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Sailing in to Miner's Bay, Santa greets the crowd waiting on Mayne Island. This year marked the 50th anniversary of the Santa Ship's annual Christmas visit to the Gulf Islands. For more, see story page 26

Judy Harper photo



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## Peer tutors hold t-shirt drive

Last year the peer tutors from Gulf Islands Secondary collected school supplies to send to Coalaca, a small town in Honduras, just south of Mexico. This year the peer tutors are having a t-shirt drive. The students of GISS are asked to bring in any donatable t-shirts to send to Coalaca. All t-shirts will be collected from students at the school.

Most of the clothing used in Coalaca is imported and bought rather than handmade. The sale of western style secondhand clothing has become very common in the marketplaces of urban and rural areas.

The peer tutors got this sponsorship idea from the Life Skill Department which for the last five years has sponsored a young Honduran boy named Ruendy.

The school asks that the donated t-shirts be clean and without holes. T-shirts can be dropped off at the school in collection boxes. Members of the community can help GISS students by contributing money. No contribution is too big or too small and all will help pay the postage costs of getting the t-shirts to Honduras. You may drop your money donations at the front counter of the school board office or mail them to: Peer Tutors at GISS, 112 Rainbow Rd., SSI, B.C., V8K 2K3.

## Wanted for assault

RCMP have issued the above composite drawing of a man wanted in connection with an October 26 assault. Described as a white male in his mid 30s, with a scruffy beard and dark eyes, he was wearing a grey toque, green or black lumber jacket and sweat pants at the time of the assault.

The incident occurred in the early hours of October 26 on the BC Hydro property on Lower Ganges Road. A woman contracted to clean the property observed

some beer cans on the property and signs that somebody was camping on the premises. While she was in the process of cleaning up the grounds a man shouted at her and then hit her when she didn't respond to his questions. The woman defended herself and the man left the property.

Anyone with information regarding the assault or the identity of the man shown above are asked to contact the RCMP at 401 Lower Ganges Road, 537-5555.

## Autonomous Salt Spring

by Peggy Abrahams

An idea that has been simmering on Salt Spring back burners for more than two years recently went public, as the Sustainable Salt Spring Island Coalition (SSSIC) reached out to explore community support for the concept of a new form of self government for the Island. The SSSIC describes itself as an ad hoc, non-partisan group of

people who believe that it is time for Salt Spring Islanders to take matters into their own hands.

Bob McGinn, Island resident and one of the group's organizers, said that the idea germinated about three years ago. "We've been talking about this for quite some time. We decided to go public a couple of weeks ago, to see what the

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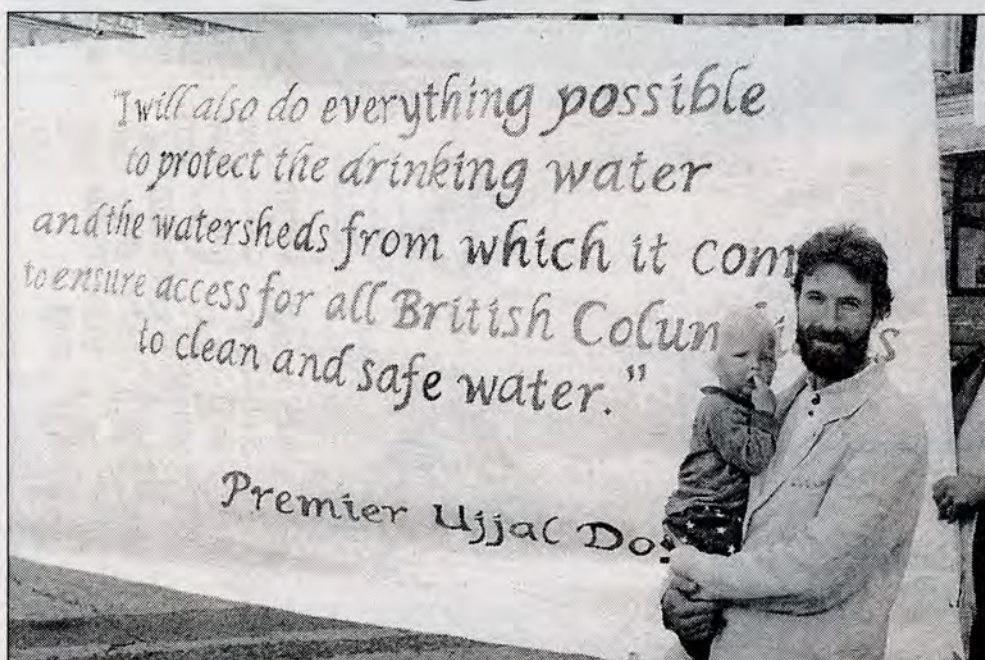
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During a September protest at the Victoria legislative buildings, a banner reminds Dosanjh of his promise.

## Save Salt Spring sues province over water

by Peggy Abrahams

The Save Salt Spring Society filed a lawsuit against the province last Thursday in a dramatic call for legislation to protect watersheds province-wide. The petition, filed in the Supreme Court of British Columbia, called for a court declaration that all British Columbia residents have an equal right under the Charter of Rights and Freedoms to the protection of their drinking water and watersheds.

Referring directly to the threat of logging in the Lake Maxwell watershed by the Texada Land Corporation, the petition also applied to the Court for remedies for Salt Spring Island residents. The petition called for a declaration that the province has failed to protect Salt Spring residents' equal rights to drinking water by allowing local watersheds to be clear-cut.

Andrea Collins, president of the Save Salt Spring Society, said, "Walkerton, with its seven dead and over 2,000 seriously ill, is a national wake-up call on the vital importance of the protection of domestic drinking water."

Collins remarked that this action was taken by the Society as a last resort after an extensive lobbying effort produced no results. She said the society has had numerous meetings with various senior government officials to address the need for legislation to protect watersheds.

"There's been a lot of interest and a lot of promises, but nothing's been forthcoming...and we don't have a lot of time. The government has been sitting there like lame ducks. We hope this will make them take some sort of action." Emphasizing the urgency of the situation, Collins added, "They're logging so quickly, we don't have time to wait."

The petition picks up where an earlier case by residents of Slokan Valley left off. In that case, the Red Mountain Residents Association petitioned for a temporary stay to prevent Slokan Forest Products from building a four-kilometre road into their 5,000-hectare watershed.

In a B.C. Supreme Court ruling in July of this year, Justice Mark McEwan refused to halt the construction of the road. McEwan said that under the law, even if irreparable damage is caused to drinking water supplies, residents have no more right to the water than industrial users.

Kevin Doyle, the lawyer representing the

Save Salt Spring Society, explained that the Society's petition stems from McEwan's ruling, which specifically highlighted the lack of legislation protecting watersheds.

"I picked up on what Judge McEwan said in the Red Mountain case. He said, 'there is no protection for water in B.C.' That is an indicator to politicians to do something."

The Society based its petition to the court on 18 grounds. Among them, it was pointed out that provincial jurisdiction over water sources is not centralized, but is spread out among five ministries. The case was also made on grounds that both the cities of Vancouver and Victoria have protected regional water systems, while 1.7 million residents of British Columbia, or 45 per cent of the province's population, live outside these metropolitan areas. Those residents have unequal protection of their sources of drinking water, the petition said.

In conclusion, the petition stated that the province is not adequately protecting drinking water sources from human-related impacts, and that this could have significant cost implications in the future for the province, for municipal and regional governments, and for citizens in general.

"The key problem is lack of an effective, integrated approach to land-use management. This could result in less than optimal choices being made between the need to protect source water and the need to allow other activities," the Society's petition said.

Doyle said, "There already is damage. There is a wrong that has to be righted, and the wrong is inadequate protection for drinking water. A well-respected judge said that in July. There is a remedy for that."

A report issued last March by the Sierra Legal Defence Fund noted that outside Greater Victoria and Vancouver the estimated cost to filter drinking water is \$700 million. Annual operating costs for newly installed filters would top \$30 million.

Unlike Greater Vancouver, which holds a 999 [sic] year lease to its watersheds and can prohibit logging, most local governments find that the province has approved logging near their water supplies, the report said.

"Communities can inherit enormous problems in the wake of logging. In our region, the cost to filter just one damaged

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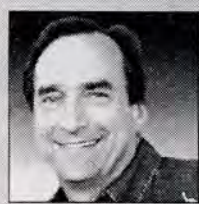
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## The romance of flight



*Isle Say! ...*  
with John Pottinger

It serves me right. A few weeks ago, in this column, I whined and complained about travelling to "big cities." Then I made another trip to Toronto and the Great God of Wrangellia punished me once more for leaving the Gulf Islands.

My business partner and I wrapped things up earlier than expected so we headed directly for the airport. When you're travelling on discount fares you get to the airport as early as possible. If you check in five hours early, and bribe the airline employee at the check-in counter, you might snag a seat in the emergency exit row. That's the row where you can actually sit with your legs partially extended in front of you. Airlines use a simple mathematical formula to arrive at the minimum possible distance between rows of seats. They use figures supplied by Stats Canada to calculate the average measurement from the back of the butt to the knees of a seated North American adult. Then they subtract 3 inches.

Apparently five hours isn't early enough. "I'm sorry sir, but those seats are already taken." I think some frequent fliers are now camping out at airline counters the night before their flight in order to get the good seats. At least I'm early enough to guarantee an aisle seat, so I can get up easily to stretch my legs. And I'll be able to move one arm freely so that I can eat my "dinner" without feeling like someone has duct-taped my arms to my sides because the damn seats are so narrow. (Stats Canada figures again. They take the average butt-width and build the seats two inches narrower.)

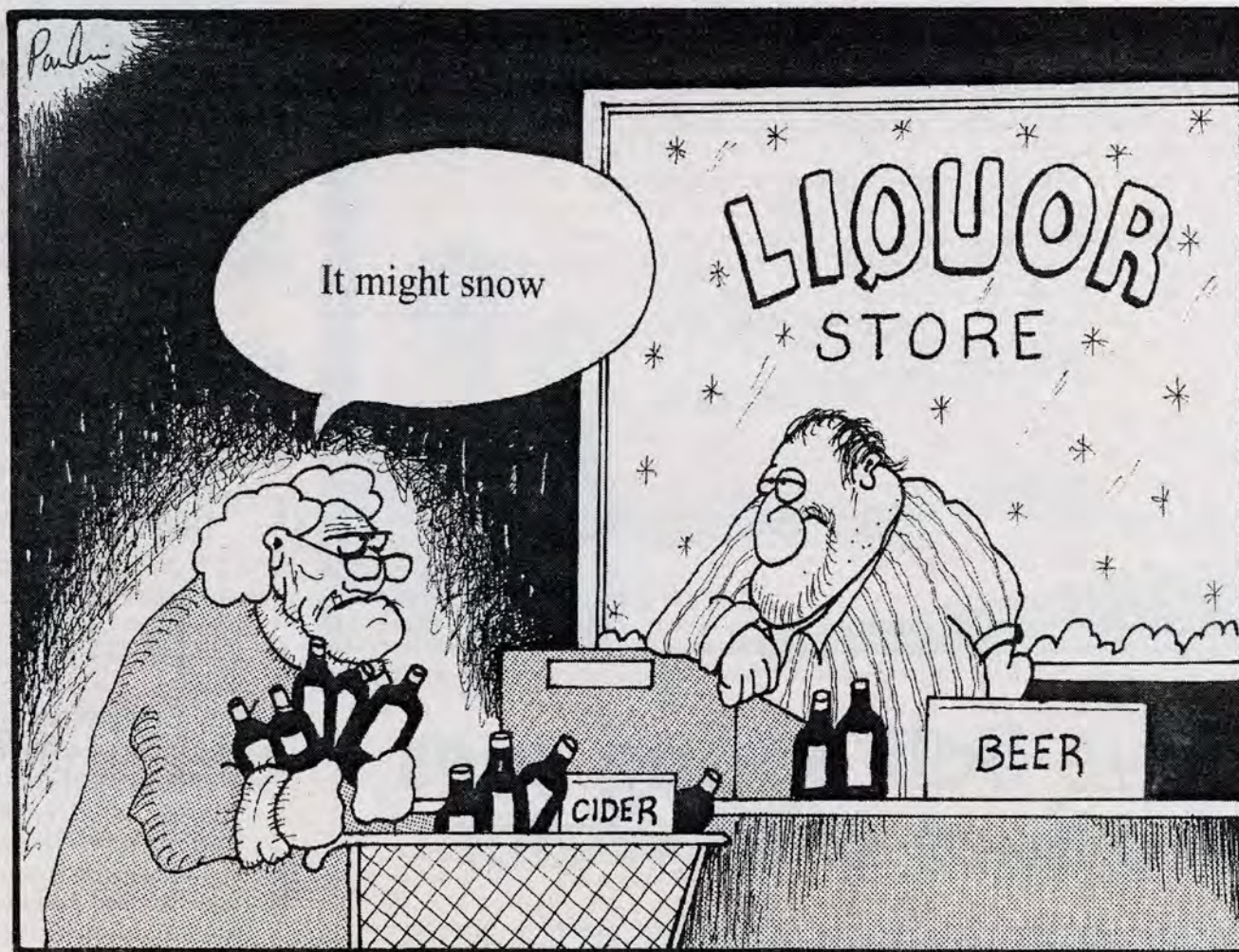
It's a Friday night, so the airplane is full. After getting aboard, it takes another ten minutes to get to row twelve because every passenger stops to cram something into the overhead compartment. I look down at my seat and there's an elderly woman in it. She's wearing some sort of traditional South Asian garb and smiles at me as I tell her she's in my seat. I realise she doesn't speak English so I show her my boarding pass. She just smiles. The crowd behind me is getting a little unruly 'cause I'm blocking the aisle, so I stuff myself into the only available seat (between the seat-thief and a sumo wrestler). By the time I get the attention of a flight attendant we're taxiing to the runway, so he tells me he'll sort it out after we're airborne.

As soon as the "fasten seat belt" sign is off he comes back and asks the seat-thief for her boarding pass. She smiles. He spends ten minutes trying unsuccessfully to find someone who speaks a language this nice woman understands, then as a last resort he gently takes her arm and motions for her to stand up. That did it. She starts screaming and hollering as if he's just stolen her purse. He backs off and asks me to come with him. He explains there's nothing he can do, but that I can take any other available seat on the airplane.

There's only one. It's a middle seat, but at least it's between two smaller people. I plunk myself down between a young man who's quietly playing with his Game Boy and a woman who's leaning forward whispering to a man in the seat in front of her. This is much better. After a couple of minutes a baby starts to cry. I hear a man say, "Ohhh, poor baby. You'll be much happier with your mama." Then he reaches back and hands the baby to the woman beside me. Baby is not happier.

The first of two movies begins, so I put on a headset and drown out the tiresome sound of the baby with the tiresome dialogue of a third-rate movie. It's a mindless, car-chase, cops and robbers, adventure flick; perfect for easing the discomfort of this flying torture chamber. Six minutes into the movie the screen goes blank. The flight attendant announces that the system has broken and there'll be no movies or audio entertainment.

Thanks to the tired and irritable little baby beside me, she was wrong about the audio. But I don't blame the kid. I know how he felt.



### More insanity

I wasn't there so I didn't see for myself but I was saddened to hear reports that a police riot squad was called in during a recent anti-Texada protest in Ganges. Our community faces a difficult situation in that many of us are aware that the global impact of harvesting any resource at a rate beyond the planet's ability to regenerate itself is harmful. When neither government nor industry exhibit the wit or the will to act in an accountable manner, informed concerned citizens will, for lack of any other viable recourse, take their concerns and beliefs to the streets and DEMONSTRATE them. This is healthy and responsible behaviour.

We currently live in a situation where "right" and "legal" are clearly on disparate and divergent paths. The presence of the riot squad only adds another element of insanity to an already insane situation. We shouldn't need to import violence and intimidation to the sidewalks of Ganges; there's already enough violence happening on the mountainsides. There must be a better, more creative way.

CHRIS DIXON

### Protester speaks

I am awed by the public support shown for my lockdown on a Dorman logging truck on Monday, November 27, in downtown Ganges. Hundreds of people have thanked me for it, including many of the area's business owners. (I work near there myself, and only one business owner complained to me afterwards.) Next to the health and well-being of our descendants (clean air and water, jobs) what is a day's pay?

We have a wonderful opportunity here on Salt Spring to develop a template for sustainable community forestry, with more jobs generated by value-added timber product manufacturing. Instead, we suffer these invaders who are ripping our Island apart "for the money, honey" and who are giving nothing back. As for the behaviour of some of the loggers at the demonstration, it speaks for itself. Our RCMP acted correctly by bringing in reinforcements to keep the peace. The substantial majority of the crowd were there to show their support and agreement towards the protest.

I am not the first, but the 11th protester to be arrested for nonviolent civil disobedience in this issue. I am not a

young woman as assumed, but a 44-year-old working mother of two who contributes to this community in many ways. (Bea Neville is in her eighties, and so on—not stereotyped "young hippies" at all.) Many others are working on the calendar, land and parks negotiation, and other aspects of this crucial issue. But more are needed. Not everyone has to lie under a truck. Organize a petition. Talk and write to our government representatives (for they are truly responsible for this situation). If not us, who? If not now, when?

AYLWIN

### Yankee go home

I would like to express my opinion on the logging protest that took place in Ganges on November 27.

Why did it take the police so long to remove that American woman from the logging truck? This is not the first time this woman has done this on Salt Spring. The police should send her back to her own country and never let her back in this country. Better yet, they should put her in jail for a few years. Do they log in the U.S.A.? I'm sure they do. Why doesn't she go protest down there?

To the tree hugging hypocrites who organized this, I must say you did a splendid job. You have managed to piss off quite a few people. What do you think your welfare cheques are printed on? Do you use toilet paper? I'm guessing that you do, and I bet you're not willing to stop.

Do you realize how much business and revenue you caused the local shops to lose? Did you stop and think about this before you pulled your stupid stunt?

As David Suzuki said, there are better things to protest.

It doesn't matter how much you protest because logging will never stop. If it did, millions of people would suffer. Does that make you happy? The logging on this Island is much less than elsewhere.

Every year thousands of hectares of forest are lost to forest fires. The government chooses to let some of these fires burn themselves out. Why don't you go protest that? Better yet, why don't you volunteer to fight these fires? Why don't you people stop and think about the consequences of your actions before you do something so stupid. GROW UP!

G. KYLE

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## Business hurt

The Monday before last the residents of Salt Spring were treated to a one-ring circus act in downtown Ganges, complete with traffic control, police, protesters, logging truck and admission ticket. Yes, admission. We haven't paid it yet, but we will. The cost for the policing, the off-island officers and dog man, the flags people and the welder will all be billed to the people of Salt Spring.

I, for one, could have done without seeing this "show" and the cost that come with it—a cost which nobody thought to ask me if I wanted to pay. I'm willing to bet our local RCMP officers agree with this: our small detachment's manpower is taxed as it is without having to deal with a large public disturbance such as this. How many calls for help were there during the time it took to resolve this issue? We suffered because of the actions of a few militant logging protesters.

Of course this will be considered a great victory by these people: they made the maximum impact and the media coverage that follows will only egg them on to do it again, but bigger and better next time. And who will pay

for it? The 10,000 or so Salt Spring residents.

People have the right to protest peacefully, but can this truly be considered a "peaceful" action? What purpose did this action on Monday really serve? Did it stop those trees on the truck from being cut? Did it stop trees from being cut in areas of Salt Spring? I don't think so: trees were still being felled as everyone watched this spectacle. In that case, what did the protest achieve? My observations show me what was achieved: Gasoline Alley, part of Creek House and the downtown area was cut off to its customer traffic, the Petro Canada station, in particular, was hard hit. Most small businesses on Salt Spring will tell you it's a day-to-day struggle to make a living without the hardship of having their customers cut off from them.

It was harder to vote, not much harder but still for most working people squeezing the time to exercise your voting right can be tough enough.

Protesters will tell you—as they have countless times before after such militant actions—that it is the burden of the public to bear to become aware of a problem. Who made this decision for me! What is his or her name? Did I vote for this? Surely

not. It is the act of a few who think they represent a majority of us, and any who don't agree are the enemy!

This protest has done nothing but push people, like myself, away from a constructive solution. I will think hard in the future about supporting factions trying their best to really stop logging because I will question how they plan to do this. Good organizations like the Land Conservancy will suffer and that is truly a shame.

So I call on the citizens of Salt Spring to state your opinion, write a letter, send it to the editor, let your voice be heard so that the voices of a few radicals may not speak for us all.

KEITH NEWMAN

## The perfect place

"A perfect place [for a protest]." This phrase was overheard in the local pub just after the end of a six-hour standoff between a logging truck, police and protesters. It was uttered by one of the protesters gathered to celebrate their victory and to praise their hero, the young woman who had chained herself to a logging truck to make a point.

Yes, it was the perfect place to hold the protest: downtown Ganges just before noon. Perfect, that is, if you



A journal as literary as the Barnacle can be found in the most unusual places. Take, for example, a Berber camp in Morocco, population 12, 658, 058 rural inhabitants.

don't care that your actions will alienate hundreds of people whose lives you affected. Perfect, if you don't mind polarizing the very community whose support you should be encouraging. Perfect, for preventing a dozen small businesses from having a normal day's busi-

ness. Everything stood still in the core of our community.

Do the protesters know or care who gets hurt as a result of their actions? Did they realize that our whole emergency system was strained to its ultimate? Do they care what it costs the taxpayers to bring in extra policing? Did

they realize that the auxiliary workers directing traffic all day did not get paid for this and were not able to work at their regular jobs?

So think it over before you conclude that you have found the "perfect place" for

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your next protest. Don't keep hurting the little guy while you try to find a way to put your issues in front of the media. Next time just ride naked down the main street of Ganges on your steed. This way you can save on fuel, save time, traffic can move around you, and you'll give a horse a job.

MARY SMALL

### Tourist sites

We're well into the festive season and Islanders are once again taking family and friends on the obligatory tours of our (once) beautiful Island. If Mt. Maxwell is still high on your list of "musts" you may want to rethink the drive, maybe postpone it for 30 years or so! But if your guests insist on visiting the now isolated provincial park at the top, prepare yourself. Be ready to explain the flattened forest and destroyed habitat, and take ear plugs for your guests to use when you get out at the top to see the view. You'll have the noise of heavy machinery on one side and the whine of chain saws and falling trees in the Fulford Valley.

Over the last few years we've almost resigned ourselves to the fact that there will

always be those folks whose connection to this beautiful earth was severed when their umbilical cords were cut. But it's harder to accept governments at all levels sitting on their hands as our fragile environment disappears. The present provincial government is especially culpable because when they were elected they promised legislation that would change the way logging is done on private lands...and all we have is a compromise full of gigantic holes. Our one request? Selective, sensitive logging: NOT clear-cutting!

As I write this we only have to look around us to witness the current and devastating destruction of our Islands—Denman, Quadra and Salt Spring—not to mention Catface Mountain in the Clayoquot (now a part of a newly created Biosphere Reserve...a title that carries no protection), and the cutting of the 1,000-plus-year-old trees in the Elaho Valley. I ache for our fellow creatures and the birds of our forests who stand silently by as their habitat is fragmented or totally destroyed. Will they understand that many of us did care and worked overtime to stop this from happening to them?

On CBC radio this week Canadian astronaut Mark Garneau remarked on his

impressions when he saw our earth from space. He said it appeared much smaller and more fragile than he had anticipated and that three areas stood out in what they represented. Madagascar, where the total destruction of all of their forests has caused the red earth to run into rivers and then into the ocean looking like a ribbon of blood. Second? The rainforests of South America going up in smoke, and third? The growing clear-cuts in British Columbia! We should be hanging our heads in shame.

As time unfolds it will become glaringly obvious who the real prophets are in our struggle to save our fragile environment. They are either in jail (Burnaby Corrections), or on the blockades, under the trucks, or working 20 hours a day (for months now) at negotiating tables...but the forests continue to fall. The political power of some logging companies, many international, doesn't bode well for the future of our forests, let alone our planet.

Wake up folks! Oh yes, and a Merry Christmas, too. And to the creatures of our former forests, a Happy New Year. May you find that home you so desperately need to survive.

ROSEMARY BAXTER

### Clean up!

To the Liberal Party:  
It is obvious that you do not care about our environment. You do not even clean up your plastic election signs.

M. VAN ZAHTEN

### Two sides to story

While picking up mail in the Ganges Post Office today I was addressed rudely and disrespectfully by a formerly friendly acquaintance. He referred to my recent initiation of Lighthouse Carpet Care.

I started this business when my most recent contractual agreement to buy back Gulf Islands Carpet Care, which I owned and operated until 1998, was collapsed by the vendor.

There are, doubtless, two sides to this story. Recognizing that one side is being sufficiently aired for me to be maligned in public I wish to briefly say that my accepted offer was earnest and from my point of view, generous. I returned to Salt Spring to own and operate The Wug Washer, as revealed in advertising in both our Island papers though the month of October. I invested considerable time, effort and money to pursue this direction. I did not collapse the purchase agreement.

Faced with the resulting

dilemma, I explored my moral and legal options and have made what I find to be a responsible decision. Life is not always—indeed is seldom—simple. It is my intent neither to abuse nor to be abused.

Salt Spring is a close-knit, extraordinary community. I love living here. Both parties in this decidedly uncomfortable circumstance have made decisions and are reaping the resulting ramifications. Hopefully any who come within earshot of the polemics of this situation will have the wisdom to understand there are two sides to the story, and to have the maturity to not engage in mud-slinging.

DAVID THATCHER

### Watch your words

"I am the master of my fate, I am the captain of my soul." Probably misquoted, but who cares anyway—in a few years that phrase will not be applicable to the average Canadian. To many people in under-developed countries that never has been applicable.

The human will carries guiding principles within itself, and each human has the right to choose which path he or she should take. Whatever decisions the individual makes, in the name of right, should be respected.

### To a would-be lumber king

*T' lion is king of beasts  
I've 'eard it said some where*

*Perhaps by Rudyard or Tarzan or Jane*

*T' beasts greatest weakness  
Is 'is long appendage—  
Er, 'is tail, I mean.*

*'E can't watch every-  
where—*

*when 'e looks to left  
a chimp pulls it, and so  
on and so on.*

*If 'e lashes it about  
It attracts lots of attention  
And tail pullers line up  
for miles.*

*Now, if 'e were really wif it,  
E'd just sit on it!*

HAL STONE

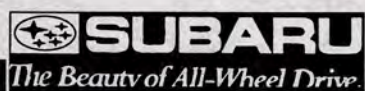
The freedom that we have, to act upon our own principles, is being undermined by a power much greater than any individual can hope to wield. We are having our lives channelled into conforming patterns by huge monopolies and arrogant governments. Our lives are open to microscopic scrutiny by any bureaucratic Tom, Dick, Harry, or cyber-highway hacker. It's becoming increasingly obvious that they won't be happy until they see MAILBOX p35



## "Twas Right Before Christmas ...

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# Federal park proposal hinges on Ruckle swap

*Trust has no other plans to preserve land, said Borrowman*

by Peggy Abrahams

Since writing a letter to Heritage Minister Sheila Copps last week about the urgency of proceeding on the proposal to include Salt Spring in the Gulf Islands National Park, Trustee David Borrowman said the timetable now rests in government hands.

"I think the timetable is the one being set by Parks Canada, which on the one hand might be quick by the government's terms, but it's slow in terms of the rate of logging," said Borrowman.

Alluding to the increased pace and scope of Texada's logging on Salt Spring, Borrowman said he has never had government confirmation of Texada's promised 40-day moratorium on logging in federal areas of interest. "Texada is logging within areas that we understand to be within areas of federal interest in the proposal."

Borrowman said he learned last week that the various entities interested in purchasing land from Texada, including the CRD, Parks Canada and Nature Trust of B.C., are all communicating with each other and are aware of each other's areas of interest. "I found that gratifying. My concern was the federal interest might take place without taking account of local interests, and that seems not to be the case."

Whether a national park on Salt Spring could become a reality is still unknown. For one thing, Borrowman acknowledged that any federal interest in Salt Spring would require the inclusion of Ruckle Park as a lynch pin. "Our understanding was that the federal government could be interested in Salt Spring, but only if Ruckle Park was part of the package," he said.

According to Gwen Ruckle, the Ruckle family, which sold the land to the province, is opposed to the idea of the Park being taken over as part of a national park. "My family is against it. We see it as protected already."

She also pointed out that people should know if Ruckle Park were to become a national park, it would cost \$10 to get in the gate. "We're very against it because we sold the property for people to enjoy it, and not

to have to pay to have a picnic."

Ruckle added that the province does not want Ruckle Park taken out of its jurisdiction. But according to Borrowman, it has been understood from the outset that as part of the Pacific Marine Heritage Legacy, there could be a swap to create a national park.

"What is now provincial parkland, could become federal and what is now federal, could become provincial. I know no one has expressed enthusiasm at the provincial level to losing Ruckle, but theoretically, it could be part of the mix," he said.

A very good case could be made for the secure future of Ruckle Park whether it's in provincial or federal hands, Borrowman said. "One just hopes the Ruckles can be made comfortable with that," he added.

Acknowledging that the Ruckles are known to have a very good relationship with the province, Borrowman said it was understandable the family may be concerned about any change.

"I should point out that the park proposal was written in a very short time by a very small group of people and there were some omissions. One of them was a failure to speak to the Ruckles and that was a stupid mistake. I do believe the proposal, as written, is designed to safeguard their interests," he said.

As to the position of Ruckle Park as a bargaining chip in the deal, Ruckle commented, "We object very strongly to it being used as a carrot. I have it from very good authority that it's not going to happen. I don't think the federal government is going to agree anyway."

Other than advocating the federal park proposal, the Islands Trust does not plan any other action related to preserving land on Salt Spring. A legal challenge to test the authority of the Islands Trust to fulfill its own mandate was contemplated at one time.

"We have reviewed our legal options and chosen not to pursue that route. Our efforts for the moment are bent on the National Parks proposal, and that's it for now," said Borrowman.

## Petition cites 18 grounds *cont'd from p3*

water supply could top \$6 million," said John Marian, a Sunshine Coast regional director quoted in the report.

"Local governments are legally required to ensure communities have water that is safe and secure, but the Forest Act robs us of the power to do so. We need undisputed control of what occurs in our watersheds. As things stand, a substantial part of the money we pay for water goes to meeting the unacknowledged costs of industrial logging operations," said Marian.

According to Doyle, before the NDP was elected,

the party drafted a water act. Once the NDP came into power, no water legislation was passed. During his campaign, Premier Ujjal Dosanjh said a top priority was to ensure that communities across B.C. have equal ability to protect their water supplies.

"It is not good for just Vancouver or Victoria to be able to do that. It is important that we deal with these issues right across the province...good quality water is a fundamental right for all British Columbians," said Dosanjh.

In a speech to Slocan Valley residents after he was

elected, Dosanjh made a promise: "I will also do everything possible to protect the drinking water and the watersheds from which it comes to ensure access for all British Columbians to clean and safe water."

Doyle said through this petition, the Save Salt Spring Society was once again calling on Dosanjh to honour his commitment to protect the province's watersheds for all residents of British Columbia. Doyle said, "What's upset a lot of people is that the premiere made a promise and as yet it remains unfulfilled."



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by Michelle Grant

Salmon fry emerging in Fulford Creek next April will have a better chance of survival, thanks to restoration work undertaken by the Stream and Salmon Watershed Association (SSWA). In an effort to increase year-round habitat, improve summer water flows and reduce siltation sources, a record number of projects (10 in all) have been completed on the creek this year.

"The most important work done on Fulford Creek this year was fixing the erosion from the old Texada spillway [a concrete structure that allows extra water to be released from the reservoir] and having the summer water flows guaranteed by Texada Lands Development Corporation (TLDC)," said Kathy Reimer, senior biologist with SSWA. The spillway, built in 1953, had deteriorated to the point that chunks of it and the bank were falling away every winter.

The 20-metre wide erosion was a major source of siltation in the creek. Excess silt suffocates the salmon eggs and reduces year-round habitat by filling up ponds. Murky water also makes it difficult for salmon

to locate food sources.

Before undertaking any of the projects on Fulford Creek, SSWA mapped the stream: more than 9,000 metres from its origins near Dukes Road down through Ford Lake where it runs parallel to the Fulford Ganges Road until it cuts the corner at Lee's Hill and turns inward until it reaches the estuary. The endeavor took two biologists and two assistants more than a month to complete. The mapping work included measuring water quality and quantity, evaluating the riparian zone, checking for erosion and obstructions and surveying the TLDC's reservoir. Texada owns nearly 200 acres of agricultural zoned land in the area. According to the survey, the reservoir is over two acres in size and has an average depth of 10 feet. A conservation covenant that would protect both sides of the creek from the top of the bank to the creek is in the negotiation stages with Texada and the Islands Trust Fund, according to Reimer.

"Fulford Creek is the most important creek on Salt Spring. If you look at a map, it's like the womb or the heart of Salt Spring. It's



Members of the Stream and Salmon Watershed Association (SSWA) at work on Fulford Creek.

## RETURNING TO THE SOURCE: The recovery of Fulford Creek

the largest fish-bearing creek we have. Restoring the Fulford Creek watershed has always been top of our list," said Reimer.

Stabilizing the Texada spillway involved putting

down landscaping fabric and spending thousands of dollars on rock including some boulders as big as a car. The result is that the spillway should be good forever.

Another piece of the reju-

venation project involved constructing the first step of the fish ladder. In order to get materials to the site, it was necessary to cut two access trails from the clear-cut behind the holly farm. Once the ladder is completed in 2001, the access trails will be reduced in size.

"Fish ladders are important because the bottom part of Fulford Creek is so developed, it's like a hospital for coho. Coho have to spend one winter in fresh water. If they get washed out early, their survival rate is practically nil. The bottom part of the creek has high velocities with no little swamps off-stream where the fish can hang out. Coho salmon spend two summers at sea, they go out at six inches and come back at 10 pounds. The fish in Fulford Creek this year were born of mothers who spawned in 1997."

Other projects in the watershed include the building of new ponds and the cleaning out of old ponds that had silted up. A farmer on Duke's Road wanted to drain his fields, but his adjoining neighbour wanted year-round water. With SSWA's help they both got what they wanted. By enlarging the neighbour's

pond, SSWA increased year-round habitat and provided better summer water flow while allowing the farmer's fields to drain.

A third neighbour in the top of the watershed got his spring-fed pond cleaned of silt, thus creating an ideal place to raise young coho.

According to Reimer, every bit of Fulford Creek is on private land: a fact not known by everyone. "It's because the ownership goes back such a long way. People think as long as they walk in the middle of the creek, they're on public land but they're not. There is no public access to the creek."

Much of the success of this year's work can be attributed to the willingness of adjoining property owners to donate time and materials. Reimer estimates the \$30,000-plus costs of the work would have doubled if all the volunteer time and donations were taken into account. According to Reimer, SSWA is the second largest environmental group on Salt Spring with nearly 400 members, of which over 40 are active volunteers. "We have people who work every day on SSWA projects," said Reimer.



ISLANDS TRUST

### PUBLIC NOTICE SALT SPRING ISLAND LOCAL TRUST COMMITTEE ADVISORY DESIGN PANEL APPOINTMENTS

The Salt Spring Island Local Trust Committee is seeking two individuals who are interested in sitting on the Salt Spring Island ADVISORY DESIGN PANEL for one or two-year terms. The 8-member panel meets up to one or two times a month to review applications made within Development Permit Areas such as Ganges Village. It provides the Committee and development applicants with technical and other comments regarding issues such as building design and aesthetics, landscaping and parking.

While a professional background in a related field would be an asset, the Committee is interested in hearing from anyone who can contribute a broad understanding of the island and a sincere interest in maintaining its unique character.

Those interested in becoming a member of the Advisory Design Panel, or in finding out more about the Panel's mandate, are asked to write before December 31, 2000 to:

**Salt Spring Island Local Trust Committee**  
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### The Anglican Parish of Salt Spring Island Christmas Services for 2001

December 17  
4:00 pm Southend Christmas at St. Mary's

December 21  
7:00 pm Carols and readings at St. Mark's

December 24 ~ Christmas Eve  
10:00 am Parish corporate Holy Eucharist at All Saints'  
4:00 pm Childrens' pageant and Holy Eucharist at All Saints'

7:30 pm Holy Eucharist at St. Mary's  
11:00 pm Holy Eucharist at St. Mark's

December 25 ~ Christmas Day  
10:00 am Holy Eucharist at All Saints'

December 31 - New Year's Eve  
10:00 am Parish corporate Holy Eucharist at All Saints'

January 7  
4:00 p.m. Festival of nine lessons and carols at All Saints'

For unto us a child is born,  
unto us a son is given:  
and the government shall  
be upon his shoulder:  
and his name shall be  
called Wonderful, Counsellor,  
The mighty God,  
The everlasting Father,  
The Prince of Peace.

— Isaiah 9:6





## Group hopes to launch republic *cont'd from p2*

feedback would be. The decision to do this was after the election. There's a lot of dissatisfaction," he explained.

A position statement circulated by email to a list of interested community members last week stated that the SSSIC goes further than other local groups who are also concerned about the direction of growth and development on the Island. "We believe an independent political entity, which is completely autonomous, is not only preferable, but necessary, to ensure a sustainable community."

The statement explained that the SSSIC has embraced this concept because over the years, decision-making for vital issues affecting the quality of Island life has been gradually transferred to provincial and federal jurisdictions.

The statement added, "[D]ecisions are being made for the most part by a mismanaged bureaucracy that does not clearly understand or represent the needs or desires of our unique Island

community.

"It is as a self governing community, that we can best solve the many challenges we face, including environmental deterioration, sustainable logging, population density control, pollution, traffic, economic displacement, education, health, sewage, garbage, crime, etc."

The SSSIC points to other independent entities like the Cayman Islands, Turks and Caicos, the Channel Islands and Cook Islands as examples of successful independent self-governed island nations. Another example is the Isle of Man, a British Crown dependency in the Irish Sea with a population of 70,000. Now in its 17th consecutive year of economic growth, it leverages its self-governing status to lure corporate headquarters through low taxes.

The Aland Islands, a fully autonomous Finnish dependency off the coast of Sweden, has made the most of its strategic location between Sweden and Finland to develop important shipping and tourism industries.

The unemployment rate is 2.5 per cent.

According to the SSSIC, the idea of sustainability is not just about fish populations, food supply or forests. "It is also about a quality of life that does not deteriorate, a continuing diversity of community, and future opportunity for our young people to live, work, and raise their families." McGinn described the SSSIC as an informal collection of people, with no official membership as yet. A core group, about half a dozen people who have been leading the process, meets on a weekly basis. McGinn said, "I, and hundreds of others at least on this Island, think this is an idea at least worth looking at. Eighty or 90 per cent of the people we approach think the idea has merit," he added.

The concept of self-government for Salt Spring stems largely from concerns about a growing trend of local economic displacement. McGinn pointed out that there are more and

more wealthy people coming to the Island, buying property, tearing houses down and building new houses. He suggested that it will become increasingly difficult for less wealthy people to survive here, and that these new property owners are unlikely to be contributing members of the community. "They won't be the ones volunteering at the Fall Fair," he said.

"We're really concerned about the future, and not just for the people who are here now, but our children."

According to the position statement, "The Coalition has no political agenda beyond the establishment of local control of decision-making and an autonomous political entity. While we are committed to educating people about the advantages of autonomy, it is only so Salt Spring Islanders can create the community they desire."

For more information about the SSSIC, or to be added to the mailing list, contact Bob McGinn at bobmcginn@saltspring.com.

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### For the Unusual



### Christmas in Fulford





# Mystery bus drew questions from Islanders

by Joanne O'Connor

When your home is a 38-foot Bluebird bus, you have to put up with a certain amount of public curiosity.

Glenn Miles—anthropologist, philosopher, storyteller and traveller—parked his home on our Island recently and gamely endured community curiosity.

North and South, Central and off-Central, Salt Springers pondered the strange, shiny toy. From the outer reaches of their minds came the suggestions: could the bus be a drug lab? Travelling casino? Or perhaps a monitoring station for UFO activity?

The true answer sheds all the mystery, yet none of the magic.

Two figures were barely visible through the rain-soaked windows when I approached the bus with my queries. After knocking, I was immediately welcomed inside by bus-dweller Miles and his local friend Luis.

With his wild, greyish hair and beard bristling (and sporting a t-shirt proclaiming him to be "The Dogfather"), Miles presented an imposing figure. Despite this, he didn't seem to mind that people were generating rumours about him. As it turned out, he had developed an ambivalence towards gossip during the 10 years he spent on the Island, almost 20 years ago.

Laughing all the while, Miles merrily recalled life on Salt Spring. With Luis interjecting and abetting his stories, Miles



Glenn Miles' travelling home became a point of public scrutiny when it was parked in Ganges.

recounted the tale of his stint as the "King."

As the story goes, Miles was at the Commodore when he ran into Mike Harcourt, then-mayor of Vancouver. Miles said, "Hey Mike, I hear you're the King of Vancouver." Harcourt responded in the affirmative and Miles countered, "Well, I'm the King of Salt Spring." It's easy to believe him.

Nowadays, Glenn Miles only comes north to visit his daughter, who still lives locally. He has spent the past few years in southern California

and admitted that he is no longer used to our weather. He plans to head towards Baja soon.

Miles reminisced about market days of yore, pointing towards the concrete walk outside his window, saying, "I remember when that was dirt." Thai breakfasts by Newt and the guy who made doughnuts ("What was his name?") evoked fond memories as well. After a moment of contemplative silence between Miles and Luis, the former was ready to divulge the significance of the

vast array of memorabilia on his front dash.

His collection spans several cultures and customs. The ostrich egg is a symbol of fertility and the sweetgrass is to smudge out bad spirits. The statue of an elephant with one broken tusk is Ganesha, a "well-loved Hindu deity," and the glittering slab of amethyst Miles dubs "the cradle of civilization."

Miles admitted that he currently has "absolutely no noble causes," but hopes to finish his book the next time he settles down somewhere. He is an anthropologist and his book will contain a critical analysis of hunter/gatherer societies versus contemporary civilization.

The bus is certainly a sign of his independent evolution. Back in his Salt Spring days, Miles owned a VW van. He lived in the Yukon for a while with a truck and camper. Miles recently made the transition from homeowner to mobile-home owner, and is well suited to the traveller's lifestyle. His mechanical background allows him to travel virtually worry-free, although his beast only gets seven miles to the gallon!

A music aficionado, Miles has outfitted his roving home with the ultimate sound system and said he listened to a lot of KC Kelly while on Salt Spring.

With every splatter of rain on the windshield, Miles yearns to be off to sunnier climes. Yet he hinted at returning, "to see if my presence has provoked a bylaw."

Jeff Outerbridge photo

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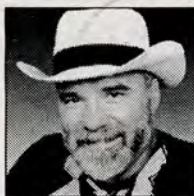


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**OFFICIAL OPENING**—Salt Spring's Co-op Daycare officially opened its doors Saturday. Bev Boss, a California child educator (left) and Barbara Ridell were surrounded by happy children as they cut the ribbon and announced the centre open.

## I'm giving presents of mind

*Wit & Whimsy ...*



*with Arthur Black*

I can see that winking red light at the end of the tunnel and I know only too well what it is. It is the juggernaut of Christmas bearing down on me like the Via Transcontinental.

And naturally, I haven't even started my Christmas shopping.

This is not a new event; it's just my personal universe unraveling as it usually at does this stage of the season. I have my own Yuletide tradition, which I observe without fail in the waning hours of December 24th each year. It's a wild-eyed kamikaze blitzkrieg assault on the local shopping mall. I descend like a berserker, my razor-sharp Visa card slashing right and left as bags, parcels and bundles of boodle pile up in my shopping cart.

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That's the way it usually works, but not this year. This year I am serene and composed. I am, for once, sitting in the Christmas cat-

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giving—it's a headache even for the rich. Back during the Roaring Twenties, John D. Rockefeller Senior was one of the richest men in the world. When he heard that his family had ordered an electric car for his Christmas present, he muttered "If it's all the same to you, I'd rather have the money."

That's fine for John D. but it doesn't solve my Christmas gift dilemma. For that I have to go back to this year's Nieman Marcus catalogue.

Thing is, I'm torn between the family of life size, full-service robots (including Barko, the robot dog which barks and wags his tail) and the catalogue's piece de resistance—this year's fantasy gift: a 188-foot custom-crafted submarine that sleeps 11 and can remain submerged for 40 days.

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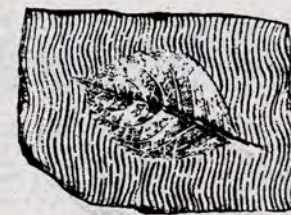
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warmth." Still, "Salt Spring is my favourite place in the world", says Kelly.

**The Book:** Sometimes I think I have read all the books I ever want to read so I think I'd take a blank book and fill it myself. If I did pick one, it would have to be a book that could make me giggle but I can't think of one.

**The Disc:** I don't listen to music anymore, I have a perfect CD player in my brain, a music radio in my head, I would want to take an instrument instead, I'd go nuts without a guitar.

**Fellow castaway:** My two sons River (23) and Tynan (20). They were both born at home here on SSI, which is an incredible place for a young person to be in the world. I love 'em to bits and don't see them enough. But when I do it is so cool, they are grown up men now and when we get together it's fun, we just hang out.

### TUESDAY DECEMBER 12

- Storytime for 3-5's**  
Public Library. 10-10:30am
- Noodle Making**  
Fables Cottage. 3:30pm
- ASA: Celebration**  
ArtSpring Lobby 'til Jan. 1
- Soup's On**  
Free soup and sandwich. All Saints'. 11:30-1pm
- SSI Prostrate Cancer Support Group.**  
Lions Hall, 1pm
- Flexible Strength**  
All Saints'. 9-10am

### WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 13

- Storytime Fables Cottage.** Wed-Fri. 10:30am
- KinderCraft 3-5's** Fables Cottage 1-2pm
- Family Open Stage**  
King's Lane Bowling Alley. 6-9pm
- KC Kelly CD Release Party.**  
Talons. Doors 5:30pm, Show 7pm
- Wednesday Night Live**  
Open Stage. Moby's Pub. 9pm
- GISS Concert** ArtSpring. 7:30pm
- Argentinian Tango**  
Lions' Hall. Practice 8-10pm
- Centering Prayer** Contemplative Centre. 8am
- S. End Centering Prayer** St. Mary's Fulford. 11am
- Caregivers Support Group.**  
Seniors' Centre. 11am
- Breastfeeding Support Group**  
Family Place. 1:30pm
- SS Hours Potluck Meeting**  
Family Place, Ganges Hill. 6pm
- PAC Meeting** Peer Counselling/Leadership. GISS Library. 7pm
- Step into Shape** All Saints'. 9-10am
- The Fitness Recipe** Mahon Hall. 9-10am
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### MONDAY DECEMBER 18

- Midnight Café**  
Acoustic Jam. Rose's Cafe. 7pm
- Cats Pajamas Dance Class**  
Lang Road Studio. 7:30pm
- Tango Practice**  
Lion's Hall. 7:30-9:30pm
- Vipassana Meditation**  
The Barn. 7:30pm
- Life Model Drawing**  
United Church. 1-3pm
- Step into Shape**  
All Saints'. 9-10am
- Cats Pajamas Feldenkrais Class**  
Lang Rd. Studio. 6pm
- Circuit Challenge**  
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- SSTV Cable Channel 12.**  
Around the World with R. Bateman and B. Foster. Pumpkins and Other Tales. 7pm

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### TUESDAY DECEMBER 19

- Storytime for 3-5's**  
Public Library. 10-10:30am
- Toy Library**  
Portlock & Beaver Point Hall. 9:30-10:30am
- Fulford Elem. School students singing Christmas.**  
At Credit Union. 11am
- Diana Thompson**  
Surrey Art Gallery
- ASA: Celebration**  
ArtSpring Lobby 'til Jan. 1
- Michael Aronoff "Connections"**  
Moby's. 'til Jan. 1
- Soup's On**  
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- Flexible Strength**  
All Saints'. 9-10am

### WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 20

- Storytime**  
Fables Cottage. Wed-Fri. 10:30am
- Christmas with Scrooge.**  
ArtSpring. Dec. 20, 7pm; Dec. 22, 7pm; Dec. 23, 2 & 7pm
- Family Open Stage**  
King's Lane Bowling Alley. 6-9pm
- Argentinian Tango**  
Lions' Hall. Practice 8-10pm
- Centering Prayer**  
Contemplative Centre. 8am
- S. End Centering Prayer**  
St. Mary's Fulford. 11am
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## Christmas with Scrooge returns

*Christmas with Scrooge* is being remounted this year on December 20, 22 and 23 at ArtSpring. The play was first presented at Mahon Hall in 1971 as *Christmas Madness*. Since then the musical has undergone many changes but has remained true to its origins; it has become Salt Spring's Christmas tradition with fun and nostalgia for the entire family.

After the original performances, the musical went into retirement, but was brought back again in 1993. The 1999 production, presented at ArtSpring, saw the quaint one-act play become a full-fledged two-act musical. Virginia Newman's abundant creativity produced new scenes and new songs, including a Puccini-esque trio and the "Three Little Maids" (à la Gilbert & Sullivan). The appearance of a Wagnerian soprano, resplendent in breastplates of leather, was an instant success with audiences.

*Christmas with Scrooge* has always been a family affair and there has never been a lack of Islanders ready to join the cast and orchestra. In the beginning, Sue and Amy Newman's school chums were always

ready to become a part of the play. First joining the musical as Spotty Dog, Amy later went on to play Belle. Her sister, Sue, started out as the Christmas Fairy and (with the exception of one year) has been the only one to take this role. This year, Sue's daughter Lauren Bowler will be seen as Belle. And through it all, Virginia Newman has been leading the orchestra from the keyboard.

Legions of Islanders have taken roles in *Scrooge* and cast lists can read like a who's who of Salt Spring. Many of the cast return year after year to recreate their roles or grow into new ones.

Several Islanders have left a their mark on *Scrooge*. Olive Clayton's lasting influence on *Christmas with Scrooge* is the suggestion to expand the Fezziwig Ball scene into a mini-pantomime featuring the collected talents of the community. Mary Williamson is remembered for saying that each birth of an Island boy should be registered with the Newman players so there would always be a Tiny Tim waiting in the wings.

Patrick Cassidy reprises his version of Scrooge for the upcoming production. Also



Mr. Fezziwig poses with one of his daughters. Or rather, Murray Shoolbraid poses with Patrice Bowler in front of the chandelier created by Cathy Young, and loaned to *Christmas with Scrooge* by Tuned Air and the Salt Spring Concert Band.

returning to their favourite roles are Patrice Bowler as Tiny Tim, Kevin Wilkie as Bob Cratchit, and Murray Shoolbraid as Mr. Fezziwig.

New to the show are Erik Vanderwekken as Young Scrooge and Leslie Corry and Patsy Siemens as the Charity Women. The role of the Wagnerian Soprano will no doubt reach the pinnacle of operatic heights with the performance of Debbi Toole.

One actor that will likely get

the most attention is Penny, the horse. This will be Penny's debut performance and it will be the first time a horse will appear on the ArtSpring stage.

The show has undergone many changes over the years but has never lost the charm and nostalgia that have made *Christmas with Scrooge* an Island tradition. The cast invites audience members to join the fun and come dressed as their favourite Dickensian character.

## Gallery ready for busy season

by Maggie Warbey

The Waterfront Gallery, I've been told, is where Santa and Mrs. Claus shop for those special Christmas presents for each other. And why not? This gallery, in the heart of Ganges, displays the largest collection of high quality, locally hand-crafted arts and crafts on the Island.

This season, the Waterfront Gallery is once again bulging with everything from stocking stuffers like quality soaps, candles, herbal teas and vinegars to big gift items that include Babs O'Brien's hand painted silk scarves and clothing, imaginative fashionable hats, fine sterling silver and gold jewelry, stained glass, folk art, and a wide variety of artistic and functional pottery from the hands of Island artisans Pat Webber, Judy Wedden, Gary Cherneff, Merle Box and Melissa Searcy.

The gift ideas don't stop there. For the little ones in your life, you'll find beautifully-crafted baby quilts, warm clothing, caps and woolly slippers. Don't forget the display of dresses that will turn every little girl into a princess. For the bigger folks, winter-warm sheepskin slippers and other accessories say, "I care" in a practical way.

The walls of the Waterfront Gallery are covered with beauty and practicality, too. While my favorite is the large mirror surrounded

with papier maché elephants and other African animals (created by Maureen DeJulio), I also admire the wind chimes, stoneware meditation fountains and kitchen utensils with handles of exotic woods. In fact, there's nothing in the gallery that wouldn't be welcome under anyone's Christmas tree.

The Waterfront was the first gallery on the Island to offer arts and crafts created exclusively by local artisans. It began 22 years ago when a small group of fibre artists got together to create a co-operative shop and studio space. The gallery has since grown to represent more than 75 Gulf Island artisans who are involved in every type of artistic endeavor and who all share the original group's dedication to high quality and excellent craftsmanship. Originally located on the waterfront, the name was changed to Off the Waterfront Gallery five years ago when the membership decided they needed a larger display area for a year-round gallery.

Browsing through the Waterfront Gallery today is like a trip to the candy store for adults: bright and beautiful, interesting and unusual, every item on display shines with a wealth of creative spark and the craftsman's love of the work. It's no wonder that the Claus family shops where they find gifts that speak of the joy of giving.

## Winterfest runs again Saturday

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## Thinking like a painter

# Robert Bateman releases new book

by Dayle Gaetz

Robert Bateman's delightfully readable new book is a physical embodiment of its inner message: small is beautiful. In contrast to his ever-popular coffee table books, *Thinking Like a Mountain* fits comfortably in your hand or slides neatly into a jacket pocket. Attractively illustrated with black and white drawings, the book is less an offering from Bateman, the renowned wildlife artist, and more a work of Bateman, the world traveller and naturalist.

Although the occasion of Bateman's 70th birthday provided the catalyst to complete this project in 2000, his thoughts and reflections have been germinating "since about 1960." This was a pivotal time in his life, when Bateman travelled around the world with old friend and now fellow-Salt Spring Islander, Bristol Foster.

Even as they visited tribal peoples in Africa and Asia, they saw signs that many of these cultures were heading toward extinction. This experience, combined with

disturbing observations about the environment, led to what soon became a central concern of Bateman's life: "the rapid disappearance of our natural heritage and our human heritage."

Despite its weighty subject matter, *Thinking Like a Mountain* is anything but heavy reading. This collection of short essays invites every reader on a pleasant jaunt through a lifetime and around the planet. Each essay reads like a little story; each one paints a clear picture with a few carefully chosen words and shows by example rather than attempting to preach.

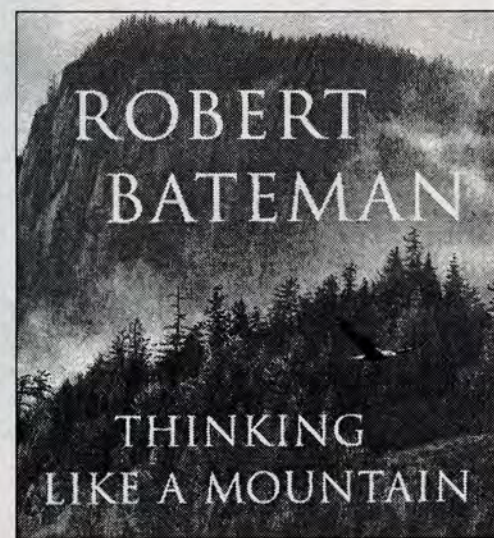
The book is divided into three sections. In "Getting to Know the Neighbours," Bateman stresses the importance of spending time in the natural world, of "seeing, hearing, smelling, feeling" and respecting our natural neighbours by observing

them and learning their names.

"Message in the Bones" begins with the statement: "I didn't know whether to laugh or cry," and goes on

rapids...we have the choice to steer or not to steer, but we do not have the option of getting out...." Nevertheless, his final section, "Signs of Hope," offers examples of people who are achieving impressive results for their own well-being and the natural world around them.

*Thinking Like a Mountain* is dedicated, "To my grandchildren and my grandchildren's children." It is a book for all our grandchildren. It should be read slowly, over time and place. Settle on a beach with



to describe the stark beauty of huge whalebones stacked on a lonely Antarctic shore. The geometric shapes might delight an artist's eye but the wholesale slaughter they represent brings tears to the naturalist.

The essay "Beyond the Rapids" recognizes difficult choices ahead: "As if we are in a canoe that has hit the

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office by December 22.

To date, there have been two open stages organized by Jackie Teskey and Christina Behrens (who are both local songwriters, poets and performers). Their open stages have

been well attended and enjoyed by performers and audience members alike.

Food and drinks will be served at the concession and donations to help finance future events will be gratefully accepted. Jackie

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## Aronoff connects years of work

Michael Aronoff's show of acrylics on canvas called *Connections* opened at Moby's last Friday and runs to December 31. Some of the paintings in the show were started in 1992 and have been developed and reworked over time as the artist's life has changed. The continuity of the dialogue in each painting from beginning to end, and the relationship of each piece to the other, suggested the show's title. In his artist's statement, Aronoff wrote, "I am struck by the realization that the original intent, though intuitive and unstructured, stayed consistent throughout the years. All these pieces are connected in theme, approach and technique in spite of the absence of preconception or agenda."

In this collection, Aronoff aimed for a choreography of movement which favours asymmetry and gives ambiguity to the sense of foreground/background. He encouraged a soft-focus



Fractal Flower (above) is in Michael Aronoff's show at Moby's. "I believe that to move gracefully through the infinite complexity of life is to see and work with a sense of continuity. To see the continuity and the direction of a flow, however wildly out of balance and irregular, I search for connections." —from the artist's statement

approach to forms and used an intuitive sense of "rightness" in judging when they worked. He stated, "Abstraction leaves the potential wide open and prone to

failures. How can I judge what works and what doesn't? I have attempted to be more tolerant of dissonant or dominant images and colour, allowing them to

assert themselves and then permitting their environment or neighbouring elements to settle in next to or opposite them to see how they might dialogue both within the frame and, by suggestion, with what might be outside the frame on another scale."

Aronoff, who was born in Montreal 50 years ago, studied art seriously from his early teens onward. He studied at the Saiyde Bronfman Centre, École des Beaux Arts, with an artist in his studio and then at Concordia University in 1972, graduating with a Bachelor of fine arts degree. Aronoff continued to paint and exhibit in and around Montreal. He came to Salt Spring in 1977 and has been pursuing the arts, music, dance movement, painting, writing and woodwork since landing here. He is now getting back to a fuller focus on his first love, painting, and plans to continue producing work for future shows.

## Christmas in Wales performed Friday

by Maggie Warbey

The afternoon of December 15, well-known actor/director Scott Hylands brings the magic of Dylan Thomas' *A Child's Christmas in Wales* to the ArtSpring stage. The audience is invited to enjoy tea and scones from 3 to 4 p.m. while they visit with friends and neighbours and are entertained by live music played by Terry Warbey. Tickets are just \$4 and include refreshments. Hylands reported that all profits from this performance will go toward the ArtSpring production fund. "It's wonderful to have a beautiful theatre," he said. "Now we need to make sure there is money to fill the stage with quality performers and performances."

*A Child's Christmas in Wales* has become a treas-

ured holiday season tradition. It is a fine work of art that appeals to the theatre of the ear and heart. According to Hylands, the performance of this work is an experience in minimalism. "It attracts just because it is bare: the stage and the reader, the quality of voice, the drama of the reading. It is compelling when there is nothing to concentrate on but a voice. One relies on the greatness of the poet; one is always safe with Dylan Thomas," he said.

Hylands expects that this performance will have special appeal for the older members of the community. By staging it in the afternoon, he hopes to make it more accessible for those who hesitate to go out after dark. He notes that many older people find it hard to get to performances at Art-

Spring, yet they are the very ones who are most used to, and most appreciative of, serious live theatre. Hylands feels that the expectations, tastes and circumstances of this generation should be given more attention by theatre planners.

The main reason that Hylands decided to stage *A Child's Christmas in Wales* is that it resonates with the older, as well as the younger, audience. He pointed out, "any theatre that has a consistent heart beat, a planned and delivered season of production, needs to appeal to all audiences, especially the theatre-wise seniors." He expressed concern that ArtSpring does not seem to attract many of the older members of the community. "It's their theatre, too. It's the people's place," he

said. He hopes that this 35-minute journey into the treasures of the theatre, the poet, and the place will encourage more people to be at ArtSpring more often, to use the space and to enjoy what it is and can be.

*A Child's Christmas in Wales* has become a traditional part of holiday celebrations, just like the holly, Christmas tree, tea and scones, and sharing with friends and family. All these will brighten the afternoon for everyone who joins in the activities at ArtSpring from 3 p.m. this Friday, December 15. Tickets are \$4, available at the ArtSpring box office.

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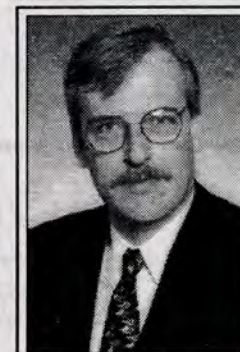
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# Reviewed in 60 seconds



Flick Pick ...  
with Jason Tudor

One of the biggest problems with being a reviewer is having to explain how a movie gets a certain number of stars. The important part to understand is, even though both get four stars in my book, you can't compare, for example, *American Pie* to *American Beauty*. You need something of the same genre, like *There's Something About Mary* or, going further back, *Porky's*. Otherwise it's like comparing a 747 to an F-14 Tomcat. This is why, with all confidence, I can give *Gone in 60 Seconds* three stars.

The plot of the film, boiled down, has to do with Nicholas Cage's character Memphis Raines' having to steal 50 exotic cars in four days so his brother won't be killed by an evil mobster. Memphis doesn't want to do it, having given up the business, but nevertheless gathers up his old posse and formulates a plan with them.

Okay, so artistically this film really is pathetic. After

all, it's a film produced by Jerry Bruckheimer, whose previous credits include such art-film classics as *Bad Boys*, *Con-Air*, *The Rock*, and *Armageddon*. They are plotless, have absolutely horrible dialogue, are paced like a two-hour long MTV video, and pander to the lowest common denominator. For these reasons, they are also genuinely fun in a "slow down, honey, look at the car accident" sort of way.

I honestly thought *Gone in 60 Seconds* would bore me. No such luck. It has great cheesy dialogue delivered by an incredible cast, including Christopher Eccleston as the bad guy who is bad because, well, he has an English accent (and hates baseball! Sacrilege!). As for the car chases, they are pretty good, but not as good as those in *Ronin*. I guess you can't be perfect all of the time.

Warning: 14a

Running time: 1 hour 58 minutes

Rating: \*\*\*



Dawn Hage, centre, conducted Tuned Air, left, and the Salt Spring Concert Band at ArtSpring last weekend.

## Two groups, one love for music

by Gail Trafford

A Musical Garland brought together the Salt Spring Concert Band and Tuned Air in what may be the most publicized love affair of the Christmas season. Susheela Dawne, host of the weekend performances, described the first joining of the two distinct groups as the passionate encounter of new lovers.

Dawn Hage is the matchmaker in this affair. Director of both groups she envisioned the joint performance as a step to new heights for both groups. Last season Hage emerged from a six-year hiatus from her hectic music career. A professional trumpet player, teacher and clinician holding a Master of Music degree, Hage performed with numerous orchestras and ensembles including the Edmonton Symphony Orchestra and the brass trio Triceratops before moving to Salt Spring in 1993.

In 1999 Hage was enthusiastically endorsed as director of the Salt Spring Concert Band and this weekend was her debut as director of the local choir, Tuned Air.

As the show began, the strains of *O Come All Ye Faithful* joyfully welcomed Christmas to Salt Spring. The choir became one voice in a spectacular arrangement with the full concert band, while antiphonal brass echoed from the rafters to the stage.

Under the shimmering light of a huge chandelier the black, white and silver-clad performers became an elegant presence that filled the stage. Susheela Dawne quieted the audience and invited everyone to envision a collection of tuning forks of the same pitch. Strike one and they all pick up the vibrations. She invited the audience to open themselves to the musical vibrations of the players and reverberate with the music.

Tuned Air joined their voices in *African Praise Noel*. Their enjoyment was obvious as they bobbed and swayed with the music. Hage explained that the sections were divided by allowing each singer to choose the part he or she enjoyed most. That enjoyment was loud and clear in both the music and the movement.

*Mazama* (a legend of the Pacific Northwest) featured the concert band in a non-traditional piece that used chants and sounds from the continent's aboriginal ancestors. It was a challenging performance, tuned to perfection.

Tuned Air treated the audience to traditional carols with German, Argentinian and Liberian origins in a truly international celebration. Traditional North American carols like *Lead On, O King Eternal* evoked memories and even tears as hearts soared with the rising voices.

To open the second half of

the performance the choir filed onto the aisle stairs and sang the *Huron Carol*. The intimate setting and sweet simple notes and harmonies were so inviting the audience had to bite a collective tongue to keep from joining in with the singers.

The group dedicated their performance of the poem and song *Stopping by the Woods on a Snowy Evening* to the memory of Sid Wigen, a choir member for the last decade. It was a touching moment to honour one who had put so much into the choir.

With this performance the Salt Spring Concert Band and the Tuned Air Choir collectively gave Salt Spring one of this year's first and most harmonious Christmas gifts. This collaboration may have created a new love affair between Salt Spring and grand performances uniting diverse groups in musical harmony.

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# ISLAND TAILS



*Island Wildlife Natural Care Centre*

Fall 2000

Second Issue

## *Orphans; every one*

As Director of one of the two primary rehabilitation facilities for orphaned Harbour Seal pups in B.C. (the other being The Vancouver Aquarium), I am concerned about the level of misinformation regarding orphaned seal pups and mother-pup interactions.

I have looked extensively for any scientific references that even remotely indicate that a mother Harbour Seal will routinely leave her pup unattended while she goes off foraging. As far as I am concerned, no such references exist. In fact, every reference I could find documents exactly the opposite behavior. Harbour Seal mothers do not leave their pups unattended and prone to predation while they go off to feed. Scientists believe that many mothers may very well fast for most or all of the lactation period.

According to scientist, Sarah Allen, Point Reyes National Seashore, Point Reyes, CA, "If a female leaves a pup for more than a day, it is likely abandoned. The age of the pup is also a factor for the length of time of separation. Older pups may wander off for longer periods than a newborn; however, even older pups will not be separated for more than a day. Pups often disappear within that time period but I have seen no data on whether they have been reunited with a female. Radio-tagged females that I have followed were in constant contact with their pups until weaning."

As for people innocently picking up a pup while its mother is away, and thus making an orphan of the seal; this is in complete contrast to my experience. I have cared for hundreds of Harbour Seal pups over the last six or seven years. I have not seen a fat healthy pup brought into any facility that I have been associated with.

In a telephone conversation with Harbour Seal researcher Peter Ross, he stated that in his extensive experience, any healthy seal pup over ten hours old is in the water "like a shot", when approached by humans.

I have created Island Wildlife Natural Care Centre to ease animal suffering and to save lives. This misinformation which seems to be so pervasive is causing a great deal of unnecessary suffering and death.

On July 7, we received our third pup of the 2000 season. The unfortunate little pup was a premature birth that weighed in at twelve pounds. She was an orphan and she was dying. A major B.C. animal welfare organization told the concerned party to leave it alone and watch it for three days! That advice would have been a death sentence for the helpless pup, had the rescuers believed them.

John Calambokidis of Cascadia Research, Olympia, WA, says, "I do think agencies over play the chances that pups will be reunited with their mothers. There have been anecdotal reports of mothers returning to get their pups but I am not sure on the validity of these. I also think it is important to consider whether there is a rehabilitation center able and willing to take pups. In most areas there are far more orphaned pups than could ever be cared for by all the rehabilitation centers. These factors have made the exaggerated statements about the chances of pups being reunited a convenient excuse for leaving the animals alone."

Over the last three years, Island Wildlife has admitted more than 100 orphaned seal pups to the facility. Many of those animals that did not survive the initial twenty-four hours had been watched on a beach for up to a week after following erroneous advice.

"....I agree with Jeff", states Robin Baird, biologist with Dalhousie University. "Leaving a pup on the beach for 48 hours (with no sign of the mother) is probably seriously increasing the probability that any rehab process will be unsuccessful".

Frequently we are told, "you are interfering, let nature take its course." Certainly natural mortalities are part of the ecosystem. But we have traveled so far beyond anything natural in the environment. I received an e-mail report the other day that stated; It has been revealed that almost 700 pinnipeds, including 470 Harbour Seals, 133 California Sea Lions and 87 Steller Sea Lions were killed under predator control permits by the British Columbia fish farming industry in 1999. It has also been reported that more than 5,000 seals and sea lions were legally killed by the industry during the 1990s.

Let's say, for the sake of argument, that five seals out of forty that found their way to our centre were dying of natural causes and the Wildlife Centre stepped in and interfered. Is there really anything wrong with that? In the shadow of this mountain of animal misery that humans have caused, why can't we err on the positive side once in a while? Why can't we intervene and save a few lives? God knows we take them freely enough.

If you see a Harbour Seal pup that is orphaned, injured or just seems to be alone, note the exact location, keep people and dogs away and call Island Wildlife immediately.

## *From the Director (Jeff)*

"How are you doin'?" A question most of us probably answer every day. But how often do we stop and think about how we really are doing. At the Wildlife Centre, where we are so deeply involved in the day to day operations of our facility, it is difficult to distance oneself to the point where we can actually look back and see how we are doing.

Sure we are growing every year. Building new structures, hiring more staff and most certainly rescuing more animals than ever before. But all of the growth, all of the successes and all of the wild animals returned healthy, back to their natural habitat is all in a day's work. This is what we are here for. What really seems to stick with us and weigh heavily on each of us are the losses. The precious animals struggling to survive yet slipping away in spite of our best efforts. These stay with us long after the joys of an eagle bursting into free flight or a rehabilitated seal pup swimming off toward Wallace Island.

This summer was a particularly difficult Harbour Seal pupping season for us at Island Wildlife. Our season began in early June with the admittance of our first pup, Toblerone. Tobler was prematurely born, perhaps by as much as a month. He was severely under weight, jaundiced and in respiratory distress. Around the clock care, oxygen therapy, homeopathy, herbal treatments and antibiotics all played an important role in Tobler's survival. As Tobler became stable and began to gain weight, he was soon joined by the expected summer deluge of needy orphaned pups; thirty-nine in all this year.

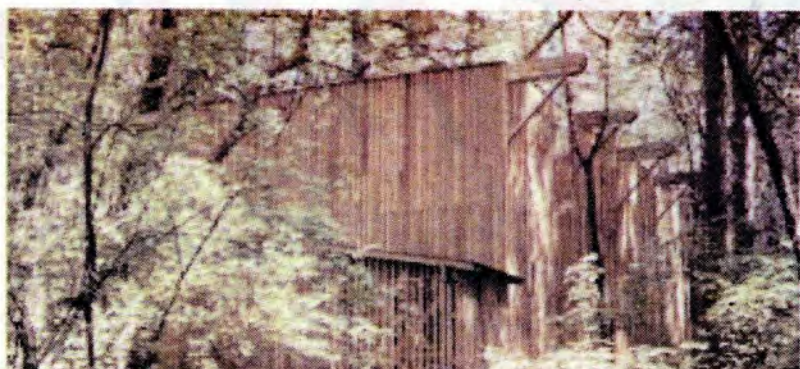
Life was never easy for Tobler as he battled back from serious bouts of vomiting, difficulty thermoregulating and a minor surgical procedure for a herniated umbilicus. Tobler's will to survive seemed as strong as our commitment to see him through all of his trials. Unfortunately, some things just aren't meant to be. Nine weeks later, after almost doubling his weight and graduating from intensive care to one of the sixteen-foot pools, Tobler died. As with all of the pups that don't survive, Tobler underwent a post mortem examination to try and determine the cause of death. For the most part, everything looked normal. That is until we took a really close look at Tobler's adrenal glands. Just barely visible to the naked eye were a few tiny, dark spots in the adrenal cortex. Chills ran down my spine as my mind fixed on the only probable explanation for these lesions. Toblerone had PHV; seal Herpesvirus.

Little doubt existed that Toblerone was born with the virus. (continued on page D)





## Take a tour of The Centre



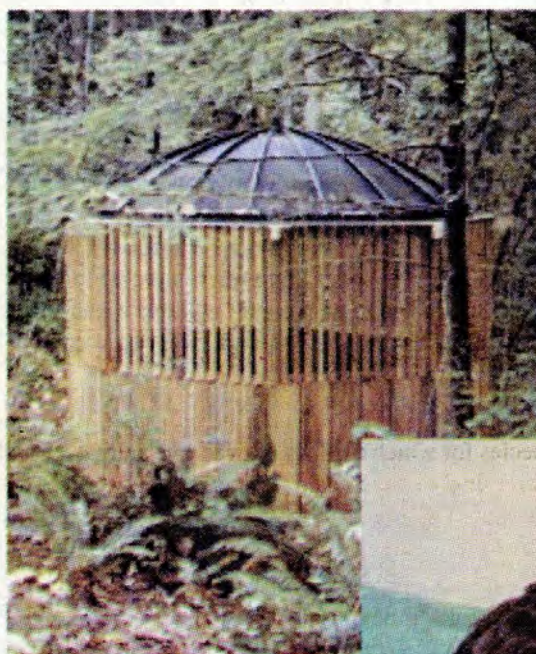
110' long flight cage is used to exercise and flight train large birds such as this Barn Owl and Golden Eagle.



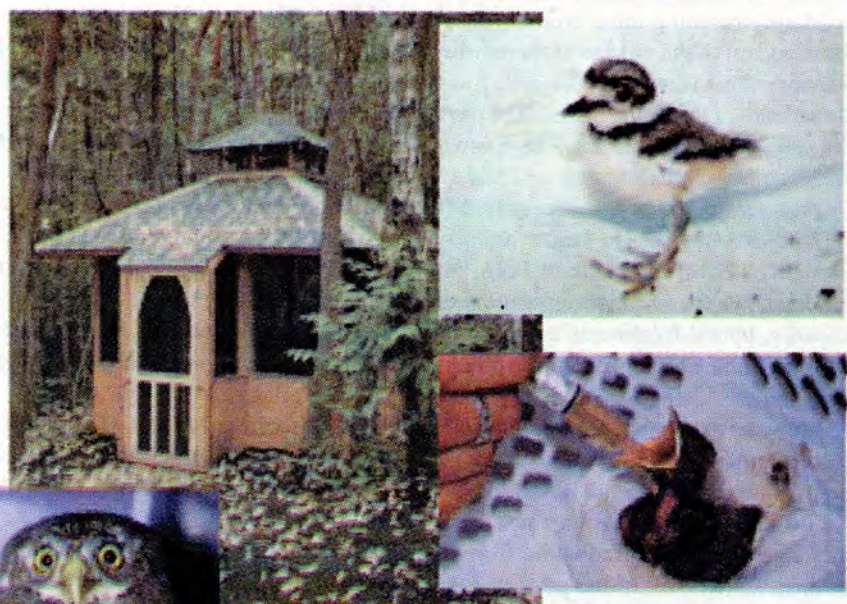
Our well equipped examination room with intensive care incubators and diagnostic laboratory is the first stop for all birds and small mammals.



Constructed as a memorial to Ava Samuel, the new River Otter pen has been home to many different species, from Canada Geese to a large seal.



This highly specialized enclosure contains a six foot pool surrounded by horizontal netting for rehabilitating seabirds like this Grebe and oil spill victims that have undergone intensive washing.



Modeled after a charming gazebo, the aviary eventually houses most of the hundreds of small injured and baby birds that are admitted to The Centre. Pictured above, a Kildeer and Robin learned to forage and fly in the gazebo, once they got a little older. Tiny owls like this Northern Pygmy Owl have also briefly called the gazebo home.



The heart of The Wildlife Centre is our food preparation kitchen where the dietary needs of more than one hundred different species are catered to. Below is our new walk in freezer which when full can hold 4,500 pounds of frozen herring.



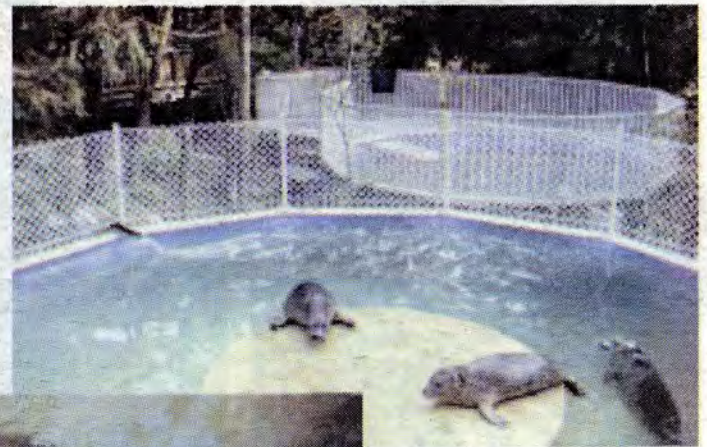


## Continue the tour



Seal pup intensive care is where The Wildlife Centre really shines. 75% to 80% of all our pups leave intensive care healthy and ultimately are released back into the ocean.

Once pups are stable and disease free, they graduate to one of our three large pools. Here they build endurance and more than triple their body weight in preparation for life in the wild.



Elaborate filtration systems keep the pool water clean and pathogen free.

## Cat predation on wildlife

How many birds and other wildlife do domestic cats kill each year? In the U.S., cats are estimated to kill hundreds of millions of birds and more than a billion small mammals, such as rabbits, chipmunks, squirrels, and shrews each year. Cats not only kill plentiful animals, but rare and endangered species for which the loss of even one animal is significant. The scientific community is increasingly concerned about cat predation.

Cats are not a natural part of ecosystems. The domestic cat, *Felis catus*, is a descendant of the wild cat of Africa and extreme southwestern Asia, *Felis silvestris libyca*. Domesticated in Egypt approximately 4,000 years ago, cats were introduced to Europe around 2,000 years ago. Cats were introduced to North America when Europeans arrived on this continent, but were brought in large numbers during the latter part of the nineteenth century in an attempt to control burgeoning rodent populations associated with the spread of agriculture. Some people presume that a cat killing certain animals, such as field mice, is beneficial, but native small mammals are important to maintaining biologically diverse ecosystems. For example, mice and shrews are an important food source for birds such as the Great Horned Owl, Red-tailed Hawk, and American Kestrel.

Pet cats compete with and have huge advantages over native predators. They may be afforded some protection from disease, predation, competition, and starvation, factors which control native

predators such as owls, bobcats, and foxes. Cats with dependable food supplies are not as vulnerable to changes in prey populations. Unlike many native predators, cats are not strictly territorial, keeping members of their own species out of a given area. As a result, cats can exist at much higher densities and may out-compete native predators for food. In addition, unaltered cats are prolific breeders. A female cat can have up to three litters per year, with four-to-six kittens per litter. Some free-roaming

domestic cats kill more than 100

animals each year. One regularly fed cat that roamed a wildlife experiment station was recorded to have killed more than 1600 animals over 18 months. Birds that nest or feed on the ground are the most susceptible to cat predation, as are nestlings and fledglings of many other bird species.

Because some island bird populations evolved in the absence of mammalian predators, they have no defense mechanisms against them. When an efficient predator such as the domestic cat is introduced or abandoned on an island, elimination of entire bird populations can result. Domestic cats are considered primarily responsible for the extinction of eight island bird species and the eradication of over 40 bird species from New Zealand islands alone.

Some people mistakenly believe: (1) Well-fed cats are not a danger to wildlife; (2) Putting a bell on a cat is an effective way to deter predation; (3) Interrupting an attack by a cat allows the prey to escape and live; (4) Stray cat colonies present no danger to wildlife.

Well-fed cats do kill birds: Well-fed cats kill birds and other wildlife because the hunting instinct is independent of the urge to eat. In one study, six cats were presented with a live small rat while eating their preferred food. All six cats stopped eating the food, killed the rat, and then resumed eating the food. Cats with bells on their collars do kill birds: Studies have shown that bells on collars are not effective in preventing cats from killing birds or other wildlife. Birds do not necessarily associate the sound of a bell with danger, and cats with bells can learn to silently stalk their prey. Even if the bell on the collar rings, it may ring too late, and bells offer no protection for helpless nestlings and fledglings. Birds that seem to escape don't get away unscathed: Contrary to popular belief that birds and other small animals can be rescued from a cat attack and get away unharmed, wildlife rehabilitation centers report that most small animals injured by cats die. Cats carry many types of bacteria and viruses in their mouths, some of which can be transmitted to their victims. Even if treatment is administered immediately, only about 20 percent of these patients survive the ordeal. A victim that looks perfectly healthy may die from internal hemorrhaging or injury to vital organs.

Cats are not ultimately responsible for killing our native wildlife--people are. For more information and ideas on what you can do about cat predation, contact:

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# Island Wildlife Natural Care Centre



The Discovery Channel visited us for a program that will air in January, 2001.



This pathetic little creature was our first N. Fur Seal patient. She was successfully rehabilitated and released in April.



Many animals this year owe their survival to pilot Norm Snihur. When minutes counted, Norm never let us down.

## From the Director (continued from page A)

We brought him into our centre, prolonged his life and unwittingly exposed many pups to this deadly virus. According to the Provincial Veterinary Pathologist, this was the first documented case of PHV in all of Canada.

Herpesvirus in seal pups is deadly, highly communicable and almost impossible to diagnose in a live animal. Marine mammal centres in The States that have experienced Herpesvirus have tragically lost 50% or more of their pups, year after year. Herpes is a nightmare.

Rather than keeping you in suspense, let me jump to the end of pupping season. My thinking is that our focus on Alternative Medicine, our constant push to support and strengthen our patient's natural immune systems paid off in a big way. The outbreak was controlled with few losses. Maybe we just got lucky.

Luck wasn't smiling on us with some of the other pathogens threatening to take our pups. Repeated Pseudomonas bacterial respiratory infections thinned our numbers. Pseudomonas is another highly virulent bacteria that seemed to defy treatment from our most intensive broad spectrum antibiotic therapies. Consulting veterinarian Derick Milton remarked that he had never seen so much resistance to antibiotics in any species, wild or domestic, as he has seen in the bacteria infecting our seals.

Another first for us, and according to the pathologist, perhaps a first in North America, was a strain of Streptococcus bacteria specific to seals. Once again, resistant to our best efforts and antibiotics, two more pups taken from us.

So as you can see, it might be easy to start to wonder just how are we doing? These are not just anonymous animals that come and go. We invest everything in these fragile lives. Every fiber of our being is focused on these pups surviving. So, after a month of particularly hard losses, I was not surprised by the attitude of one staff member taking the losses especially hard and personally. She was feeling powerless; as if all of her skill and education meant nothing and her impact on the lives of these animals was negligible. We talked for hours as I tried to explain that these animals would have died at any centre in the world and an orphaned pup's best chances for survival rested in our hands. As I tried to explain that I believed our young, under staffed, under funded centre probably did the best work in North America, I could see that this was just so much rhetoric falling on deaf ears. I needed to substantiate my optimism.

Usually when I turn to the internet for information it is a frustrating experience as I fall short of finding exactly what I am looking for. This time I struck gold. The Marine Mammal Center (TMMC) in Sausalito, California, reputed to be the crown jewel of marine mammal centres, published their 1999 Annual Report on-line. This is a centre with a medical department, a science department, an education department and an army of nearly eight hundred volunteers and forty paid staff members. Seals are cared for by some of the finest marine mammal veterinarians and in 1999 their fund-raising efforts brought in more than \$4,000,000 in financial support.

In 1998, TMMC admitted 113 Harbour Seal pups and successfully released 15%. In all fairness, El Nino and Herpesvirus played a major role in their disappointing results. What about Island Wildlife? In 1998 we admitted 36 orphaned pups and released 75%. In 1999, TMMC admitted 34 Harbour Seal pups, and as printed in their annual report, the survival rate of harbor seal pups was nearly 60% this year an astonishing achievement.

In 1999, Island Wildlife admitted 42 pups and saved 80%. Talk about astonishing. This year, 2000, in spite of many hard losses, we have still managed to rehabilitate 75% of our pups.

I don't really like comparing ourselves to other centres. However I have seen the faces on people when I tell them that we lost ten seal pups this year. Without presenting this in proper context, it is difficult to understand what we are up against and just how this little Salt Spring charity has triumphed.

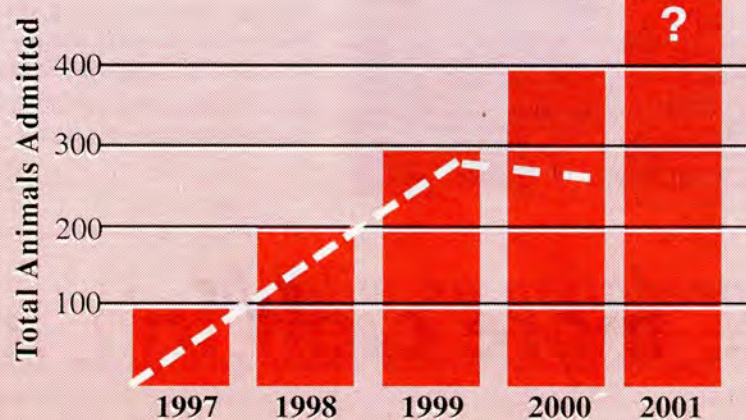
So now, when I ask myself how are we doing? I can answer without hesitation; we're doing pretty damn good!

## Join the rescue team

If you've just spent the last few minutes absorbing our newsletter, then you have probably reached the conclusion, that in just 3 1/2 years, we have created a world class wildlife centre. For us, this is just the beginning. The animals in need deserve the best possible care and we are determined to ensure that that is exactly what they continue to get.

We are limited only by the amount of money that we can bring in. The graph below shows the steady increase in animals admitted to The Centre. The broken white line indicates our funding from you, the public. As you can see, funding is not keeping pace with the demands placed on us for animal care. Like a child without adequate food, without enough funding our growth too will be stunted.

We at The Wildlife Centre can't sleep at night knowing a deer is suffering on the side of the road. And we can't allow an orphaned seal pup to die slowly on a lonely beach. If you agree with what Island Wildlife stands for; if you value life in all forms as we do; then help us in our continued efforts. Become an integral part of our wildlife rescue team by making a tax deductible donation. Together we can save a lot of lives and ease a great deal of suffering.



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**Total Mammals Admitted in 2000: 92**

Harbour Seals: 39, Northern Fur Seal: 1, Deer: 24, Beaver: 1, Bats: 3, River Otter: 1, Misc: 23

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# Symphony to play Island resident

The Vancouver Symphony Orchestra will play a new work by Salt Spring composer Mark Hand in January. The 12-minute piece, entitled *Quercus*, was commissioned for the symphony by the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation. *Quercus* is Latin for "oak tree." In describing the piece in a press release, the composer said, "One can gaze at a familiar old tree and take comfort in its permanence, but the tree does not remain the same from year to year, or even from week to week. Subtly, inevitably the tree is constantly renewed. This 'changing yet not changing' is reflected in the piece. It is a spare and serene work, inspired by the natural beauty of the West Coast. The open texture is reminiscent of the spaciousness of a Garry oak meadow." The composer has dedicated this work to his mother, the Manitoba landscape artist, Vera Hand.

Mark Hand was born in Winnipeg, Manitoba where he graduated with the University Gold Medal in Music in 1978. After attaining his library science degree, he took up the post of music librarian with the Saskatoon Public Library. For 13 years he was national

librarian for the Canadian Music Centre, headquartered in Toronto. Since 1997 he has lived and worked on Salt Spring with his partner Paul Gravett, the new executive director of ArtSpring.



Mark Hand's new work, *Quercus*, will premiere with the VSO this January.

A winner of numerous scholarships and grants, Hand began his compositional career with a win in the CBC national radio competition for young Canadian composers for his work *Soliloquy*. This was subsequently performed in Vancouver, Toronto and Dallas, and recorded on a Radio

Canada International album featuring the soprano Joanne Dorenfeld. He has received commissioning grants from the Manitoba Arts Council, the Ontario Arts Council, the Canada Council for the Arts and the CBC, on behalf of Winnipeg's Music Inter Alia series, Toronto's Arraymusic, Winnipeg's Aurora Musicale, Waterloo's NUMUS concerts, among others. His music, often characterized as "static and delicate" and "placid yet expressive" has been heard in Canada, the United States and England.

Over the past few years, Hand has focused his creative energy on graphic design. "I hadn't written a note of music for several years," said Hand, "but when Bramwell Tovey, the new conductor of the VSO, called me and asked if I would like to write a piece for the orchestra, I could hardly say 'no'."

*Quercus* will be performed on January 26 and 27 as part of the VSO's season at the Chan Centre in Vancouver. Maestro Kazuyoshi Akiyama will also conduct works by Mozart and R. Strauss. The CBC will be recording the concert for broadcast on *In Performance* on its Radio 2 network in the new year.

## One more craft fair this season

by Maggie Warbey

This weekend is your opportunity to visit another craft fair and enjoy the sights, sounds, and smells of a real Island-style Christmas. The 11th annual Last Minute Christmas Craft Fair returns to Mahon Hall this year. April Curtis, who has organized this craft extravaganza from the beginning, says that, as always, the crafts people are making a special effort to deck the hall with boughs of holly and pine and to present a truly special lighting display. Also in the air will be the smell of hot apple cider, tea and coffee as shoppers stop for drinks and a Christmas treat, by donation.

This year, the fair includes a wide range of locally-produced CDs and tapes, both musical and educational. April notes that there are so

many local musicians who have produced CDs this year that she expects to have quite a selection on hand. Throughout the three days of the fair, musicians and singers will be on hand to entertain shoppers with live performances.

Altogether, the craft fair will showcase more than 35 artisans, artists, crafters and performers. "There's everything from stocking stuffers to fine art available," said Curtis. "Books by local authors; photographic and hand painted cards; jewellery of all kinds; gourmet treats like fine cheeses, jams and vinegars; woodwork; medieval games; clothing in silk, hemp, fleece and cotton, including snuggly nightgowns; paintings in water, oil and acrylic; candles; metal sculpture; astrological forecasts; dried

flowers; massage tools; award-winning herbal creams and gels; pottery and tableware—this is just a partial list of the goods that will be on sale," said Curtis.

The Last Minute Christmas Craft Fair came into being 11 years ago when members of Off Centre Stage, some of whom were both thespians and crafts people, noticed that the other craft fairs were over before the real holiday season had begun. Why not a last-minute craft fair, they thought. One that would be for people who still needed gifts, who still wanted to buy nice things that were locally-produced. So started this Island tradition.

The fair is actually a fundraiser for Off Centre Stage and the production company, Theatre Re-

sources. The profit from the fair goes directly into seeding new productions, and into the purchase of theatre equipment, which is made available to all theatre groups in the community.

Curtis commented that each of the Christmas craft fairs on the Island has its own flavour: "Ours is special. We encourage people to shop with and among friends and neighbours while enjoying the true Salt Spring holiday spirit of joy, peace and gratitude for where we live."

The Last Minute Christmas Craft Fair welcomes shoppers and visitors to the Christmas wonderland at Mahon Hall from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. this Friday, Saturday and Sunday, December 15, 16 and 17. It's not too late to find something special made on Salt Spring Island.

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- Now online is the latest newsletter of the Georgia Strait Alliance (Thursday)
- The Christmas 2000 Counterattack has been launched. (Saturday)
- Texada's Rob Macdonald is described as "a sexy little devil." (Monday)

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# THE GIFT OF WORDS

## Books for everyone on your list

With the rainy winters and wood-fire-warmed homes, Salt Spring Island could make a reader out of almost anyone. And, books are always a wonderful gift so the Barnacle spoke with local booksellers to see what they would suggest for the bibliophiles on your Holiday gift list.

Fables Cottage is a lovely, inviting, not-so-little children's bookstore. Owners Erin Porter and Mary Applegate, both former elementary school teachers, are not new to children's books. The store opened May 1 of this year and Erin and Mary are pleased with the success of the business thus far. While they stock a full range of children's books, they focus on peace, multi-cultural content and quality educational material, art supplies and learning tools for children and their care-givers alike. They also host a remarkable range of workshops for kids—everything from calligraphy to sing-alongs to noodle-making. Erin and Mary picked four picture books and four books for older children.

*Toot and Puddle* by

**Holly Hobbie** is Mary's favourite. It is a read aloud story appropriate for three to seven-year-olds, "or 20 to 100-year-olds" Mary added as an aside. Toot and Puddle are friends, two pigs who are quite different. One is a quiet homebody and the other likes to travel the world and have interesting adventures. They stay in touch through postcards that we see 'reprinted' in the book. With lovely illustrations, *Toot and Puddle* celebrates friendship and honours different ways of being in the world.

*Stella Queen of the Snow* by **Mary Louise Gay** is Erin's pick. She says it is "even more endearing than the first one in the series *Stella Star of the Sea*." In this book a brother-sister relationship is central. "It's so cute, he's a cautious younger sibling and Stella is an adventurous kid who gives very imaginative responses to his questions about everyday things." The lyrical illustrations and the older-younger sibling relationship make it interesting for kids from pre-school to elementary school levels.

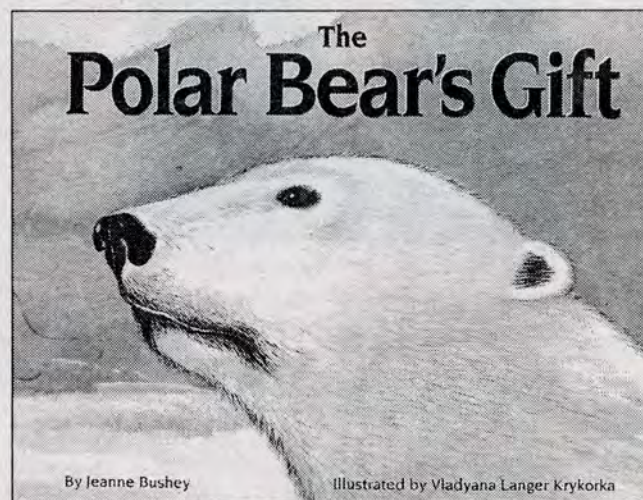
*The Polar Bear's Gift* by **Elsa Joanne Bushey** is a stunningly beautiful picture book and a great story about an Inuit girl who learns compassion and resourcefulness through an encounter with an injured polar bear cub. The illustrations evoke the unearthly beauty of Northern Canada and the story cultivates the values of living in harmony with the natural world. Ages four to eight.

*Pelle's New Suit* by **Elsa Beskow** is a "great book for Salt Spring kids," said Mary and Erin. It is the story of an industrious little boy who needs a new suit. He goes to a sheep to get the wool, then takes the wool to various craftspeople—from spinners to tailors—with whom he barter for their work until his new suit is complete. Sporting his wonderful new threads he encounters the sheep whom he thanks for the wool.

*Eh? to Zed: A Canadian AbeCedarium* by **Kevin Major** with illustrations by **Alan Daniel**. This is an unusual alphabet book that combines interesting vocabulary with artwork and a

lot of Canadian history. "It stimulates discussion and has good word explanations in the back of the book. This book is great for school age children to adults." Erin, who chose the book

lem is that Ella is compelled to do what anybody tells her. "She deals with this problem with good humour and overcomes it by wanting something badly enough," explains Mary.



added, "I like to read it as an adult trying to become a Canadian citizen."

For older kids, Fables Cottage suggests *Ella Enchanted* by **Gail Carson Levine**. "It is a different kind of Cinderella story," said Mary. Ella is a strong but fun female character whom the faeries enchanted at birth to always do what she is told. The prob-

*Hatchet* by **Gary Polson** is a very engrossing tale about a 13-year-old boy who, on his way to Northern Canada to visit his father, is left stranded in the woods after the small plane he is in crashes. With only a hatchet, the boy must survive. "I love stories about surviving by your own resources in the wilds," said Mary. "And this one is real-

ly well-told." The stream-of-consciousness narrative takes the reader through the changes in self-awareness that this boy-becoming-man experiences.

The fiftieth anniversary edition of the classic series *The Chronicles of Narnia* by **C. S. Lewis** is out in trade paperback and available as a box set or by individual book. Of the set Mary and Erin picked *The Magician's Nephew*. It is the first in the series though it was written after *The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe* as the prequel. This is a classic for children and adults alike.

As of April of this year Adina Hildebrand and Andrew Haigh are the new owners of Salt Spring Books situated beside Mocha House. The bookstore has changed quite a bit over the past eight months. The new owners have focussed on diversifying the stock and developing strong book sections in a number of areas. Adina's interest is in what she calls "creative health" books that help people enhance their lives through understanding self, the body, natural healing and relationships. Andrew loves travel as well as environmental issues from gardening to construction. Their tastes in fiction are as different as their areas of general interest. Adina likes reflective writing, the personal narrative, while Andrew has a penchant for adventure fiction. They are having a great time being in the bookstore. Adina explains: "you get to know people and their passions in a way that doesn't happen in other situations." Speaking with Adina and Andrew it is clear that they feel passionate about books and their life here on Salt Spring.

Adina picked *White Oleander* by **Janet Finch** because "it's a fantastic mother-daughter story. The characters really get under your skin and when you have finished the book you really miss them."

*Blind Assassin* "is Margaret Atwood at her best." This book, which just won the prestigious Booker Prize for fiction, "has an amazing blend of historical detail and modern self-exploration. It uncovers the psychological intricacies of two individual sisters and explores the

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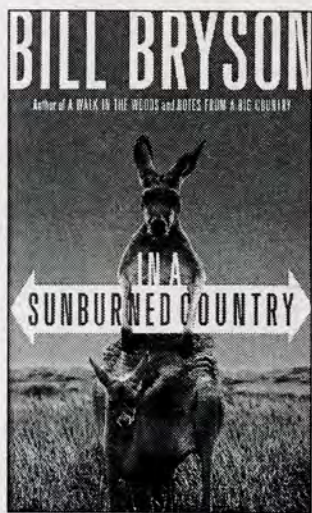
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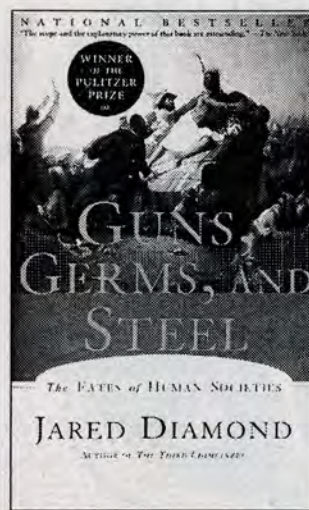
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# READ MORE BOOKS



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sister bond as one sister goes back and researches the past of the other. It is simply a great book."

**The Poisonwood Bible** by **Barbara Kingsolver** is "the story of a family in post-colonial Africa." Set in the Congo, "the power of this book is that the place is an incredibly rich and stimulating character in and of itself. It is a beautifully written story about adversity and the power of the human spirit."

**Monkey Beach** by **Eden Robinson**, a B.C. author, is "kind of a mystery in that it's a young woman's search for the meaning of her own life through her real search for her brother. It is an intense look at an unforgettable family."

Robinson, a Haisla woman, "writes about the spirit world in a very tangible way, it's so easy to 'see' what she is writing," says Adina.

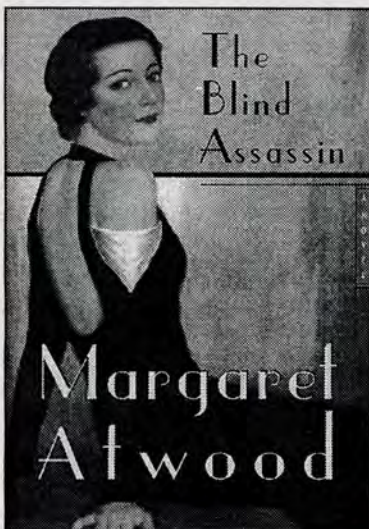
For non-fiction Adina and Andrew suggest **The B.C. Encyclopedia** from **Harbour Publishing**. "It's really an amazing feat to have pulled together such a great collection of B.C. facts and history. It is an important book for British Columbians who, like myself, know so little about the province."

**The Power of Now** by **Eckhart Tolle** is one of those books about which "people come in and say 'this book has changed my life'." It is a simple clear guide to spiritual enlightenment. I like that he speaks in a really direct, no-nonsense way and offers some great ways of getting in touch with your spiritual life," stated Adina.

**Guns, Germs and Steel** by **Jared Diamond** is another must read from SS Books. "Firstly, in 425 pages he actually, comprehensively and without being dry tackles the whole history of humanity and how we got to where we are now. It

is written very personally, he asks his own questions and we follow as he searches out the answers. It really challenges readers to question their own understanding of history. Many people have said 'this is the best book I have ever read'."

And finally Adina and Andrew suggest **Plants of Coastal B.C.** (edited by Jim Pojar and Andy MacKinnon) from **Lone Pine Publishing**. They say this is the book, "for anyone who ever has a question about plants in this province. It's the best guide ever."



Volume II Book Store is one of Salt Spring's longest-lived bookstores, supplying Islanders with good reads since 1977. The current owner, Betty Hill, began working in the store in 1986 and bought the business in 1992. A friendly woman, Betty's interactions with customers are characterized by a pleasant joking manner that they seem to pick up on and enjoy. Of the business itself she said, "It has become more challenging with the big companies now trying to dominate the market, but I still love it." Speaking of the number of bookstores on the Island, Betty said, "There are a lot of readers here as well as a lot of visitors who are always pleased to find the selection we have on Salt Spring." Her suggestions for good fiction and non-fiction books as Christmas gifts have in common her appreciation for a good laugh. She explains, "For gifts I chose the heart-warming books. It is a safer gift and it makes the reader feel good."

**Uther** by **Jack Whyte**. This is his seventh book, a continuation of his very popular "Dream of Eagles"

series. It is set in the time of Merlin, Arthur and Camelot. They are all intelligent, well-crafted, mytho-historic novels.

**Vinyl: Unplugged** by **Stuart McLean**. Betty described McLean as a "very popular Christmas gift type author." **Vinyl: Unplugged** is an all-new volume of stories from this wonderful storyteller.

**Prodigal Summer** by **Barbara Kingsolver**. "Barbara Kingsolver is a favourite with a lot of our customers," said Betty. This is a brand new title from the warm writer and fantastic storyteller. "It is very hard to find someone who doesn't like her. She's just an excellent read."

**The Beatles Anthology** by **the Beatles** (published by Chronicle Books). This book is unique in that it was written and compiled by the Beatles themselves. It is brimming with personal stories and rare vintage photographs and chronicles their whole time together in a frank and poignant way.

**In a Sunburned Country** by **Bill Bryson**. "He's a very funny writer and this book is an hilarious, fact-filled travel adventure set in Australia," said Betty.

**One Good Turn: A Natural History of the Screwdriver and the Screw** by **Witold Rybczynski**. "This author of the enormously popular *Home: Short Story of an Idea* has written a fascinating story of mechanical discovery and genius. It takes readers from Ancient Greece to Victorian Glasgow. This is an engaging and original portrait of one simple tool that changed the course of civilization."

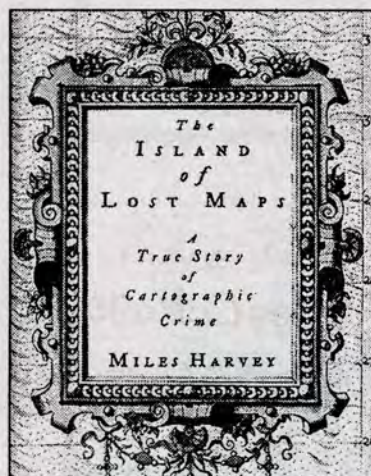
**The Island of Lost Maps: A True Story of Cartographic Crime** by **Miles Harvey**. A riveting and hilarious book of twists and turns in which the author acts as both writer and sleuth. It is about the theft of valuable centuries-old maps from prominent research libraries in the United States and Canada. The author's quest to understand America's greatest map thief draws us into the fascinating subculture of collectors, experts and

enthusiasts.

Family Books is developing a reputation up and down Vancouver Island and on the Gulf Islands as a premier supplier of discount books. Opened in the summer of 1999 in downtown Duncan, the store features close-outs, overstocks and remainders from more than 100 publishers.

Owner Al Siebring said the selection is wide-ranging and somewhat eclectic. "We can't get every title, because we only have access to the material that comes through in the remainder lines, but that means we try to be very selective in the type of material we do pick up."

Co-owner Cindy Siebring says they've really tried to focus on family-friendly literature, books for everyone from mom and dad to the youngest children. "Chil-



dren's books are a real strong suit with us," she said. "We have hundreds of titles, ranging from **Crockett Johnson's** 1940s classic **Harold and the Purple Crayon** series to some of the recent **Katherine Paterson** titles. We also have several versions of classics like **Robert Louis Stevenson's** *Child's Garden of Verses* and a beautiful **James Herriot** collection that just arrived. We have brand-new books that have been in and out of boxes a few times. And the discounts in our store average 60 per cent off the publishers price, year-round."

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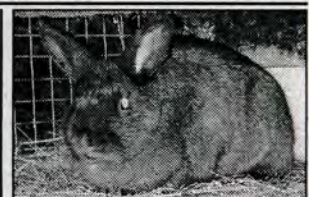
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### James Keelaghan in concert

# A hard working man

by Shellyse Szakacs

In concert Monday, December 4, at the Folk Club, James Keelaghan worked hard for his musician's wages and did a good job. He sang classic folk songs—his own and others—well-crafted, poignant songs of working men primarily, and the everyday heroics of doing one's job with pride under difficult and sometimes dangerous circumstances.

Watching him in concert and speaking with him at the break two things came across. One was the tremendous focus of his work and pride in own job: the real work of giving the audience a full experience and a good show as a working musician. He may have achieved a certain status as a performer in Canada and abroad with his Juno award (and two Juno nominations), six CDs and a touring history that spans four continents (North America, Europe, Australia and Asia) and literally hundreds of gigs. However, it is clear that he identifies himself first as a worker and approaches his own trade with the dignity and work ethic of the men and women he tells us about in his songs. He apparently comes by this empathy honestly, telling us in just that "I did a lot of jobs before I went into the lucrative field of folk music." His songs are simple and clean and his delivery, tight, the mark of a craftsman.

Manifestly a well-seasoned performer, Keelaghan didn't lose a note when his guitar string broke but rather held us enrapt, carrying on a cappella in his rich, resonant voice while performing an impressive act of musical ambidexterity and true focus: replacing the string and tuning up mid-song. He is a

master at the set-up, equally fluid recounting a humorous anecdote from his travels or relaying a heart-wrenching story that inspired the next song. His ability to lead his audience into the heart of his material and compel us to understand and appreciate the song served to deepen our relationship to what we then heard. In the folk tradition he encouraged a number of sing-alongs throughout the evening, teaching us not just to understand his material, but to sing it too.

Keelaghan was well framed in front of the Folk Club's backdrop of a guitar neck stretching into a country road running through our familiar lush green and blues of land and sea, singing songs evocative of people and places both near and far. I couldn't help but ask him about the second thing I had noticed: the "psychology of place" and its importance in his work. During a shared *Barnacle*, *Driftwood* interview Keelaghan spoke passionately of the importance of landscape and history to the individual and the distinct difference that growing up with wide open skies and expansive fields has on an individual psyche compared to the hard verticals of an urban landscape. "Landscape coupled with history," he told us, "makes for a complete vision."

On a more whimsical note I asked if he could resolve the Prairie/West Coast debate between which is better: saskatoon berry pie or huckleberry pie? Though he couldn't speak to that, stating he is "not a pie guy" he did resolve the prairie debate on the matter of butter tarts: raisins or not? Says Keelaghan "definitely with raisins." This prairie girl couldn't agree more.

## KC Kelly premieres new CD

by Shellyse Szakacs

KC Kelly showcased material from his new CD in an opening set for the Folk Club's presentation of James Keelaghan in concert, Monday, December 4. On stage before a full house in Fulford Hall, Kelly played with confidence and obvious pleasure, performing Mississippi Delta-inspired blues with rhythmic slide on steel guitar.

Kelly, a long time resident of Salt Spring, was definitely "on" Monday night. Each of his songs received generous applause—he was even coaxed into an encore by the approving audience, not a common occurrence for a warm-up act. Kelly's blues style has a nice old-timey feel with a sustaining rhythm that supports his fluid slide movements and tasty picking.

He has a good sense of space and timing in his playing, and his emotive yet understated use of melodic emphasis and phrasing holds the listener to his throaty vocals. Kelly was unmistakably delighted about the gig. "I have so much fun playing music now. I feel like I am just getting going, which is a good place to be: I don't have a reputation to live down or up to."

Kelly's new CD, *Way*, is very representative of what the December 4 audience heard live. All the tracks are clean, well-engineered recordings of Kelly alone on guitar and vocals. "I didn't want to have a band all over it; I sell these CDs while performing and I want people to get what they hear...and, I want to present my songwriting in an unadorned fashion," said Kelly.

About the meaning of the CD title he said, "I really don't know where the title came from. It just came, just like some of the music, it

comes out of nowhere and just is." Most of the tunes on the CD fit in the southern country blues, sittin' an' pickin' on the porch genre



KC Kelly's new CD is called *Way*.

which Kelly's voice and playing are so well suited to. However, the few more folksy cuts ("When the Sun Goes Down" and "Going Home") have a lovely lyricism to them.

Speaking of his shift from a more produced sound to this CD's roots feel Kelly commented, "there has been a real upsurge in a simple and honest approach to music. People are getting back into roots music and really appreciating live and original music. It's like the old days of coffee houses—every community around here has its own folk clubs—but it's great because now you can actually make a living at it."

Kelly will be hosting a CD release party for *Way* at Talons restaurant Wednesday, December 13. The doors will open at 5:30 and the first set will start at 7 pm.



# Community Calendar

## THURSDAY DECEMBER 14

- Family Walk** Mouat Park. 10am
- Storytime** Fables Cottage. Wed-Fri. 10:30am
- Art From Many Lands** Fables Cottage. 3:30pm
- Sing Along Group** Seniors' Bldg. 2pm
- GISS Concert** ArtSpring. 7:30pm
- Salty Wheels Square Dance** Central Hall. 7-9pm.
- Community Meditation: Taizé Chant** United Church. 11:15-12:30pm
- Community Gathering** Christmas Programme. United Church. 5:30-7pm
- Carol Sing.** Comm. Gospel Chapel. 7pm
- Christmas Wreath Workshop** Flowers By Arrangement. 7pm
- SSI Weavers and Spinners Guild** Christmas potluck and show & tell. 115 Marina Cres. 10:30am
- Flexible Strength** All Saints'. 9-10am
- Yoga** SSS Centre. 4-5:30pm
- Badminton Club** GISS gym. 8-10pm

## FRIDAY DECEMBER 15

- Last Minute Christmas**
- Craft Fair** Mahon Hall. 10-4pm
- Rugbugger's: Potluck & Support** Family Place. 11:30-1pm
- Storytime** Fables Cottage. Wed-Fri. 10:30am
- Candle Making** Fables Cottage. 3:30pm
- Myths & Fairytales for 7-10's** Public Library. 3-4pm
- A Child's Christmas in Wales** Scott Hylands. ArtSpring. 3pm
- Open Stage** Rose's Cafe. Fulford Harbour. 7pm
- Christmas Trivia** RC Legion. Meaden Hall. 6:30pm
- Step into Shape** All Saints'. 9-10am
- The Fitness Recipe** Mahon Hall. 9-10am
- Rollerblading to Music** Fulford Community Hall. 7:30pm

## SATURDAY DECEMBER 16

- Last Minute Christmas**
- Craft Fair** Mahon Hall. 10-4pm
- Last Minute Christmas Sale.** Lady Minto Hospital Aux. Annex behind hospital. 10-3pm
- Bowlerama for Food Bank.** King's Lane Rec. 9am-midnight. Dec. 16 & 17.
- Winterfest SS** Centre. 11-4pm
- Felt Making** Fables Cottage. 3:30pm
- Playback Theatre** United Church. 7:30pm
- Barrington Perry** Soft Jazz. Alfresco. 6-9:30pm
- Other Brothers** Harbour House Lounge. 9-midnight.
- Library Book Sale** Library. 10am-1pm

## SUNDAY DECEMBER 17

- Last Minute Christmas**
- Craft Fair** Mahon Hall. 10-4pm
- Kids Only Sale.** Lady Minto Thrift Shop. 2-4pm
- Bowlerama for Food Bank.** King's Lane Rec. 9-midnight. Dec. 16 & 17.
- The Other Brothers** Fulford Inn. 6-9pm
- Christmas Musical-Hark the Herald Angels.** Comm. Gospel Chapel. 6:30pm
- Badminton Club** GISS gym. 8-10pm

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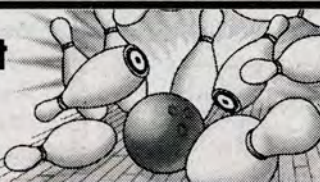
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- Sing Along Group** Seniors' Bldg. 2pm
- Christmas Sing-Along** ArtSpring 7pm
- Salty Wheels Square Dance** Central Hall. 7-9pm.
- Community Gathering** Potluck. United Church. 5:30-6:30pm
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- BINGO!** Meaden Hall. 6:30pm
- Flexible Strength** All Saints'. 9-10am
- Badminton Club** GISS gym. 8-10pm

## FRIDAY DECEMBER 22

- Rugbugger's: Potluck & Support** Family Place. 11:30-1pm
- Storytime** Fables Cottage. Wed-Fri. 10:30am
- Myths & Fairytales for 7-10's** Public Library. 3-4pm
- Christmas with Scrooge.** ArtSpring. Dec. 20, 7pm; Dec. 22, 7pm; Dec. 23, 2 & 7pm
- Core Inn Open Stage** 7pm
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- Open Stage** Rose's Cafe. Fulford Harbour. 7pm
- Step into Shape** All Saints'. 9-10am
- Rollerblading to Music** Fulford Community Hall. 7:30pm

## SATURDAY DECEMBER 23

- Christmas with Scrooge.** ArtSpring. Dec. 20, 7pm; Dec. 22, 7pm; Dec. 23, 2 & 7pm
- Sue Newman & Ramesh Meyers** Harbour House Lounge. 9-midnight
- Barrington Perry** Soft Jazz. Alfresco. 6-9:30pm
- Library Book Sale** Library. 10am-1pm

## SUNDAY DECEMBER 24

- The Other Brothers** Fulford Inn. 6-9pm
- Christmas Eve Service.** Comm. Gospel Chapel. 7pm
- Badminton Club** GISS gym. 8-10pm

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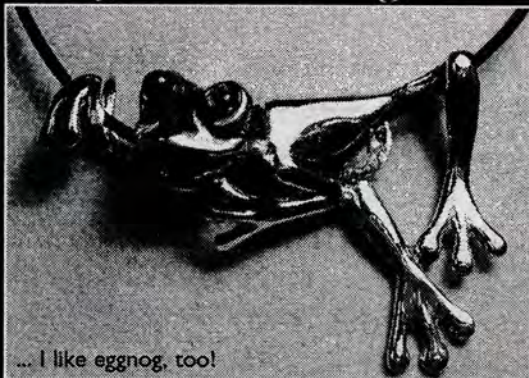
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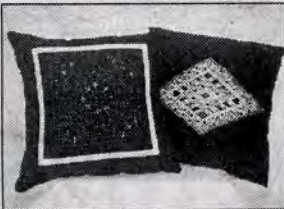
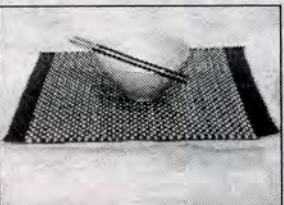
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Defying a stop work order, baker/builder/architect Jenny Bradford is confronted by Building Inspector Dick Stubbs. Stubbs stopped by Barb's Buns to ensure crews were complying with the Grinch's order to stop work (dated the night before Christmas) on the gingerbread house. The tasteful Queen Anne style structure will be raffled off on December 21. Proceeds from the raffle will go to Transition House, tickets are \$2 each or \$5 for a set of three, available at Barb's. Bradford and fellow baker/builder Carmen Callison spent three hours constructing the house which even has candy window panes.

Shelagh Plunkett photo

## Sailing with Santa, a magical trip

by Judy Harper

An absolutely perfect day to travel through the islands begins just after noon aboard Russ Murcheson's *Frayed Knot* and a leisurely cruise toward Miner's Bay and my rendezvous with the Santa Ship.

I arrive minutes before the Canadian Coast Guard vessel which escorts the Santa Ship through Canadian waters. The first person off is Trippo Costello, exuding Christmas cheer and shaking hands with middle-aged islanders who remember sitting on his knee during his 35-year tenure as St. Nick. Then a few moments later, a cheer from the dock, the faint strains of "Here Comes Santa Claus" and the Santa Ship is bearing down on us through the green sunlit waters with Santa and an army of clowns and helpers waving from the bow. Santa disembarks amid a crowd of enthusiastic kids and parents and it's hard to tell who is more excited, the expectant children or the merry crew. Escorted by kids of all ages, Santa makes

his way slowly up the dock to a fire truck pulled by Rudolph and the gang (firemen dressed as reindeer). Santa is helped aboard the truck and the entourage is off up the hill to the community centre.

Later, aboard the ship bound for Galiano Island, a clown snoozes, people talk quietly or play cards, a small group industriously creates balloon animals, and Santa takes a much deserved break. It's a long day for these Christmas heralds. They're tired but happy; they look forward to this yearly trek, connecting with friends and acquaintances made over many voyages, and delighting in the reactions of the children. The Coast Guard vessel *Nu-To-Yu* keeps pace with us, its occupants cheering as the intrepid pipe band under the direction of Pipe Master John Williamson strikes up another tune, knees and faces rosy in the late afternoon chill. And there is the welcoming bonfire at Montague Harbour

and hot chocolate for everyone.

We depart Galiano for the last leg of the Canadian journey under a rising moon. During a short lull in the action I get a chance to talk to Don Wight Sr. who, along with Pete Zuanich, is one of the two men still living who picked up the banner of the Santa Ship after WWII. His son, Don Wight Jr., is co-captain of the *Island Caper*, along with skipper and owner Terry Buzzard. Both men have been travelling with the Santa Ship since they were young Sea Scouts. Don Sr. still enjoys the visit.

About half-way to Ganges, we see the lights of the first sailboat, green and white and red, drifting past in the dark then turning to follow us. We're out on the stern now, watching as they join us one by one till there's half a dozen out there. Then, overhead, the boom of fireworks, brilliant blooms in the night sky, accompanied by cheers. The pipers strike up "Jingle Bells" and we're there.

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Judy Harper photo

## Christmas spirit alive and well

*Seniors Scene ...*



*with Alan Fairlie*

As the greatest day of the year fast approaches, the spirit of Christmas is alive and well!

Too bad that the feelings of warmth and giving to our fellow persons don't last the whole year through. (Although, sometimes I feel that every day is Christmas on this "treasured Isle.")

We have all the ingredients: wonderful people, friendly and giving all year

round. In fact, there's a rumour that Santa lives here, and not at the North Pole!

A case in point came last Sunday when about 185 single seniors were invited to sit down to a wonderful Christmas dinner (turkey, peas, corn and mashed potatoes—and Christmas cake) served by the Lions Club. This was their 34th annual clambake. Thanks go out again to all the hardworking Lions (men and women) who worked so hard as usual to make the evening such a success.

So, from this corner, Merry Christmas and Happy New Year (2001) to all!

What would Christmas be without the children? They are an integral part of any celebration.



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The photos reflect the joy, happiness and wonder of the greatest day of the year.

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# Lots to plant in December garden

*Life in the garden ...*



*with Joe Clemente*

Can you believe it's December already!

I have no complaints about November: it was a wonderful month. We had lots of sunshine, and it was quite dry up until the last week of the month. Sure there were a few frosty days, but overall the minimum temperatures were not all that bad. I just hope December follows the same pattern.

There are still things to be done in the garden even though winter will soon be officially here. Planting bareroot fruit and ornamental trees can easily be done. Even the hardier shrubs can be planted safely. It is still a good time to mulch any of your cane fruits and gardens with well-rotted manure or compost (for extra added nutrients). You may also want to

cut some fresh holly and cedar for your Christmas decorating. On the nice days, do a little tidying up in your garden if you have put it off in November.

If you have trees that need spraying, dormant oil kits are available at the local garden centres. December is a great month to apply dormant spray; just be sure to do it on a dry day.

For those of you that grow Basjoo bananas, be sure to mulch the ground and wrap the trunks with bubble plastic if you want them to attain maximum height. I know there are many of you that didn't get around to doing it back in November. Also, don't forget about our fine-feathered friends: they seem to like black oil sunflower seeds.

There still are many species of plants blooming on Salt Spring at this time. I've seen roses, lavateras and

fuchsias doing their thing. This mild weather has been a bonus for us gardeners. Let's hope it continues, and have a great December in your garden!

## Winter colour

Even though the temperatures have cooled down, that doesn't mean we can't get out into the garden and add a little colour. For late winter and early spring bloom, Myosotis, or forget-me-nots, can be planted at this time. It is a popular little flowering plant that doesn't usually grow to more than 12 inches high. Available in blue, white and pink, it will self-seed easily in our climate and bloom for a good length of time.

Another one of my favourites for great colour, primulas, are available in abundance at local nurseries. There are so many varieties of this plant to

choose from, but most often it is the common Primula that seems to be most popular. They are available in many different colours. Some are even fragrant, which adds that extra bonus. These little flowering plants are best adapted to our mild temperate winters.

Pansies, of course, are a cold weather favourite that don't seem to be bothered even by our worst winters. Pansy packs are inexpensive and are available in all sorts of colours. These will provide great colour and brightness on those drab winter days.

While I'm at it, I might as well mention those winter flowering heathers. They all have a very long blooming period and can be safely planted in our fall and winter months. Heathers are also available in an assortment of colours. This will give you something to think about, if you are looking for some colour to cheer up those rather plain garden beds at this time of the year.

# Free advice for Paul Martin

*Take It or Leave It...*

*with the Salt Spring Local Adviserory Committee*



Dear A.C.,

May I suggest that the Advice Committee write Paul Martin in Ottawa and ask him for a grant. This grant would be for a fund to finance an all-expenses paid course in financial management for the present Liberal finance minister in Ottawa.

The course would be offered by our Salt Spring Island Foundation. The instructors would be our present officers, Patrick Lee, Ron McQuiggan, Edith Sacker, Tom Toynbee and chairman, Bob Rush.

It seems that the foundation has a strange concept; instead of borrowing funds to fund programmes and then paying out interest, they gather their interest first and then allocate money from the interest. What a novel idea! On

second thought, forgive me for even daring to suggest such a idiotic concept.

P.S. Anyone interested in building a bridge?

*Rabble Rouser*

Dear R. R.,

We're sending this Barnacle installment directly to Ottawa just in case somebody up there might get a hint. Now there's a picture! "A journal as literary as the Barnacle being found in the unusual place of Ottawa; take for example, in the hands of the enigmatic Mr. Paul Martin". Hmmm...

Dear Advice  
Committee Knowitalls,

Is there a Santa Claus?

*little Vern*

Dear little Vern,  
See the above letter.

Also, little Vern, there are a couple of big Virginias who live on this Island and really do know the answer that you seek 'cause they were once little Virginias who seeked through the holy mail the same query. Good luck and let us know.

P.S. Dear Santa, We would like some new paper bags, and if we are not asking too much, maybe with some payola in them please. We believe in the Spirit of Christmas!

If you have a peeve, concern, comment, or question for the Adviserory Committee's considered response, please deposit letters in the coffee can on the Barnacle counter, send them to: SSLAC c/o the Barnacle, 324 Lower Ganges Road, or email barnacle@salt-spring.com (be sure to write "attention SSLAC" in the subject line).

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# Genesis Farm successful

by Judy Harper

On a clear night look up at the thousands of stars and consider this—many of those twinkling lights are not stars but galaxies, entire galaxies in the black infinity of space. Feel small? Insignificant? It's a start.

Our ancestors lived closer to the land, honouring its seasons and the cyclic transits of the moon and stars, planting and harvesting according to an ancient rhythm. Today we have agribusiness; a very small percentage of the population actually producing food

for consumption by the rest of us who buy it from grocery store shelves. For the sake of convenience, cost effectiveness, and production for mass consumption, vegetables and fruits are dusted with insecticides, genetically modified, and deprived of natural nutrients. Community supported agriculture is a creative response to this crisis.

Maureen Wild has just come to Salt Spring from Genesis Farm in New Jersey, a 140-acre working farm and learning centre founded in 1980 by the Dominican

Sisters of Caldwell, New Jersey. Maureen is originally from the Peace River country of northwestern Alberta. For the past 11 years she has lived and worked in the eastern United States. In 1993 she completed graduate studies in education with an emphasis on earth literacy and the new cosmology, and for the past seven years she has been employed at Genesis Farm, serving as its director since 1996.

In her presentation at All Saints by-the-Sea on Wednesday, December 6, Maureen inspired about 50 Islanders with her story of the success of Genesis Farm, and its goal to bring urban and suburban settlements closer to the soil, through earth studies, biodynamic methods of agriculture, and a shared, hands-on approach to the growing, harvesting and

preparing of food.

Genesis Farm now supplies about 100 families with organically grown vegetables and fruits year-round through a system of shareholding and work barter. It serves as a retreat, an educational and resource centre for interested groups of people from around the world, and as a model for a sustainable alternative to agribusiness. Genesis Farm also supports energy-efficient building design (such as strawbale construction, and solar and wind power) and active involvement in animal and forest rights through woodlands on the farm which are protected from development.

Maureen came recently to Salt Spring to take a break, with no immediate plans for her future. Her connection to the Island over the years

see FARM p35

## Fruit bake easy to jazz up

Let's Eat...

with Linda Koroscil



The radio said this morning that if you live in Winnipeg you had better make all your friends before Remembrance

Day because everyone goes inside until Easter! And here we are baking for Christmas and the primroses are blooming. Winters are definitely warmer now than when my mother was young. She remembers one winter the snow was as high as the gate post, and my uncle Guy Cunningham handed her a fistful of jellybeans, high above the fence, just at eye level.

Here I have an easy fruit cake – if you want to jazz it up a bit, use rum or brandy instead of milk.

1 cup butter	1 cup white sugar
1 cup brown sugar	3 eggs
3 cups flour	1 pound sultanas, washed well
12 pounds fruit peel	1-1/2 tsp. baking powder
1/2 tsp. salt	2 tsp. vanilla
1/2 cup coconut soaked in	1/2 cup milk

Soak milk with coconut. Mix together butter, sugar and eggs. Dredge fruit with 4 Tbsp. flour. Alternate flour with milk, folding into egg mixture. Fold in fruit. Bake at 250° for 3 to 3-1/2 hours in well-greased 9"x9" pan.

## Volunteers deliver books

For a number of years the Mary Hawkins Library on Salt Spring has provided home delivery to residents physically unable to travel to the library. That service, like every other aspect of the library's operation, is volunteer-run and -managed. The home delivery service has for some years been a responsibility willingly assumed by Reid Townsley.

Townsley will continue to assist those who are

currently served by his home delivery efforts. In addition, he wishes the community to know that he and, if the need exists, additional library volunteers are ready to offer this same service to others in the community who might benefit from it. Interested residents who want to know more about the library's home delivery system are invited to call Reid Townsley at 537-5997.

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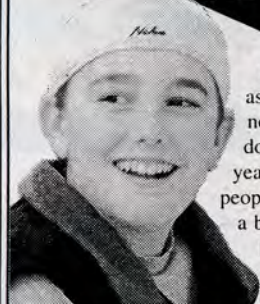
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## TEEN OF THE MONTH



**ERIC BEAMISH**, who is also known as Beamish by his fellow classmates, is not just an excellent student but he has done many things for our school. Last year he organized a grade 10-ski trip. The people that went had a great time and it was a big success. Eric is also involved in the Leadership program at the school, where he and many other students organize special events.

Eric has a great attitude towards everything that he does. He is liked and respected by all his peers and teachers. He excels at golf and is hitting the slopes on his snowboard as often as possible. He also enjoys playing baseball.

People quote Eric as a "smart nice guy" and "someone who is well spoken and funny." Eric is the little guy that everyone knows and enjoys the company of.

**Congratulations, Eric!**

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Salt Spring FC and Cordova Bay during Sunday's game.

## FC melts down during cold Sunday play while Geezers provide good game



Sidelines...

with Alan Webb

### Salt Spring FC 2 to Cordova Bay 3

It's hard to believe a team could suffer a meltdown such as this one in such Arctic conditions, but FC on Sunday, had they been an igloo, would have found a way to burn to the ground.

After an initial good spell from Cordova Bay which forced keeper Jonathan McDonald into two superb saves, the visitors should not have been in this one. Though the first half ended scoreless, FC did enough to promise a victory, particularly Chris Jason who was at his robust best at the centre of defense. Jason had two headers saved on the line in the first 45, and flicked one for Dave McColl whose shot also hid a defender in the goal mouth.

The flame out began early in the second half when a McColl corner kick appeared to be headed home by Jesse Fisher. The referee, however, ruled Fisher had deliberately handled

the ball over the line and booked the FC man. This incident lit the FC fuse, though they should have considered the fact that the official, being an Englishman, would be acutely sensitive to any play which smacked of Maradona's infamous "Hand of God" goal which defeated the Brits at Mexico in 1986.

Nevertheless, FC managed to keep a lid on it long enough to score twice within a minute.

First Harrison Jason sent McColl down the left. McColl looped a cross into the box for Pat Hayes whose control pulled the ball round the keeper. Hayes then stepped round the Cordova man to slide the ball tidily into the far corner from a sharp angle.

Forty seconds later, Jason again picked out McColl in the left corner. McColl sent a sublime cross to the far post where Hayes leapt to head FC into a two-goal lead.

Before you could say, "well, that should be that," the Bays halved FC's lead. Three goals in slightly more

than a minute, remarkable really.

Allowing a goal so soon after their own successes seemed to fan the flames of their discontent. Every decision was cause for dispute from then on. It was as if the referee was Gordon Wilson and FC a bunch of Liberals. Justified or not, the sniping was unseemly and distracting, and Cordova Bay was experienced enough to exploit the situation.

Two goals in the last five minutes sent FC to an ignominious defeat, made all the more so by the fact that keeper McDonald alone saved the margin from being much greater. He stopped three sure goals in the last five minutes alone.

For FC these were three points utterly squandered and they will have a long Christmas break to ponder their wastefulness.

### Geezers 3, Vic West 2

The Geezers/Vic West over 40s game took a few short minutes to thaw out and then turned into a pretty good game.

Both teams took advantage of an Old Boys cancellation

to stock their sides. Kerry Walker, John Villadsen and Mike Davis played for the Geezers, while Damien Brazier and Antonio Alonso suited up for the visitors. It's worth noting that of the five only Brazier and Alonso are actually on the long side of 40, but not matter.

The Geezers' answer to the Sedin twins, the Braak brothers, was instrumental in Salt Spring's first goal. Henry was wiped out by the keeper, which resulted in a penalty for brother Jack. The elder Braak calmly leveled the score at 1 to 1 from the spot.

The word speed when used to describe over 40s games is usually a relative term, but Victoria did possess a little vinegar with the genuine article. His pace created a penalty for their first goal, and was all the difference as he scored the second himself. Luckily for the Geezers, Vic West seemed unable or unwilling to exploit his speed to the fullest, which cost them the game.

Lindsey McQueen benefited from some good work by Walker to tie the score early in the second half, and then Walker scored himself to send Salt Spring into a lead they would hold onto.

Henry Braak nearly sent Walker through for another, and the Old Boys man who looks and plays more like a 25-year-old than a geezer of 40-plus, nearly hid the goal of the year when he sent a volley screaming inches wide of the op corner from 25 yards.

Brazier supplied Vic West's best chance for a draw but was well saved by Ziggy Karl.

### Sports Pool Includes games played Sat., Dec. 9th, 2000

	Total Pts.	This Mo.
<b>GOLF COURSE POOL</b>		
1 Toronto.....	290	36
2 Rangers.....	289	35
3 Schure-Thing.....	282	29
4 Greenwoods.....	264	19
5 Paint Plus.....	263	30
6 Bandido.....	258	22
7 Hosers.....	251	27
8 Nads.....	250	21
9 Edmonton.....	244	16
10 Dallas.....	230	19
11 Sleepers.....	225	22
12 Islanders.....	225	20
13 Buffalo.....	182	16

### DAGWOOD'S POOL

Next meeting  
Wed., Jan. 3, 2001  
7:00 p.m. sharp  
at Dagwoods.

	Total Pts.	This Mo.
1 San Jose.....	282	33
2 Philadelphia.....	273	36
3 Dallas.....	256	23
4 Phoenix.....	255	19
5 Ottawa.....	253	24
6 Edmonton.....	252	19
7 Anaheim.....	247	22
8 Boston.....	239	33
9 Vancouver.....	228	26
10 Toronto.....	226	11
11 St. Louis.....	225	18
12 Islanders.....	218	20
13 Atlanta.....	217	25
14 Pittsburgh.....	216	19
15 Buffalo.....	215	18



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- 420 Work Wanted
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- 510 Architects
- 515 Auto Body & Painting
- 518 Beauty
- 520 Caregivers
- 522 Carpentry
- 524 Child Care
- 525 Cleaning Services

- 528 Computers
- 530 Contractors
- 533 Dental
- 535 Designers
- 537 Drywall
- 540 Education
- 541 Electronic Repairs
- 543 Equipment Rental
- 545 Excavating
- 548 Finance/Mortgage
- 550 Garbage
- 555 Gardening/Landscaping
- 560 Health & Fitness
- 563 Heating
- 565 Machining/Welding
- 570 Marine
- 573 Miscellaneous Services
- 575 Moving/Storage
- 578 Music
- 580 Office Services
- 583 Painters
- 585 Plumbing
- 587 Pools/Spas
- 590 Rentals
- 595 Sewing

### REAL ESTATE 600-699

- 600 Acreage/lots
- 620 Commercial Properties
- 640 Houses for Sale
- 650 Real Estate Wanted

### RENTALS 700-799

- 700 Apartments for Rent
- 710 Commercial Rentals
- 720 Holiday Accommodation
- 730 Houses for Rent
- 740 Housesitting
- 750 Miscellaneous Rentals
- 760 Room & Board
- 770 Shared Accommodation
- 780 Storage
- 790 Wanted to Rent

### TRANSPORTATION 800-899

- 810 Boats/Marine
- 820 Cars/Trucks
- 830 Motorcycles
- 840 Recreational Vehicles
- 850 Trailers
- 860 Vehicles Wanted

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### ANNOUNCEMENTS 100-199

#### 110 • DEATHS

**SMIDT-NIELSEN FREDE.** Born in Aalborg, Denmark. Passed away peacefully in his home on December 2, 2000. A loving father and son, Frede was predeceased by his father Anders, and brother Morton. Frede is survived by his mother Ella Smidt-Nielsen of Stubbenkoberg, Denmark, and daughter Ann Vibeke McPhee (husband Gordon) of Salt Spring Island. Memorial Tea will be held at Meaden Hall, Royal Canadian Legion, on Friday, December 15, 2000 at 2 pm. 5000

#### 120 • IN MEMORIAM

### HAYWARD'S FUNERAL SERVICE GANGES

**PATRICK BEATTIE**  
Funeral Director  
320 - #2 Upper Ganges Rd  
Salt Spring Island  
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Fax: (250) 537-2012

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#### 140 • COMING EVENTS

**TIRED? TREAT** yourself to some relaxation. 1/2 price treatments at The Bodyworks Collective for the 12 days of Christmas, Dec. 12th - 23rd. Mon - Fri, 5:30pm - 7:30 pm and weekends 12 pm - 4 pm. Reiki, reflexology, SOMA bodywork, ear coning, tea cup reading, relaxing bodywork. 538-1988 for appointments. Drop-ins welcome. We're at 5A - 121 McPhillips, above Mobile Market. 5100

**OPEN HOUSE** at Sea Change, Wednesday December 20, 2:00 pm to 8:00 pm. Hors d'oeuvres, recipes, and last minute gift ideas. 334 Upper Ganges Road. 5100

**YOU KNOW** those big fancy ads that corporations put on TV to make you think they really really care about you. Well... we can't afford one of those, but that's us! Really! Bean Sprout for lunch. 537-8585. 5000

#### 140 • COMING EVENTS

**AURA READING** class. 6 weeks starting Tuesday, January 9, 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm. Space limited. Call 537-5447 to enroll and for information. 0201

**YOU'RE WELCOME** to display your event posters and meeting notices for 2 weeks on the Barnacle's Community Bulletin Board located in our office. Drop off during office hours. ttn

**CD RELEASE** Party. KC Kelly with special guests Wed. Dec. 13, Talons Restaurant. Doors open 5:30. Showtime 7:00. Reservations recommended. 537-8585. 5000

**BOTTLE DRIVE** - Tuesday Jan 2. Leave your bottles at the end of your driveway. Proceeds to the GISS Music Program. 5200

**ARGENTINIAN TANGO** Parties (Milongas) at Lion's Hall. Saturday, December 16, 9 - 12 pm. \$5.00 per person. Margie Korrisan at 537-2707 for info. 5000

**COMMUNITY CALENDAR** listings are free. Display your meeting or upcoming event on the Barnacle Community Calendar for up to two weeks. Drop by our office and fill out a calendar form. Deadline for the Calendar is Thursdays at 4:00 pm. ttn

**BACK DUE** to the popular and demanding. The Treehouse Cafe will be serving a full breakfast from 8 am til 11 am everyday all winter. Bring in this ad, purchase 1 breakfast and get another free. 5100

**WATERCOLOUR CLASSES** starting week of January 8th. All levels, including beginners. Limit 4 people per class. Call Val Konig 537-9531. 5000

**COMMUNITY CALENDAR** on line! For a complete calendar of coming events check out the Barnacle Community Calendar at [SaltSpringCalendar.com](http://SaltSpringCalendar.com) or visit our website at [DailyBarnacle.com](http://DailyBarnacle.com). ttn

**PLAYBACK THEATRE** on Saturday night December 16th at the United Church Upper Hall. Come tell your stories of the holiday season. 5000

**LEARNING BRANCH.** New term begins January 9 for children 5-13. Plan your child's program with us. Interactive, explorative, cooperative. Tuesdays/Thursdays. Dorothy 653-9253. 5000

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#### 140 • COMING EVENTS

**Christmas  
Bird Count**  
December 17th  
Information at  
537-9335

You are invited to  
come & enjoy a  
Children's Christmas  
Musical

**Mark  
Herald Angel**

**Community  
Gospel Chapel**  
147 Vesuvius Bay Rd.  
Dec. 17th - 6:30 p.m.

**THRIFT  
SHOP**  
**Kids Day**  
Sunday, Dec. 17th  
2-4pm

Come shop til you  
drop at our  
**Kids  
Only  
Tables!**  
Specially priced gifts  
for your young budget  
(PS Yes, you can bring Mom & Dad)

**S.S.I. United Church**  
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invites you to their  
**Christmas Events**

**THURSDAY, DEC. 14**  
Community Potluck and  
Carolling  
5:30 pm

**SUNDAY, DEC. 17**  
Advent III Worship Service  
10:00 am  
Burgoyne Church  
Carol Service  
3:30 pm

**THURSDAY, DEC. 21**  
Community Potluck before  
ArtSpring Concert  
5:30 pm

**SUNDAY, DEC. 24**  
Advent IV Worship Service  
10:00 am  
Christmas Eve  
Candlelight Service of  
Lessons and Carols  
7:00 pm

**MONDAY, DEC. 25**  
Christmas Day  
Communion Service  
10:00 am  
Ph: 537-5812  
for info

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**Santa**  
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this Saturday  
December 16th  
10am-noon  
Have your picture  
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537-4525**

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**145 • COMMUNITY SERVICES**  
**DIAL-A-PRAYER** - 537-4734.  
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Find out here!**  
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#### 145 • COMMUNITY SERVICES

**Salt Spring Island  
FOUNDATION**

**... your community  
foundation.**  
Help enhance the quality of  
life in your Island community.  
You can do this by contribut-  
ing to our / your community  
endowment fund. Even \$10  
will help make a lasting  
difference. All contributions  
are pooled and preserved in  
the endowment fund. The  
interest earned on it is  
distributed annually to a  
range of worthy island chari-  
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vary from year to year as  
community priorities change.  
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and at GVM credited to the  
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formation, including latest  
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available upon request, with-  
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**Barnacle**

#### 160 • MILESTONES

**Hey, Wild  
Thing!**

**Happy 19th  
Birthday,  
Jeremy!**  
Love, Mom, Dad,  
and Jenn

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Send a special  
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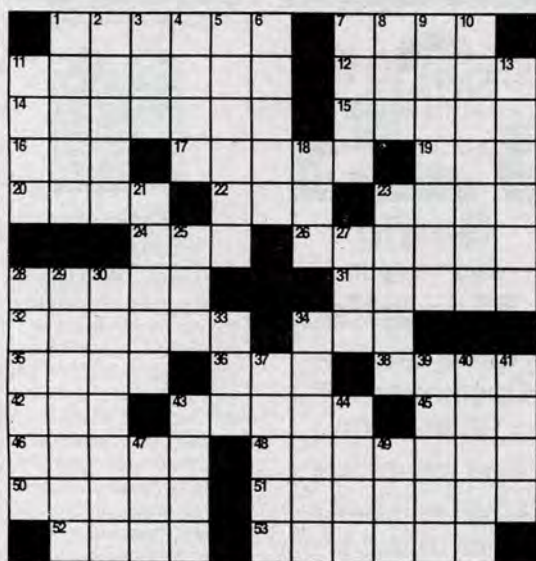
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# Canadiana Crossword

## Tic Tac Toe



### ACROSS

- 1 To the other side
- 7 Woody pear
- 11 A way of rising
- 12 8
- 14 Place in Saskatchewan
- 15 Put away
- 16 Song
- 17 Cleans the deck
- 19 Linear unit
- 20 Handle gently
- 22 Japanese Capital Region
- 23 Hindu gentleman
- 24 Over (poetic)
- 26 Place in Saskatchewan
- 28 Ant
- 31 Small salmon
- 32 Entertains
- 34 Favourite
- 35 Theatre name
- 36 Lyric poem
- 38 Counterfoil
- 42 Napkin ring
- 43 Chopping
- 45 Mimic
- 46 Blacks (poetic)
- 48 Plug
- 50 Peep show
- 51 Tranquilizing
- 52 Icelandic poems
- 53 Place in Ontario

### DOWN

- 1 Courtyards
- 2 Freeman (OE)
- 3 Dog's name
- 4 Chooses
- 5 Less speedy
- 6 Ecclesiastical council
- 7 Big cheese
- 8 Autumn month, abbr.
- 9 Accept, in a way
- 10 Arctic ruminant
- 11 Barter
- 13 Upscale
- 18 Gesture of respect
- 21 Art of verse
- 23 Splotches
- 25 Before (poetic)
- 27 Hockey surface
- 28 Employed person
- 29 Organisms
- 30 Place in Saskatchewan
- 33 Chicago White, or Boston Red
- 34 Popular camera
- 37 Dance palace
- 39 Perissodactyl mammal
- 40 Overtun
- 41 Ice
- 43 On the ocean
- 44 Outdoor game
- 47 Scottish scofflaw
- 49 PM's command post

Answers on page 33

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## NOTICE

The offices of the Islands Trust, Salt Spring Island, will be closed Wednesday, December 13, 2000 for a staff meeting. Regular office hours will resume at 1:00 p.m. on Thursday, December 14, 2000.  
Sorry for any inconvenience.

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## BIG COLOUR PRINTS

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## Classifieds

### 170 • NOTICES - BUSINESS

## Holiday Deadline Schedule

**CHRISTMAS ISSUE**  
December 19, 2000

Display & Calendar  
Dec. 14, 4pm  
Classified  
Dec. 15, 4pm  
Hold the Press  
Dec. 18, noon

**YEAR END ISSUE**  
December 26, 2000

Display & Calendar  
Dec. 19, 4pm  
Classified  
Dec. 20, 4pm  
Hold the Press  
Dec. 21, noon

**YEAR 2001 ISSUE**  
January 2, 2001

Display & Calendar  
Dec. 27, 4pm  
Classified  
Dec. 28, noon  
Hold the Press  
Dec. 28, 4pm

The Barnacle office will be closed from 5pm Dec. 23rd through 26th and from 5:00pm Dec. 29th through Jan. 1st.

**Barnacle**  
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537-4040

170.5100

### 190 • THANKS

**DOUG & ROBIN** thank you for getting woman and VW Van out of trouble at Beaver Point Hall, Sat. Dec. 2. Her husband thanks you too! 5000

**PERSONALS**  
200-299

### 210 • CAREGIVERS

**AVAILABLE HOMECARE** - certified. Tuesday to Sunday. Addey Lynn 744-1332. 5200

## Please Recycle the Barnacle

### 220 • LOST & FOUND

**FOUND ORANGE** & white mature house cat - Elizabeth Drive area. Friendly. 537-1866. 5000

**STILL SEARCHING** for our two cats missing from the Vesuvius area. "Yoda" - missing since September 23rd. 10 year old very shy short-haired female tabby. Grayish brown with prominent black stripes and some cream & rust on chest & stomach. No collar. Quite thin. Could be heading for previous home on Beddis Road. "Winter Boy" - missing since November 1st. 4 year old short-haired all black neutered male. Yellow eyes. No collar. Missing left eye tooth. We are distraught. Please call Jackie or Mickey 537-1213. 5000

**FOUND - PIONEER** Village area - spayed ginger tabby kitten. 537-1626. 5000

**CHILDS POLAR** fleece jester hat (with bells). Lost in Ganges in November. Much loved and missed. 537-5453. 5000

**FOUND GOLD** RX Granny Glasses. Found on beach end of Barker Rd. on Sat. Dec. 2nd. Can be claimed at Barnacle. 5000

### 260 • TRAVEL

CALL US FIRST AT  
**THE TRAVEL SHOP**  
537-9911  
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must to keep the peace for now.

**Leo (Jul 23 - Aug 22)** The excitement

**Aries (Mar 21 - Apr 19)** You are getting bigger, bolder and/or brighter by the day, yet something continues to hold you back. Do not take this condition personally. It is simply a matter of right time and condition. Allow the quest for greater truth and freedom of expression to continue. Watch for impatience and judge mental behaviour and keep reminding yourself and others of the many reasons to be grateful. As you do the unexpected opportunities and surprises coming your way can be embraced fully.

**Taurus (Apr 20 - May 20)** Reaching out to participate in group-related activities continues. This is a call to allow the differences in belief and behaviour to be melted into a stronger unified whole. Rather than spending too much time on externals, your challenge now is to focus on the quality of your heart and feelings. Believe in your worth, but do not take your perspectives too seriously. Relax into letting friends express their fullness. Enthusiasm for visionary ideas is likely.

**Gemini (May 21 - Jun 20)** Ongoing efforts to create a new balance of power are keeping you busy. Ideally, you are making efforts to see potential blind spots in your own habitual attitude and approach. A sharing of power based on a full appreciation of the individuality and specific needs of others is the goal. Forget about how it used to be and focus on what it is now. The possibilities are endless when we are fresh and open in the moment. Be willing to creatively negotiate for a fair new deal.

**Cancer (Jun 21 - Jul 22)** Overcoming tendencies to try and be all things to all people continues. The pleasure that comes from pleasing others ceases as soon as we lose our own sense of balance and center in the process. If you are not happy, neither will those close to you despite your ongoing efforts. This is an ironic yet common problem. The key is to break free from roles and to get honest. Make this your intention for the New Year and follow through with things as you

continues to soar and will reach its peak this week. You are ready for change and have your ears peeled for the knocks of opportunity. With your sights set on freedom, you are challenged to clarify your priorities. The more you do the more negotiation power will you have. It is time to make some very important choices. Many things must change. There must be commitment by everyone. You need a plan. How can you get everyone to work with the process? Vision!

**Virgo (Aug 23 - Sep 22)** The urge to move in many directions at once finds you a little immobilized by the traffic. Which way to go and why and how are questions running through your mind. Allow practicality to guide your thoughts with vision. Look to the next two or three months for now. There is no need to get too far ahead. Ideally, some larger intentions are there to back these short-term plans. If not, make such a vision a part of your three-month plan. Make connecting with family your first objective.

**Libra (Sep 23 - Oct 22)** Slowly but surely your perspectives on life are expanding. Much of this process may be a challenge as habitual perspectives anchored in security beliefs are challenged. The key is to evaluate the importance of long-term thinking verses short-term demands. You may be feeling the call to learn new things. Education costs money and takes time. Yet, the knowledge stands to make the whole journey smoother and more enjoyable in the long run. Rather than stressing to get ahead step into a long-term approach adorned with healthy habits.

**Scorpio (Oct 23 - Nov 21)** By your individual efforts to create greater unity in your world or not, you are reaping what you sowed. Pride aside, you cannot deny the love for those you call yours. If changes must be made, you now recognize that you must take an active role. Follow through by examining your beliefs and attitudes. Why do you do what you do? Freedom is measured by

one's ability to meet the ever-changing needs of the moment with ease and grace. Surrender inherited opinions and associate pleasure to flowing with the times.

**Sagittarius (Nov 22 - Dec 21)** You are in the mood to re-create the way you participate in the world. Bringing things to a close on certain fronts is key at this time. The more closure you have the freer will you be to move in new directions in the New Year. Consider that it is your own habitual self-concept that poses your greatest obstacle. Imagine that truly, "all the world is a stage" and that you are an actor upon it. What role would you like to play next? Your fans await you!

**Capricorn (Dec 22 - Jan 19)** As snow falls and you lie in, in your cozy bed, visions of a brighter future dance in your head. Your dreams are big there is no need to deny, as you nibble a fig, a magic sparkle in your eye. Knowledge and know-how are on your list, aim for creative imagination, do you get the gist? Knowing a lot can sure be fun, yet the ability to think creatively, that is way to the Sun. So love yourself and have faith in your dreams, the journey is more joyful when confidence beams.

**Aquarius (Jan 20 - Feb 18)** A flight for freedom finds you soaring on wings. The world is more alive and exciting in so many ways than ever before. Recognition and celebration of this is the key to a winning attitude. You are beautiful, if brass, in so many ways. You are different and want change. Since we don't live so much in the world as we do in our own mind, then that must be the first thing to change. Let the world be in its crazy wild way. This is licence for you to be as crazy as you really are... wild thing!

**Pisces (Feb 19 - Mar 20)** It is your destiny to exercise power in the world at this time in history. A part of your task is to bring about the death of the old by way of visionary attunement to the future. Commitment and innovation and a good deal of intuition are required. Your ability to follow the guidance of your gut, where intuition is felt, is key. New methods and techniques in all fields are emerging. Intend to learn and integrate some of these new methods into a more dynamic life style.

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Harkema, Jacquie  
Hildred, Karen  
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Okuda, Ria  
Perkins, Edward  
Piper, Caylan  
Portingale, William  
Ritchie, Jay  
Schmah, Camille  
Severn, James  
Smith, Brianne  
Speed, Brook  
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Taylor, Caitlin  
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Behrens, Dan  
Brazier, Ciara  
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Burgess, Amy  
Callas, Melanie  
Christianson, Britt  
Clark, Emily  
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Harmer, Noah  
Hull, Melanie  
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Kelsey, Laurin  
Kirkby, Braden  
Krayenhoff, Joss  
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Langdon, Jocelyn  
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Simpson, Alexandra  
Smith, Shannon  
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Cocker, Tyler  
Cocking, Lindsey  
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Gay, Alexander  
Gooble, April  
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Hunsberger, Kristin  
Klein-Stimpson, Ayla  
Kwong, Brian  
Laitenen, Kecia  
Landmark, Christopher  
Leitch, Adrian  
Letour, Jessica  
Lucich, Gary  
Marmorstein, Raizy  
Martin, Dominic  
Mott, Noah  
Okuda, Kadek  
Ostapowich, Kevin  
Ouellet-Jobin, Vincent  
Redpath, Maeghan  
Reimer, James  
Richards, Melanie  
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Elliott, Rob  
Field, David  
Forbes, Trinity  
Funk, Ashley  
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## More from the mailbox *cont'd from p6*



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**ANGELS**—Vicki Johnson and Sandee Dawes (left to right) stand with this year's CIBC "Angel Tree," a six-year tradition at the Island bank. Each paper angel hung on the tree has either "boy" or "girl" and an age written on it. Gift givers take an angel from the tree and attach it as a tag to their wrapped Christmas gift, appropriate to the age and gender specified on the tag. The gifts accumulate under the tree at the CIBC until December 15 when they are given to the Community Centre which distributes them to needy Island children.

## Churches to sing together

The carols of Christmas are going to fill the air of Ganges this year as the churches of Salt Spring Island join together for an evening of carolling in Centennial Park. Beginning at 7 p.m. on Thursday December 14, a variety of songs celebrating the birth of Christ will ring out from the centre of our community.

This is the first time that an event of this nature has taken place, and this year 2000 marks not only a new millennium, but also a growing sense of unity among the local churches. The congregations of all the churches extend an invitation to Islanders to join them (bring a flashlight) as they sing the songs which again declare God's love to all the world.

## Ingredients for community farm here *cont'd from p29*

has been through Dan Jason, one of Genesis Farm's suppliers of heirloom seeds. On a tour of farms during the Apple Festival, the Island Natural Growers invited her to make a presentation about

her experiences at the Farm. She has found a remarkable sensitivity among the people of Salt Spring, and a constant source of affirmation for her work.

She says that although she had not planned to evolve

her work at this point, she is not closing any doors as all of the components necessary for an agricultural model of a community supported garden are already here. She has a particular interest in communicating

technologies, is to ask ourselves, "What price progress?"

ENID TURNER

### Will Rob reply?

Robert Macdonald of Texada Land Corporation has a way with words. His letters are very well composed and seem convincing that his company is doing everything correctly. I would like to refer Mr. Macdonald, Salt Spring Islanders and anyone else concerned with the issues to a letter written by a B.C. logger in a summer issue of *West Coast Adventure Magazine*.

The author, David Gemmell, and his friend (also a logger and fellow climber) were on their way up to the beautiful crag at Horne Lake. "On our way up to the lake that day, I noticed several logging trucks. They were hauling full loads of logs out from the area surrounding the lake. I thought this was strange because it is all second growth in that area. Just as I was thinking this, Martin said, 'No way! They're logging the crag!'"

"We crested the hill to find that the logging operation had already wiped out all the trees and had moved onto the next log setting. The entire area had been logged, the beginning of the trail, in the main drainage where the water drains in the winter, right up to where the hillside starts to get steep. A sign was posted on one of the lonely trees left standing in a clump. It read, 'NO TRESPASSING, NO PARKING, NO HIKING, and NO ROCK CLIMBING.' We couldn't believe what had happened. All the trees were gone, plus no climbing was allowed. We were dumbfounded."

He continues in his letter saying how disturbed and depressed he felt. "Depressed because I had passionately described this beautiful area to my friends in Thailand. Disturbed because of the nonsensical logging practice that had been used at the lake. Maybe even more disturbed by just how ugly it now looked. The entire lower face had been destroyed plus other areas surrounding the lake. It just felt wrong. There was no need for it. The environment doesn't need to be raped and plundered for profit."

In his conclusion he writes: "I no longer feel proud of what I have been doing all

these years working in the logging industry. I can understand somewhat what went on up at the lake, business is business, and it is private land where the logging companies can and do get away with murdering the environment. I remain disillusioned and angry. What happened at the lake can't be undone. However, it should never have happened in the first place. I know—I am a faller working in the industry."

Texada Land Corporation is responsible for the logging at Horne Lake. Do you, Mr. Macdonald have a reply to this?

M. L. JOHNSTONE

### RECYCLING DEPOT HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

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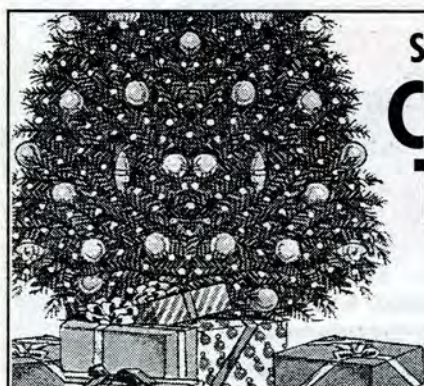
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# Kids shop for Christmas deals

*Lady Minto Thrift Store holds special event for younger shoppers on a budget*

by Judy Harper

Kids love shopping for Christmas gifts. With a little imagination—one thing no kid is ever short of—and five dollars even the youngest shopper short on funds can find a Christmas present for someone special.

And, this year, Lady Minto Thrift Store is trying something new to help those youthful shoppers—a Christmas bargain table with prices geared to children's unique budgetary requirements. There an

astute kid can purchase Christmas gifts for the whole family, from Grandpa right on down to that oh-so-hard-to-buy-for younger sibling who has everything.

The Thrift Store, located at Upper Ganges Centre (behind Dagwoods) will be open from 2 to 4 p.m. Sunday, December 17, stocked with bargains for young Christmas shoppers. Leanoir Hearsey, coordinator of the event is one of five regular volunteers at the store who have

been busier than usual this year collecting, sorting, and pricing special Christmas items. All of the volunteer staff will be present to help out.

For adult shoppers who missed the annual Christmas sale at the Thrift Store, there will be another on Saturday, December 16, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., in the boardroom at Lady Minto Hospital.

Proceeds from the Thrift Store fund various endeavors for the Extended Care Facility and Greenwoods

residents. All work is done by a team of Lady Minto Auxiliary Society volunteers and Hearsey reminds the public that willing hands are needed year-round to help with recycling, moving, garbage removal and sorting and cleaning of items to be sold. Though volunteers have traditionally been women, men are more than welcome to join the society.

The Thrift Store will be closed from December 21 until January 3 to deal with the usual year-end overflow.



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