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TRAGEDY

Islander critically injured in Vietnam

Donation fund set up to help family

BY CHRIS STEPHENSON
AND GAIL SJUBERG
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

A 20-year-old Salt Spring resident is lying in a Singapore hospital bed after critically injuring his neck in a freak body-surfing incident off the coast of Vietnam in early December.

But his family says he should be back in Vancouver any day now to receive further treatment.

Kaspar Shouldice had just finished volunteering for the Vietnam Friendship Village, a project aimed at helping children and veterans suffering from Agent Orange-related illnesses, when the accident occurred.

"Kaspar broke his neck in four places, leaving him a quadriplegic, and would have drowned if it weren't for his two friends, Daniel Klein and Thomas Dodsworth, who saved his life," said Kaspar's mother Jill Hefner via e-mail.

The friends pulled a face-down and unconscious Kaspar out of the ocean, and administered first aid to revive him. Kaspar was taken to a local hospital and then flown to Singapore the next day, she said.

Both of Kaspar's parents arrived shortly after the accident. Kaspar's father Rod Shouldice is a practical nurse at Lady Minto Hospital.

On a Facebook group dedicated to Kaspar, Rod said his son had a successful surgery and has started physiotherapy.

"He is doing great!" said Rod on the site.

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SERENE SCENE: The sun shone on Salt Spring during the holiday week as seen, at left, in this pretty Ganges Harbour photograph.

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NEWSBEAT

VOLUNTEERISM

Salt Spring resident set to sail

Overseas mission a "way to give back"

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Salt Spring's Sharon Crouse has earned a nursing degree, worked as a seaman aboard B.C. Ferries, and started her own business, yet nothing prepared her for the excitement leading up to her next great adventure.

On January 15, Crouse will travel to the small port town of Kiel, Germany where she will join other volunteers from around the globe to help retrofit the Logos Hope passenger vessel.

Crouse will spend up to eight hours a day, six days a week for three months helping to give the tired-looking European passenger ferry a new lease on life.

"There is a mountain of work to be completed — painting, cleaning, outfitting various meeting rooms, conference rooms and cabins," Crouse said. "This is an exciting challenge for me at this time in my life."

When volunteers com-



Sharon Crouse

plete their work in the spring, the Logos Hope will have become the third ship in Operation Mobilization's fleet. Each ship, similar in size and design to B.C. Ferries' Spirit Class vessels, is tasked to sail between continents delivering books,

religious literature, creative arts and relief supplies to the inhabitants of developing nations.

"In every situation, Operation Mobilization teams adapt to the local culture and situation," Crouse added.

The ship will include classrooms, a library, dining facilities, theatres, accommodation for up to 500 people and conference rooms.

The ship's crew includes teachers, medical personnel, engineers and mechanics.

Local residents will be able to visit the ship and access materials when the ship is docked at various ports of call.

Crouse's trip is sponsored in part by the Salt Spring Island Baptist Church and also funded by her own savings. Operation Mobilization, she said, is a non-denominational religious group seeking to demonstrate and proclaim the love of God.

Crouse was inspired to join the project by the stories of Dave Kempling, a fel-

low parishioner who helped rebuild the ship's engine in a Croatian dry-dock last year.

"In every situation, teams adapt to the local culture and situation."

SHARON CROUSE
Operation Mobilization volunteer

While Crouse would love to join the group when the vessel sets sail later this year, she said that may have to wait until another time. A desire for change, wanting to make a difference and a love of travel finally convinced Crouse she had to take the plunge.

"This is one way to give back to the world," she said. "It's a way of giving thanks."

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Injured man said to be "doing great"

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"He even sat up today with help, and that was absolutely amazing!"

Kaspar added: "Although we are through the initial phase of the process, the real hard work to recovery is about to begin. It is especially at this point that I need everyone's prayers and continued support over the next several months until I am back on my feet... Over these next few months, I am hoping that I will be in a position to see as many of you as possible, as I may face some difficult times ahead. I'm looking forward to seeing friends,

and I hope you will come in and visit me."

His mother Jill said he will first go to the spinal unit at Vancouver General Hospital and then on to GF Strong Rehabilitation Centre.

Jo Twaites, clinical coordinator at Lady Minto Hospital, has set up a fund for the family to cover medical and travel expenses. Kaspar's parents will have to put their paid work on hold and rent accommodation in Vancouver for between three and six months, said Twaites.

Donations can be made in person at Lady Minto Hospital to Twaites or at the Island Savings Credit Union to

account #1761006.

Kaspar had been working on the Murakami Gardens community housing project before going to Vietnam.

His parents are also known for the social development work they do with Mexican peasants through their World Hearth for Peace and Friendship organization. (See www.worldhearth.com.)

The family moved to Salt Spring from Nelson, where they were well-known in the community and ran a restaurant called The Rose Garden Café.

For updates on Kaspar's condition, log on to the Facebook group called "pray for Kaspar."

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ISLAND FACES

Alton House caretakers feel right at home

Tending to the island's heritage

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Even on one of the coldest days of the year, it's clear Simone and David Bova have stumbled onto one of the island's best kept housing secrets.

With a little help from a raging wood stove and a warm cup of coffee, the chill in the 75-year-old heritage building the Bovas now call home is more quaint than inconvenient.

When the occasional draft does sweep down from the attic, it doesn't take long for the couple's genuine sense of hospitality and humour to warm the cozy kitchen.

If that wasn't enough, there's always the view.

"We never imagined ever living on Salt Spring waterfront, but here we are," said Simone, one of the Ruby Alton house's new caretakers during an interview several weeks after they set foot on the property.

Not only does the house front onto some much sought-after Fulford Harbour waterfront, the heritage homestead's grounds include a fenced-in garden, fruit trees, a rain catchment system, mature cedars and fir trees, and enough character to span the generations of folks who've taken up residence in the home.

The Ruby Alton Nature Reserve was created through the Islands Trust Fund in February 2002 after Alton bequeathed the property. Alton, who attended school a short walk from the home along Isabella Point Road, wished to preserve her childhood home's unique ecological and scenic features.

That's where the Bovas come in.

In exchange for a modest monthly rent, the couple provide basic maintenance and provide a friendly reception to the occasional visitors passing through.

Since taking up residence in the fall, the couple has yet to see any visitors walk the property, inquire about the home's state-of-the-art 28,000-litre (6,000-Imperial gallon) rain-water catchment system or stroll down to the public beach.

"You're actually our first guest," Simone said.

"The only other person who's come over is my mom when she helped us move."

The couple is considering registering the home in the third annual eco-home tour this summer.

David said he looks forward to demonstrating how a fully functioning and effective rain-water system actually works.

"At this point, we've got more water than we could ever use," he said.

"If we can do anything to promote the home, we'll do it."

Once they saw a newspaper ad calling for new tenants, the Bovas wasted little time making the move from their 650-square-foot cabin tucked away in a corner of the north end.

The south-end spirit and country living charm offered by the home and neighbours are exactly what the couple was looking for when they decided to flee the city.



PHOTO BY SEAN MCINTYRE

David and Simone Bova have spent much of the fall and winter settling into their new digs at the Ruby Alton Nature Reserve on Isabella Point Road, owned by the Islands Trust Fund since 2002.

"This is why we moved out of the city," Simone said.

And before you dismiss them as run-of-the-mill city slicker pioneers seeking refuge from urban gridlock and suburban sprawl, keep in mind this is the same couple who found room for a greenhouse in their parking-spot-sized back yard in East Vancouver.

When they moved to Salt Spring, their disassembled greenhouse was one of the few possessions that made the trip, even if the Alton house's south-facing atrium will garner most of the attention from here on in.

David is a self-described jack-of-all-trades/master of none while Simone is a professional baker, necessary qualifications for any homesteading couple of the modern era.

Talk of gardening and blossoming fruit trees is enough to melt a late-fall frost.

Out in the yard, the couple rattles off a to-do list that extends well beyond what any landlord would expect.

A new coat of paint, fixing up a foot bridge, labelling

"This was a wonderful gift and we want to be a part of the legacy."

SIMONE BOVA,
Caretaker, Alton House

the property's plants and trees and maintaining their day jobs will easily keep the couple entrenched in country living for a while to come. And that's all right with Simone.

"We're staying as long as they'll have us," she said.

Members of the public can access the water and picnic grounds at any time, though the couple requests people wanting a personal tour to call beforehand.

News briefs

Rare low tide stops sailings

Unusually low tides caused B.C. Ferries to delay and cancel sailings over the holiday season on the Vesuvius-Crofton route.

Deborah Marshall, director of media relations for B.C. Ferries, said extremely low tides are an issue for safe ferry clearance when docking at terminals.

The cancellations and

delays affected passengers travelling on the Bowen Queen on December 22 from 8:40 to 11:05 p.m. and December 23 from 8:40 to 10:05 p.m.

Marshall said B.C. Ferries does not expect low tides to affect the Vesuvius-Crofton route again anytime in the near future.

She said while sailing cancellations and delays due to low tides are rare, the problem also recently occurred on Gabriola Island.

Bus-launch party at Meaden

All systems are go for the Salt Spring Island transit system start-up on Monday, January 7 with an action-packed launch event taking place at Meaden Hall.

Beginning at 11:30 a.m., coffee and tea will be served, followed by presentations from Community Services

Minister Ida Chong, Union of B.C. Municipalities president Susan Gimse and Salt Spring regional director Gary Holman.

Gulf Islands Secondary School jazz musicians will perform, the Raging Granies will sing Get on the Bus, and a commemorative key will be presented before the formal cutting of a bus-shaped cake.

Events should wrap up by 1 p.m.

For specific information

about the new Salt Spring transit system, call 537-6758, or visit www.busonline.ca for detailed schedule information.

Polar swim in Weekender

With holidays falling on two Tuesdays and a Wednesday this Christmas season, Driftwood publishing days have had to change.

To accommodate holiday press deadlines and because

the Driftwood office will be closed New Year's Day (the newspaper's usual press day), this edition of the paper was completed on Friday, December 28.

Therefore, seasonal activities such as yesterday's Polar Bear Swim and Monday night's New Year's Eve festivities could not be included in this issue.

This Friday's Weekender will feature Polar Bear Swim photos and any coverage of New Year's Eve.



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RECAP AND PREDICTIONS

Salt Spring politicians look ahead to 2008

Murakami Gardens among 2007's highlights

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
 DRIFTWOOD STAFF

For a place with so many of those "SLOW" stickers kicking around, change comes about pretty quickly around these parts.

Sometime within the next few weeks and months, island residents from north and south will all have the opportunity to ride public transit to the island's new recreation centre on Rainbow Road.

Along the way, they'll probably pass by the future site of the new Ganges fire hall and wave hello to the new residents of the Murakami Gardens affordable housing project while they're at it.

During their visit to town, people can try out the new and improved Centennial Park washroom or, at the very least, contend with temporary facilities put in place during construction.

Change is afoot and folks will likely begin noticing a difference well before the daffodils spring forth.

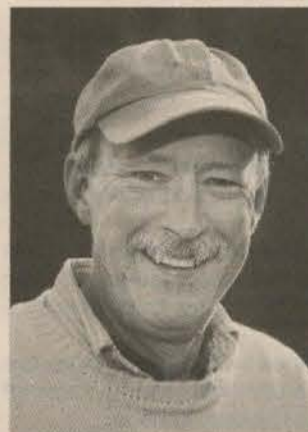
For Rob Grant, director of Salt Spring Island Community Services Society, it's about time affordable housing projects like Murakami Gardens arrived on the island.

Without hesitation, he said getting started on the Rainbow Road site in addition to another project on a five-acre parcel of land just south of Ganges highlighted the past year.

"What to do with the former diocese land will be this year's big project," Grant said during an interview last week.

Community Services' members also plan to increase programming at the Core Inn, following the decision in 2007 to relocate the society's youth outreach services to the heart of Ganges. Grant also said he hopes to work with the province to improve the level of mental health services available on the island.

"There is a challenge in the complexity and volume of services that are



George Ehring



Rob Grant

efforts to pursue the Alternative Gypsy Moth Control Program in order to prevent the spraying of a potentially hazardous pesticide over a large section of the island's south end.

"It protected our health and our reputation as a centre of organic farming, and it protected rare butterfly species," Ehring said.

For 2008, Ehring said he looks forward to engaging more residents to think about the kind of future they see for the island before the revised OCP is adopted at year's end.

Developing an Area Farm Plan to help provide for the long-term agricultural future of the island, getting the soil removal bylaw adopted to ensure better protection of the land, and learning if the province will be prepared to make the simple legislative change to let Salt Spring elect four trustees are high priorities for 2008, he added.

"It's crucial to the health of the community and the health of our local economy that we become better able to produce more of our own food," he said.

As the former chair of the Parks and Recreation Commission, Rosemary Trump will not be there to stand for re-election when commissioners reconvene and vote for a new executive later this month.

Speaking in an interview only days before her term expired on December 31, Trump said the year ahead will likely provide resolution of some of the more dramatic events that passed before the commission in 2007.

"I guess the highlight is the expectation of the pool finally coming to completion," she said.

While the situation regarding tennis still remains "up in the air at this point," Trump said residents and commissioners will likely have a better idea of where they are headed when commissioners and the public receive the results of an independently commissioned report outlining the next steps for tennis at Portlock Park.

required," he said. "It's now about taking the next evolutionary step."

Affordable housing also ranked high on a list of successes presented by Islands Trust trustee George Ehring.

Ehring said gathering input from focus group members earlier this year helped pave the way for the ongoing review of the island's official community plan (OCP) in an effort to make the island more livable for all.

Despite the headway, Ehring expressed disappointment that many island residents perceived the recommendations as things "the Trust is going to do to you."

"By being characterized in this way, it created a lot of needless anxiety," Ehring said. "We need to have the maturity as a community to be able to discuss ideas in a thoughtful and conceptual way before decisions are made."

Ehring gave an honourable mention to residents'

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SHOPPING SPREE: Monica and Dallen Boudreau join the hordes of Canadians who spent Boxing Day shopping. The two are seen here at Island Escapades, checking out the bargains.

SALT SPRING MARKET

Market survey targets monetary foundation

Armoured car's future uncertain

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

A survey of nearly 50 Salt Spring Island market vendors reveals many have mixed feelings about the presence of the Salt Spring Island Monetary Foundation's armoured van in the Saturday market.

"Many vendors do not like the look of the van and feel it blocks the road," reads part of the Market Advisory Group minutes presented at the December Parks and Recreation Commission (PARC) meeting. "The group generally felt that the SSI Monetary Foundation should not be allowed back next year."

The questionnaire was completed by vendors attending the market on two days in September. Roughly 85 per cent of those questioned attend the market on a weekly basis.

Nearly 60 per cent of respondents reported being "very satisfied" with the market in 2007. Vendors credited coordinators Krishna Rodriguez and Minzie Anderson with a job well done.

Several vendors expressed continued frustration with the poor state of the Centennial Park washroom facilities and a lack of recycling facilities within the market area.

According to a letter submitted to PARC by market vendor Toby Fouks, resolving the washroom issue requires regular maintenance rather than construction of a new larger facility.

"We do not need a new building. We need the existing facility to be kept clean and in good order — which it is not," Fouks wrote. "Stall doors should have working locks, there should be a mirror, and graffiti should be painted over on an ongoing basis."

Though 75 per cent of respondents said they are satisfied with the market's "Make it, Bake it, Grow it" policy, a minority of vendors expressed frustration with the number of non-island-made goods and an inability to enforce the policy.

In the words of one respondent, "Why drag feet on giving people their 'walking orders' — and then follow up on recalcitrant ones?"

PARC appointed two commissioners to meet with representatives from the Market Advisory Group and PARC staff to discuss vendors' concerns about the selling of imported goods by non-

market vendors in Gasoline Alley parking stalls.

PARC commissioners reaffirmed support for the market's current policy requiring island-based not-for-profit organizations to be granted market space on a first-come first-served basis.

"Why drag feet on giving people their 'walking orders' — and then follow up on recalcitrant ones?"

SURVEY RESPONDENT

The decision followed a request from Salt Spring Island Conservancy representatives that the group be allowed to pay for stall space and obtain a guaranteed spot.

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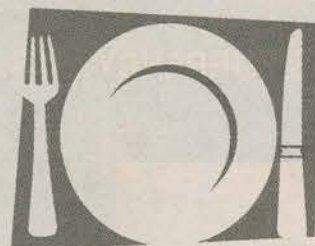
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LAND CONSERVATION

Trust Fund and the province complete oceanfront purchase

Squitty Bay park quadruples in size

The Ministry of Environment, Islands Trust Fund and Lasqueti Island Nature Conservancy recently announced completion of a long-desired 38.5-hectare (95-acre) oceanfront land purchase on Lasqueti Island.

"A number of organizations partner with the Ministry of Environment to help us acquire additional lands for park purposes," said Environment Minister Barry Penner in a recent news release. "This year, with the help of the Islands Trust Fund and the Lasqueti Island Nature Conservancy, as well as the local community, we are now in a position to quadruple the size of a valuable provincial park."

The ministry acquired the \$1,518,000 property on November 15, 2007, thanks, in part, to \$250,000 raised by the community.

The Islands Trust Fund

and the Lasqueti Island Nature Conservancy succeeded in raising the funds through contributions from individual donors and a number of conservation organizations, including the B.C. Trust for Public Lands, B.C. Marine Parks Forever Society, the Nature Trust of British Columbia and The Land Conservancy of British Columbia.

"This successful fundraising campaign shines as an example of what can be done when a community pulls together to protect a special place," said Sheila Malcolmson, chair of the Islands Trust Fund board.

"We extend our heartfelt thanks to all the donors who gave so generously to protect this spectacular Gulf Islands property."

The B.C. government contributed \$1.09 million towards the property acquisition from the Ministry of Environment's Land Acquisition Capital Account, and the property owners, Ingrid Iversen and Terry Tyler, gift-

ed land certified as an ecological gift through Environment Canada's Ecological Gift Program in the amount of \$178,000.

Protecting the property will result in a four-fold increase in the size of Squitty Bay Provincial Park, from 13 hectares to more than 51 hectares.

The proposed addition would further protect the coastal Douglas fir biogeoclimatic zone, including uncommon plant communities and foreshore habitats.

Only 4.7 per cent of Lasqueti Island's land base is currently protected.

"Conservation legacies begin with people who care," said Melinda Auerbach, a director of the Lasqueti Island Nature Conservancy. "Ingrid Iversen and Terry Tyler had a dream that their piece of land could be protected forever. I hope their commitment to nature inspires others to do what they can to protect their lands."

RAINFOREST APPEAL

Deadline looms for creekside lot

Final negotiations underway

As the initial January 4 deadline approaches for the Save Salt Spring Rainforest Appeal, campaign organizer Maureen Moore said now is the time for people interested in the cause to step forward.

"As you know, we are at a crucial time and heartfelt community support for the protection of the creekside rainforest has been increasing. Pledges are still being made and people are going on guided walks of the land each weekend," Moore said via e-mail.

By the Driftwood's earlier-than-usual December 28 press time, The Land Conservancy of B.C. (TLC) and Salt Spring's Eric Booth, a representative for the numbered company listed as the property's registered owner, were discussing a 60-day extension

of the purchase deadline, said Moore.

The 7.8 hectare (19.5-acre) property is located on both sides of Cusheon Creek and contains a diverse array of plants, animals, birds and fish.

With residential zoning, the land was destined for subdivision into three sections before TLC stepped in to broker a deal with the property owners last fall.

Both sides agreed if the campaign could raise \$975,000 by January 4, the property would be sold to TLC and saved from development.

Prior to the holiday season the campaign had raised \$200,000 for the purchase.

For more information on the campaign or to make a pledge, contact Moore at 538-1732 or visit www.savesaltspringrainforest.com.

CENSUS 2006

Census statistics reveal Salt Spring's diversity

43 per cent of island residents born in B.C.

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Canadian census figures released last week revealed Salt Spring is not being left out when it comes to changing population trends in the country.

Salt Spring, it turns out, is in the midst of experiencing the greatest influx of migrants from the United States since the 1960s, according to Census 2006 figures released by Statistics Canada last week.

Of the roughly 410 Salt Spring residents listed on the census as being born in the U.S., nearly 100 arrived between 2001 and 2006.

Should that rate continue until the end of the decade, the anticipated number of U.S. immigrants to Salt Spring will soon surpass the 110 U.S. citizens who arrived on the island between 1961 and 1970.

The average number of U.S. immigrants who came to the island in intervening decades hovered at around 40 people.

"This is the highest number of U.S. immigrants since the Vietnam War," said Dick Grier, a U.S. ex-pat who moved to Salt Spring four years ago. "Personally, I got sick of seeing 55 per cent of my federal taxes go to the Pentagon."

Grier said it will be interesting to watch how the ongoing American political situation and slumping U.S. dollar will affect U.S. immigration to Salt Spring and the rest of Canada during the decade's latter half.

Despite the marked increase in U.S. immigrants, arrivals from the United Kingdom still retain a solid grasp on Salt Spring's ex-pat crown.

Of the 2,315 people (24.2 per cent of island residents) reportedly born outside of the country, 1,005 originated from England, Northern Ireland, Scotland or Wales.

The modest number of immigrants from Africa, South America and Asia makes other categories difficult to itemize.

Of Salt Spring's Canadian-born population, 42 per cent were born outside of the province of British Columbia. Overall, 56.2 per cent of island residents were born outside of the province.

Statistics do not indicate the number of dyed-in-the-wool "islanders" who live among the island's more recent arrivals.

Bob Rush, a long-time island resident and organizer of the island's old-timers' reunion, expressed surprise at the number.

Many of the old-timers who attended the reunion in August, he said, don't even live on the island any more.

Young people move away to acquire an education and may or may not come back

until they retire, he said. The number of retirees moving to the island from other parts of Canada in recent years, he added, may also account for the demographic shift.

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The statistics further reveal an increase in the percentage of people whose mother tongue is a non-official language (9.1 per cent) and a small jump in the number of people who speak a non-official language at home (2.6 per cent). At the same time, more Salt Springers are learning to speak both official languages (13.1 per cent), six per cent higher than the provincial average.

For more detailed Census 2006 figures, visit Statistics Canada's website (www.statcan.ca). Salt Spring's figures are listed under the "Capital F" region.

Where we were born...

(Statistics Canada data)

- 4,155 Province of B.C.
- 3,040 Canada (outside B.C.)
- 1,005 United Kingdom
- 410 United States
- 400 Western Europe
- 170 Asia and Middle East
- 80 Eastern Europe
- 50 Africa
- 35 Australia/Oceania

ISLANDS TRUST

Island-wide taxation concept raised by Salt Spring resident

Trustee doubts it's feasible

An idea to coordinate discussion between the island's taxation authorities may be a great idea, but it's a long way off, says Salt Spring trustee George Ehring.

"It would be good to put people in a decision-making capacity in a room together so that the library people knew what the fire district people were looking for and what the search and rescue department was looking for," Ehring said at the December 13 Local Trust Committee meeting at ArtSpring.

"It would help break down the silos that people are operating in."

Ehring was responding to a suggestion from Salt Spring resident Roger Middleton. He said tax requisitions on the island should be coordinated in light of increasing budgets and the number of "big ticket" public expenditures on the horizon, including a

new library and fire hall.

"I think we do need desperately to put a committee in place that can address this," said Middleton in the meeting's town hall session. "True, it would have no authority in law, but it would have considerable moral authority and would certainly have all our residents' support," he said.

But because so many local taxation authorities work in different jurisdictions, Ehring said, creating any type of island-wide taxation group would be more complicated than it appears.

Gary Holman, the island's Capital Regional District director, said he and trustees Ehring and Peter Lamb are working to formalize their regular meetings with one another in hopes of creating a template for further dialogue.

"That can be the core around which we can bring in other groups," Holman said.

**Letter to the editor? Press release?
What's On calendar event?
Send it to news@gulfislands.net.**



Islands Trust

NOTICE OF MEETINGS OF THE SALT SPRING ISLAND LOCAL TRUST COMMITTEE

The Salt Spring Island Local Trust Committee regulates land use within the Salt Spring Island Local Trust Area. This Trust Area includes Salt Spring Island, Piers Island, Prevost Island, the Secretary Islands and Wallace Island.

Local Trust Committee meetings are open to the public. Notice of these meetings will be posted on the bulletin board at the Islands Trust Office located at #1-500 Lower Ganges Road, and will be advertised each month in a local newspaper.

The scheduled meetings will be held on the first Thursday of each month at ArtSpring, at 100 Jackson Avenue, commencing at 1:00 PM and are listed as follows:

January 10, February 7, March 6, April 3, May 1, June 5, July 3, August 7, September 4, October 2, November 6, and December 4, 2008.

The proposed meeting agenda will be available 1 week prior to the meeting and may be obtained at the Islands Trust office, on our website, or by registering on our e-mail distribution list.

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EDITORIAL

Smooth rides

Since the holiday season is lingering for a few more days, it seems appropriate to reflect further on the events of 2007.

One story that belongs in the “thumbs-up” category is the smooth ride taken by Salt Spring Island’s new bus system. It zoomed from counter-petition to reality in a mere seven months’ time. That doesn’t mean rough riding won’t be encountered for one reason or another after the system is up and running, but it’s been refreshing to see a new initiative start quickly and without unpleasant surprises popping up along the way. That’s definitely not the traditional island experience.

Something that may become a bus-related issue, however, is the state of island road shoulders. B.C. Transit and bus operator Ineke DeJong have scoped out spots that optimize safety when the bus pulls over, but contemplating how a bus and passengers will be accommodated on those

shoulders reminds us that a long-term vision for dealing with road safety issues is something Salt Spring needs.

THE ISSUE:

Road safety

WE SAY:

State of road shoulders a concern

Receiving many miles of new pavement via Ministry of Transportation (MOT) funds was a welcome dividend received from the province for our property tax dollars in 2007. But we wonder

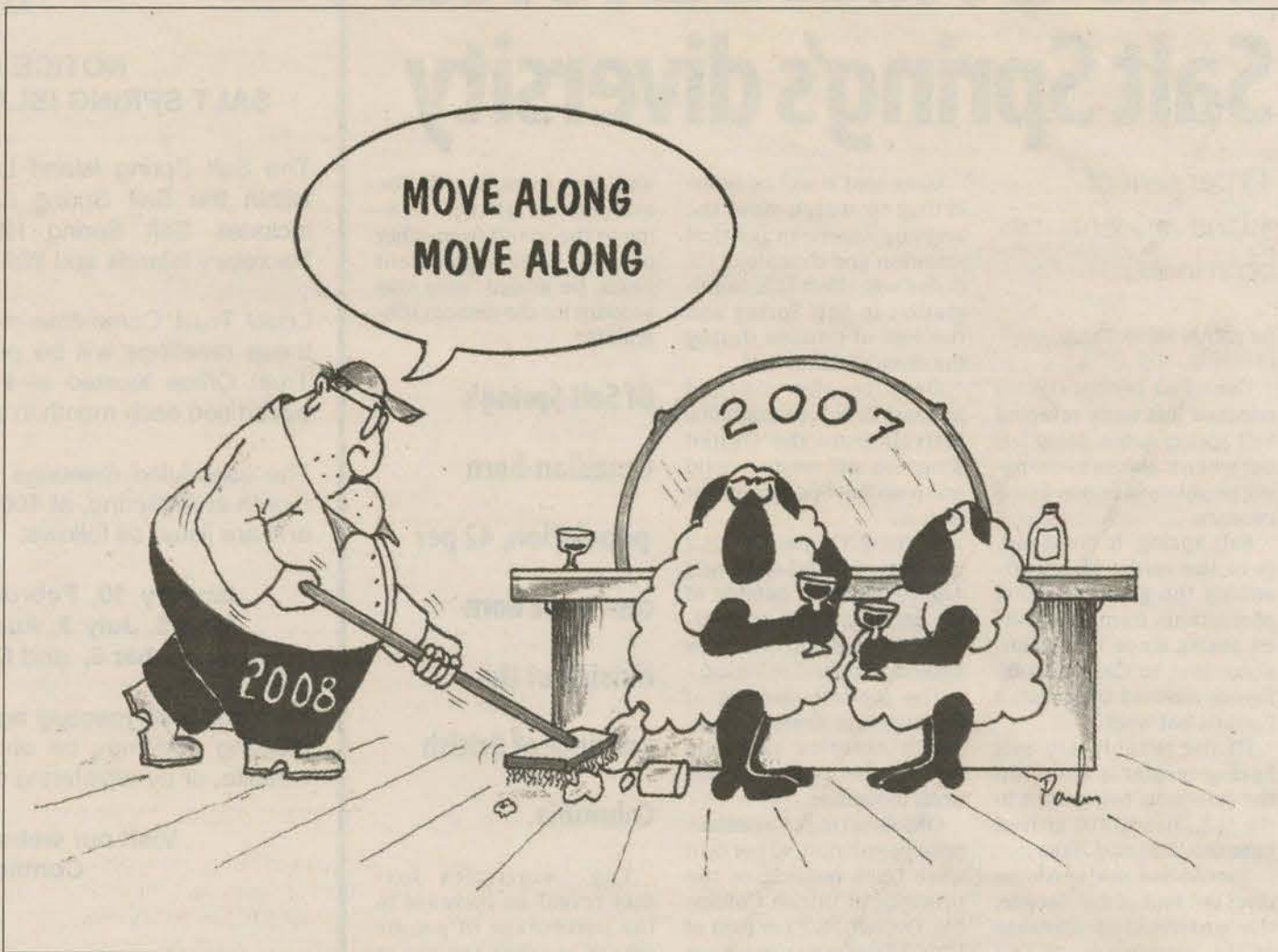
where MOT went when it came to applying decent standards to a privately undertaken repaving project that could have improved a stretch of well-used Fulford-Ganges Road but made it more hazardous to pedestrians, cyclists and drivers instead.

Part of Ganges hill was torn up last year ostensibly to connect the Bishop’s Green development to services. Long after the work was done the strip received a third-world-class paving job that appeared a temporary stop-gap at best. We hope that it in fact proves an interim measure and that MOT will agree it’s not a safe or proper roadside for a high traffic area.

While we’re complaining about Ganges hill, we also hope the North Salt Spring Waterworks District can finally put a permanent plug in the geysers spewing from the top and bottom of the Embe Bakery part of the hill.

Once islanders become aware they have a new transportation commission — the Capital Regional District-led volunteer body responsible for overseeing the bus system implementation (in conjunction with B.C. Transit) — the complaints and suggestions may come fast and furious.

In the meantime, we’ll see you at the all-positive bus launch party at Meaden Hall on January 7.



Ten green resolutions offered

BY BARRY PENNER

As B.C. environment minister, I encourage all British Columbians to “think green” when making their New Year’s resolutions for 2008.

The following are 10 simple “green” resolutions you may want to include on your list this year. They are all relatively easy to fulfill, may save you money, and will help British Columbia in the fight against climate change:

1. Drive less.
Make a point of using public transportation, walking, carpooling or biking to work or school at least once a week. If you must drive, consider grouping your errands into as few trips as possible.
2. If you’re buying a new car, consider switching to a newer, fuel-efficient model or — even better — to a hybrid or alternative-fuel vehicle.
You may even be eligible for provincial sales tax and motor fuel tax reductions.
3. Take advantage of modern technology at work: avoid excessive paper use (i.e. read documents on your computer screen whenever possible instead of printing them, and if you must use the printer, print on both sides of a sheet of paper), and stay clear from unnecessary traveling by using video-conferencing, web-conferencing or conference calling whenever possible.
4. At home, caulk and weather-strip doors and windows to prevent heat from escaping.
Consider installing a programmable thermostat to regulate

VIEWPOINT

The Greenhouse Gas Reduction Targets Act... puts into law the most aggressive greenhouse gas reduction targets in North America.

5. Use compact fluorescent light bulbs and, if possible, switch to Energy Star appliances, such as high-efficiency, front-loading washers and dryers.
 6. Choose locally grown, organic foods. Organic growers rely little on fossil-fuel-based pesticides and fertilizers, and consuming local foods significantly reduces emissions associated with shipping.
 7. Turn off the lights in empty rooms and, instead of leaving your computer and other appliances on ‘stand-by,’ turn them off completely at the end of the day or when they are not in use.
 8. Reduce waste, reuse containers and “disposable” products (for example, wash and reuse plastic cutlery), and recycle.
 9. Switch to a low-flow showerhead in your bathroom.
 10. Compost kitchen waste.
- In November, the B.C. government introduced the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Targets Act, which puts into law the most aggressive greenhouse gas reduction targets in North America.
- The act sets British Columbia’s target of reducing greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions by at least 33 per cent below 2007 levels by 2020, and was passed unanimously by the legislature.

The writer is the provincial government’s environment minister.

THIS WEEK’S QUESTION:

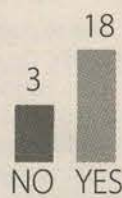
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Yes No

LAST WEEK’S QUESTION:

Are New Year’s resolutions overrated?



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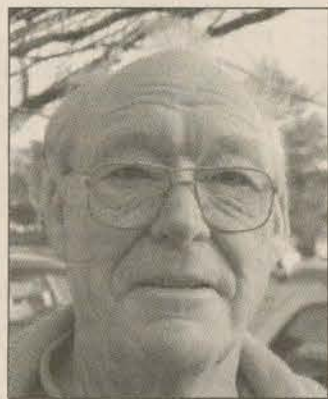
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QUOTE OF THE WEEK:
"In baseball, you can't give up. Players who miss the ball seven out of 10 times can still make the Hall of Fame."

CARTER BELL, SHORTSTOP, CANADIAN JUNIOR NATIONAL TEAM

SALT SPRING SAYS

We asked: What are you doing to keep fit this winter?



GLEN WILLETT

I try to walk and ski as much as I can.



JOAN TAYLOR

I walk as much as possible. That's what I'm doing right now.



ALAN MOBERG

I keep working. I garden and keep things clean during the day and try to do some sit ups and push ups at home in the evening.



LIANNE FIDLER

I walk five miles a day delivering the mail.



OSCAR HANSON

It's hard. I'm hoping to get involved with the swimming pool when it opens.

Letters to the editor

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

Environment election

No Canadian election has ever been fought over the environment. The environment and health care have been political files that the Canadian public assume will be responsibly managed by the government-of-the-day.

Accordingly, few political parties have been dumb enough to present views on health and the environment that can be effectively attacked during an election. That is until now.

Last summer, Mr. Harper prorogued Parliament to derail Bill C-78, the proposed Canadian Environmental Assessment Act, that would have enhanced climate protection in Canada.

Then taking Mr. Harper's views international, Environment Minister John Baird went to the world climate conference in Bali and

publicly worked to derail agreements for absolute worldwide greenhouse gas emissions caps, and he succeeded.

At the same time, the Harper government put both health care and the environment at risk by mismanaging the Chalk River medical isotope facility.

The Minister of Natural Resources, Gary Lunn, failed to act when it became known that the facility was running without adequate nuclear safeguards. No attempt was made to either make alternative arrangements for medical isotopes or to immediately fix the nuclear facility.

Evidently, Harper's government is actively working against environment protection and ignoring health-care.

His cabinet's blatant capriciousness led to a medical crisis and an environmental-health risk from a nuclear facility and embarrassment on the interna-

tional stage.

Nevertheless, Mr. Harper and his ministers continue mouthing concern. For the environment they point to money for new parks, for health a new computer system — both promised but as yet undelivered.

Positive actions taken consist of giving new names to a few restarted programs that they initially cancelled.

The result may be that the upcoming federal election is the first general election in which the environment-health file is prominently debated and affects the outcome.

EUGENE PARKS,
VICTORIA

Natural state

This is a reminder that fast action is needed on funds for saving the Creekside rainforest land.

This is a unique natural area on our island.

Having walked or jogged every inch of Salt Spring

roads and lanes, and walked most of the trails, I consider this valley of Cusheon Creek to be our most stunning piece of natural habitat.

A wild creek rushing over old fallen logs, deep wet valley walls with masses of green ferns, and a full cover of trees, some giant and some covered in moss and licorice ferns. The valley is still largely in a natural state and as a biologist I'd say it should stay that way.

Tax-deductible pledges are needed, big or small; contact Maureen Moore at 538-1732.

JOHN SPRAGUE,
SALT SPRING

Burn policy

I was shocked when I visited the renowned environmentally friendly B.C. destination of Salt Spring Island in December.

While there, we witnessed an assault of black smoke and large ash flakes flying on to the soccer pitch with two youth teams and on the

fans on the sidelines.

It is beyond me how they can continue to burn dangerous substances in the vicinity of a high school and sports field.

I would like to encourage and support the people of Salt Spring to take on this task.

Maybe a temporary measure could be put into effect, such as a "burn at night only policy," if only to protect the youth attending such a beautiful facility during the week and weekends.

Maybe "taking care of business" Randy Bachman could look into it before he worries about what is going on, on Vancouver Island.

HOLLY RIDOUT,
VICTORIA

War

Peace we talk about
 But War is a constant
 Fact, that each year
 We live, or die with.
 Born to a world
 Where each birthday
 Marks the anniversary

Of one war after another.

We hope for,
 Pray for
 Wish for just even
 One generation to
 Survive with no casualties
 From the carnage
 Of a system
 That views war
 As profit, pure and
 simple.
 Harvested over countless
 Millions of lives
 Who pay the price
 Profit demands as
 One hundred years
 means
 One hundred and 50
 million
 Lives sacrificed to Capital.
 Now we the people
 Are those who perish.
 Now we too must decide
 Who benefits from
 Our loss
 Time for change
 Not for worse
 But for the better.

R. G. O'NEILL,
VICTORIA AND
SALT SPRING

MORE LETTERS continued on 10

'Tis the season to practise the fine art of 'the return'

My friend Nancy returned a purse the other day — a great purse, with a passport pocket and a little pouch for a water bottle.

Sadly, the zipper on this great purse broke. My friend Nancy marched right down to the department store, without a receipt, to have it replaced or repaired. The clerk couldn't recall carrying the purse in their inventory. . . ever . . . but nevertheless smiled graciously and sent it out for repair. It was returned three days later, good as new. Not an unusual story, unless you consider that the purse was eight years old when she returned it, without a receipt, to a store where they had no recollection of stocking the item.

What madness is this? Have retailers — fawning, genuflecting, kow-towing retailers — gone over the top? The Chinese, who know a thing or two about the art of the deal, think we're nuts. I am not sure how you say "caveat emptor" in Beijing, but given the human propensity to take advantage of a fellow human's good nature, they may be on the right track. Recent North American estimates report that 10 per cent of all returns are either stolen or misrepresented.

Now my friend Nancy is no criminal. In fact, she is one of the most honest people I know. But she has easily attained black

belt status in the art of the return. And she comes by it honestly.

The past 10 years have seen a major shift in return policies, particularly among the giant retailers.

The rule of thumb has been that if you piss off one customer, you eventually will piss off 78 customers,

as that one customer circulates his or her unhappy experience throughout his or her circle of friends. The bottom line? It's better just to swallow your pride and pony up the refund than lose 78 customers.

After 10 years of obsequious customer satisfaction, fast-and-loose return policies have become woven into the retail DNA. Customers now expect no-holds-barred refunds all the time, regardless of how badly abused or how outlandish the reason for the return. But times are changing, and many of the big retailers are saying "Enough is enough."

While many of the majors are extending store hours to accommodate the hordes cashing in their gift cards (nothing says "I love you" like a WalMart gift card) these same stores are toughening up return policies. Consumer electronics stores like Best



Peter Vincent

HEAD TO HEAD

Buy and Circuit City are charging up to 20 per cent restocking fees for open boxes. Costco, famous for its "we'll take it back, no matter what" slogan, is now limiting electronics to a 90-day return.

Many retailers now have information embedded in the bar code. For example, Amazon.com tracks the books you order, and periodically sends email suggesting other titles that may interest you. On the darker side, many track your purchase return habits. If you return something claiming it was a gift, they can simply scan the bar code, and it will tell them if and when the item was bought from their store and how much was paid for it. These days, be very, very careful, or risk an embarrassing exchange with the store manager.

Still others are tracking "serial returners," those that make a hobby out of buying and returning stuff. There is a company called "The Return Exchange" that compiles return information from many national retailers, much the same as a credit reporting agency. Five returns in 90 days may be enough to land you on the "serial returner" list, making it a nightmare to return anything, anywhere.

So how do Salt Spring retailers stack up? Personally, I love Mouat's Hardware. I don't know how many times I have gone in there sheepishly handing over mis-sized plumbing parts or a mismatched toilet seat, without a receipt, without an argument. They are reasonable and obliging without being stupid about it.

But it's tough for small Salt Spring retailers without deep pockets to bear the brunt of a lot of returns. Many of the poor souls at Mahon Hall or the other Christmas craft fairs depend on this seasonal business to see them through to the return of the tourist. A returned quilt or carving can make a huge difference. My advice? Shop local, and if you don't like it, regift it for next year.

This year's hands-down Ebenezer Scrooge Award goes to a local outlet of a chain store that reportedly would not honour its own national Christmas sale flyer prices. It's enough to make Tiny Tim roll over in his grave.

As for my friend Nancy with her newly repaired purse, she sleeps the sleep of the innocent. The retailer is down one zipper, but has a customer for life. Not a bad exchange.

petervinc@telus.net

OPINION

SALT SPRING INN

Martinis! \$5

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Thank You to Everyone

in this amazing community who have rallied around us and have supported us (and continue to do so) in so many different ways! We will never be able to express how much we appreciate your acts and words of kindness -

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~Josip "Joe", Tatjana, Nina and Vedran Budimcic

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Bhutto no saviour of Pakistan, but assassination entrenches a feudal political system

BY GWYNNE DYER

Benazir Bhutto did five years of hard time in prison, much of it in solitary confinement, after her father, Prime Minister Zulfikar Ali Bhutto, was overthrown and hanged by the worst of Pakistan's military dictators, General Muhammad Zia-ul-Haq.

But she was a woman who liked her privileges and her luxuries, and she was never a very effective politician.

I got to know Benazir Bhutto a bit in the mid-1970s, when she had finished her degree at Harvard and was doing graduate work at Oxford University. She actually spent much of her time in London, in a grand flat she kept just off Hyde Park.

If you knew a lot of people in town who took an interest in Middle Eastern and subcontinental affairs (I had been studying at the School of Oriental and African Studies), and you weren't too old or too boring, you were likely to end up at her flat once in a while, at what some would call a salon but I would call a party.

A fairly decorous party as those things went in '70s London, to be sure, with everybody showing off their sophisticated knowledge of the region's politics and nobody getting out of hand, but definitely a party.

The hostess was well informed and quite clever, and she obviously had

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money coming out of her ears. We knew her dad had been prime minister of Pakistan before Zia overthrew him, of course, but she was neither a serious scholar nor a budding politician.

She seemed more American than Pakistani in her style and attitudes, but beneath the Radcliffe and Harvard veneer she also seemed like thousands of other young upper-class women from Pakistan and India who were floating around London at the time. They called one another by girlish nicknames like "Bubbles," they didn't take anything very seriously (including their studies), and they seemed destined for a life of idle privilege.

Then Benazir Bhutto went back to Pakistan in 1977, just about the time that Zia had her father sentenced to death in a rigged trial. He was hanged in 1979, and Benazir was thrown into jail for five years. But when she came out after Zia died, she was already the head of the party her father had founded, the Pakistan People's Party, and by 1988 she was prime minister. She was only 35.

She was prime minister twice, from 1988-90 and 1993-96, and was removed from power both times on corruption charges. The charges have never been proved in court, but the evidence of kickbacks and commissions, especially to her husband Asif Zardari, whom she foolishly made investment minister, is pretty overwhelming. But that was not the real problem.

The problem was that she never seemed to have any goal in politics, apart from vindicating her father by leading his party back to power.

At the start she was hugely popular, but she wasted her opportunity to make real changes in Pakistan because she had no notion (beyond the usual rhetoric) of what a better Pakistan would look like. Pakistan is already pretty good for her sort of people, so it should not surprise us that there was almost nothing to show for her years in office.

If she had become prime minister again, which was a quite likely outcome of the current crisis, there is no reason to believe that she would have done any better this time. Her assassination

just makes it harder to solve the crisis at all.

Benazir Bhutto's party, the PPP, has no alternative leader with national visibility. The other major opposition party leader, Nawaz Sharif, is equally compromised by his past failures, and is currently planning to boycott the elections scheduled for January 8.

Ex-general Pervez Musharraf, who had himself "re-elected" president in October and imposed emergency rule in order to dismiss the supreme court judges who would have ruled his "election" illegal, is totally dis-

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credited and unlikely to last much longer.

The most probable outcome is a new period of military rule under a different ruler, simply for lack of a good alternative. It is pathetic that a country the size of Pakistan should have so few inspiring or even promising candidates for high political office.

The vast majority of Pakistan's politicians, and of the people who run pretty well everything else in the country apart from the armed forces, are drawn from the three or four per cent of the population who constitute the country's traditional elite. It is a very shallow pool of talent, made up of people who have a big stake in the status quo and a huge sense of entitlement.

Look east to India, west to Iran, or north to China, and by comparison Pakistan's political demography is absolutely feudal. So long as that remains the case, it is absurd to imagine that democracy will solve Pakistan's problems. I admired Benazir Bhutto's courage and I am very sorry that she was killed, but she could never have been Pakistan's saviour.

Gwynne Dyer is a London-based independent journalist whose articles are published in 45 countries.

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OUT AND ABOUT: Delphine Pellerin rides her scooter near the skate park on Boxing Day.

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A broken-down sleigh full of soggy, old and thorny roses to the bad boy or girl who hit and dented our car on Friday, December 21 in the ArtSpring lower parking lot. We were enjoying a lovely night of community carol singing, when unknowingly to us, our red Yaris was hit by a light-coloured sedan. May you receive nothing but coal and Karma for Christmas. S&M Weisner

Roses

May we take this opportunity to express our gratitude to all those people and businesses who helped so much to make Santa's Workshop a success again this year. To the businesses which put out boxes in which the toys were collected, to the people who filled the boxes and to those people who helped distribute the toys, we say a big "thank you." Because of your kindness a number of children had a happier Christmas than they might have had. Judy Willett and Bob Appleton

A bunch of roses to the mysterious elves — M&C — who left me a year's supply of egg boxes plus a pair of leather shoe laces!

A bountiful armload of festive holiday roses to Dan Miller of the Freehold Society and to Brother Francis and to all the volunteers who made the Yuletide festivities warm and bright on the longest night of the year. You bring hope in dark times. JL

We would like to thank the hospital auxiliary for the wonderful lunch and for all the things they do for us during the year. From tea ladies to TVs, you make our days brighter. Thank you, Valdy

and Kathleen for the music and the singing. Thank you staff members for helping to make the day possible. And thank you family and friends for sharing this season with us in our home. Jen and the residents of ECU

Roses to Bevan. Your inventive skill has given us a great lift. Your effort is much appreciated. Thank you. Marion and Gordon

I'd like to send a rose to whomever reported my friend and our daughters for their behaviour on the ferry a few weeks ago. Not that I think they needed to be stopped by the police, but I've had such fun telling and retelling the story, it's added a whole new level of joy to my season. Yes, the girls are goofy — but that was a can of green tea — not beer!

The Bantel and Spencer families would like to thank the firemen, paramedics, RCMP, Colter and Dr. Barclay, and nurses Gail and Jill for helping our sons on Thursday, December 20 after their accident on Stark Road. We are counting our blessings. You are all in our hearts.

Dozens of beautiful sweet-smelling roses to the kind, honest person who found my small navy blue zippered purse in a Thrifty grocery cart on the afternoon of Friday, December 21 and turned it into Thrifty's. I was devastated on realizing my loss and can't thank the anonymous angel enough and will be eternally grateful. Pat H.

A heartfelt thank you to Randy of Green Acres Resort for the (beautiful!) emergency lodging of stranded damsels in semi-distress. Aanya and Susan

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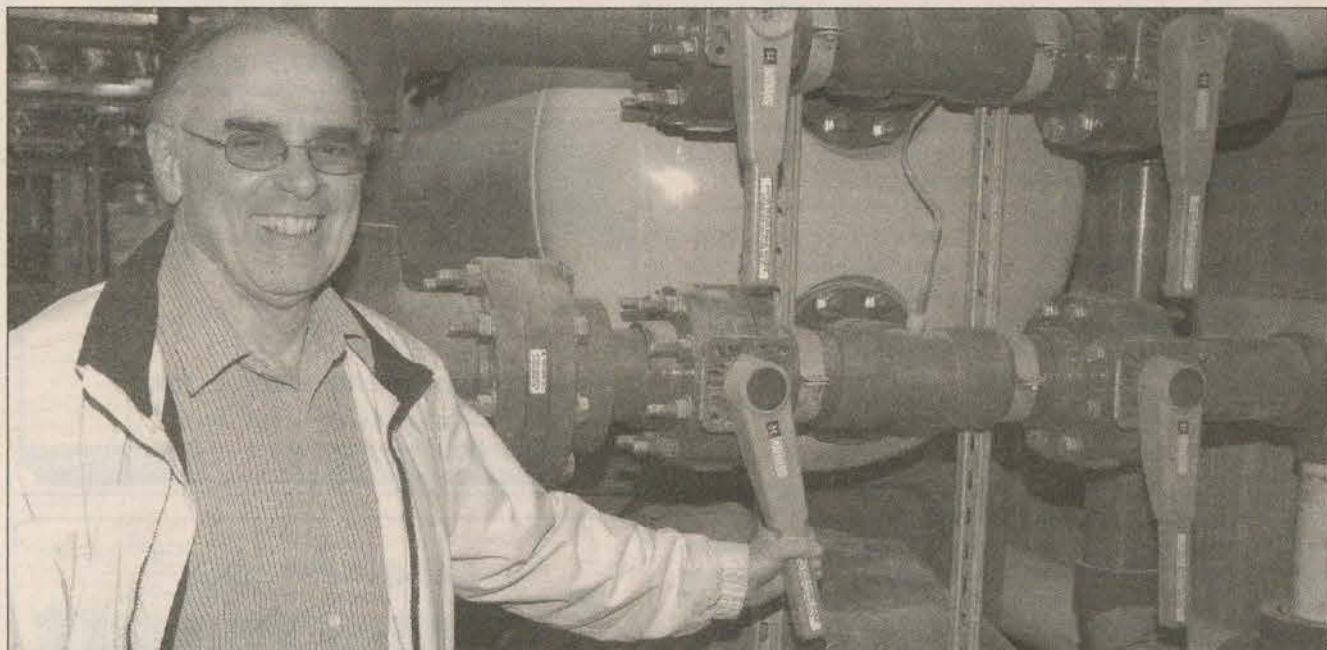
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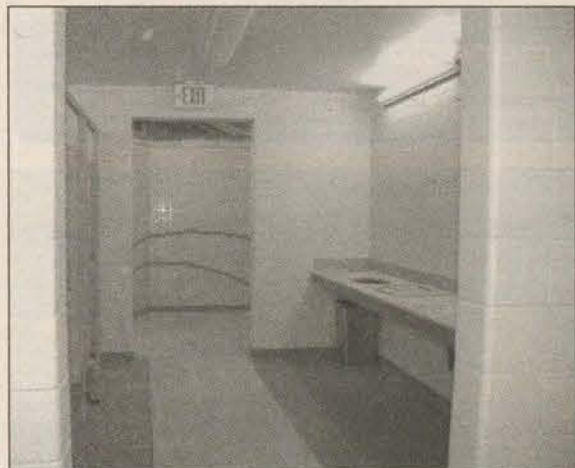
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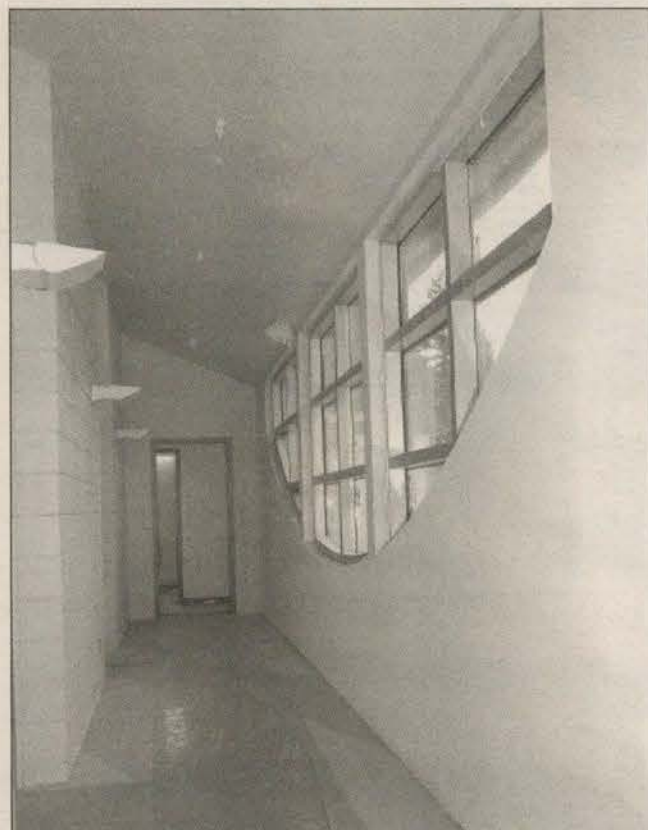
Parks and Recreation Commission operations manager Dave Gibbon shows off part of the massive mechanical system in the Rainbow Road pool's basement. The \$6.3-million facility should officially open in February.



This side of the building faces Rainbow Road. Glass doors at right in photo can be opened onto a patio area during summer months. The hot tub is situated in the area at left.



Above left: one of the changerooms with shower area at the end. Above right: main entrance and reception area.



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VANCOUVER ISLAND health authority General Board meeting & Open House Wednesday, Jan. 30, 2008

The Vancouver Island Health Authority Board of Directors is holding its regular General Board meeting:

Wednesday, Jan. 30th at 1:45 pm
Lounge, Social Centre, Beban Park
2300 Bowen Road, Nanaimo, BC

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

Presentation Guidelines:

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

Questions for the Board:

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

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

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

Written questions or requests for presentations to the VIHA Board **must be submitted before 4:00 pm on Tuesday, Jan. 15, 2008** by fax to (250) 370-8750 or by email to janet.shute@viha.ca or by mail to: Vancouver Island Health Authority, Executive Office, 1952 Bay Street, Victoria, BC V8R 1J8

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

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WEDNESDAY JANUARY 2

5 PM	:00	The Simpsons	Pieds dans la marge	Timothy / (10) Mama	(4:30) Poker World Series	CHEK News	Full House	Early News	CTV News	Punjab Times	A Channel News at 5	The Ellen Degeneres Show	My Wife and Kids	(15) NCAA Football	KOMO 4 News	KING 5 News	Charlie Rose	The Hour	KIRO 7 News	Being Ian	(4:30) Poker After Dark
	:30	Arrested Top Banana	L'Union fait la force (N)	(35) Babar	NHL Pre-Game (Live)		King of the Hill	Global National		Phoenix World News		CityCooks	My Wife and Kids	Tostitos Fiesta Bowl - West Virginia vs. Oklahoma (Live)	ABC World News				CBS Evening News	Sabrina Teen Witch	Pratt & Taylor
6	:00	News	Le Téléjournal	Kratts' Creatures	NHL Hockey - N.Y. Rangers vs. Calgary (Live)	News	The Simpsons	News	News			CityCooks	That '70s Show Sparks		News	News	News	CBC News: The National	News	SpongeBob SquarePants	
	:30		Téléjournal: 2007	Popular Mechanics			Friends			CTI News	Vancouver Report	CityNews International	That '70s Show			KING 5 News				Drake & Josh	Sportsnet Connected
7	:00	Coronation Street	La Petite Vie	Meerkat Manor		That News Show	According to Jim	Entertainment Tonight	Etalk (N)	Hong Kong Express	Degrassi: Next Gen.	Wheel of Fortune	The King of Queens		Wheel of Fortune	Evening Magazine	Rick Steves' Europe	Town at the Top of the World	Entertainment Tonight	Malcolm in the Middle	NBA Basketball - New Orleans vs. Los Angeles (Live)
	:30	Marketplace	Un gars, une fille	Gwaii Haanas		Hollywood Mysteries	The Simpsons	Ent. Tonight Canada	Access Hollywood	Pure in Heart	Friends	Jeopardy	The King of Queens		Jeopardy	Inside Edition	Oregon Field Guide		The Insider	Fresh Prince (Part 1 of 2)	
8	:00	"Bridget Jones's Diary" ★★★ (Com, '01)	Le show du Refuge	Who's Aping Who Bringing Up Baby		Deal or No Deal (N)	Home Improvement	Power of 10 (SP) (N)	Gossip Girl School Lies (N)	Vancouver Nights	Smallville Cure	"Independence Day" ★★★ (Sci-F, '96) Will Smith	Crowned (N)		Wife Swap Boss/ Gustaferra (SP) (N)	Deal or No Deal (N)	Pioneers of Television Sitcoms (P) (N)	CBC News: The National	Power of 10 (SP) (N)	Prank Patrol	
	:30	Renée Zellweger.		Out in the Cold	SportsCentre (Live)		Home Improvement			Iranian Pop										Fries With That?	
9	:00					Be Real	The Standard	Kitchen Nightmares Mixing Bowl	Law & Order: Criminal Intent	Sabor Latino	The Collector: The Superhero			Gossip Girl School Lies (N)	Post-Game Show (Live)	Supernanny Drake Family (SP) (N)	Law & Order: Criminal Intent	Andrew Jackson: Good, Evil and the Presidency (N)	CBC News: The National	Criminal Minds: Profiler, Profiled	Futurama
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	:30													Seinfeld The Serenity Now						Shadow Raiders	
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	:30	(35) Hour 22 Mins		(35) Old Man & Sea	Ironman	(35) Late, Late Show		(35) E.T. Canada	(35) The Daily Show	Caribbean Beat	(35) Conan O'Brien					(35) Conan O'Brien	Gourmet's Diary		(35) Late, Late Show	Malcolm in the Middle	

THURSDAY JANUARY 3

5 PM	:00	The Simpsons	Match!	Timothy / (10) Mama	(4:30) NCAA Football	CHEK News	Full House	Early News	CTV News	Punjab Times	A Channel News at 5	The Ellen Degeneres Show	My Wife and Kids	(15) NCAA Football	KOMO 4 News	KING 5 News	Charlie Rose	The Hour	KIRO 7 News	Being Ian	(4:30) Poker After Dark
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8	:00	"Bridget Jones: The Edge of Reason" ★★ (Dra, '04)	Festival grand rire François Léveillé	Arctic Mission The Great Adventure		"The Obsession" ★ (Thrill, '06) Daphne Zuniga.	Home Improvement	Falcon Beach Reckless Love	CSI: Crime Scene Investigation	What's in Vancouver? Main Office	"Notting Hill" ★★ (Rom, '99) Hugh Grant.	Ugly Betty Grin and Bear It	Smallville Cure		Ugly Betty Grin and Bear It	Deal or No Deal (N)	Newshour Special	CBC News: The National	Without a Trace Clean Up	Prank Patrol Double Date	Ultimate Fighter
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	:30	Canadian Antiques Rd	grande boucherie (N)			Hollywood Mysteries	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		The Insider	Team Galaxy	
8	:00	Air Farce New Year's Eve	Festival grand rire Normand Brathwaite	Buried Treasure		1 vs. 100 (SP) (N)	3D Dialogue	Falcon Beach Summer's Over	Ghost Whisperer The Underside	Weekly News Forum	"Muppets From Space" ★★★ (Child, '99) Dave Goelz.	2 1/2 Men Pilot	Friday Night Smackdown (N)	Bones The Boneless Bride in the River	Grey's Anatomy A Change Is Gonna Come	1 vs. 100 (SP) (N)	NOW	CBC News: The National	Ghost Whisperer The Underside	Naruto	
	:30				Best of Off the Record					CTS Night Club		Two and a Half Men					Washington Week			Avatar	
9	:00	Torchwood Combat (N)	Bons baisers de France		IHF Hockey World Junior Championship - Semifinal	Be Real (N)	The Standard	Friday Night Lights (N)	Moonlight Doctor Feelgood	Hwang Jin Yi		"Marci X" ★ (Com, '03) Lisa Kudrow.		House Hunting	Women's Murder Club FBI Guy (N)	Friday Night Lights (N)	Bill Moyers' Journal	CBC News: The National	Moonlight Doctor Feelgood	Futurama	FSN Pro Football Preview
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10	:00	CBC News: The National	Le Téléjournal	The Casebook of Sherlock Holmes	#1 - Teams TBA	20/20 (N)	Cold Case Offender	Largo Winch Down on the Pharm	Without a Trace Two of Us	Open Concert	The Collector (N)		Seinfeld [Part 2 of 2]	Q-13 Fox News at Ten	20/20 (N)	Las Vegas I Could Eat a Horse (N)	By the People	the fifth estate	Numb3rs Trust Metric	Death Note	Sportsnet Connected (Live)
	:30											Seinfeld The Junk Mail								Bleach	
11	:00	(05) The Hour	Le Téléjournal "Hilary et Jackie" ★★	Perspectives Blue Vinyl	SportsCentre (Live)	News	It's a New Day	News	News	TV Patrol	News	Pink Planet III Geneva	Frasier	Family Guy PTV	News	News	"The Seven Year Itch" ★★★ (Com, '55) Marilyn Monroe.	CBC News: The National	News	Eureka Seven	Sportsnet Connected
	:30								CTV News	CTI News	(35) The Tonight Show With Jay Leno	CityNews International	Frasier	King of the Hill	(35) News Nightline	(35) The Tonight Show With Jay Leno			(35) The Late Show	Storm Hawks	
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	:30	(35) Kenny vs. Spenny		Allan Gregg Gore Vidal	IHF Hockey Under 17	(35) Late, Late Show	Kingstar			Music Bank	(35) Conan O'Brien					(35) Conan O'Brien			(35) Late, Late Show	Invader Zim	

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SATURDAY JANUARY 5

5:00 PM	(4:00) NHL Hockey - Philadelphia vs. Toronto (Live)	Showbiz Inc.	(10) Dive, Oily, Dive (25) George	(4:00) IIFH Hockey World Junior Championship - Gold Medal Game - Teams TBA	CHEK News	Home Improvement	Family Guy	NFL Football Wild Card - Game 2 - Teams TBA (Live)	(4:30) Swiat Polskiej	Star Trek: Voyager Lifesigns	Electric Playground	MGM Presents	Raymond The Model	KOMO 4 News	NFL Football Wild Card - Game 2 - Teams TBA (Live)	Test Kitchen	Antiques Roadshow	KIRO 7 News	(4:00) "The Land Before Time V: The Mysterious..."	Poker After Dark
6:00	Le Téléjournal	Meerkat Manor	Into the Wild	What Happened?	News	Eagle Com Time Sale	Global National	Xin Tan Ren	Bravo!Fact Presents	Speaker's Corner	That '70s Show	That '70s Show	Friends	ABC World News	Lawrence Welk Show	Saturday Report	News	Prank Patrol	NBA Basketball - New Orleans vs. Phoenix (Live)	
7:00	NHL Hockey - N.Y. Rangers vs. Edmonton (Live)	"Plan de vol" *** (Susp. '05) Jodie Foster	National Geographic Chimps On the Edge	SportsCentre (Live)	That News Show	Diya	Global Currents	Entrepreneurial Leader	The New Canoe	Cinecity Getting Married	CSI: Miami	Two and a Half Men	ABC News Coverage of the New Hampshire Debates	Rosemary & Thyme They Understand Me in Paris	Dubai: Mirage or Mirage?	Entertainment This Week	"High Crimes" *** (Susp. '02) Morgan Freeman	"Big Daddy" *** (Com. '99) Adam Sandler	NBA Action	
8:00	Le Téléjournal	Midsomer Murders	NFL PrimeTime	Sikh Vira	Mutant X Art of Attraction	"Tripping the Wire: A Stephen Tree Mystery" (Cri. '05) Clark Johnson	Asian Variety Show	Vanna Malargal	Kool Countdown	CSI: Miami	Q13 FOX News	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit	Chicago Live at the Greek Theater	Dubai: Mirage or Mirage?	48 Hours Mystery (N)	Prank Patrol	Sportsnet Connected (Live)			
9:00	Hockey: After Hours (Live)	Le Téléjournal / (15) "Agents secrets" (Dra. '04) Vincent Cassel	The Cola Conquest The Big Sell	SportsCentre (Live)	True Hollywood Story Society Girls	Mad TV	News	Bubble Gang	Start at the Movies	Reviews on the Run	Cold Case	Mad TV	News	News	Austin City Limits John Mayer	A Safer Sex Trade	News	Ghost Trackers	Poker Red Rock Championship Series	
10:00	Hockey Night in Canada: Replay	Le Téléjournal / (15) "Agents secrets" (Dra. '04) Vincent Cassel	The Cola Conquest The Big Sell	SportsCentre (Live)	True Hollywood Story Society Girls	Mad TV	News	Bubble Gang	Start at the Movies	Reviews on the Run	Cold Case	Mad TV	News	News	Austin City Limits John Mayer	A Safer Sex Trade	News	Ghost Trackers	Poker Red Rock Championship Series	
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SUNDAY JANUARY 6

5:00 PM	"A Bug's Life" *** (Ani. '98) Voices of Dave Foley	La Route des temples	Miss BG / (15) Dive, Oily	Boxing Friday Night Fights - Green vs. Williams	CHEK News	Home Improvement	Family Guy	Question Period	Spazio Libero	Star Trek: Voyager Investigations	Electric Playground	Girlfriends	King of the Hill	KOMO 4 News	KING 5 News	Reclaimers	Dubai: Mirage or Mirage?	KIRO 7 News	(4:00) "Duma" *** (Dra. '05)	(4:00) QMJHL Hockey - Quebec vs. Victoriaville
6:00	Le Téléjournal	Emily of New Moon	What Happened?	Raymond Pat's Secret	News	"1942: A Love Story" *** (Rom. '94) Manisha Koirala	Relic Hunter	Biography	Gossip Girl	Family Guy	News	News	Oregon Field Guide	CBC News: Sunday Night	News	Travels to the Edge	60 Minutes	"Dennis the Menace Strikes Again" *** (Com. '98) Don Rickles	Poker Red Rock Championship Series	
7:00	Heartland	National Geographic	SportsCentre (Live)	Deal or No Deal (N)	Voices of Hindustan	American Dad Star Trek	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit	America's Funniest Home Videos	Blood Ties	CW Now	American Dad Star Trek	America's Funniest Home Videos	Deal or No Deal	Antiques Roadshow Savannah	Edge of Eden: Living With Grizzlies	60 Minutes	Falcon Beach Getting to Know You	Urban Vermin	UFC Fight Night	
8:00	Torchwood	Inspector Morse	Poker 2007 World Series	Dr. 90210	Sufism: Heart of Islam	Family Guy	Housewives Welcome to Kanagawa (N)	"Lilies for Lily" (Dra. '06)	To Be Announced	American Gladiators (P) (N)	Crowned Tension, Tears, Teamwork	Family Guy	American D. Frannie 911 (N)	Masterpiece Theatre Jane Eyre [Part 2 of 2]	CBC News: Sunday Night	Cold Case Sabotage (N)	Falcon Beach Getting to Know You	Prank Patrol		
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10:00	CBC News: Sunday Night	Le Téléjournal	"Anna Karenina" *** (Dra. '00) Helen McCrory	NFL PrimeTime	Cashmere Mafia Pilot (P) (N)	Path to Enlightenment	Shark Partners in Crime (N)	Law & Order: Criminal Intent	Stargate: SG-1 Ex Deus Machina	Seinfeld	Q13 FOX News	Cashmere Mafia Pilot (P) (N)	Edge of Eden: Living With Grizzlies	Shark Partners in Crime (N)	Weird Years	Sportsnet Connected (Live)				
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12:00 MID	Canadian Reflections	Le Téléjournal	"Anna Karenina" *** (Dra. '00) Helen McCrory	NFL PrimeTime	Cashmere Mafia Pilot (P) (N)	Path to Enlightenment	Shark Partners in Crime (N)	Law & Order: Criminal Intent	Stargate: SG-1 Ex Deus Machina	Seinfeld	Q13 FOX News	Cashmere Mafia Pilot (P) (N)	Edge of Eden: Living With Grizzlies	Shark Partners in Crime (N)	Weird Years	Sportsnet Connected (Live)				

MONDAY JANUARY 7

5:00 PM	The Simpsons	Kif-kif (N)	Timothy / (10) Mama	(4:30) NCAA Football BCS Championship Game - Ohio State vs. LSU (Live)	CHEK News	Growing Pains	Early News	CTV News at Five	Punjab Times	A-Channel News	The Ellen Degeneres Show	My Wife and Kids	(15) NCAA Football BCS Championship Game - Ohio State vs. LSU (Live)	KOMO 4 News	KING 5 News	Charlie Rose	The Hour	KIRO 7 News	Naked Brothers	NBA XL
6:00	Arrested	L'Union fait la force (N)	The Saddle Club	Renegade-press.com	News	The Simpsons	King of the Hill	CTI News	Vancouver Report	CityNews International	That '70s Show	That '70s Show	Wheel of Fortune	Evening Magazine	Rick Steves' Europe	Afghanistan, the Choice of Women	Entertainment Tonight	Malcolm in the Middle	Sportsnet Connected	
7:00	Coronation Street	Virginie (N)	The Leading Edge	Historylands	El News	According to Jim	Entertainment Tonight	Etalk (N)	Hong Kong Express	Degrassi: Next Gen.	Wheel of Fortune	The King of Queens	Wheel of Fortune	Evening Magazine	Rick Steves' Europe	Afghanistan, the Choice of Women	Entertainment Tonight	Malcolm in the Middle	Sportsnet Connected	
8:00	Comedy Festival (N)	L'Auberge du chien noir	Rage Against the Darkness	Bunny and Leona	How I Met Your Mother	Coach	"Kingdom of Heaven" *** (Act. '05) Orlando Bloom	Dance War: Bruno vs. Carrie Ann (P) (N)	Founding Emperor of the Ming Dynasty	Scrubs	American Gladiators (N)	Everybody Hates Chris	Dance War: Bruno vs. Carrie Ann (P) (N)	American Gladiators (N)	Antiques Roadshow (SP) (N) [Part 1 of 3]	CBC News: The National	How I Met Your Mother	Fries With That?	NBA XL	
9:00	The Border	Tout sur moi	Perspective Beyond	Diya	The Standard	House Pilot	Criminal Minds	Made in Germany	"Big Trouble" *** (Com. '02) Tim Allen	American Pie Presents Band Camp" *** (Com. '05) Eugene Levy	Seinfeld	Q-13 Fox News at Ten	Boston Legal	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit	Wal-Mart Nation	The 34th Annual People's Choice Awards (N)	Falcon Beach Chemistry Lessons	Sportsnet Connected (Live)		
10:00	CBC News: The National	Le Téléjournal	Chiels and Champions	Allan Gregg Gore Vidal	Poker 2007 World Series - Main Event	Cold Case Tom	Risk Takers Coast Guard	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit Signature (N)	Schauplatz Europa	European Journal	TV Patrol	News	Reviews on the Run	Fraser	Family Guy	News	News	Ghost Trackers	Sportsnet Connected	
11:00	(05) The Hour	La zone	Who's Aping Who Bringing Up Baby	Can. Sportfishing	(05) El News	International Laser Clinic	(05) Ent. Tonight	(05) E.T. Canada	(05) The Daily Show	(05) Colbert Report	Wiadososci	(05) Conan O'Brien	South Park	RENO 911!	(05) News Nightline	(05) Jimmy Kimmel Live	News	News	News	
12:00 MID	(05) Rick Mercer	(45) Fosse aux lions	Who's Aping Who Bringing Up Baby	Can. Sportfishing	(05) El News	International Laser Clinic	(05) Ent. Tonight	(05) E.T. Canada	(05) The Daily Show	(05) Colbert Report	Wiadososci	(05) Conan O'Brien	South Park	RENO 911!	(05) News Nightline	(05) Jimmy Kimmel Live	News	News	News	

TUESDAY JANUARY 8

5:00 PM	The Simpsons	Kif-kif (N)	Timothy / (10) Mama	(4:30) NHL Hockey - Chicago vs. Montreal (Live)	CHEK News	Growing Pains	Early News	CTV News at Five	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	All Grown Up	Poker After Dark
6:00	Arrested	L'Union fait la force (N)	World of Og (N) Wonders	(35) CG Kids	News	The Simpsons	King of the Hill	CTI News	Vancouver Report	CityNews International	That '70s Show	That '70s Show	Wheel of Fortune	Evening Magazine	Rick Steves' Europe	Wal-Mart Nation	Entertainment Tonight	Malcolm in the Middle	NHL Hockey - N.Y. Islanders vs. Vancouver (Live)	
7:00	Coronation Street	Virginie (N)	Into the Wild	SportsCentre (Live)	The Biggest Loser (N)	According to Jim	Ent. Tonight	Access Hollywood	Pure in Heart	Friends	Jeopardy	The King of Queens	Two and a Half Men	Inside Edition	About the Money	The Insider	Prank Patrol	Dino Egg	Islanders vs. Vancouver (Live)	
8:00	Rick Mercer	Providence (N)	The Romantics	In This Corner	Coach	NCIS Family	Gossip Girl (N)	Il Caffe	Jeff Ltd.	Bravo!Fact Presents	One Tree Hill (SP) (N)	Bones Pilot	Just For Laughs	The Biggest Loser (N)	Primary	CBC News: The National	NCIS Family	Fries With That?	Monster Warriors	
9:00	iPod I Love Turtles (P) (N)	Les Laviguer, la vraie histoire	Buffy St. Marie: A Multimedia Life	Poker 2007 World Series - Main Event	The 34th Annual People's Choice Awards (N)	Cold Case Tom	Risk Takers Coast Guard	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit Signature (N)	Schauplatz Europa	European Journal	TV Patrol	News	Reviews on the Run	Fraser	Family Guy	News	News	News	News	
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12:00 MID	(05) Red Green Show	(45) Fosse aux lions	Who's Aping Who Bringing Up Baby	Can. Sportfishing	(05) El News	International Laser Clinic	(05) Ent. Tonight	(05) E.T. Canada	(05) The Daily Show	(05) Colbert Report	Wiadososci	(05) Conan O'Brien	South Park	RENO 911!	(05) News Nightline	(05) Jimmy Kimmel Live	News	News	News	

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ART FORM: Salt Spring dancers spent a few recent afternoons workshoping an original dance piece in the ArtSpring lobby with visiting pro Danny McCusker. Stay tuned for spring performance details.

JAZZ MUSIC

El Zocalo puts jazz stamp on Saturdays

Ganges nightlife expands

Island music lovers have a new entertainment option as El Zocalo Cafe kicks off its Saturday Night Dinner Jazz series on Saturday, January 5.

Performing first in the new venue from 7-10 p.m. is the Monik Nordine Quartet, featuring Salt Spring and Vancouver Island musicians.

Joining saxophone player

Nordine is guitarist Lloyd English, bass player Ian Van Wyck and Kelby MacNayr on drums.

Derrick Milton, who for the past four months has owned the cafe with his brother-in-law Chris Rothwell, said Saturday night jazz was introduced to diversify entertainment choices on the island.

Next week (January 12) sees the highly recommended Night Shade Trio visiting from Duncan.

On January 19, the Flora

Scott Trio, with Laurent Boucher on drums and Van Wyck on bass, will perform.

The January 26 gig features English, Boucher and Van Wyck joined by trombone player John Capon from Gabriola Island.

Milton also hopes to have high school jazz musicians in to perform again, after they impressed the crowd at a special cafe event in November.

No cover charge is applied to the jazz evenings, which cater to all ages, but the hat

will be passed so people can show their appreciation for the music and its performers.

Milton is also a well-known island trumpet player, vet and former owner of the Gulf Islands Veterinary Clinic.

Besides operating El Zocalo, Milton still does veterinary work as a locum.

El Zocalo serves spicy Mexican food as it always has, but the menu choices have also been expanded, he said.

CULTURAL GROUPS

Legacies Now aids Galiano and Pender arts groups

Arts organizations on Pender and Galiano islands are getting a financial boost from a 2010 Legacies Now program.

Galiano Island's urban ink production society will receive \$15,000, while Ptarmigan Music and Theatre Society on Pender Island gets \$10,000.

"We are excited to receive these funds, which will help us bring together Gulf Islands artists, arts and cultural groups

and local children," said Patrick Smith, artistic director of Ptarmigan Music and Theatre Society, in a press release.

"By exploring the arts, including dance, music, film and the visual arts, the students will strengthen their sense of community and identity."

The investment is part of 2010 Legacies Now's "commitment to strengthen the arts and cultural sector in British Columbia," states press material.

The funding is part of the society's Innovations program which helps arts, cultural and heritage organizations create new opportunities for community members to participate in arts and cultural activities.

This year, 28 organizations in 19 B.C. communities will share more than \$220,000 in Innovations funds. Further information about 2010 Legacies Now is at www.2010LegaciesNow.com.

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ISLAND CRAFTS

Local knitter wins prize for original design

Mary Tanti's talents attract international attention

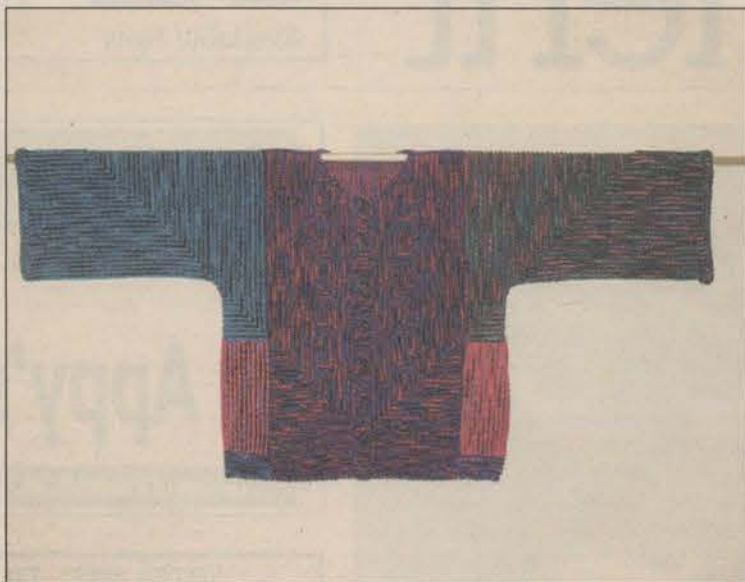
BY DAWN HAGE
DRIFTWOOD CONTRIBUTOR

Although Mary Tanti can easily follow a knitting pattern, she prefers to let her imagination roam. It's a habit turned into a skill that has caught the attention of the knitting community.



MARY TANTI

Tanti recently entered and won third prize in the prestigious knitting competition put on by the Cherry Tree Hill Yarn company.



PHOTOS CONTRIBUTED

Front and back views of Mary Tanti's award-winning sweater made with colourful supersock wool.

The company was looking for "large, multi-directional garments" that used their supersock wool. Tanti worked with eight different colours to create the striking

sweater that won over the judges.

Taught to knit by her father, Tanti doesn't remember exactly when she started, but a family legend has her knitting away in the stairwell at the age of two.

"I've been knitting ever since," she said with a smile.

Over the years, Tanti has knitted for friends and family, sold her wares at the Fulford Hall craft sale and created countless original patterns and designs.

"I can't leave a pattern alone," she said. "Even the ones that I create, I can barely write one down without seeing changes that I want to make."

Tanti was unaware that there were competitions for knitters until she attended a workshop on Quadra Island and met the instructor, Shelley Mackie, who was highly impressed with her skills.

"We were each given a teddy bear and eight different patterns to choose from to clothe the bear. I had done all the patterns before,

so I just sat there and made up my own. Shelley came over and said 'How did you do that'?"

Mackie was so impressed with Tanti's skills that she asked her if she would consider entering the Cherry Tree Hill competition. Mackie had already purchased the supersock yarn for the contest but had been frustrated with her own attempts to create a design.

"She wanted to give me the wool and told me to just play and see what I could do. I was delighted."

Tanti quickly came up with her design for a sweater and entered the competition, which was open to submissions from anywhere in North America. They narrowed the field down to 15 finalists, and then she received word that she had placed third. She won a cash prize of \$500 and her design appears on the Cherry Tree Hill website, which can be viewed at www.cherrytreehill.com/supersockdesign.html.

After this success, Mackie told Tanti that she would

like to publish her patterns on her website called Fun Knits. Visitors to the site can purchase the patterns and then download them on their own computers. Tanti will then receive a cheque from Mackie.

Although a passionate knitter throughout her life, this is the first time that Tanti has entered a competition or had any patterns published.

She has always enjoyed making special items for friends and customers who have unusual needs, including socks with intricate ridges along the sole to support a high instep, socks with extra support for the heel, socks for club feet and socks for a friend whose feet were deformed.

"He used to say, 'Heaven would be to have boots that fit', so at least I helped him with a comfortable sock," she said.

Tanti has also designed gloves for customers with carpal tunnel syndrome and for a friend who had suffered a stroke.

She finds knitting tremendously relaxing and recommends it highly for those who would like to unwind while creating something practical and useful.

"Whenever I'm out doing things, I can't wait to get home and pick up my needles. Then I can go ahhh . . ."

Tanti has participated in countless groups, including the Trail and Nature Club and as a volunteer at the Lady Minto Auxiliary Thrift Shop. She now spends time helping her 100-year-old mother Mary Butler and also never misses the Island Comfort Quilts quilting bee.

To view Tanti's patterns for sale at Fun Knits, go to www.funknits.com.

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Two of the existing overhead transmission towers in Montague Harbour Provincial Park on Gray Peninsula will be modified. BCTC has applied to BC Parks for a Park Use Permit for the use of the existing trail on Gray Peninsula for construction access and to minimize environmental impact.

Construction Activity

Schedule (subject to change)

- Development of a temporary access trail from the existing trail leading to the two existing transmission towers on Gray Peninsula
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- Modification of the two existing towers
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Vegetation clearing and brushing will be required to establish a temporary access trail to the two transmission towers from the existing access paralleling the shoreline. As well, removal of trees within proximity to the two transmission towers will be required for safety purposes.

After construction activities are completed, BCTC will plant native trees and shrubs along the temporary access trail to re-establish natural habitat.

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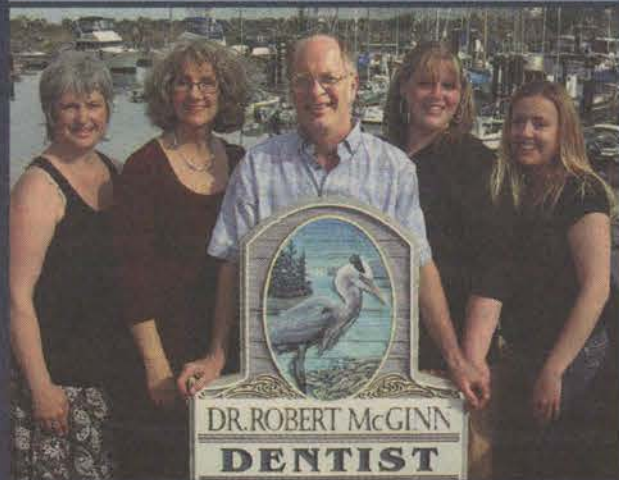
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PRETTY AS A PICTURE:
The winter sun shines on boats in Ganges Harbour.

Le hotseat de Paris: a cautionary tale

In appreciation of Salt Spring's excellent French Immersion programs

BY ANDREW GIBSON
SPECIAL TO THE DRIFTWOOD

PARIS-(AP) — *Parisian taxi drivers, already armed against hostile clients with a measure of arrogance, savvy and an occasional dog, may soon equip their cabs with "hot seats."*

Packing 52,000 volts, "le siege qui brule," or "the seat that burns," is designed to thwart passengers who try to attack cab-drivers. With the push of a pedal the driver can send electricity coursing through the back seat, stunning the passenger, who is rendered groggy for about two minutes, but doesn't lose consciousness.

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Upon boarding "La Gloire de France" at Kennedy I probably seemed a romantic figure to my pretty seatmate, although my ten-gallon hat, spurs and chaps wouldn't have drawn a second glance back in Buffalo Bones, Alberta,

where all the bankers dress for the range. "You must," she said with a glance that misted my bifocals, "find this trip dull, compared to the life of a cowboy."

I reckoned that was right, and she asked me if I would like to while away the time with a few hands of vingt-et-un, a simple game which she remembered playing with her grandmere.

Two hours later, as we prepared to land, she reluctantly collected her winnings. I congratulated her on her extraordinary recall of her childhood game, and we parted with assurances of mutual esteem.

"Au revoir, mon pigeon," she whispered, pressing a business card into my hand. From it I learned that she was the vice-president of "De Sade Poules de Joie," a company which I assume is in the watersports business.

I had heard, of course, that the Paris taxi drivers are formidable, but I wasn't really prepared for the one who, at the wheel of an ancient Citroen closely resembling a Black Maria, motioned me to load my luggage. I toyed with the idea of remonstrating with him, but seldom had I seen a man with neither neck nor forehead, a throwback, no doubt, to the Neanderthals of the Dordogne.

"To L'Hotel La Belle Guillotine," I instructed, when I had recovered my breath, and then for some reason or other I added "Vitement!" He wheeled into the traffic, turning the air blue with imprecations against all other drivers in the area.

It was clear to me that this man was a Parisian apache, a primitive of uncertain temperament. I should try to put him at ease. Fortunately I had been leafing through "French in Ten Minutes a Day."

I asked about the precise location of the plume of his tante, but he only replied by grinding his teeth, so I continued.

"Dites-moi, cochon, ou est Mademoiselle ta mere?" (Tell me, driver, don't you miss your horse?)

Obviously a cretin with no appreciation of subtle humour, he only muttered "Merde" (murder) and drove more furiously than ever.

I have always, when travelling, considered myself to be the ambassador from Buffalo Bones, and as a Dale Carnegie graduate I knew that initial hostility can be transformed by a friendly gesture. I reached into my shoulder bag for one of my goodwill gifts, a Buffalo Bones souvenir ashtray shaped like a pistol.

"Ta vie or ton argent!" I quipped, waving it at him.

I can't explain what happened next. There was a crackling sound, smoke enveloped me, my comfortable seat changed in an instant to a hot stove, the car slowed, the door flew open and I was ejected into the gutter. It being full of water, my pants were fortunately extinguished.

The cab sped off with my luggage and when I ran after it I was immediately arrested by a gendarme and charged with indecent exposure, causing a disturbance and vagrancy.

I appeared before the magistrate who, upon learning that I still possessed my return ticket, ordered me deported on the next flight.

I am now back in Buffalo Bones. I have donated my copy of "French in Ten Minutes a Day" to the library. Any more travelling I do will be to Calgary.

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BAROQUE MUSIC

Bach on the Rock concludes masterpiece at ArtSpring

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Salt Spring music lovers will get the chance to hear the concluding two movements of Bach's Christmas Oratorio as Bach on the Rock returns this week.

Taking place this year on Epiphany, this "magnificent and infrequently heard masterpiece" will



CAROL BROWN

be performed at ArtSpring on Sunday, January 6, beginning at 8 p.m.

Joining the 24-member chamber choir and 18-piece chamber orchestra of Bach on the Rock are guest soloists soprano Patricia Hewes

Corry from Germany, mezzo Jeanine Fynn from Vancouver, tenor Isaiah Bell from Victoria, and baritone Angus Bell from Vancouver.

This year's presentation will also include the premiere of Jaime Rokeby-Thomas' And They Saw a Star — a new classical composition for orchestra.

Bach on the Rock came into being several years ago when local musician Carol Brown felt

an "unmet longing on the island for the riches of the great European choral tradition," notes press material.

The first four parts of Bach's Christmas Oratorio were performed over the course of the last two years, filling All Saints By-the-Sea to overflowing.

This year the final two parts will take place at ArtSpring. "This talented group of musi-

cians, drawn together by their shared love of Bach's music, hope that you too will bring your love for this music to the evening's celebration, and then join with them at the reception."

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THE GANGES VILLAGE MARKET SOUTHWESTERN CORN CHOWDER

Short cuts to cooking for one or two © with Sarah Lynn, 2007

Chowder: The French word for cauldron, *chaudière* or *chaudron*, is often pointed to as the origin of the English name chowder but the word *jowler*, meaning fishmonger, and its dialect variations, *chowter* and *chowder*, were being used in Cornwall and Devonshire, England, in the 16th century. On September 23, 1751 the *Boston Evening Post* published the oldest-known printed recipe for fish chowder. It read: "First lay some Onions to keep the Pork from burning Because in Chouder there can be not turning; Then lay some Pork in slices very thin, Thus you in Chouder always must begin. Next lay some Fish cut crossways very nice Then season well with Pepper, Salt, and Spice; Parsley, Sweet-Marjoram, Savory, and Thyme, Then Biscuit next which must be soak'd some Time. Thus your Foundation laid, you will be able To raise a Chouder, high as Tower of Babel; For by repeating o'er the Same again, You may make a Chouder for a thousand men. Last a Bottle of Claret, with Water eno; to smother 'em, You'll have a Mess which some call *Omnium gather 'em*." The directions reveal the method of layering chowder ingredients, which was how all chowders were made at the time. Who created the first chowder? The most likely possibility is it originated amongst French and English fishermen plying Newfoundland's fishing banks. The basic staples carried aboard most fishing vessels in the 1700s -- salt pork, hardtack (ship's biscuit), and fresh fish -- make it easy to believe that chowder originated at sea. As John Thorne points out in his book *Down East Chowder*, given the limited staples aboard fishing boats during this period, one would "come to wonder not how chowder came into existence but what else they ever found to eat." How fitting that corn can be used as a base in which crab or fish taste divine. The early American Indians gave the world corn. In their languages corn means "our life," or "our mother," or "she who sustains us." Corn chowder whether made with seafood or, as here, southwestern style served with corn bread or corn chips and salsa is a must for winter appetites. I hope you add this recipe to your collection of quick meals.

Sauté 6 slices of bacon until browned and crisp. Crumble and set aside. In a stock pot combine 2 peeled & diced potatoes & 1 minced onion. Add 1 cup water, cover and simmer for about 15 minutes until vegetables are tender. Stir in, 1 1/2 cups of milk or light cream, 2 cans of cream style corn, 1 can of whole kernel corn & the reserved bacon. Heat through but do not boil. Add salt & black pepper to taste. Serve with corn bread or taco chips. (As an option, add 2 tablespoons of salsa to each hot bowl just before serving.)

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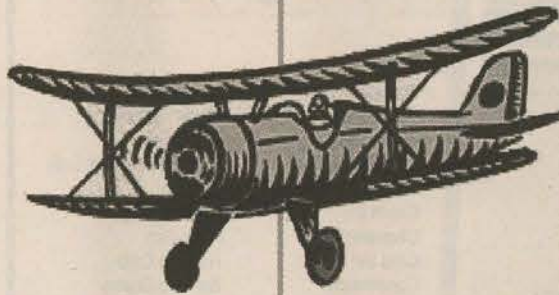
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What's On This Week

Wed. Jan 2	Thurs. Jan 3	Fri. Jan 4	Sat. Jan 5	Sun. Jan 6	Mon. Jan 7	Tues. Jan 8
LIVE ENTERTAINMENT Simply Organic. Free organ recital with Barry Valentine at All Saints. 10:10 a.m., followed by coffee & muffin.	ACTIVITIES No events scheduled at this time.	LIVE ENTERTAINMENT Celeste Lovick & Chris Ellis. UK songwriters & performers. ArtSpring. 8 p.m. OTHER ACTIVITIES Rollerblading. Fridays at Fulford Hall. 7-7:30 p.m. for novices/little people; 7:30-9 p.m. general skating.	LIVE ENTERTAINMENT Monik Nordine Quartet. First of Saturday Night Dinner Jazz nights at El Zocalo Cafe. 7-10 p.m. Soul Shakedown. Live music at The Local. 8 p.m.	LIVE ENTERTAINMENT Christmas Oratorio. Parts 5 & 6 of the J.S. Bach masterwork. A Bach on the Rock presentation. ArtSpring. 8 p.m.	ACTIVITIES Eckhart Tolle Practising Presence Group. Drop-in. 7:30 p.m. Info: Amrita, 537-2799. Transit System Launch. At Meaden Hall. Refreshments, cake, special guests and entertainment. 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Osho Kundalini Moving Meditation. Drop-in. 5:30 p.m. Info: Amrita, 537-2799.	ACTIVITIES No events scheduled at this time. Wed. Jan 9 LIVE ENTERTAINMENT Simply Organic. Free organ recital with Barry Valentine at All Saints. 10:10 a.m., followed by coffee & muffin. OTHER ACTIVITIES SS Historical Society Cowichan Valley Museum curator Kathryn Gagnon presents Promoting the History and Heritage of the Cowichan Valley. Central Hall. 2 p.m. Zen Meditation. Group meets at 210 Cedar Lane every Wednesday, 7-9 p.m. Info: 537-2831.



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EXHIBITIONS
 • **Workshop paintings** by the **Painters Guild** are on display in the lobby of **Artspring** for the month of January.
 • **Salt Spring Coffee Company** cafe in Ganges will be featuring the paintings of **Justin Beckett** for the month of January.
 • **New life drawings** by **Thomas McPhee** are showing at **Auntie Pesto's Restaurant**.
 • **Jana's Bake Shop** shows photos from the **Driftwood's 2007 Day in the Life of Salt Spring Island** project.

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People & Community

HOLIDAY SPIRIT

A gift of hope from Saturna

Thanks extended to supportive community

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Goats, rabbits and mosquito nets may not be on every 10-year-old's Christmas shopping list, but that's what Saturna Island's Allison Gaines decided to buy after raising nearly \$300 for World Vision Canada in December.

"I sold everything except a bit of cake," Gaines said in a telephone interview last week. "I thought it would be a really good idea to help some of the people who don't have as much as we do."

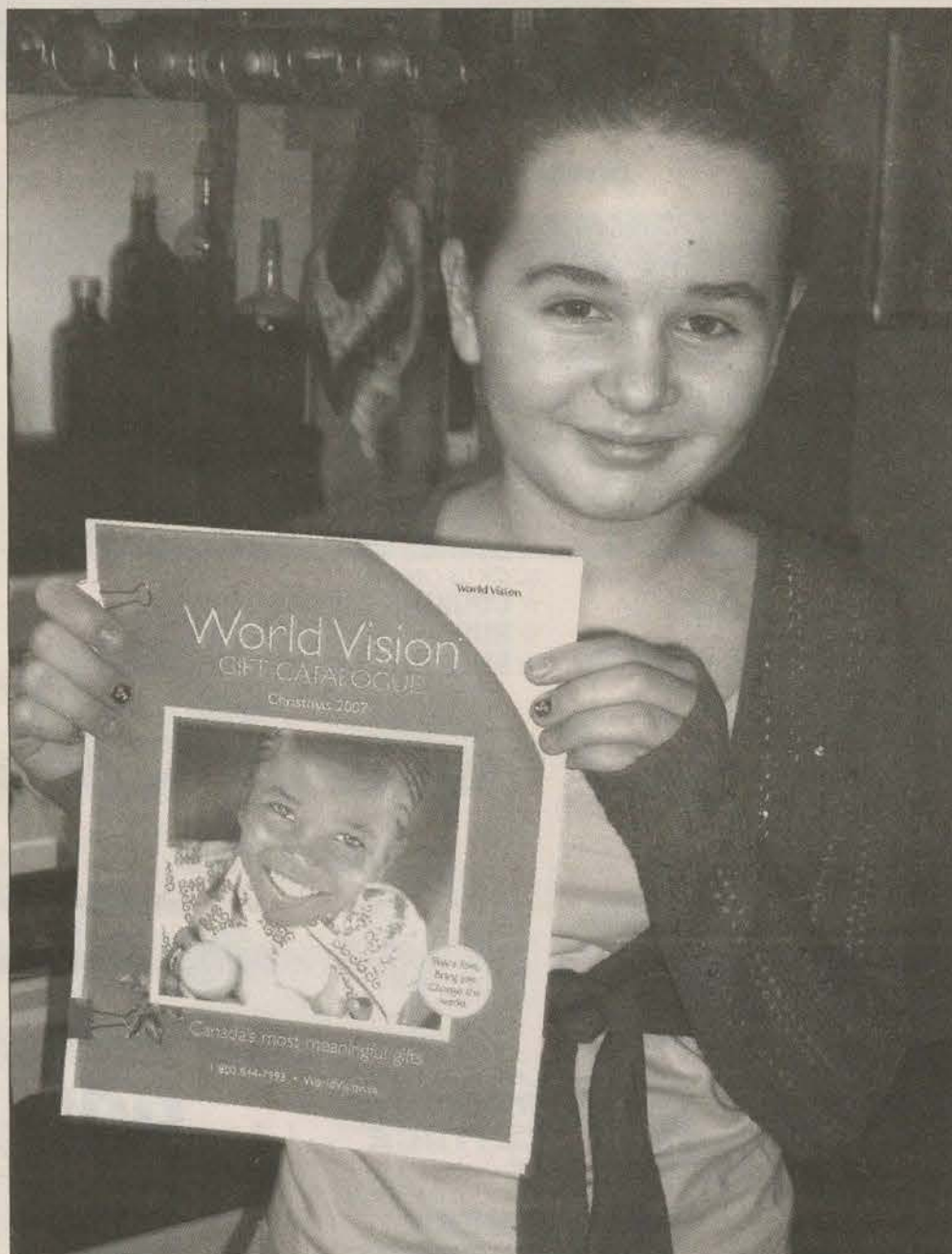
Gaines said she became involved in fundraising as part of a self-directed school project assigned to fifth-grade students at Saturna school. When she spotted a World Vision Canada catalogue laying about the house, she added, she knew exactly what to do.

With some help from her mother and grandmother, Gaines spent days baking cookies, muffins, tarts and cakes in preparation for the big sale, scheduled to coincide with one of the island's weekly recycling days in early December.

"Everybody heads to the recycling depot," said Amber Jensen, Gaines' mom.

Gaines not only baked the goods, but also collected funds and chose which projects to sponsor.

The \$288.50 raised from the sale will purchase an agricultural package for three families, schooling for a young girl in China, a goat, two rabbits, two mosquito nets to guard against malar-



Allison Gaines with the World Vision Gift Catalogue that helped her decide which projects to support with community bake sale funds. PHOTO CONTRIBUTED

ia and warm clothes for 25 children.

Holiday time donations to humanitarian organizations such as World Vision Canada, Oxfam, Unicef and

smaller community-to-community based charities have steadily increased over the years as people search for more meaningful ways to offer gifts, Jensen said.

"There are so many bad stories out there that it's nice to hear something good for a change," she added. "Thanks to everyone for their generous support."

LOCAL HISTORY

Curator shares Cowichan Valley museum view

First historical society meeting of 2008

The Salt Spring Island Historical Society's January 9 meeting will include a presentation called Promoting the History and Heritage of the Cowichan Valley.

Kathryn Gagnon, the curator at the Cowichan Valley Museum, will discuss the museum's programs, events and exhibits.

"These include temporary and permanent exhibits and programs such as Christmas Past Comes Alive, a living history display with local volunteers in period costumes assuming the identities of pioneer individuals," explains a press release.

"Ms. Gagnon will explain local heritage preservation efforts, focussing on the program Kinsol in Crisis — about the Kinsol Trestle, an important architectural and engineering marvel."

From Christmas programs for elementary students to programs for seniors, the museum's offerings focus on the interests of local residents and museum-loving tourists.

Stories in the museum displays also help people understand the history of the Cowichan Valley and its inhabitants.

Next Wednesday's historical society meeting begins at 2 p.m. at Central Hall. Tea/coffee and cookies follow the presentation.

COMMUNITY GROUPS

Salt Spring Singers happy to hear new voices

A fresh season of singing begins this week when the Salt Spring Singers choir resumes practising.

New members are welcome to check out the long-running island group, which meets on Tuesday, January

8 at the Salt Spring Island Baptist Church at 520 Lower Ganges Road. (Next to the B.C. Hydro and Islands Trust office.)

Registration will begin at 6:30 p.m. and the practice starts at 7 p.m.

No auditions are necessary to join Salt Spring Singers — only a love of singing.

Due to illness suffered by Singers director Mitch Howard, the group cancelled its annual Christmas

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PEOPLE & COMMUNITY

EDUCATION

Independent Duncan school invites islanders to primary centre opening

Part of institution's facility renewal

Queen Margeret's School in Duncan is celebrating the opening of the QMS Primary Centre — a new location for kindergarten and Grades 1-3 classes, whose members include several Salt Spring Island students.

An event to acknowledge the opening takes place next Thursday, January 10, between 7 and 8:30 p.m.

Everyone is welcome to attend the celebration,

which will feature a presentation by Dr. Neil Smith entitled Building the Foundation for Educational Success: The Importance of the Early Years.

A reception will follow. A school spokesman says the new primary centre was built to accommodate a 48 per cent increase in enrolment over the past three years.

"The building is very impressive indeed," says Salt Spring parent Paul Ceysens, who also serves as a member of the QMS

board of governors. "Spacious, bright and airy, this beautiful new building is designed exclusively for primary students, and exists in complete harmony with its natural setting."

The new building is part of a campus renewal plan at QMS. An expenditure of \$4.7 million is planned in order to renew and replenish facilities over the next two years.

For further information, contact the school at (250) 746-4185 or e-mail admissions@qms.bc.ca.



DOWN TIME: Chili Lablanc-Wulff plays in the trees at Centennial Park.

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Aja Robb, who has almost completed a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree at the Emily Carr Institute of Art and Design, received \$1,600.

Both women received their education awards from the Credit Union Foundation of B.C.

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ISLAND HISTORY

Skating parties, mucking about part of Swanson's Pond memories

Pond was part of many islanders' youth



Roger Brunt

FULFORD HARBOUR CHRONICLES

Pass by Swanson's Pond today and it doesn't seem like very much; many people don't even realize it is there.

Located on the block of land north of the high school, it is bracketed by Swanson Road, Lakeview Crescent, Kanaka Road, and the pre-school on Aldous Road.

A murky pond, half-hidden by brambles and fallen alders, it's hard to get a clear glimpse of the water because the woods around it are so thick; almost impenetrable. As recent newspaper stories have reported, some think the pond may disappear as this parcel of land is slated for development.

For many, the loss of Swanson's Pond won't seem like much; just one more patch of tangled bush developed in the name of progress. Many would even say, in this case, much-needed progress, for the plans I've heard about call for seniors housing, which is sorely needed here on Salt Spring.

But, for many of the people who grew up on Salt Spring, especially close to the Ganges area, the pond is an important part of their youth.

Dennis Beech, owner of Payless gas station, grew up on the property that is now Brinkworthy.

His father was a horse logger and Dennis remembers, as a boy, trying to harness the teams of huge Percherons without getting stepped on, squashed between them, or slipping into a pile of fresh manure.

"It was wonderful," Dennis recalls. "Every time it got cold enough for a few inches of ice to form, Swanson's Pond became the centre of our world. There'd be skating parties with bonfires and teams of crack-the-whippers and wiener roasts."

For the boys, these skating

parties consisted of tearing around as fast as they could go, playing pick-up games of hockey, pulling on the girls' pigtails, and trying to trip up their friends. For the girls, the memories are more mellow.

Marguerite Lee (who was born on Salt Spring) remembers the skating parties with special fondness.

"I lived where the high school parking lot is now," she says. "My grandparents lived next door so we'd go over the fence, cut through the fields and head for the pond."

"Back then," she says, "the land was much more open. There were a few big alders around the pond, but basically it was pastureland and an orchard. For all the young families along Rainbow Road, it was the destination once the ice was strong enough to hold us."

"I never had skates, and I never learned to skate," Marguerite recalls. "The pond did not freeze every year and my parents didn't buy me skates because my feet were still growing. Lots of kids didn't have skates. They wore their gumboots or shoes and tore around like mad. In the summertime, we'd build rafts and swim and muck around in the water."

Architect Jonathan Yardley has been involved with the land where Swanson's Pond sits for years.

"The pond was dug in 1950 by Bill Swanson, owner of the land," he says.

"It was dug as a pond to both irrigate the surrounding orchard and at the same time the properties so that they could be sold as lakefront. The pond was very much central as the special

feature in the development plans developed in the early 1980s. I was working for the owners at the time and we were in discussions with the Islands Trust to get the setbacks amended to take advantage of the pond's scenic value. The pond is provincially classified as an 'existing waterway' so there were rules governing its use. It is my understanding that it cannot be filled in."

"The land in that block has been subdivided and re-subdivided many times. At one point, about 15 years ago, we were very close to getting a development permit. Then the land-use rules changed, making it much more difficult to develop the property. Our plan consisted of 22 housing units, with the pond as the central feature. There was also an attempt at one time to sell the land to the CRD as a park, which would have meant having to create a public easement. This fell through as the CRD did not have sufficient funds for the purchase."

For some folks, Swanson's Pond is one of the few areas close to town where families with young children can "walk in the woods" with the hopes of seeing a pair of mallards or a turtle or a woodpecker. Raccoons, mink, muskrats, the occasional beaver, and all sorts of birds and smaller critters call this little oasis home. Linda Counsell, who lives near the pond, told me she saw four raccoons there one day.

I recall driving down Rainbow Road early one morning, just a block or two away from the pond, when a big old otter half the size of a German Shepherd came gallumphing across the high school yard and flopped down for a rest next to a tree.

"What memories of Swanson's Pond might you have, fine sir?" I might have wondered at the time, for the otter's glistening wet coat told me that it had recently been in the water, and Swanson's seemed such a likely spot.

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Our Volunteers Have It "In The Bag"

On November 28 we held our annual Visitor Centre Volunteer Appreciation Lunch. There was tremendous response from Chamber Members who sponsored volunteers and took time out of their busy schedule to attend in person. You will now easily recognize our Visitor Centre volunteers around town as they shop locally with their new "Visitor Centre Volunteer" bag. Thanks to Christine Godlonton of Dinner's Ready for a wonderful meal and the following Chamber Members for their generous support:

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Visitor centre volunteer Zeke Blazecka with one of the bags distributed at the volunteer appreciation luncheon.

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If you have some spare time and would like to help visitors and locals find travel and tourism information, drop by the Visitor Centre and see what it is all about. There is always more room for additional volunteers. A new training session will begin in early spring.

Calendar What's Up

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Salt Spring \$20 dollars bill are available at the ATM in the Visitor Centre open 11 am to 3pm daily.

Many Thanks to

Salt Spring Inn for hosting the December Business Breakfast Club

The Benefits of Membership

Part 1

The New Year is a great time to review plans and resolve to do a few things differently. Members of the Chamber of Commerce have access to a wide variety of benefits but not all members take advantage of these. Below is a reminder about our **Group Insurance Plan** benefit and the new **VersaPay Payment Processing** program. We invite you to stop by the office for additional details (please note our revised hours for January below).

Chambers of Commerce Group Insurance Plan Highlights: This plan is specially designed for small business. The plan is structured to spread the risk and reduce administration costs keeping the Plan affordable. Some features include toll-free service to answer questions you or your employees may have; payment processing within 48 hours of receipt of claim; flexible plan options which allow you to choose the level of coverage from basic to comprehensive; a wide range of benefits to choose from including dental care, extended health care, disability coverage, group term life, dependent group life and accidental death and dismemberment, critical illness

and more. As a Chamber Member you can build the benefit plan you need to protect yourself and your employees. Call or drop by the Chamber today and find out about getting a quote for your business.

Payment Processing: VersaPay is an exciting new benefit just launched by the BC Chamber of Commerce. Versapay is a 100% Canadian owned and operated financial transaction processor. They facilitate processing credit, debit and gift cards for thousands of merchants across the country. Merchants can rent, lease or purchase their high speed or dial-up terminal (or use IVR if preferred). They offer competitive processing rates based on Average Ticket Sales (ATS): 1.65% for Visa & MasterCard

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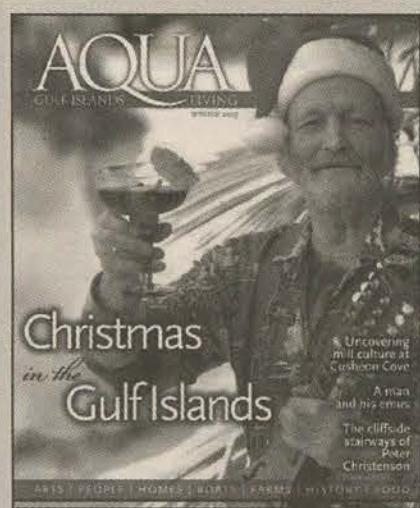
TD Bank has recently reduced processing rates for Chamber members. If you already process payments via TD Bank and don't want to switch to VersaPay you can take advantage of being a Chamber member and enjoy the new reduced rates (Visa - 1.69%; MasterCard 1.79%; Interac \$0.09 per transaction, Visa Corporate, Commercial & Business Card Trans Fee 1.99%).

Drop by the Chamber office for more information and details on all the Benefits of Membership.

January Office Hours

The Chamber office will have reduced hours in January in order to accommodate vacation and other commitments. The office will be closed January 9, 16, 18 and 23. We will be open **10 am - 2 pm** all other business days.

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DISC GOLF

Locals shoot on top in disc event

Islander takes second in most competitive division

BY CHRIS STEPHENSON
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Salt Spring disc golfers placed among the top contenders in the province during a Boxing Day disc golf tournament on the island.

The Duck Golf tournament was held on a new private disc golf course created by Dean Crouse on a Mansell Road farm.

The 18-hole event included open, amateur and advanced categories for men, women and juniors.

Organizer Gordon Field said local players are moving up in the ranks in B.C.

In the open division, which was the most competitive event during the tournament, Joah Chlopan of Salt Spring finished second after losing a tie-breaker match to one of the top disc golfers in B.C.

"He's really moving up," Field said of Chlopan.

In the advanced division, Andrew Ross-Collins placed second and Field finished third.

Among other islanders, Fritz Arnold placed first in the advanced masters division, Gordon Murphy was second and Nick Futter hit the top three.

Ted Hickford placed first in the open masters division. "He had a wicked score," Field said.

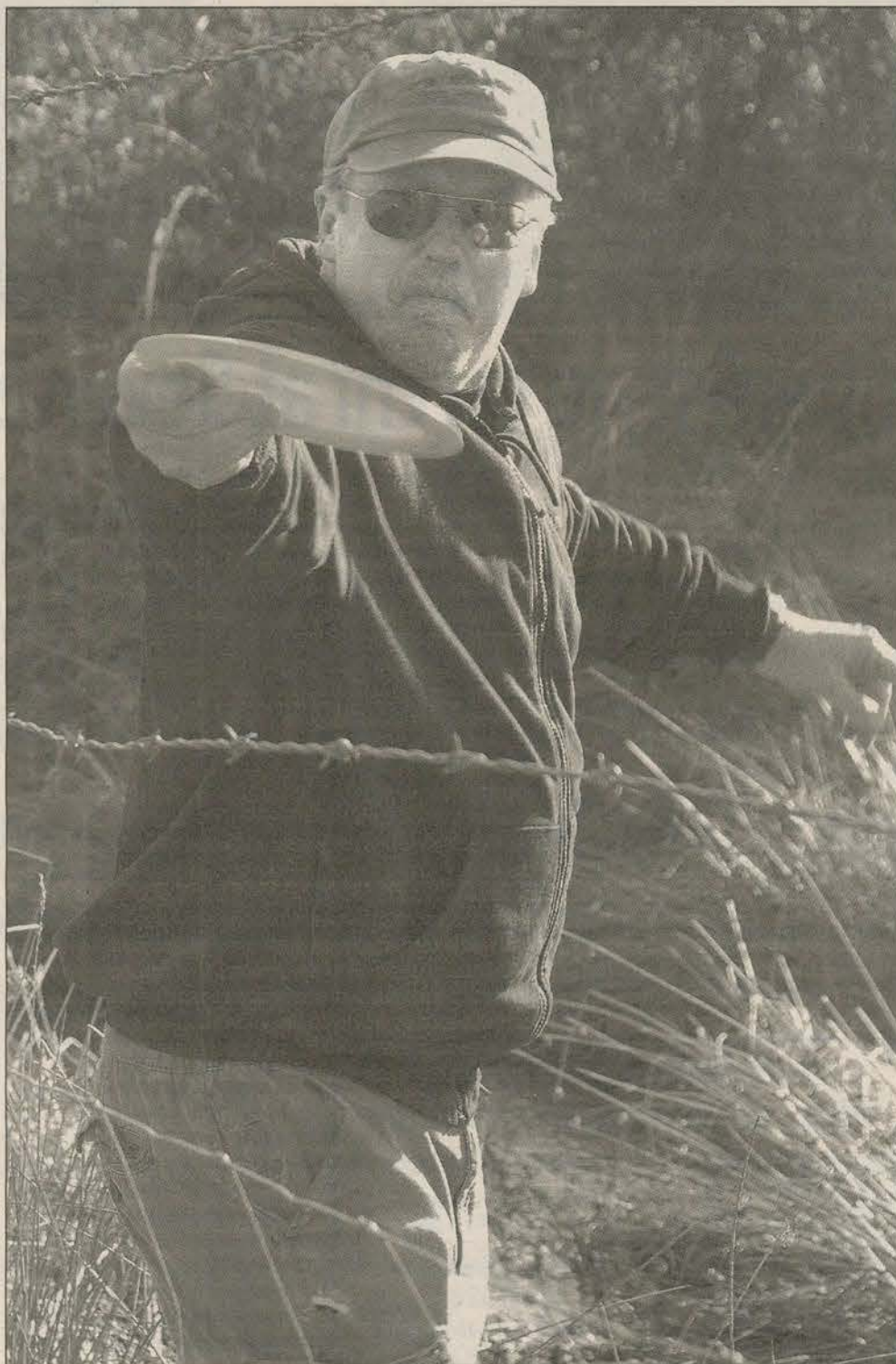
Another Salt Spring disc golfer to win big was Marcus Hunt, who shot a hole in one and received an honourable mention.

The Duck Golf tournament series includes 12 events throughout the year with venues on Vancouver Island and the Gulf Islands.

Field said a total of 55 people participated in the Boxing Day event, including six women.

"They did really well and were right into it," he said.

He said many first-timers and new faces also competed in the event.



Scott Chapman at is seen at hole 17 in the annual Boxing Day disc golf event, held this year at a Mansell Road farm.

Field said with the increasing amount of interest in the sport on Salt Spring, he hopes a new public course can be opened on the island. He said the course at Mouat Park is overused by hikers and dog walkers. Field said Burgoyne Bay provincial parkland is one area being

looked at for a new course.

Disc golf rules are similar to the ball version of the sport. Players must throw a disc to the disc pole "hole," which usually consists of a basket or chains. The player with the lowest number of throws to the hole is the winner.

Disc golf courses vary in

size, but the standard is 18 holes.

The next event on Salt Spring is the summer Hart Memorial tournament located in Mouat Park. For more information about disc sports, contact the B.C. Disc Sports Society at www.bcdss.bc.ca/ssi.

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Grand Master Zhang Zhi Bin gives instruction to students. He will be leading classes at Seven Stars Tai Chi Club.

Chen-style tai chi at Seven Stars club

Yang-style classes also continue.

Seven Stars Tai Chi Club is pleased to announce that beginning this month students will be able to learn the Chen-style competition form — or “Chen 56.”

“The Chen style is characterized by low stance, and change of speed with-

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“The martial character of tai chi is more obvious in the Chen style. We are delighted to have Grand Master Zhang Zhi Bin as our overall guide for this and other forms, and his visits to Salt Spring Island are extremely valuable.”

Classes in Yang style will continue with a beginners course on Thurs-

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The principles of tai chi apply to both styles, and the three levels of health, meditation and martial art are available from both styles.

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Snowflake Series satiates winter skippers

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Sailing through the winter

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With temperatures across the rest of the country fall-

ing below the freezing mark, sailors venturing out of Ganges Harbour need only put up with the odd shower and occasional windstorm, creating the ideal climate for the club's annual December Snowflake Series.

“Only one race was cancelled because of too many snowflakes,” said Peter McGovern, the club's fleet captain. “We've always sailed through the winter.”

Results from the final Snowflake race, held December 23, had Greg Slavov's Imp coming out on top with Roger Kibble's Electra

and Bob Jones' Alacrity following in respective second and third positions.

Two boats failed to complete the race.

McGovern said the series is intended to provide some fun races during the short off-season period between November and January.

Salt Spring Sailing Club races will resume on Sunday, January 13.

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In our day to day lives we are continually exposed to various sources of pollutants, chemicals, and toxins, but we may not realize it until serious health problems arise. Symptoms can manifest in such ways as low energy or a weakened immune system, which leads to other health problems. Though the human body has the amazing ability to protect and detoxify itself naturally, environmental pollutants, trauma, stress, and a diet with too many processed foods may overwhelm even the strongest bodies.

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20 COMING EVENTS



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34 NOTICES

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26 LEGALS

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS & OTHERS
RE: THE ESTATE OF ALBERT
LANTINGA, DECEASED,
formerly of 648 Southwind Road,
Galiano Island, British Columbia**

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.

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*Salt Spring Island
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**Wednesday, Jan. 9
General Meeting**
and
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John 14:27 - Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.

8 CARDS OF THANKS

A BIG thank you to Stefan for jacking and jumping my car door back into shape after I had a mishap with a large boulder. You were a life saver! Greatly appreciated. E.Y. and her maroon Jetta.

9 SEASONAL GREETINGS

SQUARE FOOT Charlie would like to wish Happy Holidays to all the contractors and home owners who made 2007 a very prosperous year. Have a safe Christmas Season and a Happy New Year. Look forward to a successful new year. Thank you SQFC.

20 COMING EVENTS

FOR A complete calendar of coming events check the Driftwood Community Calendar, in our office in the Upper Ganges Centre, 328 Lower Ganges Road, or on our website at www.gulfislands.net. Use the calendar for event planning and to make sure your date doesn't conflict with someone else's.

ARIAS, SONGS & COLOUR
Soprano Patricia Corry from Germany and local artist Leslie Corry present a classical concert with colourful images, "Canto a Colore". Pianist Chris Kodaly. Artspring, January 13, 3pm www.artspring.ca.

SALT SPRING Singers invites new singers to join us for a new season starting Tuesday, January 8 at the Baptist Church. Registration at 6:30pm. Practice starts at 7pm. We are a community choir, no auditions, just a love to sing! For further information phone

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MID-DAY	3:15-4:00 Kids' Yoga Shelby 4:30-5:15 Teen Yoga Shelby		1:15-2:00 Choices Cordula			From noon on, available for workshops and rentals	From 1:30 on available for workshops and rentals
EVENING	5:30-6:45 Nia - Leslie 7:00-8:30 Various Series Classes	5:00-6:15 Mixed Levels Yoga Patricia (starting Feb) 6:30-8:00 Level 2 Yoga Lee/Cathy	6:30-8:00 Intermediate Flow Christina	5:00-6:00 Nia - Leslie 6:15-7:15 Sunset Stretch Angie 7:30-8:30 Bellydance Oriana	5:00-6:00 Restorative Yoga Rupert From 6:30 on, available for workshops & rentals	Available for workshops and rentals	Available for workshops and rentals

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34 NOTICES

**SCHOOL DISTRICT #64
(Gulf Islands)**
A regular meeting of the Board of School Trustees, will be held at the Fernwood Elementary School Wednesday, Jan. 9, 2008 at 1:00 p.m.
Public welcome!
To view the agenda for this meeting, please refer to www.sd64.bc.ca/board_meetings.html



**Islands Trust
SALT SPRING ISLAND
LOCAL TRUST
COMMITTEE NOTICE OF
BUSINESS MEETING**

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

**DATE: Thursday,
Jan. 10, 2008
TIME: 1:00 p.m.
PLACE: ArtSpring
100 Jackson Avenue**

Starting at 1:00 p.m., up to 45 minutes will be available for the public to discuss local land use matters with the Local Trust Committee. Those who wish to present a more formal petition, or make a delegation to the Committee as an Agenda item, must advise Islands Trust staff at least one week in advance of the meeting so that they can be added to the beginning of the agenda. For information about the agenda, please call the Islands Trust at 537-9144.

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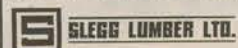
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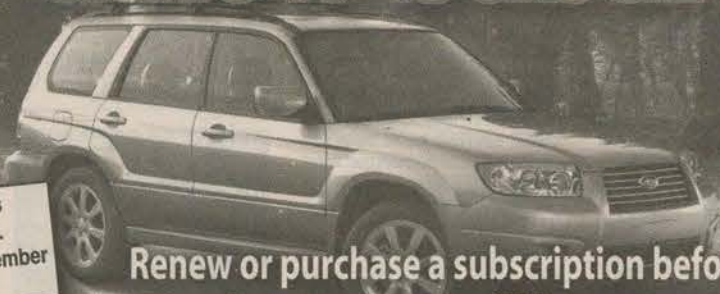


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This Week's Horoscope by Michael O'Connor

Aries (Mar 21 - Apr 20)

You will experience the start of a whole new level of power in 2008. This may bring with it added responsibilities. This process will begin with more professional and/or public attention backed by an ambitious determination. Refining your skills through practice, study and apprenticeship is very likely. You could become more sober and disciplined, yet also more cynical or express a dryer wit and humour than you did previously. Others in your life will push you to be more accountable somehow. If you heed this with positive response, your career should steadily improve and you will gain more confidence, reliability and popularity. The key to your success is to dedicate more of your time, energy and focus to special interest groups, clubs or to more humanitarian concerns, needs and interests.

Taurus (Apr 20 - May 21)

You will become more philosophical, spiritual, cultural and aware of larger issues this year. You will want to investigate the foundation of facts, rational and proof supporting popular claims. You will recognize that many traditional beliefs, attitudes and approaches are outdated. This will push you to creatively, and with a due measure of constructive criticism, begin to build a more solid foundation of knowledge and factual truth to support a more sustainable foundation in harmony with our rapidly changing world. You will see more clearly that many are either quite unaware or deluded by false beliefs. You will be challenged to think deeply and with clear vision rather than reactively defend the status quo to avert needed change. You may want to begin to reconcile the current rift between science and mysticism and of the difference between right and left brain thinking for the sake of a more balanced philosophy to live by.

Gemini (May 21 - Jun 21)

In 2008, one of your major lessons will be to learn to more fully let go and 'let God'. Endings and deaths on one hand and mergers and new associations on the other will become increasingly apparent. This does not necessarily mean a family member will die, it may happen; this simply implies a change of status quo somehow. In certain respects you could become more famous or infamous. Your home life will require more discipline and effort to organize and manage. You may have to face certain fears, so do some inner work to feel secure - deeply breathe in the reality that life is spirit and you are an eternal soul. Yet, change is the eternal law. Hold on tightly and let go lightly as the flow commands. On the other hand, new coalitions begin - powerful mergers and spiritual deepening. Inheritance is possible, and who knows you could win the jackpot, but you have to play to win. Don't push your luck with the law or court battles without clear confidence.

Cancer (Jun 22 - Jul 22)

Big changes on relationship fronts are indicated. These may be personal or professional, probably both. New opportunities gain your attention and focus. Of course every beginning stems from something else changing. Is it your habitual perspectives or approaches or attitudes, is it your location in the world or position in your company, or is it time to start your own company? Perhaps certain relationships no longer fulfill you, or you would like to enter into a new relationship. Is there enough love to make room for improvement or has

your heart moved on? Powerful experiences and expressions could be the result of your willingness and ability to forge more powerful alliances. Learning to improve how to be in relationship with existing partners may prove to be the most important and powerful decision of all. The real work should probably begin with you; assessing your heart and integrity and willingness to negotiate cooperatively and be here now - all core life lessons linked to making important decisions.

Leo (Jul 23 - Aug 23)

Your health will become an important focus for you in 2008. Would you say that you have some health needs or goals? It is important that you make it a priority and invest whatever money and effort it may require. Follow through with appointments and good diet and regular exercise as you can. Aim for a long term program that you can sustain, one that you actually like and will not burn out on. There are a lot of things we can do to exercise, but sometimes we have to exercise to even do those things. Whatever it takes, is a good attitude. This could also prove to be the beginnings of a very solid foundation in your life somehow. Perhaps it is an education or choosing to run a business that will lay the ground for you. Marriage is a distinct possibility but you are wise to take a very good and clear look before you leap. Seeing people as they are without the romantic rose coloured glasses and with few expectations and a willingness to see your own blind spots and create a conscious relationship with someone may be the rainbow you seek. Make yourself as healthy and beautiful as you can.

Virgo (Aug 24 - Sep 22)

You are entering into what could prove to be a very powerful and creative cycle. It will require focus and discipline and consistent effort. The other good news is that it could lead to a variety of expressions in their own right, or to support a larger focus. Balancing a playful interest with a pragmatic approach will do the trick. Your popularity is ever changing yet probably rising. Others recognize your earthy spiritual nature more. You could become even more committed to refining your skills and taking them to a whole new level. It is a practical destiny and as an earth sign you will absolutely love that, as long as you receive the recognition and recompense you feel you have earned. Create a healthy, regular rhythm. You will also have to pay extra attention to your overall state of health. Make it a priority and invest wisely; because, on the other hand, you could be heading for one long series of dramas. You do have the free will to choose how you meet your destiny, meet it well!

Libra (Sep 23 - Oct 22)

Confidence amidst change is a strong theme in 2008. In certain respects the old ways don't work, maybe not at all. A proactive yet flexible approach is required. Perhaps the work you do no longer does it for you. Perhaps your children are now at school and you are considering re-entering the work force. Education, perhaps especially by correspondence would suit your mood. Whatever you do, building confidence within, despite changes without, may be your golden key to victory this year. It seems you have some work to do, however. Since you may not feel as energetic as you used to, you may be wise to be open to instruction from others to streamline your skills development. Gaining the confidence to share knowledge

or to take an active lead whether at home or at your workplace is also possible. Work on yourself; be aware of your strengths and limitations, your balances and imbalances. Start early in the year to be flexible yet focused.

Scorpio (Oct 23 - Nov 21)

Variety will become your spice of choice this year. The biggest issue could be the consequences of too much of the spice. Delegating your energies and focus with discipline and purpose could lead to many new powerful expressions, connections and associations. In any case, you will learn to see the world and yourself in it in new ways. Be open to this, let life coerce you into a more open mind. Rewards and retributions are coming in now, subject to your choices and actions of the past few years. Perhaps the time has come to get to know yourself better and to give more attention to your creative, imaginative and inventive side. Aims for fame and recognition are possible, yet you are wise to truly be your own friend. This implies respecting your choices and setting intentions to raise your overall vibration. The search for a muse, someone or something to inspire your imagination, could prove to be a compelling determination. Open your mind and eyes and see the world afresh!

Sagittarius (Nov 22 - Dec 21)

The time has come to exercise some discipline to create a more reliable structure in your life. For many the issue is that their life is too structured yet for you it may be the other way around. Perhaps you simply want a different foundation. This sort of desire can prove to be a major undertaking over a long period of time, yet you may be in the mood for just that. You probably have some real work to do right now to succeed. The next few years will prove to be very pivotal for you. Will you aim for a higher road with a more reliable structure, or will you take the lower one? Take full responsibility for every experience in your life and overcome the demon of blame. Watch closely to determine if it is distorting your perception. Investment into knowledge and skill rather than property and other weighty holdings is likely to be your best bet. You can also learn to invest. If you do, remember the environment and support humanistic purpose beyond sheer profit for the greatest returns.

Capricorn (Dec 22 - Jan 19)

With Jupiter and Pluto both in your sign this year, you are on the threshold of massive change and transformation. As the sign that represents the status quo, you can perhaps see how something has to give in the public attitude towards creating a sustainable future. The key word is attitude. A new quality of leadership is being born in you, for better or worse. If you yield to 'might' as the expression of right, things could get intense. Your greatest feat would be to promote a clearly fair, just, and accountable cause. Be careful of over emphasizing the letter of the law, yet use your mind in constructive ways. Your greatest challenge is to keep a very open mind with a will and determination to negotiate for win/win deals. If you are not pursuing some form of higher education,

then consider it, seriously. A new course of study and interest or focus and ambition like a great participation campaign would harness all the power pouring in for productive re-direction.

Aquarius (Jan 20 - Feb 19)

A very important and powerful spiritual journey is beginning for you this year. As the sign of humanity, you may notice there is need for that. The good news is that the spirit is where it's at. Still, you will have to make extra efforts to dig deep into your well of optimism and faith in your choices and direction. In certain respects you are already in the cocoon phase of a metamorphic process. Something has already begun and you can never, and will never be quite the same again. In fact, you stand to change quite considerably and ultimately for the better. A new and much more beautiful you awaits, but you will have to work for it. The work will require that you surrender to the extensive changes that must occur and you commit to do whatever it takes, reinforced by intelligence, inventiveness and cooperation and guided by vision and hope. The time has come for humanity to recognize itself as one whole species, and you were born for this spiritual mission.

Pisces (Feb 20 - Mar 20)

The time has come to increase your power, popularity and influence, yet to also embark upon a conscious soul searching journey. Leave it to the Gods to give you this dual task at this powerful turning point requiring paradoxical action. The question is how does one do it? The key is to remember and acknowledge that you are a soul, connected to a divine source and willing to be guided by your heart-felt intuition. Meanwhile, increasing your scope of influence is the key to influencing your scope of concern in positive ways. Using well earned popularity is both a privilege and responsibility. Not all celebrities appreciate the importance of this, yet you can learn to. The biggest danger is that you will become fearful and dogmatic and righteous, imposing more 'truth' than wisdom can bear. True leaders lead by vision and by example, by what they do and not just by what they say. On the other hand, words can deceive yet they can also heal. Take the lead towards cooperative actions.

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Upcoming baseball star Carter Bell.

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BASEBALL

Island-born prospect aims for majors

Options look bright for young star

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

When Salt Spring-born Carter Bell looks back on his memories of the island, he thinks of spending time with grandparents, learning how to ride a dirt bike and swimming in Cusheon Lake.

For the most part, Bell's memories are not unlike those of others who grew up on the island. And like

so many other 17-year-olds, Bell spent part of Christmas break visiting family members during a trip to his home town last week.

Yet Bell, a Grade 12 student from Courtenay, is standing on the brink of greatness ahead of the next Major League Baseball draft.

"I've got options and I'm looking forward to both of them," he said.

Option one would see Bell getting picked up in the draft and enter the minor leagues as a prospect. If

that doesn't work out, Bell has already signed a letter of intent with Oregon State University, one of the top division-one schools in the United States.

Bell began playing baseball shortly after he and his family moved to Vancouver Island in 1993. He remembers his father throwing balls towards him as soon as he could walk and he entered his first T-ball league by the age of four.

"It may only be T-ball, but at least it's a start," he said.

Bell plays shortstop for Canada's junior national team, the B.C. Selects, and Parksville Royals.

After years of all-star performances in tournaments and clinics across North America, it was only a matter of time before people began taking note of Bell.

"You never know who is watching," he said.

It turns out scouts from 20 of Major League Baseball's 30 franchises have turned up to take a peek. Scouts have begun visiting with Bell and his family to see if the young prospect fits the mould of a big-time major league player.

"You have to be a good ball player, be smart, have good family support and be able to make the right decisions," he said.

Bell has already undergone psychological assessment tests and scouts are expected to begin "house visits" within the next few months.

Bell's progress is remarkable considering he's grown up in a country where baseball faces tough competition from hockey, football and, more recently, soccer.

In the United States and Mexico, he said, players have the advantage of playing 365 days a year. Despite the drawbacks of playing up north, B.C. has developed a solid baseball heritage, including the likes of multiple Gold-Glove winner Larry Walker, Oakland Athletics' pitcher Rich Harden, the Pittsburgh Pirates' Jason Bay and Jeff Francis of the Colorado Rockies.

"If you want it hard enough, you just have to keep playing," said Carter. "This has been my dream since I was a little kid."

Carter's parents are Darren and Angie Bell, and his grandparents are Blain and Julie Matthews of Salt Spring Island, and Chuck and Elaine Bell, formerly of Salt Spring but now living in Lac LaHache, B.C.

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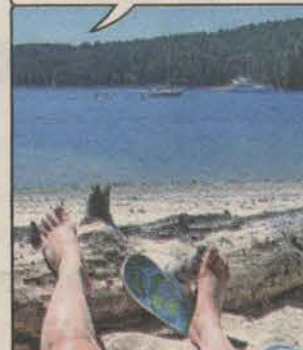
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