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COZY: Two Anna's hummingbirds pop up from their nest in arbutus branches on Jennifer and Mike Morgan's Oakspring Road property Sunday. Mike held the ladder while Jennifer snapped the photo. Rufous hummingbirds have also returned from their winter sojourn down south.

FAMILIES IN NEED

Fund drive now on for SSI family

Emergency brain surgery prompts immediate need

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Salt Spring carpenter Don Sandberg is back at home and recovering after having a brain tumour removed during an emergency operation Friday, just four days after doctors learned the tumour existed.

Family friend Cindy Toutant reports that Sandberg will face a long recovery process before he can expect to go back to work. Doctors estimate he will need at least three months of recuperation, although a post-surgery pathology report has yet to be released.

The four-hour operation took place at Victoria General Hospital.

"Don is in a lot of pain and understandably so," Toutant told the Driftwood Monday.

Toutant, whose husband Joe of Joe Toutant Construction Ltd. is Sandberg's employer, immediately set out to help the family with their sudden financial burden when she heard the news last week. A bake sale held last Saturday at Country Grocer netted \$1,300,

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EDUCATION

Teachers consider post-Bill 22 options

Report cards on track for end of term, says GITA president

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Gulf Islands teachers have returned from spring break to resume regular teaching duties, but will continue to minimize extracurricular activities as they consider their next step in a lengthy contract negotiation process.

Jack Braak, president of the Gulf Islands Teachers' Association, said teachers will stay within the legal parameters and start collecting information to prepare report cards for the end of the year. Activities such as after-school sports and arts programs and field trips will be limited, however.

"We won't go back and do a second term report because we won't do 'struck' work," Braak

explained Monday.

"This will be the first day looking at students' progress for the end-of-year report."

Teachers across the province will vote April 17 and 18 on a comprehensive plan for dealing with Bill 22, which was passed by the provincial government earlier this month. The bill makes it illegal for teachers to strike during an imposed six-month cooling off period. Braak said teachers have four main areas of concern, but perhaps paramount among them is how the mediation process has been set out.

Education Minister George Abbott has invited both the B.C. Teachers' Federation and the B.C. Public School Employers' Association to submit

names to be considered as mediator for the next round of contract negotiations. At issue for teachers is the fact the mediator will have to work within restrictions set out by Bill 22, and that another government official will make the ultimate ruling on any recommendations made by the mediator.

"So that's why we believe the whole thing is a sham," Braak summed up.

Other top concerns include class sizes for grades 4 to 7, the ability of school administrators to allow classes to exceed 30-student limitations for grades 4 to 12, and wording that replicates details of Bill 28 (ruled unconstitutional last year).

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NEWSBEAT

Family friend on fundraising track

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but much more will be required to keep the Sandbergs and their daughters Kyra, 12, and Jordyn, 16, going for the next few months.

"[His wife] Angela is the main caretaker for him and she cannot leave him alone, so she cannot work."

Toutant is currently organizing a silent auction to be held April 14 from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Gulf Islands Secondary School multi-purpose room. One of the prizes donated so far is a fishing excursion valued at \$1,100.

Community members are also encouraged to give what they can to a trust

account set up for the family at Island Savings Credit Union on McPhillips Avenue under Don Sandberg's name.

A donation jar is also set up at Windsor Plywood.

"If people can donate even \$5 it will help them pay their bills at the end of the month," Toutant told the Driftwood last week.

She was extremely grateful to everyone who supported the bake sale fundraiser on Saturday.

"I just want to thank everyone who came out to support us yesterday — what a wonderful place to live!" she commented on the Driftwood website Sunday.



Cindy Toutant makes a sale at a bake sale that raised \$1,300 for the Sandberg family at Country Grocer on Saturday. An auction fundraiser is also in the works.

PATHWAYS

Pathways group aims to raise \$65,000

\$15,000 grant recommended

Island Pathways' Step Up for Pathways fundraising campaign has received a much-needed boost with the recent recommendation of \$15,000 in funding from the Salt Spring Transportation Commission.

"The community is

really coming together for safe pathways on Salt Spring Island," said Jean Gelwicks, chair of the Partners Creating Pathways Committee.

Salt Spring CRD director Wayne McIntyre has added his support to the SSCIT recommendation.

Island Pathways has undertaken the fundraising campaign to implement several projects,

beginning with a pathway along Lower Ganges Road from Sharp Road to Booth Canal Road that had to be postponed due to lack of funds last year.

"Pathways are not inexpensive, but the good news is that we have already raised about \$5,500 from this campaign, making our present grand total \$19,000," Gelwicks said.

"We need to raise \$65,000 altogether and we are off to an excellent start."

The group just received the further good news that Channel Ridge and SSI Excavating are donating all the rocks the project needs and Pat Akerman is donating the gravel.

Donors can keep track of the organization's

progress by looking at the Step Up For Pathways thermometer at the kiosk at the Visitor Information Centre. Anyone who donates \$500 or more will have their name placed on the bridge on the new pathway.

"We would love to have one angel step forward and donate the entire cost of the bridge," Gelwicks said.

Students' report cards will be done

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The union has completely rejected the proposal of paying teachers more for extra students in the class and is urging teachers not to take the money.

A further concern is the heavy penalty for illegal strike action, with individual teachers' set to be fined \$475 a day — "which I think is absolutely ridiculous," Braak said.

District superintendent Jeff Hopkins has said there are both strengths and weaknesses to the bill. One positive aspect is the new requirement for teach-

ers and administration to consult on class size before the school year begins instead of after classes have already started.

In the case of classes deemed to merit exception to the 30-student cap, Hopkins feels the extra resources could be used to add preparation time or acquire materials for particular learners. He also said a new funding process could benefit special needs students in the classroom.

However, he notes the funding for extra students is not actually a new allocation, but the result of challenges to Bill 33's language on class size.

"This did not come out of thin air and was not dreamed up by the government alone," Hopkins wrote by email to the Driftwood. He is also concerned about the rigidity imposed by the new bill.

"In a bigger-picture way, I am disappointed that we are still counting kids as though they were widgets instead of considering the dynamics and composition of groupings of students in a more holistic and helpful way.

"This legislation unfortunately helps enshrine the notion that students can only be grouped in permanent 'classes' and that these groupings are

not fluid and dynamic as they could or should be. This is another example of how we are widening the 'knowing-doing' gap (the space between what we know we should be doing in education policy and what we actually are doing)."

B.C. teachers hope to put pressure on the government to reconsider parts of Bill 22 and to reach what they feel is a fair deal under the mediation process. Braak said if a settlement cannot be reached, the union will consider illegal job action, including a full withdrawal of teaching duties, during the next school year.

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SENIORS ISSUES

Province amends restrictions on seniors' drivers tests

Vocal seniors lead to DriveABLE reforms

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

It may be a case of too little too late for many Salt Spring seniors who have had their licences revoked, but it's hoped changes to the province's DriveABLE program will spare others from having to undergo a similar fate.

Edmund Dieterich, 86, lost his driving privileges in late 2010 after he failed the DriveABLE exam he was ordered to take after a fender-bender in downtown Ganges. Given that many seniors like himself are not as tech savvy as the younger generations, Dieterich complained the computer-based cognitive test was biased and unfair.

"The whole procedure was against my dignity," he said during an interview last week.

Like Dieterich, islander Don Small, who never had an accident since he began driving at age 14, was among many seniors across the province who began to speak out against the DriveABLE system.

"I was so god damn mad because it was skewed," he said. "The

whole thing was a setup. The instructors take you into a dark room and put you in front of a touch screen."

To make matters worse, Small said, a lack of any on-island testing facility meant Salt Springers had to travel to Victoria to take the examination.

All that frustration and perseverance finally paid off last week as the provincial government announced its intention to introduce changes to the controversial program. Among the reforms are an offer of secondary road assessments to people who fail the computer test and make it possible for people to take the tests closer to home. The province will also pay for the cost of both assessments.

Although Salt Spring residents will still need to travel to Victoria or Nanaimo to take their tests, the number of DriveABLE centres in B.C. has risen from three in 2005 to 17 at the beginning of 2012.

"We have listened to the concerns expressed by seniors and we are taking action," said Minister of Justice and Attorney General Shirley Bond in a statement that accompanied the March 19 announcement. "Our goal is to keep drivers on the road as long as it's safe to do

so and my staff will continue to look at ways to improve the program.

"With our growing seniors population, it is critical that we continue to ensure our streets are safe, while giving seniors the confidence that decisions on their ability to drive are done in the most respectful and thorough manner."

Max Halber, a staunch defender of seniors rights and a Greater Victoria Seniors' board member, said the province's decision is a step in the right direction but falls short of solving the problem.

He feels ICBC, not a privately contracted corporation like DriveABLE, should be entirely responsible for testing seniors.

"Whatever they can do to either improve the service of DriveABLE or get rid of them altogether is important, but I take a dim view of their practices," he said. "In my opinion it's a typical privatization process that's going on all over."

Most people are referred to the DriveABLE program by physicians who identify patients with possible cognitive issues that could hamper their ability to drive safely. A spokesperson for the provincial government said approximately 1,500 of the province's estimated 84,000 driv-

ers over the age of 80 have been referred to the program.

Though Halber is hopeful changes to the program will ensure a fairer system for those ordered to take the test, he agreed the changes are probably too late for seniors like Dieterich and Small who've already adapted to life without their licences.

"I don't forgive [the province] for what it did," Small said. "I'm not going to bother with the retest. I've made other arrangements, my wife is here and if I need a car she drives me."

Since losing his licence, Dieterich has logged 4,600 kilometres on an electric scooter that takes him just about anywhere on the island the Brinkworthy resident needs to go, including a property he owns on the island's south end.

But while he may have adapted to the change, Dieterich hasn't found it any easier to swallow the insult he has suffered.

"It should be against the Canadian honour that an injustice like this can happen," he said.



PHOTO BY SEAN MCINTYRE

Edmund Dieterich is a Salt Spring man who is still not happy he lost his licence in 2010 due to the DriveABLE program, but says he has adapted to life on his scooter.

Post your comment to this online at www.gulfislandsdriftwood.com

News briefs

Dry grad

Salt Spring residents have only a few more days left to support the annual Dry Grad Fundraiser at the Ganges branch of the BC Liquor Store.

As of Monday morning, customers had donated \$1,811 to the cause of supporting an alcohol-free graduation celebration for Gulf Islands Secondary School students. Staff have collected \$1 donations in exchange for a chocolate for the past month.

Saturday, March 31 is the last day to donate.

SS Coffee honoured

A nonprofit organization that certifies socially progressive companies has named Salt Spring Coffee as one of the companies that's Best for the Environment in an annual report of companies that are Best for the World.

B Lab certifies "B Corporations," which use the power of business to solve social and environmental problems. The group's annual report refines its list of members to find the

"best of the best."

According to its website, those that scored in the top 10 per cent of the B Impact Assessment demonstrate "the highest social and environmental impact out of all the corporations that meet B Lab's standards for certification."

B Lab explains the B Impact Assessment looks at three categories: how a company affects the environment, community involvement and worker treatment.

Salt Spring Coffee was one of 20 companies named Best for the Environment.

Welbury Point fire doused

A fire that broke out on Welbury Point last Thursday night destroyed a home's lower patio area and some construction equipment, but was doused before it could cause major structural damage.

Salt Spring Fire Chief Tom Bremner said 22 firefighters attended the scene after being called around 10:50 p.m. They were joined by BC Ambulance, police and BC Hydro.

"Crews did an amazing

job getting there fast and then acting professionally and efficiently," Bremner said.

"They saved the home from further damage — most of it was to the outside of the structure and smoke damage."

The house was not occupied at the time and there were no injuries. A construction crew had been working at the house earlier in the day performing renovations. The equipment they left behind was lost, as well as some outdoor furniture.

Bremner said the fire has been ruled accidental.

Speeders nabbed

Police continue to deliver warnings and violation tickets to Salt Spring drivers for a variety of Motor Vehicle Act infractions, including speeding in playground and school zones, and speeding on the highway.

Some 26 warnings and four violation tickets were issued in one recent campaign.

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NEWSBEAT



PHOTO BY SEAN MCINTYRE

350.ORG VISITOR: GISS student government reps James Twaites and Eva Olynyk meet with world-renowned environmentalist and author Bill McKibben after his talk at GISS on Tuesday afternoon. McKibben stressed the importance of transitioning to a greener economy.

PARC

Parks commission shelves Fernwood school park plan

Province rejects PARC grant application

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

The provincial government has chosen not to play ball with Salt Spring's Parks and Recreation Commission on a plan to build a multi-use sports and recreation facility next to the Fernwood Elementary School. "Unfortunately, we did not get the grant that we worked so hard to get," said PARC manager Kees Ruurs during the commission's monthly public meeting on Monday. "The good part is that we have our ducks in a row and a plan on the shelf for the next opportunity." Late last year, PARC applied for \$400,000 in provincial funding to complete a massive north end recreation project that would have included three base-

ball fields, a soccer pitch and a walking trail around the site's perimeter.

"Unfortunately, we did not get the grant that we worked so hard to get."

KEES RUURS
PARC manager

Wayne McIntyre, Salt Spring's Capital Regional District director, said none of the three proposals submitted from communities within the CRD received funding under the province's \$30-million Community Recreation Pro-

gram. Grant recipients were announced last week in Victoria. "I am pretty disappointed because I thought the three (submissions) from the area were pretty good," he said. McIntyre vowed to conduct a postmortem with his CRD counterparts to discuss the provincial snub. In other PARC news, construction of new allotment gardens is well underway at the Rainbow Road Pool property. Volunteers are still needed to join a work party planned for Saturday, March 31. Once complete, the gardens will provide space for approximately 40 families to grow their own food. A grand opening will be held between 1 and 3 p.m. on Saturday, April 14. For more information, contact Marsha Goldberg at 250-537-5677 or seedkeeper@telus.net.

NEIGHBOURING ISLANDS

Gabriolans approve fire hall funds

Approval concludes four-year campaign

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Patience, transparency and clear communications are behind Saturday's successful referendum to borrow up to \$2.3 million for construction of a new fire hall on Gabriola

Island, according to improvement district chair Mark Noyon. "There were a lot of late nights, it was quite stressful for a lot of people and there was a lot of misinformation posted," he said. "Now we feel that we have the support of the community." Nearly 60 per cent of the 1,267 homeowners who voted in the March 24 referendum authorized the Gabriola Island Fire

Protection District to borrow the funds. Noyon said the result completes a four-year effort to proceed with construction of a facility, needed to replace the island's antiquated and inadequate fire hall. The new building will serve as the base for Gabriola's 20 volunteer firefighters. Debate over the district's decision to pursue the \$3.9-million fire hall designed

by Johnston Davidson Architecture rather than a less expensive steel-framed structure arose in the weeks leading up to voting day. Public discussion led to The Flying Shingle newspaper printing a retraction of comments from architect Kim Johnston, after complaints were made by Permasteel Group, whose owner Norm Elliott lives on Salt Spring Island.

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NEWSBEAT

POLITICS

Elizabeth May makes 'all-star' status on Canadian political affairs show

Public voting now on

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Saanich-Gulf Islands representative Elizabeth May is one of five Canadian MPs to receive all-star status and compete for votes to sit in the "hot seat" for political affairs show #FAQMP's season finale. The show, which airs Monday evenings on ichannel, incorporates public interest by selecting participants and asking them questions according to the input received on its website.

"Throughout the season we'll interview the most popular MPs, using the questions you've sent," promotional material for the series promises.

"Nowhere else on television or online can you get this close to the people in power, getting the inside stories and the information you want to know."

May, along with other all-star guests Ralph Goodale, Dean Del Mastro, Carolyn Bennett and Joy Smith, has already appeared on the show. The five MPs were invited back because they drew large numbers of votes and viewer questions.

Online voting started yesterday (Tuesday, March 27) and continues through April 10 at <http://faqmp.ichannel.ca>. Once the winning MP has been determined, viewers will have one week to send in their questions to the show.



Elizabeth May: one of the most popular MPs, says show.

"We get great questions from the public," #FAQMP host Karyn Pugliese said in a press release.

"Some are serious poli-

cy questions, others are thought-provoking. Some questions express anger and frustration, others are sent in by some witty people who obviously have a great sense of humour."

Viewers can submit questions by writing in to or uploading video to the #FAQMP website, or by tweeting questions to Pugliese at @KarynFAQMP.

In addition to its Monday airtime at 8 p.m. ET, viewers can stream the show at faqmp.ichannel.ca/live, and participate in a live chat with the series producers.

For more information on ichannel programming, or to find out how to subscribe, visit www.ichannel.ca.

ENVIRONMENT

SSI Conservancy pursues Tuam 'jewel'

South-end property of 'extraordinary significance'

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

The Salt Spring Island Conservancy is one step closer to closing the deal on the purchase of a 16-hectare (33-acre) property of high ecological significance on the island's south end.

"This is only 13 hect-

ares, but it is 13 hectares within what could eventually become a 600-hectare (1,480-acre) protected area," said Robin Annschild, a Conservancy biologist who spoke during a recent meeting of the island's local Trust committee. "It is of extraordinary value for Salt Spring and the Salt Spring community, but also nationally because of the habitat it provides for species at risk."

One aspect of the deal is contingent on

an application to subdivide a property at 195 Belvedere Rd. Trustees meeting at the March 15 LTC session voted to accept a proposed conservation covenant required as a condition of subdivision. The covenant would restrict building and ensure the subject property would be used for conservation purposes as a nature reserve, according to a March 8 Islands Trust staff report.

"I know how rich biologically this is and it's

very different from the types of habitat we have down below," said Salt Spring trustee George Grams. "Biologically it's very diverse so I'm more than happy to move this motion."

Annschild said the site is home to four endangered species and 16 other species at risk.

"It is an area of extraordinary significance for biodiversity," she explained.

She later added, "I'm very pleased to receive the LTC's support, as

this brings us one step further in a complex negotiation process that we hope will ultimately lead to success."

The property is next to the Mount Tuam Ecological Reserve and will connect to extensive protected areas if the sale is completed. The proposed purchase comes less than a year after the Salt Spring Island Conservancy bought the 129-hectare (320-acre) Alvin Irdridson Nature Reserve on Musgrave Road.

LAND USE

Thursday open house offers Slegg site preview

Beddis Road property plans shared at Lions Hall

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Residents have an opportunity to take a closer look at what's in store for the new Slegg Lumber development on Beddis Road during an open house event hosted by the company on Thursday afternoon.

"This is an attempt to bring people up to speed with what we've done," said Kelly Gesner, a Victoria-based consultant who leads the company's complex land-use application.

Since a preliminary open-house event in early 2011, Gesner said, the appli-

cation to amend the island's official community plan has received first reading and more detailed plans about the building and property layout have been completed.

The property owner has spent eight years navigating the complex multi-agency process to exclude land from the province's Agricultural Land Reserve, rezone part of the property in the 200 block of Beddis Road, and amend the island's OCP.

If the public process is completed and the application approved, Slegg will be permitted to construct a retail and wholesale store with a footprint of up to 3,250 square metres (35,000 square feet). As a condition of the Agricultural Land Commission's 2005 decision to exclude

land from the property's ALR portion, Slegg has agreed to gift .6 hectares (1.5 acres) of land for an agricultural produce distribution and storage facility.


Representatives from the island's agricultural community will also be at Thursday's meeting, Gesner said. She invites anyone with an interest in the project to bring their questions and suggestions to the event.

Gesner said she hopes a formal Islands Trust public hearing for the application will be held sometime within the next month.

"I've got all my fingers and toes crossed," she said.

The open house takes place on Thursday, March 29 between 3 and 7 p.m. at the Lions Hall.

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NOTICES

The annual general meeting of the members of the Association will be held at 3:30 p.m. on Thursday March 29, 2012 at the Lower Hall of the Salt Spring Island United Church, 111 Hereford Avenue, Ganges.

A resolution to amend the bylaws of the Association will be presented for approval by the members of the Association present at the annual general meeting to be held at 3:30 p.m. on Thursday March 29, 2012. The full text of the proposed resolution will be posted in the Temporary Library, 118 Jackson Ave., Ganges, between the publication of this advertisement and the annual general meeting.



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NOTICE OF AGM SALT SPRING ISLAND FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

The Annual General Meeting (AGM)

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will be held on
April 16th, 2012
at the
Ganges Fire Station
(105 Lower Ganges Road)
commencing at
7:30pm

Fire District ratepayers are encouraged to attend.

NEWSBEAT

FINANCE

Better Business Bureau offers valuable tips for fraud prevention and safety

Anyone can be targeted

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

British Columbia's Better Business Bureau has named March its Fraud Prevention Month, making now the perfect time for consumers to learn how to avoid the many scams aimed at talking us out of our savings.

The BBB's Rosalind Scott works with the public to offer helpful tips, tools and resources so people can protect themselves from various forms of fraud, from aggressive salesmen to sophisticated internet scams. With the bureau now celebrating 100 years as an organization and its 50th anniversary in B.C., Scott said it's interesting to see that not that much has really changed.

"Scams have evolved to become more sophisticated, and they're couched in more technology, but they're same old, same old," she said.

Seniors are often targeted specifically by criminals, but that's not because they're less intelligent than other consumers. Scott said there are a few reasons older people might be more vulnerable to scams.

"Seniors in general are very polite — they don't like distrusting people and they don't like to be rude. They perhaps err on the side of trustfulness," she observed.

Even loneliness can be a factor. A visit from a door-to-door-salesman can feel like a social call to someone who doesn't get a lot of visitors.

Unfortunately, people coming to the door uninvited are among the worst scam offenders and aggressive salesmen have been one of the top complaints at the BBB throughout its 100 years in operation.

Many Salt Spring residents experienced a particularly aggressive campaign in recent years coming from an air filtration/vacuum company. Scott says these companies claim to have a product that costs less than what people can find in stores, but this simply isn't true. At the same time, no one should be pressured into a sale they didn't initiate themselves.

"Basically the rule of thumb is if you haven't asked someone to come to your front door, that should be big red flag. They haven't allowed you to do the type of homework you need to do to make a good decision. You're being bullied into it," Scott said.

Another scam that hit many islanders this year purportedly comes from Microsoft, with phone calls or emails telling people there is something wrong with their computer operating system and offering step-by-step instructions on how to fix it. The calls seem legitimate because they involve a reputable company name, and because the callers may have a lot of their victims' personal information.

"They know how to ask questions that will elicit information. They then use that information to make the rest of the conversation seem more credible," Scott said.

In reality, no one would really

call you if your computer wasn't working; it would be up to you to realize that and then ask for help. The callers are usually trying to sell the target virus protection software, although the ramifications can be much more serious.

"The absolutely worse-case scenario is someone will allow them to go into their computer remotely, and then they can go into identity theft," Scott said.

"Everyone is capable of being scammed,

so don't be embarrassed."

ROSALIND SCOTT
Better Business Bureau,
Victoria branch

The key to avoiding these types of scams is to never answer emails or phone calls sent by someone you don't know. Scott recommends having a phone with caller ID, but having an answering machine will also do the trick, as long as you're comfortable letting phone calls go to a message and then calling the person right back if it's someone legitimate. Scott said she never answers her own phone and subsequently she's been removed from most callers' lists.

If you do pick up one of those calls by mistake, don't worry about being rude and hanging

up on the person.

"That's what people forget — you are the one who has control," Scott said.

Another tip to avoid unwanted solicitation is to make sure you never put your name down on a mailing list or an email list unless you specifically want the information that company will be sending. And Scott said never to fall for the lottery scam, which informs people they may have won a contest: "You can never win a lottery you have not entered into, and a Canadian citizen cannot win a lottery in a foreign country."

Scott recommends that people use just one PIN number for all their bank and credit cards. The number should be a simple four digits chosen at random and memorized, and should never be written down anywhere. Another important precaution is to make sure documents such as bank statements are not put into the garbage but are shredded and then disposed of. Dumpster diving is a huge source of identity theft.

Perhaps the most important thing to know about scams is that they can happen to anyone, and if you are scammed it needs to be reported to help protect other people.

"Everyone is capable of being scammed, so don't be embarrassed," Scott said.

Scott gives free workshops upon request and will travel all over lower Vancouver Island and the Gulf Islands region. For more information, call Rosalind Scott at 250-386-6348 ext. 106 or email rosalindscott@vi.bbb.org.

GROUNDWATER

Information gaps cloud island groundwater issue, says report

Water Council releases workshop results

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

More research is needed to understand the full scope of the island's groundwater supply and quality, according to a newly released Water Council report.

"We really don't have a handle on the issue," said Peter Lamb, coordinator of the Salt Spring Island Water Council.

Whereas experts and community groups have devoted much attention to the health of Salt Spring's lakes, creeks and other surface water sources, there are still major knowledge gaps about the island's underground freshwater resources, Lamb said.

His comments coincide with release of a new report that recaps proceedings of a day-long groundwater workshop held on Feb. 28.

The event brought together approximately 65 participants to hear off-island and island-based specialists discuss the island's groundwater supply.

"It was primarily to raise awareness about groundwater issues and remind everyone about what is happening," Lamb said. "It's a difficult issue, but we know that there is a limited amount of water under the ground here."

Statistics provided by Pat Lapcevic, section head of the provincial government's water protection branch at the Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations, reveal that about 45 per cent of islanders get their water from wells. She said demand for groundwater will only increase as the finite supply of surface water reaches capacity.

"We really don't have

a handle on the

issue."

PETER LAMB
SSI Water Council
coordinator

Overuse, a proliferation of wells within proximity to one another and the lack of any sustainable groundwater usage guidelines were listed as immediate concerns by many workshop participants.

A well-monitoring system, for example, could provide the community with a greater handle on how much water is being drawn from how many sources, Lamb said. Estimates indicate the number of wells on the island could be as high as 3,000.

According to Salt Spring's Hugh

Greenwood, a well's production capacity is closely linked to a combination of rock type and faulting, whereas water quality is directly linked to the rock's chemistry.

"There appears to be some problems with well production, both in terms of quality and quantity," states the report. "Proper management of groundwater requires information. We have some preliminary data, but much more is needed for decision making."

Although the Water Council is not in a position to offer funding that is needed to fill the information gaps, Lamb said, efforts are underway to educate residents about the groundwater resource.

A discussion about possible next steps takes place at the Friday, March 30 Water Council session at the Lions Hall beginning at 10 a.m. The meeting will feature presentations on green roofs by Marshall Heinekey and invasive lake species by John Sprague. Discussion about proposed changes to the Federal Fisheries Act and reports from various community water systems are also on the agenda.

Workshop funding was provided by the Salt Spring Local Trust Committee. A copy of the 30-page report can be downloaded at www.ssiwatercouncil.com.

Capital Regional District



Notice of Adoption

of Bylaw 3795 – Community Parks Regulations in Juan de Fuca & Salt Spring Island Electoral Areas

Take Notice that the Capital Regional District (CRD) Board intends to adopt **Bylaw 3795, Community Parks Regulations (Juan de Fuca and Salt Spring Island Electoral Areas) Bylaw No. 1, 2012**, at its meeting on Wed., April 11, 2012 to be held at 1:30 pm, 625 Fisgard Street, Victoria, BC.

The purpose of Bylaw 3795 is to provide regulations for the use of community parks and trails in the Juan de Fuca and Salt Spring Island Electoral Areas and to provide enforcement powers to authorized personnel. The bylaw includes regulations regarding:

- Public Conduct
- Responsibility for Actions of Minors
- Camping
- Preservation of Natural Features, Wildlife and Park Features
- Animals in Community Parks
- Firearms and Hunting
- Motor Vehicles
- Commercial Services, Activities or Demonstrations
- Playgrounds and Courts
- Salt Spring Island Farmers' Market
- Penalties
- Park Use Permits
- Fees

A complete copy of the bylaw may be inspected between the hours of 8:30 am and 4:30 pm, Monday to Friday inclusive, excluding statutory holidays, from the date of this Notice until April 10, 2012 at the CRD locations listed below:

- Public Notice Posting Place, Main Floor, 625 Fisgard Street, Victoria
- Juan de Fuca Planning office, #2-6868 West Coast Road, Sooke, BC
- Salt Spring Island Parks & Recreation Commission (PARC) office, 145 Vesuvius Bay Road, Salt Spring Island, BC
- CRD website: http://www.crd.bc.ca/bylaws/parksandrecreation_/index.htm
Click on Bylaw 3795

Questions regarding Bylaw 3795 may be directed to Kees Ruurs, Manager, Salt Spring Island PARC, 1.250.537.4448, kruurs@crd.bc.ca.

Dated this 22nd day of March, 2012

Sonia Santarossa
Corporate Officer

NEWSBEAT

PARC NEWS

Salt Spring Island trail crew already hard at work on new PARC projects

Saturday market opens April 7

BY KEES RUURS
PARC MANAGER

Now that winter is behind us, PARC is getting ready for another busy spring and summer. We hope that you and yours will make the most of all we have to offer. Here is but part of what's available.

The Saturday Market
Salt Spring's legendary and hugely popular Saturday Market in the Park kicks off another season on April 7. Choose among all the made on Salt Spring goodies and bring your visiting friends and relatives to see our local wonders.

The Tuesday afternoon locally grown produce market will, of course, also be open, but not until late June.

Trail Crew
The trail crew got started early in March. You might meet them out there as

PARC POSTINGS

they do their best to see that all the existing trails are in good condition. (They will also be developing some new trails later in the season.)

Once the team gets the existing trail network back in top shape, work will resume on a new connector between Blackburn and Frazier roads. New trails will also be completed in the western section of Moutat Park, between Drake and Cypress View roads to Dean Road, and up the creek valley between Rainbow Road to the top of Juniper Place.

Several more locations are on the planning list, but it remains to be seen how far things get before the trail crew can look further afield.

In May or June we will have a trail brochure out that you can use as a guide to all the PARC trails on the island. If

you think there is a problem on any of the trails, please let us know by calling the PARC office (250-537-4448).

Dog Walking

Did you know that the best parks at which to walk your dog are Moutat Park or Duck Creek Park? Your dog does not need to be on a leash in these two parks, but he/she needs to be kept under control. Not every hiker loves dogs. Of course, you can also use the special dog walking park near the Rainbow Road Pool.

Speaking of the Pool

During the remaining chilly days, why not visit our warm indoor pool. Later on, there will be all sorts of spring and summer activities.

Masters Group: We have a small but dedicated group of swimmers training in the mornings from 6:30 to 8 a.m. on Monday, Wednesday and Friday. A coach sets the workout and also provides instruction during this time.

Destination Swim: Each year we choose a (hypothetical) 100-km course through the Gulf Islands that people can actually swim, a lap at a time, at the pool. This year's event, entitled Swimming the Banana Belt, has participants circling Salt Spring. In August all those participants will then be entered into a draw for gift dinner certificates.

There will be an Easter event on April 8, which will see the bunnies leaving out treats for all the kids.

Then there's a Mother's Day Swim on May 13, between 1:30 and 5:30 p.m. Bring mom down to the pool for a wonderful afternoon of fun for the whole family.

Finally, on Father's Day, June 17, the pool's birthday party and third annual triathlon. If you're interested in participating, then start training now. Get out there on your bike and pick up your pace at the pool.

Any questions about the pool or any of these events? Just call 250-537-1402.

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CLIMATE CHANGE

The here and now of climate action presented on Tuesday

CRD Climate Action Program leader gives talk at Lions Hall

Action being taken to reduce emissions and adapt to climate change in the Capital Region is the focus of a presentation at Lions Hall on Tuesday, April 3.

Sarah Webb, described as "an infectiously energetic speaker, sustainability activist and champion of 'future friendly' communities," will speak on Accelerating Climate Action in the Capital Region — an exploration of the issues and approaches for reducing greenhouse gas emissions and preparing for

climate change.

"It is cooler than normal on the west coast, but east of the Rockies the rest of the North American continent is experiencing temperatures much higher than average," says a news release from the Salt Spring Island Climate Action Council Society.

"Ice losses in the Arctic and Antarctic are massive and accelerating. The number and impact of extreme weather events have grown astronomically in recent years. These unprecedented changes are only a taste of what is to come.

"Climate change is upon us and a growing body of evidence from every continent demonstrates that human-induced climate change is

occurring faster than the climate models predicted.

"In the midst of this unsettling reality, there is cause for hope. Massive shifts are underway around the world as communities begin to reduce emissions and adapt to inevitable climate change."

Webb currently leads the CRD Climate Action Program, supporting the 13 local governments and three electoral areas in the region in developing and implementing emissions reduction and adaptation strategies.

The presentation is part of the annual general meeting of the Salt Spring Island Climate Action Council Society, with the formal part of the meeting expected to be short.

AGRICULTURE

Salt Spring abattoir achieves big milestone with approval of plans

Facility could be open in May

It has been 10 months since the plans were originally submitted, but finally the licensing authorities have officially approved all the plans for the Salt Spring Island Abattoir.

"This is a very significant milestone," said Margaret Thomson of the Livestock Producers Group.

According to the Salt Spring Island Agricultural Alliance, work is

well underway on the cooler, cut and wrap and auxiliary buildings being built on site.

The slaughter trailer is being built in Coombs and delivery is expected in April.

Before the abattoir can open or start to take bookings a "test slaughter" of both red meat and poultry has to take place in the presence of an inspector, and the license issued.

"The earliest possible date for this is now May and the days of the week that it will

be able to operate have yet to be confirmed by the inspection authorities," said Thomson.

The SSIAA is surveying producers to estimate numbers and patterns of production to assist with operations planning. The survey from poultry producers reveals that numbers are much higher than previously thought, with peaks occurring in July and October.

A similar survey will be conducted for lamb, pork and beef before a processing schedule is

proposed, said Thomson.

Poultry processing equipment has now been ordered thanks to a generous donation of \$10,000 from the Salt Spring Island Foundation to Island Natural Growers.

More announcements will be made in April as the abattoir gets closer to completion.

"There are many individuals, organizations and businesses that have helped make this happen — our thanks to all," said Thomson.

Keep Smiling...



THOUGHTS & NEWS

from Dr. Richard Hayden

Tax time.

We are all looking for a bit of relief.

Many people lament that they don't have any dental benefits and only a small portion of their dental care is tax deductible. There may be a CRA approved plan that can help you get relief from dental issues as well as the tax man.

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EDITORIAL

Video pilot questions

When Salt Spring Island Local Trust Committee members initiated a two-month pilot project to record what goes on during the LTC's regular public business meetings, their motivation was to give everyone unable to attend the marathon-like sessions a chance to tune in and catch up on their own time.

Given that most people are not able to devote an entire day to sit through the meetings — which consistently exceed six hours — the recording proposal seemed an obvious way to bring local government decision-making into the homes of anyone with a computer and an internet connection.

THE ISSUE:

LTC video-recording pilot

WE SAY:

All or nothing

A decision to censor the Feb. 23 meeting's town hall session, however, reveals that viewers who choose to watch the LTC proceedings at their convenience from the comforts of home may not get to see the full version of what transpired.

The order to nix the town hall session came

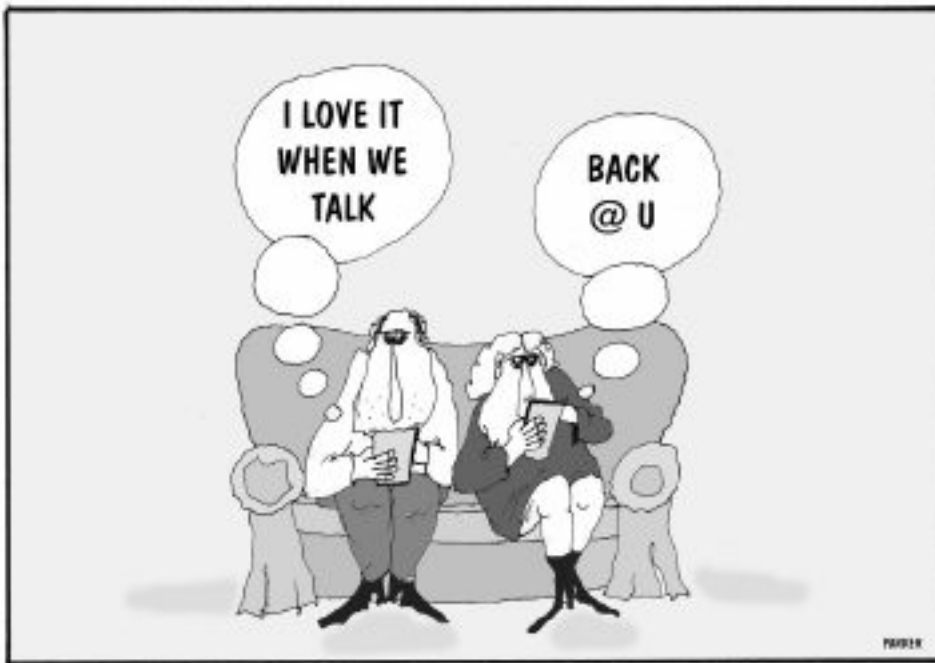
down from Islands Trust headquarters in Victoria after administrators sought a legal opinion about the dissemination of untrue or potentially defamatory comments uttered by some town hall speakers.

When reporting the proceedings of a public meeting, media outlets such as the Driftwood are privy to several defences when it comes to accusations of libel or slander. These are truth/justification, absolute privilege, qualified privilege, fair comment and responsible communication on matters of public interest.

According to the Canadian Bar Association, news items that "accurately report what was said at public meetings are privileged, unless the meeting was not of public concern and the report was not for public benefit." The reasoning behind this is to give people an ability to speak freely in our justice and political systems without worrying about being sued.

It is this defence that gives journalists the freedom to report issues of public interest — no matter how harsh they may be — to their audiences.

But if the Islands Trust is unable to post full meeting videos, the project is both a waste of public money and defeats the purpose of using video to make local government more open, transparent and accessible.



Risks too great for tanker traffic

BY ROGER MIDDLETON

The Prime Minister has made it clear that resistance to the Enbridge Pipeline proposal is futile. Shades of the Borg and Star Trek perhaps, but his mind appears to be made up and not open to change.

However, there is a lot of research out there which concludes that "the risks to which the B.C. and coastal marine ecosystems would be exposed are so great that we should demand a total ban on all shipments of crude oil and diluted bitumen from anywhere on the coast of British Columbia."

Endlessly we are told of the economic benefits of putting all our energy eggs into the tar sands basket, and nowhere do we hear about the risks, from either the federal or provincial governments, the people supposedly put in office to look after our interests.

We are told that, here in B.C., we need to be good team players for the good of all Canadians. But in my mind, I hear the unspoken message — be ready to "take one for the team" if something goes wrong. And believe me, if something does go wrong, we would be the ones to take the hit.

So, is it possible for something to go wrong? The Transportation Safety Board has cleared Kitimat and the Douglas Channel — no problem there, but what do the scientists at the TSB really think? Every communication by scientists in any federal department has to be cleared first by politically appointed operatives. Is it reasonable to think that anyone at the TSB or any other government department is free to challenge the Prime Minister's will without consequence?

I doubt it. Can we expect a truly independent assessment from Environment Canada or the National Energy Board? Unlikely.

One article is not enough to lay out all the complexities of this subject or reduce them to a series of simple statements, but here's the thing: diluted bitumen, in water, does two things. The conden-

VIEWPOINT

I am no expert, just an ordinary citizen trying to find truth in a sea of spin.

sates separate and off-gas, poisoning the air for miles around, while the bitumen solidifies and sinks to the bottom where, at this time, it would remain, poisoning our coastal ecosystems and bringing destruction to our coastal communities for decades, if not centuries to come.

Why? It is because we do not have the technology, let alone the manpower and systems in place, to deal with a bitumen spill in the ocean. That is the part that scares me the most; and we are being asked to take this project on the say-so of the oil industry and our politicians' optimistic forecasts?

Don't know about you, but I stopped doing that years ago. And, don't take my word for it. I am no expert, just an ordinary citizen trying to find truth in a sea of spin. So, check out the experience of the good folks near Kalamazoo, Mich., when a pipeline burst and two million litres of diluted bitumen spilled into the Kalamazoo River.

Read The Tyee article The Spill From Hell or the NRDC article Pipeline Problems: The Mess Remains One Year after the Kalamazoo River Oil Spill.

Not a pretty picture! And, for more information on the whole subject, look to the Living Oceans Society, at www.living-oceans.org. They have been studying all this for years. For a good overview, read their report Pipeline and Tanker Trouble.

So, in my view: Until we find out that the environmental risks have either been eliminated or, at least, reduced to manageable proportions, we should place a ban on all tankers carrying crude oil or diluted bitumen from B.C. coastal waters.

For more on the Enbridge proposal, stay tuned. There is lots more to come.

The writer is a Salt Spring resident.

THIS WEEK'S QUESTION:

Should SSI LTC meeting videos be recorded?

Yes No

Cast your ballot online at www.gulfislandsdriftwood.com before

Monday at midnight or clip this box and drop it at our office before Monday at 4:30 p.m.

LAST WEEK'S QUESTION:

Do you support the B.C. teachers' position?



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QUOTE OF THE WEEK:

"In a bigger-picture way, I am disappointed that we are still counting kids as though they were widgets . . ."

JEFF HOPKINS, SD64 SUPERINTENDENT

SALT SPRING SAYS

We asked: Can you recall a memorable April Fools Day prank?



SIMON FOGARTY

A girlfriend saying she's pregnant.



ZIGGY BENARD

I always like the \$5 bill tied to the end of a piece of string.



PALU RAINBOWSONG

I like to make half-human half-animal noises at random. It leaves people dumbfounded.



GAY UTTER

I always hope BC Ferries' April 1 fare increases are a joke.



EMILAEA WOODWOLF

Taping down the kitchen sink's spray nozzle so it splashes people when they turn on the tap.

Letters to the editor

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

No fooling solution

Headline: B.C. Ferry travel rates cut back 20 per cent.

Sorry — April Fools! The latest announcement from the B.C. Ferry Corporation states that rates are once again rising, due to maintenance costs and lower than expected ridership.

The higher-than-expected cost of ferry travel is why riders avoid ferry travel whenever they can. Most businesses providing travel service, or any service for that matter, lower their rates to attract customers, especially in today's less-than-booming economic climate.

One may get a better deal to fly to southern climes than

to get to and from Salt Spring and the mainland. Wouldn't common sense suggest to lower ferry rates? Why not try it for the month of April? Cut all B.C. Ferries rates by 20 per cent. The corporation might be pleasantly surprised to see that people will flock to a good deal.

The B.C. ferry coastal waterways are historically an extension of the B.C. road/highway system. The roads/highways/waterways are an integral part of the province's infrastructure and economic engine, as they convey and distribute goods, services and tourists. When last I looked, there were no tolls on the lovely new Highway 99 to Whistler.

Ferry travel ought to be made affordable, espe-

cially for those living on the islands, commuting daily and depending on this crucial travel link for their livelihood. What do you think? A no-fooling solution.

PETER PRINCE,
BURGOYNE BAY

Unjustified complaint

By giving front-page coverage to Tom Varzeliotis' unjustified complaint ("LIC video censors prompt outcry," March 21), the Driftwood signals its approval of the tactics employed by that small group of fools whose hatred of the Trust approaches a species of lust.

Unjustified because the Driftwood, in its own practice, knows full well that libel

and slander must be edited.

An instance of real censorship has been the virtual silence around the failure of incorporation on Bowen Island. As our elected officials know, as the Chamber of Commerce knows, and ipso facto the Driftwood knows, the newly elected Bowen trustees, one of whom is reportedly a developer, stood up at Trust Council in March and denounced incorporation as a disaster. Surprise, surprise, the pre-incorporation study egregiously low-balled the costs of an on-island bureaucracy.

That the fantasists on this island want to trick out a 10-year-old study, already rejected, does not bode well for an impartial and informed analysis. The prob-

lem here is that the Driftwood functions not so much as a newspaper but as the house organ for the chamber and its agenda.

CHARLES BRETH,
SALT SPRING

Enraged by ignorance

I want to make a comment to islanders about disabled parking spots.

I am a holder of a parking pass that allows me to use these spots due to a severe back problem. I depend on those spots to be available when I shop. It really upsets me when I see people park in those spots with no permit, bounce out of their vehicles and literally run in to the store.

No, let me rephrase that. It doesn't upset me, it REALLY enrages me! I was approaching the spot in front of Pharmasave (downtown) two weeks ago when a woman flew in front of me and took the spot. No permit. She jogged to her appointment.

We already have limited spots, and when able-bodied people take that from people like me, it is just plain ignorant.

I know it doesn't seem like a big deal, but if you felt the pain I have 24-7—every step counts.

STACI WARE,
SALT SPRING

MORE LETTERS continued on 10

Anti-oil hypocrisy flows like the Stikine River

I know this is going to get me into big trouble. Now, normally, I'm not the kind of person who goes out of his way to find trouble, but sometimes it just sort of reaches out and grabs a hold of you whether you're looking for it or not.

It reminds me of the way novelist Milan Kundera describes "vertigo" in his *The Unbearable Lightness of Being* as not being caused by the fear of falling when you're standing close to the edge as much as coming as a result of the fear of the knowledge that what you really crave is to hurl yourself out into the abyss.

First of all, let me be the first to admit that up until about a month ago, I had no idea who Wade Davis was. For all I knew, he may as well have been a country and western singer or the starting point guard for the New York Knickerbockers basketball team.

Then I began noticing postings on the Salt Spring Exchange inquiring about and begging for any tickets for his upcoming sold-out appearance at Artspring Theatre. As the listings grew in number and desperation, the theatre management responded by selling reduced-price tickets to people who were willing to sit in another room in the building and watch the lecture on a video screen. Even these seats were snatched up quickly. I figured I better check this guy out.

After having a couple of discussions with more knowledgeable friends and reading an interview in *Common Ground*, I learned that Davis is one of the planet's foremost anthropologists/ethnobotanists. He has travelled the world many times over, authored a couple of armfuls of books, and delivered the esteemed Massey Lectures for the CBC in 2009. Among his publications are *The Wayfinders*, *Into the Silence: The Great War, Mallory, and the Con-*

quest of Everest (sounds a lot like Wade couldn't make up his mind what the book was going to be about so he put the whole "short list" into the title), and *The Sacred Headwaters: The Fight to Save the Stikine, Skeena, and Nass*. The latter was to be the subject of the upcoming appearance at Artspring.

Just before the evening of the lecture, I was fortunate enough to purchase a pair of tickets from a couple of islanders who had to cancel due to illness. As the crowd gathered in the lobby before the presentation, you could feel the excitement intensifying. You could swear the walls of the building were pulsating with the buzz of the adoring audience. As show-time neared, the theatre seats filled and auditorium was stuffed to the rafters with breathless anticipation. By the time Wade strode up onto the stage to begin his lecture, the fans both in the theatre and the adjoining hall watching on a simulcast screen erupted in enthusiastic applause.

There's no denying it. When it comes to saving the environment, the man is a rock star. It would not have come as an enormous surprise if some of the females in the room would have commenced tossing their rainproof "gator" hiking leggings on stage (much the way women's knickers were lobbed up onto a gyrating Tom Jones back in the day).

What followed was a passionate appeal by a brilliant orator to bring people together to protect and save "the sacred headwaters," an area in the north-west corner of B.C. where the sources of three major river systems lie in close relative proximity. As Davis tells it, the rivers



Shilo Zylbergold

NOBODY ASKED ME BUT

(the Stikine, Skeena and Nass), valleys and plateaus are not just geographically important and stunningly spectacular and beautiful, but they are a major part of who the Tahltan and the other indigenous First Nations in the region are. The headwaters might as well be flowing through their veins and arteries.

It comes as no surprise, therefore, that this pristine area has come under threat from corporate development. Imperial Metals, for instance, has received approval for an open pit copper and gold mine that would process 30,000 tons of rock a day and deposit 183 million tons of toxic tailings in nearby Black Lake.

Near the end of the evening's talk, Davis was asked his thoughts on the proposed Enbridge/Northern Gateway Project pipeline that would run almost 1,200 kilometres from just north of Edmonton to Kitimat and deliver over a half million barrels of oil a day to an ocean port that lies at the end of a long and tricky inlet.

The gist of his answer involved opposing Enbridge and instead conceding the lesser of two evils, namely the TransCanada (a Calgary company) Keystone XL southern route pipeline which would carry oil from east-central Alberta down through the heartland of the U.S. to the Gulf of Mexico. The choice was either that or to drastically reduce our need for petroleum.

Nobody asked me, but what are we talking about here? Are we really willing to give up our dependence on fossil fuels? We might as well be asking ourselves to find some alternative to oxygen as our "go-to" gas for breathing (which,

if you think about it, is what the oil companies and auto industry are expecting us to do eventually).

Let's face it: how many of those who flocked to hear Wade Davis' presentation drove their fossil-fuel-guzzling machines to Artspring? Judging by the mass of cars and trucks filling the parking lot and spilling out into any available nook and cranny on the surrounding streets, you would have to conclude this to be the case for almost anyone in attendance. How many of those vehicles arrived with only one or two people in them? I have to "fess up" that among the many guilty ones were my wife and I. Even the few who put their principles on the line and rode their bicycles to the event must ask themselves a simple, skill-testing question. What is the main ingredient needed to manufacture a bicycle tire? Uh-oh.

The "lesser of two evils" argument is a double-edged sword. As we have seen here on Salt Spring in the past, one area's "victory" at preserving a threatened land base comes at an expense. It often results in the payment of a "blood money" ransom to the extortionists so they can then move on to the next victim. I don't think I have to name names here.

To end on a lighter but more practical note, a friend (and yoga legend) suggested afterwards that perhaps Salt Springers could put their money where their mouths and hearts are by matching amounts they pay for travelling on the Skeena Queen with donations to save the Sacred Headwaters, home of the Skeena River itself.

Maybe the BC Ferry Corporation itself would be willing to get in on a piece of that action. Call it a "sacred fuel" surplus fee.
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OPINION

MORE LETTERS

Bateman honours

The Society for the Advancement of Inconvenience, Salt Spring chapter, is pleased to announce the appointment of Robert Bateman as an honorary member of the society.

His deep understanding of the par-

adox of progress is exemplary and inspiring.

NINA RAGINSKY,
FOR THE SOCIETY FOR
THE ADVANCEMENT OF
INCONVENIENCE,
SALT SPRING

Chip, don't burn

Roses are red
The sky is grey
You're out burning branches

And old, moldy hay.
Spring has sprung,
You're burning

often,

More pollution to add to Crofton's.

Yikes, when will people connect the dots? The latest wind storm has certainly dropped a lot of branches, twigs and leaves on lawns and gardens. Perfect composting material. Awful burning material. On a calm day, smoke hangs in the air, quickly building up harmful levels of particulates, carbon monoxide, nitrogen,

oxides, benzene, acrolein, formaldehyde, dioxins and furans. You know, the stuff we all complain about when large corporations dump it into the environment.

And yet as individuals we succumb to an atavistic cave-man instinct, make fire and stand back to watch as the smoke goes next door, then on down the valley where, if the conditions warrant, it stays.

Unfortunately, so do fine smoke particulates that lodge deep in the lungs, triggering respiratory problems such as asthma attacks. These particles are especially dangerous for young children with developing lungs, the elderly and people of all ages who have asthma, bronchitis, other respiratory problems and cardiovascular disease. Carbon monoxide enters through the lungs and reduces oxygen delivery to the body's organs and tissues — serious for those who suffer from cardiovascular disease.

Acrolein is an aldehyde with a piercing, choking odour. That's the stuff that irritates the eyes and upper respiratory tract. Even at low levels, benzene causes headaches, nausea and breathing difficulties and is a very potent carcinogen.

Smoke from small fires all adds up and is as hazardous as that from big clearing operations. Right, so we've established that where there is smoke from an open fire there is someone who hasn't connected the dots, or worse, doesn't care.

For those who do care, please, if it is fine material make com-

post. If you choose not to compost it as is, get together with friends and hire a chipper, stump grinder or any other of the tools that poor Grog, the cave-man, didn't have in his tool kit. (Actually, this is quite uncharitable to Grog who, likely, would be horrified at the improvident use of these resources.)

If you're looking for more information or help with a cloud of smoke check out /www.cleanaironthe-coast.com/.

SANDRA LECKIE,
SALT SPRING

WPS kudos

A few words of praise for the continuing good work of the Water Preservation Society.

In January its annual meeting featured lake biologist Dr. Rick Nordin, with huge attendance by Salt Springers.

In mid-March the society sponsored two speakers on invasive species. One told about smallmouth bass in Cusheon Lake. The other, from the Ministry of Environment, gave listeners an excellent grasp of all the foreign plants and critters are invading B.C. Another good event; kudos to the society for arranging it.

JOHN SPRAGUE,
OLD SCOTT ROAD

Join the compassion network

"Compassion is not an option. It is the key to our survival" was the theme of the webinar at the United Church on Thursday, March 22, from Karen Armstrong at SFU and its Centre for Dia-

logue. Karen had won the TED prize in 2008 and used it to gather a council of religious leaders from around the world to create the Charter of Compassion, which was inaugurated in 2009 and endorsed by Archbishop Desmond Tutu and the Dalai Lama.

Seattle was the first city to declare itself as a "compassionate city."

Karen, whose home is in the U.K., is in Vancouver for 10 days to work towards that goal when all sectors will act on treating others with respect, justice and equity. The launch of the Greater Vancouver Compassionate Network is part of an international movement to build compassionate communities.

Karen Armstrong, historian, theologian and author

of The Case for God and The History of God as well as the 12 Steps of Compassion, talked about "What is Religion?" Her thesis is that the world's great religious leaders — Jesus, Moham-mad, Confucius, etc., each lived in societies enduring great violence, not unlike our own. But each advocated as their central teaching what we call the Golden Rule: to treat others as we want to be treated. Jesus said this must include our enemies. The Koran is a call to compassion. Confucius said compassion must be practised all the time (not one good deed a day). It is a part of being truly human.

The Charter for Compassion is for a just economy and thus a peaceful world. What is compassion? It is action that goes beyond pity. It is to feel as "the other" feels, whoever and wherever they are.

Like benevolence it must go beyond our ego, our particular group, to the whole community and to the world. It is deeply economic and political as well as social and religious, as the repercussions within how we live are globally connected. The global ethic speaks to the global community as we learn to act in treating all others as we wish to be treated.

This requires new networks and uniting movements based on cooperation. Karen said a number of times: "Compassion is not an option. It is the key to our survival."

To be compassionate is to change how we speak to one another about life, politics, religions, society; not to defeat an opponent or disparage a friend.

It is an opportunity to widen our world. We are all flawed beings; all in need of respect and understanding.

Karen told of communities that have endorsed the Charter of Compassion, like Louisville, Ky., London, Ont., in Pakistan and Jordan. In Holland, Muslim and Dutch are working together.

In prisons where inmates are treated with respect the violence has remarkably decreased. This is also true where schools have embraced the charter.

She said Desmond Tutu encourages us all to join the Compassionate Network. For more information, see www.charterforcompassion.org.
EILEEN WYTEWAALL,
SALT SPRING

Too much power

9/11: Blueprint for Truth from the Architects & Engineers for Truth, a DVD at Island Star, is recommended viewing for those interested in the analyses of a large group of professional structural engineers and architects raising huge unanswered questions regarding the real cause of the collapse of buildings in 9/11.

Why watch old news? This is old news only when autocratic, covert, single-minded, manipulative governments, such as the Bush regime or ours currently in Ottawa, turn early to the corruptive influences of too much power and self-interest.

RON HAWKINS,
SALT SPRING

No garden poisons, please

It's that time again. The flyers and ads come in the mail, advertising garden chemicals, promising spectacular weed-free lawns and lush gardens.

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Please don't believe it! These chemicals can kill our lovely song birds and the frogs now singing in our ponds. They also kill the bees, butterflies, and other pollinators, ladybugs and other beneficial insects.

They can also kill the organisms in the soil that make it fertile, (so you need more fertilizer) and poison the ground water, getting into streams and lakes and killing fish.

The residue can get on your pet's fur to be licked off, or brought into your house. It can also get on your children or anyone else playing on the lawn.

These chemicals are now mostly banned from parks and playgrounds because of possible links to cancer. Some provinces have banned their sale to the public. I hope they will be banned here, and I appreciate that some of our stores won't sell them.

So please be kind to the world and enjoy the diversity of life that shares our gardens when we don't use poisons there.

Thank you.
NANCY WIGEN,
FERNWOOD

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SALT SPRING ISLAND FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
NOTICE OF ELECTION BY VOTING FOR TRUSTEES
ELECTION BY VOTING

Public Notice is hereby given to the electors of the Salt Spring Island Fire Protection District an Election by Voting is necessary to elect, for a three year term commencing at the end of the Annual General Meeting to be held on April 16, 2012 and terminating at the end of the Annual General Meeting to be held in the year 2015, to fill the offices of three (3) Trustees on the Board of Salt Spring Island Fire Protection District and that the persons nominated as candidates at the Election and for whom the votes will be received are listed below:

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Surname	Given Name	Residential Address
ECKBERG	Grant	226 Fulford-Ganges Road, Salt Spring Island, B.C. V8K 2K7
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PATTERSON	N. Bruce	2914 Fulford-Ganges Road, Salt Spring Island, B.C., V8K 2P3
ZOOK	Elizabeth	111 Lawnhill Drive, Salt Spring Island, B.C., V8K 2C8

VOTING DAY for the election of Trustees will be open on Monday the sixteenth (16th) day of April 2012, TO QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE SALT SPRING ISLAND FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT at:

GANGES FIRE HALL, Regular Training Room

AND SUCH VOTING PLACE SHALL BE OPEN BETWEEN THE HOURS OF **Eleven (11:00) A.M. and Five (5:00) P.M.**

ADVANCE VOTING for election of Trustees shall be open on **Wednesday the eleventh (11th) of April 2012 TO QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE SALT SPRING ISLAND FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT between the hours of eleven (11:00) A.M. and four (4:00) P.M.** at the Ganges Fire Hall, Regular Training Room.

Given under my hand at Ganges, B.C. this twentieth (20th) day of March 2012.

Thomas F. Moore
Returning Officer

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OPINION



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THE IDLEST: Cathy Ward, former business owner turned "idler," accepts her three-CD prize as winner of the first Salt Spring Idler Contest at the Gumboot Gala on Monday night. Also on the Fulford stage are Folk Club gala hosts Valdy, left, and Bill Henderson, with Swami Mahatmacoat (Sid Filkow) making the prize presentation.

What Salt Spring farmers really need

BY BRIAN SWANSON AND MARY LAUCKS

The two proposals before the Islands Trust to turn ALR farmland into 1) a Beddis Road retail space development, and 2) an Atkins/Rainbow road business park are projects that should not be supported.

Aside from urban sprawl concerns, both projects set a bad precedent for future development proposals.

The offer to mitigate the loss of farmland with a cold storage, distribution centre and kitchen facility is a poor trade that will offer minimal benefits to current farmers. Fuel and time costs to farmers to transport produce to a remote cold storage facility is not worth the benefit. Given the scale of current island farming activity, cold storage is best located on individual farms.

Things can be done to promote farming on the island and building a permanent farmers' market at the downtown fire hall site would be a great start.

Local food creates community and connects consumers with the people who grow the food they consume. There are three simple ways to help farmers on Salt Spring Island: 1) Change our eating habits and eat more local food. Farmers are bringing home food each week from the farmer's market, especially in Sep-

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tember and October.

Current farmers on the island can produce substantially more food than we grow now. We need a community effort to encourage more local people to shop regularly at the Saturday and Tuesday farmers' markets.

If each household were to increase the amount of local food eaten by two meals per week, this would be a big boost to our local farming economy.

2) Change our development habits and save our farmland.

Farming is not a high-income occupation and most potential farmers cannot afford to pay residential or commercial prices for farmland.

The high price of farmland on our island is one of the major reasons people with the ambition to farm are not farming.

Farmland prices respond to the economics of supply and demand. When our local trustees encourage land use policies that allow farmland to be converted to residential or commercial use, the price of remaining farmland goes up . . . and up.

3) Change our habits by buying more local products, even if they cost more. Stop buy-

ing a little of that soon to be obsolete junk that we all buy. A sustainable, scale-appropriate local economy does not set out to produce goods for the lowest price.

Farmers work hard and are not highly paid, but our local farmers do produce some of the tastiest, healthiest and highest quality organically grown produce you will find anywhere. Paying a little more for an organically grown better quality local product is worth the cost difference.

The type of development we should support is that which makes more local products available using local sustainable resources.

The Beddis Road industrial site zoning previously accommodated a sawmill, which remains a good use for this site so long as traffic, noise and pollution can be mitigated to satisfy neighbours.

Farmers traditionally have augmented their income by selling logs, but the cost of trucking logs off the island and competition from low-quality lumber products make this uneconomical.

If the site also includes a planing and drying facility, then this could help local portable sawmills produce our island's lumber needs. The problem now is that these sawmills cannot produce the planed and dried high-quality

lumber suitable for building. A scale-appropriate environmental sawmill would provide local jobs and produce quality lumber for use on the island.

Finally, there is the claim that these former sawmill and quarry sites are unusable and cannot be reclaimed as farmland. Our observations of organic farming methods in Cuba show that raised beds over 12 inches deep and filled with organic matter, humus, compost and worm castings can be very productive when set on poor quality urban soil.

The use of straightforward composting methods can create all the soil required for the raised beds. We can all learn from Cuba's experience in developing urban gardens which now produce over 50 per cent of each city's fruit and vegetable needs within five miles of the city.

These same methods could be applied to make these stripped ALR lands productive again. You can find details on these gardens and farming methods by watching the YouTube movie called *The Power of Community: How Cuba Survived Peak Oil*.

The Beddis Road and Atkins/Rainbow Road ALR land needs to remain farmland for the next generation!

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RANTS and Roses

Roses

A bouquet of red roses to Jim Stubbs and the Salt Spring Chamber Choir and Orchestra for an enchanting evening of Strauss waltzes, tangos and polkas on March 17 at Fulford Hall. I truly could have danced all night. Thank you so much. Michelle Grant

Dozens of Rainbow Road Allotment Garden organic roses to Ron Schroeder who pounded in all the metal fence posts, Michael Jacques who scorched all the cedar fence posts for in-ground longevity and Jim Standen for helping with the plot staking last Saturday. Without your help it simply could not have been done and we are extremely grateful for all that time and muscle power. The new allotment gardens, which will open to gardeners April 14, are another example of Salt Springers pulling together to make good things happen. The next work party at the allotment gardens beside the pool will be to continue fencing and pathway preparation on March 31 and we welcome help. The Rainbow Road Allotment Garden Steering Committee

Spring flowers for Ace Courier Services. Many thanks for your tremendous help. IH

Very special "only on Salt Spring" roses to Dr. Bill Lea and his staff, to Emma and Kip (Lady Minto Hospital physio department) and everyone at LMH Extended Care who helped us arrange and take Ron to have his three

broken teeth repaired! Ron now has a "Dentabone" smile and a pain-free mouth, thanks to all of you. FJ and MA

A big bunch of roses to Pat Akerman for donating gravel and to Channel Ridge and Salt Spring Excavating for donating lots of rocks to the Partners Creating Pathways project. Also thank you to all those people who have donated to the Step Up For Safe Pathways campaign. We appreciate your generosity. Island Pathways

I would like to send hedgerows of wild roses to all the volunteers who have been doing such a fantastic job on the path along Lower Ganges Road. Thank you so much for all your hard work! BL

Hot ones! To those musicians at the Gumboot Gala. You ROCK! Myna Lee Johnstone

It pays to listen to CFSI. I won two complimentary tickets to All Shook Up at the Cheamus Theatre. It was terrific. Thanks, CFSI. KM

An always blooming rose to Marnie Poole of Salt Spring Island Community Services for putting her heart and soul into the work she does for her clients. So many individuals and families benefit in untold ways from Marnie's extraordinary gifts, experience and special way she expresses her caring. Salt Spring is so lucky to have her.

Thank You

We, the teachers of the Gulf Islands, would like to express our gratitude for the many, many expressions of support shown by individuals, groups and businesses in our community during our recent days of protest. Such a wide range of people joined our demonstration lines or dropped by to be supportive – parents, students, CUPE colleagues, retired teachers, administrators, school board members, ferry workers and many members of the general public. We would like to thank each and every one of you. Refreshment gifts of coffee, tea, hot chocolate, cookies, muffins, fruit, chocolates, freshly baked blueberry scones – and even pizza – were heartily appreciated. Coverage of our concerns by the Driftwood and local radio FM station CFSI was also important. Most of all, your smiles, waves, honks, words and acts of kindness are greatly encouraging as we take a stand against the continuing degradation of the public school system through lack of funds to meet all students' needs. We hope we can count on your continuing support in the days ahead, for it seems the very real concerns we share are not to be considered, much less redressed, through the passage of Bill 22.

Kids matter Teachers care

A message from the Gulf Islands Teachers' Association

What's On This Week



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Wed. March 28

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT
Wednesday Night Live. With host Richard Cross. Moby's Oyster Bar & Marine Grill, 8 p.m.

ACTIVITIES
Salt Spring Garden Club. Guest speaker is professional photographer Adam Gibbs. Community Gospel Chapel, 7 p.m.
Swing Dance Practice. Swing dance practice with Swing Shift. All levels welcome. Mahon Hall, 7:30 p.m.

Thurs. March 29

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT
Open Mic Night. At The Local, 6 p.m.

ACTIVITIES
Backpacking the Skyline Trail in Jasper National Park. Travel the famous Skyline Trail with three Trail and Nature club members. SS United Church, 7:30 p.m.

Thurs. March 29

ACTIVITIES
Green Drinks. Social get-together to discuss environmental topics. Moby's, 5 to 7 p.m.
Slegg Lumber Community Open House. Re Beddis Road property plans. Lions Hall, 3 to 7 p.m.
Tech Talk. Shaun Luttin offers a casual evening of "tech talk." Fernwood Road Cafe, 7 to 9 p.m.
Triple P Parenting Workshop. 8-Thursdays course offered through SSI Community Services at Family Place, 5 to 7 p.m. Preregistration: Maryanne, 250-537-9938 or mbenwood@ssics.ca.

Dining Out For Life Fundraiser. 25% of all food revenue from Tree House Cafe will go to AIDS Vancouver Island.
SSI Weavers' and Spinners' Guild Program. A 40th anniversary guild special with library reports and stories from our earlier days. ArtSpring, 10:30 a.m.

Thurs. March 29

ACTIVITIES
SSI Public Library Annual General Meeting. SSI United Church, 3:30 p.m.
I Never Met a Blank Canvas I Didn't Like. Celebrated Canadian painter Sheila Norgate presents a stirring and intimate "warts and all" look at what really goes on behind the closed studio door. ArtSpring, 7:30 p.m.

Fri. March 30

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT
GISS Improv Fundraiser. Final show before the GISS senior improv team heads to Ottawa for national competition. ArtSpring, 7:30 p.m.
Billie Woods. Live music. Harbour House Hotel, 6 p.m.
Julia Beattie. Live music. Tree House Cafe, 5 to 9 p.m.
StoryTime at the Library Annex. Rhyme Time: Nursery Rhymes Galore 1pm.

Fri. March 30

ACTIVITIES
Watching Local Birds for Pleasure and Science. Karen Barry, B.C. projects officer for Bird Studies Canada, leads talk. Sponsored by SS Conservancy. Community Gospel Chapel, 7 p.m.
5th Annual Salt Spring Island Craft Bazaar. Great arts & crafts, food and festivities at Mahon Hall. 12 to 6 p.m.
Steffich Fine Art 20th Anniversary. Artists in attendance and refreshments. Steffich Fine Art, 6 to 8 p.m.
Hop. Showing of Easter Bunny movie as a SS Co-op Preschool fundraiser. The Fritz Movie Theatre, 2:30 p.m.

Sat. March 31

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT
B Side 10-Year Bash. With DJ & sax player Vespers, MaDD HaITRR, Fritz the Cat and Cream Bluesque. GISS improv team benefit. Beaver Point Hall. Doors at 8 p.m., show at 9.
Joel Fafard in Concert. Award-winning guitarist performs at Steffich Fine Art as part of 20th anniversary celebration. Doors at 7 p.m.
English and Van Wyck. Live jazz. Harbour House Hotel, 6 p.m.
Robert Johnson & Friends. Live music. Tree House Cafe, 5 to 9 p.m.

ACTIVITIES
5th Annual Salt Spring Island Craft Bazaar. Great arts & crafts, food and festivities at Mahon Hall, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Sat. March 31

ACTIVITIES
Bring Your Branches Day. Collection of branches, tree pruning and brush for chipping and creation of organic material for farms. Two locations: SS Golf and Country Club and Hope Hill Farm (235 Musgrave Road), 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Fabulous Flea Market. Fundraiser for the hall at Fulford Hall, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Islands Trust Secondary Suites Discussion. Public info session. GISS multi-purpose room, 2 p.m. Please RSVP to Islands Trust Salt Spring office: 250-537-9144.
Men's Soccer. Salt Spring FC Div. 2 plays Powell River. Portlock Park, 2:15 p.m.
OXOgraphy Collective of Conceptual Artists. Opening of exhibition at ArtSpring. 5 to 8 p.m.

Sun. April 1

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT
Diana English. Live music. Harbour House Hotel, 6 p.m.
ACTIVITIES
Island Comfort Quilts Community Quilting Bee. Farmers Institute, 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Queen Margaret's School Info Session. Learn about QMS school in Duncan at a Salt Spring event. Harbour House Hotel, 1 to 3 p.m. RSVP to 250-746-4185 or admissions@qms.bc.ca

Sun. April 1

ACTIVITIES
Wild Child. One-day workshop with numerous experiential activities, stories and games for adults and young children, 1 to 4 p.m. Info/register: 250-653-9122; instinct@saltspring.com
StageCoach Dress Up Fool's Day and Fusion Fest. Fundraiser for StageCoach Theatre School at ArtSpring, 1 p.m.

Tues. April 3

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT
Dayna Manning & Ryan McMahon. Great Canadian singer-songwriters and recording artists perform at Moby's, 8 p.m. A Small Town Chicks event. **Accelerating Climate Action in the Capital Region.** An exploration of the issues and approaches for reducing greenhouse gas emissions and preparing for climate change led by Sarah Webb, CRD Climate Action Program coordinator. Plus SSI Climate Action Council AGM. Lions Hall, 7 p.m.
Artists' Talk. Gillian McConnell and Anthony Matthews of the OXOgraphy Collective of Conceptual Artists speak at their exhibit at ArtSpring, 6 to 8 p.m.

Tues. April 3

ACTIVITIES
Drop-in Texas Holdem. At The Local, 6:30 p.m.
Car Club Canada Day Planning Meeting. Canada Day Show & Shine organizational meeting. ArtSpring, 7 p.m.

Wed. April 4

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT
Salt Spring Chamber Players. Jim, Laurie and Matthew Stubbs perform works from the 17th to 20th centuries for Music & Munch at All Saints, 12:10 p.m.

ACTIVITIES
Islands Trust Secondary Suites Discussion. Public info session. Fulford Hall seniors centre, 6 p.m. RSVP to Islands Trust Salt Spring office: 250-537-9144.
Taxi Casablanca. Showing of the documentary film by Salt Spring filmmaker Mary Fowles. Q&A with filmmaker after the show. The Fritz Movie Theatre, 7 p.m. A Centre for Child Honouring benefit.

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- Hunger Games** — Set in the ruins of what was once North America, the Capitol selects a boy and girl from each of its 12 districts to fight to the death on live television. A young girl volunteers to take her sister's place in the latest match. Thrilling and superbly acted, The Hunger Games captures the scope of the highly acclaimed novel.

EXHIBITIONS

- The OXOgraphy Collective of Conceptual Artists** presents its inaugural exhibit at ArtSpring. Runs daily from Saturday, March 31 through Wednesday, April 11, with an opening reception on Saturday from 5 to 8 p.m. and an artists' talk on Tuesday, April 3 from 6 to 8 p.m.
- Steffich Fine Art** celebrates its 20th anniversary with special events this weekend: Reception with artists in attendance on Friday, March 30, 6 to 8 p.m.; open house from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday, March 31, and Joel Fafard concert Saturday night.
- Artist-photographer Maureen Milburn** and photomontage artist **Sam Lightman** show Behind the Masque: Two Views of Venice in the ArtSpring lobby from April 1 to 29.
- Rachel Page** shows her photography pieces, which are digitally modified on metallic paper or canvas, at **Island Savings** until mid June.
- Salt Spring Painters Guild Art Show** runs in the ArtSpring lobby space through March.
- Pegasus Gallery of Canadian Art** presents an exhibition of Inuit sculpture through March.
- A Salt Spring Photography Club** exhibition features members **Cliff Kelly** and **Wendy Rosier** at Country Roasters Cafe in **Country Grocer** through March.
- Barbra Edwards** shows paintings at **Marketplace Cafe**.
- Avril Kirby** shows The Colour of Winter, photographic images celebrating winter on Salt Spring, at **Penny's Pantry** through March.
- The Porch Gallery** is open Sundays from 12 to 4 p.m. at the home of **Mother Tongue Publishing's Mona Fertig** & **Peter Haase**, 290 Fulford-Ganges Rd. Featuring work of **George Fertig**, **Jack Akroyd**, **Irene Hoffer Reid**, **Wim Blom**, **Ina D.D. Uthoff**, **Gary Sim**, **LeRoy Jensen**, **Gordon Canuso** and **Peter Haase**.
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Arts & Entertainment



YOUTH & ARTS

GISS improv team makes final pitch at Friday show



FILE PHOTO BY JOHN CAMERON

GISS improv senior team members in recent performance at ArtSpring. The team is set for its last public performance this Friday before competing in national championships in Ottawa from April 4 to 7.

Off to national championships

BY GAIL SJUBERG
DRIFTWOOD EDITOR

Few local fans of hilarious improv theatre will be able to

attend the 2012 Canadian Improv Games in Ottawa from April 4 to 7, but they can see and support one of the participating teams this Friday night at ArtSpring.

The Gulf Islands

Secondary School senior improv team has qualified to attend the national championships and is giving its final public performance before hitting the National Arts Centre stage on April 4.

"Friday night's show is going to be interstellar-root-cellar," said team coach and GISS teacher Jason Donaldson.

"We need your help, not only as an audience that we can't wait

to perform for but also as participants in our FUNdraising. We have needed to raise \$12,000 in a very short period of time and we're halfway there with less than a week to go."

Tickets for the March 30 show are only \$10 and available at the ArtSpring ticket centre. Showtime is 7:30 p.m.

People can also help the improv team meet its fundraising target by donating through the Gulf Islands Educational Trust (with "GISS improv" on the memo line). Not only are those donations income tax-receptable, but generous islander Jonathan Lefebvre, known for his support of youth in the arts, is willing to match all funds raised through the trust up to \$2,000.

"This has encouraged several people to donate, but there's still room for more in this initiative," said Donaldson.

A raffle is also underway, there'll be a What's in the Box mystery raffle at Friday's event,

and the team will also benefit from this Saturday night's B Side Bash with several performers at Beaver Point Hall.

He said the team is extremely grateful for all support received so far "and can't wait to

represent our generous community at the nationals."

GIED donations can be dropped off at the school board office in Ganges, or email donaldson at jdonaldson@sd64.bc.ca.

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MUSIC & MUNCH

Chamber Players span the centuries

Free recital part of
Music & Munch series

The Salt Spring Chamber Players return to Music and Munch on April 4 with a concert called Six Centuries of Chamber Music: the 17th to 21st Century.

The program will include some of the performers' favourite music from composers Orlando Gibbons, Henry Purcell, Mozart, Rachmaninoff, Andrea Jolivet and Mathieu Lussier, beginning at 12:10 p.m. at All Saints By-the-Sea.

Over the past five years the

trio of Jim, Laurie and Matthew Stubbs has regularly performed chamber music from the Renaissance to the 21st century in a variety of venues.

Jim and Laurie Stubbs each had serious professional careers with orchestras in New York, with Jim playing trumpet and Laurie

bassoon. Their now 17-year-old son Matthew is an extremely accomplished pianist in his own right and forms the third member of the Chamber Players.

The free performance will be followed by a delicious light lunch prepared by the Anglican Caterers for \$5.50.

CONCERT

Dayna and Ryan ready to bring musical brilliance to Moby's for special evening

Island tour stop on
Tuesday, April 3

Two exceptional small-town Canadian singer-songwriters are playing on the rock on Tuesday, April 3, with Moby's Pub the spot for the Small Town Chicks-organized event.

Dayna Manning and Ryan McMahon have embarked on an eight-concert B.C. tour, beginning in Fort St. John and ending in Courtenay.

As explained in a Small Town Chicks press release, Manning was born to musical parents in the artistic community of Stratford, Ontario. At age 18 she had a major label recording deal for her debut album of entirely original music. Her future held a Juno nod, tour on Lilith Fair, shows with acts like Joe Cocker and Radiohead, and favour-

able reviews by everyone from Rolling Stone to Billboard. Her three albums to date feature big names in the music business like Sean Ono Lennon and Red Hot Chili Peppers drummer Chad Smith.

"Her guitar stylings are not easily matched and her soaring voice is unmistakable. Ask anyone who has seen Dayna perform — she is mesmerizing."

To hear clips and read more about Manning, see www.heartist.ca.

For the past decade, McMahon has been writing and performing his music in relative obscurity, while splitting time between Vancouver and his hometown of Ladysmith.

But if McMahon's talents were ever considered a secret, it's now out. He was recently nominated for five Vancouver Island Music Awards — as top male songwriter,

male vocalist, album, artist and music video of the year — the most of any performer in the 2012 awards, with winners to be announced April 21.

McMahon has also toured Canada 10 times, released two full-length albums, two EPs and a live record, seen his music licensed nationally and abroad, and heard his music on both commercial and college radio Canada-wide.

For more on McMahon, see www.ryanmcmahon.com.

The Tuesday night Moby's event begins at 8 p.m.

Tickets are \$20 per person or free to Small Town Chicks members. (See www.smalltownchicks.com for membership information.)

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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

CONCERT

Great Canadian music at April 7 concert with Jeremy Fisher and Aidan Knight

Young Salt Spring performers open

Two of Canada's top folk-pop performers return to Salt Spring on April 7, sharing their night with two up-and-coming young island musicians.

Two-time Juno nominee Jeremy Fisher and CBC award-winner Aidan Knight headline the concert at ArtSpring, with Phoenix Lazare and Shane Hooper opening.

Lazare, 16, has just released her first self-titled EP which will be available for purchase at the concert.

Hooper, 14, was a recent top-10 finalist in B.C.'s Best Teen Band contest.

Fisher's albums have included Let it Shine, Goodbye Blues Monday and Flood, and he's been nominated for two Junos.

"Each album was created in a



Promotional photos for Aidan Knight, left, and Jeremy Fisher



different city as he explored living in different backdrops to his creative output as he pulled the best each city had to offer to add to his diversity," explains press material about the concert.

Since Fisher is known for touring the country on a bicycle a few

years back, it's only appropriate that he is performing at a concert that's a fundraiser for Velo Village, the rural cycling conference set for Salt Spring June 21-23.

He has performed solo on Salt Spring and both he and Knight were part of the Malahat

Revue bicycle tour that brought an amazing performance to ArtSpring in 2010.

Knight, from Victoria, also played at ArtSpring with We are the City at a SWOVA benefit in 2011.

He's a talented songwriter who has proven himself as a well-polished live performer, and his song Jasper has fast become a classic of Canadian folk-pop music. His album Versicolour has also appeared on "best of" lists across Canada.

"Gritty spring reverb, electronic autoharp, live looping and octaved viola are all staples of Knight's sound, both live and in the studio."

Tickets (\$21) are at ArtSpring and B Side Clothing.

Doors open at 7:30 p.m. and the music at 8 p.m. Because the show is general admission seating, participants are encouraged to arrive early.

EXHIBIT

Venice unveiled in Milburn and Lightman show

ArtSpring lobby exhibit runs for the month of April

Behind the Masque: Two Views of Venice is on display in the ArtSpring lobby from April 1 to 29.

The show, a product of the perspectives of artist-photographer Maureen Milburn and photomontage artist Sam Lightman, presents their two individual views of one of the world's foremost tourist destinations.

"Sixteen million tourists visit Venice every year," said Lightman in a press release, "and probably every one of them is carrying a camera. Coming up with a fresh approach is a considerable challenge."



Maureen Milburn's The Hunchback of the Rialto, left, and Sam Lightman's The Bell Tower.

In September 2010, Milburn and Lightman made their second visit to Venice, sharing the main floor of a palazzo on the Grand Canal just north of the Rialto Bridge with Salt Spring friends. Milburn had it in mind to look behind the scenes at the working life of the city, but instead captured more than the activity of daily life.

"It turns out that the grandeur of the city masks the multitude of small tasks that go into maintaining and sustaining it, just as the aqua alta and the scaffold sheeting mask the vulnerable paving and facades beneath them," said Milburn.

Lightman's intent was to record a whimsical view of the city in its crumbling elegance. In addition, Lightman had noted on his previous visit the ubiquitous presence of masks.

"They are for sale everywhere, in every size, shape, variety, character and colour," he said.

With or without the presence of masks, Lightman's photomontages capture the fragmentary, ephemeral nature of the city bordering on surrealism.



Secondary Suites – Land Use Bylaw Update

THE SSI LOCAL TRUST COMMITTEE INVITES YOU TO A PUBLIC DISCUSSION!

We have heard from the community that Secondary Suites are part of the solution for helping resolve the affordable housing dilemma on Salt Spring Island:

85.2% of homeowners surveyed agree the SSI Community would benefit from legalized suites;

50.7% of renters surveyed live in secondary suites;

We have also heard that water and septic concerns are among the key issues to resolve.

The Salt Spring Official Community Plan says to permit secondary suites incrementally and to limit the overall number of suites in order to monitor the impacts.

Islands Trust staff have proposed Pilot Areas to allow suites in some areas of the Island as a first step.

Staff have also recommended legalizing all suites (even outside of the proposed pilot areas) if they already exist at the time a bylaw is passed.

WHAT DO YOU THINK?

Saturday, March 31 2012 2:00 pm – 4:30 pm

At the GISS Multi-purpose Room
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Wednesday, April 4 2012 6:00 pm – 8:30 pm

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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

ARTS EVENTS

Easter Art Tour featured artist: contemporary coastal oeuvre

Tom Duquette is showcased artist

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Tom Duquette, a West Coast artist with a uniquely local vision, will be the featured artist at the Easter Art Tour exhibition at Mahon Hall next weekend, showing a cross section of work that demonstrates his synthesis of ancient and contemporary influences.

As a Saturna Island resident, Duquette was surprised and honoured to accept the position as guest artist for the annual Easter show, although his roots on Salt Spring include years in an upstairs studio in what's now the Core Inn. The 72-year-old artist has in fact lived and travelled all over the West Coast, beginning with a trip to Anchorage, Alaska in the 1960s and including sojourns in various Gulf Islands and Vancouver Island communities.

"I never really worked from a gallery. I was more of an itinerant artist, you could say," Duquette mused during a recent phone interview.

Throughout the years Duquette created movie sets, and was also painting and sculpting. A desire to learn the techniques used by the First Nations led him to work under the Baker family, a prominent group from Kingcome Inlet

and Alert Bay.

Chief Francis Baker took Duquette on as a carver to produce items for potlatch. He gave Duquette the name Ghaiaanook, meaning "great carver," in 2001.



Duquette's Beast of Saturna acrylic on canvas

The influence of First Nations motifs is clearly visible in Duquette's work today, but he explains he is not trying to replicate traditional West Coast art. Instead, he calls his work "a synthesis of all the dominant art styles from right here," including a European art heritage — he has joined a lineage of neo-primitivists that dates back

to Picasso and Gauguin. Paintings such as Bison Head and Beast of Saturna, for example, reveal a psychedelic take on traditional motifs.

Duquette has worked in various sculptural materials in the past, including bronze, stone, precious metals and jade. He was even named one of the world's best jade carvers in a National Geographic article (an honour that brought him absolutely no material gain, he says). But wood is his current preference.

Unlike his earlier symbolic or representational pieces, "My recent wood sculptures are more in the abstract direction. They're sort of influenced by ancient, universal art styles and symbolism and bringing it into a modern context and material," Duquette said.

"Shipping stone is much more expensive, and wood is free," he explained of his choice, adding he prefers driftwood and natural ends.

"There's a wonderful supply of free wood which is getting kind of scarce in other places [and] I think the natural chunks you find around are more interesting."

The Easter Art Tour exhibition will include a number of Duquette's older sculptures and paintings, as well as newer wood pieces. The show is open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday to Sunday, April 6 to 8. A gala reception with the artists will take place Friday night from 6 to 9 p.m.

CONCERTS

Slide guitarist Joel Fafard performs for Ganges gallery 20th celebration

At Steffich Fine Art on Saturday evening

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Award-winning guitarist and roots performer Joel Fafard will return to Salt Spring this weekend as part of Steffich Fine Art's 20th anniversary celebrations, playing an intimate concert at the gallery beginning at 7 p.m. on Saturday, March 31.

Fafard has played Salt Spring several times over the years, including a sold-out show at Steffich Fine Art in 2010. Gallery owner Matt Steffich explained the Juno-nominated musician was his personal pick to help celebrate the milestone anniversary.

"When I first heard his guitar playing I was immediately drawn to it, [and] when I decided we were going to have a big do for the anniversary, he was my first choice. I called him up and asked if he could work it into his schedule and he did."

Fafard's website notes his love for the blues can be traced back to his youth in Saskatchewan, where he spent time in a biker bar "that was a destination for musicians from the Chicago blues scene." Now based on the Sunshine Coast, he is the one touring venues across North America and Europe.

Whether putting his unique stamp on blues classics like Spoonful and Can't Be Satisfied or performing his own originals, Fafard is also known as an entertaining live performer with a great sense of humour.

A musician himself, Steffich has hosted between 15 and 20 concerts at the gallery, which provides an intimate and enjoyable setting with great acoustics. Fafard's earthy stylings on the slide guitar have made him one of Steffich's favourite performers to visit that space.

Critics agree. Fafard's instrumental album called ... and another thing ... earned him a Western Canadian Music Award for Outstanding Instrumental Album and was nominated for a Juno and a Canadian Folk Music Award. Its follow-up, Three Hens Escape Oblivion, received a second CFMA nod and was a runner-up for an International Acoustic Music Award.

As Bartley Kives, music critic for the Winnipeg Free Press, wrote: "Fafard has begun to set himself apart from the legions of folksy Prairie singer-songwriters with the sort of instrumental prowess you'd expect from a finger-style deity. His style isn't overly busy, but there are moments of genius."

Tickets are \$20 with seating limited for around 40. Call or email the gallery at info@steffichfineart.com to book tickets.

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On April 1st, 1992, with no formal art background, no business plan, no business experience, no sales experience, and no money, Steffich Fine art quietly and optimistically opened its doors in Grace Point Square. Twenty years later, we are still here and still going strong. There are three reasons why this happened: I am really really stubborn; the amazing artistic souls that live here in every field of creative endeavor (not just the visual arts) and the good people of Salt Spring Island. "If there's no audience, there just ain't no show" (thanks Bill!)

I invite everyone (that's right, all 10,000 of you) to drop by the gallery this weekend. Friday night you can meet the artists from 6 to 8 p.m. On Saturday you can enter your name to win a Norval Morrisseau print, and on Saturday night you can buy ticket and hear Juno nominated and Western Canadian music award recipient Joel Fafard weave his magic on the guitar. It will be the perfect way to celebrate the last twenty years. We look forward to our next twenty!

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- Matt Steffich

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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

CELEBRATION

Steffich Fine Art ready to party

Reception,
 concert on tap
 this weekend

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
 DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Steffich Fine Art is inviting the public to attend celebrations in honour of 20 years in business this weekend with an artists' reception, an open house and a live concert, all beginning Friday, March 30 at 6 p.m.

When Matt Steffich first opened the Grace Point Square shop as Thunderbird Gallery in 1992, the space was an outlet for paintings and sculpture, but also sold knick-knacks, calendars and souvenirs. Looking back at his 20 years in business — a true milestone on Salt Spring or elsewhere — Steffich said both his artistic eye and his business have refined over the decades to offer the reliable source of fine art and fine craft the gallery is today.

"We did whatever it took to get by [at the beginning]," he said.

"As time goes by, eventually you raise the bar, and we've been raising the bar ever since."

Anchored by his interest in Canadian aboriginal artist Norval Morrisseau, Steffich gradually got rid of the extras and

became a well-known source of First Nations art. Over time that focus also decreased and the gallery was renamed to reflect a broader range of artists, becoming Steffich Fine Art in 2006.

"Thunderbird had become restrictive. We were interpreted as only being native art — although we still deal in and will always deal in native art — but the name change reflected the shift way from that focus. It was a tough decision but in retrospect it was a good move," Steffich said.

In addition to specializing in Morrisseau's works (the gallery sold one of his paintings to the National Gallery of Canada last year) Steffich Fine Art is home to local artists and craftsmen that include painters Michael Hames and Carol Haigh, photographers Steven Friedman and Janet Dwyer, sculptors Morley Myers and Abraham Ang-hik Ruben, and ceramicist Judy Weeden.

Tom Duquette, a Gulf Islands artist who works in a variety of artistic media, will be the focus of the annual Easter Art Tour this year.

Steffich said high-quality work is the theme underlying the gallery's stable of artists.

"Anything that is done really really well I'm inter-



PHOTO BY SHARI MACDONALD

Matt Steffich at Steffich Fine Art gallery.

ested in. No one comes into my gallery saying, 'I'm looking for mediums.'"

Just as his gallery has evolved over the years, Steffich has watched Salt Spring's overall art scene grow more sophisticated. He cites Pegasus Gallery ownership under Ian Sigvaldason as one of the influences elevating the level, but also notes the generally high quality of other arts.

"When we speak of the arts on Salt Spring it's typically the visual arts we speak of, but we're also riddled with great musicians, writers and performers — the level is really exceptional," Steffich said.

As a Chamber of Commerce board member, Steffich has been active in promoting Salt Spring as an arts destination. He said the growing focus on

local food and the island's great chefs, and a growing reputation for the healing arts, is helping to complete the package.

Steffich feels something that's relatively new during his 20 years at the gallery is the way different businesses have come together to promote the island, and renewed energy at the Chamber of Commerce.

"There's a whole new spirit of cooperation since the post-economic downturn," he said.

"It's really opened the doors for cooperation."

Anniversary celebrations include the artists' reception on Friday from 6 to 8 p.m., an open house all day Saturday (10 a.m. to 5 p.m.) with a chance to win a Morrisseau print, and a special concert with Joel Fafard Saturday night (see story on Page 15).

EXHIBITION

OXOgraphy art group celebrates its esteemed origins on Saturday

Artists' talk also set
 for Tuesday

While the year 2012 marks the 70th anniversary of the OXOMETRICAL Society, this week will see the debut exhibition of the OXOgraphy Collective of Conceptual Artists on Salt Spring Island.

The OXOMETRICAL Society was founded at Sydney University, Australia, but, as press material explains, the origins of OXOMETRY go back to the ancient Sumerian civilization, as the carved

bas-reliefs testify. Further evidence of its ancient past, noted by Dr. Coulson, is that "OXOMETRY had been practised ardently by all the great leaders of history."

OXOgraphy, the artistic arm of OXOMETRY, begins the 70th anniversary celebrations with the awarding of an honorary doctor of arts (oxom) degree at its exhibition-opening reception at ArtSpring on Saturday, March 31 to Mrs. Joan McConnell, the society's great matron patron and its keeper of the records. McConnell "will join a long list of nimble-minded thinkers, beginning with

Sir Neville Cardus, D.Sc. (oxom) in 1942, and we are pleased that she has agreed to so be honoured."

Organizers say "all Twags and Snorks are invited to celebrate and participate."

Saturday's reception runs from 5 to 8 p.m. with wine poured by Salt Spring Vineyards. An artists' talk also takes place on Tuesday, April 3, from 6 to 8 p.m.

The show, which is co-sponsored by the Salt Spring Arts Council and the Gulf Islands Driftwood, runs at the gallery daily until Wednesday, April 11.

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FIRST NATIONS CULTURE

Trail signs mark Tsawout's heritage on south-end lands



PHOTOS BY SEAN MCINTYRE

Clockwise from left are Margery Moore of I-SEA, sign artist Briony Penn, Tsawout lands manager Gwen Underwood and Belinda Claxton with her grandson Tristan. The group was among participants at a Thursday afternoon ceremony to unveil new trail signs on land owned by the Tsawout First Nation. Above right is a sign featuring the artwork of Penn.

Creative signs represent collaborative efforts between Salt Spring groups and Tsawout First Nation

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

A group of Salt Spring residents and First Nations elders hope the installation of three new trail signs on Tsawout lands at the island's south end will foster a stronger understanding of the land's history and environmental significance.

"In our culture, being a witness is a very important thing," said Eric Pelkey, a member of the Tsawout First Nation, during a March 22 ceremony at the end of Fraser Road near the entrance to Kingfisher Cove. "You are all a witness to see what has happened here and you can take that and share it with other people."

Before European settlement, the Tsawout First Nation routinely visited Wenáne, a 240-hectare (600-acre) portion of land that hugs the island's southern coastline, for food gathering and the burial of fallen ancestors. Today, the Saanich-based band's land on the island has shrunk to a sliver of uninhabited property along Fulford Harbour's northern shoreline.

Although it is privately owned, the Tsawout grant public access on condition the property is respected.

The new trail signs are, in the words of one of the project's Salt Spring partners, a gentle reminder for people to respect the land.

"The old signs created a lot of controversy," said Briony Penn. "They were too negative and too harsh."

As a naturalist with a deep respect for the area's First Nations history, Penn worked alongside Tsawout community members to create the colourful new multilingual signs, which depict the

"You are all a witness to see what has happened here and you can take that and share it with other people."

ERIC PELKEY
Tsawout
First Nation

Tsawout's 13-month lunar calendar in a colourful circular watercolour.

Tsawout elder Harry Underwood said the sign is one of the small steps toward incorporating a broader understanding of First Nations culture among residents of the Gulf Islands.

"It is very edifying to us

elders to see progress being made every day," he said.

Beside each month, illustrations depict seasonal resources which the region's native peoples relied upon for survival. A closer look at the sign indicates that March, known to the Tsawout at Pex-sisen, moon of the blossoms, is known for the bountiful herring and Indian plum blossoms.

Given the sharp chill in the air, project coordinator Belinda Claxton told the approximately 20 people who attended Thursday's ceremony there is still much evidence that February, or Dexes — moon of the frog — has yet to wane.

Claxton said Tsawout linguists spent countless hours translating the Tsawout's oral Sencoten language into writing for the sign, work she hopes will pay off as the sign's message endures for generations.

"We're all caregivers of this land and we all need to take care of it because it's for our children, their children and the unborn," Claxton said. "For them to see it in real life and not just in pictures, we have to take care of it."

The new signs result from a collaborative effort between the Tsawout First Nation, the Capital Regional District's Parks and Recreation Commission and the Institute for Sustainability Education and Action, based on Salt Spring Island.

"Of the hundreds of projects I-SEA has been involved with over the years, I have to say this is the most unique and beautiful," said I-SEA founder Margery Moore.



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The closure would include the western portion of the right of way created by Plan VIP32109. In exchange for the current right of way, two new trail locations are being considered.

A plan showing the proposed road closure can be viewed from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure Saanich Area office at the address below.

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 - Foreign pension, e.g. UK (see bank statements)
 - Eligible Medical expense receipts, inc home care
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BRENDA AKERMAN

Everyone knows you have to eat right to stay healthy and fit. In order to stay active your body needs glucose. Glucose is the fuel your body needs at the beginning of exercise. Even after you have been exercising for a while and your muscles are getting energy from fat, glucose is still important. It is the gasoline for your body to keep your gas tank full. You get glucose from carbohydrates. A well balanced diet of fruit- vegetables, pasta, rice, bread and cereal.

You need water to keep the nutrients circulating in your body and to clear out the waste. You sweat off water when you exercise (even if you exercise in water) so you need to replace drink water.

Three to four hours before exercising you can eat a regular meal as you will have enough time to digest it. Lean meat, rice, pasta or bread, plus fruit, vegetables and water, milk or juice.

JUST BEFORE EXERCISING:

- Have something light- easy to digest ideas
- Fruit and yogurt, string cheese and crackers, muffin , nuts
- Drink water so you stay well hydrated
- If you legs cramp while you exercise drink more water before , during and after.
- During exercise drink water one cup every 20 minutes.

After exercise keep drinking water and make sure to eat carbohydrates to keep your glucose gas tank full.

So pay attention to how you are feeling during your workout. Try to keep a journal to keep track how your body reacts to what you eat before and after a workout.

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LMH silent auction commemorates sinking of Titanic

Lady Minto Thrift Shop initiative seeks items

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Anyone who can't get enough of the tragedy that destroyed an "unsinkable" ship in 1912 won't want to miss the silent auction that commemo-

rates that event, taking place at Lady Minto Thrift Shop in April.

Created in recognition of the 100th anniversary of the sinking of the Titanic, the specially themed auction starts April 10 and ends April 28.

It will include items related to one of the most regrettable and fascinating tragedies of the 20th

century, in which more than 1,500 people lost their lives after the ship collided with an iceberg.

Showcasing the silent auction is a 40-year-old scale model of the passenger liner that is 30 inches long by 8.5 inches high, with a display stand included. The model was made from original drawings provided by the Titanic Historical Society.

Organizer Jean Williams promises a full slate of additional pieces from the era or its anniversaries, such as a replica bayonet from the War of 1812.

Other items that have been collected include the books *On Board the Titanic* and *888 1/2 Amazing Answers to Your Questions about the Titanic*. The first is

an illustrated book told from the point of view of two young survivors. The second includes answers on everything from whether there were any movie stars or murders on board, to how the bridge operated — a must have for anyone keen to hone their Titanic trivia.

Saturday, April 14, the actual anniversary of the disaster, will be observed

at the thrift shop with a Titanic-themed cake donated by Embe Bakery. Members of the public are invited to come and have a slice, with cake cutting scheduled to take place at 3 p.m.

Anyone who has items to donate to this special Lady Minto Hospital Auxiliary fundraiser can contact Williams at 250-537-1902.

DVD REVIEW

Immortals falls short of usual mark by director Tarsem Singh

Unsettling contradictions

Kind of a mess, but great fun to watch — this could be said of Tarsem Singh's films. 2000's *The Cell*, 2006's *The Fall* and 2011's *Immortals* all have his signature components: exquisite compositions, a parade of colours, meticulous costuming, . . . and nearly nonsensical narratives. Luckily for him, and us, they're all worth checking out.

Singh's latest is set in mythic Greece. Mickey Rourke is the vicious, power-mad King Hyperion, marching across the land looking for a magic bow that will enable him to free the monstrous Titans from their mountainous prison.



Jason Tudor

FLICK PICK

The Gods are forbidden to directly intervene, but Zeus's champion Perseus (Henry Cavill) emerges from peasant life to challenge Hyperion's plans.

Immortals reads like a *Clash of the Titans* or 300, but Singh's painterly eye makes it probably the artiest example of the genre ever filmed. Everything feels almost too exotic, too carefully well-designed, too appealing. From Ares' spiked, golden helmet to the gossamer-like gowns of a trio of gorgeous mystic women,

your vision is continually assaulted by the bold and the beautiful.

At the same time, *Immortals* is violent in ways that beggar the senses. Torso and limbs are speared, whips rake the flesh from bare backs, and heads are compacted by the swings of massive hammers. It's all so excessive that I almost felt Singh was aiming for some kind of beauty, or poetry, in all the carnage.

The combination of lush visuals and crunching gore is unsettling, or at least for me it was enough that I occasionally lost where the story was going. Thinking back, it felt seriously lacking in plot, a defect that normally I can ignore but here feels like a major

roadblock to recommending the film. There's just so little genuine emotion to be found, making it difficult to care whether or not Perseus and pals succeed in saving the world.

While *The Fall* could fall back on the lead actors' affecting, tragic performances, *Immortals* is full of the bland masculine bluster that all too often makes sword-and-sandal epics pathetically funny when they should be rousing.

It's definitely worth watching for those who love to wonder at what a visionary director can do with awful material, though the yucky blood-and-guts may leave the unprepared face down in their popcorn bucket.

BIRDS

Joys and science of birdwatching at talk

Bird Studies Canada speaker

Many Salt Spring Islanders enjoy watching birds, but few have the skills, time and resources to "do science" that will help protect our fine feathered friends.

On Friday, March 30, bird biologist extraordinaire Karen Barry will give an illustrated talk on *Watching Local Birds for Pleasure and Science*, sponsored by the Salt Spring Conservancy.

Barry is the B.C. projects officer for Bird Studies Canada, a national organization dedicated to advancing the understanding, appreciation and conservation of wild birds and their habitats through research, monitoring, "citizen science" and education.

Working with four other staff, Barry coordinates two coastal bird monitoring projects involving about 300 volunteer bird watchers. Bird Studies Canada's projects range from owl

surveys to bird breeding habits to coastal waterbird and beached bird surveys.

The richly illustrated talk will provide viewers with insights into how to expand viewing of local birds. Special concerns about local bird species and opportunities for enthusiasts to join citizen science efforts for bird conservation will be provided.

The talk is at 7 p.m. at the Community Gospel Chapel hall on Vesuvius Bay Road.

GARDENING

Garden photography in view at March 28 meeting

Adam Gibbs is inspirational speaker

Professional photographer Adam Gibbs is the guest speaker at the Salt Spring Garden Club meeting tonight (Wednesday, March 28).

Gibbs has been a professional photographer for over 20 years and has had thousands of photos published in *Gardens West* and other magazines.

His presentation will be about photo-

graphing gardens and what gardeners can look for to improve their own image-making skills.

People can get a sneak preview by checking his website at www.adam-gibbs.ca.

The meeting starts at 7 p.m. at the Community Gospel Chapel hall.

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FOR THE BIRDS:

Kylie and Jazlyn Lalonde Fawcett show the bird feeder made from a recyclable beverage bottle they created at a Spring Break workshop at the library on Friday. The nature-focused session about and for birds was co-sponsored by the Salt Spring Public Library and the Salt Spring Conservancy.

PARENTING

Acclaimed Triple P parenting course begins this Thursday

Eight-session series at Family Place

Salt Spring parents can take advantage of a proven worldwide parenting program with the Triple P course beginning on Thursday, March 29.

Triple P suggests simple routines and small changes that can make a big difference to families. It helps people understand the way their family works and uses the things they already say, think, feel and do in new ways that:

- Create a stable, supportive and harmonious family
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- Take care of themselves as parents

"While Triple P is almost always successful in improving child behaviour problems, more than half its emphasis is on developing positive attitudes, skills and behaviour," explains a press release from Salt Spring Community Services. "This helps prevent problems arising and

fosters family relationships that encourage children to realize their full potential. Triple P has been developed and scientifically proven over 25 years by The University of Queensland Parent and Family Support Centre, with international collaboration. The system is widely in use throughout Australia and increasingly throughout the world."

Triple P will run for eight Thursdays at Family Place (120 Park Drive) from 5 to 7 p.m.

Registration is required by contacting Maryanne Benwood at 250-537-9938 or mabenwood@ssics.ca.

WORKSHOP

Wild Child nature workshops offered for kids and parents

First session on April 1

Wisdom of the Earth founder and Wolf Kids mentor Jean-Claude Catry and Waldorf early childhood educator Deanna Ziralda are teaming up to offer a series of nature workshops for kids aged 0-6 and their parents.

Beginning this Sunday, April 1 from 1 to 4 p.m., the workshops are aimed at parents who would like to increase their own nature awareness while learning how to help their children develop a deep sense of connection to

the wild. "Parents have been asking us for a long time if we could offer our wilderness programs for younger children, and this is our response," Catry explains in a press release.

"We believe that young children are deeply nurtured when they can connect to nature by empathizing with an engaged parent, and we also wanted to offer something to the many parents who want to learn about wilderness awareness and skills without having to leave their little ones."

Wild Child workshops offer a "unique, outdoor, experiential opportunity

for a nature-connected

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

On Sunday the facilitators will propose numerous experiential activities, stories and games for adults and young children. Parents will be introduced to the con-

cept of the "coyote mentoring" model of education inspired by traditional earth-based cultures around the world.

The initial workshop is the starting point for a five-week Sunday afternoon series of fun-filled family adventures. Parents and young children are invited to continue the exploration together as a group, building community and connection with each other and the Earth.

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

PEOPLE AND COMMUNITY

FILM

Taxi Casablanca film night will benefit Child Honouring

Salt Spring-born filmmaker in attendance

Islanders can get a glimpse into the life of Morocco's first and only female taxi driver with the showing of Taxi Casablanca at The Fritz Movie Theatre on Wednesday, April 4.

Produced and co-directed by Salt Spring Island-born filmmaker Mary Fowles, the film is an intimate portrait of a modern-day pioneer — Zakia Mezzour — forging her way in a man's job, and it illuminates a fascinating Muslim society struggling with progress and old traditions.

As a press release explains, "As we ride along with Zakia in her old white 1970s Mercedes taxi, we meet many of her clients and family members, listening in



Filmmaker Mary Fowles in Morocco, where Taxi Casablanca was filmed.

on their ideas, dreams and hopes as they shed light on the situation of women in Morocco and all the issues that come into play: religion and cultural beliefs, poverty

and education, modernization and traditionalism."

Fowles will be joined by Raffi Cavoukian in facilitating a discussion after the film is shown.

Event proceeds (with a \$10 suggested donation) will benefit Cavoukian's Centre for Child Honouring.

The film begins at 7 p.m.

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Insights and fodder for dreams on library's shelves of new books

Drop by to pick up the latest additions

BY MAGGIE WARBEY
DRIFTWOOD CONTRIBUTOR

It's amazing how many new books arrive on the library shelves almost daily. As always, this month there are titles to interest and please every reader. But just in case you can't find what you want in the library, be sure to make your request known to the librarian!

Even though winter appears to be behind us, it's not too early to dream. Lonely Planet's Caribbean Islands, replete with photos, maps, budget savvy suggestions, local histories, and what to do and where to do it offers a pretty complete picture or the best of tourist attractions on these beguiling isles. The authors help you plan your adventure as well as take you step by step through the alley ways and beaches of these diverse and welcoming places.

Closer to home, Blisters and Bliss: a Trekker's Guide to the West Coast Trail might be going this summer. The authors

LIBRARY SHELF

include updated maps, specific suggestions for what to take along and what to leave at home, as well as anecdotes, highlights, what to look for and what to avoid. Highlights of the book include the carefully measured time line for each segment of the trail and the recipes that will help the trekker eat well using what's in that bulging backpack.

The Consumer Reports Buying Guide 2012 presents advice we could all use before we make those big (and small) purchases: the best (and worst) of cars, appliances, electronics, cameras, computers, and a whole lot more. An interesting chapter relates consumer experiences on the level of tech support actually provided by those electronics manufactures. This is a good book to look through if you're planning any buying in the near future.

Expecting Adam: a True Story of Birth, Rebirth and Everyday Magic by "O" columnist Martha Beck is her memoir of the pregnancy, birth and life of the Beck

family as they come to terms with the gift of a son born with Down syndrome. Told with her usual warmth, humanity, wit and humour, Beck gives insight to the positive, life-changing experiences that her child brings to this highly goal-oriented and outwardly successful family. A self-examination as much as a story, this book is hopeful, intense and fun.

A Whisper in the Palm of My Hand: Poems in Search of the Sacred is a folio of pure poetry offered to the universe by local author Lottie Devindisch. Always loved by audiences for her artful and graceful dance, Lottie's poetic voice is no surprise. Her images of tropical places and creative dreams take the reader along the path of a dreamy childhood and visions of a content aging.

A Moving Meditation reflects the author and this serene collection of poems as she writes: In the stillness of Your embrace/ I am dancing/ Suspended in an endless moment of time/ a moving meditation . . . a folio well worth a few quiet moments of your time.

FOR KIDS

Rhyme Time climbs at the library

Books with rhymes featured through April

Taking a cue from children's love of rhymes, StoryTime at the library annex is offering a Rhyme Time theme in coming weeks.

"Children love rhymes, listening to

rhymes, repeating rhymes and singing rhymes," says a release from the library about StoryTime. "Mother Goose rhymes and other poems invite participation with their catchy rhythms, rhymes and funny little stories."

"Children quickly learn these songs and rhymes, and can join in telling the rhyming

story. Rhyming helps children recognize word patterns, boosts vocabulary and builds early literacy readiness skills."

Salt Spring's library has Mother Goose books and Dr. Seuss stories, among many other books containing rhymes.

Another area to check is the poetry section — J811 to J821 —

or search the catalogue for "nursery rhyme" or "children's poetry."

With the library closed on April 6 for Good Friday, the Rhyme Time StoryTime sessions for early grade and pre-school children are on March 30, April 13, 20 and 27.

Start time is 1 p.m. The library annex is located at 108 Jackson Ave.

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GISS student Jasmine Cooper, right, gets high fives from Div. 2 United women after her goal in a 2-0 victory over Lakehill. The win gave Salt Spring's team a first-place finish in league play. They will play for the Shergold Cup on Sunday at Lochside Park, with fans welcome to come and cheer them on.

WOMEN'S SOCCER



Div. 2 Salt Spring women end season at the top of the league

Shergold Cup finals up next

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Salt Spring United's Div. 2 women entered their last game of regular play against the Lakehill Reds on Saturday needing a tie or a win to place first in the league and came out with a decisive victory at the top.

"We played a pretty solid first half of soccer, not giving up many scoring chances, but at the same time not creating a lot," team spokesperson Sue-Anne Donaldson said after the game.

With both teams pressing hard for the advantage, United went into the break tied at 0-0. Donaldson managed to open the scoring after some good hard work from Kirsty Girard, who shook off some ugly attempts at tackles from the Lakehill side. Jasmine Cooper gave United its second goal of the game not long after, providing all Salt Spring needed to win the day.

Sunday saw the Div. 2 teams back at it again as United faced off against Lakehill in a semi-final match for the Shergold Cup.

"That was the game

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O30 WOMEN'S SOCCER

Over-30s team nets 2-0 win

Great season ender for Salt Spring women

Salt Spring United's over 30s women returned to the pitch for their final game of the season on Sunday following two weeks without games during Spring Break.

The time off proved a welcome breather for the team members, who came back to shut out opponents Sooke Juggers with a 2-0 final.

"The game started off with a bang when in the first five minutes a beautiful cross from Liz Wilson ended up in the corner of Sooke's

net for a 1-0 lead," team spokesperson Kym Bellavance said.

"During the next five minutes we lost a player who was battling a recurring injury and had to play the balance of the game one player short. We continued to dominate the field, playing well in mid field with incredible plays by Sue Spencer and Cheryl Johnson.

"Great defensive plays by Sue Robinson and Christine Godlington helped secure our lead."

Going into the second half with the score still at 1-0 for United, Johnson started the play with a beautiful long pass to Wilson,

who tipped it to Manya Sadouski. Sadouski then kicked it into the net, despite a valiant effort by Sooke's goalie to keep it out.

The score remained at 2-0 with help from Bellavance's strong performance in net for Salt Spring.

"We continued to play strong, staving off free kicks on our net and a couple of breakaways," Bellavance said.

"The standings haven't officially been stated but we believe we have ended the season in third place with the second lowest goals scored against us. It was a great ending for Salt Spring."

YOUTH SOCCER

Boys U17 silver squad playing for district cup championship Sunday

Could be final game for strong youth group

The Salt Spring youth soccer club's lone berth in the district cup finals of the Lower Island Soccer Association comes by way of the talented U17 boys squad, who face a strong Peninsula side this Sunday in Juan de Fuca.

In their two previous meetings this season, the teams split games, with the home team winning by one goal on each occasion.

To get to the finals, Salt Spring upset second-seeded

Cowichan Titans 5-1 on March 11 at a sunny GISS pitch. With only 11 players dressed for the semi-final, the local boys were ignited by a stellar four-goal performance by Justin Kopetzki and a key penalty shot saved early in the second half by Alex Graham.

The cup finals on April 1 have a special significance for midfielder Tim Camps, who played several seasons for the Peninsula side. Meanwhile, Lukas Wenzel is vying for his third consecutive cup finals MVP title.

With increasing pressures of school, work and other sports, this might be the last appearance on a soccer team for some of the boys. Kickoff is at noon at the Juan de Fuca Rec Centre field number one.

ISLANDS TRUST SATURNA ISLAND LOCAL TRUST COMMITTEE NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE is hereby given that the Saturna Island Local Trust Committee will hold a public hearing within a Local Trust Committee Business Meeting on Proposed amendments to Saturna Island Fire Protection Society Covenant FB234900;

for the purpose of allowing the public to make representations to the Local Trust Committee respecting matters contained in the amended covenant at 12:30 p.m., Thursday, April 12, 2012, at the Saturna Island Recreation and Cultural Center, 104 Harris Road, Saturna Island, BC.

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

Covenant FB234900 - In general terms, the purpose of the amendment to covenant FB234900 is to alter the amount and type of screening required by the existing covenant.

A copy of the proposed covenant amendment and any background material that may be considered by the Trust Committee in respect of the proposed covenant amendment 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 30, 2012 and up to and including April 10, 2012.

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 covenant amendment may be inspected at various Notice Boards on Saturna Island, and also can be viewed, on the internet at www.islandstrust.bc.ca and selecting www.islandstrust.bc.ca/ltr/ca/default.cfm, commencing March 30, 2012

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 email to: information@islandstrust.bc.ca, prior to 4:30 p.m., April 10, 2012;
2. After 4:30 p.m., April 10, 2012 to the Trust Committee at the Public Hearing at 12:30 p.m., April 12, 2012.

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

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

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

Kathy Jones,
Deputy Secretary

SPORTS & RECREATION

GYMNASTICS

Salt Spring gymnasts compete with honours at provincial championships

Girls get training in Duncan

Four girls from Salt Spring qualified and competed at the Gymnastics High School Provincial Championships at Moscrop Secondary in Burnaby last week, producing strong results for their efforts.

Kristi Reynolds from Gulf Islands Secondary competed in Level 4 and placed sixth on floor and fifth on vault among 28 girls from around the province.

Leticia Taylor from Salt Spring Middle School competed in her first meet in Level 1 and received third on vault, eighth on floor and sixth all around from a field of 44 girls. Also compet-

ing in this level was Charlotte McIntyre who, although she didn't place, had a strong showing for her first meet.

Annika Berendt, also from Salt Spring Middle School, competed in her first high school meet in Level 2 against 58 competitors and finished in the top quarter of the competitors.

"Each girl had to compete at an island trial with teams from North Island, Powell River, Comox, Nanaimo and Duncan to earn a spot on the zone team," coach Rhonda Dale explained.

"They take time to come to Duncan twice a week to train so that they are prepared for competition."

MEN'S SOCCER

Old Boys drop season finale

Westcastle steamrolls Alumni in rare loss; FC plays for lead on Saturday

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Salt Spring Old Boys fans were treated to a non-stop and action-packed thriller under sunny skies as the local favourites closed out their 2011-2012 season against Cowichan on Sunday morning.

"Cowichan attacked from the opening whistle and set the tone for the game: good hard tackling and end-to-end action," said team spokesperson Graham Tweddle in his post-match report.

With intensity akin to a cup final game, Tweddle said, teams juggled for supremacy until Cowichan broke the deadlock in the game's final moments.

"Salt Spring unfortunately conceded 15 minutes from time

and could not muster up enough energy to break down Cowichan's defence," he said.

Tweddle thanked the team's supporters for braving the elements to watch the team play during the long winter season.

In Vancouver Island Soccer League action, Salt Spring Alumni suffered its biggest loss of the season by losing a 6-0 decision to Westcastle United. Until Sunday's match, the team had only given up 11 goals in 16 games.

In spite of playing through a scoreless first half, Westcastle laid it all on the line to pile on the points in the second.

Salt Spring will try to redeem itself when the team travels to play the Cordova Bay Bobcats Alumni squad (5-13-1) on Saturday afternoon.

Meanwhile, Salt Spring FC needs a win when it hosts Powell River on Saturday in order to preserve its lead in Division 2. Kick-off is at the Portlock Park field at 2:15 p.m.

TRAIL & NATURE

Famous Jasper Skyline Trail explored in hiking club talk

Lots of spring outings in April schedule

Trail & Nature Presentation

Thursday, March 29: Back-packing the Skyline Trail in Jasper National Park will be presented by Lynn Thompson at 7:30 p.m. in the lower hall of the United Church.

Travel the famous Skyline Trail with three Trail and Nature club members. The rugged 45 km trail is largely above the tree line. It rambles through extensive meadows of flowers, crossing high passes where snow remains year round and through the habitat of marmots, bears and mountain caribou. Kees, Lise and Lynn will be present to relate their experiences. As an added bonus, Lise has included pictures from her guided trip in Wells Gray Provincial Park last fall. Lynn Thompson is a retired science/math teacher with a passion for the outdoors — particularly the mountains. His photography hobby makes it easy to relive hiking adventures. He has been an active member of the Trail and Nature Club since his arrival on Salt Spring 16 years ago.

Excursion

May 1: Excursion to Prevost Island for members only. Water taxi leaves from Ganges at 9 a.m. sharp and will leave Prevost Island at about 1:30 p.m. Cost: \$30 pp. Ben Goodman leads a hike and Sheila De Burgh leads the walkers and ramblers. To register, call Nieke Visser at 250-537-5443. Your spot will be confirmed

only when payment has been received. Cancellation policy: no refund after April 24 unless a replacement can be found.

Hikers

April 3: Zeke Blazecka will lead a moderate hike over the Indian reserve and Reginald Hill. Meet at 9:45 a.m. at ArtSpring or join at 10 a.m. at the end of Morning-side.

April 10: Sheila and Barry Spence will lead a moderate hike, probably zigzagging Mount Maxwell. Meet at 9:45 a.m. at ArtSpring.

April 17: Lynn Thompson will bring us up Mount Tuam on a moderate hike with a few fairly steep sections. Meet at 9:45 a.m. at ArtSpring or at 10 a.m. at Drummond Park.

April 24: Sharon Sullivan will lead a moderate hike in the north Ruckle Park area. Meet at 9:45 a.m. at ArtSpring or at 10 a.m. at the end of Meyer Road (towards #103).

Walkers

April 3: Brian and Marjie Radford will lead a walk in the Mount Maxwell area. Carpool from ArtSpring at 10 a.m.; alternate meeting place TBA.

April 10: John Flanagan will lead a walk through the Mount Tuam Ecological Reserve to the rhodonite mine area; a fairly long walk with some steep bits and some wet bits. Carpool from ArtSpring at 10 a.m. or meet at Drummond Park at 10:15.

April 17: Anne Beaumont will lead an off island walk on the Millstone River in Nanaimo, starting at the harbour then through Bowen Park to Butter-

tubs Marsh (a waterfowl sanctuary). Part of the route travels through city roads. It is mostly flat with no really steep sections. Meet at Portlock Park at 8:40 a.m. to carpool on the 9:10 a.m. ferry.

April 24: Lorrie Storr will lead a walk in the Bryant Hill area; a moderate walk but with lots of ups and downs. Carpool from ArtSpring at 10 a.m. or meet at Arnell Park parking lot at 10:15 a.m.

Ramblers

April 3: Ramble with Bob Ball in Maracaibo. Meet at Centennial Park at 10 a.m.

April 10: Ramble with Kathy Darling in the Long Harbour Area. Meet at Centennial Park at 10 a.m.

April 17: Ramble with Nancy Braithwaite in the Tripp Road Area. Meet at Centennial Park at 10 a.m. or at Portlock Park at 10:10 a.m.

April 24: Off-island trip to Hon-eymoon Bay Ecological Reserve to see the spring wildflowers with Frauke. Meet at 9:30 a.m. at Portlock Park to carpool on the ferry to Crofton at 10:15 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.

More information can be found at our website at www.saltspringtnc.ca.

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COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

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The Salt Spring Island Local Trust Committee will be meeting to consider various matters of general business such as applications received, bylaw reviews and meeting notes.

Starting at noon, up to 45 minutes will be available for the public to discuss local land use matters with the Local Trust Committee. Those who wish to present a more formal petition, or make a delegation to the Committee as an agenda item, must make a request to the Islands Trust staff at least 14 days in advance of the meeting.

Regular business meetings are scheduled for:

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Thursday October 11	9:30 AM	Hart Bradley Hall, Lions Club, 103 Bonnet Ave.
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Thursday November 22	9:30 AM	Hart Bradley Hall, Lions Club, 103 Bonnet Ave.
Thursday December 13	9:30 AM	ArtSpring, Multi-Purpose Rooms, 100 Jackson Ave.

The proposed meeting agenda is usually available one week prior to the meeting and may be obtained at the Islands Trust office or on our website.
 Please note that correspondence received from the public about general matters may become part of a meeting agenda that is published online.
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INFORMATION

Salt Spring Singers Community Scholarships

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

The deadline for applications is Tuesday, April 10, 2012. For more information and an application package, please go to www.saltspingsingers.org/scholarships.html or call Rosemary Wallbank at (250) 537-4398.

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Monday 6-7pm Beginners/Level 1 Yoga

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Wednesday 11am-12 noon Seniors Yoga
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NOTICE OF APPLICATION TO MODIFY LIQUOR LICENCE

The Salt Spring Island Local Trust Committee will consider a Resolution to provide input to the Liquor Control and Licensing Branch on the addition of a new licensed area for 124 Upper Ganges Road (Moby's Pub). The purpose of the application (SS-LCB-2012.1) is to increase the liquor primary license and cancel the food primary license for the pub.

The Salt Spring Island Local Trust Committee is expected to consider the proposed licence change at its regular business meeting on Thursday, April 5, 2012 beginning at 9:30 AM at Hart Bradley Hall (Lions Club), 103 Bonnet Avenue, Ganges. Please refer to the posted agenda available on the Islands Trust Website <http://www.islandstrust.bc.ca/tlc/ss/agendas.cfm> at the beginning of that week for an indication of where this application is to be placed on the agenda.

Enquiries or comments concerning this application should be directed to Robert Steinbach at Moby's (124 Upper Ganges Road, talktous@mobys.ca) or 250-537-5559) and Caitlin Brownrigg at the Salt Spring Island office of the Islands Trust cbrownrigg@islandstrust.bc.ca or 250 537 9144.

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AGRICULTURE EDUCATION

Island ecoforest ready to host permaculture academy

Seven Ravens program begins in April

Seven Ravens Permaculture has announced the recent establishment of its permaculture academy on Salt Spring Island, with courses to begin in April 2012.

The academy will offer three eight-week-long sessions of intensive practical training that will prepare students for designing and implementing permaculture and agroforestry installations worldwide.

"Our focus is on training students to become teachers of permaculture principles, providing them with the skills to instruct others in techniques for maxi-

mizing sustainable food and resource production within the constraints and conditions afforded by any given area," Seven Ravens founder Michael Nickels said in a press release.

The first session runs April through May with a second session running June through July. The third session will concentrate on permaculture applications in developing nations. After spending the month of September in directed studies at Seven Ravens' 38-acre ecoforest, students will accompany educators to Kenya for the month of October, where they will put into practice the teaching skills they have learned and developed.

Nickels brings 21 years of experi-

ence teaching and implementing permaculture practices throughout Canada, Australia, China, Mexico, Spain, and particularly Kenya.

He has been involved with reforestation efforts in Kenya nearly every year for the past two decades, planting over seven million trees (and counting). His current focus is on both tree nurseries and self-sustainable food production in primary schools.

"The results have proven that teaching permaculture skills in these primary schools not only impacts the children but creates a spiraling effect whereby both family members and community members are positively affected,"

press material states. "Michael's formal

study of agribusiness education at the University of Guelph prompted his search for sustainable and ecologically conscious methods of agriculture and forestry.

The commitment and dedication he has shown towards living and sharing a life dedicated to permaculture philosophies ensures a transformative experience for those yearning for alternatives to an education model based on unsustainable deforestation, chemical- and gene-based large scale farming."

For further information, contact Nickels at info@SevenRavens.com or 250-653-9565.

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CRAFT SALE

Creative SSI Craft Bazaar expands for 5th installment

This Friday-Saturday at Mahon Hall

The Salt Spring Island Craft Bazaar is back for its fifth installment and this time around has expanded to offer two days of shopping at Mahon Hall.

Opening this Friday, March 30 from 12 to 6 p.m. and returning Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., the show will feature unique items from local craft makers.

Organizers Kathryn Burke and Zoe Dubien will be on hand as usual with their products; Dubien will be selling some new designs as well as her classic hats and screen-printed children's line Owl+Dot Dot, while Burke is happy to share the Featherettes big spring clear-out sale. All pieces will be \$10 to \$15, prices only available at the bazaar.

New artisans the organiz-



An Angelo Scaia photograph is one of many items available at the SSI Craft Bazaar running at Mahon Hall this weekend.

ers are happy to introduce include Vivid Works textile arts, Over The Rainbow Designs and Organic Planet Soap.

Ongoing throughout the show, Bryan Dubien of Foxes

at Play will occupy the side room with his board games providing demos and answering questions about the many board games he offers. Angelo Scaia will showcase some of his newest photographic works in the gallery.

Live music is lined up for both Friday and Saturday afternoons, featuring acoustic sets with a mellow lovely vibe.

And to fully sustain the crowd, delicious baked goods from Rendezvous Bakery, soul-warming soups from Finnegan's Feast, and delicious pies from the Pie Whisperer will be available for purchase.

Entry is \$2 at the door (kids free). Money collected at the door will go toward paying the musicians.

For more information and a full list of the participating vendors, visit <http://saltspringislandcraftbazaar.blogspot.ca>.

PERFORMANCE

Dress-up costumes and more fun at April 1 StageCoach Fusion Fest

Fundraising 'fools' show at ArtSpring this Sunday

StageCoach Theatre's Fusion Fest is a showcase of Salt Spring talent hitting the ArtSpring stage for April Fool's Day.

Hosted by Bob Twaites, the event will feature Daniel Howlett, Naomi Jason, Mr. Fantastik, The Resistance and the GISS Improv Team - mere hours before they jump on a plane to compete in the National Improv Games.

Fusion Fest will also be the culmination of

StageCoach's six-week fundraising campaign, with sponsored participants dressed up in outlandish or formal costumes and parading themselves on stage during the show.

Everyone is welcome to come and enjoy the show, see how the participants fulfill their fundraising commitments, and find out who will win the prizes for best costume and most money raised.

A reception for the fundraiser starts at 1 p.m. and the show follows from 2 to 4:30 p.m. Tickets are \$10, available in advance at ArtSpring.

This Week's Horoscope

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Aries (Mar 21 - Apr 20)

Though spring is here and as much as you want to get on a roll, you may feel as though something is slowing you down. Mercury retrograde is the likely factor. It will remain there until April 4th so if you feel the need to get going prepare to go against a current. Otherwise coast but take initiatives like preparing and cleaning before you launch into full action.

Taurus (Apr 20 - May 21)

What dreams may come? A lot of activity behind the scenes or at least in your thoughts is getting you excited. Deciphering which are realistic and which are fantasies is probably wise. Mercury is playing mind tricks on a lot of people these days. But dreaming and fantasizing do have their place too. Often out of them arise great visions, inventions and plans.

Gemini (May 21 - Jun 21)

The last New Moon on March 22 is activating everyone. It stands to produce some sudden changes in you and among friends. New realizations are being sparked and perhaps not all of them are welcome. They are pushing you to make some important changes on the home front. Yet there are some blessings present as well so proceed with faith.

Cancer (Jun 21 - Jul 22)

Some big and major shifts have been seeded and they are quite noticeable to others. These require that you exercise self-control yet you may reactively seek to control others. It is likely you have been facing many fears these past 2-3 years and now you must again. Mercury's influence may be leaving you feeling a little lost. Be patient now, you will know what to do more next week.

Leo (Jul 22 - Aug 23)

A turning within to create confidence without is the call now. Clean, clear, organize, settle accounts, close old files... Things may be slower than usual these days, which may be a good thing unless it is affecting your cash flow. This is not the best time for big ambitions. Enjoy the pace for now; you will be ready for bigger action in a couple of weeks.

Virgo (Aug 23 - Sep 22)

You are changing. You can feel and perhaps see it. Ideally, you are achieving new levels of self-awareness. Yet you may sense a lingering mist on relationship fronts. Handled well, this could produce some deep heart healings. 'Accept what is': wisdom that might apply best. Aim for mutual understanding and let go of any controlling tendencies.

Libra (Sep 22 - Oct 22)

Some real changes are being activated on relationship fronts, again. Confronting subconscious fear, anger and frustration are possible issues. These may be projected upon your closest relationships. The key is to forgive yourself for how you and/or they feel. Sweep away all "shoulds" and accept and be grateful for what is. If you can and do, success will be yours!

Scorpio (Oct 22 - Nov 21)

Changes in you are affecting your lifestyle and vice versa. If the way is easy now it is because you are flowing and are not resisting and controlling. Meanwhile, opportunity is knocking. This may come in the way of allies or perhaps bigger stakes yet. These probably deserve your utmost attention. Yet avoid long-term commitments for now.

Sagittarius (Nov 21 - Dec 21)

Activation in your game plan is pushing you to be resourceful. Drawing on old techniques and seeking new training may be required to adjust. Troubles close to home may be leaving you feeling confused or lost. Your willingness to give fully to situations and proceed faithfully may be the best you can do. Aim for new foundations.

Capricorn (Dec 21 - Jan 19)

It seems a lot of people are experiencing major shifts and activations close to home, including you. You would like to feel freer somehow. Your thoughts are roaming in all directions seeking answers. If blame is in the current, be aware that you are hanging on to the wrong branch. Intend to be understanding of yourself and others.

Aquarius (Jan 19 - Feb 19)

Some thoughts, perceptions and self-concepts are being activated. Yet, they may be coming up against some deeply rooted values and priorities. While money and security are important, you are wise to answer a higher calling. With healthy intentions, you will probably achieve it all anyway. Decipher what constitutes true alignment with your deeper destiny.

Pisces (Feb 19 - Mar 20)

Your ambitions are being activated. Yet, you may be in a vulnerable period, so be careful who you share your plans and goals with. Above all, clarify what these are to your self and take initiative to at least plant the seed(s). You likely have a lot to consider so focus and avoid scattering your energies. Practical leads initiated now will likely prove successful.



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