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HARBOUR RESCUE

Couple pulls off late-night heroics

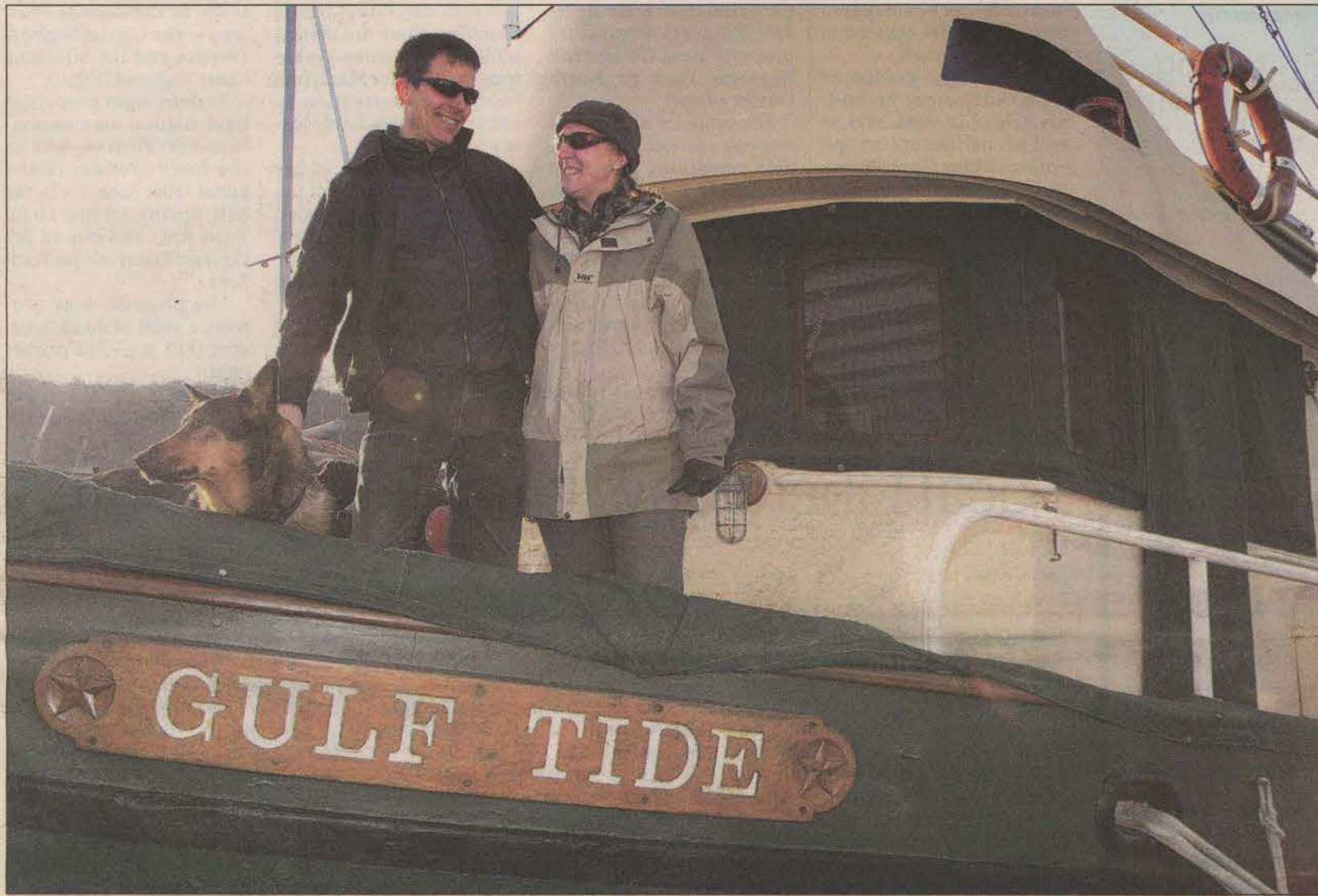


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Rob Coulter, Deb Ahrweiler and their dog Cooter aboard the Gulf Tide, the day following their early morning rescue.

Visiting boater recovers at Lady Minto; described as "a very lucky fellow"

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

A Salt Spring visitor returning to his boat moored at Kanaka Wharf early Tuesday morning is lucky to be alive thanks to the efforts of a keen-eyed couple and their dog docked nearby.

"I'm still trying to figure out what he's feeling right now considering the time he spent in there," said Deb Ahrweiler during an interview by their boat, the Gulf Tides, at the Kanaka Wharf Tuesday afternoon. "It was so cold, I'm still trying to warm my fingers."

Ahrweiler, her partner Rob Coulter and their dog Cooter awoke at 4 a.m. and immediately

made their way to the end of the dock where they noticed a man struggling to lift himself out of the water.

"It was so dark, we couldn't see a thing, all we could hear was the screaming," Coulter said. "He kept saying, 'I'm going to die in here.'"

By the time Ganges Coast Guard personnel and paramedics arrived on the scene, the couple had lifted the man out of the water by his belt buckle.

"It probably took us half an hour to get him out," Coulter said. "I think he would have had some serious problems if he'd spent another five or 10 minutes in there."

They said the man was returning to his boat, moored at the end of the wharf, where he lost his footing and fell into the frigid water. His rescuers said he appeared intoxicated during the rescue.

"It was so icy out here, I'm surprised he made it to the end of the wharf," Ahrweiler said.

Emergency crews treated the man for hypothermia and transported him to Lady Minto Hospital.

"The water was cold enough," said Roland Temmel, a Ganges Coast Guard seaman who responded to the call. "He is a very lucky fellow to have somebody who was close enough to hear him."

While the individual's name was provided via an acquaintance, and he was said to have come to the island from James Bay, that informa-

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FEDERAL POLITICS

Lunn at centre of national fracas

Opposition candidate calls for minister's resignation

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Saanich-Gulf Islands MP Gary Lunn remains at the heart of a national controversy with worldwide implications following the release of a hard-hitting letter penned by the president of the Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission (CNSC).

In her letter dated Jan. 8, president Linda Keen berates Natural Resources Minister Lunn for written comments he made about her ability to preside over the CNSC.

"As the head of an independent quasi-judicial administrative tribunal, I was and remain deeply troubled by both the tone and content of your letter. The nature of the allegations which have been made, coupled with your threat to have me removed as president, seriously undermine the independence of the CNSC," wrote Keen in her 35-page reply to Lunn's letter.

"The manner in which you have sought to approach these issues, absent of any formal inquiry, highlights a significant misunderstanding of the relationship between yourself, as Minister of Natural Resources, and the CNSC."

Keen called on the federal government to initiate a public inquiry and/or international review of her conduct as CNSC president.

"Such a public process would benefit not only the CNSC, but also the Government of Canada."

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NEWSBEAT

Creekside meeting

The campaign to purchase the Creekside rainforest lot continues with a meeting for people wanting to volunteer with the campaign is set for tonight (Wednesday) at the I-SEA office on Lower Ganges Road, across from the Visitor Info Centre, at 7 p.m.

More than \$600,000 of the \$975,000 purchase price has been pledged for the land purchase so far, with an end of February deadline now in place.

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tion could not be confirmed through official sources or by the man himself.

Coulter, who graduated from Gulf Islands Secondary School in 1984, said he and his partner are on Salt Spring visiting family before heading back to work near Bella Bella later this month.

Nobody else was within earshot when the accident occurred.

"As soon as we realized what was happening, we started calling for help, but there was no one around," Ahrweiler added. "Hopefully people can learn something from this."

CONSERVATION

Pender shoreline protected with landowner covenant

Marilynn King donation finalized

A North Pender Island landowner has protected a spectacular piece of Gulf Islands shoreline by donating a conservation covenant to the Islands Trust Fund and the Pender Islands Conservancy Association (PICA).

Marilynn King donated the conservation covenant to protect a 0.69-hectare (1.7-acre) oceanfront property near George Hill Regional Park on North Pender Island.

The property includes an ecologically rich foreshore area containing rare plant communities and a healthy forest used by many bird species.

"This undisturbed waterfront property spoke to me as something becoming increasingly rare and unique in the Gulf Islands," said King.

"I could see that future development could have a devastating effect on the

land and the shoreline, destroying something very precious. The trees on the low bluff above the shore seem almost cathedral-like. I am thankful that the many creatures dependent upon this land will continue to find a safe haven here."

"PICA is honoured to be a co-covenant holder for this precious piece of Pender Island," said PICA chair Sylvia Pincott.

"From the forest to the shoreline, there are several ecological treasures. We are truly thankful for Marilynn's heart for conservation as she provides this lovely legacy for the future."

As a further sign of her commitment to protect the area forever, King donated \$15,000 for an endowment dedicated to covering the legal costs of enforcing the terms of the covenant.

The Islands Trust Fund and PICA are currently working with King to register conservation covenants on two other properties she owns on North Pender

Island.

Trust Council has approved all three covenants under the Islands Trust's Natural Area Protection Tax Exemption Program (NAPTEP).

Once issued, natural area exemption certificates will entitle King to receive a 65 per cent property tax exemption on the protected portion of her properties.

NAPTEP is a program unique to two regional districts in the Islands Trust area — the Capital Regional District and the Sunshine Coast Regional District.

To date, eight properties have natural area exemption certificates, one in the North Pender Island Local Trust Area, six in the Salt Spring Island Local Trust Area and one in the Galiano Local Island Trust Area.

The program now protects a total of 46.69 hectares (115 acres) of private land.

The next NAPTEP application deadline is April 1, 2008.

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Local Liberal says Lunn should be fired

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ada, affected stakeholders, the Canadian nuclear industry and, most of all, the people of Canada," she said.

Controversy arose after Minister Lunn ordered the reactivation of a nuclear-power plant in Chalk River, Ontario in spite of a CNSC decision to close the facility on the grounds its operators failed to implement several safety improvements.

The facility is the world's principal supplier of medical isotopes, used in the detection of cancer cells and treatment of cancer patients. The Chalk River facility was the site of Canada's first nuclear reactor, built in 1945.

The closure of a reactor in November 2007 led to wide-scale isotope shortages throughout the world and cries of a looming crisis from oncologists and their patients.

Following the federal government's repeated requests for the CNSC to reconsider its decision, Minister Lunn overruled the independent body's authority and ordered the facility to resume operation.

In a letter Lunn addressed to Keen on Dec. 27, 2007, he expressed disappointment over the board's failure to cooperate.

Saanich-Gulf Islands federal Liberal candidate Briony Penn was quick to echo the comments of opposition leaders calling for Prime Minister Stephen Harper to fire Lunn.

"By playing politics, Gary Lunn has revealed his incompetence," wrote Penn in a press release. "Not only did he order the reactivation of the Chalk River nuclear facility when safety problems required shutting it down, he knew of this problem for some time, failed to tell parliament and failed to do anything about it. Then he threatened

to have the public official in charge fired. She was doing her job; the minister should have been doing his."

Penn accuses Lunn of failing to act on a report prepared by Auditor General Sheila Fraser outlining the potential risks associated with continued operation of the Chalk River reactor.

"Gary Lunn was told of the problem and didn't communicate with anyone about it, didn't foresee the implications and then tried to foist the blame on someone else," Penn said.

Gary Lunn was not available in time for the Driftwood's publication deadline Tuesday afternoon.

A spokesperson from Lunn's Ottawa office contacted on Monday afternoon said if he did not return the Driftwood call by Tuesday he would do so later this week.

According to national media sources, Lunn has not spoken with the media since mid-December.

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ISLANDS TRUST

Fire training facility awaits further review

Opponents express fiery resistance to Fulford site

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Salt Spring trustees urge all parties to work together to resolve ongoing tension between the island's organic farmers and the Salt Spring Island Fire Protection District (SSIFPD) over plans to expand the Fulford Valley fire training facility.

"This doesn't have to be a win or lose situation," said trustee Peter Lamb, speaking at the monthly local trust committee (LTC) meeting at ArtSpring Thursday afternoon. "I am hoping that the agricultural community and the fire district can get together and actually talk about this."

"I really don't see that there is a great sense of urgency to resolve this issue," he later added.

Trustees referred the fire department's application for non-farm use of land within the province's Agricultural Land Reserve (ALR) to the Trust's Advisory Agriculture Committee (AAC), based on the availability of completed environmental assessments provided by the fire department.

The meeting, to include farmers, firefighters and local government officials, will include a walking tour of the proposed site.

A decision from the AAC is expected before the Trust's next meeting on Feb. 7, where trustees will vote on whether to forward the application to the province's Agricultural Land Commission.

The AAC denied the fire department's application in March 2007, citing concern about the facility's impact on surrounding farm land.

Sixteen participants used Thursday's meeting to voice their public opposition to the fire department's application. Many applauded efforts to improve dialogue.

"There are few areas of public service that most of us can agree upon as essential and beneficial; the fire service is certainly one of those," said Ben Luna, a farmer from the Vesuvius area.

"We respect the work and admire the difficulties facing the men and women fighting fires. Likewise, many of us can agree that protecting our farmland is essential and beneficial at a time when the Gulf Islands are witnessing a steady decline in working farms."

"Together we can find a new location which allows both farmers and firefighters to grow. Farmers ought to unite with firefighters. Farmers ought to rally the community to say 'we need excellent fire halls and great training facilities' and firefighters ought to unite with farmers to save our island's farmland."

Speaking on behalf of the Island Natural Growers, Larry Stark said his organization could not support the project based on the information provided to date, including the two fire-department commissioned environmental assessment reports.

"We understand and support the fire district's need for a training facility, however this particular site, though convenient, is located in some of the most productive agricultural land on the island."

While applauding the Trust's attempts to encourage dialogue and the possibility of finding a new site, SSIFPD chair Michael Schubart said the department has found no other option after an "exhaustive two-year search."

Repeated requests for suggestions, he added, have resulted in a similar dearth of alternatives.

"If you have anything to say, we'll listen."

MICHAEL SCHUBART
Fire district chair

The proposed training ground will occupy land that has not been used for farming in recent memory, he said, and allow the department to considerably improve the nature of its training activities from both environmental and public safety perspectives.

"We believe that there is absolutely nothing that we propose to do there that will have any negative impact on nearby organic farms," he said. "This is not something to be taken lightly. We are your neighbours, we want to stay your neighbours and we want to be good neighbours, but we have to get on with the job."

Schubart encouraged members of the farming community to attend the fire district's monthly meetings to further discuss the department's position. He looked forward to meeting with the AAC in hopes of finally resolving the issue.

"If you have anything to say we'll listen," he said.

Members of the SSIFPD and the Salt Spring Island Fire Department maintain expanding the Fulford training facility will increase the number of volunteer firefighters via the promotion of "on-island" training sessions instead of requiring members to train on Vancouver Island or in the Fraser Valley.

Salt Spring Island Fire District board members meet in the Ganges fire hall on Monday, Jan. 21 at 7:30 p.m.



Firefighter training is ongoing on Salt Spring.

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News briefs

Radio antenna meeting

Islanders interested or concerned about the location of a new radio transmission tower on Mount Erskine will have an opportunity to learn more about it at an upcoming meeting.

Set for 7:30 p.m. on Sunday, Jan. 27 in the Ganges United Church basement, the meeting will include various people associated with Salt Spring's new radio station — CFSI.

The transmission tower site is adjacent to the B.C. Hydro right-of-way on Mount Erskine.

"But before arrangements are made final, it is important that interested members of the community be afforded the opportunity to learn about and discuss the site with station management and knowledgeable consultants," states a CFSI press release.

Full information about the site, the tower and technical aspects of the radio transmission will be aired, and questions and discussion welcomed.

The tower is specified to be 32 metres (103 feet) in height with the antenna attached at the 30-m level. This is the same height as the new hydro towers being erected across the island, notes the press release.

Attending the meeting will be Gary Brooks, president of the Salt Spring Island Radio Corporation; program director Richard Moses; board members Patsy Siemens and Donn Tarris; media technician Marv Coulthard; broadcaster and broadcasting technician Mike Cherry; and Gordon English, who

has extensive experience in the field.

All interested and concerned members of the community are invited to attend.

McIvor plea set for Friday

A driver facing charges stemming from a fatal North End Road accident on Oct. 24, 2007 is scheduled to enter a plea when he appears in a Victoria courtroom on Friday, Jan. 18.

Brian McIvor, 58, of Campbell River is charged with

criminal negligence causing death and impaired driving causing death.

McIvor faces the possibility of imprisonment for life, if convicted of criminal negligence causing death.

He and his passenger survived the dramatic afternoon crash in front of St. Mark's Anglican Church that killed 51-year-old Katherine Chorney.

The collision allegedly occurred when McIvor's Dodge pick-up truck crossed over the centre-line and struck Chorney's car head on.

Tree chipping solution found

After a short story appeared in last week's Driftwood, islander Shelagh Weeks discovered what to do with her Christmas tree.

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NEWSBEAT

SCHOOL DISTRICT

Parents fear primary students falling behind

Four-day school week blamed

BY SUSAN LUNDY
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

A group of parents who blame the four-day school week for declining skills in their primary-aged children want to be part of the calendar-planning process for next year.

About a dozen parents attended the Jan. 9 Gulf Islands School Board meeting, lobbying for a role in planning the next calendar and expressing frustration with a shortened school week which they believe doesn't give teachers enough time to teach the full curriculum.

While school board officials welcomed any offers of "creative thinking" on the issue, they stressed that all data collected so far indicates Gulf Islands students are not falling behind their peers elsewhere in the province.

However, said Fernwood Parent Advisory Committee chair Sylvia Andress, "I have a strong feeling that [our primary-aged children] won't be able to compete against [others] for spots in universities."

She said representatives of the group want to be part of the calendar-planning and decision-making process right from the "get-go."

Launched amid much controversy in the Gulf Islands School District in September 2004, the four-day school week has since received mixed reviews. Generally popular among high school, middle school

and outer islands families, the four-day system still alarms some people.

Parents at last Wednesday's school board meeting expressed fear their young children are "guinea pigs" in the system and, without the foundation of a five-day week at the primary level, are not learning as much as students elsewhere.

"We are not the Keep Five Alive Coalition," Andress stressed, referring to a local group that opposed the four-day week when it was introduced.

"We're here to help fix the problem. We have students in Grade 4, who have been in the system for three years, and we can see it's not working."

After the meeting, parent and teacher Shari Hambrook said the parents' concern revolves mostly around primary-aged children, and the group may ask the school board to reinstall the five-day week at the elementary level only.

"It is the foundation years we are worried about," said Andress.

Hambrook told the board the four-day school week does not give primary teachers time to cover "100 per cent of the curriculum to the point of mastery." Other parents wanted to see data proving their children aren't falling behind.

Fernwood Elementary School principal Richard Bennett pointed out the curriculum changes frequently and is presented mainly as a guideline to teachers.

"No teacher ever teaches 100 per cent of the curriculum."

He also said the release of extensive data compiled by schools superintendent Jeff Hopkins is due soon. But for now, data collected over the past three years from local elementary, middle and high schools "has shown there has been no decline" in student academics.

Salt Spring trustee Charles Hingston "welcomed creative thinking" on the issue, noting that each year the district is faced with "tough decisions" that have no "black or white" answers.

"For me it always comes down to two options," he said. "First, in the four-day week, what programs and teachers are in front of the kids and, second, in the five-day week, what programs and teachers are in front of the kids? It's not just as simple as saying four or five."

He also pointed out that "instructional time" is set by the province, so students are not spending less time in the classroom during the four-day school week. The issue for students may be the "length of the school day" but not the shortened school week.

Discussion about the four-day week was heated at times, and board vice-chair Bonnie MacGillivray stressed that the process need not be confrontational.

"I hope you don't feel you have to come here and fight," she said. "This is not a fight. We want parents at our table. If we are failing our Grade 4 kids, I want to know about it. But I haven't heard this from anyone [before], so let's find out across the district if there is a problem here."

PARC elects a new executive

Salt Spring's Parks and Recreation Commission (PARC) elected a new chair, vice-chair and treasurer at its inaugural 2008 meeting on Monday night.

Former vice-chair Steve Peterson steps into the


chair's position, following the completion of Rosemary Trump's term in that role.

Commissioner Carol Dodd, who was PARC treasurer last year, not only retains the treasurer position but becomes vice-

chair as well.

Last month, Dodd, Peterson and incumbent commissioner member Brian Little were re-appointed to PARC by a Capital Regional District board resolution, along with newcomer Fraser Hope.

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TRANSIT AND TRANSPORTATION



Mechanic Gyle Keating works on the broken-down bus in Ganges on Monday, which was the start of the transit system's second week of operation on Salt Spring.

Transit catching on with islanders

Broken bus fails to dampen high spirits

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Figures released by the Salt Spring Island Community Transit and Transportation Commission (CTTC) Monday reveal average daily ridership during the Salt Spring Transit Service's first week of operation was 65 people.

"We expected to come out flying and we've exceeded our expectations," said Bob Fenske, the CTTC's interim chair, on Monday.

On Monday, Jan. 7, the service's opening day, 53 people boarded the bus. Total ridership from Tuesday to Saturday was 337 people, an average of 67 users.

Though numbers for specific routes are not available, Fenske said, the most popular route is the one between Ganges and Fulford. Most riders, he said, use the service to reach or depart from the Fulford ferry terminal.

Use of the Ganges loop route is lower than anticipated, although Fenske said he anticipates the run will be more popular as residents become more aware of the service and schedule.

"Once more data becomes available, we'll have a better impression of what works and what doesn't," Fenske said. "We've been told [by BC Transit] to give it a year."

Ridership data and transit system reports will be prepared and made available to the public every two weeks, he added.

Not even a Monday morning breakdown could spoil the island's honeymoon with the bus.

Passengers were left waiting for "several minutes" as transit system operator Ineke de Jong rushed to replace a broken-down bus in front of the Ganges Visitor Information Centre.

A mechanic fixed the problem and the bus was back in service by the end of the day.

"We have to hope it won't happen again," she said. "We're keeping our

fingers crossed."

Brisk sales of ticket booklets and monthly passes, in addition to a high demand for schedules, provides added assurance that public enthusiasm for the transit system should persist, Fenske added.

"We expected to come out flying and we've exceeded our expectations."

BOB FENSKE
Interim chair, Community Transit and Transportation Commission

"We are working with vendors to ensure the supply remains steady," he said.

The bus schedule and other information is available by following the links at www.busonline.ca or www.bctransit.com.

FULFORD FARMS

Public hearing in works for Isabella plan

Community farmland proposal clears hurdle

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Salt Spring Island trustees gave first reading last week to a contentious bylaw to rezone land along the Fulford Harbour shoreline, triggering a public hearing on the matter.

"This has been a long-time coming," said trustee George Ehring at the Jan. 13 local trust committee meeting at ArtSpring.

The rezoning request, submitted by Victoria-based Three Point Properties, is the first step towards completing an unprecedented

amenity rezoning application between the company and the Islands Trust.

In exchange for permission to build one additional waterfront home along Isabella Point Road, Three Point Properties proposes to donate 25 hectares (63 acres) of Fulford Valley farmland to be operated as part of a community farmland trust by the Islands Farmers Institute.

The completed development includes construction of three homes, ranging in size from 2,500 to 3,000 square feet, on the nine-hectare (22-acre) harbour property.

"There's been quite a bit of discussion about monster homes built on the waterfront," said trustee Peter Lamb. "In the applicant's mind, the

market for large homes is not there anymore."

The plan also requires moving a portion of Isabella Point Road to make room available for the two waterfront properties. Every effort will be taken to ensure the new road complies with heritage standards, Lamb said.

Shoreline erosion along the proposed building sites will require construction of a seawall "of sufficient height and lateral length," according to a geotechnical report commissioned by Three Point Properties.

The public hearing and referral process is intended to give area residents, government bodies and community groups a chance to provide and receive more

information about outstanding issues.

Trustees cited a need to clarify questions about the impact of Development Permit Area No. 6 (Unstable Slopes and Soil Erosion Hazards) on the project site and to confirm the Island Farmers Institute will receive and maintain the farmland.

"This proposal is encouraging and would promote positive impacts on the agricultural and food security for our island," wrote Rick Vipond, president of the Islands Farmers Institute, in a letter accompanying the Trust staff report.

A public hearing date has not yet been set. The complete staff report is available from the Salt Spring Trust office.

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Alleged island cocaine trafficker set for trial

Impaired drivers round out January court session

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
 DRIFTWOOD STAFF

A Salt Spring Island man charged with two counts of drug trafficking in connection with an island-based "dial-a-dope" operation in July 2006 is scheduled to appear in Supreme Court in April.

Michael Reynolds, 25, appeared in Ganges Provincial Court last week for a preliminary inquiry into the charges. Justice Evan White issued a publication ban on Tuesday's proceedings following a request from Reynolds' lawyer, Joanna Phillips.

Police arrested Reynolds after conducting operation E-Pang, a five-day undercover mission. The operation involved two off-island officers posing as buyers in Centennial Park and various bars in Ganges.

"Cocaine trafficking is a major problem," said former Salt Spring RCMP Const. Lindsay Ellis during an interview following the arrest in 2006. "We've always known that, but we got some really good intelligence about some of the main players earlier this year."

Customers allegedly used the "dial-a-dope" service to have small amounts of cocaine delivered to their residence, Ellis said at the time of the arrest.

A further charge of possession with intent to traffic was changed to simple possession after the judge deemed the federal Crown lacked sufficient evidence to proceed.

In other court news:

• A 46-year-old Salt Spring man received an \$1,800 fine and an 18-month driving prohibition after pleading guilty to a charge of impaired driving last week.

RCMP officers pulled over a vehicle driven by Ross Ashford after receiving reports from another driver at 10:30 p.m. on June 9, 2007, the court heard.

Police took Ashford to the RCMP detachment where he provided blood-alcohol samples of 0.140 and 0.120.

"You made some pretty bad decisions on this particular night and it is obviously not the first time," said the judge, referring to the accused's prior history of impaired driving. "You are fortunate, having now done this three times, to have not killed or injured anybody."

Despite police records which indicate that Ashford was uncooperative with police and belligerent at the time of his arrest, defence counsel Tybring Hemphill characterized his client as a quiet and mild-mannered family man who couldn't find a taxi once he'd had too many drinks after work.

Ashford told the court he is a changed man since the incident.

"I am accountable for my own actions," he said. "I am

responsible for what I have done. I have quit drinking because it has been an embarrassment to me and my family."

• A young Salt Spring man will have to spend the next year getting around on public transit after a judge issued him a one-year driving suspension and a \$600 fine for an impaired driving conviction.

"You are fortunate, having now done this three times, to have not killed or injured anybody."

JUSTICE EVAN WHITE
 Ganges Provincial Court

RCMP officers pulled over Michael Cvar as he was headed southbound on Fulford-Ganges Road on Oct. 6, 2007 at 1 a.m.

Cvar provided blood-alcohol readings of 0.200 and 0.180 when tested at the RCMP detachment shortly after the incident.

"You may be tempted to drive, but you cannot," said Justice White. "That is when things will get really complicated for you."

The next court sitting scheduled for Ganges is Feb. 12, 2007.

PUBLIC OPEN HOUSE

Salt Spring Island Provincial Protected Areas Planning Project

The Ministry of Environment (BC Parks) will host a second Open House to discuss management directions for Burgoyne Bay, Mount Erskine, Mount Maxwell, and Ruckle Provincial Parks, as well as Mount Maxwell and Mount Tuam Ecological Reserves.

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News of a \$15,000 grant from the Real Estate Foundation of British Columbia means the Salt Spring Local Trust Committee can begin work on a long-awaited affordable housing survey.

The Housing Needs Assessment Survey is expected to outline the state of affordable accommodation on the island.

While trustees said creating affordable housing remains one of their main priorities, completion of a study will help better direct the efforts of politicians and community organizations.

"This will give us a better handle on the need that exists on the island," said trustee George Ehring, following last week's announcement.

The report will provide planning information on the number of potential rental suites available on the island, home ownership rates and an overview of price ranges for residents wanting to buy or rent accommodation.

The Capital Regional District will contribute \$3,000 to the study while the Islands Trust will provide the remaining \$2,000 for the \$20,000 project.

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FIFTH GENERATION: Jacob Jack Tamboline was the first baby born in Lady Minto Hospital this year, and thus the winner of hospital auxiliary group prizes. Jacob, a fifth generation Salt Springer, is the son of Dawn and Todd Tamboline, and brother of Nicholas Tarrabain, all seen here.

OCP REVIEW

Special meetings set for further OCP work sessions

Public welcome to observe proceedings

Salt Spring's Local Trust Committee (LTC) will hold a special business meeting in the evening of Jan. 30 and all day Jan. 31 to receive an update and consider staff recommendations on the next steps for the review of the island's official community plan (OCP).

The meeting will run from 7 to 10 p.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 30 and from 9 a.m. to noon and 1 to 5 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 31 at ArtSpring. The business meeting is open to the public and a town hall session may be held at the end of the business meeting, time permitting.

"Staff members are currently analysing the input we've received. We did extensive consultation with the community through meetings, town hall sessions, questionnaires, correspondence, discussions with stakeholder groups, local advisory committees, other agencies and received recommendations from the eight focus groups," said LTC chair Kim Benson in a press release issued by the Trust on Monday.

At the business meeting

staff will present the analysis on input to date, a technical policy review of the accuracy and currency of the existing OCP as well as recommendations for additional community consultation, explains the release.

"While this is a business meeting to provide information to the LTC, there will be many other opportunities and a variety of ways for people to provide input as we continue the process," said local trustee George Ehring. "Once we have this initial analysis, we expect to be in a position to address some of the bigger issues with the community such as amenity zoning, density transfer, energy use and secondary suites."

"Later this spring, following the community consultation on specific issues, we plan to present draft changes to the OCP to the community for further input," added trustee Peter Lamb. "That will help shape the draft changes to be presented at the final public hearing this summer."

The LTC is scheduling special monthly business meetings, in addition to its regular meetings, specifically to deal with the OCP review.

All meetings will be advertised in the Driftwood and will be open to the public.

"Although these are business meetings for the LTC to consider staff reports and recommendations on the review, we believe it's also important for the community to have the opportunity to provide comments and we hope to have time for town hall sessions at the end of each special meeting," said Ehring.

"We have also just established a new electronic subscription service for people to receive information on the OCP review," said Lamb.

Community members can now subscribe to receive e-mail updates on the OCP review's "latest news" by going to: <http://www.islandstrust.bc.ca/subscribe/default.cfm>.

In addition, people can provide comments at any time by using the online feedback form on the Salt Spring Island Local Trust Area home page of the Islands Trust website or by contacting the local Islands Trust office by phone, fax or mail at: Islands Trust, 1-500 Lower Ganges Road, Salt Spring Island, B.C., V8K 2N8. Phone number is 250-537-9144, and the fax is: 250-537-9116.

For more information on the OCP review, visit the Salt Spring Island home page of the Islands Trust website at: <http://www.islandstrust.bc.ca/ltc/ss/default.ctm>.

OCP REVIEW

Group to give Fulford 2nd look

"Fulford Senate" to provide alternatives

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Residents have until Jan. 23 to submit applications to join the Fulford Study Group, created following requests by Fulford-area residents that the Trust delve deeper into issues in their community.

John Rowlandson, a member of the Friends of Fulford group, said he is amazed at how quickly the Trust moved to initiate the group's formation after his organization asked the Islands Trust to take another look at the Fulford Focus Group's recommendations for the island's official community plan (OCP) review in September.

The study group proposes looking at development issues such as village boundaries, and Fulford's heritage, water, sewage and ecosystem health concerns when it convenes in early February.

"This is something that made a lot of sense early on and we are really glad to see it happening," Rowlandson said.

He nicknamed the group "the Fulford Senate," as it is intended to provide a forum for sober second thought.

Salt Spring Island trustee George Ehring said he did not know the group's size nor how members would be selected.

"It all depends on how many applications we receive," he said, adding that the original focus group recommendations remain "very much in the hopper."

Ehring said he hopes the study group will consider matters well beyond the scope of the OCP review over the next several months. OCP review comments, he added, must be received by the end of March.

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EDITORIAL

Wishful thinking

Last week's local trust committee meeting featured a classic Salt Spring debate: One wherein everyone agreed their opponents' intentions were virtuous and justified, only not as justified or virtuous as their own.

On one side of the room, farmers expressed concerns about maintaining their organic certification while on the other side, fire district board chair Michael Schubart stressed the urgent need to expand and upgrade the Fulford Valley training ground. The training ground debate has persisted for more than two years now, with farmers criticizing the fire department's training practices as the fire district scurries to extinguish outstanding points of contention with environmental reports and expert opinions.

THE ISSUE:

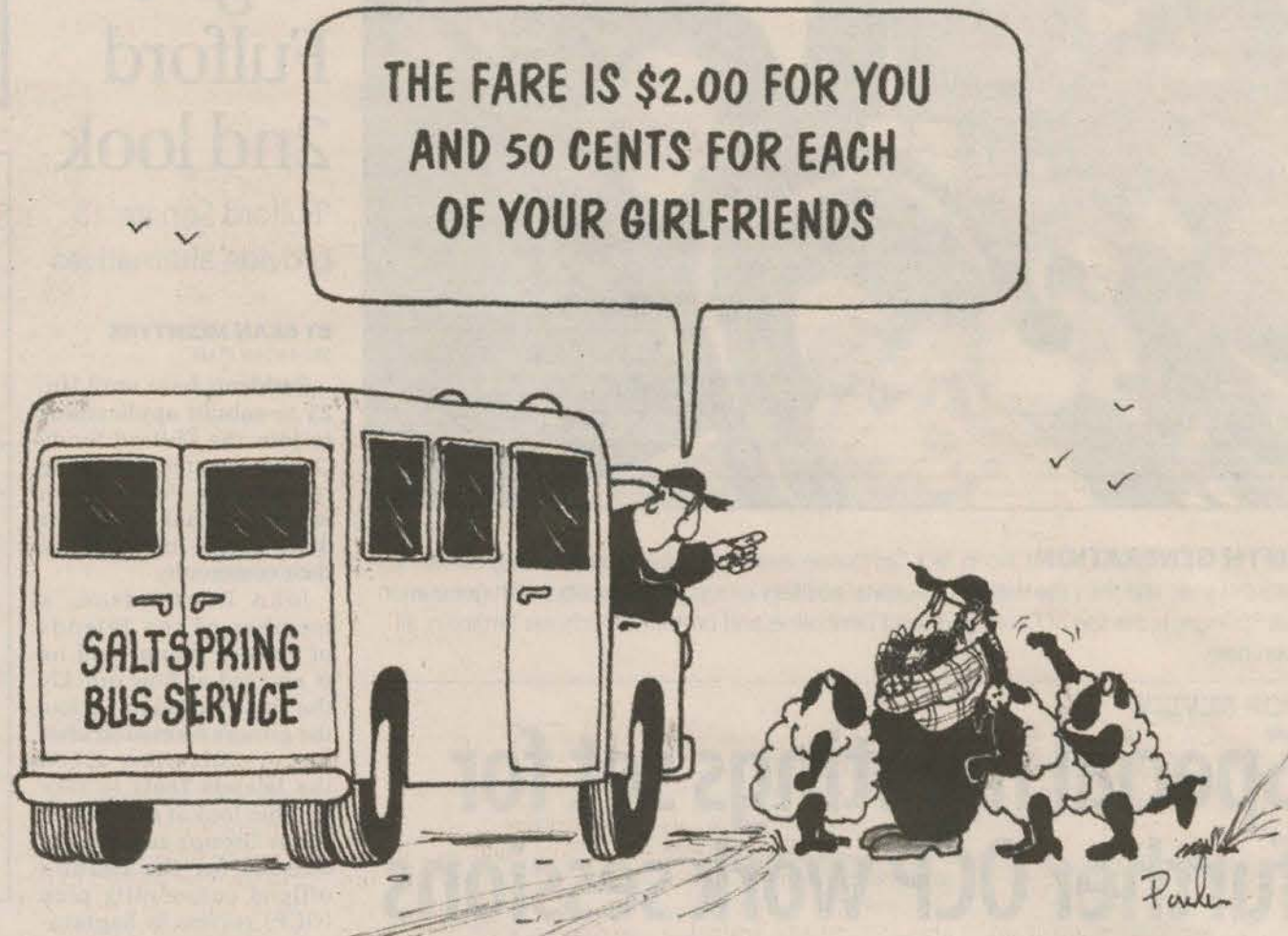
Volunteer firefighter recruitment

WE SAY:

Training ground no guarantee

What seems to have changed in recent weeks is a sudden realization that a \$500,000 training ground plan — up from \$360,000 when the debate began — is something the island cannot live without. Farmers at last week's meeting said we need it and Salt Spring trustees Peter Lamb and George Ehring couldn't agree

more. Without it, long and expensive trips to off-island facilities will continue to discourage new recruits from signing up, the argument goes. Granted, the expectations placed on volunteer firefighters are next to none in the community, but can an expanded training ground guarantee a new crop of eager volunteers? Will building the facility save Salt Springers from the tax implications of having to hire 20 new full-time firefighters by 2012, as stipulated in the department's draft 10-year plan? On Monday night, local fire trustees will discuss the department's 10-year plan again. Recently, the trustees have placed a renewed emphasis on how to recruit new volunteers. An improved training facility is but one suggestion. Those in the know say a new facility would be more environmentally friendly than anything the department has had on the site for the past 25 years, and community gardens could be created on the large portion of arable land directly behind the proposed site. There's a slew of reasons why the training ground is a great idea, but saying it will solve the department's volunteer crisis is wishful thinking at best. Let's not kid ourselves.



Letting go of control and vices

BY NICOLE PANKRATZ

For many of us January is start-over month, the time of year when we bring restraint back to our lives with resolutions to do this and do that (or to quit doing this and to stop doing that). At no other time of the year is there such collective agreement to control ourselves.

It makes sense that with a fresh new calendar on the kitchen wall comes a sudden urge to take charge of our lives. After hearing for a year the daily reminders about big things we can't readily control — melting ice caps, terrorism, child poverty, racial injustice — many of us delight in being able to dictate the outcome of something, anything, that's going on around us.

So we ring in the new year by counting calories and keeping track of the number of hours we spend at the gym. We cut up our credit cards and cut back on our spending. We set new career goals. And, typically, we try to manage or let go of our vices — the cigarettes, the booze, the pills we don't really need anymore.

We go into control mode, not realizing that control itself may be a big part of the reason we have those vices in the first place.

Stress is one of the leading factors in problem substance use. And stress is often about control. When our minds and bodies don't work the way they used to, we feel stress. When the people in our lives — our parents, spouses, children and friends — don't act the way we want them to, we feel stress. And when our homes, neighbourhoods or workplaces aren't to our satisfaction and we feel we can't do anything to change them, we get stressed. It's often this sense of powerlessness that sends us out for another pack of smokes or case of beer.

When you consider some of the substance use rates among particular populations, it's hard not to suspect a relationship between substance use and control-related stress.

• 13 per cent of seniors in B.C. (compared to five per cent of the

VIEWPOINT

general population) use alcohol every day.
 • Street-involved youth use illicit drugs at a much higher rate than the general youth population.

- Young people who are gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgendered or questioning their sexual orientation have higher-than-average rates of tobacco and other drug use.
- Aboriginal populations have higher rates of substance use than other populations.
- Twice as many women as men use benzodiazepines (sleeping pills and tranquilizers).

Stress is [a] leading factor in problem substance abuse.

While there are many factors that contribute to a particular population's substance use patterns, the feeling of having little or no control over one's lot in life plays a significant role in the kind of stress certain groups experience.

Unfortunately, there isn't much we can do to control the aging process or to make the people in our lives behave the way we want them to. And changing where and how we live and work isn't always possible, or at least not at the speed we would like.

Indeed, besides our own behaviours and reactions, there isn't much we have control over. But instead of turning to substances to cope with what's not nice or right or fair in our world, perhaps the most sensible — and ultimately the healthiest — answer is to simply let go of the idea that we have to control everything.

Surrendering a bit will at least take away some of the stress. At best it will give our minds and bodies the breathing space they need to see and accept the world in a different light. It may even allow us to approach the changes we can make in a more thoughtful and productive way.

The writer is a publications officer for the Centre for Addictions Research of B.C. at the University of Victoria.

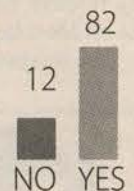
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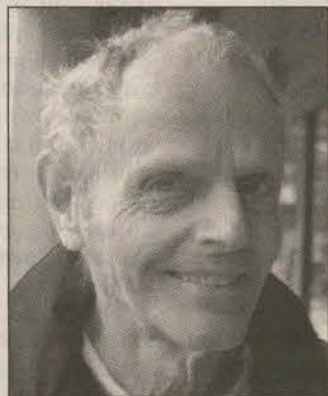
NICKI PRINSEN

Somewhat. I just think it went up a lot even though there weren't too many improvements. We're getting swept up in the market.



SKIP MCCARTHY

I don't know if I'm ahead, behind or neutral. I have to do my math to find out whether to cry or cheer.



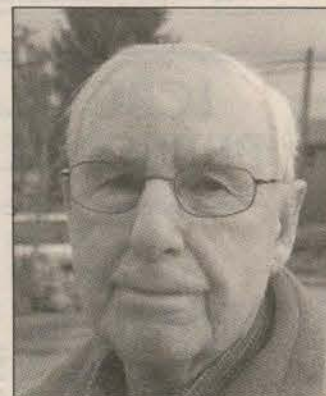
ART SIMONS

Actually, I haven't opened it up yet. I expect it to go up. Eventually we'll want to sell, so if the price goes up that's okay. It sure doesn't compare to what it was when I bought the place 40 years ago though.



BOB "WOLF" ENGLISH

It doesn't really help me because I don't own a house. I think the taxes discourage people from buying property. There must be another way.



DOUG GREY

No I'm not. It was the same last year, the year before and the year before that. How can the value of a building go up as it gets older?

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

Separate sheep, dogs

It's lambing season again. Visitors and residents alike enjoy seeing the new lambs with their mothers in our fields and meadows, peacefully grazing.

But it is also the season when wolves hunt. And all our dogs have some wolf in them, even the most cute and cuddly lap dogs.

In this season, when the sheep are so vulnerable, especially the pregnant ewes and new lambs, it is critically important to keep all dogs on a leash and, even better, out of sight of the sheep.

Even seeing a dog can cause panic.

Sheep running away (most tempting to dogs) can result in birthing disasters, ewes unable to deliver, lambs twisted in utero, and both ewe and lamb may die if not expertly helped in time. There have already been some deaths.

Not only do the farmers experience the vet costs and the loss of valuable animals, but they also have the heart-

break of seeing the animals they care for suffer and sometimes die in their arms.

So, no matter how enjoyable it is to see your dog running free, no matter if you think he or she would never even look at a sheep, please, please keep them under control and away from all sheep and farms. Thank you.

**NANCY WIGEN,
FERNWOOD**

Limit training centres

I am writing to express my concern over the Trust even considering allowing a zoning change to allow prime agricultural land on Salt Spring Island to be rezoned to allow a firefighting training facility.

I believe firefighting training centres are extremely hazardous to the environment and should be limited to the ones that already exist.

One of the reasons we moved to Salt Spring from Maple Ridge was to escape the toxic fumes and chemicals being released daily into our environment by the

facility there.

Fulford Valley is a peaceful rural community and the main route for tourists arriving at Fulford Harbour. It is home to a growing number of organic farmers who would lose their certification if a fire training centre were allowed near them.

I am asking the Salt Spring Island Local Trust Committee to not allow this rezoning request to go through.

**PATRICIA FAUROT,
ELIZABETH DRIVE**

Support

As interim chair for the Salt Spring Island Community Transit and Transportation Commission I would like to thank the audience at the launch event for the incredible turnout and enthusiastic response.

Steve News, vice-president for B.C. Transit, commented to me after the event that "He has never experienced such a unique and special launch, even in communities that had huge public support."

I think a large ripple effect has started that will sweep the island and it is due to the groundswell of sup-

port from the community. It was so busy at the event and we were pushed to finish on time that I neglected to remind the community that the commission has an e-mail address now and we encourage you to contact us with your thoughts, concerns, suggestions and opinions on the full scope of the commission's areas of responsibility. Our e-mail address is saltspringtransit@crd.bc.ca.

I also neglected to mention the important contribution made by our interim coordinator, Marion Pape. Marion worked tirelessly on the launch and other activities and is no small part of the event's success.

Finally, one of the riders on last Monday's bus from Fulford (9:35 a.m.), left a blue cell phone. If you have not already retrieved it, contact 537-6758 for information.

Many thanks, Salt Springers. See you on the bus!

**BOB FENSKE,
INTERIM CHAIR, SSICTC**

Sunstoves

Heartfelt gratitude to all

the caring islanders who so generously contributed to our Lesotho Solar Cooker Project. Together we have raised a little over \$3,000, which will enable volunteers to purchase, demonstrate and distribute 30 sun-stoves to needy grandmothers in Lesotho. "Kea leboha!" ("We thank you!" "We thank you!") as the Lesotho grannies have said in the past amid their tears and songs and laughter, and will again soon.

And we Salt Spring Island Raging Grannies also laud you for your generosity and concern. Kea leboha!

**JILL WILLMOT,
FOR THE RAGING GRANNIES**

Art supplies to Ethiopia

I would like to say thank-you for printing the story about the Christmas ornaments that I made to raise money for art supplies for Ethiopian children.

I also want to thank Erin at Fable's Cottage for letting me sell the ornaments in her store. Thank you to Salt Spring Centre School

for selling the ornaments at their Winterfest.

Most of all I would like to thank everyone who bought an ornament or made a donation.

I have collected over \$400 and I can't wait to bring the art supplies to the kids in Ethiopia.

**MOLLY GEORGE
PATTERSON,
SALT SPRING**

Reuse stems

Organized Christmas tree chipping has a negative effect on the environment when fossil fuel consumption is taken into account.

The practical method used for generations was to clip the branches by hand and use them for mulch in the nearby woods or under large shrubs.

The stem was used in the garden or as next year's firewood.

Fir branches close to the ground rot quickly, feed the soil and are not a fire hazard.

**RICK LAING,
WILKIE WAY**

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Canadian writers need to stand on their own two feet

Who has heard of the Harry Potter books? OK, here's a tougher one. Who has heard of Raincoast Books? Raincoast distributes the JK Rowling series in Canada.

Last week, Raincoast Books announced it would no longer publish Canadian authors. That's a very encouraging sign. It means that Canadian literature may now be required to compete in the world market. As the Raincoast blog writes, this is "the new [reality] of the Canadian book industry."

No longer will anyone with a transcript, a pulse and a Canadian passport be automatically published. They will now be heir to the market economy. There will have to be better than a 50/50 chance that someone other than immediate relatives will shell out for a copy. And I fervently pray that the "Canadian" section in various bookshops becomes a thing of the past.

There is nothing so damaging to Canadian literary self-esteem than to have our own "special" section — as if our own made-in-Canada authors can't compete in the world market. How insulting. It's as if we have assigned ourselves to take the literary short bus to school... "not bad, for a Canadian."

Of course, our national inferiority complex and near-messianic jihad to shield us from American influence is not limited to the library. The government decrees that radio stations play 35 per cent Canadian content. Do stations need to be forced to play music by the likes of Neil Young, Joni Mitchell, Cohen, Adams and (I shudder to add) Celine Dion? Canada has an inordinate amount of talent that shows up regularly on the cover of Rolling Stone. Our own Randy Bachman's Takin' Care of Business still resonates, still continues to be the favoured score of political parties of every cloth in the United States. Do we need a bureaucrat with a clip board standing over us, legislating what we hear and see?

Canadian television faces the same Great Wall. The heavy hand of government is evident everywhere on the dial. Satellite companies show at least 75 French channels here in British Columbia, where French is spoken in less than one per cent of households. CBC soldiers on. They lost the Van-



Peter Vincent

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cover Winter Olympics to CTV. Next year's Grey Cup will be broadcast on TSN. If not for Hockey Night in Canada, where would CBC Television be? In my opinion, CBC is the quintessential example of the end product of governmental meddling. To paraphrase Pierre Trudeau, "The government has no place in the family rooms of Canada."

And so we are denied the likes of HBO, a television company regularly seen on the podium collecting hardware for series such as Sex and the City and the Sopranos. Oh yes, we get those programs. In reruns. All in the name of protecting our Canadian identity. This, in a country littered with Costcos, Wal-Marts and McDonald's. Even quintessentially Canadian Tim Horton's is publicly traded. Roll up the Rim indeed.

With or without government intervention, the cream rises to the top... the Michael Ondaatjes, the Mordecai Richlers, the Margaret Atwoods. Great television like

The Fifth Estate and Corner Gas would still find a home without government handouts. Frank Gehry, arguably the best living architect in the world? Born in Toronto. I think Canada is just about ready to go off life support, to lose the water wings, the training wheels.

The point of all this is that cultural protectionism has become an exercise in futility. The only real border left is the hard line at the Peace Arch. It's why we are likely to talk with Pakistan or the Philippines when we dial an "800" number. It's why Apple's iTunes has seen over 2 billion music downloads. It's why children in Tuktoyaktuk are watching South Park. And it's why we dial "1" for English. They say that in 150 years we will all be the colour of mocha. It's all good.

But I digress. Let me return for a final moment to the book publishing industry. There is a website — lulu.com — that will publish 26 books, in hardcover, with a book jacket, for \$14 a piece. Guess what everyone's getting for Christmas next year?

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OPINION

Effects of population growth inevitable

BY PETER LAKE

Some of the somewhat confused thinking expressed by Mr. Tom David in the Dec. 26, 2007 Driftwood ("Humbug to incorporation idea") needs to be addressed.

Mr. David, like all of us, would like to see the character of Salt Spring maintained. He came to Salt Spring because Ladner was growing. One cannot go back 33 years when Salt Spring was the quiet isolated spot I knew. We needed no CRD, Islands Trust, or a proper local democratic government then.

Mr. David is right, there is no going back, only forward and we had better do so under the aegis of the Islands Trust mandate to preserve what we have with a government structure that can handle changes and need for services and infrastructure as directed by our local taxpayers.

Mr. David would have to revert a long time in Ladner's history to avoid incorporation. Delta was incorporated Nov. 10, 1879 and Ladner made the administrative centre when the population was no more than a few hundred at the very most.

It is not incorporation that caused Mr. David to move but population growth, which has radically changed the whole of the West Coast and the Lower Mainland and Salt Spring as well.

Regarding taxes, no one

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has promised that local government is going to reduce taxes, but it is instructive to check Ladner's tax rate with Salt Spring's. Total mill rate for Ladner (excluding drainage which would not apply here) is \$5.7484 compared to a total of \$5.513 for Salt Spring. In 2007 on a house assessed at \$400,000 the homeowner would pay \$2,299.36 in Ladner and on Salt Spring \$2,205.20 (before grant). In 2007 they paid a little more in Ladner but received a lot more for the money. Our new library, fire service requirements, running the pool, the new bus service as well as the coming 5.6 per cent increase in Trust taxes still have to be paid for by our taxes eventually.

The Ipsos Reid survey conducted for Delta in 2007 (the local government does consult its electors as to what they would like to have), showed that 96 per cent of residents felt their quality of life to be "good to very good" with only four per cent saying poor. Also, 88 per cent felt they were getting good value for their taxes against 11 per cent who did not. Over half of those polled would rather pay more tax than have services cut. While suburban life in Delta/Tsawassen/Ladner might not be every-

one's choice, those who must make a living in Vancouver or on the Lower Mainland obviously do not find it such a bad place to live.

Mr. David seems upset that there is at present no leisure pool where his children can really enjoy themselves. He seems like so many to want to live here in the country with few people and still have the amenities that a larger tax base can afford. As twice past-president of the Stingrays swim club I heartily recommend his notion that his children join the swim team. During my tenure I have never seen a finer group of children who enhanced their physical fitness, gained confidence and self esteem by improved skills and performance; meanwhile having family fun camping out and great socializing. As to cost, I find it hard to understand how it can be cheaper to go off island to swim when the last time I left the island with a car and two adults it cost over \$40 for fare plus fuel, and then there would be entrance fees to the Commonwealth pool or wherever.

Incorporation was voted down at the last referendum, but remember although it is often quoted that 70 per cent voted against it, only 49.8 per cent of the eligible voters actually voted. So of the total electorate, only about 35 per cent voted opposition — a somewhat underwhelm-

ing mandate considering the subject was never debated on the merits and demerits of both positions.

At that time we were promised a "unique alternative." Has anything really improved and can it work better than a historically effective method? It would be really good if we could examine facts and alternatives objectively and avoid a lot of rhetoric.

Mr. David's comment about garnering votes is inexplicable since the only persons voted for are the CRD director, a one-man representative in a CRD board of 22, and two islands trustees out of a total of 26. All the rest, at least on PARC, are unpaid volunteers who give up a great deal of time and effort to serve the community.

While incorporation is not a panacea, it is democratic local government. As Bernard Shaw said, "Democracy is a device that insures we shall be governed no better than we deserve." I have more faith than some that our local population is concerned and would take their stewardship of Salt Spring very seriously and give us the sort of local government we deserve should incorporation occur.

The writer is a retired engineer who has been an active community volunteer, especially with PARC and Gulf Islands dock divestiture programs.

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MP silence

Gee, I thought it was only me, but it looks like our MP doesn't like to talk to reporters either. Gary Lunn would rather not discuss his efforts to fire nuclear regulator Linda Keen, who is reluctant to step aside and allow the Chalk River nuclear plant to be restarted. Whether or not restarting the plant is the right thing to do, we should be concerned when regulators that are supposed to be independent are subject to interference by politicians.

Interestingly, there are other things that he'd rather not talk about. His ministry, Natural Resources Canada, has prepared a report on the impact of climate change in Canada that has been "delayed," but nobody in the department or in Gary's constituency office is willing to say why the report hasn't been released yet, or when it will be. I wonder why not?

BRIAN SMALLSHAW,
BAY RIDGE PLACE

Worthwhile projects

Eric Booth, agent for Lot

23 Creekside, states he has a financial interest in the environmentally sensitive property which he proposes to develop for the owners.

William Krebs of Salt Spring, in a phone call, purported that he was the owner of Lot 23 Creekside.

The address of the owners of Lot 23 Creekside is 140 Fruitvale Road, Salt Spring Island, a property owned by Jennifer Ellwood of Montford Crescent, Victoria, B.C.

Eric Booth is also the agent developing the Swanson Pond property.

Swanson Pond is owned by Saltspring Ventures Inc., address 140 Fruitvale Road, Salt Spring Island. The director, president and secretary is Eric Charles Booth of 109 Frasier Road, SSI.

The second incorporator of Saltspring Ventures Inc. is Tsalix Investments Inc. The president, secretary and director is Krebs, William E. of 101 Willow Lane, Salt Spring Island.

Diverting run-off from the Swanson Pond modified natural drainage channel that has functioned for 60 years without consideration of the environmental repercussions can only be viewed as irresponsible.

Mr. Booth and Mr. Krebs have had a close association

with the Saltspring Island Monetary Foundation that has, as part of its mission statement as stated on its website, "the goal of raising funds for worthwhile community projects while promoting local commerce and goodwill." Hopefully they will recognize that financial assistance for the preservation of the ambiance of Lot 23 Creekside is a worthwhile community project.

Mr. Booth and Mr. Krebs' commendable concept is not reflected in their attempts to sell Lot 23 Creekside by using the coercion of property development as a penalty if the residents or The Land Conservancy of B.C. do not meet the demanded price.

BRIAN MILNE,
BEDDIS ROAD

Westpac ferry?

Westpac liquefied natural gas (LNG) proposal for Texada Island would regularly and randomly interrupt ferry service between Powell River and Texada.

In a recent 16-page mail out to Texada residents, Westpac states "about one LNG carrier every seven to 10 days or so" would arrive at their LNG receipt terminal with a minimum of 24 hours notice to Vessel Traf-

fic Services. Their frequency would depend on the size of ship and the seasonal demand. The company anticipates it would take 12 to 14 hours to unload the liquefied natural gas. Westpac is aware that Texada is a ferry-dependent island and its LNG docking facility is in close proximity to the existing ferry terminal.

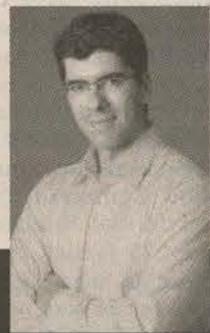
Would this open-ended and loosely worded proposal cancel the existing Powell River - Texada Island ferry schedule, leaving Westpac in a position to decide when and if the Texada ferry would be in service and operating? Who would be in favour of handing over a discretionary power of such magnitude to a few individuals from Westpac? How would they "mitigate unavoidable impacts" such as not having a regular ferry schedule?

Texada residents plan to continue to regularly ferry children to school, get to and from jobs and shopping in Powell River, receive regular mail delivery, retain the services of the community bus and the ambulance, see ferry workers employed and generally carry on business as usual without an LNG receiving terminal.

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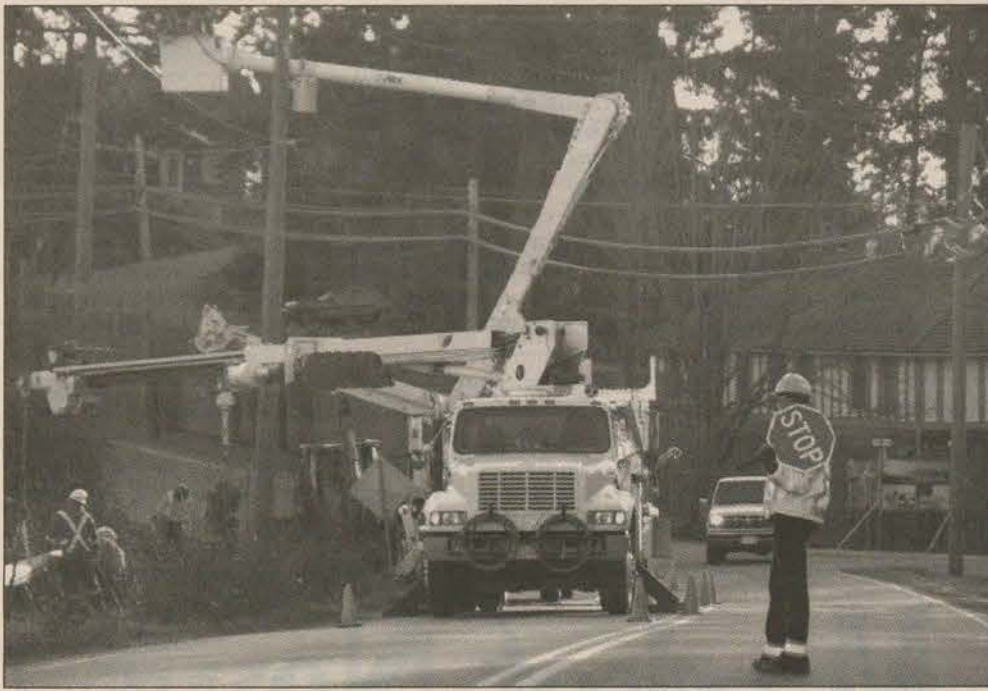


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FAMILIAR SCENE: Traffic-stopping work is ongoing on most major routes on Salt Spring as B.C. Hydro crews upgrade poles and systems.

Healthy focus would cater to unmet gastronomic needs

BY TERRY ISON

We are fortunate on Salt Spring to have many local farmers who produce healthy food. There seems to have been a substantial increase during the past decade in the proportion of people who like to maintain good health in various ways, including healthy food and drinks, consumed at healthy times, and in a healthy atmosphere. The retail food shops on the island and the liquor store have adapted to this change; but generally, the restaurants and pubs have not.

No doubt island residents have a diversity of preferences and needs, but for simplicity, those who would like to eat out with some regularity might be divided into roughly two groups.

The first is those who have food and drinks that are carcinogenic, or otherwise unhealthy. For example, eating meat (or farmed fish) with almost all meals, even though it has usually been shot with hormones and antibiotics, deep fried food, and vegetables that have been sprayed and fertilized with toxic chemicals. This group may also eat previously prepared mixtures, processed foods, genetically modified foods and additives, such as salt, sauces and sugar, without knowing whether they are among the people for whom any of these items are unhealthy.

This group usually has their main meal of the day in the evening. For people who need or prefer to be active

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during the day, and sleep at night, it can hardly help to reach an elevated level of energy in the middle of the night, after completing digestion of the main meal of the day. This group may also regard eating out as an occasion for excitement, listening to thump-thump music, moaning or screaming music, people talking loudly to be heard over the noise, and in a room that was acoustically designed to echo every sound; regardless of the consequences in terms of stress and gradual loss of hearing.

The second group is those who like healthy food and drinks, sometimes or always having vegetarian meals. To eat food that is healthy for them, and perhaps to prevent allergic reactions, some of this group might need to avoid previously prepared mixtures and be able to decide for themselves what additives they would like. Though they may enjoy a beer or wine with a meal, this group may appreciate an owner who recognizes that for good health, the priority drink is water. Most of this group may like their main meal in the middle of the day (the healthiest time to have it).

They may also regard eating out as usually an occasion for relaxation, with no music or peaceful music of good quality, being able to chat quietly and in a room designed for relaxation by

absorbing sound.

For the most part, all restaurants and pubs on the island cater to the first group, though I know of three that have at least one healthy dish on the menu and two that can accommodate individual needs to some extent.

Probably, few people fit exactly into either group, but most are probably closer to one than the other. Nobody knows which group best represents the majority of islanders who would like to eat out with some regularity. But bearing in mind the large proportion of retired people on the island, those who are closest to the second group are surely at least a big enough minority to provide regular year-round customers for at least one or two restaurants.

Any restaurant catering to the second group might also find it easier to hire the staff needed to provide prompt and attentive service. Given the large proportion of retired people here, there may well be some who would like a part-time job, or be available on call, if they could work in a relaxing environment, particularly if it is in the middle of the day.

It is surely also reasonable to think that the overall prosperity of island restaurants and pubs would be higher if different ones meet different needs and preferences, rather than all competing for the same customers.

The writer is a Salt Spring resident.



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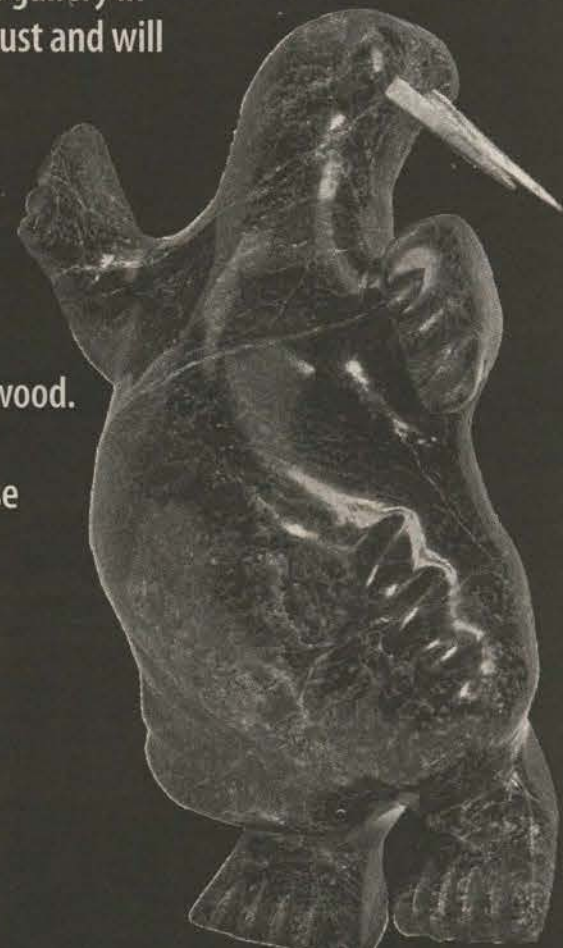
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OPINION

Rants

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RANTS and Roses

the way when I couldn't see!
Nancy Wigen

Rants to the two 4 X 4 drivers who drove around our stranded vehicle on Mount Maxwell without offering to help. A little push would have sent us on our way. Where we come from (friendly Manitoba), we help each other out — especially inexperienced

tourists! S. Green

Roses

A fenced yard full of roses to my new neighbour Judith Beaglehole from the new kid on the block. Thank you for being a great neighbour and telling me like it is — my gentle giant of a dog thinks you're just great, in case it wasn't obvious when

you came by the house. Moving is tough enough for both people and animals to adjust to without added politics. Thanks again, you are truly the best neighbour! Come on by anytime. Erin Williams, Mountain View Drive

Roses and a big thank-you to the couple that drove me around looking

for my lost dog last Tuesday evening on North End Road. She came back running out of the bush safe and sound shortly thereafter. RGS

A wreath of roses to regional director Gary Holman for his pertinacious views. WPC

A beautiful bouquet of coloured roses to GEBS for all that you are and all that you give to everything every day. You are so greatly appreciated in every way.

Thanks for the wiggles. T

Little rosebuds full of thank-yous go to Jim Rad-dysh and Bob Twaites for all of the music and magic that made our year-end parties so much fun! From the children, parents and teachers at SSI Co-op Pre-school

A rose to my colleagues at Salt Spring Elementary for the camaraderie that makes it so much fun and so interesting to work there. Marie Beaudoin

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Live Radio Theatre returns — vintage flair with modern twist

On stage at ArtSpring
Jan. 19-20

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

A rare treat for islanders is Jan Rabson's Live Radio Theatre (LRT), returning to Salt Spring this coming weekend. Rabson, a voice actor who is often away working on films in Vancouver and Los Angeles, does not have much time to spare for his passion; it takes him on average six months to plan and coordinate LRT productions. With rehearsals rearranged even in the final week so Rabson could work on the latest Pixar movie, Up, it's clear that a truly serious will is behind this fun theatre event.

Rabson's Live Radio Theatre is just what the name suggests — actors, sound effect technicians and musicians recreating classic radio dramas, but in full view of the live audience. This year's performance follows on a successful version produced last year, but with new plays and jingles, and as Rabson promises, a few surprises as well.

Part of the reason it takes the actor/producer so long to create an LRT event is the amount of detail involved. Rabson researches and finds each radio play and song from the days of classic radio, recreates the necessary sound effects, and casts the plays, as well as coordinating all the many elements.

"These are all reenactments of radio dramas that were done in the '40s and '50s," Rabson said in a telephone interview. "It's such a huge amount of work. It's like producing a film."

For Rabson, who appeared in his younger days on the Salvation Army service with famed radio star Hans Conreid and also acted in radio dramas in New York and Los Angeles, the creative expression involved in the medium is worth the amount of work.

"I just love it — it's just such a fun way to do a show and bring back a little bit of history," he explained. "And it lets your imagination run, but you also get to see what's happening on stage."

"You can get on stage and be a 90-year-old man or a teenage boy and have the same actor doing both characters, and it's just a lot of fun."

This time around, the audience will watch a mystery about a man who plans the perfect murder, and a comedy Rabson describes as "a funny romp about a man who produces theatrical plays — a very flamboyant producer."

In addition to Rabson, the strong cast includes stage veterans and audience favorites Arthur Black, Vaughn Fulford, Jason Donaldson, Marit McBride, Sarah Penhale, Richard Moses, Gordon Keel, Peter McCully, Brian Nash and Greg Wiltshire. Actors will appear in appropriate period costumes.

"Most of the sound effects will be done by Bob Twaites and he's doing a great job."

Twaites is assisted by Erica Cronin and Steve Dawson, while Daniel Hoy is the show's musical director. Daniel Millerd, Robyn Millerd, Jen Walls and Ali George are the jingle singers.

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At home with the Kayes — where art takes centre stage

Hard to keep up with public demand

Some people are blessed with multiple talents. In the case of Garry and Bly Kaye, it can be said that two of Salt Spring's loveliest people are also two of the island's great artists.

Sitting with the Kayes recently at their cozy, hand-built home, we looked back at the past year and into the next.

Both Bly and Garry attended art school in the 1960s, but their identities as full-time artists are relatively recent. Garry studied sculpture at the Vancouver School of Art (now Emily Carr), but returned to his home on Salt Spring to make a living building log houses and raising sheep.

Although he only began painting seriously in 2000, he has become so well regarded his paintings almost literally fly off the shelves. Once he sold a painting when he was still far from completing it; another time the Kayes dropped off one of Garry's paintings at the Ian Tan Gallery in Vancouver and it sold before they made it home.

Garry's work is rarely seen on Salt Spring for that reason and because he takes so long to produce it. His large-scale and meticulously detailed landscapes take an average of three months to create, with only four to five paintings completed in a year.

Layer upon layer of tiny brushstrokes create realist but not photo-realist images, containing all the elements of reality rendered through the artist's eye and hand. Using photographic images blown up on computer, Garry brings an immense amount of variation of light and colour into his paintings.




Elizabeth Nolan
ARTBEAT ON THE ROCK



Above, Bly and Garry Kaye; at left, Garry's painting *The Alders*.

"With the computer you can just zoom right in and see the detail in everything that's there, without having to make it up," Garry explained.

Most of Garry's landscapes are found within 100 feet of his own home: an old shed, the trees overhanging the driveway, the view from the hill.

Last fall his gorgeous *Apple Tree*, found in his back yard, showed briefly at J. Mitchell Gallery before a local buyer took it home.

"It's really fun living with Garry and watching the paintings grow," said Bly, adding with some regret: "You become really good friends with it, and then it's out of the house."

For Garry, too, there is a little sadness in the popularity of his work.

"It's wonderful but at the same time it's hard to let

them go. It takes me so long to do them that I wish they'd stay around for a little bit, sometimes."

January is a busy time for Garry. For the past few years he has departed for a three-month working holiday to Mexico, with the emphasis on working. He consults closely with Bly in the planning stages beforehand, and she often takes the photographs he uses and they discuss which images he will paint in the coming year.

Garry finds his time in Mexico very productive. He gets enough work started to take him through the year. Bly joins him for a shorter period, working on her delicate and luminous collages while she's there.

Currently, Garry is about two months into a landscape taken from a trip to

the Quebec countryside in the fall — a vast profusion of bare branches meeting above the fallen leaves carpeting the forest floor.


He is also planning a very large (for him) four by five-foot piece to be started in Mexico, which he jokes may take him six months to complete.

Surviving as full-time artists is still a somewhat new venture for the Kayes, and although they have some normal concerns about how it will all work out, they're also clearly in their element.

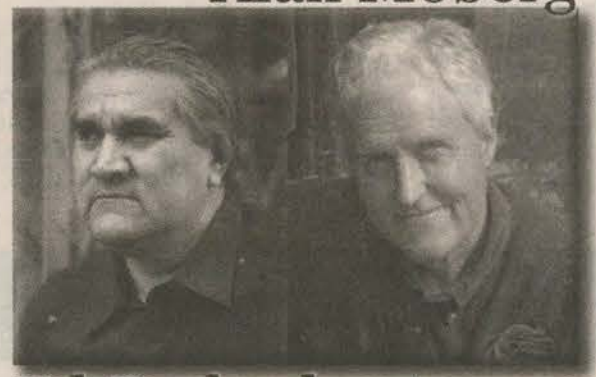
"It makes life really fun because you keep seeing things all over the place that are visually exciting," Bly said happily.

Looking at representations of the Kayes' work, I couldn't agree more.

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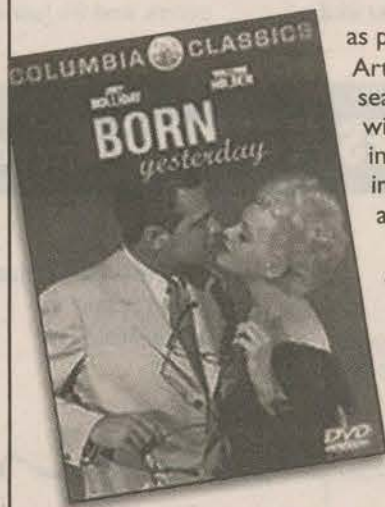
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WEDNESDAY JANUARY 16

5 PM	:00	The Simpsons	Pieds dans la marge (N)	Timothy/(10) Mama	NHL Pre-Game (Live)	CHEK News	Growing Pains	Early News	CTV News	Punjab Times	A Channel News at 5	The Ellen Degeneres Show (N)	My Wife and Kids	Malcolm in the Middle	KOMO 4 News	KING 5 News	Charlie Rose	The Hour	KIRO 7 News	All Grown Up River Rats	CMI: The Chris Myers Interviews David Wells
	:30	Arrested Development	L'Union fait la force (N)	(35) Babar	NHL Hockey - Calgary vs. Minnesota (Live)		Happy Days	Global National		Phoenix World News			My Wife and Kids	The Simpsons	ABC World News				CBS Evening News	Sabrina Teen Witch	
6	:00	News	Le Téléjournal	Kratts' Creatures		News	The Simpsons	News	News		CityCooks	That '70s Show	The Simpsons	News	News	News	CBC News: The National	News	Drake & Josh	WHL Hockey - Kootenay vs. Edmonton (Live)	
	:30			Popular Mechanics			King of the Hill			CTI News	Vancouver Report	CityNews International	That '70s Show	Family Guy		KING 5 News				Fresh Prince of Bel Air	
7	:00	Coronation Street	Virginie (N)	Meerkat Manor		EI News	According to Jim	Entertainment Tonight	Etalk (N)	Hong Kong Express	Degrassi: [Part 2 of 2]	Wheel of Fortune	The King of Queens	Two and a Half Men	Wheel of Fortune	Evening Magazine	Rick Steves' Europe	The Secret World of Gardens	Entertainment Tonight	Malcolm in the Middle	
	:30	Marketplace (N)	L'Épicerie (N)	Sustainable Region		The Insider	The Simpsons	Ent. Tonight Canada	Access Hollywood	Pure in Heart	Friends	Jeopardy	The King of Queens	Two and a Half Men	Jeopardy	Inside Edition	Oregon Field Guide		The Insider	Prank Patrol Robots	
8	:00	Little Mosque on the Inside (N)	Le match des étoiles	Who's Aping Who Hearts and Minds	SportsCentre (Live)	Deal or No Deal (N)	Coach	Power of 10 (N)	American Idol Week #1B: Auditions #2:	Vancouver Nights	Smallville Wrath	Blood Ties The Devil in Her (SF)	Crowned Beauty Is Only Skin Deep (N)	American Idol Week #1B: Auditions #2:	Wife Swap Harrison-Velasco/Mars Hall (N)	Deal or No Deal (N)	Pioneers of Television Variety (N)	CBC News: The National	Power of 10 (N)	Fries With That?	
	:30	Sophie (N)	Spéciale Virginie		Tennis 2008 Australian		Coach													Monster Warriors	
9	:00	the fifth estate Cruel Camera (N)	Une heure sur terre	RX for Survival Rise of the Superbugs	Open - Day 4	Kimora: Life in the Fab Lane	The Standard	Kitchen Nightmares Olde Stone Mill	Dallas (SP) (N) [Part 2 of 2]	Sabor Latino	Supernanny An-Duan Family (N)	"Dawn of the Dead" ★★ (Hor, '04) Sarah Polley.	Gossip Girl Pilot	Dallas (SP) (N) [Part 2 of 2]	Supernanny An-Duan Family (N)	Law & Order: Criminal Intent Seeds	The Jewish Americans The Best of Times, the	CBC News: The National	"Comanche Moon" (Dra, '07) Val Kilmer. [Part	Futurama	Sportsnet Connected (Live)
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10	:00	CBC News: The National	Le Téléjournal	The Cola Conquest Coca-Colonization		Cashmere Mafia Dangerous Liaisons (N)	Cold Case	Num3rs Power (N)	Law & Order Bottomless (N)	Hola Que Tal	To Be Announced		Seinfeld The Implant	Q-13 Fox News at Ten	Cashmere Mafia Dangerous Liaisons (N)	Law & Order Bottomless (N)	Worst of Times (N)	The Secret World of Gardens	3 of 3	Falcon Beach Local Heroes	Sportsnet Connected (Live)
	:30												Seinfeld The Cartoon								
11	:00	(05) The Hour	Le Téléjournal	Paris Stories		News	It's a New Day	News	News	TV Patrol	News	Reviews on the Run	Frasier	Family Guy Deep Throats	News	Andre Rieu: Radio City	CBC News: The National	News	Mystery Hunters	Sportsnet Connected	
	:30																		(35) David Letterman	Ghost Trackers	
12 MID	:00	(05) Arrested	La zone	The Romantics		(05) Chelsea Lately (N)	International Laser Clinic	(05) Ent. Tonight	(05) The Daily Show	Jai Fiji	Show With Jay Leno	South Park	RENO 911!	(05) Jimmy Kimmel Live	South Park	RENO 911!	The Hour	(35) Late, Late Show	Malcolm in the Middle	Pratt & Taylor	
	:30	(35) Hour 22 Mins	(45) Fosse aux lions		SportsCentre (Live)	(35) Late, Late Show		(35) E.T. Canada	(35) Colbert Report	Caribbean Beat	(35) Conan O'Brien		South Park Jewbilee	M*A*S*H Patent 4077		(35) Conan O'Brien					

THURSDAY JANUARY 17

5 PM	:00	The Simpsons	Pieds dans la marge	Timothy/(10) Mama	(4:00) Tennis 2008 Australian Open - Day 5	CHEK News	Growing Pains	Early News	CTV News	Punjab Times	A Channel News at 5	The Ellen Degeneres Show (N)	My Wife and Kids	Malcolm in the Middle	KOMO 4 News	KING 5 News	Charlie Rose	The Hour	KIRO 7 News	All Grown Up	(4:30) NHL Hockey - Vancouver vs. Detroit (Live)
	:30	Arrested Beef Consomme	L'Union fait la force (N)	(35) Babar			Happy Days	Global National		Phoenix World News			My Wife and Kids	The Simpsons	ABC World News				CBS Evening News	Sabrina Teen Witch	
6	:00	News	Le Téléjournal	Mentors (20) Tommy		News	The Simpsons	News	News		CityCooks	That '70s Show Angie	The Simpsons	News	News	News	CBC News: The National	News	Drake & Josh	Fresh Prince of Bel Air	
	:30			Reach for the Top			King of the Hill			CTI News	Vancouver Report	CityNews International	That '70s Show	Family Guy		KING 5 News					
7	:00	Coronation Street	Virginie (N)	Profiles of Nature		EI News	According to Jim	Entertainment Tonight	Etalk (N)	Hong Kong Express	Degrassi: Next Gen.	Wheel of Fortune	The King of Queens	Two and a Half Men	Wheel of Fortune	Evening Magazine	Rick Steves' Europe	The Nature of Things	Entertainment Tonight	Malcolm in the Middle	Sportsnet Connected
	:30	Who Do You Think (N)	Infoman	Specials All-Terrain Deer		The Insider	The Simpsons	Ent. Tonight Canada	Access Hollywood	Pure in Heart	30 Rock Blind Date	Jeopardy	The King of Queens	Two and a Half Men	Jeopardy	Inside Edition	Ask This Old House		The Insider	Prank Patrol Aliens Exist	NHL Hockey - Vancouver vs. Detroit
8	:00	The Nature of Things (N)	Tous pour un Passe-partout	Arctic Mission Lords of the Arctic	SportsCentre (Live)	Are You Smarter Than a 5th Grader? (N)	Coach	My Name Is Earl	Without a Trace One and Only	What's in Vancouver? Main Office	Scrubs	Ugly Betty Odor in the Court (N)	Smallville Wrath	Are You Smarter Than a 5th Grader? (N)	My Name Is Earl	Nature	CBC News: The National	Without a Trace One and Only	Fries With That?	Monster Warriors	
	:30																				
9	:00	Desperately Seeking Doctors (N)	Enquête	Voyages of Discovery James Cook (N)	In This Corner NFL Films Flutie	"To Be Announced"	The Standard Messages	Celebrity Apprentice Mr. Outside the Box (N)	CSI: Crime Scene Investigation Go to Hell	Teri Meri Duniya Sadabahr Naghmae	Big Shots Sex Be Not Proud (N)	Supernatural Red Sky at Morning	Supernatural Red Sky at Morning	Don't Forget the Lyrics	Grey's Anatomy Kung Fu Fighting	Celebrity Apprentice Mr. Outside the Box (N)	Nova Absolute Zero	CBC News: The National	CSI: Crime Scene Investigation Go to Hell	Futurama	
	:30																			Shadow Raiders	
10	:00	CBC News: The National	Le Téléjournal	Welcome to Tehran (N)	Poker	Cold Case	The Lighthouses Not Merely Players (N)	ER Atonement (N)	Mor Deo Koi	Proud (N)	Across the River	Seinfeld	Q-13 Fox News at Ten	Big Shots Sex Be Not Proud (N)	ER Atonement (N)	Frontline Cheney's Law	The Nature of Things	Without a Trace Article 32 (N)	Falcon Beach The Blame Game	Sportsnet Connected (Live)	
	:30											Seinfeld The Strong Box									
11	:00	(05) The Hour	Le Téléjournal	No Price Too High	SportsCentre (Live)	News	It's a New Day	News	News	TV Patrol	(05) The Tonight Show With Jay Leno	Realty Television	Frasier	Family Guy	News	Brenda Watson's	CBC News: The National	News	Mystery Hunters	Sportsnet Connected	
	:30																		(35) The Late Show	Ghost Trackers	
12 MID	:00	(05) Arrested	La zone	National Geographic	Off the Record	(05) Chelsea Lately (N)	Full House	(05) Ent. Tonight	(05) The Daily Show	Punjabi Vibes	(05) Late Night With Conan O'Brien	South Park	RENO 911!	(05) Jimmy Kimmel Live	South Park	RENO 911!	The Hour	With David Letterman	Futurama	Pratt & Taylor	
	:30	(35) Can. Reflections	(45) Fosse aux lions		Hockey Can. Pond Ch.	(35) Late, Late Show	PR Maxx	(35) E.T. Canada	(35) Colbert Report	Desi Rhythms									(35) Late, Late Show	Malcolm in the Middle	

FRIDAY JANUARY 18

5 PM	:00	The Simpsons	Match! King Pong	Timothy/(10) Mama	(4:30) Boxing	CHEK News	Growing Pains	Early News	CTV News	Punjab Times	A Channel News at 5	The Ellen Degeneres Show (N)	My Wife and Kids	Malcolm in the Middle	KOMO 4 News	KING 5 News	Charlie Rose	The Hour	KIRO 7 News	All Grown Up	(4:30) Poker After Dark
	:30	Arrested Development	L'Union fait la force (N)	(35) Babar	NHL Pre-Game (Live)		Happy Days	Global National		Phoenix World News			My Wife and Kids	The Simpsons	ABC World News				CBS Evening News	Sabrina Teen Witch	Pratt & Taylor
6	:00	News	Le Téléjournal	Serious Desert	NHL Hockey - Los Angeles vs. Calgary (Live)	News	The Simpsons	News	News		CityCooks	That '70s Show	The Simpsons	News	News	News	CBC News: The National	News	(05) Prank Patrol	Endurance	Sportsnet Connected
	:30			Kratts' Creatures			King of the Hill			CTI News	Vancouver Report	CityNews International	That '70s Show	Family Guy		KING 5 News					
7	:00	Fig Skate BMO Canadian Championships	Du coeur au ventre	Emily of New Moon The Book of Yesterday		EI News	According to Jim	Entertainment Tonight	Etalk (N)	Hong Kong Express	Degrassi: Next Gen.	Wheel of Fortune	The King of Queens	Two and a Half Men	Wheel of Fortune	Evening Magazine	Rick Steves' Europe	the fifth estate	Entertainment Tonight	Ghost Trackers	Billiards World Pool Championship
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8	:00	Air Force Live	Paquet voleur	Margery and Gladys		1 vs. 100 (N)	Sikh Virsa	Bones The Soldier on the Grave	Ghost Whisperer First Do No Harm (N)	Weekly News Forum	"Patch Adams" ★★ (Dra, '98) Robin Williams.	Two and a Half Men	Friday Night Smackdown	Bones The Soldier on the Grave	Grey's Anatomy Love/Addiction	1 vs. 100 (N)	NOW	CBC News: The National	Ghost Whisperer First Do No Harm (N)	Naruto	Avatar
	:30	Rick Mercer Report			Tennis 2008 Australian																
9	:00	MVP Truth and Consequence (N)	L'heure de gloire		Open - Day 6 (Live)	To Be Announced	The Standard 3D Dialogue Light	Friday Night Lights Who Do You Think You Are? (N)	Moonlight The Mortal Cure (N)	Hwang Jin Yi		"Saving Silverman" ★ (Com, '01) Jack Black.		House Need to Know	Housewives Smiles of a Summer Night	Friday Night Lights Who Do You Think You Are? (N)	Bill Moyers' Journal	CBC News: The National	Moonlight The Mortal Cure (N)	Futurama	Countdown to UFC 80
	:30																				
10	:00	CBC News: The National	Le Téléjournal	Sherlock Holmes The Dancing Men	Lord of the Rings	20/20 (N)	Cold Case	Las Vegas Secrets, Lies and Lamaze (N)	Without a Trace Article 32 (N)	Open Concert	The Collector The Tour Guide		Seinfeld The Smelly Car	Q-13 Fox News at Ten	20/20 (N)	Las Vegas Secrets, Lies and Lamaze (N)	"A Shot in the Dark" ★★ (Com, '64) Peter Sellers.	the fifth estate	Num3rs Power (N)	Death Note	Sportsnet Connected (Live)
	:30												Seinfeld The Wizard								
11	:00	(05) The Hour	Le Téléjournal	Perspective Our Brand is Crisis	SportsCentre (Live)	News	It's a New Day	News	News	TV Patrol	News	Reviews on the Run	Frasier	Family Guy	News	News	Peter Sellers.	CBC News: The National	News	Shadow Raiders	Sportsnet Connected
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12 MID	:00	(05) Fig Skate BMO Can.	La zone		Off the Record	(05) Chelsea Lately (N)	Full House	(05) ECW Wrestling	(05) CSI: Miami	Vancouver Masala	Show With Jay Leno	(05) Jimmy Kimmel Live	South Park	RENO 911!	(05) Jimmy Kimmel Live	Tavis Smiley	The Hour	(35) Late, Late Show	Futurama	Pratt & Taylor	
	:30		(45) Fosse aux lions	Allan Gregg	In This Corner	(35) Late, Late Show	Kingstar			Music Bank	(35) Conan O'Brien		South Park	M*A*S*H	(35) Conan O'Brien	Burt Wolf: Travels			(35) Late, Late Show	Invader Zim	

ON STAGE



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High school actors perform in Urinetown.

Everyone smiling at GISS musical parody

Top-notch casting and music in Urinetown

BY ANDREA RABINOVITCH
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Salt Springers love a musical and there was much to love about Urinetown produced by Second Story Theatre, the Gulf Islands Secondary School group led by Jason Donaldson.

Winner of Best Director (John Rando), Best Original Score (Mark Hollman and Greg Kotis) and Best Book of a Musical (Greg Kotis) in the 2002 Tony Awards, Urinetown was an excellent choice for this committed and talented cast of young people.

A parody of capitalism, socialism and the vagaries of humankind, Urinetown has the prerequisite characters: the female and male ingénues Hope Cladwell (Patrice Bowler) and Bobby Strong (Daniel Millerd), the bad guy Caldwell B. Cladwell (Alex Corley), the crowd that could turn bad but is convinced of good, and a soap-opera-like genetic secret is revealed.

Urinetown throws in a couple of characters that lead the audience through the play within a play conceit that had the sold-out crowds laughing. Officer Lockstock (GISS teacher Ray Colleran) is a cop who enforces the law of the land — you have to pay to pee — but also lets the audience in on how musicals generally work, as revealed in conversations with Little Sally (Courtenay Bolton).

Characters Hope Cladwell, Bobby Strong and Little Sally are close to the age of the people playing them and the idealistic spunk that seems bred into Salt Spring youth is easily expressed through the water system problems, giving the cast something tangible to hang on to.

That and the sheer fun of parody expertly directed by

Donaldson created an evening that left everyone smiling.

His casting couldn't have been better.

Helena Bryn-McLeod's Penelope Pennywise, the hard-bitten custodian of the most disgusting "public amenity" in town, commands the stage with a bully-with-a-heart-of-gold dynamism that sets up the play with her solo song It's a Privilege to Pee.

An evil capitalist with a penchant for bunny metaphors is Caldwell B. Cladwell, played by Corley, who nailed his comic shtick and relayed his patter-like songs with clarity. A very funny young man, Corley's voice and ability to listen to the band also shone.

Bolton's Little Sally rode the fine line between being a character in the play and the voice of reason of the audience. "Urinetown isn't so much a place as it is a metaphysical place" with the out-of-the-mouth-of-babes honesty and heightened acting style required.

Millerd's Bobby Strong played the parody, sang the songs and acted the romantic lead with supremely confident charm and so much delight that the audience was delighted as well.

In a cast of extremely talented and skilled young actors, Bowler simply shone. Showing a sophistication way beyond her 17 years, her natural comedic instincts are superb. Spending most of the second act with a gag over her mouth, she managed to be highly entertaining with only her eyes and body to relay reactions.

Millerd's and Bowler's scene where they declare their love and sing Follow Your Heart was as good as any professional theatre I've seen anywhere. Their age works in their favour as first love is not a memory they have to dredge up from some distant past.

The ensemble all supported the action well with the vocal belting capabili-

ties of Allie George, Robyn Millerd's commitment to the moment, Sean Cunningham's miraculous recovery and Phil Daerr's single line at the end of the show being examples of added brilliance.

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The Urine Pit Band: Ele Brouard-John, keyboard; Sarah Lundy, bass; Rebecca Hylands, alto saxophone; Emma Rowlandson-O'Hara, trumpet; Ben Hunter, percussion; Ryder Bergerud, tenor saxophone and clarinet; and Daniel Millerd, trombone, excelled at providing the songs' musical structure.

Musical director Bruce Smith had some excellent singers to start with and moulded them into pulling off the required harmonies and canonical counterpoint.

With nary a bad note in sight, which is often the case in amateur musicals, the audience could sit back and relax knowing that the actors were competent.

Next time Second Story advertises a musical, get your tickets right away.

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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

CONTEMPORARY DANCE

Dance audience grows with stellar brunch event

Superb's the word for Bowen troupe

BY ANDREA RABINOVITCH
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

The Dance Brunch showcasing the Link Dance

Foundation, Gail Lotenberg's Bowen Island modern dance troupe, was a win/win event.

Firstly the technical expertise of the dancers Amber Funk Barton, Darcy McMurray, Cort Gerlock and Lotenberg, the cho-

reographic skill of Lotenberg and the wizardry of technical director Mara Brenner provided a superb modern dance experience in an unusual format in an intimate space.

Secondly, we were treated to a yummy brunch

from Christine Godlonton's Dinner's Ready and her staff, and coffee from Salt Spring Coffee Company.

Thirdly, in an effort to build a dance audience for the upcoming ArtSpring dance series, executive

director George Sipos only charged \$10 a ticket!

The ArtSpring galleries were opened up to accommodate several tables and a large, taped-down dance floor.

Lutenberg opened the event, outlining how audi-

ence feedback would be recorded by a microphone after the pieces were performed. Explaining that the audience feedback would enable "the audience to participate in the creative act" and give her food for thought, encouraged the 70 people in the room to engage in dialogue.

... the dancers reiterated dance phrases that left the audience awestruck at their beauty.

Opening with a solo by Funk Barton entitled Territory, with music by the Tony Wilson Quintet, the dancer's strong presence and articulated gesture scores, as she delineated her space, brought out highly observant comments from the attentive audience.

Diving with music by DD Jackson, an exploration of a man/woman relationship, was gorgeously danced by McMurray and impressively danced by Gerlock, considering he had to pick up the material in a week due to illness. Filled with inventive partnering that included both contact improvisation principles and balletic lifts, the dancers reiterated dance phrases that left the audience awestruck at their beauty.

Funk Barton led this feedback session and was replaced by McMurray, who told us what it was like inside the dance. Lutenberg came onstage and began to improvise behind her a "movement equivalent" of her text. An organic segue saw all the dancers eventually come back onstage and end with a group dance that included pedestrian movement, sweeping unit movement through space, and solos showing the professional skill of the dancers.

The previously recorded comments were fed through software in a Mac computer. Brenner chose sound bites that corresponded with movement cues that had already been choreographed and rehearsed into the piece.

This modern art notion of creating dance and music in the moment independently of one another — first created by modern dancer Merce Cunningham and composer John Cage — turned this last piece into a very personal and delightful dance experience.

To view the upcoming dance series, check out www.artspring.ca. To learn more about this stellar company, check www.linkdance.ca.

Andrew Lewis

GREEN PARTY CANDIDATE, SAANICH-GULF ISLANDS.

Andrew's viewpoints on Islanders for Self Government

I would like to add my voice in support of Islanders for Self Government, (ISG), and the call to open up debate and a referendum on incorporation for Salt Spring Island. As a Green, one of the six key principles that guide me and the Green Party of Canada, and based on the Global Green Charter, is Participatory Democracy.

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

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

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

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

WHAT CAN YOU DO?

Join Islanders for Self-Government today and send a clear message to the Provincial Government that Salt Spring Islanders are not content with the current situation. Fill out the attached form, mail it in or drop it off at one of our Island Business Supporters:

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MUSIC MAKERS: Members of the Star Parade Group were out dancing and making music in the streets of Ganges last Monday, hoping their enthusiasm would inspire others to also take to the streets and liven up the dull days of January with dance.

DANCE

Original 'Lobby Dance' work makes debut Saturday night

At ArtSpring before Live Radio Theatre show

A group of Salt Spring dancers has a new performance venue — and a date to strut their stuff.

The Lobby Dancers — a troupe of 15 dancers aged 10 to 56 — is set to perform in the ArtSpring lobby on

Jan. 19 at 7:40 p.m., just prior to the Live Radio Theatre play.

The group formed just before Christmas as part of ArtSpring's outreach program, when Boston choreographer Danny McCusker helped dancers create and rehearse a new piece designed specifically for an ArtSpring lobby performance.

More Lobby Dancer performances are set for Feb. 9, before the Mascal Dance performance of *Traces of Emily Carr*, and April 12, prior to *Dancers Dancing*.

The Lobby Dance was organized by Anna Haltrecht and Robbyn Scott and is supported by ArtSpring Dance Outreach, Made in B.C. and the Salt Spring Coffee Company.

AFRICAN DANCE

West African dance class

organized

Iroko and visiting instructors make Fridays move

A popular West African dance class program has migrated north from its Beaver Point origins, broadening opportunities for islanders to take part in "an incredible dance experience."

Salt Spring's own six-piece percussion ensemble Iroko leads the way, playing dynamic African rhythms while dance teachers Mohamed André Duranteau of Guinea and Marielle Comeau from Victoria show participants their moves.

"All together they create an incredible dance experience for all ages and levels," states a press release.

The new class runs Fridays from 4:30-6:30 p.m. at All Saints By-the-Sea on Park Drive in Ganges.

Cost is \$15 per class or \$150 for the 11-week session. An appreciation/donation basket is also put out for the drummers.

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Tuesday evening classes also continue at Beaver Point Hall from 6-7:30 p.m.

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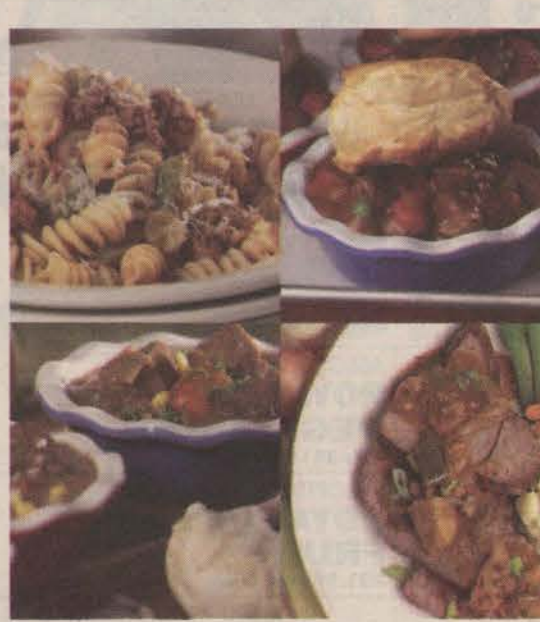
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FOLK CLUB

Prepare to be moved at next folk club concert

Alan Moberg and Ed Peekeekoot take headliners' chair

The next Salt Spring Folk Club duo comes highly recommended — by folk club audiences themselves.

Alan Moberg and Ed Peekeekoot take the Fulford Hall stage on Monday, Jan. 28, having been there before as opening acts.

"Both Alan and Ed have made people leap up from their seats when they opened for previous folk club acts," states press material. "Alan for Laura Smith and Ed for James Keelaghan."

The Salt Spring gig kicks off a mini tour that sees them head up

to the B.C. Interior in February and March.

A well-known island singer, Moberg has been writing songs, performing and recording for five decades. He has received an award from BMI (SOCAN) Canada for "an outstanding contribution to Canadian music" and several awards from the B.C. Country Music Association.

"He sings many songs of British Columbia, its land and peoples, its ocean and rivers, its heritage, his admiration for the first peoples and the cross cultural friendships that exist in this land we share."

Ron Burd, music director of CIUT Radio Toronto recently called him "one of Canada's best." Howard

White of Harbour Publishing says he is a "West Coast Stan Rogers."

Moberg's Farther Along CD was in the top 10 of three Canadian university stations in their roots/blues playlists in 2007: CHLY Nanaimo, CFBX Kamloops and CKXU Lethbridge.

His 16th CD, which includes a song co-written with Peekeekoot, will be released this spring.

Peekeekoot is an Ahtahkakoop Cree who has lived in B.C. for most of his life and now lives in Crofton.

He is an artist, a carver, singer-songwriter, humourist and multi-instrumentalist who plays finger-style guitar, fiddle, banjo, dobro, Indian flute, harmonica and drums.

Twice nominated for Best Instru-

mentalist at the B.C. Country Music Awards, his life and music were featured in the film series called North American Indian Portraits.

His latest CD is called In the Key of Cree, which has been played on American and Canadian radio.

"His music is foot-stomping fiddle to virtuoso classical guitar, sprinkled throughout with his Cree humour and philosophy."

Tickets for the Jan. 28 show, which begins at 7:30 p.m. with opening act Lisa Maxx, cost \$15 at Acoustic Planet Music, Salt Spring Books and Stuff 'n' Nonsense.

Doors open at 6:45 p.m. (6:30 for season ticket holders), with dinners, desserts and refreshments available.

YOUTH ACTIVITIES

Kids and teens get chance to belly dance

Oriana sets up new island classes

Due to popular demand, local dancer Oriana will soon be offering younger Salt Springers the chance to learn to belly dance with drop-in classes at the Gatehouse.

The idea came to her while teaching children at Salt Spring Centre School where Oriana teaches French.

"I got them all dressed up in hip belts, veils and head-dresses and they loved it (even the boys!)," states Oriana in a press release.

She said the children seemed to enjoy the chance to move their bodies in new and exciting ways and parents soon began asking Oriana about her belly dancing classes. That was when it occurred to her that teens could also benefit from such a class.

"Belly dance teaches young women to express their sensuality in a healthy way during a time in their lives where it could go either way."

The classes, which begin this Friday, Jan. 18, take place at the Gatehouse on Stowell Lake Farm, located on Reynolds Road.

The class for teens will run every Friday from 1:30-2:30 p.m., and the children's class from 3-4 p.m.

For further information, call Oriana at 653-0028.

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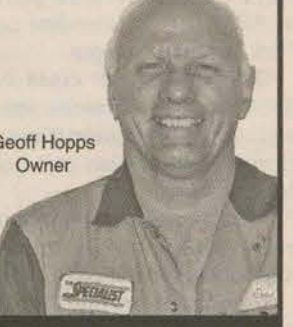
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Jan 16

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Simply Organic. Free organ recital with Barry Valentine at All Saints. 10:10 a.m., followed by coffee & muffin.
Open Stage With Stephanie Rhodes. At Shipstones. 8 p.m.
Terpsichore. New choreography and show by GISS dance students. ArtSpring. 7:30 p.m.

OTHER ACTIVITIES

Wednesday Night Poker. Every Wed. at The Local.

Thurs.
Jan 17

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

One Night Stand with Matt & Tom. At Shipstones. 8 p.m.
Open Stage. With host Tess Fama. Thursdays at the Fulford Inn Pub. 7-10 p.m.
Carolyn Mark & Friends. Showcase-style concert with guests Luther Wright, Diona Davies, Hank Pine & Lily Fawn. Mahon Hall. 8 p.m.
Terpsichore. New choreography and show by GISS dance students. ArtSpring. 7:30 p.m.

OTHER ACTIVITIES

African Drumming. With Laurent Boucher. Thursdays at 162 OakSpring, 5-6:30 p.m. Info: Laurent, 537-4979.
Bingo. At Meaden Hall. 7 p.m. Early bird games at 6:30.
Naim Howe Memorial Basketball Tournament. Games all day at GISS, with the GISS girls scheduled to play at noon and 3:30 p.m.; GISS boys at 1:45 and 5:15 p.m.

Fri.
Jan 18

ACTIVITIES

Rollerblading. Fulford Hall. 7-7:30 p.m. for novices/little people; 7:30-9 p.m. general skating.
West African Dance Classes. Live percussion dance classes. All Saints. 4:30-6 p.m.
Naim Howe Memorial Basketball Tournament. Games all day at GISS, and with a shooting competition at 8 p.m.
Friday Morning Yoga. With Angie Jenkins, music by Yashwant. The Gatehouse. 9-10 a.m. 653-0028.
Teens' Belly Dance Classes. With Oriana. At The Gatehouse. 1-2:30 p.m. Info: 653-0028.
Children's Belly Dance Classes. With Oriana. At The Gatehouse. 3-4 p.m. Info: 653-0028.
HerbCraft. 6-week hands-on course held at The Barn on Reynolds Rd. Angie, 653-0028.
Story Time at the Library. Stories & activities for kids aged 4-6 on a rain & snow theme. SS Library. 1-2 p.m.

Sat.
Jan 19

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Flora Scott Trio. With Laurent Boucher on drums and Ian Van Wyck on bass. Saturday Night Dinner Jazz at El Zocalo. 7-10 p.m.
Live Radio Theatre. Authentic evening of live-to-air radio drama from the '40s and '50s. ArtSpring. 8 p.m.
Lobby Dance. Original dance piece presented by 15 SSI dancers in the ArtSpring lobby. 7:40 p.m.

OTHER ACTIVITIES

Guided Creekside Walks. See subject of land purchase campaign on guided walk. Meet at the corner of Creekside and Hillview Dr. 10 a.m. on Saturdays.
Born Yesterday Auditions. Call 537-1283 for more info about auditions for Graffiti Theatre's May 2008 production.
Naim Howe Memorial Basketball Tournament. Games all day at GISS, with girls' final at 3 p.m. and boys' final at 4:45 p.m.

Sun.
Jan 20

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Live Music With Tess & Buck. Every other Sunday at the Fulford Inn Pub. 6:30-9:30 p.m.
Live Radio Theatre. Authentic evening of live-to-air radio drama from the '40s and '50s. ArtSpring. 2 p.m.

OTHER ACTIVITIES

Guided Creekside Walks. See subject of land purchase campaign on guided walk. Meet at corner of Creekside & Hillview Dr. at 1 p.m. on Sundays.
Born Yesterday Auditions. Call 537-1283 for more info about auditions for Graffiti Theatre's May 2008 production.

Mon.
Jan 21

ACTIVITIES

Eckhart Tolle Practising Presence Group. Drop-in. 7:30 p.m. Info: Amrita, 537-2799.
Osho Kundalini Moving Meditation. Drop-in. 5:30 p.m. Info: Amrita, 537-2799.

Tues.
Jan 22

ACTIVITIES

West African Dance Classes. Live percussion dance classes. Beaver Pt. Hall. 6-7:30 p.m. All ages.
SSI Prostate Cancer Support Group. Discussion & get-together at the Farmers Institute meeting room. 1:30 p.m.

Wed.
Jan 23

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Simply Organic. Free organ recital with Barry Valentine at All Saints. 10:10 a.m.
Open Stage With Stephanie Rhodes. At Shipstones. 8 p.m.

OTHER ACTIVITIES

Zen Meditation. 210 Cedar Lane. 7-9 p.m. Info: 537-2831.
Towards Abstraction. Workshop with Gillian McConnell. Info: Jose, 537-1121.
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CABLE TV

• **Attention Shaw Cable TV Channel 11 viewers** — The Daily is your source for stories reflecting Salt Spring and southern Vancouver Island people and places. The program is about half an hour in length and repeats continuously during the day and evening with new stories added daily. This week see a story on the bus launch (on Wed., Jan. 16), with the Salt Spring A&E Report on the evening of Tue., Jan. 22 and the day of Wed., Jan. 23. Also tune in for community messages, weather and news headlines. For further details about community programming, call 537-1335.

EXHIBITIONS

- **Guantanamo**, by Hilda Woolnough, runs at **The Point** gallery off South Ridge Road through Sun., Jan. 20. For gallery hours, phone 653-0089.
- **Workshop paintings** by the **Painters Guild** are on display in the lobby of **Artspring** for the month of January.
- **Susan Haigh** is the featured artist at the **Salt Spring Coffee Company Cafe** in Ganges this month. The theme of Susan's show is "Springtime in January."
- **New life drawings** by **Thomas McPhee** are showing at **Auntie Pesto's Restaurant**.
- **Jana's Bake Shop** shows new photos from Salt Spring photographer **Deb Hagarty**.

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TODAY'S WEATHER FORECAST: GREY

After eight long years of fierce heat in the summers and face-freezing, bitter cold in the winters of Saskatchewan, I never thought I would miss anything about that province when I moved here to beautiful Salt Spring Island. But there is one tiny problem that's been slowly taking control of my mood and my attitude - the seemingly endless grey days. I get up in the morning - it's pitch black outside and raining. On my drive to work, it's raining. I go home at the end of the day - still raining. I take joy in the slightest reprieve, but I wonder about this crack in my original vision of paradise on the west coast and seek to find a way to transcend these feelings that medically may be termed SAD, a type of depression tied to the seasons of the year.

Apparently it's more likely for people living in dark and cloudy geographical locations to develop seasonal depression. The causes are unknown - could be chemical, could be inherited. What I do know is that getting out of bed in the morning can be an act of sheer willpower. Maintaining a cheerful attitude is sometimes a psychological battle. Impatience with things I



cannot change, namely the weather, is proving to be rather self-defeating. However, I have a plan.

First, I take stock in how I'm feeling physically and emotionally. On the one hand I feel silly that I'm letting a little rain get to me; on the other hand, I think 'a little rain? I'm ready to trade in my car for an ark!' Exaggerations aside, medical professionals have developed a checklist of recognizable symptoms for depression, though there is no scientific tests available to detect it except for the following questions a health care provider will normally ask:

- Have you lost of interest in usually enjoyable activities?
- Do you feel a loss of energy?
- Do you have feelings of hopelessness?
- Do you have poor concentration?
- Do you have recurrent thoughts of death/suicide?

*If these symptoms are prevalent enough to disturb your life and the lives of people close to you on an ongoing basis, then it's likely that depression is the root cause.

Next, I figure out the changes I need to make. I'm a fan of holistic healing, but it does involve taking an active role in my own recovery through a series of steps. In the case of SAD, the best form of treatment is spending time outdoors at least thirty minutes a day - even if it's raining. It's also free, whereas other treatments such as light therapy and medications are not. You can 'trick' yourself too by brightening the lighting in your house and by setting a timer on a light to go on early in the morning in the bedroom. Antidepressants should only be used when other options have been examined first or if a person is in such a state as to be a genuine danger to him or herself or others. Medications affect everyone differently, and it may take several different combinations to get it right. Moreover, if you choose antidepressants, you may set the course for a lifetime of pharmaceutical dependence.

Allaying depression takes both mental and physical effort, which may be extremely difficult for someone who can barely gather the energy to get up in the morning. If you need help, ask for it from your doctor, family, and friends. Support networks are there for you. There has been a lot of attention paid towards different kinds of depression these days, and more people than ever are being diagnosed and treated in various ways. The reality is that the human brain is still a vast map of uncharted territory, a mystery about which our modern-day medical professionals are hopelessly ignorant. As for me, a good, long run on the trails works wonders. I also remind myself that I could be violently shivering in my car every morning as I drive to work in -30 temperatures, trying to maneuver through monolithic snowdrifts and ice.

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*Notes from a Salt Spring immigrant.

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SISTAS: Working at a Gulf Islands Secondary School bottle drive to raise funds for a new Big Brothers/Big Sisters program on Salt Spring last week were, from left, Cecilia Fraser, Bona Yun, Aunabeth Ross, Asia Petis and Devon Craig.

FILMMAKERS

Award-winning Mogadishu film running on Knowledge Network

One of Salt Spring filmmaker's acclaimed works

Islanders can get a dose of meaningful TV viewing when Knowledge Network airs a film by award-winning Salt Spring filmmaker Judy Jackson on two nights next week.

Talk Mogadishu: Media Under Fire is the story of three Canadian Somali refugees and their families, who created the independent HornAfrik radio and TV station in Mogadishu, with talk shows that allowed thousands of Somalis to speak out despite their country's oppressive government.

It airs Monday, Jan. 21 at 10 p.m. and on Saturday, Jan. 26 at midnight.

"[Talk Mogadishu] demonstrates the resourcefulness, courage and essential family values that are part of every Somali that I have known," states retired U.S.

diplomat Walter S. Clarke. "The film deserves wide distribution and it shows why the world should not abandon Somalia."

Talk Mogadishu, whose awards include a Silver Chris Award at the Columbus International Film and Video Festival, is especially poignant since one of HornAfrik's founders was assassinated in August 2007. Ali Iman Sharmarke was killed at the funeral of one of his station's announcers, explains Jackson on her website, when "a remotely detonated landmine targeted his car as he was leaving the funeral in a media convoy."

Jackson said "Sharmarke and his partners had a vision for the role of the media in conflict: to utilize dialogue and negotiation as a path towards peace." On a positive note, said Jackson, one of the surviving station co-founders, Ahmed Abdisalem Adan, was confirmed to the position of deputy prime

minister in the Somali transitional federal government.

Jackson is also not letting the HornAfrik's vision of peace through dialogue die. Even though she's encountered decreasing interest from TV networks to fund films shot outside of Canada, she hopes to make a follow-up film to Talk Mogadishu regardless.

It will include footage from a Canadian Journalists for Free Expression (CJFE) gathering, where Sharmarke was given a posthumous award for his search for freedom of the press. When his 11-year-old nephew Liban read a eulogy to his uncle there, he received a standing ovation, said Jackson.

"My uncle tried to make the world a better place, but it was that very quality he was slain for," said Liban at CJFE event. "You can think of journalists as educators, teachers, maybe even preachers. Just remember, there's nothing more important than education, and if

we educate ourselves about the world it would make it a better place to live for all of us."

One of Jackson's most recent films, The Ungrateful Dead — In Search of International Justice — isn't scheduled for local TV viewing, but has been translated into five languages and has had thousands of screenings. It is also being sent to Amnesty International offices around the world.

It also showed at the 2006 Our Island, Our World Film Festival on Salt Spring.

Now in development and with assistance from Carol Grier, one of the local film festival coordinators, is a film about post traumatic stress syndrome suffered by soldiers returning from war.

Jackson's selected filmography can be viewed on her website at www.judyfilms.com. Work done by her company — Judy Films Inc. — often with a focus on social justice topics, has won more than 60 awards.

PAINTING

Federation of Canadian Artists lead guild workshops

Schedule detailed on website

Island painters are urged to check out the Salt Spring Island Painters' Guild winter-spring workshop schedule.

"A variety of instruction in water-colour, oil, acrylics and composition is presented by local and well-known instructors," notes a guild press release.

"Such well-known Federation of Canadian Artists as Janice Robertson, Joyce Kamikura and Robert McMurray

will be participating."

In addition, the guild's regular life and portrait drawing gatherings continue each Wednesday in the ArtSpring gallery.

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ISLAND BUSINESS

Leading light: Saturna's Lighthouse Pub celebrates year under new ownership

Islanders maintain tradition and keep condos at bay

BY CHERIE THIESSEN
 DRIFTWOOD CONTRIBUTOR

Go down the steps by Saturna Point Store at the Lyall Harbour ferry dock, tuck under the archway and open the side door, and you're probably going to be greeted by cheers. It's not your arrival they're celebrating — there's probably a hockey game on the large satellite TV, or maybe someone just won a game of pool.

If it's your first visit, you're probably going to be a little startled when you enter. Emerging into this spacious and flexible space is a little surprising after its unprepossessing entrance. The first thing you'll notice is how the pub hangs over the water.

The view down Plumper Sound is probably the finest anywhere on the islands. In summer, you could almost hang a fishing line over the deck while you slake your thirst, but even snugly inside in winter it's easy to feel like you're afloat, excessive libations notwithstanding. Secondly, you'll probably notice the flexibility of the space. You can choose to hang out in the TV lounge, or sit at the intimate bar, or cosy up to the windows, or even distance yourself from the action in a quieter section, again with ocean views. And thirdly, while your arrival may not actually prompt cheers, you will receive a warm welcome.

"I like to see lots of people lots of the time," says pub manager and cook, Ian Warren. "I'm used to seeing 700 people a day."

That was when he managed a restaurant in Steveston. He came to Saturna for a holiday in September, had all of three days off, and then was hurriedly recruited by pub co-owner Jon Guy. Looks like he's staying now.

The Lighthouse Pub has now been under new ownership for all of a year. When original owners, Dick and Gloria Silverberg, decided to sell up after over a quarter century, they were hoping the store and pub would be bought by a local and — like holding out for a good marriage —



From left, pub manager and cook Ian Warren, and new co-owners Priscilla Ewbank and Jon Guy, outside the Saturna Point Lighthouse Pub.

they were willing to wait. They waited seven years before long-time Saturna resident, Jon Guy, and his partner, Priscilla Ewbank, decided to "tie the knot."

"We saw what was happening on the other islands with commercial properties and we thought, if we want to have any say in what's happening, we had better put our money where our mouth is. We didn't want to see this place turn into a bunch of condominiums," Guy explains with a wry smile.

"How could we turn down the opportunity to exhaust and impoverish ourselves?"

Priscilla adds: "I worried that it would detract from our café business up at the General Store, but now I think that whatever does well, does well. We see people here who don't visit the café, and vice versa, and it's a very appropriate fit for our community, for both our summer community of tourists and boaters, and our faithful winter regulars. One of the most important things for me is that it matches the size of our community."

If their names sound familiar, think Haggis Farm Bakery. Guy started this successful venture in 1978, delivering delicious whole-

some bread to Saturna residents with his entrepreneurial daughters on their ponies, and to other islands via the local delivery boat, the White Star. In addition to this well-established business, they are partners in the Saturna General Store on Narvaez Bay Road. That's two stores, a thriving bakery and one pub; no wonder you can never get them at home.

Fortunately, however, they are not alone. Valued partners making these ventures possible are Hubertus Surm at the General Store, the phenomenal chef and manager of its gourmet café, while it's Bob and Krystine Fitzgerald, Bruce Haskett and Cindy Schafer, and Bill Sheffield at the dockside store and pub.

The pub has even more going for it — location, location and location. It's convenient for boaters, and offers the only gas on the island, and is beside the ferry landing and public docks.

It also has all the regular pub food offerings, but with a few of Warren's touches thrown in: a wild salmon sandwich cooked exactly long enough, a salad served with the tangy house vinaigrette or crisp yam fries, and daily spe-

cial. (Today's was shepherd's pie, a great winter warmer.)

Guy says the beer is good too.

"One of the most important things for me is that it matches the size of our community."

PRISCILLA EWBANK
 Pub-store co-owner

"It's from Victoria's Lighthouse Brewery and it's very good quality. We carry their four types, from a very light beer to a stout. I'm really happy to have their great beer on tap." So were our friends.

Speaking of "on tap," the house wines, at house wine prices, are both from popular Australian wineries: a delicious Eagle Hawk Shiraz and a fruity Wolf Blass Pinot Gris.

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HEALING

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Maureen Longworth is a family physician certified in holistic medicine who specializes in "energy balancing medicine."

According to press material, her journey into energy healing began when she travelled to a small village in the Philippines and was unexpectedly initiated into laying-on-of-hands healing. This turned out to be life-changing as she fully realized

"we all have an energetic body as well as a physical body," states press material.

These energy fields are contained in and around every cell of the body, she says, and are as "individualized as thumbprints yet as universal as having five fingers on each hand."

"With focused awareness, we can all tune in to these highly sensitive 'fields' to effect positive life change."

Longworth's self-balancing exercises allow the energy to go where it is needed — "similar to the way in which a river which has suddenly become unblocked will naturally flow to fill previously dry areas."

"Although the focused awareness

is very precise," states the press material, "the healing is comprehensive and works with all aspects of mind, body and spirit. The effects are both immediate and gradual, and bring the individual to a place of restoration and unity where healing can expand beyond the physical to connect with a greater universal energy."

Because this is a self-healing program, students are given very specific lessons to practice at home. The program includes meditation instruction, guided visualization and energy balancing techniques.

Longworth will offer two introductory sessions on Salt Spring on Thursday, Jan. 17. She is also teach-

ing two workshops on energy healing from Jan. 18-20 called "The Root of Healing" and "Balancing the Tides."

The workshops connect to each other but may also be taken separately.

Gift certificates towards each workshop will be offered to all who attend the intro sessions and partial scholarships are available for those with debilitating disabilities/financial needs.

Individual sessions can also be arranged.

Longworth can be contacted at Salt Spring Spa at 537-1111. Elehna de Sousa can also provide more information at 538-0048.

PERSONAL HEALTH

HerbCraft helps islanders keep hold of natural options

First course begins at The Barn on Friday

A new six-week course, entitled HerbCraft, commences Friday, Jan. 18 at Stowell Lake Farm with island herbalist Angie Jenkins.

Jenkins has designed the program herself, keeping the particular needs

of islanders in mind and helping them make medicines with what can be found locally and seasonally.

"Upcoming changes in the natural supplements industry are making it more difficult to obtain certain herbal medicines," Jenkins explains in a recent press release.

Many small, high-quality companies are being weeded out because

they are not able to comply with the new regulations.

"The way it's going, we will no longer be able to purchase such old standards as herbal tinctures," said Jenkins.

She feels it is important that people empower themselves to maintain access to herbal remedies. Her hands-on course will be offered at

different times of the year to explore herbs that can be harvested during that time and the health issues associated with that same season.

The course, which begins this Friday at 11 a.m. at The Barn on Stowell Lake Farm, promises to be both informative and playful.

To register and for further information, call 653-0028.

SALT SPRING LIBRARY

Family membership drive scores prizes

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In support of Family Literacy Day on Jan. 27, the Salt Spring Library is entering all new family memberships received until Jan. 26 in a draw for prizes.

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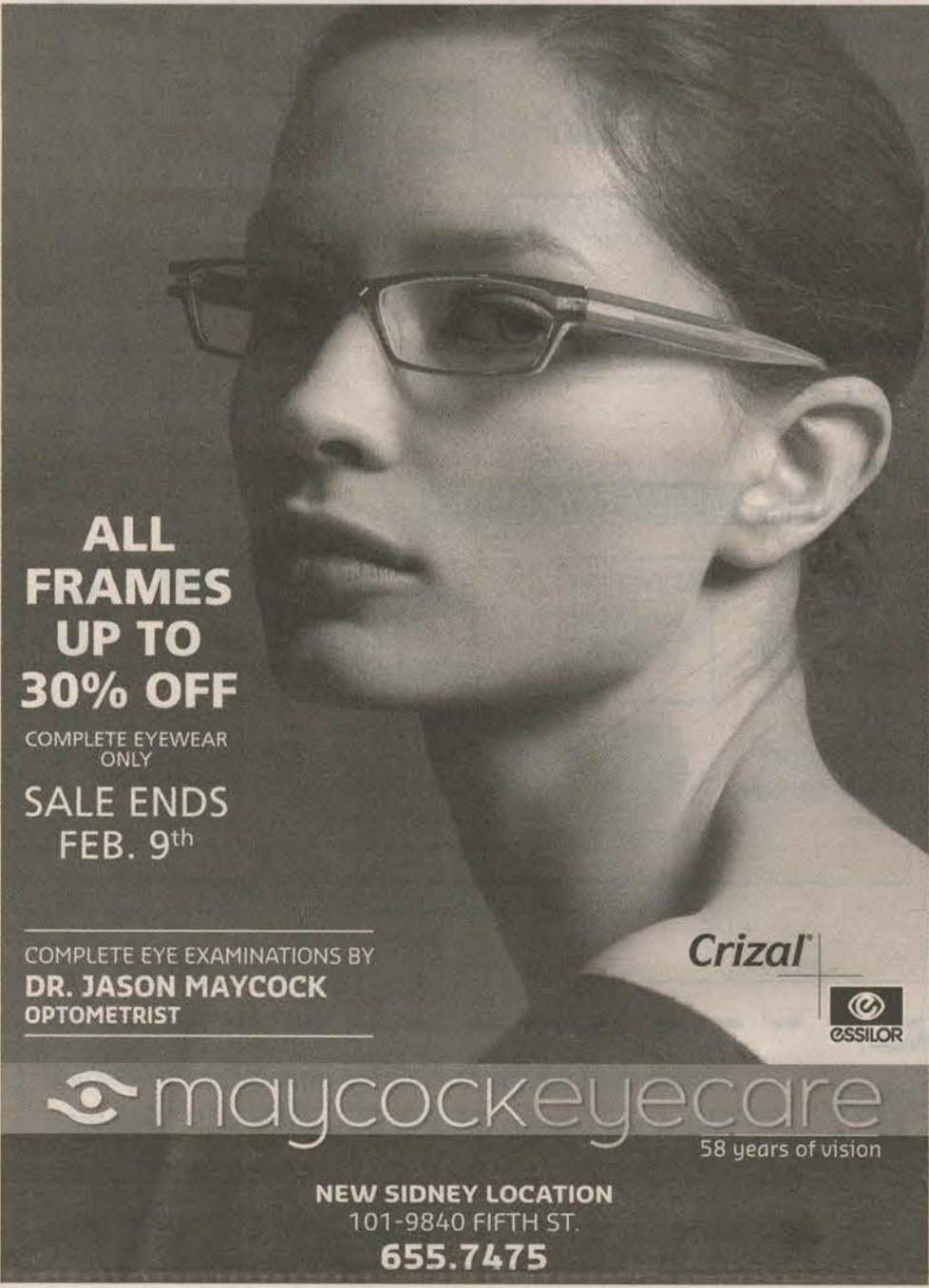
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Scorpions battle Shawnigan for win

Martin Lannan leads team in tough home game

BY PATRICK CWIKLINSKI
DRIFTWOOD CONTRIBUTOR

The Gulf Islands Secondary School (GISS) senior boys Scorpions kicked off the new year against Shawnigan Lake in a close game that resulted in their first win of 2008, largely due to spectacular play from captain Martin Lannan.

Lannan, who boasted an amazing 27 points, led his team and truly dominated in a game that was much in doubt even in the dying seconds of the fourth quarter.

"He's a big part of our team; he leads us on and off the court. He's a hard worker and he deserves the points he puts up in the game and he's also the backbone of our defence," said Scorpions power forward Dylan Marsden when asked about his teammate.

The Scorpions didn't look sharp in the early stages of the first quarter as they quickly fell behind 11-2, being outplayed in virtually every aspect. Things started to take a turn towards the middle of the quarter with Lannan's seven points, Bob Byron's two points along with James Cameron and Myles Raposo's foul shots all contributing to the offensive success, but it wasn't enough to top Shawnigan and they ended the quarter trailing 11-15.

The second quarter was all Scorpions with Lannan, again, putting up sensational numbers as his 11 points guided GISS to take control of the game. The Scorpions managed to overtake Shawnigan quickly and pull ahead 16-15. Lannan, Byron, Cameron, Raposo, Marsden and Dave Outerbridge overpowered the Shawnigan defence entirely and finished the quarter up 35-26.

The Scorpions proceeded to throw everything they had at Shawnigan and it worked once again as they widened the gap with the score 48-32



PHOTO BY JOHN CAMERON

Jake Upex drives for the net in high school senior boys basketball action last week.

midway through the third quarter. Cameron and Lannan both added a respectable five points each while Raposo, Stuart Garside and Chris Howe each added two points of their own to stay ahead of Shawnigan 50-38.

The fourth quarter brought an early defensive

meltdown from the Scorpions as Shawnigan slowly started creeping up, taking advantage with GISS only leading by a score of 57-53 nearing the halfway mark. However, Lannan, Raposo and Cayce Fedberg managed to add enough points to finish off Shawnigan and

win the game 60-57 after a spirited comeback effort by the visitors.

The Scorpions are now 3-0. They will be on the road this week and preparing for the Nairn Howe Memorial Tournament that runs Thursday-Saturday, Jan. 17-19 at GISS.

GISS BASKETBALL

Senior girls drop close one on weekend

GISS places second at Nanaimo tourney

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Players on the senior girls basketball team came within seconds of winning a weekend tournament at Wellington Secondary in Nanaimo on Saturday.

The Scorpions came up just shy of spoiling the home team's celebration, losing by a single basket in the second overtime of the tournament's

final game.

The team breezed to the finals after two solid games against Dover Bay Secondary of Nanaimo (51-48) and Richmond's Matthew McNair Secondary (50-47).

Though stiff competition in both games forced some late-game heroics from the Salt Spring side, the Scorpions headed to the final with their eyes on the championship, having defeated Wellington only days earlier 52-42 in exhibition play.

"Again we had a slow start. We had a seven-point lead by half and main-

tained that lead into the fourth quarter," said Tony Mason, head coach of the senior girls team. "Wellington shot well in the fourth quarter and tied the game with eight seconds to go."

Despite strong performances from Monique Comeau and Kayla Gromme, each named to the tournament's all-star squad, the Scorpions failed to overcome Wellington's home-court advantage.

"In the second overtime we ran out of gas and lost by four," he said.

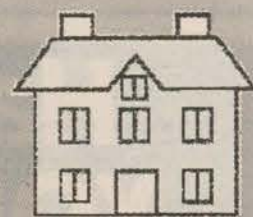
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Salt Spring reffing staff, including Malcolm Legg (above), were called in to officiate a U15 girls metro league game Sunday at Portlock Park. Victoria United beat Upper Vancouver Island, 3-1.

Turf field still unfulfilled on Malcolm's wish list

But rest of soccer activity rolls on as it should



Malcolm Legg

SOCCER ROUND-UP

Christmas came and Christmas went and the many soccer players, parents and executive of the Salt Spring Island Youth Soccer Association (SSI-YSA) enjoyed the break from games, practices and team-related events.

I am sure that everyone found what they wanted under their respective trees, but as hard as I looked and searched I could not find that turf field under mine, which especially disappointed me since the Santa in the mall had promised one.

Believe me, I will be writing to Santa at the North Pole to complain, unless he has moved due to lack of ice caused by global warming.

With Christmas out of the way, it was time to break in the

new soccer year of 2008 with a game, and what better way than the newly formed Referees Eleven challenging the combined Salt Spring Boys U-14/U-15 teams in a match played on Sunday, Jan. 6.

It was a beautiful, sunny day on a dry field and with two eager teams ready to kick off 2008. The Referees Eleven quickly showed their talent and ran off to a 3-1 lead by the half, on goals by Ben Barter, Erik Rothwell and Liam Budd. The boys teams rejuvenated themselves at the half and with the loan of Rusty "FC" Fedberg from the Referees side they mounted a rally and soon were on equal terms, although some questionable defending and goaltending seemed to assist them.

Then the Referees sprung back to life, led by Joanne O'Connor and Rhys Finer from defence and Tim Camps and Nevin Young in mid-field, as they started to apply pressure on the boys' goal.

Eventually Stuart Garside was put in on a breakaway and the Referees had the lead back.

And the lead should have been two, as with only five minutes left Budd was brought down in the U-14/U-15 penalty area, but there was no call from the official with the whistle. (Something about not seeing the play — where have we heard that before?)

Of course with only minutes to go, Rusty sliced his way past the Referees defence of myself and Peter Young and slotted the equalizer past a bewildered Grant Eckberg in goal, pushing the game to a shoot-out.

It was here that the boys shone as a fatigued Referees Eleven finally collapsed in defeat.

All in all it was a great deal of fun and the Referees Eleven squad plans to regroup, get their Metro girls players back in the line-up and challenge a team they know they can beat, the Old Dragon Ladies team (or is it Old Ladies Dragon Team?) in a match in the near future.

This weekend will see the official start of the 2008 part of our season's schedule

as all our youth and adult teams are back playing, weather permitting, and that schedule will be distributed via email. Of course there is other happenings as well, which have great importance for the remainder of the season.

Coach/manager dinner

Once again the SSIYSA will hold its annual dinner to thank all our coaches, managers, sponsors and executive for all they do to make the soccer season a success. This year the dinner will be held on Thursday, Feb. 7 at 6 p.m. at the GISS cafeteria, with the young staff of the cafeteria program making us another super dinner. We hope all can come. Please contact me to confirm your attendance.

Class 4 course

Jan. 11-13 saw us hold a Class 4 referees course for about 11 referees, in the hope they all graduate to referee youth games on Salt Spring. The three-day course is a basic understanding of the laws of the game and was held at Portlock Park.

Mini jamboree

The Mini program has probably been doing their program in the school gyms due to weather and will return outside in February. Their wrap-up is the last weekend of March.

SSIYSA Youth Challenge Cup

Once again the SSIYSA plans to hold its season wrap-up with their big tournament, this year on April 26-27. Already teams have contacted us from Vancouver, Victoria, Upper Island and Edmonton to compete in the U-10 to U-18 categories for boys and girls. Salt Spring youth teams will be trying to get their respective league counterparts to come over for a weekend of soccer fun. More info is available from me.

Turf field

Did someone say turf field? Once again weather makes it very difficult for teams to practice on the grass pitches and with the drop in price of the turf by \$100,000 it makes the desire to have one grow quickly. The committee will reconvene in the next two weeks to see what options are available and how we will start to raise the funds for this very worthwhile project. Now if Santa had only told the truth! Have a great 2008.

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BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT



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Above are members of the GISS Scorpions senior boys team with coaches Leanne Gordon and Lyall Ruehlen.

At right is coach Tony Mason with the senior girls basketball team. Both teams will be competing in this weekend's Nairn Howe Memorial Tournament.



Visiting teams, GISS vie for top spots Nairn Howe Memorial tournament

A dozen girls and boys teams participate

Islanders are urged to cheer on the home side as the 2008 Nairn Howe Memorial Basketball Tournament runs at the high school from Thursday through Saturday.

Senior Scorpions girls and boys teams face visitors from Vancouver Island and the Lower Mainland in the annual event named in honour of a great supporter of local basketball and parent volunteer who died of cancer in December of 2005.

The 12 teams are divided into the following pools, with implications for the Saturday playoffs.

Boys Pool A teams are GISS, Ahousat (Maaqtusiis Secondary) and Kwalikum (from Qualicum Beach). Pool B boys teams are Burnaby Mountain, Burnsville (from North Delta) and GW Graham (from Chilliwack).

Girls Pool A teams are GISS, Ladysmith and Westview (from Maple Ridge), while Pool B consists of Highland (from Comox), Seacove (North Vancouver) and Kwalikum.

In 2007, both GISS teams won their respective divisions of the tournament.

Lyall Ruehlen, head coach of the senior boys team, said the calibre of basketball at last year's event made the games "very entertaining."

The schedule of games is as follows:

SAILING

Ben Mohr outing ushers in winter series

Slow start leads to sensational finish

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

A slow motion start wasn't enough to dissuade six Salt Spring skippers and their crews from partaking in the Salt Spring Sailing Club winter racing series' inaugural event Sunday morning.

The Ben Mohr Rock race began, according to club spokesperson Keith Simpson, with boats headed out

of Ganges Harbour at "half a knot in the almost imperceptible wind."

"Most boats elected to sail close to the spit and Imp, the lightest in the fleet, crept into the lead," Simpson said. "The wind filled from the southeast as predicted and all boats cleared the Second Sister in a seven-knot breeze."

Imp, Arbitrage and Electra lead the pack out to Captain's Passage as all six boats hugged the shore at Nose Point to avoid the current. Boats then headed for Ben

Thurs., Jan. 17

12 noon — Girls — Westview vs. GISS
1:45 p.m. — Boys — Kwalikum vs. GISS
3:30 p.m. — Girls — GISS vs. Ladysmith
5:15 p.m. — Boys — GISS vs. Ahousat
7 p.m. — Girls — Highland vs. Kwalikum
8:45 p.m. — Boys — GW Graham vs. Burnsville

Fri., Jan. 18

9 a.m. — Boys — Ahousat vs. Kwalikum
10:45 a.m. — Boys — Burnsville vs. Burnaby Mountain
12:30 p.m. — Girls — Kwalikum vs. Seacove
2:15 p.m. — Girls — Ladysmith vs. Westview
4 p.m. — Boys — Burnaby Mountain vs. GW Graham
5:45 p.m. — Girls — Seacove vs. Highland
8 p.m. — Shooting Competition

Sat., Jan. 19

8 a.m. — Girls — 3rd in Pool A vs. 3rd in Pool B
9:45 a.m. — Boys — 3rd in Pool A vs. 3rd in Pool B
11:30 a.m. — Girls — 2nd in Pool A vs. 2nd in Pool B
1:15 p.m. — Boys — 2nd in Pool A vs. 2nd in Pool B
3 p.m. — Girls — 1st in Pool A vs. 1st in Pool B
4:45 p.m. — Boys — 1st in Pool A vs. 1st in Pool B

Mohr Rock, near Active Pass, on a brisk beam reach.

"The order stayed the same until Scott Point when the spinnakers appeared," Simpson said.

"A few keeners tried the chutes early, but got headed and knocked around through Captain's Passage."

Despite a serious late challenge from Elektra, Imp never gave up the lead during the return trip to Ganges.

Electra caught Arbitrage, who had elected no flying

sails, on the downwind run and Alacrity, who had been trailing, closed the gap dramatically.

The next three boats had a nerve-wracking finish, all within 36 seconds.

On corrected time, the whole group was within six minutes.

Final corrected results were Imp, Electra and Deryn Mor.

The next scheduled race is the annual Groundhog Day race, set to start Sunday, Jan. 27 at noon. A pancake breakfast begins at 10:30 a.m.

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passed away peacefully Sunday morning with family by his side after a short but courageous battle with cancer. A friend to so many, he was a kind and caring man. He loved to fish, golf and was above all a family man who spent many happy days here on the Island.

Bob leaves behind his only son Christopher Cairns and countless family and friends.

As per Bob's request there will be a celebration of his life held at the Rod & Gun Club the 19th of January starting at 6:30 p.m. All who knew him are welcome. Many many special thanks to Lance Wright, Debbie Cairns, Sharon Fulton, Dr. Malherbe and all the wonderful nursing staff at Lady Minto Hospital for all their help, loving care and support through Bob's final weeks. In lieu of flowers all donations can be made to Lady Minto Hospital.



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Betty was a private person, an introvert of sorts but never shy in conversation. Her hard work, drive and determination to create beauty around her was appreciated by all who knew her. She had a great compassion and love for all animals and regularly nursed abandoned baby bears, fawns and foxes back to health. She read voraciously too. She was an inspiration of discipline and talent, excelling in whatever she chose to do. She was predeceased in 2002 by James Davidson, her husband of 56 years. Betty died peacefully and is survived and greatly missed by her only child, daughter Patricia Macpherson, son-in-law John Macpherson and also by her grandchildren Garnet Bartlett and Jane MacKenzie - and her great-grandson MacKenzie Ian Flett.

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Ari has already brought great happiness to our lives.
Special thanks to Maggie, Gail, and Kim who attended the birth.

20 COMING EVENTS

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with Joan Carrigan
Basketry I
Runs 6 Wed. evenings
Feb. 6 - March 12
Make 4 baskets using the following techniques: wicker, splint woven, twining & random
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Runs 6 Thurs. evenings
Feb. 7 - March 13
4 more baskets, using the following techniques: rib, diagonal plaiting, pine needle coiling & netting
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17 MARRIAGE



Viet & Chuan Lam would like to announce the wedding of their daughter **Anna to Simon Bond (Australia)** on October 12, 2007 at the Vancouver Rowing Club.

20 COMING EVENTS

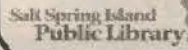
Free!

The Gift of Literacy

To celebrate Family Literacy Day January 27, 2008

Each family member registering for a new library card from Jan. 14 to 26 at Salt Spring Island Library will be entered in a draw for a \$25 gift certificate from a local book store.

Get your library card today.



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BECOME A HOME STAGER with our distance education course. Learn professional skills and how to start your own business. ISPTM certification. Free brochure. 1-800-267-1829. www.gdesignschool.com.

MARITIME DRILLING SCHOOLS entry-level training for land and offshore oil rigs. Excellent wages, benefits and opportunities to travel the world. February 04-23/08, March 03-22/08. Contact: 1-866-807-3960, www.mdslimited.ca.

TRAIN TO BE AN Apartment/Condominium Manager. Many jobs registered! Thousands of graduates working. Online or home-study certified course. Government registered. Information: www.RMTI.ca or 1-800-665-8339, 604-681-5456.

29 LOST AND FOUND

FOUND, WINE coloured shawl with black fringe. Found on Harrison Ave. Call 537-2998.

29 LOST AND FOUND

FOUND: MEMORY stick on the boardwalk across from Kingfisher. Contains waterfall photos and possible church function (?) Are you missing this? Call 538-0231.

BLUE/BLACK SCARF found in Thriftys parking lot on Wed., Dec. 5. Owner may claim by calling 537-1798 and identifying pattern.

34 NOTICES

IF YOUR Driftwood subscription label has the date highlighted, now is the time to renew!

SALTSPRING SMALL Engines will be closed Jan. 5 to Jan. 29.

LORNA CAMERON Support Society AGM, on January 18, 6pm. Call Ellie at 653-9612.

EMPLOYMENT

50 BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES

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CHAMBER MAID required part-time. Must be able to work weekends. Reply with references/resume to: Dept. #6, c/o The Driftwood, 328 Lower Ganges Road, Salt Spring Island, BC, V8K 2V3.

EXPERIENCED LIVE-IN caregiver required immediately for elderly man with Parkinson's disease. Related credentials required. 537-5652.

SEACHANGE SAVOURIES Canada is seeking a full time Sales / Administrative Assistant. Applicants should have sales experience and ability to travel several times a year. Computer literacy and writing skills are essential. Approximate start date April 1, 2008. Send resumes and cover letter to Anne@SeachangeSavouries.ca by February 1.

FULL-TIME & part-time drivers wanted, Silver Shadow Taxi. Must have clean, class 4, license. Reply to Box 7, c/o the Driftwood, 328 Lower Ganges Road, Salt Spring Island, BC, V8K 2V3.

FULL-TIME painter/finisher wanted for wooden gift manufacturing business. Experience with spray equipment preferred but willing to train. Please call 537-5776.

DRIVERS - OWNER / Operators; home daily - steady work! Full benefits pkg! Fuel/ferry card and fuel rebates! One year class one. 250-746-6982.

PART / FULL time Receptionist/Secretary needed for busy accounting office. Applicant should possess good interpersonal skills, familiarity with Word/Excel/email is required. Previous office experience would be an asset. Please deliver your resume to McLean, Lizotte, Wheaton and Company CGA's, #207 - 338 Lower Ganges Road.

ARTIST'S MODEL for life drawing required. Occasional mornings. \$18/hr. Call Heidi 653-9560 or Peter 653-0007.

E.C.E. REQUIRED for full time employment at Tree Frog Daycare beginning immediately. 32-40 hours per week working with preschool aged children. Please send resume by email to treefrog@ssisland.com or call Lisa at 653-4998.

TRANSITION HOUSE Coordinator, Island Women Against Violence: 20 to 35 hrs. per week, depending on preferences of the successful candidate; comprehensive benefits. Must have 3 yrs. supervisory level experience in relevant environment; sound knowledge of TH operations and violence against women. Bookkeeping and Admin. Assistant, Island Women Against Violence: 17.5 hrs. per week, comprehensive benefits. Minimum 2 yrs. bookkeeping and general office work experience; must be detail oriented; able to work in a flexible, self-directed manner. For complete job postings, please visit www.iwav.org Applications must be received by 5 p.m. on Feb. 4/08. Please note only short-listed candidates will be contacted.

MOBY'S IS LOOKING for floor, bar and kitchen staff. Bring your resume in person.

FULL TIME shipper required for local manufacturing company. Job requires attention to detail, organizational skills and physical fitness. Please call 537-5776.

CLOAK MEDIC SERVICES in Grande Prairie, Alberta is looking for OFA III, EMR's for oilfield work. We offer flexible schedules, competitive wages and benefits. Please forward resume to 1-866-279-7334; chris@cloakmedicservices.com or call 780-814-4446.

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55 HELP WANTED

EXCEPTIONAL OPPORTUNITY
Office Manager & Program Assistant

Leading international non-profit organization in the environment field, Salt Spring-based, seeks part-time experienced person with excellent organizational skills to manage day to day activities and assist in program development. Computer savvy essential.

Send resume and letter of inquiry to: dj5577@hotmail.com.

Due to a computer glitch - applicants from last week please re-send your resume.

EXPERIENCED COMPUTER & SYSTEM TECH

The Salt Spring Coffee Company is looking for a reliable person to provide Information Technology implementation, support, maintenance for out staff and facilities on Salt Spring Island.

You are very hands-on person, experienced with network, hardware and software IT and have great communication skills. Tell us what you can do!



This is contract position with up to 20 hours per week at rate of \$25-35/hour depending on experience. Please send resumes to david@saltspringcoffee.com or call 537-1211 x 207

PURCHASER/CONTROLLER & A/R

Join the Administrative Team at Spring Coffee Company! We have an immediate opening for an individual with a passion for organization and detail to take on the responsibilities of Purchasing/Inventory controller and Accounts Receivable.

Lots of variety: research, problem solving, reporting, record keeping - with room for growth. Understanding of bookkeeping fundamentals, exemplary communication skills (electronic & verbal), sound decision making skills, and proven computer comfort necessary.

If the above describes you and you are interested in becoming a part of a company that cares about the sustainability of the planet as well as good cup of coffee, reply in writing with a resume to david@saltspringcoffee.com by January 17, 2008.



SKILLED CAREGIVERS NEEDED

Community Living BC (CLBC) is a crown agency of the Province of British Columbia. We deliver supports and services to people with developmental disabilities, children with special needs and their families in British Columbia. CLBC has a board of self-advocates, family and community members, as well as staff located throughout the province. We believe that people with developmental disabilities and their families know best when it comes to their needs, goals and planning for the future. More information is available on our website at www.communitylivingbc.ca

CLBC's Victoria Quality Service Centre requires caregivers on Salt Spring Island to provide full time residential care for children with special needs.

Requirements:

• Experience with children in one or more of the following areas:

1. Complex health needs
2. Challenging behaviours
3. Autism

- Ability to work as part of a community team
- Willingness to accept training
- Solid self care and coping skills
- Applicants will be subject to a home study including a health assessment, criminal record check, and references
- Must provide child with own bedroom in approved home

Fee is commensurate with caregiver skills.

For further information please contact Quality Service Analyst Pat Clinton-Baker at patricia.clintonbaker@gov.bc.ca

55 HELP WANTED

TO FIND YOUR PERFECT EMPLOYEE, PUT A CLASSIFIED AD IN 'HELP WANTED'.

537-9933

ASSISTANT HOUSEKEEPER

Meadowbrook Seniors' Residence requires a part-time assistant housekeeper.

Please send resumes to Meadowbrook, 121 Atkins Rd. or fax to 537-2719 attn. Tannice McKillop.

For more information, please call 538-1995.



Mouat's Clothing Co.

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Two days a week - Look after one of the Houses at Heritage Place for 12 to 15 senior residents who enjoy a lifestyle of Independent Living. Besides preparing and serving dinner daily, you would clean one larger or two smaller suites each day.

Hours of Work: Five days per week 11 am - 7 pm.

Duties and Qualifications: Please refer to our Website at www.heritageplace.info under the heading "Relief" Homemaker.

Wages: Start at \$16.00 per hour

Please submit questions, resumes and references to General Manager until Jan 18, 2008.

c/o Heritage Place for Seniors
#600 - 120 Crofton Road
Salt Spring Island, B.C. V8K 2Y4
Fax: 250-537-8346

Email: manager@heritageplace.info

CAREER OPPORTUNITY

BMO Nesbitt Burns Inc., a full service investment firm is currently looking for an enthusiastic individual to work in the capacity of full-time Sales Assistant/Associate in our Salt Spring Island office.

The successful applicant will possess, but not be limited to the following skills:

- Strong administrative background with a preference for those applicants having experience working in the financial services sector.
- Strong PC Experience with Microsoft Word, Excel and Maximizer experience would be an asset.
- Completion of the Canadian Securities Course, CPH, or willingness to complete within a specified time frame.
- Excellent organizational, interpersonal and communication skills.
- Ability to work well under pressure and with minimal direction.

Please submit your resume in confident to:

Natalie Peters, BMO Nesbitt Burns, Suite 1000, 730 View Street, Victoria, B.C. V8W 3Y7
Alternatively, applicants may send your resume by e-mail to Natalie.Peters@nbpcd.com

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Course fee: \$770 - Includes all texts and handouts. The primary text is "Sustainable Gardening".

For more information visit our website at www.hcp.bc.ca
To Register call The Horticulture Centre of the Pacific at



250-479-6162

Or email: info@hcp.bc.ca

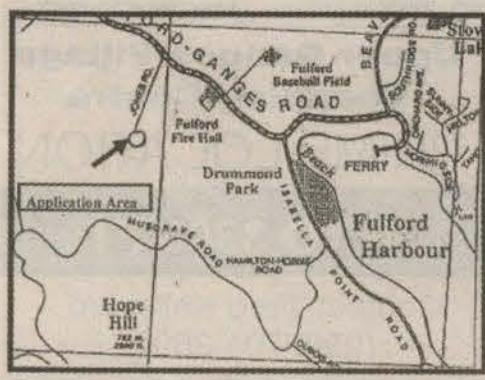
34 NOTICES

MINES ACT PERMIT APPLICATION

Take notice that Patrick Akerman of Akerman Farms Gravel Supply has applied to the Ministry of Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources for a permit to extract sand, gravel and rock from a site located at Jones Road, Salt Spring Island, Section 62, South Salt Spring Island, LD16 and pursuant to Part 10.2.1 of the Health Safety and Reclamation Code for Mines in British Columbia, has filed with the Chief Inspector of Mines of proposed mine plan together with a program for the protection and reclamation of the land and watercourses for the site. Documentation regarding this application may be viewed during normal business hours at The Government Agent's office at 343 Lower Ganges Road, Salt Spring Island, B.C. V8K 2V9.

Any person affected by or interested in this program, has 30 days to make written representation regarding potential health, safety or environmental impacts of the proposed mine, to the Chief Inspector of Mines c/o Ed Taje, Inspector of Mines, Southwest Region, Ministry of Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources, Mining and Mineral Division, PO Box 9395 Stn. Prov. Govt., Victoria B.C. V8W 9M9.

The Chief Inspector of Mines does not have a mandate to consider the merits of mining at this site from a land use perspective. Comments on land use concerns should be directed to the Islands Trust.



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classified@gulfislands.net

55 HELP WANTED



Dagwood Diner requires 2 part-time servers. Ideal for high school students. Full training provided. Apply in person with 1 page hand written resume.

BEACON Community SERVICES

Beacon Community Services is looking for weekend Casual Certified Community Health Workers to provide personal care to clients in the community. Extensive related experience would be considered in lieu of certificate. Valid driver's licence and a reliable vehicle are a must. Union contract. Please fax your resume to: Barbara Butler 537-9969 or email bbutler@beaconcs.ca

60 WORK WANTED

FRUIT TREE pruning, hedge trimming. Garden clean up and maintenance. 15 years experience. Doug 653-9292.
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HOME & YARD Handy Woman! If there's work you need done, give me a call! 250-537-2348, ask for Dana.
CARPENTER FOR hire. Framing to finishing & laminate flooring. Ph. 537-1212.
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DOES YOUR home need some TLC? Then call me. I will stop the groan and put the smile back into your home. With over 10 years of housecleaning experience and Island references available. Call Lorena at 537-9312.

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116 CLEANING

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302 APPLIANCES

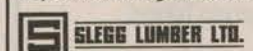
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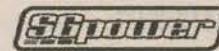
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This Week's Horoscope by Michael O'Connor

Aries (Mar 21 - Apr 20)

The New Year momentum is now fully underway. You may be on the march; hopefully you are taking strides. If you feel depressed, snap out of it! What are you learning these days? If your reply is: "Not too much..." Then you are off track. Leaps of faith, expansion, practical knowledge and skills development are calling you to action. This may well include the realities of running your own business. Don't worry if outer progress seems to be lacking. You will launch more fully into action in March for now simply do your homework and get ready to launch. How can you increase your social network without actually getting too involved? Set intentions, make plans, initiate contacts and set the stage.

Taurus (Apr 20 - May 21)

What great thoughts are roaming in your mind? Combining a philosophical and visionary perspective with practical intentions is the call now. This includes long-term intentions to refine your skills. Creating more balance and beauty in your world is the right direction. Casual encounters and a wanderlust attitude could get you into a heap of trouble. Pleasure is good but at what expense? This is a popular time of the year to travel and you may feel the itch to do so. If you cannot, look into some other medium that will take you on adventures. Good videos or books could do the trick. Have you ever heard of YouTube? There is a rich resource of information and entertainment available there to satisfy your hungers.

Gemini (May 21 - Jun 21)

Deep in the hidden recesses of your imagination there lurk silent fears and forebodings. If this is so then make efforts to be more grateful for the moment and exercise positive thoughts. If you feel clear and optimistic then you are probably very centered, clear and grounded. The time has come to take a clearer look at the bigger picture but also the inner realities of what is working in your world and what is not or what is ending leading you to make way for new experiences. Yes, there may be a lot going on upstairs and you are challenged to observe more with an open mind and be aware of ethical value judgments which reveal a morally superior attitude. Nestle in deep so that you can reach for the stars with depth, flow and confidence.

Cancer (Jun 22 - Jul 22)

New opportunities on relationship fronts are coming your way now. These may well entail certain responsibilities. Gaining new knowledge and pursuing educational opportunities is indicated in the planetary alignments. Your willingness to give fully to people and situations now will pay off later. Working with and for the changing status quo is also important. Exercising your imagination to express your individuality and/or to support that of others is likely. Your higher mind is open and should be actively awakening you to deeper and wider truths. Meeting your teachers and doing some of your own research will lead you to a balanced wisdom.

Leo (Jul 23 - Aug 23)

Getting your affairs in order is in the spotlight now. This could be as basic as doing a big clean-up of your house. Extending this focus to your health and to other practical matters will prove very worthwhile. Striking a balance between attending to the needs of others and to your own needs for health and organized efficiency is important now. In order to be able to give more fully and consciously to others you will have to have your own affairs in order. Even if it takes all year to fully attend to creating more integrity you are on the right track. Big new opportunities will come especially in 2009 so set your intentions to strengthen your constitution and secure your overall foundation.

Virgo (Aug 24 - Sep 22)

This stands to be a very creative time for you. Expanding and increasing the scope and quality of your talents is a central theme. This will require a steady and disciplined input of your focus, energy and follow through. If you have not already, make a list of all the areas you would like to improve. Aim to attend to the full spectrum and do not get bogged in too much detail of any single interest. It is said that there is no true freedom without some measure of genuine discipline. This does not imply pain so much as it does focus and endurance. Take a constructively critical and open minded approach to determine where and how you can cultivate and refine your skills and talents.

Libra (Sep 23 - Oct 22)

Learning to consciously let go of fears lodged in your subconscious may seem deep yet is actually a common issue. You probably have good reason to feel confident so acknowledge all the reasons. On the other hand, you are wise to exercise a very flexible approach in your life now. Determine what is most important and detach yourself from all else. For example, regarding your personal life what is more important your family or you home? A family makes a house a home but a house does not necessarily make a family. The point is to get clear on what your priorities are

and what are not. Your lifestyle will continue to undergo changes so make room for that. This could be a great time to travel but do not go far or for long. Amidst it all, decipher what you need to do to creatively express your individuality.

Scorpio (Oct 23 - Nov 21)

Tending to an array of practical matters may feel like the right thing to do now. Getting ones affairs in order at the beginning of the year can lead to stability, confidence and progress. At deeper levels, you may still be wondering who you really are and how you can best direct your focus. While cooperative efforts and team work is often good, it seems that your best approach now involves a more independent approach. Rather than go for fame and acclaim, however, settle into activities that more fully reveal your unique abilities and needs. Artistic expression of some kind could bloom for you this year. Who is your muse or what can inspire you to re-invent yourself. Turn over a new leaf despite the snow.

Sagittarius (Nov 22 - Dec 21)

You may be standing high in a place yet feel alone and pressured by outer forces. If you are experiencing mental disorientations based upon mistrust of others, then you may have some work to do. We each have four bodies: physical, etheric, emotional and mental. The Ancients knew this and modern advances are rediscovering this forgotten simple truth. Each needs attention, feeding, nurturing, cleaning and updates. Would you say that all four of your bodies are in as good shape as they could be? If not, this is the right time to do something real about it. Health services abound. Humility and healthy self-regard will allow you to see the truth. The outer world is a reflection of the inner. If you do not like what you see, tend to the projector.

Capricorn (Dec 22 - Jan 19)

What sort of butt are you kicking these days? There is reason to believe you are on a role. If you are resisting changes and a new focus and/or approach you could be in trouble. Look, Pluto is about to enter Capricorn. This will bring about transformational changes, endings and new beginnings. If ever there was a time to let go of control and flow with a whole new ambition and direction it is now. This is the big game and the first pitches can be crucial to getting off on the right foot. Your ambitions could soar. Exercise as much patience with yourself and others as you can and aim for full diplomacy. You may have to consciously work at it and this is the time to begin. Avoid force and nurture a new vision of power.

Aquarius (Jan 20 - Feb 19)

Working behind the scenes is your best bet now. Getting a lot done as quietly and efficiently as possible and without interruption is a good plan. Use the clock and make it work for you and circle your calendar so you can also enjoy a full range of social cultural events. Gain inspiration by the happy flow of culture even if the world is a mess. Every house gets dirty and then we clean-up, the revolution of evolution. No one is to blame, but things have to change to overcome the dirt and disease of minds in conflict. Every society ahs its share of this, some better some worse. Of vital importance is doing something about it by turning inward to access soul guidance, to embrace change and transformation. Whistle softly while you work.

Pisces (Feb 20 - Mar 20)

New features of your individuality are bubbling to the surface. A spirit of adventure is running through your veins. Getting things in order at home, completing things, packing and preparing, if only emotionally, may feel like the right thing to do. The time has come to deepen commitments. These may be to love or to profession or to both. The other side is to deepen your commitment to knowing yourself better. What do you want exactly? The clearer your vision the more excited you will get and the more you will enjoy the journey. On my website in the Library in Client Resources there are a few tools to get you writing to clarify the details of your dreams.

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Sidewalk Superintendent The business beat of the Gulf Islands

By Peter McCully

Gallery still open despite January renovation

Pegasus Gallery is taking advantage of the new year to undertake a major renovation that should be completed by early February. The gallery is still open for business via the website and telephone, though, and owner Ian Sigvaldason can be reached at 538-8679 or 537-2421. In other gallery news, Ian and wife Claire are the happy parents of son Ari Sigvaldason, who was born December 16, 2007.

• Salt Spring-based SeaChange Savouries Canada launched its U.S. sales at the Atlanta International Gift & Home Furnishings Market from January 8 to 16, under the umbrella of U.S. rep agency Delectable Samplings.

“SeaChange is ready

for the U.S. market,” said CEO Anne Millerd in a press release. “We feel Delectable Samplings is a perfect match for SeaChange. We are very excited about this new opportunity.”

SeaChange will launch its classic line of smoked salmon products, along with its new Savouries line of Canadian gourmet gifts, including Cranberry and Pepper Preserves, Stoneground Mustard, Maple Sugar and two new Canadian themed teas – Juniper Tea and Blackberry Tea.

The teas will add to the SeaChange collection of savoury fare, complementing SeaChange Maple Sugar which was released in August 2007.

SeaChange donates five

per cent of its net profits to food banks and soup kitchens.

• A dock built and installed by Salt Spring’s Island Marine Construction was declared an award winner last year. The Somenos Marsh Wildlife Society received a 2007 North Cowichan Design Award for the Drinkwater Dock, which was formally opened in May 2007.

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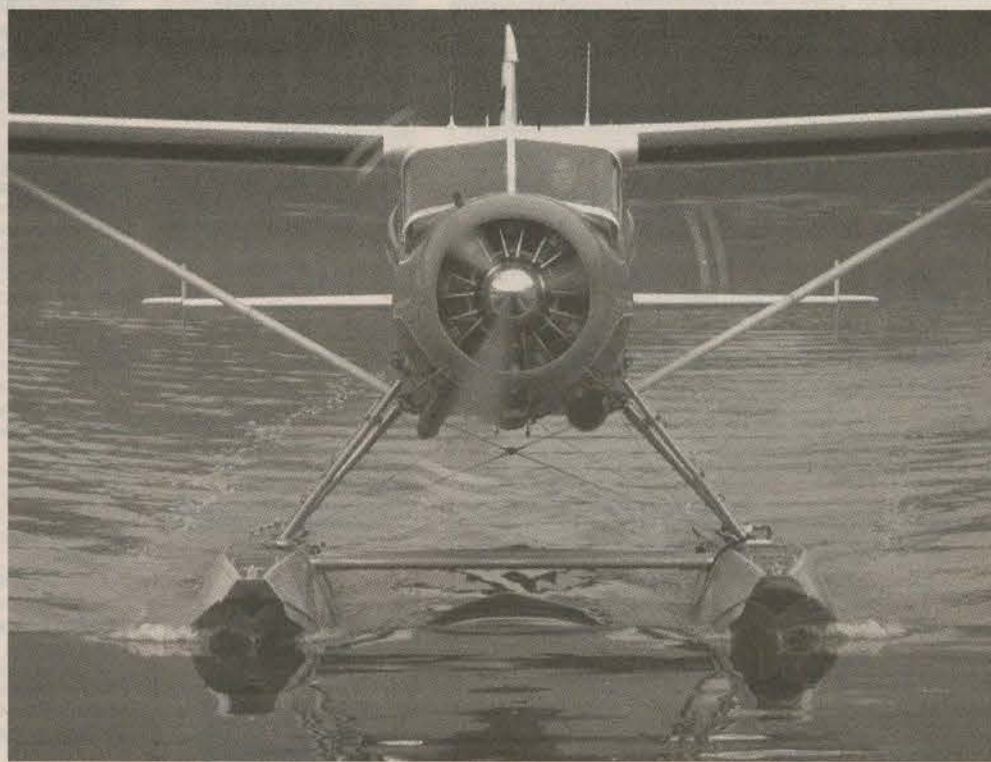


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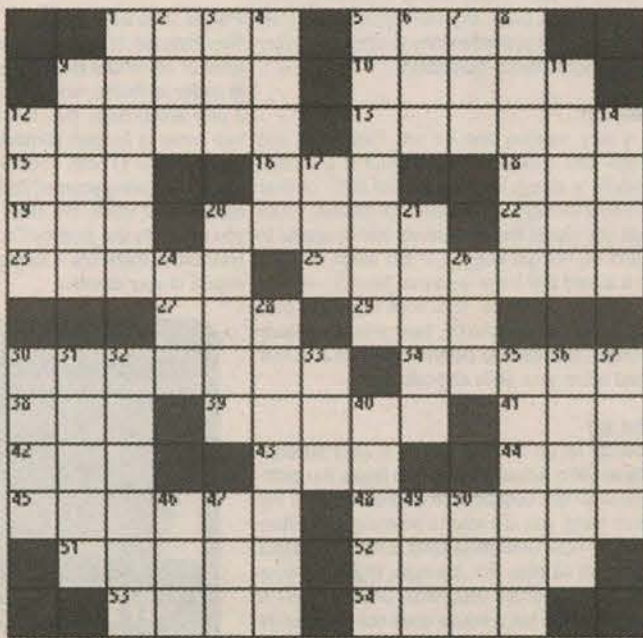
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Green is in — the trick now is to keep it there

Welcome to 2008. If you had told me at the beginning of last year that 2007 would be the breakout year for the environment, I probably wouldn't have believed you. Yes, 2006 had An Inconvenient Truth, but 2007 saw the environment become a true media darling.

As great as this has been, we mustn't forget that news is a fickle beast and, by definition, "new" doesn't last very long. That means we need to keep the interest moving forward or we could lose the momentum we've built up.

We've come a pretty long way in two years. In 2006,



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people started paying attention to the environment again. It was like society woke up from a collective environmental slumber, looked around with bleary eyes, blinked and asked, "What's going on?" And people started to look for answers.

In 2007, the media got on

board. Environmental stories made front-page news all year long. Books about the environment became best-sellers. Magazines from home design to celebrity gossip suddenly had environment pages or "green" tips. Eco-this and Enviro-that became commonplace. My local newspaper, the Vancouver Sun, actually invited me to be guest editor and has seen a newfound interest in environmental stories.

But for those of us old enough to remember back a couple decades, this might seem like déjà vu. In the late '80s and early '90s, the envi-

ronment was also a top public concern. Governments poured money into environment ministries. Corporations developed environmental stewardship platforms. Municipalities across the country rolled out blue-box recycling programs.

And the people cheered. Problem solved! Now they could go back to worrying about more manageable individual priorities like paying bills, going to work and providing for their families. Of course, we all know now that the problem wasn't solved by a long shot. But we lost a decade of poten-

tial progress because people slipped into complacency. And who can blame them? No one wants to deal with something as big and complicated as our global environment.

The thing is, we don't have a choice anymore. Leading scientists have been telling us for decades that we are on a very dangerous path. The good news is that it is not too late to change the route we are on. There are alternative ways to live that are in balance with Earth's life support systems. But getting on a new path requires real change.

So what does "real change"

mean? For governments, giving money to an environment ministry only to have its mandate trounced by the ministry of natural resources, energy or finance won't cut it. For corporations, token efforts like a "green" building design or energy efficient lighting won't cut it if your bottom line is still profits at the expense of the environment. For individuals, using re-usable bags instead of plastic, or carrying a re-usable coffee cup will do little if you're still driving to work every day.

If it sounds like a challenge, that's because it is. Real solutions are never easy and there will be lots of arguments. We will also make mistakes. But the only real failure will be if we don't try at all. We've only got one Earth, so we can't very well just wait and see what happens if we continue with business as usual. That path may look easy now, but in the near future it will make things very, very hard.

So what does this all mean?

It means it's time to dig deeper.

We already have the public's attention, but now we need to get serious about solutions. We know how hard it is to be environmentally responsible. Many of our daily decisions are not good for the environment because they are easier and often cheaper to make. Still, challenge yourself, challenge your neighbors, challenge your friends and co-workers to make Canada a global warming problem-solver, not a problem-maker.

Large-scale changes also require corporate and government leadership. But here, too, individual action can have great power. Politicians and business leaders know the public is concerned, but they are slow to respond unless really pushed. If you really want to make a big difference in 2008 — push them. Push them hard. Change is underway. Real change is happening. Let our leaders know there's nothing that can stop it.

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