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TRANSIT Officials announce expanded bus service for SSI

Sunday, holiday routes among improvements

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Elected officials, BC Transit executives and local transportation staff and committee members were at ArtSpring Tuesday to announce increased funding and expanded service for Salt Spring's transit system.

The expansion will include service on Sundays and statutory holidays, new trips to the Fulford and Vesuvius ferries and a taxi supplement to carry passenger overloads on specific trips.

On hand to share in the celebration were MLA Murray Coell, BC Transit's director of regional transit systems Peter Rantucci, and Bob Lapham, CRD director of planning and protective services. Local officials included CRD director Garth Hendren and Salt Spring Transportation Commission chair Donald McLennan.

BC Transit approved SSITC's request to expand based on its performance as the top transit system of its size in the province.

"Passenger volumes have shown exponential growth reaching 400 per cent of first year projected."

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WATER

Voters approve funds for treatment plant

CRD gets green light to continue project

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Highland and Fernwood water district residents have voted to allow the Capital Regional District to borrow up to an additional \$500,000 to complete work on a highly anticipated water treatment plant upgrade.



PHOTO BY PETER MCCULLY

ST. PADDY STYLE: Sabrina Edwards, assistant manager at TJ Beans, dresses the part and offers St. Patrick's Day treats at the cafe last Thursday.

The referendum passed with 125 votes in favour and 47 against, reported returning officer Tom David on Saturday night.

"At this point we're able to proceed with, call it, Plan A," said the CRD's Colwyn Sunderland. "We are carrying on with the original project."

Given that plans to have "the original project" completed by Ridgeline Mechanical have reached an impasse and are still the subject of legal discussions, Plan A will likely take on a distinctly new flavour as the CRD prepares to speak

with local water district members and have the project tendered.

"We really haven't had a chance to have that conversation yet," Sunderland said on Tuesday. "We will be in touch with the Highland and Fernwood commissions to examine the next steps."

Sunderland said he doesn't anticipate any changes to the original design for the dissolved air flotation unit.

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ISLANDS TRUST Alleged vacation rental website targeted

Company representative vows to fight back

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

A spokesperson for an island-based property rental website doesn't intend to sit back as the Islands Trust pursues legal measures against his business.

"It seems to be the Trust's yearly assault on the tourist industry," said Blair Howard on Tuesday morning. "We haven't really formulated a position, but we've hired a lawyer and will be addressing it through them."

Westcoast Vacations Inc. operates a website that links visitors with rental accommodations and tourist information on Salt Spring, the outer Gulf Islands and Vancouver Island.

According to Miles Drew, the Islands Trust's bylaw enforcement officer, "the website indicates that Westcoast Vacations enters into contracts for short-term use of property and collects money in return for that use — like a hotel operator."

Drew said the Islands Trust believes that many of the 60-plus properties listed in the website's Salt Spring section are in residential zones and not zoned to permit commercial guest accommodation.

"The Salt Spring Island community has said time and time again that neighbourhoods should be for

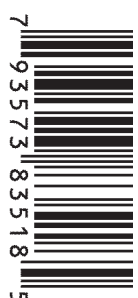
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NEWSBEAT

Bus to soon run Sundays and holidays

BUS FUNDING

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tions at 63,839 riders in 2010," McLennan observed.

Rantucci further noted that per capita, Salt Spring's ridership equals that of cities with four to five times its population.

"You've done a fantastic job of getting people in the seats," he said during his speech.

"It's seldom that we see double digit increases year after year."

In an interview following the ceremony, Rantucci explained that BC Transit funds around 53 per cent of the local service or \$130,000.

Total costs for the expansion are \$100,000, said Hendren, with \$24,000 of that amount expected to come from fares and \$20,000 from taxpayers via the CRD.

Rantucci said BC Transit's model of providing one provincial organization for planning and other services makes it possible for small communities to have affordable

public transit. The success of that model is made clear when B.C. is compared to the rest of Canada. Rantucci said in approximately 300 communities with populations of 10,000 to 50,000 across the country, only 20 per cent have public transit. In B.C. there are 35 communities of that size, and public transit serves 100 per cent of them.

"I'm very proud of that," he noted.

Funding is already in place for Salt Spring's bus expansion, but there is still some question as to when the new routes will be added. Planning and scheduling will have to be worked out and new rider guides and marketing materials created.

SSITC would like to see the changes come into effect before the summer, when the bus ridership doubles along with the population. Rantucci said he hoped it could be done by summer, but in a worse case scenario the expansion would occur in September.

"We're going to see what happens if we pull out all the stops and the stars all align," he said.

"We're going to see if we can do it sooner." Bus riders and operators in the crowd were equally happy with the announcement, and the detail about Sunday and holiday service produced an especially loud round of cheers.

Bus patron Bob Rogers said he appreciates the ability to travel without having to worry about a car or finding parking.

"That Sunday service is going to be a real bonus," he added.

Ineke de Jong, the operator of the service, said she never imagined how far the system would take off when she started her private ferry shuttle and later won the BC Transit contract.

"I'm very happy," she said. "It's growing, and I don't think it's going to stop growing."

McLennan recognized in his speech that de Jong and her drivers are a large part of the system's success, while Hendren thanked previous CRD director Gary Holman for his vision in bringing public transit to the island.

District gives nod to controversial funding

REFERENDUM

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Discussions ahead of voting day were mired in controversy because approval had already been granted in 2009 to fund a project estimated to cost \$2 million. Project problems and a falling out between the CRD and the original contractor, Ridgeline Mechanical of Courtenay, resulted in the need for up to an additional \$500,000.

A question-and-answer session held at the Fernwood Elementary School fewer than two weeks before Saturday's vote left many residents frustrated over the CRD's inability to provide detailed expense breakdowns for ongoing legal costs associated with the Ridgeline contract.

"It's important for the ratepayers to know the questions they had before the meet-

ing are still there," said Sharon Bywater, a member of the Highland Water Service District. "That isn't over, they need to voice their concerns."

But Bywater said it's crucial to move forward with upgrades to the aging treatment facility. According to information provided by the CRD, work could be finished by the summer of 2012.

Bywater said she hopes the treatment plant process will encourage district residents to become more engaged with the water district.

"It's my hope that some greater good will come of this," she said. "I'd like to think people have learned that, as a society, we all have to be paying attention to what's going on and participate in whatever way we can."

"Now that they've seen how off kilter things can get, I'd

like to see those people take that energy and bring it to the AGM and participate."

Referendum approval means property owners will pay an additional \$44 per quarter to repay the debt over a 15-year period.

It also means the district can still access \$950,000 in provincial government infrastructure funds tied to approval of the 2009 referendum.

Property owners and residents of 332 properties in the two districts were eligible to vote.

People in the Highland Water District have since Jan. 26 been advised to not consume their tap water due to the district plant's inability to deal with the microcystin caused by a blue-green algae bloom in St. Mary Lake. The lake is the source of the Highland district's drinking water.

Fernwood district residents have not been affected.

According to a CRD water-advisory update issued on March 15, blue-green algae continue to flourish in St. Mary Lake and the concentration is increasing.

"It now appears probable that the bloom will continue well into the spring and perhaps the summer," reads information on the CRD website.

In spite of the high levels of cyanobacteria found in parts of the lake, it has not been detected in the Highland Drinking Water System for a number of weeks because of a chlorine-based treatment system being used.

CRD staff are exploring the potential to automatically shut down the Highland facility if there is a chlorine failure.

Westcoast Vacations, Trust gear up for legal battle

LEGAL ACTION

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neighbours, and we want people to be aware that we will enforce the community's bylaw," said Linda Adams, the Trust's chief administrative officer, in a statement accompanying Monday's announcement of legal action.

Howard contends the move amounts to pre-election posturing to show that the Islands Trust is taking action

to enforce its bylaws.

"Islanders' tax dollars will be spent by the Trust seeking a court-ordered cease and desist and permanent injunction rather than looking at a solution to the vacation rental issue, which would benefit the economy of Salt Spring," Howard said. "While small businesses, restaurants, art galleries and shops fight to stay alive, the Trust slams the door on the largest segment of the local economy, the tourist

industry."

Westcoast Vacations Inc. has operated since 1999. Howard said that predates the Islands Trust's adoption of Land Use Bylaw No. 355 in 2001.

A legal precedent set in a similar case on Gabriola Island in 2007, he said, supports Westcoast Vacations' position that its activities should be grandfathered as a legal non-conforming use.

"You can't put the stop sign up after the accident," he said.

"The slang is called grandfathering."

The Salt Spring Island Land Use Bylaw prohibits the rental of residentially zoned properties for commercial guest accommodation.

The Trust initiated the case after Westcoast Vacations failed to comply with verbal and written warnings.

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EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

Islanders ponder local seismic conditions

Pod formation first step to safety

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

If recent world events have had one lasting impact on local residents, it's the feeling that Canada's west coast may be next in line for a mega natural disaster, and that we'd better get prepared.

Earthquake drills, emergency kits and neighbourhood pods are starting to move out of the shadowy realm of "what if" and into the regular consciousness of many islanders. But with the recent disaster in Japan, many feel there is not enough information on what could happen on Salt Spring if a local earthquake hit.

According to the Ministry of Public Safety, B.C. is most at risk of a massive earthquake occurring in the Cascadia Subduction Zone to the west of Vancouver Island.

The Juan de Fuca plate subducts beneath the continental crust of the North America plate following a fault line that stretches from mid Vancouver Island all the way to California.

Geologists predict an extremely large earthquake of 9.0 or higher magnitude could occur along the fault, which could set off a powerful tsunami. However, the Strait of Georgia and the islands found in it are in the area best protected from such an event.

According to Emergency Management BC's tsunami preparedness pamphlet, the Lower Mainland, Greater Victoria, the Georgia Basin and the east coast of Vancouver Island are not considered to be at risk.

Planners predict that locally, wave height might reach up to .5 metres and run up to one metre above the high tide mark. The recommendation is to move 1.5 metres beyond the high tide point for safety. Zone E is classified as Planning Level 2; the west coast of Vancouver Island and Haida Gwaii are at Planning Level 10.

A second type of tsunami, and one that would likely occur with far less warning, could happen if a strong earthquake occurred within the continental crust in the inner passage or Gulf Islands region.

Dr. Hugh Greenwood, a resident geolo-



Emergency response coordinator Elizabeth Zook and risk management officer Doug Matka look at the geological map of Salt Spring.

gist who co-authored the Salt Spring Island Geology Map, said these types of earthquakes can be quite violent because they occur close to the surface. However, they rarely produce tsunamis.

Although Greenwood's map shows myriad small faults crisscrossing Salt Spring Island, the rocks were formed millions of years ago and haven't shown any recent activity — meaning, in geological terms, for many, many thousands of years.

What has happened recently (a mere 10,000 to 15,000 years ago) was the deposit of glacial clays and sediments in the harbour areas and some of the surrounding slopes. Greenwood said it's those areas that would produce the greatest earthquake hazards.

Just to be safe, Emergency Management BC recommends that anyone near the coast who feels an earthquake that is strong

enough to make standing difficult should move at least 10 metres (30 feet) from the high tide mark in case of a tsunami.

"Local officials may not have time to issue a warning to residents in the event of a tsunami created by a near-shore earthquake," the pamphlet warns.

Salt Spring residents Jean and Jennifer Williams recently experienced a real life tsunami evacuation in Hawaii. The mother and daughter were at a beach condo in Maui when the tsunami siren went off following the earthquake in Japan — but not knowing what the sound was, they just ignored it.

A neighbour from their complex knocked on their door at 9 p.m. and told them the tsunami was expected to arrive at 3 a.m. He advised them to head to high ground and to take all their ID and medications.

Jennifer packed a small bag with some

food and the two drove up into the mountains, following an established evacuation route (marked with permanent signs) and directed by people with flashlights. They parked at a school area along with hundreds and hundreds of other cars, camper vans and even boats.

"The two things we were absolutely desperate for were water and toilet paper," Jean said, noting there were no emergency toilet facilities.

"It is a wake-up call to us here, because it could happen. It was quite an unnerving experience."

"You need a plan. Every business needs a plan — every bed and breakfast, every hotel," Jennifer added.

The Williams found that having a cell phone was invaluable, as they were able to connect with Jean's son in Ontario. Now back on Salt Spring, they are busy preparing emergency kits with toilet paper, bandages and other items inside large coffee cans, in which water could be boiled.

Salt Spring does not currently have a designated tsunami warning, although the Ganges Fire Hall's air raid siren could be used, Fire Chief Tom Bremner said. But with the hall's location on unstable reclaimed land, an initial sounding might be the only one possible.

Elizabeth Zook, the island's emergency response coordinator, said the best thing people can do now to ensure safety is to get emergency kits ready and to join their neighbourhood pods.

"There needs to be plans for people living in the low-lying areas, but 44 per cent of the island still hasn't been done," Zook said of the volunteer pod plan.

Getting connected to a neighbourhood group will mean being on a phone tree — the most likely way of being notified in the middle of the night, Zook said. Her office is also working to coordinate with island media outlets.

Emergency gathering points will be at the Community Gospel Chapel, Fernwood School, GISS, Fulford School, Fulford Hall and Beaver Point Hall.

To learn how to join up with the pod program, call the Salt Spring Emergency Operations Centre at 250-537-1220.

News briefs

Marlor takes top Trust planning job

David Marlor has been hired as the Islands Trust's new director of local planning services, one of the top positions in the organization.

Marlor will supervise professional planning staff in the Trust's Victoria, Salt Spring and Gabriola offices.

Marlor started with the Islands Trust as a planner in the Salt Spring office in 1995. He has also been

regional planning manager for the northern islands and more recently the southern islands.

Marlor replaces Mac Fraser as of April 1. Fraser takes on a new role as chief administrative officer of the Powell River Regional District.

For the record

A story in last week's paper about bones found at the Creek House development incorrectly stated Simon Smith Jr. was a member of the Tsawout First Nation. He is a member of the Tsartlip First Nation.

Ferry fares up April 1

BC Ferries is reminding customers that previously announced increases in passenger and vehicle fares come into effect on April 1.

Prices will increase by 3.38 per cent on average on the three major routes connecting Vancouver Island and the Lower Mainland and 6.71 per cent on average on the remaining routes in accordance with the price provisions set by the BC Ferry Commissioner in

September 2007.

The process for setting fares for the period of April 1, 2012 through March 31, 2016 is currently underway by the BC Ferry Commissioner.

RCMP seeks clues in lumber theft

Salt Spring RCMP officers are searching for any information that could lead to the arrest of a thief or thieves with a penchant for do-it-yourself projects.

Police have launched an

investigation to determine who is responsible for the theft of power cords and 40 14-foot 2x4s from a Stewart Road construction site sometime between 6 p.m. on Monday, March 14 and 5 p.m. Tuesday, March 15.

Also on March 15, thieves broke into a shed on Rainbow Road and stole numerous power tools.

People with any information about these incidents are asked to call the RCMP detachment at 250-537-1515.

In other police news, local officers warn residents to be on high alert for a new

round of letter scams making the rounds.

In one recent instance, an island resident received a letter requesting money be sent to an address in Europe.

Some cases see the letter writer or email sender posing as a relative in need of financial assistance.

"These individuals are clever, and even wary individuals can fall prey," wrote Sgt. George Jenkins in his weekly RCMP roundup. "It's important in this age of identity theft and electronic communication to be extra careful."



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JAPAN CRISIS

Arney invention used in reactor battle

Local inventor concerned about Bambi Bucket deployment

BY SUSAN LUNDY
 DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Like millions around the world, Salt Spring's Don Arney flicked on the television last week to watch the latest drama in disaster-struck Japan, where the focus had turned to the overheating Fukushima Daichi nuclear reactors.

But Arney's reaction differed from most as he jumped up and shouted, "No! They're doing it wrong!"

Arney, the inventor of the Bambi Bucket used in helicopter firefighting, watched as the Japanese military employed the buckets in a less-than-effective manner.

"They weren't doing it right," Arney says. "They were using 20- to 30-foot-long lines instead of the 200-foot lines used by commercial pilots over here."

Using longer lines would have allowed the helicopters to be higher — further from the danger zone — and therefore able to hover, getting the buckets closer to the target and dropping more concentrated loads. Dumping water from shorter lines and at a forward speed caused some vaporization and less accurate hits.

After watching the footage, Arney and others at the Delta-based SEI Industries which makes the Bambi Bucket, estimated the buckets in Japan were dropping less-than-optimal 2,000 gallons of water per hour.

"With a long line and hover, they could have been dropping 40,000 gallons an hour," Arney says.

The Japanese military used the huge orange fabric buckets to scoop up water from the



PHOTO BY SUSAN LUNDY

Salt Spring inventor Don Arney replays video footage of Japanese military helicopters using the Bambi Bucket to cool down the Fukushima Daichi nuclear reactors. By using shorter-than-normal lines, the helicopters weren't able to get the buckets as close as optimal to the targets.

"With a long line and hover, they could have been dropping 40,000 gallons an hour."

DON ARNEY
 Bambi Bucket inventor

Pacific Ocean and drop it on the reactors until power could be restored to the pumps and once again begin flushing water through the reactor cores.

Aerial cooling of the reactors was necessary until access to the site via ground could be established, and a steady stream of water employed.

"We had no idea how long aerial support would be

needed," said Arney, who had a trainer ready to go to Japan and teach the military pilots a quick course in "vertical reference work."

SEI Industries had also found a number of longer lines and was prepared to donate them to the Japanese military.

"It was frustrating not to be able to talk to someone directly," Arney said, as SEI sought ways to contact the military through its Japanese distributors and the Canadian Department of National Defence.

Although ground access to the site was eventually made, Arney said, the situation highlighted the need for international training in optimal operation of the buckets, which are used in about 95 per cent of helicopter fighting worldwide.

Invented in 1982, the buckets have been sold to over 110 countries. The largest buckets hold up to 9,800 litres of water

and collapse to fit in the back of helicopters when not in use. SEI has trainers available for pilot training and re-configuration of helicopters.

(Helicopters used in North America have a bubble window, which enable pilots to look directly over a target. Military pilots in Japan were depending on dropping directions from co-pilots looking through bomb doors at the back of the helicopters.)

As unexpected as it was for SEI to have the buckets used in "nuclear disaster mitigation," Arney says, he has another company making equipment that could also be helpful.

Arney's Nor E First Response provides systems for cleaning up and containing hazardous material. It provides, for example, decontamination trailers and clothing for use following nuclear, biological and chemical incidents.

FIRE DISTRICT

Fire board seeks another trustee for next term

AGM is on April 17

The Salt Spring Fire Protection District board of trustees is looking for one more member join up for a three-year term beginning this spring.

Trustees Mary Gillies and Jay MacAulay will leave the board

following the annual general meeting on April 17, having completed their three-year terms.

Their positions were filled by acclamation when two members of the public, Mark Lucich and Doug Mitchell, responded to the nomination process.

But the board announced at its March 21 meeting that Mitchell has since resigned from his upcoming position and that another volunteer will be sought.

The position will be advertised and the nomination process opened in the next

few weeks.

Mitchell said on Tuesday that although he has served on several community boards in the past, health concerns caused him to rethink the fire board position.

"I just can't do it anymore," he said.

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NEWSBEAT

SATURNA FLOATPLANE CRASH

Deadly crash linked to 'aerodynamic stall'

Report identifies undesirable pre-flight factors

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

A 25-page Transportation Safety Board report released last week confirms that an "aerodynamic stall" shortly after take-off from Saturna Island's Lyall Harbour led to the fatal crash of a Seair de Havilland Beaver on Nov. 29, 2009.

While examination of the plane's wreckage confirmed no pre-existing mechanical conditions that would have contributed to the accident, TSB chair Wendy Tadros acknowledged that the aircraft's stall warning system was not working at the time of the crash.

"The absence of a functioning stall warning system, coupled with the known benign stalling characteristics of the Beaver, precluded any warning of an impending stall," reads the report.

Tadros said there's no evidence to suggest that an operable warning system could have increased the pilot's likelihood of completing the stall recovery given the plane's low elevation.

Stall warning systems are not mandatory in floatplanes such as the DHC-2 Beaver.

The TSB investigation also notes that stall recovery was compromised by uneven weight distribution behind the aircraft's centre of gravity (CG).

Though loading exceeded the plane's aft CG limit by less than an inch, Tadros said, such measurements are critical when it comes to aerodynamics.

The aircraft was also within the weight requirements, Tadros said, but that weight must be placed in a specific configuration. In this case, she added, too much of the weight was behind the CG.

A similar investigation conducted in 2005 recommended that the "Department of Transport require that actual passenger weights be used for aircraft involved in commercial or air taxi operations with a capacity of nine passengers or fewer."

That recommendation has not been fully implemented.

The requirement that floatplanes be equipped with stall warning systems was not included among recommendations forwarded in last week's report. Tadros said this is because the lack of such a system was determined not to

be a systemic factor in floatplane crashes examined by the TSB.

George Gee, the product support manager for Viking Air, said the aircraft and components manufacturer will release a service bulletin and kit that will enable operators to install stall warning systems on Beaver aircraft within the next 90 days.

"We have been closely involved in this investigation," he said.

"We certainly have been listening and [the TSB] made it known that the stall warning system was a factor."

Gee said he is confident that many coastal operators will install such systems regardless of whether Transport Canada mandates them.

According to the report, weather conditions at Lyall Harbour immediately after takeoff likely contributed to the stall.

"The conditions in Lyall Harbour at the time of the occurrence were conducive to the development of mechanical turbulence and mountain waves," states the report. "The turbulence associated with these phenomena likely contributed to vertical gusts, which subjected the aircraft to temporary but significant increases in aerodynamic

"The absence of a functioning stall warning system... precluded any warning of an impending stall."

TRANSPORTATION SAFETY REPORT

load."

The report also notes that, although "floatplane pilots departing Lyall Harbour typically take off in a westerly to northwesterly direction," the pilot in this instance "turned the aircraft into the wind and took off towards Lyall Harbour after unsuccessfully trying to take off in a northwesterly direction."

The Nov. 29, 2009 crash killed six of the eight passengers aboard the Vancouver-bound aircraft.

Tadros said the TSB's reports are widely read by floatplane manufacturers and operators. She anticipates that operators will take note of findings beyond the report's recommendations.

TRANSPORTATION

Transportation safety board unveils new floatplane recommendations

Operators' PFD concern an 'urban myth,' says TSB chair

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

The federal Transportation Safety Board wants operators to implement a series of "common-sense fixes" to make commercial floatplane travel safer across Canada.

The recommendations result from a 16-month investigation into a November 2009 floatplane crash off Saturna Island that killed six of eight passengers.

"We want to give passengers every chance to get out quickly and stay afloat until help arrives," said Wendy Tadros, chair of the TSB in a statement accompanying the report's release on March 17.

"We are calling for doors and windows that come off easily after a crash and for everyone to wear a personal flotation device. These two recommendations are simple in concept, common sense, really," Tadros added.

Tadros said she believes implementation of the recommendations by Transport Canada will make floatplane travel safer and increase survival rates in the event of a crash. Seventy-six people died in 109 floatplane crashes between 1989 and 2010, she said.

Lyle Soetaert, president of the Floatplane Operators Association, said his group's 55 members have already embraced safety improvements like the installation of pop-out windows — under-

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taken first by Salt Spring Air — and more user-friendly door handles. The FOA announced last week that its members have embraced the installation of the new handles.

"The industry has been very proactive," Soetaert said on Friday morning. "This is something we can do better and want to do better."

Philip Reece, co-owner of Salt Spring Air, said his company has also increased training levels for all pilots on underwater egress, produced in-depth safety videos and formalized passenger briefings before take off.

"We didn't wait for the board to announce findings, we acted on whatever we could straight away," he said.

Reece said his airline, along with most other FOA members, are being "justly cautious" on the subject of introducing PFDs.

"Some research has shown that passengers wearing a PFD could, in error, activate them before exiting the aircraft," he said. "This can hinder egress for them and fellow passengers."

"If research leads to better methods, I am confident the industry will embrace any and all proven safety actions."

Speaking from Ottawa on Monday, Tadros said she doesn't buy into the argument that further research is required.

Fears that life vests will inflate before passengers exit

the aircraft, she said, amount to an urban myth.

"To me, the real risk is the number of people who drown after the crash," she said. "[The PFD] is an essential piece of safety equipment."

A TSB investigation released in 2008 included a recommendation that PFDs be worn by passengers during takeoffs, approaches and landings given technological advances in the manufacture of permanent-wear, damage-resistant, inflatable lifejackets.

Though Transport Canada did not follow up on the recommendation, Tadros said she hopes things may be different this time around.

"I'm cautiously optimistic that, with the recent number of floatplane crashes, these issues will be taken seriously and that there will be an impetus for change," she said.

Since 1991, roughly 70 per cent of fatalities in aircraft that crashed and sank in water were from drowning. TSB investigations have determined that occupants were conscious and able to move around the cabin before they drowned.

Approximately 50 per cent of people who survive a crash cannot exit the aircraft and drown as a result.

Transport Canada has 90 days to consider and respond to the TSB recommendations.

Only two of the province's 55 commercial floatplane operators require that passengers wear personal flotation devices while on board. Neither company serves the southern Gulf Islands.


The full TSB report can be downloaded at www.tsb.gc.ca/eng.

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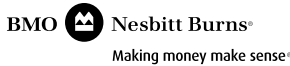
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NEWSBEAT

ISLANDS TRUST

ADP contemplates Creek House plan

Panellists seek design that mixes old, new

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
 DRIFTWOOD STAFF

The owner of the Creek House property addressed members of the island's advisory design panel last week to conjure a compromise that will permit construction to continue at one of the downtown core's most prominent sites.

"I'm not a developer, just a guy that came to Salt Spring in 1965 and consider it my home," said Leon Aptekmann during Thursday afternoon's advisory design panel meeting.

Aptekmann married historical facts with his vision for the site while describing the decades-long Creek House saga as the five-member panel pondered the proposal for a second time in three months.

"This is not a strip mall," he said. "The idea was to purposely not do a strip mall."

Aptekmann and project architect Jonathan Yardley faced a barrage of design concerns and suggestions from panel members who feel the new development is too imposing and generic.

Panel chair Neil Morie said

"We're just trying to tame the back yard so it looks more like the front yard."

NEIL MORIE
 Panel chair

he hopes the development could incorporate suggestions intended to avert the ongoing "monoculture of architecture" that has started to happen in Ganges.

"There is some contention in the community about the scale," he said.

Discussions at the two-hour meeting centred on the colours, siding, roofing and landscaping associated with the project.

The ADP's unanimous recommendations include a request to extend a linear greenspace in the parking lot behind the development at the expense of two parking spaces, consider using roofing materials similar to those in the existing Creek House project, more pronounced walkways around

the building and exterior design changes to downplay the building's scale.

Panel member Ron Aird summed up the panellists' request by calling for a building "that has allusions to the past but isn't trying to copy the past."

Another panel member insisted that the new building's colour be slightly different from that of the existing development, preferably a stain that was not a colour at all.

Members also voiced concern about the "dead space" on the building's parking lot aspect.

"This is a very important area," Morie said. "We're just trying to tame the back yard so it looks more like the front yard."

Panel members' concerns focused on a need to make sure Phase III of the project is distinct from the development's initial phases.

Panel member Sebastian Moffat urged the applicants to consider an altogether different approach that involved a higher building with second-storey retail and a greater variety of small shops on the ground level.

He said a more interesting design could increase traffic and raise revenue.

Yardley conceded that all non-structural changes to the design could be considered.

He also noted that the design has always been intended to complement the existing buildings.

Six years after the Creek House project received initial approval from the Trust in 1989, he noted, it was featured in an Islands Trust document as a template for future construction projects in the Trust area.

"We seek to finish the building as planned," Yardley said at the outset of Thursday's meeting. "We would like to see it as the completion of an existing development, period."

As of Thursday afternoon, Yardley had collected 200 signatures in only a few days from people who believe the project is all right as it stands.

The ADP's recommendations will be reviewed by the Salt Spring Local Trust Committee at its next meeting on April 7.

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Islands Trust

ISLANDS TRUST MAYNE ISLAND LOCAL TRUST COMMITTEE NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE is hereby given that the Mayne Island Local Trust Committee will hold a public hearing within a Local Trust Committee Business Meeting on:

- Proposed Bylaw No. 154 – cited as "Mayne Island Land Use Bylaw No. 146, 2008, Amendment No. 1, 2010";
- Proposed Bylaw No. 155 – cited as "Mayne Island Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 144, 2007, Amendment No. 4, 2010"

for the purpose of allowing the public to make representations to the Local Trust Committee respecting matters contained in the proposed bylaws at **1:00 p.m., April 4, 2011, at the Mayne Island Agricultural Hall, 430 Fernhill Road, Mayne Island, BC.**

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

In general terms, the purpose of Proposed Bylaw 154 is to amend the LUB to add a site specific zone W2(a) to allow a rock retaining wall along the foreshore of Lot 8, Section 6, Mayne Island, Cowichan District, Plan 22057 (513 Dalton Drive) in addition to the uses permitted in the W2 zone. The purpose of Proposed Bylaw 155 is to amend the OCP to include policies that would allow the regulation of seawalls through Development Permit Areas and that would allow consideration of rezoning applications for foreshore protection structures on a site specific basis and under certain conditions described in the bylaw.

A copy of the proposed bylaws and any background material that may be considered by the Trust Committee in respect of the proposed bylaws may be inspected at the Islands Trust Office, #200 - 1627 Fort Street, Victoria, B.C. between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday to Friday, inclusive, excluding statutory holidays, **commencing March 16, 2011 and up to and including March 31, 2011.**

For the convenience of the public only, and not to satisfy Section 892(2) (e) of the *Local Government Act*, additional copies of the proposed bylaws may be inspected at various Notice Boards on Mayne Island, B.C., commencing March 18, 2011 and can also be viewed on the internet at the following URL: www.islandstrust.bc.ca and selecting www.islandstrust.bc.ca/ltc/ma/bylaws.cfm.

Written submissions may be delivered to:

1. The office of the Islands Trust by mail at #200 - 1627 Fort Street, Victoria, B.C. V8R 1H8, by Fax (250) 405-5155 or can be sent on-line by going to the Islands Trust Website at the following URL: www.islandstrust.bc.ca/ltc/ma/meetings.cfm and completing the "Public Hearing, April 4, 2011, Submission Form", prior to **4:30 p.m., March 31, 2011;**
2. After **4:30 p.m., March 31, 2011** to the Trust Committee at the Public Hearing at **1:00 p.m., April 4, 2011.**

The public is asked to send any electronic response by using the on-line public hearing submission form. The Islands Trust does not guarantee that any email submission will be received by the Mayne Island Local Trust Committee. Reasonable efforts will be made to provide email submissions, if they are opened and received, to the Mayne Island Local Trust Committee for consideration, but the public should not rely on email as a means of providing a written submission.

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

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

Kathy Jones, Deputy Secretary

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Regional district adopts changes to local EMC

Fire chief calls for end to 'power struggle'

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
 DRIFTWOOD STAFF

The chief of Salt Spring Fire Rescue has called for an end to the "power struggle" that has surrounded debate over changes to the island's emergency management commission.

"The endless discussion relating to this topic needs to be brought to a closure that is both modern and futuristic for the 'overall big picture,' which is becoming more common across Canada within the process that the CRD has drafted in this bylaw," wrote Salt Spring Fire Chief Tom Bremner in a letter to the Capital Regional District.

"We need to move forward with the bylaw and end the power struggle."

The CRD board approved the Salt Spring Emergency Management Bylaw at its monthly board meeting in Victoria on March 9.

Salt Spring CRD director Garth Hendren said the new bylaw reflects organizational changes at the CRD's administrative level and should not impact the commission's advisory role or have any negative effect on its input regarding the EMC's annual work plan or budget.

The EMC convenes monthly with reps from 12 island-based groups — ranging from the RCMP to BC Ferries — to improve the island's emergency preparedness procedures.

The commission is set up to provide advice on CRD emergency policies.

"The Salt Spring commission is quite unique in its make-up, experience and abilities as the majority of the membership is made up of first responders and quasi first response entities and representatives of critical facili-

ties and services," wrote Steve Leichter, a former chair of the commission, in a letter to CRD board members.

"As such, it provides a 'boots on the ground' perspective that is balanced with additional expertise from community representation."

Leichter, along with commission chair Patricia Donnelly, are among commission members who've spent six months arguing that the new bylaw dilutes the EMC's advisory capabilities.

"We totally lost this one," said Patricia Donnelly following the CRD's latest decision.

"Unfortunately, with every change to the bylaw, CRD removed even more local input."

Even more baffling, Donnelly said, is that CRD representatives insist they met and exceeded changes called for by dissenting commission members.

"Doublespeak in the extreme," she called it.

Donnelly said strained relations between the commission and the CRD are a result of changes proposed in 2010. She called the CRD's handling of the issue a sure sign that "the island needs a new method of doing business that actually serves the people."

Though the commission's membership will not change as a result of the new bylaw, Donnelly said, it's unclear who the group will report to and how the commission will continue its role.

A staff report prepared by the CRD's Travis Whiting notes that the CRD "has consistently presented proposed amendments to the bylaw that would maintain a local role in directing and managing the program."

"Staff has tried to balance the interests of the commission with the obligations and administrative responsibilities of the CRD," he wrote.

NEWSBEAT

ISLANDERS IN NEED

Car crash victim faces uphill battle



Maureen Moore

Friends organize trust account for Maureen Moore

Friends of a well-known Salt Spring woman who sustained serious injuries in a car accident on Feb. 25 have made it possible for others to help out.

Maureen Moore, who may be best known locally for spearheading the successful Creekside Rainforest land purchase in 2008, suffered a subdural haematoma after her vehicle hit ice and grav-

el on Beddis Road.

She had an initial emergency operation at Victoria General Hospital and two subsequent procedures to relieve the build-up of pressure on her brain.

According to friends, Moore has recently returned home to Salt Spring for a trial period of rest and recuperation before undergoing more tests in Victoria.

Sources say she is very weak and needs as much sleep, quiet time and lack of stress as possible to help her heal.

Moore is unable to work

and faces great financial hardship as a result.

"This woman has done much for our community," said Tom Pickett.

"Anyone who wishes to help out in this difficult time can make a donation to account #1627819 at Island Savings under [Moore's] name."

Donations can also be dropped off at Juliette's Hair Studio at 296 Wilkie Way or Salt Spring Books at 104 McPhillips.

Cards and notes would also be a good way to wish Moore a speedy recovery.

FERNWOOD DOCK

Fernwood tax requisition puts minimal strain on wallets

Average household will pay \$6

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

The Fernwood Dock Management Commission is preparing plans for an operating budget and a capital reserve following the Capital Regional District Board's approval of a tax requisition last month.

The requisition, which will begin in 2012, is set at a maximum of \$162,800 per year or \$0.05 per \$1,000 of property tax value.

However, island households will pay out far less than the

\$24.97 per year allowed.

FDMC chair Peter Lake stated the commission will only require \$6 per average home per year to fund the operating budget and to establish a \$500,000 capital reserve over the next 10 years.

Bylaw 3761 puts in place the structure needed to implement the requisition, which was provided for but not enacted when Bylaw 2730 established Fernwood Dock as a CRD commission in 1999.

According to the FDMC meeting minutes from March 17, the CRD manager will work out a long-term budget

for consideration in June.

Lake explained on Monday that the commission still has \$90,000 to \$100,000 left from federal funding received nine years ago, which until now has been part of a contingency fund.

Servicing the dock requires about \$11,000 per year in operating costs.

An extra \$36,000 per year will be raised through the requisition and put into the new capital reserve fund, in anticipation that the entire dock will need to be replaced by the end of the 10-year period.

Also at last week's meeting, the commission dis-

cussed security measures and repair costs in light of an attempted March 3 arson on the dock.

Dock manager Pete Williams was asked to install another light at the head of the causeway. Security issues such as live web cams and camera surveillance were discussed, with the decision to wait for results of a camera pilot trial on Southern Gulf Islands docks.

The commission thanked resident Nancy Wigen for alerting emergency teams to the fire and to Salt Spring RCMP and firefighters for their quick response.

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EDITORIAL

Bus bounty

Some exceptionally good news sideswiped the usual variety on Tuesday — and we're not talking about the federal budget.

Salt Spring Transit will be receiving more funding from BC Transit to make an expansion feasible, leading to a marked increase in service beginning hopefully this summer and September by the latest.

The funding increase will lead to service on Sundays and statutory holidays, extra trips on the Fulford, Vesuvius and Fernwood routes and a taxi supplement for some over-capacity trips. Not only will locals benefit from the higher number of trips, but visitors who choose to leave their cars at home will have a much better experience. As word spreads about Salt Spring having a seven-day-per-week transit service, we should see more people making the trek over on foot.

While the expansion was hinted at last fall, nothing is assumed to be certain in the current economic climate, and the Salt Spring Transportation Commission and Capital Regional District still had to make the case to BC Transit.

THE ISSUE:

Increased SS Transit funding

WE SAY:

Well deserved all the way around

The largest chunk of funding is coming from BC Transit. Only \$20,000 is from local taxpayers via the CRD and fare revenue from Salt Spring's proven strong ridership will take care of the rest.

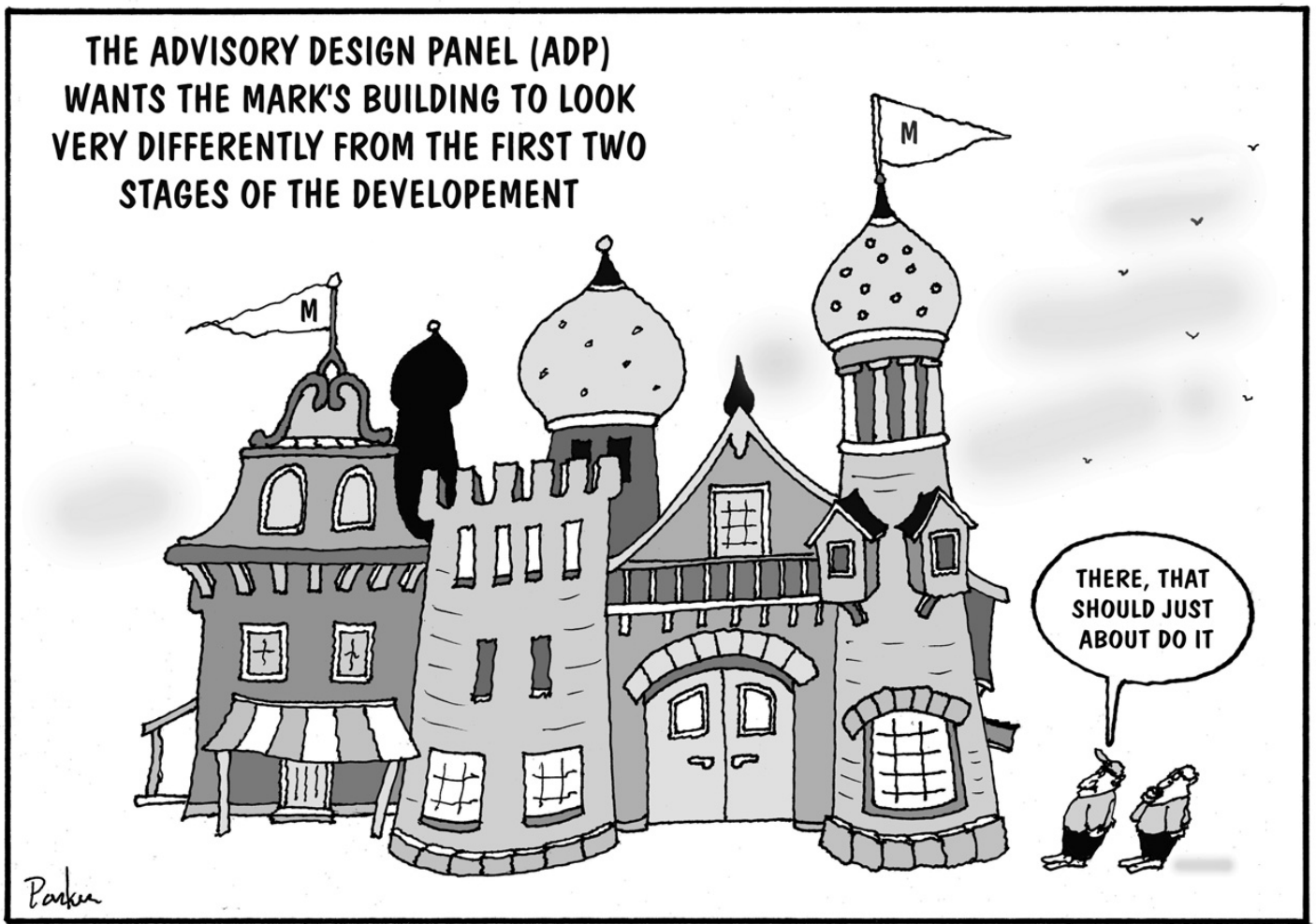
Except for being criticized about not meeting enough ferries or not running on Sundays and holiday Mondays — which the new funding will address — and having one bus involved in a collision, Salt Spring Transit has had a pretty blissful existence in its first three years. It even earned a Canadian Urban Transit Association award for exceptional and outstanding performance in 2009.

Ridership figures exceeded all expectations after the first year and, despite the necessarily limited service, in 2010 reached 400 per cent of first-year projections.

Credit for its success goes to the Salt Spring Transportation Commission of the CRD, Salt Spring Transit's operator (Ineke de Jong of Ganges Faerie Minishuttle), the bus drivers and of course islanders, who have embraced the service from day one.

BC Transit has made it clear that expanded support from the provincial body came about because of the ridership numbers. With more hours of available bus time coming up in the near future, who knows how high those figures can go?

THE ADVISORY DESIGN PANEL (ADP) WANTS THE MARK'S BUILDING TO LOOK VERY DIFFERENTLY FROM THE FIRST TWO STAGES OF THE DEVELOPEMENT



Needs versus wants at the 59th minute

BY WAYNE HEWITT

Needs are the essentials, the basics of life — air, water, food and shelter — that we cannot live without. Wants are items, activities or services that increase one's quality of life. These items can be very wasteful.

Four hundred people heard David Suzuki speak of these very things at Fulford Hall last month. He stated that this planet can be compared to a test tube that has the necessities to support life; however, that since the population has grown exponentially, those items that support life are depleting at a rapid rate.

In his words: "At time zero you have one cell; one minute you have two; two minutes you have four; three minutes you have eight; four minutes you have 16. That is exponential growth, and at 60 minutes the test tube is completely full of bacteria and there is no food left, a 60-minute cycle. When is the test tube only half full? Well the answer of course is at 59 minutes; but a minute later it is filled. So at 58 minutes it is 25 per cent full; 57 minutes 12½ per cent full.

"At 55 minutes of the 60-minute cycle it is only three per cent full. So, if at 55 minutes one of the bacteria said to its companions that they had a population problem, the other bacteria would be incredulous because 97 per cent of the test tube would be empty and they had been around for 55 minutes. Yet they would have only five minutes left. How do we add even a fraction of one per cent more of air, water, soil or biodiversity? We cannot. The biosphere is fixed and finite and every biologist I have talked to agrees with me, we are past the 59th minute."

He stated that we should not let the economy run this planet and the place where we live, but it should be the other way around. The www.un.org website states: Water scarcity already affects every continent. Around 1.2 billion people, or almost one-fifth of the world's population, live in areas of physical scarcity, and 500 million people are approaching this situation. Another

VIEWPOINT

1.6 billion people, or almost one quarter of the world's population, face economic water shortages.

We can see what development on Salt Spring has done to one of our basic needs — water. St. Mary Lake experienced a toxic cyanobacterial bloom this winter and the water district might not have enough water to supply the population it already serves. Many people on ground water have wells that go dry in the summer.

Cusheon Lake has also experienced blooms of toxin-carrying cyanobacteria in the past. A Cusheon Watershed Management Plan was presented in 2007. Yet the CRD has not finished the upgrade to the Beddis Water System to ensure that people are provided with safe water. They still back flush their filters into the lake. St. Mary Lake also has a management plan.

People should read these plans before proceeding with their wants. Go to www.cusheonlakestewardship.com for both plans.

The test tube analogy that David Suzuki talked about could be used right here on Salt Spring. The problems we are having both with water supply and quality show that Salt Spring is a place that is almost too full to support the life that is here. Growth for wants must stop. We must take a more serious look at our actual real needs.

Should taxpayers spend \$7-plus million on a library while some people on Salt Spring do not have clean safe drinking water? Should taxpayers spend hundreds of thousands on traffic circles when some people need basic shelter in the form of affordable housing?

Are we too are at the 59th minute that David Suzuki mentioned on Saturday evening? And are we too on a suicidal path of unsustainable economic growth?

Perhaps we should reassess our priorities.

The writer is a surface and groundwater protection advocate and has lived on Salt Spring for 20 years.

THIS WEEK'S QUESTION:

Do you want a spring federal election?

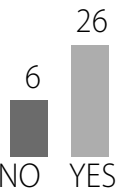
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LAST WEEK'S QUESTION:

Do you think radiation from Japan will affect B.C.?



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IslandVoices

QUOTE OF THE WEEK:

"This is not a strip mall . . . The idea was to purposely not do a strip mall."

LEON APTEKMANN, CREEK HOUSE PROPERTY OWNER

SALT SPRING SAYS

We asked: How do you feel about Canada's military involvement in Libya?

**DON KEITH**

Who knows what the politicians are thinking? I would not like to see this accelerate into something worse like anything in Iran or Iraq.

**GAIL BEATTIE**

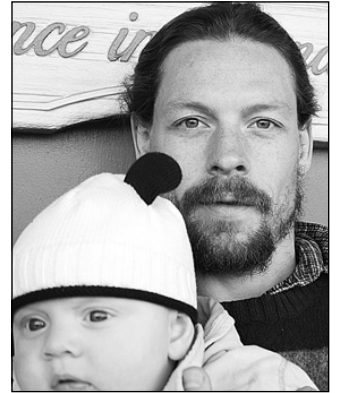
I think government resources could be spent elsewhere more efficiently.

**PATRICK COBY**

I'm not a real fan of Moammar Gadhafi but don't really know enough about the region's history to make an informed decision.

**NANCY VANPATTEN**

I don't think it's a straightforward issue. I can see arguments against and for why we are there. It's the consequences that I find troubling because of past experiences elsewhere.

**ADRIAN & ANU SANDERS**

Anyone who knows their history can deduce that the goals and objectives of western countries are vested in perpetual war to support a war-based economy.

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.**

SOS material online

The stated vision of the Vancouver Island Health Authority is: "Healthy people, Healthy Island Communities, Seamless Service."

It appears that this vision hasn't been looked at recently, at least as it applies to providing a "seamless service" to Salt Spring and other nearby Gulf Islands, regarding a basic surgical service at Lady Minto Hospital.

A recent letter to the Save Our Surgery committee from Howard Waldner, president and chief executive officer of VIHA, makes interesting reading. (The complete letter is on www.sossaltspring.ca). In his letter he is very critical of the position taken by SOS. He states that health care professionals work daily for VIHA work to provide high-quality services to residents of Vancouver Island. (Now I understand why we are not receiving the servic-

es we need . . . Salt Spring Island isn't part of Vancouver Island.)

There are a great number of statements from him that suggest he has been sadly misinformed by his staff. Read his letter, his original strong support for surgery at Lady Minto and then read the detailed response to him from the SOS committee. This response includes documented proof of the excellent surgical service which has been provided in the past, why surgeons who investigated the position of surgeon decided not to apply, and other very interesting facts, not suppositions.

Not all of Waldner's staff are singing from the same song sheet. In a meeting in June 2007 regarding Rural Surgical Services (www.ruralmatresearch.net/documents/GPSSymposiumProceedings.pdf), Mr. Waldner's representative on Salt Spring (Bill Relph) stated the following:

"Maintaining a surgical service is vital to the role of a small community hospital such as Lady Minto, which has a population of 10,000 permanent residents and at least double that number in the summer months and is separated from tertiary care by a body of water not serviced by ferries after 2100h."

He must be, at least at heart, part of team SOS!

Spend some time reading the material which is so important to Salt Spring Island and come to your own conclusions.

Both the Waldner and SOS response letters can be found at www.sossaltspring.ca.

**BILL YEO,
SOS COMMITTEE**

Arctic input

I attended the Arctic Boundary Dispute Workshop held at GISS on March 12-13 with the invited participants (minus the two Russian representatives who had to cancel at the last minute).

As there was no allowance for questions or comments from the public afterwards, I have included my comments in this letter to the Driftwood.

One of the participants, Fred Roots, had gone in 1967 to the North Pole to "plant" a flag for the United Nations (I would say for the world). He had not "claimed" it as he considered this an impossibility with a moving point. Therefore, by my use of the word "claim," 200 miles in every direction from the North Pole belongs to everyone.

Since we have caused the climate imbalance to the point of creating an Arctic passage (40 per cent of the permafrost is already gone), we are left with the question "How do we protect this newly opening passage from a massive run on the fish, whales and oil, and use by dangerous cargo ships, etc."

The few fisheries participants said their team of 30 scientists warned strongly to

wait — that the effects of the melting ice/rising seas and some fish migration northward was simply unknown and no conclusions were possible at this point.

Therefore, their suggestion is for a moratorium on fishing now (changeable in some years if things stabilize). This would of course have no impact on ships seeking oil or transporting of dangerous cargoes, etc. and therefore offers too little protection to the area, including its fish and whales.

My resulting decision is to request this area (the high seas) become a world park. The often-raised resistance that science has — that all is within its capacity to protect, contain, etc. — is unfounded. If science were to study sustainability from the local experts, the Inuit, they would certainly find plenty of work up north — to clean up radioactive dumping grounds and to build non-toxic ice forms strategically placed so polar bears

can continue to hunt and to live.

If the park suddenly became massively overpopulated with fish, we could deal with that then, but as Fred Roots said, and he's been there, "It is biologically weak around the North Pole."

Apparently, similar ideas and expressions of interest to have the North preserved have already been put forward by a "handful of Germans," as a U.S. workshop participant described an environmental protection group from Europe.

There is enormous work for scientists and all sorts of moral responsibilities/possibilities for lawyers to renew the dignity of their profession, and governments needing to do it right (differently) this time. A whole lot depends on that.

**JOCELYN DAWE,
SALT SPRING**

MORE LETETRS continued on 10

Smith Manoeuvre leap pays dividends for sunset years

My financial advisor, Fraser Smith, drives a new \$250,000 Ferrari-red SLS AMG Mercedes. I spied this ultimate piece of German engineering in Fraser's parking spot on my way up to his offices. He wasn't in. He was in Maui for a little holiday.

Should I feel vaguely miffed that I paid for part of that Mercedes, or that he was quaffing down mai tais on a white sand beach while I was shaking the rain off my umbrella? Should I feel vaguely suspicious that my financial guy is flaunting an uber expensive car, a la Bernie Madoff (of Ponzi scheme notoriety)? Was this jealousy, admiration or a mixed potpourri of base human traits that urged me to go ahead and key Fraser's new car?

I put my keys away and emailed him in Maui, teasing him about this \$250,000 Mercedes. I quickly received an email back. "Peter, Peter, Peter . . . you always exaggerate. It only cost \$247,000." That's just like Fraser.

There is nothing typical about Fraser Smith. He is an aging giant of a man, with a great, largely unattended salt and pepper beard, a rumpled checked shirt and khaki Docksidiers. His Sidney office is strewn with giant MacIntosh monitors, stock charts, renditions of wind turbines and, in the corner, a Martin Dreadnought acoustic guitar. He is also the author of a Canadian best seller entitled *The Smith Manoeuvre: Is Your*

Mortgage Tax Deductible? He is also the man who has redirected the course of my financial life in a very real, substantive way.

I have written about the Fraser Smith Manoeuvre a couple of times in the past. Go to his website (www.smithman.net/) for a more detailed explanation, but suffice it to say that it is designed for the millions of baby boomers like myself that gave little or no thought to setting money aside for "the sunset years."

It involves accessing the equity that you have acquired in your house, and using that money to fast track that pot of gold you should have been squirrelling away to these decades, instead of squandering it away on trips to exotic locales and expensive French wines.

The articles I have written about my excellent financial adventure have engendered more interest than any other topic. To this day, I get buttonholed at the grocery store, at parties, concerts, at coffee shops. "How is that Fraser Smith thing working out for you these days?" For the curious and for those baby boomers whose future financial picture is a bleak nightmare of inadequate pensions and hunting for discarded cans in roadside ditches, here are the numbers.

**Peter Vincent**

HEAD TO HEAD

I jumped on board in October of 2007. Fraser and company arranged a \$125,000 mortgage based on the equity I had in my house. Fraser had an arrangement with a financial company called B2B that would pitch in twice that amount on a line of credit, giving me a pot of \$375,000, which went into two of the top-rated stock portfolios in Canada. The difference between what you borrow the money for and the performance of the stocks is where you make money. Mortgage rates were very low (and still are) and the stock market was doing very well.

That was October 2007. Soon after, we entered one of the worst recessions in memory, with the Toronto Stock Exchange losing half of its value in a matter of months. My timing could not have been worse. Recession notwithstanding, today the market value of my stocks is now around \$430,000, from \$375,000. That \$375,000 loan is now down to \$366,000. In 2010, my portfolio averaged a return of 15.55 per cent. When I finish my income tax this year, I should be able to write off about \$19,000 in income. Remember all these great numbers took place during a very nasty recession.

But these are just numbers. They say nothing of the enormous leap it has played

in my general well being. Prior to getting with this program, I used to pay out around \$1,500 per month in sundry mortgages, car loans and credit card payments. That number has dropped to less than five hundred. I have money in the bank now. I had no idea how liberating it is not living from paycheque to paycheque. Less stress equals better health equals a much improved quality of life.

Of course, Fraser Smith is not for everyone. You need a certain amount of bravery to take the leap (it took me a year to get up the nerve), or a situation so desperate that you have little to lose by making that first appointment. And, as we have all heard ad nauseum, money does not equal happiness, but I would rather be miserable and rich than miserable and poor, eking out a future existence by dropping pocket change into a cookie jar.

So for the curious, the skeptics, and the nay sayers, I can only say that doing this Fraser Smith Manoeuvre has been the best. Barring an Armageddon-type, End of Days event (in which case we will all be living in caves), my financial future seems assured. Icing on the cake? Mr. Smith has promised me a ride around the block in his new Ferrari-red Mercedes. When he gets back from Maui. Bastard.

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NOTICE TO THE RATEPAYERS OF THE NORTH SALT SPRING WATERWORKS DISTRICT

THE ELECTION OF ONE TRUSTEE

Notice is hereby given that at the Annual General Meeting, to be held on April 12th, 2011 at the Community Gospel Chapel, 147 Vesuvius Bay Road, one trustee is to be elected, to serve for a period of three years. Nominations of candidates for this position must be made in writing, duly signed, seconded, with signature of agreement by the nominee, and delivered to the District Office, 761 Upper Ganges Road, at or before 12:00 noon, March 24th, 2011.

NOMINATIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED FROM THE FLOOR

To be eligible a nominee must be a Canadian Citizen, 18 years of age or older, an owner, or spouse of an owner of land in the Improvement District, and entitled to be registered as a voter under the Elections Act.

Nomination forms are available at the District Office.

Trevor Hutton
General Manager

OPINION

Library construction schedule laid out

BY DUNCAN HEPBURN

The following report, one of a number that will be issued over the next months to keep islanders informed, provides an update on both the construction of our new library building and the preparation of the temporary facility that will serve the community while that construction is underway.

Progress on the new building

Final architectural drawings are at the 95 per cent complete level, and the first draft of the specifications (running some 300 pages!) has been reviewed by both Capital Regional District staff and members of the library building committee. Such detail is necessary before the project can be put out to public tender in early April.

The firm that will supply the shelving for the new building

has also been selected. This decision had to be made now as some of this shelving will be used in the library's temporary facility while the new building is being constructed.

The environmental monitoring firm that will oversee the entire project has been hired.

A local firm was hired to clear vegetation from the site as part of the revegetation plan approved by the Department of Fisheries and Oceans.

This work was completed well in advance of the deadline of March 15, a date reflecting environmental concerns about the start of the bird nesting season and in the presence of the environmental monitor.

So when will actual construction begin?

If things go according to schedule, a recommendation as to which firm should receive the contract will be considered

at a full meeting of the CRD Board on June 8. Demolition of both the existing library building and the adjacent white house will then take place with construction beginning immediately thereafter. September 2012 remains the targeted completion date.

Temporary home

This facility at 118 Jackson Ave. must be completed, filled with books and "ready for business" before the existing library can be demolished.

A number of steps required to make that happen have already been taken. The library has also rented the former home of the Phoenix School at 108 Jackson Ave. This facility will house the bindery and a number of other administrative functions — activities for which there is no room in the temporary facility. It will also

be used for office space and to store both furnishings reusable in the new building and books that the library wishes to keep for its permanent collection but for which there is no room in the portables.

Current plans call for the move into the temporary facility to take place in mid May. A request will be made for community assistance with the challenging task of moving 50,000 or more items. Although a number of volunteers have already come forth, more helping hands will be required. Those interested can sign up at the library. We are hopeful that moving can be completed within 10 days and that the library will be able to reopen no later than early June.

The writer chairs the SSI Library Board Building Committee.

NEWS UPDATES

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MORE LETTERS

Nasty cartoon

Re: the March 9 Driftwood cartoon [depicting mob overthrow of the Islands Trust]. This cartoon is unworthy of the Driftwood. It is not funny — it is nasty. You should be embarrassed.

GRACE BYRNE,
BRINKWORTHY PLACE

Memorable performance

Once again we are blessed with so many talented artists on Salt Spring Island who give so much of themselves.

All of us in the Extended Care Unit at Lady Minto listened joyfully to the guitar, mandolin and violin so aptly played by Bob McIvor and Michael Aronoff.

This was blended with their bass and tenor voices that was literally "music to our ears." It was a St. Patrick's Day performance to be remembered.

A glass of Guinness to each of you, coupled with our love and heartfelt thanks.

Also, a special wild Irish rose to Kelly of Country Grocer for the shamrock treats we enjoyed following the concert. It was all just wonderful!

MARGARET MACKENZIE,
ECU VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR

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NOTICE NORTH PENDER ISLAND LOCAL TRUST COMMITTEE NP-TUP-2011.1

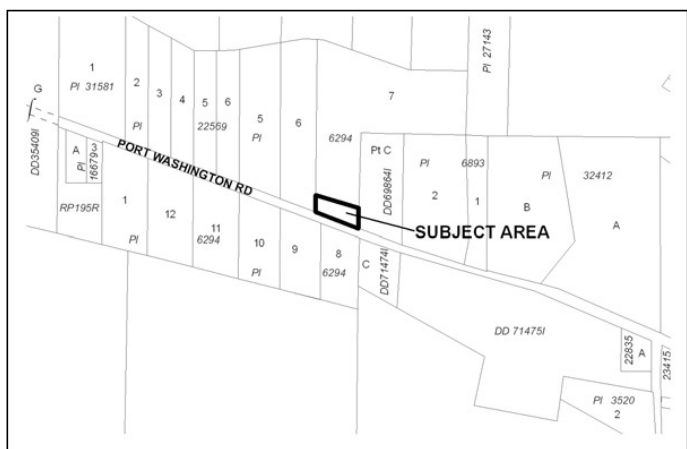
NOTICE is hereby given that the North Pender Island Local Trust Committee will be considering a resolution allowing for the issuance of a Temporary Use Permit pursuant to Section 921 of the *Local Government Act*. The proposed permit would apply to a portion of Lot 7, Sections 18 and 22, Pender Island, Cowichan District, Plan 6294. This property is located at 3334 Port Washington Road.

The purpose of this temporary use permit would be to permit:

1. "The storage and processing of aggregates, soils and mulch."
2. "For certainty, for the purposes of this permit processing is defined as screening and sorting but does not include crushing or washing."
3. "Wholesale of aggregates, soils and mulch."
4. "Accessory retail sales of aggregates, soils and mulch to the general public."
5. "Storage of motor vehicles, recreational vehicles, boats and trailers"

The establishment of these uses would be subject to the conditions specified in the permit. The permit would be issued for three years and the owner may apply to the North Pender Island Local Trust Committee to have it renewed once for an additional three years.

The general location of the subject property is shown in the following sketch:



A copy of the proposed permit may be inspected at the Islands Trust Office, 200 - 1627 Fort Street, Victoria, B.C., V8R 1H8, between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday to Friday inclusive, excluding Statutory Holidays, commencing, March 18, 2011 and up to and including March 29, 2011.

Enquiries or comments should be directed to Planner Andrea Pickard at (250) 405-5189, for Toll Free Access, request a transfer via Enquiry BC: In Vancouver 660-2421 and elsewhere in BC 1-800-663-7867; or by fax (250) 405-5155; or by email to: information@islandstrust.bc.ca, before 4:30 p.m., March 29, 2011. The North Pender Island Local Trust Committee may consider a resolution allowing for the issuance of the permit during the regular business meeting starting at 9:45 a.m., Thursday, March 31, 2011 at the Pender Island Community Hall (Lounge) on North Pender Island.

All applications are available for review by the public. Written comments made in response to this notice will also be available for public review.

Kathy Jones
Deputy Secretary

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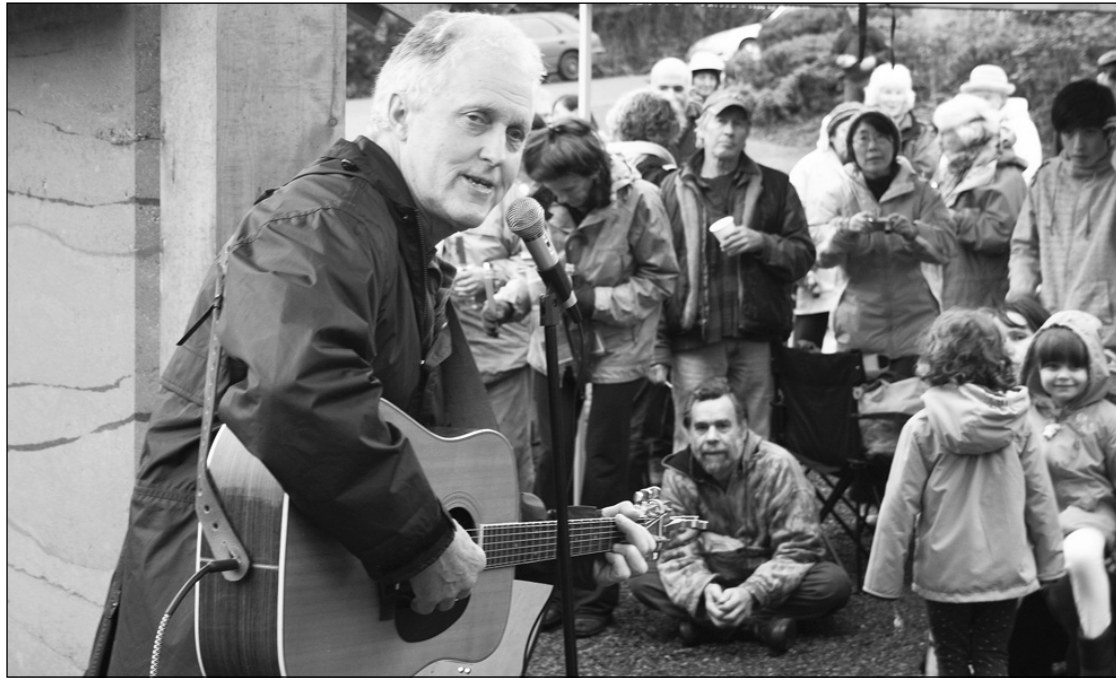


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VIGIL: Alan Moberg was among performers and speakers at a Friday evening candlelight vigil at Peace Park. The three-hour event raised more than \$5,200 for 2011 Japan Relief, a local group established to raise funds for survivors of the March 11 earthquake and tsunami in northeastern Japan. The group has set up an account at the Island Savings Credit Union in Ganges and plans to hold more events in the coming weeks.

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Back on track

In light of recent events in New Zealand and Japan, I question the wisdom of the Vancouver Island Health Authority and several of our doctors who insist that we can live safely here with a hospital that has had its operating room services cut to the quick.

When the "big one" hits our island — and it will — how can these folks possibly imagine that the hospitals in Saanich, Victoria and Duncan will have OR and emergency room space available for our injured? Their already-stressed hospital capacities will be overwhelmed. Air ambulance services will be stretched thin as they attempt to deal with the needs of the larger and possibly harder-hit communities on Vancouver Island and the Lower Mainland. Damage to transporta-

tion infrastructure is likely to be severe. Undoubtedly, we will be cut off and left to treat our own ill and injured. Without a working surgery, we will be operating under field hospital conditions.

In a misplaced effort to save a ridiculously small amount of money, VIHA is placing our families and loved ones at great risk. Its business model addresses the bottom line, with little or no attention paid to the health care needs of Salt Spring and the other Gulf Islands.

Our hospital — that's OUR hospital — has, until the last two and a half years, served us well, with its operating room being used to continue a surgical service that has been available on Salt Spring for decades. It now appears in need of some health care of its own. Let's get it back on track before we're in the midst of a huge mess.

JIM HELSET,
SALT SPRING

Raffle winners

Salt Spring Island Middle Years Music Program wishes to acknowledge those who donated prizes for our fundraising raffle. Dozens of daffodils and a big round of applause, please! Slegg Lumber (Salt Spring division), Dave Moulton and Scott Royal, Four Winds B&B, Diana Dean and Manning/Burton family, Skin Sensations, West of the Moon, Country Grocer, Pharmasave.

Winners were: Cord of firewood, Catherine Howe; Four Winds B&B stay, Chris Clark; limited edition print of Diana Dean's Fernwood Dock, Christy Andrews; 8 GB iPod Touch, David Chan; Skin Sensations spa gift certificate, Veronica Hylands; spa gift basket, Tom Burton; goodie basket, Kailee Budd; West of the Moon gift certificate, Jo Twaites; Country Grocer gift certificate, Linda McDaniel; Pharmasave gift certificate, Betty Liddle.

LORETTA RITHALER,
SALT SPRING

RANTS and Roses

Rants

A dozen dead roses to the person who dropped 17 bags of garbage in the back of the Fulford Inn. You had enough empties in them to pay to take them to the dump. It took me two hours to sort your sh--. André Berubé

A paint can full of dead black roses to the unbelievably thoughtless and very unenvironmental people who dumped their hideously coloured, nearly empty, pink paint can, rollers, cloths and other "clean-up" garbage in our bins at Summerside. My thoughts go out to the poor person who has to live in a room painted such a ghastly colour. Unfortunately the idiot that did this will read this and feel no shame. Cherry Jensen

Rants to the condescending comments from some customers at the Lady Minto Thrift Shop. Our workers are all volunteers and do not deserve to be insulted or harassed. Where do you ever volunteer? Lady Minto Thrift Shop Committee

Roses

A team green bouquet of roses to Gord Lee the Tree Guy for sponsoring

my 2010 motocross season. I had a great season and appreciate your support. Wyatt Scheres

To able-bodied individuals, please consider leaving the parking spaces directly beside Thrifty's to those of us toting dependents. There is a parking space for people with disabilities right by the door and as a momma of two little people I would appreciate dedicated parking spots for parents/caregivers with young children.

A rose for Still Point Yoga Studio and Celeste Jason Mallett for generously donating the studio space to hold an Awakening the Dreamer, Changing the Dream Symposium. Donations collected at the door were for the benefit of Transition Salt Spring.

A rose for Salt Spring United Church for providing the space and to Kairos Salt Spring for hosting and staffing the reception, set-up and refreshments for the second Awakening the Dreamer, Changing the Dream Symposium held March 13. Donations collected at the door were for the benefit of Kairos Salt Spring. And a rose to Thrifty's supermarket for generously donating

the refreshments.

Presenting a very large bouquet of beautiful water lilies to all the "extra hard-working helping hands" that volunteered to distribute the notices for the Highland/Fernwood water/service area. You know who you are! Your time and effort was appreciated so much. Highland/Fernwood water commissioners

A beautiful bouquet to the wonderful lady who found my purse at the Fulford ferry terminal on Feb. 28 and turned it into the RCMP. You are an angel. Mimi D.

A race car full of pizza, junk food, notebooks to Christina; a Gucci purse full of red, white and yellow roses to Sarah; drumset producing wonderful music to Colin; vats full of authentic Italian spaghetti to Scott; a briefcase full of top-of-the-line paint brushes, along with dozens of roses to Therin. To Russ, my family, friends, Community Theatre, crew of Proof and our community, thank you so much for your encouragement and support. I have been blessed with past theatre productions, which has given me the courage and knowledge to direct. Susannah Devitt

We want to offer our gratitude for the display of hope and harmony to everyone who made the Rawsome Living Foods Japan Red Cross Relief fundraiser a success. We are grateful to Thrifty Foods for the generous donation of fresh produce, to Zoe and Kathryn for inviting our participation in the Salt Spring Island Craft Bazaar on Saturday, to Amy for volunteering her time to join us at the table and especially to all those who came by, donated money and sampled our food. The sum of \$750 is on its way to Japan because of the compassion and generosity of all of you. In gratitude, Jim and Chris

A rose for Emily for being such a sweet and patient auntie to Coco. Thank you.

A hall full of roses and appreciation to Trish and the Salt Spring Folk Club; to John Wort Hannam, Scott and Jenny for coming all this way for a benefit concert. A special thanks to the dads who created the beautiful wood crafts for donation, and everybody involved in organizing and cleaning up at Fulford Hall. The show was amazing and helped me in so many ways. Ken Rouleau

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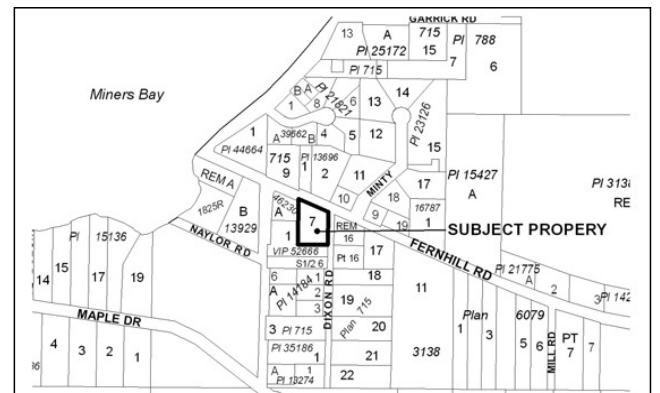
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Revised NOTICE MAYNE ISLAND LOCAL TRUST COMMITTEE MA-TUP-2010.2

NOTICE is hereby given that the Mayne Island Local Trust Committee will be considering a resolution allowing for the issuance of a Temporary Industrial Use Permit pursuant to Section 921 of the *Local Government Act*. The proposed permit would apply to Lot 7, Section 12, Mayne Island, Cowichan District, Plan 715.

The purpose of this temporary use permit would be to permit an additional use, the "transfer, storage, and shipping of discarded goods and materials", on a portion of the property located at 424 Fernhill Road on Mayne Island. The proposal is for disposal and storage of garbage in a wheeled structure that can be moved as required for shipping or at the end of the term of the TUP. The stated purpose of the facility is to provide Mayne Island residents and garbage collection contractors a site to discard and store solid waste materials prior to transfer off island. The permit would be issued for three years and the owner may apply to the Mayne Island Local Trust Committee to have it renewed once for up to an additional three years.

The general location of the subject property is shown in the following sketch:



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All applications are available for review by the public. Written comments made in response to this notice will also be available for public review.

Kathy Jones
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THEATRE

Community Theatre steps up game for Proof

Show begins Friday, March 25

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Salt Spring Community Theatre continues to advance the range of dramatic craft on the island with its upcoming production of *Proof*, written by David Auburn.

The award-winning script that was made into a film starring Anthony Hopkins and Gwyneth Paltrow has all the markings of good theatre: interesting and complex characters, family drama, mystery and a bit of insanity.

After the play debuted in New York in 2000, it picked up a bushel of awards, including the 2001 New York Drama Critics' Circle award for best play, the 2001 Pulitzer Prize for drama and the 2001 Tony Award for best play. Since January

of this year, local director Susannah Devitt has been preparing a talented cast of islanders to meet the considerable challenges of giving this play its due.

Lead actress Christina Penhale, last seen at Mahon Hall in the Community Theatre production of *Having Hope at Home*, takes on the role of Catherine, a brilliant mathematician who has spent years caring for her mentally ill but also genius father. Catherine struggles to find the "proof" that her father developed a radical new mathematical theorem while dealing with her own fears of mental instability, a new relationship and an older, problematic one with her elder sister.

"Catherine's a really meaty character — there's a lot to work with there," said Penhale.

"I really enjoy the script because in every

scene and every part, there's so many levels and so many ways you can play it."

Scott Merrick, who had an impressively strong performance in *The Dining Room* last fall, co-stars as Catherine's father Robert. Sarah Penhale appears as sister Claire and Colin Beamish is Hal, Robert's student and Catherine's love interest. Despite having long-term relationships with two of the three actors to build on (Sarah is her sister and Beamish her fiancé), Christina Penhale said, creating realistic individuals has occupied a lot of groundwork for the play.

"Susannah's really adamant about us knowing our characters. She gives us homework," she said, explaining the actors have been making collages and writing out full bios of their characters, with



PHOTO BY GAIL SJUBERG

Proof cast members revved up and in costume are, from left, Sarah Penhale, Colin Beamish, Christina Penhale and Scott Merrick.

details including everything from their favourite food to their earliest childhood memory.

Devitt's commitment to the project has extended to bringing in experts for the cast to consult with: a mathematician and a mental illness counsellor have attended recent rehearsals to answer questions and explain concepts.

One of the interesting components of the production is that the real life Penhale sisters will also be sisters

in the play — but with reverse roles. Sarah, who is Christina's junior by four years, will play a character who is her senior by three.

"I really love working with my sister. She's a really talented actor," Christina said.

Both women have been attending workshops with professional acting coach Nadine Wright for the past year, adding the benefits of in-depth study to their upcoming roles. Christina, who graduated from the Canadian

College of Performing Arts two years ago and has a previous certificate in special effects makeup, plans to add to her training soon with a part-time move to Vancouver to pursue a professional acting career.

Doing on-camera workshops and audition classes with North Shore Studios is part of the plan, and she's already been meeting with potential agents.

Having seen what the professional theatre world in Vancouver has to offer, though, Christi-

na feels the standard of community and school productions on island is just as high.

"There's so much talent here at every age — it's unbelievable," she said.

"It seems like almost no one's afraid to try anything here. If they want to pick up a guitar and write songs and sing, they can go to the open mic night at the Tree House and do that."

Christina's more distant future dreams centre on engaging with the local talent base. As a former competitive swimmer, she's currently coaching with the swim team and noticing how much she loves working with kids. She hopes to one day open a theatre school for kids on the island, as well as a repertory theatre company with regular in-house shows and rehearsal space for other community groups.

Until then, local audiences can look forward to five performances of *Proof* over the next two weeks at Mahon Hall. The show runs Friday, March 25, and Thursday to Saturday, March 31 to April 2 at 8 p.m. There's also a 2 p.m. matinee on Sunday, March 27. Doors open 30 minutes before showtime.

Tickets cost \$15 for adults and \$10 for youth aged 12 to 19. (The play is not suitable for children.) They're available in advance at Salt Spring Books and at the door.



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SPIRITUALITY

Raffi gives service on Plea to Faith Leaders

This Sunday at SS Seniors

An internationally known speaker and musician will explain his plea to faith leaders in honour of children at this Sunday's gathering of Salt Spring Unitarians.

The event with Raffi takes place at Salt Spring Seniors beginning at 11 a.m.

After years of networking and reflecting on "what it might take to create a world fit for children," Raffi founded the Centre for Child Honouring on Salt Spring in January of 2010.

Its international Children and Nonviolence Initiative's "Sign The Plea" campaign has garnered over 1,300 signatures to its Plea to Faith Leaders, asking them to call for a ban on all forms of violence against children. More than 150 faith leaders have signed his Proclamation by Religious and Spiritual Leaders in Honour of Children.

The proclamation states: "We hereby make a new promise to the young of our world . . . With utmost compassion we urge an end to all forms of maltreatment and violence against children . . . We invite you to support the right of every child to peace, love and security."

Raffi will address this and other topics when he presents the Unitarian service on March 27.

ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT



PHOTO BY DERRICK LUNDY

ILLUMINATED: Beulah Gordon holds up one of her stained-glass boxes on exhibit until the end of March at Salt Spring Gallery of Fine Art, where a special art raffle is also currently underway.

CONCERT PREVIEW

Acclaimed indie bands and young performers go all out for SWOVA

Aidan Knight, We Are The City and Artist Party Revolution on April 1

now, playing his distinct brand of orchestral folk-pop in theatres, festivals, house concerts and even touring his home province by bicycle, he is gaining a wide audience for his own music.

Artist Party Revolu-

tion is described as a local high school band blending the talents of WallabeeIndeed's Oscar Kempe, Geoff McFarlane, Wesley Hardisty and Clay Upex, with new member Owen Hooper, a guitarist and singer.

The concert is a benefit for SWOVA.

Next Friday's showtime at ArtSpring is 8 p.m.

Tickets cost \$18, available at the ticket centre, through 250-537-2102, or online at artspring.ca.

An exciting triple bill featuring two of B.C.'s best young indie bands and a new Gulf Islands Secondary School "supergroup" will take the stage on April 1 at ArtSpring.

Aidan Knight as a solo artist and the band We Are The City are currently touring across Canada together and picking up great reviews.

"Since forming in 2008, Kelowna's We Are The City has become one of the most exciting and unpredictable forces in the Canadian music scene," explains press material. "The band soon began earning accolades for its atmospheric progressive-popsound with the release of their debut LP *In a Quiet World* in 2009. In January 2010, the band earned a whopping \$150,000 by winning the P...EAK Performance Project, a massive battle of the bands contest hosted by Vancouver's 100.5 The PEAK."

Knight made many Salt Spring fans when he appeared at ArtSpring last year as part of the Malahat Review.

The 24-year-old Victoria native has two musical releases to his credit and his song Jasper, which was performed for the CBC Broadcast of the Western Canadian Music Awards, has made its way to set lists of local Salt Spring bands.

He has recorded and performed with many other indie artists, but

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Wed. March 23

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

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

ACTIVITIES

BCSPCA AGM. Lions Hall. 4:30 to 6:30 p.m.
Salt Spring Garden Club. Garden photographer Alex Waterhouse-Hayward gives a presentation at Community Gospel Chapel. 7:30 p.m.

Thurs. March 24

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

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

ACTIVITIES

United Church Spring Series. Karen Armstrong speaks about The Chanter for Compassion, a video presentation facilitated by Ruth Cairns. United Church lower hall, 7 p.m.
Green Transportation Workshop. Presented by the SS Transportation Commission and the CRD. At the portable room behind the school board office at 112 Rainbow Rd. 6-8 p.m. Info/register: 250-537-9299 or sign up online at sustainableu.ca.
SSI Weavers and Spinners: Designing Women. Exploration of beautiful cloth, types of fibre and sett. ArtSpring. 10:30 a.m.

Fri. March 25

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Proof. Pulitzer Prize-winning drama by David Auburn Presented by Salt Spring Community Theatre at Mahon Hall. 8 p.m. (Doors at 7:30 p.m.)
Richard Cross. Live at the Tree House Cafe. 5:30 to 8:30 p.m.

ACTIVITIES

Climate Change, Kids and Caribou. Andrew Weaver, Raffi and Jack Woodward discuss global warming, habitat destruction, and our children's futures. ArtSpring. 7 p.m.
Curious George Movie. SSI Co-op Preschool fundraiser at The Fritz. 2 p.m. Admission by donation.
Rollerblading. Fridays at Fulford Hall. 7:30 to 9 p.m.
Tango Practica. At the Core Inn. 8 to 10 p.m.

Sat. March 26

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Sweet Water Revolver. Live at the Tree House. 5:30 to 8:30 p.m.
The Coalition. Rock/dance band at Moby's.

ACTIVITIES

Wild Child. Wilderness program workshop for parents and kids aged zero to six with Wisdom of the Earth. Info/register: 250-653-9122 or instinct@saltspring.com.
The Courage to Create: Demystifying the Artistic Block. SS Arts Council workshop led by Louise Goodman at Mahon Hall. Pre-register by March 25 at www.ssartscouncil.com.
Krayenhoff Memorial Lunch and Bridge. Options for Sexual Health clinic fundraiser. Fulford Hall. Noon. \$20.

Sun. March 27

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Collegium. Victoria Conservatory of Music concert of the region's best young musicians. ArtSpring. 2:30 p.m.
Proof. Pulitzer Prize-winning play by David Auburn presented by Salt Spring Community Theatre at Mahon Hall. 2 p.m. Doors at 1:30 p.m.
The Point Gallery. Opening of Circumstance. See Exhibitions, below.

ACTIVITIES

Maple Syrup Boil. Free demos, tastings, live music and farm tours at the Harbour House. 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Raffi & the Sign the Plea Initiative. Raffi gives service at SS Unitarians gathering. SS Seniors. 11 a.m.
Half-Day Meditation. Zen practice at Ango Retreat. 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Info/register: Simon: 250-537-1721.

Mon. March 28

ACTIVITIES

Gumboot Gala. The annual Salt Spring Folk Club season finale at Fulford Hall. 7 p.m., with doors open at 6 p.m. for season's pass holders, 6:15 for others.

ACTIVITIES

Margie Gillis Dance Workshop. At ArtSpring. 5 to 7 p.m. Register: ArtSpring, 250-537-2102.
Introductory Frame Drum Class. With instructor Marilyn Walker. 679 Stewart Rd. from 7 to 9 p.m. Subsequent classes will run on Mondays at the same time. Info/register: Barb, 250-653-4469; Marilyn, 250-653-9710.
PARC. Commission meets at the Portlock Park portable. 7 p.m.
Life Drawing. Mondays at the Core Inn third floor. 1 to 3 p.m. Drop in every week and draw. Info: Jose, 250-537-1121.
Toastmasters. Meet every Monday at the Crofton Room in the Harbour House Hotel. 7 p.m.

Tues. March 29

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Fluid Stability. Margie Gillis dance performance at ArtSpring. 8 p.m.

ACTIVITIES

Off-Road Vehicle Community Forum. Community discussion with panellists. Community Gospel Chapel, 7 to 9 p.m.
SSI Ladies Golf Business Meeting. Upper clubhouse lounge. 9 a.m.
SSI Public Library Association AGM. SS United Church, upper hall. 3:30 p.m.

Wed. March 30

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Vikings on Vacation. Ensemble Polaris. ArtSpring. 8 p.m.

ACTIVITIES

Watercolour a la Don Andrews. A SS Painters Guild activity at ArtSpring. Info/register: Ann Holt, annholt47@hotmail.com.

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Barney's Version — The story of a seemingly ordinary man whose extraordinary life spans four decades, two continents and three wives. With Paul Giamatti and Dustin Hoffman as his politically incorrect father. Based on the novel by Mordecai Richler.

EXHIBITIONS

- **The Point Gallery** features **Circumstance** — sculpture and early prints by **George Wallace, Duke Ostle's Collateral Damage**, featuring portraits, installations and performance, and a terra cotta installation by **Deborah Gainer**. Opening reception Sunday, March 27, 2 to 5 p.m. Runs through April 25.
- **Gallery 8** holds its first exhibit of the 2011 season. **The New 8 Exhibition** features work by **Kathryn Amisson, RM Dupuy, Curtis Golomb, Heather Kocsis, Julia Lucich, Heather Martin-McNab, Pieter Molenaar** and **Vance Theoret**. Runs until April 10.
- **Salt Spring Gallery of Fine Art** presents **New Works** by **Beulah Gordon**, an exhibition and sale of Beulah's glasswork and mixed-media paintings, until March 31. Gallery is open Tuesdays through Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. People who drop in to the gallery during March have a chance to enter a raffle to win a piece of art.
- **Kip Johl** shows sculptured pieces and **James Labounty** shows photographs in the lobby at **ArtSpring** through March.
- **Roger Donnelly** has paintings hanging 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.
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EXHIBITION

Wallace, Ostle, Gainer at The Point

Circumstance opens Sunday afternoon

The Point Gallery has three shows scheduled for this year — with openings in March, June and September — and all centre around the work of Canadian artist George Wallace.

“Although each exhibit will deal with a very different aspect of the artist’s work a common theme is of a close examination of our human frailty,” explains the gallery’s Margaret Day. “Based on the artist’s sure feel for the possibilities of the materials used, and referencing art which has gone before, these powerfully significant images and objects continue to have a life of their own beyond that of the man who created them. They hold a universal appeal to our collective idea of our selves, a call to recognize each the other.”

Wallace, who is the father of Salt Spring shipwright Mark Wallace, was born in County



PHOTO BY RON WATTS

Head of a Wallace sculpture.

Dublin in 1920. He received a degree in philosophy from Trinity College Dublin before moving to England where he then went on to study and

later teach art in the West of England. He emigrated to Canada in 1957, taking up a teaching post at McMaster University in 1960 where he was instrumental in setting up the fine arts department, which he headed for many years until his retirement in 1985. He then moved to Victoria, continuing to make art until shortly before his death in 2009.

The first show, titled Circumstance, features early sculpture and prints by Wallace in the lower gallery, with work by Doke Ostle upstairs and Deborah Gainer outside. The opening reception is on Sunday, March 27 from 2 to 5 p.m., with the show continuing until April 25.

Ostle’s portraits, installations and performance is titled Collateral Damage and deals with the deaths of innocent men, women and children killed in the Israeli invasion of Gaza.

A terra cotta installation

by Salt Spring artist Gainer reflects on sadness but also on the possibilities for consolation “one with another” and ultimately of hope, “gestures about the human condition of the soul contained within the body.”

This is the fifth spring Point Gallery exhibit to demonstrate the artist’s role as witness, says Day.

“A series set in motion by an installation for Easter of Salt Spring artist Ian Thomas, gained momentum with Hilda Woolnough’s extra-ordinary 30-foot drawing Guantanamo, which came to Salt Spring from Prince Edward Island. One exhibit has led almost directly to another, in shows which are not easy but are important to our understanding of ourselves and of our world.”

The Point Gallery is a privately funded alternate gallery with its entrance on South Ridge Road in Fulford.

Entrance is by donation.

CONCERTS

Gumboot Gala wraps up folk club season

Costumes and special guests in play

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

The musical event that welcomes all walks of life celebrates its season finale at Fulford Hall this Monday with the Salt Spring Folk Club’s Gumboot Gala.

Co-hosts and star Canadian performers Bill Henderson and Valdy will take the stage for individual and combined sets. They will be joined by members of the folk club board and some special guests to a season wrap up in true island style.

“It’s been a wonderful season,” Valdy said, noting a rare

solo show by Fred Eaglesmith and a step-dancing, fiddle-playing blow out with April Verch among the many highlights.

Joining the program for the gala will be special guest Kaya Hunter, the recent runner-up in the Victoria Idol contest. Board member Markus Tessmann will appear with the band and also reprise his role in last year’s Cole Porter revue with the solo What is This Thing Called Love? Other mystery guests will appear, and the tradition of parody songs prepared by Valdy and Henderson will be honoured with flair.

Costumes and audience participation are an essential part of the gala event, which

Valdy said symbolizes “in an extreme manner” the division between the haves and the have nots, and brings them together not only in one room, but often within a single outfit.

Past creations seen at the gala include everything from hookers to chickens, to members of the proletariat.

“It’s unbelievable. It’s from a paper clip to the World’s Fair — it runs the whole gamut,” Valdy said, adding that he particularly enjoys playing to the dressed-up crowd.

Prizes are awarded for the best costumes and the recipients get to “get up and strut their stuff.”

Food is another important element at all folk club offer-

ings, and the Gumboot Gala is no exception. Catering by Ramona Riegel, including delicious dinner items and desserts, will be available before the show starts and at the two intermissions.

Valdy said the 2010-11 season proved to carry an ideal audience ratio, being almost filled to capacity each time but with just enough space to let in last-minute enthusiasts.

A few tickets for the March 28 gala can still be found at Stuff & Nonsense and Salt Spring Books.

Doors open at 6:15 p.m. for season’s pass holders and 6:30 for the general public. Participants should expect to stay out late and dance the night away.

FUNDRAISER

Artists support next generation at the Centre School’s art lottery

Tickets available for April 2 gala

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

For the third year in a row, island artists have shown a commitment to creative young minds by donating their work to the Salt Spring Centre School Art Lottery.

Proceeds from the event at ArtSpring, which brought in \$10,000 in each of its two previous years, go toward arts and enrichment programs at the school. In addition to basic art supplies, the funds have helped provide sets and costumes for the annual whole-school play, extra music lessons like a drum workshop and materials needed for woodworking, digital photography and building marionettes.

The parent-directed program has found success through donations by community members, including established and up-and-coming artists, food and service providers, and the art-loving members of the public who buy tickets.

The format is a winning one for those who love the luck of the draw as much as they love art. Each \$75 ticket includes cheese, wine and the chance to get higher-value items, and the evening’s entertainment. And it guarantees the holder will get

one piece of art valued at \$100.

Tickets are pulled at random, so the first person who hears his or her name will have more than 60 pieces to choose from. Everything that can be imagined — from limited-edition prints to sculpture, photography, jewellery, ceramics and metal work — will be on display. Ticket holders are advised to attend the viewing sessions on April 1 (1 to 5 p.m.) or April 2 (11 a.m. to 5 p.m.) to be ready with a few ideas when their names are called at the event that starts at 7 p.m. on April 2.

Artists contributing to this year’s event include Robert Bateman, Ulrike Benner, Gary Cherneff and Andrea Collins, to name just a few from the A to C page. People who aren’t ready to commit to an artwork acquisition but would like to see the fun are encouraged to buy a \$10 ticket. The price includes a glass of wine and cheese and the chance to bid on auction pieces that will be on display in the gallery area. John Bateman is the MC.

The art lottery has received generous sponsorship from the Party Stop, Country Grocer, Auntie Pesto’s and Gabrielle Jensen at Gulf Island Picture Framing.

Lottery tickets must be purchased in advance. They’re at Salt Spring Books, Gecko Green Living and the Tree House Café.



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DANCE

Canadian dance legend Gillis makes ArtSpring appearance

Workshop, performance on March 28, 29

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

The woman who has been called the Grand Dame of modern dance in Canada will be at ArtSpring next week to perform a selection of favourite pieces from throughout her career.

The recipient of the 2011 Governor General's Performing Arts Award for Lifetime Artistic Achievement, Margie Gillis will celebrate 40 years in solo modern dance next year. It's an amazing record in any career, and especially in one that is so physically demanding and creatively taxing.

As a performer and a choreographer, Gillis is credited with expressing deeply elemental human emotions through the body. Her work has been lauded at home and on the international stage. She was the first ever dancer to go into China after the cultural revolution in 1975, and she has been named a cultural ambassador by the governments of Canada and Quebec.

According to Gillis, it's a combination of very good genes and the unending potential in dance that has kept her passionate and active for so long. Coming from a family of athletes (both her parents were Olympic skiers and one brother was a professional hockey player; another was also a dancer) she credits her sturdy body for putting up with a lot of use.

"And then I've got this huge desire and curiosity — I think

of retiring, but then I always say, 'First I'll do this . . .'" the Montreal-based performer explained by phone during a recent visit to Vancouver.

"If I have any artistic value I'll always continue to dance. The body as it ages fascinates me."

Gillis describes her early work as being "very raw and very savage." As she matured her style became more refined, but lost some of its raw edge. In her later years she has progressed to a new understanding, which she relates to the function of kinetic energy.

"It's as if you become aware of what's available in the energetic world rather than the bone and muscle world — it's as if I became aware of wind, rather than rock."

With her standing in the arts community and her recent honour from the Governor General's awards, Gillis has become even more aware of a responsibility to give dance its due. She believes the federal government is undermining the arts by funding withdrawals that could have grave effects on society.

"The ability to create is not frivolous — it's essential to the human endeavour," she said.

"When we don't have access to that we can't transform, we can't change. We become stuck, we are destructive to nature, we stop discovering, stop engaging in curiosity and we deaden ourselves."

Gillis is known as a socially aware performer whose work is influenced by current issues and events among other points of inspiration. She is able, like the most effective artists in any

medium, to translate her own emotions and connect with the wider human experience.

This is important to her because she views dance not as a spectacle but as an important ritual that is shared jointly between the performer and the audience.

"Dance is our body's soul in nature," Gillis said.

"What we think, what we feel, our spirituality, it's all kinetic energy, so we're always dancing to who we are. We're taught at school not to respond radically to that, but there's always dance going on under the skin."

In addition to performing and choreographing, Gillis considers teaching an important aspect of her work.

She instructs at institutions such as the Juilliard School in New York, as well as giving workshops while on tour, including one on Salt Spring this Monday, March 28 at 4 p.m. Her specialty is helping participants access emotions through the body, which she says is not separate from the mind.

"All of the senses, the globality of who we are, are engaged. The intellect is part of that, but is not the ruler. The body is part of that, but is not the ruler. All parts of the body are engaged in experiential wisdom — and I love that."

Tickets to Monday's workshop cost \$25.

The performance on March 29 begins at 8 p.m., with tickets \$23 or \$5 for students. Women aged 45 and older who participate in an organized dance, exercise or movement program on Salt Spring will get a 15 per cent discount.

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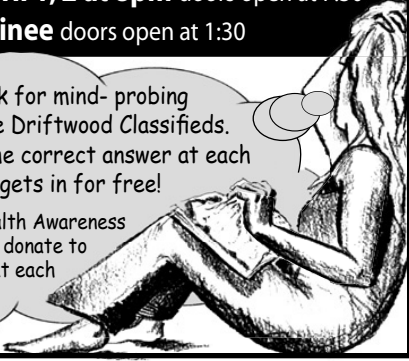
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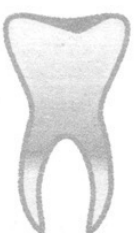
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People & Community

RHYTHM

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A workshop for people ready to try and learn more about hand drumming begins with an introductory session on Monday, March 28.

Frame drum classes with instructor Marilyn Walker will run at 679 Stewart Rd. from 7 to 9 p.m. and continue on subsequent Mondays at the same time.

Walker is an anthropologist who has studied the drum, rattle and chant in indigenous cultures in Siberia, Mongolia and the Americas.

"Indigenous peoples worldwide use the drum for healing, transformation, relaxation and celebration and in shamanic journeying," explains a press release. "We'll explore some of these aspects of the frame drum — with and without beaters — as well as percussion instruments such as rattles and bells."

During the school term, Walker teaches a weekly drumming group and drum circles in New Brunswick where she is a university professor.

All levels are welcome from complete and absolute beginners to experienced drummers who would like to take their music to a different level or consider performing. Cost is \$8 per session if people bring their own drums. For the introductory session, participants can borrow one of Walker's drums, and rentals are available for continuing sessions.

For more information and to confirm attendance, phone Barb Lyngard at 250-653-4469 or Walker at 250-653-9710.



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FAIR FARE: Textile artist Jaime Murdoch, of Dharma Threads, shows off some of the natural products used in the dyes of her wares at last weekend's craft bazaar held at Mahon Hall.

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BLOSSOM FESTIVAL

Garden participants bloom at pending Blossom Festival

Enthusiasm growing for April 8-10 weekend

The branches of Salt Spring's first ever Blossom Festival continue to grow.

As more details about the April 8 to 10 event that highlights the island's gardens, food, music and Japanese community are finalized, the vision for the weekend expands.

One part of the weekend — the passport-inspired tour — is drawing lots of interest.

"As the Blossom Festival tour takes shape, there are some really interesting places that people will get to see," said co-organizer Caffyn Kelley.

Gardens on the tour

include the Alders Plantation Vacation Rental on Alders Road, with its 2,200 catalogued plants; the Bakers' famous Furness Road garden; the wonderful offerings of The Plant Farm and Fraser's Thimble Farms; all three Salt Spring vineyards; and the farms/gardens at the Harbour House and Hastings House.

On the same theme, ArtSpring and the Salt Spring Painters Guild have put together a Blossom Festival show of floral paintings.

People will also have a chance to see an interactive model railroad exhibit at Tranquility Studios and can take a special festival flight with Salt Spring Air.

"Many restaurants are running Blossom Festival specials," adds Kelley.

The festival is also now getting organizational aid from Herb Burnett, "volunteer extraordinaire" and a former Salt Spring government agent.

Burnett has helped out with the island's popular apple festival for years and thought a spring equivalent made perfect sense. While marvelling at the harvest end of things in the fall, he wondered, "Shouldn't these trees have blossoms?"

He said enthusiasm for the new spring festival is high.

"Everyone is coming on board to help with it — not just the businesses."

See www.saltspring-tourism.com under Special Events for a schedule of the weekend's activities.



Islands Trust

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING SALT SPRING ISLAND LOCAL TRUST COMMITTEE PROPOSED BYLAW NO. 448

NOTICE is hereby given that the Salt Spring Island Local Trust Committee will hold a public hearing concerning **Proposed Bylaw No. 448**, for the purpose of allowing the public to make representations to the Local Trust Committee respecting matters contained therein. At the public hearing, all persons who believe that their interest in property is affected by the proposed bylaw shall be afforded a reasonable opportunity to be heard or to present written submissions. A Public Information Meeting will be held prior to the public hearing to allow for questions and review of information pertaining to the bylaw.

DATE: Wednesday, April 6, 2011
LOCATION: Community Gospel Chapel, 147 Vesuvius Bay Road, SSI
TIME: 6:00 PM – Public Information Meeting
7:00 PM – Public Hearing

1. **Proposed Bylaw No. 448, cited as "Salt Spring Island Land Use Bylaw, 1999, Amendment No. 1, 2011".**

In general terms, the purpose of Proposed Bylaw No. 448 is to amend Salt Spring Island Land Use Bylaw No. 355 as follows:

1. By making various technical amendments to the Land Use Bylaw by adding a definition for "farm-related, light industry" uses, and by amending the rules for home-based businesses to permit more non-residential employees and a larger area for the home-based business activity.

Copies of the proposed bylaw, and any background material that may be considered by the Local Trust Committee, may be inspected at the Islands Trust Office, 1-500 Lower Ganges Road, Salt Spring Island, BC, between the hours of 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM, Monday to Friday inclusive, excluding statutory holidays, commencing Wednesday, March 23, 2011 and up to and including Tuesday, April 5, 2011 at 4:30 PM. Proposed Bylaw No. 448 may also be viewed on the Islands Trust website at: <http://www.islandstrust.bc.ca>

Enquiries regarding the proposed bylaw may be directed to Planner 2, Susan Palmer, at 250-538-5603 or to the Islands Trust at (250) 537-9144. For Toll Free access, request a transfer to the Islands Trust via Enquiry BC: in Vancouver at (604) 660-2421, and elsewhere in BC at 1-800-663-7867. Written submissions may be delivered as follows:

1. By mail to the Islands Trust at 1-500 Lower Ganges Road, Salt Spring Island, BC, V8K 2N8; by Fax to (250) 537-9116; or online at the Islands Trust website via the following URL: <http://www.islandstrust.bc.ca/lc/ss/meetings.cfm> by completing the **Public Hearing, Wednesday, April 6, 2011 Submission Form** before 4:30 PM on Tuesday, April 5, 2011.
2. To the **Local Trust Committee at the Public Hearing.**

All applications are available for review by the public. Written comments made in response to this notice will also be available for public review.

NO REPRESENTATIONS CONCERNING THE PROPOSED BYLAW WILL BE RECEIVED BY THE SALT SPRING ISLAND LOCAL TRUST COMMITTEE AFTER THE CONCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC HEARING.

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EDUCATION

Wild Child offers nature workshop for preschoolers and their parents

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In an attempt to support parents in increasing their own nature awareness while simultaneously learning how to help their young children develop a deep sense of connection to the wild, Wisdom of the Earth is offering a new program aimed specifically at parents with

children aged 0 to six years. They say their Wild Child workshops offer a "unique, outdoor, experiential opportunity for a nature-connected culture."

Striving to move beyond simply attempting to fix a "nature deficit disorder," Wisdom of the Earth founder Jean-Claude Catry says he is proposing "a movement of 'nature-fulfilled maturing' in which the wild is recognized as the fundamental inspiration for the creation of self and community."

Wisdom of the Earth has been offering Friday wilderness programs for school-aged children for the past five years.

"Parents have been asking us if we could offer something for younger children, and this is our response," says Ingrid

Bauer, Catry's partner and co-leader of the workshop. "We believe that young children are deeply nurtured when they learn in nature with a parent present, and we also wanted to offer something to parents who want to learn these skills without having to leave their little ones."

The one-day workshop on Saturday, March 26 will propose experiential activities for adults and children to connect with nature. Parents will be introduced to the concept of the "coyote mentoring" model of education inspired by traditional earth-based cultures around the world.

For more information, call 250-653-9122 or email instinct@saltspring.com.

ZEN

Japanese disaster brings context to Zen practice

Next half-day Zen sit on March 27

BY CHRIS SMART
SPECIAL TO THE DRIFTWOOD

One of the basic tenets of Zen Buddhism is that all things are impermanent. The recent earthquake in Japan is shocking evidence of this. One moment everything is whole and complete and the next the earth is shaking and the world as you know it falls away. A peaceful day turns into chaos; a beautiful ocean destroys whole towns and lives.

How can we make sense of the pain and suffering in the world? How can we live in a way so that when the earth shifts under our feet in any way, we are calm, present and able to lend a useful hand? In other words, how can we truly meet life as it is with a clear mind, an open heart and the skillful means to make a difference? These are important questions for us to explore.

The well-established tradition of Zen, which includes a very simple but profound and clarifying practice of meditation, comes from

... it takes practice in this stressful and demanding world for a ripple of peace to help tame a tsunami of events.

Japan and is one that many westerners are beginning to embrace. Rooted in the practice of attentive and mindful breathing, Zen meditation calms the mind so that when disaster strikes, we are able to respond in an open, conscious and compassionate way.

The peaceful awareness that can come during meditation expands like a ripple in a pool so that we can embrace the issue and usefully attend to what needs to be done. It sounds simple but it takes practice in this stressful and demanding world for a ripple of peace to help tame a tsunami of events.

On Sunday, March 27, the Salt Spring Zen Circle is offering a free, half-day of silent meditation practice to help people learn how to start this peaceful ripple and open their hearts right in the middle of their daily lives.

The Sunday practice, which includes a talk about finding Zen right in the middle of our circumstances no matter what they are, is led by Peter Levitt, who has been practising Zen for 40 years and is the founding teacher of the Zen Circle.

Instruction is offered to those new to Zen meditation and chairs are provided for those who are unable to sit cross-legged. In keeping with Zen tradition, the teacher receives no remuneration and so a donation is gratefully received.

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PEOPLE AND COMMUNITY

YOUTH & CHALLENGE

Teamwork is the name of the game

Pender's fire boot camp

BY **CHERIE THIESSEN**
DRIFTWOOD CONTRIBUTOR

Why would two girls and 11 boys between the ages of 15 and 18 choose to spend their spring break on call from 7 a.m. to 11 p.m., getting tangled up in fire hoses, crammed into narrow, twisting passages with smoke-blackened goggles, and rappelling off high buildings and cliffs?

Salt Spring student Matt Grossman takes off his eerie-looking self-contained breathing apparatus and explains: "My dad's in the fire department. I want to follow that career."

He's only got a moment because he's the next one to inch through the confined-space obstacle course.

Set up in Pender's main fire hall, the untidy sprawl simulates a collapsed building. Claustrophobically narrow and dark, with abrupt turns and hazards everywhere, it's downright sinister.

I ask Grossman what his biggest challenge has been: "Learning to work in a team. There are 12 of us, split into



PHOTO BY **CHERIE THIESSEN**

Salt Spring student Annika Benoit-Jansson is lowered from the fire hall as part of her training during Pender's Fire and Rescue Boot Camp.

three groups. Group work is harder than I thought it would be."

A nearby fellow Salt Spring student, Barry Goodwin, agrees. He signed up because he loves the physical aspect of the experience, but also has another good reason.

"After this, I'll get credit for 100 hours of work experience and I get a certificate as well."

The challenge team building presents is no surprise to the instructors.

Before the dozen students (cadets), arrived for their five-day camp, they were required to attend a February pre-training day where

the emphasis was on exactly that. Four team-building exercises with intriguing names like Human Knot and Tarp Flip began to give the Gulf Islands secondary students some idea of the importance of trusting and working closely with their team — or "platoon" to firefighters.

Charlie Boyte, Pender Island's fire chief, knows all about teamwork, both off and on the job.

"We have 40 volunteers to organize and to deliver this program, and everybody is doing it on their own time. It's a totally community supported event."

This is the fourth

such camp, and it's only offered every second year.

"The preparations begin 18 months ahead of that," Boyte says. "While the majority of the dozen cadets hail from Salt Spring, a few, like Eli Carlson, signed up because of their Pender connections. Eli's grandparents live here."

A highlight of this year's camp was definitely the Thursday appearance of the Sea King in Hope Bay, performing an emergency rescue from the water.

Much to their delight, cadets also got to do some air spotting aboard one of three helicopters as they searched for a "downed airplane."

The youths sleep and eat in the community hall, directly across from the main fire hall, where nearly all the action takes place.

Two volunteer chaperones keep their eye on activities at the hall, although the cadets are so tired when they finally roll into bed that activity is limited. Feeding them is left to the culinary expertise of camp cook Kelly Dine, while deputy fire chief Mike Dine adeptly

serves as camp director.

Paris Haase is one of six firefighters from Salt Spring, all of them volunteer leaders this year. He attended Pender's first camp in 2004, and his life changed as a result: "It's been my passion ever since then." It's a passion he's now instilling in his charges.

Held from March 14 to 18, the camp wound up with a demonstration for parents on Saturday, when families got to marvel at their offspring saving motorists trapped in wrecks, performing rope rescues and fighting fires. And that was only one small part of what our islands' future firefighters have been up to during spring break this year.

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If **PROOF** is onstage at Mahon Hall March 25, 27, 31 and April 1, 2, with a cost of 4, how many cast performances total? Be one of the first 2 people with the correct answer at the door the weekend and get in free. matinee March 27 - 2pm: all other performances 8pm. Tickets \$15 at Salt Spring Books and at the door; \$10 students 19 and under. Not suitable for children under 12.

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COMING EVENTS

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Fusion Massage Course 3-day intensive April 15-17
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UNITARIAN FELLOWSHIP "Child Honouring and its principles for conscious living" with Raffi. He will talk on this topic Sunday March 27, 11 am at S.S. Seniors' Centre www.saltspringunitarian.com

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COMING EVENTS

HOMEOPATHY STUDY GROUP starting Mon March 28 9:30-11:30am. 6 classes every two weeks.
Learn to treat yourself and your family with confidence. Small group size for focused learning.
\$200 includes textbook. Contact Tami 250-537-4728 ext.1 www.arbutustherapy.ca

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COMING EVENTS

United Church Spring Series
Thursday March 24th 7pm, Lower Hall
Karen Armstrong speaks about **The Chanter for Compassion** -A Video Presentation- facilitated by Ruth Cairns
Thursday March 31st 7pm, Upper Hall
Jesus, Jewish Reformer or Christian Church Founder Talk and Discussion with Barry Cooke
Thursday, April 7th 7pm, Upper Hall
The Man Who Couldn't Sleep with film-maker Judy Jackson

!WEEKEND POTTERY WORKSHOP!

April 16 & 17 10-4pm
Beginners-Advanced
Handbuilding & Wheel-work
Clay is so inspiring!
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Ceramics
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INFORMATION

Your gift to the **Heart and Stroke Foundation** will help support life saving research and education in heart disease and stroke.

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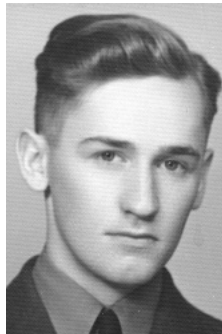
(August 10, 1912—March 3, 2011) was born in Montreal, where he lived until he moved to Salt Spring in 2002. Gerry was predeceased by his wife, Anita and his sister Annette. He will be sorely missed by his son Charles (Judy Norget); grandson Ben (Elizabeth Iozzo); granddaughter Clea; great grandchildren Thomas and Victoria; brother Alton Kahn; Maureen Kahn; as well as many relatives. Many thanks to Dr. David Woodley, whose care for and interest in Gerry were very much appreciated, and the many care workers at Lady Minto Hospital. Donations can be made in Gerry's name to the Lady Minto Hospital Foundation, the Salt Spring Island Foundation, or Medecins sans Frontieres (Doctors Without Borders).

IN MEMORIAM

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Ronald E. Stacey

January 31, 1924 - March 13, 2011



Ron Stacey passed away on Sunday, March 13. He is survived by his loving wife, Kathleen; sister Evelyn Campbell (Bill) of Killarney, Manitoba; children Linda Pringle (Jim), Ross (Cathy), Alan (Gina) and Brian (Christine); grandchildren Nicola, Angela, Jocelyn, Michelle, Christine, Christopher and Jordan.

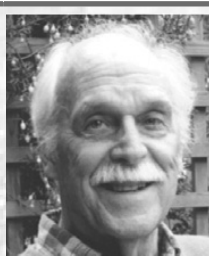
Ron was born January 31, 1924 in Hamiota, Manitoba, and left there after high school grad to ride the rails to Winnipeg, where he enlisted in the RCAF. Trained in England as a navigator, he was the sole survivor of his air crew when shot down over Germany. After two months in hospital, he was transferred to Stalag Luft III, and had his 19th birthday there. He was 98% certain, after returning to England, that on VE Day he danced in the streets of London with the two young princesses.

Back home, he earned a BS at Brandon Collegiate and taught in Manitoba until 1964, when a teaching offer brought him to Salt Spring Island. He taught Sciences and Math until 1984, then retired to his garden and many projects. Ron was a long-time member of the Royal Canadian Legion, where he enjoyed cribbage, bridge and volunteering with friends. He also enjoyed debating a wide variety of issues, and leaves a legacy of "Staceyisms".

The family would like to thank Dr. David Woodley and the staff at Lady Minto Hospital for their compassionate care and support. Also, thanks to Island Comfort Quilts, Salt Spring Singers, the Bessie Dane Foundation hospice volunteers, and his comrades at the Legion and their Ladies Auxiliary, and those loyal friends too numerous to mention here.

A memorial tea will be held at the Royal Canadian Legion hall on Saturday, April 9th, 1:00 - 4:00 p.m. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Canadian Cancer Society, Royal Canadian Legion, Lady Minto Hospital, or Salt Spring Food Bank.

An event to remember Tom Wright



PLEASE NOTE: CHANGE OF DATE

Saturday, March 26, in Meaden Hall (Legion on Blain) Noon to 3 p.m.

Consistent with the kinds of events Tom appreciated: a potluck lunch, a few comments by family and friends about Tom, followed by a toast in his memory.

Photos and other memorabilia will be on display. There will be a hosted bar, coffee, tea and juice.

Thank you to everyone who made donations to Fernwood School Library, the Water Preservation Society, the NDP and others.

DRIFTWOOD CLASSIFIEDS

DEADLINES
TUESDAY 10 AM

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COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

COMING EVENTS

ISLAND COMFORT QUILTS
Quilting Bee



Sunday April 3, 2011
9:00 am — 4:30 pm
Farmers' Institute Hall

To Volunteer:
Phone: Marguerite Lee 250 537 5302
Or email: islandcomfortquilts@shaw.ca

OFF-ROAD VEHICLE Community Forum

A community discussion of new regulations, responsible riding, safety on the trail and how to avoid ecologically sensitive areas. Moderated by Kees Ruurs, the panel will feature Zan Boyle of ATV BC, Kurt Irwin, a local rider, and Robin Annschild from the Salt Spring Island Conservancy.

Tuesday, March 29th 7 to 9 pm
Community Gospel Chapel, 147 Vesuvius Bay Rd.



NOTICE OF GENERAL MEETING

In accordance with Bylaw 5.15(d), 9.5(b), 9.5(d) and 14 of the Bylaws of The British Columbia Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, Notice is hereby given that the annual general meeting of the:

SALT SPRING ISLAND BRANCH
Will take place on:
Wednesday, March 23, 2011, 4:30-6:30 p.m.
At: Lion's Hall
103 Bonnet Avenue, Salt Spring Island, BC

For the purpose of:
Electing members of the Community Council for the branch, as well as conducting any other business of the Branch

For further information on the meeting or to obtain a copy of the draft agenda, please contact Leanne Brusatore at saltspring@spca.bc.ca or (250) 537-2123

A copy of the Constitution and Bylaws of the Society is available at: <http://internal.spca.bc.ca/govern.asp>

LEGALS

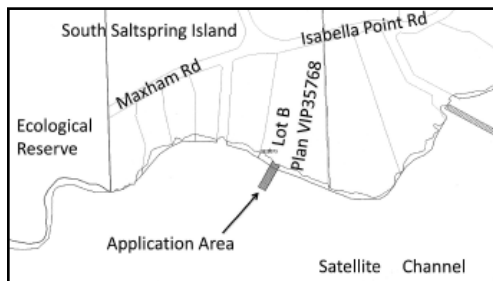
Land Act: Notice of Intention to Apply for a Disposition of Crown Land

Take notice that exchangenergy inc. of Vancouver BC, intends to make application to Ministry of Natural Resource Operations (MNRO), West Coast Service Center for a Licence of Occupation-Geothermal Loop situated on Provincial Crown land located at Isabella Point, South Salt Spring Island.

The Lands File Number that has been established for this application is File # 1413547. Written comments concerning this application should be directed to the Section Head, Ministry of Natural Resource Operations at 142-2080 Labieux Rd, Nanaimo BC, V9T 6J9, or emailed to: AuthorizingAgency.Nanaimo@gov.bc.ca.

Comments will be received by MNRO until May 10, 2011. MNRO may not be able to consider comments received after this date. Please visit our website: <http://arfd.gov.bc.ca/ApplicationPosting/index.jsp> for more information.

Be advised that any response to this advertisement will be considered part of the public record. For information contact the Freedom of Information Advisor.



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COMING EVENTS

Salt Spring Singers Community Scholarships

Salt Spring Singers community choir is offering two \$400 scholarships to members of the Salt Spring Island community who wish to pursue music studies. Preference will be given to candidates who intend to study voice and/or are members of a community or school choir.

The deadline for applications is Tuesday, April 12, 2011.
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Japan Relief — Salt Spring Steps Up

HOW CAN YOU HELP?

DONATION SPOTS

- Island Savings trust account #2138295, set up by 2011 Japan Relief, a local group collecting funds for the Japanese Red Cross Society. For more info about the group, contact 2011japanrelief@gmail.com or Rumi Kanesaka at 250-653-4474.
- Numerous Salt Spring stores and restaurants have donation jars collecting for 2011 Japan Relief.
- BC Liquor Stores are collecting money for the Canadian Red Cross Japan Earthquake Fund.

COMING EVENTS . . . so far

- **APRIL 2:** Vegan Bake Sale: Proceeds to Humanitarian Coalition for efforts in Japan. Outside Island Star Video. Noon to 2 p.m.
- **APRIL 8:** Proceeds from Takeo Yamashiro concert, part of the Blossom Festival at Cedar Lane Studio at 7:30 p.m., will benefit relief efforts.
- **APRIL 23:** Shake it for the Quake v2.0 at Beaver Point Hall. Info: Mya Hardman at MissEmphasis@gmail.com; 250-538-8839.

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- **Canadian Red Cross** — www.redcross.ca; 1-800-418-1111 (People can also text ASIA to 30333 to donate \$5.)
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ON THE BALL: Fernwood and Fulford elementary school players enjoy a friendly basketball tournament, just prior to the end of classes for spring break. Students return to school on Monday.

OUTDOOR RECREATION

Salt Spring community gets on track with off-road vehicles forum

Educational session set for March 29

Off-road motorized sports are gaining in popularity throughout the province and many Salt Spring residents have enjoyed riding ORVs with their families since they were children.

With new legislation slated to come into effect in November 2011 that will change off-roading throughout B.C., an Off-Road Vehicle Community Forum will take place Tuesday, March 29.

Set for Community Gospel Chapel from 7 to 9 p.m., it will focus on the question "Is there a better way to ride ORVs on Salt Spring Island?"

Facilitated by Kees Ruurs, the community conversation will feature Zan Boyle from ATV BC, local Salt Spring rider Kurt Irwin and Salt Spring Island Conservancy biologist Robin Annschild. ATV BC is an organiza-

tion of quad riders in the province that supports responsible riding and works closely with the B.C. Off-Road Motorcycle Association.

Irwin is a third-generation island resident who looks forward to sharing his experiences of over 35 years of riding.

"I'll be bringing my bike and some equipment to show and to discuss the differences in what types of bikes are out there and what damage they can cause if misused," said Irwin.

The forum is an opportunity for Salt Spring Islanders to learn more about ATV BC, have a community discussion on how recreational ORVs fit into our community and learn about the legislation changes.

Those include requiring ATV riders to register and licence their vehicles, creation of a system a system to help track stolen vehicles and enforcing new safety measures, in particular to protect youth under 16.

MEN'S SOCCER

Salt Spring FC rides hot streak

Old Boys seek late-season redemption

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
 DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Salt Spring FC continued to ascend the Div.-2 standings by defeating FC Sagres 1-0 in Victoria over the weekend.

The win extends Salt Spring's unbeaten streak to five games and puts the team within reach of the division's top five as the 2010-2011 season nears an end.

Christopher Jason scored his first goal of the season to give FC the only goal it would need to

claim the win. Jeremy Morrison was back in goal to earn his second shutout in as many games.

Salt Spring FC is in sixth spot in its division with 32 points. A victory against fourth-place Prospect Lake (34 points) this weekend would vault the team into striking distance of the division leaders.

In other soccer news, a severely crippled Old Boys side dropped a 5-0 decision to Zgoda on Sunday.

"We were missing our regular goalkeeper, our regular central defence and our main goal scorer, so we travelled with the aim of enjoying the day rather than

hoping for a result," said player Richard Steel in his post-game report.

Though play was evenly matched for most of the game, Steel said, Zgoda capitalized on all of its scoring opportunities.

"I thought everyone played well," Steel said. "The odds were stacked against us. We are who we are."

The Old Boys will try to finish their season on an upbeat at home against Vantreights on Sunday at 10:15 a.m.

"If we get some of our regulars back, who knows?" Steel said. "We might close out the season in style."

SAILING

Excellent wind propels extra Prevost race

Velica, Irie and Empezar take top 3 spots

BY MARTIN HERBERT
 DRIFTWOOD CONTRIBUTOR

The strong breeze of March 20 inspired the Salt Spring Island Sailing Club's racing fleet to hold an impromptu race outside of the official schedule.

The course was simple — around Prevost Island and home — sailing counterclockwise, and six boats took up the challenge to enjoy the fun.

The start was won by Empezar as Gyle Keating had very cleverly employed the skills of Kevin Vine as starting helmsman, and the fleet was off on a brisk run out of Ganges Harbour powered by the unusual northerly wind.

Some of the short-handed boats did not fly their spinnakers so the fleet soon split into those who did and the rest.

Once past the Sisters, the wind swung to give a most exciting broad reach with excellent gusts, much to the liking of the lightweight Kay D, who planed into the lead.

Once around Point Liddell, the tide, so friendly on the first leg, turned against us and Kay D found herself "on her ear," together with others, flapping most of her mainsail to spill wind while fighting for control in the gusts.

The mighty Oasis roared by to leeward and was later seen putting a reef to shorten her tall mainsail, while Velica, the sleek Alerion Express 33, also

roared by, enjoying the breeze and showing the beauty of her classic design.

Both boats played the Prevost shore trying to get out of the tide, and Velica was able to cross close ahead of Oasis and into the race lead.

Thus started a battle between the two yachts that lasted until the last few seconds in what became a very exciting race.

A great reaching wind blew the fleet into Captain Passage for the final charge home. Line honours went to Oasis.

When the finish times were corrected for boat handicap and the math was done, the well-sailed Velica won the day, with Irie second and the steadily improving Empezar taking third.

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