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YMCA FREE SWIMS

January 1 & 8

Kick-start your New Year's resolution on the cheap with a one-two punch of free swims at the new Ches Penney Family Y, located on Ridge Road near the Marine Institute. The brand new swimming facilities include lanes, a dive tank, and a 16-person whirlpool, perfect for easing off the previous year's tensions. The whole family is welcome, and the swim lasts all day, from 7am to 9pm. **ND**



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HOCKEY

ICECAPS VS TORONTO MARLIES

January 10 & 11

The Toronto Maple Leafs broke St. John's heart in 2005 when they packed up their AHL farm team, the St. John's Maple Leafs—for whom Mile One was built—and moved them back to Toronto where they became the Marlies. Understandably, there is a bit of resentment over the whole scene.

So when the Marlies returned to St. John's for a two game series against the IceCaps at the end of November, they were met with boos from the IceCaps fans. The IceCaps players, however, didn't get the memo and lost both games in fairly convincing fashion.

The beauty of hockey though is there's always another chance for payback. The IceCaps get that chance in a back-to-back set on January 10 & 11. Puck drops at 7:30. Tickets available at the Mile One Box Office or www.admission.com. **MM**

WORDS

SPARKS LITERARY FESTIVAL

January 22

January may be one of the darkest, coldest months of the year, but for one day it burns warm and bright thanks to SPARKS Literary Festival. Entering its third year of existence, SPARKS is a one-day celebration of the spoken and written word in Newfoundland and Labrador. Presenters this year include Russell Wangersky, Marjorie Doyle, Joel Thomas Hynes, Mark Callanan, Leslie Vryenhoek, and more. The festival also features a haiku competition for audience members. Catch SPARKS at Petro-Canada Hall from 10am to 6pm. A reception will follow so you can mingle with the local literati. **ND**

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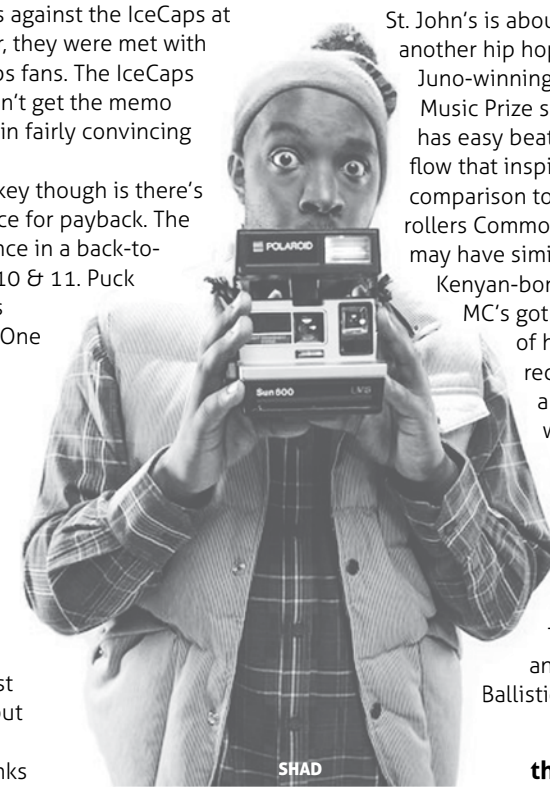
January 28 & 29

The BMFF World Tour is a roadshow of the best films screened at the world-class Banff Mountain Film Festival. It hits cities in over 20 countries, and St. John's is lucky enough to be one of this year's stops. The films selected feature rock- and ice-climbing, polar diving, paragliding off Mount Everest, retracing Ghengis Khan's epic conquests of Central Asia, and other feats of badassery. It's very likely you won't be able to witness such a spectacular array of outdoor adventure films anywhere else. Catch it at the Inco Innovation Centre at MUN. Tickets are $12 in advance, $15 at the door, and $20 for a two-day pass and are available at Alpine Country Lodge, Free Ride Mountain Sports, and Wallnuts. **ND**

MUSIC

SHAD

January 28



St. John's is about to play host to another hip hop heavyweight. Juno-winning, two-time Polaris Music Prize shortlistee Shad has easy beats and a relaxed flow that inspires the obvious comparison to fellow good-times-rollers Common and K-Os. They may have similar vibes, but the Kenyan-born, Ontario-based MC's got a soulful sound all of his own. His last two records, The Old Prince and TSOL met with widespread critical acclaim, both in hip hop circles and in the Canadian music scene at large. He's playing at the Rock House. Tickets are $15 and are available at Ballistic. **ND**

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ON THE COVER



Cover photo of Justin Murphy and Justin Hawco by Ryan Davis. The two are the main duo behind the local YouTube series *Newfoundlander Vs.*

BACK FEED
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IDLING CHATTER

Canadian Environment Minister Peter Kent was in Durban, South Africa recently helping to fight against the world's fight against greenhouse gases, and it's about time. This blabbing on about global warming has, like, totally gone on too long, amirite? Ranter Nikki disagrees however, especially when it comes to idling vehicles spewing CO_2 into the atmosphere. Her post on Rant Farm triggered quite a lot of hot air in response.

Rant by Nikki: I see people idling their cars while they are in the convenience store, outside of Sobeys waiting to pick someone up, in the mall parking lot while on their stupid cell phones or texting. I have even seen a number of my neighbors start their cars and go back in the house only to return several minutes later and drive off. WTF people?! Seriously.

Comment by AAR: While I disagree with idling unecessarily, starting the car in the morning in the winter is not only to take the edge off the frigid temperatures within and warm up your car, but it is also to defrost the car before driving. That's why remote starters exist. And of course, waiting for someone to get off work in the winter to pick them up, idling is sometimes necessary so as not to freeze to death.

Comment by Viva: I get a kick out of the front entrance at Eastern Health, they have the autoplay announcement about not smoking in front of the building and rightly so, but then you have cars, trucks, and buses all idling away with their gas and diesel fumes.

Comment by Anonymous: With gas prices these days you'd think more people would turn their cars off when possible. I even turn my car off if there's a long construction delay. Why waste gas?

Comment by Anonymous: It's a myth that turning off your car in these situations will save gas. It actually uses up a lot of gas to constantly be shutting down and restarting the vehicle. This is bad for the car in more ways than one, and as for gas consumption you use less by idling for a few minutes.

↳ **juicey box party's reply to Anonymous:** You have the myth inverted.

Comment by Paul: The myth of global warming combined with the myth of idling saves gas. Amusing. Do I detect an uneducated Al Gore disciple here?

Comment by Festus: See the definitive answers on idling here from Natural Resources Canada: www.goo.gl/9LjXJ

If you don't have time to read it all, refer to this page, also from the Federal Government page "Idling wastes fuel and money:" www.goo.gl/dowrl

Comment by Stumper: Even if you don't care about gas usage either way, and don't believe in global warming, think about this– car exhaust has lots of nasty pollutants in it, and when you leave your car running outside a store, school, daycare, hospital, the people who are coming and going into that building are breathing that crap in! I'm amazed at the people at my kid's daycare who leave their car running, even when they're not in it. Meanwhile, my kid and others who are not much taller than a tailpipe have this stuff spewed at them.

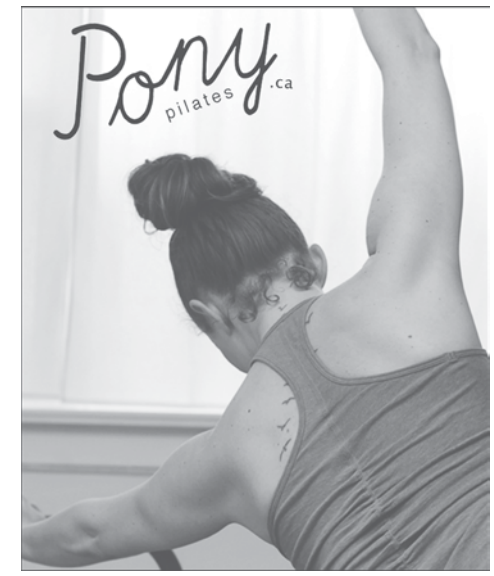
Comment by andrew: Sometimes there are reasons: On Sundays we pick up my girlfriend's grandmother (who is 86 and perpetually cold) from a nursing home. I leave the car running so that when she gets in she isn't freezing. When we bring her back I start the car prior to leaving so it is, once again, warm when she gets in. The short trip from the house to the car actually makes her shiver.

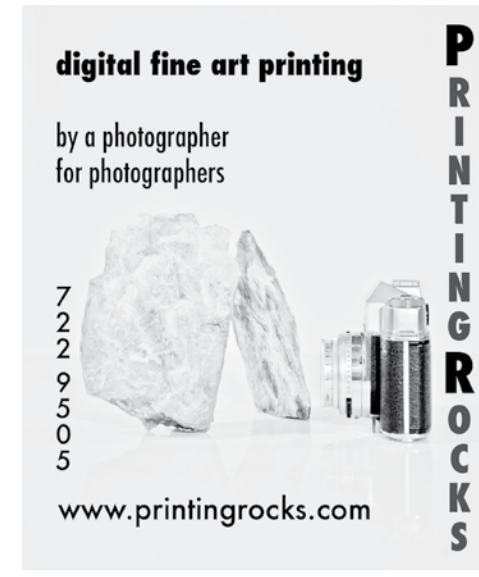
Comment by Gblot: Well it's not unusual to leave the car going for a few minutes to help it defrost in the morning. Leaving it idling in the parking lot at a store is just laziness.

Comment by bandaid on a severed head: We can live on an inhospitable island burning oil and coal to heat our houses and driving around in our couple tonnes of steel, burning the last few drips of gas and eating food from [who knows where] and wearing clothes from China and putting chemicals on our hair and skin to look pretty and using computers made in Timbuktu and digiting texties on our little devices that we'll throw out when they become obsolete in a minute or two and still feel righteous as all hell—so long as we shut the damn car off for a moment or two in the Sobeys parking lot and BRING YOUR OWN BAGS!

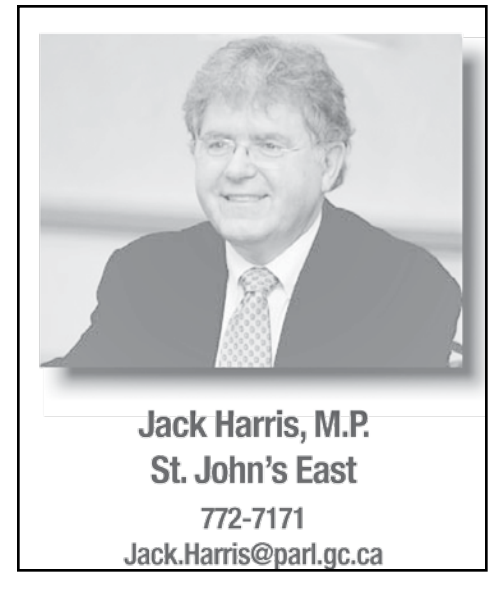
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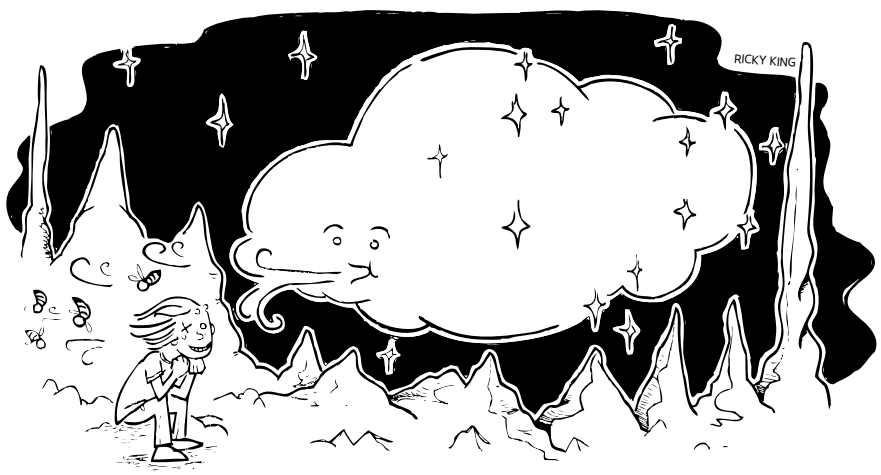
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STOREFRONT

Local small business news by **Morgan Murray**.



COFFEE

POST ESPRESSO-RRIDGE

How do you make a great cup of coffee? According to David Bowden, owner of the new high-end coffee house **Post Espresso**—opened recently at 168 Water Street—it's an art that requires each drink to be prepared precisely to exacting standards using the highest quality equipment and beans, by an expert craftsperson—barista—who is a master of both serving coffee and customers.

It's a pretty tall order, but Bowden feels he is up for it. Trained by a master barista—and one of the judges of the World Barista Championships—in Ottawa, he has returned home and is busily creating what he calls "a well-curated shop" based on his inspiration: Scandinavian and Icelandic design and coffee house culture—a marriage of aesthetics, classy coffee, top-notch service, and porridge.

The centre-piece of Post will be the space-aged Synesso brand espresso machine Bowden is bringing in from the world-famous Seattle company—a machine that costs more than most people's cars—which will be brewing up beans roasted by Detour, a boutique roaster in Dundas, Ontario. Post will also feature a "handsome collection" of gluten-free baked goods from Nourish Bakery in Paradise. The kicker though, is the porridge.

Yes, porridge. All the rage, says Bowden, in Scandinavian and British coffee-houses. He thinks a hearty bowl of piping hot porridge will "be really great for St. John's weather."



CLOTHES

OPAL, ONYX & KIM KARDASHIAN'S COAT

"I look to celebrities for style," says Alison Halleran, "They get first dibs for all the stylish stuff."

It makes sense that when the Fashion Management grad from George Brown College in Toronto moved back home a few years ago she would eventually open a store that brings the latest Hollywood fashions to St. John's.

Halleran says every clothing line for both men and women in **Opal & Onyx** (140 Stavanger Drive) is popular with celebrity taste makers.

"You could buy a coat," says Halleran, "and then see Kim Kardashian with the exact same one on."

Now you can go into a store and try the coat on before you buy it, instead of having to order it online based on a glimpse you catch on *TMZ*.



RESTAURANTS

MOVING & STEINS

Q: Why did the Maple & Apple Cider Brined Roasted Chicken Breast cross the road?
A: To get to the bigger kitchen.

Magnum & Steins has been getting big flavours out of their small kitchen in the location next to India Gate for the past ten years. But now, says general manager Bernie Fowler, it's time for something bigger.

"We own both locations," says Fowler. "The other one is bigger and we already have a bed and breakfast down there."

The new space allows for a private dining room, as well as a much bigger kitchen, which includes a walk-in cooler and freezer.

"It's just amazing what the boys have done up in that little kitchen for ten years," says Fowler.

The move was due to happen at the end of November, but Fowler says they were just too busy at their current location to close shop and spend two days moving, so they will wait for a time early in the New Year.

FOOD & HEALTH

TWO NEW STORES THAT ARE GOOD FOR YOU

The number of stores to get your healthy, natural, and/or organic fix in town is increasing rapidly.

In mid-December **The Natural Health Shop** opened at 16 Stavanger Drive. The shop offers natural products for home, health, baby, beauty, etc.

Meanwhile, coming this spring, **Real Food Market** promises to be a one-stop health food grocery store, with many of the things you'd find in an ordinary grocery store, but organic. Owner Melissa Butler has been working on the idea for a while—it was part of an MBA she recently completed in France.

Read more local business news at

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YOUR CITY

A LIGHT AT THE END OF THE SNOWY SIDEWALK?

Nice job, St. John's! The 2012 budget proves that if you are vocal enough and persistent enough, you might just get what you want. After years of protests, lobbying, and wet feet, the city of St. John's doubled the sidewalk clearing budget for 2012. On December 12th a large group of people from the Essential Transit Association were in the gallery of council chambers to see the vote on the budget which added $250,000 for crews and $450,000 for three new sidewalk plows.

Although the budget for sidewalk clearing has been doubled, this does not necessarily mean that there will be twice as many sidewalks cleared. Last year around 200 kilometres of sidewalk were cleared (not 100 as I said last month) but city staff tell me that although we will see an increase in the amount of sidewalks cleared, and we'll also see an improvement in the speed and frequency of clearing for the sidewalks which are done. What makes it hard to peg down is that no one knows when and how much snow is going to fall this year.



ANDREW HARVEY
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Apart from this huge victory for pedestrians, the budget was largely stay-the-course. Property taxes stayed the same and no programs or service levels were cut. Overall expenditures for the city were up 4.3 per cent over last year, but this is almost half the rate of growth from last year (8.9 per cent), which shows a good deal of budget restraint. They seem to be doing a good job reining in spending increases, and they even managed to find small 'efficiencies' across the board in different departments and programs... All without cutting services. Weird.

Another change announced which came from public input is that the city is moving to a three-year budget cycle. This will make the city's budget coincide with assessment cycles and eliminate some of the year-to-year uncertainty when it comes to tax rates.

The topic of the city's fiscal relationship with the province came up many times. It was noted that the province is charging the city HST on the costs associated with building 23 new affordable housing units in Pleasantville and that Metrobus pays a ridiculous $385,000 in road taxes to the province every year for the privilege of driving the city's own vehicles on the city's own roads. 2012 is sure to see continued calls for a review of the municipal-provincial relationship.

Also, it seems there have been steps toward improving the amount of public input in the budgeting process. This budget goes a long way to portray that the city is listening and that they value input. Not bad at all.

So in 2012 make sure to participate in the review of the Municipal Plan which will take place. You never know, the way things are headed, you might just get what you want.

Share your thoughts on the budget at
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I saw you at Christmas Eve mass at St. Theresa's. You sang "O Holy Night" and gave me goosebumps! Nice work!

Votre carrefour francophone !

L'ACFSJ offre une gamme d'activités en français au Centre des Grands-Vents : chorale francophone, activités sportives (badminton, danse en ligne, yoga), spectacles, projections de films, club des aînés, club de lecture et bien d'autres! Pour devenir membre ou en savoir plus sur les activités de l'ACFSJ, contactez-nous!

The ACFSJ offers a range of activities in French at the Centre des Grands-Vents : francophone choir, sports (badminton, yoga, line dancing), concerts, movies, a senior club, a book club and more! To become a member or to learn more about ACFSJ's activities, please contact us!

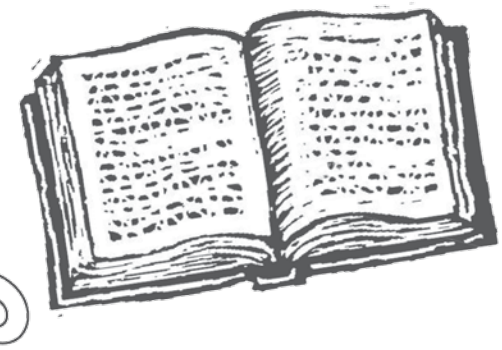
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Overview of our activities

En plus de ses activités régulières, l'ACFSJ vous invite à ses activités ponctuelles

Le 10 janvier à 12h30 : présentation du PLIAN - Informations juridiques pour les aînés

Le 11 janvier à 19h30 : Atelier informatique sur le logiciel Photoshop

Le 5 février à 17h : Célébrations de la Chandeleur

Le 15 février à 19h30 : Atelier d'informatique sur le logiciel Power Point

Le 17 février à 19h30 : Soirée de la Saint-Valentin

In addition to our regular activities, the Francophone Association also invites you to...

January 10th at 12:30 pm : presentation of PLIAN - Legal informations for seniors

January 11th at 7:30pm : Computer workshop - Photoshop

February 5th at 5pm : French mass and crepe diner to celebrate La Chandeleur

February 15th at 7:30 pm : Computer workshop - Power Point

February 17th at 7:30 pm - Valentine's Day celebration

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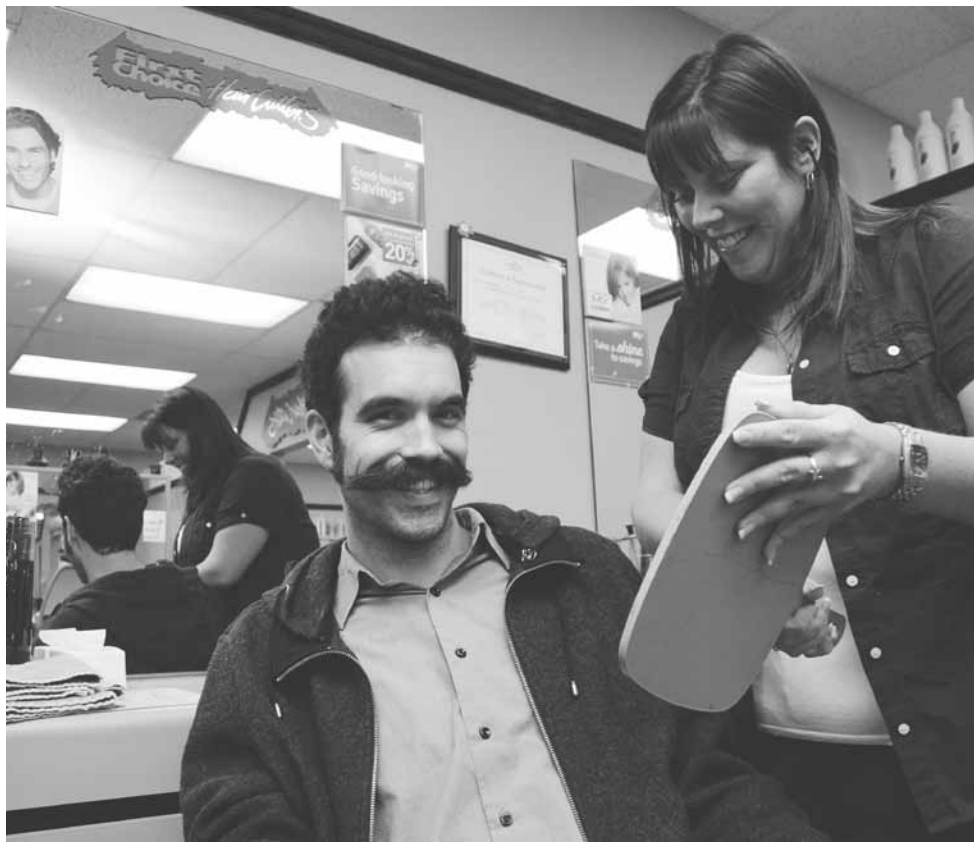
Each fall, we come up with a ridiculously long survey and invite our readers to submit their answers. Every year, more and more of you take up the challenge, and when you're done, we dig through the results.

You know how, back in the day, John Cabot said he could dip a basket over the side of his ship, haul it up, and have it be full of squirming fish? Well, this readers' survey is kind of like that, but with nuggets of information about the city. Dip your basket in at random and you'll likely be amused or pleasantly surprised by something you find. Or at least a little aggravated.

Between the winners, the runners up and all the other answers (in all their cantankerous, ridiculous, spelling-errored splendour) we think this survey creates a real snapshot of the city as it is right now. This is a annual big, wet kiss to the people, places and things that make St. John's a special place to live.

Welcome, dear reader, to the one and only 2011 Best of St. John's issue.

Sarah Smellie and **Morgan Murray** did the interviews. **Ryan Davis** crunched the numbers. Photos are as credited. To see photos from the Best of St. John's awards party, visit the website at thescope.ca



Best Moustache winner Dylan Fries at **Best Place for a Haircut (Male), First Choice Hair Cutters, Freshwater Road.** Photo by Ryan Davis

BEST LOCAL MOUSTACHE
DYLAN FRIES
www.twitter.com/vagabond_king

Runner Up: Jeff Foran
Other Answers: *"All the Movember Men" • "Any rnc officer" • "Betty's dog, Bertie" • "Dollarama paste ons" • "ewwww" • "Guy who rides the metrobus" • "The guy that works at Fog City" • "In Memoriam - Karl Well's Stache" • "my hubby's" • "shave! its not cool anymore" • "Todd's old hanndlebar 'stache. I'm sad it's gone" • "the baker at sweet temptations—sure, that store is in mount pearl, but thats one hell of a stache" • "My roommate's eyebrows" "That guy on all the rooftops" • "No such thing." • "That dude who looks like dude from Deadwood." • "that guy with the amazing moustache. you know who i mean. i don't know him." • "The local portuguese freights" • "Your mudder's" • "the guy with the sweet wool sweater" • "That guy who drives those classic cars and looks like Luigi from the Mario universe." • "Wheelway bus driver with the ROCKING walrus." • "Matt Anthony. This man is a beam of sex shot from outer space by a huge alien sex gun" • "Random engineering prof with curly-tipped moustache"*

THE SCOPE 2011 BEST OF ST.JOHN'S AWARD WINNER

Madies and gentlemen: Dylan Fries, his moustache, and the art of facial hair cultivation:

"The whole thing started about three years ago. A friend of mine wanted to go up to the World Beard and Moustache Championships *[Please. Look at their website. —Scope staff]*. They're held every second year, and they alternate the location between North America and Europe. The one we went to was up in Anchorage, Alaska. I didn't have a moustache at the time, but I figured I should grow something if I was going to the beard epicentre of the world. So I started growing the moustache. It wasn't very big when I got up there, I had only been growing it for about three months.

"There were around 350 guys there from all over the world with their beards. I think, for a lot of them, it's just a real appreciation for having [the beards]. Often the default is to just shave, and you never really give it a chance. But you see, when they start coming in, that there are all these different variations in colour in texture, and you get all these different beards. These guys really consider it as a real expression of themselves, as do I. And they look at it like well, why would you shave? It seems like such a strange concept.

And now after having had the moustache for three years, I feel the same way, too. I hate shaving! It seems funny that I would do that every day.

"We ended up forming Beard Team Canada up there, so I'm part of the national beard team. It's not well organized or widely known, but we have Beard Team Canada hockey jerseys." **SARAH SMELLIE**

CITY LIFE

What a life we lead here in St. John's! When we're not running around naked on Signal Hill or chatting up our friendly mayor on our way to our swanky jobs at MUN, we're out trawling for sexy people on George Street under the watchful eye of secret hidden cameras.

BEST STEEP STREET
HILL O' CHIPS
Between Duckworth Street and Harbour Drive

Runner Up: Prescott Street
Other Answers: *"Bates Hill! I fell on my ass and slid a good 10 feet this past winter." • "Carter's Hill used to be called Burst-Heart Hill. Walk up it and know the reason why." • "George Street, but it only gets hard to walk up when drunk." • "Power Street. It's all about the sidewalk stairways." • "Leslie Street: so steep that when u walk to the top it takes 5 minutes for your ass to catch up." • "This is a terrible first question."*

FRIENDLIEST LOCAL
DENNIS O'KEEFE
dokeefe@stjohns.ca, 576-8477. Mayor of St. John's

Runner Up: Patrick Brown
Other Answers: *"That cab driver who used to be in the Carlton Showband, and played the Laughing Cop in some show or something." • "That girl in the checkered jacket." • "The panhandler at the bottom of McMurdo's Lane. He always says good morning." • "The Afterwords man with the beautiful pipe." • "Glenn, that card trick guy." • "The singing Tim Horton's server." • "Shopping Cart Recycling Guy" • "Anyone carrying a beer." • "My neighbour. I don't know his name." • "Me."*

BEST ANIMAL FOR A ST. JOHN'S MASCOT
NEWFOUNDLAND DOG
Big, fuzzy, friendly, and full of drool

Runner Up: Puffin
Other Answers: *"An iceberg, apparently" • "A Moose in heat" • "A large double-double" • "A pine martin" • "Amy Winehouse" • "Babette the seal" • "Downtown cat" • "Emperor penguin" • "Greek God - Zeus" • "Honey badger" • "Hungry mutant harbour mice" • "Is fog an Animal?" • "John Crosby" • "Kraken" • "My siamese cat Bryce" • "Oxy-addled codfish" • "Party animal" • "Robin Hood Bay seagull" • "Sammy the spam worm" • "Skeety cat" • "Surly street cat" • "Velociraptor" • "Wild Bologna"*

BEST LITTLE REASON TO LIVE IN ST. JOHN'S
THE PEOPLE

Runner Up: The music scene
Other Answers: *"Always someone to chat with." • "Being part of a city that is growing socially and becoming more culturally diverse." • "Being referred to as 'my love' or 'my darling' by a complete stranger." • "Commiserating about the weather." • "EVERYTHING" • "East Coast Trail" • "Easy to get away with lots of rooftop sex." • "Everybody knows your name." • "Everything is close to a walking trail" • "Fog coming through the Narrows" • "Fries dressing and gravy!" • "George Street" • "I live here" • "It's safer than most cities." • "More potholes to love" • "Not being able to walk around Signal Hill without having a chat with a complete stranger!" • "People here are actually nice, not just pretend nice." • "Real appreciation for nice days" • "Salt beef" • "Scallop availability" • "Scent of the ocean" • "Splitting cabs with strangers." • "Tasty tap water" • "The cars that stop for jaywalkers and pigeons alike." • "The girl I love." • "The sluts" • "You can start whatever you like here." • "You can be poor and still have a good time" • "For the multitude of earthworms." • "Its better than Mount Pearl" • "Living downtown and waking up to the sounds of boat horns" • "No sun burns" • "Terrible weather breeds creativity" • "You can bike for ten minutes and see whales."*

BEST NEWFOUNDLAND TRADITION DUE FOR A REVIVAL
MUMMERING
Ye olde Christmastime house-visiting tradition.

Runner Up: Kitchen parties
Other Answers: *"Banning Sunday shopping again." • "Bartering" • "Being nice" • "Bingo" • "Bonfires" • "Cabin Parties" • "Clubbing baby seals" • "Cod jiggin'" • "Cod kissin'" • "Codco" • "Copying ice pans" • "Fighting behind the snackbar on a Friday night" • "Floating your house to a better location" • "Geographic self-sufficiency" • "Jiggs dinner" • "Mischief Week" • "Not eating lobster." • "Public hangings" • "Rubber boot torches" • "Rumrunning" • "Scruncheons" • "Skin tickets" • "Stubby Beer Bottles" • "Stupid Newfie jokes" • "The birthday bumps" • "The boil up" • "The nod and wink" • "The ugly stick" • "Wattle fencing"*

BEST UNDERAPPRECIATED GRASSROOTS ORGANIZATION
ORDINARY SPOKES
Cyclist collective with a volunteer bicycle repair shop at 576A Water Street. www.ordinaryspokes.org

Runner Up: For the Love of Learning
Other Answers: *"Fur Packed Action" • "Vegans" • "The Worm Consortium" • "WTF is grassroots?"*

BEST VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY
ST. JOHN'S SPCA
spcastjohns.org

Runner Up: Association for New Canadians
Other Answers: *"Any place people need help." • "Mow my lawn" • "st. john ambulance pet therapy" • "Black Tie Bingo, Boys & Girls Club" • "Making your own" • "Helping foreign students get settled." • "Stella's Kitchen is lovely." • "Ordinary Spokes—learn to fix your own bike!" • "Beagle Paws. playing with sweet beagles all the time is great!" • "Engineers Without Borders— NOT just for engineers!" • "Farms. Get paid in food" • "being my assistant. gather plenty of experience helping an able bodied man sit on a couch and watch TV and drink himself dumb" • "working on a political campaign" • "tutoring high schoolers" • "Craft Council Clay Studio Open Studio Supervisor—free studio time to be used for playing in the fancy mud? Yes please."*

BEST LOCAL EMPLOYER
MEMORIAL UNIVERSITY
www.mun.ca/humanres/

Runner Up: Rocket Bakery & Fresh Food
Other Answers: *"Employment? What's that?" • "I wish I knew!" • "Yourself." • "Mark Mccrowe. Hands down, this man treats you like gold" • "Model Citizens. I don't work there, I just wish I did" • "None I've ever worked for" • "Government, for stability" • "Legal Aid. Great people, wonderful reason to work hard."*

BEST PLACE TO TALK TO STRANGERS

GEORGE STREET

Most strangers per square-inch?

Runner Up: The Deck (Holdsworth Court)
Other Answers: "A dark alley." • "Anglican Cathedral 'Dog Park'" • "anyplace someone looks like they need a kind word" • "Anywhere!" • "Around the bay" • "Occupy Newfoundland" • "anywhere. Chances are someone will start gabbing at ya." • "Sauna" • "Bannerman Park during a rainstorm" • "christmas parade" • "The outdoor ATMs around George St." • "Garrison hill (or anywhere they are lost)" • "Howley Estates NLC store during Friday free samples" • "internet" • "The bath"

BEST OFFICE SPACE FOR THE OFFICELESS

HAVA JAVA

258 Water Street, 753-5282

Runner Up: Starbucks (Atlantic Place)
Other Answers: *"Dead Man's Pond" • "Home in your bed with you computertron" • "The airport" • "There are too many empty office spaces" • "Your kitchen, with a hot cup of tea" • "Your mom's basement" • "Doesn't exist. Someone needs to start a creative coop"*

BEST TWITTERER

RYAN SNODDON

CBC-TV weatherman @ www.twitter.com/ryansnoddon

Runner Up: Cecil Haire
Other Answers: *"I don't twitter. big time waster" • "Andrew Harvey. Loves the council live blog" • "we twitter in nfld now?" • "Cecil Haire. Keeping us posted on morning Traffic..." • "yahoo"*

BEST ATHLETE

MICHAEL RYDER

NHL hockey player with the Dallas Stars

Runner Up: Colin Fewer
Other Answers: "anyone who gets up off the coach" • "Dude that ran the tely10" • "Hulk Hogan" • "Jake Doyle" • "Sailor White" • "that guy with a highway named after him. something about curling." • "Jason King. It's gonna be good to cheer on a NLer on the Ice Caps!" • "Joy Burt, Labrador's Best 1980's Power lifter. Give her a google and a goggle." • "Amanda Hogan— we rowed in the regatta this year and it was her first year!" • "All the Wallnut climbers" • "alex newhook (he's 10)" • "Rainbow Fight 709 Derby Girls. Roller derby World Cup, 13 competing countries?? Come on!" • "Kathy Dunderdale. Pretty inspirational that she ran the tely 10"

BEST PLACE TO BE NAKED OUTSIDE

SIGNAL HILL

Runner Up: Bannerman Park
Other Answers: "Anywhere with an audience" "are you mad? it's freezing here." • "Backyard hot tub" "Beaver Pond Park" • "Butterpot Late Night Skinny Dipping" • "de avalahn mahll" • "Empty Subdivisions at night" • "fenced backyard" • "Fort Amherst" • "In a willow tree in Bowring Park" • "In front of my house" • "In the harbour" • "No no no no no no no" • "Someone elses hot tub" • "The swimming hole in Flatrock"

BEST BUS ROUTE

ROUTE #10

Metrobus: Downtown-MUN-Avalon Mall-Kelsey Drive

Runner Up: Route #3
Other Answers: *"all of them. no more strikes please" • "None. They all make me hate my life." • "Route 2. Best for people watching. It goes to a lot of interesting places around town" • "The one they haven't got yet that goes to a beach." • "11 is underappreciated but super fast and always on time" • "3B! 3A can suck it" • "Doesn't matter. You can't see out the windows anyways. Take Toni-Marie and Fred off so I can look out the goddamn windows"*

BEST NEW BUILDING

THE ROOMS

9 Bonaventure Avenue

Runner Up: Raymonds Restaurant
Other Answers: *"That PHB building near the airport. looks pretty cool" • "Da new Shoppers on Torbay Road" • "That big ass house down by Rennie's River" • "Bethesda pentecost church" • "Da shed" • "Tiffany Towers. makes gettin old much more appealing" • "No such thing." • "Inco Innovation Centre. It may not be that new, but it looks like a shot glass and that's cool." • "The one across from the that place where I puked that time" • "Trick question: fussy heritage folk don't allow new buildings to be built." • "The lovely hole in place of the star of the sea" • "351 water. hasn't been built yet, but it'll be heated and cooled with harbour water. ...presumably filtered."*

I saw you, playing bass in my friend's band. guh. swoooon.

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BEST SUMMER DESTINATION

GROS MORNE

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Runner Up: Bannerman Park
Other Answers: *"The ocean. Any ocean will do." • "Here. Why leave when the weather's good?" • "Da cabin" • "The Irish Loop, followed by sex at Butterpot Park. That's important." • "California" • "Downtown, 5pm, on a sunny warm Friday" • "anywhere but here" • "Fogo Island: Brimstone head - one of the four corners of the flat earth" • "Torngat Mountains" • "Doctors Cove. If you can find it you'll know why" • "any place you can camp... car camping counts" • "windmill bight beach. beautiful white sandy beaches" • "Somewhere inside and heated" • "Blueberry Festival. Its like george street fest, but in a town, so its less crowded, and its okay to bring your own booze!" • "Rooftops" • "Bannerman. Long live park days!" • "Middle cove beach in the evening for a fire and a tune and a brew" • "a friend's cabin/nan's house"*

BEST WINTER DESTINATION

MARBLE MOUNTAIN

www.skimarble.com

Runner Up: Pippy Park
Other Answers: *"Cape Spear. You ever been there in a blizzard?" • "a bar" • "someplace with a fire" • "The couch" • "My bed with a pretty punk boy" • "Pippy Park on snowshoes" • "My friend's cabin in Kitchuses. All you do is find various ways to ward off the cold. It's quite diverting." • "Bed" • "The Rooms. warm inside but with a wonderful view!" • "Trinidad" • "Long Range Mountains. Epic" • "i try not to go out in the winter" • "Coming back home" • "Sledding hill in Bowring Park" • "Anywhere but here." • "Vic Park for the snowboarding" • "Bannerman Park. Great for snowball fights and there is hardly anyone around." • "Florida—No brainer" • "Da Bay with a Hot Tub. Any bay." • "the Delta sauna" • "Snow hill in front of your house" • "Anywhere at least 40 minutes west of St. John's, on a skidoo." • "Anywhere with snow instead of slush." • "Skiing at White Hills! It's so close!"*

BEST LOCAL SLANG

"WHADDYA AT?"

"What is it that you are doing?"

"I had a look through our word files—we have, like, 130,000 cards—and we don't actually have any attestations of 'whaddaya at?'" says Suzanne Power, a MUN graduate student in Linguistics who works on the Dictionary of Newfoundland English.

"That phrase has been around a long time, and by long time, I mean that I can remember hearing it from time to time as a child, in the 1960s," chimes in Philip Hiscock, MUN Professor of Folklore. "It achieved celebrity in the past 15 or 20 years. It's the celebrity that has fueled its further popularity and wide spread."

That celebrity may be the result of its (probable) linguistic function. "We have these words, called shibboleths—they're words that absolutely mark out where you're from, or who you are. Like 'b'y.' So, it's possible that 'whaddaya at?' is serving that same function for Newfoundlanders, to mark out where they're from. You use really salient things, something that's really noticeable. So, something like 'whaddaya at?' that ends with a preposition and is grammatically incorrect according to the standard language, would be a good candidate for a shibboleth." SS

Runner Up: "Yes b'y."
Other Answers: Just like fadder sure!" • "On the go." • "Yat?" • "yiss girl" • "yuck by" • "How she goin' ?" • ""you don't mean dat"" • "yes b'y" • "going to da Mall (everyone know's you mean the Avalon Mall)" • "f***in' siiiuuuuuccckkkk (Coined by "the newfoundlander")" • "Sag-rette (Cigarette)" • "Skeet" • "Best Kind" • "C'mon We goes!" • "b'y" • "Scrot and all derivatives thereof: Scrotbag, scrotina, scrotty, etc." • "Barmp" • "Jesus Christ here danoite" • "Poisoned" • "S/He hasn't got a click" • "Twacking" • "'Ees some sexay...'ees got da Mount Pearl curl!" • "By de Jeezy" • "dragoff" • "havin' a time and a half" • "how ye gettin' on by" • "my love (always nice to hear!)" • "sheesh b'y (only heard from a friend's 6 year old son and Republic of Doyle)" • "'Lar'ence got hold of me' (my dad used this Bonavista Bay saying to joke about being tired and lazy)" • "Satched! (drenched)" • "D'as burnt" • "Fins and queens (Five dollar and twenty dollar bills)" • "Getting salty" • "Scrob — To scratch or claw" • "Get at me!" • "All time at it" • "I dies at you" • "face n eyes on da broad o me back!" • "Yes me duckie" • "Gwan" • "Scurfed on" • "lazy as a cut dog" • "crooked" • "Hammered bah" • "yis" • "juice arse" • "got er scald" • ""it's close in here" referring to the hot/humid weather" • "streel" • "Da f***? (This one covers all the bases.)" • "some ____ on it."

BEST SPOT FOR A SECRET WEB CAM

GEORGE STREET

Runner Up: Bar None (Bathroom/alley)
Other Answers: *"Ten feet from Ziggy's on George. Watch the drunken faces light up when they spot the truck." • "Adelaide and George. Watch idiots jump in front of cabs" • "E B Foran Room at private meetings of Council" • "That shady alleyway across from The Duke" • "restaurant kitchens to show the wastage. less is more!" • "My eyes" • "The lake" • "Dunderdale's Office, so we can see her read all the notes Danny left her and her put them in a shredder" • "drunk tank exit" • "any any of the chinese buffets" • "Church St. where there is supposedly a crow that attacks people" • "I would say George Street but the city got that taken care of." • "Sketch Alley" • "Fort Amherst, to gawk at some ghosts" • "my pants" • "lotties dance floor would be ridiculous to watch" • "this question is creepy"*

BEST TOWNIE (F OR M)

DANNY WILLIAMS

Former Premier, co-owner of the St. John's IceCaps

Runner Up: Allan Hawco
Other Answers: *I would have said Danny Williams before he decided to name the new AHL team the IceCaps. Good grief." • "Fog City's Townie Burger...I think it's male..." • "Mark Wilson. We'll say he's a townie anyways!" • "Jiffy Cab's dispatcher" • "Linda @ The Inn of Olde. Everyone knows who she is and I don't know of anyone else (who owns a bar) that hugs/kisses visitors when they leave the bar!" • "Angus (any of them)" • "the townie from the mitsubishi commercial" • "my mom"*

BEST BAYMAN (F OR M)

STACEY TUTTLE

Winner of 2008's Best Fan

Runner Up: Snook
Other Answers: *"Me! Plenty of bay left in me sure b'y!" • "Skipper." • "Don't even know anyone from the other side of the now defunct overpass" • "Everyone from Flatrock" • "Bob Bartlett, 'cause his writings about the ocean make me swoon" • "Someone in a Polaris jacket" • "Me! I'm half and half!" • "me cousin from goobies by" • "all o' em." • "brenda bah shes right on" • "the newfoundlander" • "the bayman from the mitsubishi commercial" • "Nan"*

BEST PLACE TO SET OFF FIREWORKS

QUIDI VIDI LAKE

Runner Up: Signal Hill
Other Answers:
"Near my house at 1am on a weeknight, apparently." • "I wish they would move the NYE fireworks back to the harbour." • "away from buildings!" • "NOWHERE!! My poor dogs are terrified of them! Stop setting them off for no reason!" • "the beach... which one you ask? it matters not" • "my bedroom" • "Topsail Beach, preferably from a boat" • "east coast trail, above the gut." • "HSC (Health Science Hospital) It's been done and you should have seen all the people in the hospital looking out the windows..... made everyone smile :)"

MOST PHOTOGENIC SPOT

SIGNAL HILL

Runner Up: Bowring Park
Other Answers: *"Circular Road when the leaves are out" • "Logy Bay (near the OSC)" • "View from the balcony of the Rooms" • "southside looking accross the harbour at dt" • "Atop three pond barrens looking out over the city." • "War memorial. The lighting in the night is wonderful!" • "See answer for best place to be naked." • "Any of the beaches really, we have some wicked ones."*

BEST BEACH FOR SUNBATHING

SUNSHINE CAMP

Bennett's Road, Portugal Cove-St. Philip's

Runner Up: Northern Bay Sands
Other Answers: *"They have sun here?" • "my roof" • "Sandy Cove Fogo Island. Pure White!" • "Is this some kind of sick joke?" • "Sundance's Dishwasher" • "Freshwater Bay! Dont mind the seagull poo." • "Sunbathing is bad for your health" • "Beachy Cove Beach. Rocky, but less packed with children and dogs than Middle Cove" • "Does the edge of a pond in the woods count?" • "I am a vampire."*

BEST STUDENT HANGOUT

MUN UNIVERSITY CENTRE

Runner Up: The Breezeway
Other Answers: *"Outside Needs. Any Needs." • "Anywhere but the Commons in the QEII. For god's sake, shut up!" • "MUN campus. Stay there." • "That place no one knows about" • "by the rose bushes at mun" • "Get a job. Stop wasting your time in school." • "UC steps. Not loud like inside the UC, but only worthwhile on mild days, or if bundled up." • "downtown, to take your mind off things"*

BEST PLAYGROUND

BOWRING PARK

Off Waterford Bridge Road

Runner Up: Bannerman Park
Other Answers: *"The instruments on Long Pond Walk" • "The little park hidden away between Livingstone and Lime" • "Quidi Vidi Lake and Rennies Mill River. They have the biggest swings for 31 year olds who loves the occasional swing." • "all the playgrounds today are fool proof and suck" • "Quidi Vidi Lake grown-up fitness toys!" • "The woods"*

BEST QUEER-FRIENDLY HANGOUT

HAVA JAVA

258 Water Street, 753-5282

Runner Up: Zone216
Other Answers: "hahaha. if only we had one" • "Everywhere, the city is Queer Friendly!" • "wherever the zone is this week" • "some people are straight, some people are gay. get over it and move on to something that actually matters." • "d'zownnn" • "St. John's Queer Choir" • "C'mon b'ys, someone open up a queer bar now luh we haves a time."

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BEST PLACE TO TAKE KIDS

BOWRING PARK

Runner Up: Bannerman Park
Other Answers: "A haunted house" • "The Rooms. Lots of kid's programming and exhibits" • "Lester's Farm! Strawberry picking! Tractors!" • "on a iceburg and whale tour boat" • "back to their parents" • "Anywhere big machines operate! When I was a child, I loved watching trains being shunted around the railyard; steam rollers; steam shovels; sitting next to the bus driver and watching him/her open the doors with a switch." • "Clovelly Stables" • "so many babies lately, woah guys" • "Georgetown Pub" • "Anywhere they can let their imaginations run free." • "Anywhere its free"

BEST UNIQUE PLACE TO TAKE OUT-OF-TOWNERS

SIGNAL HILL

Runner Up: Cape Spear
Other Answers: "Middle Cove Beach during the caplin run. If you're from out of town and you want to try campfire caplin, it's pretty much a guarantee someone will oblige." • "Cape Spear. Most easterly point in North America, that's unique isn't it?" • "Let them drive through Rawlins Cross." • "Just off the beaten track on Ladies Lookout then a trip to Leo's." • "marine lab. seals and touch tank. nuff said." • "Get out on the rocks and feel the ocean air in your face." • "pickled wiener sign." • "Cape Spear. Those tunnels will always be freaky." • "berry picking in town" • "Hanging off a cliff on Bell Island."

BEST ROAD TRIP

THE IRISH LOOP

Route around the southern portion of the Avalon

Runner Up: Gros Morne
Other Answers: "Chapel's Cove. Start at Military Road, and never take a single turn." • "going to carbonear taking the old road" • "Robin Hood Bay Road Dump" • "goobies irving. PIE!" • "Out to Bay Bulls. Great drive out, see whales, drive back" • "Brigus. Ernie Green's Snacks! Get at me, deep-fried Mars bar!" • "to Brigus via CBS route (NOT HIGHWAY) wonderful scenic route" • "Berg's in CBS 'Our milkshakes bring everyone from the yard.'" • "Irish Loop. Bring designated driver." • "to Marystown of course." • "Bell Island, cuz there's a boat and its short" • "dildo" • "Port-au-Port. I love the Newfoundland Alpacas!" • "Error. No good roads found." • "George Street?" • "Dildo to Bay de Verde and back around Conception Bay" • "Round the Gut" • "colinet to branch via route 100" • "Saint-Pierre and Miquelon. Not exactly a road trip once you get there, but it's awesome."

BEST THING TO HAPPEN TO ST. JOHN'S IN A LONG TIME

ICECAPS HOCKEY

www.stjohnsicecaps.com

Having gone hockey-less since the junior Fog Devils left town in 2008, Danny Williams was able to lease the former Manitoba Moose from the Winnipeg Jets and move them to



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St. John's. Have people been excited? Three years worth of season tickets sold out in a matter of days this summer, and Mile One has been sold out 14-straight games to start the season. This has trickled down to the ice too. The team sits in first place going into the Christmas break. MM

Runner Up: Republic of Doyle
Other Answers: "Recycling! Though why we can't recycle glass I will never know." • "Walk lights by Stockwoods" • "approval of Development of the West side of Downtown" • "Sewage Treatment" • "I'm moving there." • "bicycle paths. benefits unmeasureable" • "My birth" • "it was going to be that no car day, but now..." • "New coffee standards" • "The sun came out" • "if someone says bike lanes I'll strangle them. Damn hippies."

IF I WAS MAYOR, I WOULD...
IMPROVE SNOW-CLEARING

Runner Up: Fix the roads
Other Answers: "Have a street market on George St. during the day. George St. is being wasted on the wasted." • "go power crazy" • "Instate mandatory recycling" • "Make sense" • "Approve a drive-in movie theatre" • "do something about the mess that is Stavanger Drive" • "Make people be more friendly" • "make downtown pedestrian only" • "Put a library downtown." • "Install more turning lanes" • "Put more parking downtown" • "be better than the present one" • "Contract the university's engineering department to develop technology and processes to streamline the municipal services, ie. recycling, pavement that is made to stand the climate." • "Invest in some dolphins for st. john's harbour" • "be the mayor of st. john's" • "Clean up the west-bound shoulder of the harbour arterial (or pressure the province to do so)" • "Stop with this "culture" crap and get things done." • "get rid of the damn garbage nets" • "Ban people from complaining about the weather" • "let the b'ys open the food truck" • "Quit" • "Cut ribbons. Allll day. Fer days." • "Have a "wear no clothes day"" • "Legalize it." • "Outlaw condos." • "designate more places for street art" • "Build a dome over downtown" • "Free ice cream for all" • "Create a regional public transit system" • "be thankful for the close parking spot" • "do more for the gay Community" • "Make more student-friendly events that don't involve alcohol." • "ban wearing pajamas in public" • "charge the baymen an entry fee" • "Rename St John's Bonerland" • "Make a Douche Bag Free zone on George Street" • "do everything right" • "wear a fancy hat" • "Cry" • "One word: roundabouts" • "Extend bar hours" • "Stop this crap about amalgamation" • "Ban skinny jeans" • "Commute by bicycle" • "make irving paint their ghastly white tanks on the south side" • "ban the twilight movies" • "Start a 3 Things For St. John's like Calgary's Mayor Nenshi."

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BEST CATEGORY WE MISSED
BEST RESTAURANT

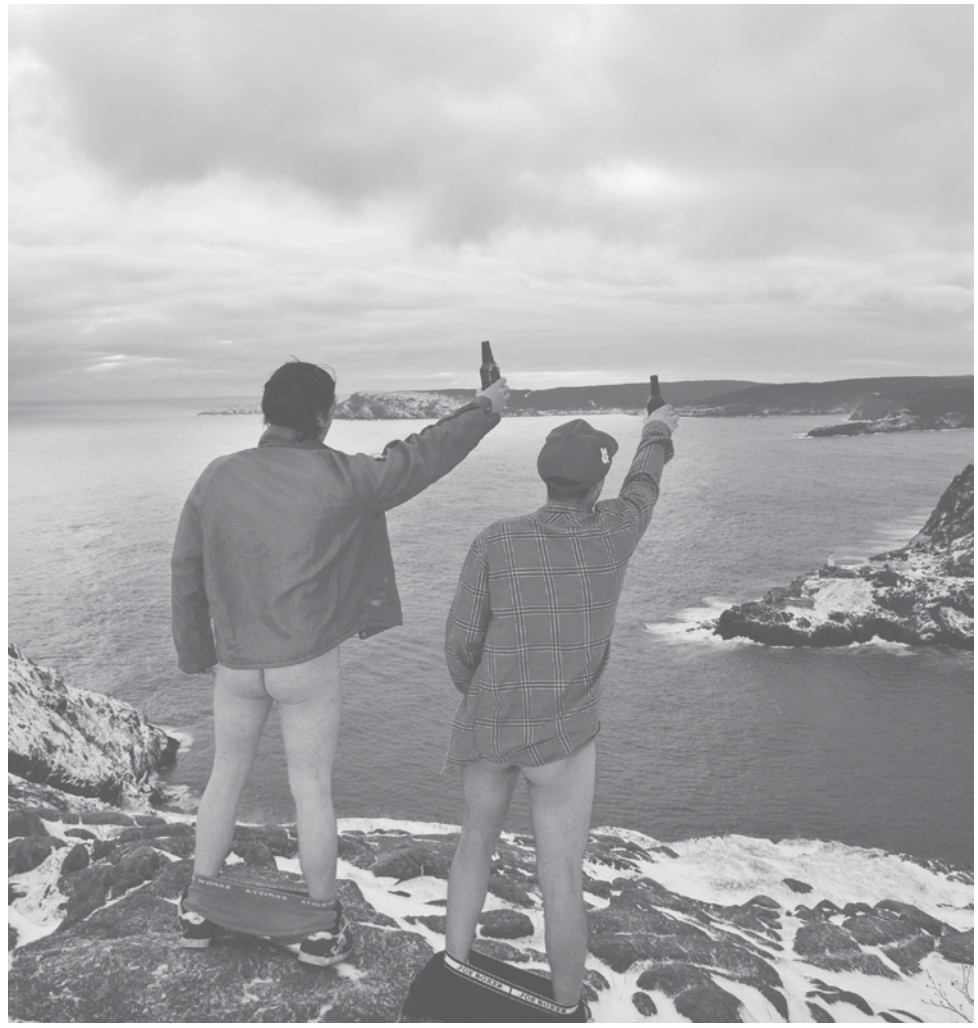
Fear not! we have a whole other Food & Drink survey for you in the spring.

Runner Up: DJ
Other Answers: "most overrated anything" • "Worst thing to happen to St. John's" • "Sexiest Local" • "you missed one?" • "best rub and tug" • "best street meat" • "Best Kept Secret" • "best j spot" • "best cat cartoon" • "Best place to bring your puppy. perhaps this wasn't missed....I need more coffee!" • "Best Spoken Word Poet" • "Sexiest Prof at Mun" • "Best CFA" • "Best Post-Secondary Education" • "Best Bike Lane" • "Best Local Publication: Sledworthy" • "Best Something To Do when there's nothing to do" • "best couple" • "Bartender who plays the best music" • "best police officer" • "Best Contractor" • "Best Cupcake" • "Best spot for a smoke" • "Best dubstep dj" • "Best place for a woman alone to go for a drink" • "best newfie song" • "Best colour for a house. A: Red"

WHAT THE SCOPE NEEDS MORE OF
DAN SAVAGE

We miss him too, but you can read still him online every week at www.thestranger.com/savage

Runner Up: More print issues
Other Answers: "imagination" • "My Mom" • "the paper version needs more indepth interviews and longer more researched and compelling articles" • "cowbell" • "Nothing! It's awesome!" • "Tig ol' bitties" • "Photos of down town drunks" • "Non-hippies" • "less granolas" • "Coupons" • "dog cartoons - haha" • "Reporting" • "Dan Savage, Food Nerd, Batman! I'm sure you're tired of hearing "Dan Savage and Food Nerd" But I'm sure you never get tired of Batman!" • "ADAM CLARKE. just have him write the whole damn thing!" • "love" • "Multiple choice questions" • "I Saw Yous! best thing ever!" • "less i saw yous. they aren't helping anyone" • "I Saw Thee" • "Science?" • "Conservative input" • "Sex, SNIPET ARTICLES ABOUT WEIRD LOCAL STUFF" • "restaurant reviews, actual journalism, things that people write, and research and that are not just facebook and I saw you's and surveys, politics, archetecture, show reviews, theatre reviews, actual articles!!!! CONTENT!!! thick juicy content!" • "puzzles!" • "Funky basslines... also a zoo" • "fewer questions on these surveys"



Justin Hawco and Justin Murphy of Best YouTube Video-winning **Newfoundlander Vs**. in the Best Place to be Naked Outside, **Signal Hill.** Photo by Ryan Davis

BEST LOCAL YOUTUBE VIDEO
NEWFOUNDLANDER VS. CHRISTMAS

www.youtube.com/jhawk23 • www.goo.gl/PXpJu

Runner Up: "How Newfie's peel potato's !"
Other Answers: *"remake of michael jacksons thriller" • "Cabonear Weather Forecast" • "Metrobus Strike PSA - the PwG" • "Mike Worthman's Jesus Video" • "Rebecca Black Swan (Stephen Dunn)" • "Misses get the F**k by BOX" • "At Ships End/Quidi Vidi commercial" • "newfie drinking" • "minke being attacked by orcas (mullowney puffin and whale tours)" • "girl from Kelligrewsplaying guitar & singing on stage with Paul Simon(Lincoln Duncan) she had guts" • "Brenda Carter, To be or not to be" • "flash dancing mob on George Street" • "brenda feed the ducks" • "danielle baily in the city skywalk" • "A typical conversation with a GFW native" • "The lady on NTV that talks about people burrying dolphins" • "Brenda Feeds the Ducks" • "Stanley Braxton: Rocketbird" • "Wish & Flo's Dead Bird in the Garbage" • "hey rosetta's new video: bandages" • "i just fell in the harbour" • "Badger's Quay - Casual Male"*

"Me and Hawco used to go to PWC and it used to be filled with a lot of skeets," says Justin Murphy, the face of the Newfoundlander Vs. YouTube video series. "We used to make fun of them a lot and one day we were just going back and forth talking like skeets, and we said, 'Man, we should film this just to see if anyone finds it as funny as we do.'"

The result was the video *Newfoundlander vs. Honeydew Melon*, made in the summer of 2010, which I'm not going to try and describe (a highlight: "'Dis is me wood that I leans against me shed!") but it's something you really need to watch.

"A few people noticed that one, and so we put out another one for Halloween," he says. "And then all these people just loved it."

They've since put out seven more videos, including *Newfoundlander vs. Christmas*, winner of this year's Best YouTube video. The videos center around Murphy, playing a rural(ish) Newfoundland gent; his wife, played by Murphy in an orange wig; their youngster, played by someone with a sheet over their head; and Murphy's neighbour, Skip. Murphy usually starts off in a lawn chair in front of his shed, sometimes eating a plum. Or an entire cabbage.

"To me it's just for fun," he says. "It's just a really good time filming, I just laugh a lot when we're trying to film it. There's no script or anything. That Christmas one was totally like, 'Okay you should probably say this, that would be funny.'"

He starts killing himself laughing.

"The organization was just terrible!"

Murphy says that the videos have gotten so popular, he has a hard time going out.

"People are like, 'Oh, you're that guy!' and I'm like, 'Yeah, I'm just trying to get a donut,'" he says. "Some guy tracked me down where I worked, and he was staring at me, and I was like, 'Uh, can I help you?' and he was like, 'Oh, I just wanted to tell you that you're doing a really good job, I had to find out where you worked,' and I'm like, 'Uh, okaaay?'"

The Newfoundlander Vs. videos seem to be a natural progression in Murphy and Hawco's film career.

"I used to just be really wild anyways," says Murphy. "Back when we were like 14, that *Jackass* movie came out and we were obsessed with that. We used to film stuff like that, and we even made a feature-length movie. But we didn't even really try with the Newfoundlander videos and people really liked it. We were like, 'What the hell?' We've been trying so hard, and then we put out something just for a joke and people, like, love it." **SARAH SMELLIE**

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ARTS & MEDIA

CBC snagged a whole slew of awards this year, with Ryan Snoddon at the head of the pack with two awards: Best Twitterer and Smartest Television Personality. Take that, Cochrane!

BEST PHOTOGRAPHER
SANDRA LEE ELFORD
www.sandralee.ca

Runner Up: Nate Gates
Other Answers: "Anyone with a digital camera" • "Anyone with an iPhone"

BEST FESTIVAL (NON-MUSIC)
VICTORIA PARK LANTERN FESTIVAL
www.fovp.org

Runner Up: Brigus Blueberry Festival
Other Answers: *"Mummers Festival! Yay for trad-is-rad social change." • "The Regatta! Tradition brings everyone together." • "4:20" • "Any food festival. A bunch are popping up recently"*

BEST VOICE ON RADIO
TOM POWER
Host of CBC Radio 2 Morning

Runner Up: Big Tom (K-Rock)
Other Answers: *"Mike Campbell You can't beat this guy — super pro." • "Jeff Gilhooly. We miss you, Jeff... *sniff*" • john furlong. smart clever wise" • "jian gomeshi. it doesn't have to be a newfoundlander, does it?" • "Randy Snow. Not too taken with the music played, mind you." • "Ramona Dearing! Her voice is just so soothing." • "Any one on VOWR. The most adorable old timey voices ever." • "Ted Blades. He doesn't look like he sounds, that's for sure."*

MOST ADDICTIVE LOCAL WEBSITE OR BLOG
THESCOPE.CA
Addictive, like in a nice way? Aw, shucks.

Runner Up: bluekaffee.com
Other Answers: *"Mud Songs. He keeps bees!" • "Everything Andreae Callanan" • "Does Kijiji count?" • "Nl Classifieds... lol" • "Heavy Weather. I can't get enough of those awesome take away vids." • "Bluekaffee. I go away, but I always go back"*

MOST CAPTIVATING PLAY
ARTISTIC FRAUD'S "OIL & WATER"
www.artisticfraud.com

Runner Up: "Hail" by RCA Theatre Company
Other Answers: *"Twelfth Night. Great mix of seasoned and new actors in a lovely locale." • "I hate to reward mediocrity, so I respectfully pass the question." • "Haven't seen one in a long time" • "W;t. This was the most provoking play I've ever seen: I laughed, I cried, I was challenged to reexamine how I view life and death." • "Hedwig and the Angry Inch. Brad Hodder was great..."*

THE SCOPE 2011 BEST OF ST.JOHN'S AWARD WINNER

MOST EXCITING VISUAL ARTIST
GRANT BOLAND
www.grantboland.net

Runner Up: Mike Gough
Other Answers: *"Peggy Tremblet. Dramatically different and feminine." • "anyone from the Pick Me Up Artist collective" • "Michael Pittman — love love love love love" • "whoever tags those traffic controllers" • "Keli-Ann Pye-Beshara. Check out her giant cut out project at the Delta to see why" • "Jason Holley. Pounding copper, building chimneys from chainmaille and exhibiting all over" • "That carving guy on the corner of George and Water." • "Nicola Hawkins. Her solo show Junkosphere, is going to spin heads." • "Grafitti artists by the Youth Centre" • "That man on the bus"*

BEST EXHIBIT
PROBLEM CHILD AT THE ROOMS
Work by Jordan Bennett, Sandi Hartling, Mikiki, and Jesse Walker. Curated by Mireille Eagan. www.therooms.ca

Runner Up: Fantastic Sea Monsters at The Rooms
Other Answers: *"craft council members exhibit. c'mon art snobs, give craft a chance." • "seamonstersss@therooms. whale vs squid tshirt? F***yes!"*

MOST INTRIGUING OUTDOOR SCULPTURE
THE MERMAIDS

There's one in front of the Marriott Hotel, one beside the Newfoundland Chocolate Company, and there's one overlooking the Harbour in Bay Bulls. During the summer of 2006, though, mermaids were everywhere, mysteriously appearing in corners and crannies all over downtown. Part of a project called Mermaids in the City, each fibreglass mermaid statue was painted by a local artist and sponsored by a local business. The whole installation was a fundraiser project for Easter Seals—the fundraiser part came in when they auctioned them off at the end of the summer. SS

Runner Up: Peter Pan (Sculptor: Sir George Frampton)
Other Answers: *"That scary primordial ooze of Newfoundland Creativity at the edge of George St." • "The one at the A&C Centre. What the heck is that?" • "The harbour vagina, obvsies" • "the creepy little girl at rawlins cross" • "We need more of these in the city." • "the dog shit with harper flags"*

MOST INFORMATIVE LOCAL NEWS SOURCE
CBC
www.cbc.ca

Runner Up: VOCM
Other Answers: *"Twitter" • "VOCM. Not always the most exciting news, but tends to have stuff that CBC doesn't." • "None are worthy of a 'most' other than 'most lazy' or 'most reductive'" • "My Dad. He calls me before stuff even hits the news. ... is he like the Trinity*

FUNNIEST LOCAL
MARK CRITCH
CBC This Hour Has 22 Minutes cast member

Runner Up: Snook
Other Answers: *"Steve Abbott is seriously hilarious, be in his presence after he plays a set down at CB's" • "Rick Mercer. Though he no longer lives here, his humour is still my favourite." • "Yvonne Jones" • "Everyone. We's hilarious" • "Andrew Dale from The Once. Seriously, have a conversation with this guy!" • "Jiffy Cab dispatchers"*

On a cold night last March, I was sitting with Mark Critch over a few pints at the Duke for a relaxed interview. As we chatted, a man came over and called Critch the funniest man on television. Critch was bashful, and talked to the Duke patron about other great Newfoundland comic writers and performers. The man leaned heavily on the door for support, then gave the *22 Minutes* star a pat on the back and proclaimed him the funniest man in the province before heading out into the cold.

This Hour Has 22 Minutes is on a roll. The CBC satirical staple has had several online hits with sketches like Gordon Pinsent reading Justin Bieber's autobiography and Mary Walsh confronting Toronto city mayor Rob Ford, but it's impossible to deny Critch is a huge part of that success.

Take "The Codfather", for instance.

Of all the sketches he's written and performed since joining the series in 2002, Critch says his contribution to the finale of the show's 18th season was a big highlight.

"It came about so quickly," he says. "Those are always the best."

The sketch features an angry Critch confronting Danny Williams for retiring and depriving 22 Minutes of future parodies involving the former premier. As they argue, Critch and Williams are brought before Newfoundland's supreme authority—Gordon Pinsent as The Codfather—to settle the score. When the situation escalates, Allan Hawco and Sean McGinley, in their *Republic of Doyle* roles, put a stop to things the only way they know how: fisticuffs.

The sketch was a hit across Canada, and featured one of his big comedic obsessions: Newfoundland.

"Even covering national political events, I do it as if I'm blearing down at the Duke about it," he says. "Our [2011] Christmas special had Gordon Pinsent, Allan Hawco and Great Big Sea as guests. It's all about the Super-Newfs."

Aside from his work on the show—between his prominent guest spot on Republic of Doyle, and frequent appearances at comedy festivals—Critch has been pretty much everywhere in the last year.

This summer he performed as part of the Just For Laughs "Decline of the American Empire" show in Montreal where he was on the same bill with some of comedy's best and brightest, such as Marc Maron (*This Has To Be Funny*, *WTF with Marc Maron*), Greg Proops (*Whose Line Is It Anyway*, *The Smartest Man In The World*) and John Oliver (*The Daily Show*, *Community*). Though anyone who knows him as a performer would say he belongs on stage with those comics, Critch says the experience was intimidating.

"I was nervous writing with John Oliver, but the second I got a laugh I was fine," he says.

It's a big leap from 15 years ago when Critch was a regular performer at the LSPU Hall with Cat Fud, a comedy troupe. But he says things haven't changed that much.

"When I write a good sketch for 22 it's still no different than when I would have written it for the Hall," he says. "Just now I can afford a bigger set and I can get Pinsent instead of having Paul Edwards in a grey wig."

His sources of inspiration haven't changed much over the years either. He remembers getting his heart set on comedy as early as grade one, watching sketch shows like the home-grown *Wonderful Grand Band*.

"I still want to be Greg Malone when I grow up," he tells me. **ADAM CLARKE**



Funniest Local **Mark Critch** greets Smartest TV Personality **Ryan Snoddon** with the Best Local Slang: **Whaddya At?** Photo by Darrell Edwards.

Killer or something?" • "Bluekaffee forums" • "www.urnews.ca" • "Sasquatch Intelligence Report" • "Cecil Haire's twitter feed. Twitternecking FTW #accidents" • "Eddie down the road, knows it all"

MOST THOUGHT-PROVOKING AUTHOR
JOEL THOMAS HYNES
Author of Down to the Dirt and, most recently, Straight Razor Days.

Runner Up: Michael Crummy
Other Answers: *"Kathleen Winter. Seriously, what was with the orange at the end of Annabel?" • "Robert Chafe. Tecnically he's a plawright, but whatever." • "Craig Power. Blood Relatives got my wheels turnin'."*

SMARTEST LOCAL TV PERSONALITY
RYAN SNODDON
Weatherman on CBC-TV's Here and Now

Runner Up: David Cochrane
Other Answers: *"Haven't really had a converation with any of them" • "mark obrien as the angry volcano." • "Snook. He gets at the truth of things" • "Aren't they on radio?" • "Can we test them?"*



HARDEST WORKING JOURNALIST
DAVID COCHRANE
CBC Provincial Affairs reporter and host of On Point

Hours Cochrane typically works in a day: 9

Days he typically works in a week: 5. No, 6. Maybe 7. He's broken stories on vaction before.

Articles he typically reads in a day: "Dozens and dozens."

Non-news-related activities he enjoys but doesn't have time for: Cooking, wine, and video games. He's also president of the St. John's Touch Football League, but he spends most of those games on his Blackberry. SS

Runner Up: Zach Goudie
Other Answers: *"Fred Hutton. Always fred hutton" • "Ryan Snoddon. TV, radio, the internet, and all with a great sense of humour and a deep knowledge of his subject matter." • "The guy from CBC" • "Cecil Haire, beating around town at rush hour" • "Gavin Simms. Just look at The Independent" • "James McLeod works like a dog!"*

Hardest Working Journalist **David Cochrane**, hard at work at **Tony's Tailor Shop**, winner of Best Tailor. Photo by Ryan Davis.

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MUSIC & NIGHTLIFE

The Best New Band category is always exciting, and given the past winners — Repartee (2010), Matthew Hornell and the Diamond Minds (2009), and The Grammercy Riffs (2008) — it's indicative of a bright future for the winner. This year Those Lasers got so many votes in the category we had to investigate to see if the votes were legit. Congratulations!

LIVE SHOW OF THE YEAR
HEY ROSETTA!
At George Street Festival, August 2, 2011. www.heyrosetta.com

Runner Up: Dropkick Murphys at George Street Festival
Other Answers: "Kiss, duh" • "NoFX. f*** the a**hole who egged Fat Mike" • "Skull face and Others Reunion! I kept a piece of ceiling tile. " • "Bonnie 'Prince' Billy. I'm told I enjoyed it. " • "Dropkick Murphys. Were you there? Then you know why." • "Shanneyganock at the marine rescue rally" • "Live My Little Pony show" • "Tony Dekker in Cabot Tower as part of Lawnya Vawnya" • "Sherman Downey's tribute to the Pogues on St.Patricks Day" • "BUDDY WHATS HIS NAME" • "Red Green" • "

BEST MUSIC FESTIVAL
NEWFOUNDLAND & LABRADOR FOLK FESTIVAL
www.nlfolk.com

Runner Up: George Street Festival
Other Answers:
"Lawna Vyana... you know what I mean" • "George Street Festival. Amazing lineup this year" • "fun folk and fish fest of twillingate" • "Folk Festival. The gods are saving up for a really good summer next year. " • "floak festival" • "Soak Fest in Bannerman Park" • "Coachella"

MUSICIAN OF THE YEAR
TIM BAKER
Lead singer-songwriter of Hey Rosetta! www.heyrosetta.com

Runner Up: Matthew Hornell
Other Answers: *"Russell Crowe. He's an honorary Newfie. Plus he looks like one."* • *"Darren Browne. What band wasn't he in?"* • *"Josh Ward. he's only wicked"* • *"natasha hartery! barry sax!!!!!!"* • *"Scott Kelly and Peter Narvaez. We lost two greats this year."* • *"Ryan Taylor. He's in every band, hasn't missed a note and doesn't crave attention."* • *"Sean Panting, 'cause he's only wicked."*

BEST NEW BAND
THOSE LASERS
www.facebook.com/ThoseLasers

Runner Up: East of Empire
Other Answers: *"Thomas Trio. Ok, ok. so they are not new... in fact they don't even exist any more."* • *"Da Once"* • *"drows, the"* • *"The Elizabeatans. (give the girl singer a tambourine or something!)"*

BEST STRAIGHT UP ROCK
THE NOVAKS
www.thenovaks.ca

Runner Up: Hey Rosetta!
Other Answers:
"That big rock near MUN" • "k rock" • "Even though inactive: Kujo"

BEST ALTERNATIVE ROCK
HEY ROSETTA!
www.heyrosetta.com

Runner Up: Pathological Lovers
Other Answers: "The one by C-Core" • "Black Auks"

BEST FOLK
THE ONCE
www.theonce.ca

Runner Up: Amelia Curran
Other Answers: "Newfoundlanders are the best folk" • "Endometrium. no boundries!"

BEST JAZZ OR BLUES
CHRIS KIRBY
www.chriskirbyonline.com

Runner Up: Brad Jefford Trio
Other Answers: *"Navies"*

BEST TRADITIONAL SESSION
ERIN'S PUB
186 Water Street, 722-1916

Runner Up: Folk Night at The Ship (Folk Arts Society)
Other Answers: *"Tuesdays at Rocket"*

BEST BAND NAME
PATHOLOGICAL LOVERS
www.pathologicallovers.com

Runner Up: The Elizabeatans
Other Answers: *"The Dardanelles"* • *"Quidi Vidi Dirt Band"* • *"709"* • *"Thee Internet"* • *"Box"* • *"The Once"* • *"Monsterbator"* • *"Kate Pike and the Off White Might"* • *"Over the Top. Stalooooooone!"* • *"The Wobbly Pops"* • *"Gaping Lotus Experience"*

BEST BAND WITH THE WORST NAME
MONSTERBATOR
www.facebook.com/monsterbator

Runner Up: Those Lasers
Other Answers: *"Monsterbator. I love them and think they are one of the best in St. John's, but have a hard time convincing people to listen to them because of the name."* • *"Matthew Hornell and the Diamond Dogs"* • *"Draw smokers"* • *"dog meat bbq"*

BEST ALBUM ARTWORK
ALEX PIERSON
For his art and design on Repartee's self titled album

Runner Up: Hey Rosetta!
Other Answers: *"i always loved the back of living in a fog"*

BEST DANCE FLOOR
ROCK HOUSE
George St, 579-6832

Runner Up: Sundance
Other Answers: *"Was the Zone"* • *"in a kitchen near the corner of Prescott and Gower"* • *"My living room"* • *"Above ground parking lots"* • *"Life is a dance floor"* • *"club v's glass floor"*

BEST PLACE TO HEAR LIVE MUSIC
THE SHIP
265 Duckworth St, 753-3870

This is the win that pushed them over the edge. The Ship is now in the Hall of Fame for the Best Place for Live Music category. And so it should be. It's easily the most legendary venue in town, having been immortalized by such luminaries as Michael Winter (*This All Happened*'s lonely walk across The Ship Inn is one of the best bits of the book) and *CODCO* (you've seen the video for Ship Inn Man, right?).

Its history has a legendary quality about it, too. Rumour has it that the first band to ever play live at the Ship (called Dirty Dick's until 1977, FYI) was Figgy Duff, some time in the late 70s. But Katie Parnham, daughter of the original owners of the building, says that the first real music night, called Wo/Men Jammin', was led by June Hiscock, on Tuesday nights. They started, she says, in 1991. "My parents had initially decided that it was to be sort of an Englishmen's pub, only open until 2:30 or 3:00 in the afternoon," she says. "They would open later and later as people were asking them to. When my parents passed away and the original manager left to go to massage school, I took it over and I started having live music nights, like June's night." Folk Night and Night Music were soon steadfast on the roster, and more music shows took place. Ownership has changed since, but The Ship's place in the music scene has not. SS

Runner Up: Rock House
Other Answers: *"O'Reilly's. That second floor rocks"* • *"George Street United. Great acoustics, beautiful Gothic revival interior, and mad bonus points for being next to an Ultramar..."* • *"CBTG's. Or just stand on the Deck and hear four bands at once"* • *"House shows ftw"* • *"CBTGs. Filthy and cramped but it rocks"* • *"the rose has been great lately."* • *"open your ears"* • *"They're all good, support live music!"*



Best Punk winners **Over the Top** at the Best Car Wash at **Esso—Anderson Avenue**. Photo by **Darrell Edwards**.

BEST PUNK
OVER THE TOP
www.myspace.com/overthetop709

Runner Up: Dead Peasants Revolt
Other Answers: *"The ones who stand by the avalon mall and throw rocks at passing cars"* • *"What's a punk?"*

Things are looking up for Over The Top. In addition to being your top pick for Best Punk Band this year, they were hand-picked by NOFX to open their show at Mile One this June. They've also toured a bunch, and they played Canadian Music Week in Toronto this March. Pretty impressive for a band that's only been together for two years.

"Punk rock doesn't pay the bills, but it definitely gives you great life experiences," laughs guitarist Jason Mooney.

According to Mooney, things are looking up for the entire St. John's punk scene.

"Right now, it seems like it's getting back to the way it was when I was a kid, " he says. "Punk rock is supposed to be about being yourself and everyone accepting you for who you are. For a while, it seemed like some people were big-headed... but I think the St. John's music scene is building to be just as good as it was back in the day."

Top local punk bands for Over The Top include Clocked In, At Both Ends, and Wreckage.

"They're young kids, and seeing young kids start new bands is the most important thing. They're the new blood. They're fuelling it." **SARAH SMELLIE**

BEST METAL
MONSTERBATOR
www.facebook.com/monsterbator

Oh no! Genre confusion! Well, Monsterbator is definitely loud, we'll give you that, but they aren't quite a metal band. Drummer Devon Milley agrees: "I would say Fireign is the best metal band in town," he says.

Runner Up: Weapon
Other Answers: *"Adamantium" • "Doc O'Keefe" • "The stuff used in the engineering building"*

BEST BANG FOR YOUR NIGHT OUT BUCK
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Holdsworth Ct, 746-4942, www.thelevee.ca

Runner Up: Lottie's Place
Other Answers: *"movies on cheap night" • "Going for a walk" •*

BEST SHOW POSTERS
JUD HAYNES
Of Mightypop — www.mightypop.ca

Runner Up: Johnny Rawkhard
Other Answers: *"Werewoman's naked cat women"*

BEST NON-DRINKER'S NIGHT OUT
EMPIRE THEATRES
Avalon Mall, 758-3456, www.empiretheatres.com

Runner Up: Bowling at St. Pat's Bowling Lanes
Other Answers: *"Middle Cove fire" • "Home" • "Nowhere :(" • "I don't trust people who don't drink" • "watching drunk people at George st" • "Glow Golf in the Avalon Mall" • "Trivia Night at Yellow Belly" • "Yuk Yuks" • "Outdoor picnic" • "Dinner and a show at Spirit of NL" • "The Ship. Don't need to be drunk to enjoy good tunes, people stay sensible a long while into the night!"*

BEST PLACE TO MEET A SEXY SOMEONE
GEORGE STREET
The legendary street

Runner Up: Martini Bar
Other Answers: *"this city's crawling with 'em" • "manhunt.net. I gave up randomly sampling the buffet a long time ago" • "The grocery store" • "Library, or the woods" • "Medical School" • "Sexy people won't talk to me" • "swimming in the harbor" • "paddy wagon" • "Rocket Bakery. There are just so many people there. And if you get rejected by that sexy someone, you can eat away your sorrows in their twice baked french toast! yummmm" • "elim tabernacle" • "The Ship. <3 you jane" • "NOT on George St." • "strip club is the obvious choice" • "the mainland"*

BAND/MUSICIAN YOU'D LIKE TO SEE IN ST. JOHN'S
ARCADE FIRE
www.arcadefire.com

Runner Up: Bruce Springsteen
Other Answers: *"Nick Cave! Please let the rumors be true" • "WIZARD ROCK MUSIC PLEASE." • "Flight Of The Conchords! Brett and Germaiiiinnnee" • "GWAR! it will happen...." • "Make Old Man Luedecke move here" • "Rush. I would sell my body for this!" • "Iron and Wine acoustic show at the Ship. Swoon."*

BEST LATE-NIGHT WALK
WATER STREET
Not to be confused with Earth, Air, Fire or Wind Streets

Runner Up: The harbour front
Other Answers: *"Staggerin' back from the club" • "Forest Road -> Anglican Cemetary -> south end of QV Lake -> QV Village -> Forest Road" • "From Chris' place up to Rustler's and back" • "Anywhere downtown. I feel safe because everyone else is out walking too." • "Freshwater Bay! why not..." • "Home" • "Hidden waterfall" • "Pick a direction and go..." • "Bannerman Park when they have the Christmas lights up" • "Along the waterfront. If you walk along the waterfront and do not end up making out, there is something wrong with you."*











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BEST TRIBUTE BAND

THE BEACH B'YS

thebeachbys.blogspot.com

Runner Up: Abbey Road
Other Answers: *"No such thing"*

Does St. John's have a tribute band scene?

I'm trying to list them all with Jordan Young, vocalist and guitarist with the Beach B'ys, a tribute to the Beach Boys and winner of this year's Best Tribute Band...

The Gaping Lotus Experience (Tool), The Gloaming (Radiohead), Physical Graffitti (Led Zeppelin), Hollywood Rose (Guns 'n Roses), In The Flesh? (Pink Floyd), The Beach B'ys... "And Kelly-Ann Evans and Janet Cull do their tribute shows," he says.

Definitely enough bands to justify a Best Tribute Band category in this year's Best of St. John's Survey.

The Beach B'ys started as "one of those drunk, ridiculous things at a party," with Young and a few friends sitting around and singing Beach Boys songs. But a few weeks later, a genuine rehearsal took place. "We'd got together all winter to practice the vocals," he says. "In June, for a laugh, we played a night at the Levee. It went over really well, so we decided to get a horn section and really go for it."

Since then, they've become and a ten-piece band, and they've sold out MUN's Reid Theatre.

The tribute band occupies an awkward place on the artistic merit spectrum. Covering notoriously difficult songs lets you show off your technical skill. But playing an entire repertoire of some other band's songs? To some, it seems like cheating.

"You get artistic satisfaction from a different angle," says Young. "You don't have that catharsis of composing and shaping your own ideas. But there's a lot of reward that comes out of the work that it took to arrange those tunes. A lot of those songs are really orchestral and difficult. For some of the band members, it probably had been since music school that they did that much transposing, writing and arranging."

For a lot of tribute bands, the entire show needs to be written and arranged.

In The Flesh? use lasers and video screens during their shows. "We spend far too much time debating the aesthetics of it all," laughs Jason Pittman, co-founder the band. "We want to fade into the background so the show becomes the music and the lights and the video, and we want the person viewing the show to completely forget that it's not Pink Floyd. We're not just playing the music, we're doing a show."

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"People come to these shows with very different expectations than with a regular bar show," he adds. "To do it well, you've got to meet those expectations."

The B'ys are keen on the showmanship aspect, too. They play alongside palm trees and surf shops, and they dress in matching shirts.

"We wear the plaid shirts because the original Beach Boys, before they became famous, called themselves the Pendeltones, after the Pendelton brand shirt," says Young.

"People feel weird and pretentious if they're doing outfits or set design if they're, say, a grunge band at CBTG's," he adds. "But when you're a cover band, you've gotten over yourself, you're doing a tribute thing and it's just as well to do it right." **SARAH SMELLIE**

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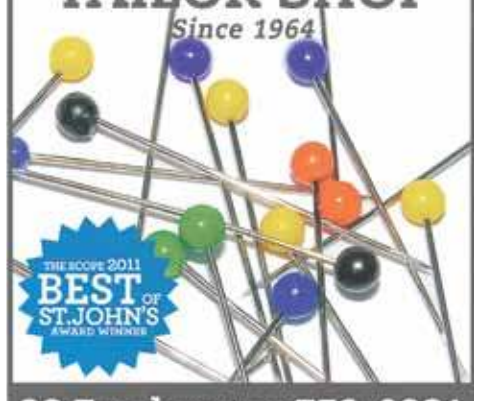
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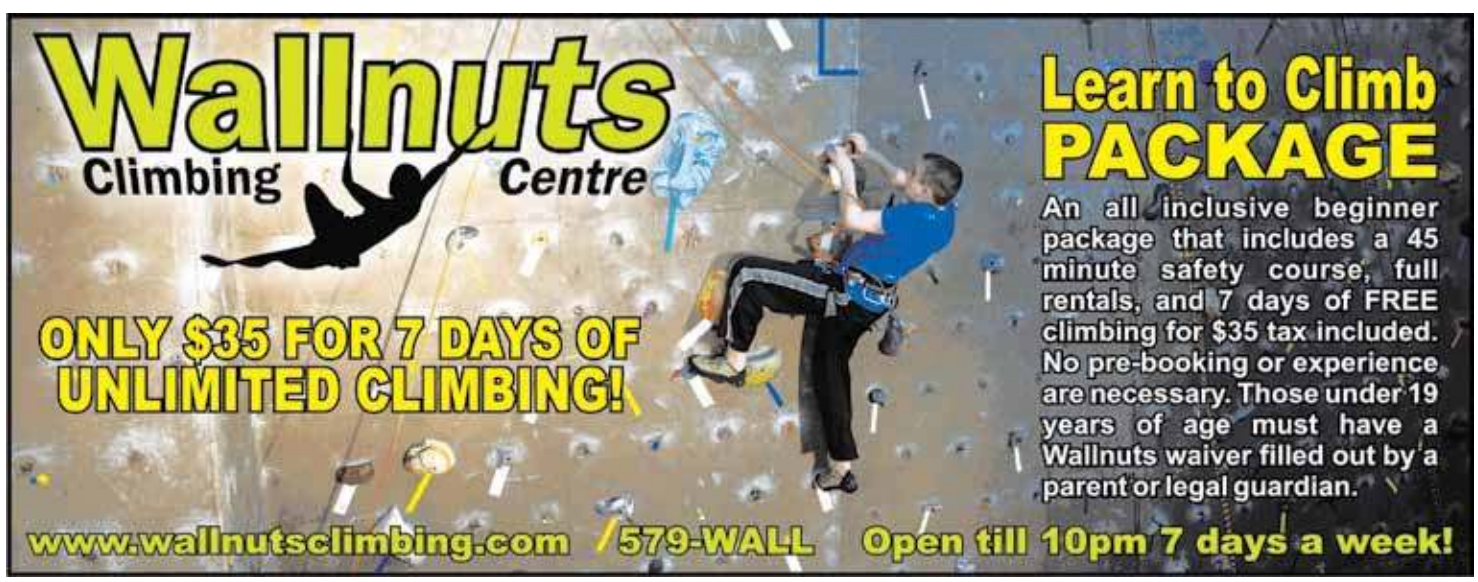
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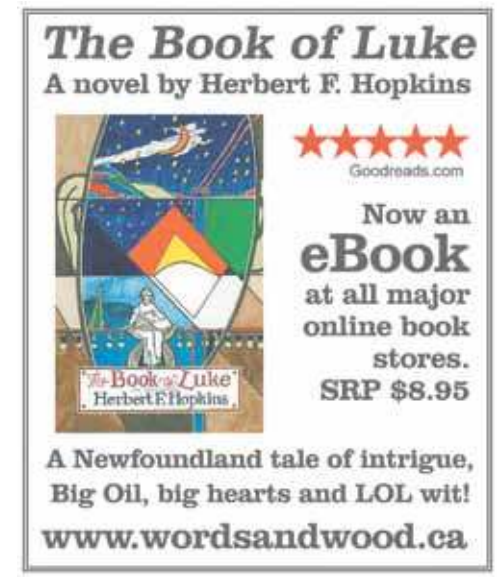

I saw you and you on our first dates (POF boys) sitting at the table when I came in, on time, already with a coffee in hand. Couldn't u have waited for me or got me one. You blew it. I instantaneously knew there wouldn't be a second date.











SHOPS & SERVICES

It was a pretty interesting year for local business. A number of landmark shops closed their doors and took down their signs—The Family Barbershop, Bill's Cycle Shop, Auntie Crae's and Strictly Adult Video, to name a few—while Rocket Bakery had itself firmly ensconced in the downtown consciousness within mere weeks of its opening.

BEST NEW SHOPPING EXPERIENCE
ROCKET BAKERY & FRESH FOOD
272 Water Street, 738-2011, www.rocketfood.ca

Runner Up: Rosie the Rebel Boutique
Other Answers: *"Downtown is alive!" • "i can't bring myself to say best buy" • "Le Boudoir. Hanky Panties...buy them! They will change your life!" • "da avaaaalon by" • "online" • "Not shopping. Reminds me of Not Google Plus" • "Chocolate shop. Ommmnommnom"*

BEST MOM & POP BUSINESS
LONG'S HILL CONVENIENCE
103 Long's Hill, 753-5245

Runner Up: Halliday's Meat Market
Other Answers: "B+B Snacks. Best wedges in town" • "The Travel Bug. Except it's a mom and mom business." • "chafe and sons—an institution" • "MINI DONUTS" • "mary-anns. bag o sugar. $1" • "My mom and pop don't have a business" • "we still have those?" • "Afterwords Bookstore saves me when I am bored or looking for a nice place to go out of the rain."

BEST PLACE TO SPEND $20
ROCKET BAKERY & FRESH FOOD
272 Water Street, 738-2011, www.rocketfood.ca

Runner Up: Fred's Records
Other Answers: *"St. John's Haunted Hike. You can go more than once with 20" • "The Regatta" • "The Dog House. There is no better way to spend some yuppy time with the puppy than going for a walk DT and getting him a couple of treats at The Dog House (where he is free to roam around inside)." • "driving range. you'll leave with 10 still in your pocket" • "$20 will get you a lot of candy" • "Bingo. Wednesday nights at Knights of Columbus" • "de big arrrrrrrrr" • "QV brewery tour then Inn Of Olde" • "The grocery store. On vegetables" • "any place for beer" • "Arcade" • "VLTs bah"*

BEST LOCAL ADVERTISING SLOGAN
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Runner Up: "Some 'tick 'n tuff b'y." (Billy Boot Garbage Bags)
Other Answers: *"get it india" • "Hard cases fighting hard cases. Simmonds and Partners Defence" • "Steer into Steers" • "CLEAN - Orange Store" • "For the record, it's Fred's" • "Scope: All Things Industrial" • "Takin' it easy, take the bus" • "Make The Call" •*



When he's not shaking his ass to the BeeGees at Mile One, Buddy the Puffin, mascot for the Best Thing to Happen to St. John's in a Long Time, the **IceCaps**, sneaks in a workout at Nova Yoga, winner of **Best Yoga**. Photo by Colin Peddle.

"Orange Store Bus Signs" • "Get Mary'd" • "God is the potter, not Harry" • "Get a Wash B'y" • "even drunk girls can remember 2 digits" • "Make like the Titanic and head for Bergs" • "just do it, again — modern shoe hospital" • "Didn't I not see you at Piper's?" • "The Dairy Best" • "Great meat built our business" • "Oh yeah"

BEST SERVICE (NON-RESTAURANT)
FRED'S RECORDS
198 Duckworth St, 753-9191, www.freds.nf.ca

Runner Up: Model Citizens
Other Answers: *"Needs on Military. Tiff Gets sh** done!" • "RNC. Whenever you don't need them" • "whink! helpful with picking out gifts for my girlfriend" • "MVR."*

BEST WINDOW DISPLAY
THE NEWFOUNDLAND CHOCOLATE COMPANY
166 Duckworth Street, 579-0099
www.newfoundlandchocolatecompany.com

"That's real chocolate in the fountain, 20 pounds of it," says Brent Smith, co-owner and Executive Chocolatier at the Newfoundland Chocolate Company. "When we first put in there, we were worried about kids coming in and putting their fingers in there, but that didn't happen. As a matter of fact the first time it happened was just the other day - a 94 year old woman came in and, quick as a whip, the finger came out! We all had a good laugh."

Smith is quick to note that the fountain chocolate doesn't get used in any of their products. Not even lady fingers. SS

Runner Up: Johnny Ruth
Other Answers: *"Gingersnaps, for displaying that onesie with a picture of Che Guevara" • "Crafted Treasures—Oops, I mean Crafted Treasure's" • "Chafe & Son's LTD. Baby tweed suit gets me every time" • "la bubwar" • "Britannia Teas. Did you see the cakes they had on the day of that royal wedding?" • "Jenkins and Puddicombe. I loves the robot"*

BEST CLOTHING STORE (WOMEN)
MODEL CITIZENS
183 Duckworth St, 722-2777, www.modelcitizens.ca

Runner Up: Twisted Sisters Boutik
Other Answers: *"la senza. i love boobies!" • "I only rarely wear women's clothing."*

BEST PLACE TO BUY ACCESSORIES
POSIE ROW
210 Duckworth St, 722-2544, www.posierow.com

Runner Up: Twisted Sisters Boutik
Other Answers: "Ardene ...a derby girl's best friend" • "downtown comics — zombie pins!"

BEST PLACE TO BUY SNEAKERS
BALLISTIC SKATE & SNOW
181 Water St, 726-2665

Runner Up: Sport Chek
Other Answers: *"Footlocker. Issac is the man!" • "Online (sweatshop free)" • "Wherever they sell Converse" • "value village haha i love it there shut it" • "My podiatrist's office, because they are covered by insurance"*

BEST HAIR SALON (FEMALE)
SOUND SALON & SPA
301 Water St, 738-6642, www.soundsalonspa.com

Runner Up: Salon Icons
Other Answers: *"DIY!" • "George Street on a Friday night. 'Come 'ere I rips da 'air outta ya!'" • "My bathroom"*

BEST PLACE FOR A HAIRCUT (MALE)
FIRST CHOICE HAIR CUTTERS
Freshwater location: 336 Freshwater Road, 576-3716

Runner Up: At home ("at home", "girlfriend", "do it yourself", "in the bathroom")
Other Answers: *"phil does house calls" • "No idea. I wish I did know so that I could send my BF there" • "The Family Barber Shop on duckworth. RIP" • "Central Barber Shop in Avalon Mall. Loves me a good neck shave!" • "A party" • "in your washroom with your clippers. if you mess up it's your own fault then"*

BEST YOGA / PILATES STUDIO
NOVA YOGA
125 Long's Hill, 743-8303, www.novayogaonline.com

Runner Up: Shakti Yoga Studio
Other Answers: *"WiiFit"*

BEST DANCE STUDIO
WILD LILY DANCE CENTRE
156 Duckworth Street, 753-5232, www.wildlilydancecentre.com

Runner Up: Lynn Panting Dance
Other Answers: *"Bathroom Mirror"*

BEST WAX
SPA AT THE MONASTERY
63 Patrick Street, 754-5800, www.monastery-spa.com

Runner Up: Sound Salon & Spa
Other Answers: *"Candle Wax." • "Ear wax." • "Bee's" • "Mr. Zog's Sex Wax" • "moustache wax" • "Carnuba" • "Turtle Wax" • "Fred's Records"*

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BEST CELL PHONE PROVIDER
TELUS
www.telusmobility.com

Runner Up: Bell
Other Answers: *"Ha!" • "Whichever ones I am not currently with." • "Mom"*

BEST WEDDING PHOTOGRAPHER
NATE GATES
726-8300/682-2404, www.nategates.com

Runner Up: Sandra Lee Elford
Other Answers: "Don't get married. It's a trap!"

BEST REALTOR
RUTH CANNING
682-2404, www.ruthcanning.com

Runner Up: Harry Stone
Other Answers: *"That cute Australian who works for Exit."*

BEST ACCOUNTANT / TAX PREPARATION
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www.hrblock.ca

Runner Up: Doin' it yourself
Other Answers: *"Me, as i look at my unused bookeeping diploma" • "I wish someone would cater and target creatives about this one!"*

I saw you sweet, sweet sleep. It has been a long semester, and I thought you were gone forever. But now, you are back and I am complete once again!

RANT FARM

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FRESH AIR FIASCO

Every single day I see students at CNA and MUN, as well as people at the hospitals, smoking. Why did we pass a law, pay for the signage, etc if we don't plan to enforce it? Today I watched as a person "douted" their cigarette on the wall of the school. As a non-smoker I think that the rules were silly to begin with. These places were not even able to monitor a designated smoking area, much less enforce a smoke free facility and campus. Does anyone else see this too, and think it's silly?

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Gail Sullivan, owner of Happy Times Pre-School. Photo by Darrell Edwards.

BEST DAYCARE
HAPPY TIMES PRE-SCHOOL
48 Bannerman St, 753-2406

Runner Up: Daybreak Parent Child Centre
Other Answers: *"I don't care about anything, regardless of time of day"* • *"Animal Haven"*

Of all the challenges you face as a new parent—terrorist-grade sleep deprivation, the obliteration of your personal autonomy and sense of self—nothing is so horrific as the first few days of daycare. While near-strangers peel your sobbing, clutching pre-schooler off your chest, you'll be certain that these are the moments that'll turn your child into a lonely, frightened adult who is incapable of love.

And then you'll cry, too.

Indeed, I have been escorted out of Happy Times Pre-School for bawling my eyes out when my son first started there. And I'm a tough woman.

But it was all for naught. Not only has the warm, loving staff at Happy Times made my son feel safe, happy, and secure, they've taught him to pick up after himself and nap on command.

Operating out of the basement of the Cochrane Street United Church, Happy Times first opened in September of 1974. Gail Sullivan was hired in 1981, when she was in university; she was just looking for some pocket money at the time. But she loved it and, in 1992, she bought it. Over her 31-year career there, she's gotten to know about 1,860 kids.

"I can pretty well tell you what that child is going to be, from knowing them in their preschool year, when they grow up," she says. "I can tell who'll be a blue collar worker, or in the medical or artistic professions, things like that. By now, I've had a bunch of them graduate from university and I see them around and, most of the time, I'm right. I had Marthe Bernard at Happy Times, and I knew she was going to end up acting."

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After all those years and all those children, Gail has a few pointers for us parents. "Don't look at your children through rose-coloured glasses," she says, with no hesitation. And all that time agonizing over parenting styles isn't really worth it. "They don't really matter, in the long run."

Instead, we should be taking in all that our kids can teach us about: "Kindness, unconditional love, innocence," she says. "Giving, just giving. Believe in the future—these kids really are our future and they're wonderful." **SARAH SMELLIE**

BEST STORE ST. JOHN'S NEEDS
IKEA
www.ikea.com

Some bad news, St. John's: As far as we can tell, there's no way that IKEA is going to set up shop in the province.

We contacted them and asked what their basic qualifying criteria is for a city—population minimums, demographics, and the like. "Expansion is a global strategy that it is not as simple as a list of criteria," responded Madeleine Lowenborg-Frick, Public Relations Manager for IKEA Canada. "There are many factors involved in this kind of decision, that sit way outside the geographical area of any particular city."

Well, yeah, we know, but... Oh, never mind. We'll ask the internet instead.

And we found this kinda creepy site, ikeafan.com, run by people who really *really* love IKEA. According to them, IKEA requires a population of at least two million within 40 to 60 miles of a single market.

We couldn't find any further information on the slew of other crazy IKEA-fan sites like www.ikeahacker.com, ohikea.com, or positivefanatics.com. Nor did we find any tidbits in any of the zillions of petitions and Facebook groups dedicated to bringing IKEA to some city or another. Nothing in any of the frantic pictures of IKEA sale line-ups, some thousands-strong, revealed much either.

In fact, the only thing we were able to conclude is that IKEA seems to make people a bit nuts. SS

Runner Up: H&M
Other Answers: *"an alternative store for punks, goths, metal heads and others"* • *"An independent, non-used bookstore"* • *"We need lush cosmetics! Everything is vegan!"* • *"Harveys f**** yes."* • *"Late Night Poutine"* • *"Hooters"* • *"A GAY BAR"* • *"applebees"* • *"JC Penny"* • *"Yeh!"* • *"Target"* • *"Red Lobster"* • *"Simons"* • *"An effing Thai place, please!"*

BEST TAILOR
TONY'S TAILOR SHOP
28 Freshwater Rd, 753-0281

"My father started work in 1950 at William L. Chafe and Son, on Water Street," explains Tony Silver Jr., owner of Tony's Tailor Shop on Freshwater Road. "They used to make the fire department uniforms and the police uniforms and the penitentiary uniforms. Mr. Chafe was a trained tailor from New York City, and Dad studied under him for 18 years."

Tony Silver Sr. then set up his own tailor shop in 1964. When he passed away last year, four of his eleven children took over the business. "Me and my brother work here, and I have two sisters who work here," says Silver Jr. "Then I have a brother who has a tailor shop in Mount Pearl, and I have a sister who owned Specialty Apparel in Mount Pearl. Everyone in our family, even my kids, has worked here. As a matter of fact, my sister who works here, her son just moved back from Halifax and he's training with us. I keep joking that he's going to be the next Tony the Tailor. He even looks like my dad!" SS

Runner Up: Kim Le Tailor Shop
Other Answers: *"Elizabeth Tailors. The name cracks me up!"*

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YES

NO

YOU'RE IN LUCK! 35 MINUTES IS JUST ENOUGH FOR A JAM

IT'S ALREADY 11:25PM ON FEBRUARY 29

YES

NO

HAVE ANY OTHER EXCUSES?

YES

NO

I'VE NEVER WRITTEN MY OWN MUSIC BEFORE

FOUR WORDS: FIELD RECORDING AS FILLER

PS: IF IT MAKES YOU FEEL BETTER, 2012 IS A LEAP YEAR

IT CAN BE EITHER 35 MINS OR 10 TRACKS *OF ANY LENGTH*

35 MINUTES IS TOO LONG

I DON'T HAVE 10 SONGS

I CAN'T AFFORD A RECORDING STUDIO

DO YOU HAVE A COMPUTER WITH A DECENT MIC?

NO

YES

YOU HAVE $100 FOR A GOOD DIGITAL RECORDER?

NO

YES

I HAVE TO MAKE A SANDWICH

DO YOU HAVE BREAD AND CHEESE?

NO

YES

GO GET SOME

MAKE A SANDWICH

WHAT? YOU HAVE A SONG WRITTEN ALREADY?

YES

NO

YOU'RE DOING GREAT

JOIN THE CLUB!

THIS IS THE CHALLENGE

Record an album in 29 days, just because you can. 10 tracks or 35 minutes of original material recorded during the month of February 2011.

It's not a contest, and there is no fee. It's for fun.

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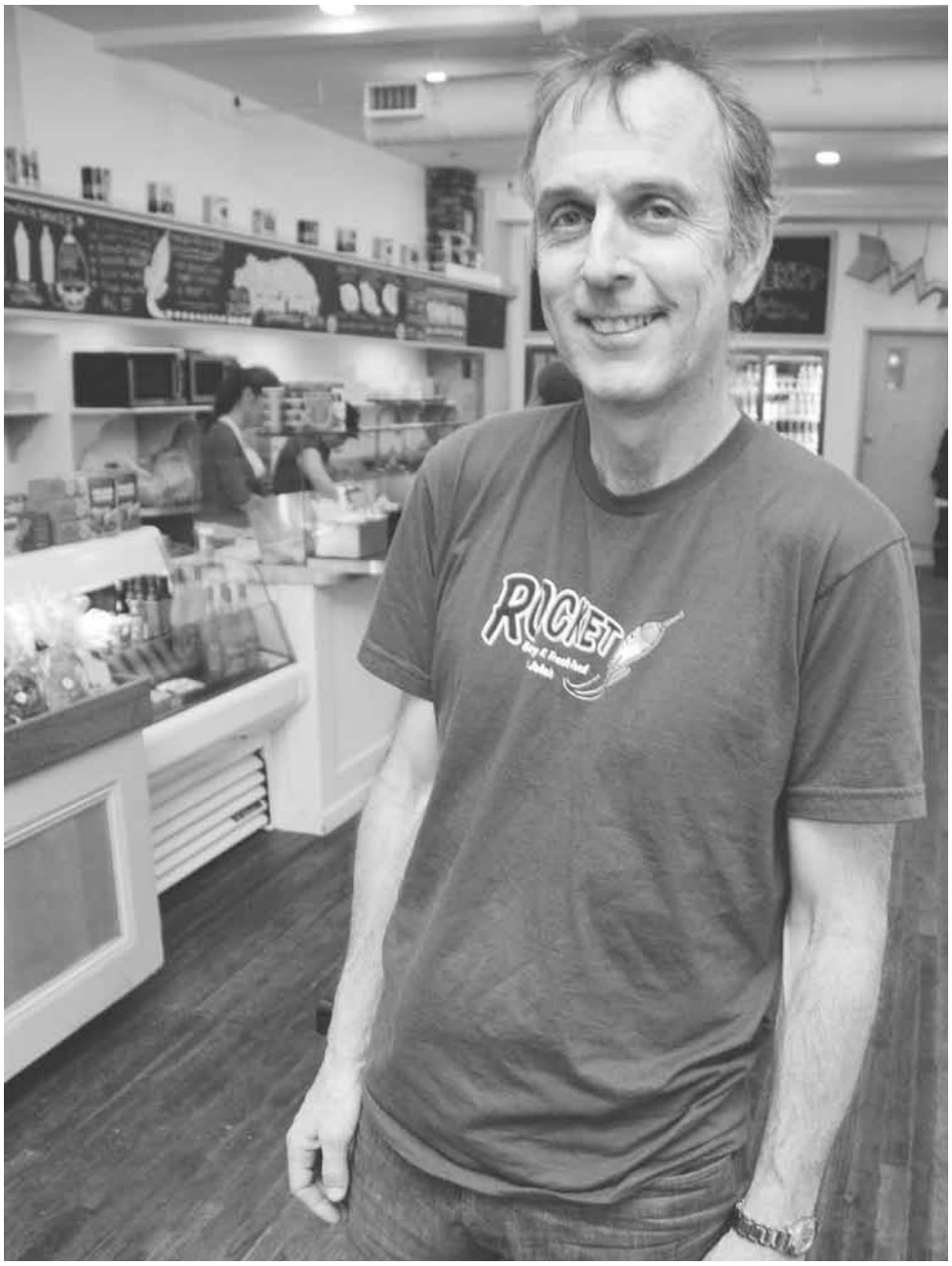
You won't regret it, we promise.

To find out more and to sign up visit **thescope.ca/rpm**

Meet other local participants at the **St. John's kickoff party** at Scanlan's Lounge (164 Water) on Tuesday, January 31, 8-10pm.

FLOWCHART BY ELLING LIEN

I saw you people of St. John's – there's so many gorgeous and sexy people in this city.



Winner of Best Entrepreneur **Dave Hopley**, owner/co-owner of Pi Restaurant, Living Planet, Johnny Ruth and **Rocket Bakery & Fresh Food** (winner of Best New Shopping Experience). Photo by Ryan Davis.

BEST B&B
WINTERHOLME HERITAGE INN
79 Rennie's Mill Rd, 599-7829

Runner Up: Leaside Manor
Other Answers: *"Bill & Bob"*

BEST SPORTING GOODS
SPORT CHEK
Village Mall location: Village Mall, 364-7068

Runner Up: The Outfitters
Other Answers: *"When I was a kid I was happy batting a pinecone with a stick."*

BEST CAR WASH
ESSO
Anderson Avenue location: 37 Anderson Ave, 722-3261

What makes the Esso on Anderson Avenue so great? "It's pretty high-tech," says Leona Gibbons, general manager."It's new and it runs well. It's a really high-quality car wash."

That particular car wash cleans 50 to 70 cars on an average good day. "Winter time is actually the busiest time because if all the salt," says Gibbons. "Summer is busy, but it's a dry dirty. The winter time is a wet and mucky kind of dirty and, with the salt, people don't want to have their clothes touch the dirty cars." SS

Runner Up: U-Auto Wash (Aberdeen Avenue)
Other Answers: *"Any fundraiser one. Your car might not get clean, but it's for a good cause." • "RDF. Haven't washed my car in 3 years. The sideways rain does it for me." • "Any one with coloured bubbles" • "free ones" • "Cheerleaders"*

BEST HOME DÉCOR STORE
HOME ON WATER ST
156 Water St, 738-8228

Runner Up: Winners
Other Answers: *"Garage sales" • "Robin Hood bay brah"*

BEST GARDEN SUPPLY
KENT BUILDING SUPPLIES
10 Stavanger Dr, 758-2500, www.kent.ca

Runner Up: Murray's Garden Centre
Other Answers: *"Holland Nurseries (for plants); Canadian Tire (for tools)" • "Grow Crazy—by's got all the gear."*

BEST PLACE TO BUY NEWFOUNDLAND KITSCH
DOWNHOME SHOPPE & GALLERY
303 Water St, 722-2970, www.shopdownhome.com

Runner Up: Heritage Shop
Other Answers: *"CLB Armory flea market" • "round the bay" • "that permanent garage sale out by mobile" • "Google doesnt even know what that word is" • "Bidgoods. Moose bologna anyone?"*

BEST ENTREPRENEUR
DAVE HOPLEY
Pi Restaurant, Living Planet, Johnny Ruth and Rocket Bakery & Fresh Food

Runner Up: Danny Williams
Other Answers: *"Whoever brought in LMFAO"*



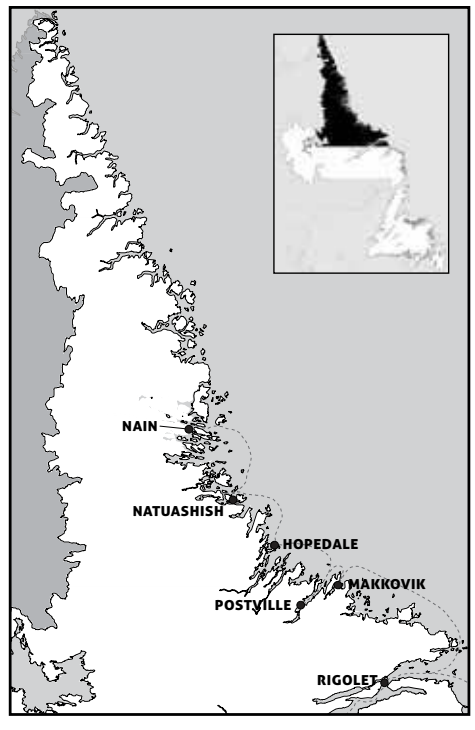
STORY TO WATCH IN 2012

Jagged ice along the coast in Hopedale, December 2009. Photo by Kristie Jameson.

1. ON THIN ICE

With climate change threatening their existence, remote Labrador communities are having to come up with innovative ways to cope. By **Morgan Murray**

For a handful of communities along the northern coast of Labrador climate change isn't some abstract problem happening elsewhere. It's happening to them right now and it poses a very serious threat to their livelihoods and the future of their communities.



These communities—Nain, Natuashish, Hopedale, Postville, Makkovik, and Rigolet--are very isolated as it is—only accessible by plane year-round, boat in the summer, and snowmobile in the winter—something they have dealt with for a very long time. But the past two winters have been the warmest and wettest on record and this is making matters worse.

MUN Geography Professors Trevor Bell and Joel Finnis say the Labrador coast is decades ahead of projected global climate change for the region.

"When we've looked at what the models project for the trend and rate of change," Bell says, "we see that parts of Labrador are experiencing them now, although the projections are for the middle of this century."

February 2010 saw the lowest recorded sea ice levels ever. A minuscule 14 per cent of what they were in the previous record low year, 1969, according to Environment Canada.

The consequence? Families are having an increasingly difficult time heating their homes and feeding themselves.

Each winter, ice accumulates along the coast and on lakes, becoming a sort of highway system, linking communities to one another, and linking



people with hunting grounds and firewood. Less ice and worse ice, as has been the case the past two winters, mean those communities become even more isolated, and getting food and firewood becomes much more difficult and costly. And in another cruel wrinkle, with less ice and more rain comes more fog, which means fewer planes carrying people and supplies are able to land, sometimes for up to two-weeks, driving barely affordable grocery prices even higher.

The cost and quality of food in grocery stores is often unreasonable—junk food that can keep is cheap, fresh healthy food is expensive and sometimes half-rotten by the time it gets there. A pretty ho-hum looking watermelon and its $55 price-tag at a Nain grocery store made national news in 2008. The local food sources—hunted game and gathered berries—are becoming more costly too, as hunters have to use more fuel to find longer, overland routes to hunting grounds because the more direct ice routes are now less predictable.

With the sustainability of their communities in jeopardy, the inhabitants, along with researchers and government, are working on a number of initiatives to adapt to the changing conditions. In Nain, for instance, a variety of programs are being developed to collect wood, monitor ice conditions, and there is a community freezer program that sees hunters donating food to be shared. In its first six months, Nain's community freezer program has provided about 3,000 meals to the community of about 1,000 people.

Hey Girl, I saw you!

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SIM101H4 - Payroll and Year End - (2) January 04 or 11, 2012 - 8:30am - 5:00pm

SIM101H1 - Setup, Sales, Receivables and Financials – *01/18/12 8:30am - 5:00pm*

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MEMORIAL PRESENTS:

MUSKRAT FALLS: THE BEST OPTION?

A PUBLIC FORUM

Newfoundland and Labrador needs a stable and dependable source of energy in the future to meet the expected growth. The solution proposed by Nalcor is to construct a dam at Muskrat Falls in Labrador. This project would connect the hydroelectric resources of Labrador with the Island of Newfoundland, and possibly supply electricity to Mainland Canada and beyond.

Is this the best option for meeting the province's need for energy? Will we be paying too much to generate electricity? Are there other technologies which could provide cheaper energy and still meet demand?

Join Dr. Wade Locke, professor of Economics at Memorial University of Newfoundland, as he explores these issues at a public forum. Come and hear his analysis and offer your thoughts on the Muskrat Falls project.

Tuesday, January 17th, 2011, 7:30 pm NST
Innovation Hall, Angus Bruneau Centre
IIC-2001 (Former Inco Innovation Centre)

This event is co-sponsored by Memorial University's
Applied Economic Research Initiative (Department of Economics)

THE HARRIS CENTRE Memorial University

Free admission and parking in Lot 15B.
A reception will follow. This event will be webcast live.
Find out more at www.mun.ca/harriscentre

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The MV Caribou and MV Joseph and Clara Smallwood in Edwardsville, NS before being sent to India to be broken down.

2. SHIP WRECKED

Two Newfoundland ferries wind up in a notoriously bad ship breaking yard in India; Marine Atlantic shrugs. By **Sarah Smellie**

This year saw a disgraceful end to an otherwise regal life for two Newfoundland ferries. Sold in August, the MV Caribou and MV Joseph and Clara Smallwood wound up in Alang, India, where they were dismantled at a notorious ship-breaking yard. Known worldwide for its deplorable working conditions and barely existent environmental regulations, the facility uses unskilled, under-equipped migrant workers to dismantle beached ships that leak toxic fluids into the ocean. Heck, it was even the star of the NFBs 2004 documentary *Shipbreakers*, showing the horrors of the contemporary ship-breaking industry. The United Nations Human Rights Council reports that 209 workers were killed at the Alang ship-breaking yard between 1996 and 2003.

In other words, it's a huge deal that Marine Atlantic, a Crown corporation, is in any way tied up with this.

Originally, Marine Atlantic sold the Caribou and the Smallwood to two different companies—Comrie Ltd., of St. Vincent, and Merrion Navigation S.A., of the Marshall Islands. They used a U.K.-based brokerage company to secure the sale.

"One of the main conditions of sale included a commitment that should either buyer decide to recycle the vessels, it be done at a yard with full green recycling facilities in compliance with International Maritime Organization guidelines," reads a seven-page document released by Marine Atlantic after the media jumped on the story. The document also states that disposal in a "non-green friendly manner... would constitute a breach of the terms of sale and Marine Atlantic [would] consider its options up to and including legal action."

So you'd expect that when Comrie Ltd. and Merrion Navigation quickly sold the ships to an Indian company that had them beached in Alang by mid-October, Marine Atlantic would have been a) mortified and b) standing by with an army of lawyers.

That doesn't seem to be the case. Marine Atlantic told *The Cape Breton Post* that their lawyers were "in the process of obtaining additional input with respect to the final disposal of the vessels," in early November. Tara Laing, Marine Atlantic's Communications Manager, had no further updates for us. She also informed us that the final sale documents could not be released to us.

So we did a bit of Googling, and easily found that both St. Vincent and the Marshall Islands are on the International Transport Workers' Federation's Flags of Convenience list. In other words, those countries have lax laws. Ship owners looking to dodge taxes and, oh, environmental regulations would do well to register boats with them.

What wasn't easily found were websites for these companies. Or any information at all, save for a document that lists stats on a ship bought by Merrion and dropped off in Alang.

The story got even sketchier when John Andrews, from St. John's-based Fogo Boat Brokerage, called the CBC Radio National Affairs program *The Current* and claimed that Marine Atlantic had used dodgy methods to advertise the call for bids on the ships.

Marine Atlantic maintains that they followed standard operating procedures.

So, why haven't they offered profuse apologies and produced an army of lawyers? If they were so concerned with a socially and environmentally responsible end to their boats, why did they sell them to two companies operating under Flags of Convenience? Has this happened before?

And, most importantly, WTF?

Comment on this article at thescope.ca.



Bennett House will be a colourful new building in Pleasantville full of—get this—rental units. Image: Killam Properties

ROOMS FOR RENT

Taryn Sheppard tells us where we can get the skinny on new buildings built, being built, or planned to be built in St. John's, including some much needed rental apartments in Pleasantville.

This year's Best New Building category went to The Rooms. It's not surprising, given that The Rooms is probably one of the most interesting and creatively designed new buildings in our city, and it really stands out as having architectural merit. Problem is though, The Rooms isn't all that new. It's been open to the public for nearly seven years now. But, to be fair, there aren't a lot of new architecturally designed buildings to choose from when it comes to picking a favourite.



TARYN SHEPPARD
taryn@thescope.ca

If you want to get a good, overall view of new developments in St. John's, you could check out www.skyscraperpage.com. They have a pretty good database of facts and statistics for St. John's buildings on their "St. John's project thread" page, and a nice collection of elevations of local buildings (www.goo.gl/DcAUM). The site's contributors are generally neutral when it comes to opinions about architecture, and there isn't a lot of editorial commenting on the buildings listed here, but I couldn't help but notice the caption of one particular new proposal described as *"design wise... one of the best current residential proposals in St. John's so far."* This caught my attention.

According to them, the best new building going up in St. John's is Bennett House, a new rental apartment building intended for development near Rutledge Manor in Pleasantville. It's owned by Killam Properties out of Halifax and the apartment is being designed by Studio Works International (who have an office in Halifax).

The first glimpse we get of it reveals an 'L' shape plan, extruded up four storeys. It has a concrete and steel structure, with large square windows, and its facade is embellished with coloured blocks and small balconies with what looks like glass balusters. The average one-bedroom unit will be 750 square feet, and include six appliances. The building will have amenities for the residents, like a multi-purpose lounge, a movie theatre, and underground parking. It'll be 107,500 square feet, and will house 71 units. It's the first phase of an expected three-phase development to create 210 units in the area.

Whether or not this is the best new proposal in terms of style, and design is definitely up for debate, but what is welcome about this new proposal is the fact that these are *rental units*.

Finally, someone has paid attention to the fact that we have had a record low in rental unit vacancy rates for the past three years, and that trend is only expected to continue. We haven't seen construction of any new rental units in more than 15 years. In the CMHC Housing stats recently released for 2011, we're shown that most rental units are in buildings built before 1940, and the vacancy rate for St. John's core city area is even lower than the larger metropolitan area average.

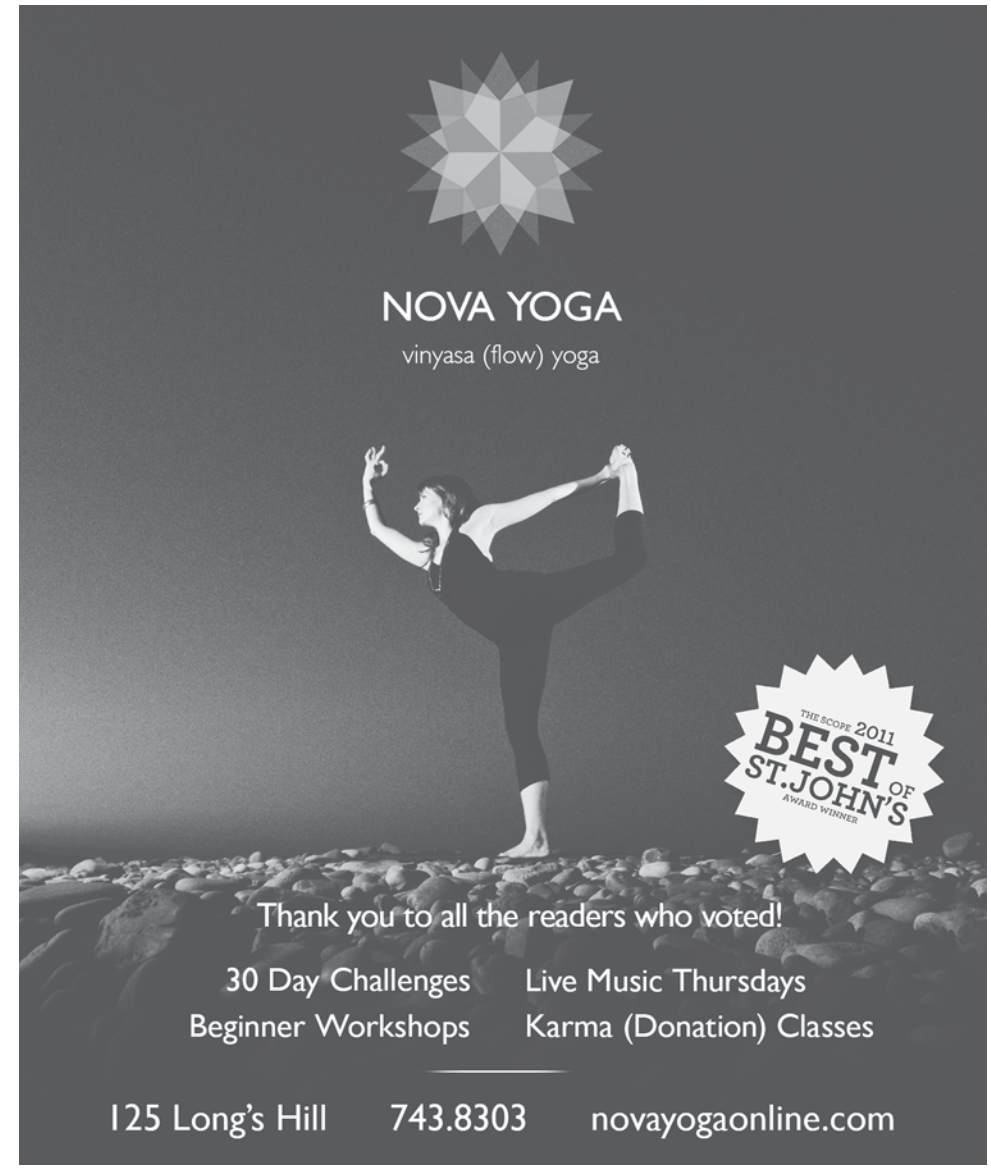
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It remains to be seen what it will be to rent these units, but, regardless, the existence of this many new spaces will benefit the renting community by relieving the extremely high demand in the market. The design itself is probably attractive to some because of its freedom from the usual trappings of traditional architecture, but either way, it's high time for some variety in style *and* types of residential developments we build here. And this one seems like a step in the right direction.

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I saw you Scope, being both a mouthwash and a local paper. Terrible when you try and gargle the wrong one.











WEEKEND MUSIC LISTINGS

Music events on Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays. For more, go to **thescope.ca/events**

Thursday JAN 5

KARAOKE, 10pm, Big Ben's Pub

TINO BORGES & THE INCIDENT, Martini Bar

Friday JAN 6

ALL REQUEST: DJ RocketBoy, Lottie's Place

DROP THE MENTAL FEATURING D-DUB (Halifax bass), Sketch Friendly, Perfect Stranger, $5, Headquarters

KARAOKE, 10pm, Georgetown Pub

MISSCONDUCT, Martini Bar

THE BISHOPS, O'Reilly's

THE HALLIDAYS, Fat Cat Blues Bar

Saturday JAN 7

ALL REQUEST: DJ RocketBoy, Lottie's Place

COUNTRY MUSIC CAFE: A jam of country, bluegrass, and NL music, $5, 8pm, St. Augustine's Church Hall

KARAOKE, 10pm, Georgetown Pub

MICK DAVIS & JILL PORTER (acoustic duo), Fat Cat Blues Bar

MISSCONDUCT, Martini Bar

NEW TRICKS (MUN Music) Featuring Victoria McNeill, Heather Kao & Krista Vincent, 8pm, $15/$10, Petro-Canada Hall

SURGEON (EP release), Be Alright (math rock), Thee Internet (experimental/post-punk), 10:30pm, $10, The Ship

THE BISHOPS, O'Reilly's

Thursday JAN 12

KARAOKE, 10pm, Big Ben's Pub

NIGHT MUSIC #105: Anchor band Robot Scout (electronic), 9:30pm, $5, The Ship

THICK THURSDAYS: DJ Nu Rock, $5, The Breezeway

TINO BORGES & THE INCIDENT, Martini Bar

Friday JAN 13

ALL REQUEST: DJ RocketBoy, Lottie's Place

DARRELL COOPER & MAC LAKE (acoustic blues), Fat Cat Blues Bar

DON'T SALUTE THE GENERAL (debut show), Crack the Foundation (hard rock/alternative), Chrome Cabot (rock), $8, Rock House

GREELEY'S REEL, O'Reilly's

KARAOKE, 10pm, Georgetown Pub

TINO BORGES & THE INCIDENT, Martini Bar

Saturday JAN 14

ALL REQUEST: DJ RocketBoy, Lottie's Place

ASHELIN (soft rock/Irish), Jason Hayward Band (alternative), 11pm, The Ship

DARRELL COOPER & MAC LAKE (acoustic blues), Fat Cat Blues Bar

GREELEY'S REEL, O'Reilly's

KARAOKE, 10pm, Georgetown Pub

SINFONIA 2 (NSO) Fewer Battles: Violinist Mark Fewer leads the orchestra through an evening of Biber and Mozart, 8pm, $32/$27, DF Cook Recital Hall

TINO BORGES & THE INCIDENT, Martini Bar

Thursday JAN 19

HAWKSLEY WORKMAN (Toronto rock), 9pm, $25, The Ship

KARAOKE, 10pm, Big Ben's Pub

THICK THURSDAYS: DJ Nu Rock, $5, The Breezeway

TINO BORGES & THE INCIDENT, Martini Bar

Friday JAN 20

ALL REQUEST: DJ RocketBoy, Lottie's Place

HAWKSLEY WORKMAN (Toronto rock), 10pm, $25, The Ship

KARAOKE, 10pm, Georgetown Pub

KELLY ANN EVANS, Martini Bar

Saturday JAN 21

ALL REQUEST: DJ RocketBoy, Lottie's Place

HAWKSLEY WORKMAN (Toronto rock), 9pm, $25, The Ship

JANUARY GAY WINTER BLOWOUT: Escape the winter blahs and warm up on the dancefloor, $10, Bella Vista

KARAOKE, 10pm, Georgetown Pub

KELLY ANN EVANS, Martini Bar

THE LIVING DAYLIGHTS (acoustic rock), Fat Cat Blues Bar

TOOT SUITE: Aaron Hodgson, trumpet and Philip Roberts, piano (MUN Music), 8pm, $15/$10, Petro-Canada Hall

Thursday JAN 26

KARAOKE, 10pm, Big Ben's Pub

NEWFOUND MUSIC IX (MUN Music) Contemporary works from composer Karim Al-Zand, DF Cook Recital Hall

THICK THURSDAYS: DJ Nu Rock, $5, The Breezeway

TINO BORGES & THE INCIDENT, Martini Bar

Friday JAN 27

ALL REQUEST: DJ RocketBoy, Lottie's Place

BEAUWATER (blues/rock), Trapper John's Pub

BIG BAND SHOW (NSO) An evening of Elton John, John Barry & Ennio Morricone music, 8pm, $45-$29, Arts & Culture Centre\

BLUE & YELLOW PARTY: Kayo (Dallas hip hop), Keep Six, Lakeside, 6pm, Headquarters

KARAOKE, 10pm, Georgetown Pub

NEWFOUND MUSIC IX (MUN Music) Contemporary works from composer Karim Al-Zand, DF Cook Recital Hall

SHADES OF BLUE 2.0 feat. Kayo (Dallas hip hop), Lakeside, 11pm, The Mixx

RON HYNES BAND, Fat Cat Blues Bar

STIXX & STONES, Martini Bar

TARAHAN, O'Reilly's

Saturday JAN 28

ALL REQUEST: DJ RocketBoy, Lottie's Place

BEAUWATER (blues/rock), Trapper John's Pub

BIG BAND SHOW (NSO) An evening of Elton John, John Barry & Ennio Morricone music, 8pm, $45-$29, Arts & Culture Centre

KARAOKE, 10pm, Georgetown Pub

NEWFOUND MUSIC IX (MUN Music) Contemporary works from composer Karim Al-Zand, DF Cook Recital Hall

ONE NIGHT STAND, Fat Cat Blues Bar

SHAD, $15, Rock House

STIXX & STONES, Martini Bar

TARAHAN, O'Reilly's

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ALL THE WILES WIN THE ATLANTIS MUSIC PRIZE

They were pitted against shortlisted heavy-hitters Hey Rosetta and Mark Bragg, roots folk group All The Wiles took home the grand prize at the Atlantis Music Prize gala on December 15.

The grand jury cast their votes and the results were calculated late that night, putting the group's album *Painted*, with its contemplative, melancholy feel, and unique combination of instruments and influences, at the top of an extremely close race for best Newfoundland and Labrador album of 2011.

The Atlantis Music Prize is coordinated by The Scope, and is patterned on the Canada-wide Polaris Music Prize. It's given annually to the best full-length album from the province, judged solely on artistic merit, without regard to genre or record sales. 2011 is the fourth year the Atlantis Music Prize has been awarded. Other shortlisted nominees this year were Andrew O'Brien & The Searchers, The Burning Hell, Casual Male, John Cossar, Monsterbator, Repartee and The Once. **ELLING LIEN**



ON DISPLAY

VISUAL ART MUSEUMS

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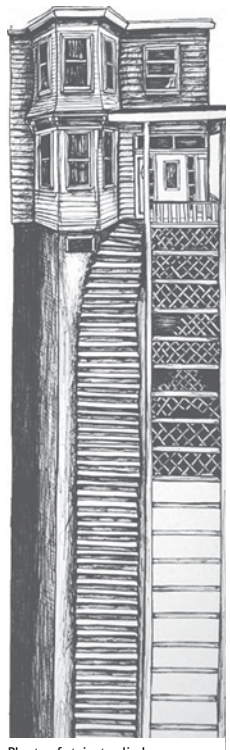
DIAGRAM 1: An installation of photographic and digital prints that play with perception, reproduction, and how artwork is framed through display strategies and conceptual practices, Eastern Edge Gallery-72 Harbour Dr 739-1882 (Opening reception Sat Jan 14)

FOURSIGHTS: One Medium Four Minds: An exhibition of photographs by Stephen Harold Riggins, Dennis Flynn, Elizabeth Ohle, and John Bridson, First Space Gallery-MUN QEII (Opening reception Fri Jan 6 from 6pm to 7:30pm)

STAY AS YOU WERE WHEN YOU HAD LEFT: A series of pen-and-ink drawings by Melanie Colosimo exploring homesickness, nostalgia, and a longing for the intimacy and connectedness of home, Eastern Edge Gallery-72 Harbour Dr 739-1882 (Opening reception Sat Jan 14)

Ongoing

INNER WORKS: Selections from the People's Collection: Featuring artists such as Anne Meredith Barry, Peter Bell, David Blackwood, Christopher Pratt, Mary Pratt, Helen Parsons Shepherd, Reginald Shepherd, Gerald Squires & Don Wright, The Rooms-9 Bonaventure Ave 757-8000



Plenty of stairs to climb on your way home after seeing Melanie Colosimo's new exhibit at the Eastern Edge.

JUNK-O-SPHERE: An exhibition of collaged paintings, sculpture, installation, and animation by Nicola Hawkins which explore the relationship between commercial consumption and the health of the planet, general admission, The Rooms-9 Bonaventure Ave 757-8000

LEISURE TIME: An exhibition of archived photos of recreational activities and games practiced in the early 1900s, The Rooms-9 Bonaventure Ave 757-8000

NEW WORKS: By Gerald Squires, Esther Squires, George Horan, Julia Pickard, Sharon Puddester, Gerald Squires Gallery-52 Prescott St 722-2207

TWIXT MOUNTAINS & SEA: The Newfoundland Tourist Development Board: Travel photos, brochures, and ads from Newfoundland's heyday as a tourism hotspot in the 1940s, The Rooms-9 Bonaventure Ave 757-8000

WORKING ON HISTORY: Watching Our Stories Unfold: An exhibition of artifacts reflecting life in NL from the 1700s to present day, The Rooms-9 Bonaventure Ave 757-8000

Last Chance

NEW WORKS: An exhibition of new florals by Elena Popova and scenes of St. John's by Natalia Charapova, Red Ochre Gallery-96 Duckworth St (Ends Jan 31)

MUSEUMS

ADMIRALTY HOUSE MUSEUM: 1915 navy wireless station now communications museum, 23 Old Placentia Rd-Mt Pearl 748-1124

CONNECTIONS: This Place and Its Early Peoples: Polar bears, carnivorous plants, sea birds and mammals plus the people who made their lives here, The Rooms-9 Bonaventure Ave 757-8000

EAST RIDER MOTORCYCLE MUSEUM: Two floors of bikes, memorabilia and biker culture, 205 New Gower St 738-3278

[HERE]SAY: A story map of Water Street: Stories and memories shared by people who live here. At each location there is a sign with a telephone number and a 3-digit code.

JOHNSON GEO CENTRE & PARK: See Signal Hill's 550 million year old geology & specimens of NF rocks, minerals & botanical park, 175 Signal Hill Rd 737-7880

RAILWAY COASTAL MUSEUM: St. John's Dockyard exhibit of model ship hulls, shipbuilding, dockyard history plus the story of Newfoundland's railway boat service & 1940's train diorama, 495 Water St W 724-5929

THE FLUVARIUM: A panoramic water view under the surface of Nagle's Hill Brook. Spot fish, insects & plants in natural habitat plus interactive exhibits, 5 Nagle's Place 754-3474

MOVIES

LIMITED RUN

WED JAN 11 AT 7PM
TWO COASTS, ONE OCEAN Documentary filmed in Rabat, Morocco following international volunteers as they experience the nation with NGO Cross Cultural Solutions, free, Theatre-MUN IIC

THU JAN 12 AT 7PM
CAFE DE FLORE (MUN Cinema) Jumping between contemporary Montreal and Paris in the late sixties, four people are connected in their experiences, particularly with love. From the director of *The Young Victoria* and *C.R.A.Z.Y.* Directed by Jean-Marc Vallee (CAN/FRA 2011 Subtitled), Empire Theatres-Avalon Mall

TUE JAN 17 AT 7PM
LA VIE SECRÈTE DES GENS HEUREUX (Cinéma-franco) The black sheep of a bourgeois family meets a free-spirited waitress who changes his life forever, free, Centre Communautaire des Grands-Vents-65 Ridge Rd

THU JAN 19 AT 7PM
LE HAVRE (MUN Cinema) An African child unexpectedly ends up in the town of Le Havre and is taken in by an aged shoe shiner. The shoe shiner must protect the boy from immigration authorities. Directed by Aki Kaurismaki. (FIN 2011), Empire Theatres-Avalon Mall

TUE JAN 31 AT 7PM
THE WAVE (Global Cinema Series) An experiment to subject school students to simulated life under a dictatorship goes horribly awry, $8, MUN-AA 1046

THU JAN 26 AT 7PM
FRENCH IMMERSION (MUN Cinema) Through unusual circumstances, several Anglo-Canadians and one New Yorker end up taking a French immersion course in a remote area in Northern Quebec. From the director of Bon Cop, Bad Cop. Directed by Kevin Tierney. (CAN 2011), Empire Theatres-Avalon Mall

SAT-SUN JAN 28-29 AT 7PM
BANFF MOUNTAIN FILM FESTIVAL WORLD TOUR: A selection of films representing the best in mountain culture, sports, and environmental film making, $12/$15 MUN-IIC

DAILY SHOWINGS

AVALON MALL EMPIRE STUDIOS 12: 722-5775

MOUNT PEARL EMPIRE CINEMAS: 722-5775

www.empiretheatres.com

THE DEVIL INSIDE: A young woman investigates her mother's exorcism and uncovers similar possession cases. Is it the devil or did they all just listen to Mike Oldfield's *Tubular Bells* too many times? (Jan 6)



Meryl Streep is as surprised as anyone by her Thatcher-accent in *Iron Lady*

THE POSSESSION: David (Jeffrey Dean Morgan) ends up in possession of a mysterious box that happens to contain a malevolent spirit. This is what happens when you open your Xmas presents late. (Jan 6)

CONTRABAND: Just when Mark Wahlberg thought he was out of the crime business, thug Giovanni Ribisi shows up on his doorstep threatening his family. Save yourself, Marky Mark! You'll get a new family! (Jan 13)

JOYFUL NOISE: Dolly Parton and Queen Latifah fight... through the power of song! The two divas compete to preside over a church choir, but Dollywood may have the upper-hand care of her talented grandson. (Jan 13)

MAN ON A LEDGE: Sam Worthington is the titular man on the ledge, but he's not intending to hurt himself. This is just an elaborate ploy to steal the Klopman Diamond away from Ed Harris. (Jan 13)

THE IRON LADY: Finally, Tony Stark takes a bride. Wait, that's not this movie. This Iron Lady refers to former PM and frequent Britcom punchline Margaret Thatcher, as played by Meryl Streep. (Jan 13)

HAYWIRE: When a Black Ops ex-marine (Gina Carano) is betrayed in true Mission Impossible style, she karate chops her way past death and seeks bloody revenge on those who betrayed her. (Jan 20)

PIRANHA 3DD: Close the beaches! The prehistoric fishies from last year's Pirhana remake are sinking their teeth into local townsfolk including some buxom women. Russ Meyer must be king of the piranhas. (Jan 20)

UNDERWORLD AWAKENING: Kate Beckinsale's "death dealer" returns to hunt rogue vampires and werewolves. In 3-D! If she was so good at dealing death, wouldn't she have killed every monster by now? (Jan 20)

ONE FOR THE MONEY: Out of time and cash, Katherine Heigl gets a gig as a bail bondsman. Heigl proves a natural and tazes her way up the employment ladder and into our hearts. (Jan 27).

*Capsule descriptions by **Adam Clarke**.*

WHAT'S ON AT THE ROOMS

RESUMING January 24
BIG fun for Little People*
Tuesdays, 10:30 – 11:30 am
Join us every Tuesday along with your tot for Big Fun. After the program head upstairs to The Rooms Café for a complimentary tea of coffee. The program – designed for children aged 2 to 4 – features stories, songs, puppet shows, games and crafts for tots and their guardian.

RESUMING January 25
ENGAGING EVENINGS
Wednesdays, 7 pm
Something new each week – all wrapped up in an hour or two. Tours, lectures, discussions, artists' talks, receptions, readings, workshops... there's no end to the fascinating things we have planned for you.

RESUMING January 26
COFFEE & CULTURE*
Thursdays, 2:30 pm
Drop by for our java infused program and meet new people while exploring art, culture and history. A new topic each week, we'll have talks and tours, films and workshops. And of course the coffee and tea is included to top off your afternoon.

RESUMING January 29
FAMILY FUN*
Sundays, 2 - 4 pm
What do glue, glitter, paint, popsicle sticks and the odd squid or two have in common? FUN! Drop by and see what the fun is about as you learn, explore and create together as a family.

* Programs are included with the cost of admission.

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I saw you drinking more and more water... Just for me. How sweet of you baby <3

COMMUNITY

COMMUNITY EVENTS LECTURES & FORUMS **KIDS & TEENS** MEETINGS & CLASSES

COMMUNITY EVENTS

175TH-ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION: Topsail United Church will celebrate 175 years by holding a ham and bean supper and a variety concert, $10, 2426 Topsail Rd 834-4567 (Mon Jan 23 at 5:30pm)

MUN/CNA RELAY FOR LIFE: Raise money for the Canadian Cancer Society with a group of your friends. Register online at cancer.ca. MUN Field House (Sat Jan 28)

WANL HOLIDAY PARTY: A potluck party with prizes and the presentation of the 2011 Heritage and History Award, The Ship-265 Duckworth St (Tue Jan 3 at 7pm)

LECTURES & FORUMS

SOCIOLOGY LECTURE: Liam Swiss will deliver a lecture entitled "Entrepreneurs and Guerrillas: Bureaucratic Activism and Gender Equality in Foreign Aid Donor Agencies", MUN-SN 4087 (Fri Jan 27 at 1pm)

WORDS IN EDGEWISE: Celebrate Art's Birthday and the first WiE of the New Year with art, ideas, and cake, pay-what-you-can, Eastern Edge Gallery-72 Harbour Dr (Tue Jan 14 at 8pm)

MEETINGS & CLASSES

Clubs, Groups, Free Classes & Workshops

ADULT SURVIVORS OF CHILD ABUSE: Support group for survivors only, 10 Pearl Pl 746-9627 (1st and 3rd Monday of month from 7pm-8:30pm)

ALZHEIMER FAMILY SUPPORT: Group meeting for family members of people with Alzheimer's disease, 685 Water St 576-0608 (Third Thursday of month at 7pm)

ATLANTIC CHARITIES LEARNING EXCHANGE (Community Sector Council) Free webinars, workshops, and a two-day intensive training session for anyone who works with charities, communitysector.nl.ca

AVALON WESLEYAN CHURCH: Weekly meet up in a casual atmosphere with coffee & contemporary music, free, Rabbittown Theatre-106 Freshwater Rd 576-6937 (Sundays at 10am)

CAPITAL TOASTMASTERS: Improve self-confidence and overall leadership abilities for career and life, free, MUN Inco Centre-2014 687-1031

CAREGIVER CONVERSATIONS: Support group for unpaid caregivers 726-2370 (Every third Monday)

CHANNAL: Peer support meetings for people with mental illness, 284 LeMarchant Rd 753-7710

COASTAL SOUNDS: Non-auditioned community choir is seeking new members. No experience necessary, Admiral's Coast Retirement Centre-Upper Gullies (Wednesdays at 7:30pm)

COMIC ARTIST BREAKDOWN: Try your hand at the world's hottest art-form with Wallace Ryan. We'll supply the paper and pens, free, Anna Templeton Centre-278 Duckworth St 739-7623 (First Friday of month)

COMMUNITY DRUMMING CIRCLE: No experience required, drums provided, $10, Cochrane St Church 764-1756 (Last Friday of month at 7pm) (Jan - May)

CONVERSATION CAFE: Group setting for refugees and immigrants learning English. Chat, grab a coffee, and participate in discussion and activities, Centre for Social Justice-204 Water St 754-4122 (Saturdays at 9:30am)

FUNDRAISING, Learning by Example (Community Sector Council) Darlene Scott leads a three-hour overview of CRA Fundraising Guidance and reviews examples of how to do receipting and reporting, free but must register, Suite 201: 200-232 Newfoundland Dr communitysector.nl.ca (Thu Jan 12 from 1:30pm to 4:30pm)

FUNDRAISING WEBINAR (Community Sector Council) Learn the ins and outs of schedule 6 for financial reporting and the T301, also available in French, free but must register, communitysector.nl.ca (Mon Jan 16 at 12:30pm)

FUNDRAISING WEBINAR (Community Sector Council) Ensure that revenue and expenditures are properly recorded on your T3010 form, also available in French, free but must register, communitysector.nl.ca (Tue Jan 17 at 12:30pm)

HERITAGE CRAFTERS (Seniors Resource Centre) Work on an individual or group projects and socialize over a cup of tea. Materials provided. Completed work is donated for fundraising, Sobeys Howley Estates Community Rm 737-2333 (Wednesdays from 10am-12pm)

INCOME SUPPORT HELP: Decide which program to apply to, search policy or prepare appeals, Community Sector Council 753-9860

KNIT WITS: Drop in knitting social with help to get you started, free, Anna Templeton Centre-278 Duckworth St (Last Sunday of month from 7pm-9pm)

NAR-ANON FAMILY GROUP: Weekly meetings for those who know or have known a feeling of desperation due to the addiction problem of someone close to them, 726-6191

NEWFOUNDLAND HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY: Monthly meet up, St. David's Presbyterian Church Hall-98 Elizabeth Ave 722-1974 (First Tuesday of month at 8pm)

OCCUPY NEWFOUNDLAND GENERAL ASSEMBLY: All of the movement's decision making occurs at the GA. Held at various locations. Visit www.occupynl.ca for location info (Tuesdays / Thursdays / Sundays)

OCCUPY NEWFOUNDLAND OPEN FORUM: Everyone is welcome to participate in informal discussion about the Occupy movement, Harbourside Park (All day Saturdays)

OPEN LITHOGRAPHY DAY: Watch a demonstration on the art of printing stone lithography, and try it out for yourself, free, St. Michael's Printshop-Baird's Cove 754-2931 (Sat Jan 7 from 12pm to 4pm)

OVEREATERS ANONYMOUS: Help is available and it's free, no strings attached. Weekly meetings in the metro area, 738-1742

SENIORS BRIDGING CULTURES (Seniors Resource Centre) Cook, share recipes and take part in activities that remind us of our origins and help us understand other cultures, St. John's & Mt Pearl 737-2333 (Thursdays from 2pm-4pm)

SING BARBERSHOP: New members welcome. Contact rick_e_young@hotmail.com for venue info (Thursdays at 8pm)

ST JOHN'S CITY COUNCIL MEETING: Refer to Council Agenda at www.stjohns.ca (posted Friday afternoon), Public welcome, City Hall-Council Chambers, 4th fl (Mondays at 4:30pm)

TENACIOUS STRING ORCHESTRA: Amateur community orchestra welcomes new members motivated by the pure enjoyment of playing together alison@nf.sympatico.ca

THE POTTLE CENTRE: A social & recreation centre for consumers of mental health services, 323 Hamilton Ave 753-2143

THE ROOMS: Free admission, 9 Bonaventure Ave 757-8000 (Wednesdays 6pm-9pm)

TERRA NOVA SEA CADETS: A national program for young people offering activities emphasizing teamwork, leadership and citizenship, free, HMCS Cabot-220 Southside Rd 570-4630 (Thursdays from 6:30pm to 9pm)

TRIVIA NIGHTS: Rose & Thistle on Tuesdays; Bitters on Thursdays at 8pm

WALK ON WATER: A brisk walk with enthusiasts who never tire of finding the nooks and crannies of downtown. The group walks in all weather, free, everyone welcome. Meet at Fat Nanny's-245 Duckworth St (Saturdays at 10am)

KIDS & TEENS

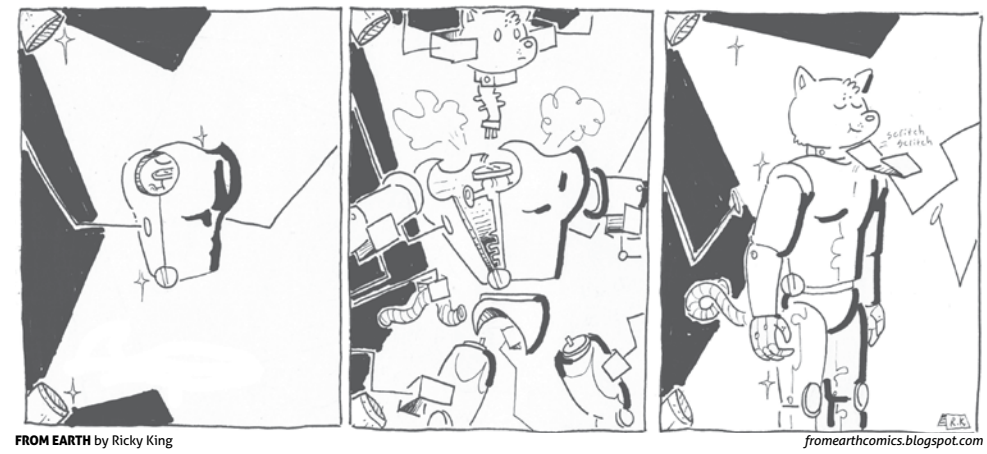
FREE SWIM SUNDAYS: Families are welcome to come out for a free recreational swim, Ches Penney Family Y-35 Ridge Rd (Sun Jan 1 & 8 from 7am to 9pm)

OPEN MIC FOR YOUNG MUSICIANS: Hosted by Denielle Hann, Shamrock City Pub (Sundays at 2pm)

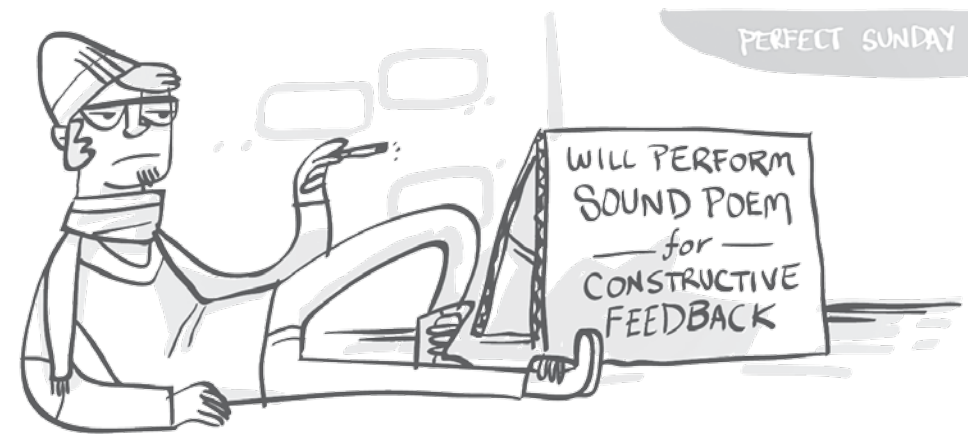
WINTER WONDERS (Fluvarium) Discover how animals find everything they need now that the winter months are upon us, 6 Nagle's Pl 754-3474 (Saturdays & Sundays at 1:30pm)



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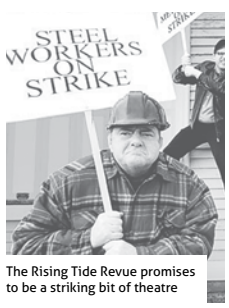
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ON STAGE

THEATRE DANCE & PERFORMANCE **SPOKEN & WRITTEN**



The Rising Tide Revue promises to be a striking bit of theatre

THEATRE

RISING TIDE REVUE 2011: This annual show rounds up the best - and the rest - of NL politics, culture, and life in 2011, $28/$25, Arts & Culture Centre 729-3900 (Thu Jan 19 to Sat Jan 21)

DANCE & PERFORMANCE

MASSACRE AT THE MAJESTIC (Cutting Edge Wrestling) $10 in advance, $12 at the door, Majestic Theatre-390 Duckworth St (Sat Jan 21 at 8pm)

TANGO ON THE EDGE: A social gathering to dance Argentine Tango, $5, RCA Club-10 Bennett Ave 579-5752 (Thursdays at 8:30pm)

TELEVISED HOCKEY GAMES: St John's Ice Caps vs Manchester Monarchs (Fri Jan 6 at 7:30pm) / St. John's Ice Caps vs Toronto Marlies (Tue Jan 10 at 7:30pm) / St. John's Ice Caps vs Wilkes-Barre/Scranton Penguins (Sun Jan 15 at 4pm) / Corner Stone Sports Bar-16 Queen St 753-6651

TELEVISED UFC 142, Corner Stone Sports Bar-16 Queen St 753-6651 (Sat Jan 14 at 11:30pm)

SPOKEN & WRITTEN

SPARKS LITERARY FESTIVAL: Third-annual festival of the written and spoken word, featuring new and established writers. Participants includ Frank Barry, Joel Thomas Hynes, Shoshanna Wingate, and Mark Callanan, Petro-Canada Hall-MUN (Sun Jan 22 from 10am to 6pm)

STORYTELLING CIRCLE: An informal gathering of storytellers and lovers of a good story. Experienced storytellers and newcomers welcome, $3, Crow's Nest Officers' Club-War Memorial 685-3444 (Thu Jan 19 from 7:30pm to 9:30pm)

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WHA?

A PLACE WHERE PEOPLE ASK QUESTIONS, SHARE EXPERIENCE AND GATHER INFORMATION ABOUT LIFE IN ST. JOHN'S

WHA A YEAR!

Morgan Murray revisits what has been a very helpful year at thescope.ca/wha

Socrates—yes, I'm quoting Socrates—said that "true knowledge is knowing you know nothing." That's a pretty defeatist attitude if you ask me. He should have just asked Wha, our website. You can find out pretty much anything from the collective wisdom of the local internets on Wha.

For example, a curious anonymous someone, looking for a good sporting time this past June asked: **"Why isn't there a St. John's Quidditch League anymore?"** Lucas answered: **"Because it isn't real."**

Ohhh, snap!

But Wha isn't only good for making fun of attempts at creating a real sport out of an imaginary one based on children's wizard fiction. Say, for instance, you were planning a party, a really great party, and you needed one final piece to bring it all together—an adult bouncy castle—but didn't know if there were such a thing, and if you could get one in St. John's. Ask Wha: **"Can you rent an "adult" bouncy castle in St.John's?"** Sure enough, they exist for rent at both Red Rocket Amusements in Mount Pearl and Sky High Amusements in Paradise.

Looking to get out of town for the day? Not sure if it's worth it? Ask Wha: **"Is Northern Bay Sands actually as good a time as people say it is?"** HBeez will answer: **"No, it's even better."**

Maybe you want something a little spookier than the beach for your day trip adventure. How does an abandoned amusement park sound? Surely those are only things of legends and horror movies right? Wrong! After hearing The Drows song "The Ballad of Trinity Loop" someone asked Wha: **"Where are the abandoned fairgrounds outside of town?"** And before you could say Beetlejuice three times Beeaem responded with links to Google Maps and Flickr photos of the abandoned Trinity Loop amusement park just out 'round the bay.

Day trips aside, what are you to do with the rest of your spare time when you aren't jumping on sandcastles or riding abandoned ferris wheels (not recommended)? There is always barfing on George Street, but maybe you, or your doctor, has decided you need to curb the drinking. Then what? Ask Wha, that's what. **How do I have sober fun and where are the sober friends in the City of Legendary Drunkards?** asked Help. Wha quickly filled up with suggestions: hike, swim, tennis in Larch Park, art classes, learn karate, do yoga, attend one of the million festivals, go to The Rooms, go for ice cream, go to a show—music, theatre, movie, whatever—have a bonfire on a beach, go to Words in Edgewise, attend a random jam session, and so on and so on and so much you'll need a drink just to calm down from all the fun you're having.

Before you go out though you might want to check the weather. You could watch the news, follow Ryan Snoddon on Twitter, download an app for your phone, or look out the window. But why not get Wha to do that for you? **"Is it snowing?"** Asked someone in February. By noon Frank responded **"nope"** but things must have took an ugly turn soon after, barely two hours later Elling responded **"yes."**

These are all fairly practical concerns—things to do, places to go, whether to go and do wearing a toque or not—but what about more serious matters such as the decline of Western Civilization? Wha can help with that too. Pangs of nostalgia for better days gone by prompted one asker to ask: **"What ever happened to all the good things in life: rum & butter bars, McD's pizza, and Cheeseburger Hostess chips?"** This struck a chord with many thescope.ca readers. **"Man,"** says Lanie Doe, **"McDonald's pizzas were gear... sigh."** NB concurs, **"McDonalds pizza was insane,"** they write, **"how is it that with millions of pizza places we have yet to replicate that flavor?"** Sadly, as the Internet is apt to do, the friendly discussion of things lost to time and, perhaps, health regulations turned to a festering cesspool of insults. Let the record show Pat started it: **"I'm quite certain if you had a time machine and went back in time to eat a McDonald's pizza you would realize it is f***ing awful and your 12 year old self didn't know s*** about good pizza."** And, inevitably, it degenerates further into attacks on pretentious Cheeto-eating downtown hipsters and a joke by Kevin about recreational drug use.

If you aren't convinced that pining for bad pizza is a serious matter, perhaps you will agree that dealing with heartbreak is. Hurtin' asked Wha **"How do you heal a broken heart in this tiny town?"** Rabbittown said wait six months. But Arloknee had a better idea. It's far too long to print here, you'll have to look it up yourself (www.goo.gl/J8uHO), but the highlights include: paying accordion busking dream guardians, visits from spirit animals-in-bow-ties with James Earl Jones voices, mix CDs, blowing out candles, eating cake by the light of the moon, and so on. When your heart is healed, thank Wha.

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FOR JANUARY 2012

CAPRICORN (Dec 22 – Jan 19)
In Botticelli's painting *The Birth of Venus*, the goddess of beauty and love is shown arriving on dry land for the first time after having been born in the ocean. Naked, she is trying to cover her private parts with her hand and thigh-length hair. Her attendant, a fully clothed nymph, is bringing a cloak to cover her up. Analyzing this scene, art critic Sister Wendy suggests it's actually quite sad. It symbolizes the fact that since we humans can't bear the confrontation with sublime beauty, we must always keep it partly hidden. Your assignment in the coming year, Capricorn, is to overcome this inhibition. I invite you to retrain yourself so that you can thrive in the presence of intense, amazing, and transformative beauty.

AQUARIUS (Jan 20 – Feb 18)
The coming months will be an excellent time to take an inventory of your life to determine whether there are any ways in which you act like a slave. Do you find it hard to defeat an addiction that saps your energy and weakens your ability to live the life you want? Are there institutions that you help sustain even though they cause harm to you and others? Is it hard for you to change or end your relationships with people who are no damn good for you? Are you trapped in a role or behavior that is at odds with your high ideals? Discover what these oppressors are, Aquarius—and then summon all your intelligence and willpower to escape them.

PISCES (Feb 19 – Mar 20)
California engineer Ron Patrick put a jet engine in his silver VW Beetle. Now he's got a 1,450-horsepower vehicle—but it's not legal for him to drive on public highways. In the coming year, Pisces, I suspect you'll be tempted to try something similar: create a dynamic tool with a modest appearance or a turbo-charged source of energy in a deceptively small package. But if you do, please make sure that you can actually use it to improve your ability to get around and make your life better.

ARIES (Mar 21 – Apr 19)
In North America, a farmer who grows wheat gets only five percent of the money earned by selling a loaf of bread made from his crop. When my band recorded an album for MCA, our contract called for us to receive just seven percent of the net profits. I encourage you to push for a much bigger share than that for the work you do in 2012. It will be an excellent time to raise the levels of respect you have for your own gifts, skills, and products—and to ask for that increased respect, as well.

TAURUS (Apr 20 – May 20)
For much of the 19th century, aluminum was regarded as a precious metal more valuable than gold. It was even used for the capstone of the Washington Monument, dedicated in 1884. The reason for this curiosity? Until the 1890s, it was difficult and expensive to extract aluminum from its ore. Then a new technology was developed that made the process very cheap. In 2012, Taurus, I'm predicting a metaphorically similar progression in your own life. A goodie or an asset will become more freely available to you because of your increased ability to separate it from the slag it's mixed with.

GEMINI (May 21 – Jun 20)
The coming year will be a good time for you to consider investigating the Church of the Flying Spaghetti Monster. Devotees of this religion call themselves Pastafarians. Their main dogma is the wisdom of rejecting all dogma. Having such a light-hearted approach to spiritual matters would be quite healthy for you to experiment with. For extra credit, you could draw inspiration from a church member named Niko Alm. He convinced authorities to allow him to wear a pasta strainer on his head for his driver's license photo. Having a jaunty approach to official requirements and formal necessities will also serve you well.

CANCER (Jun 21 – Jul 22)
Terrence Malick's *Tree of Life* is an ambitious work that deviates from formulaic approaches to film-making. Some observers hated its experimental invocation of big ideas, while others approved. New York Times critic A.O. Scott compared the movie to Herman Melville's *Moby Dick*, one of America's great works of literature. Here's what Scott wrote: "Mr. Malick might have been well advised to leave out the dinosaurs and the trip to the afterlife and given us a delicate chronicle of a young man's struggle with his father and himself. And perhaps Melville should have suppressed his philosophizing impulses and written a lively tale of a whaling voyage." Using this as a template, Cancerian, I urge you to treat 2012 as a time when you will be like Melville and Malick in your chosen field. Trust your daring, expansive vision.

LEO (Jul 23 – Aug 22)
I love the way they celebrate the New Year in Stonehaven, Scotland. A procession of revelers swings big flaming baskets around on the ends of long chains. I recommend that you carry out a comparable ritual as you barge into 2012, Leo. Symbolically speaking, it would set the perfect tone. The coming months should be a kind of extended fire festival for you—a time when you faithfully stoke the blaze in your belly, the radiance in your eyes, and the brilliance in your heart. Are you ready to bring all the heat and light you can to the next phase of your master plan? I hope so. Burn, baby, burn.

VIRGO (Aug 23 – Sep 22)
Historian David McCullough wrote *The Greater Journey*, a book telling the stories of ambitious young American artists who relocated to Paris between 1830 and 1900. They had to move away because their home country had no museums or art schools at that time. You Virgos may want to consider seeking a similar enlargement of your possibilities in the coming months. As you seek out the resources that will help you follow your dreams, be prepared to look beyond what you already know and what's immediately available.

LIBRA (Sep 23 – Oct 22)
Professional basketball player Ron Artest petitioned the court to let him change his name to "Metta World Peace." "Metta" is a Buddhist term that signifies loving-kindness and benevolence. When the new moniker finally became official, Metta World Peace sealed a radical shift away from his old way of doing things, symbolized by the time he leaped into the stands in the middle of a game to punch a fan in the head. The coming months will be an excellent time for you Libras to initiate a rite of passage that will expedite an equally dramatic transformation.

SCORPIO (Oct 23 - Nov 21)
Many of the questions we had as children never got resolved or answered to our satisfaction. They still remain marinating in the back of our minds. Meanwhile, fresh queries keep welling up within us as the years go by. After a while, we've got a huge collection of enigmas, riddles, and conundrums. Some of us regard this as a tangled problem that weighs us down, while others see it as a sparkly delight that keeps making life more and more interesting. Where do you stand on the issue, Scorpio? If you're in the latter group, you will be fully open to the experiences that will be flowing your way in 2012. And that means you will be blessed with a host of sumptuous and catalytic new questions.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov 22 – Dec 21)
The first half of 2012 will be an excellent time to for you to exorcize any prejudices you might be harboring toward anyone who lives or thinks differently from you. You'll be able to see your own irrational biases with exceptional clarity, and are also likely to have exceptional success at scouring yourself free of them. This will give you access to new reserves of psychic energy you didn't even realize you were shut off from. (P.S. I'm not saying you possess more intolerance or narrow-mindedness than any of the rest of us. It's just that this is your time to deal brilliantly with your share of it.)

Birthdays this month

Graham Blair, Kathryn Budgell, Ashley Chaulker, Deborah Collingwood, Alison Doyle, Jennifer Dyer, Matthew Finateri, Randy Follett, Tim Foss, Lori Greene, Wayne Gretzky, Sarah Hansen, Renee Harris, Janet Harron, Andy Jones, Marion Lougheed, Penny McIsaac, Morgan Murray, Jasmine Olhauser, Phil Pennell, Krista Power, Chris Shortall, Rodney Smith, Brad Stone, Suzanne Thompson, Mark Walsh, Daniel Young
Send birthday info to birthday@thescope.ca

Homework

To check out Part One of my three-part audio forecasts of your destiny in 2012, go to http://bit.ly/BigPicture2012.

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The City of St. John's Grants to Artists and Art Organizations will receive applications from the arts community for projects commencing in 2012.

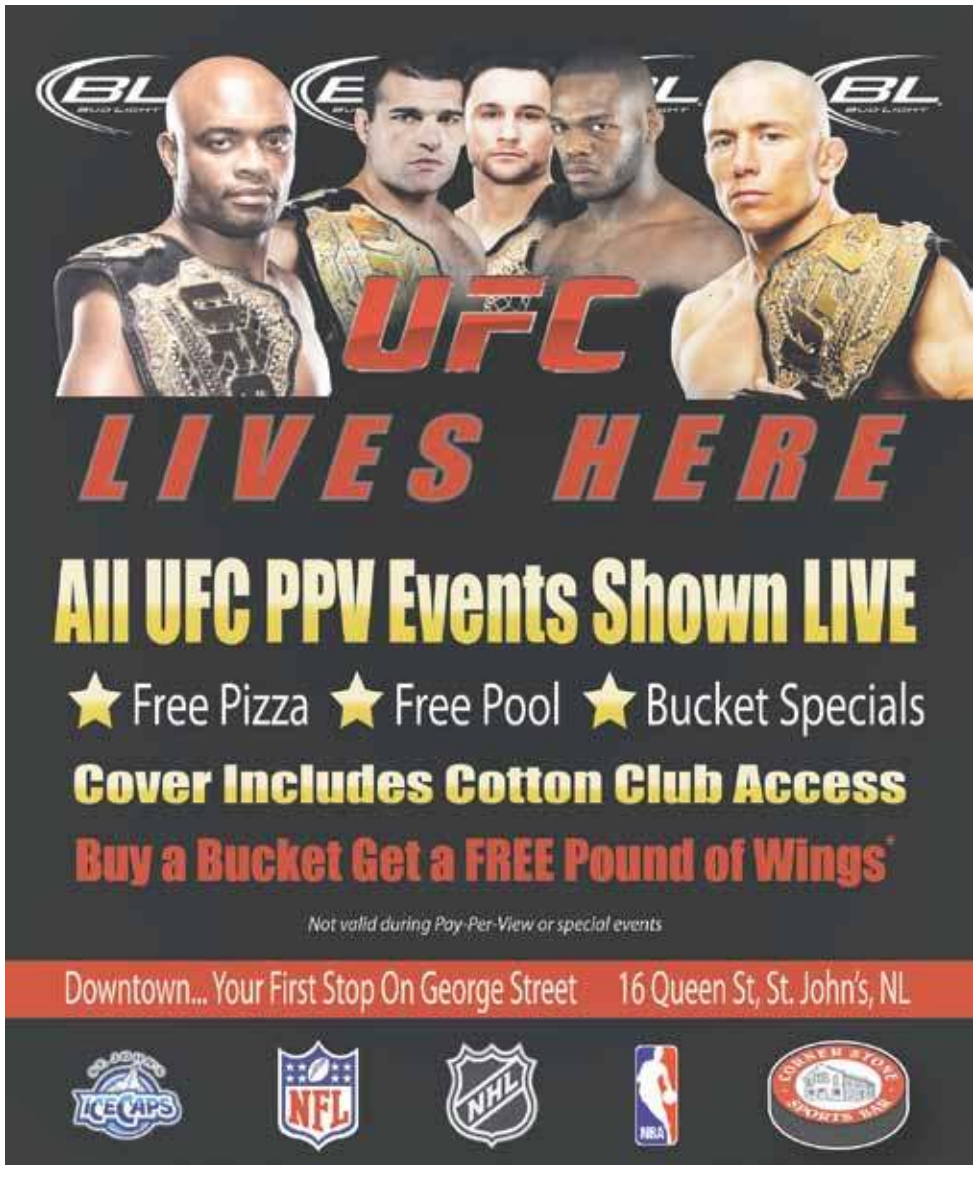
Application forms and guidelines can be found at www.stjohns.ca in the forms and permits section or at the Department of Economic Development, Tourism, & Culture, 348 Water Street.

Applications must be received no later than
Tuesday, January 31st, 2012 at 4:00 pm.

Send applications to:
Grants to Artists & Art Organizations
Department of Corporate Services
City of St. John's
4th Floor, City Hall
10 New Gower Street
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