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Weather

Salt Spring could see more snow on the ground towards the end of the week with snow or rain showers forecast for Friday. Otherwise, expect sunny skies. Highs to 5 C today (Wednesday); overnight lows to -6 C Saturday.

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HAPPY NEW YEAR: Doug Smith blows his horn for the new year as he dresses up to attend the annual New Year's Day Polar Bear Swim. Swim photos can be found on Page 9; New Year's Eve photos are located throughout the Arts and Entertainment Section, beginning on Page 13.

Real estate values jump

Gulf Islands property owners will experience some déjà vu this week when they again see larger numbers on assessment notices received in the mail.

The assessment roll grew by 24.7 per cent over last year, including the value of new construction, subdivisions and rezonings.

BC Assessment says a "typical" north Salt Spring residence is valued at 27.5 per cent more — from \$253,600 to \$323,500.

ASSESSMENTS 2

Islanders offer tsunami relief

By MITCHELL SHERRIN
Staff Writer

Enterprising islanders are showing a wealth of compassion, diversity and ingenuity with relief responses for victims of the tsunami that struck South East Asia on Boxing Day.

Along with the coin jars that dot many local business counters, islanders are working to assist survivors directly in Thailand and Indonesia, Salt Spring emergency responders will hold a "boot drive" Saturday, two fundraising musical events are set this month and other options see locals buy art to raise money for assisting agencies overseas.

Tsunami survivors Tom, Debbie and Trina Cairns of Salt Spring have already been helping people in Phuket, Thailand where they've been living for the past few months.

"They are depressed because it will be a year or more before they can get back to work, unless someone helps," Debbie Cairns said.

"They have food, water and clothing donated, but they need their boats."

Phuket was just one com-

munity affected by the magnitude-9 earthquake and consequent tsunami that has already claimed more than 150,000 lives, displaced millions and created a logistical nightmare for international aid agencies.

While some people might be overwhelmed by the vast impact of the disaster, the Cairns plan to help one community rebuild its fishing fleet.

"If people in B.C. could help us out with this project we will work directly with the people to see they get the money. The international money donated will probably never reach these people."

All but four boats from a fleet of 70 at the Sea Gypsy Village were broken in waves that struck on December 26, she said.

"This village has about 200 families, about 1,000 people. They are fishermen who have lost their boats and therefore their income and their passion."

Without work, many other problems will arise, she said.

"These families are already very poor and live in

a slum that sustained damage as well."

New long-tailed fish boats cost \$2,500 (Canadian), while some used boats are half that price, she said.

"If a donor could afford to pay the whole price then we will send them a picture of the fisherman with his new boat, or a group could work to donate together."

With the assistance of islander Gail Neumann, the Sea Gypsies Relief Fund was established at Island Savings Credit Union.

Salt Spring's Andrea Russell is also aiming to help people at the ground level in Thailand by throwing a local fundraiser and volunteering with the Red Cross overseas in February.

"It's very close to my heart," Russell said.

The local jeweller has made yearly trips to the country following a Rotary exchange program 18 years ago.

Russell is leaving for Thailand again in the middle of February to volunteer with the Red Cross for one month, she said.

RELIEF EFFORTS 5

Bullock residents face potential sale

By GAIL SJUBERG
Staff Writer

Neighbours of the incomplete Salt Spring Island Village Resort (SSIVR) project on Bullock Lake are readying themselves before the property is sold.

No sale has been finalized — or is even necessarily close — but residents like Rollie Cook want to send a message about neighbourhood concerns to potential purchasers of the 36-acre parcel. They also want to get the wheels of watershed protection for the area turning in the right direction, and hope a January 12 meeting will prove fruitful.

"The meeting will be looking at ways to protect the watershed for the wildlife and the community that live there," Cook said last week.

"We're going to try to turn this into a positive."

The meeting takes place next Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. in the upstairs room at the Farmers Institute.

Like other proposed Salt Spring developments, water protection churns at the core of neighbours' worries.

"When they ran the test well [at SSIVR] last year, almost all the wells in the neighbourhood went dry or dramatically dropped," said Cook.

The Island Stream and Salmon Enhancement Society has put substantial time and money into watershed restoration, he said, with the salmon-bearing Mansell Creek running out of Bullock Lake.

Cook said it would be unfortunate if overdevelopment of the property jeopardized that habitat.

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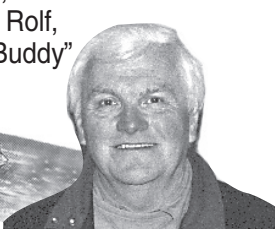
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Roadside hazards gauged by walkers

By MITCHELL SHERRIN
Staff Writer
First of two parts

Survival tips for walking near cars and cougars are surprisingly similar: don't surprise either beast, don't turn your back, keep children close at hand and note that both critters are most dangerous around dawn and dusk.

Islander Sheila Bull has been walking around Ganges at 6 a.m. weekdays with an exercise group for four years.

"I always feel safe," said Bull.

But a recent traffic fatality with a local pedestrian has reminded her to be careful while walking in reduced visibility of rain and winter twilight.

"When you see headlights, you make sure to move over to the side and make sure you can be seen."

To aid identification, one walker in her group even puts a reflective collar on her black dog, Bull said.

"Most of us wear bicycle jackets and reflective strips or reflective vests so that we can be safe," Bull said.

"I am always shocked by the people who walk in the dark wearing black and no reflectives."

But some members of her walking group are actually more concerned about cougars than local drivers, she said.

"We have more of a flutter when we read of a cougar spotted on the island."

BE SAFE BE SEEN

Victoria Olchowecki finds health benefits easily offset concerns about the hazards of walking on the roadside in dim light.

"You hear the morning roosters and it's most often very pleasant," she said.

"When you walk that early in the morning, I find you need less sleep. It's like a free gift. If I'd didn't walk, I'd sleep till seven or eight."

The local walking group exercises caution along with muscles, she said.

"We try to walk on the correct side of the road . . . I always say, 'The left side is the correct side and the right side is the suicide.'"

But she finds that most islanders recognize walkers and thoughtfully slow down.

"My only concern is when vehicles go by that really speed," Olchowecki said.

Walkers like Bull and Olchowecki, along with island drivers and cyclists, have been thinking reflective thoughts after a collision killed Norman Zacherias on Lower Ganges Road at 5 p.m. on December 15.

Since the driver reported he'd seen Zacherias, who was wearing light coloured cloth-

ing, and Salt Spring RCMP ruled that neither alcohol nor speed were contributing factors in the accident, it appears that the 88-year-old man simply stepped in front of the vehicle for unknown reasons.

But another elderly gentleman was killed in Powell River on December 22, a 44-year-old man was killed while walking in Vernon on December 19 and Vancouver city councillors were investigating a proposal to address collisions with pedestrians after 12 people were killed in their city during 2004.

Pending approval, the Vancouver city proposal could reduce city speed limits to 40 kilometres per hour, increase the number of pedestrian crossing lights and increase fines for drivers who fail to yield to pedestrians.

City councillors even discussed banning tinted windows so that pedestrians could make easier eye contact with motorists.

For those islanders who still feel more spooked about a cougar sighting than motor vehicles travelling along local roads, consider the following statistics.

The Ministry of Water, Land and Air Protection reported five cougar-related fatalities in B.C. over the last 100 years. During the same period, there were also 29 non-fatal cougar attacks in B.C.

Comparatively, the B.C.'s chief coroner's office reported 65 pedestrian fatalities

in 2004 as of December 23, of which 26 occurred since October.

"The BC Coroners Service urges drivers and pedestrians to exercise extreme care when sharing roadways during the winter," said a press release from the Office of the Chief Coroner.

Another 76 pedestrians were killed by vehicle collisions in 2003.

And, according to ICBC's Traffic Collision Statistics, there were another 45 fatalities and 1,837 injuries to pedestrians as a result of collisions in 2002, along with 56 fatalities and 1,848 injuries in 2001.

Remember, these statistics are strictly for pedestrians. Some 467 people were killed and 29,347 injured in B.C. collisions during 2002.

"On average, a fatality occurred every 18.8 hours in 2002," ICBC reported.

Looking closely at the statistics, a pattern emerges showing that collisions with pedestrians almost double in dark winter months like November and December over incidents in July and August.

ICBC recorded 208 collisions with pedestrians in December 2002 compared to 111 in August 2002.

So, if you walk along the roadside at night without concern and a light or reflector to make you visible, you could be turning your back on the most dangerous beast that roams local environs.

A few collision stats

According to traffic collision statistics collected by ICBC in 2002, the top five contributors assigned to pedestrians involved in collisions were:

- 1) Pedestrian error or confusion (14.6 per cent)
- 2) Alcohol (5.2 per cent)
- 3) Failure to yield (2.5 per cent)
- 4) Ignoring traffic controls (1.7 per cent)
- 5) Weather (1 per cent)

The top five contributors attributed to drivers who struck pedestrians were:

- 1) Failure to yield (20.7 per cent)
- 2) Driving without care (20.1 per cent)
- 3) Weather (9 per cent)
- 4) Backing unsafely (4.5 per cent)
- 5) Driver inexperience (3.6 per cent)

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ASSESSMENTS

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"Most homes on this year's assessment roll are worth more than they were in 2004 and market movement continues to be strong," said BC Assessment area assessor Brian Hawkins Tuesday.

Gulf Islands assessment

increases averaged 20 per cent in 2004 and 11.3 per cent the year before.

For 2005 a typical north Salt Spring waterfront property was assessed at \$607,900, up 18.27 per cent from the \$496,800 mark in 2004.

Samples of other increases are an 18 per cent jump for Galiano Island non-waterfront property (from \$174,800 to \$206,400); 28 per cent for Pender waterfront (\$361,200 to \$462,300); and 11.8 per cent for a non-waterfront property on Saturna (\$115,800 to \$129,500).

Property owners have until January 31 to file an appeal of their assessment.

Tax bills are not sent out until May, after various regional and provincial taxation authorities have set their tax rates for the year. Steadily increasing assessments have been a boon for government agencies, with most tax amounts tied to property values.

However, the authorities can lower tax rates to ease the financial burden on property owners.

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BULLOCK LAKE RESORT SALE?

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According to listing real estate company LandQuest Realty Corp. of Vancouver, the half-built recreational development is listed for \$9 million, a price that has not changed for several years despite an active real estate market.

It includes three fully finished units and 47 completed to lock-up stage. A 22,000-square-foot conference centre was also finished to lock up before the property was foreclosed on in 1998.

Building permits are in place for 123 units.

“The project may include completing the resort as is or perhaps reducing the density and developing a very high-end destination resort, which may result in a higher return,” notes the LandQuest website.

LandQuest listing agent Richard Osbourne confirmed the property has been investigated by potential purchasers.

“Yes, there is interest,” said Osbourne, “No, there is nothing firm — and stay tuned.”

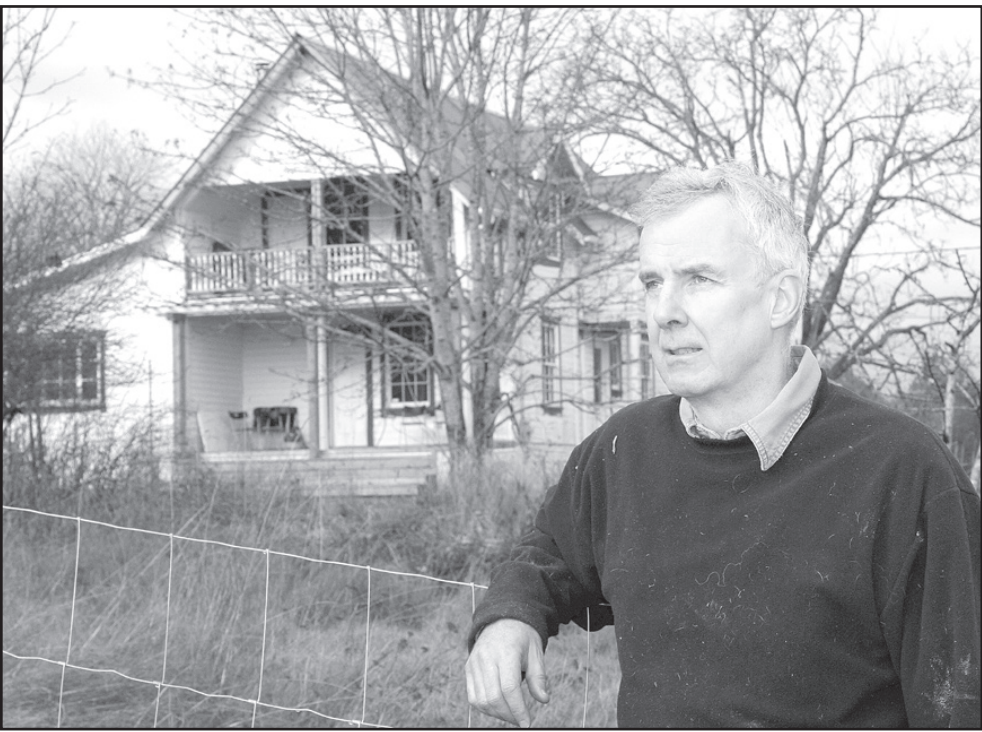
Osbourne acknowledged the property has “some issues,” but said, “At some point something is going to happen with this property. That is our very strong belief.”

“We’ve got some people looking at it and somebody is going to figure out what it is going to be.”

The project was fraught with controversy since the 123-unit resort was first initiated by Vancouver developer Brian Hauff, who owned SSIVR Inc.

While the density conformed to the property’s Commercial-4 zoning at the time, the lands were downzoned to Rural zoning by the Salt Spring Local Trust Committee in 1996, giving it only a seven-residence capacity.

Following foreclosure, the property has remained in the hands of the receiver-



AT THE READY: Roland Cook owns an historic farm on Bullock Lake, across from the partially finished Salt Spring Island Village Resort. Recent purchaser interest in the property has sparked formation of a neighbourhood association.

Photo by Derrick Lundy

manager, Highland-Pacific Mortgage Corporation of Vancouver.

Trustees Kimberly Lineger and Eric Booth said they did not know if the property may be finally selling.

Lineger said she hoped a Trust staff report on the property’s zoning status and development rights could be prepared in time for the January 12 meeting.

“It’s in a Rural zone — so if they went residential it’s with seven units of housing. If they stay in legal non-conforming status, it’s 123 units of commercial,” she said, noting that any other proposals would require rezoning.

“What will come up, I have no idea until we actually have a purchaser and they have come forward with something,” she added.

Coincidentally, trustee Booth owned Cook’s property until six years ago and earned notoriety for renaming it “Goofers Pig Farm” in response to developer Hauff

dubbing project opponents “goofers.”

Booth said Monday he has heard so many rumours of possible sales over the years that he’ll believe this one when he sees the proof in documentation.

Cook said he’s heard that potential buyers may be looking to incorporate affordable housing onto the property as a way to get public sanction, but he feels lack of water and the poor road to Ganges make it an inappropriate spot for large-scale housing.

Regardless of what happens, Cook and others intend to ensure bolstering wildlife and habitat protection is part of any plan.

“We could conceivably negotiate some sort of compromise that would attract better environment protection of the shoreline,” he said.

Anyone interested in taking a role in Bullock Lake watershed protection should call Cook at 537-5434.

Staff flu affects hospital

The flu season took its toll on Lady Minto Hospital when the acute-care ward was forced to restrict admissions last week.

“Some of our staff had the flu and we were a bit short-staffed,” said southern Gulf Islands manager of patient care Karen Davies.

Acute care was limited to emergency admissions for 24 hours over December 27-28, Davies said.

“It wasn’t all flu it was also colds and other sicknesses.”

Hospital visitors are encouraged to wear masks if they exhibit flu symptoms, she noted.

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FIRE CALLS

Islanders should ensure their chimneys are clean before fending off the effects of the current cold spell.

While a Sunday night chimney fire attended by Salt Spring firefighters was not a serious one, it prompts a chimney-cleaning reminder from the fire department.

• Firefighters also responded to four car accidents and four medical calls over the week.

• Watch for emergency services personnel holding a tsunami relief boot drive on Saturday.

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Veggie power propels recycling biz

By MITCHELL SHERRIN
Staff Writer

A cutting-edge recycling service will be walking the talk of sustainability by running on vegetable oil when it hits the road this month.

"I'm looking forward to providing a good service for islanders and I'll be saving the world while I'm at it," said Salt Spring Resourcing owner-operator Damen Grooms.

Grooms won't need a cape and tights. He's converting a diesel cube van to run on straight vegetable oil (SVO) for his door-to-door recycling business.

"It's a nice feel-good kind of thing," Grooms said.

SVO is a low-tech environmentally friendly fuel that's essentially free and requires minimal modifications to use in a diesel engine, he said.

"If you think about how much fuel you go through in a year, you've got [the conversion] basically paid off in a year and then you've got a free vehicle."

While SVO-conversion technology has been around for 30 years and some Salt Spring vehicles already use SVO, Grooms might be the first person in Canada to try operating a business running on vegetable oil.

"I'm going to be the poster



VEGGIE POWERED: Powered by a straight vegetable oil-fuelled truck, Salt Spring Resourcing is now ready to pick up island recyclables. Seen here are owner-operator Damen Grooms and his son Daniel.

Photo by Derrick Lundy

boy," Grooms grinned.

"It's still in an experimental mode. I'm taking a risk here. Maybe something will go wrong using this fuel on such an intensive mode. Maybe it will blow up the engine, but I don't think so," he said.

Local mechanic Axel Dollheiser, of Pretzel Motors, will install a conversion kit provided by Kelowna-based Neoteric Biofuels Ltd. (www.biofuels.ca).

"The veggie oil burns way cleaner so you clean up your act while saving money," Dollheiser said.

Dollheiser helped form the Salt Spring Bio-Fuels group and has already installed three conversion kits on Salt Spring.

Conversions, which cost between \$1,000 and \$1,500, only require a second fuel tank, an upgraded fuel filter, a fuel heater and a switching valve.

SVO is significantly different from biodiesel, said Neoteric co-founder Edward Beggs.

Biodiesel is a chemical

approach to alternative fuels, while SVO utilizes mechanical systems, Beggs said.

"They are not opposed to each other, they can be quite complementary."

The added attraction of SVO over biodiesel is that the renewable resource can be free or very cheap, compared to biodiesel, which is more expensive than standard diesel, he said.

Oddly enough, the low cost and grassroots appeal of SVO is also hampering its progress, he said.

"SVO suffers from a lack of funding because it doesn't attract the interest of large capital because it's too simple."

Beggs has been selling cold presses to farmers who can now create their own fuel from their own fields.

"That doesn't excite a capitalist and it doesn't excite a government that has a budget for a big R&D project . . . But it's not going away either."

And governments around the world are eliminating or reducing road tax for SVO operators, he said.

"This is a real thing that continues to grow."

There are tens of thousands of vehicles operating SVO worldwide and more than a hundred locations in

Germany where people can fill their tanks with SVO.

"At this point in time, it's not like some backyard guy invented this at his kitchen table and started doing it yesterday."

There are now several firms in Europe and North America providing conversion kits, Beggs said.

Commercial use of SVO appears to be the next logical step, now that use of the technology is maturing, he said.

Salt Spring Coffee Co uses a biodiesel blend in their truck and The Recycling Alternative became the first Vancouver business to operate a fleet of trucks with biodiesel in the summer.

But Beggs hasn't heard of any Canadian businesses using SVO.

"This would be the first I know of in Canada."

The idea for a recycling business fuelled on vegetable oil is no flash in the pan for Grooms.

"I've been working on this for over a year."

He participated in a small-business program through Canada Employment Insurance.

"It's been really nice but I had to jump through some hoops that made it take longer than it would have been otherwise."

However, Grooms gained some funding and took valuable workshops with the program, he said.

"I would've had no idea how to do a business-case study."

Through his business research, Grooms was impressed by the 80 per cent user rate at the Salt Spring Recycling Depot and he wants to support people who find it difficult to drop off their recyclables.

"I'm just making it easier for everyone because many people don't have vehicles, they're too old or they can't get there; and many people don't have the time."

And he will go anywhere he can take his vegetable-powered truck.

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RELIEF EFFORTS

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“Probably the best service I can offer is manning phones since I speak both Thai and English. It’s not very exciting but that’s where I’m needed.”

But she will also document her trip with photos and video.

“I want people to get that sense that we are connected and the choices we make — even spending our \$20 as a donation here — has a profound impact on the well being of someone somewhere else.”

Russell is also organizing a relief benefit cabaret at Beaver Point Hall on January 29 with three Interchill DJs, belly dancers, a craft auction and fire spinners from the Play Poi Studio of Vancouver,

“Aid will go directly to Thai people.”

She will give all money raised directly to local groups such as hospitals and Rotary clubs in Thailand, she said.

Anyone who wants to offer Russell more assistance with the benefit can call 537-2866.

A fundraiser aiming at another segment of the community will see high-profile artists donate works for a gallery sale at ArtSpring from January 13-18.

“My aim is to bring in a big whack of money,” said exhibition organizer and local artist Nicola Wheston.

Individual art collectors and corporate art buyers are encouraged to visit the exhibition and buy art for this overwhelming need, she said.

“We live in a very rich community — not just monetarily, but culturally, artistically and in community spirit.”

Rather than host a standard fundraising auction or raffle, she’s handpicked art from top-notch local painters, sculptors and photographers with an aim to collect the largest donation possible.

“Things will be going for \$1,000 upwards.”

She has seen previous art auctions collect \$5,000, but she aims to raise \$25,000 to \$50,000.

“It makes me sad to see lovely artwork go for so little.”

The Island Artists for Tsunami Victims exhibition will show original works by some 25 local artists such as Robert Bateman, Birgit Bateman, Jill Louise Campbell, Simon Camping, David Davidson, Diana Dean, Eric Klemm, John Macdonald, Patricia Murphy Macdonald, Tom McPhee and Ian Thomas.

A full 100 per cent of sales will be sent to the Canadian Red Cross, Wheston said.

The exhibition opens at ArtSpring’s Bateman Gallery with a reception from 6 to 10 p.m. on January 13.

Wheston also invites islanders to attend the show and make a donation even if they are not in the market for original art.

Blue Horse Folk Art Gallery is also hosting an art show on Sunday where 50 per cent of sales will go to the Red Cross efforts in Asia.

“We feel that with this approach we can collectively raise more money than just giving what we can afford individually,” said artist Paul Burke.

The Blue Horse sale includes work by some 20 artists. Their gallery is at

175 North View Drive.

And local musicians are planning a musical benefit to raise funds to help tsunami victims.

“The need is desperate and immediate,” said David Walker of the Sundogs.

His band will hold a benefit at Fulford Hall on January 22 and proceeds will go to the Victoria branch of the Red Cross.

Those wanting to volunteer with organizing, performing or working at the event are asked to contact David (538-1653).

The local business community has also stepped forward to help tsunami relief.

Salt Spring Coffee Co. purchases Sumatra coffee beans from an organic fair-trade cooperative located in a region bordering Aceh, the hardest-hit Indonesian province.

“Sumatra is a coffee that’s near and dear to Robbyn [Scott] and I. It has been for years. It’s the single biggest coffee that we use,” said co-owner Mickey McLeod.

The local coffee company has already made a donation and will now help islanders donate through their Coffee Kids program.

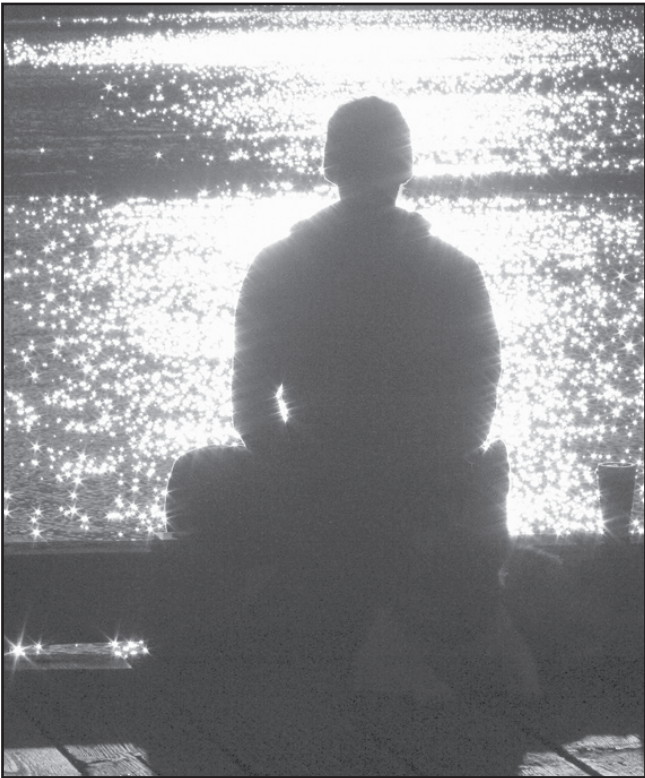
“These Sumatran people who have supplied our wonderful coffee now are desperate for our support.”

Islanders can make donations directly to Coffee Kids (www.coffeekids.org) or through the Salt Spring Coffee Co. website (www.salt-springcoffee.com).

Island savings Credit Union is also collecting donations on behalf of the Canadian Red Cross and staff donated funds through an internal charity drive.

Local first responders from Salt Spring Fire Department, Salt Spring RCMP and the B.C. Ambulance Service will also hold an “Emergency Services Boot Drive” fundraiser for the Canadian Red Cross on Saturday from 10 a.m. onwards.

“We’ll be out on the corners,” said fire chief Dave Enfield.



SILHOUETTE IN THE SUN: A local woman is captured enjoying the sun glistening on the water as she sits on an island dock.

Photo by Derrick Lundy

RCMP REPORT

Salt Spring RCMP charged the first impaired driver of the year following a road check just after midnight on January 1.

The 41-year-old island male admitted he had been drinking and failed the roadside screening test.

• Also over the weekend, police issued three 24-hour driving suspensions, one to an Abbotsford woman and two to Salt Spring Island males.

• Salt Spring RCMP remind drivers to be extra cautious while driving on icy winter roads.

Several vehicles have slid off the road this week.



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The Bullock Lake Watershed Neighbourhood Association

The Salt Spring Island Village Resort Project, on Bullock Lake, is being resurrected!!! The property is being aggressively marketed again and a potential buyer has made queries about a proposal that would require further rezoning.

We need to protect our watershed from a huge development on a tiny lake. They will have potentially have 123 units plus a large lodge sucking up well water from a very limited water supply. Several neighbourhood wells ran dry and the levels in others dropped dramatically when the previous developer pumped a test well for one week. The development affects Bullock Lake and Marshall Creek watersheds.

The wetland is home to many creatures that need protection. Trumpeter swans, ducks, beavers, mink, otter, red-legged frogs, pink salamanders and cut throat trout among others. The salmon enhancement programme has invested almost \$100,000 in the last ten years to restore the stream. More needs to be done. Can we work together to protect the watersheds for wildlife and our neighbourhood? Please help!

Come to an organizational meeting to prevent the environmental destruction of our watershed. We need to be heard. We are advised by the Island Trustees to form a Neighbourhood Association to represent our interests concerning any further rezoning applications.

The meeting will be held in the upstairs room at the Farmers’ Institute, 351 Rainbow Road, on Wednesday, January 12th at 7:30 pm.

For further information call Rollie Cook at 537-5434 or John Fulker at 537-4895.

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OPINION



Helping victims beyond the crisis

Once again, the people of Salt Spring Island are responding to urgent calls for help with characteristic generosity and creativity. Fundraisers are spurting forth from all quarters, with art sales and musical gatherings leading the pack. Thankfully, individuals seem able to easily respond with funds to help ameliorate a complex and tragic situation. Media coverage of devastation and suffering, combined with specific directions on how to help, impels us all to loosen our pursestrings. And it’s satisfying to see the transformative effects of donated dollars. In this case, government and corporate leadership in providing funds has also put a charge into the donation momentum. But once the body counts have ceased and TV cameras latched onto more current crises elsewhere, the flow of funds and support will likely evaporate before the rehabilitation jobs are complete. That’s why proposals to adopt or twin with an island or community in need beyond the crisis period should be pursued by those on Salt Spring and the other Gulf Islands.

Relationships cultivated by island groups and individuals with counterparts around the world have proven effective in the past and present. The long-established Ometepe-Gulf Islands Friendship Association has seen water brought to the island of Ometepe in Lake Nicaragua, along with support for coffee farmers and other long-term business ventures. The Pop Atziak Mayan education project in Guatemala is another example of Salt Spring providing aid for several years with deep effects to a developing country. Islanders’ relationships with communities in Kenya, Rwanda, Ghana and South Africa are now bringing practical tools and funds for vital agricultural, educational and health projects. We have a seemingly unlimited capacity to help those in less fortunate positions. Hopefully an existing or to-be-formed group will take up the cause of forging a long-lasting relationship with a tsunami-ravaged community.

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Letters to the Editor

Not fooled

There is a provincial election on the horizon. Expect announcements of large amounts of money, which will be available for the worthy folk of B.C. Remember whose money it was and still is. Taking it from us and then handing it back in dribs and drabs is pure politics and does not fool us. Does it? Gordon Campbell’s cuts and changes impacted seniors with a total disregard for the effect on retired people on fixed incomes. The Liberal government cut Pharmacare coverage, increased prescription fees and introduced

income testing for seniors. Medical Services Plan premiums increased by 50 per cent, the office for seniors was closed and cuts made to Legal Aid. Cuts to the income assistance talking books program were only partially restored. Housing programs were eliminated and residential care beds were closed before adequate replacement of new units was developed. Property taxes increased due to municipalities making up for cuts by the province, placing a greater burden on the house-rich and cash-poor seniors. Now the B.C. government

has a surplus of about \$1 billion. It will be interesting to see how British Columbia spends the money given to our government from Ottawa for health care. Lest we forget, seniors have made a huge contribution to the \$1-billion provincial surplus. Will some of the surplus be used to restore some of the services taken from seniors to give back what we once had? It would appear that this government knows the price of everything but the value of nothing. Not only are they socially barbaric in the way

they handle seniors relocating to care homes, but they are economically incompetent in destroying, privatizing or selling resources and infrastructure of our province, which are things we seniors helped to build under previous administrations. What would W.A.C. Bennett say if he were alive? We as seniors must do everything in our power to bring about the defeat of the provincial Liberal government in May, for the good and welfare of B.C. residents and especially to seniors. **RONALD MILTON,** Salt Spring

Generous

A week ago, after hearing that the federal government had raised its ridiculous \$1 million for Asian relief to a paltry \$4 million, I was about to send an angry letter to Foreign Affairs Minister Pierre Pettigrew and Defence Minister Bill Graham, when the government raised its contribution to \$40 million. Instead of feeling ashamed to be a Canadian I began to feel some pride. Since then, as of Sunday, they have doubled that amount and have said they will match dollar for dollar private donations to any

of the big five humanitarian agencies, namely Oxfam, Medecins Sans Frontieres, CARE, the Red Cross and World Vision. Remember, \$50 becomes \$100 and \$500 becomes \$1,000, for those who can afford it. This pushes our country’s total contribution well past the \$100-million mark and possibly makes Canada the most generous in the world. Whether on a per capita or gross national product basis, it may make our southern neighbours open their wallets nearly as wide. **JACK HALLAM,** North End Road

Norton offers low-key investment in community fabric

By NORM and DIANE ELLIOTT
We now know where Daria Zovi stands: affordable housing is fine and dandy, just as long as it’s “not in my back yard” — NIMBY. (December 29 View Point.) Ms. Zovi’s “Norton Road Residents Association” has no official status and does not speak for everyone in our area. Much of what she is spreading around regarding our property and our intentions, past and present, is clearly false and misleading. The “research” cited by Ms. Zovi (much of it just plain wrong) has no relevance to our current OCP or our community’s present and future state of affairs. Our Norton Road property is not agricultural land and has very poor agricultural capability. It is designated “Residential Neighbourhood” in the current OCP. Get over it, Ms. Zovi. Our proposal is within the prescribed density range, the property is perfectly located for affordable housing, and we fully comply with OCP environmental policy. Period. Rural character? Right now there are some 200 homes within about a 1,000-foot radius. How

IN RESPONSE

many Salt Spring residents can say the same about their home? We’re planning a low-impact, highly controlled, environmentally friendly enclave of 26 homes, including seven acres of land forever protected from future subdivision — right in the village area. Rural character, such as it is, will be preserved. Our recent advertisement asks the question, “What are we waiting for?” Far from being a “pressure tactic,” this is a legitimate question to ask after nearly two years of discussion with the Islands Trust and after providing all the approvals and confirmations requested on just about every issue imaginable. It’s time to bring the rezoning bylaw forward and let the community have a go at it, in a fair and impartial public forum. In amongst the many false and misleading statements made by Ms. Zovi, there is one truth: the Salt Spring Affordable Housing

Corporation is a for-profit, privately owned, self-interested corporation. Just like Zovi’s brewery. In some quarters, affordable housing is not “genuine” unless it is provided by a non-profit organization. But the median-priced house on Salt Spring costs nearly twice what the median income working family can afford unless they’re already in the market. This is a huge problem that needs significant private investment. Non-profit initiatives might sometime provide a handful of homes to lower-income people. But good land does not come cheap, and we need to be on guard against projects proposed for unsuitable land or “volume deals,” such as a reincarnated Bullock Lake, using affordable housing as the carrot on the stick. Norton Road is a low-key investment in the fabric of our community by a local family enterprise, for the working people of Salt Spring. Is that not genuine enough? We need a healthy population base to support our community infrastructure. Our schools need young families. Our new \$4.5-mil-

lion pool needs a broad tax base and lots of patrons. Our business community needs a reliable workforce, and local patrons with disposable income that hasn’t been blown on exorbitant rents, or spent at Wal-Mart on the daily commute. We need teachers, police officers, health care workers, middle managers. Now, sadly, the latest generation of long-time island families is finding it tough to stay here and keep on with the family business. These working families only want a decent home at a decent price. They want more to choose from than the dregs of the real estate market or social housing, and they are not interested in co-op farming at the end of their working day. If that’s all we have to offer, they’ll just move away. It’s already started. We do disagree with Islands Trust staff that affordable housing must be developed on quarter-acre lots right at the edge of Ganges. This is an absurd interpretation of our OCP, and a gross waste of community resources. It seems to be OK to house rich people at 10 units per acre at Summerside, but five units per acre just up Norton Road is not good enough for average working people. The Islands Trust’s legal opinion on this is kept secret, despite our openness and repeated requests for our respective lawyers to discuss it. We can only conclude that their position must be very weak. Nonetheless, we are prepared to work cooperatively with trustees to move our proposal along. Of all the things we could do with our own back yard, we choose to do the right thing for the working people of Salt Spring, and we intend to do it no matter how long or difficult the road. Change is inevitable in order to move on as a balanced, sustainable community. Contrary to Ms. Zovi’s self-interested NIMBY campaign, the change we propose is consistent with the goals of our OCP and will enhance our island community’s unique character. *The writers own the Salt Spring Affordable Housing Corporation and the Norton Road property proposed for a 26-lot residential development.*

SALT SPRING SAYS

We asked: *What should be done for tsunami relief in South East Asia?*



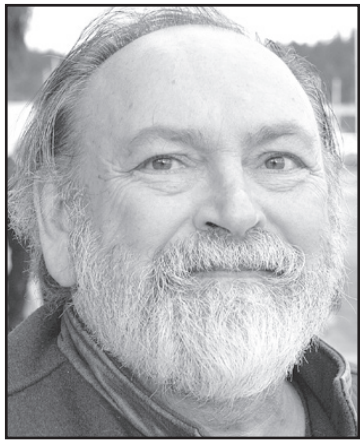
Katharine Atkins
Clean water and shelter are the main ones; without that, there's not much point in giving anything else.



Krista Macdonald
Probably whatever your heart tells you is right.



Laurel Charlton
I think we need to offer up our prayers and financial support.



Stan Garrod
We've already contributed \$100 through Oxfam. Anybody who can contribute should contribute whatever they can.



David Jacquest
Bring 'em to Salt Spring.

Letters to the Editor

Twin island

It seems that now, during the initial phase of immediate relief, the best way for providing aid to victims of the South East Asia tsunami is through cash donations to major relief organizations.

Very soon, however, the second phase of reconstruction and rehabilitation will come. This may be a good opportunity for small communities like ours to directly “twin” with some small island in the affected area where we may be able to provide longer-term assistance.

Such a project could draw together many segments of our community. Personally I wouldn’t know where to begin, but I’m throwing the idea out in the hope that better organizers than me will pick it up.

URI COGAN,
Salt Spring

Resolved

Still haven’t got a resolution for 2005? I have some for you.

This year, let’s stop saying “puppy,” as in “Check out this puppy” or “Let’s see

what this puppy can do.” Unless, of course, one is referring to an actual puppy.

Also “happy camper” — no more of that.

Let’s stop referring to him as “Ah-nold.” Yes, he is cartoonish; yes, he is an embarrassment to the democratic process; and yes, he does have a mockable Austrian accent. But it’s old; let’s move on.

Same goes for impersonations of Mike Meyers’ characters. He’s very good at it. We are not. So let’s give that up this year.

And let’s stop saying things like, “I can’t think straight till I’ve had my first cup of coffee” or “I’m so disorganized today — it must be Monday.” It used to be amusing. Now it’s pedestrian, and so-o-o 2004.

Let’s put an “end” to the “injudicious” use of fingered quotation marks “in” conversation. It’s way “overdone.”

Let’s stop buying birthday cards with printed messages in them. Buy blank ones instead and write what you really want to say. We’re all clever enough to rhyme “say” with “day,” “sun” with

“fun,” and “Corvette” with “corset.”

And let’s take a pass on watching televised awards shows this year. Art is not a competition. (“And the award for best colour goes to . . . orange!”) It’s ridiculous.

In 2005, I resolve to take the ferry less often, go to ArtSpring more often, and be nice to trees. You can have these ones also.

RAY COLLERAN,
Stark’s Road

Satellite wins?

We hope.

There is no question that satellite phones work very well. Clouds are no hindrance. And they give, by far, the best coverage for Salt Spring.

On the other hand, cell coverage is lousy — and the proposed cell antenna installation would not significantly improve it except within about a kilometre or two from the fire hall. That’s not a back-up!

Why is the fire chief so invested in cellular? The sole stated reason of back-up is full of holes.

The satellite phone is not merely “a bit” better — it would be enormously more useful — a true back-up for emergencies.

If the chief wishes to continue pushing for cellular, I, for one, will expect a very thorough explanation of the supposed advantages of going that route. I shall also expect a very thorough explanation of how cellular is worth the potential risks to the health of the community when it is now clear there is a much better alternative, one that is both much more useful and much less intrusive.

Modern satellite phones are highly miniaturized. They are only slightly larger than many cell phones, with an antenna that is only a few inches long. In other words, they have all the convenience of a cell phone.

The benefits of the satellite system are considerable, while the potential dangers of the toxic cell antenna are enormous and its benefits miniscule, and a huge number of people have clearly shown they don’t want it.

It would indeed be a “win-win” situation if the fire

department chooses the satellite phones. They would be an excellent safety back-up for our community — not only for fires, but also for an earthquake or any other conceivable emergency.

Let us start off the New Year by putting this issue behind us. Let us hope the fire board makes the choice of satellite so we can congratulate them on looking after the safety of the community — both in gaining a truly useful emergency back-up and in rejecting possible risks to everyone’s health.

MICHAEL LINEHAN,
Salt Spring

Solutions

As the first step in the Abattoir Feasibility Study, local volunteers are conducting a telephone survey of Gulf Islands meat producers to determine the most appropriate solution to permit this aspect of agriculture to thrive.

Accurate information is needed before any plans can be made to ensure the survival of this aspect of the food chain.

In the fall of 2006, new meat inspection regulations will come into effect.

In summary, they require that all meat sold must be inspected at provincially approved facilities.

At present, there are no approved facilities on the Gulf Islands. Local farmers are currently studying various solutions to this complex problem.

The Farmers Institute, along with partners Island Natural Growers, Pender Island Farmers Institute and Mayne Island Agricultural Society, has received a grant from the Islands Agri-Food Initiative for a study which will help determine solutions. The study runs from January 6 to February 28.

The first part of the study is a livestock count and measure of meat produced; the second is a review of the options to comply with the new rules.

Solutions to these new meat inspection regulations are critical to the survival of farming on the Gulf Islands. Failure to find a solution to the regulations would be a threat to both agriculture and our treasured rural lifestyle.

MARGARET THOMSON,
Salt Spring

MORE LETTERS 10

Wish list makes us masters of our own domain in 2005

Shivering in torrential horizontal rain on Pebble Beach, California on New Year’s Day, one can’t help but reflect on the upcoming year.

Beyond my own much-needed steely resolutions to abandon my dissolute lifestyle, I have drawn up a wish list for our little Camelot. Sometimes, you have to get out of the forest to see the trees.

With apologies to David Letterman, here is my 2005 Top Ten Wishes for Salt Spring:

1. I hope the Ssplash people and the Parks and Rec people can wash away egos, personality conflicts and power struggles and get on with the business of making a pool, coordinated and as resolute as synchronized swimmers. May the finished product serve as a shining example of small-town cooperation and not a taxpayers’ sinkhole, belly flopping into a sea of red ink and finger pointing.

2. I hope reasonable legislation can go on the books that will

HEAD TO HEAD

BY PETER VINCENT



allow me to rent out my house on a weekly basis over the tourist season. I will need the extra cash to cover heart-stopping property tax increases created by soaring house prices piled on top of such sacrosanct untouchables as ArtSpring and the above community-ordained swimming pool.

3. I pray that Norske has an economic epiphany and moves its pulp mill operation to Gold River, a town with a perfectly functioning deserted mill and townspeople who would choose the acrid tang of dioxin plumes to an uncertain future of U-Hauls and government unemployment cheques. Where annoying media cameras and Salt Spring gadflies are far, far away.

4. I hope Larry Bader, chief cook and bottle washer of Gulf Islands Trucking & Excavating

Ltd., wins the lottery and transforms the Jasper Place gravel pit into a wildlife interpretive centre and refuge for homeless eagles and orphaned harbour seals. Such a happy event would provide fervent activist Joyce Campbell with a good night’s sleep, and nearby homeowners with some much-needed peace and quiet.

5. I wish the navel-gazing, what’s-in-it-for-me Salt Spring anti-development cells intent on sabotaging low-income and seniors’ housing projects would take a cold, hard look in the mirror. To those residents of Brinkworthy mobile/modular home park who signed the petition to stop the construction of the low-cost housing project on Norton Road, adjacent to their own “gated community” . . . well, you win the 2004 SSI NIMBY Award.

6. I hope justice is finally meted out to those people who knowingly allowed innocent people to buy houses with drinking water containing many times the allowable amount of arsenic. Their col-

lective conscience must be as thin as tap water.

7. It would be very nice if some of the major players of the Channel Ridge development actually moved onto Salt Spring Island for a while so they may better understand why so many are prepared to man the barricades to keep this potentially utopian project from becoming just another cookie-cutter suburb on the outskirts of Calgary.

8. I hope that you and I, and the provincial and the federal governments, all kick in a few bucks and make the owners of Walker Hook an offer they can’t refuse. Make it a park. By doing so, we would rid the area of the ham-fisted “archaeology” performed by the Sablefin outfit, and would provide everyone with a gorgeous waterfront park . . . not to mention access to the best damn “clothing optional” beach in the Gulf Islands.

9. I hope Premier Campbell and the Liberals get in for another term, allowing British Colum-

bians to break the vicious cycle where the NDP gets in and spends money like drunken sailors, forcing the job-producing private sector to run for the foothills of Alberta.

Following years of witnessing the local economy going into the tank, the electorate votes in the Liberals, who are forced to take draconian measures to stop the economic bleeding, which pisses off the electorate, who vote back in the NDP, who start spending money like drunken sailors. Again. Let’s give the Liberals another four years and watch this province begin to reach its potential.

10. I hope this year we realize that Salt Spring Island is “all grown up.” It’s time we became masters of our own domain . . . by incorporating. Contrary to the railings of the anti-incorporation juggernaut, the island will not be paved over, the sky will not fall.

Oh, and Happy New Year . . . it promises to be an interesting one!



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Local governance as well as OCP review among new year projects

By **KIMBERLY LINEGER**
Islands trustee

Trust governance renewal is for the most part finished. Trust Council is looking at ways to more effectively and efficiently manage its resources for delivery of services in each Local Trust Committee (LTC) area.



Lineger

It is unclear at this time whether this latest exercise will lead to any form of tax or resource equity in the allocation of Trust planning resources. As it stands presently, the Salt Spring Trust area considerably underwrites the planning services in other Trust areas.

There is still some debate taking place about the Trust assuming subdivision approval authority, but it appears that this initiative

The Living Word

Jeremiah 29:11-13

For I know the plans I have for you declared the LORD, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. Then you will call upon me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you. You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart.

WINSOME WHITE
PLEASE READ: MATT 7:7 & 8

TRUSTEE REPORT

will not move forward unless a more cost-effective model is considered.

In January, interested trustees will attend a workshop that will examine ways in which LTCs and regional districts can work together more effectively.

Another equally important part of governance renewal in the Trust Area is local lobbying for legislative changes identified by Trust Council at its December meeting. These legislative changes will address some of the broader issues affecting the Trust, such as aquaculture regulation and greater control in the issuing of mining permits for the creation of gravel quarries.

Trust Council will hold a community workshop in the new year for interested islanders from all over the Trust Area to discuss how they can assist Trust Council to more effectively lobby government for legislative change, and how the Trust may plan more effectively for increased growth and development on our islands.

The issue of local governance renewal has surfaced again. The debate about whether Salt Spring should or should not incorporate is still alive. The question then becomes what will be the impact on the Trust Area as a whole should Salt Spring incorporate, and will incorporation really address some of the governance problems identified.

Before we can answer the first question, we need to know if incorporation is the appropriate governance model for Salt Spring. Following recent meetings with Community, Aboriginal and Women's Services Minister Murray Coell, his ministry has acknowledged that Salt Spring's governance issues are different from other communities seeking incorporation and as such may require a governance solution that is unique to Salt Spring and the Trust Area.

In order for this to happen, a thorough examination of the governance problems facing Salt Spring needs to

be undertaken.

So what does these mean for the coming year? It means that the locally elected officials Gary Holman (CRD director) and Eric Booth and I as trustees will engage in a community consultation process to determine the governance problems faced by the island. We will work with the ministry, the CRD and Trust Council to resolve issues that can be done within existing legislation and regulations and we will set up a framework to look at how we might begin to solve those governance issues that fall outside "the box."

Until this process is complete, it is premature to look at solutions like incorporation or community councils or other proposed models of governance.

OCP review

The new year will also see us embark on an official community plan (OCP) review that will re-examine the issue of density transfers and whether they are appropriate for rural communities such as Salt Spring.

The OCP review will also consider expansion of development permit areas for the protection of seasonal creeks and wetlands. Other issues to be considered include limiting tree cutting on properties and protection of heritage sites outside the villages, particularly First Nations cultural and heritage sites.

During the OCP review process, the LTC will consider implementing development management tools as presented at the December Trust Council meeting. Copies of the Trust Council report on development management tools is available at the Trust office.

Tourism management

A major project proposed for the new year will be a Tourism Management Plan that will re-examine the role of tourism on our island and develop strategies for managing tourism growth that are in keeping with the rural character of our island and the preserve and protect mandate of the Trust.

The provincial government is projecting a doubling of tourism in the province in

anticipation of 2010. A Salt Spring Tourism Management Plan will ensure that we keep the island we want regardless of external pressures for tourism growth.

A significant part of managing tourism on the island will be addressing the parking issues faced in Ganges and Fulford. A group effort by the Chamber of Commerce, the CRD, B.C. Ferries and the Trust is underway to do just that.

It is anticipated that this project will be completed by early spring 2005 and implementation of recommendations can begin shortly afterwards.

Vacation rentals

The short-term vacation rental issue will finally be resolved early in the new year as proposed OCP and land use bylaw amendments will be considered. Copies of the proposed amendments are available at the Trust office.

A public meeting will be held in early January to review the proposed changes prior to first reading at the January LTC meeting.

Get involved

How can you help? The easiest way a local resident can help is to be informed. Know the issues affecting your neighbourhood or the island. Don't rely on second-hand information: know the facts about each issue facing the island.

Participate in the OCP review or the development of a Tourism Management Plan, whether you attend a meeting or simply write a letter outlining your concerns or your support for the issues.

Get involved on one of the Trust's advisory committees. Applications are now being accepted for the Advisory Planning Commission, Advisory Design Panel, Community Housing Task Force, Tourism Advisory Committee and the Heritage Advisory Committee. Each committee will have a significant role as we undergo the OCP review.

Lastly, take the opportunity to meet with the trustees if you are concerned about an issue. Both Eric and I have regular office hours and appointments can be booked through the Trust office.

the posting

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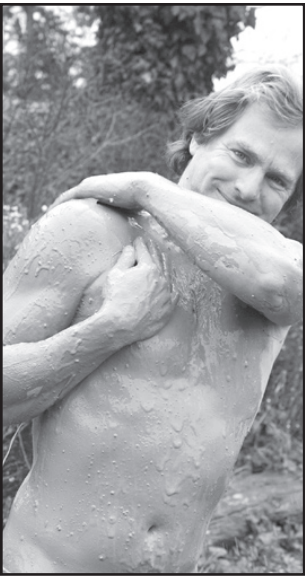
Taking a polar plunge



Katy Haydon takes top prize for her “Incredibles” costume at the New Year’s Day Polar Bear Swim at Vesuvius Beach.



Coast guard members stand by, taking in the action on a snowy January 1, as the annual tradition unfolds before a smaller-than-usual crowd.



Swimmer Wayne Simons covers himself in hot mud prior to taking the plunge.



Above, Dion Hackett, left, tries to enforce a polar dip on Liam Hackett, while family friend Martin Bol helps out Liam.

Photo by Sandra Smith

*Photos by
Derrick
Lundy*



Above, implored to come out after eight minutes, Sierra Lundy, Ona Beth MacLeod and Tara Holmes join hands to go to shore.

At left, Sheehan Mergart, left, and Tyler Laitinen spell “happy New Year” as they get ready to get wet.

Letter to the editor? Press release? What’s On?
Send it to news@gulfislands.net.

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Galiano Island South Community Hall

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Centre Island Complex: Fernhill Road
Agricultural Hall: 430 Fernhill Road
Miners Bay Trading Post: Fernhill Road

NORTH PENDER ISLAND
Driftwood Centre: CRD office Bulletin Board
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ISLANDS TRUST
MAYNE ISLAND LOCAL TRUST COMMITTEE
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Islands Trust

NOTICE is hereby given that Mayne Island Local Trust Committee will hold a public hearing on

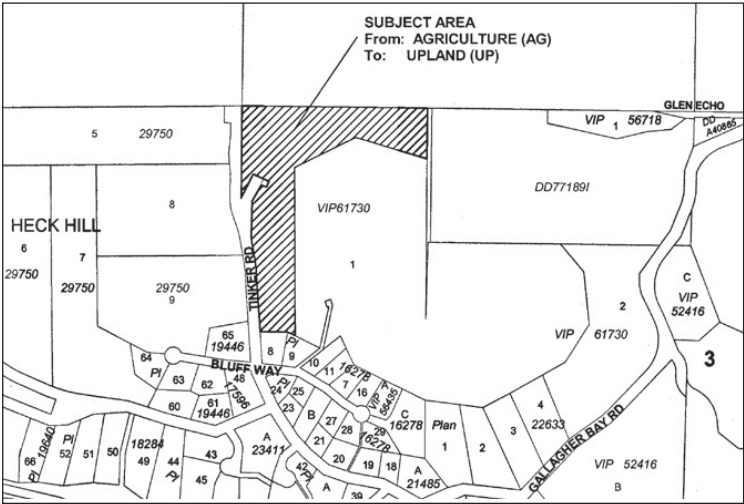
- **Proposed Bylaw No. 133 – cited as “Mayne Island Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 86, 1994, Amendment No. 2, 2004”**
- **Proposed Bylaw No. 134 – cited as “Mayne Island Land Use Bylaw 1996, Amendment No. 4, 2004”**
- **Proposed Bylaw No. 136 – cited as “Mayne Island Land Use Bylaw 1996, Amendment No. 6, 2004”**

for the purpose of allowing the public to make representations to the Local Trust Committee respecting matters contained in the proposed bylaws at **1:00 pm, Wednesday, January 12, 2005 at the Church House, 360 Georgina Point Road, Mayne Island.**

At the public hearing all persons who believe that their interest in property is affected by the proposed bylaws shall be afforded a reasonable opportunity to be heard or to present written submissions respecting matters contained in the proposed bylaws

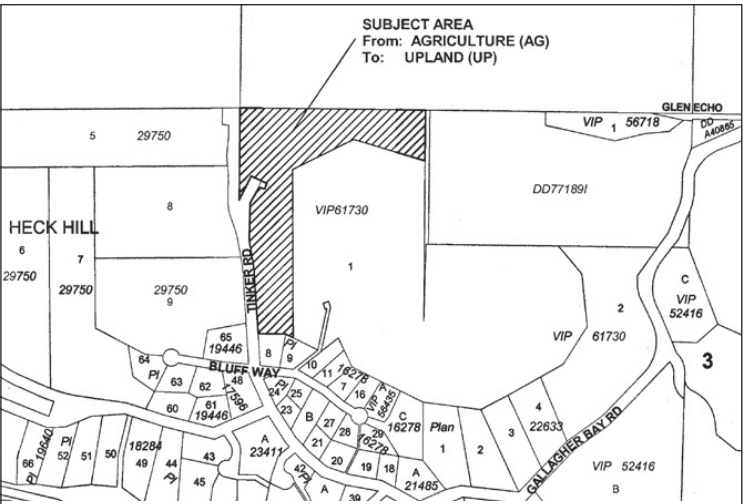
Proposed Bylaw No. 133 – cited as “Mayne Island Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 86, 1994, Amendment No. 2, 2004”

In general terms, the purpose of Bylaw No. 133 is to amend the OCP map by re-designating the land legally described as Lot 1, Section 3, Mayne Island, Plan VIP61730 from the Agriculture (AG) designation to the Upland (UP) designation as shown on the map below:



Proposed Bylaw No. 134 – cited as “Mayne Island Land Use Bylaw 1996, Amendment No. 4, 2004”

In general terms, the purpose of Bylaw No. 134 is to amend the LUB map by re-zoning the land legally described as Lot 1, Section 3, Mayne Island, Plan VIP61730 from the Agricultural (AG) zone to the Upland (UP) zone as shown on the map below:



Proposed Bylaw No. 136 – cited as “Mayne Island Land Use Bylaw 1996, Amendment No. 6, 2004”

In general terms, the purpose of Bylaw No. 136 is to amend the Settlement Residential Zone by reducing the exterior side lot line setback from 8.0 metres to 4.5 metres.

A copy of the proposed bylaws and any background material that may be considered by the Trust Committee in respect of the proposed bylaws may be inspected at the Islands Trust Office, #200 - 1627 Fort Street, Victoria, B.C. between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday to Friday, inclusive, excluding statutory holidays, **commencing January 4, 2005.**

For the convenience of the public only, and not to satisfy Section 892(2)(e) of the Local Government Act, additional copies of the proposed bylaws may be inspected at various notice boards on Mayne Island commencing December 29, 2004 and can also be viewed on the World Wide Web at the following URL: <http://www.islandstrust.bc.ca> and selecting Mayne Island / Bylaws / Proposed.

Written submissions may be delivered to:

1. the office of the Islands Trust by mail at the #200 - 1627 Fort Street, Victoria, B.C. V8R 1H8, or by Fax (250) 405-5155, prior to **4:30 p.m., Tuesday, January 11, 2005;**
2. after 4:30 p.m., Tuesday, January 11, 2005, to the Trust committee at the Public Hearing at **1:00 p.m., Wednesday, January 12, 2005.**

Email comments should not be considered as complying with the requirements of this notice. The Islands Trust does not guarantee that any email comment will be received by the Mayne Island Local Trust Committee. Reasonable efforts will be made to provide email comments, if they are opened and received, to the Mayne Island Local Trust Committee for consideration, but the public should not rely on email as a means of providing a written comment. Email submissions should be sent to ghamblin@islandstrust.bc.ca

Written submissions made in response to this notice will also be available for public review.

Inquiries regarding the proposed bylaws may be directed to the Islands Trust Office, Planner, at (250) 405-5158 or, for Toll Free access, request a transfer via Enquiry BC: In Vancouver 660-2421 and elsewhere in BC 1-800-663-7867.

NO REPRESENTATIONS WILL BE RECEIVED BY THE MAYNE ISLAND LOCAL TRUST COMMITTEE AFTER THE CONCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC HEARING.

Kathy Jones
Deputy Secretary

More letters

Real treat

I visited Salt Spring this Christmas to stay with my sister, Linda Quinn.

This is my third visit to the island and apart from praising the natural beauty, friendly easy-going people and lovely local produce, I would like to congratulate the Driftwood for continuing to publish local news in the North American tradition.

To read a local newspa-

per that gives such a wide coverage, including commentary on national and international affairs, as well as bravely honest and frank discussion of local issues, is a real treat.

Sadly, most of the local newspapers at home are just full of adverts with a few sketchy reports about local tragedies and triumphs. Furthermore, trying to contact them is difficult as they have mostly been swallowed up

by large conglomerates and exist locally in name only.

It was great to see that the Driftwood has its own office and is obviously contributing in many ways to the life of the community.

I hope that Gulf Islanders will continue to value and support their local newspapers and protect the freedom of speech within them.

HEATHER POMROY,
Chalfont St. Peter, England

RANTS & ROSES

ROSES

A basket of roses to Ganges Village Market, Harbour Food Market and Liz McClean for donations and prizes supplied to the Salt Spring Island Disc Golf Association's Boxing Day Tournament. SC and TVG

Heaps of roses to the individuals and businesses who contributed over \$1,000 to the Red Cross for relief efforts in South Asia. What a wonderful and generous community we live in.

Special thanks to McColl's Shell. AKS.

Roses to Richard and Shinobu of Raven Street Cafe for the lovely party they gave on New Year's Day for their staff, friends and neighbours in our little Fernwood community. Thanks for your generosity, and for being open six days a week all year round.

To everyone who purchased Ometepe coffee during 2004 we send a big, lush, organically grown red rose and a

most sincere thank you. Your support has made it possible for OGIFA (Ometepe-Gulf Islands Friendship Association) to donate over \$28,000 in aid to projects in Nicaragua and Guatemala in the past year and to assure that the growers of organic coffee on Ometepe Island are able to keep their farms and feed their families because they are paid a fair price for their coffee beans.

Thanks to John Wilcox of Duck Creek Farm for growing those luscious Lutz beets and to Natureworks for selling them to us.

BE SEEN. BE SAFE.

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THIS WEEK'S MOVIES

Salt Spring Driftwood: Main Movie Breakout for Jan 5, 2005 to Jan 11, 2005

WEDNESDAY, JAN 5

6:00 PM

13 ★★ ★★ **Earth (1930, Drama)** Farmers in the Ukraine defy a wealthy landowner to buy their own tractor. *Semen Svashenko, Stepan Shkurat* (2h)

7:00 PM

3 ★★ **Facing The Enemy (2001, Suspense)** A detective holds another officer responsible for his wife's suicide and plots revenge. *Alexandra Paul, Maxwell Caulfield* (2h)

8:00 PM

24 ★★ **The Shrimp on the Barbie (1990, Comedy)** A Mexican-American emigrates to Australia in hopes of finding a better life for himself. *Cheech Marin, Emma Samms* (2h)

9:00 PM

3 ★★ ★★ **Love Actually (2003, Romance)** Several different British couples sort out their love lives during the holidays. *Emma Thompson, Hugh Grant* (2h30)

4 ★★ ★★ **Reluctant Angel (1997, Drama)** An artist is mistaken for a guardian angel when she runs down a suicidal philosopher. *Megan Follows, Jaimz Woolvett* (2h)

7 **Choice: The Henry Morgantaler Story (2004, Drama)** The life story of Henry Morgantaler, a man who led the controversial movement on abortion. *David Eisner, Stewart Bick* (2h)

13 ★★ ★★ **Donnie Brasco (1997, Crime Story)** An undercover FBI agent infiltrates the mob and finds himself identifying with the Mafia. *Johnny Depp, Al Pacino* (2h30)

19 ★★ ★★ **Dirty Rotten Scoundrels (1988, Comedy)** Two con artists target an unsuspecting woman in a crazy contest on the French Riviera. *Steve Martin, Michael Caine* (1h30)

10:00 PM

14 ★★ ★★ **Jules et Jim (1961, Drama)** The memorable tale of three people in love, and how the years affect their interrelationships. *Jeanne Moreau, Oskar Werner* (2h)

11:30 PM

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

THURSDAY, JAN 6

7:00 PM

3 ★★ ★★ **Spartan (2004, Thriller)** A Secret Service agent and a rookie cop search for a politician's missing daughter. *Val Kilmer, Derek Luke* (2h)

8:00 PM

24 ★★ **The Shadow (1994, Action)** The Shadow must stop his nemesis who is out to exact revenge and achieve world domination. *Alec Baldwin, Penelope Ann Miller* (2h30)

9:00 PM

3 ★★ ★★ **The Pianist (2002, Drama)** A Jewish musician struggles to survive the destruction of the Warsaw ghetto during WWII. *Adrien Brody, Thomas Kretschmann* (2h30)

13 ★★ **Boys (1996, Romance)** A prep school boy becomes entangled in the mysterious past of a young woman. *Winona Ryder, Lukas Haas* (2h)

19 ★★ ★★ **Terms of Endearment (1983, Romance)** A domineering mother spars with her troubled daughter until tragedy brings them together. *Shirley MacLaine, Jack Nicholson* (2h10)

29 ★★ ★★ **Agnes of God (1985, Mystery)** A psychiatrist suspects a young cloistered nun of murdering her secretly born baby. *Jane Fonda, Meg Tilly* (2h)

10:00 PM

14 ★★ ★★ **The Spy Who Came in From the Cold (1965, Suspense)** A spy infiltrates enemy circles and discovers he's been set up for a different mission. *Richard Burton, Oskar Werner* (2h15)

11:30 PM

3 ★★ **Possession (2002, Romance)** Researchers unveil a secret passion of Victorian poets and find themselves under a spell. *Gwyneth Paltrow, Aaron Eckhart* (2h)

FRIDAY, JAN 7

6:00 PM

13 ★★ ★★ **Hostile Waters (1996, Suspense)** A Russian submarine collides with an American submarine off the coast of Bermuda. *Rutger Hauer, Max Von Sydow* (1h45)

13 **Hitler: The Rise of Evil (2003, War)** Explores Adolf Hitler's rise to power in Germany during the years prior to World War II. *Robert Carlyle, Stockard Channing* (2h)



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- Beaver Point Hall cabaret, January 29.
- Sumatran coffee community relief. Donations accepted at SS Coffee Co. cafe and online at www.saltspringcoffee.com.
- Sundogs dance, Fulford Hall, January 22.
- The Sea Gypsy Relief Fund to rebuild or replace boats for Thailand fisherman has an account set up at Island Savings in Ganges.
- Island Savings branches are accepting donations for the Canadian Red Cross.

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Boys and creative dance classes step up Stagecoach school's repertoire

With the expansion of Stagecoach School of Performing Arts last fall to include a dance division, four new classes are being offered this month.

Boys' modern dance classes, one for ages 8-11 and another for 12 and older — all taught by Andrea Rabinovitch — and a creative dance class taught by Robbyn Scott are new to the program.

Already included are Jill Smith's ballet classes and Sue Newman's jazz/tap and pre-school groups, plus Rabinovitch's performance troupe Dankkids.

With the inclusion of a boy's crew into the hip hop-based Dankkids (Brendan Elwell, Sam Neville and Max McKay) it became clear that a boys class would encourage other boys to join, said Rabinovitch.

"The prerequisite to Dankkids is at least one technique class, as Dankkids is performance-based," she notes.

Boys dance class is a high-energy, structured dance technique class where students will learn the basics of dance terminology, body awareness, movement through space, while improving flexibility, strength and aerobic capacity.

Modern dance is a 20th-century art form. Performing in bare feet, students will learn the use of contraction, transitional movement, and fall and recovery through a structured warm-up, moving patterns across the floor and choreography.

If enrolment is large enough, live percussion will be used as accompaniment.

Scott's class features structured movement explorations using elements and concepts of dance technique, stories and improvisation. Her classes give students the opportunity to combine the mastery of movement with the artistry of expression.

In an effort to offer comprehensive dance training on the island by highly qualified professionals at reasonable prices, Stagecoach is thrilled to be expanding again.

To register for classes, call Shelley at 537-6456 or Andrea at 538-0116.



SWINGING IN THE NEW YEAR:

Swing Shift plays for an appreciative New Year's Eve crowd at Meaden Hall Friday night.

Seen here, above, is the saxophone section; while at right is trombone player Geoff Cronin.

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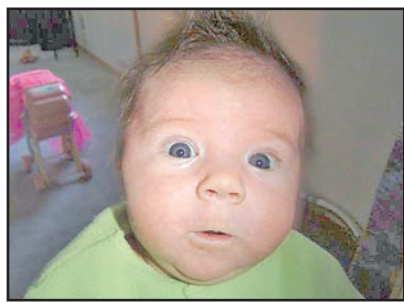
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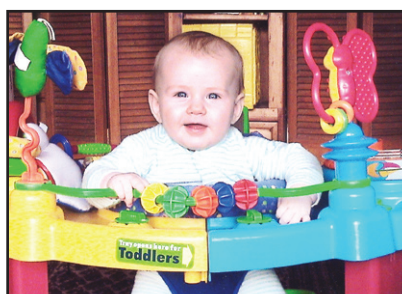
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March 18, 2004

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Congratulations to all the families & friends of the newborn babies of 2004!

RINGING IN THE NEW YEAR



Kevin Vine takes a break from playing the keyboard at Meaden Hall festivities.



"Rainbow" performs a fire dance outside of Beaver Point Hall — which hosted a rave New Year's Eve — to welcome in 2005.

Derrick Lundy photos



Sarah Dawn Morris salutes the new year as she celebrates at Barb's Buns.

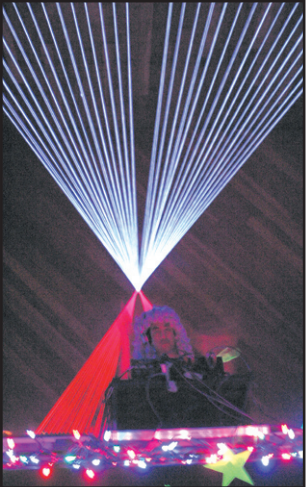


Above, bartender Shelley Day pours a glass of wine at Meaden Hall, while below, Sam Benoit kicks up her heels at Moby's.

The clock strikes midnight and New Year's Eve revellers at Moby's Pub give a cheer.



Jayne Adshead and Clive Williams welcome 2005 at Moby's Pub.



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MUSIC MAKERS: Among those keeping the beat for New Year's Eve party-goers were, from left, Tom Hooper at the Fulford Inn, Eric Donnelly at Barb's Buns and DJ Lee Moden at Moby's Pub. Photos by Derrick Lundy

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GISS tunes up for music concert

By MITCHELL SHERRIN
Staff Writer

Student musicians from Gulf Islands Secondary School (GISS) are ready to kick off the new year with an electrifying concert on January 12.

"My heart's palpitating just thinking about it," said GISS music director Bruce Smith Monday.

Historically, GISS held its winter music concert in December, but Smith moved it to January this year to avoid competition with other festive events.

"There are so many concerts going on [at that time] and parents are always asking, 'Which one should I go to?' — so I decided to put it in January for less stress."

The upcoming GISS music concert will feature a chamber orchestra, two jazz bands and four choirs, Smith said.

The chamber orchestra will include Brad Cronin in Haydn's Trumpet Concerto and Albinoni's Oboe Concerto (with an adaptation for trumpet).

"Good oboists are hard to find," Smith laughed.

The music teacher will also play with Cronin in the Albinoni piece, since Simon Millerd is in Florida at a festival, he said.

Smith arranged the piece with an antiphonal treatment.

"We'll be away from the orchestra. You've got the old-fashioned church acoustical stereo thing happening."

Both jazz bands will feature a ton of solos, Smith said.

And he's particularly excited to stage Tuning Up by Toshiko Akiyoshi.

"It starts off like an orchestra tuning up but it's a jazz band tuning up. It just digs. I've always wanted to do this piece and now I've got the horses to do it."

Another jazz-band song will feature vocals from Lindsey Bryant and the all-female jazz choir will do two exciting numbers.

"Loves Me Like a Rock is a very funky type of New York voices piece that requires some low chops."

Caroni Young will provide bass, he said.

He's also planning to stage

a jazz version of You Are My Sunshine and he hopes to finish arranging Cole Porter's song: Miss Otis Regrets, that will feature Gwen Temmel, if he can get the choir ready in time.

"It's an Ella Fitzgerald tune. She finds her lover has strayed, she pulls out a gun — it's all so sweet — she blows him away, then the crowd strings her up and the last thing she says is, 'Sorry, I'm going to be late for lunch.'"

The GISS concert, set to level an island audience, will start at 7:30 p.m. next Wednesday at ArtSpring.

Tickets are by reserved seating (\$12 regular admission and \$8 for students and seniors).

ISLAND STAR VIDEO presents...

Flick Pick

Swaths of humour, drama and a sparkling Portman saves Garden State



Jason Tudor

Garden State is not a great movie, and maybe not even good. That said, it's still much better than, let's say, 90 per cent of whatever mainstream Hollywood throws at us in a given week.

Writer/director Zach Braff plays the young, good looking, smart, funny, yet somehow depressed Andrew. Andrew returns from a TV acting/waitering life in L.A. to his roots in suburban New Jersey: a disconnected, psychiatrist father (Ian Holm) and a tough-but-loving friend (Canadian Peter Sarsgaard).

He isn't there for long before meeting precociously wonky Sam (Natalie Portman) and what appears to be a relationship begins its appropriately slow groove. Soon comes the (for America, at least) eternal question: to stay and accept the people that love you, or return to the dangerous outside world?

How the heck Garden State

actually got made — considering the budget-conscious studios — is completely beyond my understanding. Braff is just a kid with prettymuchonlyasitcomcredit to his name, and the script doesn't do much other than update and hip-i-fy 1968's The Graduate. How did he get this incredible battalion of acting talent to join in?

Garden State joins the list of overhyped indie successes topped by last year's Lost in Translation. And yet, on second thought, I have a hard time not recommending it.

After all, it is in fits and starts a pretty involving affair with swaths of humour and drama, and a soft touch of real romance. While Braff won't win any awards for creative cinematography, his directing is competent enough to allow for some truly touching and original performances.

Sarsgaard and Holm are always

good, but Portman is the one who sparkles brightest. In the hands of your average Barbie-doll, Sam could have been an absolute disaster of a role. For one scene, in a quest to create a completely original moment, she makes up this congealed, squealy mess of a noise and a squiggly semi-newborn-alienish dance.

It could have been cringe inducing, but somehow it turns out to be a completely genuine moment that evokes Sam's weird charm.

Whether you enjoy Garden State overall will probably depend on your ability to tolerate Andrew's ho-hum depression, even though the story gives him a fully credible reason for it.

I can hear it now: "Oh please! Wake up kid, it's not all bad. I mean, Natalie-frickin-Portman is throwing herself at you!"

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SATURDAY, JAN 8
11:00 PM

10 ★★★★★ Tuer n'est pas jouer (1987, Drame d'espionnage) L'agent secret James Bond doute de la sincérité d'un général du KGB qui a fait défection. *Timothy Dalton, Maryam d'Abo* (2h45)

SUNDAY, JAN 9
6:00 PM

3 ★★ Secret Window (2004, Horror) A strange man accuses a writer of plagiarism then hunts him down to exact his revenge. *Johnny Depp, John Turturro* (2h)

14 ★★★★★ Monster's Ball (2001, Drama) A convict's wife falls for the prison guard responsible for her husband's execution. *Halle Berry, Heath Ledger* (2h)

15 ★★★★★ Salvador (1986, War) A drunk and down-on-his-luck journalist struggles to report on the chaos in El Salvador. *James Belushi, James Woods* (3h)

8:00 PM

2 ★★ Men With Brooms (2002, Comedy) Four friends try to realize their late coach's dream of winning a curling trophy. *Paul Gross, Leslie Nielsen* (2h)

14 ★★★★★ Joe (1970, Drama) Complications ensue when an executive confesses to a crime to a bigoted factory worker. *Peter Boyle, Susan Sarandon* (2h)

24 ★★★★★ **Children of a Lesser God (1986, Drama)** A new and unconventional teacher at a school for the deaf falls for a former pupil. *William Hurt, Marlee Matlin* (2h30)
9:00 PM

4 ★★ **Too Young to Be a Dad (2002, Drama)** A teenage boy agonizes over his girlfriend's decision to put their baby up for adoption. *Paul Franklin Dano, Kathy Baker* (2h)
(2h)

43 ★★★★★ **Changing Lanes (2002, Drama)** A car accident triggers a fierce war of revenge and revenge between two New Yorkers. *Ben Affleck, Samuel L. Jackson* (2h)

45 ★★★★★ **Salvador (1986, War)** A drunk and down-on-his-luck journalist struggles to report on the chaos in El Salvador. *James Belushi, James Woods* (3h)

49 ★★★★★ **Mr. Destiny (1990, Comedy)** A man's life is altered when he is given a chance to relive a moment from his past. *James Belushi, Linda Hamilton* (1h30)

20 ★★★★★ **Scent of a Woman (1992, Drama)** A prep-school student cares for a blind, hard-drinking ex-army colonel to earn money. *Al Pacino, Chris O'Donnell* (3h)
10:00 PM

3 ★★★★★ **Unfaithful (2002, Erotica)** The lives of a suburban couple go awry when the wife indulges in an illicit affair. *Richard Gere, Diane*

14 ★★ **Eve's Bayou (1997, Drama)**
A young girl is traumatized when she sees her father flirting with a beautiful woman. *Samuel L. Jackson, Diahann Carroll* (2h)
10:30 PM

19 ★★★ **Defending Your Life (1991, Comedy)** After dying in a car accident, a man must defend his life choices before going to heaven. *Albert Brooks, Meryl Streep* (2h)
11:30 PM

10 **Latcho Drom (1993, Drame documentaire)** Voyage de l'Inde à l'Andalousie au son de la musique traditionnelle gitane. (1h45)

MONDAY, JAN 10
8:00 PM

24 ★★ **Dying Young (1991, Romance)**
A beautiful young woman becomes friends with a 28-year-old man suffering from leukemia. *Julia Roberts, Campbell Scott* (2h)
9:00 PM

19 ★★★ **Private Benjamin (1980, Comedy)** A pampered woman joins the army,

...nkingmie she is signing up at a luxurious resort.
Godie Hawn, Eileen Brennan (1h30)
 9:35 PM

3 ★★★ **A Silent Love** (2004,
Comedy/Drama) A Montreal professor
 arranges a marriage to a Mexican woman over
 the Internet. **Susana Salazar, Maka Kotto**
 (1h55)
 11:30 PM

3 ★★★★★ **Bloody Sunday** (2002,
History) A peaceful march in 1972 turns violent
 when British troops fire on Irish protestors. **James**
Nesbitt, Allan Gildea (2h)

TUESDAY, JAN 11

6:00 PM

14 ★★ **Innocence** (2000, **Romance**)
 After 40 years apart, a couple embarks on an
 affair reminiscent of younger days. **Julia Blake,**
Charles Tingwell (1h45)
 8:00 PM

4 ★★ **Clear and Present Danger**
 (1994, **Thriller**) A strike force is sent in when an
 agent is assigned to investigate Colombian drug
 cartels. **Harrison Ford, Willem Dafoe** (3h)

24 ★★★★★ **Kalifornia** (1993, **Thriller**)
 A writer and a photographer travel in the U.S. to
 conduct research about serial killers. **Juliette**
Lewis, Brad Pitt (2h30)
 9:00 PM

13 ★★ **Gattaca** (1997, **Suspense**) A

genetic order by impersonating another. *Uma Thurman, Ethan Hawke* (2h)

19 ★★ Mixed Nuts (1994, Comedy) A suicide hotline tries to muddle through Christmas Eve and make money for their building. *Steve Martin, Madeline Kahn* (1h35)

29 ★★★ The Razor's Edge (1984, War) A soldier's war experiences act as the catalyst in his search for life's meaning. *Bill Murray, Theresa Russell* (2h)

10:00 PM

14 ★ The Night the Lights Went Out in Georgia (1981, Drama) A would-be country star and his sister find trouble while in a small Georgian town. *Dennis Quaid, Kristy McNichol* (2h15)

11:00 PM

3 ★★★ The Weight of Water (2000, Thriller) A photographer delves into an old murder case and deals with suspicion in her own life. *Catherine McCormack, Sarah Polley* (2h)

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other activities Stagecoach Theatre School. Dance and drama classes start. Drama: 537-9709; dance, 537-4748.	other activities Basketry Course. Six-Thursdays series begins with Joan Carrigan. Info: 538-1877. Bingo. At Meaden Hall, 7 pm. Early bird games at 6:30 pm. Women's Basketball. Thursdays at GISS, 6:30-8 pm.	other activities Rollerblading to Music. Fridays at Fulford Hall, 7:30-9 pm	other activities Tsunami Relief Boot Drive. Emergency services personnel collecting funds all day. African Dinner Fund-raiser. 5-course meal at SS Sailing Club. 6 pm	other activities Tsunami Relief Art Sale. At Blue Horse Folk Art Gallery.	other activities Dorothy Price Yoga Classes. Begin again today. 653-9453. Women's Basketball. Mondays at SIMS, 7-8:30 pm Chamber of Commerce. Board meeting at Harbour House Hotel.	other activities SS Singers. Registration for new singers. Baptist Church, 6:30 pm Basketry Course. Six-Tuesday series begins with Joan Carrigan. Info: 538-1877.

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exhibitions

- **Blue Horse Folk Art Gallery** sells works of several artists with 50 per cent of proceeds benefitting South Asian tsunami relief on Sunday, January 9, 175 North View Drive, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.
- **Salt Spring Painters Guild** members show portrait works and more in the lobby at **ArtSpring**.
- **Karen Reiss**, sculptor in clay, is the featured artist at **Waterfront Gallery**.
- **Nature Photography** by Theresa Mackey is at **Moby's Pub** through January 15.

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Islanders creep, crawl and fly to conservancy talk

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Island green thumbs may be familiar with adult lady beetles that hang out in our gardens eating aphids, but how about the juvenile form of this beneficial insect — do you know what it looks like?

Remember the invasion of the tent caterpillars from spring 2004? People can find out what to expect for 2005 and what can be done about it now.

And what about the delicate and beautiful butterflies who call Salt Spring home? What do they look like as a caterpillar and what can we do to encourage habitats and ecosystems to ensure they prosper on our island?

You can learn the answers to these questions and many more on Saturday, January 15 at 7 p.m. at Lions Hall when Salt Spring's own expert entomologist Linda Gilkeson gives an enlightening talk on Bugs: The Good, The Bad and The Beautiful.

Gilkeson's presentation will include a slide show, a

question-and-answer session and some bug specimens to examine close up.

Got something that bugs you? Bring a sample along for Linda to identify and possibly provide information on what it eats, its life cycle and what can be done to encourage or organically control it in the home or garden.

Gilkeson earned her Ph.D. in Entomology from McGill University in 1986. Her Ph.D. research focussed on the use of biological controls for aphids using the native aphid midge. In part due to her research, the midge is now widely sold commercially to control aphids.

In addition to a rewarding career with the B.C. provincial government, Gilkeson has co-authored three books on organic pest management and contributed numerous articles to magazines, including a regular column in Gardening Life.

Gilkeson keeps very busy giving talks and workshops across Canada on integrated pest management.

In May 2003 she was honoured with the Queen's Jubilee Medal.

Gilkeson lives and gardens on Salt Spring and is president of the Salt Spring Island Garden Club.



IN THE CARDS: Tarot card reader Tema Dawn, who also does astrology and numerology consultations, looks into the future at Windflower Moon, drawing a "returning home" card as a theme for the upcoming year.

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Going somewhere? Ferry Listings are on page 27

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Mouat family focus of January 12 forum

To help celebrate the 120th anniversary of the Mouat family's arrival on Salt Spring, various family members will participate in a forum hosted by the Salt Spring Island Historical Society at Central Hall on January 12.

"We're going to have a good crowd of family members," said Tom Toynbee, who was "roped into the job as moderator."

"We're not exactly sure what everybody will be talking about, but essentially it'll be about the early years, the coming in 1885 of my grandparents Thomas and Jane Mouat and their children to Salt Spring Island."

The young family of Thomas and Jane Mouat left their ancestral home on the Shetland Islands in 1884. A year later, following a brief stint in Spokane and Nanaimo, they purchased a 100-acre lot on the west side of St. Mary Lake from Abraham Copeland, one of the original black settlers of 1859.

The Mouats ran a typical family farm operation focusing on poultry and dairy production. Tragedy struck in 1898 when Thomas Mouat died at the age of 45, leaving his wife Jane and their

11 children to manage the farm.

"When my grandfather died, my grandmother had to raise the family with a good deal of help from the older children," states Toynbee.

In 1907, thanks to a loan from one of his uncles, 19-year-old Gilbert Mouat purchased the general store established in Ganges by Purvis and Malcolm after the latter died, changing the name of the business to Mouat Brothers and Company Limited.

In 1912 they built one of Ganges' most prominent landmarks, the present-day Mouat's building.

Next Wednesday's forum will focus on family history, with representation from six of the seven children of Thomas and Jane Mouat who grew up to marry and have their own families.

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- Salt Spring Lions Club purchased 0.7 hectares to be built into the Pioneer Village development.
- December 1964 boasted a record 90.17-centimetre snowfall over the month and 8.83 centimetres of rain on New Year's Eve.

35 years ago

- Gulf Islands School District borrowed \$175,000 to carry expenses after the Ministry of Education provided insufficient funds. Board member J.M. Campbell opposed the move, stating that islanders should not be forced to pay interest when the government was indifferent to meeting its liabilities.
- Salt Spring's newly formed Rotary Club raised 80 per cent of funds for a new heart machine for Lady Minto Hospital as its first community project.

30 years ago

- A school bus slid off the road on January 15, resulting in minor damage and no injuries. Poor road maintenance was blamed for the incident.
- A streaker sighting in Beaver Point instigated a six-hour police manhunt with tracking dogs, helicopter and police boat. Meanwhile, a passing motorist provided the man with clothes and a ride to a boat in Fulford.

25 years ago

- The CRD put a temporary stop to issuing building,

DOWN THE YEARS

- Planner and architect Henry Schubart advised islanders that Salt Spring could face a population of 500,000, based on an average suburban density, if residents would not accept development controls.
- The 653 telephone exchange was added to Salt Spring.

health or occupancy permits in Ganges to reduce sewage effluent.

- Parents from Pender Island met with the school board and requested more involvement in curriculum and an improved program that would inspire enthusiasm and enhanced academic performance.

20 years ago

- The body of a 23-year-old Calgary man was found hanging from the flagpole in Centennial Park.
- Fifty islanders applied for five Canada Works jobs to build nature trails on Crown land.

15 years ago

- Curb-side pick-up recycling and a depot was discussed for Salt Spring. Despite three drop boxes and 1,600 blue boxes on the island, the Blackburn Road dump still received 90 per cent of local waste.
- Islanders discussed location options for building a new arts centre (now Art-Spring) after the Salt Spring Windfall committee collected \$200,000 for the project originating from CRD land sales in the Western Communities on Vancouver Island.
- A walkway spanning Ganges Creek was built at the Creekhouse development.

10 years ago

- Weekend ferry fares to the mainland jumped 16 per cent in the Gulf Islands.
- The cafeteria program opened its kitchen at Gulf Islands Secondary School on January 9.
- Salt Spring received a \$421,000 infrastructure grant from the federal and provincial governments toward the \$632,000 Ganges Sewer upgrade.

Five years ago

- Some 100 protestors blockaded logging trucks from Texada Land Corporation at Burgoyne Bay on January 5.
- One half of a duplex was gutted by fire at the Cottage Resort on St. Mary Lake.
- Two 41-metre barges wrecked docks at Duck Bay when they broke free from the Crofton pulp mill on January 9.

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TRAVEL TIPS: 10 hours in Tokyo

By SUSAN LUNDY
Staff Writer

Japan Airlines Flight 720 lands in Tokyo just as early birds rise.

It's 7 a.m., and since leaving Indonesia at midnight, I've been trying to sleep upright, head lolling toward the aisle, a huge Korean man spilling out of the seat beside me.

Five hours ago I guzzled two glasses of wine, trying to force sleep. Now I'm tossing back coffee and green tea, hoping to ignite wakefulness.

I have 10 hours in Tokyo before my connecting flight leaves for Vancouver and, although I really want to stretch out and sleep on a bench, I'm determined to see a bit of the city.

(There is also the matter of wanting "Japan" stamped in my passport.)

Luckily my bags — chockablock with Christmas gifts — have been sent through to Vancouver. Still, I'm burdened with two carry-ons (also chockablock with Christmas gifts) as I struggle through the immigration line-up with six others on the same 10-hour stopover.

Canadians are among the visitors to Japan who do not need visas to enter, so before I know it, I'm through the gate (fresh stamp in my passport) and taking an elevator down to the main floor of the multi-storey Narita Airport.

I have been assured by a know-it-all friend that "everyone in Japan speaks English" and travelling into Tokyo will be "no big deal." I'm not sure about this, but right away I notice all signs are in both languages.

At the currency window I hand over 50 US dollars and collect 4,800 yen. Then I lug my carry-ons to the bag storage counter and with lots of hand gestures, plus the calling of a second worker to help translate (of course, everyone speaks English), I determine that I pay 300 yen upon pick-up in a few hours. I also ask how to say "thank you" in Japanese because I know even a small attempt to speak the language is appreciated.

My next stop is the visitor information booth where I enquire how to get to "Ginza," apparently the "Times Square" of Tokyo. The woman brings out a train and subway map, draws a line from the airport to Ginza (doesn't look far), and explains (in tortured English) that I'll have to change trains during the two-hour journey.

Change trains? Two hours? It's 8 a.m., my flight leaves at 5 p.m., and I'm really anal about arriving at the gate with enough time for lots and lots of thumb twiddling.

"Asakusa," the woman says, is just over an hour away. It's rich with temples, Japanese architecture and souvenir shops (okay, all I really understand is the word "temple"). Although I'll have to switch from train to subway, it sounds manageable.

I thank her in (tortured) Japanese and then take the eleva-

tor down to the Keisei Line, where I stand for a very long time trying to figure out the ticket distribution system.

Finally, a young Japanese man, whose English equates my Japanese, offers to help. I show him on the map where I'm going; he punches something into the wall, and I give him 1,100 yen. Then I trot off, determined not to let him — now my only friend in a city of millions — out of sight.

Once on the train, I sit back and enjoy the scenery, which isn't much different than other cities, except for the curling, Japanese-style rooftops on the buildings. My head keeps banging against the window as I doze off and I snap my jaw shut, hoping I'm not drooling.

By once again waving my map around, I manage to get off the train and onto the correct subway line at Auto (two levels of subways, four choices in total). At 9:30 a.m., I step onto a Tokyo sidewalk, walk around the block and meet an intricately carved gateway (Kaminarimon Gate) with a gigantic lantern — 670 kilos, according to my pamphlet — hanging from it.

Things are just waking up on the strip of walkway (Nakamise-Dori) behind the gate, with people opening up delicious-smelling food. Straight ahead I can see the promised temple, but prior to that are several "intersections" which jut out into even more shopping areas.

I follow one of the side roads, figuring I can't get lost if I go straight. With coffee, green tea and wine still jiggling around in my stomach, I'm not hungry — but it's intriguing to see all the different sushi-style platters displayed in restaurant windows. The food and other mall-style wares, such as clothing and trinkets, are fairly costly.

Then it's back to the shopping strip where I walk towards the temple, viewing hundreds of different souvenirs and food.

Sensoji Temple, says my pamphlet, was founded in 628 to commemorate the pure gold statue of



Above, a Japanese woman cooks up specialty food; while below is a five-storey pagoda.



Kannon that fisherman kept dragging up from the Sumida River. (I knew I should have gone fishing.)

I walk up the steps and into the temple where, behind a closed-off partition, a group of monks appears to be worshipping at a shrine.

Wandering around the area a bit longer, I spend some time photographing the unique architecture, including a five-storey pagoda originally built in 942, and then purchase what I assume (having just come from seafood-rich Indonesia) is a skewer of scallops. I'm still not sure what the doughy substance actually was, but I shouldn't have declined the soya sauce.

Returning through the increasingly crowded area, I pick up some costly Hello Kitty souvenirs for my kids (later, I find the same thing for fewer yen at the airport), and some green tea candy for my parents.

Then I decide to head back to the airport.

At the subway station, I again need help getting a ticket, but at least I know where to change trains. This

time, I hit the end of the line before arriving at Narita and I have to change trains a second time, but thankfully, everything is explained in both Japanese and English on a screen above me.

(The language issue has struck me forcefully, and I have to wonder how it must be for Asian people to land in Canada where so few people speak their language.)

Finally at the airport, I pick up my bags, wind through the maze of line-ups, stairways and hallways, and make it to my gate in time for lots of thumb twiddling — and a bit of a bench snooze.

I spend the last of my yen on a green tea drink and a sushi tuna sandwich, and meet up with the others on the 10-hour stopover.

They have seen some of Tokyo via a bus tour, but are a little cranky about spending \$130 on a room at the nearby Narita Hotel.

Soon we are all Vancouver-bond — a nine-hour flight stretching before us — and I'm waiting for the flight attendant to bring me a glass of wine, once again sitting upright and hoping to force sleep.



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For the second year in a row, the Sock & Toque New Year's Day tournament was played in snow at the Salt Spring Island Golf and Country Club.

Seven hearty golfers ventured out as one team to play holes eight and nine and made two pars in the scramble format.

Team members played with yellow golf balls and were armed with a broom and dustpan to sweep snow from the greens.

Hitting the ceremonial first shot of the new year was Alice Richards, followed by teammates Joanna Barrett, Gary Coulter, Gundy McLeod, Ann McLeod, Jim Bradford and Bob McKenzie.

The game was apparently cut short by an inability to find all the golf balls, so the golfers headed to the clubhouse for a potluck lunch.

More than 40 people enjoyed lunch followed by the presentation of two special draw prizes.

Winner of the 2005 season's driving range pass, valued at \$200, was Denise Akerman.



WINTER SPORT: Joanna Barrett keeps her head warm when braving the elements at the Salt Spring Golf Club's New Year's Day Sock & Toque Tournament. Among six others joining Barrett were, from left in background, Gundy McLeod, Bob McKenzie, Jim Bradford and Gary Coulter. For the second year running, golfers were greeted by white stuff on the greens on January 1.

Photo contributed

The annual membership promotion draw was won by Rita Balachandran.

Pro shop manager Steven Marleau thanked social director Joanna Barrett and

all the members who helped with the tournament and potluck.

The 19th Hole Restaurant will be closed at the clubhouse until February 1, but

the pro shop will remain open.

For information on memberships or tee-times, contact pro shop staff at 537-2121.

Frosty fingers flick discs

Jason Dyck and Gordon Murphy teamed up to win the Weekly Random Doubles Disc Golf Tournament after a chilly playoff round at Mouat Park on Sunday.

Dyck and Murphy nudged out Derrick Lundy and Eric Vanderwekken on the second playoff hole after the two teams tied at 42 (12 under par) during regular play.

Murphy believes numbing cold played a major factor for the nine competitors in the round.

"Frosty fingers made for difficult throws," Murphy said.

"It wasn't so bad until we got to the 11th hole and the sun dropped behind the ridge."

But players still managed respectable scores and Vanderwekken pegged an ace on hole #2.

For the new year, Murphy is interested in establishing a separate local ladder league where players can vie for supremacy during individual matches.

Participants in a ladder league would challenge each other to trade places in the standings, he explained.

For more information, call Gordon (653-9948).

The next local doubles tourney at the Hart Memorial Disc Golf Park is at 10 a.m. on January 9.

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6 DEATHS

ALMA MCQUIGGAN, May 14, 1911 - December 18, 2004. It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of Alma McQuiggan at Greenwood on Saturday, December 18, 2004. Alma is survived by her daughter, Marya (Jack) of Point Edward, Ontario, her daughters-in-law, Norah of Salt Spring Island, BC and Joan of St. Catharines, Ontario. She is also survived by ten grandchildren and eighteen great-grandchildren, two sisters, two brothers and many nieces and nephews. Alma was predeceased by her husband Morris in 1971 and her two sons, Ron in October 2002 and Brian in December, 2004. In lieu of flowers donations may be made in Alma's memory to Greenwood Foundation, the Lady Minto Hospital Foundation or a charity of your choice. The family would like to extend their heartfelt thanks to the staff of Greenwood and Lady Minto for the great care that Grandma received over the last few months. Hayward's Funeral Service.



ROBERTSON, Robert Nikolai passed away peacefully at Lady Minto Hospital, January 1, 2005. Born April 25, 1920 in Hadsel, Norway, Robert served in the Canadian Army in Continental Europe from 1944 to 1949. A longtime resident of Salt Spring Island, he will be sadly missed by many friends. An internment service will be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Salt Spring Seniors Services Society or Lady Minto Gulf Islands Hospital Foundation.

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20 COMING EVENTS

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26 LEGAL

STUDENTS, FORMER students or other persons having suffered accident or injury, or anyone witnessing or having knowledge or same, with regards to the former "pond" at Gulf Islands Secondary School please contact Dept. C c/o Driftwood Publishing, 328 Lower Ganges Rd., Salt Spring Island, BC, V8K 2V3.

29 LOST AND FOUND

GLASSES FOUND near Ganges Stationery December 28. Owner may claim at the Driftwood.

LOST WHILE visiting SSI, "Punky", 15 yr. old male shitzu-poodle X. Apricot-cream coat. Partly deaf, partly blind. Had a fright with a car on Mon. Dec. 27 at Mtn. Park & Sunset. Needs his medication. Reward. 537-1883.

FOUND JACKET on corner of Quarry and Chu-An. Black with Scorpion logo (2004). Owner may claim at Driftwood.

LOST: SOMEWHERE in Ganges, Dec. 30, silver hook earring with 3 diamonds/zirconia. Precious & sentimental to visitor from Japan. Call 653-4522 or drop off at the Driftwood.

LOST DEC 24 an envelope of money bills at down town area. Reward. Christmas money for grandchildren. Please call 537-5178 no questions asked.

LOST RECYCLE bag containing due dvd. Your bag containing cream probably swapped for mine at the gym Monday. 653-0033.

32 MEETINGS

MEETING - BOARD of Directors of Central Community Hall, Tuesday, January 18, 2005, 7 p.m. Public welcome.

34 NOTICES

THE DRIFTWOOD'S annual Wedding Planner is being prepared and we are looking for interesting and historic wedding photographs from our readers. This special issue is published in February and original photos will be returned. We are looking for original wedding photos of good quality from eras gone by. Hippy wedding in the 60s? Slicked back hair in the 50s? War time bride? Disco couple in the 80s? We want your photo! Please submit with pertinent information by January 21 to The Driftwood, 328 Lower Ganges Road, Salt Spring Island, BC. V8K 2V3.

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Services

117 COMMUNITY SERVICES

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IN THE BURGONYE Valley on these days of long darkness the bees sleep. Orion and the Pleiades follow a glittering path. The planets wander with the moon, the sheep have left the dales of Arcady. They have been invited to Greek restaurants and to celebrations marking the end of Ramadan. They have left hay to share with their brethren. This superior barn stored hay which has never known rain is available at \$6.50 per bale delivered (minimum of 20 bales). Also at the City of the Bees is excellent fir firewood for \$220 per cord, split & delivered, or \$200 if your New Years resolutions include exercise. And as usual, there is the finest of fireweed honey for those who prefer real honey to that imitation which results from various processes which the packers use but not the bees. 653-4531 (keep trying) Dave Harris 2431 Fulford-Ganges Road. Happy New Year!

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350 MISC. FOR SALE

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11 Winged

13 Hood

14 Legendary Quebec Premier

16 Crucifix

17 Obtained

18 Relates the same old story

20 Dits partner

22 The end

23 Chordophone

24 Possesses

25 Legendary Newfoundland Premier

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32 Favour with

33 BC fair

34 Sr. executive

35 Legendary Nova Scotia Premier

37 Detective Charlie

38 Braided hairstyle

41 Main

42 Double curve

43 Legendary Saskatchewan Premier

47 Supplication

48 Partial

49 Macaws

50 Conger

51 Hankering

52 Novel

DOWN

1 Chat

2 One's identity

3 Legendary Alberta Premier

4 Thailand coin

5 Petals

6 Legendary Ontario Premier

7 Implement

8 Mil. misdemeanor

9 Cutlass maker

12 Earth's first garden

13 Disinfectant

15 Lettuce

19 Count or Baron

20 Gull

21 Related

22 Craze

24 Axe man

26 Legendary Nova Scotia Premier

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28 A noble gas

30 Eye part

31 Actress Sothorn

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36 Tons

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38 Handle

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40 Spool

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45 Before, to Browning

46 Swerve

Answers to last week's crossword

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Responders seeking visible address signs

The deadline is up for some 100 island residents who received warnings about inadequate address signs last month.

Many islanders with obscured, invisible or absent address signs were sent letters requesting compliance from Capital Regional District (CRD) Bylaw Enforcement on November 22.

The CRD office in Victoria received a few calls from islanders about the letters, said administrative assistant Coral Henderson.

“When people call to complain, we ask them if they feel the visibility of their number is adequate when they need an ambulance at 4 a.m.”

But most islanders who called intended to comply with the written request before a 30-day grace period expired, Henderson said.

The letter included a copy of the house-numbering bylaw and indicated that noncompliance could net a \$100-per-day fine.

“Bylaws are the law and you have to abide,” she said. A request for adequate signage was prompted by the Salt Spring Emergency Program, said director Dave Enfield.

“All we can do is ask,” Enfield said. The letter came as a follow-up from advertising and flyers previously sent out around the community about street signs, he said.

Since Enfield also serves as chief of the Salt Spring Fire Department, he knows what it’s like to locate an address at 3 or 4 a.m.

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9:00 am

6:00 pm

10:00 am

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3:00 pm

LEAVE CROFTON

*7:30 am

4:30 pm

8:30 am

5:30 pm

9:30 am

6:30 pm

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This Week's Horoscope

by Michael O'Connor

With a New Year according to the Gregorian calendar now officially underway, the warm up towards the Chinese New Year is beginning to brew. The official date changes each year because the Chinese New Year begins with the first New Moon in Aquarius. The influence of the Chinese culture is sweeping the world and for good reason. In its most pure expression, the philosophy underlying all traditional practices is Taoism which is a very holistic philosophy. Yet, as is the case with Chinese culture, there is a very practical aspect to this world view. Chinese Astrology, Medicine, Feng Shui, Tai Chi, Chi Gong and Geomancy, etcetera all share a common basis revealing the holistic foundation. I playfully refer to the influence of China on the world as 'the red wave'. The focus in this regard is much more cultural than political. Given the longevity rate on many Chinese people not to mention the lack of disease in their culture, we have a lot to learn from this ancient culture. (Plan to attend the A Chinese New Year Celebration with Michael O'Connor and friends in Victoria BC on Saturday February 12, 2005. For more details go to www.sunstarastrology.com & look under 'schedule'.)

Aries (Mar 21 – Apr 20)
The need to get back to business vies with cultural, artistic and perhaps spiritual aspirations. Getting those hot fires to move you into practical action could solve half the problem. Rewarding yourself with enriching social activity or artistic expression is an ideal counterbalance to more sobering tasks. The New Year has brought with it something new for you. A more assertive and determined impulse will help you to break through!

Taurus (Apr 21 – May 20)
Bringing the aspirations of your higher mind down to earth is your current mission. On one hand this implies clarifying what you feel you need and want. The key here is to record your process either on paper or perhaps through art or maybe on a cassette. On the other hand, the higher self ever reaches for greater degrees of unity, communion and intimacy with other souls. The time has come to explore who you really are beyond all pretences.

Gemini (May 21 – Jun 20)
Probing the depths to access what and perhaps who you really want and need in your life continues. Communications now may take on a prophetic tone. Death of the old to make room for the new is the timeless process. All he while, deep expressions of love are welling up. With your sights set on the future, you want to know which way things are going. The question is: will any answer really soothe your heart and mind. Clarify intentions and be here now!

Cancer (Jun 21 – Jul 21)
Organizing your affairs is keeping you busy now. Your mood remains cautious and cool especially in relation to certain key relationships whether in business or love. You are eager and willing to make diligent efforts, however you want to feel confident about your direction. Patience is a key word still and will be for some time to come. Are others as patient as you are? This is a good time to increase the scope and quality of your communications.

Leo (Jul 22 – Aug 22)
Establishing a more secure and healthy lifestyle continues. With a New Year just underway, this is a good time to create some new routines and traditions and to break old ones. Hopefully, this includes more play, art and culture. Affording these higher pursuits is important, but do not get lost in the process of making the money. This is where effective time management and clear intentions can help. Time is art.

Virgo (Aug 23 – Sep 21)
Creating some measurable changes close to home is a central focus for you now. You want to be more realistic and pragmatic. This includes

financial goals. Identifying and letting go of self-indulgent tendencies is perhaps the first step. Clearing the clutter from your space, your mind, your heart or elsewhere is a good first measure. In terms of business, reaching back to past or existing clients could prove very worth while. Affirm your ability to create a more stable reality.

Libra (Sep 22 – Oct 21)
Balancing pragmatic action with quality time close to home continues. Fortunately, your feel inspired and energized. Initiating new cooperatives should prove successful now. Allowing for changes in your overall lifestyle is an important key. On the other hand, you feel responsible to strengthening your foundation. From a professional standpoint, fortify your self-image by being willing to take a few risks. Get organized and have fun doing it!

Scorpio (Oct 22 – Nov 21)
You are in an ambitious and determined mood. On one hand you want to acquire some things that will make your home life feel complete. On the other, you want to establish a more sustainable approach. What do you want and what do you need to do? Keep it simple and take action. Know your outcome by outlining your goals. Faith in your capacities to create prosperity, happiness and fulfillment is the win in your sails.

Sagittarius (Nov 21 – Dec 20)
Consolidating your overall foundation is in the spotlight. This includes effective networking. Reaching out to meet new people and establish key contacts will keep you inspired. Pioneering initiatives to strengthen your resolve will keep the flow moving. Though change continues to rumble close to home, maintain a vision of harmonious and effective relationships. You have something very special so follow through on your vision.

Capricorn (Dec 21 – Jan 19)
Taking initiatives to create a greater degree of harmony in your life continues. This includes inner work at least as much as outer. Awakening to larger yet simple truths is part of the plot. Much of the confusion can be cleared by acknowledging that we are spiritual being having human experiences. Many so-called realists are actually materialists. Striking a balance between material and spiritual realities is the middle path of wisdom.

Aquarius (Jan 20- Feb 19)
Accessing your creative source is stirring your imagination. You feel bold and rebellious and want to shake things up somehow. Ideally the rebel has a cause. Bringing your visions and wisdom about truth and/or justice into manifestation will require cooperative efforts. This is the time to plan rather than to take full action. Creating initial connections will help, yet the fuller thrust will come in a few weeks. Remember, there is power in numbers.

Pisces (Feb 19 – Mar 20)
Fortifying your unique vision may imply a special mission, yet overcoming obstacles may feel overwhelming. However, more of your problems are probably imagined that real. Excuses about what is blocking you may be the block. Commitment from the heart is needed for follow through. The time has come to break through and experience new levels of freedom. Working from the inside out is the key. Yet outer action must occur as well. Commit and follow through!

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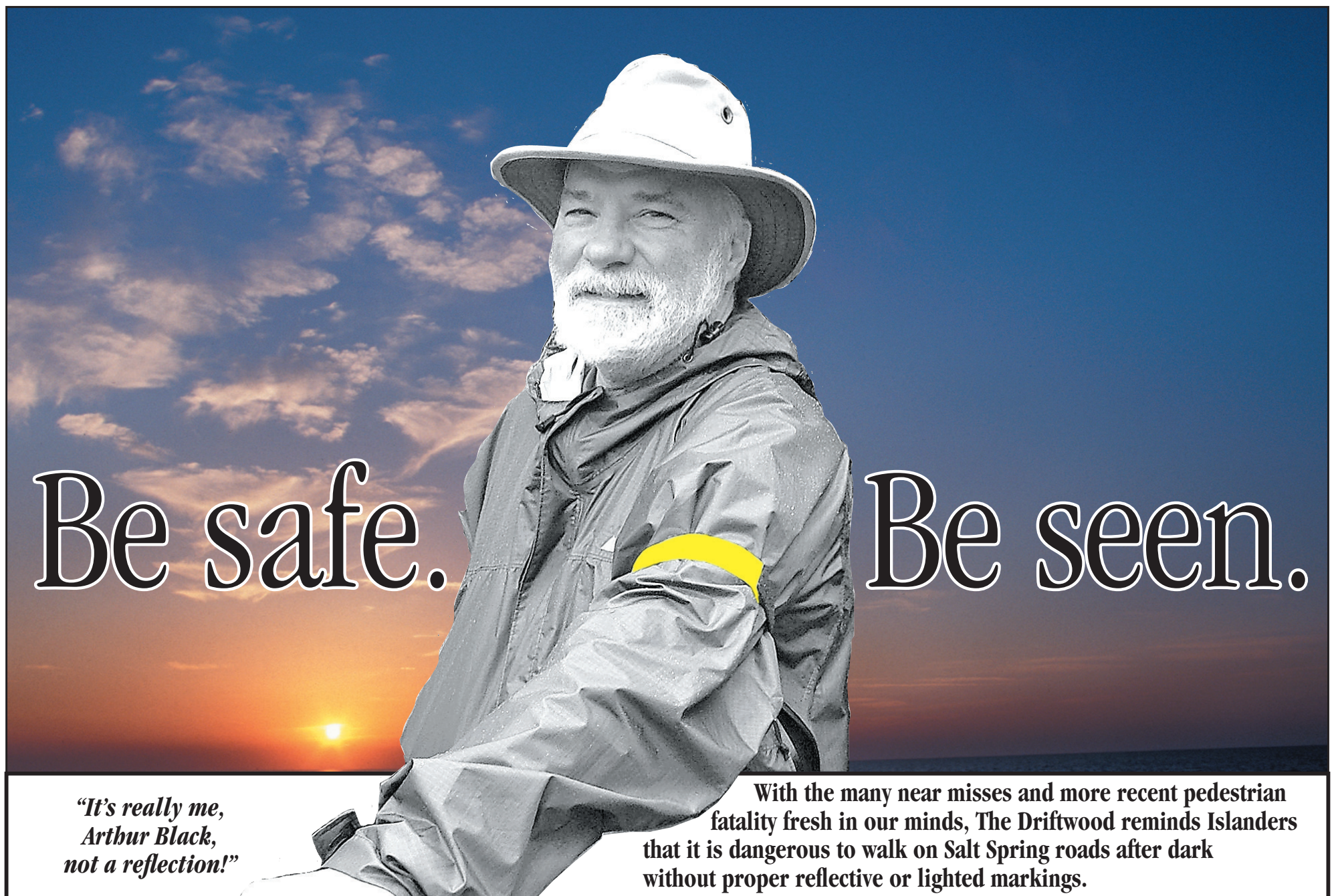


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