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UP AND AWAY: Harper and her dad Rob Pingle spend some time climbing at The Wall, located behind the Community Services Society building on Fulford-Ganges Road. The Wall offers free climbing throughout the month of January.

ENTERTAINMENT

Local girl part of reality TV series

Lilith Bentley samples whirlwind of jobs

BY AMY GEDDES
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

While most 13 year olds know virtually nothing about the vast world of careers out there, Salt Spring middle schooler Lilith Bentley sampled wacky jobs on a new YTV reality series that would send the average adult into a tailspin.

Alligator wrangler, NASCAR racer and Hollywood stunt person are just some of the jobs she scrambled to master as a contestant on In the Real World, one of Canada's most ambitious reality series for kids to date.

When the first episode airs on YTV on Feb. 4 at 7 p.m., Bentley's family, friends and about 8.9 million homes in North America will tune in to watch Bentley and 17 other contestants race across North America in a heart-pounding, skill-based competition that allows kids to clock into the real world for the first time.

Hosted by Canadian comedian Sabrina Jalees, in each episode the contestants aged 12 to 14 must avoid elimination by competing in a series of thrilling job-related challenges in various professions.

Contestants vie for the ultimate prize: college tuition money and an all-expenses-paid family vacation to one of four destinations.

"Being on the show gave me confidence to try just about anything," Bentley said after returning home from a cross-North America filming adventure.

"I got to travel outside Canada for the first time. I got to **TV SERIES** continued on 2

ISLANDS TRUST

SS Coffee Co. rezoning stirs up a buzz

Trustees caught between two 'simple decisions'

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

A Salt Spring Coffee Company application to rezone land at 1501 Fulford-Ganges Road is far from a done deal, according to a local Trust committee (LTC) meeting held Thursday.

Trustees George Ehring and Christine Torgimson used their first public meeting of 2009 to say they want more opinions and evidence about a coffee-roasting facility proposed for a predominantly rural-residential neighbourhood near Ford Lake.

"This is a really difficult decision," Ehring told an audience at ArtSpring. "I think that it's characterized as a simple decision from both sides ...

but if you are at this table and you're faced with having to decide, it's really difficult."

Ehring called on opponents to provide data on potential impacts the facility would have on the Ford Lake watershed. He also called on Salt Spring Coffee Company representatives to establish how they can guarantee the facility's roaster will produce minimal odours if and when it is built.

Trustees passed a motion outlining eight preliminary points required to obtain a better perspective on the issue. The motion calls for a study of similar facilities in other jurisdictions, methods to mitigate odours and harmful emissions, clarification about the facility's proposed

retail feature and work to set up a Trust-commissioned environmental study.

In November, members of the Trust's Advisory Planning Commission and Advisory Environment Committee recommended that the Salt Spring LTC proceed with proposed bylaws 436 and 437 subject to minimizing further industrial development in the area, the use of environmentally friendly building techniques, compliance with riparian area regulations, and limits on emission and odour levels.

Mickey McLeod, president of Salt Spring Coffee Company, said he chose the Fulford-Ganges Road site based on a thorough search of island properties. The new site will replace the company's current roasting and storage building on Alders Road, and other offices on Upper **TRUST** continued on 2

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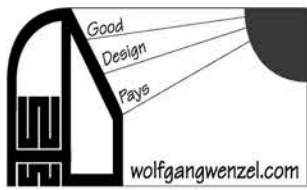
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Outcome of series a well-kept secret

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fly on a lot of planes and meet lots of interesting people."

It was through her theatre school that she first heard that Montreal-based Apartment 11 Productions was holding casting calls.

"I filled out an application in March and the next day I received a phone call," she said, explaining that a series of further interviews followed. "I was really nervous."

Her family found out she was selected but kept it a secret a while because she was in the middle of a show with her theatre class. They waited until the show was over to give her the news.

"I was really stoked! I screamed very loud and I was really happy."

But Bentley's mother, Shelley Mahoney, who was no doubt thrilled for her daughter, nonetheless found herself on the edge of her seat throughout the filming process.



Lilith Bentley

"It was scary putting her on the plane and not knowing where she was going," Mahoney said.

"We knew what the challenges entailed because we had to sign releases that were quite frankly terrifying..."

Throughout the process Mahoney learned her daughter may have what it takes to succeed in show business.

"We were simply amazed by Lilith and her total ease when it comes to performing."

Bentley says her dream job is to pursue acting and the series of interviews and auditions proved to be the ideal experience for her.

"It was nerve wracking to see if I made the final round," she said.

Viewers will have to watch the series of episodes unfold to find out if she made the final round. Not even Bentley's closest friends know the details of the show's outcome.

"Kids always hear 'don't touch,' but it's experiencing life that makes kids grow," creator and executive producer Jonathan Finkelstein is quoted as saying in an Apartment 11 Productions press release.

"When we first approached professionals about giving our kids tactical experiences, the typical response was that kids can't do that. Our challengers prove — much to the amazement of several adults — that it is simply not true."

Local Trust meeting brews strong coffee talk

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Ganges Road. According to plans, the two-storey, 1,200-square-metre (12,900 square-foot facility) facility would increase roasting capacity, provide space for a tasting room, interpretation centre and organic garden, and provide continued employment for 40 island residents.

"Part of my vision is having a business and being a model of sustainability and Salt Spring Island is the perfect place in the world to do that," McLeod said at the meeting. "I guess I'm a little bit disappointed that people aren't looking at the bigger picture."

It's precisely the company's "bigger picture" plans that have galvanized opposition among a strong contingent of neighbours and concerned islanders.

Letters have streamed into the Trust office and opponents have set up www.ford-lake.org to let people know their side of the story.

"It is not suitable, no mat-

ter how much you green-wash it," said Birgit Bate-man. "What they're planning may be nice, but not here."

"It's the expansion that's the problem. If they could remain as small as they've been it would be great, but it is a business. It's to make profit, it's to get bigger and I think that's wonderful that the owner has this vision, but that doesn't mean that Salt Spring is the right place for it."

A bamboo farmer with chemical sensitivities who lives next to the proposed site said emissions from the roasting process could force him to leave the neighbourhood altogether.

"I feel that having such dangerous intoxicants in a rural neighbourhood is wrong," said Naren Kartar.

Illyd Perkins, a carpenter living across from the proposed site, defended his and other islanders' right to stand up against what he predicts will be an industrial-scale operation.

"We have people in town taking petitions and that makes it look like we are sort

of NIMBY, protectionist and short-sighted individuals but we, as neighbours, have a right to think about our neighbourhood," he told LTC members.

"The character of the island is small, not a massive wholesale supplier to a national or potentially international firm. This is business on a whole other level that is not what this island is known for. This island is known for, to use an awful cliché, 'small is beautiful.'"

Perkins said he is convinced the project will set the pace for further industrial development in the area. He questioned how it is that trustees and staff allowed the application to proceed as far as it has.

From the company's perspective, spokesperson George Grams said many opposing arguments are based on hearsay evidence with no basis in fact.

"At the present moment we have a facility [on Alders Avenue] with no room for expansion, with no ability to provide heat exchange so that we can use the heat

from the roasting process, with no ability put that heat into greenhouses so that we can grow organic food for island security and there is no facility for us to recycle the compost that arises from the roasting process," Grams said.

"I guess I'm a little bit disappointed that people aren't looking at the bigger picture."

MICKEY MCLEOD
President, Salt Spring Coffee Company

"We have this facility but it is now a question of whether you allow this expansion and allow a considerable improvement."

Information about the company's proposal is available by following the links at www.saltspringcoffee.com.

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TRANSPORTATION

Vanpool struggles with low ridership

Fifteen-year service may disband unless more get on board

BY AMY GEDDES
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Bryan Krueger has been commuting to and from his workplace in Victoria via Salt Spring's Jack Bell Vanpool since 1995 when the service first began.

He recalls waiting lists have always teemed with eager riders until this month when the vanpool hit historically low occupancy. There are now two empty seats in the eight-person van, increasing costs for remaining riders.

"If we don't fill it with new riders to make enough to fill the bank, the van will have to fold," said Krueger, who now pays a \$140 monthly vanpool fee in addition to his daily ferry passenger fare. The cost per person could jump into the \$200 range unless more riders get on board.

Van purchase, maintenance and gasoline are covered by the Jack Bell Rideshare program funded by Translink and BC Transit, but monthly fees are based on mileage and shared between members.

For Krueger and other vanpoolers, saying goodbye to the 15-year-old, alternative form of transportation would mean losing a piece of Salt Spring's eclectic history and testament to the island's community spirit.

"It would be sad to see it go," said vanpooler Katie Fisher. "We are a group committed to living on Salt Spring and part of our commitment to this island is the vanpool that allows us to live in this paradise."

Fisher explains the camaraderie between riders helps make the "awful" early morning commute more palatable and boosts morale during their five-days-a-week commute.

Vanpoolers share driving, banking and administrative responsibilities.

They make it to downtown Victoria about 25 minutes faster than the Victoria Transit bus. While bus departure is dictated by the clock, Krueger says the van ensures no rider is left behind.

"If I say I'm going to be five minutes late I know there is leeway, whereas I can't call a bus and tell them I'm late."

Despite the affection vanpoolers have for their close-knit travel group, with their fees already \$70 more than the cost of a monthly Victoria transit bus pass they find it hard to justify paying anything above the current rate.

Krueger says there is not much more they can do to cut costs.

To reduce mileage last year, instead of driving the van onto the ferry and into Ganges as was customary, they

now park at the Swartz Bay ferry terminal saving close to 30 kilometres. Travel is restricted to the run between Swartz Bay and the Blanshard-Pandora intersection in downtown Victoria, dropping riders off at various stops along or near the Pat Bay Highway.

Krueger speculates that the express bus from Swartz Bay and Salt Spring's new transit system may be turning out to be a more favourable option for Salt Spring commuters.

"Right now it is effectively being usurped by transit systems, but that's not a bad thing . . . kudos to transit. But it has put us in a weird position of trying to justify the van."

He has also observed a decline in the number of early morning commuters, which could also explain the two empty seats in the van.

The vanpool originally came together to compensate for the lack of public transit, but now that transit is becoming more efficient the vanpool may become obsolete.

Although, in the absence of an early morning bus route on Salt Spring that meets the 6:15 a.m. ferry from Fulford Harbour, the vanpool remains the only public transport service that gets commuters to that particular sailing.

As the last remaining original vanpool member, Krueger struggles with whether or not to abandon the van in light of the projected strain on his pocketbook.

"Economics may dictate my choice, but a lot of people would be sad to see it go."

For more information or to join the Salt Spring vanpool, visit <http://online.ride-share.com/en/my/>, contact 1-250-380-RIDE (7433) or call Bryan Krueger at 250-653-2019

The Jack Bell Rideshare Program

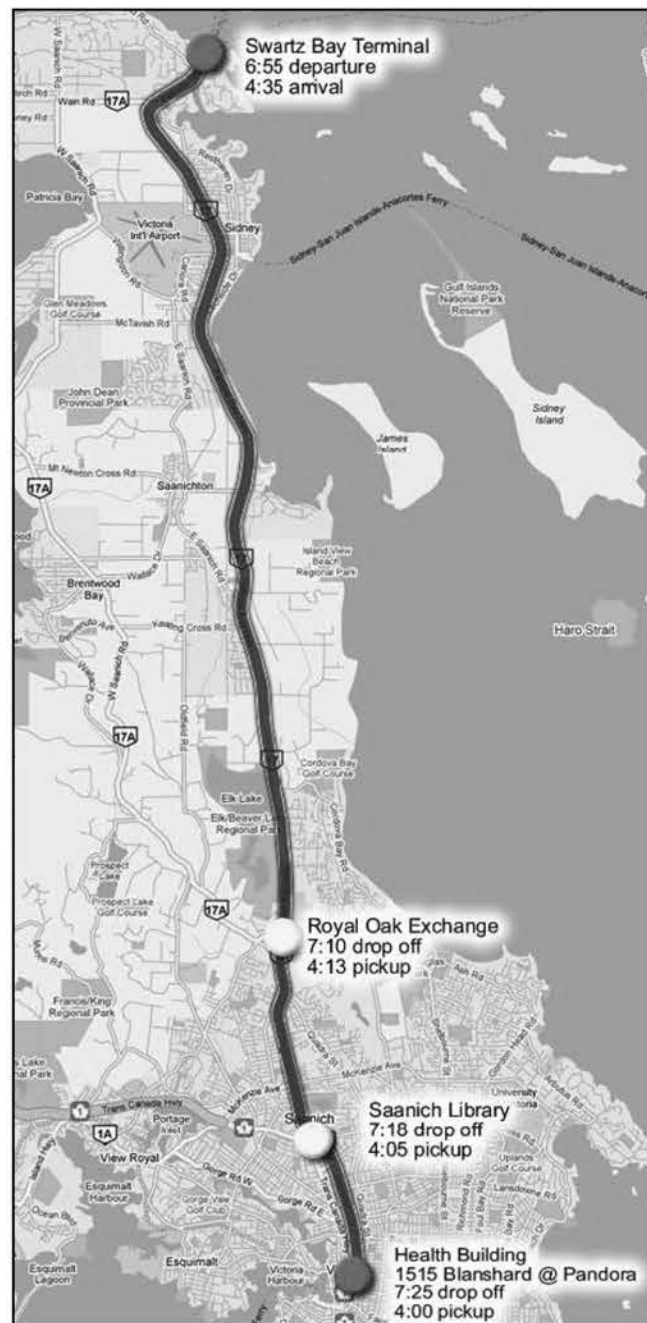
The Jack Bell Vanpool on Salt Spring is part of the Jack Bell rideshare program — Canada's first large-scale organized ridesharing program.

It currently operates over 100 vehicles in its fleet, facilitating private ride-sharing over the Internet. The program is operated by the Jack Bell Foundation and is a charitable B.C. Society.

Ridesharing

Ridesharing is when two or more people commute together in the same vehicle.

Ridesharing can be casual, when commuters share rides in their own vehicles, or formal, when commuters ride in a fleet vehicle.



Salt Spring's vanpool takes a direct route with flexible drop-off points between Swartz Bay and downtown Victoria.

News briefs

Ferries makes special trip

Rumours of a mysterious late-night ferry arrival at Fulford Harbour turned out to be true, the Driftwood has learned.

However, the ferry arrived at about midnight on Saturday, Jan. 3 carrying inconvenienced ferry passengers, not undercover police officers as first speculated.

According to B.C. Ferries, the passengers had been stranded earlier in the evening at Crofton after a "hard

landing" put the Vesuvius Bay dock temporarily out of commission. B.C. Ferries made a special trip from Swartz Bay to Fulford Harbour to ensure those people could arrive on Salt Spring before the end of the day.

Surgery group holds public meeting

The first public meeting of the Ad Hoc Save Our Surgery (SOS) Committee was postponed in December due to heavy snows. But the eight core members —

health professionals and other interested community members — will seek public input from those who attend a rescheduled meeting at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 15 at the Community Gospel Chapel.

The committee will update the public on the progress of their communications with the Vancouver Island Health Authority, where they requested details regarding the fate of Lady Minto Hospital's surgical program.

No general surgeon has been hired to fill the vacancy left by Dr. Roy Preshaw at

the end of June.

Those who attend the public meeting will be asked to vote on the committee's mandate to act on the public's behalf.

Repairs will cause delays, cancellations

Overnight underwater repairs to the Queen of Nanaimo could delay the 7:15 a.m. sailing from Long Harbour to Tsawwassen on Sunday, Jan. 18, according to a BC Ferries service notice.

Specialized underwater divers will work to weld a fatigue crack that resulted from "pounding" in bad weather and heavy seas over the years the vessel has been in operation.

BC Ferries says work must be completed before the vessel can resume regular operations.

Divers are doing repairs at night to minimize inconvenience to customers, said ferries spokesperson Deborah Marshall.

Also, on Wednesday, Jan. 21 the following sailings between Crofton and Vesuvius Bay will be can-

celled due to Vesuvius terminal maintenance:

- Leave Crofton**
- 11:10 a.m.
- 12:10 p.m.
- 1:10 p.m.
- Leave Vesuvius Bay**
- 11:40 a.m.
- 12:40 p.m.
- 2 p.m.

Workers will remedy minor damage to the "wing wall" of the birthing structure caused by a hard landing by the Howe Sound Queen on Jan. 3.

The vessel was not damaged.



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NEWSBEAT

ISLANDS TRUST BRIEFS

Trust working on housing proposal

Industrial Land Task Force members chosen

TRUSTBRIEFS

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Salt Spring's local Trust committee (LTC) continues to work with a housing society to expedite a proposal that could see up to 14 units of affordable housing units at 584 Rainbow Road.

Speaking at Thursday's LTC meeting at ArtSpring, Salt Spring Land Bank Society board member Neddy Harris told trustees her top priority is to hold a public meeting between neighbours, the society's membership and any other interested parties on the island.

The meeting, set for Monday, Jan. 19, 6 p.m. at Lions Hall, will describe what the project will look like when it is completed and how the society intends to make it happen.

Harris said the project is intended for Salt Spring Island residents who are at risk of being homeless.

With the price of rental accommodation on the rise and the availability of family-oriented housing at a minimum, the project is geared towards young working families, Harris said.

The Land Bank Society requires the Trust to indicate that it is in favour of rezoning the 3.14-hectare (7.75-acre) property before it can secure funding from a number of government and non-government sources.

The applicant seeks a variation to the property's current Rural (R) zoning to permit the construction of affordable, rental and special needs housing. Trustees voted to forward proposed Bylaw 441 to the LTC's Advisory Planning Commission for consideration at its next public meeting. Updated meeting times are available by calling the Salt Spring LTC office at 250-537-9144.

Industrial Land Task Force

The LTC has selected the nine members of a task force designed to assess the state of industrially zoned land on the island.

Trustee Christine Torgrimson said she expects the task force to begin sitting "within the next few weeks."

Before their names are released to the public, the members selected by the LTC are simply being contacted to confirm that they are still interested in serving on the committee.

Names will be made public once the Trust receives members' final confirmation.

Trustees chose the nine members from 20 applicants.

Members will seek to determine the needs, requirements and location of

industrial-zoned land on the island. According to the group's terms of reference, the task force is scheduled to provide a report by June 30.

"This is a really important matter on the island," Torgrimson said. "I am encouraged by the amount of interest in it and eager to get the task force going."

Country Grocer complex expansion

Trustees approved a development variance permit that will allow the owner of the Country Grocer centre on Lower Ganges Road to proceed with modest expansion plans to the rear of the commercial complex.

The project will involve the construction of 56 square metres (614 square feet) of retail space behind the Pharmasave store.

A staff report presented at last week's meeting notes alterations "would be limited to the 'back' of the building... and would be a continuation of the architectural design and details." The proposal includes the creation of five additional parking spaces and landscaping in the area adjacent to the garbage collection and recycling facility.

"It's a minor change... it's to the back of the building, will improve the look of the back of the building and makes a lot of sense," said trustee Torgrimson. "It is not necessary to move this to the Advisory Design Panel."

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5 Fernwood
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2 Fulford Harbour
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3 Vesuvius
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SCHOOL DISTRICT

Education ministry figures don't tell the tale when it comes to high school graduation rates

Formula doesn't account for international students

The Gulf Islands School District is taking the education ministry to task for releasing graduation rate figures without appropriately interpreting the numbers.

"I support the ministry in measuring completion rates," said Gulf Islands schools superintendent Jeff Hopkins, "but it is important that the information is fully understood by all stakeholders."

The ministry applies a standard mathematical formula to schools throughout the province, measuring in/out migrations and calculat-

ing district "completion" or graduation rates.

According to ministry figures published earlier this month, the Gulf Islands School District — which has shown a rising rate for the past eight years — has only a 70.6 per cent six-year Dogwood completion rate, breaking down into 61.9 per cent for girls and 80 per cent for boys.

Believing the figures to be incorrect, Hopkins asked district principals to look at transitions of students from Grade 8 to graduation.

The resulting information, combined with figures from the ministry's data management branch, showed that most of the non-completion rate could be attributed to international students, who returned to their own countries to graduate.

Hopkins said the investi-

gation yielded the following information:

- 43 of the reported non-completers were international students;
 - three moved out of the district before Grade 12;
 - seven continue to work on a graduation program over a longer time-frame;
 - four received School Completion Certificates rather than Dogwood graduation certificates;
 - seven did not graduate and have not returned to school after leaving.
- "With such a proportionally high number of international students compared to the rest of the province, the completion rate can be misleading," Hopkins said.
- "Since the majority of the international students in the sample cohort were female, this translated into a seemingly higher rate of

"... it is important that the information is fully understood by all stakeholders."

JEFF HOPKINS
Superintendent of schools

non-completion for females in the district, when this was not, in fact, the case."

The local school district is now working with ministry staff to determine a more accurate completion rate, Hopkins said.

"We can't be afraid of numbers, but we do need to ensure appropriate interpretation of those numbers."

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NEWSBEAT

TRANSPORTATION

Pothole counters wanted

Islanders have three weeks for tallying spree

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Islanders are being called upon to pound the pavement and participate in Salt Spring's fourth-annual pothole count, set to run from Jan. 18 until Feb. 8.

Event co-ordinator Lorraine Norfolk of Monteith Drive decided to hold the program earlier than usual this year based on the amount of interest expressed by other residents.

"There's a lot of enthusiasm. People started counting even in the snow," Norfolk said. "One woman counted 62 potholes on her road."

Norfolk began the initiative as a way to draw greater attention to the proliferation of potholes on the island's roads.

"[Paving in 2007] did make a big difference on the roads that they did, but they didn't really touch many of the smaller roads," Norfolk said.

What began as a light-hearted joke has become a winter tradition.

Last year, the excitement even spread to Mayne Island where one participant reported that potholes were "breeding like rabbits."

Temperatures hovering around the freezing mark combined with runoff from melting snow, she said, are sure to make a dent in this year's statistics.

If many of the island's roads are like Monteith, this year's count is liable to shatter previous records, she added.



PHOTO BY DERRICK LUNDY

This giant pothole on Cusheon Lake Road will be among those included in an annual count.

Participants are asked to walk a portion of or the entire length of their street while tallying the number of potholes along the way.

Final results will be compiled to determine the greatest concentration of potholes on the island.

In 2006, she said, participants counted more than 6,000 potholes on Salt Spring.

One mid-island participant said the potholes outnumbered the amount of pavement on Arbutus Place.

In addition to the hole count, Norfolk is asking people to get creative and think of ways to put their potholes to good use.

Suggestions received thus far include creating Salt Spring's own Riviera by setting up lawn chairs for folks who can't travel south and using the deepest holes as prized fishing spots for local anglers.

Those eager to get involved in this year's pothole count can contact Norfolk via e-mail at tenlen@telus.net or by phone at 250-537-8557.

WEATHER

Low rainfall sandbags island's threat of flood-related worries

No similarities to hard-hit areas of B.C.

BY AMY GEDDES
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Low rainfall on Salt Spring last week, compared with other southern B.C. communities, spared islanders from flood-related woes.

North Pender Island had 76.0 mm of precipitation in January, as of Monday, Jan. 12, while areas like Abbotsford were hit by 206.4 mm, according to Environment Canada weather data.

Chilliwack, one of the worst areas in the Lower Mainland hit by heavy rain and melting snow, declared a state of emergency on Thursday after about 25 homes reported water running freely through their living areas.

But on Salt Spring, low rainfall combined with gradually melting snow meant virtually no flood-related problems, except

for minor snow melt erosion to road shoulders, according to Mainroad South Island Contracting.

"As of yet we've been very lucky with drainage," said Mainroad's John Charlton on Thursday, after checking known problem areas such as Blackburn Road and part of Rainbow Road near Windsor Plywood.

Mainroad, contracted by the Ministry of Transportation, aimed to mitigate flood problems by recently upgrading drainage pipes on Duke, Seymour Heights and Blackburn roads.

"We're watching those ones closely as we had problems in those areas last year," said Mainroad road and bridge manager David Turenne on Friday.

As of Friday, North Salt Spring Waterworks had not received any reports of flood-related problems in relation to the recent snow melt.

Waterworks general manager Trevor Hutton noted that December 2007

"As of yet we've been very lucky with drainage."

JOHN CHARLTON
Mainroad South Island Contracting

flooding on Salt Spring outweighed anything seen in the past two months.

Star Barks did not see any rise in sand bag purchases, indicating there was no excessive need.

"There were no frantic calls where people needed sand delivered," said Star Barks owner Tracey Hogarth on Thursday.

Despite being in the clear for flood-related problems, Mainroad continues to monitor the situation.

"We're all on high alert and we have people on standby if we do get any flooding," he said.

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CRIME PREVENTION

Vancouver officers discuss addiction at island events

Nothing strange about Odd Squad's straight-ahead message

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

The nature of addiction remains the same whether you're on the corner of Main and Hastings or growing up on Salt Spring Island, according to one of the coordinators of Salt Spring Island's Restorative Justice Program.

"Thousands of people [in Vancouver] with drug and alcohol issues started out somewhere else," said Wayne Fraser.

"It's a microcosm of everywhere. Addiction is a deep dark hole that's hard to get out of."

In an effort to teach islanders about the pitfalls of addiction, Fraser has organized a visit by two members of the Vancouver Police Department's Odd Squad at the Salt Spring Island Middle School (SIMS) gymnasium at 7 p.m. on Monday, Jan. 19.

The Odd Squad began as an effort by seven police officers who, in 1998, decided to

film the people of Vancouver's toughest neighbourhoods to convey the reality of street life, drug addiction and prostitution to kids growing up in the suburbs.

"With the willing participation of the individuals profiled, they immediately began video-taping the disturbing lives of this core group of street-entrenched drug addicts on their beat," reads an excerpt from the group's website at www.oddsquad.com.

"Little did they know it, but this work was to later become the National Film Board of Canada's most successful documentary since its inception in 1939."

The group's approach initially ruffled a few feathers among the police force's top brass and school boards in and around the city.

They've since produced a series of multimedia video presentations and booked speaking engagements with youth around the world.

Fraser, now a Salt Spring resident, met some of the squad's members when he ran a business in downtown Vancouver.

After hearing of some troubling stories about youth and addiction here

on the island, he decided to make a few calls and see if his old friends wanted to chat with local students and parents.

Sure enough, they agreed.

The Jan. 19 event features a 90-minute presentation followed by a question-and-answer session.

The event is free and open to anyone wanting to learn more about addiction and youth. Some material may not be suitable for children aged 12 and under, Fraser advised.

"It might be important for anybody in the community to get the goods from the ground level," Fraser said.

"There is a significant 'laissez-faire' idea among parents about kids having a drink or having a toke without knowing where that will lead."

A special morning presentation is scheduled for the students and staff at SIMS.

The shows are possible thanks to financial assistance from the Restorative Justice Program and the Salt Spring Crime Prevention Association.

For more information about the event, contact Fraser at tossy@telus.net or by calling 250-537-4953.

ECONOMY

B.C. newspaper group solicits ideas for economic stimulus

Online responses being collected through Driftwood and other community papers

British Columbia and the nation face turbulent economic times in 2009.

Key industries are experiencing financial challenges and changing markets for products and services.

Job opportunities are less abundant than they were only months ago and consumers are taking a more cautious approach to purchasing. The pace of development has cooled in many communities, while others face factors unique to their region.

To meet these challenges, provincial and federal governments are proposing ideas for fiscal stimulus, including infrastructure projects such as road improvements or low-cost housing.

HEALTH

Pharmacist sheds light on new regs

Prescription rules 'not a green light'

New provincial rules covering the renewal of prescription drugs may streamline the renewal process for some specific cases, but they do not replace the need to see your doctor for regular check-ups and monitoring, according to a pharmacist based on Salt Spring Island.

"In short, this is not a green light for pharmacists to renew prescriptions indefinitely," said Chris Steffich. "There is a lot to be considered; for instance, what the prescription is for, whether the prescription is still valid, whether the pharmacist has enough

knowledge of the condition and treatment, and whether, in their professional judgment, it is in the patient's best interest to do so."

According to regulations adopted on Jan. 1, pharmacists can adapt or renew prescriptions for patients with chronic, stable conditions. A press release issued by the province and reported in last week's edition of the Driftwood mentioned that the new rules would dramatically reduce the number of doctor visits in the province.

According to Steffich, however, patients must still abide by the proper protocol when renewing prescriptions.

"If a patient requests a renewal for a prescription that

The Black Press newspaper chain has launched a province-wide opportunity for British Columbians to offer suggestions on action in their communities, and the Driftwood is co-operating with the project through its BCLocalNews.com website.

Readers across B.C. are being asked to provide input to the following question on any bclocalnews.com website:

- What is the number one project in your community that you feel would be most effective in helping improve local economic and social conditions?

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has run out of refills, he or she must go to the store that holds the original handwritten prescription from the doctor," she said. "Further, that prescription must have been written no more than one year prior to the patient's request. After consulting with the patient, which may require a 15- or 20-minute appointment, the pharmacist will assess each individual situation and will then decide whether to renew the prescription or to refer the patient back to his or her doctor."

Not all medications are eligible for pharmacist renewal and physicians may specify that individual prescriptions may not be renewed by the pharmacist, she added.

NEWSBEAT



PHOTO BY DERRICK LUNDY

'TIS THE SEASON: Dan Horth uses a forklift to move a bin of computer parts at the Rainbow Road recycling depot as islanders undertake some January electronics cleaning.

HUMAN RIGHTS

Tatonetti hunger strikes for Khadr

Former Salt Spring resident takes up cause

BY TANYA LESTER
DRIFTWOOD CONTRIBUTOR

While calling on Prime Minister Harper to end Omar Khadr's incarceration, Christian Tatonetti is into the second week of a hunger strike that began on Jan. 4 in Victoria.

The musician and former Salt Spring resident wants Khadr's release from the United States' Guantanamo Bay detention camp in Cuba. The Toronto-born Canadian has been held there for seven years. Only 15 years old when arrested, Khadr was in an Afghanistan house that was bombed by the U.S. military, said Tatonetti.

The young man was accused of retaliating by throwing a grenade, which, according to Wikipedia, ended in a U.S. soldier's death.

However, the Internet encyclopedia states that in February 2008 the U.S. Pentagon accidentally issued documents indicating there was no evidence that Khadr hurled the grenade.

Military officials, in fact, claimed someone else threw



DRIFTWOOD FILE PHOTO

Chris Tatonetti

the grenade before that individual was killed.

Tatonetti, who says his support for Khadr is "a no-brainer," is not alone in his belief that Khadr should be returned to Canada. Organizations such as Amnesty International, UNICEF and the Canadian Bar Association are lobbying for the young man's release.

The Khadr case has disillusioned Tatonetti concerning the pride he once had in being a Canadian.

"We were always seen

around the world as being peacekeepers," the musician said. "It has taken away my love for my country and my faith in our politicians . . . This is something one could expect to happen in China, in the kind of country where people don't have rights."

After spending a long time thinking about the issue, Tatonetti decided to begin the hunger strike on Dec. 29.

This was the beginning of the New Year for those of the Muslim faith, including Khadr. But Tatonetti delayed his protest to recover from a cold.

"Just as I do not want Omar Khadr to be harmed, I do not want to harm myself," said the 37-year-old, who lost seven pounds after his first week without food.

Before starting his hunger strike, he worked out to develop his body bulk. Having last eaten solid food on Jan. 3, Tatonetti's liquid nutrition intake includes fruit and vegetable juices; tea and maple syrup as an energy boost. (He is experienced with doing health cleanses of up to 11 days in duration.)

"Usually I feel best in the mornings," said Tatonetti.

"Today (Sunday, Jan. 11), though, I slept in until 1:30 p.m., so I guess my body needed it."

Tatonetti, who lived for a decade on Salt Spring and sold his Bare With Me soap at the Saturday Market, is now studying classical singing in Victoria.

Caroline Sullivan, who also sings and is part of his Facebook support group, is also now on a hunger strike to draw attention to Khadr's plight.

While Tatonetti would like more media attention, he leaves it up to the individual to decide how he or she would like to get involved.

"It's up to them for anyone to do whatever drives them," he said.

"I will be on this hunger strike for as long as it takes."



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EDITORIAL

Tougher than ever

For people who think drinking alcohol and driving is still worth the chance of being caught dead or alive, a few things have changed since they may have last pondered their boozy fate.

B.C.'s Solicitor General's department recently announced changes to the way people who drink and drive will be handled in this province. When added to the grab bag of current penalties — from a one-year driving suspension to a minimum \$600 fine, for starters — the potential scene is almost (but not quite) as shocking as a crash scene.

An ignition interlock program was introduced in B.C. last month, which will be mandatory after only one alcohol-related conviction, two 90-day administrative driving prohibitions or three 24-hour roadside suspensions. To install the device, which requires a blood sample from the driver before the ignition switch can function, and maintain it for one year, the price tag is \$1,560.

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Drunk driving

WE SAY:
Tough penalties welcomed

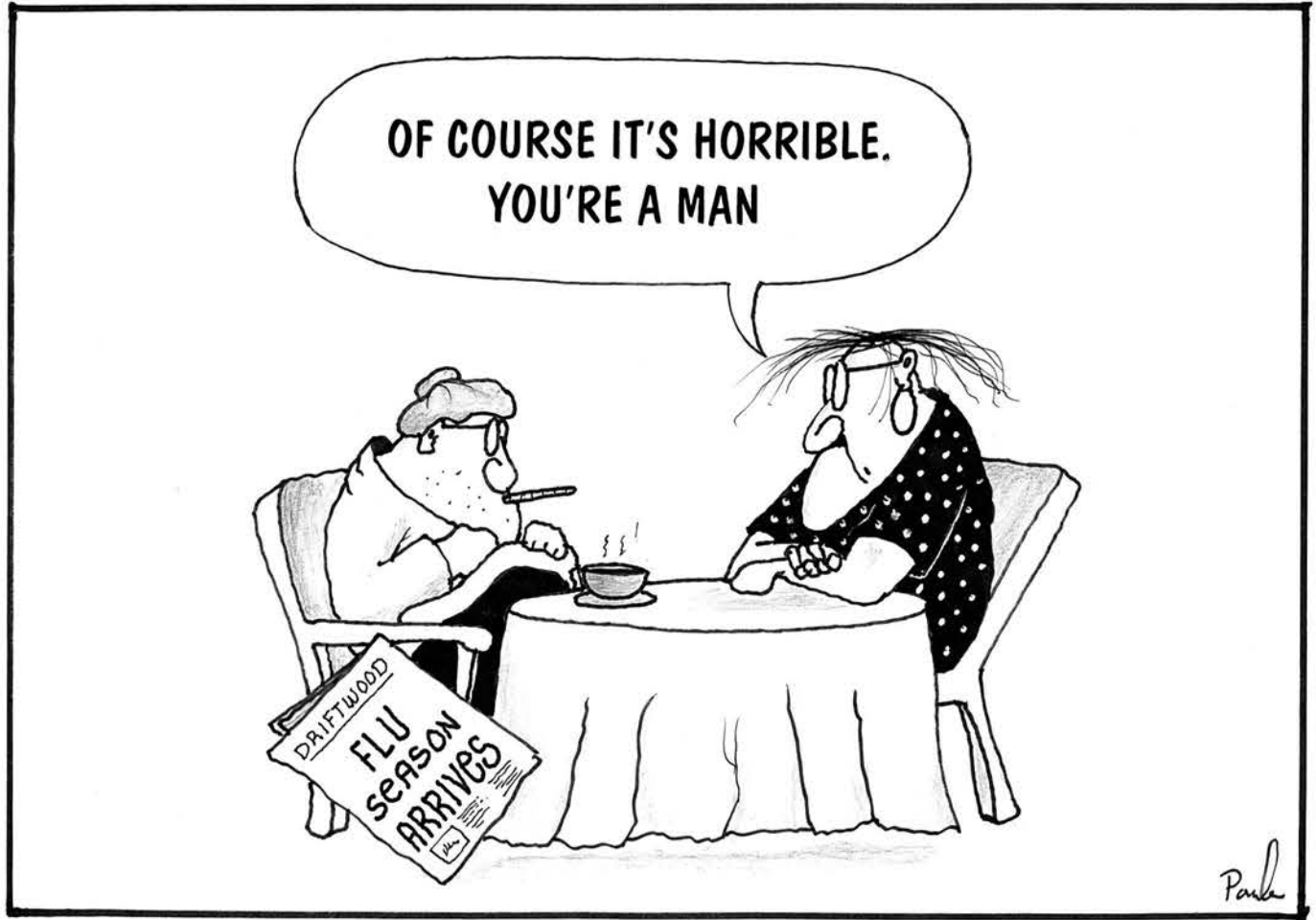
As of Jan. 1, 2009, ICBC will apply a "driver risk premium" to the insurance bills of those who've had two or more roadside suspensions, or been convicted of one or more driving offences involving alcohol, since Jan. 1, 2008. It could cost an extra \$1,100 over a three-year period.

Last year the government also beefed up its civil forfeiture law so that judges can order vehicle seizure if an impaired driver's actions are deemed likely to have caused death or serious injury.

ICBC reports that from 2003 to 2007, approximately 120 people died in vehicle crashes in B.C. each year due to drinking and driving — or one every three days or so. Some 5,100 alcohol-related collisions occurred annually in the province in the years from 2003 through 2007.

Despite those grim statistics, public education and increased penalties have worked to bring those numbers down from decades past. In 1976, before the Drinking-Driving Counterattack program was introduced in B.C., some 300 fatal crashes were recorded, and from a smaller population, obviously.

The highest percentage of impaired drivers (35 per cent) is still derived from the 16- to 25-year-old age group, which suggests plans now underway to educate Gulf Islands teens about the dangers of excessive party behaviours are well targeted. That drinking alcohol and driving is unacceptable for those of any age is now an old message, but it's one that must never lose its kick. Kudos to the province for saying it louder than ever.



Course change needs all hands on deck

BY DAVID SUZUKI WITH FAISAL MOOLA

VIEWPOINT

Well, 2008 was a wild ride, wasn't it? Talk about ending the year with a bang! A global economic crisis, numerous elections here and in the U.S., turmoil in our own Parliament, and a worsening environmental situation — it's enough to make you want to climb under the blankets and hope for the best.

At least there are some hopeful signs. The U.S. is swearing in a president who takes global warming seriously and who is listening to the scientists and other experts who tell us that the situation is outpacing our efforts to confront it. "The time for denial is over," Barack Obama said in December. "We all believe what the scientists have been telling us for years now, that this is a matter of urgency and national security, and it has to be dealt with in a serious way. That is what I intend my administration to do."

The president-elect also recognizes that creating green jobs in areas such as renewable energy is a good way to stimulate and rebuild the economy, perhaps even replacing some of the jobs lost in the auto industry.

Globally, although the UN climate change talks in Poland last month yielded no breakthroughs in laying the groundwork for a strong global agreement in Copenhagen this coming December, some progress was made, especially in areas such as reducing deforestation to reduce carbon emissions.

Also on the global front, the United Nations Environment Programme and leading economists have called for a progressive "Green New Deal." The UN Green Economy Initiative is aimed at giving nations the tools to shift to green economies through measures such as creating employment in renewable-energy technologies, ensuring that the value of natural services is included in economic accounting, and encouraging sustainable urban planning.

"Transformative ideas need to be discussed and transformative decisions taken," said Achim Steiner, UN under-secretary general and UNEP executive director. "The alternative is more boom and bust cycles; a climate-stressed world and a collapse of fish stocks and fertile soils up to forest ecosystems — vast, natural 'utilities' that

for a fraction of the cost of machines store water and carbon, stabilize soils, sustain indigenous and rural livelihoods and harbour genetic resources to the value of trillions of dollars a year."

Whether or not these initiatives and proposed emissions-reduction targets will be enough to avert catastrophe after years of stalling by governments including George Bush's outgoing administration and our own government remains to be seen. Unfortunately, Canada still seems to be beating around the Bush. We earned the dubious honour of winning the Colossal Fossil award (as well as 10 daily fossil awards) at the climate change talks in Poland for doing more than any other country to impede progress. Canada also ranked second-last out of 57 countries, just above Saudi Arabia, on the international 2009 Climate Change Performance Index.

We could certainly use more far-sighted and imaginative leadership. But we can't depend on the politicians — or on those business people who care more about short-term profits than long-term survival. We must remember that they are there to serve us and that if we speak loudly enough, they will listen.

We must also take responsibility in our own lives. A new report from Statistics Canada notes that individual Canadians are responsible for almost half the greenhouse gases emitted into the atmosphere, through our vehicle and electricity use and the choices we make in the products we buy.

That shouldn't make us feel guilty; rather, it should show us how much opportunity and power we have as individuals to make a collective difference through personal choices and small steps. Another Statistics Canada study showed that Canadians are making efforts to recycle, compost, switch to environmentally friendly electrical and plumbing products and vehicles, and more.

We can't wait for the politicians to save the world, but we do have to hold them to account. And we must all get informed and involved. If we act now, we — and our children and grandchildren — can hope to lead fulfilling and prosperous lives rather than moving from crisis to crisis. But the window of opportunity is closing a bit more every day.

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QUOTE OF THE WEEK:

"This island is known for, to use an awful cliché, 'small is beautiful.'"

ILLTYD PERKINS

SALT SPRING SAYS

We asked: What would you like to see Canada achieve in 2009?


MAURINE FRYER

Bring our soldiers home. We don't need to lose any more of our young men.


ALLAN SHERMAN

A stable government.


VIVIENNE MORRISON

More jobs.


DEBORRAH BEE

I would like to see federal parliament work together to solve some of our major issues like the environment, economy and homelessness.


NICK BOWEN

More coins, less paper money.

Letters to the editor

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

Ritual of exchange

At this time of peace and reflection I have been thinking about the welcoming spaces on our island, places where one feels comfort and joy even in the midst of snow and ice. The Transitions Thrift shop came to mind immediately.

Where else could one meet the nicest people on the island, all in slow motion and chat mode. Everyone is in their most relaxed state because they're either letting go of things that have served their purpose or picking up on someone else's treasures.

Gratitude is the common denominator here and it envelops people. So I find myself attracted to drop in, whenever I walk by, just to add a touch of good cheer to my

day. Where else could one pick out name brands and durable clothing or heirlooms and vintage items at modest prices that outwit the fashion industry? Shopping here becomes a mite bit defiant.

And where else but on Salt Spring could we exchange wardrobes and walk in one another's shoes? I thank the wonderful staff of the thrift shop who dedicate themselves to making this ritual possible.

**ALAN CAPLAN,
BRINKWORTHY ROAD**

Behaving in a rural setting

It can't be very often that Peter Vincent and I agree on something! However, I totally support his notion of a "Dog Day at Ruckle Park." (Dec. 3 Head-to-Head column.)

Now that the snow has (almost) disappeared, let's organize a big turnout of dog lovers to walk our leashed dogs in our park.

We need to inform off-island law makers that we know how to behave in a rural setting.

Dog lovers of Salt Spring unite! My e-mail address is: harryw@savesaltspring.com. **HARRY WARNER,
LEE ROAD**

Pond resurfaces

For those who've been distressed over the loss of Swanson's Pond, I have encouraging news. God gave it back to us!

Now that all the brush has been cleared out, you can actually see it in all its glory and it's one heck of a lot big-

ger than I ever imagined. I wonder where all the houses are supposed to go?

**HELEN HINCHLIFE,
DESMOND CRESCENT**

Hamper helpers

Salt Spring Island Community Services sends out an enormous thank-you bouquet to all the businesses and individual donors in our community for making the 2008 Christmas hamper program such a huge success.

With your help, over 185 hampers were filled to the brim with nutritious food as well as lots of holiday goodies. To the regular food bank volunteers who give hours of their time behind the scenes for months; the more than 40 volunteers, new and experienced, who worked so hard

over the two days it took to assemble the hampers; the drivers who delivered the finished hampers to each of the recipients over the island; and lastly the crew who worked with us to clean up the Farmers Institute after it was all over — the help from all of you is most appreciated and makes my job easier and the workload a lot lighter.

There are just too many individual donors and helpers to name everyone, but without the help of the following, the hamper program simply could not exist. Many thanks to you all!

Thanks are also due to the Farmers Institute and Barry Dunster, Minda at Gulf Coast Materials for rescuing the truck loaded with much-needed food that was stuck in the snow on the Farmers Institute driveway, Salt Spring

Search and Rescue members, Mike Kitchen, Paul Large and their assistants at Country Grocer, Steve at Thrifty Foods, Seachange Savouries, Soya Nova Tofu, Salt Spring Coffee Company, Foxglove Farm & Garden Supply, IODE, the Lions Club, Rotary, the home schoolers, SS Centre School, all the elementary schools, SIMS, Phoenix School, Salt Spring Fire Rescue, all of the churches around the island and last but not least, my family and friends.

It has been an honour to work with so many dedicated and generous people and I look forward to working with you again in 2009.

**GLORIA MCEACHERN,
COORDINATOR OF VOLUNTEERS
& SSICS CHRISTMAS HAMPER PROGRAM**

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Bountiful shouldn't be on a legal battle priority list

The headline read: "Man arrested for having 26 wives." The jokes write themselves.

It is likely not so amusing for the man accused, Winston Blackmore, or co-accused James Oler. The two men belong to a small 1,000-strong clan of the Fundamentalist Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints (FLDS) in Bountiful, a small community on the outskirts of Creston. And it certainly won't be a joking matter to B.C.'s own Minister of Correct Behaviour, Attorney General Wally Oppal, who has been gunning after these "scofflaws" for years.

B.C.'s former attorneys general have taken a run at this twice before in recent history — in 1992 and 2001. Both cases ended up as non-cases, as the government, in its wisdom, folded. Not so Mr. Oppal. He may well have opened up a Pandora's Box that will ultimately legalize the FLDS' polygamous ways in Canada.

But let's first have some background on the players of this tragicomedy. The FLDS is a splinter group of the Mormon church. The original Book of Mormon writings proclaimed that men should have at least three wives to enter the highest of three levels of Heaven.

The United States government took a dim view of this, and in the late 1800s began a systematic campaign to wipe out the Mormon church by seizing church property and the like. In 1890, the Mormon church issued what has become known as "The Great Accommodation," in which the church publicly halted the practice of multiple wives, essentially rewriting the Book of Mormon. At about the same time, Canada criminal-

ized polygamy to block any Mormons who may have thought to migrate north.

In 1935, the Fundamentalist Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints was formed, going back to the original teachings. Rulon Jeffs was the group's second leader. He was the father of Warren Jeffs, who made headlines in 2007, convicted of being an accomplice to rape and sentenced to 10 years to life. The accomplice part was that Warren Jeffs performed wedding ceremonies involving minors. Many believe it was a show trial and Mr. Jeffs was used as a warning shot.

There are estimated to be about 60,000 Mormon polygamists in the United States. That's 60,000 thorns in the side of the U.S. government. The men take one legal wife. The rest of the wives are not registered under civil law. They are called "celestial wives." It has been estimated that each wife has an average of 10 children. Because these wives are not "legal" wives, they are registered as unwed mothers, entitled to tons of social assistance at government expense. The FLDS has a term for this. They call it "bleeding the beast." And they are very good at it, the logic being "if you aren't going to let us practise our religion under the law, then we are going to take full advantage of the law. It's going to cost you. Lots."

I am not sure if they are "bleeding the beast" in Bountiful, British Columbia. Somehow I doubt it. This FLDS colony was established just after WWII, and by all reports


Peter Vincent

HEAD TO HEAD

has integrated nicely into the area, working side by side with locals. The unofficial government protocol seems to have been "lay low, don't get in our face, and we won't get in yours." Barring some minor hiccups along the way this has maintained the peace.

There are detractors. Many say the FLDS women are no more than mindless robots and treated like second-class citizens. Curious. The Catholic church still does not ordain women and will not allow birth control. Many Muslim sects allow a man to take up to four wives. Arranged marriages are still a common practice in Hindu and Sikh religions. Cross-border ultrasound clinics are making a nice living identifying the gender of fetuses, as males are the preferred offspring.

There are accusations of child abuse. The age of consent in Canada is now 16 years. I am sure the members of Bountiful are fully aware of this, and given the level of surveillance they are exposed to, I bet there is no under age activity going on. Incidentally, the age of consent in China is fourteen. In Japan, it's 13. In some states in Mexico it is as young as 12. Much as we may not like it, the world is a large multicultural place. To believe the Great White Way is the only way is what starts wars. Just look how successful George W. Bush has been at shoving democracy down the throats of the Iraqis.

Some decry the practice of young women marrying old men. Happens every day. Can-

ada's native daughter, Celine Dion, ended up marrying her manager, a twice divorced man 26 years her senior. Ah, but she has such a sweet voice, doesn't she?

Given the daily reports of women being beaten, abused and worse by some guy that won't take "no" for an answer, it seems there are much more serious battles to take up than this one in Bountiful. After all, these men aren't whipping women for exposing a little ankle in public, or throwing acid in their faces to make them unattractive to other men. There are no clitorectomies going on, nobody is getting murdered and thrown in a ditch for marrying out of their caste.

Still, the law is the law. And thanks to Mr. Oppal, it is highly likely that the existing laws against polygamy will be struck down. Despite many legal opinions, Mr. Oppal has decided to push up against Canada's Section 2 of the Charter of Rights and Freedoms, which guarantees freedom to practise religion. There is no doubt the FLDS in Bountiful is a religious Christian group. One would correctly surmise that the Charter would win out in a test case such as this. Given Canada's pluralistic, overly generous, overly polite "open-door" policy to welcome any and all, it is only a matter of time before we give a collective, polygamous group hug to Bountiful, and the thousands of persecuted FLDS members south of the border who will be stampeding to Canada.

The jokes write themselves.

Peter Vincent's website/blog is at <http://web.mac.com/republicofsaltsping>.

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Burden of decision

Many members of our community remain very concerned with the lack of a surgeon to serve the needs of our residents.

In the Dec. 10, 2008 Driftwood, a letter from Howard Waldner, president and chief executive officer of the Vancouver Island Health Authority (VIHA), assured us that a search for a resident surgeon was in progress. We have received similar assurances from other senior VIHA staff.

More recently a video of Dr. Shane Barclay, chief of staff at Lady Minto Hospital (LMH), was shown repeatedly on Shaw Cable. Dr. Barclay's message was that having a surgeon and surgical facility on this island to perform procedures that would be appropriate for our citizens was a "luxury" and not needed. With

this we strongly disagree.

I had an opportunity to speak with Dr. Barclay and questioned him with respect to the process whereby the present "state of the art" facility came to be. This project was approved by both VIHA and the Capital Regional District (CRD) prior to asking the members of this community (including the LMH Foundation Board and the LMH Auxiliary) for their financial support.

Dr. Barclay's response was that a "needs assessment" was not done. How can Dr. Barclay expect islanders to have confidence in any of his comments or those of VIHA when such a basic step in planning for a multi-million dollar facility was never carried out? Surely responsibility for this serious error does not lie with the citizens who worked so hard to complete what was, to them, such an important and valuable, if not essential, project.

Since we have contributed significantly toward the cost of this excellent new facility,

we would like to have a competent surgeon in residence and for islanders who require surgical treatment to benefit from the use of the new operating room.

Dr. Barclay also advised me that what is desperately needed is a new emergency room. Perhaps if a needs assessment was carried out and communicated to the islanders they might be prepared to, once again, give their proportional financial support for this now apparently evident further requirement.

It could be interpreted that the decision, when the VIHA board determined to renovate Lady Minto Hospital rather than build a new hospital, was a grave error in resource planning. The community should not be asked to bear the burden of this decision when it has contributed so much to the completion of this project.

PHYLLIS BOLTON,
CHAIR, AD HOC SAVE OUR SURGERY COMMITTEE

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RANTS and Roses

Rants

To the mean spirited individual who stole the snow shovel from outside my gate on Juniper, while I went indoors to rest before continuing to try and dig out my car, if you return it from whence you stole it I will lift the mean-spirited curse I have placed on your head. Bad karma all round. I would have loaned it to you had you asked. It was a rotten thing to do. J Stewart

Roses

Freshly defrosted roses to Jonathan for plowing, Charles for sanding and Mindy for assorted rescues. SSI Community Services

A dozen warm white roses to Ron Spencer and his plow for rescuing us on Mount Erskine Drive. It was great to no longer be trapped by the snow! Lorna

Fernwood school sends a big bunch of candy cane-striped roses to all our parents who donated prizes to our Christmas raffle and to all in our community who purchased them. Our raffle,

though delayed due to snow, was a tremendous success!

Roses to whomever helped me with my chains on my little green car. It was much appreciated! Thank you. Caroline

The wine is flowing again thanks to Rob of Ace Courier who delivered our first batch of limited editions on New Year's Day. Happy New Year to all staff of Ace Courier. Harvey & Laura

A white winter rose to the man from Irwin Collision who plowed the walkway from Park Road to Village Terrace. What would we have done without your help? Thank you from JC

Bouquets of roses to all the businesses and people who donated food to the food bank at Christmas. Our hamper was delivered right to our door (thanks to Jim Akerman), even though we couldn't drive out our driveway. A hamper full of roses to all the volunteers! Our Christmas was great! A grateful family

Thirty-six Bulgarian roses to Chris for the wonderful 36-inch television you so generously gave to me. We finally

managed to get it in the house and my back is no longer out of commission! With love, Nader

A big bouquet of roses for Jill Hickford, Fred of BCAA and the other three people who stopped to help when the car stalled on North End Road Monday night. Fred actually got my car moving again! Elizabeth Buchanan

Roses and thank you to the Driftwood, Steve, Country Grocer and everyone who brought their tree in for chipping to support the food bank. Mills Tree Service

To the person who found my keys on a red lanyard at the CIBC bank machine. Thank you! What a relief it was to find you had turned them in. JH

Snow white roses to Russ Collins, who came to my rescue, dug me out of a snow bank, and put chains on my tires, enabling me to get to Kamloops to spend Christmas with my family. Chivalry is not dead!

A sleigh full of snowy white roses to Howard Horel (my knight on not-so-shining tractor) for liberating a snowed-in lady. It was a long three weeks. I am very grateful and so is my family. Many thanks, Lizanne Reveley

Roses to Aaron the taxi driver at Silver Shadow who fit me into his schedule when I needed a ride to the hospital to meet my daughter who had been injured in an accident at school. You were kind and gracious and you were an angel. Thank you!

An epiphany-filled rose to Carol Brown and Bach on the Rock for an uplifting and awe-inspiring Christmas Oratorio performance at ArtSpring on Jan. 6. And BruceWood's intermission treats were a delicious bonus!

A big field of wild flowers to photographer Michael Levy, who ceaselessly brings us fine movies and organic popcorn. Kudos also for all your enviro updates in the concession. Elizabeth Buchanan

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OPINION

Real estate year saw fewer sales but some higher prices than '07

Volume should rebound in 2009

BY TOM NAVRATIL
DRIFTWOOD CONTRIBUTOR

The supposedly Chinese saying "May you live in interesting times" can sure take on a new meaning!

As we finish digging ourselves out from the coast-to-coast white Christmas, it is time again to look at the real estate stats on Salt Spring Island and into the crystal ball for future trends.

I think everyone that has any interest in the housing market knows that the volume of sales dropped dramatically in 2008 nationwide. On Salt Spring Island there were 172 sales made in 2008. That is about 42 per cent lower than the previous year which, volume-wise, was a better than average year. (The average sales volume for the past nine years is 256 properties per year). This is quite similar to what Victoria and Vancouver have been experiencing.

The first half of 2008 logged about 65 per cent of all sales for the year. After that a wait-and-see e-mail must have gone out to all the buyers since the result was a very slow second half.

But what is quite astounding is that while asking prices dropped significantly, the average and median sale prices on the island rose equally significantly. In the residential non-waterfront sector, as compared to 2007, both of these values moved up by 16 and 17 per cent respectively, while

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oceanfront properties saw the median sale price move up by 20 per cent on a fairly low volume of 13 oceanfront properties sold. This, however, has to be viewed with great caution as it relates more to demographics rather than to the notion of "rising" market. We are not in a rising market. Nationally the average sale prices are reported slightly down.

Wondering why your well-priced \$375,000 home did not sell last year? Well, in 2007, 55 homes under \$400,000 sold, which represented 32 per cent of all residential non-waterfront properties sold.

In 2008, only 13 properties under \$400,000 sold, representing a mere 13 per cent of the same category. So while it is hard to tell what the reasons were, it is easy to see how the odds were stacked.

On the other side of the scale, 83 per cent of the 12 oceanfront properties sold for over \$1 million, the highest percentage so far. In the non-waterfront sector, seven per cent of the 100 sold properties were over \$1 million, one percentage point up from last year.

The least expensive detached home in 2008 sold for \$305,000, while in 2007, 10 homes sold under that price (of which three were mobile homes). The least expensive "non-mobile" home in 2007 sold for \$260,000. None of the figures in this article include

Brinkworthy or townhomes. The highest price paid for a property on the island in 2008 was \$3,690,000.

Where do we go from here? Opinions vary but the cautiously optimistic camp seems to have the majority. Unless the seller vs. buyer standoff becomes a prolonged state of affairs, we should see some of the sales volume return this year with continuing stability in the sale prices.

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More than ever, the precision in pricing and impeccable presentation of the listed property is of utmost importance if a realistic chance of a sale is sought. And for the buyer, now, especially with the even lower interest rates, the market offers renewed opportunities.

Someone said that the best time to buy real estate was 10 years ago and today.

Next month we will address the subject of home presentation.

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Super service

I send beautiful red Chinese roses (at least eight) to Huy Lam, ticket taker/seller and office clerk at our Long Harbour ferry terminal.

I had lost my insulin case (containing insulin and needles) somewhere at the Tsawwassen ferry service or on the Long Harbour run.

As the insulin is critical to my health, it was important to find it.

In response to my anxious phone call to Huy Lam at Long Harbour, he jumped into action and tracked down the unnamed insulin kit and made arrangements for the luggage van driver to take it on the next Long Harbour run.

Huy left instructions with me that I would need to check with office staff to pick it up, which I did, gratefully!

Also, my appreciation goes to the unknown lady who found it and turned it in to a ferry worker at Tsawwassen.

Congratulations and thanks to the immediate response team for participation, but priority thanks to Huy.

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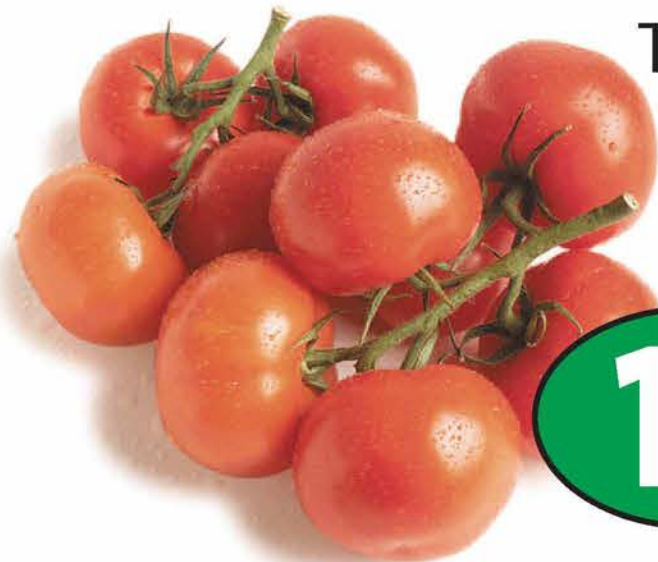


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OPINION

Russia, Ukraine and gas — the thieves' quarrel

BY GWYNNE DYER
SPECIAL TO THE DRIFTWOOD

Three years after the last drama involving Russia, Ukraine and gas supplies to Europe, here we are again. Russia's monopoly supplier Gazprom cut off gas shipments to Ukraine on New Year's Day because of alleged unpaid bills, and by Jan. 7 no gas was moving across Ukraine to the European Union either. Since the EU depends on Russia for a quarter of its natural gas, and 80 per cent of that gas moves west through Ukrainian pipelines, that was no laughing matter.

Some big EU countries have strategic reserves of gas that will carry them through

for weeks or even a couple of months, but in Bulgaria they were talking about rebooting a controversial nuclear plant before they run out of gas and everybody starts to freeze.

It's the former Soviet satellites that are most dependent on Gazprom's gas, because that's the way the pipelines ran in Soviet times. Some of them will run out very fast if their fellow EU members in western Europe do not share gas from their own strategic reserves. And Turkey (not an EU member) has turned to Iran to replace the missing Russian gas.

Only it's not really Russian gas at all: most of it comes from the Central Asian state

of Turkmenistan. And the dispute between Russia and Ukraine is not a normal commercial dispute (as both sides insist), nor is it some kind of Russian strategic move (as the believers in a new Cold War maintain). It is a thieves' quarrel.

Since it is Turkmenistan's gas, you would expect the Turkmens to sell it to European countries directly, and pay transit fees to Russia and Ukraine for shipping it west through their pipelines. Instead, Gazprom secured long-term rights to Turkmenistan's gas by agreeing to pay it a rumoured \$340 per thousand cubic metres -- which is almost double the \$179.50 per tcm that Ukraine actually paid in 2008.

So there is a real commercial issue in play, which is how much Ukraine will pay for its gas imports in 2009. Like other former Soviet possessions, Ukraine still gets gas at well below the market rate, and there is an annual round of haggling as the Russians try to move those countries up towards the rate that

they charge their customers in central and western Europe.

Times are hard all over (Gazprom's shares have fallen by 76 per cent since September) and Russia actually needs the money badly, so the pressure to raise the price of gas to subsidised ex-Soviet customers is higher than usual. But that is not what caused the gas to be cut off to Ukraine on Jan. 1, and to everybody else in Europe a week later. The reason for that is probably a murky internal fight over the division of the spoils.

Gazprom is an opaque organization with many leading Russian political figures on its board and its management committee, but it is a model of transparency compared to RosUkrEnerg, yet another middleman with the job (which clearly does not need doing) of buying gas from Gazprom and selling it to Ukraine. It was set up after the 2006 Russian-Ukrainian confrontation over gas, apparently at the insistence of Gazprom.

Half of RosUkrEnerg is owned by Gazprom, and the other half by Ukrainian businessmen who steadfastly refuse to reveal their identities. The cut-off in gas shipments to Ukraine allegedly occurred because the Ukrainian government had paid an outstanding gas bill for \$1.5 billion to RosUkrEnerg by the end of the year, but the money had not yet appeared in Gazprom's account — and probably more importantly, because Ukraine was refusing to pay an additional \$615 million in fines for late payment.

Now wait a minute. Maybe Ukraine was technically a month late in paying the bill (and maybe not), but whoever heard of a 40 per cent fine for one month's late payment? The glaring lack of detail about this "fine" reinforces the suspicion that the sum involved is really money creamed off the sale of Gazprom's sales to RosUkrEnerg and on to Ukraine that is now in dispute between the Russian and Ukrainian beneficiaries of a sweet little scam.

The thieves would certainly include high-ranking people in the Kremlin and in Ukrainian President Viktor Yushchenko's government, so it's easy to see how the quarrel could escalate into an inter-state confrontation, with Russia accusing Ukraine of stealing gas and Kiev accusing Moscow of turning off the taps for all of Europe. And there's really not much that the European Union can do except to wait until the thieves have made a deal.

This episode will reinforce the conviction in EU circles that it is unwise to remain heavily dependent on gas that comes through Russia and Ukraine, not so much because they fear the return of Joseph Stalin as because they dislike dealing with a bunch of Al Capones. However, the short-term options for alternative sources of supply are very limited. In the longer term, the solution is to stop burning fossil fuels to provide Europe's energy, but that isn't going to happen for quite a while.

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The Land Bank Society is requesting rezoning of the 7.7-acre property at 584 Rainbow Road to add 14 densities in order to construct affordable housing for local individuals and families.

To be known as the *Brackett Spring Family Housing*, the new homes will be a combination of stand-alone and attached. They will be clustered toward the back of the bench of land near the road, thereby retaining the forest at the back and the sides of the property. These homes will be for low to moderate-income earners and controlled by a housing agreement registered on the title.

Land Bank contact: Neddy Harris 250-653-4573.

PROVINCE-WIDE NEWS

B.C. unemployment rate rises in Dec. '08, except in coastal region

STV group also named

BY TOM FLETCHER
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B.C.'s unemployment rate rose to 5.3 per cent in December, due to a combination of more people looking for work and a 0.3 per cent drop in the number of jobs.

December marks the fifth consecutive month without an increase in total jobs for the province, according to seasonally adjusted numbers from Statistics Canada.

B.C. remains ahead of the national unemployment rate, which rose to 6.6 per cent in December due to a large drop in full-time employment.

Bucking the trend was B.C.'s northeast region, where jobs increased and the workforce shrank, producing the lowest unemployment rate in the province at 3.6 per cent. North Coast-Nechako's rate rose to 8.4 per cent and the Kootenay rate increased to seven per cent.

Unemployment in the Cariboo rose slightly to 5.6 per cent and also in the Mainland-Southwest region to 4.5 per cent.

The rate in the Vancouver Island-Coast region was unchanged at 4.5 per cent.

STV promoters picked

Fair Voting BC, an advocacy group that campaigned for the single transferable vote (STV) system in the 2005 provincial election referendum, has been selected as the official "yes" side representative for the next referendum.

Fair Voting BC will receive \$500,000 from the province to promote STV, which will be offered to voters again along with the provincial election scheduled for May 12.

Bruce Hallsor, a Victoria lawyer and representative of Fair Voting BC, called the funding "a drop in the bucket when compared to how much political par-

ties will spend," but vowed to use it carefully and augment the effort with volunteers.

After voters came close to the 60 per cent majority needed to adopt the new voting system in 2005, Premier Gordon Campbell promised to hold a new referendum with funding for the "yes" and "no" sides to help inform the public.

The B.C. Electoral Boundaries Commission has redrawn boundaries to create 85 single-member constituencies for the 2009 election, and also grouped them together to create the multi-member constituencies that would be needed for an STV voting system.

Under STV, voters would rank candidates in order of preference, electing between two and seven MLAs for each constituency.

More information on STV and maps of the new constituency boundaries are available at www.elections.bc.ca.

Possession charges dominate docket at Ganges court day

From local court on Jan. 13

COURTDOCKET

A Salt Spring Island woman received a three-month conditional sentence after pleading guilty in Ganges Provincial Court Tuesday to possession of a controlled substance.

Lena Long, 22, was arrested as a result of an undercover RCMP operation targeting the island's cocaine trade.

Federal Crown counsel Michael Coleman said Long was in possession of a negligible amount of drugs when arrested.

"It was a very little amount. It was in effect a tasting situation," Coleman said, adding that Long's role appears to have been as a link between prospective clients and the dealer.

Justice Blake ordered that Long respect conditions of a curfew between 10:30 p.m. and 7 a.m., not visit any pubs or bars and attend counselling as

directed by her probation supervisor.

Defence lawyer James Pasuta said his client has made every effort to get her life back on track since the incident occurred on July 7, 2007.

"If there is a lesson to be learned in all of this, you have undoubtedly learned it by now," the judge said.

In other court news:

• An 18-year-old caught in possession of 22.5 grams of marijuana was issued a \$500 fine after he pleaded guilty to possession of a controlled substance.

Police took the individual, whose name must be withheld because he was a minor at the time of the incident, into custody after they received a tip that a person matching his description was observed purchasing marijuana "in the park."

Police discovered the drugs in the youth's back-

pack. Federal Crown counsel Coleman said the accused has made serious efforts to clean up his act since the incident.

"I'm just glad to see the last of this," the accused told the court.

• James Spencer will have to pay a \$200 fine after he pleaded guilty to driving without a valid driver's licence in an incident from November 2008.

Salt Spring Island RCMP initially pulled Spencer over when they discovered his vehicle's plates did not match the vehicle he was driving.

He was issued a \$598 fine on site due to a lack of proper insurance.

• The public is advised that, as of April 2009, regular Ganges Provincial Court dates will be begin at 10 a.m. on the second Wednesday of each month.

Changes are required to accommodate the scheduling of court staff who will be coming to the island from Duncan.

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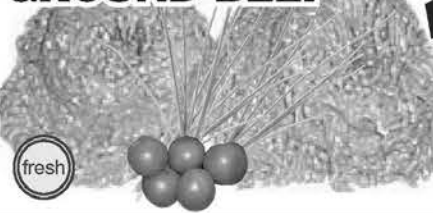
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NEWSBEAT

AFRICA FUNDRAISING

Scrabbling for a great cause gets underway

Board-game fans mix fun and fundraising

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

The local Grandmothers to Grandmothers Campaign chapter is looking to island Scrabble fans to tally up the pledges in anticipation of the first-ever Scrabble Fundraising Week.

"There's sort of a groundswell that is happening among people," said Oni Freeman, one of the project's co-ordinators and a member of the grandmothers group. "When they hear Scrabble, their faces sort of light up."

Freeman is asking Scrabble players of all ages to obtain pledge forms and begin collecting donations from friends, family and co-workers ahead of matches scheduled for late February.

Games will be held for students at the island's public schools between Feb. 21 and 27, with public matches planned to take place at the Salt Spring Inn on Monday, Feb. 23 and Wednesday, Feb. 25 at 2 p.m. A final game will take place at Lions Hall on Friday, Feb. 27 at 7 p.m.

Freeman said the event was inspired by a group of grandmothers in Edmonton who tried using Scrabble as

a way to spread awareness of the Stephen Lewis Foundation's efforts to support grandmothers in sub-Saharan Africa.

With the loss of huge numbers of people in younger generations due to the ravages of HIV and AIDS, Freeman said, many grandmothers have been put in a position of caring and providing for their extended families.

"Who will feed the chickens? Who will cut the wood now that an entire generation is missing?" Freeman said. "That burden has fallen on these women who are ready to retire."

Freeman is lending support to Stephen Lewis and the foundation he helped create due to the Canadian's tireless efforts to eloquently and intelligently speak of the HIV/AIDS epidemic in many African nations.

One need not be a grandmother to join the group or participate in the Scrabble tournament.

"We are looking for grandmothers," she said, adding that she herself isn't even a grandmother.

Pledges of \$10 or more are eligible for a tax receipt. Forms and more information are available by calling Freeman at 250-537-1293 or dropping by the Salt Spring Inn or Salt Spring Literacy office (125-A McPhillips Ave).

HERBALISM

Stirring of life signals start of new herbology program

Plant identification, harvesting, use and body systems among topics explored

Community herbalist Saci Spindler has announced the start date for her fourth annual, 10-month apprenticeship program.

The Science and Art of Herbology begins on Sunday, Feb. 1, and runs on the first Sunday of each month until November 2009, with the group walking through the seasons and life cycle of the plants.

The course offers beginner or intermediate students an opportunity to become familiar with or expand their knowledge of plant identification, harvesting and drying techniques.

Some 95 plants, both native to the region and of European descent, will be researched.

Throughout the course, each individual has hands-on experience working with the plants, creating botanical preparations from teas and ointments to liquid extracts.

"I have taken several herbal courses and workshops, most of which are very scientific," said one apprentice from 2008, "where one is left listening to the instructor's experience. This course gave me my own personal experience, valuable and practical skills."

Spindler says her inspiration as an herbal educator comes from a love of plants and people.

"I wish to instill confidence and awareness, holding the space for people to empower themselves."

A comprehensive study of the organs and body systems is also included in the apprenticeship.

Course cost is \$1,300, which includes required books and a certificate. Rosemary Gladstar's home study course is followed, and students are accredited by Gladstar.

Spindler is a community herbalist who offers the annual apprenticeship program, consultations, quality herbal products, and day and weekend workshops through the year.

For more information, contact Spindler at 250-653-0068.

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DANCE



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Groovin' Guys are, clockwise from left: Steve Fedberg, Callum Gunn, Jake Upex, Cayce Fedberg, Dylan Marsden, Ian Savage and Luc Comeau.

High school dancers take January stage

Groovin' guys part of one-night only show

As Gulf Islands Secondary School (GISS) performing arts students take over the green room at ArtSpring this week, those from the dance program are getting in line for show time.

GISS dance students are among those finishing up their first term of work with a highly anticipated performance at the arts centre.

Groove Tonight runs for one night only on Tuesday, Jan. 20 at 7:30 p.m.

"Students have been working on a variety of routines, mainly to music of their choice, with many dances reflecting the styles kids gravitate to today — hip hop and contemporary," said GISS dance teacher Janisse Browning. "There will



PHOTO BY JOHN CAMERON

Dancers in the high school production of Groove Tonight get ready for the Jan. 20 show.

be a mix of large and small groups of students who have been working very hard at choreographing routines. Ultimately the results will be very entertaining!"

All students from Grades 9-12 will perform in one of three class pieces. The senior class will wrap up the show

with a piece called Ganges Groove, performed to the beat of Grammy-winning Sergio Mendes and Brasil 66.

Another anticipated highlight is the routine presented by the largest group of male dancers ever seen in a GISS dance program show.

Because GISS dance events are always well-attended — and that's when two shows are held and not just one — people should get their tickets for Groove Tonight as soon as possible.

Cost is \$8 for students and \$10 for adults.

Driftwood writer Meghan Howcroft was impressed with the last GISS dance program show held in June.

"Pieces ranged from sassy cabaret-style dances, colourful class pieces, a fun pointe number and everything in between," she wrote. "The music included great tunes by Jamiroquai, Coldplay and Amy Winehouse, all of which added to the youthful spirit of the evening.

"The costumes were colourful, the lighting was bedazzling and dramatic, (also the handiwork of students) and the smiles were infectious."

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What's On This Week

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January 14

ACTIVITIES
A Brief History of Beaver Point. With presenters Mary Davidson and Frank Neumann. Central Hall. 2 p.m.
GI School Board. Meets at Fulford Community Elementary School. 1 p.m.

Thurs.
January 15

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT
Da Fuega. Stephanie Rhodes, Fiona Kennedy and friends at Moby's Pub. 9 p.m.
Hotel Historia. GISS Acting 11-12 students present year-end original play at ArtSpring. 7:30 p.m.

ACTIVITIES
Belly Dance Classes. With Oriana at GISS multi-purpose room. 7 p.m. Info: 250-653-0028.
Nairn Howe Memorial Basketball Tournament. GISS gym. Sr. GISS girls vs. Ballenas at noon. Sr. GISS boys vs. Kwalikum at 1:45 p.m. Sr. GISS girls vs. Kwalikum at 3:30 p.m. Sr. GISS boys vs. Brooks at 5:15 p.m.
4H Community Club. Registration night for returning members. Portlock Park portable. 6:45 p.m. Info: 250-537-2609.
Save Our Surgery. Meeting at Community Gospel Chapel. 7 p.m.
Drug & Alcohol Awareness Night. DARE presentation for parents. What kind of drugs are out there in our streets? Get the facts on teen and pre-teen drinking. Fernwood School. 7 p.m.

Fri.
January 16

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT
Hotel Historia. GISS Acting 11-12 students present year-end original play at ArtSpring. 7:30 p.m.

ACTIVITIES
Owls of SSI. SSI Conservancy event with John Neville. Lions Hall. 7 p.m.
Rollerblading. At Fulford Hall. Fridays, 7:30-9 p.m.
Salt Spring Idol Contest Auditions. At GISS, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Register at 250-537-5555, or e-mail to jennifer.burgoynne@rcmp-grc.gc.ca.
Nairn Howe Memorial Basketball Tournament. Sr. GISS girls vs. Mark Isfeld. SIMS gym. 12:30 p.m.
Storytime at the Library. Stories & Rhymes for All. For children in early grades & preschoolers. 1 p.m.

Sat.
January 17

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT
Damnation of Faust. MET opera presentation at ArtSpring. 10 a.m.
Jazz Jam. Join Barry Livingstone, piano; Ian Van Wyck, bass; Laurent Boucher, drums at El Zocalo. Sponsored by SS Jazz & Blues Society. 6:30 p.m.
You Fancy Yourself. One-woman play by Toronto's Maja Ardal. ArtSpring. 8 p.m.

ACTIVITIES
Nairn Howe Memorial Basketball Tournament. Playoffs/final at GISS, 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m)

Sun.
January 18

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT
You Fancy Yourself. Maja Ardal play at ArtSpring. 2:30 p.m.

ACTIVITIES
PFLAG Meeting. Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays group meets at All Saints. 1-3 p.m.

Mon.
January 19

ACTIVITIES
Osho Kundalini Moving Meditation. Drop-in. 5:30 p.m. Info: Amrita, 250-537-2799.
Eckhart Tolle Practising Presence Group. Drop-in. 7:30 p.m. Info: Amrita, 250-537-2799.
Hot Yoga Class. Free beginner class at North End Fitness for Early Morning Walking Group members. 8 a.m.
Life Drawing. Drop-in every Monday at the Core Inn, 3rd floor. 1-3 p.m. Info: Jose, 250-537-1121.
Odd Squad Presentation. Vancouver police department group speaks on drug addiction at Salt Spring Island Middle School. 7 p.m.
Football Hockey. Mondays at Fulford Hall. 7 p.m.
SS Fire Protection District. Trustees public meeting at fire hall. 7:30 p.m.

Tues.
January 20

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT
Groove Tonight. GISS dance program year-end production at ArtSpring. 7:30 p.m.

ACTIVITIES
Argentine Tango. Core Inn third floor. Beginners' class from 6:30-8 p.m., with practica afterwards. Info: 250-537-1818.
Search & Rescue Open House. Demos and recruitment night. GISS. 7-9 p.m.
Salt Spring Prostate Cancer Support Group. Discussion and get-together. Farmers Institute meeting room. 1:30 p.m. Info: Chris, 250-537-2720.
Central Hall Board of Directors. Meeting at the hall, 7 p.m.

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Seven Pounds - Ben Thomas is an IRS agent with a fateful secret who embarks on an extraordinary journey of redemption by forever changing the lives of seven strangers. Stars Will Smith (Pursuit of Happyness; Men In Black; Independence Day).
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EXHIBITIONS
• **Salt Spring Painters Guild** members show pieces created in recent workshops in the lobby space at **ArtSpring**.
• **Salt Spring Coffee Co. Cafe** holds its second annual cafe staff group show through January.
• **Photography by Megan Manning** is on display at **Salt Spring Books**.
• **Sherran Ann MacLeod** shows watercolours of local places at **Island Savings** until March.
• **Shari Macdonald** shows new photos at **Jana's Bake Shop**.
• **Three Artists-Three Mediums** at **Cafe Talia**. Lisa Lipsett, paintings; Nathalie Carles, jewellery; Ulrike Benner, Art You Wear through January.
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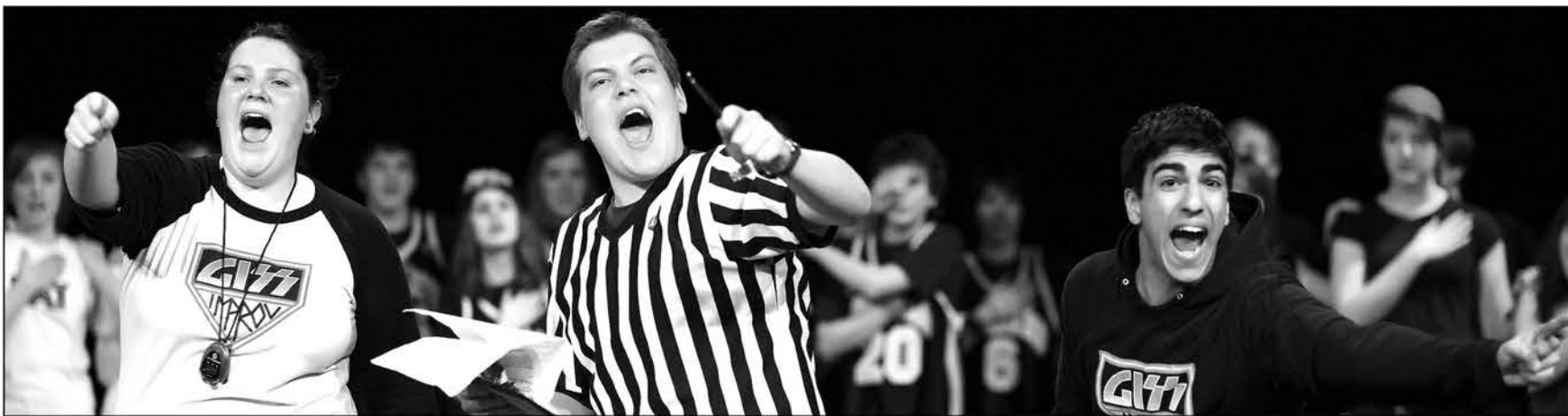
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EXPLOSIVE: A packed house at ArtSpring took in fantastic improvisation at the first ever Salt Spring Improv Invitational event Friday night.

Above right are GISS Improv alumni Clare Lannan, Alex Corley and Dejan Loyola, who ran the fun evening, while at right are current GISS team members, from left, Lulu Fulford, Zoe Cocker, Sean Cunningham and Prairie Moat.



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ALL SAINTS MUSIC

Simply Music keeps up tradition without much-missed organist

David Storm and friends fills All Saints slot

For the past six years, a loyal audience has gathered for Simply Organic recitals presented by organist Barry Valentine at All Saints Anglican Church.

Regrettably, at the start of its seventh season, the program had to be temporarily suspended due to illness.

MusicMakers of the Anglican Parish plans to keep the

music going this month and is offering a program they've called Simply Music in the spirit of their much-missed organist.

On Wednesday, Jan. 21, Simply Music will be presented by Salt Spring pianist and organist David Storm with friends, including singers Al Robertson, Anke Smeele and Connie Holmes.

"Piano solos, songs and duets, the music chosen for this 40-minute program is intended to inspire, delight and set the tone for another

year of musical Wednesdays so appreciated by those who attend these mini-concerts regularly," states the MusicMakers group.

MusicMakers invites everyone to this special free musical event on Wednesday morning, Jan. 21 at All Saints By-the-Sea on Park Drive.

Please note that Simply Music starts at 11:10 a.m. (not 10:10 like Simply Organic) and is followed by light refreshments as usual for a suggested donation of \$2.

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YOU FANCY YOURSELF

A one-woman play by Toronto actor and playwright Maja Ardal opens ArtSpring's season of professional theatre January 17.

Set in 1950s Glasgow, the play is a funny, poignant and inspiring look at the life and trials of a young girl as she navigates the difficult terrain of friendships, family, prejudice and self-realization.

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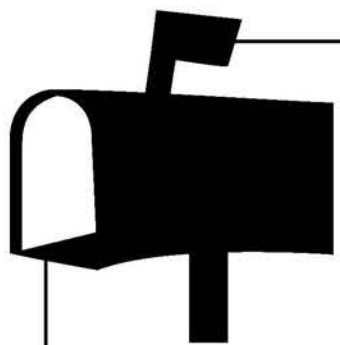
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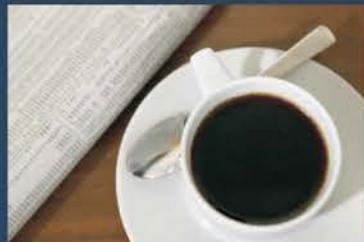


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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT



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SETTING THE STAGE: Gulf Islands Secondary students put the finishing touches on the set for *Hotel Historia*, the original comedy by Acting 11-12 students that runs this Thursday and Friday at ArtSpring at 7:30 p.m.

YOUTH & MUSIC

Maya Hoffman Memorial Bursary set to give pianists a financial lift

Friend of islander establishes new fund

Young Salt Spring piano students have been given a chance to pursue their studies through creation of the Maya Hoffman Memorial Bursary.

According to ArtSpring, which made the announcement last week, the bursary has been established at the initiative of Lisa Cherry, a former friend of Maya Hoffman. Hoffman passed away a few years ago but had grown

up on Salt Spring and was a very talented child prodigy on the piano. She won a number of competitions and showed great promise, but was eventually unable to continue her studies on the instrument.

"I want to help other gifted young pianists develop their talent," said Cherry. "It will be a great way to remember Maya and her own extraordinary abilities."

The Maya Hoffman Memorial Bursary will provide up to \$300 to Salt Spring pianists up to the age of 16 to help with

the cost of lessons or the cost of participating in masterclasses, residencies and festivals.

The bursary is not endowment based, but will be funded by annual donations, so the number of bursaries that can be awarded each year will depend on the funds raised.

Donations to the bursary fund are welcomed.

Details on applying for a bursary and on making donations to it are at: www.artspring.ca/artspring-about-us/maya-hoffman-memorial-bursary/

MUSIC EDUCATION

Students see Milestones in Music

Quirky and irreverent anecdotes part of series' charm

The 2009 incarnation of George Ehring's popular music appreciation course starts on Wednesday, Jan. 21 and runs for seven weeks till March 4 at ArtSpring.

In previous years, Ehring has given courses of general introduction to the elements of classical music and also courses on specific themes, such as last year's Nationalism in Music.

This year, in a course entitled Milestones in Music, each evening will pick a specific date in history and explore the music written in that year (or within a year or two) and tie it to the historical, political and

artistic climate of the time.

"Ehring's courses are well attended, partly because of the expertise he brings to the subject, and partly because of the quirky and irreverent anecdotes he deploys to make the evenings fun as well as instructive," said ArtSpring executive director George Sipos. "Who can forget his stories of the adventures of Haydn's severed head?"

Each evening session runs from 7 to 10 p.m., with light refreshments provided in the break.

Registration for the course costs \$50 for the set of seven evenings and can be purchased now from the ArtSpring ticket centre at 250-537-2102.

Youth can register for half price.

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EDUCATION

Arts bootcamp takes record number

Students get hands-on training in Vancouver

Seventeen Gulf Islands Secondary School (GISS) students have been accepted into the VanArts annual media arts bootcamp this year, a record number in the history of GISS's application to the program.

"This is a strong statement to the quality of instruction these kids are receiving at GISS," the school's news blog reads, "and how successfully their skills translate when applying to industry for programs such as this."

According to the blog, VanArts school director Ken Priebe phoned GISS education counsellor Maggie Allison to personally congratulate the school on "having such stellar submissions in

such large volume."

"[Priebe] is eager to come and visit our school to see the fertile fields from which these talented kids sprout," Allison said in an email to the Driftwood.

The following GISS students will attend the high school work experience program at the VanArts new media arts college in Vancouver from Feb. 16-20:

- 2D Animation: Alex Johnstone, Teagan Taylor
- 3D Animation & Visual Effects: Merrilee Rowse
- Game Art & Design: Cole Sayer
- Digital Photography: Clea Mihalik, Danica Lundy, Katrina Leslie, Colin Fraser, Madi Fetherston, Becky Price, Lena Bolle, Erin Davison
- Acting for Film & TV: Jesse Grindler, Sara White, Courtney Bolton, Sean Cunningham, Leilani Fraser-Buchanan

In addition to getting work experience credits that can be counted towards graduation requirements, the bootcamp offers hands-on training in animation, game art and design, visual effects, acting and digital photography — career program areas currently offered by VanArts.

"The work experience programs are an excellent way to explore the career areas we train students for at VanArts," the application reads.

The college selects students based on a combination of factors including relevant experience, motivation behind their interest in the program of their choice, current grade and date of application.

"This is a satisfying result and demonstrates the serious focus of the students and the skill and dedication of the teachers involved," noted district superintendent Jeff Hopkins.



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PERSONAL GROWTH

Writing workshops empower women

Wendy Judith Cutler guides winter/spring sessions

on Feb. 7 and 21, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

A new series of women's journal writing and memoir workshops will be held in February by writer, teacher and facilitator Wendy Judith Cutler, creator of WomenWriting: Writing Workshops for Women.

This two-day workshop will focus on using journal writing to acknowledge, identify and explore transitions, turning points, endings and beginnings, losses, moves, changes and significant events in our lives.

"All of the workshops are experiential and participants are guided into the processes of personal writing, deep listening, sharing with others — always with choice — and inner exploration," says Cutler.

The final workshop, that will be offered for the first time, will be Journalling Through Illness Towards Wellness, which will take place on Saturday, Feb. 28, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Various techniques, including freewriting, dialogues, guided imagery, intuitive drawing and life mapping, are used for women to rediscover memories, experiment with approaches, inspire confidence, share stories, create intention and empower themselves through their words.

This workshop will explore the experiences of dealing

Cutler sees journal writing as a potentially transformative act, encouraging people to confront the obstacles and blocks that many experience while writing, acknowledge the complexities of one's life, document one's experiences and, most importantly, write for oneself.

[writing is a]... a potentially transformative act, encouraging people to confront the obstacles and blocks that many experience.

Suitable for both women new to writing and those more experienced, Cutler believes "an extraordinary dynamic occurs when women come together—to write, to think, to feel, to listen, to share amongst one another — bringing one's own personal experiences into a shared environment."

with any illness, dis-ease or health concerns, providing the opportunity to focus on these difficult and life-changing experiences.

Cutler is particularly skillful in creating a nurturing and participatory-learning environment in which participants feel support from each other and feel safe to explore personal, seemingly private, experiences.

All of these upcoming workshops will take place in a beautiful cedar yurt, overlooking the sea, on the island's serene south end.

The series begins with a four-week workshop called WomenWritingMemoir: Writing Women's Lives on Monday evenings from Feb. 2 to 23. In this workshop, participants will focus on reading, discussing and beginning to write memoir drawn from one's life.

This coming spring, Cutler will be teaching two memoir classes sponsored by Salt Spring Island Community Education.

Then a two-day workshop, Journalling and Journeying Through Transitions, will be held on Saturday afternoons

The first is Women Writing Memoir: Writing Women's Lives (an extended, six-week version of a successful course she taught in the fall), on Monday evenings, May 11-June 15, 6:30-9 p.m., and a new four-week memoir course called Especially for Elder (Wise) Women on Wednesdays, from March 25-April 15, 2 to 4:30 p.m. For more information, or to register for any of these workshops, call 250-653-4286 or e-mail winnie@saltspring.com.

ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

THEATRE



Toronto playwright and actor Maja Ardal in *You Fancy Yourself*. The performances run Jan. 17 and 18 at ArtSpring.

Passion, charm, gutsy humour mark first theatre show of '09

Toronto actor brings *You Fancy Yourself* to ArtSpring

BY GEORGE SIPOS
DRIFTWOOD CONTRIBUTOR

"Write about what you know" is good advice not always taken. But when it is, it can produce vivid and interesting fiction, poetry or, in the case of ArtSpring's first theatre production of the year, *You Fancy Yourself* — drama.

Toronto playwright and actor Maja Ardal was born in Iceland and grew up in Edinburgh, where she eventually studied drama at the Royal Scottish Academy of Music and Drama in Glasgow before coming to Canada in 1970 to act with Toronto Workshop Productions.

Her one-woman play called *You Fancy Yourself* is about, strangely enough, a young girl who moves to Edinburgh from Iceland and has to come to terms with both a strange land and the challenges of friendship, school and a growing sense of her own identity.

Her vivid imagination, nurtured on the rich sagas of her native country, bumps up against the grey and dour mindset of 1950s Scotland. Her desire for friendships and loyalty similarly runs headlong into mean-minded pettiness. She deals with

all this with great passion, charm and, above all, gutsy humour, till she emerges at the end with new-found confidence in herself.

I loved this play when I first saw it on videotape. Ardal brings such energy and wisdom and insight to the portrayal of her characters. It is both a very funny play and also a very moving and encouraging one and I'm so glad to be able to present it live to Salt Spring audiences.

You Fancy Yourself is one of those rare plays that works equally well for an adult audience and a young persons' audience. Anyone from about ages eight or nine and up will identify with much in the play. And since it is only about an hour long, it will not be too taxing for younger audience members.

Not surprisingly, Ardal is the former artistic director of Toronto's Young People's Theatre, where her production of *Whale* received the Dora Award for Outstanding Production. She has also directed at The Shaw Festival, Niagara-on-the-Lake; The Grand Theatre, London; Alberta Theatre Projects; and The Great Canadian Theatre Company, among others. Currently she is interim artistic director of Nightwood Theatre, Canada's National Women's Theatre.

You Fancy Yourself will have two performances at ArtSpring: Saturday, Jan. 17 at 8 p.m. and Sunday, Jan. 18 at 2:30 p.m. Tickets are available from the ArtSpring ticket centre at 250-537-2102.

ArtSpring's recently introduced Recession Buster Pass provides two-for-one tickets for the opening night for pass holders. Details of this pass are available at www.artspring.ca. High school students can get \$5 tickets for all ArtSpring-presented performances through the EyeGo to the Arts program.

George Sipos is the executive director of ArtSpring.

PUB MUSIC

Da Fuego brings new covers to Moby's Pub on Thursdays

Karaoke and Mancubs in January hopper

Stephanie Rhodes and Fiona Kennedy are back at Moby's this Thursday night, chasing the winter blues away with their vibrant voices and stage presence.

Performing as Da Fuego, Rhodes and Kennedy have added numerous covers to their repertoire, making the

content of their every other Thursday shows a surprise each time.

Music begins at 9 p.m. Da Fuego alternates Thursday Moby's music slots with Dave Roland's Blues Jam.

Other coming entertainment at Moby's will be karaoke on Friday, Jan. 23, hosted by David and Nikki, and local rockers The Mancubs inciting some serious dancing on Saturday, Jan. 31.



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The Incredible Shrinking Laptop

The growing popularity of mini-laptops as a secondary option to full size notebooks has encouraged some companies to enter the competitive fray with their own versions. But who is buying them? At some prices as low as \$400, some fortunate children may have discovered one under the Christmas tree this year. Or people who travel may desire an ultra-compact way to stay in touch via e-mail.

Students can work on their essays in the local coffee shop, the bus, and in other such cramped quarters.

It would seem that the mini-laptop is a compromise with the smaller screens and keyboards, slower processing, less functionality, and shorter battery life, but it's all about what your needs are. For instance, my office space at

home is literally a closet. This article is being written on a blue Acer Aspire One, xp version. I have small hands and find it easy to manoeuvre on the keyboard, though for extended writing projects I would get an external mouse since I have always had trouble with touch pads. We already have a desktop computer at home in our living room so a small laptop is ideal for simple word processing anywhere I go. This little thing will run Office software without a problem.

For any benevolent grandmothers wanting to buy their grandchildren a starter computer, know that many of the complex games kids are used to playing won't run efficiently on a mini-laptop, but it definitely can be used for homework and



Small is big in the computer world.

researching on the web. All systems on the market are wireless or can hook up to the net. They also include a webcam, and media card reader. The one essential accessory to buy with your mini would be a dual layer DVD writer for adding software, copying, and transferring files. (The dual layer allows double the space for a minimal difference in price.) A memory stick is also very handy for taking your work to other sites. If you want to handle more complicated software, you can buy an external hard drive; however, most people would simply get a more powerful laptop or desktop computer with a larger hard drive and more RAM rather than add baggage to a modest mini. After all, the raison d'être of a mini-laptop is to be compact, simple, and user-friendly.

It can be a little overwhelming for someone inexperienced with computers to discern between the different models on the market. Researching your options and talking to different computer experts here on the island and in small businesses off-island can help clear the fog. Take notes. At Seaside Computers in Duncan, for example, they carry the MSI Wind Notebooks, which runs Windows XP, has 1 GB Ram, and an 80 GB hard drive. An external USB Optical Drive comes included with your purchase. Their friendly staff will walk you through the options available and be there if and when repairs are needed.

Just like cars and cameras, many people stick with certain brand names because they are consistently happy with the quality of the product. I have never owned a laptop before so I paid attention to computer reviews on-line. But I'm also looking at cost. The mini-laptop must be low enough in price but high enough in functionality for it to be worth buying. Some of the full size notebooks on the market are so cost-reduced that mini-laptops might be devoured by their predecessors if they aren't competitively priced. Thus, for that reason, buying a mini-laptop is a decision based on usage, portability, and low cost.

I have looked on with envy at children packing their own \$1000+ laptops around, whilst I settled for my sedentary desktop. I mean, are you kidding me?? But no more of that! I've got a mini now. It fits into my purse.

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12 MID	:00	(05) Fashion File	La zone	Lai Man Wai The Father of Chinese Cinema	Off the Record	Chelsea Lately (N)	Paid Program	(05) E.T. Canada	(05) The Daily Show	Jai Fiji	Show With Jay Leno	(05) Jimmy Kimmel Live	That '70s Show	RENO 911!	(05) Jimmy Kimmel Live	Show With Jay Leno	Tavis Smiley	The Hour	(N)	Malcolm in the Middle	The Ultimate Fighter	
	:30	(35) Hour 22 Mins	(45) Fosse aux lions		Dog Show	(35) Late, Late Show	The Daily	(35) Late Night Poker	(35) Colbert Report	Caribbean Beat	(35) Conan O'Brien	Electric Playground	South Park Cow Days	TMZ	(35) Conan O'Brien	Back Care Basics			(35) Late, Late Show	Futurama		

THURSDAY JANUARY 15

5 PM	:00	The Simpsons	C'est ça la vie	(25) Maggie and Beast	(4:30) NHL Hockey - Toronto vs. Carolina (Live)	CHEK News	Fresh Prince of Bel Air	Early News	CTV News at Five	Punjab Times	'A' News	The Tyra Banks Show	My Wife and Kids	King of the Hill	KOMO 4 News	KING 5 News	Nightly Business	The Hour	KIRO 7 News	Fairly Odd Parents	(4:30) Poker After Dark
	:30	Wheel of Fortune		Arthur		Global National	According to Jim	Global National		Phoenix World News			The King of Queens	The Simpsons	ABC World News		BBC World News		CBS Evening News	SpongeBob SquarePants	Pratt & Taylor
6	:00	News	Le Téléjournal	Kratls' Creatures		News	Dharma & Greg	News	News			CityCooks	That '70s Show	The Simpsons	News	News	News	CBC News: The National	News	Drake & Josh	
	:30		(55) Nouv. sports	Working Animals		CHEK News Island 30	George Lopez			CTI News	Vancouver Report	CityNews International	The King of Queens	Family Guy		KING 5 News				iCarly	Canucks Connected
7	:00	Coronation Street	Virginie	Strange Days Invaders/ The One Degree Factor	SportsCentre	E! News	The Daily	Entertainment Tonight	eTalk (N)	Matchmaker	Instant Star Not an Addict	Law & Order: Special	Deal or No Deal	Two and a Half Men	Wheel of Fortune	Evening Magazine	Rick Steves' Europe	The Nature of Things	Entertainment Tonight	Scorpion Island	NHL Hockey - Phoenix vs. Vancouver (Live)
	:30	Jeopardy	Infoman			The Insider	Frasier	Ent. Tonight Canada	Access Hollywood	Daughters-In-Law	TMZ	Victims Unit	Deal or No Deal	Two and a Half Men	Jeopardy	Inside Edition	Oregon Field Guide	Gone Sideways	The Insider	Prank Patrol Double Date	
8	:00	The Nature of Things (N)	Enquête	Michael Palin's New Europe Wild East	Off the Record	My Name Is Earl	Smallville Legion (N)	Bones (N)	CSI: Crime Scene One to Go (N)	What's in Vancouver? Kirdaar	Don't Forget the Lyrics (N)	Ugly Betty (N)	Smallville Legion (N)	Bones (N)	Ugly Betty (N)	My Name Is Earl	Doc Martin Going Bodmin	News	CSI: Crime Scene Investigation 19 Down	Malcolm in the Middle	
	:30					Kath & Kim										Kath & Kim				Futurama The Sting	
9	:00	Doc Zone Forever Plastic (N)	M pour musique	We Built This City New York	Second Chance Season	"The House Next Door" ★★ (Myst, 06) Colin Ferguson.	Supernatural Family Remains (N)	The Office Billable Hours	Grey's Anatomy Sympathy for the Devil (N)	Dheeyan Ghar Sadabahr Nagmae	Eleventh Hour H2O (N)	30 Rock Up All Night	Supernatural Family Remains (N)	Kitchen Nightmares Cafe 36 (N)	Grey's Anatomy Sympathy for the Devil (N)	The Office 30 Rock Flu Shot (N)	Agatha Christie's Poirot	CBC News: The National	CSI: Crime Scene One to Go (N)	Adrenaline Project	
	:30																			Prank Patrol Frankenstein	Sportsnet Connected
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	:30		(55) Nouv. sports	Design: E2		Diya													(35) David Letterman	Ghost Trackers	
11	:00	News / (05) The Hour	Le Téléjournal	The Bully's Mark	SportsCentre	News	It's a New Day	News	News	TV Patrol	News	Realty TV	Frasier	Family Guy Holy Crap!	News	News	Spain on the Road From the Sublime to the Surreal	CBC News: The National	News	Mystery Hunters	Sportsnet Connected
	:30																			(35) David Letterman	Ghost Trackers
12 MID	:00	(05) Fashion File	La zone	Michael Palin's New Europe Wild East	Off the Record	Chelsea Lately	Paid Program	(05) Ent. Tonight	(05) The Daily Show	Punjabi Vibes	Show With Jay Leno	(05) Jimmy Kimmel Live	That '70s Show	RENO 911! Jet Ski Blues	(05) Jimmy Kimmel Live	Show With Jay Leno	Tavis Smiley	The Hour	(N)	Malcolm in the Middle	Pratt & Taylor
	:30	(35) Can. Reflections	(45) Fosse aux lions		Hockey Telus Cup	(35) Late, Late Show	The Daily	(35) E.T. Canada	(35) Colbert Report	Desi Rhythms	(35) Conan O'Brien	South Park	TMZ	(35) Conan O'Brien	Africa Trek				(35) Late, Late Show	Futurama The Sting	

FRIDAY JANUARY 16

5 PM	:00	The Simpsons	C'est ça la vie	(25) Maggie and Beast	(4:00) NBA Basketball - Toronto vs. Indiana (Live)	CHEK News	Fresh Prince Nice Lady	Early News	CTV News	Punjab Times	'A' News	The Tyra Banks Show	My Wife and Kids	King of the Hill	KOMO 4 News	KING 5 News	Nightly Business	The Hour	KIRO 7 News	Fairly Odd Parents	(4:30) Poker After Dark
	:30	Wheel of Fortune		(35) Arthur		Global National	According to Jim	Global National		Phoenix World News			The King of Queens	The Simpsons	ABC World News		BBC World News		CBS Evening News	SpongeBob SquarePants	Pratt & Taylor
6	:00	News	Le Téléjournal	Heads Up		News	Dharma & Greg	News	News			CityCooks	That '70s Show	The Simpsons	News	News	News	CBC News: The National	News	iCarly	
	:30		(55) Nouv. sports	Time and Place	NHL Hockey - Edmonton vs. Colorado (Live)	CHEK News Island 30	George Lopez			CTI News	Vancouver Report	CityNews International	The King of Queens	Family Guy		KING 5 News				Prank Patrol Robots	Sportsnet Connected
7	:00	Coronation Street	Du cœur au ventre	Hockey: A History Winter of Discontent	SportsCentre	E! News	The Daily	Entertainment Tonight	eTalk (N)	Matchmaker	Instant Star	Law & Order: Special	Deal or No Deal	Two and a Half Men	Wheel of Fortune	Evening Magazine	Rick Steves' Europe	the fifth estate	Entertainment Tonight	Scorpion Island	FSN Pro Football Preview
	:30	Jeopardy				The Insider	Frasier	Ent. Tonight Canada	Access Hollywood	Daughters-In-Law	TMZ	Victims Unit	Deal or No Deal	Two and a Half Men	Jeopardy	Inside Edition	Conversations at KCTS 9		The Insider	"First Daughter" ★	
8	:00	Rick Mercer Report	Paquet voleur	Poirot The Adventures of Johnnie Waverly		Are You Smarter Than a 5th Grader?	May to December No Place Like Home	Howie Do It (N)	Ghost Whisperer This Joint's Haunted (N)	Weekly News Forum CTS Night Club	Wife Swap McIntyre/Keyser (N)	Mantracker Liisa and Nicolina	Hates Chris (N)	Are You Smarter Than a 5th Grader?	Wife Swap McIntyre/Keyser (N)	Howie Do It (N)	Washington Week NOW	News	Ghost Whisperer This Joint's Haunted (N)	(Com, '04) Katie Holmes	Hockeycentral
	:30	Marketplace (N)																			UFC
9	:00	Just for Laughs (N)	Une heure sur terre	Dalziel and Pascoe Under World [Part 2 of 2]	SportsCentre	Fashion Police The 2009 Golden Globes (N)	Enigma	Friday Night Lights I Knew You When (SP) (N)	Flashpoint Backwards Day (N)	Here Comes Aajuma	Supernanny Newsome Family	Survivorman	13-Fear is Real The Accused	Don't Forget the Lyrics (N)	Supernanny Newsome Family	Friday Night Lights I Knew You When (SP) (N)	Bill Moyers' Journal	CBC News: The National	Flashpoint Backwards Day (N)		UFC Countdown
	:30																				
10	:00	CBC News: The National	Le Téléjournal	Being Caribou	PRCA Rodeo National Finals - Ninth Round	20/20 (N)	Scrubs My New Coat Sandesh	Num3rs Jacked (N)	Raising the Bar (N)	Vitamin	Stargate: SG-1 Unending	Crusoe	Seinfeld The Big Salad	Q13 FOX News Wash. Most Wanted	20/20 (N)	Dateline NBC	"Ben-Hur" ★★★★★ (Epic, '59) Charlton Heston.	the fifth estate	Num3rs Jacked (N)	Falcon Beach	Sportsnet Connected
	:30		(55) Nouv. sports																		
11	:00	News / (05) The Hour	Le Téléjournal		SportsCentre	News	It's a New Day	News	News	TV Patrol	News	Electric Playground	Frasier The Guilt Trippers	King of the Hill	(35) News Nightline	(35) The Tonight Show With Jay Leno		CBC News: The National	News	Mystery Hunters	Sportsnet Connected
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12 MID	:00	(05) Figure Skating Canadian Championship	La zone	Memoirs: Sherlock The Dying Detective	Off the Record	Chelsea Lately (N)	Paid Program	(05) ECW Wrestling	(05) CSI: NY Risk	Vancouver Masala	Show With Jay Leno	(05) Jimmy Kimmel Live	That '70s Show	RENO 911!	(05) Jimmy Kimmel Live	Show With Jay Leno	Tavis Smiley	The Hour	(N)	Futurama	The Ultimate Fighter
	:30		(45) Fosse aux lions		Canadian Athlete	(35) Late, Late Show	The Daily													(35) Late, Late Show	"First Daughter" ★

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SATURDAY JANUARY 17

Table of Saturday January 17 programming including shows like NHL Hockey, Le Téléjournal, and various news and entertainment programs.

SUNDAY JANUARY 18

Table of Sunday January 18 programming including shows like Ice Princess, Oniva, and various news and entertainment programs.

MONDAY JANUARY 19

Table of Monday January 19 programming including shows like The Simpsons, C'est ça la vie, and various news and entertainment programs.

TUESDAY JANUARY 20

Table of Tuesday January 20 programming including shows like The Simpsons, C'est ça la vie, and various news and entertainment programs.

People & Community

SOCIAL ISSUES

Youth mentors needed for unique Pass it On project

Girls aged 15 to 18 to mentor younger counterparts

After an exciting and busy start-up this past fall, SWOVA's Pass it On project continues its second phase this winter with a mentorship initiative between young women and girls on Salt Spring Island.

The idea for the mentorship component of Pass it On came from a genuine concern that some female Gulf Islands Secondary School students expressed about what they were hearing about younger island girls' safety in dating, partying and other social pressures.

Pass it On is looking for up to 30 young women applicants who are genuinely interested and enthusiastic about building a supportive and interactive network between young women and girls on the island.

"These youth mentors can expect to develop their own interpersonal skills, make a difference in our community..."

Young women between 15 and 18 years of age must be willing to attend training events, mentoring sessions (approximately eight meetings with a younger girl) and be supervised by adult Pass it On staff between February

and the end of May. "The Pass it On mentorship program will provide youth mentors with a range of really valuable transferable skills that they will be able to draw upon in their own personal and working lives for many years," commented project coordinator Christina Antonick.

"These youth mentors can expect to develop their own interpersonal skills, make a difference in our community..."

SWOVA

"Peer-focussed learning is an exciting and creative way for youth to dialogue and grow with each other."

Application deadline is Wednesday, Jan. 28. Application forms can be picked up and then dropped off at the GISS Counselling office, or at the SWOVA office at 344 Lower Ganges Road near Dagwood's restaurant.

For more information, contact Debbie Magnusson or Christina Antonick at 250-537-1336.



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- * **Food Bank:** Open Tuesday, 11am - 4pm
- * **The Wall:** Indoor Rock Climbing Gym, Contact jalexander@ssics.ca
- * **Recycle Depot:** Open Tuesday - Saturday 10am - 5pm, 349 Rainbow Rd., 250-537-1200.
- * **Seniors Wellness Programs:** Call Sharon Glover at 250-537-4607.
- * **Emergency Mental Health Services:** Available 4 pm to midnight through Emergency Room at Lady Minto Hospital. Call 250-538-4840
- * **24 HR. Crisis Line:** Toll free: 1-866-386-6323. Caller is connected with the Need Crisis Centre in Victoria.
- * **Nobody's Perfect:** Registration at Family Place 250-537-9176.

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Application forms will be available online, or at any Service Canada Centre.

Applications can be submitted online, by mail, by fax, or in person at any Service Canada Centre.

In early February, Service Canada will be hosting information sessions on Canada Summer Jobs 2009. This will be your opportunity to learn more about the initiative and the application process.

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PEOPLE & COMMUNITY

CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT

Bird counters brave the snow

Results drop from 2007 tallies

Dismal conditions failed to prevent a record number of amateur ornithologists from participating in Salt Spring's 2008 Christmas Bird Count on Dec. 27.

According to Gilbert Schultz, one of the event's co-ordinators, 112 birders polished up their binoculars for the annual quest to secure data on the number and variety of bird species on the island.

Schultz said he was surprised by the high turnout given that 48 centimetres of snow had fallen on the region in the days preceding the event. Temperatures hovered between the freezing point and 4 C.

"Fields were filled with knee-deep snow and roads, although mostly plowed, were characterized by huge banks on either side of a cleared path," he said.

At the end of the day, birders spotted 11,688 birds spread across 92 species, well below the 16,745 (88 species) counted in 2007. The 2008 figures, Schultz added, are more in line with bird counts held in 2005 and 2006.

The top-five species were American robins (2,474), dark-eyed juncos (1,330), chestnut-backed chickadees (707), spotted towhees (492) and pine siskins (479).

"Lots of folks may have seen the large flocks of robins feasting on the arbutus trees over the Christmas



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Double-crested cormorant on St. Mary Lake.

period," Schultz said. "Golden-crowned kinglets were much scarcer in this count than in the previous years but if any birder is out these days as the snow is melting, you will be spotting lots of them on the roadways."

Ducks, he added, are usually pretty common in the winter months. Top spot went to the American wid-

geon (481), followed by mallards (446) and buffleheads (394).

"A novel sighting was four sooty shearwaters seen on the waters in the Fulford-east area," he said.

The number of red-breasted sapsuckers (16) spotted by participants was the highest in 10 years. Anna's hummingbirds have also been busy at people's feeders all over the island and were spotted 38 times, a total which smashes the 2007 record of 15, Schultz added.

The numbers collected here are sent to Bird Studies Canada, where they are compiled with counts carried out from coast to coast.

"We won't know the overall national picture for a while, but last year there were 370 separate counts across the country that involved some 8,000 field counters and 3,000 feeder-counters who spotted over three million birds spread over 283 species," he said.

4H NEWS

Registration sessions set for new 4H year

BY SOFIA SHERRIN
SPECIAL TO THE DRIFTWOOD

Now is the time to register for the Salt Spring Island 4H Community Club. 4H is an international organization for kids and teens aged six to 21, however, contrary to common knowledge, 4H isn't just about animals.

In 4H, members gain leadership skills, learn to be confident in public speaking and to keep accurate records. 4H also offers many scholarships. Last year, 14 4H members from British Columbia were awarded 4H scholar-

ships, totalling over \$33,000 to assist with their post-secondary education.

This year, the Salt Spring Island 4H Community Club offers projects for members aged nine to 21 in dog, rabbit & cavy (guinea pigs), poultry, photography and blacksmithing, as well as "Cloverbuds," an introduction to 4H for members aged six to eight, in which members learn about many topics, from llamas to sewing.

Registration will take place for returning members on Thursday, Jan. 15 and on

Thursday, Jan. 22 for new members at 6:45 p.m. at the Portlock portable.

Registration costs \$75 and parents are asked to accompany children. Please bring all health care information, including the child's care card. Returning members will do demonstrations with animals at the new member registration event.

For more information, call Therin Gower at 250-537-2609. If you are interested in joining the Salt Spring Island 4H Sheep club, call Martin Williams at 250-537-2920.

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 - 1 large can diced tomatoes
 - 1 small onion
 - 1 Green bell pepper
 - Chili powder
 - 1 clove garlic
 - Cumin

• What's for Dinner?

EASY CHILI

Short cuts to cooking for one or two © 2008 with Sarah Lynn

Beans: such as kidney beans, navy beans and black beans are all known scientifically as *Phaseolus vulgaris*. They are all referred to as "common beans" probably owing to the fact that they derived from a common bean ancestor that originated in Peru. From there, beans were spread throughout South and Central America by migrating Indian trades. Beans were introduced into Europe in the 15th century by Spanish explorers returning from their voyages to the New World. Spanish and Portuguese traders brought them to Africa and Asia. As beans are a very inexpensive form of good protein, they have become popular in many cultures throughout the world. Pinto beans are the most highly consumed dried bean in the United States. Today, the largest commercial producers of dried common beans are India, China, Indonesia, Brazil and the United States. Canned pinto beans can be found in many markets. Unlike canned vegetables, which have lost much of their nutritional value, there is little difference in the nutritional value of canned beans and those you cook yourself. My favorite way to enjoy beans is to make a tasty chili like this one, easy to make & warms me through & through.

In a medium saucepan over medium heat, cook **1 lb. ground** meat until brown. Stir in **1 chopped onion, 1 chopped green bell pepper, 1 tablespoon chili powder, 2 cloves garlic minced, 1 teaspoon ground cumin**. Cook until vegetables are soft, add **2 small cans chilli beans**, un-drained, **1 large can peeled and diced tomatoes**. reduce heat and simmer 30 minutes. Add salt & pepper to taste. Serve with tortilla chips & sour cream.

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BUSINESS

Six-week workshop offers opportunity to look closely at small business plans

Community Ed offers popular sessions again

Thinking of starting or continuing to run your own small business but wondering if you should, especially in these tough times?

Worried about raising the "start up" money you need when obtaining a loan is more difficult, or still getting enough customers to buy at a price that makes it all worthwhile?

If so, you are not alone. Salt Spring Island is full of people either already running very small businesses or thinking about doing so.

That's why Community Education, in partnership with the Salt Spring Island Chamber of Commerce, is again running a six-week workshop — not a course but a

workshop — designed to meet islanders' needs.

"Operating a small business is never easy," says Stan Shapiro, a retired SFU Professor of Marketing and one of two instructors in this course.

"However, there is a great deal that can be learned about accounting, finance and marketing, especially as these apply to island-sized businesses. There's no need to repeat the mistakes so many others have made. There's also much to be gained by networking and exchanging ideas with others planning or already operating small businesses."

The other instructor in the course is Jan Harkley, a chartered accountant, long-time bed and breakfast operator, and co-owner of Salt Spring Vineyards.

Harkley also teaches business

planning and entrepreneurship at Royal Roads University.

"Small business courses are most effective when learners immediately apply what they are studying to their own ongoing or proposed new business," she said.

"That's why we expect everyone in this class not only to have a business in mind but also to be willing to discuss that business. One of last year's students learned from such discussions that he was significantly undercharging for his unique offering. Are you? Be prepared as well to devote another few hours a week to reading and applying mostly online material. Spending a little time now working on your business rather than in it will greatly increase your chances of success."

Starting and Running Your Own Small Business: What You Need to

Know meets at Gulf Islands Secondary for six successive Wednesdays, from 7 to 9 p.m., beginning Feb. 4.

The total cost, tuition plus materials, is \$90 for students who register before Feb. 1 and \$100 after that date.

As is the case with all Community Education courses, partial bursaries are available to those who need them in order to attend.

You can sign up for this course either by completing the registration form found in Community Education's large Driftwood advertisements or by downloading that form from the Community Education website at www.ssicommunityed.com.

If anyone has questions before registering, they can either call (250-653-4788) or e-mail Stan Shapiro at sshapiro@saltspring.com.



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Well, fellow islanders we are already 14 days into this New Year! If you made resolutions or goals, which ones are you on track with? What do you REALLY want this year? Imagine it is December 31st, 2009, almost midnight, about to be 2010. What will you be celebrating? What will you have accomplished this year? What will you be feeling really proud of? Excited about? What's calling YOU this year?

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SIMS BASKETBALL

Tsunami players impress at first invitational tourney

SIMS boys snag victory at Royal Oak

Middle school boys basketball players came away from an invitational tourney at Royal Oak over the weekend with a win and a near victory against some of the best teams in the region.

The invitational tourney, which included eight schools from Victoria and up-island, saw the Salt Spring Island Middle School (SIMS) grades 7-8 team paired against Royal Oak, Wellington and Cedar Hill. The boys performed admirably against tough competition, pulling out a win against Cedar Hill and a near win against Wellington, losing by only four points.

"The competitive atmosphere and tough, professional refereeing provided invaluable experience for the team," said coach Diane Weatherby. "This is the first such tournament the boys have attended and their exemplary behaviour and play will likely ensure other opportunities as the other tournament coaches were very impressed with the Salt Spring team performance."

SIMS Tsunami team members are Billy George, Elijah Gold, Jackson Irving, Tai Leavitt, Matthew Stubbs, Jackson Sweetnam, Eric Weatherby, Lukas Wenzel, Jack Wiltshire and Nevan Young.

Sweetnam was selected tournament MVP for the Salt Spring team.

Weatherby pointed out that while SIMS is a middle school of some 280 students, Royal Oak has 600 kids to draw on for their sports teams, Cedar Hill has 490, while Wellington has 990 students and Ladysmith has 790 in grades 8 to 12.

Some of the schools participating in the tournament have been Grade 8 provincial champions in recent years, she said.



Salt Spring Island Middle School Tsunami player Billy George dribbles past Royal Oak Eagles player Nathan Chan during Friday's game in the Grade 8 boys' basketball tournament played at Royal Oak.

SAILING

Sailors set first race of the year

Ten boats enter Ben Mohr Rock race

Following the cancellation of two races in December and the Hot Rum Race on New Year's Day, the Salt Spring Island Sailing Club's racing group embarked upon its first race of 2009 on Sunday morning.

The nine-nautical-mile circuit traced a course down Captain's Passage, around Ben Mohr Rock and back to the club.

With winds of up to five knots blowing in Ganges Harbour, Caliente was the first boat to round a strategically placed crab trap off Grace Point, closely followed by Imp.

"As successive boats rounded the mark, vibrantly coloured spinnakers were raised, brightening a drab gray and misty harbour," wrote fleet racing captain Peter McGovern in his race report.

Lighter winds greeted the lead boats in the evening and Imp overtook Caliente.

Imp crossed the line first and, on corrected time, won the first race of the season.

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Aries (Mar 21 - Apr 20)

Rising ambitions are likely for you now. This is a good time to approach authority figures for favours and earned rewards. You may be in the mood to give and/or revive instruction on how to do something.

Taurus (Apr 20 - May 21)

Openings and expansions on social and professional fronts are reason to pay attention now. If you have been waiting for an opening or a break of some kind, it is already here or it will be soon! However, do not seek to fit in to normal.

Gemini (May 21 - Jun 21)

Something is shifting for you and it probably feels good. New interests, people and events are calling you out. Learning new skills and obtaining tools that you can use to build a greater degree of confidence and security is highlighted.

Cancer (Jun 22 - Jul 22)

New relationship commitments are commanding your full attention. Others are pushing you to act with deliberately and with discipline and focus. This includes letting go of old power positions, structures

and even philosophies that no longer serve or whose time is up.

Leo (Jul 23 - Aug 23)

Efforts to ground your focus continue. These include establishing a healthy life rhythm. What can you do to increase your overall state of health, without overdoing it? Keeping it simple, aim to drink more

Virgo (Aug 24 - Sep 22)

New creative powers are stirring within you. This should prove to bring new interests, as well as hidden skills and talents to the surface. Rather than wait passively, engage your conscious intention to decipher what these may be.

Libra (Sep 23 - Oct 22)

Much is shaking in your world and probably you are as well. Learning to align ourselves with the energies and events that we feel and experience is a key to going with the flow. Life knows what you need and want, beneath the level of ego fears and attachments.

Scorpio (Oct 23 - Nov 21)

Many new ideas, perspectives, perceptions and philosophies are ready to

be downloaded into your consciousness. The question to ask: is your brain already too crowded with the same? If so, your challenge includes the process of deleting those old files and programming.

Sagittarius (Nov 22 - Dec 21)

Changes in your overall value system are moving steadily now. This includes increasing a sense of humility, on one hand, and discipline on the other and both hands can work together too! Make efforts to associate pleasure to establishing a more reliable foundation in your life.

Capricorn (Dec 22 - Jan 19)

New beginnings, assertions, passions and/or compulsions continue to guide your path.

You may suddenly be eager to learn new things and gain information, knowledge, insight and answers.

Aquarius (Jan 20 - Feb 19)

Over the course of the next week some exciting initiatives are likely to occur. We are on the eve of the season of Aquarius. During the next month we will notice the increase in daylight hours and this brings its own inspiration and meaning.

Pisces (Feb 20 - Mar 20)

Advancing your social and professional interests and overall position is on your mind. A rather deep soul searching continues beneath the surface. Now, the time has come to look even closer and you want some clearer answers.

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GISS BASKETBALL

Nairn Howe Memorial tourney promises an exciting weekend

Fourteen teams signed up for 2009 version

BY SUSAN LUNDY
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Islanders can expect a drum-beating, foot-stomping show of high school spirit this weekend as the fourth annual Nairn Howe Memorial basketball tournament gets underway at Gulf Islands Secondary School (GISS).

A total of 14 senior high school basketball teams

(girls and boys) are fighting for trophy honours at the event, which is described as both a competitive and social tournament.

The tourney gives high school players a chance to play in a competitive realm but also to come together at a social level by taking part in a Friday night banquet and shooting contest.

"It is one of the better tournaments around," says GISS boys team coach and tournament organizer Lyall Ruehlen.

"It's a great atmosphere with lots of excitement."

Ruehlen says the 14 participating teams include several strong squads from Vancouver Island, the Lower Mainland and Fraser Valley. Most schools are bringing both girls and boys teams, giving each school a strong cheering section.

Popularity of the event has left several teams on a waiting list.

Three local teams are involved in the tournament, including the GISS senior girls team coached by Tony Mason and student Evan Chen; the senior boys team, coached by Ruehlen, Lee Ann Gordon and GISS alumni Bobby Byron and Jordan Borth; and a second girls squad including high school alumni players.

Most of the games will take place at the GISS gym, with a few being played at Salt Spring Island Middle School.

In past years, both the GISS senior girls and boys teams have made it to the finals — played this year at 3 p.m. (girls) and 4:45 p.m. (boys) on Saturday — with the girls winning the title last year and the boys tak-

ing second place.

"It's usually a packed house," says Ruehlen, who encourages community members to come out and "support local youth in a great community event."

The first game for the senior girls team is noon tomorrow (Thursday) against Ballenas, followed by the boys taking on Kwalikum at 1:45 p.m. The girls play Kwalikum right after that at 3:45, followed again by the boys at 5:15 versus Brooks.

Ruehlen said the spirit of the late Nairn Howe will preside over the tournament, focussing on the goals she embraced:

"The whole idea of providing an avenue for youth to participate in community events, and [organizing] it with energy and enthusiasm.

"She would have given it 100 per cent."

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January is Alzheimer Awareness Month

From time to time, people forget: a number, a name, a notion. As time passes, people with Alzheimer's disease forget more and more: where they are, what they do, who they are. To remember the 64,000 British Columbians affected by this devastating disease and the efforts being made to improve their quality of life, the Province of British Columbia is joining with the Alzheimer Society of B.C. to proclaim January as Alzheimer Awareness Month.

Alzheimer's disease destroys brain cells, causing problems with memory, thinking and behaviour severe enough to affect work, lifelong hobbies or social life. Alzheimer's gets worse over time. And Alzheimer's is fatal - with no cure and no treatment to prevent it.

While Alzheimer's can develop in adults at a younger age, it occurs most commonly in people over 65. Alzheimer's is not, however, a normal part of the aging process.

To improve quality of life for British Columbians struggling with Alzheimer's and related dementias, the provincial government is funding research to find a cure and better treatments. The province is also investing in new models of care that will provide people with dementia the best care possible, based on best practices and established evidence.

Fulfilling a throne speech commitment, the Ministry of Health Services provided a \$25 million grant in 2008 towards a new Centre for Brain Health to be built at

University of B.C. Hospital. This world-class facility will benefit patients through a direct collaboration between research and clinical services. In 2006, the province provided a \$15-million grant to the Pacific Alzheimer Research Foundation to support new research aimed at unravelling the mystery of Alzheimer's disease and related dementias.

In October 2007, Premier Gordon Campbell announced that, for the first time, the province would provide PharmaCare coverage of Alzheimer's medications for people in the early to moderate stages of the disease as part of a \$78-million, three-year study. The Alzheimer's Drug Therapy Initiative is gathering clinical evidence on the benefits of

cholinesterase inhibitor medications and their impact on quality of life for both individuals and caregivers.

"These substantial investments will positively impact people with dementia and their family caregivers as well as physicians, nurses and others who provide direct care," said Rosemary Rawnsley, executive director of the Alzheimer Society of B.C. "To complement these high-level commitments towards research and improved care, we're also

engaging the community, to reduce the fear and stigma associated with Alzheimer's so that all who are touched receive a timely diagnosis and effective support, as well as the opportunity to plan for the future."



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National Hockey League all-star fan voting is for the birds

Starting lines don't make much sense

If there's one thing we've learned from letting fans decide the starting lines of both the Eastern and Western Conference teams for the 2009 National Hockey League (NHL) All-Star teams, it's that they either don't like much variety, or that most of the voters were from Anaheim, Chicago, Montreal and Pittsburgh.

For the first time in years there's an incredible lack of diversity on both all-star team rosters.

Representing the Western Conference are three Anaheim Ducks, Ryan Getzlaf, Scott Niedermayer and J.S.



Patrick Cwiklinski

LET'S TALK SPORTS

Giguere, and three Chicago Blackhawks, Patrick Kane, Jonathan Toews and Brian Campbell.

For the East, two Pittsburgh Penguins, Sidney Crosby and Evgeni Malkin, and four Montreal Canadiens, Alexei Kovalev, Andrei Markov, Mike Komisarek and Carey Price.

Let me just start by saying that I don't want to take anything away from these

players, because of those 12 chosen to start in Montreal on Jan. 25, a few actually deserve to.

With that being said, these starting lines really make me want to ask the fans who voted, what were you thinking?

First of all, there's no way that Giguere and Price can be qualified as better goal-tenders than their back-ups for the game, Roberto Luongo and Henrik Lundqvist. Just ask anyone who knows anything about hockey and they'll tell you the same.

I can somewhat understand having two Penguins for the Eastern All-Stars starting line, since both Crosby and Malkin have been having fantastic sea-

sons and enjoyed all kinds of offensive success.

However, for the Western All-Stars it's a completely different story. I don't agree with Kane and Toews being starters at all.

These are two players who just participated in the Young Stars game last year and are behind Vancouver Canuck Daniel Sedin and San Jose Shark Patrick Marleau in points this season — two players who didn't even make the team, let alone the first line.

And finally we come to the biggest slap in the face in what's sure to be one of the biggest messes in NHL All-Star Game history, having Komisarek as one of the starting defencemen. I

respect the Montreal fans for their persistence in voting players from their home team to start for the Eastern Conference All-Stars, but this is just pushing it.

Though he plays a shut-down game, Komisarek's five points in 25 games aren't anywhere near All-Star material and the simple fact that he's a fan favourite shouldn't be enough to earn him the right to be a part of something that was once considered a huge honour.

So the moral of the story, guys? Fan balloting is really starting to ruin this great and rich tradition of players who have worked hard to earn the title of "All-Star." On paper, it seems

like a fun idea and I had a chuckle when the very mediocre Rory Fitzpatrick almost got voted to the Western Conference All-Star team last year.

But this is an on-going joke that's beginning to run thin and I'm sad to say it but I think it might be time for the league to step in and perhaps pull the plug on this experiment that has been lopsided at best.

Get coaches, general managers and members of the board to come together and decide which players are fit to start at next year's All-Star game and maybe eight of the 12 players there won't come from a team represented by some kind of bird, or at least partially.

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JAN MACPHERSON

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JUDITH

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I recommend the use of cold for the first 3 days after an injury. Switching to an alternating hot, cold application for the next 3 days and then the use of heat thereafter. Remember the memory jogger RICE - rest, ice, compression, elevation for treating the acute strains and sprains. Pay attention when applying hot or cold as there is always the risk of overdoing it and causing burn or frostbite.

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For most people, a plan will consist of a will to specify who will receive your assets when you die, power of attorney to assign someone else the authority to act on your behalf in conducting your affairs, and a life insurance policy.

A suggestion for your first step is putting together a team of experts to help you. It's recommended that you include a lawyer, a tax professional and a financial advisor. Speak with them to learn more and to devise and implement a strategy that makes sense for you.

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CARDS OF THANKS

Barbara Edna Cappon
A Celebration Of Life
 To be held at
All Saints By The Sea Anglican Church
Saturday, January 17, 2009
1:00 p.m.
followed by a tea

FFFF...FORTY???

YES FORTY!
Happy Birthday
Ya Old Fart!
 Love your family,
 of course.

TODD
TAMBOLINE
 turns the
big
FOUR-ZERO
 on
Jan. 14th, 2009
Love
Mom and Dad

Robert Gray Cairns
Aug 9, 1960 - Jan 13, 2008

It's been a whole year since you've graced our lives with your warm smile and big hugs. And still not a day goes by that the thought of you doesn't bring a smile to our faces.
Missing you forever and loving you always.

A HUGE proofread well-designed thank you to the Driftwood team for all the laughs, love and learning curves over the years. A wood stove-warmed thank you to my parents for their patience, and understanding that to pay off student loans, yes, staying with them was necessary. An artichoke & olive-covered thank you to the Pizza Night crew for making Wednesday the best night of the week. And an affordable thank you to the ladies at the Lady Minto Thrift Store, who for nearly two decades have been enabling my fashion obsession. Without you I'd never have landed my new job as assistant fashion editor at Canadian Living. xo Emma

COMING EVENTS

3 POTTERY WORKSHOPS for women starting January 19. #1 10am-12:30pm. #2, 5pm-7:30pm. & January 20 #3 10am-12:30pm. Once per week, 4 or 8 sessions. Two weekend classes in Feb & March are still in planning process. For more info, call Rita Alexandra's Studio - 250-537-8981.

SAWCHUK, Donna Anne
(nee Breadman)

Devoted Wife, Partner and Friend to Lee, always Mom to Rob, Grandma Donna to Lauren and Tyler. Donna was born August 30, 1952 in Nova Scotia. In 1966 the family moved to Crescent Beach. She attended Semiahmoo High School where she and Lee would begin a life long relationship that after some small side trips would bring them to marry on Salt Spring November 1980 where they would move to in 1991. On Salt Spring Donna was involved with Brownies and Guides. She worked for Pharmasave for many years. Finally the journey would take them to Peachland where Donna would come to volunteer at the Wellness Centre. April 2007 Donna had her cancer confirmed. She decided to deal with it head on and so began the battle. Donna left us on Jan. 2, 2009 at the Hospice House in Kelowna. Donna is survived by her man Lee, son Rob (his wife Joanne), grandchildren Lauren & Tyler. In-laws Leo and Lynne, brother-in-law Michael (wife Dawn), Colby, Zack, Wyatt and Cheyenne, brother-in-law Rande, Lisa, Emma & Noah. No Service by request - Memorial to be held in the Spring. Special thanks to Rotary for all your care and kindness. Special thanks to all the staff at Hospice House. Donna had a great group of friends who made the trip to Peachland for her birthday: Maria & Clint, Ray & Dereck, Kim, Val, Leo & Lynne, Mark & Willie, Greg & Ray and Jeff & Wendy. No flowers please. If desired, gifts to the B.C. Cancer, Rotary or Hospice House would be very much appreciated.
Email: Ledo@telus.net

COMMUNITY CELEBRATION
for the life of
Brian Everest
 Salt Spring Centre
 355 Blackburn Road
Friday, Jan. 16th
@ 4:00 pm
Vegetarian Potluck
Please Join Us.

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 Box 315, Ganges P.O.
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WATSON, JUNE BEVERLEY (ECCLESTON)
 Born Sept 30, 1927
 Passed Jan 4, 2009
 Predeceased by ex-husband EW Watson. Service Jan 17, 1pm. North Langley Community Church, 21015 96th Ave., Langley, BC.
 Check out all the classifieds online at
www.gulfislandsdriftwood.com

COLD/FLU CLINIC has resumed
 Walk in or book appt. Treat & Prevent Winter Ailments with **Homeopathy**
Karin Beviere, BA, DCH
 Mon. Jan. 19 & 26 and Fri. Jan. 30 from 9-12
 Arbutus Therapy (above Apple Photo) \$15 for 15 minutes (remedy included)
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www.arbutustherapy.ca

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With great sadness, we announce that God has called
Doris Delia DeLong
(nee Fournier)
 into his arms on
Saturday, January 10, 2009.
 She will be sadly missed by her sisters Laura Lillie (Lorne), Toronto, On, and Pearl Dicks (Ken), Thunder Bay, On.
 Doris was born on April 8, 1917 to Delia and William Fournier. She grew up in Westfort, Fort William, Ont. with her 8 siblings. Doris attended St. Martin and Fort William Collegiate high school and was a member of St. Agnes Church. She met the love of her life William (Bill) DeLong, they married, and shortly after that George arrived and completed the family. She worked during WWII as one of "Rosie's Riveters" at Canadian Car & Foundry. Then in 1954 they migrated to Salt Spring Island to open the Fernwood Store and raise George. Doris was deeply involved with her new community and church. His Holiness Pope Paul VI imparted a special Apostolic blessing to Doris as a devoted Choir Director. Doris led a full and vibrant life. Her love for children and their need for higher education was always a priority for her. She was predeceased by her son George and husband Bill. Also predeceased are her brothers Nelson, Raymond, George, Alfred, Walter and her sister Ruby. Doris leaves behind many nieces and nephews who will miss her smiling face and loving personality. A very special thanks to Mike and Heidi Graham and to their family for all their love and special attention given to Doris through the years. To Margo and the staff at Beacon Hill Villa, your kind and gracious care was very much appreciated.
There will be a mass at Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church, 185 Drake Rd., Salt Spring Island, BC January 17th, 2009 at 11:00. Burial will follow at the Central Cemetery. No reception and in lieu of flowers, please make any donations to the Lady Minto Hospital Foundation.

MCMILLAN- Douglas Wyse
December 19, 1952- December 21, 2008
It is with great sadness and cherished memories that our family announces the sudden passing of our Doug on December 21st, 2008.
 He was predeceased by his devoted mother Stella. Doug will be forever loved and deeply missed by daughters Sarah (Jude) and Haidee (Josh), former wife and loving friend Anne, his father Archie, sisters Daphne (Tom) and Mary Grace (Richard), brothers David (former spouse Thelma) and Paul (Patty), sister-in-law Helen, brother-in-law Stafford, mother-in-law Jeanette, and father-in-law Bob (Lorraine), nephews: Chris (Shelley), Ryan (Susi), Craig (Candice), Andrew, Mat, Will, Davin and Patrick and nieces: Megan (Craig), Deborah (Tavis), Diana and Jenny, aunts: Mary, Lo, Elsie and Alice and many relatives and friends. Doug was a proud and much loved grandfather to Aliah, Noah, Jacob, Ben and Flynn. Throughout his life, Doug had a passion for and a close relationship with the sea and the land. Doug had a strong work ethic and was well respected as a skilled and masterful logger in British Columbia's west coast forests. In Port Alberni, Bamfield and Salt Spring Island he was known for his expertise with tree work. Always a gentleman, Doug touched many people's hearts and his memory will live on.
 A celebration of Doug's life will be held on Saturday, February 21st at 3:00pm at The Gatehouse on Stowel Lake Farm on Salt Spring Island. Any family and friends who would like to jot down a story or picture about Doug, are invited to bring them to be included in a memoir for his grandchildren.

INTRODUCTION TO RAW FOOD CUISINE
 Classes are 2 1/2 hours long and participants learn about RAW food preparation, share in the meal and receive copies of the recipes.
 Classes currently offered:
Forget Cooking! January 22nd FULL /February 26th Eating healthy foods has never been so delicious and easy.
Light & Healthy Living Foods January 29th/March 5th The Living Foods Diet is ideal for recovering from illness, losing weight, building immunity, aiding digestion, and maximizing health and vitality.
Raw Italy February 5th/March 12th With Raw Italy, simple substitutions allow you to enjoy this classic cuisine.
Divine Desserts February 12th/March 19th Raw desserts are ideal for anyone who loves sweets but is trying to avoid refined carbohydrates and sugars, dairy products, and unhealthy fats.
Flavors of the Mediterranean Feb 19th/March 26th Now you can enjoy all your favorites, even hummus and falafel, in the raw.
Cost: \$35/\$150 for all 5 classes
 Find out how to be a 'host' and provide the venue. You attend for free and receive a one-hour free in-home RAW living foods consultation (\$100 value)
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www.rawsomelivingfoods.ca
JIM MAURICE at rawsome@shaw.ca 250 537 2048

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DEADLINES
TUESDAY 10 AM

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4H Community Club & 4H Sheep Club
REGISTRATION NIGHT
Jan. 22 @ 6:45 pm
Where:
Portlock Portable
Info: 250-537-2609 (4H Comm. Club) or 250-537-2920 (4H Sheep)

8th Annual Salt Spring Curling Funspiel

When: Sat., February 7, 2009
Where: Duncan Curling Club
How: Meet at the Vesuvius Ferry Terminal at 7:45 am
Who: \$50.00 per person (Ferry, Bus, Ice Rental, Equipment, Lunch and Prizes)
Why: It's a FUNspiel!!
To register contact **Jim Pasuta @ 537-9995**

Basketry Courses

with **Joan Carrigan**
Basketry I
Make 4 baskets, using the following techniques: *Wicker, Splint Woven, Twining, Random.* Runs 6 Thursday evenings Feb. 12 - March 19
7:00 - 9:30 pm Cost: \$160.00
More Basketry II
Make 4 more baskets, using the following techniques: *Rib, Diagonal Plaiting, Pine Needle Coiling, Netting.* Runs 6 Tuesday evenings Feb. 10 - March 17
7:00 - 9:30 pm Cost: \$160.00
Cost includes materials
To inquire or register: **250-538-1877**
For full list of courses: www.joancarrigan.com

BEGINNER PAINTING class, Feb. 10, 11, 17 & 18, 10am - 2:30pm. Bev Lillyman. 250-537-2466.
FELTMAKING CLASSES for all levels this Spring! Interested? For info, call Ulrike Benner, ART YOU WEAR, at 250-537-1723
MEETING OF Board of Directors of Central Hall, Tuesday, Jan. 20, 7pm. Public welcome.

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Creative Fire Art Studio
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February 6 - March 13
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Jan. 11-14 - 50% off
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see jllgallery.com for details

Jill Louise Campbell Art Gallery
250-537-1589

FEDERAL SUPERANNUATES ASSOCIATION

Duncan & District Branch
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING & LUNCHEON
Thursday, January 22, 11am at Silverbridge Inn, Duncan
Guest Speaker: John Finn
Topic: "Pension & Benefits"



FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT MEETING
7:30 pm at Fire Hall #1
January 19, 2009
PUBLIC WELCOME

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

OPEN HOUSE. The Salt Spring Centre School has a weekly, informal open house every Tuesday from 9-11 am. Come and have a tour, see for yourself what makes us unique! Phone for more info. 250-537-9130, 355B Blackburn Road.

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JOSIP & TATJANA BUDIMCIC

and family would like to invite all their friends to a Potluck Dinner & Dance at Fulford Hall
Sat. Jan. 17 at 5:00 p.m.
Children welcome
Non-alcoholic beverages provided
RSVP to Carol Walde @ 653-4329 or Mary Ann McColl @ 537-9730

Seams Right Sewing School

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Beginner's Welcome
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Pick Up: Fridays 12-5
@ Love My Kitchen
Call Seth 250-653-2435 or visit: www.cosmognives.com

SAVE OUR SURGERY

Community meeting at the Community Gospel Chapel (Central) 7:00 pm, Thursday Jan. 15 (December meeting postponed due to snow)

- What has happened
- Response to our communications
- What's next

SCIENCE & ART OF HERBOLOGY.

4th annual, 10 month apprenticeship. Class runs first Sunday of each month. Begins Feb. 1 thru Nov. 1. Registration taking place now. Tuition \$1300, includes course books & certificate. Contact Community Herbalist Suci Spindler @ 250-653-0068.

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UNITARIAN FELLOWSHIP
Evelyn White will be our featured speaker to celebrate Martin Luther King, Sunday, Jan. 18, 11 a.m. at the SS Senior's Centre. Welcome to all.
www.saltspringunitarian.com

WOMENWRITING WINTER 2009 Workshops:

Join these circles of women writing authentically, deeply and, most importantly, for ourselves. "Women Writing Memoir": Monday Evenings, Feb. 2-23; "Journaling and Journeying Through Transitions: 2 Sats, Feb. 7 & 21; and "Journaling Through Illness Towards Wellness": Sat. Feb. 28. Nurturing, supportive, explorative. Sliding scale. Wendy Judith Cutler: 653-4286 or winnie@saltspring.com

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FOUND CELL phone, Tuesday Jan 8, Upper Ganges Centre area. Owner may claim at the Driftwood.
FOUND: MP3 player in Fulford, Dec 21. Call 250-514-0966 to identify.

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LOST AND FOUND

FOUND: SET of keys with distinctive chain and charms. Claim at Driftwood.

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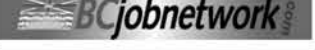
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Jewel's extensive previous experience with lending, real estate and community service will be beneficial to our goal of creating owner-occupied, affordable housing in our community.

Please give Jewel a call at 250-537-9644 to make an appointment at our village office, or to receive more information.

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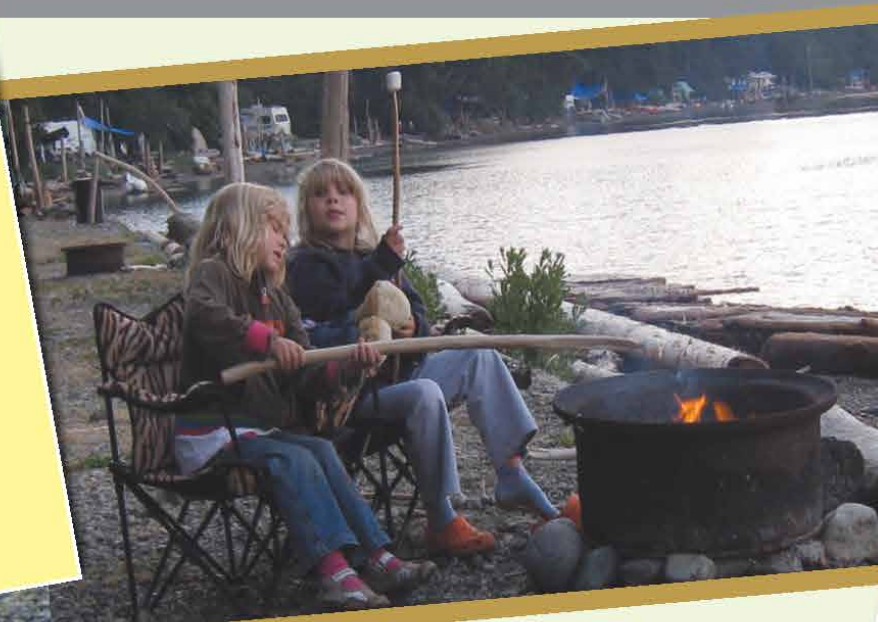
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