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**CHRISTMAS CRAFTS:** Margaret Ritchie, left, checks out the wares on show and sale at the annual Wintercraft event as worker Megan Manning-Burton helps out. The Christmas craft fair opened at Mahon Hall last weekend and continues through December 22.

**BUDIMCIC CASE**

**War story part of messy hearing**

Picture of chaotic era emerges through Budimcic testimony

BY MITCHELL SHERRIN  
 DRIFTWOOD CONTRIBUTOR

Tears streamed down Josip Budimcic's face several times during his testimony before the Immigration and Refugee Board (IRB) last week at a Vancouver hearing that by Tuesday was veering beyond its original schedule.

In an effort to convince members of the IRB hearing that he should remain in Canada, 44-year-old Budimcic, better known on Salt Spring as the handyman "Joe Somebody," shared his personal story about the disintegration of Yugoslavia during the civil war of the early 1990s.

Croatian-born Budimcic had served as a traffic cop in the town of Osijek for seven years by the summer of 1991 when a surge of separatist ultra-nationalism swept through the region.

According to his testimony, the local police detachment swelled its ranks by recruiting "drunks, criminals and people off the street," as Croatia sought to create an army of independence through the police department.

Around the time that Croatia held a referendum on independence in June 1991, Budimcic witnessed escalating ethnic violence between the separatist Croats and the minority Serbs with bombings and roadblocks.

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**ISLANDS TRUST**

**Frosty reception for ISG at Trust Council**

Membership campaign's accuracy questioned

BY SEAN MCINTYRE  
 DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Recruitment techniques used by Islanders for Self-Government (ISG) came under scrutiny as the Islands Trust gave the group's president a frosty reception at Trust Council in Victoria last Thursday.

"I find it very interesting that you are criticizing the current system while opposing any attempts to bring about change," said Trust Council chair Kim Benson. "The way that you are getting people to sign up for memberships is not based on accurate or truthful information."

In an interview following the meeting, Benson said she has come across several questionable statements made in ISG advertisements.

For example, Bowen Island trustee Peter Frinton has denied ISG claims that his island's government enacted a five-year tax freeze after it incorporated in 1999.

ISG president Ken Marr asked Benson to provide a comprehensive list of the alleged inaccuracies to his group for further examination.

Benson's accusations followed a demand from Marr that the Trust renew its efforts to seek increased provincial funding.

"Originally, the province funded over 90 per cent of the Trust's budget and currently funds less than five per cent," he said. "As the preserve and protect philosophy of the Trust's mandate was to be for the good of the province and not just the residents of the area, we feel that the

province needs to revisit their share of the costs and it is incumbent upon Trust Council to formally request this."

According to the Trust's 2007-2008 budget, the provincial government grant accounted for 2.2 per cent of the Trust's \$5.5-million budget.

Hornby Island trustee Tony Law asked why ISG representatives did not lobby the provincial government to increase Trust funding when they met with Community Services Minister Ida Chong earlier this year. He then urged all Trust island residents to lobby their MLAs for more funding.

Marr also called on trustees to pass a resolution asking the province to amend the Islands Trust Act to ensure all municipalities remain bound by the Trust's mandate. Currently the act

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## STORM AFTERMATH

# Residents blame dam for flooding woes

Legal action pending

BY CHRIS STEPHENSON  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

A dam built to divert water from Swanson's Pond caused rain and melting snow to overflow ditches and flood five homes after a storm last week, says a resi-

dent who was affected by the disaster.

Jamie Rokeby-Thomas, who lives at 175 Kanaka Road, said water that usually flows into the pond was diverted by the dam, which caused existing drainage ditches to overflow and flood the area around her house after the storm.

"There is no question in my mind [the dam] caused the flood in people's backyards," she said during a tour of her property Monday.

Eric Booth, acting on behalf of property owner Salt Spring Ventures Inc., began work in late August to divert the water flow before it entered Swanson's Pond.

The pond is located across from Gulf Islands Secondary School on a three-acre residentially zoned property.

After residents in the flood area assessed where the water was coming from, Rokeby-Thomas said, they pulled the dam apart to allow some of the storm water to flow through the pond. She said within an hour of dismantling the

dam, the water receded from their properties while flood levels continued to rise in the soccer field across the street.

In the seven years Rokeby-Thomas and her husband have lived on the property, they have never experienced a flood.

"This flood didn't have to happen," she said.

Rokeby-Thomas and other residents are now concerned about further flooding if the dam is rebuilt.

She also said the group is currently assessing damages and will look for compensation for their losses from the parties involved in building the dam.

Philip Grange, a Salt Spring engineer who wrote a report on water drainage systems on the island in the 1980s, agrees Swanson's Pond is part of a traditional water course.

Grange is aware a dam was built to divert water flow from the pond, but couldn't comment on whether or not it caused the flood.

However, he said, the

drainage ditches near the flooded area were not adequate for the amount of water that had accumulated.

"It seems evident to me that the ditches were incapable of carrying the flow."

**"It seems evident to me that the ditches were incapable of carrying the flow."**

PHILIP GRANGE  
Engineer

A list of questions regarding the Swanson's Pond property and the flooded area were sent by the Driftwood via e-mail to Booth.

"Unfortunately, because we have been informed there may now be pending litigation, we are unable to comment on this matter at this time," he replied.

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## ISG attends Trust Council meeting

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states (in Section 39.1) that "The council of a municipality, all or part of which is in the Trust area, must have regard to the object of the Trust in adopting a bylaw or issuing a permit or licence."

Marr's plea fell on deaf ears as trustees attacked ISG opposition to the Trust's desire to increase Salt Spring's political representation within the Trust.

The Community Services Ministry continues to examine the Trust Governance Task Force call to increase the number of Salt Spring trustees from two to four members, which requires a legislation change.

"You're criticizing the current system while actively opposing our sincere efforts to bring about change," said Gabriola Island trustee Sheila Malcolmson. "What your saying is honestly quite discouraging to me."

Marr responded by reiterating ISG has never supported an increased Salt Spring trustee presence on Trust Council.

"It's not a matter of getting more trustees, it's a matter of changing the way government works," he said.

"The municipal option should be explored. Yes it was defeated in a referendum some five or six years ago, but things change and the feelings on Salt Spring have very much changed."

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### INDOOR POOL

# Rainbow rec facility opening finally in sight

Final bill less than 10 per cent over budget set two years ago

BY GAIL SJUBERG

DRIFTWOOD STAFF

During a visit to the nearly finished Rainbow Road indoor swimming pool complex last Thursday, the sounds of squealing children and splashing water were almost audible.

Instead, we heard the buzz of power tools, the scrape of trowels smoothing fresh cement on the bottom of the pool and talk between workers maneuvering a hand railing into place.

Winter sunlight streamed in through the huge glass doors on the building's south side as Parks and Recreation Commission (PARC) manager Dave Gibbon gave me and photographer Derrick Lundy a tour of the \$6.3-million premises.

Believe it or not, Salt Spring's indoor pool is almost complete and should be ready for public use by February. Although opening date is much later than first envisioned when ground was broken in March of 2006, costs have been pretty much kept in line.

At Monday night's PARC meeting, commissioner Peter Lake said the final bill should definitely be less than 10 per cent above the budget set two years ago — no doubt to the dismay of Salt Spring's seasoned skeptics.

Anyone walking into the building will see that we now own a beautiful public space that has arrived in its own time since tax support for the project was approved in a November 2004 referendum.

Wide strips of muted purple, green and blue linoleum create a "rainbow" effect on the lobby floor, adding to the centre's impression as an inviting gathering space rather than a purely utilitarian recreational facility.

Details like pink or turquoise ultra-modern changeroom countertops might excite some swimmers more than others, but it's hard to not be impressed by the creative use of curves in the facility, from the exterior entrance-way to the reception counter to the hot tub shape, or the uplifting natural light. Each area feels "just right" in size for a building planned with economy in mind, including the change-rooms, washrooms, handicapped services and observation areas.

Aesthetics aside, the main tank pool ranges in depth from four to eight feet, with "tot docks" available for the youngest of swimmers at the shallow end as needed.

The 17-person hot tub appears gigantic, with a swooping arched bench for people who want to sit and relax, and ample room for others to move around in the swirling hot water. As Gibbon explains, walking back and forth in hot tub



PHOTO BY DERRICK LUNDY

Workers at the Rainbow Road indoor pool site install a membrane in the pool tank designed to prevent future cement cracks from telegraphing up through pool tiles. The tank should be filled with water on January 3.

water is considered ideal therapy for seniors.

Downstairs Gibbon shows us what makes the whole system run, and we're inundated by a mass of metal tanks, ducts, pipes and electrical switches. The mechanical system also represents more than a million dollars of the pool's total cost.

Outside of one door he points to a cement ramp that will make unloading the weighty bags of chlorine pucks much easier.

Even though a UV system will be installed at a later date, as Gibbon stresses, that does not mean the pool water contains no chlorine — provincial health regulations mandate that a certain amount must be used.

"It should save us some money and reduce the amount of chlorine," he said.

Gibbon said the pool tank should be ready for filling on January 3, followed by testing of the various mechanical systems for a few weeks after that, along with staff training. PAC will then likely hold a series of "soft openings," with small groups invited to use the pool for a few hours.

Canadian Recreation Excellence, a Surrey-based company that operated Shelby Pool for the past few years, was last week formally awarded a three-year contract to run the pool. PARC will pay the company \$107,811 in start-up costs, \$463,704 to operate the pool in 2008, \$490,272 in 2009, and \$504,822 in 2010.

PARC and the Capital Regional District have also approved a set of fees and charges for pool use. The single admission price will range from \$5 for adults to \$12 for a family, while non-profit groups can rent it for \$150-\$200 per hour.

## News briefs

### Arson leads surface

RCMP suspect arson was the cause of the fire that burned the waterside portion of Moby's Marine Pub on the morning of November 24.

Salt Spring RCMP Cpl. Kerry Howse said the department has some positive leads in the investigation.

The fire started on the deck of the pub and burned through a portion of wall before firefighters doused the blaze.

Jim Burrows, who runs Moby's Pub, said structurally the building is safe, and the damage was mostly on the building's exterior. Burrows said he believes the fire was not a malicious act.

The pub was closed only for a 24-hour period after the fire.

### Driftwood e-mail down

Imagine conducting a communications business without incoming e-mail service. This week Driftwood staff didn't have to imagine that scenario, they

experienced it.

Service acquired through Vancouver-based provider SearchBC went down on Sunday evening, and was still not back as the Driftwood went to press Tuesday. Unless staff expected a specific e-mail message and could contact the sender to provide the information in an alternate form or to a temporary address set up via Salt Spring Internet, nothing sent by e-mail after Sunday at about 6 p.m. reached the Driftwood office.

The Driftwood hopes to have the situation resolved by this weekend at the lat-

est. If readers receive a "bounce-back" message to e-mail messages sent to any address at gulfislands.net in the next few days, they could send instead to driftwood@ssisland.com.

### RCMP target Christmas drivers

Salt Spring RCMP stopped a vehicle and arrested a 20-year-old male Saturday evening, December 8 near Fulford Harbour on Fulford-Ganges Road for breaching conditions of his parole.

He is being detained for a hearing by the Justice of the Peace for not adhering to a curfew.

Also last week, a 45-year-old male was issued a 24-hour driving suspension after an RCMP officer noticed his vehicle in the ditch near the Salt Spring detachment parking lot with its tires spinning. The vehicle was towed from the scene.

During a police road check on Thursday evening, a 68-year-old male was issued a 24-hour driving suspension. The same evening, RCMP issued another

24-hour driving suspension to a 63-year-old female. Her vehicle was towed from the scene.

Police stopped an uninsured vehicle Sunday morning, December 9.

The 21-year-old driver was arrested for operating a vehicle while his licence was suspended. He was also issued a violation ticket for no insurance and driving without due care, and prohibited from driving for 24 hours.

As well, RCMP seized his licence plates since they did not belong to the vehicle.

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 Living Manger Tableaux at All Saints  
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#### Tuesday, 25th December

10:00 am Holy Eucharist at St. Mark's

#### Sunday, December 30th

10:00 am Corporate Eucharist at All Saints

#### Sunday, January 6

10:30 am Festal Eucharist at  
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 All Saints in Ganges. Please call 537-2171 to confirm*

## NEWSBEAT

### ISLAND ROADS

# Take checklist to the streets

Union campaign pressures for improvements

**BY CHRIS STEPHENSON**  
 DRIFTWOOD STAFF

A campaign to increase public awareness on the state of B.C. roads hit the province last week, creating friction with a major highway contracting company.

The B.C. Government and Service Employees' Union (BCGEU) launched the campaign to inform the public about how the roads should be maintained, according to legal specifications in the province. BCGEU created a checklist and produced a video the public can use to rate the roads and highways in their area.

"It's quite a disappointment they came out with this campaign," said Noel Mankey, vice-president of operations for Mainroad Contracting.

Mankey said the operation has the potential to misinform the public, as roadwork contracts can be very complex and hard to condense into one short list.

Categories on the public checklist and video include road surface repairs, snow removal, vegetation control and sign maintenance. Man-

key said some of the checklist items may vary according to the conditions in the area. "To put it on one sheet is not very accurate," he said.

Mankey said the public should also recognize Mainroad is not in the business of reconstructing roads, but rather maintaining the system that is already in place.

He admitted some roads in Area 1, which includes the southern tip of Vancouver Island and the Gulf Islands, are not in the best shape, but said Mainroad is proud of the work it does.

"We're considered good contractors and work according to government specifications."

However, BCGEU communications officer Evan Stewart said the union is concerned the roads are not being maintained properly or according to the contracts' targets, which is why union members launched the campaign.

"The roads on the Gulf Islands are atrocious. They are not being neglected for a short time. They are being neglected for months."

The BCGEU states private contractors receive more than \$300 million from B.C. taxpayers for highway maintenance each year, but

Stewart said the public is left in the dark about how the money is spent.

According to the campaign material, maintenance specifications include repairing potholes on major highways within 48 hours, responding to water flow problems eroding the highway within three hours and applying anti-icers before black ice forms when freezing temperatures are forecast.

Paul Lloyd, who works for Mainroad Contracting on Vancouver Island, said the campaign is not designed to put contractors on the spot but to point out the specifications in the contract between the government and Mainroad.

"It's to make people aware of what we do and why we do it."

He said a lack of equipment and manpower is partly responsible for maintenance problems. Over the last 13 years he has seen a significant drop in both equipment available to do road maintenance work and the number of employees in his area.

Road and highway maintenance services were privatized in B.C. in 1988.

For more information on the campaign, go to [www.bcgeu.bc.ca/highways](http://www.bcgeu.bc.ca/highways).

## Polar bear swim needs volunteers

A favourite January 1 tradition will bring in the Salt Spring new year with a splash, but it needs a few volunteers or a sponsoring group to make it as impressive as it's been for the past few years.

Last year the indoor pool society Ssplash gave notice that it could not continue to organize the event as it had since 2004.

While the Driftwood had last year been willing to consider taking it on, the paper cannot provide the actual manpower on the swim day.

"Because of the press schedule this year, the Driftwood office is closed for more days than usual through the holidays, so staff members are taking advantage of the hiatus after an extremely hectic November and December," said Driftwood editor Gail Sjuberg.

"We can obviously provide free publicity,

set the swim time and make preliminary calls to confirm participation by the usual parties involved."

- However, a few people are still needed to:
- provide the hot chocolate and coffee (including setting up tables to serve it on);
  - set up the sound system;
  - judge the 10-12 winners in a few categories and for costumes;
  - solicit prizes for winners;
  - clean up the beach area afterwards.

Splash has provided a detailed list of instructions to make the whole task even easier.

A costume theme is usually chosen based on a recent popular movie. Pirates of the Caribbean is a possible choice for the 2008 swim. Anyone able to help with the 2008 swim should call Driftwood editor Gail Sjuberg as soon as possible at 537-9933.

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# NEWSBEAT

## SALT SPRING LIBRARY

# Regular service unlikely for months

Fine moratorium in effect

BY SEAN MCINTYRE  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

The Salt Spring Island Public Library will remain closed until December 17 as crews work to repair the structure's roof and floor.

"Repairs cannot commence until the roof has been resurfaced," said Tilly Crawley in a press release issued by the library board on Monday.

"We expect that it may be several months before the library can function normally."

Volunteers were shocked to discover water dripping from the ceiling, weighed down by snow and water on the building's roof, when they turned up for work on the morning of Monday, December 3.

An inspection by the library's insurance adjuster last week revealed the building suffered no structural damage and very few damaged books.

Cost estimates for the damage are not available, Hepburn said.

The library will offer limited services when it opens on December 17. Magazines, audio/visual, new books, non-fiction up to 921 P, interlibrary loan services, online resources and public access to computer terminals will be available.

"We've lost a substantial fraction of the library's main level, but the damage is a lot less severe than we initially thought," said library board chair Duncan Hepburn.

"It definitely looks worse than it is."

Library volunteers request patrons not return books other than interlibrary loans before December 17.

No fines will be levied on materi-



PHOTO BY SEAN MCINTYRE

Linda Scarlett-Hauk and Barry Spence take books off shelves at the library.

**"It definitely looks worse than it is."**

DUNCAN HEPBURN  
Library board chair

als, excluding interlibrary loans, if returned between December 17 and the end of the year.

Book donations will not be accepted until further notice.

Volunteers spent the better part of last week placing the library's fiction, mystery and science fiction departments into 389 cardboard boxes.

The books will be stored in the building's boardroom until the work is complete.

One hundred volumes remain in a freezer at Thrifty Foods. Volunteers will assess which books have been successfully freeze dried before the library reopens.

Library volunteers and board members said they wish to thank all who helped in the clean-up and ongoing repairs, including members of the Salt Spring Fire Department and the Copper Kettle Community Partnership.

Information is available online at <http://saltspring.bclibrary.ca/>.

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## NEWSBEAT

## Budimic tells hearing: 'I never tried to hide anything'

BUDIMCIC

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"As a police officer, I was not able to provide security for the people in my city."

He even heard threats to his Serbian-born wife, Tatanya, and himself within the police station by fellow officers.

"I was told to prove myself like a good Croat. I should kill my wife and kids."

When a high-profile police chief was assassinated by fellow police officers, Budimic handed in his badge and gun, collected his wife and two young children and fled Croatia to the Yugoslavian capital of Belgrade in July 1991.

"I just put the kids in the car and my wife in the car and I left. We had nothing."

Living as a refugee in a cramped one-bedroom apartment with his wife's aunt and uncle in Belgrade didn't sit well with Budimic. He sensed resentment from the Serbian side of the family as young men were being mobilized for the war that commenced in August in Croatia. He didn't want to fight for the Croatian separatists or for the Yugoslavian People's Army (JNA), so he hid out in an apartment to avoid conscription. He claimed that the local Red Cross even made ethnic slurs about his Croatian ethnicity when he attempted to get food for his family.

And then he did something inexplicable. Since Budimic felt more comfortable in his homeland of Croatia than in the Serbian capital, he went back into the mouth of the lion as war raged in Croatia in September 1991.

"I thought this was the safest place for me to go."

According to Budimic, he planned to stay in an abandoned family house near Osijek with a friend.

But police intercepted them as soon as they crossed the border into Croatia.

"They pulled us out of the bus. It was very difficult to get out because there was lots of hatred there."

After two days in jail, he was released with an order to report to the Territorial Defence Force (Yugoslavian army reserves) and he was assigned work as a labourer in the front-line war zone around Tenja during the nearby Battle of Vukovar.

"This is the area where everything was happening," Budimic recalled.

"Paramilitaries from Tenja and paramilitaries from Croatia became more aggressive. Each started shooting at each other."

But Budimic maintained he remained unarmed and described how he dug trenches, built bunkers and even disposed of a cow killed by grenade attack.

In mid-October 1991, Budimic heard that a neighbouring town where his family had a house had been "liberated" from the Croats by the JNA and he made a request to relocate.

During testimony highlighted by a Google Earth map video, Budimic retraced his 11-kilometre drive from Tenja to Sarvas, and he recalled that he met 12 Croatian prisoners of war who later made war crimes allegations against him. Written submissions from this incident that Budimic tortured and executed as many as seven prisoners formed the basis of a 1995 Croatian trial in absentia.

But in Budimic's testimony he simply recognized some of the men as residents of his hometown and asked if they knew the whereabouts of his younger brother, Ivica, who had been conscripted by the Croatian National Guard (ZNG).

Under direct questioning from counsel, Budimic denied he'd assaulted the ZNG prisoners, fired a weapon or ordered anyone to do anything to them.

That story was corroborated by Nedeljko Bosanac, who now lives in Australia. He was with Budimic on the trip in question — although he corrected the direction the pair were travelling in at the time. Bosanac, who was also in a



Josip Budimic, left, and his family at an October rally on Salt Spring. Budimic's immigration board hearing continues this week.

mixed marriage but as a Serb married to a Croat, also talked about how untenable life was at the time, leading to his own departure soon after the Budimics left.

"The mines were there. My friends were avoiding me . . . Serbian houses were destroyed and several Serbs were killed," he said.

Budimic remained in the Serbian-occupied territory of Sarvas until the end of November doing labour duties for the Territorial Defence Force before he was met by his brother-in-law, a JNA captain, who took him to Mostar in Bosnia, where he was mobilized into the regular army.

Before Budimic left Croatia, it's believed 10,000 people died in the five-month-long Croatian War of Independence and another 550,000 were displaced, which helped create the term "ethnic cleansing."

### "There was danger, threats. We had a mixed marriage. We lost our properties."

JOSIP BUDIMCIC

Once in the JNA army base at the Bosnian city of Mostar, Budimic worked as a mechanic and served with the traffic section of the JNA military police until March 1992, a date that coincides with the beginning of hostilities in Bosnia.

"The army was finished their stuff in Mostar and I was discharged," Budimic said.

After serving in Mostar, Budimic rejoined his family and moved back to Vukovar in a Serbian-occupied part of Croatia. The town had been virtually destroyed during the war and Budimic got a job with the Militia Krajina police helping to rebuild the local station.

Though the war was over, the situation was still unstable and Budimic's family was chased away from a bombed-out home where they attempted to resettle.

"Drunks wrote on the house, 'This is a Serbian house, you can't live here.'"

Now that they were living in a Serb-dominated community, his wife and children heard ethnic slurs about his Croat heritage.

"We didn't have a chance to live down there. There was danger, threats. We had a mixed marriage. We lost our properties."

Budimic left the Vukovar police force in June 1993 and got a job with the peacekeeping United Nations Protection Force as a mechanic in October of that year.

With some urging from new acquaintances at the U.N., Budimic travelled to Belgrade and made a refugee application to Canada in October 1994.

But the prospective refugee withheld information about his full military and police employment record from his immigration-application form.

"You can't put everything on the paper, sometimes you need the face-to-face," he said.

And he divulged some, but not all of his military background, when he received an interview at the Canadian embassy in November 1994.

"I wanted to tell the official what I did. And I honestly told him whatever he asked me. I never tried to hide anything."

Even though Budimic was charged with war crimes in Croatia in 1993 and convicted in 1995, he didn't hear about the case until 1997, when he spoke to his brother in Croatia on the phone, he said.

Budimic and his family arrived in Regina in 1995, where he got a job as a tractor mechanic. The family lived in Weyburn, Saskatchewan for five years until 2003, when stories broke about war-crime accusations and Budimic lost his job as a school custodian.

Shortly afterward, the Budimic moved to Salt Spring, where his family was well received.

In evidence of Budimic support on Salt Spring, the IRB tribunal heard glowing praise from Dr. Jan Malherbe, who spoke on his behalf as a character witness.

"I know him as a hard-working honest person who takes great pleasure in helping others," said Malherbe.

And the local doctor suggested the IRB hearing room could easily be filled by islanders who would make similar statements about Budimic.

"Salt Spring is a small community. When people make mistakes, it doesn't stay under the radar for very long."

Consequently, Malherbe suggested that Budimic's actions have spoken louder than words since he moved to the island in 2003.

"I would trust him with my life."

*Former Driftwood reporter Mitchell Sherrin spent Dec. 3-6 and 10-11 at the Immigration and Refugee Board hearing in Vancouver. The majority of his coverage reflects the Dec. 3-6 events, as do his answers to the following questions.*

**Q. You've covered a lot of court in your days as a Driftwood reporter, but nothing like this type of hearing. How did this process differ from a criminal court trial?**

A. Surprisingly, an Immigration and Refugee Board (IRB) hearing with national media attention — the closest thing to a war-crimes trial in Canada — appeared even less formal than relaxed criminal court sessions in Ganges.

During the IRB tribunal, counsel repeatedly questioned witnesses about vague general matters out-

## BEHIND THE LINES

side of their knowledge or experience (e.g. asking a Canadian visa officer about particular aspects of Yugoslavian Army bureaucracy) in a manner that would never fly in a provincial court.

Another curious matter was that the Canadian Border Service Agency (CBSA) had confidential items in their file that they wouldn't even share with the presiding IRB member (which prompted comments from him).

In the comedy-relief cate-



MITCHELL SHERRIN

gory, a translator in Toronto hijacked the hearing on several occasions. Even though the IRB had a second, perfectly capable translator in the room and translation was rarely required, technical problems with the Ontario-based translator's speakerphone and microphones impinged on the hearing every day.

Periodically, the disembodied-translator voice would also interrupt witnesses, counsel or the presiding IRB member himself to provide new, more accurate translations for words like "short jacket" or "work section."

On the positive side, the presiding tribunal member (the IRB equivalent to a judge) had the ability to ask questions in a way that's not permitted in criminal court. From an outside observer's point of view, IRB member Ross Pattee often posed

more thoughtful and effective questions than either counsel.

**Q. What kind of media coverage and public interest did the Budimic hearing attract?**

A. Though some reporters from local and national publications have attended the hearing every day, I was surprised that only the Driftwood had one reporter cover the entire proceeding.

Some news outlets used multiple reporters and often those reporters left at lunch to file their stories. Others only attended the first day of the tribunal and there was also only sporadic TV coverage.

The most consistent contingent in the room was Budimic supporters from Salt Spring. The event also saw attendance from a couple of history and sociology researchers.

**Q. At this point in the hearing do you feel you are any closer to knowing "the truth" about the allegations against Budimic?**

A. Unfortunately, I don't feel any closer to knowing "the truth" about what happened in Croatia. Though most of Budimic's testimony was convincing, there were still several problems with the case that couldn't be addressed by his testimony or by CBSA cross examination.

Additionally, because the hearing was held by the IRB, it mostly focussed on the immigration application process instead of the war-crimes allegation.

Right from the outset Pattee said, "This is not a war-crimes tribunal."

But I wanted to know more about whether Budimic actually committed war crimes rather than about whether he accurately

represented his military involvement to visa officers. I bet almost anyone would have fudged a form to get out of that abyss.

It also seemed incredibly difficult for counsel to obtain an accurate picture of the national disintegration and civil war in Yugoslavia in the early 1990s.

CBSA questioners often seemed perplexed by Budimic's description of difficulties in travel, his inconsistent portrayal of an absurd war environment and the lack of formal structure to military units and military bureaucratic procedures.

After some preliminary research, it was easy to determine that the wars in Yugoslavia were clearly not battles with static front lines, uniformed soldiers and bureaucratic paperwork typical of pre-WWII struggles.

# NEWSBEAT

## BUDIMCIC HEARING

# CBSA presents its case

In an application to have refugee status stripped from Josip Budimcic, the Canadian Border Services Agency (CBSA) focussed its case on attempting to discredit Budimcic's story and draw attention to information withheld from the application process.

Counter to Budimcic testimony, CBSA counsel Jesse Davidson and Ron Yamauchi argued that Budimcic committed or was complicit in war crimes committed in October 1991. But tribunal observers never heard full allegations of these proposed crimes since the CBSA relied upon written submissions not available to the public.

The CBSA suggested that several Croatians fought along with Serbians against Croatian nationals in the 1991 War of Independence. They suggested that Budimcic was a federalist who may have been prejudiced against Croatian separatists and they questioned Budimcic's choice to voluntarily enter a war zone when he had indicated he sought to avoid the conflict.

Davidson peppered embassy officials Stephan Stebelski and Brian Casey with questions about whether they would admit a known combatant or alleged

war criminal to Canada. But the best answer they could come up with was, "Maybe, it depends on the circumstances."

Stebelski indicated that military service did not of itself preclude refugee status or admission to Canada. "Anything to do with military service or security service would've been worthy of further investigation," Stebelski said.

And the Canadian embassy didn't seek criminal records from the governments that refugees were fleeing from, Casey said.

Even if the Canadian embassy had been aware of Croatian war-crimes allegations against Budimcic, which Croatia wasn't sharing, they might not have given them much weight, he added.

The International War Crimes Tribunal had not yet begun in The Hague and the Croatian courts were not considered impartial at that time, Casey said.

But after analyzing Budimcic's military record, Casey concluded that Budimcic likely participated in the Battle of Vukovar, where some 2,000 people were killed, and that he was in the regular army during the one-year build-up for

the Bosnian War.

Budimcic's military record became a central document to the case. All three counsellors, both translators, the presiding IRB member and witnesses all pored over the passport-sized document in great detail throughout the case.

For the CBSA, the document provided irrefutable evidence that Budimcic had withheld information during his Canadian immigration application and that he had participated in wars that plagued Yugoslavia during the 1990s.

But Budimcic actually asked his family in Yugoslavia to search for the document on his own behalf in time for the IRB hearing.

"This is simple evidence. I don't have anything to hide. This is honest," Budimcic said.

While Yamauchi suggested that Budimcic had committed a "large tactical error" by providing the military booklet, IRB member Ross Pattee — who is hearing this case — appeared not quite so convinced.

"If you're trying to suggest he wanted to hide the darn thing, it could've been easily hidden."

But Pattee was also puzzled that Budimcic provided the military record.

"On one level, it appears to not help your case."

## Hearing differs from court process

"Joe Somebody" (or Josip Budimcic) doesn't face great odds before an Immigration and Refugee Board (IRB) hearing to determine his future as a Canadian.

And it could be months before a decision is made regarding his refugee status.

Budimcic's IRB hearing was held at the request of the Canadian Border Services Agency (CBSA) with an application to remove (or "vacate") his refugee protection.

His case was heard before an IRB member (or decision maker), Ross Pattee, along with an IRB tribunal officer Mumtaz Rana (who assisted with document management), counsel for the applicant (CBSA hearing officers Jesse Davidson and Ron Yamauchi) and counsel for the respondent, Dennis McCrea.

"This is not a war-crimes tribunal," Pattee stated early in proceedings.

Pattee also indicated that evidentiary requirements could be "less than the courts but more than conjecture or speculation."

Following written and oral submissions, Pattee had the option to either reject the application if he was satisfied with sufficient evidence to support refugee protection, or he could nullify protection, which could

lead to removal from Canada.

For Budimcic, removal from Canada would result in serving a 15-year sentence for war crimes in Croatia following a 1995 trial in absentia.

Out of some 2,700 IRB admissibility hearings held in 2007 to determine citizenship outcomes, only two per cent resulted in permission to enter or remain in Canada.

According to the CBSA annual report, its personnel investigated 1,373 refugee claimant cases in 2006, which led to 40 exclusions from refugee protection on the grounds of war crimes or crimes against humanity.

Since 1998, the CBSA reports that 3,360 people who committed or were complicit in war crimes, crimes against humanity or genocide were prevented from coming to Canada and 408 people have been removed from Canada.

As an example of CBSA activity regarding war-crimes allegations in Yugoslavia, a Serbian who claimed refugee protection in 2001 was deported in October 2005 after he was found inadmissible due to allegations that he had been involved in the massacre of Albanian civilians in Kosovo in 1999.

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EDITORIAL

## Infrastructure milestones

**A** countdown to the new year is just around the corner, but some Salt Spring Islanders' eyes are fixed on two other milestones.

The bus service starts running on January 7, and the indoor pool is expected to open about a month later.

From a feasibility study through a Capital Regional District (CRD) counter-petition process and creation of a transportation commission to get the system running, Salt Spring's new bus project must be one of the smoothest political/infrastructure rides we've ever witnessed.

A public bus system has long been identified as desirable for the island, but it always seemed like a luxurious treat denied to deprived islanders and visitors, either because the province was not funding new bus systems or it would not be financially viable.

Thanks to a change in provincial government policy, and the efforts of B.C. Transit, the CRD, Salt Spring's electoral area director Gary Holman and others who formed a workable local plan, transit is on its way to Salt Spring Island.

**THE ISSUE:**

New bus system and pool

**WE SAY:**

Unbelievably close to fruition

Between a provincial subsidy, fare-box revenue and Salt Spring taxpayer

support of \$18-per-average-assessed household (\$12 for the bus and \$6 for other transportation-related services), the system is up and running. Not only that, but the go-anywhere fare will be a flat \$2, which must be considered a bargain for users.

As with any new undertaking, there's ample reason to be nervous that a slew of things could go wrong, or that the schedule won't be enticing enough for people to park their cars and use the bus with any regularity. Hopefully that won't be the case.

While not experiencing as smooth a journey from concept to completion, the Parks and Recreation Commission-led indoor pool project is poised for opening early in 2008. Although an exact date cannot be promised, the main pool tank is scheduled to be filled with water on January 2, with at least three weeks of commissioning and testing to follow.

A flawless finish and opening experience may not be realistic to expect of such a complicated construction and operational project, but we're certain islanders will be impressed with the facility itself once it's open.

A public transit system and a year-round pool: they should be two welcome components of a healthy community.



## Croatian judicial system unfairly questioned

BY VESELA MRĐEN KORAC

In recently published articles related to deportation proceedings initiated by the Government of Canada against Mr. Josip Budimcic, a Croatian citizen wanted for war crimes committed in Croatia during his service with a Serbian paramilitary force, your readers may have been left with an inaccurate impression of the fairness of Croatia's judicial system in matters related to the prosecution of suspected war criminals.

The Republic of Croatia is a modern and fully functioning democracy, on the threshold of membership in the European Union and NATO.

On January 1, 2008, Croatia will also take its place as a non-permanent member of the United Nations Security Council to which it was elected this October.

Croatia is a nation that takes its role in providing international, as well as regional security and stability very seriously, as evident in our participation in more than 17 international peace support operations and our full cooperation with international organizations such as the United Nations International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia (ICTY).

The Republic of Croatia has been active in prosecuting war crimes — hundreds have been convicted, many proceedings are currently underway and international arrest warrants for 600 war crimes suspects have been issued.

Those individuals already convicted of war crimes in absentia are entitled to seek re-trial upon their return to Croatia.

### VIEWPOINT

**"Croatia is a modern and fully functioning democracy."**

In recent years, countries including Australia, Bulgaria, Germany and the United States have all extradited suspected war criminals to Croatia and extradition proceedings are currently underway in several other countries.

The ICTY itself has expressed confidence in the Croatian judicial system by transferring several high profile cases to Croatia including: Ademi-Norac, "Sellotape" and "Garage" cases.

It is also important to note that the Republic of Croatia cooperates closely with relevant authorities in Canada on matters related to war crimes and crimes against humanity.

The Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE), of which Canada is a member, monitors the prosecution of war crimes in Croatia and Croatian NGOs are increasingly involved in the systematic monitoring of war crimes proceedings.

The Republic of Croatia strongly believes that all states have a common responsibility to ensure that crimes against humanity and war crimes are not left unpunished and therefore it's essential to maintain sound judicial systems, both nationally and internationally.

We have to reassure those whose lives have been changed forever by horrific crimes against humanity that there is no impunity and that we are all willing and ready to reaffirm faith in fundamental human rights and hope for the future.

*The writer is the Republic of Croatia's ambassador to Canada.*

**THIS WEEK'S QUESTION:**

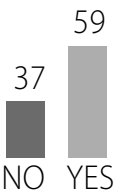
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**Should the IRB allow Josip Budimcic to stay on Salt Spring Island?**



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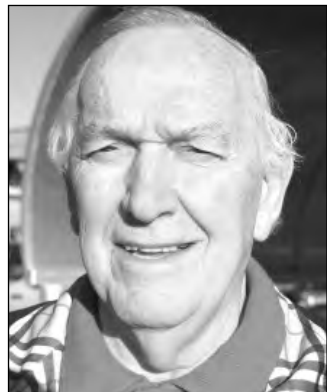
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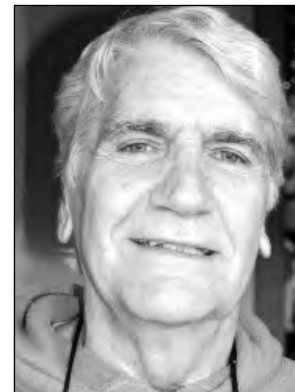
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## SALT SPRING SAYS

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**DIANA STOCKS**
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**DON GAINOR**
*I don't use the library. I buy books. It doesn't impact me. I'm opposed to the plan of a new library.*

**GEORGE PHIPPS**
*It's terrible. Kids and older people need a place to get reading material.*

**DIANE HALES**
*Obviously we need a new library.*

**ELMER HASS**
*It's too bad. It's like a social hub.*

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### Awkward access

As a result of undergoing a recent operation, I have found myself temporarily confined to a wheelchair for the first time in my life.

I find that I have a new appreciation for the plight of the handicapped. While attempting to do my Christmas shopping I found that I could not access some stores and the ones that I could reach were very difficult to get around in.

I, like many people before me, have listened to the complaints of local business establishments berating the residents of this island for shopping off-island.

I try to support the local economy whenever possible. Please do not force

me and others like me to go elsewhere.

**SHIRLEY STREET,**  
SALT SPRING

### Gary's over the top

I was very disappointed in Gary Holman's opinion piece "Democracy is not ISG's real agenda" in last week's issue.

Gary's stand against incorporation is well known and he has every right to his opinion, but to accuse those who have another opinion of having a hidden and obviously sinister and yes self(ish) agenda is way over the top.

Gary points to the results of the 2002 referendum to prove that incorporation has been rejected -- end of story. He also points out,

correctly, that all the winning candidates in our last CRD and Trust elections were against incorporation.

What he doesn't point out is that during the referendum campaign, the opponents of incorporation pointed to the unknowns of the soon to be announced Community Charter and possible new governance proposals from the Trust. We were told it was not the right time to consider incorporation. In the last local elections the winning candidates promised actions to improve local governance. Well, the Community Charter is old news and the trustees have delivered on their promise by proposing an additional two trustees for Salt Spring. Finally we are able to compare what is proposed with other governance models.

Let's hear the arguments for the present structure (with the two added trustees) and for a municipality within the Trust. Also, let's see an updated study of the financial and other implications of incorporation.

There clearly has been an increase in support for incorporation, particularly in the past year, and the supporters come from a broad cross-section of the population. To dismiss the ISG as a selfish special interest group is insulting and does harm to the community. It's time to put the rhetoric aside and get down to debating the strengths and weaknesses of the governance options.

At the end of his article, Gary paints a picture of life with municipal government. Apparently, the people will immediately rush to

the polls to elect a council of developers. Where does he get this from? Over the past almost 40 years of CRD and Trust elections I can think of only one CRD director who might be called a developer — and she ran on an anti-development platform. Are we to believe that the same voters who elected Peter, George and Gary two years ago are going to do a 180 degree turn with the advent of incorporation?

What we are talking about are two valid approaches to the governance of Salt Spring. Some of us feel the municipal model will serve us better. Others obviously do not. We need good, open discussion and we need to stop demonizing those who disagree.

**TOM TOYNBEE,**  
SALT SPRING

### Position clarified

I would like to clarify that my published opinion in the December 5 Driftwood was intended to dignify Lorne Martin's existence and find him a warm and dry hovel at least, not to suggest he is a maintenance issue!

Nor did I intend to infer that I was in any way representing the views of my employer, the CRD — hardly.

SSI Parks Maintenance "worker" is how I wanted my letter to the editor signed last week. In other words, it is because I work in the park and Lorne essentially lives in the park that I am acutely aware of his needs.

**TRACY SMITH,**  
SALT SPRING

**MORE LETTERS** continued on A10

# Yuletide transformation of Brother Ebenezer

BY PAT GOULD

It was nearing Christmas and my husband and I were on our own, our grown children and their offspring having gone in differing directions.

I was feeling sorry for myself, so we decided to head to Palm Springs where the warmth of the California desert would perhaps lift my spirits. Besides, my spouse had long ago declared that Scrooge was right — Christmas is humbug.

We settled into our comfortable condo, a stack of books at hand, and my husband looking pleased. On or around December 22, he surprised me by suggesting, not without considerable vagueness, that we "maybe volunteer at some charitable organization . . . do something on Christmas Day. You know," he added lamely, "help serve dinners to the needy . . . or something."

Needy? In this mecca of haute couture, Jaguar convertibles, liposuction?

"Great," I replied testily. "We can take some apples out to the polo grounds and feed the ponies."

He returned to his paper with the smug look of one who has tried.

Still, I was intrigued with the idea. I scoured the local newspaper, looking for charitable organizations. There was nothing, except one small insertion: "Desert Gospel Mission's annual Christmas Dinner, December 25. Donations needed." I telephoned the number, ignoring my spouse who had turned pale.

Yes, the Desert Gospel Mission was indeed looking for volunteers. We were directed to the

## GUEST COLUMN

mission's address, a forlorn building in a part of the town we had never seen. By now it was clear my husband's enthusiasm was in remission. He followed me in, reluctantly, muttering something about "damn fool idea . . ."

Having stated our business we were asked to wait in the austere narrow office for a few minutes. "Look at these," my spouse said indignantly in a stage whisper, pointing to the shelves. "These" were religious paperbacks and tracts.

"You expected Playboy maybe?" I hung on to his sleeve as he edged toward the door. "You got us into this. Now sit."

A somewhat nonplussed but pleasant woman soon arrived and assigned us to our tasks. We would be on the first shift, serving hot turkey dinners and helping where needed, and we would have to be at the church at 11 a.m. sharp on Christmas day.

I wasn't sure how my spouse would react. Long retired, he was known as the curmudgeon's curmudgeon . . . with a heart of gold, to be sure. Although not quite an atheist, he was, shall we say, ecumenically challenged. I viewed his upcoming role with trepidation.

On Christmas day we arrived promptly to take up our duties. "Smile, for God's sake," I told him as we entered. "This was your idea, remember."

We were greeted on arrival by Brother Arnold and Sister Emilie. "Praise the Lord," they chorused in unison, each in turn

pumping our hands with alarming vigour. My heart sank.

My husband was eyeing the emergency exit. He mumbled something barely intelligible — our names, as it turned out, which he gave as Ebenezer and Patsy. No one blinked. Our new friends appeared oblivious to my spouse's sarcasm and unaware that I was holding him firmly by the arm. Beaming, they introduced us to our fellow workers — Brothers and Sisters all, each of whom seized our hands and shook them up and down to the accompanying chorus of "Praise the Lord." We were now officially Brother Ebenezer and Sister Patsy. I avoided my husband's eyes.

It was raining and unseasonably cold. A line was forming outside the steam-shrouded glass doors, which were flung open promptly at noon.

They entered quietly, the desert's invisible poor, one by one, most with small children, most Hispanics. Some shepherded elderly relatives, a mother or a father, an aunt or a cousin — a family affair. Ten long trestle tables were covered in red crepe paper, each table neatly set for 20 diners. Taped carols played in the background.

My task was to pick up the filled plates in the kitchen and place them on large trays, ready to be distributed by others, all apparently from the mission's congregation. The four volunteer cooks had been there since early morning. I watched in admiration as they removed browned turkeys from the ovens. A mountain of potatoes was being mashed, a sea of gravy prepared, carrots and brussel

sprouts buttered and stirred, while another worker began preparing more of the same.

The kitchen was cramped and stifling, yet a joyous camaraderie pervaded the steam room. It was infectious. Even "Praise the Lord" sounded right amid the laughter.

Occasionally I was able to glimpse my spouse. He poured coffee into cups and juice into glasses. He exchanged Feliz Navidades with the less timid diners, showed his pleasure at a shy youngster's lisped "gracias," accepted an old man's proffered hand. Charles Dickens would have loved it.

At about 3 p.m. we took time to sit down and sample the Christmas feast — surely the best ever eaten — but with an eye to the next lineup waiting patiently outside. Our replacements had not arrived. We didn't need to confer with one another; we simply resumed our roles.

At 5:30 we were able to leave, waved away by a bevy of enthusiastic church members who assured us we would be made welcome at their Sunday gospel service. Now my husband had me firmly by the arm.

We returned to our comfortable condo, the heated pool warm and soothing to our tired bodies. My husband, contemplative, lay floating in the warm water, gazing up at the stars. He hadn't volunteered a "Merry Christmas to all" at the mission, but he hadn't said "Bah! Humbug!" either. I took that as a victory of sorts.

But the best was yet to come: As he climbed out of the pool, Brother Ebenezer was beaming.

*Pat Gould is a Salt Spring freelance writer*

# OPINION

## MORE LETTERS

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### Why I went AWOL

Since my recent arrival on Salt Spring Island, I have learned that you must confirm before attending any meeting or event.

On the morning of Sunday, December 2, at 6 a.m., I set off with my daughter, who had come from Vancouver to see the play I was performing in — Boney and the Billy Ruffians — to the 7:15 ferry out of Long Harbour. Armed with a shovel, we dug a car out of a snow drift and directed traffic while our driver made multiple attempts to get up Ganges Hill. It was beautiful with the thick blanket of snow, but this was marred by the

many cars lining the ditch. Walking back to Ganges there was no traffic.

My attempt to phone our leader Hetty Clews met with busy signals. All morning the e-mail was silent. Undaunted I went to the play's venue and with my handy shovel cleared the ramp. There was nobody about and the only footprints in the deep snow were mine. Not even a church-mouse was in sight.

Even the service that day had been cancelled. Later at home I contemplated the wisdom of taking my car on the road and where I would put it . . . since that time I have learned from our fearless director that absolutely nothing stops the play. So my lessons in theatre continue . . .

**KEN ROOTHAM,**  
WOODLAND DRIVE

### Warmth of season

Sometimes in the midst of preparing to shut down for a storm we almost forget the wonder that children express when Santa arrives despite West Coast snow!

We're sending out Christmas roses to everyone and every organization that assisted the Salt Spring Arts Council on December 1 to see Mahon Hall turned into the community gathering place we all hope that it will be for years to come. The hall was filled with children and laughter and led by a merry old elf who was delivered to the door by the Salt Spring Fire Department.

Christmas roses should be sent to the staff at the Driftwood, who shared our "vision;" Mouat's, B.C. Hydro, Island Star Video, Salt

Spring Coffee Company, Pharmasave, Thrifty Foods and Theatre Resources for their donations in kind; and the Rotary Club and the Accommodations Group of Salt Spring Island for their assistance purchasing the lights.

Then there was the individuals who helped prepare and braved the weather: Lynn Grooms, Anthony Matthews, Megan Manning Burton, Sue Newman, Dawn Davies, Melanie Thompson, Geraldine Charlton, Pam Adams, Lynn Bischoff, Barry Chattel, Trish Wheeler, April Curtis, the Pathfinders, Don Fisher, Jonah Fisher, Bob Twaites, Janet Hart.

And finally — a huge thank you to the kids and the kids at heart who filled the hall with the warmth of the season!

**RALPH BISCHOFF,**  
FOR THE SALT SPRING ARTS COUNCIL

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## What's for Dinner?



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**Chard:** Part of the human diet for thousands of years, chard, together with beets and spinach, is a member of the goosefoot family (*Chenopodiaceae*), so-named because the shape of the leaves resembles the shape of a goose's foot. The name chard comes from the Latin *cardus* meaning thistle. *Cardus* was rendered in French as *carde* and evolved in English to become chard. Chard today is commonly referred to as Swiss chard in North America because of its extensive cultivation in Switzerland. However, it is also widespread in the Mediterranean basin and particularly popular in the Provence and Rhone Valley regions of France. Swiss chard is also called silver beet, spinach beet, Sicilian beet, leaf beet, sea kale beet, white beet, strawberry spinach, and Roman kale. Unlike its beet cousins, the root of chard is inedible. Chard is prized for its large leaves and crunchy stalks. The two main types found in most supermarkets are the red chard and the green. The red has a red stem and dark green leaves with deep red veins. The green has lighter green leaves and a white stalk. Red and green chard both have a slightly meatier texture and earthier flavor than spinach. The red variety has the stronger flavor. A general rule of thumb when cooking chard is to treat the leaves as you would spinach and the stalks as you would asparagus. Chard leaves or chard stalks can be boiled, steamed, braised, and sautéed. In addition to serving as a side dish, Swiss chard can be incorporated into stuffings, pasta sauces, pestos, soups, salads and other preparations.

Finely slice and chop **one bunch of chard**. (The best way to do this is to cut the stems off and chop them separately- Then stack the leaves on top of each other, roll them up, and cut them into thin slivers which you can chop more easily than whole leaves.) Drain & slice **1 can water chestnuts**. Finely sliver about **1/4 cup red onion**, **1 cup beet root**, cooked, drained & sliced in slivers. Add **1/4 cup dried cranberries**, **1/4 cup pumpkin seeds**, & **1/4 cup of crumbled feta cheese**. Set aside. Put **1/2 cup pecan halves** into a frying pan, add **1 tablespoon of maple syrup** (or brown sugar) and **1 tablespoon of butter**. Toss all ingredients together in a large bowl & serve with a dressing or vinaigrette of your choice.

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# OPINION

## Openness

Regarding "Landowners should have been included on pond contact list" in last week's Driftwood, I agree. Eric Booth should have received a copy of the petition and the sentiments been aired with him.

Thank you for stating this so clearly, Eric. I applaud your openness to conversation.  
**DEBBIE MAGNUSSON,**  
GISS TEACHER

## On knitting

Recently a friend asked me to teach her to knit. As a successful business owner, single mother and "liberated" woman, she had not learned this womanly art earlier in life.

The teacher in me was thrilled to show her casting on, the knit stitch, the purl stitch, and offer a few hints. Since my knitting ability is on par with my golf game, enthusiastic but ordinary, her confidence in me was encouraging.

I was reminded that now is the season for meetings: AGMs, committee meetings, special event meetings, and local government meetings. The poor weather drives us indoors and we attend to help our community move forward. At these meetings I often see people I think of as the "wise women" of Salt Spring. These women listen intently to the proceedings, all the while staring at their knitting in progress. I've seen a community planner, a travel advisor and a singer knitting. I've seen an environmentalist, a business owner and a horticulturist knitting.

Don't be fooled, they are listening. They listen to the passion and commitment, the anger and frustration. Through the therapeutic act of knit one, purl one, they really hear what each speaker actually means, more than the words spoken, they can hear the heart. They seldom speak, but when they do, their words are full of

wisdom, for they have heard the heart of the community speaking.

A seasoned knitter, a wise woman, understands that "unknitting" is just as important as knitting. When mistakes are made, we need patience and persistence to go back, unknit and redo. After all, it is all about the process, not the product.

To my friend the new knitter, keep at it, practice, practice, practice, and know that this meditative act has been part of the lives of wise women for ages past.  
**SUSAN RUSSELL,**  
SALT SPRING

## Plastic bag ban?

I am delighted to see San Francisco banning the ubiquitous plastic shopping bag. Can we do the same on Salt Spring Island, with its didactic spirit on environmental stewardship?

I suggest, rather than an outright ban, we institute a system something like this: With the consent of (hopefully) all retailers on the island, plastic bags be provided at a cost of, say, 50 cents each, the profits from the sale of which (47 cents +/-?) would be committed to good causes on-island. Read on.

The cost of more permanent bags is about 99 cents, so the shopper, without his/her own bag(s) to hand, would have the choice of buying a "permanent" bag at 99 cents or a plastic bag at 50 cents, with profit to a good cause (and this might be anyone from the raft of non-profits that grace the pigeon-holes as you exit GVM, not only "green" organizations).

Might I further suggest a Salt Spring Island-based, environmentally conscious organization for the purpose (if we don't have one already, maybe we could usefully establish one), with a proprietary logo. And an associated, proprietary mantra, something like: "Salt Spring

Island Minimizes Bags!" (improvements please!) to add after the Thrifty's or GVM or Home Hardware or Pharmasave, etc.

The choice always exists for a boutique vendor to discount the cost of the plastic bags to, say, a gin-palace buyer from Tacoma, so long as they honour the commitment to the environmental ethic and pass along the 47 cents "profit" on the plastic bag. I guess this would have to be an honour-system.

On the subject of retailers, their logos are good advertising for them -- let's not knock-it! But they might look even better if they earn the "Salt Spring Island Environmental Stewardship Logo for Good Environmental Practices Award" or somesuch, which they can display proudly on their plastic, or, for that matter, "permanent" bags.

All in the interests of stopping the invasion of the Plastic Bag which is going to doom us within a few generations! There are potential spin-offs from this idea which are quite exciting. Let's try it out here first! I feel eminently well-qualified to talk to this subject as I am one of the worst offenders. I always forget my "permanent" bags, and I, first and foremost, need to be hit hard in the pocket on this. I drown in plastic bags — all of which I recycle, of course, but that's not the point. We should not be making this trash in the first place.

**ROSS KING,**  
SCARFF LANE

## Our fair lady

"The rain in Spain stays mainly in the plain," says Eliza Doolittle in the Broadway musical My Fair Lady.

She obviously never ventured as far as the West Coast rainforest!

She does, however, venture out on the long journey from old London flower girl to a member of an aristocracy as the result of a wager.

The rags to riches story called Pygmalion, by George Bernard Shaw, was transformed into Lerner and Lowe's rendition. Salt Spring's own West Coast actress, Lauren Bowler, is being transformed as we speak into the role that brought songs like I Could Have Danced All Night, Show Me and Wouldn't it Be Lovely into popular music, and the show that On the Street Where You Live came from.

Opening at the Gateway Theatre in Richmond on December 15, My Fair Lady runs through the holidays and closes on New Year's Eve.  
**SUE NEWMAN,**  
SALT SPRING

## Santa's a better bet

After reading William Marsden's "Stupid to the Last Drop: How Alberta is Bringing Environmental Armageddon to Canada (and Doesn't Seem to Care)," I'm convinced that dinosaurs are not extinct.

They are thriving in the boardrooms of Suncor, Syncrude, EnCana, Shell (to mention only a few of their lairs), in provincial legislatures, Alberta being one of their preferred habitats, Parliament, and assorted government agencies. When it comes to getting their claws on any drop of oil or gas that they can sniff out, what these lawless, predatory behemoths cannot devour, they degrade and destroy with a single-minded rapacity that makes Godzilla, King Kong or the Big Bad Wolf look like your Fairy Godmother.

And government just lets them run wild. If anyone in this country thinks politicians will save the environment and actually do something about climate change, well, they'd better send a letter to Santa Claus, instead.

The way things look, Santa Claus is the only guy around who's going to deliver!  
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### Roses

Arose, arose, arose from out the azure main: A 12-gun salvo for 12 valiant mid-shipmen, who three times braved stormy seas to route the vengeful Bonaparte and finally prove who rules the waves. Huzzah! Eternal gratitude also to stalwart friends John and Ann Stewart, and to the ever-faithful Don Cunningham, and to the unsung heroine of the box office, Nancy Holcroft. An enormous endeavour could not have been accomplished without your unstinting devotion, and a thankful capitaine salutes you all.

A garland of brilliant white roses to all motorists who remember to dim their lights when approaching pedestrians, especially those with halogens. Is there any way to ban eyeball-searing halogen headlights in our community?

To all the B.C. Hydro workers who were out there in the cold, snow, wind and pouring rain fixing our electricity supply, a thousand roses is hardly enough thanks. From the bottom of our hearts, guys, thank you, thank you. Ray and Pat Spiers

A huge bunch of candy cane roses to Will, who found some money downstairs in the library. After a long, long time, when nobody had claimed it, we offered it back

to him, but he decided to donate it to the library.

Long-stemmed pink roses for David Woode. Thank you for your kind assistance at the Swartz Bay ferry terminal Saturday evening. Despite the miserable weather you did not hesitate in helping a stranger in need. Without your help installing the chains for my tires, I would not have made it home without event. Thank you so very much. Angela Jackson

A fair-traded rose for every person who has helped to put the bus on Salt Spring roads.

Roses to Travis Guedes and the young man from the Seaside Kitchen for getting us out of our dicey situation on the hill at St. Mark's Church on the evening of December 1. And an extra rose to the Seaside Kitchen guy for the ride home when our car just couldn't make it. Barbara Haydon

A whole cauldron of beautiful red roses to Barry and his helpers from the Oyster-catcher for their assistance on Sunday to two seniors on their way to church. Thank you and many blessings on you all. D&R Williams

Roses to Rene Valcourt and his great crew! Not once but twice they've gone beyond the call of duty. Tradesmen

like these keep Salt Spring going. WQ

A quarry full of long-stemmed roses to Amos Lundy. During the past two snowstorms my wife and I were stranded in our home on Beddis Road for days. Amos checked on our welfare, brought us water, pulled our car out of the ditch and cleared our drive. His selfless acts of kindness were greatly appreciated. Shirley and Len Street

A million roses to Drs. Preshaw, Malherbe and Crichton (all operating room staff) for the awesome care they gave me. To all the nurses, doctors and staff too numerous to mention, you truly are special and I thank you all so much. We are so lucky to have a hospital like Lady Minto. To my family and friends, a million thanks. Mairi G.

Roses to all of the people who made the snowstorm period a little more manageable for all of us. Special thanks and bouquets of roses to the grader and snowplow operators who worked round the clock and did such a fantastic job of clearing the roads in the snow for us, and to the hydro and telephone repairmen for their endless hours and hard work. Thank you all. Your long hours and efforts were all very much appreciated. Keep up the good work.

A bouquet of roses to the highways department for so hastily and efficiently removing a tree that had fallen across our road in the recent storm. S & MB

A beautiful Tropicana rose for our neighbour Katherine, who went above and beyond the call for us during the recent storm, driving us to a ferry pick-up and work when we and our cars were stranded behind downed power and phone lines. Blessings for all your gracious help. D, D & J

A huge bouquet of coffee-coloured roses to the emergency response workers, neighbours and friends who assisted us on the evening of Sunday, December 2. We greatly appreciated your persistence, competence and care under difficult conditions. Special thanks to SS Fire Rescue, paramedics and other staff at Lady Minto Hospital, including doctors Karen Berg and Shane Barclay, the RCMP, Phil Wilson, the snowplow operators, Larry and Karen Davis, Peter Haase, Carolyn and David Grayson, Kim and Aron Dalton, Richard and Janine Hayden, and Ken and Sarah Smith. Ian and Claire Sigvaldason

Bouquets of roses to all those who helped us during the flood. Many thanks to Bruce Grey and Patty, Gord Hollingsworth, Jamie Alexander and Linda Ritchie, Johanna Murray, Chris Bywater, Sebastian and Roy, plus all our neighbours who lent us shop-vacs and equipment! Island Escapades

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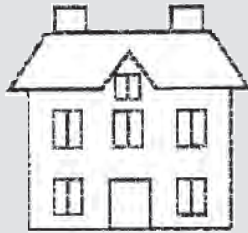


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Could Santa and Barnaby be related? The two met Saturday at Mouat's for an SPCA photo shoot.

**FLOOD RELIEF**

## Locals eligible for relief funding

Province offers financial assistance for flood victims

After flood waters receded from the early December storm that tore across coastal B.C., the provincial government approved financial assistance for uninsurable property damages under the Disaster Financial Assistance (DFA) program.

"The combination of heavy snowfalls followed by a pineapple express caused serious flooding, resulting in damage to a number of homes, businesses and infrastructure in various communities," said John Les, Minister of Public Safety and Solicitor General, in a recent press release.

"To help local governments, businesses and individuals with recovery efforts, we are making Disaster Financial Assistance available to those who are eligible."

The DFA program covers up to 80 per cent of claims over \$1,000 to a maximum of \$300,000.

Homeowners, residential tenants, farms, small businesses and charitable organizations can apply if their property is damaged by uninsurable disasters, which may include certain floods and mudslides, states the press release.

Applicants for the December DFA program have until March 3, 2008 to apply for funding.

DFA application forms and more information about the program are available at [www.pep.bc.ca](http://www.pep.bc.ca) or 1-888-257-4777.

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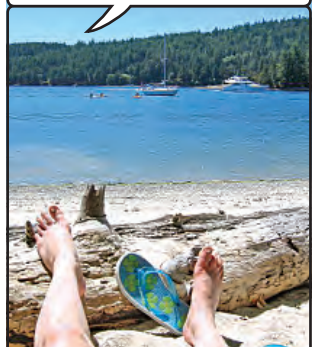
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## NEWSBEAT

# Trustees expect budget increase

BY SEAN MCINTYRE  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Based on preliminary numbers discussed at Islands Trust Council in Victoria last week, the Islands Trust operating budget could rise 5.6 per cent next year.

The total budget is expected to jump from \$5.5 million to \$6.2 million due largely to staffing increases (\$318,098), salary and benefit increases (\$185,127), election costs (\$80,000) and an increase in the Trust's legal budget (\$50,000).

"This is the best we can forecast at this point in time," said Saturna Island trustee and Financial Planning Committee chair Tom Johnstone.

"Decisions will be made in March."

Final budget numbers will be determined in time for the Trust Council's next quarterly meeting.

## Hul'qumi'num dialogue

The director of Trust Area Services and representatives from the Hul'qumi'num Treaty Group are working to complete the final draft of a document to help preserve and protect First Nations heritage sites by the next Trust Council meeting.

"[This project's] completion would demonstrate council's commitment to preventing and resolving land use conflicts arising from development in archeologically sig-

## TRUST BRIEFS

nificant sites," reads a staff report presented to trustees at last week's meeting.

According to the report, the Trust area includes 700 known First Nations heritage sites. The agreement would encourage the establishment of bylaws in the Trust area "that integrate the protection of First Nations archeological heritage sites in development application processes."

"This isn't the end of the road, however, it is a step in the right direction," said Trust Council chair Kim Benson.

## Texada terminal opposed

Trustees voted unanimously to ask staff to seek more information on the potential impacts of a proposed Texada Island liquefied natural gas (LNG) facility on the Trust area, even though Texada is not a Trust island.

However, the Westpac LNG Corporation anticipates carriers will arrive at and depart from the Texada Island terminal through Gulf Islands waters via the Juan de Fuca Strait.

The prospect of increased shipping near the islands, said Hornby Island trustee Tony Law, could threaten air quality and promote "unprecedented industrialization" in the area.



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#### ELECTOR APPROVAL PROCESS FOR CRD BYLAW NO. 3494 – A Bylaw to Establish a Contribution to a Search and Rescue Service in the Salt Spring Island Electoral Area

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the Board of Directors of the Capital Regional District ("CRD") proposes to adopt Bylaw No. 3494, "Salt Spring Island Search and Rescue Service Establishment Bylaw, 2007" to establish a service for the purpose of contributing to the overhead costs (rent/lease, telephone, utilities, administrative allocations) for a search and rescue service in the Salt Spring Island Electoral Area.

The taxation impact for the contribution service, per average residential assessment at the \$15,000 requisition, is approximately \$2.40 per annum.

The Salt Spring Island Electoral Area is the participating area for this service.

**TAKE FURTHER NOTICE** that the CRD may proceed with Bylaw No. 3494, unless at least **832 electors** within the Salt Spring Island Electoral Area of the CRD indicate by signing the elector response forms, that the Board must obtain the assent of the electors by way of referendum before proceeding to adopt Bylaw No. 3494.

The elector response form must be in the form as established by the CRD and forms are available from the CRD on request. The only persons entitled to sign elector response forms are electors of the area to which the alternative approval process opportunity applies. The alternative approval process opportunity applies within the Salt Spring Island Electoral Area of the CRD.

**The deadline for delivering the original signed elector response forms to the CRD, in relation to Bylaw No. 3494, is 4:30 p.m. on Thursday, the 31st day of January, 2008. Forms must be received by the deadline to be counted.**

**The CRD has estimated that the total number of electors within the Salt Spring Island Electoral Area of the CRD is 8,328 and that 10% of that number or 832 electors must submit elector response forms to prevent the CRD from enacting Bylaw No. 3494 without the assent of the electors by referendum.**

Further technical information concerning Bylaw No. 3494, may be obtained from Mr. Travis Whiting, CRD Offices, 625 Fisgard Street, Victoria, B.C. V8W 2S6 (Telephone 360-3186) during regular office hours Monday to Friday (excluding public holidays) from the date of this notice until the 31st day of January, 2008.

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**Resident Elector:** You are entitled to submit an elector response form as a Resident Elector if you are 18 years or older on the date of submission of the elector response form, are a Canadian citizen, have resided in British Columbia for 6 months and in the Salt Spring Island Electoral Area of the CRD for at least 30 days prior to signing the elector response form.

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**To obtain an elector response form, or for further information about the elector approval process, please contact CRD Administration Department, P. O. Box 1000, 625 Fisgard Street, 5th Floor, Victoria, B.C. V8W 2S6, or telephone (toll free) 1-800-663-4425 extension 3129 from 8:30 am - 4:30 pm, Monday to Friday, excluding public holidays.**

Elector response forms may also be obtained at the CRD Salt Spring Island Building Inspection Office, #206-118 Fulford-Ganges Road, Salt Spring Island, BC V8K 2S4 (Mon.- Fri., 8:30-10:00 am, 10:30 am-Noon, 1:00-4:30 pm)

**A copy of the elector response form may be downloaded from:**  
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A copy of Bylaw No. 3494 and a copy of this Notice may be inspected during regular office hours, 8:30 am to 4:30 pm, Monday to Friday (excluding public holidays) from the date of this notice until the 31st day of January, 2008 at the following locations:

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- Building Inspection Office, #206-118 Fulford-Ganges Road, Salt Spring Island, BC and
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# NEWSBEAT

## INVASIVE SPECIES

# Few gypsy moths have survived alternate program

Salt Spring target area shrinks as system enters third year

BY CHRIS STEPHENSON AND GAIL SJUBERG  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

The coordinator of an alternate gypsy moth eradication program expects the pest could be history after one more year of treatment on Salt Spring Island.

"Peter Hall, [B.C.'s forest entomologist], has consistently said he is pleased with the results over here," said Leslie Wallace last week.

Wallace was commenting on a B.C. Ministry of Forests and Range (MFR) news release

that stated an aerial spraying program had eliminated the moth on Vancouver Island, while some remained on Salt Spring where an alternate approach was used.

A similar kind of program on Gabriola Island took three years to complete, so it's not surprising that a third year of treatment is required, she said.

Tim Ebata, a MFR forest health project specialist, said the Vancouver Island program used a combination of aerial and ground spraying techniques, along with mass trapping. He said it was so successful that no aerial treatments are required on Vancouver Island for 2008. However, on Salt Spring the moth numbers were greatly reduced but not eliminated.

"There's a persistent population on Salt Spring," Ebata said.

Ebata feels part of the reason the moths were not wiped out is because Salt Spring uses a different insecticide formulated for organic farms that may not be as effective.

"The alternative product is not the best." Salt Spring uses DiPel 2XDF, which contains Bt, a bacterium found naturally in the soil that causes illness in various insect larvae.

The Certified Organic Growers Association of B.C. considers the use of the pesticide acceptable on organic farms. However, Foray 48B is used in other parts of the province. Foray 48B still contains Bt, but is not used on organic farms.

Despite the different approach, Ebata said, ground applications and mass trapping on Salt Spring kept the population in check.

"It's still a hot spot, but we have a good handle on it."

Ebata said the population is considered "low density" and limited to one property that contains an organic farm on Fulford-Ganges Road.

"It's like a target that is getting smaller," observed Wallace.

The 2008 treatment program will follow a similar model as last year, but a different type of spray that doesn't jeopardize organic certification may be used, said Wallace. The MFR will conduct an egg mass search on Salt Spring in January and February.

Wallace said an educational program is also in the works to help ensure the non-native gypsy moth egg masses are not imported to the island on new residents' vehicles or belongings.

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## Try some 'well-done' sentiments this season

I see where Harry Belafonte has won some sort of humanitarian award. Good for him! He's a sort of hero of mine.

Back East, for some reason that escapes me now, I once found myself in Hamilton Place at a press conference, the main attraction being Mr. Belafonte. Someone asked him, just off hand, if he would be attending the party after his concert that night. Said he: "I don't do parties." Bingo! My hero.

But he also shared with us some thoughts about his last (and he meant final) appearance in Toronto. In Big T the press panned him! I mean, what's to pan about Harry Belafonte?

I've been in this country for just over 36 years and I'm about ready to conclude that Canadians seem to have a bit of a problem saying, "Well done!" Maybe it has something to do with the so-called

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"tall poppy syndrome" (don't encourage a poppy to grow taller than the rest and if it does: off with its head!)

It is virtual folklore now that if you're a musician, an actor, an almost-anything, and you want to make it, you have to leave the country. Go someplace where the apparent fear of saying "Well done!" is absent.

Years and years ago, perusing the family's Reader's Digest, a little article caught my eye and has stayed with me: something about roses and the importance of giving them out right now! It's so easy and so important to do. A phone call,

an e-mail, a card, a pat on the back. A small cluster of words: "Hey, nice job!" "Couldn't have done it without you!" "You're the best!"

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# NEWS BEAT

## INTERNATIONAL SCENE

# Life beyond the green zone

Iraq war correspondent inspires local action

BY SEAN MCINTYRE  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Dahr Jamail makes a point of ending his lectures about the war in Iraq on a high note.

"I really got tired of sending people away wanting to slit their wrists," he told a crowd of 86 people assembled at All Saints By-the-Sea Anglican Church Sunday afternoon.

The task hasn't been easy for the 39-year-old volunteer rescue ranger and mountain guide from Alaska, who chose to begin reporting the war in Iraq after he felt corporate media journalists had fallen asleep on the job. Armed with a laptop, digital camera and a plane ticket, Jamail spent eight months in Iraq between November 2003 and February 2005.

**"The occupation is a failure."**

DAHR JAMAIL  
War reporter

Despite news to the contrary presented in the mainstream press, Jamail said, the war in Iraq is as violent, as costly and as devastating as it has ever been.

There remain more than 175,000 soldiers in the country, between 50,000 and 70,000 private-sector mercenary fighters, and an estimated 680 western corpo-



PHOTO BY CHRIS STEPHENSON

Maggie Ziegler and Dahr Jamail at All Saints.

rations involved with Iraqi security and infrastructure projects.

"Members of the coalition may be dropping like flies, but they are basically being replaced by these private contractors," Jamail said.

This past year marked the highest number of American casualties since the war began in 2003, he said. Recent estimates place the Iraqi death toll at more than one million and the rebuilding of Iraq finds itself increasingly torn apart by internal strife, Jamail told the receptive audience.

"The occupation is a failure," he said.

Yet despite a bleak outlook for the future, which Jamail believes will soon include an invasion of Iran, the audience gave the visitor a standing ovation and more than a few pats on the back for a job well done.

In each stop along the North American tour for his book *Beyond the Green Zone: Dispatches from an*

"People are seeing that we don't have a legitimate democracy in the United States," he said. "We haven't had a legitimate election since 1996."

Here on Salt Spring, the talk inspired a grassroots movement to provide financial support to young Iraqis orphaned by the war.

The idea was born in the moments following the talk, and more information is available by contacting Maggie Ziegler at 653-9482 or Adina Hildebrandt at her Salt Spring Books store: 537-2812.

"You heard him, this is how we can make the biggest difference," Hildebrandt said immediately after the talk.

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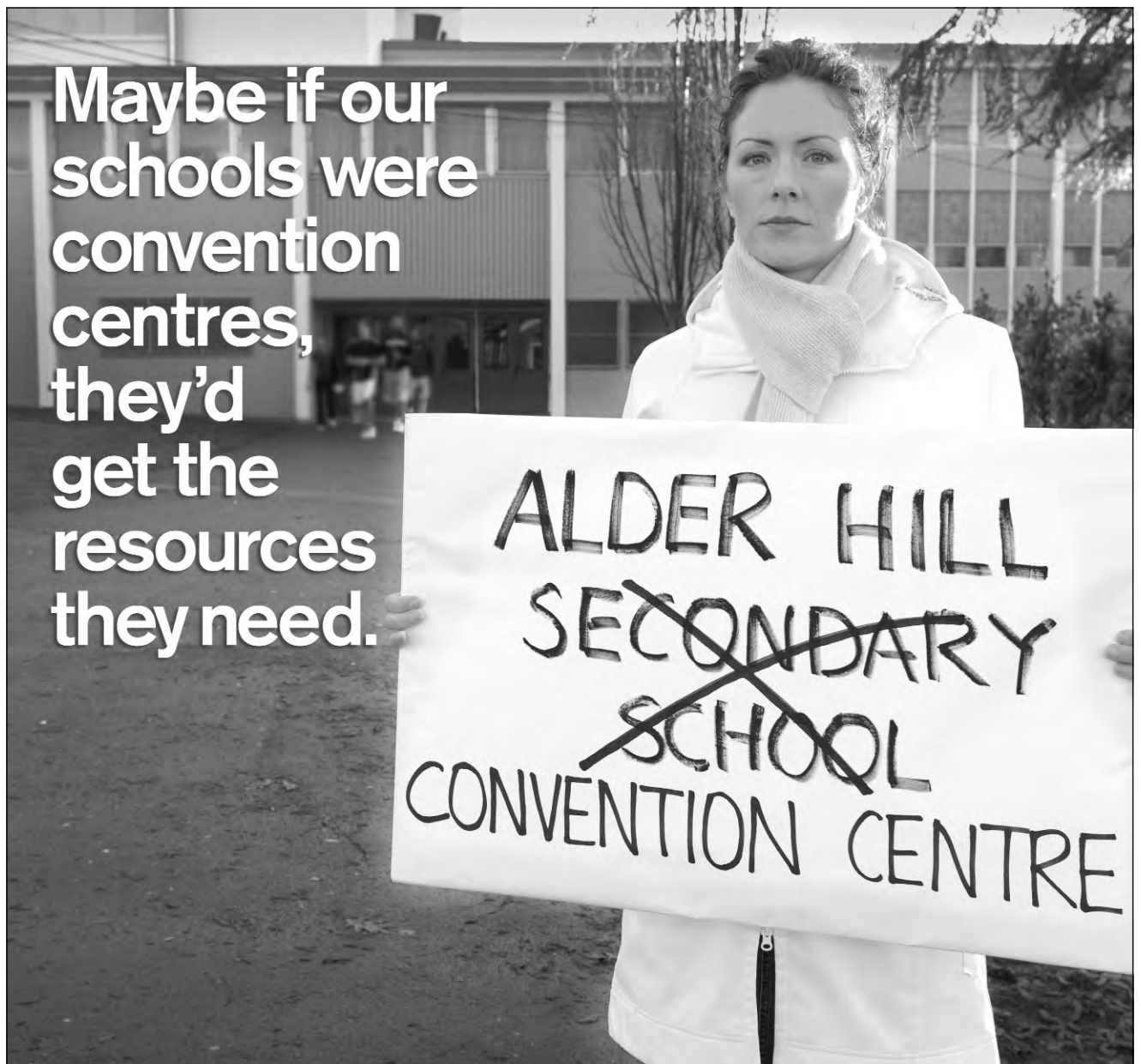
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# NEWS BEAT

## EDUCATION

# Student-teachers hone skills here

District 64 welcomes Malaspina students

BY CHRIS STEPHENSON  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

An increasing number of student-teachers are at the front of classrooms in District 64 this school year, with more waiting in the wings for a unique rural experience.

A total of nine student-teachers from Malaspina University-College in Nanaimo have jumped into classrooms on Salt Spring this year for hands-on training before hitting the job market.

"It's an opportunity for a rural experience without going far away," said Barb Aust, practicum supervisor for Malaspina.

She said Malaspina and School District 64 personnel decided to expand the

student-teacher program on the Gulf Islands this year because of the excellent opportunity it provides.

"When you are in any rural school you really have to be resourceful and dig deep and talk to people. It really rounds [the student-teachers] out," Aust said.

She said local teachers also benefit from working with students fresh out of university. Aust believes the students bring new energy and cutting-edge techniques to the classroom.

Jeff Hopkins, superintendent of School District 64, agrees it's a win-win situation for the students and the teachers.

"It really contributes to new approaches. Lots of the teachers have been here a long time and it's good to see new faces."

Both Fernwood and Salt Spring elementary schools have student-teachers from

Malaspina this year.

A total of five student-teachers completed their practicum last Thursday at Salt Spring Elementary, while another four will finish off in the spring at Fernwood.

Salt Spring Elementary teacher Stella Weinert said having student-teachers is an enriching process.

"Often they have new ideas and you can really learn a lot about the art of teaching."

On the other hand, Weinert said, the program is also a challenge.

"It's hard to give up the class for six weeks, as I have a certain way of doing things."

Marie Mullen, principal of Salt Spring Elementary, said the student-teachers are an excellent resource to pull from in the future, as many experienced teachers in the Gulf Islands will retire soon.

## TRUST COUNCIL

# Trustees clear on gypsum dust

Trustees unanimously voted to request Trust chair Kim Benson write a letter to Transport Canada to request a stop to the offloading of industrial freight in Plumper Sound.

"If something like that happened in English Bay, it would be closed down before our eyes," said South Pender Island trustee Bruce

McConchie at last week's Trust Council meeting.

Materials such as gypsum dust are often released into the atmosphere during the routine transfer of materials from tankers onto barges in the waterway between Mayne, Saturna, North Pender and South Pender islands.

"When I first saw it, I

thought the ship was on fire," said Saturna Island trustee Tom Johnstone.

Islands Trust staff have not yet found any information to support a case against the occasional release of gypsum dust in the marine or terrestrial environment, reads a staff report prepared for trustees.

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## Wed. Dec 12

### ACTIVITIES

**Annual Christmas Party.**  
SS Senior Services Society. Everyone welcome. Bring non-perishable item for food bank. 2 p.m.  
**SSI Monetary Foundation.**  
AGM at Lions Hall. 7 p.m. With discussion on the future of SS Dollars.

## Thurs. Dec 13

### ACTIVITIES

**Expressive Drawing.**  
Thursdays at the Core Inn, 3rd floor. Drop-in. 2-4 p.m. Info: Gillian, 537-5833.  
**SS Local Trust Committee.**  
Meets at ArtSpring. 1 p.m.  
**Blue Christmas Service.**  
Short service and social event at SS United Church. 2 p.m.

## Fri. Dec 14

### ACTIVITIES

**Dance Workshop with Danny McCusker.**  
Three-day ArtSpring Dance Outreach/ Made in B.C. project begins today. Info: Robbyn, 653-4088; Anna, 537-5681.  
**Transitions Birthday Party.**  
10th anniversary of Ganges thrift store, 10-4, with cake at 1 p.m. and singers at 2.  
**Sacred Circle Dancing.**  
Last evening in this session. Core Inn, top floor. 7-8 p.m. Info: Amy, 653-2356  
**Rollerblading.**  
Fridays at Fulford Hall. 7:30-9 p.m.  
**Arthur Black Book Signing.**  
Arthur signs copies of Black to the Grindstone at SS Books. 10 a.m.  
**Rugg Huggers.**  
Drop-in for parents with babies 0-18 months, and parents circle time and play for siblings. Family Place.

## Sat. Dec 15

### ACTIVITIES

**Fulford Christmas Fair.**  
Extra day runs at Fulford Community Hall. 10-4.  
**Dad 'n' Me.**  
Pancake Breakfast & Play for dads and kids under 8. Family Place. 8-10 a.m.  
**Art for the Rainforest.**  
Opening reception of exhibit and silent auction that runs daily (10-5) through Dec. 21. ArtSpring gallery. 3-6 p.m.  
**Guided Creekside Rainforest Walks.**  
See subject of land purchase campaign on guided walks. End of Creekside at 107 Hillview Dr. 10 a.m.

## Sun. Dec 16

### LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

**Flora Scott Trio.**  
Sunday dinner jazz at SS Inn. 6-9 p.m.  
**We B3 Kings.**  
Denzel Sinclair and top jazz musicians perform Christmas jazz concert. ArtSpring. 2:30 p.m. (with Garry Oaks wine tasting at 1:30)  
**Fiddleworks Christmas Celebration.**  
Students of Fiddleworks teachers, plus Jaime RT, Emily Stam & Denny Goertz. All Saints. 3 p.m.  
**Fiddlers' Hatchery Christmas Concert.**  
Students of Carolyn Hatch perform at Beaver Point Hall. 3 p.m. Potluck supper follows.

### OTHER ACTIVITIES

**Guided Creekside Rainforest Walks.**  
See subject of land purchase campaign on guided walks. End of Creekside at 107 Hillview Dr. 1 p.m.  
**Breakfast With Santa.**  
Fulford Community Hall. 9 a.m.

## Mon. Dec 17

### ACTIVITIES

**Osho Kundalini Moving Meditation.**  
Drop-in. 5:30 p.m. Info: Amrita, 537-2799.  
**Eckhart Tolle Practising Presence Group.**  
Drop-in. 7:30 p.m. Info: Amrita, 537-2799.  
**SSI Prostate Cancer Support Group.**  
Christmas get-together. Farmers Institute. 1:30 p.m.

## Tues. Dec 18

### ACTIVITIES

**West African Dance Classes.**  
Join Mohammed Andre Durateau of Guinea, Mérielle Comeau and Iroko for live percussion dance classes. Tuesdays at Beaver Pt. Hall. 6-7:30 p.m. All ages. Info: Deanna, 653-2431.  
**I-SEA Open House & Holiday Party.**  
Food, drink & art exhibit by Louise Adele. 124 Lower Ganges Road. 4-8 p.m.

## Wed. Dec 19

### ACTIVITIES

**Carols for Christmastide.**  
All Saints. 10:10 a.m.  
**Zen Meditation.**  
Group meets at 210 Cedar Lane every Wednesday, 7-9 p.m. Info: 537-2831.  
**SSE Christmas Concert.**  
At SS Elementary. 7 p.m.  
**Fulford Community School Christmas Concert.**  
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**EXHIBITIONS**

- **Wintercraft** — work by more than 100 artists and guild members opens at **Mahon Hall** on Fri., Dec. 7 and runs daily from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. until Sat., Dec. 22. Daily draw prizes and artist demos.
- **Annual Fulford Hall Christmas Craft Fair** — "part II" — runs at the hall on Sat., Dec. 15, 10-4.
- **Morley Myers Gallery** — shows new work by **Deborah Gainer**. Sat., Dec. 15, 1-8 p.m.
- **Galleons Lap** — one-day print sale of new images of **Cusheon Creek** by **Kevin Steinke**. Part proceeds to Creekside rainforest appeal. Sat., Dec. 15, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- **"Party of Four"** — **Gerry Scott, Joan Wrigley, Bev Lillyman** and **Ann Hignell** show art in the **ArtSpring** lobby for the month of December.
- **Avanti Glass Studio** — open studio and e-Christmas messages with **Frog Talk Media**. Fri., Dec. 7 to Mon., Dec. 24. Info: 537-9476.
- **Salt Spring Coffee Shop** staff member **Christine Russell** is the featured artist for December at the Ro.Co.
- New life drawings by **Thomas McPhee** are showing at **Auntie Pesto's Restaurant**.

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7	:00 Coronation Street	Virginie (N)	Profiles of Nature Tales of the Taranutias		EI News	According to Jim	Entertainment Tonight	Etalk (N)	Hong Kong Express	Degrassi: Next Gen.	Wheel of Fortune	The King of Queens	2 1/2 Men [Part 2 of 2]	Wheel of Fortune	Evening Magazine	Rick Steves' Europe	The Nature of Things Magazine 2	Entertainment Tonight	Charlie Brown I Want A Dog for Christmas	Canucks This Week
	:30	Drummer Boy	Un gars, une fille		The Insider	The Simpsons	Ent. Tonight Canada	Access Hollywood	Pure in Heart	Friends	Jeopardy	The King of Queens	Two and a Half Men	Jeopardy	Inside Edition	Ask This Old House				
8	:00 Aladdin: The Magical Family Musical (N)	Tous pour un (N)	A History of Britain	SportsCentre	Are You Smarter Than a 5th Grader? (N)	Home Improvement	Survivor: China Hello, I'm Still a Person! (N)	CSI: Crime Scene Investigation Big Shots	What's in Vancouver? Main Office	30 Rock	Ugly Betty Family Affair	Smallville Gemini (N)	Are You Smarter Than a 5th Grader? (N)	Ugly Betty Family Affair	The Office A Benihana Christmas (N)	Walking the Bible	CBC News: The National	Survivor: China Hello, I'm Still a Person! (N)	Prank Patrol Telekinesis	NHL Hockey - Vancouver vs. San Jose (Live)
	:30					Home Improvement	The Office Local Ad	CSI: Crime Scene Lying Down With Dogs (N)	Teri Meri Duniya	Don't Forget the Lyrics	Supernatural (N)	Supernatural (N)	Don't Forget the Lyrics	Grey's Anatomy Love/Addiction	30 Rock	Maria Tallchief				
9	:00	Enquête (N)	Peking to Paris Beijing to Mongolia	Varsity Inc. (N)	"Family in Hiding" (Susp. '06) Brenda Strong.	The Standard	The Office Local Ad	CSI: Crime Scene Lying Down With Dogs (N)	Teri Meri Duniya	Don't Forget the Lyrics	Supernatural (N)	Supernatural (N)	Don't Forget the Lyrics	Grey's Anatomy Love/Addiction	Saturday Night Live		CBC News: The National	CSI: Crime Scene Lying Down With Dogs (N)	Pinky & the Brain	
	:30					Messages	My Name Is Earl	Without a Trace Claus and Effect (N)	Mor Deo Koi	Big Shots The Better Man (N)	Across the River Treat Her Right	Seinfeld The Andrea Doria	Q-13 Fox News at Ten	Big Shots The Better Man (N)	Christmas	America at a Crossroads	The Nature of Things Magazine 2	Without a Trace Claus and Effect (N)	Naruto	Sportsnet Connected
10	:00 CBC News: The National	Le Téléjournal	Heaven on Earth	Boxing The Contender	Cold Case War at Home	The Office A Benihana Christmas	Without a Trace Claus and Effect (N)	Mor Deo Koi	Big Shots The Better Man (N)	Across the River Treat Her Right	Seinfeld The Andrea Doria	Q-13 Fox News at Ten	Big Shots The Better Man (N)	Christmas	America at a Crossroads	The Nature of Things Magazine 2	Without a Trace Claus and Effect (N)	Naruto	Shadow Raiders	Sportsnet Connected
	:30		Wild at Heart																	
11	:00 (05) The Hour	Le Téléjournal	The Hero's Hero: William Barker	SportsCentre	News	It's a New Day	News	News	TV Patrol	News	Realty Television	Frasier	Family Guy	News	News	Jonathan Pond Grow Your Money	CBC News: The National	News	Mystery Hunters	Sportsnet Connected
	:30		La zone																	
12 MID	:00 (05) Arrested	(-15) La fosse aux lionnes	Life Isn't All Ha Ha Hee Hee	Off the Record	(05) Chelsea Lately (N)	Saved by the Bell	(05) Ent. Tonight	(05) TMZ	Punjabi Vibes	(05) Jimmy Kimmel Live	South Park	RENO 911!	(05) Jimmy Kimmel Live				The Hour	With David Letterman	Futurama	Pratt & Taylor
	:30	(-35) Can. Reflections		Hockey Royal Bank Cup	(-35) Late, Late Show	PR Maxx	(-35) E.T. Canada	(-35) The Daily Show	Desi Rhythms	(-35) Conan O'Brien	South Park	M*A*S*H Inga	(-35) Conan O'Brien					(-35) Late, Late Show	Malcolm in the Middle	

**FRIDAY DECEMBER 14**

5 PM	:00 The Simpsons	Match!	Timothy /(-10) Mama	(4:30) NHL Hockey - Toronto vs. Atlanta (Live)	CHEK News	Full House	Early News	CTV News	Punjab Times	A Channel News at 5	The Ellen Degeneres Show (N)	My Wife and Kids	Malcolm in the Middle	KOMO 4 News	KING 5 News	Charlie Rose	The Hour	KIRO 7 News	"Casper's Haunted Christmas" ★★ (Ani. '00) Voices of Brendon Ryan Barrett.	(4:30) Poker After Dark
	:30 Arrested Development	L'Union fait la force (N)	(-35) Babar			King of the Hill	Global National		Phoenix World News		CityCooks	That '70s Show	The Simpsons	ABC World News					CBS Evening News	Pratt & Taylor
6	:00 News	Le Téléjournal	Serious Desert		News	The Simpsons Friends	News	News	CTI News	Vancouver Report	CityNews International	That '70s Show	Family Guy	News	News	News	CBC News: The National	News	Sabrina Teen Witch	Sportsnet Connected
	:30		Kratts' Creatures																	
7	:00 Coronation Street	Du cœur au ventre (N)	Christmas in London	SportsCentre	EI News	According to Jim	Entertainment Tonight	Etalk (N)	Hong Kong Express	Degrassi: Next Gen.	Wheel of Fortune	The King of Queens	Two and a Half Men	Wheel of Fortune	Evening Magazine	Rick Steves' Europe	the fifth estate If Justice Falls	Entertainment Tonight	(05) Storm Hawks	FSN Pro Football Preview
	:30	Robbie the Reindeer			The Insider	The Simpsons	Ent. Tonight Canada	Access Hollywood	Pure in Heart	Friends	Jeopardy	The King of Queens	Two and a Half Men	Jeopardy	Inside Edition	KCTS Connects (N)				
8	:00 "The Santa Clause" ★★ (Com. '94) Tim Allen.	Paquet voleur (N)	Christmas Lights (N)	Off the Record	Deal or No Deal	3D Dialogue	Numb3rs Chinese Box (N)	Ghost Whisperer Holiday Spirit (N)	Weekly News Forum	CTS Night Club	Men in Trees Charity Case (N)	Friday Night Smackdown (N)	Don't Forget the Lyrics	Men in Trees Charity Case (N)	"It's a Wonderful Life" ★★ (Dra. '46) James Stewart.	NOW (N)	CBC News: The National	Ghost Whisperer Holiday Spirit (N)	Naruto	The Ultimate Fighter 4
	:30																			
9	:00	L'heure de gloire (N)	(-10) Noël Noël (N)	Varsity Inc. (N)	Women's Murder Club Train in Vain	The Standard	Las Vegas Delinda's Box [Part 1 of 2]	Moonlight Sleeping Beauty (N)	Hwang Jin Yi	Next Great Band 4 Cut to 3 & Top 3 Perform (N)	"Home for the Holidays" ★★ (Dra. '05) Sean Young.	Next Great Band 4 Cut to 3 & Top 3 Perform (N)	Women's Murder Club Train in Vain	Bill Moyers' Journal (N)			CBC News: The National	Moonlight Sleeping Beauty (N)	Futurama	
	:30		(-35) C'mas Music	ESPNU House		3D Dialogue	Las Vegas Delinda's Box [Part 2 of 2]	To Be Announced	Open Concert	Thank God You're Here										
10	:00 CBC News: The National	Le Téléjournal	The Casebook of Sherlock Holmes	Boxing The Contender	20/20	Cold Case Sandhogs	Las Vegas Delinda's Box [Part 2 of 2]	To Be Announced	Open Concert	Thank God You're Here							the fifth estate If Justice Falls	Numb3rs Chinese Box (N)	Death Note	Sportsnet Connected
	:30																			
11	:00 (05) The Hour	Le Téléjournal	Life Isn't All Ha Ha Hee Hee	SportsCentre	News	It's a New Day	News	News	TV Patrol	News	Pink Planet III Montreal	Frasier	Family Guy	News	News		CBC News: The National	News	Eureka Seven	Sportsnet Connected
	:30		La zone																	
12 MID	:00 (05) Arrested	(-15) La fosse aux lionnes	National Geographic Life or Death on Denali	Off the Record	(05) Chelsea Lately (N)	Saved by the Bell	(05) ECW Wrestling	(05) CSI: Miami Broken Home	Vancouver Masala	(05) Jimmy Kimmel Live	South Park	RENO 911!	(05) Jimmy Kimmel Live				The Hour	With David Letterman	Futurama	Pratt & Taylor
	:30	(-35) Kenny vs. Spenny		In This Corner	(-35) Late, Late Show	Kingstar			Music Bank	(-35) Conan O'Brien	South Park	M*A*S*H	(-35) Conan O'Brien					(-35) Late, Late Show	Invader Zim	

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**SATURDAY DECEMBER 15**

5 PM	(4:00) NHL Hockey - Toronto vs. Montreal (Live)	5 sur 5	Miss BG/(:15) Dive, Oily George Shrinks	NFL Football - Cincinnati vs. San Francisco (Live)	CHEK News	Home Improvement	Family Guy	First Story	(4:30) Swiat Polskiej	Star Trek: Voyager Prototype	Electric Playground	Star Trek A Taste of Armageddon	Raymond The Ingrate	KOMO 4 News	KING 5 News	Amer. Test Kitchen	Antiques Roadshow	KIRO 7 News	(4:00) "All Dogs Go to Heaven: A Christmas..."	NBA Action
		Le Téléjournal	Meerkat	News	Home Improvement	Global National	First Story	Xin Tan Ren	Bravo!Fact	Speakers Corner	That '70s Show	Friends	ABC World News	NBC Nightly News	The Lawrence Welk Show	Saturday Report	News	A Flintstones Christmas	NBA Basketball - Denver vs. San Antonio (Live)	
6 PM	NHL Hockey - Vancouver vs. Edmonton (Live)	La petite séduction Spéciale de Noël	National Geo. Tepuis: Into the Lost World	SportsCentre	Holiday: Christmas (N)	Diya	Andromeda The Shards of Rimini	"Crazy Canucks" (True, '05) Lucas Bryant.	Entrepreneurial Leader	The New Canoe	Making It O Canada!	CSI: Miami	Two and a Half Men	Wheel of Fortune	NW Backroads	Rosemary and Thyme [Part 1 of 2]	Gamer Revolution [Part 1 of 2]	Paid Program	Special	
		Le moment de vérité	Heartbeat	SportsCentre	"Surviving Christmas" ★ (Com, '04) Ben Affleck.	Islam in Focus	Andromeda The Leper's Kiss	Phoenix Gathering	Kool Countdown	Battlestar Galactica Exodus	The King of Queens	Cops	Cops (N)	"Surviving Christmas" ★ (Com, '04) Ben Affleck.	Chuck Pilot	Antiques Roadshow	Between the Laughter	48 Hours Mystery The Girl Next Door	Rugrats	The Ultimate Fighter 5
7 PM	Hockey: After Hours (Live)	Le Téléjournal	Zone doc	SportsCentre	True Hollywood Story Ben Affleck & Matt Damon (N)	Insights Into Sikhism	Mutant X Brother's Keeper	Whistler Last Run (SF) (N)	Vanna Malargal	"Eve's Christmas" ★★ (Dra, '04) Cheryl Ladd.	"Too Cool for Christmas" ★ (Com, '04) Ryan McDonnell.	Fraser The Bad Son	America Most Wanted (N)	30 Rock Greenzo	Live From Lincoln	Saturday Night Live	"The Notebook" ★★ (Rom, '04) Ryan Gosling.	★★★ (Com, '90) Macaulay Culkin.	To Be Announced	
		Hockey Night in Canada: Replay	Ultimate Response	SportsCentre	Mad TV Holiday Show '06	Saturday Night Live	CTV News	Bubble Gang	Star! at the Movies	SeXtv	Cold Case Factory Girls	Mad TV Holiday Show '06	News	Globe Trekker	Between the Laughter	News	Prank Patrol	Poker Red Rock Showdown		
8 PM	Dre Grey, leçons De grandes attentes (N)	Midsomer Murders Tainted Fruit	Boxing HBO Championship - Card TBA	Sikh Virsa	Andromeda For Whom the Bell Tolls	Whistler (N) [Part 2 of 2]	Asian Variety Show	"Eve's Christmas" ★★ (Dra, '04) Cheryl Ladd.	"Too Cool for Christmas" ★ (Com, '04) Ryan McDonnell.	Fraser The Bad Son	America Most Wanted (N)	30 Rock Greenzo	Live From Lincoln	Saturday Night Live	"The Notebook" ★★ (Rom, '04) Ryan Gosling.	★★★ (Com, '90) Macaulay Culkin.	To Be Announced			
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10 PM	"The Sting" ★★ ★★	A History of Britain	Equest.	Spike Feresten	Saved by the Bell	(:05) The Hills	"Patthar Dil" (Dra, '85) Danny Denzongpa.	Professional Poker Tour	World Poker Tour Bay 101 Shooting Star	Cold Case Files The Southside Rapist	Spike Feresten	Chappelle's Show	(:35) Girls B. Badly	Austin City Limits Wilco	the fifth estate If Justice Fails	(:05) Insider Weekend	Futurama	The Ultimate Fighter 5		
		Le Téléjournal	Zone doc	SportsCentre	Mad TV Holiday Show '06	Saturday Night Live	CTV News	Bubble Gang	Star! at the Movies	SeXtv	Cold Case Factory Girls	Mad TV Holiday Show '06	News	Globe Trekker	Between the Laughter	News	Prank Patrol	Poker Red Rock Showdown		

**SUNDAY DECEMBER 16**

5 PM	"Eloise at Christmas" ★★ (Fam, '03) Sofia Vassilieva.	Oniva	Miss BG/(:15) Dive, Oily George Shrinks	(:15) NFL Football - Washington vs. N.Y. Giants (Live)	CHEK News	Home Improvement	Family Guy	W-FIVE Presents	Spazio Libero	Star Trek: Voyager Alliances	Best of MuchOnDemand	Girlfriends	Seahawks Gameday	KOMO 4 News	(:15) NFL Football - Washington vs. N.Y. Giants (Live)	This Old House	The Nature of Things Magazine 2	KIRO 7 News	(4:00) "Yogi's First Christmas" ★★	(4:30) SN Connected
		Le Téléjournal	Into the Wild	That News Show	Everybody Loves Ray	News	"Patthar Dil" (Dra, '85) Danny Denzongpa.	Relic Hunter	NewMusic	Grandma Got Run Over by a Reindeer	Family Guy	News	KOMO 4 News	Oregon Field Guide	CBC News: Sunday Night	News	Special	Pool World Championships		
6 PM	Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer	Lafaque	National Geographic	The Soup Presents (N)	Voices of Hinduism	The Simpsons	"An Avonlea Christmas" (P) (Fam, '98) Jackie Burroughs. (N)	America's Funniest Home Videos (N)	Blood Ties Drawn & Quartered	CW Now	King of the Hill	America's Funniest Home Videos (N)	Antiques Roadshow Oklahoma City	Bob & Doug McKenzie's Two-Four Anniversary	60 Minutes	Charlie Brown	A Year Without	Poker After Dark		
		"Si on dansait?" ★★ (Mus, '04) Susan Sarandon.	Inspector Morse The Way Through the Woods	Ext. Makeover: Home Chapin Family (N)	Ground Level	Survivor: China A Slippery Little Sucker (SF) (N)	"Eight Days to Live" (Dra, '06) Kelly Rowan.	GMA Christmas Special	Kyle XY (SF)	"White Chicks" ★ (Com, '04) Shawn Wayans.	Crowned Welcome to the Pageant	American Dad (N)	Desperate Housewives	Now You Know	Dateline NBC	Death in the Hollywood Hills	Masterpiece Theatre	CBC News: Sunday Night	Survivor: China A Slippery Little Sucker (SF) (N)	Falcon Beach Starting Over
7 PM	"The Polar Express" ★★ (Ani, '04) Voices of Tom Hanks.	"Si on dansait?" ★★ (Mus, '04) Susan Sarandon.	Inspector Morse The Way Through the Woods	Ext. Makeover: Home Chapin Family (N)	Ground Level	Survivor: China A Slippery Little Sucker (SF) (N)	"Eight Days to Live" (Dra, '06) Kelly Rowan.	GMA Christmas Special	Kyle XY (SF)	"White Chicks" ★ (Com, '04) Shawn Wayans.	Crowned Welcome to the Pageant	American Dad (N)	Desperate Housewives	Now You Know	Dateline NBC	Death in the Hollywood Hills	Masterpiece Theatre	CBC News: Sunday Night	Survivor: China A Slippery Little Sucker (SF) (N)	Falcon Beach Starting Over
		Le Téléjournal	Christmas in London	Boxing The Contender	Path to Enlightenment	Survivor: China Reunion (N)	Stargate: SG-1 The Powers That Be	Seinfeld The Nose Job	Q13 FOX News	Brothers & Sisters Home Front	Law & Order: Criminal Intent	Bob & Doug McKenzie's Two-Four Anniversary	Survivor: China Reunion (N)	Weird Years	Sportsnet Connected					
8 PM	CBC News: Sunday Night	Le Téléjournal	Minuit, le soir	The Leading Edge	SportsCentre	It's a New Day	News	I-Watch News	Idea City	Without a Trace Legacy	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit	(:35) Ebert & Roeper	Upfront With Robert Mak	Expose: America's	Casey and Wendy Treat	In the Life	The Nature of Things Magazine 2	(:35) Face the Nation	"Yogi's First Christmas"	
		Le Téléjournal	Minuit, le soir	The Leading Edge	SportsCentre	It's a New Day	News	I-Watch News	Idea City	Without a Trace Legacy	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit	(:35) Ebert & Roeper	Upfront With Robert Mak	Expose: America's	Casey and Wendy Treat	In the Life	The Nature of Things Magazine 2	(:35) Face the Nation	"Yogi's First Christmas"	
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10 PM	Canadian Reflections	Le Téléjournal	Minuit, le soir	The Leading Edge	SportsCentre	It's a New Day	News	I-Watch News	Idea City	Without a Trace Legacy	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit	(:35) Ebert & Roeper	Upfront With Robert Mak	Expose: America's	Casey and Wendy Treat	In the Life	The Nature of Things Magazine 2	(:35) Face the Nation	"Yogi's First Christmas"	
		Le Téléjournal	Minuit, le soir	The Leading Edge	SportsCentre	It's a New Day	News	I-Watch News	Idea City	Without a Trace Legacy	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit	(:35) Ebert & Roeper	Upfront With Robert Mak	Expose: America's	Casey and Wendy Treat	In the Life	The Nature of Things Magazine 2	(:35) Face the Nation	"Yogi's First Christmas"	
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**MONDAY DECEMBER 17**

5 PM	The Simpsons	Kif-kif	Timothy (/(:10) Mama	(4:30) NFL Countdown	CHEK News	Full House	Early News	CTV News	Punjab Times	A Channel News	The Ellen Degeneres Show	My Wife and Kids	Malcolm in the Middle	KOMO 4 News	KING 5 News	Charlie Rose	The Hour	KIRO 7 News	(4:00) "To Grandmother's House We Go" ★★	Sportsnet Connected
	Arrested	L'Union fait la force	(:35) Babar	NFL Football - Chicago vs. Minnesota (Live)	News	The Simpsons	News	News	Phoenix World News	CityCooks	That '70s Show	The Simpsons	News	News	News	CBC News: The National	News	The Happy Elf	NBA Basketball - Orlando vs. Dallas (Live)	
6 PM	News	Le Téléjournal	The Saddle Club	Renegade	News	The Simpsons	News	News	Phoenix World News	CityCooks	That '70s Show	The Simpsons	News	News	News	CBC News: The National	News	The Happy Elf	NBA Basketball - Orlando vs. Dallas (Live)	
		Le Téléjournal	The Saddle Club	Renegade	News	The Simpsons	News	News	Phoenix World News	CityCooks	That '70s Show	The Simpsons	News	News	News	CBC News: The National	News	The Happy Elf	NBA Basketball - Orlando vs. Dallas (Live)	
7 PM	Coronation Street	Virginie (N)	The Leading Edge	News	E! News	According to Jim	Entertainment Tonight	Degrassi: Next Gen.	Hong Kong Express	Degrassi: Next Gen.	Wheel of Fortune	The King of Queens	Two and a Half Men	Wheel of Fortune	Evening Magazine	Rick Steves' Europe	China vs. U.S.: Battle for Oil (N)	Entertainment Tonight	Sabrina Teen Witch	
	Mickey's Christmas	"Daniel et les Superdogs" ★★ (Avent, '04) Matthew Harbour.	Child of Our Time Will to Win	Clash of the Choirs (P) (N)	Home Improvement	House Babies and Bathwater	Duel (P) (N)	Founding Emperor of the Ming Dynasty	Notes Underbelly	Biography	Everybody Hates Chris	House Babies and Bathwater	Duel (P) (N)	Clash of the Choirs (P) (N)	Antiques Roadshow Oklahoma City	CBC News: The National	How I Met Your Mother	Prank Patrol Lake Monster	NBA XL	
8 PM	Grinch Christmas	"Daniel et les Superdogs" ★★ (Avent, '04) Matthew Harbour.	Child of Our Time Will to Win	Clash of the Choirs (P) (N)	Home Improvement	House Babies and Bathwater	Duel (P) (N)	Founding Emperor of the Ming Dynasty	Notes Underbelly	Biography	Everybody Hates Chris	House Babies and Bathwater	Duel (P) (N)	Clash of the Choirs (P) (N)	Antiques Roadshow Oklahoma City	CBC News: The National	How I Met Your Mother	Prank Patrol Lake Monster	NBA XL	
	Frosty the Snowman	Child of Our Time Will to Win	Clash of the Choirs (P) (N)	Home Improvement	House Babies and Bathwater	Duel (P) (N)	Founding Emperor of the Ming Dynasty	Notes Underbelly	Biography	Everybody Hates Chris	House Babies and Bathwater	Duel (P) (N)	Clash of the Choirs (P) (N)	Antiques Roadshow Oklahoma City	CBC News: The National	How I Met Your Mother	Prank Patrol Lake Monster	NBA XL		
9 PM	Mr. Bean	Season of the Child	Spellbound	News	The Standard	Risk Takers	Loggers	Spice Girls: Giving You Everything (N)	I Luv New York	Two and a Half Men	"Alien vs. Predator" ★ (Hor, '04) Sanaa Lathan.	Girlfriends	K-ville Ride Along (SF) (N)	Samantha Who (N)	Notes Underbelly	Secrets of the Dead	CBC News: The National	Two and a Half Men	Futurama	
	Little Mosque	Season of the Child	Spellbound	News	The Standard	Risk Takers	Loggers	Spice Girls: Giving You Everything (N)	I Luv New York	Two and a Half Men	"Alien vs. Predator" ★ (Hor, '04) Sanaa Lathan.	Girlfriends	K-ville Ride Along (SF) (N)	Samantha Who (N)	Notes Underbelly	Secrets of the Dead	CBC News: The National	Two and a Half Men	Futurama	
10 PM	CBC News: The National	Le Téléjournal	(:35) C'mas Music (N)	Boxing The Contender	FANatical	Cold Case Baby Blues	Deal or No Deal Canada	CSI: Miami Confidential (N)	Magpakailanman	October Road Once Around the Block (N)	Seinfeld The Alternate Side	Q-13 Fox News at Ten	October Road Once Around the Block (N)	Journeyman The Hanged Man (N)	Mystery of the Three Kings	China vs. U.S.: Battle for Oil	CSI: Miami Confidential (N)	Shadow Raiders	Sportsnet Connected	
		Le Téléjournal	(:35) C'mas Music (N)	Boxing The Contender	FANatical	Cold Case Baby Blues	Deal or No Deal Canada	CSI: Miami Confidential (N)	Magpakailanman	October Road Once Around the Block (N)	Seinfeld The Alternate Side	Q-13 Fox News at Ten	October Road Once Around the Block (N)	Journeyman The Hanged Man (N)	Mystery of the Three Kings	China vs. U.S.: Battle for Oil	CSI: Miami Confidential (N)	Shadow Raiders	Sportsnet Connected	
11 PM	(:05) The Hour	Le Téléjournal	La zone	Profiles of Nature Tales of the Tarantulas	News	It's a New Day	News	News	TV Patrol	News	Speaker's Corner	Fraser	Family Guy	News	News	News	CBC News: The National	News	Mystery Hunters	
		Le Téléjournal	La zone	Profiles of Nature Tales of the Tarantulas	News	It's a New Day	News	News	TV Patrol	News	Speaker's Corner	Fraser	Family Guy	News	News	News	CBC News: The National	News	Mystery Hunters	
12 MID	(:05) Arrested	(:15) "Un week-end à Gostford Park"	Why Democracy? Iron Ladies of Liberia	Off the Record	(:05) Chelsea Late Show	International Laser Clinic	(:05) Ent. Tonight	(:05) TMZ	Kurd TV	News	Jimmy Kimmel Live	South Park	RENO 911!	(:05) Jimmy Kimmel Live	South Park	M*A*S*H	The Hour	(:35) Late Show	Malcolm in the Middle	
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**BASKETBALL**

## Junior girls rule opener

Team works on perfecting new plays during game

Gulf Islands Secondary School (GISS) junior girls snatched an easy victory in basketball action against Shawnigan Lake Monday with a final score of 58 to 12.

Judy Raddysh, coach for the GISS junior girls, said her team's skill and speed attributed to the win.

"They're really good athletes," she said.

Raddysh said by half-time the girls took such a firm lead she decided to teach the team some new plays.

"I really congratulate all the girls. They were able to shift gears and do what I asked them to do from the bench."

This was the team's first season game after a Port Alberni tournament that was cut short due to bad weather. The girls only played two games during the tournament and took home one win over Port Alberni.

Raddysh said both Cowichan and Frances Kelsey secondary schools are the strong contenders in GISS' junior league this year.

The junior girls take on Cowichan today (Wednesday) at GISS at 4:30 p.m.

In other GISS sports news, last week the senior girls basketball team took on Chilliwack — the sixth-ranked AAA team in the province — at home on Friday. Although the local team was up at the end of the first quarter, it ultimately lost the game by a 20-point margin.

The girls got revenge Saturday, however, travelling off-island to win two games in Victoria. The senior girls were set to take on Brentwood as the Driftwood went to press on Tuesday.

The junior boys basketball team played its first game of the season at home last week against Brentwood and lost in a competitive game.



PHOTO BY JOHN CAMERON

**UP AND IN:** GISS senior girls basketball player Kate Parker, left, reaches in to defend against a Chilliwack player in a home game against a top-ranked AAA team last week.

**MEN'S SOCCER**

## Alumni continue division dominance

Masters-C teams prepare for clash of islanders

Salt Spring's FC Alumni continued their undefeated season with a 3-0 victory against Cordova Bay on Friday evening.

Unfazed by the bright lights of Victoria's Lochside Park, the Salt Spring contingent wasted little time taking the lead and controlling the play.

Sean Norgard finished the game with two goals while Martin Kitzenegger notched his first goal of the season.

Duff Goodwin obtained his first complete-game shutout of the season.

"It was cold, but we played well," said coach Jessie Fisher.

"They didn't have a single shot on goal. We

limited their chances and took ours."

The latest victory places Salt Spring FC Alumni (9-0-3) in sole possession of first place of the Vancouver Island Soccer League's Masters-C division.

The team is three points ahead of Prospect Lake with one game remaining before the holiday break.

In other Masters-C action, the Salt Spring Old Boys faced their second game cancellation in as many weeks. The team sits in sixth place with 16 points and a 4-4-4 record.

Players will spend this week preparing for a Sunday match-up featuring both of Salt Spring's Master C teams.

Kickoff is set for Gulf Islands Secondary School on Sunday, December 16 at 10:30 a.m.

"This is as big as it gets," Fisher said.

## Week's top senior, SO bowlers named

High scores in recent bowling play at Kings Lane Recreation were:

Seniors, December 4: Jim Glenn, 290, 251/703.

Seniors, November 20: Harold Repen, 244; Stan Sage, 211.

Seniors, November 6: John Pringle, 200; Jim Glenn, 226.

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Seniors, October 30: Barbara Howell, 206.

Special Olympics, December 5: Gloria Dale, 142-207;

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## SPORTS & RECREATION

GISS BASKETBALL

# Senior Scorpions persevere for 1-point win against Brentwood

Season gets off on right foot for boys team

BY PATRICK CWIKLINSKI  
 DRIFTWOOD CONTRIBUTOR

The GISS Scorpions senior boys basketball team proved they're a force to be reckoned with after last Tuesday's season opener at home against Brentwood.

A hard-fought win was much deserved by the Scorpions, who managed to outdo one of Vancouver Island's finest and defeat them in dramatic fashion by a single point.

When asked if it was expected that this would be such a tight game, Martin Lannan, one of the Scorpions' two captains — the other being Bob Byron — he responded by saying "Yeah, we knew it was going to be a close game. They have been our rivals for several years now. Always a close game when it's Brentwood."

The first quarter brought some excellent play from Lannan, James Cameron and Dave Outerbridge, with

the Scorpions drawing first blood going up 2-0, but soon after falling behind 7-2 within a matter of minutes.

The Scorpions, although down, would not give up and came back to tie the game at 7-7 about half way through, but even this effort was not enough to finish off the quarter ahead of Brentwood and it ended at 16-13 in favour of the visitors.

The Scorpions looked to catch up to their rivals in the second quarter as the team continued to play solidly and once again tied it up at 19-19 with Lannan, Cameron and Outerbridge still dominating and leading their team in points. GISS kept piling up points, but at the end of the quarter it was Brentwood who left the court leading by one at 27-26.

Coming out in the third quarter, the Scorpions looked like a much more confident and motivated team.

Byron and Dylan Marsden both added to the Scorpions' success in the third, but it was the heroics of Myles

Raposo and his nine points that would provide just the boost they needed to pull ahead of Brentwood and finish the quarter 39-36.

As in many games, the most exciting quarter in basketball is the fourth one, and so it was the case in this match-up as Brentwood would not fall to the Scorpions without a fight.

Early on the Scorpions took a 10-point lead over Brentwood, but just when things seemed safe they would come back and leave everyone in the crowd and on the GISS bench biting their nails.

With the game at 48-44, Brentwood got one more three-point shot at the buzzer and ultimately fell short and lost to the Scorpions with the final score 48-47.

"Being one of the biggest teams in our league, we need to learn how to use it. Our defence is there, now we just need to gel offensively," Lannan said when asked what the team needs to do in order to repeat the success they had last Tuesday.

### DRAGON BOAT

## AGM looks at boating recruitment

Club seeks paddlers

At its annual general meeting Sunday, the Salt Spring Dragon Boat Club focussed on plans to recruit members for its 2008 season.

Coach Mary Rowles said the club welcomes new members for the recreational team. Training starts in April on Long Harbour with the club's dragon boat, which was purchased with a large donation from the Ganges Village Market.

This is the club's third year of operation

and its members have competed in events from Vancouver Island to the Okanagan.

"We're at a good recreational level," said Rowles.

She said for the 2008 season the club will race in Victoria, Nanaimo, Richmond and Kelowna.

Rowles said she looks forward to the Kelowna festival where teams have an opportunity to pull a water skier behind the boat.

For more information about the Salt Spring Dragon Boat Club, contact Rowles at maryrowles19@hotmail.com.

## Bridge group suffers loss of Joan Conlan

BY JILL EVANS  
 DRIFTWOOD CONTRIBUTOR

Joan Conlan was the backbone of the Gulf Islands Duplicate Bridge Club, always there ahead of time, setting up the boards and organizing the tables.

She was also always on hand the next day, checking the score sheets with her mathematical mind and

### BRIDGETRICKS

reporting the results. She kept track of the membership and encouraged newcomers.

She was a topnotch bridge player with a sense of humour too, a pleasure as a partner or opponent.

But she died early on the morning of Wednesday, December 5, after a sudden massive stroke on Monday.

They say nobody is irreplaceable, but there is no way to find another Joan.

Weather has prevented any games on the past two Mondays, so there are no winners to report — just this terrible loss.

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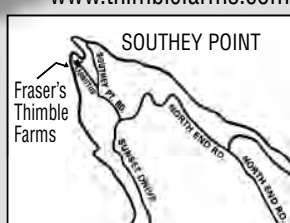
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# SPORTS & RECREATION

## YOUTH SOCCER

# Youth teams nail win and tie games

• Salt Spring's U12 Team Kopetzki boys made their absent coach proud last Saturday with a 5-2 win over visiting Juan de Fuca, supervised by wildly cheering parents, stand-in coach Levitt, and with coach Kopetzki's message ringing in their ears: "You know the game, you know your positions. You can do it on your own!"

Playing against a no-nonsense team, they remained dominant throughout the game. Tai Levitt scored the first goal, assisted by Justin Kopetzki, with a textbook pass-shoot delivery.

Kopetzki, assisted by Eric Weatherby (and nearly the whole Team K in a juggling frenzy at the net), made the score 2-0.

First-half goalkeeper Eldin Miller-Stead made consistently solid saves, but minutes before half, Juan de Fuca booted a tidy goal into the corner. To add to the tension, Juan de Fuca opened the second half with another quick goal, tying the score.

Second-half goalie Cody MacQueen and defenders Alex Graham, Noah Price, Gurjyot Grewal and Awstin Finer worked hard to keep their opponents from scoring further, with MacQueen making one spectacular diving save.

As the half moved on, Levitt kicked a fast, accurate goal, assisted by the ever-vigilant centre-mid Weatherby, bringing Team K up 3-2.

## SOCCERKICKS

Kopetzki finalized the win with two definitive goals in a row, the first one volleyed from a perfect throw-in by Weatherby, and the second on an unassisted break-away. Throw your new team caps in the air, Team K. Well done!

• Salt Spring's U13 Gelato girls took on Peninsula in sunny Saanich on Saturday. Salt Spring was first out of the blocks scoring after only a few minutes of play, when Brenna McIntyre showed a striker's instinct in coolly slotting the ball home.

The game flowed freely with plenty of attacking action at both ends. Becki Steel in the Salt Spring net was world class in keeping Peninsula at bay until just before half time, when an equalizer got through.

In the second half, Salt Spring passed the ball around beautifully at times, and was rewarded when Olivia Kornelsen scored after a period of sustained pressure. It wasn't all one-way traffic, however, as Jade Beauvais, in goal for the second period, was called on to make a wonderful, instinctual save.

The Salt Spring defence was solid, Hari Brooks tirelessly ruled the midfield and it was a cruel wind that brought another equalizer for Peninsula with only two minutes left to play.



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**FINE TIME:** Ron Ziprick, left, and Grant Kelly take some time out to fish on St. Mary Lake.

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## ARTS Morrisseau deemed one-of-a-kind

Gallery owner remembers Canadian icon

BY SEAN MCINTYRE  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

It didn't take long for the calls to start rolling in to Grace Point Square's Steffich Fine Art gallery once journalists learned of Norval Morrisseau's death last week.

"I really didn't expect the attention," said gallery owner Matt Steffich, who spoke about Nanaimo resident Morrisseau, 75, on radio and television programs broadcast across the country.

The iconic Canadian artist, known as much for his eclectic lifestyle as his colourful images of Ojibwa culture, hadn't painted for nearly seven years and suffered from Parkinson's disease, yet still managed to become a pillar of modern Canadian art.

"No matter what you hear about Norval, it's all true. No matter how crazy it may sound, it's probably true," Steffich said.

Steffich began his career in the art world with a Morrisseau painting of three loons 17 years ago. Since then, he'd developed a close personal friendship with the artist and his family. Morrisseau visited Salt Spring when Steffich organized a small exhibition of the artist's works in May 2006.

For Steffich, who prefers to not use categories like "native artist," part of Morrisseau's impact was that he transcended conventional boundaries.

"He went so far beyond native art in so many areas: nature, family, spiritualism and use of vibrant colour."

Morrisseau has been described as the Picasso of the North, though Steffich said he only fits the description by virtue of his willingness and ability to embrace new techniques and approaches.

"He was an innovator," he said. "He helped create what never existed."

Though Morrisseau galvanized art lovers' attention during a solo show at Ottawa's National Gallery in 2006,

he'd already amassed several honours.

**"He helped create**

**what never existed."**

MATT STEFFICH  
Owner, Steffich Fine Art Gallery

Morrisseau became a member of the Order of Canada in 1978, was a Grand Shaman of the Ojibwa people and the recipient of several honorary degrees.

His paintings have toured the world and his works are housed in major private and government galleries and museums.

Steffich isn't shy to place Morrisseau in the pantheon of Canadian greats like Emily Carr, the Group of Seven and Jean-Paul Riopelle.

"His work is hard to miss," Steffich said. "As time goes on, he will only become more enshrined as a real Canadian artist."

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*In part, this principle states, "We strive for a democracy in which all citizens have the right to express their views, and are able to directly participate in the environmental, economic, social and political decisions which affect their lives; so that power and responsibility are concentrated in local and regional communities,...."*

*In part, this requires, "building grassroots institutions that enable decisions to be made directly at the appropriate level by those affected, based on systems which encourage civic vitality, voluntary action and community responsibility."*

*ISG is a grassroots organization advocating for a local, municipal government for Salt Spring Island that is accountable, transparent and effective for islanders, by islanders.*

*I support this because I believe we are ready for the responsibility of a true local government, while retaining the core mandate of the Islands Trust, "To Preserve and Protect". I suggest that if we are to have effective governance systems, including strengthening the Islands Trust, we need the Trust and CRD to work with a local government where the power and responsibility of our choices rests with us and not regional or provincial bureaucracies.*

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# ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

## RAINFOREST FUNDRAISER

# Artists put creativity in rainforest purchase race

Special show, sale  
and auction opens  
Saturday

The campaign to save Salt Spring's Creekside rainforest continues at a feverish pace with Art for the Rainforest, a special event beginning on Saturday at ArtSpring.

Fourteen local artists are donating part of the proceeds from the sale of selected pieces, which will be exhibited alongside paintings of the Creekside rainforest completed by children from Salt Spring Elementary and child-artists from other island schools.

Organizers Andrea Collins, Maureen Moore and Adina Hildebrandt believe that showing the kids' paintings with the adults' work will help bring a special kind of magic to the event. It also emphasizes the fact that the campaign, if successful, will benefit children, grandchildren and future generations.

"Most of the donated work depicts the natural world in diverse and passionate ways, so the overall effect will be very dynamic," said Moore.

Pieces like Fulford sculptor Karen Reiss' Deer Protector Salt Spring Island, and Steven Friedman's photoscapes of the rainforest are some of the stunning pieces that will be for sale.

Other well-known contributing artists are: Birgit Bateman, Allan Bibby, David Borrowman, Janet Dwyer, Tamar Griggs, Susan Huber, Shari Macdonald, Theresa Mackey, Osman Phillips, Samantha Sanderson, Kevin Steinke, Phyllis Webb and Andrea Collins, who will be showing her photos for the first time here on Salt Spring.

The exhibit is open every day from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. until the close of December 21. Everyone is welcome to the opening reception on Saturday, December 15 from 3-6 p.m.

A silent auction will also



PHOTO BY DERRICK LUNDY

Maureen Moore speaks at last Friday's Reading for the Rainforest authors' fundraiser at ArtSpring.

run simultaneously with the art show in the same room. It features numerous donated treats, ranging from feasts cooked in your own home by gourmet chefs to book art and spa appointments. The silent auction closes at 5 p.m. on the exhibit's final day.

So far more than \$200,000 have been raised in the race to make the tight property purchase deadline. Last weekend's Reading for the Rainforest event at ArtSpring raised some \$1,300.

"We're in a million-dollar race," said Moore on Monday.

The group has until December 30 to raise the required \$975,000 plus GST, with the actual purchase occurring on January 14. It's possible to pledge to make

a donation in 2007 and receive a 2007 tax receipt, or in the first week of 2008 and receive a 2008 receipt issued by The Land Conservancy of B.C. (TLC).

As a Victoria-based land trust, the TLC negotiated the Creekside deal. It's also supported by Salt Spring Island Conservancy, Island Stream and Salmon Enhancement Society, Friends of Salt Spring Parks and Salt Spring Water Council.

"Everyone agrees this is a precious resource for Salt Spring and when people see the land on our guided walks, some led by naturalists every Saturday and Sunday, they're overwhelmed by the beauty, fragility and biodiversity of the Creekside rainforest that we want to protect forever."

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# ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

## ISLAND BOOKS

# Tale about nature living on Mayne charms readers

Raccoons take centre stage in couple's life

*All Our Friends — Simple Rewards of Simple Living, By D.S. Hartley. Trafford Publishing, 114 pages, \$17.95*

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

It was with some trepidation that I picked up *All Our Friends: Simple Rewards of Simple Living*, a new book chronicling a couple's experience living with raccoons on Mayne Island.

As a child I frequently got obsessed with the animal stories I read — after reading Kipling's *Rikki Tikki Tavi* in Grade 4, I desperately wanted a mongoose for my birthday! Even in later years, I remain an impressionable reader. Although I've hardly ever set foot on a boat, M. Wylie Blanchet's memoir *The Curve of Time* convinced me I should have five kids and live with them on board.

So, I had to wonder how this tale of simple living would affect me. Would I want to give up our small home for an even smaller one? Would I become obsessed with raccoons and start buying giant bags of dog food to feed them?

This is just what author D.S. Hartley and her husband did, beginning in 1995. The two had spent the previous 14 years working at well-paid careers in Nuremberg, Germany, but had first met on Salt Spring as travellers without obligations or schedules. Wishing to get back to the West Coast and explore a simpler lifestyle, the two finally settled on a small property on Mayne.

Although many people have complained about the living quarters available to those living on low incomes, Hartley and her husband considered their 20-foot travel trailer "luxurious," equipped as it was with running water, electricity, shower and telephone. Their steeply slanted half-acre property was zoned

only for recreational use, so they could build nothing over 100 square feet, but that didn't bother them either. With no plans to work, the couple was happy to just live with nature.

At this point of the book I was still okay. After all, the modest mobile home I rent is not much more deluxe than their trailer was. But what about the raccoons?

"Despite the frequent fights and altercations that sometimes turned our yard into a madhouse, we continued to relish our raccoon summer. How many people have such an intense experience, and how many have the time, and appreciation, to participate in raccoon life the way we could?" asks Hartley.

Luckily for me, Hartley is very good at expressing the wonder and affection she felt without unduly romanticizing it. She recounts the various different personalities that played on their "garden stage" from the viewpoint of an engaged observer. The story is even more interesting and endearing when several females start coming around with their babies.

For the couple that purposely attracted more raccoons to their property by leaving out leftovers, and yes, eventually buying giant bags of dog food, there is no question that the animals became more like pets than pests.

However, Hartley also had her limits and engages in the book with questions of

how much humans should really interact with wild animals. The raccoons were not allowed in the trailer, and not allowed to rip up the small lawn — the only change to the wild property the couple undertook.



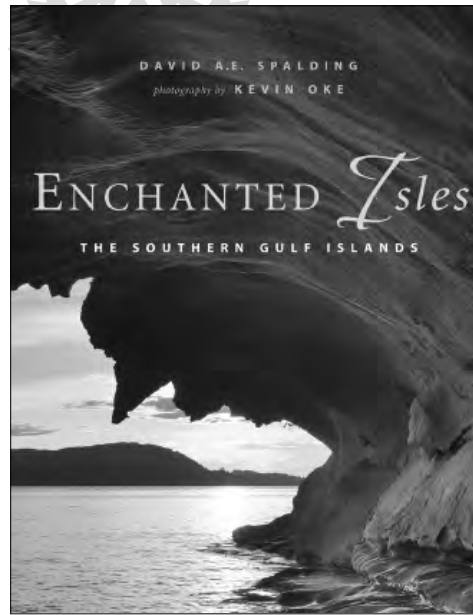
When tragedy strikes the raccoon population, the author grieves but does not interfere.

*All Our Friends* is a slim volume that is well-written (Hartley is an English professor) and goes very quickly for the reader. As the author states, it is not a recipe but an example of a modest lifestyle, and one that will be interesting to many in these times of growing eco-awareness. As well, it promotes a new appreciation for raccoons without making one want to adopt them oneself.

*All Our Friends* is available at local bookstores, and can be viewed and ordered online at [www.trafford.com/07-0046](http://www.trafford.com/07-0046).

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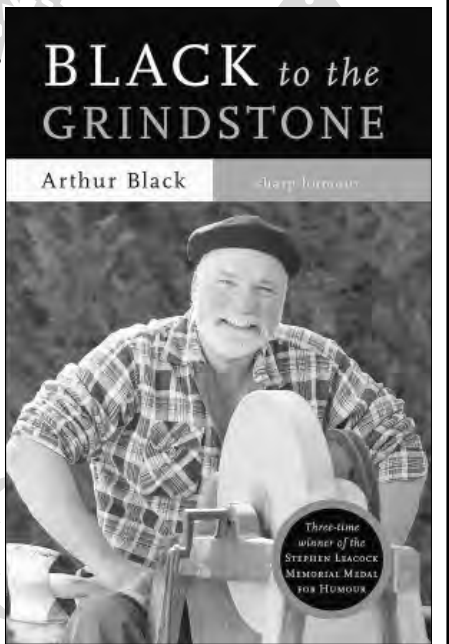
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## ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

### CHRISTMAS TRADITIONS

# Carols, traditional festival at All Saints

Public welcome to Dec. 19 and 23 events

The Anglican Parish will celebrate Christmas not only in the form of services on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day, but also in two other musical traditions.

The first and more recent began in 2003 as part of the Simply Organic recital series, with organist Barry Valentine. Held every Wednesday morning except the first of the month, the series is well established in the community's musical repertoire.

Known as Carols for Christmastide, the special Christmas event falls this year on Wednesday, December 19. During the hour of music, people can enjoy audience participation and pieces sung

by a choir of Friends of Simply Organic, which includes the All Saints choir. Some of the loveliest well-known and not-so-well-known carols dating as far back as the 13th century will be heard.

The music is free and begins at 10:10 a.m. followed by festive refreshments available for a toonie.

The second of the parish's seasonal events is far more deeply rooted in Anglican tradition. The Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols began as a Christmas Eve service designed in 1880 by Bishop E. W. Benson of Truro, England and is now presented in thousands of churches and chapels around the world.

Its form is disarmingly simple. After a processional carol — almost always Once In Royal David's City — with the first verse sung as a solo, there is a bid-

ding prayer and the Lord's prayer.

Then there is a series of nine readings from scripture in which the story of the fall and redemption of humanity quietly unfolds. From temptation in the Garden of Eden, through prophetic promises of a coming saviour, to the birth of Jesus in a stable in Bethlehem, the drama is allowed to emerge without commentary.

The Anglican Parish on Salt Spring has established its own tradition by inviting representatives of various organizations and institutions to read the lessons. This year is no exception. From Lady Minto Hospital to the Legion, readers will represent those organizations so much embraced by our island lives. The Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols will take place at All Saints on December 23 at 4 p.m.

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## CELEBRATIONS Faeries share magic

Light Returns marks solstice

It is time to honour the winter solstice on Salt Spring with a part-ritual, part-recital event, featuring heart-warming performances by Oona McOuat and her harp, voice and piano students.

On Thursday, December 20, The Light Returns takes place at Lions Hall.

"There will be wizards and acrobats, dream faeries and harps, singing children and tricksters, and interactive poetry and art to honour the winter solstice and you are invited to attend!" explains press material.

"In the show, the planet is mysteriously shrouded in darkness. A dusty old book will come to life and as the Wizard of the Deep Woods, Ocean Mother and the Spirit of the Trees spill from the pages, six children will embark on a magical, musical journey to call back the light."

Inspiration for the script struck when McOuat stumbled upon some anonymous artwork at the free store at the local garbage transfer station. From these colourful, mystical pastel works, she created the musical play.

McOuat was concerned, however, that the gifted mystery artist should be credited.

"Serendipitously, when one of McOuat's students saw the pieces, she exclaimed, 'Those were made by my mom,'" a press release states.

The mystery artist is Andrea Palframan and The Light Returns will feature a multi-generational cast of budding pianists, singers and harpists. This will be a meaningful way for students to share the skills they have developed in their music classes with McOuat.

The performance, which begins at 7 p.m., is an all-ages event and the audience is invited to participate in interactive art and poetry during the intermission.

"All who feel a need to honour the cycle of the seasons at this hectic time of year are invited to come to the show and dip deep into the well of inner renewal offered by the rebirth of the light."

Admission is by donation.

# ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

## FIDDLE MUSIC

# Fiddle groups stage Sunday concerts



PHOTO BY DERRICK LUNDY

Jon Suk plays a tune at an Acoustic Planet recital at All Saints on the weekend.

All Saints and Beaver Point Hall open doors

Fans of fiddle music can't be in two places at once, but they do have a choice of venues on Sunday, December 16.

Fiddleworks performers are set to celebrate the season in style with a Christmas concert at All Saints By-the-Sea.

It will feature the talented students of Denny Goertz and Emilyn Stam playing fiddle and piano as ensembles and soloists.

"There will also be some special music from Denny Goertz, Emilyn Stam and Jaime RT and we will have a carol sing to close the show," notes a press release.

"Admission is by donation and there will be yummy home baked goodies for everyone to enjoy after the concert."

Also beginning at 3 p.m. on December 16, but at Beaver Point Hall, the Fiddlers' Hatchery group will perform.

Students of Salt Spring teacher Carolyn Hatch will play in ensembles of various sizes, followed by a potluck supper.

## CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS

# Live nativity and music at Community Gospel

Dec. 23 event open to all

Christmas and the holiday season should be a time for family, for community and for closeness, but all too often people feel left out or find the season's merriment just highlights their own problems.

In answer to this, Community Gospel Chapel is opening its doors on Sunday, December 23, from 6:30-9 p.m., so that everyone can experience some Christmas joy, whatever their situation.

The Community Christmas celebration is open to all — regardless of their religious beliefs. Michele Severn, an organizer behind the event, says that the casual, fun evening is meant to be a gift to the island.

"It's just our way of saying Merry Christmas to the community," she said. "I think that's really our hearts' desire behind it. We want to

give everyone a nice Christmas evening."

There will be many ways to enjoy the celebration, including lots of time for visiting with hot drinks and goodies in the comfy fire-side area.

Live music, a new feature this year, will be ongoing throughout the evening with a church band and special guests from outside the church singing carols on stage. Stories will be read in one of the quieter rooms upstairs, while craft-making will also be ongoing. Severn is pleased to have Penny Grossman on board as "craft lady."

The highlight for many, though, will happen outside the church hall with two performances of a live nativity scene — at 7:30 and 8:30 p.m. — complete with real barnyard animals. Severn says the live scene was a favourite last year, and with a bonfire keeping the audience warm, neither kids nor adults will want to miss out.

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A Driftwood Guide to Island Transportation, Sales, Service, Accessories and More!

CAR REVIEW

## GM's HHR boasts "a little bit of everything"

Fine boss' wife shares her find with reviewer

BY ANDREA RABINOVITCH  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Have you ever looked back over your working life and tried to count how many sterling bosses you've had through the years?

Honestly, I've had two. A good boss must be fair, pleasant, knowledgeable, respectful, patient and accepting of my fairly eccentric personality (which includes a bit of an anger management problem). These are qualities I consider absolutely necessary. A decent sense of humour is just icing on the cake.

Right now I have one of those two bosses. (And I'm not just sucking up because I want more time off at Christmas.)

When Peter McCully was my sales manager, after spending a day driving around with me he swore he'd never do it again. Now that he's the publisher of the Driftwood, he actually let me drive his 2007 Chevrolet HHR from Peter Baljet GM in Duncan.

I should clarify that his lovely wife Barb, who hasn't driven with me before and who really owns the car, went along with the scheme, trusting soul that she is.

As Peter handed me the keys he said, "Be careful." Flashbacks of my father saying the same thing kaleidoscoped in my head. Even though I'm five months older than Peter, borrowing a car from an authoritarian "boss" type slipped me into teenager mode.

I slid into the shiny vehicle — Peter's a Virgo who redefines "neat," and turned the CD player onto his Joss Stone CD.



Driftwood car reviewer Andrea Rabinovitch dressed up like her boss Peter McCully to drive his 2007 GM HHR.

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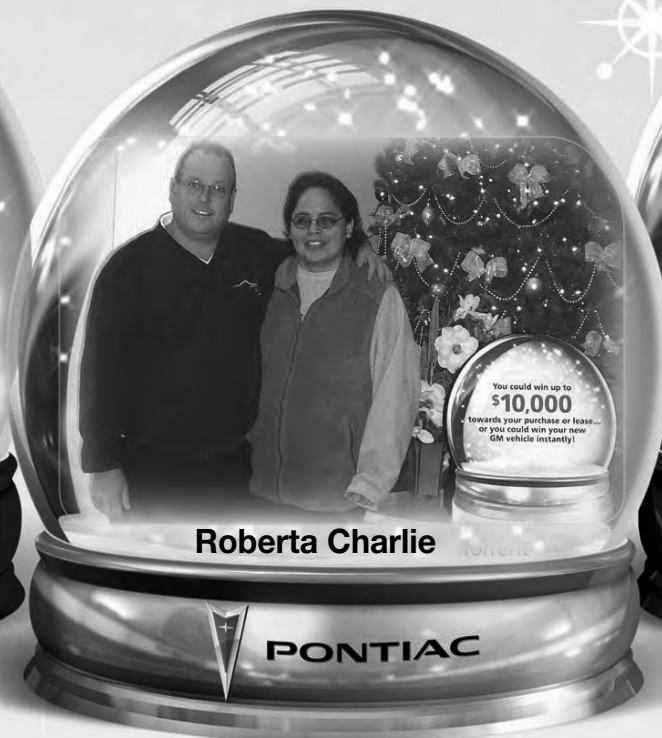
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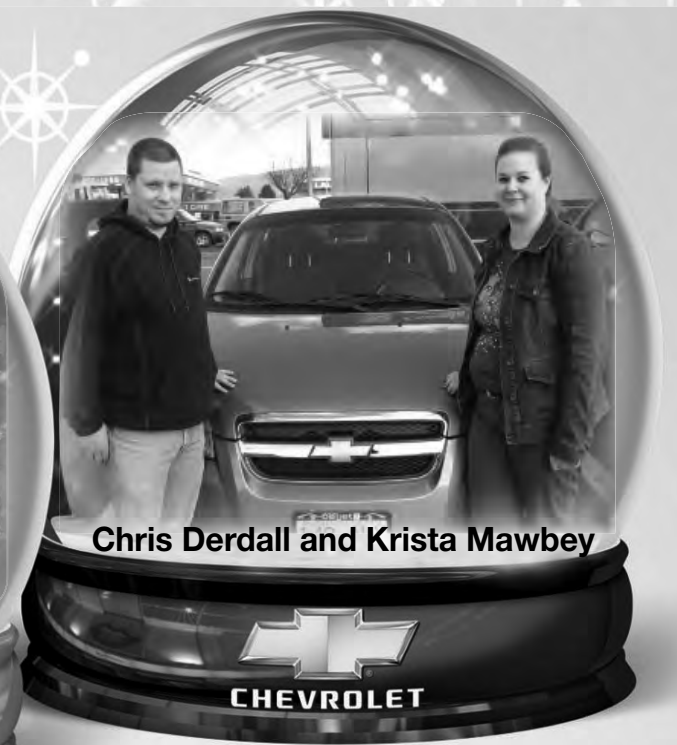
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## Even website gets rave review

### GM CAR REVIEW

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Groovy tunes blaring clearly, heading out on a sunny Saturday on Salt Spring, it didn't take long to figure out that this was an unusual ride.

It felt like a compact car/sports utility/sports car with a definite van vibe. I know that phrase describes practically every kind of vehicle that exists, barring a truck, bus or tractor, but this is one unusual machine.

Firstly, the seats are extremely roomy. If you're on the large size or don't want to sit on top of the driver with a "She Done me Wrong" type of country song blaring on the radio, the HHR is for you. You don't quite need a megaphone to engage in a meaningful conversation, but this was roomy indeed.

The mirrors are huge! As one gets older and the teenager fantasy abates, one's depth perception is not quite what it used to be, even considering that it always kind of sucked. What I'm saying is that the visibility was impressive.

As I sped along well within the speed limit (are you reading this, Barb?), the HHR handled like a compact sports car. It grabbed the road, turned on a dime and accelerated like the Driftwood's production department staff when the Lady Minto Thrift Store opens at



Andrea Rabinovitch even wore Peter McCully's sandals during the HHR test drive.

10 a.m. on a Tuesday.

Unlike a van or SUV, the HHR rides low to the ground so feeling one with the road is reassuring. The difference from other cars that are so grounded is that there's a spaciousness in the HHR.

When I got home, after safely handing off the keys to a relieved Barb, I saw that Peter had e-mailed me, in all his thoroughness, the GM Canada website. I usually don't rave about car websites, but this one had a truly clever feature. Go to [www.gmcanada.com](http://www.gmcanada.com) and click on "Discover HHR features."

I used to love those Cosmopolitan magazine mul-

ti-ple-choice lifestyle questionnaires. GM's HHR website has one that includes snazzy moving graphics and every answer points to an exciting feature of the HHR. What a fun way to get the information out!

Priced between \$19,500 and \$25,000, the Chevrolet HHR from Peter Baljet GM in Duncan is an excellent choice for someone looking for a bit of everything.

Maybe that's how one gets to be an excellent boss: by being good at everything. For now I'm satisfied having Peter be the boss. After all, those are pretty big sandals and wool socks to fill.

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The warning comes after the BC Utilities Commission's (BCUC) recent approval of ICBC's proposal to target high-risk drivers, charging them hundreds and in some cases thousands of dollars more each year.

"High-risk drivers are currently not paying enough given the risk they pose on the roads. Charging bad drivers more is one way that ICBC is working to keep rates low and stable for safer drivers," said Paul Taylor, ICBC's president and CEO.

The new Driver Risk Premium will apply to offences that occur on or after January 1, 2008. Beginning in January 2009, drivers who have motor vehicle convictions, roadside suspensions, and/or a Criminal Code driving-related conviction will pay a Driver Risk Premium. Bad drivers have to pay the additional annual premium for up to three years.

High-risk drivers — those who engage in activities like excessive speed, drinking and driving, running red lights and other forms of dangerous driving — have a crash rate of more than twice that of other B.C. drivers.

Approximately 120,000

drivers — about five per cent of the province's licensed drivers — will soon receive warning letters from ICBC. The letters are being sent to drivers whose past driving experience would result in an additional Driver Risk Premium if their bad driving habits continue into the future.

The Driver Risk Premium is tied to the driver's licence and will have to be paid regardless of whether the driver owns or insures a vehicle. The additional premium will be paid on top of the yearly cost of auto insurance, with those with Criminal Code convictions paying the most.

"The Driver Risk Premium targets those drivers who are most likely to get into crashes which have a direct impact on claims costs," said Taylor. "The new premium holds drivers more accountable for their actions on our roads and the revenue generated will be used to offset premiums for good drivers."

Drivers who receive a Criminal Code conviction, like impaired driving or dangerous driving, will be the hardest hit with an annual Driver Risk Premium of \$905, adding up to \$2,715 over three years. Drivers with multiple convictions will pay even more.

The new program will also

identify and penalize those drivers who show a history of high-risk driving habits. An example of this would be a driver who receives three speeding tickets over a three-year period. That driver would have to pay an additional premium of \$350 annually.

**The new program will also identify and penalize those drivers who show a history of high-risk driving habits.**

The Driver Risk Premium will be phased in over three years so that eventually the annual scan will include three full years of a driving record. The Driver Penalty Point program will be phased out over the same three-year period and replaced with the Driver Risk Premium. The two programs will run parallel during that time and drivers with penalty points will pay the higher of the two premiums.

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### GREEN TRANSPORT

## Province gives green light to zero emissions vehicles

Slow but pollution-free cars hit the road

B.C. has become the first province in Canada to enable the use of zero emission electric vehicles on public roads.

"This government's goal is to reduce B.C.'s greenhouse gas emissions by at least 33 per cent below current levels by 2020," said Transportation Minister Kevin Falcon on November 29.

"This is an aggressive target that sets a new standard in transportation, and we are proud to deliver creative solutions to work towards reaching our goal."

Zero emission electric vehicles can range in appearance from a small-sized car to a small mini-van, notes a Ministry of Transportation press release.

Because these vehicles cannot travel as fast as gasoline-engine vehicles, a proposed change to Motor Vehicle Act Regulations is required to allow the vehicles to travel without flashing lights and warning signage on certain roads with a maximum posted speed of 50 km/h where appropriate and safe.

"The ministry will work

with municipal partners and industry stakeholders to explore opportunities to pilot the use of zero emission electric vehicles in areas they are well suited for, such as parks, ferry terminals, university campuses, airport terminals and resort communities," states MOT.

"British Columbia is a leader when it comes to promoting clean transportation alternatives," said Falcon.

"We already have a variety of projects underway, such as green taxis, hydrogen fuel cell buses, expanded transit service, and cycling infrastructure development.

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The regulatory change is scheduled to come into effect early in the new year.

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Black has written 12 other books, including the national bestseller *Black Gold: Nuggets from a Lifetime of Laughs*. He was the host of CBC Radio's Basic Black program from 1983 until 2002, as well as *Weird Homes and Weird Wheels* on the Life Network.

Black also writes a syndicated column that appears

in various newspapers and magazines across the country (including the Driftwood's Weekender).

The book signing presented by Salt Spring Books begins at 10 a.m.

On Sunday, December 16, Pender Island author David A.E. Spalding and photographer Kevin Oke will be on hand at Miners Books on Mayne Island, signing copies of their beautiful book *Enchanted Isles*.

"*Enchanted Isles* offers an insider's perspective on the unique beauty and charm of the southern Gulf Islands that run along the coast between Victoria and Nanaimo," describes press material. "This gorgeous coffee-table book is sure to be a hit with island dwellers and tourists alike."

Both Spalding and Oke are long-time residents of the Gulf Islands and can offer the valuable knowledge available only to true islanders.

Including gorgeous colour photography, *Enchanted Isles* details how the islands served as a favourite hide-away for some of B.C.'s most distinguished eccentrics, showcases local wildlife, captures local character and history and offers insider tips for visitors.

"It is a spectacular book that shows why the Gulf Islands rank with Whistler and the Pacific Rim as one of the most popular tourist destinations in B.C."

The Mayne reading begins at 1 p.m.

For more information on the authors and the books, see [www.harbourpublishing.com](http://www.harbourpublishing.com).

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**CHRISTMAS CRAFT:** Nyanza Hroch concentrates on her work as she makes candles at last Saturday's annual Winterfest event, hosted by Salt Spring Centre School.

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**COMMUNITY SERVICES**

## Hamper volunteers search for turkeys

Donations still being accepted

**BY SEAN MCINTYRE**  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Christmas hamper volunteers have issued an urgent call for turkeys and chickens as their December 15 deadline draws closer.

"We would like to see a final push," said Melanie Morris, coordinator of the Salt Spring Community Services Christmas hamper program. "Everything else is looking good."

A strong volunteer turnout and lower-than-usual demand for food baskets means volunteers will have little trouble meeting the need once funds to purchase the birds are raised.

Part of the problem, Morris explained, is that people want to give as much as they can to as many different groups.

"You have to divide the pie and some-

times it gets pretty slim," she said.

The Christmas hamper campaign aims to provide each recipient with enough food for at least three nutritious meals over the holiday season. Vegetarians and pet owners can even be accommodated.

Morris has seen demand for the baskets rise steadily over the seven years she's been involved in the program. It's a trend that could be different this year. Although final figures are not in hand, so far fewer families have so far registered for hampers.

"People are finding work or the cost of living on the island is driving people away," she said.

Morris encourages more senior citizens to step forward and request help.

"There are a lot of shut-ins out there," she said.

She suggests family members, friends and caregivers apply for hampers on behalf of those reluctant to ask for help. Deliveries will be made

on December 16 with pick-ups also possible at the Community Services Centre on December 18.

**"You have to divide the pie**

**and sometimes it gets**

**pretty slim."**

MELANIE MORRIS  
*Community Services*

Donations of food or funds can be made at the Salt Spring Community Services building at 268 Fulford-Ganges Road or by calling 537-9971. Tax receipts are available.

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**ONE YEAR LATER:** From left, Cindy Clark, Randie Clark, Karin Beviere and Rasma Bertz celebrate the one-year anniversary of Arbutus Therapy Centre with an open house Friday evening.

### CHRISTMAS EVENTS

## Love, hope at Blue Christmas

United Church hosts annual service Thursday

BY PAT BARCLAY  
SPECIAL TO THE DRIFTWOOD

Those who are feeling blue at the very thought of Christmas this year will know something of what Elvis Presley meant when he sang:  
"And when those blue snowflakes start falling

That's when those blue memories start calling  
You'll be doin' all right, with your Christmas of white

But I'll have a blue, blue blue Christmas."  
(By B.Hayes, J.Johnson ©1948)

There can be so many reasons why we might feel blue at Christmas, from ill health or unemployment, to the loss of a loved one or a loneliness that goes unacknowledged until we find it surfacing at Christmas, the traditional season of happiness and celebration. Nobody wants to be a grinch, but there does come a time for being honest about our feelings!

With blue Salt Springers in mind, the United Church in Ganges extends an open invitation to attend its annual Blue Christmas Service on Thursday, December 13, at 2 p.m. This will be a relatively

brief service, lasting only 30 to 40 minutes, but the ambience of the decorated church, the carefully-chosen music and the healing symbolism involved in the casting off of stones and the lighting of candles will offer lasting meaning to troubled hearts.

Also on offer are special refreshments after the service, for a time of fellowship and sharing. So "come and find a quiet centre" at the United Church in Ganges on the afternoon of December 13.

People may bring a friend as their support, or invite someone to join them for the Blue Christmas Service if they know that the merry-making season is not on the agenda for them this year. By doing so they'll be helping to make the true message of love and hope at Christmas a living reality for all involved.

### SCHOOL EVENTS

## Recycled gift fair set for Fernwood

Shopping extravaganza in the works

This holiday season Fernwood School has chosen to celebrate the idea of sharing by reducing, reusing and recycling.

In order to provide a shopping extravaganza on Monday, December 17, each child is asked to contribute one item for every member of his or her family, plus two extra items.

This will create lots of gifts to choose from and ensure that every child will be able to participate.

On shopping day the children will have the opportunity to choose a new recycled "gift" for each member of their family.

"These donations can be gently used toys, books, games, puzzles and other suitable gifts for moms and dads," describes press material.

The school asks that the items be brought to school as soon as possible so they can be sorted for the shopping day.

The shopping extravaganza will also include a wrapping station. If each child brings enough newspaper to wrap the items they have donated, there will be enough to decorate and wrap all of the gifts on shopping day.

"Any extras such as ribbon or wool that can be used for decorating the wrap would be great."



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# PEOPLE AND COMMUNITY

## CELEBRATIONS

# Tenth year marked

Transitions anniversary brings out the cake

Transitions Thrift Store is marking 10 years in business in Ganges this week, and invites all islanders to drop by to feel the group's appreciation on Friday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Cake and coffee will be served at 1 p.m., and Barbara Slater and friends will perform at 2.

According to store manager Roberta Temmel, the past year has been a stellar one for Transitions. Several new volunteers joined the team, and more funds than ever were raised to support the island's transition house and Island Women Against Violence (IWAV) programs.

"We have a lot of volunteers from Choices and a lot of young people from the middle and high school, and people from the retired population," she said.

She also points out that the store has been open seven days a week since the spring.

Transitions' neighbour Salt Spring Coffee Co. is once again lending its support to anniversary celebrations. From December 10-14, the cafe is collecting donations of new, unwrapped toys to give to all children who stay in the transition house this month, and donating 20 per cent of the proceeds from latté sales to IWAV.

In addition to running the island's transition house for women and children, IWAV operates counselling programs such as two initiated by provincial government funds in 2005 called Stopping the Violence and Children Who Witness Abuse, and an outreach worker for the southern Gulf Islands.



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**TAKING ACTION:** Dorothy Cutting sells fundraising bumper stickers at International Climate Change Action Day, a music-based activism event at ArtSpring on Saturday.

## YULETIDE

# Pagan society debunks Viking myths with annual Yuletide celebration

Islanders reconnect with European ancestry

When the image of a Viking comes to mind, some people visualize the comic strip character Hagar the Horrible wearing his horned helmet.

However, an annual Nordic Yuletide celebration organized by a Salt Spring heathen society breaks the stereotype and brings the true culture of ancient northern Europeans into the spotlight.

"There has been a lot of misinformation that the tribes from the north were brutes until the Christians came along," said Dan Miller, founder of the Freehold Society.

Instead, he said, the tribes of Northern Europe developed into a highly advanced civilization that excelled in many areas, including astronomy, navigation and wood working.

He said the Nordic tribes also had a strong connec-



Dan Miller

tion to nature, family and community.

"The purpose of folk-religion is not to spread some kind of ideology," said Miller, "but rather to aid the health and wholeness of families and local communities."

The Yuletide celebration on Salt Spring does just that by bringing the community together.

This year's December 22 event includes music, storytelling and a ceremonial potluck feast. As well, Father Yule will attend bearing gifts.

Miller started the Free-

hold Society in 2002 to help reconnect people of European ancestry to their ancient culture.

During a vision quest with a First Nations spiritual guide in the United States, the Nordic gods told Miller Europeans had lost their connection to the earth and they asked him to help the people reconnect to their ancestry.

"I've been working on it for 20 years now," he said.

The Freehold Society currently has 50 to 60 members and holds three main events throughout the year.

Miller said one reason the society is successful in bringing the Nordic traditions out into the open is the positive response from Salt Spring residents.

"The response has been tremendously supportive."

The annual Nordic Yuletide celebration is in its sixth year and takes place at Beaver Point Hall next Saturday from 5 p.m. to midnight.

For more information, contact Miller at speaker@bc-freehold.org.

# Spirit of Salt Spring



From left, Pat Spencer, Melanie Morris, Dori Somerset, Ken Barnes and Judy Grundy were on hand as the Salt Spring Lions Club donated \$1,200 to the Community Services food bank on Friday.

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### 6 DEATHS



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### 6 DEATHS

**STAMHUIS, Harry** of Salt Spring Island, B.C. passed away suddenly on December 6, 2007 at Yuma Regional Medical Centre in Arizona.

Harry will be returning to Salt Spring Island for his final resting place. Funeral will be held at Ganges Community Cemetery on Saturday, December 15 at 1 p.m.



### DUNBABIN, VERYL JEANNE

Passed away peacefully in Lomita, California on November 23, 2007 at the age of 85. Jeanne called her home on Salt Spring 'paradise' for over 45 years.

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Jeanne will be remembered for her wonderful sense of humour and her loving spirit. She touched so many lives. She will be missed by her family and friends in California, Oregon and Michigan and her many friends who called her family here on Salt Spring Island.

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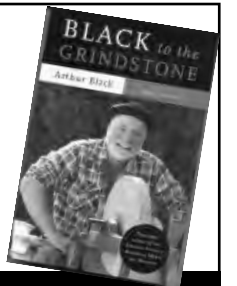
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Inquires: call Michele @ 537-9501

### GIFT-A-LIGHT

Make a donation to support our Community Hospital when you go through the cashier at the GVM! Every donation made to the Lady Minto Hospital Foundation lights up the Christmas Tree and Supports Excellent patient care on Salt Spring Island! Join us on December 22<sup>nd</sup> for the Tree Lighting with Hot Chocolate & Carols at 4:30 pm!

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## 20 COMING EVENTS

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A Community Christmas Celebration & Living Nativity Dec. 23 at 6:30 pm  
Christmas Eve Candle Light Service Dec. 24 at 7:00 pm  
147 Vesuvius Bay Rd. For more info call 537-2622

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## 20 COMING EVENTS

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Creditors and others having claims against the Estate of Albert Lantinga, Deceased, are hereby notified under section 38 of the Trustee Act that particulars of their claims should be sent to the Executors at Henley & Walden, #201-2377 Bevan Avenue, Sidney, British Columbia, V8L 4M9, on or before January 24, 2008, after which date the Executors will distribute the said Estate among the parties entitled thereto, having regard to the claims of which the Executors then have notice.  
William George Thompson Ross and CIBC Trust Corporation, Executors  
By their solicitors: HENLEY & WALDEN, Barristers and Solicitors 201 - 2377 Bevan Avenue, Sidney, British Columbia V8L 4M9

**26 LEGALS**

**29 LOST AND FOUND**  
FOUND CELL phone on Tripp Rd. Claim at the Driftwood.

**32 MEETINGS**

**FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT MEETING**  
7:30 pm at Fire Hall #1  
Dec. 17, 2007  
PUBLIC WELCOME

**34 NOTICES**  
IF YOUR Driftwood subscription label has the date highlighted, now is the time to renew!  
MOUAT'S KITCHEN Centre now carries a fine selection of homemade preserves from Angel Cottage Studio (Julie's Pantry).  
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**BARCLAY CONTRACTING**  
To my valued customers. Due to unforeseen circumstances Barclay Contracting will be unavailable for services until January 1, 2008. I apologize for any inconvenience and thank you for your patience. Colter Barclay.  
**EMAIL DOWN AT DRIFTWOOD**  
Due a problem with our email server in Vancouver. Emails sent on the weekend of December 8-9, as well as Mon./Tues., December 10-11 have not been received. Please contact the office so we can accommodate you as best as possible. We can offer an ad in the Weekender at half price for those of you whose ads were missed. Sorry for any inconvenience. Kim, Eva & Claudia at the Driftwood, 537-9933.

## 34 NOTICES

INTERESTED IN starting a doula collective? Call Emily 537-2797.

**NOTICE**  
Salt Spring Garbage Transfer Station at 360 Blackburn Rd. will be increasing the drop off rate to \$3.00 PER BAG (CAN) effective Jan. 1, 2008 537-2167

**40 PERSONALS**  
DENIED CANADA PENSION Plan Disability Benefits? The Disability Claims Advocacy Clinic can help. Call Allison Schmidt at 1-877-793-3222. www.saskadvocate.com.

## EMPLOYMENT

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School District #64 (Gulf Islands)  
Applications are invited for Substitute Bus Drivers for Salt Spring Island.  
Please refer to School District #64 website at www.sd64.bc.ca/postings/postings.html for further information on job duties, qualifications and the application process.

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**PRODUCTION ASSISTANCE**  
Part-time Mac based graphic designer required for busy deadline driven production department. Must have experience in InDesign and Photoshop, good English skills, attention to detail and work well under pressure.  
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**CAREER OPPORTUNITY**  
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• Strong PC Experience with Microsoft Word, Excel and Maximizer experience would be an asset.  
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• Excellent organizational, interpersonal and communication skills.  
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CHOCOLATE BROWN sofa, like new, \$150. Brown rocker recliner chair \$25. Buffet \$25. 537-9360.

### 340 GARAGE SALES

LIONS GARAGE Sale: Fridays & Saturdays only 10 am - 12 pm. Many household items. Note: We no longer offer pickups. We do not accept appliances. Drop-offs accepted only on Fri. & Sat. morning. Please, no garbage!! 103 Bonnet Ave.

DEC. 15 & 16, 9:30am - 1pm. 262 Roland Rd. Double bed, canoe, carpentry bench, dehumidifier, hand tools, carpet shampooer, vacuum and more.

MULTI FAMILY, most items \$1, toys, clothes, furniture. 270 Salt Spring Way. 10am - 2pm, Saturday Dec. 15.

### 350 MISC. FOR SALE

#### ARTS & CRAFTS

Local wool knitting yarns, roving and wool products including fleece for felting projects. Contact John at 537-4895. www.saltspring.com/bull-ocklakelafarm.

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HOT TUB for sale. Softlux brand, round, light weight, very good condition, 110V, easy to lift on high decks, etc., 6 mos. warranty and free delivery \$1500 obo. 538-8244.

WOOL CARPET, 18' x 11' East India hand woven; off-white with blue border and centre pattern. Clean condition; needs minor repair. \$1000. 537-5858.

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SHOP TIL you drop at www.the-brooke.org and find alternative gifts for those people who have enough and may not want more. The Brooke helps working donkeys and horses in the world's poorest communities through education and aid. Give a gift of "Mother & Foal Post Natal Care" or "A day's Clinic at the Pakistan Brick Kiln." More info: Sara 538-6288. Give locally & globally.

### 379 FREE/RECYCLABLES

THIS COLUMN is designed for free recyclable items only (no animals). There is no charge to place items in this column. Ads can be submitted in person at the Driftwood office (328 Lower Ganges Road) by normal deadline (Monday 4 pm) or by phone 537-9933, fax 537-2613 or e-mail driftwood@gulfislands.net. LOTS OF bubble pack, newsprint, etc for recycling at Salt Spring Books. 537-2812.

VIKING WHITE stove, range, great condition. You pick up. Kelly 537-9321

### 379 FREE/RECYCLABLES

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#### 490 WEBSITES

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### RENTALS

#### 500 APT/SUITES FOR RENT

ONE BEDROOM suite on Cushoon Lake, NS, NP, W/D. Long term renter wanted, references req'd. \$750/month. plus utilities. 653-4868.

NEWLY RENOVATED/bright 2 bdrm suite in town. Shared W/D. Fireplace and yard. Please call 537-6690.

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#### 510 COMMERCIAL SPACE

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2 BED HOUSE, Channel Ridge, 5 new appliances, hardwood flrs, sunny deck, view, long term. Jan 1. NS, NP. \$1350. 537-4746.

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CUTE, SMALL one bdrm unit with lovely lake view in quiet renovated 4 plex. Avail. Jan. 1, long term, non smoking, cat OK, \$525 plus hydro. 537-2294.

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#### 540 WANTED/RENTALS

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## This Week's Horoscope by Michael O'Connor

### Aries (Mar 21 – Apr 20)

Seeing a bigger picture continues. Whether by adventure travel, philosophical enquiry or new cultural awareness or some other form of higher education you are in an expansive and deepening mode. With so many subtle yet powerful energies activating us all, there is much to consider. Letting go of certain habitual self-concepts and lifestyle routines is featured. Meanwhile, romance, intimacy and/or passionate feelings are evident. Larger personal and perhaps social needs are nudging and will begin to push within a couple of months. Reach out for support from others as necessary yet do not lean on them. Travel light travel free!

### Taurus (Apr 20 – May 21)

Integrations, disintegrations, consolidations and eliminations are examples of some contrasting themes in your world now. You want to clear away what you no longer desire to make room for what you do. Admirers, supporters and angels, some perhaps with horns, are coming your way to assist. Are you open to receive? Aside from a committed and steady pace, you may need to take alternate routes to find your treasure. Call upon all your intuitive feelings to make some good choices, especially regarding intimate relationships. Overcoming annoying echoes from the past is a challenge to gain a new perspective; acknowledge habitual perceptions and beliefs and see yourself and others from new angles.

### Gemini (May 21 – Jun 21)

You have been called out to explore a broader horizon. Many external forces signalling endings, new beginnings and changes are at play. As these are the natural course of things, there is no need to react, simply respond. Opportunities to awaken to a higher vision are featured. Be careful of thoughts and feelings that produce inner antagonisms that say "I could and should have done...". This could lead to feelings of jealousy and anger. Your energies may not be as high as you would like but this is probably only a phase. Trust in the cycles and acknowledge that the point of power is ever in the moment. Embrace your teachers and lessons.

### Cancer (Jun 22 – Jul 22)

Refinements and improvements aimed to elevate you to new levels is the call now. This includes learning and un-learning. Chapters end and new ones begin offering us fresh opportunities yet we must do our part to meet them with full presence, willingness and flexibility. Our beliefs and perceptions, the glue of our self-concepts and habitual actions is where we must

make adjustments. There is always another way of seeing, being and doing, and often the shifts need only be subtle. How can you gain new perspectives, what else can you learn, are there new people and/or places for you to explore? Get centered within and flexible without to contemplate upon these and other such questions and awaken to the possibilities.

### Leo (Jul 23 – Aug 23)

A creative and expansive time continues to build to a crest like a wave washing in to shore. The time is right to initiate creative pursuits and directions. This will require vision and risk and possibly investment as well. You have probably experienced some rather deep changes in the past year or two and now it is time to entertain new angles and relationships. For true success be willing to see yourself more clearly, blind spots and all. Avoid leaning, too much at least, on your family and friends as they will not be able or willing or available to assist if you do. Exercise some discipline to assume a slow but sure approach. Above all, generate enthusiasm with a playful approach.

### Virgo (Aug 24 – Sep 22)

Are you nestling in deep or discovering that home is wherever you are? Questions about where home is and what it means are lingering. This feeling process can also overlap into who you are with. Rather than simply hope, wish and expect, what can you bring to the situation? You may feel the need to be met so the question is: are you making the effort to meet? Everyone experiences reality as though they are the center of it and they are and are not at the same time. If you are unsure of how others are experiencing your input, just ask. Meanwhile, dreaming dreams that you can bring into reality via co-creative and cooperative efforts requires a cozy and secure state and/or place where you can feel at home.

### Libra (Sep 23 – Oct 22)

Exploring new horizons continues. Experiential and experimental thoughts, moves and actions feature prominently. Taking leaps of faith can be good yet be careful not to take on too much and spread your self too thin. At deeper levels, acknowledging fears is a wise first step to dissolving them. Rather than ask "if" you have fears get real and determine exactly what they are. Usually fear stems from difficult past experiences. Forgiveness for past transgressions combined with bringing your focus to and gratitude for the moment would prove to be reliable allies in this process. Being happy begins with accepting things as they are and not imposing should or should have... etcetera. Open fully to what is, now.

### Scorpio (Oct 23 – Nov 21)

Expanding and consolidating your foundation is keeping you busy now. Getting clear about what you want and need and knowing the difference between the two can be very helpful. Often it is our mere wants that enslave us. Desire has its place in life yet can prove all consuming or addictive. On the other hand, desires to build a firm foundation may imply creating a secure home, for example. Such a goal can amount to being a genuine need and it requires effort and focus. The same may be said about preparing for a deep and solid personal relationship or skills towards building a meaningful career. Entertain some inspiring possibilities and take note of the probable choices and actions required for success.

### Sagittarius (Nov 22 – Dec 21)

Exploring new creative directions continues. This suggests the need for initiative. You may notice that your focus in the here and now is extra sharp yet gets blurry and confused as soon as you bring in the past. If so, avoid reflecting upon the past and focus upon what is and could be. For the sake of love and not merely for desire the time has come to take some calculated risks. Fear of failure or apathy and just having a negative, ungrateful attitude are the demons that must be overcome. To increase your share you will have to increase your efforts. This begins with clear focus backed by inspiring visions. Your contributions are needed and desired so make them known and available.

### Capricorn (Dec 22 – Jan 19)

Doing work behind the scenes is engaging your energies. Whether it is inner work, administrative responsibility, educational focus or creative design and planning, you may feel the urge to be out of the spotlight. Dreams and imaginings about what is possible are part of the plot. Trust your

feelings, intuitions and visions enough to pursue them long enough to verify their validity. Your next task will include opening your mind and imagination to perspectives and angles of approach. This will largely take place in 2008 yet now is the time to get mentally and emotionally and generally ready and prepared for more deliberate action. To the drawing board!

### Aquarius (Jan 20 – Feb 19)

Exploring and weighing the prospects for a whole new mode of freedom is in the spotlight. Disciplined effort is ever necessary to achieve lasting freedom. This implies both outer focus and inner work as well. The inner work includes eliminating habitual perspectives and actions that you equate to creating a sense of security. Often people convince themselves that they have no choice... What this often illustrates is bondage to habitual thoughts and actions based on a familiar yet limited train of logic. Mistaking logical conclusions for hard cold facts indicates a frozen imagination and a cynical attitude. Life is negotiable for those determined to negotiate both inwardly with their destiny and outwardly with reality.

### Pisces (Feb 20 – Mar 20)

Expanding the scope of your career and public presence and/or social status is in focus. Opportunities to increase your power potential, income and/or scope of influence are now present. Your part of the deal is to tune-in and take the necessary actions. This includes a commitment and willingness to learn as necessary and to unlearn or break free of habitual attitudes and actions. How can you do this? Ask yourself this question and act upon the answers you receive to initiate a new momentum. Increasing your overall scope of power is immanent yet you will have to do your part by opening your mind to the possibilities and following through with disciplined and creative action.

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### Superbad should be future fixture in comedy

Following on the heels of producer Judd Apatow's smash successes *The 40 Year Old Virgin* and *Knocked Up* comes *Superbad*, a raunchy and funny look at one crazy day in the lives of three dorky high school horndogs.

Seth (Jonah Hill) and Evan (Michael Sera) have designs on Jules (Emma Stone) and Becca (Martha MacIsaac), two of the hottest girls at their school. There's a big party tonight, and Seth promises Jules that he'll bring the alcohol.

Seth and Evan convince their even dorkier friend Fogell (Christopher Mintz-Plasse) to use his new fake I.D. to get the booze. You can guess what happens next... all sorts of mishaps including two terrible cops, a botched robbery, drugged up tough guys, and a stain of menstrual blood.

There's no question that

*Superbad* is chock full of laughs ranging all the way from obnoxiously irreverent to sweetly sappy. I laughed through the whole way through, even through parts that at times felt stretched past their natural screen lives.

The team of Hill and Sera (the former an Apatow veteran and the latter from TV's *Arrested Development*) are great together, not trading rapid-fire barbs almost at will in a way that can only come from talented actors working in a loose, improv style but managing to evoke the sense that these two guys are genuine friends.

But where *Superbad* fails to achieve the status of a more "complete" film as opposed to being simply a line of jokes is its lack of heart.

While the story has Seth and Evan's friendship threatened by the impending separation

of college life, *Superbad* doesn't really bring to bear anything resembling genuine conflict between them until the last twenty minutes. And by then I'd already become more than a little annoyed with Seth's overly crude (and downright rude) mouth and Evan's wussiness.

That a film that was written by two guys starting when they were 13 would have little emotional depth is not a surprise. Ribald humour on its own does not a great film make... American Pie paved the way for this kind of thing almost 10 years ago, so I'd hoped that eventually there would be some evolution by this point.

*Superbad* is a good movie that will make you laugh, and it will certainly be a fixture of our culture for years to come. But it's not that "next step" in the teen sex comedy I was hoping for.

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# Mayors' global warming action heartening, but federal government's not

Do you remember the old axiom "think globally, act locally"? These words are truer today than ever before, especially when applied to Canada's battle against climate change. To see real action on climate change in Canada and the U.S., it is best to look at what is taking place at the municipal and provincial levels in both countries.

I was recently in Seattle with former U.S. Vice-President Al Gore, as part of a U.S. mayors' conference. More than 700 mayors attended the gathering, and together they represent over one-third of that country's population. What makes this so special? More than 700 mayors have signed an agreement aiming to meet or beat the Kyoto targets of 2012.

Those mayors want to reduce their cities' greenhouse gas emissions by 80 per cent by 2050, but say they cannot do it alone. Although mayors from both countries need help from their federal governments, they are already joining forces to take action.

The Midwest Global Warming Pact, for example, includes nine midwestern states — including big polluters like Illinois and Michigan — and Manitoba. They join two other groups of states and provinces that are already working together on this cross-border issue.

Conferences such as this one are inspiring to attend. Seeing so many leaders get together to think about ways to reduce greenhouse gas emissions almost reminds me of those old movies I saw as a child, when the heroes would band together to defeat the villain. But as inspiring as this mayors' conferences was, other conferences are less so.

Take last month's Commonwealth summit in Kampala, Uganda, for example, where the prime minister called Kyoto a "mistake"



David Suzuki

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because it only includes targets for wealthy industrialized countries. This was not only an attack on the Protocol but on the Climate Convention itself, which is the cornerstone of the U.N.'s multilateral efforts to prevent global warming.

This past September at the APEC meetings in Sydney, leaders of U.S., Australia and Canada, who had long questioned the reality of human-induced climate change, announced a new path to meet the challenge of global warming. Their three solutions? Aspirational targets, technology and reduced energy intensity.

Previous Canadian governments sought to achieve reductions by "voluntary compliance," which differs little from "aspirational targets." Basically, this approach requires the government to politely ask corporations to begin reducing emissions for the greater good. It doesn't work.

The second option is also great for leaders who want to delay action: tell citizens not to worry because we'll find some marvelous new invention that will allow us to continue with business as usual. Unfortunately, most forms of technology take years to mature and usually create other unforeseen problems.

The final idea centres on "intensity," the total energy used per amount of production or widget manufactured. Reducing intensity means using less energy per unit. But if intensity is reduced while the amount of production continues to climb, total emissions will increase.

None of these ideas are

serious attempts to reduce emissions.

And it looks bad on the world's stage that Canada is seriously considering these approaches. As the only nation to have legally agreed a Kyoto target and then reneged on it, Canada enters the upcoming U.N. Climate Change Conference negotiations in Bali with severely weakened credibility.

Canada will also arrive in Bali with an emission-reduction plan that four independent analyses have found will not even meet the government's targets that it has substituted for Kyoto's goals. Canada remains one of the few holdouts in the industrialized world to avoid a serious commitment on climate change. Any effort to persuade other major emitters to take on new commitments will surely be hampered by the government's rejection of its own existing obligations.

Canada's lack of real effort to reduce its own emissions means it is ill-suited to lecture developing countries on their responsibilities — especially countries with a tiny fraction of the wealth and emissions per person that this country possesses. With help from wealthy countries, developing nations can do more to shift to a low-emission energy path. But coming from Canada, with its current record, this message smacks of hypocrisy and will only harden resistance.

The Bali conference provides an unparalleled opportunity for the Canadian government to bring its climate policies in line with its rhetoric. Perhaps it's time for the government to take some lessons from its little brothers in the city halls and provincial legislatures.

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# PEOPLE AND COMMUNITY



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**LIGHTING THE DARKNESS:** Taryn Muldoon sets down her candle during the Salt Spring Centre School's annual Advent ceremony last Tuesday night.

## IN MEMORIAM

# Literary community remembers Jane Rule as friend, benefactor

Well-known writer dies at age 76

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN  
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Canadians were saddened to hear of the passing of Jane Rule on November 27. Rule, a resident of Galiano Island for over 30 years, was known to the world at large as a writer, a gay and lesbian rights activist and a champion of Canadian literature. But for those who knew her, it was her warm character as a friend and neighbour that they remember and will miss the most.

Rule's contributions to the world occurred both in her personal interactions and in society overall. As Sandra Martin writes in an on-line obituary for the *Globe and Mail*, "During her lifetime, she was part of two huge social and cultural revolutions: the decriminalization

of homosexuality and the international ascendancy of Canadian literature."

Rule's openness about her relationship with Helen Sontoff, her partner of 45 years, and the lesbian themes in her novels made her Canada's first public lesbian. She actively supported gay and lesbian causes throughout her life and was a vigorous proponent of free speech.

Local members of the literary community remember Rule with great fondness, noting again and again her openness to everyone she encountered. Salt Spring poet Brian Brett's remembrance, sent via email, illustrates that important aspect of Rule's character:

"What should be remembered most about Jane," writes Brett, "is her huge generosity (which can be an unusual phenomena in writers). She was generous

to her characters in her stories, generous to the literary world, generous to the gay and lesbian movement, and along with Helen, her great companion, generous to the children of her island.

"She always reminded me of a Greek goddess — she had that kind of face — imperial, with a slightly wicked smile, sitting there alongside Helen (whose wit was vast and biting) with her tumbler of scotch, gazing upon the glories and follies of the human condition."

As with her romantic partner, Rule's relationships often go back many years. Such was her friendship with Beth Appledorn and Susan Sandler, owners of Toronto's famed Longhouse Books for 20 years before moving to Salt Spring. They knew Rule in the 1960s, continuing a close friendship with Rule and Sontoff through the years.

One of the couple's best memories of their many years in the book business involves Rule.

Appledorn explained that while they were in the process of handing the business over to new owners, Rule and Sontoff came to town and the four planned to have lunch. Since the Longhouse staff also adored Rule, Sandler and Appledorn decided to take them along.

The half-hour lunch break turned into a four-hour lunch, and a crowning moment in the store's history.

"She was a fabulous speaker, so you could listen to her for hours," Appledorn said.

"She liked to sit in her chair, and sort of hold court. She always had interesting conversations — no chit chat, always something to think about. So we both loved her very, very much."

Mona Fertig also first met Rule many years ago, when Fertig set up Canada's first literary storefront in Vancouver in 1978.

Rule occasionally gave workshops such as autobiographical writing, but was always a "fabulous supporter" of the project.

"I'm sure she'll be well remembered for all her work. She was quite an activist; she was a pioneer, that's what she was."

Lee Trentadue, owner of Galiano Books, recalls meeting Rule when she first started the business 10 years ago.

"Jane was one of the first on the island to show us welcome and give us support. She was always bringing friends, guests and writers to the store."

Margaret Atwood has acknowledged Rule's help when she arrived in Vancouver in 1964; years later, Rule helped Trentadue by bringing Atwood to Galiano on two different occasions for book store events.

"We filled the South Galiano Hall with people hanging out of the windows and all the young people right up front. I think we were quite the envy of other booksellers."

It was not just writers and booksellers who benefitted from Rule's help.

As Trentadue says, Rule made sure her entire community was taken care of, whether that meant opening up her pool to the island's children for swimming lessons or personally providing mortgages.

A memorial celebration of Rule's life took place December 9, with a national toast in her honour scheduled. But both Appledorn and Fertig believe there should be stronger efforts to keep Rule's memory alive, such as keeping her books in print and in stores.

"I think it's important that these writers that pass are still in bookstores," said Fertig.

"Their books should be available or no one will find them again."



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