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THE LAST DROP: Maryam Morrison watches her son Kamran as he tries out the syrup at last weekend's Maple Syrup Boil event at the Harbour House.

FEDERAL ELECTION

Contenders launch spring campaigns

Elizabeth May factor 'doesn't change anything,' says Lunn

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Candidates vying to represent residents of the Saanich-Gulf Islands district were quick off the mark to launch their campaigns after the May 2 election date was confirmed on Saturday morning.

Veteran Saanich-Gulf Islands Conservative Party MP Gary Lunn may believe the non-confidence vote that brought down the Harper government is "ridiculous," but that hasn't stopped him from hitting the streets to knock on doors in search of his sixth consecutive victory.

"I'm proud of our government's record and what we've been able to accomplish," Lunn said on Monday. "That's what I'll continue to take to

the riding's doorsteps."

He stressed his party's handling of the not-so-distant recession and a solid record on environmental issues.

Lunn, who's been elected in the riding as a member of the Conservative, Canadian Alliance and Reform parties since 1997, could be up against some of his toughest competition yet given the arrival of Green Party leader Elizabeth May.

May's decision to run in Saanich-Gulf Islands vaults the riding into an unprecedented spotlight that will attract more scrutiny from national media and election analysts.

The riding has already been included among a list of 50 "ridings to watch" by reporters at The

Globe and Mail newspaper and stories of May's ascendancy have been making waves across the country.

Lunn said May's entry into the riding "doesn't change anything" when it comes to his campaign and his party's record.

Speaking on Tuesday morning after two hours spent waving at commuters along the Pat Bay Highway, May said her national cachet doesn't mean she will miss any local campaigning opportunities.

In a reversal from the 2008 election, campaign organizers seek to make history by getting May elected as the country's first Green Party MP.

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ISLANDS TRUST

Critic scorns proposed home business bylaw

Public hearing set for April 6

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

With less than a week to go before an Islands Trust-sponsored April 6 public hearing to gather opinions on changes to the island's land-use bylaw, some residents have voiced concern over the move's ramifications for home-based business operators.

Among those who've spoken out about proposed Bylaw 448 is John Quesnel, the owner of Salt Spring Island Metal Recycling and the subject of an Islands Trust court case related to his business operation.

Quesnel says he's especially concerned about the bylaw's stringent restrictions on home-based business-related noise, dust, vibrations and glare beyond the limit of one's residential boundary.

Such heavy-handed measures, he said, have the potential negatively affect island businesses already strained by rising living costs and a slow economy.

Critics contend that proposed Bylaw 448 represents an increase in government regulation brought to light when the Salt Spring Local Trust Committee approved a new "bylaw adjudication system" to deal with bylaw

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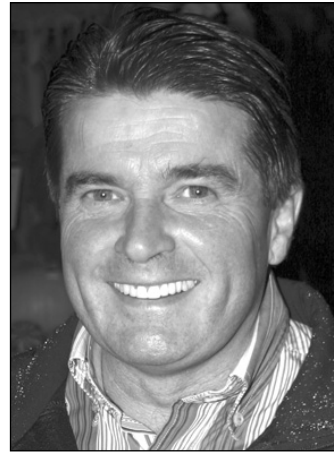
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Renée Hetherington



Edith Loring-Kuhanga



Gary Lunn



Elizabeth May

Candidate campaigns set in motion

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That means a shorter cross-country campaign and more potluck dinners and town hall sessions with local voters.

May said her party's platform is largely based on returning civility to politics while offering a voice to the countless number of MPs who've been compelled to toe their party's line.

"The way the system works in Ottawa is that members of parliament who should be speaking out can't speak out," she said. "My voice, as the leader, is the only voice you'll ever hear."

Edith Loring-Kuhanga, the riding's NDP candidate, was on a Salt Spring-bound ferry when the election date was set on Saturday morning. By 11

o'clock, she was shaking hands with folks at the Rainbow Road recycling depot.

Loring-Kuhanga will have no trouble improving on the NDP's devastating performance in 2008 when candidate Julian West was forced to withdraw after allegations of nudist exploits at a Cowichan Valley summer camp during the mid-1990s.

Despite not even having a candidate, the NDP still managed to garner about 3,700 of the riding's 64,448 votes.

Loring-Kuhanga laughed off the prospect of finding any dark secrets from her past during a Saturday interview.

As a single mother and business owner with a proven track record in local politics and strong ties to her Gitksan First Nation heritage, Loring-Kuhanga says she's got what it

takes to bring NDP values back to the forefront.

Loring-Kuhanga said she's confident the riding's strong New Democrat roots can be rebuilt and contribute to the party's growing popularity across the country.

For Loring-Kuhanga, there's power in numbers. The NDP has the national base, the history and the leadership to have a real impact for families, the economy and the environment, she said.

As for the Liberal Party of Canada's Renée Hetherington, she's hoping to extend the significant gains made by 2008 runner-up Briony Penn.

With 25,367 votes, Penn and the Liberals nearly surpassed the Conservatives' 27,988 ballots and ended Lunn's hold on power.

Hetherington isn't prepared to let May capture all the attention since she's got Lunn's seat in view.

"Don't underestimate us," she said. "Our goal is to remove Gary Lunn."

She said her background as a business woman and research scientist give her the ideal perspective to stop pitting the environment against the economy.

"The real issues here are about whether we focus on fighter jets, prisons and large corporate tax cuts or focus on Canadian families and people on the ground," she said on Monday afternoon. "We must take a broader look at the world."

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Home-based business proposal debated

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infractions at its March 3 meeting.

"These people have got to stop," Quesnel said. "People need to know about this."

If adopted, the change will replace subsection 3.13.5 of the island's land use bylaw — "No home-based business may create noise that exceeds 40 decibels beyond the lot on which the home-based business takes place" — with broader prohibitions that state, "No home occupations may produce vibration, smoke, dust, odour, litter, electrical interference, fire hazard, effluent or glare detectable outside the boundaries of the lot."

Furthermore, "No home occupation may create or permit noise that disturbs persons, or is clearly audible, off the lot on which the home occupation is conducted."

According to the bylaw, home-based businesses include any "commercial use that is accessory to a residential use on a lot."

Susan Palmer, an Islands Trust planner assigned to handle the home-based business amendments, said this specific amendment results from comments received at a Nov. 30, 2010 open house and "internal review and discussion."

"It's pointing back to the point that home-based businesses need to operate in a

manner that is compatible with a residential setting," she said.

Palmer called the changes, "more common sense-based approach rather than a technical approach" that has been effectively used in the Gabriola Island Local Trust Area.

If there is a complaint, a bylaw enforcement officer will assess the legitimacy of a complaint.

Should home-based businesses produce issues not characteristic of a residential neighbourhood, the officer will meet with representatives from either side of the dispute to resolve the matter.

Failure to solve the complaint would lead to possible fines or court action.

Further amendments within

proposed Bylaw 448 are modest increases in the number of non-resident employees and the amount of floor space the home-based business may occupy.

There is also a provision to permit farm-related light industrial uses in all zones where light industrial uses are permitted.

A complete version of proposed Bylaw 448 can be downloaded from the Salt Spring Local Trust Committee website by following the links at www.islandtrust.bc.ca.

A public information meeting on the proposed bylaw takes place at the Community Gospel Chapel (147 Vesuvius Bay Rd.) on April 6 at 6 p.m. The public hearing begins at 7 p.m.

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CLIMATE CHANGE

CRD wraps up Transportation Tune Up on SSI

Social marketing strategy targets sustainable transportation

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

It's all about the small steps.

That's the message two CRD representatives had for the modest group of concerned islanders who attended a Transportation Tune Up on Salt Spring Island last week.

Dialing in one's tire pressure, committing to riding public transit or combining errands to avoid multiple trips are, however, part of a much grander CRD-wide community social marketing campaign aimed at teaching residents how to get around more efficiently, reduce greenhouse gas emissions and save money.

The Tune Up has travelled to 16 venues between Port Renfrew to Salt Spring with a goal of inspiring residents to reduce GHG emissions generated by their transportation choices.

On-road transportation accounted for nearly 58 per cent of the total GHG emissions released in the CRD in 2007. That's eight per cent higher than the national average. Part of the reason that proportion is so high, explained the CRD's Katie Pearson, is because of the region's relatively small industrial sector.

An advantage of having such a high proportion of transportation-related GHGs, she said, is that, unlike large-scale industrial activities, individuals can really have an impact by changing personal habits.

"I think it's empowering to know that this is something we can change," she said.

Given that an estimated 78 per cent of all trips within the CRD are made in a private vehicle, Pearson said, minor shifts in driving habits can result in significant changes.

Among the participants at Thursday evening's event was Elizabeth White, a key contributor to the recently released Salt Spring Island Climate Action Plan.



DRIFTWOOD FILE PHOTO BY JOHN CAMERON

Cyclists take a break near Ganges. The CRD hopes more people will get on two wheels to help reduce regional greenhouse gas emissions.

If the island is to have any chance of hitting GHG emissions targets established by the Islands Trust in 2010, she said, islanders will have to make some serious changes when it comes to car usage.

That's especially problematic given Salt Spring's aging population, daunting topography, limited transit service and well-spread-out population.

Participant Jocelyn Doer said the time has come to begin backing up good intentions with cold hard statistics that prove

islanders are walking the talk.

"If we can't do it, we have no business calling on people in other areas to do it," she said.

Whether the CRD's federally funded Tune Up campaign will help islanders fine tune their habits is still uncertain.

But that was to be expected.

The essence of any successful community-based social marketing campaign, or CBSMC, is that the program will continue to grow after the group sessions have ended.

"Think of it as a kind of environmental pyramid scheme."

NIKKI ELLIOT

Facilitator, CRD Transportation Tune Up

"This is the last workshop, but we hope it will grow from here," she said.

CBSMCs go beyond traditional social marketing campaigns by using focus groups, surveys, commitments, giveaways and incentives.

The idea is that, no matter how dire the circumstances may be, providing information alone is not always sufficient to initiate large-scale behavioural behavior shifts.

For proof, just look at how long it's taken social marketing campaigns targeting tobacco use or impaired driving to take effect.

The prizes and giveaways offered to those who make their transportation pledge through the group's CRD's SustainableU website are meant to prompt Tune Up "graduates" to meet their goals, set higher ones and inspire others to do the same.

Coordinators hope those incentives can inspire participants at Thursday's meeting to take the initiative and disseminate the information they've learned to friends, family, coworkers and others in the community.

"Think of it as a kind of environmental pyramid scheme," said facilitator Nikki Elliot.

Those small steps, after all, form part of a much grander vision.

Details about the Tune Up program are still available online through the CRD's SustainableU website at www.sustainableu.ca.

The site has plenty of resources for people interested in spreading the word about Transportation Tune Ups or other community-based social marketing campaigns, ranging from household energy conservation to green cleaning products.

News briefs

Rufous hummers

Rufous hummingbird sightings have been reported in the last week.

Ernest and Val Haigh of Southey Point Road saw their first of 2011 at their feeder on Saturday, March 19.

Down at the south end, Roland Road resident Jean Brouard saw his first male Rufous feeding on a red flowering currant at 12:30 p.m. on Sunday, March 26.

Brouard said this year's sighting is a little later than usual, with the first migrating Rufous birds seen between March 10 and 15 in

the past few years.

Several Anna's hummingbirds have been resident in his area all winter and are breeding.

"I have seen several juveniles between January and now," he said.

Mounties bust 'trunk monkeys'

The excuse of rising ferry fares didn't cut it for two young passengers caught looking for a free ride aboard the Howe Sound Queen en route to Vesuvius on March 25.

Ferry staff discovered the

stowaways in the truck of a friend's car after the ferry had left the Crofton terminal.

RCMP officers greeted the two wayward travellers at Vesuvius and determined a stern warning was in order in lieu of fraud charges.

Aside from being illegal, Salt Spring RCMP Sgt. Jenkins noted, BC Ferries depends on an accurate passenger count in the event of an emergency.

He said the "trunk monkeys" were dismissed after they apologized to crew members and paid their fare.

In other news, police are searching for clues leading to the arrest of whoever is responsible for the theft of a

black and grey 150cc Giovanni quad.

The all-terrain vehicle was taken from a Shepherd Hills Road property sometime between last November and the middle of March.

On March 26, police were summoned to a vehicle collision near the intersection of Fulford-Ganges and Sky Valley roads.

A vehicle is reported to have left the road and sheared a power pole.

Apart from some minor scrapes, the driver and passenger were uninjured, Jenkins said.

Anyone with information about these events is asked to contact the Salt Spring

RCMP detachment at 250-537-5555.

Driftwood from way back online

Should you happen to need a long-lost copy of the Driftwood from, say, April 4, 1962, a few clicks around the Salt Spring Island Archives' online library may be worth your while.

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in the comfort of their own home. The resource can be accessed through the "Our Collections" tab at www.saltspringarchives.com.

Archivists are still looking for a few missing back issues to complete the collection. Should you happen to have any tucked away, you can reach the archives by email at info@saltspringarchives.com. The project was made possible thanks, in part, to a 2010 grant from the I. K. Barber Institute of UBC under its Digitization of B.C. History Program.

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PARKS AND RECREATION

PARC mulls modest pool fee increase

Commissioners offer Stingrays a break

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Park and Recreation Commission members seek to raise pool admission fees by 2.2 per cent as of September 2011.

Commissioners argued the higher fees are needed to keep up with rising costs of living and higher operating expenses since pool fees were set in 2008.

The 2.2 per cent figure is based on the increase in PARC's annual requisition between 2009 and 2010.

As of September, fees for single adult admissions will increase by about 10 cents if commissioners give final

approval to the recommendation at their next regular public meeting.

PARC staff will present a more detailed breakdown of the price increase for punch cards, passes and rental rates at the Tuesday, April 26 meeting.

Commissioners had considered increases as high as 14.1 per cent to keep up with annual operating cost increases since 2009.

Research by PARC manager Kees Ruurs noted the Rainbow Road Pool fees are consistent with facilities in similar-sized communities across B.C.

Fees from pool users currently account for 31 per cent of the facility's annual operating budget, according to information presented at Monday

evening's PARC meeting.

In other pool news, commissioners have voted to give members of the island's Stingrays Swim Team a break to help cover rising expenses.

The Stingrays had asked commissioners to consider "levelling the playing field" for its 48 members between the ages of seven and 18 years of age to help bring the club's yearly registration fee more in line with other youth sports clubs.

The team wants lower pool rental costs so it can reduce registration fees and encourage enrollment.

Fees for use of the Rainbow Road pool for 10 hours per week for 16 weeks are roughly \$12,000.

That's approximately three

times higher than the club was charged to use the old Shelby Pool at Portlock Park for 18 hours per week for 16 weeks before 2008, according to information provided by the Salt Spring Aquatic Society

Fearing a reduction in rental rates would be unfair to other pool users, commissioners agreed to sponsor the Stingrays' annual July swim meet. The move will let the group retain all money raised from the popular event.

Commissioner Jon Suk said sponsorship of the event proved the best option given that it will promote swimming, encourage tourism and provide the Stingrays with several thousand dollars in additional revenue.

EARLY EDUCATION

Island child-care providers get funding boost

Full day kindergarten is impetus

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Three Salt Spring childcare facilities have received funds from the Ministry of Children and Family Development to help ease the transition to full-day kindergarten.

The ministry announced last week it had allocated \$1 million to 900 facilities across the province, in anticipation that enrollment numbers might be impacted as a result of more five year olds attending kindergarten in September.

Little Red Schoolhouse, Tree

Frog Daycare and Salt Spring Daycare each received funds through the one-time initiative. The designated grants can be directed toward several areas to improve child care for younger children, including book and craft purchases, minor capital improvements such as furniture and equipment, or professional development and training.

"This government continues to work closely with child-care providers, parents and communities to create a strong foundation for early childhood development, early learning and child care," Mary McNeil, Minister of Children and Family Development, stated in a

press release.

"A large part of that is recognizing the significant contribution that child-care providers make to society — and helping them out where we can. This investment gives them an extra boost and helps them to further enhance the quality of their child-care setting, benefiting children and families."

Lisa Bleskie, an administrator and child-care provider at Tree Frog Daycare, said the south-end facility will use its grant to purchase program supplies like educational games, puzzles and art supplies.

With only three kindergarten students currently attending

the daycare's after-school program, Bleskie said it's uncertain if full-day kindergarten will make a noticeable impact on enrolment.

"It's always hard to predict what kindergarten will do in any given year. Our demographic comes from all over the island, and kids that come here from the baby room on don't always go to school here [in Fulford]."

Bleskie said although the daycare's board is not anticipating a major change, it is now considering how to support kindergarten parents with possible options such as Friday and spring break care to be discussed.

ELECTIONS

Electoral area director considers mail-in ballots

Hendren waiting for input

The island's Capital Regional District director wants to implement a mail-in ballot system that would simplify voting for off-island property owners in time for November's round of local elections.

Garth Hendren said he

believes introduction of the mail-in ballot could reverse a decade-long decline in voter turnout at local elections.

He couldn't pin a specific price tag on the proposal, but said the cost of implementing such an initiative would be higher than preserving the status quo.

"Democracy is expensive and we will have to pay for it,"

he said during a presentation to trustees at the last Salt Spring Local Trust Committee meeting. "It's not as if it will magically happen and it's all fine."

"You've got to support democracy."

Last week Hendren said he's still awaiting feedback from the Islands Trust and the Gulf Islands School District to determine if either agency is inter-

ested in sharing costs of a mail-in ballot system.

"The more people involved, the cheaper the cost," he said.

The matter is on the agenda for discussion at the CRD's Electoral Area Services Committee in Victoria on April 6. Hendren said staff will be asked to provide specifics about costs and implementation of a mail-in ballot system for Salt Spring Island.

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JAPAN RELIEF

Community steps up for Japan Relief

More events planned as disaster aftermath worsens

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Coordinators of the 2011 Japan Relief campaign to raise funds for victims of a 9.0-magnitude earthquake and ensuing tsunami that struck northeastern Japan on March 11 are grateful for the community's strong support.

"We would like to extend our big big thank you to the community," said Rumiko Kanesaka, a member of Salt Spring's Japanese-Canadian community.

As of Tuesday morning, the group's fundraising efforts had reached \$9,600.

About \$5,200 of that total was raised during a three-hour candlelight vigil held at a rainy Peace Park on Friday, March 18.

"This tragic event is totally beyond our comprehension and we can hardly imagine the hardship that people are going through right now," said Kanesaka. "At the same time, we have heard many amazing stories that people are helping out each other and surviving without much support and supplies in the cold weather."



PHOTO BY PETER MCCULLY

SMOOS GIRLS:

Salt Spring girls, from left, Kane O'Scaleigh, Molly Divers and Ruby Egger-Lipsett, sell cute fabric Smoos they've made with proceeds going to Japan relief. So far they've raised \$65 for the cause.

Renewed concern over radiation leaks from the Fukushima Daiichi nuclear power plant has overshadowed the scale of devastation wrought by March's natural disasters. As of Tuesday afternoon, 28,000 people from the region were reported dead or still missing.

Since the vigil, 2011 Japan Relief members have set out donation jars at businesses across the island and thought about other fundraising possibilities.

Members from the group will host a Tohoku Japan Show and Tell as a part of the Salt Spring Island Blossom Festival's picnic in the park event on April 9.

Kanesaka said the Blossom Festival event is for anyone in the community who wishes to share their memories about time spent visiting or living in Japan's Tohoku region.

Group members will also offer an origami workshop and have traditional Japanese sweets, tea and goods

for sale.

2011 Japan Relief, whose group includes two local families with relatives in the disaster-stricken area, will contribute funds to the Japanese Red Cross Society. Efforts are underway to focus donations on a specific village in the region.

Contributions can be made to 2011 Japan Relief, account number #2138295, at the Island Savings Credit Union in Ganges.

For more information about how to help, contact the group by

email at 2011japanrelief@gmail.com.

The Salt Spring Lions Club is also donating 50 per cent of its weekly garage sale proceeds to Japan relief and to the Salt Spring food bank through April.

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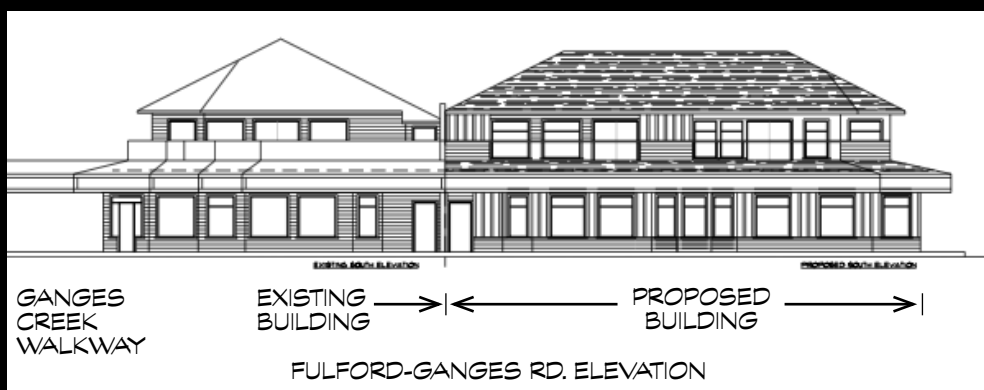
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NEWSBEAT



Fire chief outlines unique community challenges

Regional protection comparison not “apples to apples”

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN

DRIFTWOOD STAFF

FIRST IN A SERIES

Salt Spring's fire department and its board of trustees have been under pressure lately to explain increased spending and what some feel is an over-zealous risk prevention approach.

The answers to why the board has taken its position are complicated and lengthy, but can only be found by understanding the island's history, current conditions and projected needs, officials say.

“The fire service in each community is uniquely composed of the needs or the beliefs of the governing body and/or the constituents,” Salt Spring Fire Chief Tom Bremner explained during a recent interview.

“When you go to compare apples to apples in the communities you won't find it — because they don't exist. The names will, but how they do it is different.”

Neighbouring protection services on Vancouver Island show a slate of different compositions in terms of career firefighters and paid on-call members, the number of firefighting apparatus and halls, and the land area served.

Looking at the districts of North Saanich and Cowichan Bay, which serve similar populations, Salt Spring is by far the best represented in terms of its six career and 52 on-call members. The Cowichan Bay area, for example, has a population of around 10,000 and makes do with 32 paid on-call members. North Saanich comes closer with four career members and 40 paid on-call.

Salt Spring has some unique factors, however, that make it the kumquat among the Spartans and Granny Smiths. Its area of 180 square kms almost doubles that of the next nearest, with Cowichan Bay and Ladysmith districts coming in at 104 square km each. It absolutely dwarfs the concentrated towns of Duncan and Sidney (two and five square km respectively).

Bremner said the two most significant differences that

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TOM BREMNER

SSI Fire Chief

make comparisons hard to justify are Salt Spring's high number of calls per year and the island's isolation. With 739 calls last year and around 800 in 2009, local responders came out an average of 160 times more than those in Sidney, the next highest at 600 calls per year.

In addition, Vancouver Island fire departments enjoy mutual aid partnerships with their neighbouring colleagues, and can be called out to assist anywhere within a 10- to 15-minute response time. Salt Spring's closest source of help is a long boat ride away.

Salt Spring's number of career staff amounted to the single highest increase in the 2011 budget, with \$355,000 more put toward wages and benefits than in 2010. Bremner explained that the local career firefighters received a new contract at the end of 2010, which was negotiated by the union and put their salaries on par with other career members across B.C.

An assessment of Salt Spring's fire protection service completed by the Fire Underwriter's Survey in November 2009 recommends the department employ a total of eight career firefighters. This agency provides a rating that is used by insurers to determine their client's premiums, for the fire department itself and for commercial and homeowner policies in the area. Having a good rating is important, Bremner said, because the insurance compa-

nies hold the department liable if its performance isn't to their standards.

According to the FUS report, Salt Spring's rating (6 out of 10, with 10 being the lowest) suffers because of reliability of response to alarms, the suitability and functionality of fire stations, lack of adequate training facilities and poor emergency water supply. Having more career firefighters is one of several methods “of substantial weight” it cites as mitigating those factors.

Bremner said one of the reasons for this is that the results of emergency situations are determined by response times, and with on-call members — often referred to as volunteers although they are paid a stipend — there is no way to force people to attend a call. Salt Spring has an average of at least two calls per day. Normally around five people respond to medical calls and about 25 for structure fires. However, despite the plan to invest in career staff, Bremner said there is no thought to completely transform the department's composition.

“The need for paid on-call firefighters will stay as long as there is an interest,” he said, but noted that recruitment and training are an issue right across North America.

In regard to the budget and planning in general, Bremner strongly recommends more public involvement in the process. Having served in three municipal districts previous to Salt Spring, he suggests incorporating public input sessions on the budget he creates before it is passed by the board.

Bremner also encourages people to attend the board's monthly meetings, which take place every third Monday of the month at 7:30 p.m.

“Taxpayers can come to the meeting every month and make their views known. It's something they don't take advantage of,” he said.

“To make a fire service viable there has to be buy-in by all the parties involved: the public, management, trustees, the union and the paid on-call members.”

FIRE DEPARTMENT REGIONAL COMPARISON

Populations, area served, on-call and career firefighters, fire trucks, halls and calls.

SALT SPRING	SIDNEY	N. SAANICH	DUNCAN	LADYSMITH	COWICHAN BAY
Population: 10,300	Population: 11,000	Population: 11,5000	Population: 5,000	Population: 9,000	Population: 10,000
Area Served: 180 sq km	Area served: 5 sq km	Area served: 37 sq km	Area served: 2 sq km	Area served: 104 sq km	Area served: 104 sq km
Career firefighters: 6	Career firefighters: 3	Career firefighters: 4	Career firefighters: 0	Career firefighters: 0	Career firefighters: 0
Paid-on-call firefighters: 52	Paid on-call firefighters: 43	Paid on-call firefighters: 40	Paid on-call firefighters: 36	Paid on-call: 31	Paid on-call: 32
Calls per year: 700 to 800	Calls per year: 600	Calls per year: 450 to 500	Calls per year: 200 to 300	Calls per year: 200	Calls per year: 280
First response duties: yes	First response duties: yes	First response duties: yes	First response duties: yes	First response duties: yes	First response duties: yes
Apparatus: 10	Apparatus: 8	Apparatus: 8	Apparatus: 8	Apparatus: 6	Apparatus: 8 (+ 1 boat)
Fire halls: 3	Fire halls: 1	Fire halls: 2	Fire halls: 1	Fire halls: 1	Fire halls: 1

NEWSBEAT

SERVICE

Rotary donates funds to library move

Children and youth section is focus

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Salt Spring Island Rotary Club has announced its major local project for this year will be supporting the new library's children and youth section.

The Rotarians presented Rita Archer, chair of the library board, with an out-sized cheque for \$20,000 at their March 23 meeting. They pledged an additional \$5,000 worth of labour to help move the 10,000 books in the section, both to the library's temporary location and to the new library when it is completed.

Chief librarian Brigitte Peter-Cherneff treated the Rotarians, in turn, to the first public three-dimensional architectural view of the new Salt Spring Public Library.

The first step of the massive undertaking, which will see a total of 50,000 books and other resources in transit, is estimated to require closure of the library for 10 to 14 days in mid to late May. The new library is expected to open in September 2012.

The Rotary's donation will provide new furnishings for the children/youth section, as well as all the audiovisual equipment for a room designated as the Program Space, a 60-seat capacity multi-purpose meeting room, which



PHOTO BY ELIZABETH NOLAN

From left, Brigitte Peter-Cherneff, Jim Helset, Rita Archer and David Waddington pose in the existing library's section for children with the Rotary Club's cheque.

will be a prominent part of the new library.

"All our fundraising efforts on Salt Spring result in our donating back to the community," explained Jim Helset, president of local Rotary Club.

"Like all our local projects, the Salt Spring Rotary Club anticipates an ongoing relationship with the library."

Funds for the project were raised through the Rotary's annual Spooktacular dance and casino event, and designated with help from a wish list compiled by volunteer children's librarian Sheila Spence.

"We are thrilled and it's going to make real difference to our new building," Peter-Cherneff said after the event.

"We're overwhelmed, really,

because it was an offer that came to us."

Archer added on the board's behalf, "We're a volunteer-run organization, so we know how challenging it is fundraising in a community of this size. So we appreciate the donation even more in that context. It took a lot of work."

Supporting literacy is a key focus area of Rotary International's humanitarian efforts and the local Rotary Club is therefore pleased to support the library with that mandate.

David Waddington, who will be the club's president when the new library opens, said, "This is the kind of thing Rotary does, and we hope this will spur the community to kick off

more donations [to the project]."

This year, in addition to the library project, Rotary Club members are also working with Salt Spring Fire-Rescue to put smoke detectors in senior residents' homes, and with the Parks and Recreation Commission to place specially designed picnic tables at various points on the island, including the Rotary Family Fitness Centre at the Rainbow Road Pool site.

The Rotary Club also makes significant donations to various other local organizations and groups, particularly those involved with youth, throughout the year in addition to major projects benefiting the community.

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EDITORIAL

Not such a dull vote

So it's happened. Canada is headed into an election that everybody swore they didn't want and the country didn't need.

With the polls decidedly against the Liberals last week when the Harper government fell, the move would seem to have been political suicide on the part of Ignatieff and company. If another minority Conservative government doesn't come out the other end on May 2, it appears just as likely the Conservatives could go back to the House with a majority.

It seems as if a substantial number of voters aren't that repulsed by the ethical transgressions of the current regime, its penchant for military and prison infrastructure spending or the closed government stance that Stephen Harper has taken. With Canada's economy in a relatively stable position, many people seem content enough to let things ride.

But much can change in a month of campaigning.

THE ISSUE:

The federal election

WE SAY:

Maybe not necessary, but important

On the local scene, our riding is again attracting considerable attention — and not because a major local issue is set to pierce the debate or we're even considered a bellwether riding.

Once again it's because of personalities. In 2008, all eyes were on Briony Penn, the high-profile environmentalist who chose the mainstream Liberal party as the potential conduit for getting the environment on the agenda in Ottawa. This time it's because the Green Party of Canada's leader Elizabeth May has chosen to run here, seeking the greenest possible of available lands across the country.

It's true that a number of traditionally Green and NDP voters were able to mark their ballot for a Liberal candidate in 2008, but the riding's Liberal base was already pretty strong. Whether the reverse trend can happen — with past Liberal, Conservative and NDP supporters going for May and the Green party — remains to be seen.

Election of Canada's first Green member of parliament would certainly make history, as May's campaign materials are touting.

Few people may have wanted a federal election this year, but now that it's here, we know it's going to be interesting — and certainly more important than it may have first appeared.

THE FIRST SIGNS OF SPRING



THANKS, BRUCE PATTERSON

PARKER

Smart meters and grids put public at risk

BY CHRIS ANDERSON

Why is our publicly owned utility allowed to dictate that we must accept a powerful source of continuous electromagnetic radiation — in the form of a so-called electrical "smart" meter — on every home and workplace?

VIEWPOINT

The billion dollar — and rising — "smart grid" plan, developed and now being deployed in relative secrecy by BC Hydro, with no open public consultation, is to be part of an interconnected, continental and very vulnerable "smart" power grid. The problem lies in the intention to track power usage in — virtually — real time, via meters that transmit data via EM radiation that science shows is unsafe. There is a need for wide-scale improvements to the present semi-dysfunctional system. But Gulf Islanders for Safe Technology takes the position that improvements must not be introduced at the expense of public health and security.

Hydro takes the position that Health Canada's very lax and unprotective exposure limits are not being exceeded, so the new wireless system is "safe." Yet our widely discredited guidelines offer protection only from extremely high levels of exposure that cause body tissue heating. (Think microwave ovens.) But from much lower intensities — at "non-thermal" exposure levels — we're not protected by these irrelevant guidelines. And if we had realistic exposure limits based on how biology is affected, never would "smart meters" use radiation to exchange data. They would all be and should be hard wired.

At greatest risk from "smart grid" radiation — as is the pattern with any hazardous contaminant — are the young, the elderly, the immune-compromised, those who are pregnant and the growing population of those with electromagnetic or electrical sensitivity. Soon, if we allow Hydro to get away with this so-called "smart" experiment, we can never be free of electromagnetic contamination. All wiring systems will be linked with all other wiring systems throughout North America, as meter after "smart" meter shoots powerful periodic bursts of data-laden radiation to awaiting antennas. These then blanket the area with more radiation linking with

the grid.

In addition to damage to public health, loss of privacy and risk to personal data security by "smart" grids, another great concern is the issue of cyber security.

In Canada we have recently seen major intrusions by hackers based in China, of ultra secure federal departments such as finance and defence research. We're now in an age of cyber warfare where nothing is immune from intrusion. Iran has just threatened a possible "retaliatory cyber strike" against the North American power grid — a snap if it's all interconnected and "meshed."

"There's a general consensus amongst . . . most of us in the security business that smart meter technology has gotten way out in front of the security technology," says top cyber expert Mark Weatherford, chief security officer for Washington-based North American Electric Reliability Corp.

These new radiating "smart" meters are increasingly a cause of ill health, in other areas where they are deployed. The public has consistently never been consulted about being experimented on in this way, as companies rush for a share of the largest, most profitable economic bubble ever dreamed into being. "At stake: a global market worth \$45 trillion." (N. Hodge: The Second Leg of Smart Grid Profits, November 2009).

Fortunately, the new "improved" Clark administration and new Energy Minister Rich Coleman have called for a review of this expensive wireless plan. Questionable insider dealings during the Campbell regime have also surfaced. The cost to B.C. taxpayers is huge. Anything this momentous, involving change on such a grand scale, must in a democratic society involve the public.

Rate hikes for electricity — to pay for "smart" technology — will make it difficult for many to keep the lights on, let alone to stay warm. Hydro admits to a whopping 50 per cent increase for the next three years. B.C. Public Interest Advocacy Centres say it will be 10 per cent for 10 years! And what's so "smart" about that?

The writer heads the Gulf Islanders for Safe Technology group.

THIS WEEK'S QUESTION:

Should BC Hydro pursue its smart grid plan?

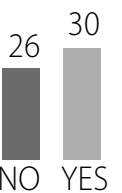
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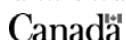
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QUOTE OF THE WEEK:

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SALT SPRING SAYS

We asked: What is the most important federal election issue for you?



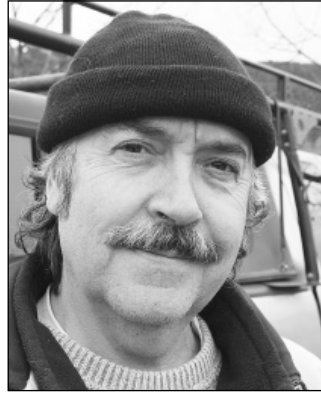
IRINA FLOERCKE

We don't really need an election but, since we're having one, it's a good time for change.



JIM GILLELAND

Integrity and accountability. There needs to be more auditing to ensure accountability.



PETER HAAS

The federal government has been found in contempt. I'd like to see accountability for elected officials. If they don't follow through, they should be kicked out without a pension or severance.



LISA STAFFORD

The environment because I have kids.



ADDY ROBB

Mine is just to get people out to vote. People should appreciate their right to vote. Apathy is such a terrible thing.

Letters to the editor

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Election math

The outcome of the next federal election will be decided by arithmetic. In the 2006 federal election the neo-cons (the misnomer "Conservative" was a judicially-sanctioned hijacking) won 124 seats in the House with 36 per cent of the votes cast.

In the 2008 federal election they won 143 seats (12 shy of a majority) with just under 38 per cent of the vote. Only 56 seats were won by a majority, the other 87 by a plurality. Recall that in the 2008 election the neo-cons narrowly missed winning eight additional seats by fewer than 1,000 votes per riding, another six by under 2,000, yet another seven by under 3,000 votes, for a pos-

sible — if seemingly improbable — 21 extra seats. In Canada there are currently 308 ridings, averaging 45,000 voters per riding (range 7,700 to 76,000).

Even assuming, plausibly, that the neo-cons lose some of the seats won in 2008, they may still, hypothetically, win an absolute majority — the crucial issue in the upcoming election — with slightly under 38 per cent of the votes cast. The likely turnout of registered voters in the upcoming election is 55 per cent. Hence the neo-cons could win, conjecturally, but perhaps tragically, a majority in the next parliament with the votes of just over one registered voter in five (0.55 X 38 = 21 per cent).

Democracy rests on trust

and respect for democratic institutions. In our era, the undermining of democracy began with Richard Nixon and accelerated under Reagan and Bush II. That contagion has now reached Canada. Our ethically-challenged PM betrays an innate obsession for secrecy and stringent control, a scorn for unwelcome facts, a flair for calculated deceit. (For many examples see "Harperland" by Lawrence Martin).

Fortunately, in this riding, we can replace a muted incumbent with an articulate star candidate — Elizabeth May — one deeply imbued with concern for the environment, social justice and democracy.

JOHN PROTHERO,
SALT SPRING

CRD needs to get the hint

On March 19, I was asked to vote in support of a loan the CRD wants to take for a new water processing facility for our neighbourhood.

As of now we cannot drink our tap water and even when we could, its strong suspicious flavour never inspired much confidence. In many ways, paying an extra \$176 a year for 15 years (per household) to have good water would seem like a plausible solution and last week's result reflected that.

However, while trying to make up my mind on how I should vote, I found very little information regard-

ing what happened with the previous loan we voted for a couple of years back and everything I read either in the Driftwood or in the notices I was sent was pretty vague — no web address to consult, no phone numbers and, most important, no detailed budgets or estimates.

How am I supposed to commit to spending that kind of money without being properly informed? How many of us go to the store and shop blindfolded? Are we paying into something that may not be very well thought out? Are there any guarantees that this will get us good drinking water and that this is the last loan that will be requested?

I fear that by not having

those questions properly discussed with the residents paying for it, we can end up creating more mistakes and I am concerned that this lack of transparency is resulting in poor planning and wasteful expenditures of time, money and energy.

As many of us are becoming aware of this situation and watching it unfold, I hope that those responsible for the planning of the water treatment facility get the hint that they need to improve their skills in sharing detailed information with the residents who are paying for some of their wages.

SIMON ROMPRE,
MALVIEW DRIVE

MORE LETTERS continued on 10

Fending off Ophiuchus and sticking to the way we were

The buzz started to spread in mid-January. Anxious words were exchanged at Barb's Buns and Roasters. The panic spread to TJ's and Cafe Talia. Even at Jana's Bake Shop the scones failed to rise. Phone lines jammed as the overly-stressed rushed to book extra appointments with massage therapists. Social media, especially online dating sites such as Lavalife and Plenty of Fish, bogged down under the sheer volume of subscribers desperate to edit their profiles.

The panic, as some of you may have guessed, was the sudden astrological overhaul of the signs of the zodiac. Overnight, the wisdom of the sages guiding mankind for over 3,000 years had willy-nilly been declared null and void. The original 12 signs had been tweaked a little here, morphed a titch there, and generally nipped and tucked until rendered almost unrecognizable by this cosmic "extreme makeover." The result, to almost everyone's dismay, is a zodiac calendar in which all the astrological signs have been altered. Gemini has been completely gutted and moved to entirely different dates, Scorpio has been reduced to only six days long, and (get this) a whole new 13th constellation, Ophiuchus the Serpent Bearer, has been inserted to cover the period between Nov. 30 and Dec. 17.

So who the heck osterized our self-defining psyches? Apparently, a great deal of the credit goes to one Parke Kunkle, an astronomy instructor at the esteemed Community and Technical College in that bastion of all things occult and metaphysical, Minneapolis, Minnesota. According to Mr. Kunkle, the astrological zodiac has been long overdue for a change. The earth's wobbly orbit

around the sun no longer takes it on the same path relative to the constellations as it did when the astrological calendar was first conceived about 30 centuries ago. Zodiac update Version13.0 is just a natural progression to keep us all in harmony with the stars.

Yeah, right. Tell that to anybody who has a big, fat scorpion tattooed on their butt and now has to figure out how to transform it into a set of Libra weigh scales.

Who makes these decisions anyway and what gives them the right? It isn't the first time something like this has happened. Does the date Aug. 25, 2006 ring a bell? That was the closing day of the XXVth General Assembly of the International Astronomical Union held in Prague. Not coincidentally, that was also the day that Pluto was officially booted out of the fraternity of planets in our solar system.

You remember Pluto. No, not Mickey Mouse's dog. I'm talking about that mysterious Planet X that was discovered in 1930 by Clyde W. Tombaugh at the Lowell Observatory in Flagstaff, Arizona and later renamed "Pluto" on suggestion from Venetia Burney, an 11-year-old school girl in Oxford, England. For 75 years, our little ninth planet plodded along, circling the sun in blissful ignorance.

Eventually, however, more large chunks were found in Pluto's neighbourhood. Then it happened. In 2005, a large object (affectionately named 2003UB313) with 25 per cent more mass than Pluto was discovered. It became clear that Pluto was a bit player,



Shilo Zylbergold

NOBODY ASKED ME BUT

and had to go.

You heard right, Pluto. Take a hike. Get your walking papers. You're excommunicated. Go find yourself another solar system.

How unfair. You would think that if any planet should be the first to be kicked out of our solar system, it would be Earth (just based on bad behaviour).

What's next? Should we boot February out of the Months-of-the-Year club? "Sorry, Feb, you're just a little short on days and we're tired of all this leap-year b.s. You're too confusing, too 'high maintenance.'"

But this column isn't really about horoscopes or bogus planets. It's about change. It's about how we perceive change, are threatened by change and ultimately react to change.

Once upon a time this island had businesses with names like Robber Bob's, The Ship's Anchor, Nan's, The Red & White and Kanaka's. As pages were torn off the calendar, new names showed up: Stan Lam's Harbour Lo-Cost, Rita's Inn, Rodrigo's and Ganges Village Market (I know of some who still can't bring themselves to use the name "Country Grocer").

We have an affinity to the old names and the faces we've associated with them. We've made an emotional investment in them and we grieve their loss. What we are really grieving is the loss of a part of ourselves, a part of our history with the island.

We're going to (temporarily) miss the soap bubbles floating onto the main drag from Saltspring Soapworks. And will sniff

in vain for the smell of exotic incense wafting up from Windflower Moon. Is it possible to replace that "salty dog" ambience that came with a tray of Admiral's sushi, or the unbelievable realization that you could actually purchase a box of Hanukkah candles there? How about that "take a load off feeling" when settling onto the funky wooden bench in front of Acoustic Planet to catch some John Lee Hooker blues riffs drifting out the open front door? How can those things be replaced?

There's a big hole in the ground right now where these memories used to thrive. Some stores have moved on to new locations while others have closed their doors for good. The hole isn't going to remain there. It will be filled in and then built upon. It will be Mark's Work Warehouse for now, but perhaps it will change to something else in the future. Nobody knows.

There is one thing I do know. There will come a time when businesses like Thrifty's and Mark's will be seen as the hometown heroes and islanders will unite to defend them against some newer "Evil Empire."

They say change is inevitable. They say the only constant is change. Nobody asked me, but we don't have to accept change that we don't like. We don't have to just sit here and take it. A new proactive group called The Way We Were (TWWW) has organized a candlelight vigil and protest next Thursday night outside the (closed) Vesuvius Inn. We plan to burn incense, blow bubbles and sing the blues. And yeah, anyone who thinks their sun sign is in Ophiuchus need not attend.

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Vote
splitting

It's election time again.

Not the most welcome news for a lot of us; we may resent the babble of talking heads on prime-time TV, the countless election signs, and the personal challenge of navigating through the claims and accusations that burden industrial politics in Canada.

Stephen Harper's top-down style of governance — a practised contempt for law, for democracy, for truth and transparency and for the real needs of the citizens of Canada — has earned him the fall he deserves.

This contest could be different in that the Conservative party — which was recently defeated for contempt of parliament — clearly needs a leadership review more than another election.

How they could hope that intelligent Canadians would intentionally re-elect the same band of gangsters is beyond imagination.

In our riding, Saanich Gulf Islands, there are three progressive parties hoping to beat the Conservative incumbent Gary Lunn. This situation is the primary reason that Lunn has enjoyed repeated terms in office.

It is not because he is

the most popular candidate; far from it. It is because the majority of people who vote against Mr. Lunn divide their votes between three other candidates, and almost inevitably, that process ensures their disappointment.

A poll conducted last September by McAllister Opinion Research sheds some light on the situation. It showed the Conservatives having 34 per cent of popular support.

Elizabeth May of the Green party was a very close second with 32 per cent, and the Liberal and NDP candidates are tied, each at 17 per cent.

It is evident that the best and likely the only way to replace Mr. Lunn is for the voters that traditionally vote for the Liberal or the NDP candidate to reconsider their options for electing a representative.

There is a happy precedent supporting this argument. In the last federal election, many voters who traditionally supported other parties shifted their support to the Liberal candidate Briony Penn. It almost worked.

So there are two elements to keep in mind for those of us who are thinking logically about where to mark an X on our ballot.

There is always one best candidate to support in each riding; one person who is by their nature and by their record the best choice to represent us.

If we desire change in the way our government works, we may be required to change the way we think about the voting process. When we hear "don't split the vote," as we inevitably will this election, please take that advice to heart.

CHRIS DIXON,
MANSELL ROAD

Nuclear
reminder

As we watch the continuing horror of the nuclear disaster in Fukushima, it's worth remembering that when we had our own little nuclear crisis at Chalk River in 2007, MP Gary Lunn fired nuclear safety commissioner Linda Keen and ordered the reactor restarted.

The nuclear safety commissioner is supposed to operate without political interference, but that ended with this firing. Lunn was called before a parliamentary committee in early 2008 to explain his action, but he could not cite a single example of what Linda Keen had done wrong, only that she had lost the confidence of the government.

In the coming federal election we have a more responsible alternative in the form of Elizabeth May, and I urge all Liberals and

NDP voters to set aside partisan differences this time and help send her to Ottawa.

BRIAN SMALLSHAW,
BAY RIDGE PLACE

Let's be
civil!

This island is a little haven of basically unspoiled beauty and rural charm.

We are living in a community that is more wealthy, more talented, more crime-free and pollution-free than almost anywhere on this troubled planet.

Yes, our system of government is antiquated and not very efficient (name one that isn't), but that is not the fault of the (mostly) qualified and committed people that we elected to run that system for us. In a democracy, we have channels for voicing our disagreements and making needed changes.

None of these include harassment, cruel jibes and derailing the public discourse.

It is very hard on a democracy to divide citizens into "us" and "them." It is a false division, especially in a small community as ours. There is only us!

We can't have it both ways: there are serious costs to maintaining our little paradise and we must be prepared to work hard and productively together to do so. That includes giving up the right to publicly vent our dissatisfaction and fears about the future, and to project them onto our fellow citizens.

As a community we must unite to stand for the values we believe in, and no longer tolerate adults acting out in ways we would never allow our own kids.

It's time for a serious backlash of civility and respect toward all.

MELISSA SEARCY,
SALT SPRING

Too much
ADP power

May I suggest signs at the approaches to Ganges: "Warning: If you are a visionary developer with plans to create good architecture in Ganges, stop! This village is ruled by a powerful branch of the Islands Trust, the Advisory Design Panel. A group of entitled, well-meaning, opinionated and at times arrogant citizens with the ability to demean, confuse, postpone or kill any project you can envision.

Their motto: 'If we don't like it we will not let you build it.'

Architecture is an art form like music, writing, painting, pottery and poetry. Imagine these other valued-by-Salt-Spring art forms being twisted by opinionated design committees.

In other jurisdictions,

logical development and building bylaws guide the professional designer without blocking the creative genius.

Why do the citizens of Salt Spring tolerate this abuse of power, resulting in the mutilation or death of good architecture?

WOLFGANG
WENZEL, C.E.T.,
SALT SPRING

Good news

The Driftwood editorial of March 23 welcomed the announcement that bus service on Salt Spring is to be expanded in a major way. The Salt Spring Transportation Commission shares entirely the view that this is very much a good news story for this fair island of ours.

Islanders are right to be proud of SS Transit; the recently published SS Transit Service Review highlights the fact that the Salt Spring system leads all transit systems of similar size in the province in "productivity" (i.e. ridership per capita). Nevertheless, our bus system relies heavily upon funding support from BC Transit and the CRD.

In his March 8 letter to the commission, Manuel Achadinha, president and CEO of BC Transit, stated that: "The Salt Spring Island Public Transit System is a great success story. Like your community, BC Transit also takes great pride in what has been achieved with your transit system since its inception in 2008.

"Each year BC Transit receives more requests for expanded service than their available budgets will allow. The Salt Spring Island public transit system is a high performing system.

I am pleased to confirm that BC Transit has allocated the Salt Spring Island Public Transit System with expansion funding for this year."

The planned service enhancements will fill in gaps in the service and offer the best opportunity to further increase ridership.

Moreover, it will contribute to the provincially mandated policy on climate change. In 2007, the baseline year for B.C. communities, Salt Spring's greenhouse gas emissions were largely attributable to food and on-island transportation. The Salt Spring Climate Action Plan aims to reduce these emissions by at least 15 per cent by 2015.

Expanding our bus service is the most important contribution the CRD and the transportation commission can make to this province-wide goal.

DONALD MCLENNAN,
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9:00 A.M. Tuesday April 6th, 2011

and 4:00 P.M. Friday April 15th, 2011

During which period the nomination documents shall only be received during the office hours of Monday through Friday from 8:30 A.M. to 4:30 P.M. at the Ganges Fire Hall or arrangements may be made to file nomination documents by phoning Thomas Moore at (250) 472 0059.

The Trustee position is for a three year term commencing at the end of the Annual General Meeting to be held on April 18th, 2011 if the Trustee is elected by acclamation or upon completion of Election By Voting and terminating at the end of the Annual General Meeting to be held in the year 2014.

The Election to be held on Saturday, May 21st, 2011 at the Ganges Fire Hall from 11:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. in the Training Room. An Advance Voting opportunity will be held in the Training Room on Wednesday, May 11th 2011 between the hours of 11:00 A.M. and 4:00 P.M.. Candidates shall be nominated by two duly qualified electors of the Salt Spring Island Fire Protection District. Nomination forms may be obtained at the Fire Hall or from Thomas F. Moore, Returning Officer (250)472 0059.

Those persons eligible to vote at this election will have the following qualifications:

1. Be a Canadian Citizen
2. Be eighteen years of age or older
3. Be a resident in the Province of British Columbia for at least six months prior to this election
4. Be an owner of land within the boundaries of the Salt Spring Island Fire Protection District
5. One vote is also allowed for each board or corporation that owns land within the Fire Protection District. The Board or Corporation must designate one person in writing to act as an authorized agent to vote on its behalf.

If more than one person is registered on title as owner of land then those owners may vote providing they meet the qualifications set out above. No persons may vote more than once with the exception that they may vote as an authorized agent and personally if they own land on a personal basis.

Dated at Ganges, B.C.
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Thomas F. Moore
Returning Officer

OPINION



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RANTS and Roses

Rants

It seems like competition is getting vicious in the roofing biz these days. I wonder about why there are fewer calls than usual and then someone says, "I thought you'd retired." Not true. Here's the latest rumour: "Jim, I heard you had a heart attack." Rumours spread like wildfire on Salt Spring. I want to say that I haven't retired and am definitely not dead. Jim McClean

Again — to whoever owns that *^##*> white German shepherd in the Booth Canal/Rainbow Road area — don't let your dog run loose! On Sunday at 6 p.m. your dog raced down the hillside in pursuit of six beautiful deer right in front of us. An older buck is blind in one eye, a doe with a precious year-

ling has been hobbling around on a badly injured leg for weeks now, another doe is over 15 years old. None of these deer deserve this attack when they are used to living in such a safe haven. I am a dog lover as well. Control your dog! Donna Grant

Roses

Tree Frog roses to Ron Krieg. Thanks so much for sharing your computer skills and saving the day yet again.

Sweet-smelling roses to Dale and Gord from the highways department for collecting a dead deer from in front of our gate. Sorry that the deer was dead, but we're so happy that she has gone. An unpleasant task dealt with promptly and efficiently.

A roomful of roses, gathered by all the many youngsters on Salt Spring who will benefit, to be distributed among the members of Salt Spring Island Rotary. Delivered with sincerest thanks for that club's generous contribution to the new library to be used both for equipment in the program room and for furnishings in the children's and teen's areas. We are most grateful for this gift.

A mailbag full of beautiful red roses to Anna, who makes extra effort to get misaddressed letters to the intended recipients.

Fifty-four roses to Gordie at Home Hardware for persisting all the way to the top at Hitachi to get us a credit on a defective tool return.

A huge multi-coloured bouquet of Salt Spring wildflowers to Auntie Pestos for participating in Earth Hour on Saturday from 8:30 to 9:30 p.m. We couldn't find any other local restaurant who was participating. The food was amazing and tasted even better by candlelight. Marion and Margery

A gasoline can full of sweet scented roses to Mr. Page for helping the three damsels in distress on Sunday evening. The tank is full now. CF

The best of SSI roses bouquet to Valdy and all the musicians at the Gumboot Gala. A special "hydro" rose to Bill Henderson: if the power should fail he could put out enough energy to supply the whole island. mlj

A matter of human rights

I am very concerned about B.C. Hydro's "smart" electrical meter program and the proposed wireless WiMax "infrastructure" as I have electrical hypersensitivity syndrome (EHS) and cannot tolerate the EM radiation by which these technologies operate.

There are many books, articles and studies showing that living things are harmed by electromagnetic radiation.

I react to radiation from "normal" sources such as cell towers, cell and cordless phones, wireless internet and their routers and modems etc. Because of my sensitivities, I have made my home and property a sanctuary from all wireless devices, and spend most of my time there to avoid getting sick.

Any communications equipment — to be safe — must be operated in a wired manner, otherwise it will add to the harmful ambient electrosmog that is affecting us all.

In 2007 the Canadian Human Rights Commission published a report called The Medical Perspectives on Environmental Sensitivities, which reminds us that: "... The World Health Organization (WHO) acknowledges the condition of electromagnetic sensitivity... Studies of individuals with sensitivities ought to consider... recognition of individuals' wavelength-specific sensitivities. Reduction of electromagnetic radiation may ameliorate symptoms..."

For many, including myself, EM radiation in the radiofrequency range — such as used by common wireless devices and so-called "smart" meters — has a devastating effect, whereas for others the wavelengths of most concern might be in the much lower "power frequency" range.

People differ, and those who are sensitive to waves of the kind emitted by unsafe wireless technologies have the right to stay clear of what is a poison to them.

People with environmental sensitivities such as EHS and MCS

(multiple chemical sensitivities) are like the canaries that once were used in mines to warn miners about poison gasses.

When levels got too high the birds — being smaller — would get too sick to sing and the miners knew then to flee. Like the canaries, those with sensitivities are the first to be adversely-affected by conditions that will soon affect everyone else. It's just a matter of time.

Scientists tell us that around three per cent of the population can be considered extremely EHS, while an estimated 35 per cent show symptoms, the causes of which they may not be aware. And there is currently little recognition that the source of much illness is the electrosmog polluting our common airwaves.

Let us insist on the precautionary approach when it comes to protecting our most vulnerable citizens — especially our future generations, and insist on wired meters and infrastructure.

DEBORAH CRAN,
SALT SPRING

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THOUGHTS & NEWS

from Dr. Richard Hayden

Tax time.

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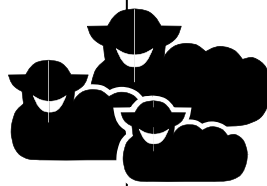
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OPINION

Respect bylaws and process

BY LINDA ADAMS

Salt Spring Island Metal Recycling, operated by John Quesnel, is an industrial activity on Rainbow Road. Concerns about it (and the Islands Trust's response) have been raised at public meetings, in media and on the internet.

I hope more information will help islanders understand what the Islands Trust is doing and why. There is no doubt the way we use our land (and the way our neighbours use theirs) can cause conflicts. Many of us like to use our land as we see fit. But we may feel differently about our neighbours; we want some security about activities affecting our property.

Communities throughout the western world, including Canada, use zoning to provide some certainty and reduce local land use conflicts. Through community discussion, zones permitting different land uses are developed and adopted by elected representatives. If a property owner wants to do something different, they can initiate a rezoning process. Neighbours are notified. A public hearing allows the applicant and the community to be heard before a decision is made. Elected representatives rarely initiate zoning changes on individual properties; they must remain neutral so they can consider input from all sides before deciding according to their

understanding of the public interest. Decisions aren't easy, not everyone agrees, but the process follows our democratic traditions.

On Salt Spring Island, land use zoning has been in place since 1971. It's been amended frequently, through countless community meetings. The local Trust committee (LTC) is the elected zoning authority, with the (often unenviable) task of making zoning decisions.

Zoning generally works well. Communities can put some rational thought into planning development, conflicts can be minimized and the community has the stability and security essential to its social, economic and environmental health.

Things don't work well when people ignore the rules. Landowners don't always check zoning before starting something new. If the new activity is contrary to zoning and others get concerned, eventually they ask the zoning authority to step in. Usually, things are resolved quickly and voluntarily; the operator of the illegal activity simply stops or moves to an appropriate zone. Sometimes they change their activities or apply to rezone.

What has this got to do with Salt Spring Metal Recycling and the Islands Trust? In 2006, neighbours complained to the Islands Trust that Mr. Quesnel was using his property in conflict with zoning. The Islands Trust agreed that the area is zoned for many rural and agricultural uses, but not the industrial activities that were occurring. Originally tolerant when the operation was small, neighbours became increasingly alarmed by loud metal crushing almost every day. Thirty-two signed a petition supporting the existing rural and agricultural zoning, in place since 1971. It was zoned that way when John Quesnel says he started his business; his operation is not "grandfathered."

In November 2006, bylaw enforcement staff formally notified Mr. Quesnel about the problem. They asked him to stop operations, apply to rezone, or take other steps to operate legally. In September 2007, Mr. Quesnel applied for a Temporary Use Permit (TUP) — a temporary rezoning.

Mr. Quesnel and one other person supported the permit; neighbours raised significant concerns about their own businesses, residences, farms, water supplies and peace of mind.

The TUP was not approved and the LTC asked its staff to help Mr. Quesnel find another solution. Several options were identified and the Islands Trust anticipated an application. By April of 2008, no application had been made. Complaints from the neighbours continued; noisy operations appeared to be increasing, not decreasing. With no solution in sight by mid-2008, and neighbours increasingly frustrated, the LTC authorized legal action. It was initiated in November 2008.

Throughout, Islands Trust staff have met frequently with Mr. Quesnel and identified a range of potentially promising solutions. Far from suggesting he leave the island, they've identified ample opportunities to resolve the situation, if Mr. Quesnel will take the initiative. To his credit, Mr. Quesnel has mitigated some impacts on neighbours, but continues to argue that local zoning shouldn't apply to his business.

The LTC is seeking a court ruling on the issue. An impartial arbiter can then consider the arguments. The court hearing is scheduled for June. If the court confirms the zoning applies, Mr. Quesnel must cease the parts of his operation that don't comply, take real steps to become legal or risk contempt of court.

Many in the community support the service Salt Spring Island Metal Recycling provides. Some say the Islands Trust should ignore the problem. But that approach would ignore many other things in the public interest — maintenance of property values, peaceful enjoyment of property, and due process if land use changes are proposed. Our system of zoning means those who have invested their life's savings in property won't have their neighbourhood changed without their involvement. If the LTC ignored someone who started a large-scale operation like this beside your property, would you be satisfied?

Mr. Quesnel has options to become like businesses that operate legally on Salt Spring. With some modifications to his operation, the most certain option would be to purchase or lease existing land with appropriate zoning. He could apply to permanently or temporarily rezone his own property (or another), go through the community discussion and see if the LTC decides his application is in the public interest. Several other specific options and locations have been identified to him. There has been much discussion of various applications, he has promised to apply, but has submitted nothing.

Islanders repeatedly state that the community's long-established zoning bylaws and due process provide a stable base for the community and should be respected. The LTC has agreed. And in the long run the entire community, including Mr. Quesnel, will benefit.

The writer is the chief administrative officer of the Islands Trust.

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about the
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The In From The Cold Emergency Shelter was open on cold nights from November to March. Each night the mercury dropped below freezing the Outreach Building and Yellow Sub Drop-In at Salt Spring Community Services were transformed into sleeping and eating areas.

Total nights open: 33

Total number of overnight stays: 255

Average per night: 8

Busiest nights: 17

In addition to the over night stays on 80 occasions people accessed the shelter for food, laundry or other supports.

"There's a lot of connecting that happens. Of all the shelters I've worked in, this one is pretty stellar — this feels like family."

- DUNNIGAN

"It wasn't so long ago that I was on the same sort of thin line. I also know what it's like to sleep outside when it's -4, and it's not a great place to be."

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Thanks to Human Resources and Skill Development Canada for a major funding grant to complete upgrades to the Outreach Building and Yellow Sub Drop In.

For more information about the emergency shelter, please contact
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OPINION

LIBRARY

Library card regulations stay firm with some room for negotiation

Key tabs to make process easier

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Salt Spring residents who are chafing at the requirement to have their card in hand to check out library books can expect to see the situation improve in the near future.

Islanders like Carol Dodd have expressed frustration with the rule that library cards must be physically present for borrowing transactions to go through — even if other ID materials like a driver's licence can establish the patron's identity.

Librarian Karen Hudson said this week that the regulation has

always been in place and has been visibly posted for the past year, but in extreme cases there is often room for negotiation.

People like seniors with mobility issues who can't come back easily the next day will most likely get a one-time pass, for example.

"I get asked almost every day to make an exception, and depending on the circumstances I make my decision," Hudson said.

For the majority of people, who are asked to abide by the rules, there is a special one-day hold shelf so they can return and get their selected items — with card in hand — the next day.

People who have actually lost

their cards will be issued a new one, but Hudson said at this time of year many people have emptied their wallets while on holiday and just forgotten to put their library card back in when they return.

An innovation that will help with the process is a new type of card which the library has ordered. Along with the regular card it includes a fully activated tab that can go onto a key chain and always be on hand.

"We thought this is one way we can help our patrons, because there are so many cards, and usually everybody has their keys with them," Hudson said.

The new cards will be phased in once the old batch has been used up.

CHILDREN'S HEALTH

Lions sharpen eyesight with Vision for Kids program

Cost of glasses for K to Grade 2 students covered by service club

BY GAIL SJUBERG
DRIFTWOOD EDITOR

Eye examinations may be free for youth in B.C., but that doesn't mean every child who needs help with their vision will get it.

For many families, the cost to purchase eyeglasses is a real barrier, but it's one the local Lions Club is determined to eliminate — along with sight-related learning problems — with its new Vision for Kids program.

The program sees Salt Spring families encouraged to send their children for free eye exams with optometrist Dr. Andrea Varju. If it's determined that a child needs glasses, Varju will send a letter to the Lions Club, which will cover the cost up to a maximum of \$150. Any amount above the \$150 will be paid by the family. However, if the child's condition demands something extra — such as bifocals — the family can apply for help with the additional amount.

"Right now we're starting with kids in kindergarten to Grade 2," said Lions committee member Charlene Beaudette, "and eventually we will go from kindergarten to Grade 5."

Beaudette and fellow committee member Dori Somerset have met with school representatives and district

superintendent Jeff Hopkins to explain the program and gain support. "So far we've had an excellent response from the schools," said Beaudette. "They are just really happy to see a project like this."

Children at Salt Spring Centre School and home-schooled students on Salt Spring also qualify, and the Lions don't want them to miss out.

Parents of students in kindergarten through Grade 2 should have received a letter from the Salt Spring Lions explaining how the program works, but anyone not in possession of the letter can get one or the relevant information from either Dori or Steve Somerset at 250-537-5296 or Charlene Beaudette at 250-537-5018. There's no means test to determine whether or not a family qualifies as it's open to all Salt Spring families with kids in the kindergarten to Grade 2 pilot age group.

"Eyesight is our number one mandate right across the board for Lions," explains Dori Somerset, who was involved with a similar program with the Sidney Lions in the past. "Helen Keller challenged us to be the 'knights of the blind.'"

Salt Spring's Lions Club also joins its counterparts in the Recycle for Sight program. That sees people's old eyeglasses collected and then refurbished before being distributed mainly to people in developing countries. Drop boxes are located at Ganges Pharmasave and Dr. Varju's office.

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THEATRE REVIEW

Community Theatre masters challenging script with Proof

Play runs Thursday to Saturday, Mahon Hall

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Salt Spring Community Theatre has risen to the challenge of a complex and award-winning script with its moving presentation of *Proof* by David Auburn.

In its debut weekend the cast was ironing out a few small wrinkles in timing, but proved masterful in creating realistic characters with nuanced emotions and relationships. The strong performance and the interesting but ambitious choice of material are a credit to the group, which continues to grow impressively with each presentation.

Proof is the story of Catherine (played by Christina Penhale), a young woman who has given up her university education, friends and any sort of life to care for her father Robert (Scott Merrick). Robert is a mathematical genius who revolutionized the field in three separate branches before the age of 25, but by his 50s is no longer able to work at all due to mental illness.

Catherine has inherited some of Robert's talent, and also some of his "tendency for instability," according to Catherine's older sister Claire (Sarah Penhale). Her potential to follow in her father's footsteps — in either or both manners — is put into focus when Robert's former student Hal (Colin Beamish) is led to discover a new and amazing mathematical "proof," whose authorship is unclear.

Proof is made tasty with its flavours of intellectual greatness, academic mystery and mental illness, but Catherine's emotional struggle and her relationships

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with the other characters makes for a fascinating study in itself. Christina Penhale does an admirable job of portraying all the complex emotions required, and delivers her lines in a completely natural manner. She strongly expresses Catherine's love for her father and counterweights it with the frustration and anger of giving up her own life, along with the fear that she'll turn out like him.

That fear isn't helped by overbearing sister Claire, a high-profile career woman living in New York, who has been paying the family's bills and therefore feels a right to dictate its circumstances. Sarah Penhale is perfect in this role, and carries the authority of manner to convince the audience she is in fact the elder, bossier sibling.

Merrick brings a nervous energy to Robert in his state of breakdown, and a completely believable loving concern when it's Catherine wallowing in depression. He is equally convincing being sarcastic about his students and nostalgic about September at the university, when the bookstore is full of milling bodies.

Beamish has perhaps less theatrical experience than his fellow cast mates, but holds his own as

the earnest young professor who is trying to do the right thing by everyone, even though his own motives are suspect. His blunt delivery of lines is done with a good sense of timing and emotional effect.

Adding to the enjoyable theatre experience, the costumes (Jill Sydneysmith and Jenny Barrio) and set design (Jill Tarswell, Susannah Devitt and Sarah Penhale) show careful forethought. Claire's fancy city suit and high-heeled boots are contrasted with the pajama pants and university logo T-shirt ensemble favoured by Robert and Catherine on their bad days. Other small but telling touches include Claire's cell phone, on which she appears to be constantly checking text messages, and Hal's ear buds when he turns up mid-run.

The set, with the play taking place entirely on the back porch, could have been blocky and static. The designers avoided this with some clever choices, such as the house's unevenly sloped roof and a "stucco" finish of textured tissue paper and sparkles.

Finally, producer Therin Gower and director Devitt should be complimented in making a brave choice and then carrying it off so well. Devitt's extra work to bring out well-rounded characters from the actors succeeded admirably.

Proof will run for three more performances at Mahon Hall this week, starting at 8 p.m. on Thursday, Friday and Saturday. Tickets are available at the door from 7:30.

Audiences should be aware there is a moderate use of coarse language and the production is not suitable for children.

Tickets cost \$15 for adults and \$10 for youth aged 12 to 19.

ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

ART REVIEW

Resilience of human spirit triumphs

Three-artist show
Circumstance
now on at
The Point

BY SANDI JOHNSON
DRIFTWOOD CONTRIBUTOR

When you come to the entrance of The Point Gallery on South Ridge Drive, walk over the foot bridge and take the path to Circumstance.

This is not the beaten path. It leads to a close examination of human frailty by artists Deborah Gainer, Doke Ostle and George Wallace.

When the path opens in a clearing you'll see Crowd, a terra cotta installation by Salt Spring artist Gainer. Small figures expectantly gaze skyward, watching, waiting for spiritual awakening. There's a reminder of pilgrimage.

Shoulders, Deborah Gainer's terra cotta installation for the Circumstance exhibit, are shoulders of compassion. Randomly set on a hillside, they emerge from the grasses. On the outside they express the physical space we occupy. On the inside they are vessels for our souls, prayers growing out of the earth. Shoulders is the reminder that we move together. We share the fact of human sadness; shoulder to shoulder we carry the load.

Ostle works closely with the seasons and the plants grown on her allotment in Oxford, England. Collateral Damage . . . A Remembrance is displayed in the upstairs gallery. Ostle initially made works with poppy petals when the 2003 invasion of Iraq became imminent. On Remembrance Day she carried an extremely fragile shroud made of poppy petals on a stretcher into the centre of Oxford. In the face of horror she wanted peo-



PHOTO BY DAN VAN STOLK

Artist Doke Ostle with pressed petal pieces at The Point Gallery show opening.

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ple to consider the fragility of life.

Collateral Damage was inspired by Mahmud Hans' photograph of victims of the Israeli bombing of Beit Hanoun in Palestine. The photograph, "too

terrible and too beautiful to just be thrown away," appeared in the Nov. 8, 2006 Guardian.

Haunted by questions about death and beauty, Ostle began gathering fallen poppy petals. In Pressed, the lustrous petals became the colour of dried blood and the texture of dried skin, traces of blood; traces of life. Pressing petals together she's created portraits in remembrance of innocent victims who lost their lives through war. Fragile petals held together by each other clearly emerge as faces, portraits filled with mystery and awesome beauty.

Wallace, whose work is much appreciated in south-eastern Ontario where he taught at McMaster, deserves to be much better known across Canada. Four of his life-size sculptures

in Circumstance were made during the Cold War and the Vietnam War. A meditation on death and the horror of war, they express the paradoxes that continue to challenge the world.

Wallace portrayed powerfully iconic figures — Peter, Icarus and Lazarus — all of his life. As in the print Lazarus Awakened, Wallace creates images fully awake to the fact of their existence. The sculptures are meticulously crafted of steel triangles welded together, the skin formed by thousands of weld beads laid down on steel rod frameworks. Bound figures are shrouded in metal strapping that he found near railroad tracks. His prints and sculpture show everyman struggling in the moment between grace and gravity.

Bald, paunchy, wry, The Hanging Thief is an ordinary man. Look into the eyes of The Hanging Thief. A hollow steel sculpture, he's filled with spiritual desire.

The Legless Man is a soldier wearing a useless medal, an English penny. He throws up his arms; he shouts. What has he fought for? Bound by circumstance, he's defiant. He's fighting the dark night of the soul.

In Circumstance, Gainer, Ostle and Wallace have witnessed the vulnerability of our human condition. From sadness, Gainer has made pottery vessels filled with compassion.

With ephemeral poppy petals, Ostle has painted riveting portraits of families torn apart by war.

Wallace has created our everyday selves bound by circumstance, freed through the resilience of the human spirit.

The show continues at The Point Gallery until April 25.

Sandi Johnson's play "People Like Us" is about the return of a Canadian military policeman from the 1991 Gulf War.

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AWARDS

Brett receives CBC prize for poetry

Work to be published
another year

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Salt Spring author, poet and rebel farmer Brian Brett has received the top honour in the CBC Literary Awards English language category for poetry.

The awards recognize first and second place winners in creative nonfiction, poetry and short story categories in both English and French. The work must be previously unpublished.

Brett, who entered a work called To Your Scattered Bodies Go, was in Montreal last week to receive the award and a cheque for \$6,000. He said even to make the shortlist was quite a shock, given that he has applied around 25 times in the past 30 years.

"It shows you that patience pays off sometimes," he laughed.

"It's very gratifying to take home the cheque. It's very wonderful, but I'd rather be at home at the farm [than at an awards ceremony]."

Brett took home the Writer's Trust Award for Non-Fiction in 2009 for his memoir Trauma Farm, but said he still finds it strange to be honoured for any of his work, especially since the awards process is often "occult" in its workings. But he does feel proud that unlike most literary awards, the CBC prize is done with a blind jury.

"That's one of the things that's so pleasurable. It's completely blind and they picked me out of several thousand submissions," Brett said.

"And also pleasurable is that

most of the jurors were young, so that was really exciting because I'm at 60."

Brett is currently finishing up another new book of poetry that should be ready for publication in the next few months.

He said To Your Scattered Bodies Go will most likely be for another year. He is also hoping to have a new memoir finished by December.

"I've got so many books I can't keep track of them," he said, adding that poetry is his priority right now because his previous books are completely out of print, and publishers can't afford to reprint small runs.

"It's really annoying — I'm mostly known for my poetry and those are the books I don't have for sale."

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DANCE

Old Thomas and Little Fairy set to impact local audience

All-ages show from Quebec runs April 4 at ArtSpring

Bouge de là Theatre Co., Quebec's finest professional dance company dedicated to creating performances for young audiences, brings a gorgeous production called Old Thomas and the Little Fairy to the ArtSpring stage on Monday, April 4.

Combining dance, theatre and stunning visual effects, the show tells the story of a little fairy from the sea who is washed up on shore and rescued by a fisherman. He looks after her and teaches her to walk on dry land. After he is attacked by wolves, she returns the favour and nurses him back to life. Along the way, they both learn much about empathy and the importance of caring for each other's welfare.

As Kathryn Greenaway said in the Montreal Gazette: "Emotions run deep in Old Thomas and the Little Fairy. It is a beautiful story about loneliness, friendship, love, life and death."



Old Thomas and the Little Fairy set for April 4.

ArtSpring executive director George Sipos stresses that while the show was created for a young audience, it will also have a strong appeal for adults.

"I have seldom seen such a beautifully staged, emotionally tender and genuinely moving dance/theatre performance as this. I personally guarantee that any adult coming to see Old Thomas will love the show and be charmed by it."

The public performance at 7 p.m. on April 4 will be followed by a school show on Tuesday morning. Both ArtSpring performances are made possible by a grant from Country Grocer.

"Country Grocer has very generously sponsored everything we have presented at ArtSpring this year that benefits children and families," said Sipos. "Opening the world of the imagination to young people through the arts is crucial, and we are grateful to Country Grocer for helping us do so."

Tickets to the April 4 performance are available from the ArtSpring box office (250-537-2102) or online at www.tickets.artspring.ca. Youth tickets, as for all ArtSpring presentations, are only \$5.

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Canadian dance icon Margie Gillis speaks with GISS dancers at a workshop event held Monday. Gillis also performed at ArtSpring on Tuesday night.

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ARTS NEWS

Former ArtSpring director named executive director of recital society

Paul Gravett's next adventure

It's been almost five years since Paul Gravett left his position as ArtSpring's executive director to head up West Vancouver's then new Kay Meek Centre.

Gravett is on the move again as he becomes the executive director of the Vancouver Recital Society effective July 4.

Gravett says he is excited about the new position.

"It will be an honour to work alongside Leila [Getz] and the VRS staff as it enters its 32nd season," he said. "I have known the VRS for 20 years and it occupies a special place for me, just as it does on

the local and international classical music scene. I very much look forward to building on its strong traditions and successes."

As one of the few recital series in North America dedicated to presenting internationally acclaimed artists, both emerging and established, the VRS has built a reputation around the world for innovation and excellence in programming, garnering prestigious awards in New York and Toronto.

As executive director, Gravett will be responsible for the executive leadership of the organization. VRS founder Getz will continue in her role as artistic director.

Gravett studied piano in Saskatchewan and Manitoba, receiving a degree in piano performance

from the University of Manitoba, and later worked as a freelance accompanist and vocal coach in Toronto. He spent seven years as a manager/agent at Hart/Murdoch Artists Management, one of the leading management firms for classical musicians before coming to Salt Spring.

Gravett sits on the boards of the BC Touring Council as chair, the Alliance for Arts and Culture as vice-chair, and CAPACOA, a national service organization. In 2008 he was honoured with two awards: the Business Citizen of the Year Award by the West Vancouver Chamber of Commerce and the Unity in Diversity award from the West Vancouver Bahá'í community.

CONCERT PREVIEW

Music sets 'categorization-defying' concert

Ensemble Polaris at ArtSpring tonight

On Wednesday, March 30, ArtSpring hosts a musical group from Toronto that represents a combination of instruments and musical styles that could only have come together in Canada.

Founded in 1997, Ensemble Polaris is a group of musicians whose backgrounds encompass traditional Turkish and Indian music, a baroque and classical repertoire, original music for film and television, and much else besides.

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Latvia, Scotland and Canada in innovative, categorization-defying ways.

Ensemble Polaris members play everything from classical instruments such as oboe, clarinet and cello, to traditional hurdy gurdy, nyckelharpa and drums.

The musicians themselves are no less diverse. Debashis Sinha is a percussionist specializing in drums of the Arab world. Margaret Gay is a cellist with Taffelmusik.

Alison Melville is a professor in the music faculty at the University of Toronto, and has composed music for films by the likes of Atom Egoyan and Ang Lee. Ben Grossman, who plays the hurdy gurdy, has stud-

ied Turkish music in Istanbul. Katherine Hill specializes in Swedish traditional music, and Kirk Elliott has been called the "Leonardo da Vinci of Canadian Music" by CBC's Max Ferguson for the diversity of his talent and background.

What will all this add up to for the audience?

An evening of music such as Salt Spring has probably never heard before. A reviewer on amazon.com said: "I dare you not to love this music." Music samples can be heard at: www.ensemblepolaris.com/music.html.

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Considering the recent turn towards "adult" programming on television, I'm somewhat surprised that it took this long for a zombie-oriented show to make its first appearance. AMC's *The Walking Dead* is now out on DVD and Blu-Ray for all of you without those expensive extra channels to finally enjoy.

The story begins a short time after a zombie apocalypse has wiped out most of the people on the planet. Police officer Rick Grimes wakes from a hospital bed wanders outside, immediately noticing the dead bodies both lying on the ground and trying to bite his neck. He immediately goes to his home and notices his wife and child gone, and decides to head out looking for them.

This first season has only six episodes, which surprises me as it's pretty clear that the network has a certified hit on their hands. The public, attuned as it is these days to anything post-apocalyptic and especially zombie-related, have eaten *The Walking Dead* up. Myself, I'm a little less excited, but optimistic.

The show's pilot episode, "Days Gone By," is nearly flawless. Grimes wanders this suddenly-foreign landscape, filled with mostly deadening silence, which

is punctuated only by an occasional zombie attack. The episode is punctuated by Grimes' decision to end the life of a helpless zombie he'd left alone earlier — not out of hate or revenge, but sympathy.

It's a wondrous, exquisitely sad moment that — unfortunately — isn't matched until far later in the season. A member of a group of people is bitten and slowly transforming into a zombie, and requests to be left alone at the side of the road as the group moves on. As you watch the caravan drive off, and this poor man lies under a tree alone and slowly dying... it's impossible not to tear up.

I'm rather surprised that the rest of the show isn't quite this good. We can blame the fact that the extremely talented Frank Darabont (*The Shawshank Redemption*, *The Mist*) only directed the first episode, but for me it's the matter of the cast.

I just don't think they're particularly strong actors. The show is almost entirely dialogue-driven, and without strong performances some of the more meaningful sequences fall flat. Even still, *The Walking Dead* is far ahead of anything of its ilk on television, and I'm still excited to see what happens next.

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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/ltr/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.

Pauline Brazier, Deputy Secretary

ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

BLOSSOM FESTIVAL

Upcoming Blossom Fest music features bamboo flute concert

Musicians participate for all three days

Salt Spring's first Blossom Festival is only 10 days away, promising a cornucopia of sights, sounds and tastes to enjoy over the weekend.

Music plays a special part in all three days of the celebration.

The Blossom Festival opens Friday, April 8 with a concert by master shakuhachi flute player Takeo Yamashiro.

The shakuhachi, a Japanese flute that is notoriously difficult to play, dates back to the 14th century and has long been associated with Zen Buddhist meditation.

"Yamashiro feels the breathing bamboo resonate in the sound of the universe," explains press material. "The shakuhachi, he says, is a tool that enables us to become part of Oneness."

Yamashiro was born in Hiroshima, Japan in 1943 and is a registered survivor of the atomic bomb. He studied shakuhachi in Japan as a young man and received his master's licence.

In 1972 he immigrated to Canada where he not only pursued the discipline of classical Japanese music but also explored intercultural fusion and improvisational collaboration as a pioneer of contemporary world music. He has toured North America as a solo artist and played with many other groups and musicians, ranging from Michael Snow to Themba Tana.

In response to the humani-



Takeo Yamashiro performing at a past Salt Spring event.

tarian crisis in Japan, the Japanese Garden Society will dedicate proceeds of the Friday night concert to Japan earthquake relief. Tickets, which cost only \$10, are going fast. They're available at the Visitor Info Centre, the Harbour House Hotel and Salt Spring Air. The

concert itself is at Cedar Lane Studio (210 Cedar Lane) beginning at 7:30 p.m.

On Saturday, April 9, Raffi will sing at the free picnic at the Peace Park and Japanese Garden. Sweetwater Revolver — the folk rock/indie/lyrical duo known for their beautiful harmonies — will also entertain picnickers with original and traditional music.

Sunday's Blossom Festival Party at the Harbour House Hotel will feature Don Conley on the piano. Conley is an acclaimed teacher, performer and choral conductor on Salt Spring.

Other Blossom Festival highlights include the Taste of Salt Spring event featuring samples from 13 food producers, three wineries and island chefs at the Harbour House on Sunday. Tickets (\$15) are also available from the three spots listed above, and people are advised to secure those soon.

In other Blossom Festival news, the local group organizing to raise funds for Japanese earthquake relief will be an important part of the Blossom Festival.

At the Picnic in the Park on Saturday, they will have rice balls, tea and coffee, and Japanese traditional red bean sweets for sale. People can learn how to do origami and purchase some Japanese goods. All proceeds will go to the Japan Red Cross.

The weekend also includes a festival passport program with great prizes to be won. See next week's Driftwood for the printed passport and more details on weekend events.

MUSIC & MUNCH

Music of Scotland shared by songstress

Patricia Flannagan takes the stage at All Saints

Islanders can get a taste of auld Scotland next Wednesday, April 6, when Music and Munch presents the bonnie voice of Patricia Flannagan singing the folk music of Scotland.

Many Salt Springers will be familiar with Flannagan through attending recitals of the locally renowned vocal chorus Women of Note, where she has shone as a soloist, as well as with Bach on the Rock and

appearances with the Salt Spring Folk Club.

Flannagan was born and raised in a musical family in Manitoba, acquiring a fondness for singing at an early age. She met her future husband, John, while attending university and they have now been together 35 years. She took on a ready-made family of three step-sons and together she and John produced a daughter Kirstin, who for several years sang along with her in Women of Note. It was through John that she was introduced to the wonders of Scottish music.

The songs Flanna-

gan has chosen reflect a pivotal time in Scottish history — from 1688 to the mid 1800s, roughly the time from the King James VII and II escapes to France; through the Highland Clearances and up to the later romanticization of the Jacobites.

Flannagan's program is filled with songs that touch the heart as well as the funny bone: laments, ballads, stirring calls to arms, with a few sing-alongs thrown in. The songs will be in Scots and English with English translations where needed.

Says the Women of Note's Linda Quinn about Flannagan's sing-

ing: "Her rich yet pure soprano voice perfectly expresses the soulful words of traditional Scottish folk songs; when she begins to sing the listener is immediately transported into the heart of the songs' message."

The Music and Munch free concert at All Saints' Anglican Church begins at the regular time of 12:10 p.m.

"Everyone is invited to come, including any unarmed kilted warriors and their ladies," declares the charming songstress.

A light lunch (optional) for \$5.50 follows the performance.

MUSIC

New open stage sets up in Fulford Hall

Wednesday nights at the hall's OAP room

In Fulford the hills will soon be alive once more with the sound of music.

As Helga and Michael Bagnell explain, islanders have watched the demise of various south-end music venues over the years.

"One by one we've been left

with less places to play or to be entertained. Rose's open stage, Sargent's dockside open stage and our old beloved haunt Fulford Inn have all come and gone," said the Bagnells in a press release.

The good news is that a Wednesday night open stage has been arranged to fill the gap beginning on April 6.

The Old Timers Cafe will be

held every Wednesday in the OAP room of Fulford Hall from 7 to 11 p.m.

Despite the event's name, musicians and audience members of all ages are invited.

"We have always believed that music is the common thread in the fabric of this community," say the Bagnells, while thanking everyone who supported their open stage idea.

What's On This Week

www.gulfislandstourism.com/calendar.htm



Wed.
March 30

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT
Ensemble Polaris. A "Vikings on Vacation" exploration of the music of Scandinavia, the Baltic countries, Scotland and Canada by the acclaimed Ensemble Polaris. ArtSpring, 8 p.m.
Open Stage. With Stephanie Rhodes at Moby's. 8 p.m.

Thurs.
March 31

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

ACTIVITIES
SSI Trail and Nature Club. Gil and Fran Schultz present A Year on the Mount of Olives, East Jerusalem at Lions Hall. 7:30 p.m.

Thurs.
March 31

ACTIVITIES
SSI Weavers and Spinners. Guest speaker is Alison Irwin on the many uses of horsehair. ArtSpring, 10:30 a.m.
United Church Spring Series. Jesus, Jewish Reformer or Christian Church Founder? Talk and discussion with Barry Cooke. United Church upper hall, 7 p.m.

Fri.
April 1

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT
We Are The City. With Aidan Knight and Artist Party Revolution. SWOVA benefit concert. ArtSpring, 8 p.m.
Proof. SS Community Theatre production. See Thursday listing.
April Fools Party. Featuring music by the Mancubs, Pogo & the Carrot Revolution, the Hamsters, the Coalition, the Savage Blackberries, David Jacquest, Nikki Hanssens, Reisha Sarek and Jade Bauer. Falconshead Grill. 4:30 p.m. to midnight. Kid-friendly.

Fri.
April 1

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT
Vaughn Fulford. Live at the Tree House Cafe. 6 to 9 p.m.
Donn Tarris and Tess Fama. Live at the Harbour House. 6:30 to 9 p.m.

ACTIVITIES
Stagecoach Dress-Up Fools Day. Fundraiser for Stagecoach bursary fund. Prizes awarded at evening reception and costume parade at Barb's Bakery and Bistro, 5 p.m.
SS Centre School Art Lottery Viewing. See artwork available for April 2 event at ArtSpring. 1 to 5 p.m.
Tango Practica. At the Core Inn, 8 to 10 p.m. Info: Laura, 250-537-4077.
Rollerblading. Fridays at Fulford Hall. 7:30 to 9 p.m.

Sat.
April 2

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT
Proof. SS Community Theatre production. See Thursday listing.
Dinner Jazz with Lloyd English and Friends. Live at the Harbour House. 6:30 to 9 p.m.
Oscar Kempe. Live at the Tree House Cafe. 6 to 9 p.m.
The Sutcliffes. Beatles cover band at Moby's.

ACTIVITIES
Fabulous Flea Market. Spring flea market at Fulford Hall. 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Fundraiser for Fulford Hall.
SS Centre School Art Lottery. Fundraiser at ArtSpring. 7 p.m., with art viewing times from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Lottery tickets (\$75) must be purchased in advance at SS Books, Gecko Green Living or Tree House Cafe. Event tickets available for \$10.
Saturday Market in the Park. Opening day of the season.

Sun.
April 3

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT
The Barley Brothers. Live at the Harbour House. 6:30 to 9 p.m.

ACTIVITIES
Centre for Child Honouring Speaker Series: Joel Bakan. Author/co-creator of The Corporation speaks as a guest of the Centre for Child Honouring. His topic: Childhood Limited - How Big Business Targets Children In The Age of Predatory Capitalism. ArtSpring, 2 p.m.
Community Quilting Bee. 7th annual Island Comfort Quilts event at the Farmers Institute. 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. For info or to volunteer: islandcomfortquilts@shaw.ca or call Marguerite Lee at 250-537-5302.
Refreshment Sunday. Vespers service at All Saints By-the-Sea, 5 p.m.

Mon.
April 4

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT
Old Thomas and the Little Fairy. A dance presentation for young people aged five and up by the Bouge de la Theatre Co. at ArtSpring. 7 p.m.

Tues.
April 5

ACTIVITIES
SD64 Programs for Middle Years Students. Open house at SSI Middle School. 6:30 p.m.
SSI Ladies Golf Opening Day Scramble. Shotgun start followed by luncheon at SS Golf Club, 10 a.m. Sign-up sheet in the pro shop. All lady golfers welcome.

Wed.
April 6

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT
Patricia Flannagan. Music and Munch recital of the folk music of Scotland. All Saints. 12:10 p.m.
Oldtimers Cafe. Musical open stage for all ages at the OAP room at Fulford Hall. Every Wednesday from 7 to 11 p.m.
Open Stage. Wednesdays with Stephanie Rhodes at Moby's. 8 p.m.

ACTIVITIES
NomadsLife. Film screening at The Fritz, followed by a Q&A with the director. 6:30 p.m. Fundraiser for ISEA film project.
Public Hearing on Bylaw #448. Opportunity to comment on proposed SS LTC bylaw amending home-based business regulations. Community Gospel Chapel. Public info meeting at 6 p.m., public hearing at 7 p.m.
Secrets of Clayoquot. Slide show presentation by sea kayakers Dan Lewis and Bonny Glambeck of Tofino. Lions Hall, 7:30 p.m.
Watercolour Introduction. A SS Painters Guild activity with Libby Jutras at ArtSpring. Info/register: Ann Holt, annholt47@hotmail.com.

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CINEMA
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EXHIBITIONS

- **The Point Gallery** features **Circumstance** — sculpture and early prints by **George Wallace, Doko Ostle's Collateral Damage**, featuring portraits, installations and performance, and a terra cotta installation by **Deborah Gainer**. Runs through April 25.
- **The New 8 Exhibition** at **Gallery 8** features work by **Kathryn Amisson, RM Dupuy, Curtis Golomb, Heather Kocsis, Julia Luch, Heather Martin-McNab, Pieter Molenaar** and **Vance Theoret**. Runs until April 10.
- March 31 is the last day for the **Salt Spring Gallery of Fine Art** exhibition and sale of **Beulah Gordon's** glasswork and mixed-media paintings. 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.
- **The Mardi Mob** has portraits of island people hanging in the **ArtSpring** lobby through April.
- **Roger Donnelly** shows his paintings at **Island Savings Credit Union**.
- **Salt Spring Photography** has a new exhibition at the **Country Roasters Cafe** in Country Grocer, featuring work by **Cliff Kelly, Angela Jackson, Adrian Selby, Bob Rogers, Gail Neumann** and **Gregory Alan**. Runs through March 31.
- See **Lyman Whitaker's** wind sculptures at **Grace Point Square**.
- Pottery by **Julie MacKinnon** is in the display case at **ArtSpring**.
- **The Salt Spring Photography Club** displays photos by club members at the **Salt Spring Coffee Company** on an electronic picture frame, with updated photos every two weeks.
- **Shari Macdonald** shows new photos at **Jana's Bake Shop**.

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SEAQUARIA: Noah Jacobson, a Grade 5 student at Salt Spring Elementary School, tests the salinity level of the school's new salt water aquarium. The "seaquaria project" was made possible thanks to a grant from the Salt Spring Island Foundation.

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DOCUMENTARY FILM

NomadsLife movie reveals endangered way of living

April 6 screening a benefit for ISEA film project

One awareness-raising film will be helping another with the showing of NomadsLife at The Fritz next Wednesday, April 6.

NomadsLife is a remarkable documentary about four individuals from four different countries who travel from Amsterdam in a 4x4 ex-Dutch military vehicle to Siberia and Mongolia. They are on an adventure to raise awareness about Nomadic tribes such as the Kazakh Eagle Hunters and the Dukkah, people who haven't strayed too far from their natural roots, to understand where true spirit comes from.

A winner of the Rising Star Award at the Canadian International Film Festival, NomadsLife runs at 6:30 p.m.

The screening is a local benefit for a new Institute for Sustainability Education and Action filmmaking project. ISEA is developing "Wakan Tanka," a film featuring lifelong activist and TV personality David Suzuki; NASA scientist and author James Hansen; naturalist and painter Robert Bateman; children's entertainer and climate change activist Raffi; climate action speaker and author Guy Dauncey and with messages from First Nation elders from around the globe. Participating musicians will include Lamb, Delhi 2 Dublin, Adham Shaikh, NovaNova, Trademark, Wilderness of Mani-



Scene from NomadsLife

toba and others. Wakan Tanka is being made to raise awareness about the relationship people have with their environment with messaging from our eco-hero elders. Salt Spring's I-SEA has teamed up with Substantial Films Ltd. (UK) and A Purpose For Life Foundation to produce the film, whose title means "great spirit" in the Sioux language.

Next Wednesday's screening of NomadsLife will be followed by a Q&A with the director, Ramsay S. James. Tickets cost \$10 at the door.

People are urged to use the rideshare program for this event at <http://tiny.cc/r3jms>.

The film will also be screened at the Vancity Theatre at the Vancouver International Film Centre on April 2 at 2 p.m. and at the 2011 Canadian International Film Festival on April 3.

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The Islands Trust, created in 1974, is looking for historical records as part of an intergenerational video history project.

If you have materials you would be willing to donate or loan to the Islands Trust, please contact **one of the Islands Trust offices below:**

1-500 Lower Ganges Road Salt Spring Island, BC Phone: 250-537-9144	700 North Road Gabriola Island, BC Phone: 250-247-2063	200-1627 Fort Street Victoria, BC Phone: 250-405-5151
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OR

Your Local Trustee
 Not sure who your local trustee is? Go to the Islands Trust Web site at: www.islandstrust.bc.ca

Deadline: Monday, May 30, 2011

This project is made possible with funding from the Government of Canada's New Horizons for Seniors Initiative.

Canada Islands Trust

PEOPLE AND COMMUNITY

ADVENTURE

Cyclists sojourn on island during epic global journey

Seven years spent on road so far

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

The idea of reducing your belongings to the minimum, ending work and setting off on an open-ending journey is something most people would categorize as a dream: amazing but impossible.

Two Swiss cyclists currently staying on Salt Spring are the enchanting proof that dreams can sometimes become reality. According to Monika Estermann and Robi Spengeler, all it takes is determination.

Estermann, aged 38, and Spengeler, 47, have been on the island for the past month doing some work in trade for room and board at the Blue Horse Gallery, home of artists Paul Burke and Anna Gustafson. The stop is planned for around three months in total — not a lot, when you consider they've been gone for nearly seven years already.

The trip originated with a long-held dream of Estermann, who at 21 had read about another Swiss woman who had cycled around the globe four times.

"I thought, sometime in my life I want to do this," she said.

When she met Spengeler years later, she asked if the idea would interest him, and it did. They saved for two years before they left on May 16, 2004 — initially intending to go for one or two years and only as far as India.

"After 10 months we arrived and we said, 'No, we like it, we don't want to go home,'" Estermann recalled.

Their travels took them overland through Europe, western Asia, western Tibet and China, then down into India where they took a month off their bikes to ride the trains. They crossed the Indian Ocean on a 40-foot sailboat where they booked on as crew, despite both contracting malaria days before leaving.

After stopping for a month in Penang, Malaysia to recover, they cycled all over South East Asia, including Thailand, Cambodia and Laos and back into China and eastern Tiber. All across the region they loved the people and the food.



Bicycle travellers Monika Estermann and Robi Spengeler at the Taglangla mountain pass in India.

"That's important for cyclists," Estermann noted. "It's like the gasoline."

They took a ferry to Osaka and cycled across all four of Japan's major islands, taking the time to stay with families there and gain entry into the culture. Then they took a container ship from South Korea to Mexico and cycled up the coast from Baja, California to B.C. Their last stop before Salt Spring was Pender Island, where they spent two months working on a farm.

Living in Switzerland, the cyclists said, the standard and cost of living are both very high, and people usually stay within a socially accepted path.

"We could have chosen the regular life, but we chose to travel instead," Spengeler said.

"We really enjoy the freedom — we can go anywhere. We think the bicycle is the perfect transportation."

Besides being almost free to operate, Spengeler and Ester-

mann have found that bicycles are often not considered as official transportation, and so are allowed entry in regions where cars can't go. In China, for example, they would have been required to hire a guide and get travel permits between cities if travelling by car.

They've also found that cycling has put them on the same social level as people all over Asia, where they are perceived as non-threatening because of their seemingly low means.

In more affluent Western countries, the bicycle still puts them in good standing, though in this case they are viewed as admirable for being fit, sporty and adventurous.

"In Mexico you're not even sporty — you're just the poor guy with the bike," Estermann laughed.

While the idea of unlimited travel seems luxurious, the trip has been made affordable by the cyclists' very simple living choices. They avoid airplanes, camp when possible, and find work opportunities like the Blue Horse Gallery through the WWOOF network and online resources like helpx.net.

"We're not obsessed with things. We have just our bikes, a camera and a laptop," Spengeler noted.

When asked if they ever plan to return to Switzerland, Estermann said, "Yes! They're waiting for us."

"When?" is still an open question, however, with plans this year for Alaska and a trip across Canada before heading south through the Mississippi area and beyond. Future plans include South America and perhaps another container ship passage to Africa.

Once home, their experiences in places like Salt Spring will have given the travellers some ideas for creating a sustainable garden and a green guesthouse.

"I think we go back to the roots — we go slowly, slowly. We had this busy, city life," Estermann said.

Spengeler added: "Now that we travel we are really free. We can focus on things."

The cyclists plan to host a community slideshow and presentation on their trip before they move on. Their trip is outlined more fully on their website (in German) at www.velocos.ch.

QUILTING BEE

Island Comfort Quilts calls for volunteers at Sunday event

Jobs available for everyone

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Time is running out for islanders to sign up as volunteers for the seventh annual Island Comfort Quilts quilting extravaganza slated for the Farmers' Institute on April 3.

Event organizer Marguerite Lee said she needs more quilters, sewers and helpers of all stripes to confirm their participation in Sunday's event.

Quilters can make quilt tops, sewers can sew bags and those without any experience can pin the masterpieces together, tie knots or iron.

"No talent is necessary," she said.

Since its inception, the Island Comfort Quilts initiative has provid-

ed more than 200 quality handmade quilts to islanders dealing with a life-threatening illness or injury.

"It's a gift from the community," she said. "It's a great day, a real feel good day."

Many people who have received quilts from the group have also stepped forward to pass on the favour to others in need.

Every April, about 200 islanders convene at the quilting bee as a way

to offer support people in need. As of Monday, only 125 volunteers had signed up for this year's event.

"We still need volunteers," she said.

Lee said volunteers take great care to personalize each quilt to match it with the intended recipient.

Anyone who knows of a friend or family member in need of a quilt can speak with Lee for more details.

People wanting more information about volunteer opportunities can reach Lee at 250-537-5302 or by email at islandcomfortquilts@shaw.ca.

The event runs from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Sunday, April 3 at the Farmers' Institute. Volunteers are also needed to help set up Saturday afternoon between 4:30 and 5:30 and to help clean up once the event closes on Sunday afternoon at 4:30.

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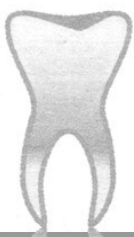
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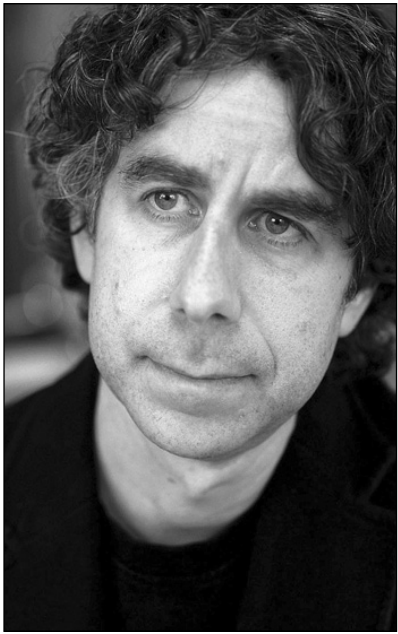
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PEOPLE AND COMMUNITY

SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

Is big business targeting our children?



Joel Bakan

Issue explored by acclaimed educator and author Joel Bakan

A fascinating thinker, educator and co-creator of the acclaimed movie *The Corporation* will speak on Salt Spring on Sunday, April 3 as part of the Centre for Child Honouring Speaker Series.

Joel Bakan, the author and co-creator of the movie *The Corporation*, speaks at ArtSpring on a topic that will be of interest to parents, grandparents, teachers and students alike: *Childhood Limited — How Big Business Targets Children in the Age of Predatory Capitalism*.

Bakan is described in press material as “a fascinating thinker and educator — a UBC law professor, a Rhodes Scholar, Supreme Court of Canada law clerk, and recipient of

law degrees from Harvard, Oxford and Dalhousie.”

His book called *The Corporation: The Pathological Pursuit of Profit and Power* analyzes the evolution and modern-day behaviour of corporations from a critical perspective. Published in 2004, it was made into *The Corporation* film the same year and won 25 international awards.

During this rare public appearance, which begins at 2 p.m., Bakan will give Salt Spring a sneak preview of his new book to be published in August, reading passages and exploring its key concepts.

Bakan’s connection to the Centre for Child Honouring goes back to his 2006 contribution to the anthology *Child Honouring: How To Turn This World Around*, co-edited by centre founder Raffi Cavoukian. His essay titled *Kids and The Corporation* is a potent critique of corporate power and its impact on children.

“Bakan’s thinking very much supports the centre’s call for business to respect children, not exploit their innocence,” Raffi says. “The centre advocates a culture of respect towards children. Respecting Earth and Child is the best way to create humane and sustainable societies.”

Tickets cost \$25 and are available at the ArtSpring box office at 250-537-2102 or online at www.artspring.ca.

Upcoming speakers in this series include indigenous elder Makere Harawira of New Zealand and Annie Leonard, author of *The Story of Stuff*.

The Centre for Child Honouring is a dynamic communications hub and educational facility founded to advance child honouring locally and globally to help create a world fit for children. For more information about the centre, visit www.childhonouring.org.



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VOLUNTEERISM

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Volunteer organizations on Salt Spring have an exceptional opportunity to strengthen themselves through an April 30 workshop with facilitator Theresa Kingston.

Breathing New Life Into Your Organization: Creating a Successful Volunteer Organization will focus on how to make a group’s volunteers share their passion, take action and make an impact.

Co-presented by the Salt Spring Foundation, Volunteer Salt Spring and the Salt Spring Island Community Education Society, the workshop will run from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the multi-purpose room at Salt Spring Elementary School.

“We can only make a difference in our communities if we create an organization where volunteers choose to be involved.”

“We can only make a difference in our communities if we create an organization where volunteers choose to be involved and committed to its vision and mission,” explains press material. “Come prepared to look at new ways and attitudes that support involvement of volunteers of all ages and interests.”

The workshop will emphasize ways to attract and integrate new volunteers, particularly a younger demographic, and how to deal with change. Within that topic the focus is on getting existing members who

PRESS MATERIAL

may be set in their ways to embrace change and welcome new members and ideas — moving away from the “we always do it this way” mantra.

Facilitator Kingston is manager of human resources and community development for the City of Port Alberni.

An entertaining trainer, she is a well-known expert on volunteer organizations, non-profit governance issues and other human resources topics. She has travelled several times to China to deliver workshops on approaches on service delivery and public participation.

Kingston also has a Master of Arts in Leadership and Training from Royal Roads University and a Diploma in Public Sector Management from the University of Victoria.

Workshop cost is \$30 per person, including lunch.

To register, contact Volunteer Salt Spring at 250-537-2054 or Community Ed at 250-537-0037, or go to their websites — www.ssicommunityed.org or www.volunteersaltspring.com — and download the form. Seats are limited, so people should register early.

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PEOPLE AND COMMUNITY

HEALTH

Salt Spring family coping with silent killer

Kidney transplants desperately needed in B.C.

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

When Barbara Levy donated a kidney to her brother Michael last spring, she saved him from undergoing dialysis and altered the path that would have inevitably progressed to complete organ failure.

The Levys describe the result as being as momentous as a birth in the family. At 42, the former cinema owner and outdoor adventurer had been rapidly fading due to Alport Syndrome, a hereditary condition that induces kidney failure among other symptoms. Barbara's decision, and the ensuing transplant, had the effect of bringing her brother back from the brink.

"Michael really did have a rebirth," sister Carolyn Levy said. "Within one hour of getting the kidney he was a totally different person."

"It's like going from a reptile to a kangaroo," their brother Geoff added.

While family members on Salt Spring and in Vancouver have celebrated Michael's new chance at life with Barbara's gift, the story has a dark and tragic parallel linking the two other Levy siblings.

Geoff, who also suffers from Alport Syndrome, is currently at the top of B.C.'s wait-list for a kidney transplant. But through a set of unbelievably unlikely and unfortunate circumstances, there is now only a small chance that any kidney that comes up will be a match.

Both Geoff and Michael were once excellent candidates for kidney transplants because their condition isn't connected to another serious health issue such as diabetes or heart disease. Geoff had several offers for a living donation, including ones from his cousin and from Carolyn, but the antigens didn't sufficiently match.

After five years on dialysis, six months living in Vancouver with Carolyn and her husband in readiness for the chance, and a false call in August 2009, Levy finally got a perfect cadaver match last January. He was called in for the transplant on Jan. 14, Carolyn's birthday.

At dinner that evening, Carolyn received a call to say the operation had been successfully completed. But at 4:30 a.m. the next morning she got another call from the hospital. This time she heard that something had gone wrong and Geoff's new kidney had been removed at midnight.

The problem was something that hadn't



PHOTO BY ELIZABETH NOLAN

Geoff Levy in his bedroom on Salt Spring, with life-maintaining dialysis equipment.

happened for 30 years and has only a one in 33,000 chance probability. Someone on the surgical team had missed a suture, causing massive internal bleeding. The contact with the foreign kidney and the blood transfusions that saved Geoff's life afterward caused a massive antibody response.

In a single day he went from being an ideal transplant candidate with a perfect organ match to being "highly sensitized" — with only a one in 10 chance that any future kidney that becomes available will be acceptable.

The damage was increased during Geoff's hospital stay where he received a severe medication error and then contracted a gastrointestinal bacterial infection called *Clostridium difficile*.

"Geoff nearly died two times within a year. He pulled through, but there was always more bad news, and everything was always preceded with 'this never happens . . . ' and then the worse-case scenario always happened," Carolyn said.

"It's amazing that he survived. He has such a strong will to live . . . knowing that he could get healthy with a kidney, if he doesn't get one I don't know how I'd live with that."

Going through more trauma than anyone might expect in a lifetime during the course of one year, Geoff was relieved from the darkness surrounding his case by receiving essential mental healthcare (due only to the generous gift of some friends). Now he is feeling more at peace with the entire situation, believing

that he should not let illness define his life, despite the fact that he is severely disabled by his condition.

"I'm in the seventh year of dialysis and I don't feel bad about it anymore," Geoff said, adding that even having gone through so much pain, he wouldn't change anything.

"It's given me so much insight into the human condition."

The rest of his family, however, is living in a constant state of high alert. The gift of a kidney would relieve some of their stress, and probably give Geoff at least 15 years with a functioning body.

"A kidney would give us all a little time where we could just live and enjoy life," Carolyn said. "God, I wish that for Geoff."

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KIDNEY FAILURE

Treatment: a downward slope

Program not a cure but a compromise

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

People who have heard of dialysis as a treatment for kidney failure may believe it is a cure, especially since renal patients often look fine when dressed for outside.

But what goes on behind closed doors to keep the body functioning is extremely taxing both physically and emotionally — a process that takes out as much as it gives and one that can never be stopped unless the alternative of a functioning kidney becomes available through transplant.

"Renal patients are a façade of healthiness. What they have to do to appear that way is very, very extreme and involves a lot of compromises," dialysis patient Geoff Levy explained.

Levy's bedroom is a gentler version of a hospital room.

Dominated by the man-sized dialysis machine and several supply shelves filled with sterile gloves, hypodermic needles, saline, masks, peroxide, bleach, acid and bottles of pills, it is softened only by some artwork and a small Taoist shrine to Guanyin.

After six years on dialysis, Levy is somewhat of an expert on the science of the equipment that keeps him alive — a good

"You consider yourself lucky to be alive, but when you examine the terms, it's appalling. And you look okay — but people don't see you sleeping all the time, swelling up like a balloon, or the mental anguish, which can be considerable."

GEOFF LEVY
Dialysis patient

thing — because even a small mistake in the process would kill him.

Dialysis mimics one of the kidney's functions by removing toxins from the body.

In Levy's case, that is done by a process in which blood leaves his body through a catheter in his chest, then enters a tube filled with a solution of purified water, acid and bicarbonate of soda, mixed to his PH level.

The blood is purified through diffusion. The toxin-filled fluid goes out the drain and the blood is returned to the body. The entire process, for Levy, takes around six hours and must be done every other day.

"I think the biggest misconception is people think you're healthy as long as you're sustained on dialysis — but it is a misconception," Levy said. "In my experience, you're on a downward slope, every month, every day, every hour you're on it."

People who are on dialysis don't urinate. Before the procedure takes place, their body begins to swell with the unreleased fluids and toxins that have built up since the last cycle. Many of the activities once performed in regular life have to be given up.

Levy, who has acted as peer counselor for other renal patients, explained the process is so mentally and physically exhausting that it's not uncommon for people to resort to narcotics or even suicide, particularly those who don't have strong support at home.

"You consider yourself lucky to be alive, but when you examine the terms, it's appalling. And you look okay — but people don't see you sleeping all the time, swelling up like a balloon, or the mental anguish, which can be considerable."

"Most of us hang on a thread of hope of getting a transplant — but it's not imminent, and it's a big if."

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An ancient system of reflexive pressure point healing, harkening back to the times of the Tibetan nomad, will be taught at a workshop coming to Salt Spring from April 15 to 17.

"For thousands of years the Tibetan nomads took their herds of yaks and ponies up and down the sides of the highest mountains in the world, moving with the seasons for grazing," explains press material on the workshop. "Historically, the conditions were among the

most brutal that human beings have endured. Diseases and injuries were plentiful and the environment offered little to support the healing traditions. Using the elemental earth connection, meditative concentration, the stimulation of pre-acupuncture reflex point therapy, local herbs and prayers, the Bon shaman kept the tribe healthy physically, mentally and spiritually."

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Rae Hatherton will lead the practitioners course at Stowel Lake Farm.

For more information, visit her website at www.raehatherton.com or www.tibetan-acupressure.com.

To register, contact Jenn de Valk at 250-743-8943 or jenn@twobees.ca.

ZEN

Silent spring retreat set for Stowel Lake Farm

Salt Spring Zen
Circle hosts weekend
gathering

Salt Spring Zen Circle is offering its annual spring, non-residential meditation retreat at the Gatehouse next weekend.

Beginning Friday, April 8 at 7 p.m. and ending Sunday, April 10 at 3 p.m., the popular and traditional Zen retreat surrounded by the beauty and

peace of Stowel Lake Farm offers a welcome break from the intensity of daily routine.

Zen teacher and poet Peter Levitt, who founded the Salt Spring Zen Circle, will lead the silent meditation weekend, following the traditional zen practice taught by legendary Zen teacher Shunryu Suzuki, author of *Zen Mind, Beginner's Mind*. As part of the weekend activities, participants will have an opportunity for a Zen-style private discussion and interview with

the teacher.

"This gives participants a wonderful opportunity to experience this traditional aspect of Zen, and to discuss personal or practice issues heart to heart from a Zen point of view," Levitt says.

Instruction will be offered for those new to Zen meditation, and chairs will be provided for those who find it difficult to sit on a cushion.

Speaking about her experience of past retreats, island resident Heather Martin-McNab,

who meditates with the circle, says, "I like the silence; everything slows down. For me, the silence deepens the feeling of presence with the self."

The cost of the entire weekend is \$80, which includes delicious vegetarian meals. In addition, a voluntary donation for the teachings is traditionally offered and gratefully received.

For information, call Rowan Percy at 250-537-2831. To register, email acolburn@verizon.net.

FAITH

Refreshment Sunday marked

All Saints celebrate mid
point of Lent

The Anglican Parish's observance of Lent includes a service of Vespers on Sunday, April 3.

Taking place at All Saints By-the-Sea at 5 p.m., "Refreshment Sunday" will include hymns, readings, silence and prayer. It will also include poetry from the book *Thirst* by New England writer Mary Oliver. *Thirst* was published in 2006 as Oliver grappled with the death of her beloved partner of over 40 years.

Angela O'Donnell of *America* magazine wrote of the book: "She strives to experience sorrow as a path to spiritual progress, grief as part of loving and not its end. And within these pages she chronicles for the first time

her discovery of faith, without abandoning the love of the physical world that has been the hallmark of her work for four decades."

The Anglican Parish also notes that the fifth Sunday in Lent is "a day of hope with Easter at last in sight." It was also once known as "the Sunday of the Five Loaves, from the Gospel reading traditionally associated with the day, the Feeding of the Five Thousand.

"Lent prepares Christians for the celebration of Easter through prayer, fasting, exercising generosity and simplicity. Lent, which comes from a Teutonic word for 'springtime,' can be viewed as a spiritual spring cleaning, time for taking spiritual inventory and then cleaning out things that hinder one's relationship with God and other people."



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Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of the Ratepayers of the North Salt Spring waterworks District will be held at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 12, 2011, at the Community Gospel Chapel, 147 Vesuvius Bay Road, Salt Spring Island, BC.

As required by the Letters of Patent of the District the Annual General Meeting will be held for the following purposes:

1. To receive from the Trustees a report on the condition of the works and a statement of the financial condition of the Improvement District.
2. To discuss with the Trustees any matter relating to the works or finances of the Improvement District.
3. To fix the remuneration of the Trustees for the ensuing year.
4. To elect one Trustee for a term of 3 years.
5. Nominees for Trustee are:

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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/lrc/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/lrc/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.

Inquiries regarding the proposed bylaws may be directed to the Islands Trust Office, Alison Fox, Planner, at (250) 405-5194 or, for Toll Free access, request a transfer via Enquiry BC: In Vancouver (604) 660-2421 and elsewhere in BC 1-800-663-7867.

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MEN'S SOCCER

Prospect Lake douses FC's hot streak

Old Boys' win so close, yet so far

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
 DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Players from the Salt Spring Old Boys were so close to their season's first victory over the weekend, only to see a one-goal lead and a stellar effort get wiped out by a late Vantreights surge.

The Old Boys' Mike McCormick gave the hometown fans plenty to cheer about by scoring his seventh goal of the season only moments into the match.

Vantreights chipped away at the Old Boys' resolve and took a 2-1 lead into the half.

The Old Boys' Richard Steel said the team came out fighting after the break in an effort to tie up the match.

"Neat approach play didn't result in any clear chances, but it was good to see the Old Boys dominate the game," Steel said in his post-game report.

Vantreights scored two more goals with only a few minutes left on the clock as the Old Boys sent more players to the front in hopes of getting the equalizer.

"... it was good to see the Old Boys dominate the game."

RICHARD STEEL
 Old Boys

"It was disappointing as we were ahead, and played some good stuff," Steel added.

"At times our passing was excellent, but apart from the goal, we lacked the cutting edge to make our dominance pay."

The Old Boys will try for the elusive win next week against Cordova Bay.

In other men's soccer news, Salt Spring FC saw its impressive winning streak come to an end on Sunday after the team dropped a 2-1 decision to Div. 2 rivals from Prospect Lake.

Miguel Alvarado scored FC's lone goal of the match, proving the former keeper's got what it takes to both stop them and score them.

The loss drops FC into a two-team tie for sixth spot in its division with 32 points.



PHOTO BY JOHN CAMERON

Salt Spring keeper Miguel Alvarado deflects a shot. Alvarado also scored the only FC goal in the Div. 2 loss to Prospect Lake on Sunday.

YOUTH SOCCER

U15s off to cup semi-final

Team scores six goals in second half after Bratanovic talk

BY MARKUS WENZEL
 DRIFTWOOD CONTRIBUTOR

Salt Spring's U15 silver boys headed into their first round of District Cup play on a beautiful spring day on the turf at Lakehill.

In their only prior meeting against the striped red-and-white side, our boys fell 2-1 on a day we only managed to get eight players out.

With that to look back on, the Salt Spring boys were confident that, with a full team, this would not be the last game of the season.

Right from the first kickoff, Salt Spring's talent showed, with play in the Lakehill end over 75 per cent of the time.

While scoring chances presented themselves, it was Lakehill who would strike first with a breakaway goal that left no chance for keeper Cody MacQueen. Salt Spring finally got on the board, with a first, and shortly after a second goal past the Lakehill keeper.

The home team sent their speedy striker on another breakaway, tying it 2-2 for halftime.

By that time technical director Josip Bratanovic had made his way to the game and gave the boys a few inspiring words for the second half.

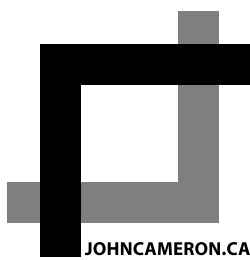
Whatever he said fired up the boys, seeing them score six goals in the second half to Lakehill's lone effort. The game finished 8-3.

Goal scoring was shared among Justin Kopetzki (3), Lukas Wenzel (3) and Eric Weatherby (2). Tai Levitt and Jed Phillips provided key playmaking and assists, while the solid defence anchored by Robbie Dailly and Alex Graham proved too much for Lakehill to handle.

The U15 boys play their second-round cup match on Saturday afternoon on Salt Spring.

(Check www.saltspringsoccer.com for the time and place.)

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PROJECT 30

Weather and taxes mar great Canadian journey

Nathan Cooper regroups in Calgary

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
 DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Impassable trails, high avalanche risks and some last-minute tax matters have forced Salt Spring's Nathan Cooper to postpone the Coast Range and Rocky Mountain leg of his human-powered cross-country journey.

Cooper had been making steady progress on his 7,300-kilometre trip since setting off from Victoria on March 1.

Having run to Nanaimo, paddled a kayak across the Strait of Georgia and hoofed it through the Lower Mainland, however, Cooper ran into the ferocity of a good old Canadian winter.

Just east of Chilliwack, shin-deep slush and heavy wet snow made Cooper's route along the Trans-Canada Trail extremely hazardous, if not totally impassable.

Deteriorating trail conditions and the prospect of facing winter in the Rocky Mountains head on encouraged Cooper to regroup and rethink his strategy.

"After two or three days of that, I decided it was too dangerous to go on," he said.

Cooper conveyed the dire straits and immense disappointment he met on the road to Hope in a March 13 blog post.

"Have aborted running currently due to impassable conditions. Need some time to replan or possibly abort run. Not in a good place mentally and

my shoulder and knee are waving yellow flags," he wrote. "Time to think and dry out."

Cooper eventually bought a one-way bus ticket to Calgary, where he's finishing up work on a running trailer while awaiting yet another break in the weather.

The delay has also given Cooper the chance to clear up a few tax details he overlooked before his departure.

"Taxes. *Sigh* That time of year and as I'm not dead I got to sort them out," reads an entry on Cooper's Project 30 website.

In an interview from his parents' Calgary home on Monday morning, Cooper said his mental and physical states have improved considerably now that he's had a chance to recover from some nagging injuries and come to terms with the latest change to his plan.

"The first week [in Calgary] was brutal," said Cooper, who has spent years training and fundraising for the Project 30 expedition.

Given the delay and ongoing weather issues, he intends to complete the mountain leg of his journey after he reaches Newfoundland.

If all goes according to plan, Cooper said, he should be back on the trail by the first or second week of April.

Cooper's Project 30 is a cross-Canada run to raise funds and awareness about the need to protect Canada's wild spaces. Donations support thebigwild.org.

For more information about Project 30, including Cooper's latest location and blog posts, visit www.project30.ca.

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COMPETITIVE CLUB: Twenty members of the Salt Spring Island Karate Club members had a great day in Victoria Cup competition at the Pacific Institute for Sports Excellence last weekend. The group earned nine third-place finishes, six second-place finishes and seven first-place finishes. Among those were Leslie Wiens and Michael Dragland placing first and second in the black belt forms division. For more information on the club, call Chris Barclay at 250-537-0040.

TRAIL & NATURE

Plenty of spring in hikers' steps for month of April

Latest activity schedule released

Presentations

Thursday, March 31: Fran and Gil Schultz present A Year on the Mount of Olives, East Jerusalem at the Lions Hall starting at 7:30 p.m. Fran and Gil retired to Salt Spring in 2004 after spending 32 years in Calgary where Gil was on faculty at the medical school at the University of Calgary and Fran was a sessional instructor and high school biology teacher.

In 2009-2010, they took a year off from retirement for a little adventure that involved volunteering through Canadian Lutheran World Relief at Augusta Victoria Hospital in East Jerusalem. During their stay, they travelled over much of Israel and the West Bank. They actively watched birds, followed the changes in plants in the area and were exposed to the problems of water use and shortage in this arid region. They will touch

on all these items in their presentation.

Thursday, April 29 and Friday, April 30: Judy and Al Grass give a fascinating talk on woodpeckers at the Lions Hall at 7 p.m. The April 29 talk will be followed by a short field trip on the morning of April 30. This presentation is jointly sponsored with the Salt Spring Conservancy.

Nature: Upcoming in May is the Bee Festival at Tugwell Creek Honey Farm and Meadery near Sooke.

Hikers

April 5: Kees Visser leads a moderate but long hike over Hope Hill, with two fantastic viewpoints. Carpool from ArtSpring at 9:45 a.m. or meet at Drummond Park at 10 a.m.

April 12: Mary Hof leads us on an off-island hike on Mount Tzouhalem, including the flower reserve. Carpool from Portlock Park at 8:30 a.m. to catch the 9 a.m. ferry to Crofton. Meet leader at the corner of Maple Bay Road and Kingsview Drive ("the Properties").

April 19: Ashley Hilliard will lead a moderate hike, with some uphill sections, into the recent expansion of Ruckle Park. Meet at ArtSpring at 9:45 a.m. or join at the foot of Meyer Road at 10:05 a.m.

April 26: Fred Powell leads a long, moderate-level hike on Mount Bruce. Carpool from ArtSpring at 9:45 a.m. or meet at Drummond Park at 10 a.m.

Walkers

April 5: Bryan Adderley will lead an off-island walk to Hemer Provincial Park and Holden Lake in the Cedar area with lunch at the Crow and Gate Pub. We will leave Portlock Park at 8:30 a.m. to catch the 9:10 a.m. Vesuvius ferry. Return will probably be on the 2:35 p.m. ferry from Crofton.

April 12: Donna Way will lead a walk in the Musgrave area. We will take the hilly areas slowly with plenty of rests. Meet at ArtSpring at 10 a.m. or at Drummond Park at 10:20 a.m.

April 19: Harry Burton will lead a

moderate walk from Beaver Point Hall to Eleanor Point. We will explore the land of James Hector Monk, who in 1904 purchased 264 acres stretching from Beaver Point Road and King Road to Eleanor Point. Meet at ArtSpring at 10 a.m. or Beaver Point Hall at 10:20 a.m.

April 26: Anke Smeele will lead a walk on the Saanich Peninsula. We will explore Glendale Gardens, home of the Horticultural Centre of the Pacific, stop at the Prairie Dog Inn for lunch, and finish with a stroll through Lillian Hoffar Park, time permitting, on the way back to the ferry. Carpool from ArtSpring at 8:50 a.m. or meet at the Fulford ferry terminal in time to catch the 9:50 a.m. ferry.

Ramblers

April 5: Mystery Walk — meet at Centennial Park at 10 a.m.

April 12: Shelagh Tulloch leads a walk through Mouat Park. Meet at Centennial Park at 10 a.m.

April 19: Walk around Scott Point with the Hardings. Meet at Centennial

Park at 10 a.m.

April 26: Explore Channel Ridge trails with Sterling and Maureen McEachern. Meet at Centennial Park at 10 a.m.

New Members

Interested in joining us? Contact Barry Spence (membership) at 250-537-2332 or Kees Visser (president) at 250-537-5443, or come on Tuesdays to the meeting point for the activity you are interested in. Participants need to bring a lunch and wear appropriate footwear and outdoor clothing.

Membership Fees

The annual fees for the 2010-2011 season are \$25 per person. Please complete and sign the membership and waiver form and leave it with your cheque in the Cobbler's Box or give to an executive member at any club activity. Forms are available for download from the website at www.saltspringtnc.ca, where you will also find more details on our activities.

BASKETBALL

GISS player makes VI all-star team

Scorpions co-captain picked by VI coaches

Gulf Islands Secondary School basketball player Ben Hunter is off to Victoria this weekend after being named to the Vancouver Island senior boys all-star team.

"It's a huge honour for him," said GISS Scorpions team coach Kim Chalmers, adding it's one the Grade 12 student deserves.

Not only was the senior boys co-captain the top point scorer and best player on the team, "he was a leader by example," she said.

While the Scorpions play at

the AA level, the all-star team also consists of AAA players and members are chosen by the league coaches.

Hunter will play in the all-star game at St. Margaret's School in Victoria on Saturday, April 2, with a social event to follow.

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DEATHS

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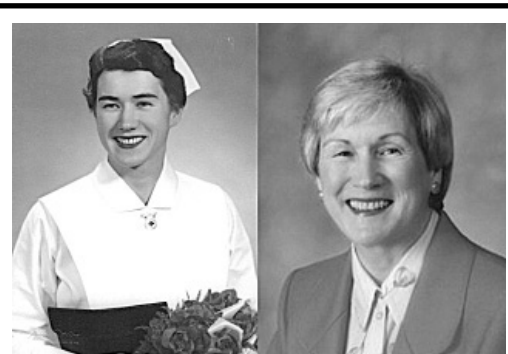
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DEATHS



WALKER, MOIRA MARY (BOND)

May 23, 1938 - March 20, 2011

It is with great sadness we announce the sudden passing of our wife and Mum at VGH. Moira is survived by Bill, her loving husband of over 50 years; daughters Barbara-Ann O'Brien and Alison Walker; and sons-in-law Roger O'Brien and Scott Bourgeois. She will also be missed by her brother Malcolm Bond (Stephanie), sister Shirley McDowell, sister-in-law Moira McQuarrie, and family, friends, and colleagues all over the world. Born and raised on Salt Spring Island, Moira graduated from VGH School of Nursing in 1959. While raising two daughters with Bill she continued with her Nursing career, most notably as Senior Infection Control Nurse at VGH. She was an active member of both CHICA and IFIC, including a term of President of CHICA. Moira loved her cats, music, cooking, gardening, traveling, entertaining, and attending church. She will be greatly missed by all that knew her. Memorial Service to be held Thursday, March 31, 2011, 2pm at Christ Church Cathedral, 690 Burrard Street, Vancouver, reception to follow in the church hall.



COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

COMING EVENTS

Scott Point Waterworks District ANNUAL MEETING

Wednesday, April 20th, 7pm

In the pavilion of the Royal Vancouver Yacht Club, 241 Scott Point Dr.

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Central Community Hall Society

Sunday, April 10, 2011 at 1 pm

Public Welcome!

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COMING EVENTS

UNITARIAN FELLOWSHIP
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COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

DEATHS

Edith Marian Young

February 10, 1913 -
 March 27, 2011



After a brief illness and a long full life, Edith died peacefully at Lady Minto Hospital, Salt Spring Island, in the company of family and friends, on Sunday, March 27th. Edith was predeceased by her loving husband Aubrey. She will be missed by her nephews and nieces: John and Gillian Young (UK) and their children; Simon, Rachel, Christopher; Barbara and Colin Steward (North Vancouver) and their children Corina, Graham, Stephen; Stephen and Gay Young and their son James; and Gavin Baldwin (South Africa).

She will be missed by her many friends and neighbours on Salt Spring Island who have enjoyed her hospitality, grace and spunky personality for many years. Special thanks to those who helped Edith maintain her independent life in the home she loved, especially Clare and John, Bob and Sue, Dan, Eddy, Tony and Ed, Jane, Bob, Manfred and Rita, Cheryl and her distant but close pals Tony and Gillian in Australia. Edith was grateful for the years of dedicated personal care from Dr David Woodley, and the caring and capable nursing staff at Lady Minto Hospital who made her comfortable her in her last days.

An informal gathering of friends will be held to share memories of Edith at her home on Saturday, April 16th at 3 pm.

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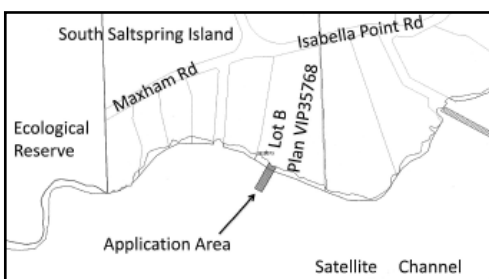
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The April 6 event called Secrets of Clayoquot is at Lions Hall, beginning at 7:30 p.m.

Lewis and Glambeck are seasoned naturalists and expedition sea kayakers who have paddled most of the B.C. coast. They will share stories

about their adventures at home in Clayoquot Sound and show images from some of B.C.'s leading outdoor photographers.

People will learn about the ecology of the region's globally significant ancient rainforests and how industrial activity threatens this UNESCO Biosphere Reserve. The evening is sponsored by the Friends of Clayoquot Sound and Mountain Equipment Co-op.

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Daffy-down-dillies on the hunt for fertilizer

BRIDGETRICKS

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Spring is sprung, the daffs are riz — Wonder who the winners is?

Well, spring hadn't quite sprung on March 14, when there were four full tables, but Liz and Oleh Mycyk bounced to the top again anyway. Then came Flo and George Laundry, popping up in second, with Gisela Welsh and Blanche Poborsa in third place.

March 21 was the real first day of

spring and six and a half tables rose to the occasion so that there was a Mitchell movement with stationary N/S players, moving E/W ones, and two sets of scores. First E/W and first overall were the ever-blooming Mycyks, followed, second E/W and overall, by George Laundry and his visiting partner, David Butler from Vancouver. Third E/W and fourth overall were Boodie Arnott and Jacquie Stevulak.

Among the N/S players it was sun-tanned Patricia Hewett and Bob Morrisette pushing up to first place and third overall, and a tied bouquet occupied second place, fifth overall, blending the Isabelle Richardson-Jean Elder pair and the Zelly Taylor-Ian Thomas partnership.

The rest may have been left feeling like daffy-down-dillies as they contemplated the mistakes they made and resolved to apply fertilizer to their game skills while they hoped for the sun to shine on them another day.

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Aries (Mar 21 – Apr 20)

A revolutionary urge is on the rise. Freedom may be the simplest way to describe the feeling. Yet, you may also feel the need to remain focused and responsible. Finding freedom within structure and discipline is the sort that can lead to great achievements. Yet, are you doing what feels right and true to your heart's desire? Such questions are leading you to ponder and perhaps wander.

Taurus (Apr 20 – May 21)

Sometimes we need to take time out to rest and re-center. Doing work behind the scenes may prove refreshing as well. This is especially true if the work is creative. Inner work is also implied. This can include clearing limiting beliefs and self concepts. Or it can be about releasing the grip of old dreams and attachments which may be holding us back. Retreat to renew your perspectives.

Gemini (May 21 – Jun 21)

The time has come to explore new horizons and to dream new dreams. Many new realizations are following in their wake. Experiencing a new quality of freedom is part of the plot. This includes pushing through old lines of resistance, both within and without. Acknowledging, accepting and speaking your truth are the tried and proven methods.

Cancer (Jun 21 – Jul 22)

A whole new mode of expression in the world has arrived. This includes new angles and willingness to take new leads and perhaps a few risks. These may include giving and/or receiving training of some kind. Getting to the bottom of things to activate a fresh start has the scent of spring cleaning to it. More importantly, now is a good time to be seen and heard.

Leo (Jul 22 – Aug 23)

New philosophies, beliefs, truths and/or realizations are activating your creative spirit. You are in the mod to explore the possibilities. This may well include collaborative efforts. Yet, deciphering your role among others may be a challenge. While a willingness to learn is ideal, being delegated to a subordinate role could be a problem. Aim to share a creative lead.

Virgo (Aug 23 – Sep 22)

Clearing the way for many new realizations to come in is a central theme now. The clearing may include clutter in your home, mind or emotions. It could also include changes in your usual routine and overall lifestyle. At best, positive returns from prior efforts are pouring in. At worst, you must put out more than usual and this may include money. Build for the future.

Libra (Sep 22 – Oct 22)

Some head on encounters on relationship fronts are stirring you up. As much as others are involved, it is the relationship with you that is really at issue. Yet, it flips back to others as well leading you to decipher what is fair for you, the other(s) and the entire situation. The key may be to explore new ways to be in relationship or to experience new ones altogether.

Scorpio (Oct 22 – Nov 21)

As old roles, beliefs, and attitudes steadily dissolve, replacing them with new ones is the obvious task. Yet, this may not be so easy to do. Accepting and moving on can sometimes be more bitter than sweet. Yet, for the sake of activating a healthy start, this is what you may be compelled to do. Avoid looking back and flow with what is.

Sagittarius (Nov 21 – Dec 21)

You have entered a creative cycle. It is ushering in many changes in its wake, some of them sudden and surprising. Taking further action will prove obvious and necessary. A sporting and rebellious attitude could produce a very assertive determination. Deciphering your next step includes gaining clarity about what is next for you in this game called life.

Capricorn (Dec 21 – Jan 19)

Some big and possibly dramatic shifts close to home are slated to occur now. Perhaps by choice, perhaps by necessity, a big renovation is required. You are in a determined mood and woe to anyone who stands in your way. Taking command of the situation may feel obvious, but how? The more willing you feel to give to the situation, the better.

Aquarius (Jan 19 – Feb 19)

New perceptions, understandings, realizations and considerations are rolling in fast now. Fortunately, your energy levels are on the rise, or is it an increase flow of adrenaline? Managing a busy and varied schedule is featured. As if summoned, you are wise to answer the call of service to a higher purpose and it may not be one you chose.

Pisces (Feb 19 – Mar 20)

In order to feel confident you need to take action now. Procrastination could prove costly. The urge to break through lines of resistance is strong for many these days; some are inner blocks and some outer. Decipher where some of your perspectives have become crystallized in order for you to feel secure.

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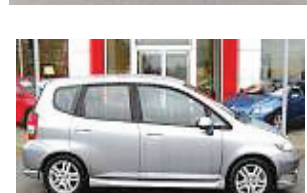
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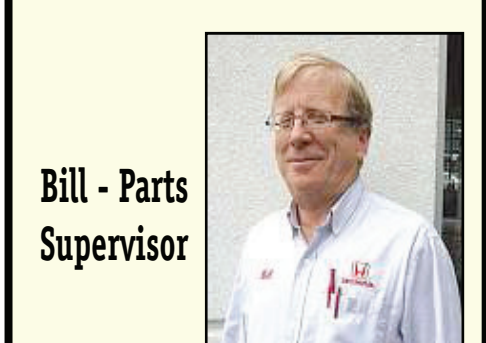
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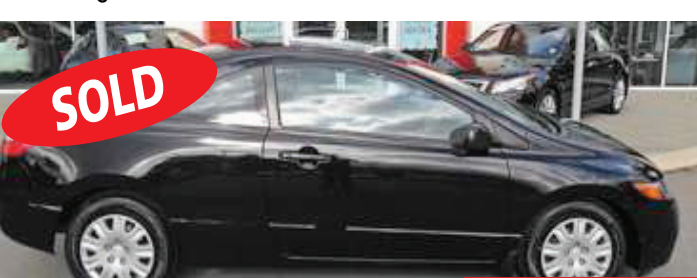
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