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THEATRICAL EXIT: Salt Spring actor Scott Hylands could be performing Shakespeare as he runs from the ocean at Vesuvius Beach after taking the annual New Year's Day Polar Bear plunge. More photos, page A7. Photo by Derrick Lundy

Polar plungers pull it off in annual swim

Thirty-five swimmers dive into the New Year

By SEAN MCINTYRE
Driftwood Staff

Who said the second time is always easier?

Within seconds of hitting the water on Monday afternoon, Vesuvius Bay's icy grip had already taken hold.

It hadn't seemed this bad 365 days ago but, then again, a lot can change in a year.

Apparently a whole lot can be forgotten too.

By the looks of things, it appeared

the 34 other swimmers registered in the "umpteenth annual" Polar Bear Swim were feeling the same way.

Judging by their facial expressions, it appeared they were screaming. For some reason, the sound wasn't registering. I was screaming and it was time to leave.

At least the hard part was over. Now it was only a matter of getting out to begin the task of finding that dry towel I hid under an overturned boat among the small flotilla parked along the beach.

Thankfully, once you leave the water, the wet grey Salt Spring day feels downright tropical. I even caught myself making arrangements

for a return swim next year.

For an event that looked as though it wasn't going to happen little more than a week ago, organizers, volunteers and community sponsors certainly came to the rescue.

"It almost didn't happen," said Jen Maclellan, one of the event's last-minute saviours.

"We're just happy people came. The weather is a little shocking."

She answered the call after reading about the swim's possible cancellation in the Driftwood just before Christmas.

"I didn't want to see the death of another island tradition," she said, accepting registrations in the pour-

ing rain minutes before the plunge.

Even volunteer judges came through at the last moment.

Norah Lloyd, a volunteer judge from the Vesuvius area, discovered neighbours had volunteered her as a judge only minutes before the event.

Following her mother's advice, Lloyd now leaves her swimming for the summer months, but still wants to get a piece of the excitement generated by the event.

"Just don't stay in longer than you have to," she said, heading off in search of the perfect costume.

Top honours went to Emma

POLAR PLUNGE A3

Bowling alley site eyed for new Ganges fire hall

By SEAN MCINTYRE
Driftwood Staff

Owners of the Kings Lane bowling alley property have accepted a \$1.1-million purchase offer from the Salt Spring Island Fire Protection District (SSIFPD).

According to SSIFPD chair Ted Hinds, the 3.5-acre property at 154 Kings Lane is the preferred location for a new Ganges fire hall.

"As it's turning out, that particular area is becoming the public service centre for the island," Hinds said last week. "It's a natural fit."

According to an independent appraisal by Island Appraisal Services of Duncan, the land's market value is \$1,450,000.

A B.C. Assessment valuation from July 2005 gave the property an assessed value of

\$581,500. The bowling alley building and residence on the property were assessed at \$342,000, with the land value at \$239,500.

"The owners are very cooperative and look forward to helping out the community," Hinds said after last week's announcement.

The Kings Lane property is registered to 651626 BC Ltd. Company directors are

listed as Russell Crouse, Richard Parsons and Myles Wilson.

According to land registry and court documents, the company acquired the property through a court-ordered sale in August of 2002, after previous owners Ruth and Tony Hume were foreclosed on by Island Savings Credit Union (ISCU).

The purchase price of

\$310,000 paid out the ISCU mortgage and part of a second mortgage held by previous owners Paula Bedford and her husband Rick Parsons, who sold the facility to the Humes when they moved to the Cranbrook area in 1993. Members of Bedford's family have owned the bowling alley since 1970,

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Public has final say on fire hall

Eligible voters opposed to the Salt Spring Island Fire Protection District (SSIFPD) decision to purchase a \$1.1-million Kings Lane property for construction of a new fire hall can make their voices heard by signing a counter-petition beginning January 10.

The purchase will proceed unless a minimum of 10 per cent of voters sign the petition available at the Ganges fire hall until February 16.

Petitioners are required to provide their name and address as part of the process.

Chair Ted Hinds said he did not believe making the petition documents available solely at the fire hall would discourage residents from expressing their concerns.

"It hasn't stopped anybody yet," he said. "Problems like that have never presented themselves in the past."

According to the Ministry of Community Services website, "Local governments may want to consider making elector response forms available at locations such as libraries or recreation centres . . ." It also suggests local governments consider holding public consultations in some cases.

Should the required number of petitioners be met, the SSIFPD will have to review its options and hold a referendum should trustees vote to pursue the purchase.

Hinds did not know how many signatures are required to force a review, but said a concrete number will be determined from tax assessment records.

Provincial regulations governing the alternative approval process require elected officials to release the number as part of the public notice.

Construction of a fire hall building will require additional funding and a further public approval process.



FIRE SITE?: The Kings Lane site of the Salt Spring bowling alley could become the new location of the Ganges fire hall.
Photo by Derrick Lundy

FIRE HALL PROPOSAL

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when Flip and Ruth Bedford bought the alley from Howard and Ellie Byron.

The fire hall sale cannot be finalized until a mandatory counter-petition period expires, likely in mid-February. It will go ahead unless 10 per cent of registered voters sign a counter-petition form. If that number is reached, it will prompt a referendum if the district wants to proceed. (See related story at left.)

Information is available at the Ganges fire hall, and public comments and concerns can also be submitted to staff at the hall.

Cost considerations led trustees to rule out holding a referendum on the purchase, Hinds added.

The proposed hall site is

located close to several residential properties and less than 100 metres from the new assisted living complex and Greenwoods eldercare centre on Blain Road.

According to Hinds, the bowling alley will be removed. Arrangements have been made to preserve the residence and its current tenant, he added.

Hinds said two other potential properties — one located across from the new pool on Rainbow Road and another beside a BC Hydro sub-station on Atkins Road — posed complications because they are in the Agricultural Land Reserve (ALR).

SSIFPD trustees unanimously agreed to make an

offer on the Kings Lane property during an in-camera session held after their monthly meeting on the evening of December 18.

After presenting the information to the Driftwood the following morning, Hinds asked the information not be made public until a response from the owners was received.

Fire trustees began searching for a fire hall site after a 2005 insurance audit recommended \$1-million in upgrades and renovations are required to bring the Ganges fire hall up to current safety standards.

Hinds said the sale of the old Ganges fire hall will help offset costs of the new fire hall site.

Car flames only fire-related emergency during holidays

Salt Spring Fire Rescue personnel enjoyed a quiet period over the Christmas holiday.

Rainy conditions do not always spell relief as people tend to have more indoor fires, but there were no calls for chimney or house fires throughout the holiday week.

A car fire took place on January 1 at 12:29 a.m. on

FIRE REPORT

Fulford-Ganges Road.

The fire started in the cab/dash area and there were no injuries as a result of the blaze.

(Christian Paul-Tatonetti has put a video clip of the fire on YouTube at <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=it-C0uJb8>)

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Icy conditions caused an accident on Walker Hook Road on December 29.

The driver lost control and the vehicle slid off the road. One individual required medical aid.

All other recent calls involving the fire department were for medical emergencies.

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POLAR PLUNGE

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Thomas with an honourable mention going to Stephen Severn, whose full-body cellophane cocoon didn't provide as much insulation as he'd hoped.

"It didn't help me stay warm at all," Severn said. "I'm happy it stayed on for as long as it did."

Judging by the enthusiastic response, there was little doubt the polar bear loyalists would miss an opportunity to submerge themselves in water with a surface temperature of barely 7 C (44 F).

For eight-year-old Si Wood, hitting the water is nothing compared to stepping out of a warm home and into the rain.

According to Wood, once you leave the house, the rest is easy.

"I didn't really want to come out today, but once you get down here and have a cup of hot chocolate, you feel really good," he said seconds after claiming the prize for the event's youngest participant.

Missing out on the youngest swimmer honours by only a month was Liam Hackett, but he was keen to participate with this year's Charlotte's Web theme.

Hackett, along with older sister Olivia and his parents, not only made it to the beach but did so in grand spider style.

"It's part of the fun," Liam said, already planning a strategy to beat his three-second submersion in next year's event. "Maybe I'll just



WINTER WEB: Wearing a Charlotte's Web web, Olivia Hackett warms up after participating in the annual Polar Bear Swim at Vesuvius Beach on New Year's Day.

Photo by Derrick Lundy

try and stay in as long as I get numb and then I won't feel anything."

His sister, who managed to stay in for nearly one whole minute, offered some tips on going the distance.

"Just don't even think about it. Get your adrenaline up and charge ahead," said Olivia Hackett. "Screaming helps, but don't think about it."

Alongside the veterans, polar bear newbies like Ross Alexander sought to start 2007 off with something to remember.

Alexander figured he should wander down to the

beach from his Vesuvius Bay Road home to see what all the talk was about.

"I enjoy swimming down here in the summer and I always enjoy saying how many months I've been in the water," he said. "This gives me the opportunity to start the swimming year with January."

Veteran polar bear participant Nancy Wigen took home the award for being the eldest female swimmer.

After years of participating in the event, Skip McCarthy said receiving the eldest male swimmer award is an honour he hopes to repeat

in 2008, regardless of the weather.

"The worse the weather, the better it is. This shows the community spirit lives on even in this kind of weather," he said, one of the few brave souls remaining on the beach only 10 minutes after the plunge. "I have missed the swim periodically, but enjoy the atmosphere and appreciate the effort people make to take part."

Not only did McCarthy take home the big prize, he left with a new challenge: convincing his wife Pauline to join him in 2008.

Pauline was not available for comment.

Assessed property values slow up on Salt Spring

Salt Spring property owners receiving their assessment notices in the mail this week will notice a change from recent years.

Property value increases have dropped from the double-digit sphere to below 10 per cent, and were almost negligible for waterfront properties.

A Salt Spring north-end non-waterfront property pegged at \$381,400 last year would be assessed at \$415,500 on this year's notice, a rise of 8.9 per cent.

A typical waterfront property in the same area rose only \$900 from July 1, 2005 to July 1, 2006: From \$845,400 to \$846,300, or .1 per cent.

Last year the north Salt Spring waterfront rise was 18.6 per cent, and 18.3 per cent in 2005. The non-water-

front equivalent hikes for the past two years were 17.7 per cent (2006) and 27.5 per cent (2005).

However, the levelling-out story was not the same on the other Gulf Islands.

Pender waterfront property values rose 42 per cent — from \$452,700 to \$643,000; and 22 per cent for non-waterfront.

Galiano waterfront properties jumped 24 per cent in value (from \$541,600 to \$672,000); while the non-waterfront equivalent was 26.8 per cent (\$278,000 to \$352,600).

Saturna increases were 18 per cent for waterfront (\$408,400 to \$482,700) and 28 per cent for non waterfront (\$176,000 to \$226,000).

On Mayne, a waterfront property increased by 17.2 per cent (\$444,600 to

\$521,400) and 19.6 per cent for non waterfront (\$209,300 to \$250,400).

B.C. Assessment sent notices to some 16,000 property owners in the Gulf Islands.

Overall the Gulf Islands assessment roll increased from \$5.33 billion last year to \$6.16 billion.

Anyone wanting more information or to request a review of their assessment can contact the capital area assessment office toll free at 1-800-990-1159 or visit www.bcassessment.ca.

"If a property owner is still concerned about their assessment after speaking to one of our staff, they may submit a written request by January 31 for an independent review by a Property Assessment Review Panel," said area assessor Brian Hawkins in a press release.

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Fulford swimmers face the fear

By DAWN HAGE
Driftwood Staff

Vesuvius Beach isn't the only place to bring in the New Year with a splash on Salt Spring.

Tired of the long commute to Vesuvius beach on New Year's Day, and yet loving the invigorating dash into the freezing waters, John Rowlandson and Margaret O'Hara decided to start a south-end polar swim tradition five years ago.

"The first year it was pretty small," said Rowlandson. "Basically just the five of us (himself, wife Margaret and kids Emma and Sam and a friend), but it has grown every year."

This year 10 people braved the cold and took the plunge, with another 10 cheering them on. The swim takes place on a private shell

beach well known to Fulford residents, which requires a trip down a muddy trail to access.

"The tide is quite high around noon," said Rowlandson.

"Once you are past the logs it is only about 30-40 cm to the water. So that makes it nice — one large step and you are in."

In past years Margaret O'Hara has brewed a huge vat of hot chocolate at their nearby house (her secret is melting Toblerone bars into the creamy beverage), wrapping the pot in towels and hauling it to the beach in her wheelbarrow to warm the swimmers' insides.

She also assumes the role of event photographer, which excuses her from dipping into the salty brine herself.

However, the hot choco-

late for 2007 was a new brew, devised by Linda Taylor and her sister.

"This year it was a Mexican hot chocolate, with cayenne and cinnamon," said Rowlandson. "It tasted good — and the hot spices worked much better than alcohol for warming you up."

The brew was not without its dangers, however, as Rowlandson discovered when a large raindrop hit the surface of his drink and propelled a portion of the hot spicy mix into his eye.

Last year, great weather inspired the beginning of a new tradition for the event — a street dance.

"The Conrads opened up their van and played Bob Marley and we had a dance in the street for about half an hour," said Rowlandson.

"It happened again this

year, but the cold weather shut it down a lot sooner."

The event has always had a dress-up theme, but in true south-end tradition, it remains fairly loose.

"Our theme is 'Come as who you think you want to be,'" said Rowlandson. "This year Linda Taylor had the best costume, with a huge wig of Rasta hair."

There are no prizes at the informal event, but the true reward is the feeling that you get after actually taking the plunge.

"It's an amazing feeling," said Rowlandson. "The day before you think, 'oh God, can't the weather be decent?' and then you do it and it's really easy and feels incredible."

"It's a bit of a metaphor for overcoming fear in the upcoming year."

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Call for Layton's resignation described as a 'twisted joke'

By SEAN MCINTYRE
Driftwood Staff

A local NDP supporter and past riding president said a recent press release calling for Jack Layton's resignation by a group called New Democrats for Change is likely nothing more than a prank.

"I think this has been blown out of shape," said Irene Wright. "I'm unaware of any such move."

Issued on December 28, the release includes comments from party members and candidates calling for NDP leader Layton's immediate resignation based on the party's "recent position on Afghanistan, its cooperation with the Conservatives and its failure to pursue policies."

Included in the release are comments from Eileen Wttewaall, a member of the Salt Spring NDP club.

"I'd much prefer to see the NDP focussed on its agenda for the benefit of all Canadians," she is quoted as say-

ing. "Let's get Canada back on track as a peacemaker and peace-keeper. Let's get Canada out of Afghanistan. Let's have a coherent, principled and bold left agenda to be followed through upon election."

Though Wttewaall was unavailable for comment, Wright said local party members were asked for their views on the leader's performance as part of the party's year-end review in December.

"The messages sent by many of us were not a criticism of Jack, just a response to questions from him about what we expect from our party," she said. "Her comments have been intercepted, I would guess."

An internet search for more information on New Democrats for Change yielded no results. Nobody from the organization replied to an e-mail requesting more information on the group.

Dimitri Kampouris, an NDP member in the Ontario

riding of Glengarry-Prescott-Russell is also quoted in the piece.

Kampouris said he remains "in the dark" about the organization and how his comments were included on the release.

"I don't know anything about this," he said. "It sounds like some kind of twisted joke."

A federal NDP spokesperson said the party is investigating the incident after receiving enquiries from two other community newspapers.

The release came two days after the party announced former Saanich-Gulf Islands candidate Jennifer Burgis will not represent her party in the riding in the next federal election. Burgis has been nominated to run in Esquimalt-Juan de Fuca, a riding held by Liberal candidate Keith Martin.

The Saanich-Gulf Islands candidate has not yet been chosen.

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DRESSED FOR NEW YEAR'S: Jackie Woodley and "Trina" don masks and feathers for the 12th Night Nordic Yule event at Beaver Point Hall on New Year's Eve. Photo by Derrick Lundy

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A 1986 silver two-door Honda Civic was stolen in

RCMP
FILE

the early hours of January 1 and had just been found as

of Tuesday afternoon.

Anyone with information about the still-under-investigation theft is asked to call Salt Spring RCMP at 537-5555.

The theft prompted RCMP

to suggest Salt Spring residents "start off the new year with a good habit.

"Lock your doors — no matter where you are — even at workplaces and in your driveways."

Salt Spring spray-free in gypsy moth battle

Thanks to a declining gypsy moth population, Salt Spring will once again avoid overhead pesticide spraying to contain the evasive species in 2007.

In mid-October of 2006, the approximately 1,200 gypsy moth traps set by volunteers in early summer were examined by community members and representatives from the Ministry of Forest and Range.

Those traps containing moths or moth parts were then sent to Victoria for examination by an entomologist.

According to a press release from the Gypsy Moth Committee (GMC), an intergovernmental body that decides what actions to take to control the gypsy moth, 34 of the total trapped moths were the evasive European gypsy moth species (*lymantria dispar*). This number is nine less than the total number found in traps set by the Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) in 2005. No gypsy moths were caught in CFIA traps this year.

Almost all positive traps were found in a concentrated area that was smaller than that of last year.

In turn, overhead pesticide spraying "wasn't even discussed" by the GMC, said the press release.

Instead, a four-part program will be implemented again this year.

The program includes a gypsy moth egg search, ground spraying of areas that contain moths, and a trapping of male moths, as well as a public education program which includes preventing importation of the moth onto the island and early detection of the moth in its various stages.

The long-term goal of the program is to keep Salt Spring gypsy moth free and to eliminate pesticide spraying as a method of local moth control, said the release.

The gypsy moth is a major defoliator of natural forests and non-native trees. It arrives on Salt Spring on vehicles and outdoor items brought from Eastern Canada and areas of the United States.



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NOTICE OF COMMUNITY CONSULTATION MEETING

ADVISORY PLANNING COMMISSION INVITATION FOR SUBMISSIONS CONCERNING PROPOSED SOIL REMOVAL AND DEPOSIT BYLAWS

The Advisory Planning Commission to the Salt Spring Island Local Trust Committee invites interested group representatives and individuals to make submissions respecting Proposed Bylaw No. 418 – a Bylaw to Control the Removal and Deposit of Soil within the Salt Spring Island Local Trust Area, and Bylaw No. 419 – a Bylaw to Impose Fees for Permits and Prohibit Certain Removal and Deposit of Soil within the Salt Spring Island Local Trust Area. Copies of the bylaws are available at the Salt Spring Office of Islands Trust and may be viewed on the Islands Trust website at www.islandstrust.bc.ca / Salt Spring Island / Planning Bylaws.

The Advisory Planning Commission will hear delegations at a community consultation meeting to be held at the following place and time. Those persons wishing to speak at the meeting are required to register as a delegation by calling the Islands Trust office not less than 7 days before the meeting. Groups and associations are encouraged to register a representative to speak on their behalf. Written submissions will be received at the meeting, and those making written submissions are encouraged to make their submissions to the Salt Spring office of Islands Trust prior to the meeting.

Please contact the Islands Trust office concerning any questions or to obtain further information.

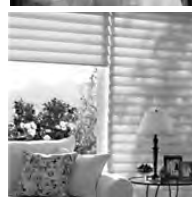
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Wednesday, Jan. 31, 2007

VIHA health authority

The Vancouver Island Health Authority Board of Directors is holding its regular General Board meeting:
Wednesday, Jan. 31st at 1:30 pm
Lounge, Social Centre, Beban Park
2300 Bowen Road, Nanaimo, BC

In addition to conducting its regular business, there will be a limited amount of time set-aside during the meeting for scheduled presentations from the public and to respond to questions submitted in advance of the meeting.

Presentation Guidelines:
 A written request is required to make a presentation to the Board. Requests should include the general nature and viewpoint of the presentation and groups/organizations must identify one individual as the spokesperson. Presentations will be limited to a maximum of 10 minutes.

Questions for the Board:
 Questions must be submitted in advance of the meeting to allow for a formal response, which will be distributed in writing at the meeting and posted to our website following the meeting.

Note: Should the number of applications exceed the time available at the meeting it may not be possible to schedule all presentations. You will be contacted to confirm whether or not you have been selected to make a presentation.

Presentations will not be accepted without prior arrangement and questions from the floor will not be addressed. There will be an opportunity to informally ask questions following the meeting during the Open House.

Written questions or requests for presentations to the VIHA Board **must be submitted before 4:00 pm on Wednesday, Jan. 17, 2007** by fax to (250) 370-8750 or by email to janet.shute@viha.ca or by mail to: Vancouver Island Health Authority, Executive Office, 1952 Bay Street, Victoria, BC V8R 1J8

Open House Immediately Following the General Board Meeting – Approx. 3:30 pm

Following the General Board meeting there will be a one-hour Open House to allow for a general exchange of thoughts, suggestions and concerns between the VIHA Board and senior management staff and the general public.

Community Education explores new directions for 2007 offerings

By **STAN SHAPIRO**
 Special to the Driftwood

The Salt Spring Island Society for Community Education (SSISCE) offered its first courses in February of 2004. Since then, just under 1,000 islanders have attended at least one of the society's programs.

A great deal has been learned about our community's educational needs and interests.

Now it's time for SSISCE to examine what has been accomplished to date and, in light of that, to plan for the future. That planning and evaluation exercise will take place over the next few months.

While this review occurs, a limited number of traditionally popular community education courses will be offered in February and March of 2007. Watch for the program in the January 10 edition of the Driftwood.

A number of factors have combined to bring about a need for a continuing education "strategic planning" exercise at this time.

First and foremost, a steadily increasing number of activities, events and programs are taking place on Salt Spring.

While this does not eliminate the need for a community education program, it does require our society to present a truly unique set of courses. These offerings must add to, rather than duplicate, what other groups are presenting. Increased coordination and cooperation can only benefit all concerned.

The society must also introduce policies that will provide an increased degree of financial security.

The CRD through Gary Holman, the Salt Spring Foundation and Parks and Recreation Commission have all over the last few years supported community education. They have done this both by providing both "start-up" funding and by supporting special projects. The school board has generously provided office space. However, we have so far been unable to obtain any "core funding." That's the kind of support that would be used to underwrite our continuing expenses and

A number of factors have combined to bring about a need for a continuing education "strategic planning" exercise at this time.

A number of other community organizations on Salt Spring will also be approached to provide their input. Such contacts, hopefully, will lead to some "partnering" initiatives. For example, the Salt Spring Island Conservancy and SSISCE might jointly offer courses on environmental protection. At the same time, the Chamber of Commerce could join with us in offering a "Starting Your Own Small Business" course.

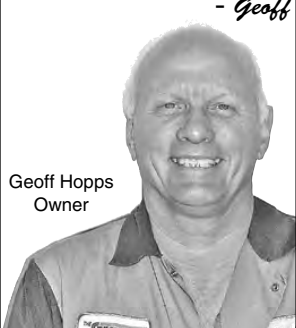
The past three years have been very busy ones for the SSISCE. Our two program coordinators, Anne Miller for the first term and Libby Jutras for the next five, provided truly exemplary service.

A large number of other islanders have devoted their time, effort and energy to bringing community education back to Salt Spring. Then, of course, there was the indispensable contribution made by a significant number of our neighbours who agreed to offer courses in their respective areas of expertise.


SSISCE now looks forward to a period of reflection and direction that will allow us to build on the accomplishments of these past six terms. Courses and programs offered in the future may well be somewhat different from those previously presented.

The end objective, however, will remain the same — providing educational, skill building and self-development opportunities and experiences to the largest possible number of Salt Spring residents.

To our friends on Salt Spring!
"Thanks for stopping by."
 - Geoff



Geoff Hopps
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allow us to keep course fees as low as possible.

As far as we know, SSISCE is the only local continuing education organization in Western Canada that does not receive core funding from a local government, a parks and recreation commission or a local school board. But since such funding does not appear to be available to us, SSISCE must now come up with a "made on Salt Spring" solution to its financial problems. That, obviously, will be another major focus of the coming review.

The society will also be exploring new methods of involving more Salt Spring residents and other local organizations in its planning and programming efforts. The first step in this direction involves our organizing consultative "focus groups." Group members will be asked, among other things, to discuss both the appropriateness of the courses we have offered to date and the additional programming initiatives that we might undertake.

Predictions lead the way in TGIF

To get a glimpse of what's in store for Salt Spring in 2007, the Driftwood called upon local tea leaf/tarot reader and channeller Tanya Lester to do an island reading for the year.

Her piece is the cover story in this Friday's edition of TGIF, the Driftwood's free eight-page publication available at the Driftwood office and numerous stores and coffee shops.

To see what will happen on Salt Spring Island in 2007, Lester said she closed her eyes, meditated and listened to the inner voice and inner eye that connects her to the

universal overseer" and also conducted a tea leaf reading.

Anyone interested in receiving some personal predictions for the new year can contact Lester for a reading or sign up for her tea leaf reading workshop on January 14 and 21. Call 538-0086 or e-mail: t.lester@yahoo.com, or see www.ArtistsUnlimited.com/TeaLeafReading.

Last fall Lester even taught tea leaf reading workshops in Boulder, Colorado.

Also in the January 5 TGIF is the all-local Salt Spring crossword called Drift-Word, with a theme of "Surviving the Storms."

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SET TO GO: Swimmers in the annual Polar Bear Swim at Vesuvius Beach get set as the countdown occurs prior to the wintery dip.



Above left, Doug Pearson and Edvarado Ramos (from Mexico) hang out for a few minutes in the water; while above right, Emma Thomas (dressed up as Fern from Charlotte's Web) gets warm after the swim.

Winter winds lift island storm insurance claims

Heavy rains and strong winds of 2006 are still leaving their mark as a record number of claims continue to blow away local insurance companies.

SeaFirst Insurance's Doug Guedes said offices in Sidney and Salt Spring received 180 claims between early December and the New Year.

"Most of the calls are for damage caused by fallen trees, or broken windows," Guedes said. "We're probably looking at total damage of \$250,000."

As far as insurance claims go, he said, most are pretty run-of-the-mill. It's the sheer quantity of claims that has kept insurance auditors moving, he added.

Because people are discovering the "act of God clause" does not apply to many of these cases, Guedes is seeing even more claims than usual.

Across the province, he said, insurance claims have surpassed the \$75 million mark since the first wind storms hit the province's south-western corner at the end of November.

"In many ways, things are a lot better around here," he said.

The situation is much the same for Cynthia Anderson, an insurance manager at Island Savings in Ganges.

"This is a whole lot more than we're used to getting," she said.

She could not release specific numbers, but said this year has seen big changes during what is normally a quiet time of year.

Anderson said she suspects even more people will come in with claims once the island's seasonal residents are factored into the equation.

"There's a lot of seasonal properties on the island. A lot

of people on the island could be away and unaware there is damage to their homes," she said. "My concern is that we haven't yet seen everything there is."

Anderson advised property managers and home owners to check homes on a regular basis.

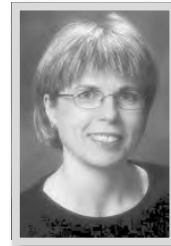
According to Ted Olynyk, a spokesperson for BC Hydro, the Vancouver Island region is the most heavily treed power grid in North America.

Over the past six weeks that has become very evident, he said.

"Some areas look like someone went into the forest and began ripping out trees," he said. "These are extraordinary times."

Olynyk said property owners concerned trees on their property may pose a threat to utility lines can phone 1-800-BC-HYDRO for more information on removal options.

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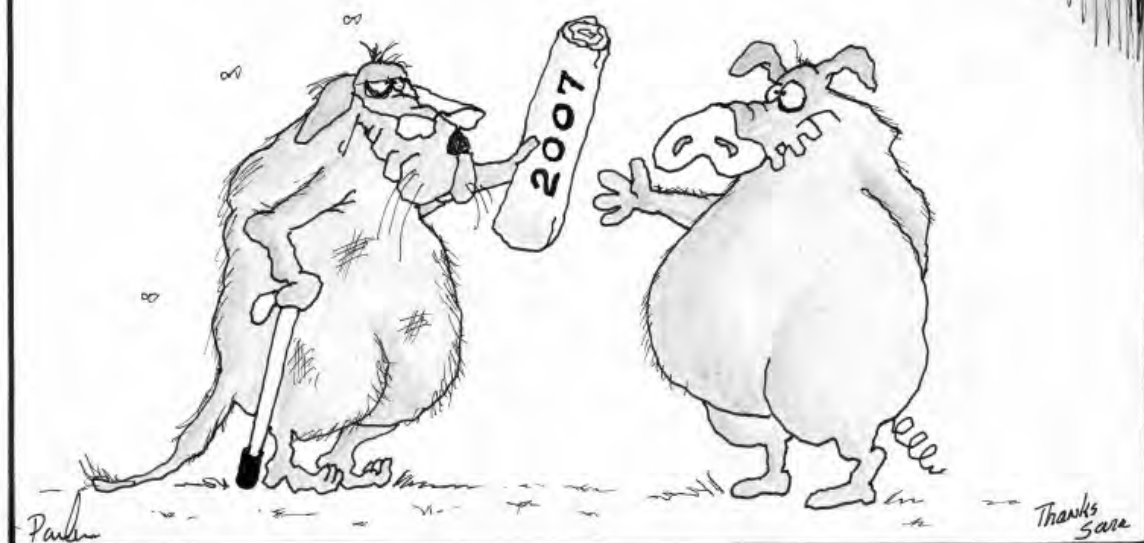
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OPINION

2007 ON THE CHINESE ASTROLOGICAL CALENDAR:

"OUT LIKE A DOG
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Talk it up

Salt Spring Island Fire Protection District (SSIFPD) trustees have been working hard in the past year to find a chunk of the island where they can build a new Ganges fire hall.

This island has a dearth of places to locate almost any public service or general community need, like affordable housing, without running into problems related to zoning or safety or extreme neighbourhood concern.

Need for a new hall to replace the one across from Centennial Park arises from a Fire Underwriters Survey report released in 2005. Access concerns and a \$1 million price tag in upgrades (with now-outdated figures) to the current Ganges hall were cited in the report.

Trustees found a 3.5-acre site where the Kings Lane bowling alley now sits, with the owners having accepted a \$1.1-million offer from the fire district. The amount is less than a market value appraisal and more than a BC Assessment valuation.

Because a substantial expenditure of public funds is involved (and the actual building cost hasn't even been addressed yet), adequate information and public discussion must be floated on the topic.

When the district embarked on a fire truck purchase three years ago, there was almost no public discourse on the topic until the last minute. What might be termed a public relations disaster and dismissal of two long-serving volunteer firefighters then resulted.

A new fire hall site and building will have more impacts and higher costs than a fire truck, so this time out the fire district is advised to ensure it can answer any and all questions thrown its way. Those involved need to make clear what the land purchase will cost property owners over the borrowing period, its intentions for the present site, and indicate its estimates for a new building — even if the details on building costs are not expected until March.

A public meeting wouldn't be a bad idea — perhaps as a part of the fire trustees' next regular Monday night meeting on January 15.

The Kings Lane site may well be the best spot for a new fire hall, but the public shouldn't have to just take that decision for granted.

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Letters to the Editor

Flawed

I had a bad feeling when I received the oversized advertisement from the B.C. government called "Conversation on Health." I'd rather they had spent the money on health care.

A look at their website www.BCConservationon-Health.ca was even more disturbing. The on-line survey asked if I favoured seeing a nurse practitioner before being referred to a doctor or having a nurse assistant perform "routine" tasks now performed by nurses, but the question does not distinguish between this being voluntary or mandatory.

Other questions asked if I favoured emergency rooms being accessible only through

ambulance and doctor referrals or if fees should be charged to patients who use emergency rooms for non-urgent care. What if I had a terrible pain in the middle of the night? The possibility of it costing me a fortune might keep me home, but I also might die.

But don't worry, they have a plan for the money they'll save on not providing emergency care to the seniors who stayed home and died. They are considering spending it on tax deductions for gym and personal training memberships. No income or age criteria was mentioned.

Surveys asking closed-ended questions such as these don't allow for real public input on important issues.

If this disturbs you, visit www.BCConversationon-Health.ca and then write a letter to MLA Murray Coell. **MAXINE LEICHTER,** Salt Spring

Read again

I've been married for coming up on 28 years and, like many other men my age, have developed that most creative of natural diseases — "selective deafness." However, it appears Roy Preshaw, in his response letter last week, has developed "selective blindness."

In response to my quote from a randomized study from Laval University researchers that "Randomized trials have shown, unexpectedly, that supplementation with selenium or vita-

min E is associated with a reduction of prostate cancer risk," Roy rebuffed that the researchers had also written, "Overall, there was a moderate non-significant reduction in prostate cancer rate," which Roy went on to say was "scientific speak to say that the difference observed could have been due to chance and not due to the supplement at all."

He concluded his letter with the scholarly advice to me, "When you quote a scientific paper, you also have to read it."

Well, if by reading it, he means "all" of it, I couldn't agree more.

However, I humbly submit Roy should take a little of his own, most excellent advice, and continue to

read the study because, immediately after the single, selective line he quoted, in the following sentences, he will find the following: "However, the effect differed significantly between men with normal baseline PSA and those with elevated PSA. Among men with normal PSA, there was a marked statistically significant reduction in the rate of prostate cancer for men receiving the supplements . . . Our findings support the hypothesis that chemoprevention of prostate cancer can be achieved with nutritional doses of antioxidant vitamins and minerals."

In case you don't know Roy, "marked statistically significant reduction," is "scientific speak" to say the

difference observed was evidently due to the effects of supplementation.

And, while I'll be the first to admit there currently aren't any randomized studies to prove the hypothesis that selective blindness and deafness leads to selective dumbness, the overall evidence to support the theory can sometimes be markedly, statistically and significantly overwhelming.

ERIC BOOTH, Frazier Road

Editor's note: The study in question called Antioxidant vitamin and mineral supplementation and prostate cancer prevention in the SU.VI. MAX trial by Francois Meyer and others is on the Wiley InterScience website (www.interscience.wiley.com).

Investment choices and quality of life?

By JIM STANDEN

Chris Dixon's December 6 Greenspace article in the Driftwood entitled "Give Meaning to 'Peace on Earth Buzzwords'" caused me to reflect on some of the personal investment issues and opportunities we have on Salt Spring Island. Based on the theme of topics that Chris proposed, my topic could have been called "The Search for Green Investment Alternatives."

In the past I have had numerous conversations with islanders on the topic of ethical investing — making investment choices which yield an element of satisfaction that your funds are well placed (according to your own personal definition) and, in addition, hopefully provide a relatively reliable return on investment. That was in an effort to choose well-informed investment decisions within the conventional investment arena. However, I have always been searching for other alternatives.

This past fall, we on Salt Spring

VIEW POINT

were fortunate to have Catherine Austen Fitts (former assistant secretary of housing for President G.H.W. Bush) give a presentation at the Salt Spring Island Monetary Foundation annual general meeting. Topics included the lack of control and understanding of our conventional investment choices, and to propose some potential alternatives.

She indicated it is very difficult to determine if any of your investment dollars are somehow supporting things you do not personally agree with. Provisioning of military efforts, drug trafficking or diminishing food quality are examples which are likely objectionable to some individuals, yet are somehow supported through "the system." Catherine went on to discuss how after years of "large economy" programs, the quality

of life in her neighbourhood of Philadelphia has greatly diminished, rather than improved. She has a measuring device she used to gauge the general quality of neighbourhood life called the Popsicle Index (PI). The index measures how safe you believe your children to be if they went to the corner store for a popsicle. I can't remember her exact figures but I believe the PI in Philadelphia in her opinion has fallen from something like 100 per cent to 10 per cent.

The connection? After years of purportedly (or so we are informed) good things such as free trade, globalization and soaring stock markets, the quality of life for many folks at the neighbourhood level has only diminished, at least in some areas. Our investment dollars in retirement accounts, stocks bonds, mutual funds, etc. have provided the resources for these trends.

Catherine also gave a follow-up classroom session in which she probed deeper into the opportuni-

ties for the redirection of retirement savings from traditional investment vehicles to local, well defined and productive investment vehicles. The theory is that with these local ventures, you gain a similar rate of return, you know and understand where your funds are placed (and by default, where they are not placed), you support small business and local economy, and you support the stabilization or increase in the PI. And you may just get warm fuzzies in your tummy as well.

This brief text only covers a small portion of the material presented in Catherine's two presentations. I hope I have represented it in a fair manner.

We on Salt Spring Island already have a vibrant community and a relatively safe environment. However, some see the need to protect or improve upon what we have and thus it is my opinion that we have the opportunity to be a leader in developing programs to support our community and the

individuals who live here through innovative investment opportunities. Opportunities that could foster and grow safer communities, greener businesses, micro-economies, organic farming within an environment of sustainable growth and development.

If you are interested in discussing the above topics or becoming involved with further activities or collaborations, please contact me at: jstanden@saltspring.com or make your opinions known by way of the Driftwood.

As I have discussed financial topics I will provide a disclaimer. I have no affiliation with any sales of any investment vehicles of any kind, and absolutely no interest. My motivation is solely for myself, or for possible collaboration.

The writer is a retired manager from the University of Calgary and has a strong interest in personal finance.

SALT SPRING SAYS

We asked: *What story do you think will lead the news in 2007?*



Elsa Fraser

Afghanistan seems pretty important and I hope it's all positive news.



Carolin Christ

The weather and the storms and the wind.



Estelle Richard

Global warming because it's already a major news story.



Carol Volkart

Probably the environment. It's on everybody's mind.



Bruce Wood

I suspect there will be a spring election.

Letters to the Editor

In the December 6 Driftwood, Chris Dixon proposed that islanders consider notions of peace on earth; their relationship to earth and community, and what they would change if they could. Jan Slakov further refined the idea by contacting various island groups and asking them to consider "What would you like to see happen to make this world a better place?" The following are some of the responses received to date.

Sustainability handbook

"Do unto others..." As islanders, Canadians and citizens of the world we recognize that the Golden Rule is still applicable to the 21st century, that there are no easy answers to the problems we face, and that every individual must play a part, and take responsibility, if we are to reach the ideal of wholesome food, clean water, shelter, a meaningful education, healthcare, and jobs for everyone, within the framework of a peaceful and sustainable universe.

We have to find ways to balance the macro with the

micro, global needs with local sustainability.

As an immediate response to the threat over-consumption has produced in our world, sustainability must be defined on a one person, one family basis and dinged into our heads the way the "Canada Food Guide" is.

The health of our world is at stake and we need a "Sustainability Handbook" in every home to save ourselves and inform our choices. In the meantime, turn off that light, fix that tap, and walk.

WEDNESDAY BOOK GROUP

Be informed

The Salt Spring Unitarians for social action were excited by the opportunity to examine the crises facing our world and our community, and we quickly came up with a long list of issues.

We look forward to considering these issues at our monthly discussion group and would like to contribute to this community conversation on an ongoing basis. As we are a group that places value on free thinking, we acknowledge that not

everyone involved with the Unitarian Fellowship will share our ideas, and we are also very interested to see what other groups have to say.

Among the issues we have identified as most urgent are: human population growth and distribution; corporate control of agro-business and biotechnology; the depletion and privatization of fresh water resources; preparing for climate change; preparing for the oil crunch, etc.

What can Salt Spring Islanders do? We know that a well-informed public is the best way to bring about change. Let's begin by using Greenspace as a place to share information about important environmental issues.

SALT SPRING UNITARIANS

Art and alternatives

The Islands Institute aims to link art and survival through interdisciplinary approaches. If we were in charge of Salt Spring Island, 2007 would see these changes:

- Art would be released

from its confinement in the cultural realm, and applied to design problems including poverty, transportation and habitat.

- The sewer and the swimming pool projects would be twinned, creating a living machine that functions as sculpture, wildlife habitat, park, restored wetland, swimming pool and water-purifying system.

- Efforts to create wildlife habitat on public and private land, support local farmers, and develop community ritual would cleanse water in St. Mary Lake, and create excitement about our capacity to change the physical world through individual thoughts and community projects.

- The Crofton Pulp Mill would adopt a new, poison-free mechanism for pulp production, inspired by wasps.

The Islands Institute is a web-based institute for education, research and dialogue guided by this question: "How can we generate creative, empowering solutions to environmental and social problems on the Gulf Islands and Vancouver Island?" Rather than living

beleaguered by social and environmental crises (or refusing their urgencies), the Islands Institute makes space for creative projects that predict alternatives.

CAFFYN KELLEY, for Islands Institute

Sense or dollars?

Bottled water costing as much and more than a litre of gasoline!

Has water become the latest shell game?

A money-maker for bottlers?

Health Canada regulates labelling, not the health of the water. If it's "purified" it's probably tap water. City water is highly regulated and quality monitored.

Coca Cola's Dasani brand is bottled using municipal water in Brampton, Ontario or Calgary, Alberta.

Why do many places, like Lake Country in the Okanagan, have boil water warnings from May to October?

Certainly, there are situations where bottled water is a necessity, but development, profits, pesticides, sewage and manure have trumped good water.

Who regulates? Who monitors when anyone decides to sell the water from their well which can easily affect the neighbour's well?

Imagine the state of St. Mary or Cusheon Lake water if we'd heeded long-ago warnings.

What if instead of putting money in the pockets of bottlers (who pay the same as consumers for municipal water — as well as use plastics which have their own sustainability problems) we had put that money into ensuring and maintaining healthy lakes and systems to give safe, tasty water?

Let's choose to work creatively together to conserve and sustain our invaluable water supplies; to research and invent ways to put our plentiful winter rain water, instead of drinking water, on our gardens and through our toilets.

Sense or dollars?

Let's use both, as we protect and preserve clean water wherever we live, and for all people.

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MORE LETTERS A10

Internet gambling — is it worth the risk?

By **JAN ZACHARIAS**

In this last segment of my four-part series, we will examine some of the risks involved in gambling on the Internet.

There are some very unique aspects of gambling online that may contribute to developing an addiction.

The first risk is around access, anonymity and convenience. Access to the Internet is now commonplace and can be done from many locations, including both work and home. You don't need to get in your car and travel; you don't even need to get dressed. Online casinos are open 24 hours a day; those who choose to, can gamble all day every day of the year.

As well, online gambling occurs in familiar and comfortable sites such as your home or your workplace, which can work to counter the feeling of risk associated with this activity and can make the player feel safe and take more chances than they would otherwise. The Internet also allows

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online players to gamble without the stigma that is sometimes associated with gambling. This anonymity leads to an enhanced feeling of comfort and control, which can provide the user with a greater sense of perceived control over the experience. These factors may account for the increased percentage of women who gamble online. Age verification is also difficult and that makes it attractive for underage players who are comfortable using the Internet.

The second risk involves the nature of the Internet itself and the ability to engage in continuous play. When on the Internet people often report that they lose track of time and enter a trance like state. When you gamble on the Internet you don't need to take any breaks from the game.

Gambling on the Internet is a solitary activity. There is no social

context to remind you of other commitments. As well, when you go from one game right into the next, there is little time given over to financial considerations and winnings can be regambled almost immediately.

All of these factors can contribute to the addictive nature of the activity and make it possible for a player to lose a very large amount of money in a short period of time.

The third risk peculiar to Internet gambling involves the use of a credit system to play. This gambling with electronic cash (e-cash) tends to diminish the value of real cash. This is well known by those in the commerce; people typically spend more on credit and debit cards because it is easier to spend money using plastic. Using e-cash disguises the true value of the money wagered and makes it easier to regamble winnings.

All of these unique factors can contribute to a potential addiction. It is important to keep these factors in mind when choosing

to gamble on the Internet. However, there are a number of things that a player can do to minimize the risks associated with on-line gambling.

The most important thing a player can do to minimize risk is to only gamble on legal and regulated sites. These sites allow you to monitor your spending and time on-line. They also allow you to self-exclude should you find yourself spending more time or money than you can afford. In B.C., a regulated site would have the B.C. Lottery Corporation logo.

A player must keep track of the amount of time and money spent online. You should only play with the money that you can afford to lose. Remember, the money is real. Set limits for yourself and stick to them. Never play more than you intended to win back the money that you have lost; accept loss as a part of the game.

Finally, when gambling, make sure that you take long breaks and avoid continuous playing sessions. Gambling on the Internet

should be only one of many entertainment options. And if these strategies don't work and your luck runs out, don't hesitate to access the free services of the Problem Gambling Program by calling toll free 1-866-678-0524.

If you have any questions or concerns about this article, please e-mail me at pgnortheast@yahoo.com and I will do my best to answer your questions. If you would like to speak with a trained problem gambling counsellor, sponsored and funded by the Problem Gambling Program, Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General, call the Problem Gambling Help Line at 1-888-795-6111.

You can also check out the provincial website at www.bccresponsiblegambling.ca for information on problem gambling, responsible gambling or other gaming topics.

The writer is a clinical counsellor/prevention specialist with the Problem Gambling Program, Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General.

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Ready to help

Because the United Church occupies a central position in Ganges Village, we have decided to stay where we are, renovate and grow. We also see our role as providing a sacred green space where all are welcome to visit, meditate, and seek peace and quiet.

Many in the community use the church meadow area for various activities, but we say a resounding "no" to drug and alcohol use there. Respecting our precious green spaces is the true Green Revolution!

Martin Luther King gave his last sermon in 1968, titled Remaining Awake Through a Great Revolution.

"All too many people," he

said, "find themselves living through a great period of social change and yet they fail to develop the new attitudes, the new mental responses, that the new situation demands."

Our challenges then, he concluded, were "to develop a world perspective . . . to eradicate . . . racial injustice . . . to rid our nation and the world of poverty and . . . to find an alternative to war and bloodshed."

Add to these the challenge of saving the Earth for our children's children and the way ahead in 2007 is made plain: stay awake, love your neighbour and go green! Needless to say, the United Church stands ready to help with all three.

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Acting from kindness

Peace on Earth or at least peace on Salt Spring Island all gets down to kindness. Salt Spring, since the first peoples, has always been a refuge for the disenfranchised. People looking for a little land to farm, slaves escaping from the south, draft dodgers, the hippies and back to the landers in the '60s, the gays and lesbians and now the rich.

People arrive seeking some sort of healing, a sense of place, acceptance. Always when someone new comes the old-timers discuss their character, their values, their worth, in short they gossip to no end about these newcomers and their different

ways. Eventually, when the old-timers realize the johnny-come-latelys aren't aliens and aren't going to lay waste to the whole island they relent and get to know them, make friends and start acting with kindness.

That's what makes this place so wonderful — such unusual, interesting, even strange people all mixed up and all together on this little island and acting from kindness in their hearts.

MATTHEW COLEMAN, Salt Spring

Kufemerwa

The Shona people, in Zimbabwe, have a lovely word — Kufemerwa — which translates approximately to: "a spiritual instinct to do the right thing."

Today, survival in Zimbabwe is difficult for many people. The government is corrupt. The infrastructure is compromised. There is massive unemployment and crippling inflation. Alaria, tuberculosis, and HIV-AIDS are rampant; many families are decimated. There have been years of drought and people are starving.

Please look up for a moment and consider the scene that surrounds you. You're probably warm and comfortable, possibly a bit over-fed, and likely part of a group or family that is safe and secure; a group that can make realistic plans for the future. Life is good here.

Gently, let the thoughts sink in, with no guilt — no fear — no blame.

What can we do; what can we ask of others to make the whole world a better, safer place? Can we learn Kufemerwa?

CHRIS DIXON, Salt Spring

New Year's revelation

What would I change to make a better world? (In response to the Greenspace question.)

The first thought that occurs is quickly followed by a second, then a third. There seems to be no end to the changes we need in this big troubled world of ours.

The list is long and there's only so much that one can do . . . right?

When you think on it, there's tons each one of us can do; collectively as consumers we really truly can change our world.

I guess if I could vote for an effective government that didn't do studies on what they think may help 50 years from now, that would be a really neat change.

I hope that all of us Canadians will learn more and act more at making lifestyle changes needed to counteract the devastation to the planet.

I'm talking everything from shopping locally, using minimal petroleum products and buying organic, to bringing back the electric car, creating bike and pedestrian friendly paths in our community, etc. etc.... it's another long list, but a positive one, full of possibilities and hope for all our new years.

BRENDA BRAZIER, Mansell Road

Hydro thanks

The fall of 2006 saw major storm after major storm.

The November 26 storm was one of the most severe, with staff from the Ganges district B.C. Hydro office, and crews that came in from other areas, working seven 12- to 16-hour days to restore power.

It was a real challenge for our crews, staff and our customers.

On behalf of all of our staff at the Ganges office, B.C. Hydro would like to thank the many people and businesses that went out of their way to help us.

In particular, the Harbour House Hotel, the Seabreeze Inne, B.C. Ferries, local tree trimming crews, Ken Byron Excavating, Main Road South Island Contracting and Johnson's Automotive Services.

STEPHEN WATSON, BC Hydro

Community Relations, Duncan

RANTS & ROSES

RANTS

Granted, recently weather has been a problem, but the unreliability of the new Salt Spring cable/internet service, the poor quality and inaccuracy of the information received from someone sitting in front of a computer in Victoria who is unable to talk with any live person on site when one reports a problem, and the often prolonged delay in getting service restored are making communication, entertainment and business functions very frustrating to some of us. The phone company seems to know how to maintain their service on our hilly tree-covered remote rural island, and maybe the new guys need some lessons from them. I even had to fax this to the Driftwood after 12 hours without service for the second time in a week! Gary Gibson

ROSES

A gorgeous red rose of gratitude for Robert Aston, who has been keeping us regularly informed of weather patterns for lo these many years. It's 40, I think! I hear he's retiring, so here is a pale pink rose of hope that someone as dedicated as Robert will assume his role in the community.

A sunny yellow rose to Shirley Bunyan, whose radiance shines on all who meet her.

A belated bouquet of roses to Tim and John of Island Star Video, Dave McColl of Salt Spring Courier and Kelly Kazakoff for their generosity and support in making the annual U-9 soccer celebration a huge success.

A sleigh full of roses . . . on Friday morning my

truck decided to try parking in the bush. Thank you to those two beautiful men who not only turned around to be sure I was okay but also dropped me off at the front door of the post office. You are definitely on the "nice" list. AM

Roses to all the businesses and individuals who donated time, products or prizes to make the 2007 swim happen. Wendy, Jen and Kara

To the person who put the light in my driveway for me to find; you know who you are and who I am. It is beautiful; smells like grease and motor oil, yummy; you're very nice. A safe and happy new year to you.

A belated bouquet of roses to the residents on Pine Street in Brinkworthy for the beautiful Christmas light displays on their homes.

What's for Dinner?

Shopping list:

- Simmering steak or lamb
- Flour
- Extra virgin olive oil
- 1 onion
- Garlic
- Tomato puree
- 4 carrots
- 4 parsnips
- Red wine
- Beef stock
- 1 small orange
- Fresh parsley
- Dried basil
- Dried oregano
- Salt
- Black pepper



THE GANGES VILLAGE MARKET OVEN-BAKED STEW

Short cuts to cooking for one or two © with Sarah Lynn, 2006

Casserole: A combination of ingredients cooked together over heat or in a slow oven and, also, the dish/pot used for cooking the food. Although casserole is a western term, the use of cooking pots which would be called casseroles in Europe or Americas is almost universal. Casserole cookery has been around since prehistoric times when it was discovered that cooking food slowly in a tightly covered clay vessel softened fibrous meats and blended succulent juices. In the past, casserole cookery was especially popular in rural homes where fires burned all day and everyday. Utilizing vegetable ingredients on hand or in season and leftovers or inexpensive cuts of meat, a casserole is flexible and economical in terms of both ingredients and effort. During the depression of the 1890s the casserole provided a welcome way to stretch meat, fish, and poultry. During the food scarcities of World War I leftovers were turned into casserole meals. The same was true during the Great Depression of the 1930s and during World War II. In the 1950s, when new forms of lightweight metal and glassware appeared on the market, the idea of family dinner preparation as a one-dish meal became popular. To market the new cookware products, the virtues of easy-to-prepare meals were incessantly promoted in the women's magazines of the era as the means to free a housewife from lengthy drudgery in the kitchen. By the 1970s casserole cookery had taken on a less-than-sophisticated image (the too-of-often-repeated tuna casserole from the '50s and '60s) and, with more women entering the workforce, an impracticality because of lengthy cooking times. But that was short-lived. The invention of the countertop slow cooker (Crock-Pot®) and of automatic ovens soon brought the casserole back into favor. Have you ever baked a stew? Then you have made a good old fashioned flavorful casserole. I make this one in a Crock-Pot but it can also be baked in the oven the traditional way.

Preheat oven to 250 degrees. Place 1 kg simmering steak, or lamb, diced and 3 tablespoons flour in a large plastic bag. Toss to coat. Brown meat in a fry pan. Rub a deep casserole dish with 1 tablespoon extra virgin olive oil. Place browned meat in the casserole dish together with 1 large onion, peeled and chopped, 4 garlic cloves, peeled and chopped, 1/4 cup tomato puree, 4 thick cut large carrots, peeled and sliced into large chunks, 4 thick cut large parsnips, peeled and sliced into large chunks, 1/2 cup red wine, 2 cups beef stock, zest of 1 small orange, 1 teaspoon fresh parsley, 1 teaspoon dried basil, 1 teaspoon dried oregano, salt and freshly ground black pepper. Place in the preheated oven and bake for 4 hours, stirring once. Season to taste.

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THIS WEEK'S MOVIES

Salt Spring Driftwood: Current: New Lineup Movie
Breakout for Jan 3, 2007 to Jan 9, 2007

WEDNESDAY, JAN 3

- 7:00 PM
29 ★★ Bones (2001, Horror) A murdered man rises from the grave to seek revenge and to clean up his neighbourhood. *Snoop Dogg, Pam Grier* (1h45)
- 7:15 PM
42 ★★ Hour of the Gun (1967, Western) Wyatt Earp enlists Doc Holliday's help as he searches for his brother's murderer. *James Garner, Jason Robards* (1h45)
- 8:00 PM
6 The Secret of Hidden Lake (2006, Suspense) A young woman returns to her hometown in Colorado, to await the recovery of her father. *Rena Sofer, William B. Davis* (2h)
- 8:45 PM
29 ★ G-2 (1998, Action) A Macedonian warrior fights an evil clan and searches for Alexander the Great's sword. *Daniel Bernhardt, James Hong* (1h45)
- 9:00 PM
12 Human Trafficking (2005, Crime Story) A police officer uncovers a billion dollar sex trafficking ring during a murder investigation. *Mira Sorvino, Donald Sutherland* (2h)
- 13 ★★ 28 Days Later (2002, Horror)** A virus that transforms humans into angry zombies kills all but a handful of survivors. *Cillian Murphy, Naomie Harris* (2h35)
- 42 ★★ Marooned (1969, Adventure)** A ground crew races against time when three astronauts find themselves stranded in space. *Lee Grant, Gene Hackman* (2h30)

- 10:30 PM
29 ★★ Night of the Living Dead (1990, Horror) Several unfortunate people fight a group of flesh-eating zombies. *Tony Todd, Patricia Tallman* (1h30)
- 11:30 PM
42 ★★ Ice Station Zebra (1968, Thriller) A mission to rescue a crew at the North Pole is endangered by someone in their midst. *Rock Hudson, Patrick McGeehan* (2h45)

THURSDAY, JAN 4

- 6:45 PM
42 ★★ Gold Diggers of 1933 (1933, Musical) Three showgirls struggle to find financial backing for the production of a Broadway show. *Joan Blondell, Ruby Keeler* (1h45)
- 7:00 PM
29 ★★ The Prime Gig (2001, Drama) A talented telemarketer begins to have doubts about the company that recruited him. *Vince Vaughn, Julia Ormond* (1h45)
- 8:00 PM
6 ★ Now and Forever (2001, Drama) A young woman begins a relationship with a popular man, but her friend mistrusts him. *Mia Kirshner, Adam Beach* (2h)
- 8:30 PM
42 ★★ Footlight Parade (1933, Musical) A stage director attempts to outdo himself with spectacular musical numbers. *James Cagney, Joan Blondell* (2h)
- 8:45 PM
29 ★ Crash (1996, Psycho-Drama) Two accident victims begin an affair and fall in with a group of car crash fetishists. *James Spader, Holly Hunter* (1h45)

- 9:00 PM
12 ★★ One Hour Photo (2002, Thriller) An employee at a photo processing store becomes obsessed with his customers. *Robin Williams, Michael Vartan* (2h)

- 10:30 PM
29 ★★ One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest (1975, Drama) A rebellious prisoner is sent to an asylum for an evaluation and encounters a motley crew of inmates. *Jack Nicholson, Louise Fletcher* (2h15)
- 42 ★★ Dames (1934, Musical)** An eccentric female millionaire spearheads a national anti-fun movement. *Joan Blondell, Dick Powell* (1h45)

FRIDAY, JAN 5

- 7:00 PM
29 ★★ Blade Runner (1982, Sci-Fi) In the future, a police officer is enlisted to kill five clones who have escaped to Earth. *Harrison Ford, Rutger Hauer* (2h)
- 42 ★★ Crossplot (1969, Thriller)** An advertising executive is swept up in a plot to murder a visiting African statesman. *Roger Moore, Martha Hyer* (2h)

- 7:30 PM
29 ★ Life is Ruff (2005, Family) Calvin Wheeler, a 13-year-old slacker, adopts a dog so that he can win a dog show. *Kyle Massey, Kay Panabaker* (1h30)
- 9:00 PM
8 Behind the Camera: Mork and Mindy (2005, Drama) Exposes the cast's tumultuous four years of creative infighting, and personal problems. *Chris Diamantopoulos, Erinn Hayes* (2h)

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Dante's Peak (1997, Action) A scientist believes that a small town is in danger of being consumed by a volcano. Pierce Brosnan, Linda Hamilton (2h)
Too Much Sun (1991, Comedy) Robert Downey Jr., Allan Arbus (1h45)
Simon Birch (1998, Drama) The story of a young boy with stunted growth who believes he has a great purpose in life. Ian Michael Smith, Joseph Mazzello (1h50)
Mars Attacks! (1996, Comedy) Hordes of little green Martian predators wage an all-out war on the human race. Jack Nicholson, Glenn Close (2h)
Dances With Wolves (1990, Epic) A Civil War hero is posted to a remote outpost where he befriends a neighbouring Sioux tribe. Kevin Costner, Mary McDonnell (3h)
Halloween VI: The Curse of Michael Myers (1995, Horror) While Michael seeks to destroy Jamie's baby, Dr. Loomis tries to finally end the curse. Donald Pleasence, Paul Rudd (1h30)
The Associate (1996, Comedy) A female financial analyst creates a fictitious male partner in order to achieve success. Whoopi Goldberg, Dianne Wiest (1h55)
Coffy (1973, Drama) A woman attempts to exact revenge on the dealers who perpetuated her sister's drug abuse. Booker Bradshaw, Robert DoQui (1h45)
Chocolat (2000, Drame de moeurs) Dans les années 60, une jeune femme arrive dans un village et ouvre sa chocolaterie. Juliette Binoche, Johnny Depp (2h35)

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7:00 PM
Donnie Brasco (1997, Crime Story) An undercover FBI agent infiltrates the mob and finds himself identifying with the Mafia. Johnny Depp, Al Pacino (2h15)
White Banners (1938, Drama) A mysterious woman tries to help her son's foster family without revealing her identity. Claude Rains, Fay Bainter (1h45)
Last Exit (2006, Suspense) A single mother and a working mom find their lives shattered after a car crash. Kathleen Robertson, Andrea Roth (2h)
Cry Havoc (1944, War) The story of Red Cross nurses and how they remained in Bataan tending to the injured. Margaret Sullivan, Joan Blondell (1h45)
Trophy Wife (2006, Thriller) Kate's wealthy husband is found dead and an extortionist threatens to frame her for it. Brooke Burns (2h)
The List (2000, Thriller) A high-class prostitute blackmails her best clients after she is arrested for solicitation. Mädchen Amick, Ben Gazzara (2h)
Kundun (1997, True Story) The life of the Dalai Lama from age four to the time he seeks sanctuary in India. Tenzin Thuthob Tsarong, Gyurme Tethong (1h30)
Mother Night (1996, Drama) An American prisoner in an Israeli jail writes his memoirs as a playwright and U.S. spy. Nick Nolte, Alan Arkin (2h)
Salute to the Marines (1943, War) A Marine sergeant with a secret does all he can to keep his men intimidated during the war. Wallace Beery, Fay Bainter (1h45)

Tanguy (2001, Comédie) Des parents tentent de se débarrasser de leur fils qui, à 28 ans, habite toujours chez eux. André Dussollier, Sabine Azéma (2h35)
Diva! Ah Hey (2003, Drama) A poor young girl achieves quick fame and fortune in the pop music industry. Charlene Choi, Niki Chow (2h)
Wolf (1994, Thriller) A down-on-his-luck publisher develops werewolf tendencies after being bitten by a wolf. Jack Nicholson, Michelle Pfeiffer (2h15)
Kazaam (1996, Comedy) A skeptical boy accidentally knocks over a radio and releases a 3,000 year old genie. Shaquille O'Neal, Francis Capra (1h)
Babe: Pig in the City (1998, Family) Babe travels to the big city to help farmer Hoggett save the farm from bankruptcy. Magda Szubanski, James Cromwell (2h30)
Super Size Me (2004, Documentary) A filmmaker examines the fast food industry by eating nothing but McDonald's for 30 days. (2h)
Wild Things (1998, Suspense) A Florida cop is suspicious when a high-school teacher is accused of seducing a student. Kevin Bacon, Matt Dillon (1h45)

Our Daily Bread (1934, Drama) Unable to make ends meet in the big city, a couple takes over an abandoned farm. Karen Morley, Tom Keene (1h45)
Dragon Boys (2006, Drama) An RCMP detective and a family confront a deadly threat from Asian organized crime. Byron Mann, Eric Tsang (2h)
Hideaway (1995, Horror) A resurrected man becomes psychically linked to a killer with plans to murder his family. Jeff Goldblum, Christine Lahti (1h50)
Miracle Run (2004, Drama) A single mother's perseverance in the fight to get education for her autistic twin sons. Mary-Louise Parker, Aidan Quinn (2h)
The Ladykillers (2004, Comedy) A group of thieves who are plotting to rob a casino hide out in an elderly woman's basement. Tom Hanks, Irma P. Hall (2h)
My Favorite Martian (1999, Comedy) A Martian crashes onto Earth and into the life of a struggling TV reporter. Christopher Lloyd, Jeff Daniels (1h30)
La Terre (1921, Drama) After befriending a young woman, a man becomes caught up in the conflicts of her family. Jean Alexandre, Armand Bour (2h)



HARP FROM THE HEART: Oona McQuat sings Celtic songs and plays the harp at the 12th Night Nordic Yule event held New Year's Eve at Beaver Point Hall.

Photo by Derrick Lundy

Bach on the Rock tackles 'Oratorio'

Bach on the Rock members are poised to bring some of the greatest music ever written to Salt Spring on Saturday at All Saints.

The rafters will ring with the sounds of Bach's Christmas Oratorio, Parts 3 and 4, featuring a chamber orchestra, choir and soloists.

The performance is part of an ongoing unveiling of the Oratorio, with Parts 1 and 2 performed last year and Parts 5 and 6 planned for next January. Led by islander and vocalist Carol Brown, the presentation stemmed from her passion for the work and desire to facilitate the growth of a local chamber music ensemble.

Bach on the Rock has blossomed from its humble beginnings three years ago when Brown assembled a small group of musicians in her home for an impromptu reading of Part 1. Encouraged by the performance, but also realizing the depth and scope of the music, she came up with a long-term plan to present the music in stages over a three-year period.

It is a common practice to break up the work into separate performances as the six cantatas make for a very long evening for both audiences and musicians. Assembling all the musi-

cians for a complete performance is also a challenge as the score calls for three trumpets, kettle drums, two French horns, four oboes, two flutes, a bassoon, strings and continuo, in addition to the soloists and choir.

Bach wrote the six cantatas to celebrate the whole period of the Christmas festivities of 1734-35, starting with Part I on Christmas Day, and ending with Part VI on Epiphany (January 6).

The Bach on the Rock ensemble has grown over the years into a 22-piece orchestra, with only three members from off island, and an 18-member chamber choir made up entirely of local singers. The musicians and singers have been rehearsing for months, both together and in smaller groups to tackle the intricacies and challenges of the work.

The January 6 performance will feature vocal soloists Patricia Hewes Corry (soprano), Carol Brown (mezzo), David Brown (tenor) and Angus Bell (bass).

Tickets can still be purchased in advance at Love My Kitchen and Stuff and Nonsense or at the door on the evening of the concert. Tickets are \$12 and \$6 and the performance begins at 8 p.m.

Manufactured Landscapes rolls into Fritz

An acclaimed documentary film about a visionary Canadian photographer runs at The Fritz Cinema for two shows only between the regular movie this week.

Manufactured Landscapes features the work of Sudbury-born photographer Edward Burtynsky on his latest journey as

he explores the impact of industrialization on modern-day China.

As Fritz owner Michael Levy explains, using large-format view cameras, "his photos are disturbing in their subject matter but have a subtle beauty about them as well: Burtynsky is a master photographer whose work

will surely move anyone who is fortunate enough to experience it at some point in their life."

The film plays at The Fritz on Sunday, January 7 for a 4 p.m. matinee and on Monday, January 8 for a 7 p.m. evening show.

"I just managed to squeeze these two in between screen-

ings of Casino Royale!" notes Levy.

Manufactured Landscapes was directed by Jennifer Baichwal of Vancouver, with cinematography by Peter Mettler.

A discussion period will follow the Sunday matinee for anyone who is interested.

Stand-up gets rise at workshop and show

For islanders who've always wanted to try their hand at stand-up comedy — or those who've already done it — a great opportunity is coming their way later this month.

Comedian Chris Molineux will be putting on a full-day stand-up comedy workshop on Sunday, January 21 at Lions Hall.

Molineux has worked as a professional comedian since 1986. His credits

include appearing on Just for Laughs and the HBO Workspace and sharing the stage with Robin Williams, Jerry Seinfeld, Jim Carrey and Ellen DeGeneres, among others.

Following the workshop, Molineux will put on a comedy show entitled "RxPRESSION" that shines a humorous light on all types of mind-altering substances from sugar to marijuana to television.

He says themed shows are unusual in stand-up comedy, where most performers simply bill themselves by name.

"In a way I was taking a chance with this project," said Molineux, "but the feedback has been extremely positive."

Call Molineux at 1-866-711-4242 for more information, and watch future Driftwood issues for more details.

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COLOUR IN THE SKY: A brilliant rainbow lights up the Crofton mill for viewers standing at the Vesuvius ferry terminal on Salt Spring.
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Moby's tackles winter blues with Friday night line up

Islanders may be enduring wet winter weather, but they can still warm up with some great music at Moby's Pub in the coming month.

In addition to regular band Hey Boy Hey Girl, playing every other Friday, Wednesday Open Stage and Saturday night DJ House Parties at the pub, three special events

have been arranged so far. This Friday, January 5 sees Salt Spring band Planet Music led by Greg Esposito of Acoustic Planet perform their unique funky urban jazz.

Then on Friday, January 19, an indie alternative rock band from Vancouver, called The Februarys, will hit the

pub stage. On Friday, February 2, Vancouver funk band The Kitchen will be special guests for the night.

Hey Boy Hey Girl, with Stephanie Rhodes, Matt Johnson, Dave Campbell and Tom Hooper, plays on the Fridays in between. Music begins at 9 p.m.

Swim gets international exposure

Images of participants in Monday's Polar Bear Swim at Vesuvius Beach may be viewed by anyone around the world, thanks to an enthusiastic Salt Spring photographer.

The popular Danish website <http://www.panoramas.dk> in its "New Year 2007" special feature includes a "virtual reality (VR)" 360-degree panorama of the January 1 swim taken by Uri Cogan.

He said the feature also includes several stunning VR panoramic photos, which

were also taken during this New Year's celebrations at several major cities around the world.

The same VR panorama project's website is also featured at "Wired" magazine's web site (<http://www.wired.com>).

"This could lead to several million people logging on and watching Salt Spring Islanders take the plunge," said Cogan.

More of Cogan's panoramic photos can be seen at www.uricogan.com.

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Canada Council seeks arts-experience stories

Have you read a good book lately? Gone to see a play? Sung in a choir . . . or in the shower? Taken the kids to an art gallery?

If so, you're already a participant in the "50 for 50" Arts Challenge, a new project sponsored by the Canada Council for the Arts in celebration of its 50th anniversary.

The Canada Council, created by Parliament on March 28, 1957, is Canada's national arts funding agency.

Today, the council provides support to more than 5,000 artists and arts organizations — including dance, theatre and opera companies, art galleries and book publishers — in more than 500 communities across Canada.

The Canada Council is inviting people to join the celebration by seeking out 50 special arts experiences this year that put them in closer touch with the life of their community.

Participants don't have to spend a lot of money — or even leave home. They can listen to a concert on the radio or have friends over for a book club meeting.

They can write a poem, sign up for dance classes or watch a Canadian film. Anything related to the arts counts.

Then, participants are asked to tell the Canada Council about their experiences — what they liked, didn't like, learned, and what were the most exciting discoveries.

Highlights will be featured on the Canada Council's web site, www.canadacouncil.ca. Contact the Canada Council at 50@canadacouncil.ca, or The "50 for 50" Arts Challenge, Canada Council for the Arts, 350 Albert St, P.O. Box 1047, Ottawa, ON K1P 5V8.

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Dancing at various island venues on New Year's Eve were, from left: belly dancer Oriana at Beaver Point Hall, Sue Newman and Michael Best at Meaden Hall, and Stacy Roodenburg at Moby's Pub.

DERRICK LUNDY PHOTOS



Valri Cunningham serves up some New Year's Eve shooters amid celebrations at the Fulford Inn.



Above left, waitresses at Moby's Pub (Gina D'Attilio and Rosie Shouldice) get ready to serve champagne at midnight; while above right, Kiltlifters drummer Brodie Ketelsen gets into the music.

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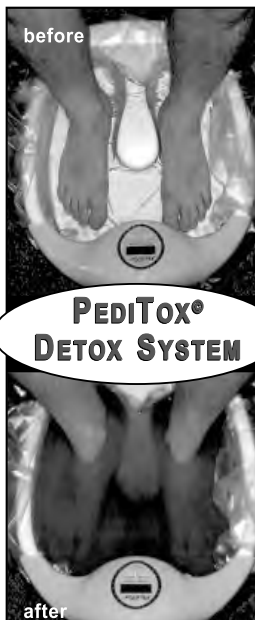
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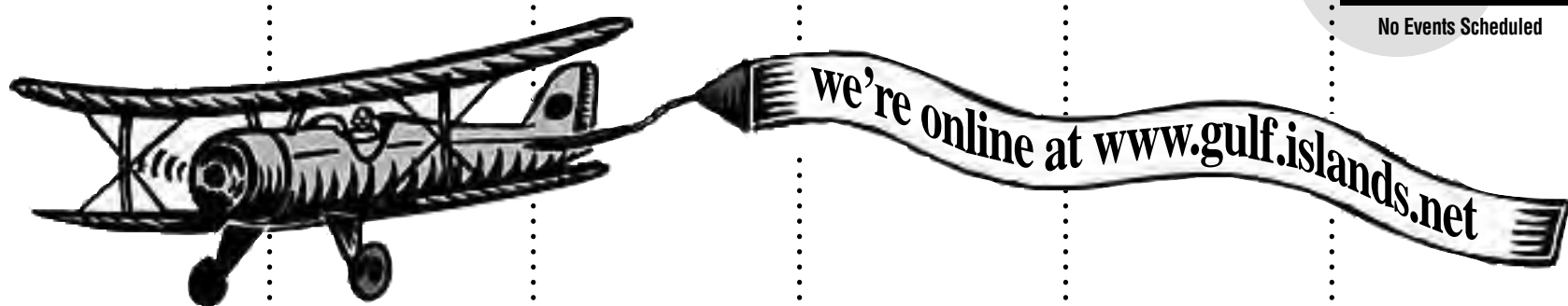
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What's On This Week

wed. january 3	thur. january 4	fri. january 5	sat. january 6	sun. january 7	mon. january 8	tues. january 9	wed. january 10
live entertainment Open Stage. With Greg Van Riel at Moby's Pub, 9 p.m. Simply Organic. Pipe organ recital by Barry Valentine. All Saints, 10:10 a.m., followed by muffin & coffee. Texas Hold'em. The Local Bar. 7 p.m.	live entertainment One Night Stand. With Matt & Tom at Shipstones, 8 p.m. other activities Bingo. At Meaden Hall, 7 p.m. Early bird games at 6:30.	live entertainment Planet Music. Funky urban jazz at Moby's Pub, 9 p.m. other activities Rollerblading. Fridays at Fulford Hall, 7:30-9 p.m.	live entertainment Bach on the Rock. Parts 3 & 4 of Bach's Christmas Oratorio performed by chamber choir & orchestra. All Saints, 8 p.m. Limited tickets - advance purchase recommended through Love my Kitchen or Stuff 'n' Nonsense. House Party. With DJ Matt J at Moby's Pub, 9 p.m.	activities Manufactured Landscapes. Documentary film showing at The Fritz, followed by discussion. 4 p.m.	activities Eckhart Tolle Practising Presence Group. 7:30 p.m. Drop in. Info: Amrita, 537-2799. Osho Kundalini Moving Meditation. Drop-in. 5:30 p.m. Info: Amrita, 537-2799.	activities No Events Scheduled	live entertainment Simply Organic. Pipe organ recital by Barry Valentine. All Saints, 10:10 a.m., followed by muffin & coffee. other activities SSI Geology - An Historical Perspective. SS Historical Society presentation by Jack Gunn at Central Hall, 2 p.m. Tea-coffee to follow. South-End Nia. Fitness for the whole self with Arleen on Wednesdays at The Gatehouse, 190 Reynolds Rd., 7-8:15 p.m. Info: 653-9235. Zen Meditation. Group meets at 210 Cedar Lane every Wednesday, 7-9 p.m. Info: 537-2831. Texas Hold'em. New Wednesday tourney begins at The Local, 7 p.m. Circle Dance Group. Core Inn, 7-8:30 p.m. Info: Ling, 537-5784. GISS PAC. Meets at the high school library at 7:30 p.m. Raw Food Boot Camp. Five-day hands-on immersion into raw foods begins with Elyse nuff. Info: Elyse, 537-0634.




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cinema

- This week's feature film is **Casino Royale** — the acclaimed new James Bond film.
- Then on **Sunday, Jan. 7 at 4 p.m., and Mon., Jan. 8 at 7 p.m.**, The Fritz shows **Manufactured Landscapes**, which features the work of Sudbury-born photographer Edward Burtynsky and his journey through industrial China. A panel discussion on energy strategies will follow the Sunday matinee of **Manufactured Landscapes**.

Check out the Fritz online at www.thefritz.ca for current and future movie details.

cable TV

- Attention Shaw Cable TV viewers** — The Daily is your source for stories reflecting Salt Spring and southern Vancouver Island people and places. The program is about half an hour in length and repeats continuously during the day and evening with new stories added daily. This week do some winter bird watching in Fulford Harbour and Burgoyne Bay, and check out Peter's Streeters with Salt Spring residents. Islanders were asked to talk about their New Year's resolutions for 2007.
- Also tune in for community messages, weather, B.C. Ferries and news headlines. For further details about community programming, call 537-1335.

exhibitions

- Salt Spring Painters Guild** members show works in the lobby at **ArtSpring** through December.
- Morley Myers Studio and Gallery** shows new work at #7-315 Upper Ganges Road.
- Rachel Vadeboncoeur** has re-opened **The Crow's Nest II studio-gallery** at #7-126 Upper Ganges Road.
- Salt Spring artist **Tina Spalding** is featured through January at the **Salt Spring Roasting Company** cafe in Ganges.
- Jill Louise Campbell's** original **Tibet** exhibit is at **Calvin's Bistro**.
- Visit the new **Melious Studio and Gallery** of photography on **Bullock Creek Road**.
- Lost In My Garden** is a mixed-media show of abstract paintings by **Lynda Crawford** at **Island Savings**.

BACH ON THE ROCK
Christmas Oratorio
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TYSICK TALK: Rev. Al Tysick, the director of Our Place homeless shelter in Victoria, gives a moving talk on the plight of the homeless as he addresses the United Church congregation Sunday morning.

Photo by Derrick Lundy

Fresh raw food camp served up

Anyone wishing to improve their health through eating raw foods will have an opportunity to immerse themselves in the diet and lifestyle at the Live Raw Boot Camp beginning next week.

Organized and facilitated by Elyse Nuff, the five-day retreat takes place from January 10 to 15 on Salt Spring.

All menus throughout the retreat will consist of raw foods, but Nuff will not be preparing the meals for the participants.

"All meals will be prepared by the attendees," said Nuff. "They will learn how to make all the recipes and how to eat and put raw meals together. By the end, they will have created a path that they can continue to follow on their own."

"It's a really good learning experience for anyone start-

ing to change their diet."

The retreat also includes medicine wheel circles, peaceful warrior workouts, dancing for joy and a day of silence.

"The peaceful warrior workout is a slow, easy, fluid workout that accomplishes a great deal in just five minutes because it is not over-stressing the body."

Nuff teaches that the enzymes in raw food are what the body needs to digest and function properly. Also, dropping fats, dairy products and grains frees the body up to heal and regain vitality.

The Live Raw Boot Camp costs \$445 for meals, lodging and all classes but the rate for locals is \$250. There are only a few spots left, so interested people should phone Nuff as soon as possible at 537-0634 or e-mail r-awesome@safe-mail.net.

Geography mapped in history session

The Salt Spring Island Historical Society presents Jack Gunn as featured speaker in a presentation titled Salt Spring Island Geology — A Historical Perspective.

"The minds of many famous philosophers were filled with rocks," states a press release by Gunn. "What did Aristotle, Leonardo da Vinci, Francis Bacon, Benjamin Franklin and others think about the formation of the earth? What natural resources brought early explorers to this area? How old are the rocks of Salt Spring Island?"

These and other ideas will be discussed at the presentation, which takes place at Central Hall on Wednesday, January 10 at 2 p.m.

The audio-visual presentation will include a discussion of the history of the science of geology, a history of various explorations of the Salt Spring area, and a history of the geology of Salt Spring Island itself.

Rocks and fossils, and large exploration maps of the Salt Spring Island area will also be displayed.

Bird watchers unite for winter count

By SEAN MCINTYRE
Driftwood Staff

Salt Spring Island birders are pleased with the results of the 2006 winter bird count now that final numbers from the December 17 event have been tallied.

Salt Spring count coordinator Gilbert Schultz said the 2005 total is down from last year's 13,756 birds but higher than the 10,467 birds spotted in 2004.

Numbers may have been lower than last year due to windy and overcast weather conditions on the day of the count, he added. But the inclement weather failed to discourage a flock of 84 participants from turning out.

Despite a lack of rare

sightings, Schultz said, birders were thrilled over reports of an osprey sighting over the island's south end.

"We've only seen one of those in five of the past 15 years," Schultz said.

He said there were no sightings of exotic birds like the brown pelicans spotted off the shores of Victoria last week. The most commonly seen species in the Sidney/Salt Spring region remains the European starling with 1,350 sightings. The Canada goose finished a close second with 1,323 and the dark-eyed junco came in third with 1,137.

Among the more than 100 species found in the region, spotters glimpsed

six great horned owls, five hairy woodpeckers, one red-throated loon, 67 trumpeter swans, 31 mature bald eagles, 14 red-tailed hawks and 12 cackling geese.

A lot of the time, he added, birders find what they don't see just as interesting as the species they check off their lists.

"Normally there are a lot more ring-necked ducks on St. Mary Lake," Schultz said. "Instead of the usual 350, there were only 11 this year. We don't know why this is. Maybe they're just late."

Every December, bird watchers across the country participate in winter bird counts to assemble a clearer picture of population trends.

Close coordination of participants ensures birds are not counted more than once or by more than a single spotter.

Results are provided to Bird Studies Canada and compiled in a database dating back to the early 20th century.

"It helps trace long-term changes in the environment," Schultz said.

Because this is only the 19th year Salt Spring Island has participated in the event, Schultz said, the trends are harder to come by.

He has, however, noticed a significant decrease in the number of western grebes found on the island over the past five years.

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Japanese garden takes root in past and future

By SEAN MCINTYRE
Driftwood Staff

How many times have you heard the words “never again?”

Despite repeated calls to remember atrocities and injustices of past conflicts, humanity still finds ways to shock and awe.

Thanks to a small group of volunteers and overwhelming public support, members of the Japanese Garden Society (JGS) have a proposal they hope will stand as a symbol of courage and respect for past, present and future generations.

A concept plan released at the Falconshead Grill on Saturday shows the Ganges Peace Park transformed into a collection of brilliant maples, sculptures, water-courses and paths as part Salt Spring Island’s very first public Japanese Garden.

“It’s just all coming together so beautifully,” said Caffyn Kelley, the group’s secretary. “It gives us the sense of where the garden

“This reminds us of the importance of honouring the rights of minorities and all Canadian citizens.”
— Caffyn Kelley

will be and what the area will look like.”

Kelley said the garden will cover most of the park’s present area and extend down the riverside trail to central Ganges. Based on initial discussions with the public, the final plan will retain the Peace Park’s popular amphitheatre look.

The garden project began as a gesture to commemorate the forced relocation of Japanese-Canadian families from the Gulf Islands during the Second World War.

Some 2,200 Japanese-Canadian men, women and



GARDEN FUNDS: Members of the Japanese Garden Society pose with T-shirts and their fundraising campaign sign at the Falconshead Grill.
Photo by Derrick Lundy

children were relocated from the coast and sent inland to work camps in the province’s interior following Japan’s attack on Pearl Harbour in 1941.

After the war, the majority of internees, many of whom were born and raised in Canada, resettled in the United States, Ontario and Quebec. Most would never see their homes, possessions or neighbours again. Any property left behind was sold by the Canadian government or local groups entrusted with its care.

“It’s been a sore point in the community and needs to be addressed. I’m happy we’re doing it,” Kelley said. “Their story must be told.”

In addition to a strong community-wide response, Kelley said, descendants from California and Ontario

have stepped forward with contributions.

Members anticipate total costs to reach \$300,000. Kelley said most of the money will come from fundraising events, with only a small portion from the local and federal governments.

“This is very much a community project,” she said.

Proceeds from the sale of Ganbaru, a firsthand account of Rose Murakami’s eviction from and return to Salt Spring Island, are being put into the project. The work is available at local bookstores.

Interest in the project proves people are eager to right the wrongs of the past so they won’t ever be repeated, Kelley said.

“There’s a sense this kind of intolerance could happen again with the present cli-

mate of terrorism and the erosion of civil rights,” Kelley said. “This reminds us of the importance of honouring the rights of minorities and all Canadian citizens.”

Salt Spring’s Parks and Recreation Commission approved the Peace Park site at a March 2006 meeting. All that remains, Kelley said, is to present the concept plan to community groups and associations for comment.

Professional designers from Vancouver and Japan have also expressed an interest in the project.

If all goes according to plan, Kelley said, a final plan will be compiled by the summer.

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Pioneer family documented in hotel's history

By **TANYA LESTER**
Driftwood Contributor

First Nations gatherings, the Crofton family half-century ownership, fire, murder, ghosts, bikers and hippies are all topics that will be addressed in a Harbour House Hotel book being written by Usha Rautenbach.

The hotel bar was the place to go "if you wanted to get into a fight" in the 1960s.

The Salt Spring Centre School's founder was approached by hotel owner Jack Woodward to pen the history after his father, John, showed him the 28-page booklet Rautenbach researched for the Islands Farmers Institute.

"What I love about Harbour House is that its first 50 years had this soft, happy British tea and tennis on the terrace atmosphere," said Rautenbach. "This was followed by its second life, which was its rock and roll era."

According to Rautenbach's sources (many of whom are recovering alcoholics), the hotel bar was the place to go "if you wanted to get into a fight" in the 1960s.

Now in its 90th year of operation, Woodward threw a party this spring for the Crofton family who started the place as a guesthouse. It was named after Fred Crofton's home in Ireland.

Nona Crofton (nee Wilson) began the Harbour House during World War I when her husband Fred went to war, was wounded and subsequently convalesced at Shaunessey Hospital. Her six children (a seventh arrived later after Fred's return) were put to work cleaning, helping to prepare meals and serving. The family lived among the guests.

"The point of life was to work hard and to play hard," Rautenbach quoted a tape of Crofton family interviews available at the Salt Spring Archives.

On the property, the family grew all of the vegetables used in the meals served to the guests. Growing vege-

tables on the property was revived by current owner Woodward over the summer.

Billy Eng, the cook, was found in Vancouver by one of the Crofton in-laws. He was hired on the grounds that he claimed he could "handle" any amount of work. In the 1950s, the Croftons helped Eng "rescue" the wife and son he had left behind in China.

The guesthouse slowly evolved from its beginnings of guests sleeping in tents, to cabins and then into a three-story hotel, Rautenbach said. The Croftons delayed establishing the "beer parlour" until son Desmond turned 21 years old, the legal drinking age. He was delegated to run it.

In 1971, Walter Herzog purchased the hotel. Rautenbach has dubbed this time in the hotel's history as "the mid-life crisis" phase.

A year later, it burned to the ground in 20 minutes. Herzog rebuilt it and added wings. Rautenbach said her research has revealed a debate "as to whether he was an ardent Marxist or an ardent capitalist (with fascist leanings)." He was murdered by a beer parlour customer.

Today, the Harbour House Hotel continues the tradition of a community gathering place where groups ranging from unions to the Rotary Club meet. Rautenbach said Woodward is interested in a history that reveals the hotel's links to the community and not one about "the famous people who have slept there."

Rautenbach first became interested in island history when she began combing through archival material to do research about Salt Spring Island's schoolhouses. She has always been fascinated with solving puzzles.

Having tired of doing crosswords and reading murder mysteries, the retired teacher is now using her sleuthing abilities to piece together the true stories of the island's past.

To this end, Rautenbach requests the public's help. Anyone who has stories about the hotel or photographs (regardless of quality and interior shots are preferred) should contact her at 537-2883. Any individuals who have a photograph that is used in the 128-page book will receive \$25.



GONG WINNER: Mearnee Summers is seen with her first-place prize — a handmade gong — in a Japanese Garden Society fundraising raffle. Photo by Derrick Lundy

Week's top bowlers named

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Boxing Day disc tourney draws 54

Some 54 competitors gathered at the annual Salt Spring Boxing Day Disc Golf Tournament at the Mouat Park course.

Players came from Vancouver Island, Pender Island and Vancouver, joining local aficionados.

"It was a good turnout," said local competitor Fritz Arnold.

Results were not complete as of press time Tuesday, but the following categories were reported and more information will be available within a week at the B.C. disc golf website.

In the Open Division, Dave Ross of Vancouver came in first with a score of 93, followed by Mike McMillan,

also of Vancouver, in second place. Third place was awarded to Dean Crouse of Salt Spring.

The Amateur Class was taken by a local golfer, Marcus Hundt, who also took the highest score among all Salt Spring participants.

Open Women went to Christie Lee of Vancouver, with second place awarded to Joan Gignac of Cobble Hill. The Open Grand Masters first prize went to Dan Walker of Campbell River and second place was awarded to Salt Spring's own Fritz Arnold. First place in Advanced Masters was awarded to Gordon Murphy, another local disc golf competitor.

Information on Amateur Women, Open Masters and Advanced Open was unavailable at press time.

A highlight of the tournament was the exciting achievement of an amazing four holes in one, with three of them credited to local golfers. Fritz Arnold, Michael Lees and Scott Chapman all managed the feat, as well as Michael McMillan of Vancouver.

When asked whether a hole in one is common in disc golf, Arnold replied that it is not as rare as might be assumed.

"It's less unusual than in regular golf," he said. "Especially on the Salt Spring course. We are rather short

in distance, but long in trees to avoid."

The weather was excellent for the annual event, with rain holding off until the final few minutes of the competition. The tournament ran from 10:30 a.m. until dark, with final awards delivered by candlelight.

The following day, a hi/low score doubles game was held at the private Mansell Farm course. Local golfers Dean Crouse and Erik Vanderweken took the honours at that informal game.

For more information on disc golf in B.C. and the final results of the Boxing Day tournament, visit www.bcdss.bc.ca. Results should be available within a week.

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Jack was born in Hermulheim, Germany. He grew up through the Second World War and was fond of relating the adventures and misadventures of growing up during a war. His was certainly not a usual childhood. Jack's favourite subject in school was English so it is not surprising that when he decided to leave post-war Germany it was Canada he chose. After a short stay in Toronto, he traveled to BC, eventually settling in Port Alberni until moving to Vancouver in 1970. In 2003, Jack and his wife, Barbara, made the decision to retire to Salt Spring.

Jack was truly a 'jack of all trades'. He was never afraid of tackling any project and was invariably successful. He was first an electrician at the Somas Mill, but his expertise in creative problem solving was recognized by M&B who paid for the courses that enabled him to become an electronics engineer.

Jack's accomplishments were too numerous to list. He primarily worked in research and development focusing mainly on electronic controls and programs especially for the lumber industry. One of the highlights of his career though was designing controls for the oil industry, which eventually took him to China twice.

Surviving him are his wife, Barbara, living on Salt Spring Island and his three daughters; Shirley Christopherson and her husband Darryl, and grandchildren, Kevin, Myles and Capri of Penticton and Kelowna; daughter Sharie DuMoulin of Coquitlam and daughter Jennifer DuMoulin of White Rock. His family and many friends will sadly miss him.

The memorial services will be held at 3:00 p.m. Saturday, January 6 at the United Church, 111 Hereford Avenue, Rev. Ruth Cairns officiating, with a tea following in the hall downstairs.

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We wish you all a very Happy and Prosperous New Year, and look forward to working with you again in 2007.

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20 COMING EVENTS

Celebrate Epiphany

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Parts 3 & 4

SATURDAY JAN. 6/ 8PM

All Saints by-the-Sea

Anglican Church

Bach on the Rock

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20 COMING EVENTS

Ganges Yoga Studio



New Schedule
On the Web & At the Studio

Grace Point Sq.
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Continuous Light Sanctuary Message Night

January 5, 6:30 p.m.

Admission \$10

Do you believe in life after death?

Spiritualist Church Service

January 7, 11:30 a.m.

All Welcome

506 Lower Ganges Rd.

More info?

Carol at 250-537-2154

Dance

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TEEN & ADULT

Jan. 11- Mar 15

5:45-6:45

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Modern Jazz

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Salt Spring Island Community Service Society

SPECIAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

5 p.m., Thursday January 18, 2007

268 Fulford-Ganges Road

A general membership meeting open to all current paid members will be convened prior to the regular board meeting to consider the following special resolutions:

"BE IT RESOLVED that the constitution of Salt Spring Island Community Services Society be amended as follows: 2.h (purpose) expanded from housing projects to affordable housing projects for those with low to moderate incomes."

"BE IT RESOLVED that the constitution of Salt Spring Island Community Services Society be amended as follows: add "6. The Society shall not dispose of its assets to a member of the Society without receiving full and valuable consideration. This clause is unalterable."

20 COMING EVENTS

BINGO
MEADEN HALL
Royal Canadian Legion
THURSDAY
January 4
Early Birds, 6:30 pm
Sponsored by
Ladies Auxiliary
Royal Canadian Legion Br. 92.
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Salt Spring Island students.*

29 LOST AND FOUND

SMALL GIRLS new toy found.
Claim at Sabine's Book Shop.
538-0025.
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on Epron Road. Call 537-1772.

32 MEETINGS

Islands Trust
SALT SPRING LOCAL TRUST
COMMITTEE NOTICE OF BUSINESS MEETING
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
DATE: Thursday, January 11, 2007
TIME: 1:00 p.m.
PLACE: ArtSpring
100 Jackson Avenue
Starting at 1:00 p.m. 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 advise Islands Trust staff at least one week in advance of the meeting so that they can be added to the beginning of the Agenda. For information about the Agenda, please call the Islands Trust at 537-9144

34 NOTICES

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PICK UP YOUR PICTURES!
THANK YOU SaltSpring for your great photos in 2006. If you have not picked up your photo please do so before Jan.31st or they will be destroyed. Jim Eastman, Mary Davidson, Bob Akerman, Josie Ball, Cathy Cronin, Erin McLeod, Mary-Ann Jarman, Angela Huser, Sherjill Adsheed, Hannah Brown, Colleen Hay, Allan Haskins, Carole Lee, ernie Reynolds, Norman Rothwell, Merle Schure, Maggie Smith, Danielle Vandervlis, Linda Popov, Bryn, Bert McCann, Ida McManus, Carol Simpson, Grace Bracher, Sam Barlow, Bert Small, Caren Fennel, Julia Hatchard, Cindy Brooks, Ashley Atkins, Birgit Bateman, Jo Boeder, Carman Callisen, Lynne Earwaker, Marilyn Field, Sarah Kerrigan, Robin Little, Mik Lovering, Lynda Mouk, Hanna Munneke, Donna Neish, Jennifer Savoie, Monica Ritenour, Rick Tyson, Amanda Ziola, Hannah Brown, Robert Bell, Rosie Cal, Alyce Eleninor, Julie Elizabeth, Jazzi Griffiths, Gail Hay, Carly Huisberger, Erin Jory, R & B Manley, Sharon McCollough, Nicolas Pringle, Flo Schreiner, Jean Williams, Alexandra Bell, Doreen Bennett, Joyce Campbell, Peggy Cliffe, Meredith Fawcett, Judy Guedes, Diane Hall, Isabel Hunt, Donna Jenkins, Jill Shugar, Heather Leedham, Ruth Liston, Doris Cittle, Ken Mackenzie, Cheryl Reda, Elsie Bosnell, Heather Spain, Sekundar Umedaly, Marilyn Tamboline, Angela Voegeli, Carol Walde, Judy Willett, Michelle Muir, Bob Delion, Ruth Riddell, Karen Stunder, Roodenburg, among many others...if your name is mentioned, you have a picture at the Driftwood. See you all before Jan.31st.
AQUAFIT AT SUMMERSIDE
If you would like to loosen up stiff joints, relieve stress, or lose some pounds and have some fun, aquafit is for you! Mon., Wed. & Fri. 9 - 10 am. For more information, call Theresa @ 537-1867.

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Qualifications, Education and Experience:
A degree in social work or other social sciences and a minimum of two years experience working with children and families is required. Ability to work independently, being familiar with the Gulf Islands and being able to work in communities that have limited resources is an asset.
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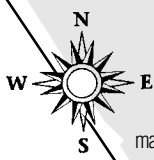
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This Week's Horoscope

by Michael O'Connor

Aries (Mar 21 - Apr 20)

The New Year begins with you eager to assert your leadership. This includes initiating new ideas. Deciphering which direction to take may be a lingering challenge, yet you may be clear that you want to build upon a more solid platform somehow. Your power potential grew steadily last year and so did your overall scope of responsibility. You will be reminding others of this early on and will not easily yield your position. In fact, you will aim to increase this power leverage. Outlining key ideas, intentions and goals early on in the year will prove very worthwhile; why be merely reactive? Deciphering who you are and are not and who are your friends and not and/or what it means to be a true friend are questions that will linger all year. Lead with a plan and by example.

Taurus (Apr 21 - May 20)

Balancing realism with idealism continues as 2007 gets underway. Learning how to win friends and influence people may be the practical end of the deal. Learning how to genuinely connect and empathize with whom and how others are is the ideal. Seeing beyond what should be and simply acknowledging what is, is a healthy beginning. This does include your own public and professional life. Your willingness to meet new people and try new things is a general and ideal theme all year. New educational interests and initiatives are highlighted for September, so scope things out. More than outer voices or realities, your own inner authority and, hopefully, source of inspiration is pushing you to re-invent and/or re-visit the possibilities.

Gemini (May 21 - Jun 21)

Taking stock of what you have and need and what you would like to clear to make room for current and emerging realities are in the spotlight as the New Year begins. This may well include material realities like possessions and money, yet it may also include weighing the importance of your friendships and other associations. In certain respects you are eager to or feeling compelled somehow to expand your scope of friendships and associations. Making key moves is likely and this will be apparent already or very soon. Change is the law and the more we can flow with it with confidence and without resistance the better. Defending the status quo will cause problems. Accepting the need to let go into the flow of life is a cornerstone to health and happiness. Allow tears as necessary yet keep moving along.

Cancer (Jun 22 - Jul 22)

Initiating new relationships and friendships and building upon existing ones is a central theme. If you are really keen and aware you will include opening to new levels of consciousness in your scope. Sometimes the process is eliminative then accumulative. In other words, loosening the grip of prior perceptions, attitudes and self-concepts is necessary before you will allow for new ones. The unknown is generally intimidating to most people yet clinging to familiarity for the sake of security can definitely backfire. Take some time to decipher what you are afraid of. If you think you have no fears, think a little harder. The point is that once any fear is acknowledged, we gain power over it yet denying fear is what empowers it over us. Get to know yourself better than ever and be open to new associations.

Leo (Jul 23 - Aug 23)

Creating better health and building your immune system continues as a central theme as the year begins. This includes eliminating as well as acquiring. Eliminating can include associations to certain foods and eating habits that are causing problems. It may also include cleanses. Organ cleansing is now a part of our culture and so too is the realization that we have to clear limiting beliefs and attitudes to be free. Each method supports the other whether you are tending to your mind or body. Meanwhile making new friends is in the stars for you. Keeping your ideals in check and keeping an eye on potential blind spots remains ideal for the sake of growth, maturity and harmony. In any case, take a playful and creative approach.

Virgo (Aug 24 - Sep 22)

You are in a creative power cycle now and with awareness you could achieve a lot. With the holiday peak now over, this is your opportunity to make some key career moves early in the game. Things may be shaking close to home as well. Renovations or home improvements are quite possible. Alternatively, the emphasis may be on family. In either case, you may be experiencing renewed confidence and optimism. This trend should generally continue all year. Old perceptions and angles of approach are dissolving and you will be very serious about new educational possibilities by September. For now the emphasis is upon increasing your overall command of your life. Cleaning-up unfinished business and refining existing abilities are likely goals.

Libra (Sep 23 - Oct 22)

Fortifying your base on the home front is now in focus. You are in the mood to take command of certain situations. Gaining new

knowledge is likely and this is bringing you to new levels of confidence. Although your energy level may feel high these days, you probably need to overcome tendencies to take on too much and this alert will be active all year. Many dreams and ideals are dancing in your mind and you are determined to bring them into reality. Innovative and inventive urges are active as well and these stand to come more fully to your awareness within a couple of weeks, so take note. These are linked to changes in your overall lifestyle that continue to stir your imagination. This restless determination may yet be unclear in terms of actual direction, yet you feel the need to prepare and do your homework.

Scorpio (Oct 23 - Nov 21)

Deciphering your personal worth and value continues as the New Year begins. Exercising a due amount of discipline will remain important in 2007. Returns for better or worse will become apparent by September so outline your goals and follow-through. There is great power in making clear intentions and it is based on the law of attraction. This is a popular theme these days, although it is ancient knowledge, thanks in part to a recent movie called "The Secret" which is serving to make it common knowledge. Intend to be more independent and self-sufficient along the lines of self-awareness and meaningful purpose. However you do it, this is a time to take command of your life focus and direction.

Sagittarius (Nov 22 - Dec 21)

Building and fortifying your overall base of operations is a strong theme for you now. This includes your willingness to take risks to expand your vision and horizons. Perhaps you need to do this in terms of where and how you live. Can you imagine where and how you can live so that you feel more inspired and creative? Certain habit patterns and locations either empower us or diminish our power and they also work together to compound the situation either way. This is a time to push through and beyond and to be willing to be conscious of if, how and where you are avoiding or escaping reality or in denial. Be open to knowledge, wisdom and guidance whether from within or without that will assist you to activate your greater potential. Take initiative now!

Capricorn (Dec 22 - Jan 19)

With the Sun now in your sign, this is a time of taking pioneering leads. Even if your situation is basically secure, perhaps you can begin to entertain a new hobby. Rather deep changes continue to rumble within and since your is the sign of society at large, you might imagine what is going on beneath the surface of outer realities. Bringing your knowledge power down to earth to realize a dream is not just a play on words. What are your dreams? Beyond the scope of your own kin and worldly ambition, how can you gain inspiration and vision by lending some of your time and energy to larger causes? This kind of vision will raise your vibration to a higher level. The need is great and the time is short. In any case, this is an ideal time to boldly venture forth.

Aquarius (Jan 20 - Feb 19)

This is the dawning of the Age of Aquarius and while you may be awake, you may want to enjoy just a little more R&R before you charge ahead into it. You have reasons to feel optimistic and enthusiastic these days as positive returns of one kind or another are coming your way. Even though you realize that the new commitments imply change and transformation, you are eager to engage. Powerful new realities are opening for you and all you have to do is say yes and follow through. A growing curiosity to see what is around the next corner should ensure your determination. Within a couple of weeks from now you will be much more involved and you can expect that the themes will be large and the pace will be quick. Awaken to embrace a new reality, but for now anyway, at your own pace.

Pisces (Feb 20 - Mar 20)

Consolidating your vision and your power goes hand in hand. This is a good time to take a real look at the bigger picture of your life. Are your daily choices and lifestyle patterns and rhythms leading you down a healthy path? If you feel insecure in any way then it is time to open up and take a closer look at how you can and perhaps need to make a few adjustments in your perspectives and behaviours. The freedom, power and success you desire will come only from a combination of vision, focus, discipline and action. By just doing at least one thing each day towards a goal you will gain momentum and confidence. A key strategy for breaking bad habits includes deciphering their impact over the long-term with the help of your imagination and associating pain to them. Create the life you really want.



NEW YEAR'S SOUND: Matt Carter of the Killlifters gets into the swing of things at Moby's Pub during New Year's Eve festivities. Photo by Derrick Lundy

Women's group sends overseas girls to school

Second of two parts

Last week the Driftwood published the first part of a report from the Salt Spring chapter of the Canadian Federation of University Women (CFUW), outlining how several overseas girls will be educated as a result of the group's fundraising efforts. This second half gives information on some of the beneficiaries.

In the scheme of things, they are few in number, but the effect ripples out into the current and future families and communities of these girls.

One girl, Paremaswani of India, has completed her secondary education, and is no longer on our rolls. Moipone of Lesotho and Tracy in the Solomon Islands continue their schooling, and three new girls, Lumbemba and Ireen from Zambia, plus Tessa from Kenya, have been selected for this coming year.

One or two others may be added.

Individual members are sponsoring Faith, Kilidenzi, and Patience of Uganda. In addition, other individuals have pledged to sponsor seven other girls — a total of at least 15 in all.

Moipone wrote the following report upon receipt of her initial sponsorship:

"Dear Sponsors, I am really grateful for supporting me. At one time in my life I felt that I was lost. I felt the world had deserted me. I felt I was being carried away by the sea and when I cried for help, everyone ran away from me. I felt like taking my life, but out of the darkness came the Commonwealth Countries' League Education Fund which gave me the support." [Moipone now knows that the money comes from the Salt Spring Island CFUW.]

"I sincerely thank you for your help and my prayer is to help other needy children throughout the world to achieve their dreams. Give my love to all those who are working day and night to see the poor educated."

Moipone and a younger brother and sister were orphaned by AIDS and live with their grandmother.

To help Moipone with food and clothing, individuals within the club have provided an extra \$100, which is carefully administered by the headmaster.

It's a minimal amount to be sure, but enables her to stay in school.

One of the CFUW members was able to visit

Moipone and the headmaster in Lesotho this past August; the headmaster felt that knowing she had support, both moral and financial, from women overseas, would encourage Moipone with her studies.

Lumbemba and Ireen of Zambia have three years to completion of secondary school.

There are 12 grades altogether in the Zambian system.

From Grade 3 subjects are supposed to be taught in English to bridge the communication gaps between the 73 different languages spoken around the country.

However, many teachers continue in a mixture of English and local languages. At the end of Grade 7 all students are required to take a set of national exams.

A handful are admitted to secondary school.

They often travel a considerable distance to attend and unfortunately most students cannot afford the fees which equate to almost the average yearly income in the country.

The persistence of girls attending school remains lower than that of boys.

In Uganda, Muko High School is an O and A-level secondary school for boys and girls. Founded by the Anglican Church of Uganda, Diocese of Kigesi, as a rural school it depends on the collection of school fees. The school is proud to have a solar lighting system for one prep room, otherwise paraffin lamps are used. Students are required to bring 20kg of beans each term.

The school continues to grow, probably because of the low fees it charges to try to help as many students from poor backgrounds as possible.

The headmaster sent a photograph he had taken with three previously sponsored girls who are now at university. He himself was proudly shown in mortar board and gown as he has just upgraded his diploma in education to a degree in education at Makerere University.

The HOPE Project is making a huge difference to the lives of these young women. In the scheme of things, they are few in number, but the effect ripples out into the current and future families and communities of these girls.

Anyone wishing to consider sponsoring a student as an individual (tax receipts issued) can get in touch with Lyndsay Mundy, CFUW treasurer, at 537-5235; president Joyce James, 653-4403; or Marilyn McDowell, chair of the HOPE committee, at 538-1936.

Answers to Last Week's Crossword - Foxy Flicks and TV Picks

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Avid golfer Alice Richards takes to the greens on New Year's Day in the Salt Spring Golf and Country Club's annual Sock and Toque Tournament. Photo by Derrick Lundy



Dressed for golf in the wet of winter are Campbell Blair (left) and Keith Laverder. Photo by Derrick Lundy

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High turnout at golf tourney

A record-breaking 54 participants showed up at the 2007 New Year's Day Sock and Toque Tourney hosted by the Salt Spring Golf and Country Club.

Although 90 players were originally signed up to hit the greens, rain and inclement weather reduced the numbers, but organizers were still pleased with the turnout.

The fun tournament offered prizes for golfing accomplishments and also included a category for best dressed player.

In the Mixed Team Scramble Event, low team score winners were Bill Elford, Randy Cunningham, Glenn Woodley, Larry Davies and

Karen Davies, who obtained a team score of 32.

The top prize for closest to the pin on #2 for ladies went to Alice Richards, and Bill Sorrell grabbed the prize for the men.

Longest drive on #7 winners were Lynda Joyce for the ladies and Mike Reynolds for the men.

The tourney also included a category for best dressed

and Linda Joyce swept the ladies category with her tuxedo attire.

Bill Haworthy and Mark Fraser shared the honours for the men with a daring shorts and summer attire get-up.

"Very brave!," said Lyle Brown, who helped organize the event.

"After golf, a fantastic buffet lunch was served in

the Falconshead restaurant for 100 people," said Brown. "Again, it was the highest number ever for lunch on a New Year's Day."

Coincidentally, the same number of players signed up for the Boxing Day disc golf tournament held last week.

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