similar system on a Trust-wide basis by August.

If people feel that provisions in

the local land use bylaw are not justified or are unfair, Drew said, legislative procedures are in place to change those bylaws.

The discussion at Thursday's meeting failed to dispel concerns raised by a vocal contingent of audience members who feel the move is another example of a heavy-handed local government's negative effect on the lives and livelihoods of islanders.

John Quesnel noted that the new fines stand to have a strong impact on the island's low and middle-class sectors who may be penalized for operating revenue generators such as secondary suites or rental cottages.

"By fining these residences into oblivion we are gutting the lower income and middle class people's ability to reside in paradise," Quesnel said during Thursday's town hall session. "For me, this place has, but for two years during college, always been home. I for one will not stand by and allow this to happen to our community."

Islander Harry Warner seconded the concern that the adjudication system would make it easier for bylaw enforcement officers to crack down on illegal accommodations, thereby worsening an already dire affordable housing situation.

"The obvious outcome of this is that we will lose an awful lot of people," he said, ironically noting that a population decrease will help the Islands Trust achieve its new greenhouse gas emission reduction targets.

Many in the audience booed and jeered as trustees gave first and second reading to the draft bylaw. By the time third reading was given, calls of "Fascists," "Nazis" and "moo goes the cash cow" echoed throughout the theatre.

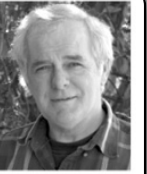
Bylaw 446 is not required to receive a public hearing because it is an administrative bylaw.

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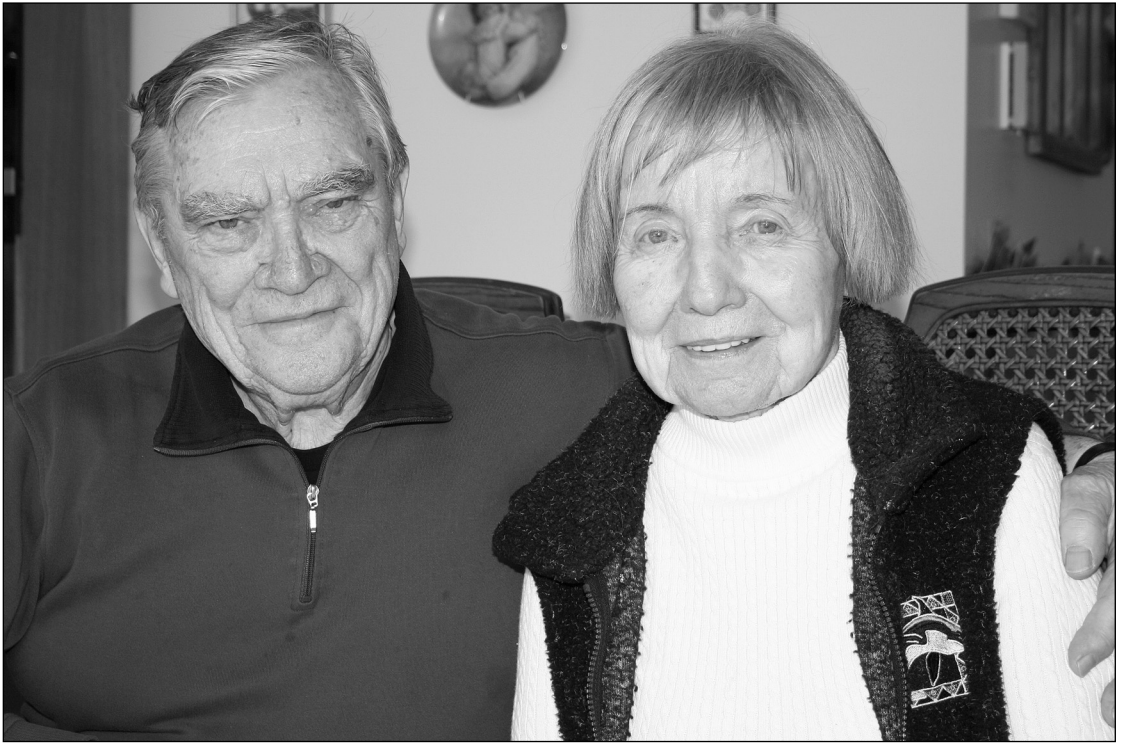
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LIBYA

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 Steve and Giselle Harstall in their Salt Spring home. In 1969, they experienced another Libyan revolution.



Couple from Salt Spring recalls Benghazi posting

'69 revolution contrasts with today's violence

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
 DRIFTWOOD STAFF

The troubling reports of violence in Libya as dictator Moammar Gadhafi tries to quell uprisings against his regime are in stark contrast to the bloodless revolution that first put him in power, a Salt Spring couple says.

Steve and Giselle Harstall were living in Libya when the revolution occurred in 1969. They had been in the city of Benghazi for just over a year, where Steve was posted as a local manager for Drilco, an oil industry firm specializing in drilling machinery.

As Giselle recorded in the journal she kept at the time to share with her daughter Christa, the Harstalls enjoyed being in an area rich in history and with a pleasing southern Mediterranean climate.

"On this beautiful Libyan morning filled with bright sunshine, the singing birds provide a charming welcome to the new day," Giselle's entry for Nov. 15, 1968 reads.

"I watered the bushes and the geraniums have mostly pink flowers, but today I discovered some bright red ones. If they are supported, these geraniums can grow as high as our hibiscus bushes."

Giselle went swimming every morning in the warm and clear local waters. The couple explored ancient Greek and Roman ruins in the Cyrenaica region, where nearby mountains made it cool and inviting. They saw the fabulous apartment that Mussolini had maintained there and that Gadhafi later took over.

The event that led to Gadhafi's long rule started for most people at dawn on Sept. 1, 1969 with an announcement on Radio Benghazi. The then-unknown army captain stated a military group called the Revolutionary Command Council had overthrown the monarchy overnight.

The Harstalls recall hearing the noise of the armory moving through the dark, though at the time they didn't know what it was. But the reaction to the revolution was mainly as peaceful as the event itself,

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JOURNAL ENTRY
 Giselle Harstall

which occurred when King Idris was safely out of the country.

Steve had gone into work the morning of Sept. 1, but when he got there the Arab-speaking employees apprised him of the situation.

"They said there was a revolution and we should all go home," he said.

Giselle's journal entry for the day puts the matter just as bluntly.

"Since 10 o'clock this morning there is a curfew. No one is allowed on the streets because there is a military coup . . ."

"With no opposition the military took the guns away from the police and the Libyans seem to be happy with the change. They are angry because the king spent half a million Libyan pounds for a wedding in his family. The Libyans say they don't care if this new regime is a dictatorship as long as it will do things for the people."

During the first days of the change, when events were still uncertain, Steve remembers being worried about Drilco's foreign employees. There was no Canadian embassy at the time, and his American-based firm agreed to fly out the Canadian workers if necessary.

"We had an agreement with the German government that they would fly out their people if anything should develop," he added.

Communications were frozen, the country's airports closed and commercial ships waited in the harbour unloaded. Libyan friends actually came and stood in front of the Harstall's villa the

night of Sept. 1 in case of trouble, but nothing happened.

Giselle's journal reveals that phone lines were down and the radio was broadcasting only in Arabic. A curfew was in effect with sporadic breaks, then lifted between the hours of 7 a.m. and 7 p.m. on Sept. 8. Banks reopened on Sept. 12. The sale of alcohol was forbidden.

Despite the interruptions and restrictions, however, the new regime's promise not to harm foreign people or investments was kept. And unlike today's events, the revolution didn't inspire violence between different Libyan factions.

"The difference was, the people all wanted it, so there was no bloodshed. It was the easiest revolution you could think of," Giselle said.

"Now looking back I would not have liked to miss that. It was an experience you never forget."

Changes produced by the new regime included the country's official name, which became the Socialist People's Libyan Arab Jamahiriya. The Harstalls recall not being able to send mail because the old stamps had pictures of the deposed king.

New rules meant that foreign language signs were removed and that all documents had to be completed in Arabic — even the business files for Drilco's office. Gadhafi also introduced the first Arabic language universities, instead of students being forced to do studies in English or French.

One year after the revolution took place, Giselle's journal records a cholera outbreak in Tobruk, the establishment of the Canadian embassy and a parcel bomb that exploded at the post office. The situation remained stable, however, and the couple elected to extend their two-year posting for an additional two years before moving on to Scotland.

Looking at the situation now, the Harstalls aren't sure what to make of the violence Gadhafi is directing toward his country's citizens.

"People eventually, if their life doesn't get any better, get fed up," Steve said. "It took a long time for them to get fed up."

FINANCIAL PLANNING PAYS OFF

Be an early bird and keep more of what you earn

It's a little late to practice early tax preparation this year — but make it your practice for next year and you will keep more of what you earn. That's because early tax prep and planning pays off in many ways. Here's one: If you use the services of a tax preparer, by being better organized, you'll likely reduce your costs for tax prep because it'll take less time to prepare your taxes and better organization will make it easier for your tax preparer to do his/her best. Complete and logically organized tax information makes it much easier to identify and take full advantage of all your tax deductions.

Here's how to get an early — and more profitable — start on next year's tax savings:

1. **Check and review** last year's return to ensure you won't miss out on any deductions and credits in the current year. Look at your carryforwards — your unused Retirement Savings Plan (RSP) and Tax-Free Saving Account (TFSA) contribution room — and do your best to fill it up fast to potentially reduce your taxes while enhancing your eventual retirement income.
2. **Get organized** by setting up a simple file system and separating your information by type — income, deductions, credits, and so on — your tax tasks will be much more manageable.
3. **Keep track of all your expenses and retain receipts** even though you don't necessarily have to submit them with your return. Don't forget moving expenses, accounting fees, investment management fees and the like.
4. **Keep more of your paycheck** by reducing

payroll tax deductions. When you get a refund cheque it means you've paid the government too much during the year, providing them with a tax-free loan and reducing the amount of money in your hands that you can invest during the year. If you expect a fat refund next year, apply to your employer to reduce the amount of tax deducted from your paycheck.

5. **Make your tax payments on time** if you're self-employed and required to pay tax instalments during the year. You'll avoid interest and penalties.

6. **Perform a check-up on your financial health** by reviewing your overall financial plan. It's easier to measure your results against objectives when every aspect of your financial life is laid out before you.

7. **Be super prepared** by disciplining yourself to track all of your tax expenditures for the entire year — and it's a good bet you'll save even more.

8. **Do it yourself ... or not.** A professional tax preparer does cost money but consider the amount you can save in taxes and anxiety. For instance, if there is a dispute, your preparer can go to bat for you with the Canada Revenue Agency (CRA).

And here is one tax-saving strategy you shouldn't overlook: Be sure to talk to your professional advisor to ensure you take full advantage of every tax-reducing opportunity available to you.

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CONSTRUCTION

Archeologist finds possible burial site at Creek House development location

Bones to be analyzed

An archeologist has uncovered bones that may turn out to have human origin at the site of the future Creek House building, project architect Jonathan Yardley said Monday.

Archeologist Jessica Ruskin is currently conducting a standard assessment of the site at 162 Fulford-Ganges Rd. in accordance with building permit requirements. She was accompanied on Monday by Simon Smith Jr., a member of the Tsawout First Nation.

Ruskin said human burial sites sometimes do occur in shallow ground, and that archeological teams can uncover bones that date anywhere from 150 to 4,000 years in age.

Carbon dating is the only way to tell for sure how old a

find actually is, Ruskin said.

Yardley said the bones uncovered on Salt Spring will go to the lab for analysis to find out whether they are in fact human. Further analysis would be decided by consensus of the First Nations people.

TECHNOLOGY

Group opposes BC Hydro's wireless grid

Public campaign underway

A number of Gulf Islands residents have formed a citizen's group opposing BC Hydro's plan to test and implement wireless technology in the area.

Islanders learned in early February that B.C. Hydro is conducting a test project in the region concerning the suitability of a WiMAX wide area network. Gulf Islanders For Safe Technology (GIFST) opposes the project and any future implementation of wireless technologies such as smart meters, based on health concerns.

"Residents of the southern Gulf Islands are known for doing things differently and they can be notoriously... tenacious and maybe even a tad ornery," states spokesperson Chris Anderson of Salt Spring in a press release.

Anderson argues in the release that BC Hydro plans "to blanket island communities with large-scale WiMAX radiation grids" and explains that "GIFST has specific concerns regarding the health risks of prolonged exposure to the radiation from both the WiMAX wide area network transmitters, as well as BC Hydro's intention to install wireless smart meters in every home and workplace."

In addition to the human population, GIFST members feel island wildlife, and pollinator species in particular, may be at risk. They further object to the testing going ahead without prior public consultation.

"We have no choice but to insist that BC Hydro address our concerns," Anderson said. "What BC Hydro is doing is completely undemocratic and ignores the large body of scientific evidence showing that electromagnetic

radiation of this kind is harmful to people. We demand to have our concerns heard on this matter."

GIFST has set up a website and has launched a postcard campaign encouraging Gulf Islands residents to write to BC Hydro CEO David Cobb.

"BC Hydro can't force us to accept technology that may damage our health and our pollinators and invade our privacy," Anderson concluded. "We have a right to have the deciding input on what takes place in our communities and in our homes."

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EDITORIAL

Watery answers

If we hadn't heard it all before, the story leaching out of the proposed new water treatment plant for Highland and Fernwood water district residents would be unbelievable.

It's not just that another drinking water infrastructure project presented to voters by the Capital Regional District with what appeared to be a credible completion plan has failed to complete. The Beddis and Fulford districts agreed to join the CRD in 2004 and ponied up the borrowing authority for projects that remain incomplete.

But once again the CRD seems unable to provide answers to legitimate questions posed at a public gathering about a project it's in charge of. A referendum asking Highland and Fernwood district water users to pay for the borrowing of a further \$500,000

for the stalled project is set for March 19, with advance polls on March 9 and 16 at the Ganges fire hall. Voters attending a Monday night information meeting about the issue weren't being unreasonable in wanting to know what's happened to the funds they approved by referendum two years ago and why so much

THE ISSUE:

CRD water project management

WE SAY:

Tell voters the truth

more money is needed now.

In 2009, Highland Water District users approved borrowing of up to \$559,000 for their part of the upgrade project. Inexplicably, a project budget provided to those attending Monday's meeting showed that amount as \$400,680. No one from the CRD could explain the discrepancy. They can show — on paper, at least — that the original project estimate of \$1.9 million has jumped to \$2.5 million, but again, they couldn't tell Highland-Fernwood district residents exactly what had happened to make that the case.

When CRD staff people couldn't provide the information, Salt Spring's CRD director Garth Hendren jumped in to promise that it would be forthcoming before the March 19 referendum vote.

If one of the three CRD-led water infrastructure projects in question had faced bumps along the way, it would be easier to accept that the Highland-Fernwood problems were an exception. But with three in a row now floundering and/or incomplete on Salt Spring alone, it's time somebody forced the CRD to investigate what's happened, tell us the whole story and fix its project management system so that no other groups are led to drink at an expensive but empty water trough.

THIS WEEK'S QUESTION:

Should the Trust be tougher on bylaw violators?

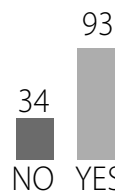
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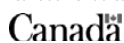
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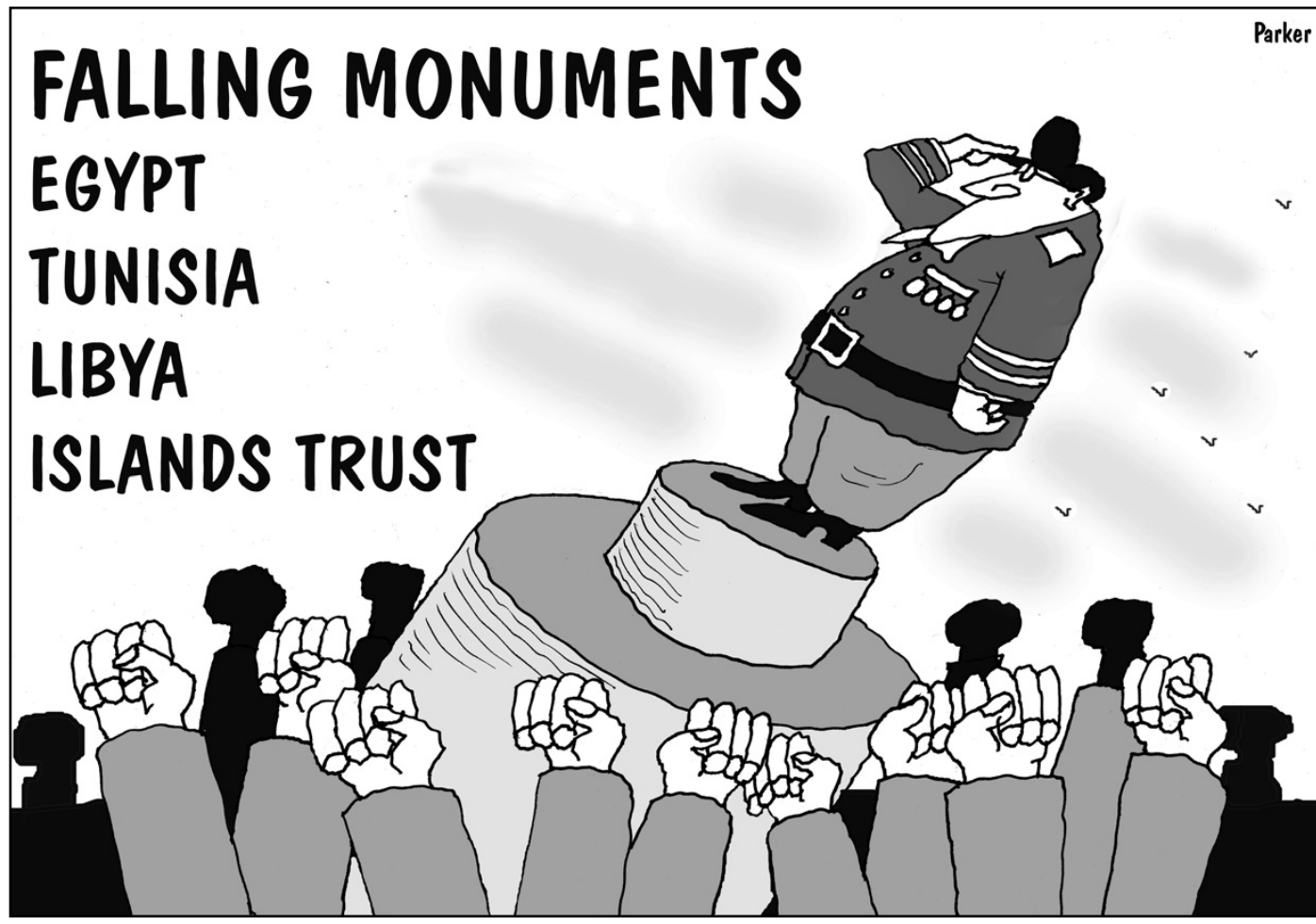
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Algal blooms: education needed

BY RON HALL

The recent bloom of cyanobacteria (sometimes called blue-green algae) in St. Mary Lake reminds us that Salt Spring Island's drinking water lakes are in trouble.

The good news is that solutions have been identified. But it will be challenging to put them in place. The fact that this bloom resulted in the CRD saying Highland Water District users could not drink their water temporarily highlights the potential dangers of cyanobacteria. However, even though the other water districts were able to use the water by treating it with chlorine, this causes the formation of disinfection by-products, which are associated with an increase in the risk of cancer. A better solution would be to restore our lakes so they do not have the blooms.

Recent scientific studies of both Cusheon and St. Mary lakes found that an overabundance of phosphorus is a major factor resulting in these blooms and that the inflow of phosphorus is primarily influenced by the amount of vegetative cover in the watershed. When trees, bushes and even low plants are removed, water quality will suffer. When bare soil is exposed, unless preventative measures are taken, rainwater will carry soil particles and phosphorus directly into lakes. Plants slow the flow of rainwater off of the land, thus preventing erosion of soil particles, which carry phosphorus with them, into streams, ditches and eventually into the lakes. Trees and vegetation also use phosphorus and other nutrients as they grow, also helping to prevent these from getting to the lakes.

We know that we need to minimize new inflow of phosphorus into our lakes. So, how do we do that? It is critical to educate islanders about land management practices that preserve vegetation, do not expose bare soil and, when land clearing is

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... when education doesn't work, we need a bylaw to fall back on.

unavoidable, take measures to control erosion. It is also important for those living on a lake to have their septic tanks pumped out regularly and make sure they are functioning properly. The Salt Spring Water Preservation Society and the Cusheon Lake and St. Mary Lake Stewardship committees are all engaged in public education programs and can use help in getting this information to more people.

However, over the years, we have found that education is not enough. There have been occasions when landowners started to clear land right next to the lake, where the erosion could severely harm water quality for all the lake water users. Although concerned neighbours informed them of the negative consequences, they continued clearing the land without taking steps to prevent erosion. In the case of some large land clearing projects, steps were taken to control erosion but they were inadequate. When land clearing is necessary, it should, and can, be done in a way that does not harm our drinking water lakes.

Clearly, when education doesn't work, we need a bylaw to fall back on. This year our elected trustees will consider passing new bylaws that could be very helpful in controlling erosion into our drinking water lakes. We urge all islanders to inform themselves and submit comments to our elected trustees.

If you can help with our public education programs or would like more information, visit the Water Preservation Society website at sswaterpreservationsociety.ca or contact us at ssiwps@hotmail.com or PO Box 555, Ganges Post Office, Salt Spring Island, B.C. V8K 2W3.

The writer is chair of the Salt Spring Island Water Preservation Society.

IslandVoices

QUOTE OF THE WEEK:
"We had issues with the construction process."

SCOTT MASON, CRD, ON HIGHLAND PROJECT

SALT SPRING SAYS

We asked: Do you have any special plans for spring break?

KYLE MATHESON
I'm probably going to go snowboarding at Mt. Washington a lot, and maybe Whistler.

ADINA HILDEBRANDT
We're going to Hesquiatic to visit Cougar Annie's Garden. Unfortunately it's for sale and it needs to be saved.

CAROL ADAM
I'm facing a childcare and work crisis.

JOHN DENNISTON
I'm retired. Every day is spring break.

VERONIKA MCKEE
We might go to Vancouver or we might just stay home and work in the garden and enjoy the time chilling out.

Letters to the editor

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

Behold the mob

I attended last week's local Trust committee meeting for a couple of hours and I have to tell you, a mob is really something to behold.

Imagine, if you will, a beast with 30 mouths, 30 tongues and no ears. When pleased with itself it has 30 pairs of hands it pounds together. Its nostrils, however, seem to be filled with the scent of perpetual threats.

This, perhaps, is why the beast is so easily provoked — just try telling a mob to wait its turn — and insists on trumpeting its angry impatience through a furious cacophony of brays and bawls and bleats. It can only feel safe, it seems, when every voice has been

drowned out but its own.

I think it's fair to say that the nature of this beast is very much in the eye of the beholder.

Looked at one way, it does appear dismayingly fearsome. Looked at from a slightly different angle, however, it could just as easily appear ridiculous.

For those who find themselves in a meeting or other public occasions with such a beast, I wish I had useful advice on how to tame it; unfortunately, I don't. This would be a task for the whole community.

MURRAY REISS,
FULFORD

CRD needs to earn trust

Re the Highland/Fernwood filtration plant infor-

mation meeting: What's my take on last night's meeting?

I saw a room full of people who are willing to invest in a water treatment system, but unwilling to invest in the CRD's mismanagement of the project and our monies.

The CRD needs to earn our trust with open communication, accountability and sound administrative management.

The "experts" know their technical fields, but fall down miserably in project management.

CATHY COOK,
LEPAGE ROAD

Clarification

At the local Trust committee meeting last Thursday, I said that the new proposed bylaw adjudication

system contained "no new fines."

What I intended by that statement is that the proposed system contains no new offences — that is, that there are no new infractions identified in the bylaw. That is a fact.

All of the offences identified in the proposed bylaw, for which fines are included, are currently in the existing land use bylaw or the soil removal and deposit bylaw.

As such, they have been in place for years. And, by the way, not a single fine has ever been assessed, even though we've had a ticketing bylaw for five years.

The fines enumerated in the proposed bylaw, however, are increased over those that are currently in place, in some cases sub-

stantially, and my statement is misleading in that respect. I regret that, and want to clarify it here.

But it's important to note that under the terms of the proposed bylaw, landowners can usually negotiate a reduction of those fines, typically by 75 or 50 per cent, when they enter into a compliance agreement. This significantly reduces the fine. In some cases, if that discount is applied, the fine would actually be lower than it is under the current ticketing bylaw, where there is no such opportunity.

The proposed bylaw adjudication system would introduce important aspects of flexibility, and can avoid costly and lengthy litigation.

In fact, no lawyers need

be involved. It will be cheaper for both the landowner facing a violation, and for the taxpayer.

People can handle their cases themselves, even over the telephone.

In the municipalities where it's already in place, including on Bowen Island, the results seem to have been successful.

During a meeting like ours last week, where some members of the community failed to observe even the most basic rules of decorum and civility, including shouting at and interrupting the trustees, it's easy to be distracted and therefore to be less than clear. I'm sorry that I wasn't.

GEORGE EHRLING,
55 TRUSTEE

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St. Mary Watergate story just gets better every day

Whenever I get a letter that contains the words "Take notice" or "Whereas" I get twitchy. When I see those words over and over again in a full-page layout in my beloved Driftwood, I want to run for the hills.

Salt Springers have been treated to this CRD-produced full page of fine print for the past two weeks, leading up to the Highland/Fernwood water system upgrade referendum. I spent some serious time trying to make sense of the words on that page, and trust me, it's Nyquil on newsprint.

Let me relieve the dear reader the burden of deciphering this obtuse piece of legalese. And let me enlighten you on the story behind the story of bylaws 3753 and 3754, dealing with the St. Mary water treatment proposal, or as I like to call it, the St. Mary Watergate.

First, some background. In 2009, the customers of the Highlands and Fernwood (and Maliview) water districts answered the siren song of free government infrastructure money to combine and upgrade the two small systems into one plant situated at the far north end of the lake.

Salt Spring has seen these offers before, inevitably with disastrous consequences. The Beddis Water District and its Fulford counterpart have seen massive cost overruns and delays, largely due to CRD mishandling and inexperience. Nevertheless, in 2009 the Highland/Fernwood users blithely tripped down the same path, agreeing to their \$754,000 share of the \$1.9-million project. (The original referendum amounts were for \$559,000 and \$195,000, respec-

tively, but documents distributed Monday had Highland's approved referendum amount listed at \$400,680. No one from the CRD could explain the discrepancy.)

The job went out for bids last year. A company based in Courtenay, Ridgeline Mechanical, won the contract. Soon after work began, the work stopped. As CRD director Garth Hendren said at the time, "Although there has been no shortage of activity, regrettably little of it has been on site."

According to Garth O'Neill of Ridgeline Mechanical, things turned sour within a couple of months. The crew started clearing out the underbrush at the lake site at the bottom of Maycock Road. While no human remains were found, the crew discovered that a portion of the new plant would be on the neighbour's property. Turns out the CRD plans were dead wrong, which in turn meant huge changes to the original agreement — more concrete retaining walls, materials and, of course, epic delays.

I tried to confirm this from the CRD side, but got stonewalled. They are standing behind a barricade of Community Charter fine print, specifically Section 90, Subsection (g) which states that if there is "litigation or potential litigation affecting the municipality, etc., etc." They remain tight lipped, blurting out sound bytes like "There have been construction issues."

Back to the drawing board. Ridgeline Mechanical was told to stop work until


Peter Vincent

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new plans were drawn up. The delays, the plans and additional materials kept changing. Mr. O'Neill of Ridgeline told me in a phone interview that they needed between \$180,000 and \$250,000 plus engineering fees to complete the project. It is hard to pin down a number when numbers are changing faster than gas prices.

Over budget and in deep water, the CRD sent Ridgeline a letter in February of this year, cancelling the project.

The company is currently tallying a bill, which by the sounds of it will be about the same as it would cost them to finish the project. It is not the CRD that is on the hook for this bill. The CRD has a nice clause that absolves it of responsibility if its people screw up. No, the bill is handed to the millionaires of Maliview.

And now we are back to the full page ads in the Driftwood — Bylaws 3753 and 3754. The CRD held a standing-room-only referendum information session on Monday night. They're asking the people in the Highland/Fernwood districts to sign off for up to an additional \$500,000 in funding over and above the original financed amount of \$754,000. CRD explanations were either vague or nonexistent. The spreadsheets didn't add up. Some in the audience called for the heads of those who so badly bungled the original plan. Some called to opt out entirely and dig a well.

As with Beddis, Fulford and Tuam, people are angry and upset that this level of

incompetence continues to be the norm. This group has another reason to be upset. They haven't been able to drink their water in over six weeks because of the toxins flowing through their taps.

Why should anyone sign off on giving these people a \$500,000 line of credit without an adequate explanation of where the money is going, no adequate accounting and, worst of all, no abject apology for the atrocious job so far? What bank in its right mind would sign off on such a thing? Yet that is precisely what they are asking us to do.

Isn't it time the CRD cowboied up and took some responsibility for this? Isn't it time the CRD cowboied up and conceded that they made serious, expensive mistakes on this job? Isn't it time to approach the original contractor, who knows the project, has the materials and equipment ready to go without delay?

On March 19, the Highland/Fernwood users are going to vote on shouldering another \$500,000. What choice to they have? They are drinking water out of plastic buckets. The existing plants are held together with chicken wire and duct tape. And the grant money time clock is ticking away.

So I suppose the millionaires will have to hold their nose and take on another half million, and hope to hell that the CRD develops some proficiency. And a conscience.

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Disastrous chemical

I had to read Mr. Keys' letter ("Malaria," March 2) several times to convince myself that the writer was really promoting the

use of DDT.

This "vilified" chemical is still in use in some countries, in particular to "fight" malaria, and is only marginally effective due to the development of resistance in the mosquito. Meanwhile, its disastrous environmental effects are well documented.

Apart from nearly causing the extinction of many bird species (many possible consumers of the malarial mosquito), it still persists in the bodies of all animal species where it is the suspected cause of diabetes, cancer and other serious diseases. We are included in those animal species.

It is also thought that the rise of malaria is largely the result of other reasons, such as the movement of people into higher malarial incidence areas due to population pressures and increasing global temperatures.

BRIAN HUTCHINGS,
SALT SPRING

CALMunity

Like many people on

this island, I am deeply concerned by the level of animosity displayed by some people over their frustrations with local governance.

The volatility detracts from constructive sharing of information and derails the possibility of actually collaborating to find better solutions for all concerned.

It certainly takes away from the joy of living.

Along with others who share my concern, we have started a small group called "CALMunity."

We hope to eventually be able to work with our community to make public meetings (including Trust meetings) more productive and inclusive.

We'd like to work with a good cross-section of community members — particularly those who feel their concerns are not being heard — to come up with guidelines for how we discuss and deal with issues in ways that build up

rather than undermine community.

The mission of the CALMunity group is to develop capacity (in terms of collaboration, consultation, decision-making, etc.) for building and strengthening community.

I believe each of us can contribute to this work. We can do this in all kinds of ways.

For instance, we can take the time to check our information before going public. We can model the way of speaking and acting that we want to encourage — doing unto others as we would like them to do unto ourselves. And we can speak directly with people when we see them act in ways that we are not comfortable with, especially if they are our friends.

We've all got our points of view and we are all entitled to voice them.

The various positions will be better understood and heard if they are delivered with respect and moderation.

If you would like to share ideas for improving the way community discourse happens on Salt Spring, do get in touch with me. You can write to janslavkov@shaw.ca or look me up in the phone book.

JAN SLAKOV,
SALT SPRING

Contain yourselves

In my opinion, the Islands Trust budget and salaries should not be increased at this time and another policy statement should probably be added to their "code of conduct" book. Something to the effect that "Trustees should continually be mindful that taxes are collected to be spent specifically on community land planning issues and it is a trustee's fiduciary responsibility to ensure this."

On behalf of taxpayers who fund and place their trust in the Trust.

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Visit your pharmacist before taking a holiday

As part of Pharmacist Awareness Week — running March 6 to 12 — the BC Pharmacy Association (BCPhA) is encouraging British Columbians to talk to their pharmacist before they go on holidays.

A conversation with a pharmacist can make the difference between a healthy, happy holiday and an exhausting one spent sitting in unfamiliar doctors' offices or running around looking for replacement medications in a foreign country. Make sure you speak to your local pharmacist before you get on a plane or take that road trip.

"Having to find a doctor and get replacement medications in a foreign country can be difficult and time-consuming, particularly if you don't speak the local language," said Marnie Mitchell, BCPhA CEO.

Before you go on holidays your local pharmacist can:

- Review your medication to make sure it has not expired or will expire while you're away;
- Help you adjust your dosing schedule to make sure you avoid missing doses when travelling across

time zones;

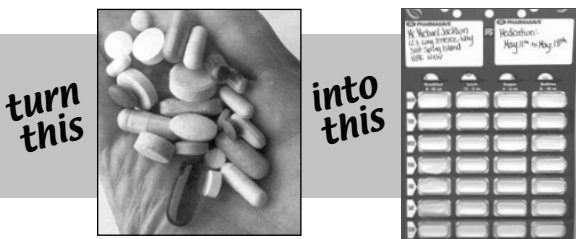
- Arrange for backup supplies of prescriptions in case you lose your luggage;
- Give advice on how to avoid travel sickness and prevent travellers' diarrhea;
- Provide advice on any over-the-counter medications you might need for your trip, such as sunscreen; and
- Your pharmacist may also be able to administer injections.

These are just some of the pre-travel services British Columbians can find at pharmacies throughout the province.

Pharmacists are an invaluable resource for patients looking for expert advice on medications, accessing vaccines or getting help managing chronic conditions such as diabetes or asthma.

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OPINION

Don't overlook efforts to save lake's watershed

BY MIKE LARMOUR

Maxwell Lake was formed about 10,000 years ago, after the retreat of the massive ice cover over the island during the last ice age.

It is one of the very few relatively pristine lakes remaining in the small but distinctive Insular Lowland Limnological region and as such has been used for scientific study.

Islanders value it as a good quality community water supply, in use for almost 100 years, and also for its largely unspoiled beauty.

Thirty years ago, Tom Gossett and I shared the same strong desire to protect Maxwell Lake from the same fate as St. Mary and Cusheon lakes. With most of the watershed in private ownership, we proposed a 20-acre minimum lot size in the watershed. The Islands Trust rejected our proposal, so we waited for a change in trustees and tried again, this time successfully.

We tried to negotiate with the German Prince Thurn und Taxis, who owned most

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of the watershed, but that effort failed.

Then on Nov. 1, 1999, everything changed. Developer Rob McDonald bought about 5,000 acres of land on Salt Spring, including most of the Maxwell Lake watershed. He intended to log it and then sell off the individual parcels of land.

I sent Rob McDonald Dr. Rick Nordin's short report on Maxwell Lake, and then the North Salt Spring Waterworks District trustees and I met with him.

At that meeting, Rob suggested that the district should buy the whole Texada property in the watershed while it was under one ownership. This suggestion was met with silence from the waterworks trustees.

After the meeting, Rob and I began discussions on what might be done to at least save a portion of the watershed. Tom Gossett and I chose a

key 50-acre parcel abutting the lake as a priority. Tom was the fundraiser and I was the negotiator. Rob agreed to hold off on logging. Appraisals were done and a price was agreed upon, but we were still short of money. I approached the district about borrowing the outstanding balance by the counterpetition process. They agreed, essentially leaving the decision to the ratepayers. The counterpetition was successful and the land acquired by the district.

Rob McDonald then suggested buying the rest of the watershed from Texada. This was a major project since it involved defining the watershed and subdividing seven parcels of land and combining portions of them into one parcel. Appraisals were done, a price agreed upon and fundraising began.

Tom and I had many low points during fundraising when money did not come in, as there was much competition from other fundraisers on the island. On the other hand, we had two dona-

tions of \$100,000 each. Many islanders contributed what they could, which we greatly appreciated.

In the end, we were short of money to reach our final goal, and again we went through the counterpetition process to allow us to borrow money.

During this whole process, the North Salt Spring Waterworks remained unresponsive of efforts to save the watershed. The chairman later told me that the trustees thought I would fall flat on my face.

With the completion of the sale of the watershed land, there remained one major problem.

The land acquisition did not include the standing timber.

The chairman of the district worked with Rob to obtain a tax receipt for the value of the trees and the forested watershed was saved and covenanted to protect the trees into the future.

The writer is former manager of the North Salt Spring Waterworks District.

Straighten facts

I suspect that Gary Murphy, chief project officer for B.C. Hydro is an accountant, not an electrical engineer. ("Hydro: smart meter myths and facts," March 2 Driftwood.)

To state that "radio frequency is a different type of electromagnetic field than microwave" indicates a lack of technical knowledge or a deliberate attempt to mislead the reader. Microwaves are radio waves of extremely short wavelength. The fact that they are sometimes used to cook food in enclosed "microwave ovens" may have confused Mr. Murphy.

For many decades, radio waves of various frequencies have been used in some industrial and medical heating applications in addition to their more familiar role of bringing us the nightly news and weather. For nearly a century, electric utilities have used a wide range of radio frequencies to monitor and control their power generation and distribution systems. Without these systems the supply of electric energy would be very unreliable.

Perhaps security reasons prevent B.C. Hydro from telling us the true nature of the signals that their smart meters will emit. I can understand that they would want such details to be kept confidential, but this does not mean they need to make statements as inaccurate as some of their opponents. Mr. Murphy's statement "that there is no cause-effect relationship

between exposure to radio frequency and human health" is a serious simplification of the facts. It is like saying exposure to sunlight will not harm the body. It is purely a matter of the concentration of the energy and the time period involved. A glass of water won't even get warm in the microwave oven if it is turned on for five seconds, but see what happens if you leave it in for five minutes.

As a Life Senior Member of the Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers, smart meters do not scare me. I expect the strength of the signal they will send out for brief periods of time will be sufficiently attenuated by the time they reach my aged body that I will suffer no ill effects. It would be nice to have B.C. Hydro confirm this in a credible way for the benefit of us all.

GORDON ENGLISH,
GANGES

Questionable links

With reference to the "Smart meter links" letter in last week's Driftwood, I decided to have a look at the links cited.

The first one is to a blog appearing in an online magazine, American Chronicle, which also features such attention-grabbers as Man Sees Image of Jesus in His Rocking Chair, Group Of Dolphins Save Dog From Drowning, Couple Arrested After Fight About Facebook Status, Puppy Survives Euthanasia At Dog Shelter.

The second link gets you to the website <http://citizensfor->

safetechnology.org/ . . . which is dedicated to: "Empowering the public to protect children and youth from unsafe wireless technologies." The article in question describes a single, apparently legitimate experiment in which an increase in glucose metabolism was allegedly observed in a distal region of the brain of a subject after he had a non-transmitting cellphone in contact with an ear for an hour. No attempt was made to assess the significance of this finding and the authors state that the effect may not have been due to EMR at all.

The third reference is to a 2007 story on CBC which states that Quebec has decided not to follow Ontario's example of installing smart meters for economic reasons.

I was not able to locate the fourth reference on YouTube. HAROLD BROCHMANN,
SALT SPRING

Phyllis for mayor

I am just one of hundreds of Salt Spring Islanders who stand in awe of the tenacity and strength of Phyllis Bolton in her tireless and courageous efforts to save our Lady Minto Hospital surgery.

Somehow, in spite of the devastating loss of her husband David last year, and her enormous workload, she has continued to fight on against VIHA bureaucrats and even many of our own island physicians, in a just cause that she and a majority of islanders support.

As recently as in last week's Driftwood she presented an

eloquent and carefully reasoned response to all the Donald Gainors and Shane Barclays of the world. ("SOS committed to OR fight.")

During the past year, with its BC Ferries, Islands Trust and various water board issues, I have often wondered, "Who speaks for our precious island?"

Well, if we ever did incorporate, I would certainly wish for Phyllis to be our mayor!

KEN LEE,
BRINKWORTHY PLACE

Humanitarians

It's good to see that Michael Friedman is still living on Salt Spring and is still writing letters to the editor, even though the latest had one error and one omission ("Backwater," March 2).

It was non-partisan journalist Lawrence Martin, not Ron Wright, who was the first speaker of the Salt Spring Forum. It is not surprising that Michael omitted the Muslim Maher Arar, who was so grievously wronged by the federal government.

I'm surprised that the Fraser Institute has not yet found Michael a more suitable neo-con community in which to live. Maher Arar is the fourth speaker at the newly established Salt Spring Forum and is slotted between Amy Goodman and Stephen Lewis, the latter being one of the most respected of humanitarian Canadians.

JACK HALLAM,
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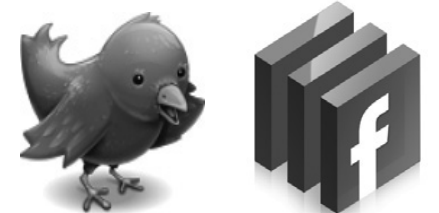
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OPINION

Island Women Against Violence services meet International Women's Day mandate

BY THE IWAV TEAM

Tuesday, March 8 was International Women's Day — a day to not only celebrate women and the achievements of women all across the globe, but also to shed light on the victimization, abuse and violence women endure each year, day and minute somewhere in the world. Abuse affects everyone in some way everywhere.

IWAV is a non-profit society dedicated to providing services to women and children of the Southern Gulf Islands whose lives have been affected by violence and abuse. The organization is overseen by the IWAV board, a core group of women who are committed to the safety and empowerment of women and children.

IWAV is able to offer our services through funding from BC Housing, the Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General, and the generous community support through our Transitions Thrift Store.

IWAV is an umbrella organization for the Transitions Thrift Store, Women's Outreach, the 24-Hour Violence and Abuse Help-Line, the Transition House, Stopping the Violence Counselling for Women and the Children Who Witness Abuse Program. All of IWAV's service programs are free and confidential.

The Women's Outreach Program provides a number of services, including assisting women staying at the Transition House to connect with vital services in the community such as career counselors, medical services and income support, as well as helping the women to secure permanent housing. It also provides services to women who may not require a stay at the Transition House but could use support in boundary setting and communication styles, whether that be with friends, partners or even co-workers, support filling in various

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forms, and/or safety planning for women considering leaving an abusive relationship. The worker can provide resources or referral should this program not fit a woman's needs. Outreach does provide advocacy, court support and accompaniments. One-on-one Outreach counselling is also available on Pender, Mayne, Galiano and Saturna. For Outreach services, please call 250-537-0717 or email outreach@iwav.org.

The Salt Spring Transition House welcomes all women who are experiencing abuse or are at risk of abuse. Support is available to women with children, elderly women, women in same-sex relationships, transgendered women, and women of all income levels and ethnicities.

Abuse takes many forms, and non-judgmental support is provided to women experiencing abuse in intimate relationships, as well as abuse from parents, adult children, caregivers and landlords. Women can stay for free at the house for 30 days.

The 24-hour confidential Help-Line offers support to all people experiencing distress, including depression/suicidal thoughts, as well as offering information, support and resources to women experiencing all types of abuse. Please call 1-877-435-7544.

The Stopping the Violence Counselling program is a feminist-based program that specifically services women whose lives have been affected by violence and abuse. Recognizing and acknowledging the strengths of survivors and each woman's right to make her own decisions is an integral part of STV counselling.

Women served by the program have typically experienced any form of violence in relationships, sexualized assault or childhood abuse. For more information or to book an intake appointment, please call the STV counsellor at 250-538-5568 or email stv@iwav.org

Another unique program that IWAV offers is the CWWA program. This program offers individual psycho-educational counselling to children and youth aged three to 18 who have witnessed any form of abuse or violence, as well as support, education, tools and information to caregivers of the child.

The CWWA program aims to let children know they are not alone or at fault for the abuse they have witnessed, provides a safe place to talk about feelings, teaches problem-solving/coping skills, helps end cycles of aggression, teaches personal safety and healthy ways to express feelings, identifies causes and effects of violence and abuse and/or looks at the common myths about violence and abuse. If you feel you or your child could benefit from this program or want more information, call 250-538-5569 or email: cwwa@iwav.org.

While violence against women is often seen as a women's issue, probably because the vast majority of abuse is endured by women, perhaps we can honour all women by viewing violence and abuse as a societal issue; one in which we can all in our own way take a stand against the abuses suffered by females around the globe.

For men it can mean becoming more educated, perpetuating non-violence and seeking help if he abuses. For women it can be to support and encourage one another to no longer allow victimization and heal the wounds abuses create, and for children to also heal and learn to be in the world in non-violent peaceful ways only.

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EXHIBITIONS

GISS shows young talent at Fine Art

Gallery show ends today

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

The island's next generation of artists opened its work up to public viewing last week with a show of GISS student work at Salt Spring Gallery of Fine Art.

With grades 9 to 12 represented and a variety of mediums and projects on display, the show provides a good window into that budding talent pool. In self-portraits, observed scenes and imaginative works, the students prove unafraid to put it all out there.

Self-portraits are always fascinating for how the artist chooses to represent him or herself.

In paintings by the senior class, students show a good grasp of fundamentals like shape, tone and shading to create realistic and recognizable versions of themselves. The external elements in the frame are both whimsical and hopeful.

Alix Wilson, for example, places herself against a scene of a lighthouse shining out from a rocky shore. Stylized trees wrap their roots into the scene and curve into her hair.

Markus Gruner's face is illuminated by an old-fashioned lantern set against a dark background, and Kaz Johnson appears in a desert scene.

Sofia Sherrin, who shows good execution in her portraiture, places her figure against a forest backdrop. Tall trees with autumnal foliage frame a vivid green background, which balances her figure's deeper green scarf.

Anna Melious also has a good understanding of how to use shade and tone to suggest three dimensions within two, and shows very good work around the difficult areas of eyes and mouth.

Alex Crandall, another student with good understanding of human features, puts her figure against an interesting, scraped abstract background that contain hints of skyscrapers and crosses (or just nuanced patterning).

Also in the self-portraits



PHOTO BY ELIZABETH NOLAN

Some of the self-portraits on display as part of the GISS art show at Salt Spring Gallery of Fine Art.

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trait range are collaged versions that use magazine photos for multi-shaded locks of hair and a variety of subtle skin tones, as well as the basic facial features.

Hari Brooks includes word banners of important themes such as "nothing ordinary," "focus" and "community" in hers.

In the field of observation, Gloria Chan's

cowgirl scene includes as its centrepiece an ornate saddle with gorgeous and intricate ornamentation.

Aileen Pang contrasts views of a rocking horse in a scene within a scene, and makes a background of overlapping horse-shoes that are nicely done. Riho Fujita's still life of a boot captures the rumpled folds well.

In the area of imaginary landscapes, Emily Wypkema has a haunting scene that works up from gestures in black ink. The movements produce a rocky foreground, from which a woman's sleeping form emerges. The background is a night sky of pure black dotted with tiny stars. Overlooking the scene is an impressively executed and oversized owl's head peering over the rocks.

Sierra Lundy creates a surreal dreamscape

where she contrasts a naked woman in deep turquoise with a hot pink background. The woman is seen from behind, walking into a desert and carrying a burden of human masks over her shoulders. The scene is made more complex by a dark twist of fibres in the upper corner, which could be a braid of hair coming unravelled, or perhaps signifies some other element of the subconscious.

Viewers have just today (Wednesday) left to see the show at the gallery.

The next feature exhibit for the Salt Spring Gallery of Fine Art is of new glass painting works by Beulah Gordon.

The show and sale opens Saturday, March 12 with a reception attended by the artist from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.

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RECITAL

Meditative music in play

David Storm performs at next Simply Organic

Simply Organic on Wednesday, March 16 will present a concert of beautiful melodies by David Storm.

The music will be peaceful and meditative, beginning with an organ arrangement of Albinoni's Adagio for Violin, Strings and Organ.

As a press release explains, "The 20th-century musicologist Remo Giazotto, author of a biography of Albinoni, claimed to have discovered after WWII a tiny manuscript fragment (consisting of a few measures of the melody line and basso continuo portion) from a slow movement of an Albinoni Trio Sonata. According to Giazotto, he then constructed the rest of the piece."

Also on the program are J.S. Bach choral preludes, a Mendelssohn sonata and choral preludes for organ composed by Johannes Brahms.

Storm has established himself on Salt Spring as a gifted pianist and organist. His many years of playing and arranging music for church services and conducting small choirs has enabled him to greatly contribute to the island's musical community since his arrival in 2005. Well known to Music and Munch audiences, Storm is the musical director for the Anglican Parish.

Free music commences at All Saints church on Park Drive at 10:10 a.m.

Coffee and muffins will be served after the performance for \$2.

NEW MUSIC

Quatuor Bozzini plays at ArtSpring

Montreal group premieres new work

The visit to ArtSpring this Sunday by the Montreal new music group Quatuor Bozzini is the culmination of a music creation project that began on Salt Spring five years ago.

Canadian composer Cassandra Miller was conductor of Salt Spring's Tuned Air choir at the time and asked people here and in Victoria to sponsor a couple of bars of a new musical work and provide input if they wished. The result is called the Community Sinfonia Project. Miller describes it as "a heartfelt and thoughtful piece of music, constantly changing, celebrating the variety of the community. The music relates to the songs of local varieties of birds and one movement is based on a piece of music by Salt Spring composer/fiddler Zav RT."

Quatuor Bozzini, one of Canada's most respected new music ensembles, became excited about the project and decided to premiere it on Salt Spring.

Since its founding in 1999, Quatuor Bozzini has commissioned more than 40 works and premiered more than a hundred. They are renowned for precision and meticulous attention to detail in their exploration and interpretation of contemporary repertoire.

In addition to Miller's Community Sinfonia Project, the concert will feature Rodney Sharman's Second String Quartet and a new work by Michael Oesterle based on the life and ideas of British code-breaker Alan Turing.

The 2:30 p.m. concert will include a 1:30 pre-concert chat, featuring Miller herself talking about the music on the program. Tickets are available from the ArtSpring Ticket Centre at 250-537-2102.

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SONGWRITING

Language of song explored

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Songwriters will be learning the "language of song" at the eighth Allowed Sound Songwriting Workshop of the same name, hosted by producer/songwriter Ramesh Meyers.

"All the parts of a song — the lyrics, the melody, etc. — live and breathe when they are joined together as a song," said Meyers in a press release.

"Each song has its own particular thrust. It knows what it wants to say and how it wants to say it. The more you understand what a particular song is, the easier it is to write it."

The workshop will help songwriters tighten up their craft so the writing is clear and has integrity. They will also play with ways to loosen up their intuition and creativity to make songwriting easier.

The first of five workshop evenings will begin the week of March 13, from 7 to 9:30 p.m. on a day decided by participants' schedules. Cost is \$110, with partial scholarships available for "cash-strapped artists."

For more information or to register, phone Meyers at 537-2294 or go to allowed-sound.thescenics.com.



PHOTO BY DERRICK LUNDY

FESTIVAL CHECK-IN: Allan and Amrita Bruce look through myriad viewing options at last weekend's annual Salt Spring Film Festival, held at Gulf Islands Secondary School.

CREATIVITY

Open Vessel provides a day of deep creativity, renewal

Qigong and writing disciplines merged

On Saturday, March 19, two Salt Spring teachers will present a unique qigong and writing workshop. While celebrating the emergence of spring, this workshop promises to open portals of deep creativity and renewal.

"The Open Vessel is an opportunity for men and women to experience a deepening awareness and expanded creative expression," said one of the presenters, poet/writer Lorraine Gane. "Qigong, with its gentle meditative movements, postures and breathing practices, will bring the body into harmony and clear the mind of mental clutter.

"From this fertile space of deep attunement to the vast reservoirs within, participants will be guided through a series of practices to initiate a flow of words onto the page, which will be directed in subsequent writing exercises with various prompts," she adds.

Gane has taught writing at universities across Canada and now mentors writers through online courses and her own workshops on the island and elsewhere. She is also completing a book on writing and her third poetry collection, *The Blue Halo*, among other projects.

Qigong/tai chi instructor Purna Ma, who has taught numerous workshops at Royal Roads University and retreats at the former Queenswood Centre

for Spiritual Growth, as well as classes on Salt Spring and other locations to a loyal following, worked as a shiatsu and massage therapist in Toronto before training with a variety of qigong/tai chi masters.

The two teamed up last year when they realized that the two arts, practised together, would open untapped reservoirs of creativity and well-being for participants seeking deeper expression and balance in their lives.

For more information on the 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. workshop at the Salt Spring Centre of Yoga, which includes a vegetarian lunch (prior registration required), contact Gane (250-537-5294; ganegoodger@saltspring.com) or Purna Ma (250-537-5190; purnama@telus.net).

ARTS EDUCATION

Blocks to creativity vanquished at class

Louise Goodman workshop

For artists who have lost their muse or are mired in a rut, a special one-day workshop is coming their way on Saturday, March 26.

The Courage to Create: Demystifying the Artistic Block is designed to take participants in new and inspired directions.

"You will learn about the types of creative process blocks, and their nature and impacts," explains press material. "You will also learn useful tools and skills for dealing with and overcoming blocks to your creativity, such as art therapy exercises, journaling and play. Finally, you will have the opportunity to network and discuss sensitive and difficult issues in a safe and supportive environment. Be prepared to have fun and be inspired!"

The Salt Spring Arts Council-organized workshop, which runs at Mahon Hall from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., will be taught by Louise Goodman, who has more than 30 years of experience as a visual artist and specialized training as a certified art therapist.

The workshop is for artists at any stage of their career who are looking to rekindle their artistic flame. Art supplies are included. People should bring a journal.

Cost is \$100 for arts council members and \$125 for non-members.

Pre-registration is required by March 25. Registration forms can be downloaded at www.ssartscouncil.com or pick one up in the mailbox at the side of Mahon Hall.

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Wed. March 9

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Open Stage. Wednesdays with Stephanie Rhodes at Moby's. 8 p.m.

ACTIVITIES

50 Years of Firefighting. Salt Spring fire department history presentation at Central Hall. 2 p.m. A SS Historical Society event.
Plan B - Mobilizing to Save Civilization. Showing of 80-minute film featuring climate change campaigner Lester Brown and his book, Plan B. Q&A period after with Marion Pape and Raffi. Proceeds to Transition Salt Spring and the Centre for Child Honouring. Fritz Cinema. 7 p.m.

Thurs. March 10

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Open Mic. Thursdays at the The Local pub. 6 to 10 p.m.

ACTIVITIES

Community Open House On plans for property at 201 Beddis Rd., future home of Slegg Lumber and the Salt Spring Farm Food Centre. 4 to 6 p.m. Please park at 230 Beddis Rd.

Fri. March 11

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Helix Dance Theatre Youth Performance Company. ArtSpring. **CANCELLED**
Jim Moffatt. Live at the Harbour House. 6:30 to 9 p.m.
Barefoot Thieves. Live at the Tree House Cafe. 5:30 to 8:30 p.m.
Fiddle Jam. Led by Wesley Hardisty. Fiddlers, guitar, mandolin, and other players who love fiddle music welcome! 7 to 9 p.m. For more info and address: Ellie at 250-653-9612 or eparks@telus.net.

ACTIVITIES

Native Bees of Salt Spring. A SS Conservancy presentation at Community Gospel Chapel Hall. 7 p.m.
Rollerblading. Fridays at Fulford Hall. 7:30 to 9 p.m.
Fridays Wilderness School. Five-week series for ages 7 to 10 (or under 7 with adult) begins today. 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Info/register: 250-653-9122 or instinct@saltspring.com.

Sat. March 12

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Rocky Mountain Rebel Music. Victoria reggae-ska band with special guests Wallabee Indeed. All ages dance. Beaver Point Hall.
Wesley Hardisty and Friends. Live at the Tree House Cafe. 5:30 to 8:30 p.m.
Lloyd English & Ian Van Wyck. Jazz at the Harbour House. 6:30 to 9 p.m.
Ramesh Meyers. Performs at the Raven Street Cafe.

ACTIVITIES

Literacy and the Child. With guest speaker Kathy Brunetta. SS United Church. 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Margriet Ruurs Book Launch & Signing. Launch of Astonishing Facts, Amazing Animals, a children's book by Margriet Ruurs. Original art on display, book sales, signing by both the author and illustrator. ArtSpring. 2 p.m.
Arctic Boundary Dispute Workshop. Environmental and legal experts from around the world meet to seek solutions to Arctic boundary disputes. GISS multi-purpose room. 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Public welcome.

Sat. March 12

ACTIVITIES

Awakening the Dreamer, Changing the Dream Symposium. Still Point Yoga Studio. 1-5 p.m. Registration begins at 12:30. Details: www.transitionsaltspring.ning.com/events

Sun. March 13

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Quatuor Bozzini. Montreal-based music ensemble performs world premiere of the Community Sinfonia Project, and other new-music works. ArtSpring, 2:30 p.m. Pre-concert chat at 1:30 p.m.
The Barley Bros. Live at the Harbour House. 6:30 to 9 p.m.

ACTIVITIES

Arctic Boundary Dispute Workshop. GISS multi-purpose room. 9 a.m. to 12 noon. See Saturday's listing.
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Mon. March 14

ACTIVITIES

Child, Youth & Family Prenatal Classes. First of six sessions on Mondays at the meeting room behind Lady Minto Hospital, 5 to 7 p.m. Info/register: visit the Health Unit or call Chris at 250-538-4885.

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Tues. March 15

ACTIVITIES

Central Community Hall Society. Regular meeting of the board of directors. Lower hall at Central Hall. 7 p.m.
Screening Mammography Service. See Monday listing.

Tues. March 15

ACTIVITIES

SSI Community and Economic Development Commission. Meets in the school board office from 4 to 6 p.m.

Wed. March 16

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Simply Organic. A concert of beautiful melodies by David Storm at All Saints. 10:10 a.m. followed by muffin and coffee.
Open Stage. Moby's. 8 p.m.

ACTIVITIES

Practical Homeopathy at Home. First of five Wednesday sessions taught by Jamie Capranos at Green Raven Centre. 7 to 9 p.m. Info/register: 250-537-0602 or info@jamiacapranos.com.
Screening Mammography Service. See Monday listing.
Landscape in Coloured Pencil. A SS Painters Guild activity with Martin Herbert. ArtSpring. Info/register: Ann Holt, annholt47@hotmail.com.

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EXHIBITIONS

- A **Salt Spring Gallery of Fine Art** exhibition of art by the students of **Gulf Islands Secondary School** ends today (March 9), followed by an exhibit called **New Works** by **Beulah Gordon**, an exhibition and sale of Beulah's glasswork and mixed-media paintings. It opens on Saturday, March 12 with a reception with the artist from 1 to 3 p.m. and runs Tuesdays through Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. until March 31.
- Roger Donnelly** shows paintings at **Island Savings Credit Union**.
- Salt Spring Photography** has a new exhibition at the **Country Roasters Cafe** in Country Grocer, featuring work by **Cliff Kelly, Angela Jackson, Adrian Selby, Bob Rogers, Gail Neumann** and **Gregory Alan**. Runs through March 31.
- See **Lyman Whitaker's** wind sculptures at **Grace Point Square**.
- Pottery by **Julie MacKinnon** is in the display case at **ArtSpring**.
- The Salt Spring Photography Club** displays photos by club members at the **Salt Spring Coffee Company** on an electronic picture frame, with updated photos every two weeks.
- Margaret Ann Argiro**, visual artist and photographer, has eight photos and one pastel painting hanging in **Bruce's Kitchen**. Images feature fruits, vegetables and the Northern Range as seen through the notch in Mt. Belcher.
- Shari Macdonald** shows new photos at **Jana's Bake Shop**.

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The future for artistic innovation on Salt Spring looks much brighter with the announcement this week by ArtSpring of the creation of a new Arts Exploration Fund.

"We are very proud of our ongoing activities in supporting local artists, in presenting touring professional performers and in supporting youth access to the arts," said executive director George Sipos in a press release, "but a recent substantial donation from one of our patrons to create this fund will allow us to venture into more unusual arts projects and to play a more entrepreneurial role in helping young artists and in supporting the creation of new work."

The anonymous donor made \$100,000 available for the Arts Exploration Fund for the specific purpose of allowing ArtSpring to invest in less popular arts disciplines, in emerging talent and in special projects that may lie outside its traditional activities.

Some examples of the kinds of projects the Arts Exploration Fund will

enable are educational assistance to exceptional young artists, creative residencies that bring composers, choreographers and playwrights to Salt Spring to create new work, and multi-disciplinary projects in the arts that do not fit into any existing programs.

"Our donor had been intending to leave a substantial legacy to ArtSpring in their will," explained Sipos, "but decided there was no point waiting till they had passed on. A donation now would allow the donor to see and enjoy the benefits of the donation during their lifetime."

ArtSpring plans to make the fund last a long time, hopefully with the addition of other donations from community members who see a similar sensibleness in not waiting till their death to make an important contribution to the arts.

"It is important to stress," said Sipos, "that this fund is intended for new projects beyond what ArtSpring already does. The need for fundraising and donations and grants to maintain our ongoing programs

and operations is undiminished. It's great, however, to have the resources to try new things that we could not possibly afford otherwise."

Initial projects include scholarship support for young musicians and two creative residencies this summer: a string trio in July and a young dance company in August.

During these residencies, local audiences will be able to see new music and choreography in the process of creation, with the final product showcased later in ArtSpring's 2011-12 season.



PHOTO BY DERRICK LUNDY

WISH BOOK: Sarah Penhale reads her book "Jeffery's Wish" to children at Salt Spring's public library. The multi-talented Penhale has been working on the book for "quite awhile now." She says she has the story "where I want it, but I never seem satisfied with illustrations. . . it is a never-ending process!"

HISTORICAL ART

Pegasus' Pacific treasures head to Toronto for exhibit

March 5 to 26 at Mayberry Fine Art

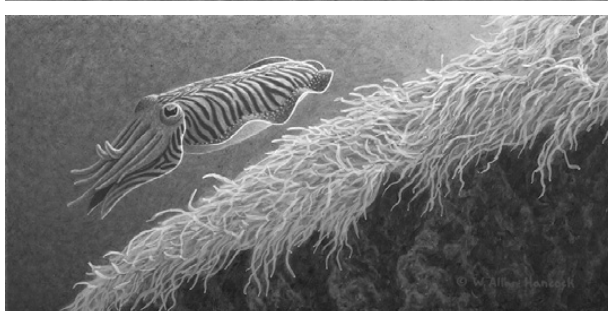
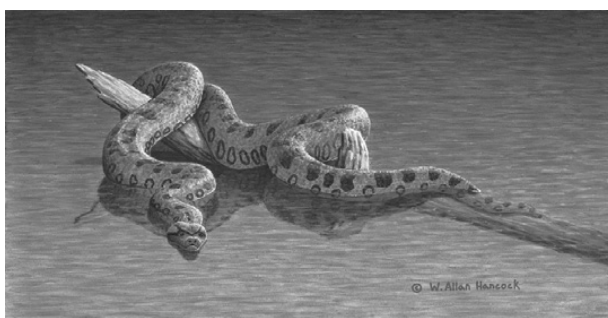
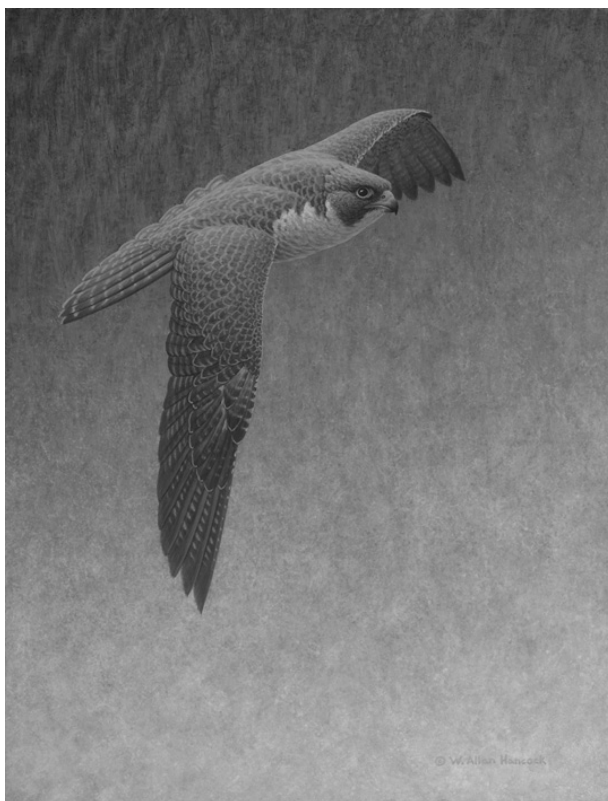
Pegasus Gallery of Canadian Art has teamed with Mayberry Fine Art to bring an exhibit of fine and rare Pacific Northwest Coast historical 19th-century artefacts, along with more contemporary pieces, to Toronto.

Curated by Pegasus owner Ian Sigvaldason, UnMasked: Treasures of the Pacific Northwest is on display from March 5 to 26 at Mayberry Fine Art in Yorkville.

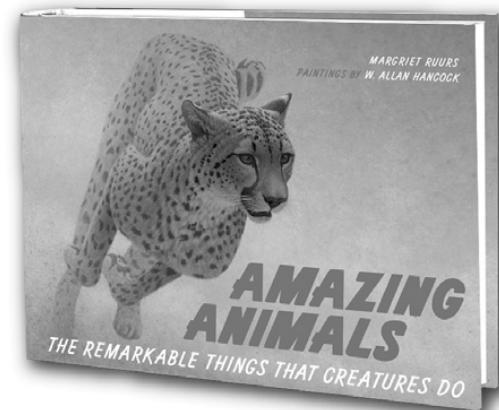
Assembled over five years, the exhibit includes a rare and early Tlingit chief's head-dress frontlet, a sea monster canoe prow, a Chilkat blanket and two fine examples of the iconic raven rattle.

The complete ceremonial regalia of KwaGulth Chief Tony Hunt, including dance masks, rattles, frontlets and dance screens which have been danced the world over, will also be on display.

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FESTIVALS

Blossom Festival heralds spring with weekend of events and tours

Fundraiser for Japanese Garden and boost for tourism

April is such an "in-between" month. The weather may be tempestuous or glorious, and it's not officially the tourism season, but people are itching to get out and do something new and fun.

For the Japanese Garden Society of Salt Spring Island and the Salt Spring Island Tourism Committee, it seemed an ideal time to float a brand new spring celebration.

The Blossom Festival runs from Friday, April 8 through Sunday, April 10, with all corners of the community enthused about participating.

As co-organizers Caffyn Kelley and Philip Reece recently explained, the festival will include a Friday night concert by renowned bamboo flute player Takeo Tamashiro and a picnic with music in Heiwa Garden in Peace Park with MC Arthur Black. On Sunday there will be flower displays and demonstrations at Lions Hall, along with a Taste of Salt Spring party featuring food from island chefs.

Another component sees use of a Blossom Festival Pass-

port and map that encourages people to visit a number of sites on Salt Spring — from farms to vineyards to restaurants and gardens — collecting stamps along the way and becoming eligible to win some excellent prizes. The festival program and passport will be published in the Driftwood.

Most participating commercial venues will offer a "Blossom Festival special" of some kind, with a percentage of proceeds going to the Japanese Garden Society for continued work on the Heiwa Garden.

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DEATHS

Dick Toynbee helped shape community

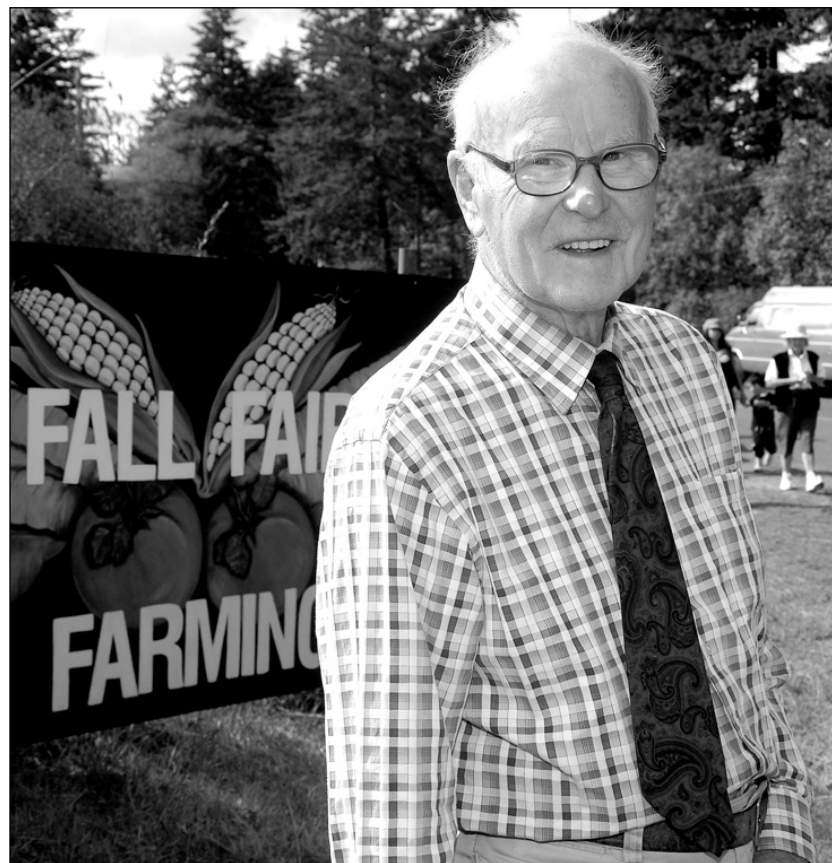
Islander remembered for many contributions

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Salt Spring Islanders have been remembering the many contributions of Richard Mouat Toynbee to their community following his passing at the age of 86 on Feb. 24.

Toynbee (popularly known as Dick) was born on Salt Spring in 1925 and returned to living on the island full time in 1967 with his wife Barbara and their children after living for 17 years in Terrace.

As a shareholder and later president of Mouat's Trading, he literally helped shape Ganges Village with the project that filled in parts of the harbour to create Centennial Park, Grace Point and the section of town around Mouat's store. But it is



Dick Toynbee, photographed in 2009.

Toynbee's contributions to the island's social sphere that leave his strongest legacy.

Toynbee has been described by his many friends and family members as someone who did a lot for the community without attracting much attention for it. Looking back at his list of activities reveals he was at the heart of a number of groups that are essential parts of the community as we know it today, including the Salt Spring Rotary Club, the Salt Spring Sailing Club, the Salt Spring Foundation and the "Eggheads" discussion group.

Kevin Bell, who was Toynbee's son-in-law and became Mouat's president in 1999, observed that although it's easy to inflate someone's good qualities after they pass away, in this case there is no exaggeration.

"He was thoughtful, considerate and clever — a really interesting, quirky and decent kind of man," Bell said.

"I grew up in a good

family with a nice dad, and then to get a guy like Dick as a father-in-law was unbelievable."

Bell observed that Toynbee had travelled the world but was made content by living on Salt Spring, an island he loved "desperately." With his brother Tom, Dick brought Mouat's from a historic trading post to a modern amenity and transformed Ganges village in the process.

"He recognized that Mouat's was quite vulnerable out there on the peninsula, so basically he built up Ganges around it," Bell said, adding that under the Toynbees' direction six new commercial buildings were constructed in town and many older ones renovated.

As a devoted participant of the Salt Spring Foundation, former chair Bob Rush recognized Toynbee as one of the organization's first three trustees.

"He was very involved in the community in a very quiet way. Not in a forceable way, but in a facilitating, encourag-

ing way," Rush said.

Jack Althouse, a longtime friend and neighbour of Toynbee, said he was "a modest, quiet little chap without an enemy in the world," who "started all these things but never got much credit."

Althouse recalled that Toynbee was a strong supporter of the island's early seniors' group, which started out in a small storefront where Golden Island restaurant is now located. In order to ensure funding for the centre by showing its usage, Toynbee helped start a brown-bag lunch group to discuss current events.

Through the years the group evolved into the Eggheads, an all-male group whose members first met at Moby's and brought in speakers on all types of topics.

"We tried to keep things on a friendly note, and it's been very, very successful," Althouse said, noting the group now has 80 members.

Althouse also

"He was very involved in the community ... in a facilitating, encouraging way."

BOB RUSH
Salt Spring Foundation

remembers Toynbee for his generosity, as the type of person who would show up at a neighbour's door with a box of vegetables fresh from his garden.

"He left a large family behind, and they're all good people too — and that's really important," Althouse added.

Along with his own family, Toynbee contributed to many projects benefitting islanders through his work with the Rotary Club. He was one of half a dozen local men who founded the local chapter of the service club in 1969. He served as president in 1974 and 1975.

Current president Jim Helset said Toynbee remained a popular person at the club through the years, where he was made an honorary lifetime member.

"Everybody knew Dick; he was great," Helset said.

"He wanted to put back into the community what he got out, and that was one of the ways he could do it, through the avenue of service."

Rotary projects that were undertaken in the early years included bringing in a new heart monitor machine, constructing the helipad for Lady Minto Hospital and helping set up Drummond Park.

"He was certainly deeply involved [in the community]," Helset said.

"He was a very important part of Salt Spring."

Who Owns the Arctic?

Environmental and legal experts from around the world will meet this weekend in the GISS multi-purpose room to seek solutions to Arctic boundary disputes. This workshop is open to all members of the public interested in listening to experts negotiate complex issues having an enormous impact on Arctic ecosystems and peoples. The workshop is funded by ArcticNet, a government funded consortium of scientists from 27 Canadian universities and eight federal departments.

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PEOPLE AND COMMUNITY

EDUCATION

Young 'Wolf Kid' returns from Thai exchange

Communal society appreciated

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Fourteen-year-old Ayden Catry-Bauer celebrated his birthday last month with snorkeling and an all-night fishing trip in Thailand.

The youth is not one of the jet-set crowd, despite the exotic locale of his recent travels. He is a student in Salt Spring's "Wolf Kids" outdoor education program, and was overseas teaching urban Thai kids some of the skills he's mastered.

How to make shelters from forest materials, make fires, forage food and find water are just some of the practical applications of the program. The over-arching structure, however, is to provide students with a deep understanding of and connection to the natural environment.

Catry and his father Jean-Claude, a mentor in the Wolf Kids program, joined fellow Salt Spring residents and program founders David Krieger and Tashmyra Crowe for the exchange.

Krieger and Crowe have been spending part of each year in Thailand teaching English in an English-language environmental studies program. They have created environmental outdoor camps for Thai



PHOTO BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
Ayden Catry-Bauer back on SSL.

youth as a part of their ESL nature awareness project in conjunction with Kaeng Krachan park rangers and Benchamthepthit School in Phetchaburi Province. Thai students have also visited Salt Spring to experience the program here.

To participate in the exchange, Catry helped with group fundraising efforts and worked as much as possible, doing things like gathering and selling wild food, stacking wood and building a forest shelter at Kim Hunter's Waldorf school. He also asked for cash instead of Christmas presents.

Once in Thailand, Catry was put to work helping teach kids from seven to 15 years old. Along with wilderness skills, the Salt Spring team introduced the city kids to some elements from their own culture, such as cooking the traditional way and working with bamboo.

"Since the Thai kids come over here every year, it was cool to see how they live," Catry said.

"It's very interesting to see what's the same and what's different — I think that's valuable to learn."

One of the things he noted is that Thai people already understand the importance of working as a group.

"It was cool to see how they worked in community over there. They're very community oriented."

Camping in Kaeng Krachan National Park, Catry encountered

wildlife like elephants, monkeys and big cats, and was close to tigers. He did home stays with Thai families, including people living in stilt houses built over the ocean to protect shellfish colonies from pirates, and spent a day at a meditation retreat.

Catry's birthday celebrations included being up all night on a very small boat with his Thai friends, trying for fish and squid. (They didn't catch anything but the guides did.)

Turning 14, however, means this will be the youth's last year in the Wolf Kids program. Catry and a few other boys will mark the end of this part of their education with a four-day vision quest. They'll be asking permission from the Cowichan Tribes to use the caves on Mount Maxwell for the experience.

"We need a lot of time to prepare because it's quite an ordeal to go up and sit there for four days without food," Catry said in a matter-of-fact kind of way.

His future plans also include a return to Thailand for another teaching exchange some day.

Catry will also be helping lead the next Friday Wilderness School session for seven to 10-year-olds beginning Friday, March 11. Call 250-653-9122 or email instinct@saltspring.com to register or for more information.

EARTH DAY

Participants sought for annual Earth Day activities

Third annual festival on April 17

Students of the Salt Spring Centre School's leadership class are asking the community to help celebrate the island's third annual Earth Day event, taking place Sunday, April 17.

The Grade 4/5 class has teamed up with the festival's previous coordinator, Clare Cullen, to organize the day's activities. Teacher Kate Richer has been guiding the class in learning about organizational and communication skills, and long-term

planning in preparation for the event.

"The students are extremely excited and honoured to be hosting this event for the whole community," said Richer.

"To be able to create something real and meaningful beyond the walls of the classroom engages the students like no other way."

Earth Day festivities will include food and entertainment, guest speakers like Briony Penn and B.C. Green Party leader Jane Sterk, activities, info booths, an alternative car show and a bike rally.

The students are hoping to build on the previous years' successful turn-out for a truly community-wide event.

The organizers are inviting environmental groups to set up booths to display information and eco products. Anyone who has an alternative vehicle, such as one powered by electricity or bio-diesel, is also encouraged to get in touch.

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PEOPLE AND COMMUNITY

EDUCATION

Workshop explores Waldorf approach to literacy

Participants welcome March 12

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Salt Spring parents are invited to attend a half-day seminar with Waldorf educator Kathy Brunetta on Saturday, March 12 at the United Church.

Literacy and the Child is the second in a series of participatory seminars called Why Waldorf Works from the Salt Spring Friends of Waldorf Education Society.

Participants will follow the child's acquisition of literacy from the earliest years through the elementary and high school years during a series of presentations and teaching exercises led by Brunetta.

Brunetta has over 26 years experience as a Waldorf teacher, beginning in 1984 with the completion of her teacher training at the Rudolf Steiner Centre in Toronto. She taught at the Alan Howard Waldorf and the Toronto Waldorf High School, of which her two sons are graduates.

While completing a Master of Arts degree

in Curriculum Studies with the University of British Columbia in 2003, Brunetta provided educational support for Waldorf teachers and Waldorf schools by offering evaluation and mentoring services and teacher education courses.

She teaches with the Rudolf Steiner Centre teacher education faculty and has been an occasional visiting teacher in Waldorf schools. Currently Brunetta serves as pedagogical administrator for the Calgary Waldorf School, a full-time position that requires her to commute between her home in Vancouver and Calgary.

Press material from the Salt Spring society states the "goal of the Waldorf approach to the language arts . . . is to inspire in every child a love for the power of language.

"This love for language and narrative is cultivated in the earliest stages of child development through finger games and nursery rhymes. As the child grows the eventual introduction of reading develops out of the child's own experience of living language."

Waldorf educators focus on a holistic learning approach that involves play, movement and creativity for very young children.

On the phone from the Calgary Waldorf School, Brunetta further explained that reading is only one component of literacy.

Waldorf educators focus on a holistic learning approach that involves play, movement and creativity for very young children.

They help children develop literacy through their "direct human environment" — the example of the adults around them.

Waldorf education also uses a developmental approach, looking at the right times to bring in different learning activities.

For example, students are introduced to reading in Grade 1 by first learning to write.

"By then Waldorf children have a rich language base, so their narrative content is quite sophisticated," Brunetta said. In fact, children continue to learn "how to read" through their entire school careers as they take on more and more complex material through the high school years.

Some of the topics Brunetta will introduce during the seminar include the role of story, the role of the artistic process as a means of learning and how to use Waldorf Form Drawing, a learning technique unique to the program.

The seminar takes place from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Salt Spring United Church located at 111 Hereford Ave. The cost is \$15.

All proceeds will support Salt Spring Friends of Waldorf Education Society's efforts to create a new Waldorf elementary school on Salt Spring.

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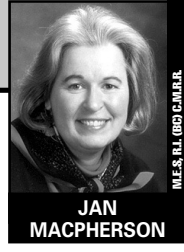
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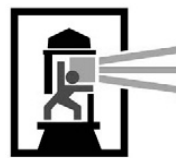
After all this winter weather, the time is right to take advantage of the odd sunny day to check this out. A number of factors could be in play, but if it's a relatively new deck, the green moss can be powerwashed or hand brushed away. Water with a bleach solution works well, and will slow down the new moss from returning. Powerwashing works well too for concrete walkways and driveways; it really cleans them up for a fresh look for spring.

However, if you think there is rot forming on the deck - have it looked at by a professional. Often rot on the surface means the beams and posts underneath might be affected too, so don't wait until the deck is full of people to discover there are structural issues that need to be addressed.

Also, a fresh coat of paint, or stain on the handrails and railing system will clean things up, without costing alot.

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PHOTOGRAPHY

Photo club posts new Country Roasters exhibit

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The Salt Spring Photography Club is holding its third exhibition at Country Roasters Cafe, in Country Grocer.

For the month of March, the work of six new club photographers will be featured: Cliff Kelly, Angela Jackson, Adrian Selby, Bob Rogers, Gail Neumann and Gregory Alan.

Kelly has been taking pictures for more than 60 years. Along the way he has been mentored by professional photographers and has taken college and university classes in photographic techniques and philosophies. He maintains his amateur freelance status, allowing total freedom and flexibility in content and style of images.

Selby is an amateur photographer who has lived on Salt Spring for six years, taking photography with him wherever his imagination leads.

Neumann has been a member of the Salt Spring Photography Club since July. She says she loves networking with other photographers and sharing ideas and knowledge "as metal sharpens metal."

Alan, of Shutterjunkie Photography, has made Salt Spring his home for the past six years. Recently, along with his website www.shutterjunkie.ca, Alan has opened a co-op photography studio located just outside Ganges.

And to quote Rogers, "Photography is the process, activity and art of creating still pictures by recording radiation on a radiation-sensitive medium, such as a photographic film or electronic image sensors. I am passionate about it and shoot daily." Rogers' photo of the day can be seen at <http://www.blipfoto.com/WetcoastBob>.

In other club news, a new executive was recently elected. Members are: Curt Firestone, president; past-president Bob Rogers; Tom James continues as treasurer/secretary; Avril Kirby will handle public relations; and Ernie Westlund is website manager. The education coordinator position, formerly filled by Simon Henson, has been divided into two separate posts. Doug McMillin has taken on the job of collecting members' photos for the monthly meetings and presenting the slide shows, while Bill Gardham, who has a background in teaching and art, is coordinating a year-long exploration into the different aspects of photography, and what makes a good photograph, through the club's monthly themes.

Everyone is welcome to attend the club's monthly meetings, held every second Tuesday at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints on Vesuvius Bay Road at 7 p.m. The major portion of meetings is devoted to slide shows of members' photographs and a discussion of the images.

For more information, contact Kirby at 250-537-1772 or avek@telus.net.

PEOPLE AND COMMUNITY



PHOTO BY DERRICK LUNDY

REMEMBERING: Students recount fond anecdotes and memories of former Salt Spring Middle School teacher Bruce Creswick at a memorial gathering on Saturday. Hundreds attended the event which took place in the middle school gym in honour of Creswick, who died suddenly and unexpectedly.

COMMUNITY BUILDING

A positive future unfolds at Transition 'dream' event

Two gatherings on tap Sat-Sun

Transition Salt Spring presents the Awakening the Dreamer, Changing the Dream Symposium in two different spots this weekend.

"Come together with conscious, aware people who care about what's happening in the world, the community, and in our homes and families," urges a press release.

The 4.5-hour gathering, which includes 90 minutes of video clips "and is otherwise devoted to a wide variety of personal and group exercises that connect us with what's going on in the world and inspire us to mine the power of our individual and collective imaginations," runs on Saturday, March 12 at the Still Point Yoga Studio behind the Harbour House Hotel, and again on Sunday, March 13 at the United Church.

Rob Hopkins, founder of the Transition movement featured in one of the video clips, has said that the process of exploring one's way forward, while requiring people to look at painful and unpleasant realities, is ultimately inspiring and fun, and is key to inventing new possibilities for the future.

Registration for both events begins at 12:30 p.m. for a 1 p.m. start.

For more details, see www.transition-saltspring.ning.com/events and watch a short video about the symposium at www.Pachama.org.

People should bring a water bottle and a snack, and a recommended donation of \$10 to \$20.

SELF-DEVELOPMENT

Mom, daughters workshop aids girls becoming young women

Facilitator seeks indication of interest

A Coming of Age workshop for girls who are becoming young women is being planned for Salt Spring Island if enough mothers and daughters are interested.

As explained in press material, the two-day weekend workshop includes a dynamic "girl-circle" that initiates the imagination through various artistic activities as a doorway of accessing new dimensions of growing up. The "mother-circle" provides moms with an opportunity to connect in conversations, share their wisdom and the mutuality of their experiences.

"Mothers will also strengthen their abilities to support their daughters' maturation process and in preparation to bear witness to their daughters' transition in celebration. Mothers will receive

practical and inspired tools for guiding daughters through their changes."

The workshop's intention is to build a community of mothers to welcome and honour their daughters' sacred passage into womanhood in celebration. The purpose of creating such a community, says workshop creator Ratha Chek, is to help girls meet the challenges of growing up with a sense of purpose and responsibility, and for mothers to provide daughters with support and education filled with beauty and inspiration as they transition into adolescents.

"The workshop strives to remedy the negativity girls frequently experience during adolescence in relationship to their physiological changes and intends to provide an alternative based in self-care, self-knowledge and self-esteem."

For further information on the workshop and to inquire about dates and times, visit the website at <http://Sacred-Passage.ca>.

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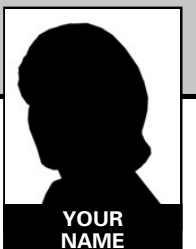
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The Canadian Brandowner Residual Stewardship Corporation (CBRSC), on behalf of the Canadian Toy Association and its members, have developed a Stewardship Plan outlining how the brandowners intend to collect unwanted electronic toys from the public and ensure that they are properly recycled and not sent to landfill.

Go to www.cbrsc.ca to review the draft.

Public meetings to accept comments will be held in:

- ▶ **Prince George:** Coast Inn of the North
Wednesday, March 9, 1 to 4pm
- ▶ **Kelowna:** Ramada North Kelowna,
Friday, March 11, 1 to 4pm
- ▶ **Surrey:** Sheraton Guildford
Tuesday, March 15, 1 to 4pm
- ▶ **Victoria:** Sheraton Four Points Langford
Thursday, March 17, 1 to 4pm

Webinar will be held on Wednesday, March 23.

Pre-registration is requested through www.cbrsc.ca or (604) 831-7203.

Comments on the draft plan for Electronic Toys are welcome until the close of business April 25, 2011.

Sports & Recreation

What went wrong with Salt Spring Coffee? Watch the video retrospective from the other "George" www.islandgov.org

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KAYAKING

Strait crossing launches Cooper's cross-Canada run

Trio completes 'survivorish' paddle

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

A Salt Spring Island resident has finally hit the Lower Mainland on his way to completing a 300-day run between Victoria and St. John's, Newfoundland.

After setting off from mile 0 of the Trans-Canada Highway in Beacon Hill Park, running across the Malahat in a snowstorm and waiting several days for calm weather to prevail over the Strait of Georgia, Nathan Cooper finally reached the Lower Mainland on Sunday morning.

The wait was required as Cooper, along with fellow islanders Johan Bosman and James Cowan, sought the perfect weather window to launch their 21-nautical-mile voyage across the Strait of Georgia.

Though it's a route Bosman describes as high-effort and low-reward, the Nanaimo to Horseshoe Bay traverse proved an integral and unavoidable component of Cooper's cross-country tour.

Nine hours and seven minutes after their departure from Nanaimo, the paddlers pulled into a campground on Keats Island, a stone's throw away from the town of Gibsons on the Sunshine Coast.

"Camping in this weather is survivorish," Cowan said on Monday afternoon. "You have to be prepared when the sun goes down."

Bosman said all went well until strong winds about three hours into the journey



Nathan Cooper leads a flotilla of kayaks across the Strait of Georgia on Saturday. The 21-nautical-mile journey from Nanaimo to Horseshoe Bay was among the first stages of Cooper's 300-day human-powered cross-Canada journey.

slowed the group's progress to little more than a crawl.

By this time, the well-equipped and experienced group was in open water, the likes of which none had experienced in years of professional guiding and adventuring.

"It's pretty confronting because we were a long ways away from land," Bosman said.

By noon, the wind had grown calm though poor visibility prompted navigation by compass and GPS for most of the afternoon.

Cowan said the "mildly harrowing experi-

ence" preceded one of the most profound silences he's ever experienced.

After a night spent in camp, the group packed up and made its way along the journey's final stretch into Horseshoe Bay alongside a pod of jumping porpoises.

According to Cowan, the trip's top quote came somewhere out in the middle of the strait, where the conversation lagged as the need for speed took precedence.

"Johan and I started talking about marathon running," Cowan said. "I have never done one and Johan has and is aspiring to get a better time."

When asked about his marathon experience, Cooper replied that marathons are too short and began to launch into tales about his participation in numerous 100-mile ultra-marathon races.

By the time Bosman and Cowan had bid Cooper farewell, returned home and were unloading their gear back on Salt Spring, Cooper had completed a Sunday run into downtown Vancouver with his 22.5-kilogram pack and plenty of inspiration for the next 6,000-plus kilometres.

For more information about Nathan Cooper and Project 30, a solo cross-Canada run for wilderness protection, visit his website at <http://project30.ca>. The site includes a blog about his run, wilderness conservation information and a frequently updated satellite-linked map that shows Cooper's last known position.

The paddlers thanked Ladysmith's Atlantis Kayaks for supplying the boats used in the crossing.

RUNNING

Haigh sets race record; Thompson nails personal best time

Salt Spring Sneakers compete in race

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Andrew Haigh made quick work of the Island Race Series' shortest race of the season to earn top spot in his age category for the third time in five races.

Haigh not only finished in first place, he set a new record for his age group at the Bazan Bay five-kilometre event with a remarkable time of 18:05. That's six seconds ahead of second-place finisher Bubby Bhandar.

"Not bad considering he fought the flu bug part of the week," said Lynn Thompson, a fellow Salt Spring Sneaker, in his post-race

report.

"Andrew is back in control of his age category — leading in the point average. With another race he can drop the Hatley Castle time and will forge well ahead of the rest," Thompson added.

Thompson, who competes in the men's 70-74 age category, finished the race in 26:01.

"Too bad they didn't post chip

times as I think I ran a personal best," he added. "My gun time was four seconds off my personal best from Chemainus and I started well back in the pack."

Other finishers included Callum Ceysens (27:11) and Paul Ceysens (27:13).

The Salt Spring Sneakers are in 27th position in the series' overall standings. That's well in front of

the 41st-place Saltspring Sneakers.

Once those in charge of the race statistics are informed that the two teams are, in fact, one and the same, Thompson said, the Sneakers will slide into 20th spot overall.

The series' next event is the Comox Valley half-marathon on Sunday, March 20.

Sale of Vancouver 2010 Winter Games Assets

The Ministry of Citizens' Services, Asset Investment Recovery branch is selling off remaining 2010 Winter Games assets and clothing. Items available include:

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You can also shop online at www.bcauction.ca under the "Vancouver 2010 Assets" category.



GYMNASTICS

Taylor Akerman gets bronze medal in Surrey

Gymnasts aim for B.C.s

Salt Spring gymnast Taylor Akerman earned a bronze medal at the Surrey Invitational Gymnastics Competition held last weekend.

Akerman earned the medal for her work on bars and floor,

competing against 27 girls in the Level 2 Argo category.

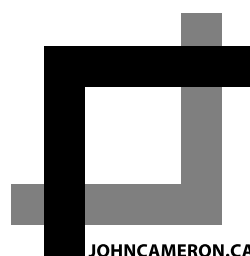
She also placed ninth in vault, coming in 10th all-round in her division.

Akerman, who now trains with the Duncan Dynamics team, heads to the B.C. qualifiers competition this weekend

in Port Alberni.

Darby McIntyre, a Level 2 Tyro gymnast, and Alex Murphy MacDonald, in Level 2 Novice, both from Salt Spring, will also attend the Port Alberni event, aiming for provincial championship qualification.

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High scores in Special Olympics bowling action in recent months have been:

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SPORTS & RECREATION

MEN'S SOCCER

SSI bows out of Jackson Cup play

Alumni FC advance to Tony Grover quarterfinals

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Salt Spring FC's hopes for the 2011 Jackson Cup fell flat over the weekend as the team lost a well-fought 2-0 battle against the visiting Bays United Liquor Plus squad.

In spite of facing one of the best teams in the VISL's top divisions, Salt Spring FC player Jordon Morrison had high hopes for the match.

"We knew it was going to be tough and before the game I told the guys, 'They have more skill and they are going to be the fitter team and that our only real chance to win this game was to work harder and get stuck in on every tackle and make them earn it,' and I give full credit to every guy on my team because they took that challenge and every one of them worked their bags off for the full 90 minutes."

FC came out strong and earned several decent chances early on in the match.

"They actually cleared two off the goal line. One was a pretty nice shot by Jay Moulton that the defender managed to save and the other was a power header from Jeremy Morrison which another defender again did well to keep out. Aaron [Sedlbauer]



PHOTO BY JOHN CAMERON

Bays United's Peter Richmond leaps over Salt Spring FC's Chris Jason in a physical Jackson Cup match.

had a nicely taken shot that their keeper did well to get down and push around the post," Morrison

wrote in his post-game report. FC keeper Miguel Alvarado made some crucial saves to

keep the home team's hopes alive into the second half, Morrison added.

It wasn't until the second half that a lack of fitness left Salt Spring FC players clinging to survival in their own end. Bays United got its first goal 25 minutes into the second half.

In spite of several do-or-die efforts, FC couldn't find an equalizer as Bays went on to seal the deal off a corner kick with 10 minutes left in the match.

Morrison said the calibre of play shown by all of FC's starters and subs is a great boost as the team prepares for its final three matches of the year.

Salt Spring FC's next match is at Portlock Park against Division-2 rivals Castaways FC (10-4-3) on Sunday, March 12 at 2:15 p.m.

In other VISL soccer news, Salt Spring Alumni FC (3-10-1) came up with a big victory in a second-round Tony Grover Masters Cup match against Gorge FC on Sunday morning.

Richard Lee got a hat trick while Sean Norgard and Dion Hackett scored a goal each as the team cruised to a 5-1 win.

The win sends Alumni FC into the quarter-final round against the Castaways Juniors. Salt Spring has won both of its league matches against the team this season. A date and time for the match have yet to be determined.

SAILING

Imp, Kay D and Oasis top regatta race

Navigator suggests narrow passage route

BY MARTIN HERBERT
DRIFTWOOD CONTRIBUTOR

Last Sunday saw the running of the Salt Spring Sailing Club's Spring Regatta with 11 boats on the starting line for the first race.

A short beat to the Grace Point mark was followed by a long run out to Batt Rock and a beat to the finish off the Sisters. Imp was away with a good port tack start and led at the first mark, a position she held for the entire race.

The run to Batt Rock saw a tight battle for the second spot between Deryn Mor, Oasis and Kay D with the positions changing many times over the course of the leg. Oasis rounded the rock one boat length ahead, and the battle continued up the short beat to the finish.

Kay D, with super navigator Tony Meek aboard found a great back eddy just before Boulder Bay

to slip into second momentarily, but Oasis was not to be denied, reclaiming her spot on the last tack to the finish line.

A fine lunch was had floating on the water in a calm between races. The sun came out and the layers of rain gear came off and all seemed well with the world.

The second race started at the Sisters and took Horda Shoals and Welbury Spar to port before heading home. Imp again made a stunning port tack start, but alas had the timing early by four minutes and so had to return to the line.

When the real start sounded it was Kay D and Oasis right at the port end and Paramour and Velica choosing a mid line start in more wind. For the first minute it was unclear who would take the advantage, but a nice gust took Kay D off and soon set her spinnaker on a tight reach to the first mark.

Oasis patiently worked her way through the lee of Kay D and into the lead, then called the tricky second leg to Welbury spar to perfect-

tion and went on to take line honours and the win on handicap as well. Imp also sailed this leg very well and came through the fleet into second spot. A dying wind caused havoc with the rest of the fleet as they tried to negotiate the crawl to the finish off the Sisters Light. A moment of excitement on the Kay D was experienced when the navigator suggested going between the rocks off the Sisters and the island itself.

"I know where they are," he said, "I've hit them in Minke."

And so we slipped through the narrow passage with not much to spare. Electra, just behind us was not so lucky and had to drop out of the race when the failing wind left her too dangerously close to the rocks and required poling off to avoid damaging the barnacles on the reef.

With the wind gone for the day the regatta was called at two races. On corrected time, Imp took the win with the Kay D in second and Oasis taking third spot.

WOMEN'S SOCCER

United excels in Shergold Cup round robin

7-0 win against Juan de Fuca

Salt Spring United smashed the competition during the second round of cup play last Sunday with a resounding 7-0 win against Juan de Fuca over 30s.

The first goal came early in the first half with a through ball that created a breakaway. Sue-Anne Donaldson put it past the keeper to get the 1-0 lead.

United continued to move the ball throughout its defence and midfield at a strong pace, which created two more goals before the half, one by Donaldson and

another by Rhea Davidson.

"We continued to press and we were up 3-0 at the half and feeling pretty confident and hungry for some more goals in the second half — and we didn't disappoint," said Donaldson, who scored her third goal shortly after the break after Valri Cunningham beat her check and cut in along the goal line before passing Donaldson the ball.

Now up 4-0, United scored a fifth time after another nice shot by Cunningham. The opposing keeper had trouble controlling the rebound and Davidson was there to pounce on it for her second goal of the game.

Donaldson scored her fourth goal of the game, putting the team up 6-0, from the penalty spot from where she calmly put it in the bottom corner.

LeeAnn Norgard capped off the scoring with a well-taken strike into the bottom corner of the net from about 15 yards out.

"Our back four had a really solid game and Tami Benoit was once again very reliable when called upon as keeper," Donaldson said.

"We all played a great game. We came out strong and continued to dominate throughout the game."

United plays its next game at GISS on Sunday, March 13 at 12 p.m.

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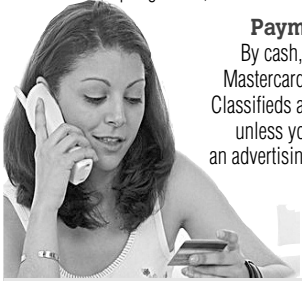
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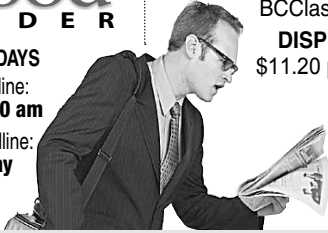
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DEATHS

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Murdoch, W. E. (Bill)

Died peacefully and without pain on February 22nd at Lynn Valley Care Center in the presence of his dear friend Carol. Beloved husband of the late Betty (Broley), he is survived by his sister Jean, his children, Sally (Harry), Robert (Nadya) and Mhoire; grandchildren Meredith (Pat), Robert (Jody), Michael (Jodi), Patrick and Eric; and his great grandchildren Caitlin (Jeremy), Daniel (Kelly) Michael, Timothy, Andrew, Emma, Christopher and Patrick. Bill was born in Vancouver on March 1st, 1913, grew up in Victoria and graduated from Oak Bay High School. He attended Victoria College and McGill University. He met and married Betty (Broley) in 1936 and moved to Australia the following year where Sally and Robert were born. Mhoire followed in 1949 after their return to Canada. Bill had an eclectic and fulfilling professional career which included working for his father at Crane's Manufacturing in Victoria during the Depression, being responsible for the production of Mosquito fighter-bombers for the U.S. Air Force during the war in Australia and after his return to Canada producing logging equipment, owning the Pepsi-Cola franchise in Vancouver and being Vice-President of Marwell Construction. At one time or another he was a railway worker, logger and he was also a coal stoker on a ship between Sydney and Montreal, the only way to get home in 1945. At the age of 75, Bill supervised the construction of a seniors condominium project in West Vancouver and embarked on his last career as a consultant on seniors citizens housing. Bill took a keen interest in independent schools. He was a vice-chairman of Shawnigan Lake School, founding chairman of the revived Strathcona Lodge School and Cliffside Preparatory School. After his retirement from industry he occupied a number of positions at St-George's School and was named an honorary Old Boy. A life-long Liberal, he was president of the Coast Capilano Riding Association and played an active role in the political campaigns of the Honourable James Sinclair and Jack Davis. After Betty died in 1998, Bill moved to Salt Spring Island and continued to be very active in the community and made many new friends. In 2007, he returned to Vancouver and lived independently until July, 2010 when he entered Lynn Valley Care Centre. Bill, though small in stature, was larger than life. His energy, optimism, charm and sense of humour had an impact on everyone he met particularly his loved ones. He will be greatly missed. A service celebrating his life will be held at Shawnigan Lake School Chapel on Saturday, April 30th, 2011 at 2:00 p.m. As an expression of sympathy, donations may be made to the Alzheimer's Society in the name of his beloved wife Betty or the charity of your choice.

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Oasis, skippered by Bob Jones, took line honours and won on handicap as well in one of the races at last weekend's Salt Spring Sailing Club's Spring Regatta.



Lots on PARC agenda

Dog park, Rainbow Road master plan and island-wide trail scheme

BY KEES RUJRS
PARC MANAGER

Since March is here, the summer can't be too far away, even though the cold weather of the last few weeks might make us wonder about that. During the last two months PARC has finalized its plans for 2011 and we would like to share those with you.

Dogs and parks

The new dog park at Rainbow Road is almost complete. The fencing is done, the gate system is finished, the signs will be installed this month. The date of the official ribbon cutting ceremony for this park, paid for through private donations, has been set for April 16th. Stay tuned for more information.

This opening is very timely because due to dog owners who didn't clean up after their pets, we have had to make Portlock Park and Centennial Park off limits for dogs. However, Mouat Park and Duck Creek Park are still available to dog walkers with space in both of these parks for your dog to run free as long as it remains under your control. "Under control" means that your dog does not bark or bother other park visitors; if it does it needs to be on a leash. Not all park visitors like dogs and some may even be afraid of them. Let's all be considerate of other park users.

Dealing with invaders

There will be another drop-off day for invasive plants (broom, blackberries etc.) on May 14. The drop-off location will be Rainbow Road Park with material accepted between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. Take this opportunity to clear invasive plants from your property. They will then be taken care off in a manner that will keep seeds from spreading any further. For more on invasive species, visit the Salt Spring Conservancy's website at www.saltspringconservancy.ca.

What else is PARC doing?

In addition to a great deal of additional trail work, this year you can also look forward to a number of other improvements in our "physical plant."

The Fulford tennis courts will be repaired early in the season; several new beach access points will be developed; the dugouts at the Fulford ball field will be improved; and the Lions Club will build a picnic shelter in Portlock Park next to the new playground. Also, the Rotary Club will provide four new picnic tables to be located at Centennial Park, Rotary Park and at the Rainbow Road fitness circuit next to the pool.

All sorts of activities will also be taking place on Salt Spring and our Leisure Guide, coming to you via the Driftwood in April and September, will help keep you informed. Contact us if you or your organization wishes to be included or to change a listing in this guide. And, of course, we welcome your questions, comments and suggestions. You can either call us at 250-537-4448, email us at ssi-parc@crd.bc.ca or drop by the PARC office at Portlock Park.

Park and trail system

A planning consultant will be working with the community to develop both an island-wide park and trail system plan and a master plan for PARC's Rainbow Road property. In the next few months you will be invited to open houses where you can share your ideas as to where we need more parks or trails. Also, what else would you like to see developed in Rainbow Road Park? A community garden? A BMX track? Beach volleyball? An indoor facility for gymnastics, roller hockey, or . . . ?

At this initial "brainstorming" stage, all suggestions are welcomed although, of course, not every thing will be possible. Keep your eyes open for that invitation. It will be in the Driftwood, on the Salt Spring Exchange email list and other places as well.

This Week's Horoscope by Michael O'Connor

Tip of the Week:

Uranus is now officially in Aries joining forces with Jupiter. The entire world is feeling the waves of revolution. This is the starting point of a powerful cycle. Uranus will be in Aries for almost 8 years! Pluto in Capricorn, Saturn in Libra and both Jupiter and Uranus in Aries - all the Cardinal Signs - are the indicators of the synchronization occurring with rapid revolutionary action and mass social and political change. This time period will prove to be the truly great turning point of our times. Now it is time to enter into the time cycle when the sound frequency changes and raises, transmuting pre-existing forms and patterns. When automobiles were first introduced some 115-120 years ago, it changed the world forever. The impact of that revolution continues as more cars enter the traffic stream daily. Where riders and horse drawn carriages and chariots once transported people across the lands for millennia, it is now ancient history. By the 1920's we were thrust into a technological revolution. First radio, then flight, then TV, then computers and then the internet arrived. Yet, everything up to now has simply served to set the stage. Now turn-up the volume from 5 to 10! With this infrastructure in place, the global village will really be born. The facts of DNA show us that we are not nearly as different as we once assumed. In fact, beyond race, color and creed, we truly are the same species. This also applies to what we all want - greater equality, fairness, justice and harmony. This is where economy and politics come in. The wealth must be more equally distributed, and economic superiority and inequality and notions of royalty and deserved privilege must yield. Resistance is likely and there's the pinch. The collective voice to achieve this ideal signifies the birth of a new spirit in humanity where prior divisions will dissolve.

Aries (Mar 21 - Apr 20)

A revolutionary surge of energy is coloring your entire mode of self-expression. Many thoughts about the future are leading you to consider the big picture. At best your mind is wide open, at worst you feel scattered and overwhelmed. You may want to escape somehow. Yet, you are being pushed to confront any doubts and fears, head on!

Taurus (Apr 20 - May 21)

You are coming to many new realizations. Dreams and visions of what of what might be are a source of inspiration, or concern. Keeping your imagination in check is extra ideal now. You can hear the drum beats of change and a spirit of revolution is running in your veins. Your willingness to cooperate with the changing pace is important, so intend to.

Gemini (May 21 - Jun 21)

Your imagination may be extra active these days. Turning to prayers and visualizations of how you would like things to be feels natural. You are more aware, as if suddenly. The more you realize the more you may want to know, or not at all. Yet, you do want answers to achieve a clear direction. Weave imagination, logic intuition and reason.

Cancer (Jun 21 - Jul 22)

Well this is it, push has turned to shove. Resistance and delay now suggests denial, and/or a subconscious reaction to control the flow. The secret is to go with the flow and negotiate from there. Trying too hard to direct it will prove ineffectual and exhausting. Acknowledge others in your life and be grateful for all your relations; yet also take your own lead!

Leo (Jul 22 - Aug 23)

Some cycles are deeper and more mysterious than others, like now. Yet you are also in the midst of many realizations and an awakening of your higher mind. At best you feel a passion and zeal for new adventures. At worst, you feel burdened by emotions - your own and those of others. Maintaining your center and a clear focus may be a challenge, concentrate your aim.

Virgo (Aug 23 - Sep 22)

Some big energy is coming in now. Other key players and unprecedented circumstances are gaining your full attention. You want to know why and are eager to investigate. Giving to situations more than usual feels necessary. Yet, you are also meant to receive now and what is coming may be much more than you bargained for. Brace yourself!

Libra (Sep 22 - Oct 22)

Looking to your health with a short and long term perspective is on your mind. Many changes are sweeping in now, some as if suddenly. You are willing to make whatever extra efforts are required to achieve your goals yet still be in the planning and/or negotiation phase. You want to play and enjoy life more and are willing to do whatever it takes.

Scorpio (Oct 22 - Nov 21)

A creative wave is washing in, the sort you may want to catch and ride. Stimulating changes in your daily routine and overall lifestyle is more than a nice idea. The future beckons and you are probably quite certain you do not want to return to what was. Forward is often the best direction. Choosing between a variety of options may be the biggest challenge.

Sagittarius (Nov 21 - Dec 21)

Something new is germinating close to home. Changes, renovations or simply clearing the clutter, or the air, is featured. You are ready to take a creative lead and make some bold moves. A spirit of adventure backed by a cry for freedom, are motivators. Reaching out to meet people and to make new friends is likely. At best, this is the beginning of a very creative cycle.

Capricorn (Dec 21 - Jan 19)

You are ready for fresh perspectives and original ideas. Your imagination has been activated and this could take you to new places and heights, unless they conjure negative scenarios. Unexpected events and turns close to home are part of the plot. These may make you want to run, or offer you the break you have been waiting for.

Aquarius (Jan 19 - Feb 19)

You are in the process of building upon new values, priorities and perspectives. Ready to try new things and see from different angles, a new you is emerging. At best, your level of awareness is expanding exponentially. Remaining centered in the process may be a challenge. Learn to 'drop you mind into your heart' and feel, listen and relate from there.

Pisces (Feb 19 - Mar 20)

Something new is emerging in you and in everyone too. We are collectively being shaken, stirred, awakened, activated. . . . Learning to understand more than to be understood is one of your core life lessons, focusing upon this now is important. Aim to let go of who you think you are and allow your spirit to dissolve limiting self-concepts.



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Soccer hopeful departs for Europe

Spring break may be islander's big break

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

A 17-year-old Gulf Islands Secondary School student is set to kick off a spring break unlike any other thanks to a whole lot of talent and a well-placed connection.

Kevan Brown is packing his bags for Europe a week earlier than his teammates on the Victoria Highlanders' Football Club because of an acquaintance who happens to be a keeper for Scotland's Dundee FC U19 men's team.

When the friend, a former Highlander, heard Brown was going to be in the neighbourhood, he extended an invitation to join the youth team for a week-long training session.

The invitation to play with the talent-laden young team twice a

day for a full week, Brown said, was simply too good an opportunity to overlook.

"[Europeans] are just so much more passionate about the game," he said on Monday, three days before his departure.

The trip is Brown's second to Europe in less than a year. Last summer, he played in a 10-day tournament in Sweden and spent three weeks training with a team in the Czech Republic.

"I thought that might have been it for travelling internationally until at least after university," Brown said.

He was wrong.

After his week in Scotland, Brown will join the Highlanders for a series of games against U18 teams at Stoke, Sheffield and Manchester. The 10-day trip includes plenty of stadium tours and tickets to three FA matches, including one Premier League game.

"The schedule will be tight and

will provide the prospects with an authentic professional experience while also allowing them to see the sights and really soak up the atmosphere of a country steeped in football culture," said Drew Finerty, vice-president and GM of the Victoria Highlanders club, in a press release.

It all sounds like an ideal way to spend a spring break but, Brown admits, he's a tad nervous given that some big-time scouts will be watching from the sidelines.

Doug Pearson, a Gulf Islands Secondary School soccer coach, has watched Brown grow to become the talented player he is today.

"He's probably the first athlete since Clare Rustad [a former player on the Canadian women's national team] that I thought had potential to go places," he said. "He's got all the intangibles. He never gets sick and has a never-say-die attitude."

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