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2. Don't overload electrical circuits or extension cords.
3. Only cords and lights approved for outdoor use should be used in your yard or outside your home.
4. Keep lights away from tinsel, paper, draperies and other flammable materials.
5. Turn off all lights and extinguish all candles before leaving home or going to bed.
6. Before placing tree in stand, cut slice off of butt end. Be sure to water the tree daily. Place tree away from *all* heat sources, such as fireplace, radiators and candles.
7. Dispose of tree when needles start to fall off.
8. Keep candles away from children, pets and flammable materials.
9. Keep poinsettias and holiday potpourri away from children and pets, as they may be hazardous if ingested.
10. Christmas wrapping and decorations can be highly combustible and should be kept away from all heat sources.
11. Discard gift wrap and boxes with the garbage or recycle where appropriate: **do not burn them in the fireplace.**
12. Now is a good time to review your home fire safety escape plan with all of the family members.

If you don't own one, purchase a smoke detector and a reliable fire extinguisher and know how to use it. Remember: safety is the most important gift you can give your family and yourself.

Wishing You A Happy Hazard-Free
Holiday Season!

**SALT SPRING
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news

Impending airstrip stirs trouble

by Peggy Abrahams

Transport Canada is registering Cudmore's airfield in the Fulford Valley, despite the objections of a number of residents. Neighbours of Gordon Cudmore, who has used his property as an airstrip off and on since the 1970s, have written letters to different levels of government in an effort to stop the aerodrome from being registered.

According to Howard Fry, whose property borders Cudmore's, the field is up for sale and one of the stipulations for the prospective buyer is that the property be registered by the federal government. Fry pointed out that the Salt Spring Official Community Plan specifically stipulates the intent "to avoid the development of any land-based commercial airstrip on Salt Spring Island."

In a letter to David Nowzek, regional director of Civil Aviation for Transport

Canada, Fry wrote, "As an aerodrome is in the jurisdiction of the federal government, there is no public process involved in its approval or development, even though hundreds of people who live in the Fulford area will be negatively impacted."

In a reply to Fry's letter, Nowzek emphasized that Transport Canada's first priority and primary responsibility is safety. "Mr Cudmore is not legally required to register his aerodrome, but by doing so he is able to control who uses [it] and the procedures pilots are to follow. This should address many of your concerns in respect to noise and safety."

In addition to noise and safety, Fry said he was also concerned at the prospect that the airstrip could become a commercial aerodrome, attracting more and more traffic. He said that after the field has been registered, the next step is list-

ing it in the *Canadian Flight Supplement*, which puts it on a map of nationally registered airstrips.

"I've seen the strip on Friday Harbor, and I think we're heading in that direction...so say goodbye to our nice little Fulford Valley. At least trees will grow back but you don't see an airstrip getting smaller."

Fry also pointed out that Cudmore's field is part of the Agricultural Land Reserve (ALR). "We're hoping that the Feds will listen that this is inappropriate use of the land."

Last week, Fry expressed frustration that the registration process seemed to continue, regardless. "I just think it's disgusting. The ALR, Islands Trust and Farmers' Institute have written Transport Canada against it. They can do this right over our heads."

Members of the newly formed Salt Spring Flying

Club support the registration of Cudmore's aerodrome. Ron Ford, secretary of the club, said that the airport has existed since about 1970. He said that the Supreme Court of B.C. ruled that Cudmore's field was an airport around 1972.

"Other than the fact that it's up for sale now and has been for four years, nothing's changed...the only thing that does change is now it will be listed. It only makes the information available to other people. It can put restrictions in to limit and regulate its use.... If it's in the Canada Flight Supplement, people have to get permission to use it. I think putting it in the flight supplement is a good thing."

Ford said it's nowhere near what people imagine. "People think we'll be flying 747s in. It's a 2,000 foot airstrip, and that means you can't bring in big planes at all; single engine is all you can bring in."

Power surfing: High speed web access on Island

by Amei Parkes

It wasn't long ago that Islanders were wondering if they could get Internet service on Salt Spring Island—period. Now the options are far more complex. How fast will I be able to surf the net, what technology will bring me up to speed, and how much will it cost are questions dogging both Internet Service Providers (ISPs) and clients.

Imagen, the local ISP, recently launched high-speed Internet, but it is not catching on at the same lightning speed it offers clients. Feasibility and limited range are just a few of the reasons why it's not yet a regular feature in Island businesses and

households.

Right now, Imagen's new radio tower on Mt. Belcher can only reach customers in Ganges. Only a handful of businesses, including Royal LePage Salt Spring Realty, the Corinternet Café and two residences have signed up for this cutting-edge technology.

"The whole Island will be covered eventually," said Anu Jolliffe, Network Administrator at Imagen, referring to erecting radio towers all over the Island.

"It would cost at least \$1 million," he added. "We will need to have about 20 towers."

But precisely how long this set-up will take and whether or not customers will buy into

wireless remains to be seen.

The jump in price may hinder some customers. High-speed Internet starts at \$60 per month for the 64 kilobit plan, all the way up to \$200 for the 256 kilobit plan. Dial-up, or modem technology, costs between \$8.90 to \$24.90, depending upon the number of service hours.

One customer says he's willing to pay the price for a far superior service. Russ Crouse, owner of Royal LePage Salt Spring Realty, values the ability for everyone in the office to access the web at once without slowing down the response time. He also values the elimination of the dial-up wait.

"It's certainly faster than a

56k modem," said Crouse. "There will be a faster speed in the future but for now, this works."

While Imagen is working on providing better, faster bandwidth—or the amount of data that can be sent—set-up costs remain high and highly involved. The process combines the brains of engineers, geologists, computer experts and financial planners.

For starters, erecting line of site towers is, quite literally, one big hurdle. Any hill or tree could impede service.

"If you do it right, you can do a 100-kilometre range. That's an extreme installation and we're not planning
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DIG IN—Bernie Konig gets right into the spirit of things—and the famous annual giant trifle—at last week's Christmas party hosted by Greenwoods. Food and wine was served by the Masons, fun and good cheer was had by all.

JJM back at work for now

by Peggy Abrahams

JJM Maintenance workers have reached a tentative agreement with management. But, the agreement is yet to be ratified by workers, said John Charlton, road foreman for Salt Spring.

"Members of the local have yet to vote on whether they're going to accept it or not," he said.

JJM employees, members of the B.C. Government and Services Employees' Union, went on strike in October. The company is contracted by the Ministry of Highways to maintain the Salt Spring road system.

Workers provided essential services during last week's snow storm and through the weekend, said Charlton on Monday.

"As of noon Friday, picket lines went down. The crew is all back to work [Monday] morning. It's business as usual. It sounds promising. None of us wanted to go on strike in the first place, so we're very happy to be back," Charlton said.

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Green House brand beans recalled

The Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) is warning the public not to consume Green House brand canned organic pinto and organic red kidney bean products. It is possible that the products contain the bacteria responsible for botulism in humans. Botulism is a life-threatening illness caused by toxins produced by *Clostridium botulinum* bacteria.

The products are sold in 398 millilitre cans and are

identifiable by codes ending with S356 on one end of the can. The products are: organic pinto beans, UPC code 7 74314 88845 5 and organic red kidney beans, UPC code 7 74314 88857 8.

These bean products, manufactured by Lockwoods, Italy, for (GH) Green House Organic Food Products, Concord, Ontario, have been distributed in British Columbia, Alberta, Saskatchewan and Yukon Territory.

Direct sailings from Long Harbour cancelled until December 22

Those travelling Long Harbour to and from Tsawwassen between now and December 21 should expect some kinks. BC Ferries announced Friday that the 192-vehicle *MV Queen of Nanaimo* will

take an unscheduled rest in drydock. Until the ship's return on December 22 the much smaller 70-vehicle *MV Bowen Queen* will supply supplementary shuttles from Long Harbour through the Outer

Gulf Islands to Swartz Bay.

Tsawwassen-bound Salt Spring and Outer Gulf Island passengers will be routed through Swartz Bay on a through-fare sailing. Passengers travelling

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Seeking a hidden message



*In the catbird seat ...
with Shelagh Plunkett*

'Tis the season, once again, and all around are mad shoppers, stressed out parents, kids half crazed with the burden of anticipation. Why, because of the gift giving and the tone which that simple little pleasure has taken on.

I turned on the idiot box a couple of nights ago and caught the last few minutes of one of the entertainment-magazine-shlock shows from the US. The host was trailing a 29-year-old dot.comer (read multi-millionaire) through the shops of New York city taking note of what he bought for his loved ones. How about a set of cartoons he commissioned for his friend Sarah Bernhardt—\$30,000. For the girlfriend a Hermes overnight bag was too blah by itself so toss in a t-shirt from Chanel (a plain white t-shirt with the famous logo on the front for \$850), a few more items of clothing, some very expensive sun glasses and a ticket (first class ticket of course) for Paris and, wha-la, the perfect gift. In that one day he spent about \$350,000 on gifts and estimated that by the end of the week he'd have blown a cool million.

Okay, so we all live to our maximum ability. It would be too easy to tsk tsk the obvious—consumerism has got us by the throat. But, while swishing about New York in his cashmere coat this young guy was bemoaning the fact that really we should feel a twinge of pity for him. After all, he explained, having gobs and gobs of money makes life just that much more difficult. Simply buying a Jag for a friend, he explained, would be too easy—conspicuous displays of spending don't really cut it when you've got the cash to spend. It seemed from the few minutes I watched, the real challenge is to spend, spend, spend but do it with a creative flair. I suppose what the show's shopper meant was that even for people with great thwacks of money at their disposal...it's the thought that counts.

Oh gee. Thank you US television for sharing with the viewing world that nugget.

I'm puzzled though—is it more difficult to think when you have a pocket bulging with limitless credit cards? Maybe so. At least, that did seem to be the, no doubt unintended, message. I have to admit, I liked the cartoon idea. I thought that showed well...thought. But, thinking shouldn't be too difficult for a guy who at 29 years has been able to think up a way to make multi-millions. So, relatively speaking, it wasn't all that original. And the girlfriend, well although the goods were real nice, I thought his approach lacked flair. A trip to Paris...romantic, yes, but rather obvious too. Poor guy, perhaps he was suffering from seasonal burn-out.

I'm left wondering though—was what I watched a sneaky and seditious message from the land of the ultimate consumer? Did I really witness a TV programme with the hidden message that money makes you dumb?

Now wouldn't that be an amazing gift for the season.



Fire fighter wish list

This year the Salt Spring Fire Department has a wish list that only you as residents can fulfill. They wish that you:

1. Maintain smoke detectors on every level of your home and in all bedrooms.
2. Create a fire escape plan for your home. Ask your children if you do not have one.
3. Have your fireplace and chimney inspected and cleaned regularly.
4. Do not burn Christmas wrapping paper in the fireplace or wood stove. Recycle instead. Ashes may float up chimney and set roof afire.
5. Ensure any ashes, whether they be fireplace or cigarette generated, be put into a metal container and stored away from any combustibles, out of doors.
6. Place candles in non-tip candleholders.
7. Place no candles on or near the Christmas tree and ensure that all candles are extinguished before you retire for the evening or go out.
8. Display your street number properly at the end of your driveway so any emergency service responding can find your residence. If it is not displayed and you need any of us, the fact that we can't find you may spoil your holiday season.

9. Clear your driveway of any undergrowth so we can get our fire trucks to your home without delay.

10. Use only approved Christmas lights. Check them all for frayed wiring and broken bulbs.

11. Trim two inches from the stem of your Christmas tree before setting it up if you are not sure of tree's freshness.

12. Mount your tree securely in a large, wide based reservoir stand and add water each day to ensure the tree is well watered.

Best wishes for a safe Yuletide season.

SSI FIRE FIGHTERS

Head in sand

Jason Willmon writes (*the Barnacle*, December 5) that the logging truck blockaded in downtown Ganges brought him to the realization that his sympathies lie neither with the loggers nor the activists but with the local businesses that were disrupted when this "disgusting display was thrust upon our doorstep."

If Mr. Willmon is this upset by a six hour disruption of the town's routine in the month of November, I can't imagine the apprehension he must feel anticipating the long term economic impact that compromising the water

supply of the town of Ganges by logging in the watershed and ruining the finest views on the Island are likely to have on this tourist based economy. But not to worry—with the blockade over Mr. Willmon can stick his head back in the sand where he normally keeps it.

ROBERT HOUSTON

Acting with heart

It is with awe and admiration that I applaud Aylwin and her courageous act in stopping a logging truck in Ganges.

It is not easy to lock down to a large piece of machinery driven by a possibly irate and violent person.

It is not easy to be ridiculed and mocked and spoken of abusively.

It is not easy to be isolated from one's friends, cold, hungry and thirsty.

It is not easy to be carted away in a police car and held in a jail. It is not easy to take the risk of following one's beliefs, especially in such a small community where one's every action is judged.

I am much encouraged by Aylwin's actions. Where we can still act with our hearts there is still hope.

As Paulo Friere said: "In order for the oppressed to unite, they must first cut the

umbilical cord of magic and myth which binds them to the world of oppression—the unity which links them to each other must be of a different nature... Only forms of action which avoid mere speech-making and ineffective "blah"... can also oppose the divisive action of the dominant elites and move towards the unity of the oppressed."

Well done, Aylwin. May we all follow your lead in opposing the divisive action of Texada.

SANDRA PATRICIA HUNTER

Courageous act

Dear Editor, M. Kyle, and others who may be interested:

Aylwin was born in Camrose, Alberta and has lived most of her life on the west coast of British Columbia. She has never been to the United States. I expect, though, that she, like many of us in the deep freeze, would welcome a trip to some warm American state, say Hawaii, right now.

Apparently, even Canadians can care enough about the environment and natural beauty to put their personal safety and futures on the line. It's comforting to know that you don't have to be American to hold strong

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opinions or to seek to raise public awareness and consciousness about gross wrongs when you see them. I think you'll find no one who is speaking out against the current cutting on the south end of Salt Spring Island is against logging per se, but many of us are against wanton mismanagement and waste of resources and the reckless, unmindful, even dangerous manner in which trees are being harvested on our home, our Island.

I believe if more of us had the courage of our convictions, the willingness to practise the right-minded, though inconvenient, protest as Aylwin did, eventually there would be fewer causes that require strong, American-style action to bring home the message that the world we live in is borrowed from the future, not a gift from us to it. Peace and justice prevail.

MAGGIE WARBEY

Dear Sir/ene,

Donalda Mackenzie's note two weeks ago, or a while back anywayst, which was pretty good in terms of language abuse wBarnacle, November 28). Like our words we don't use to good in our talking, is umm, like you

know, sort of in agreeable with my innermost feelings!

Yeah, like I said man, the cockles of my heart are just cookin. AND also to boot, well, it's a good thing isn't it, don't you even know sully, what I mean cause if you didn't I'm not sure as if we should talk about it, or something like that. Whatever. Cock-a-doodle doo!!

RON HAWKINS

Scholar-eat-scholar

It is hardly necessary for Charles Crosby to urge people to attack so-called ivory tower experts when they are doing just that to each other all the time (*the Barnacle*, December 5). Sometimes it is in print, sometimes in front of 100 of your peers just after you've presented the results of 10 years hard work. Usually it is considerate, but it can be rude and sarcastic.

It is a scholar-eat-scholar world out there. It is hard on egos and sometimes whole careers. The crybabies can stay home. Those who wander into this playground unprepared and experience the criticism and skepticism aimed at their ideas usually stumble out muttering about "ivory tower know-it-alls" and "suppression of new ideas," never realizing that this rough proving ground is

the best way we have to grope towards the truth.

Do scholars, scientists and religious leaders also hang on to ideas which have been proven false? Do they scoff at new ones? You bet! They're human, they have egos and they make mistakes. But the process transcends such human frailties, better ideas take form and the best survive doubt, debate, questions and experiments. The answers don't come easily. The universe is not only more complex and wonderful than we have imagined, it is more than we can imagine and it rarely works like common sense would suggest.

By all means, deflate the scholars, but only if you are prepared to have your ideas tested in the same thorough, systematic way. If that's too tough for you, maybe it's better to keep your ideas at home where they are safe.

ANDREW OKULITCH

Is nothing sacred

With apologies to our feathered friends: I am watching you, large and small, raptors and ground birds, eagles and herons, struggle with severe winter cold, wind and ice and possibly snow.

I will not be sitting inside by the fire on Sunday, De-

cember 17, at least not until I have personally gone out with my new neighbours' children (no dogs) and counted you one by one for several hours. I will not be pledging money to anyone or anything, but reporting my count to the Audubon Society, thanks to our neighbourhood coordinator.

Is nothing sacred?

On New Year's Day eve, 1900, Thomas Hardy wrote in *The Darkling Thrush*:

At once a voice arose among
The bleak twigs overhead
In a full-hearted evensong
Of joy illimited

An aged thrush, frail, gaunt,
and small,

In blast-beruffled plume,
Had chosen thus to fling

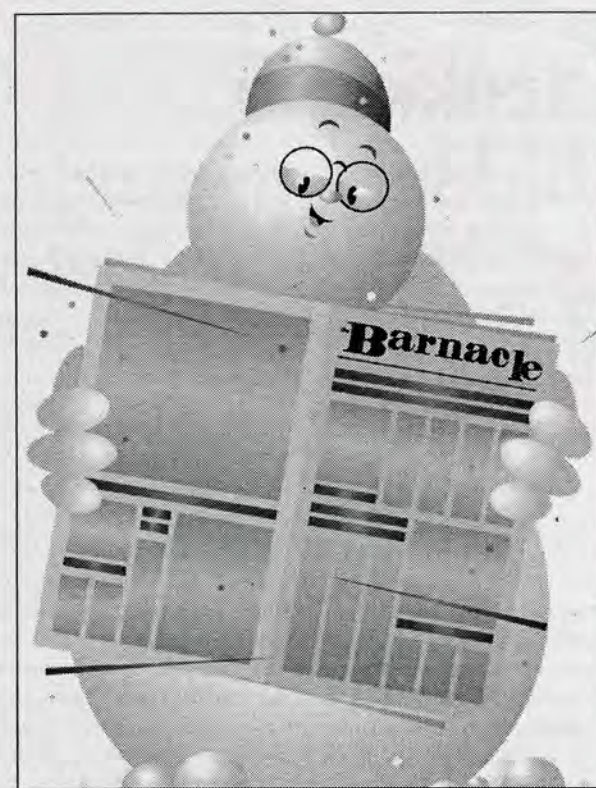
his soul

Upon the growing gloom.

ANNE HUMPHRIES

Strange meeting

I think that Peggy Abraham's report on the Islands Trust Advisory Planning Commission (APC) meeting (Cell phone tower proposals considered, *the Barnacle*, November 14) did not convey the strange way the commission set the meeting's agenda. Nor did it cover the scientific evidence produced at this meeting which shows that wireless technology is an environmental catastrophe.



A journal as literary as the Barnacle can be found in the most unusual places. Take, for example, the North Pole, where the population includes several snowpeople, a bunch of elves, at least nine magic reindeer, and Santa and Mrs. Claus.

The chairman of the APC, Gary Holman, opened the meeting with the peculiar announcement that the purpose of the meeting was solely to discuss proposals for a new cellular phone tower location on Salt Spring and

that negative health effects due to electromagnetic (EM) radiation emitted from these installations could be addressed at a future date.

One could not help but

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Did you hear?

- Issues vital to the Island's future are being discussed on the Community Forum. (Daily)
- Minutes of the Public Lands Strategy meetings are posted online. (Wednesday)
- Almost 200 GISS students made the Honour Roll. (Thursday)
- There are three new crossword puzzles on the Daily Barnacle site every day. (Daily)

These stories and more appeared last week in our online version:





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19 DEC	1200	11.5	23 DEC	0925	9.2
20 DEC	1920	4.6	24 DEC	1355	10.5
			24 DEC	2140	1.6
20 DEC	0150	8.2	24 DEC	0555	11.2
20 DEC	0550	6.9	24 DEC	1030	9.5
20 DEC	1230	11.2	24 DEC	1425	10.5
21 DEC	2000	3.6	25 DEC	2210	1.6
21 DEC	0320	8.9	25 DEC	0635	11.5
21 DEC	0700	8.2	25 DEC	1125	9.5
21 DEC	1300	10.8	25 DEC	1455	10.2
22 DEC	2035	2.6	26 DEC	2245	1.3
22 DEC	0425	9.8	26 DEC	0710	11.5
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imagine that our concerns about public safety could be aired at a meeting which representatives from cell phone companies would not be obliged to attend and be exposed to the reality of the environmental horror that they are attempting to inflict upon Salt Spring and indeed the whole planet.

Holman then conceded in his opening remarks that health concerns were the major reason for having the meeting. The absurdity of this announcement was not lost on those of us who attended the meeting ready to share our knowledge of the extreme health hazards of electro-pollution. This set an edgy tone for the meeting and put myself and others in the awkward position of having to ignore the chairman's directions in our presentation to the commission.

I represented the Green Party at the meeting and attempted to put out four key issues concerning wireless technology in particular and EM radiation in general.

The overwhelming evidence is that EM radiation is a grave environmental health threat. For example, the director of the American National Standards Institute (ANSI), has stated that there

are more than 20,000 studies extant showing some level of biological interaction from EM radiation. These range from minimal to lethal.

Citizens have the fundamental right to protect themselves from environmental health threats, no matter what the laws and regulations say. Remember—genetically modified food, bovine growth hormones and MMT in gasoline are all threats to our health that our government supports. Health Canada denies all negative health effects of EM radiation while the medical health officer of the city of Toronto is calling for exposure guidelines 100 times stricter than Health Canada's.

Our federal government is stealing our basic rights away by allowing Industry Canada to have absolute authority and control over the placement of all cell towers. If a company wanted to place a tower in downtown Ganges and they met the zoning requirements local citizens could not legally stop them. This is just one example of the level of control that the electrical industry has over our regulators.

Almost all research has a bias towards EM radiation being safe. Health Canada refuses to do research in this

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Wring their hands and
mutter.
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At the great machines
Wrenching the land,

And go back to their huts
Scratching their heads.

A simple story,
As old as civilization.
Business as usual.

Soon the robber barons
Will have moved on,
Their names forgotten.
The elected representatives
Will have retired on their
pensions.

The villagers will look
At the ravaged barren hills.
They will look at the dirty
water
Coming from their taps.
They will be angry at last.

As usual
They will look
For someone to blame.

DON JEUNESSE

area. In North America, virtually all research into biological effects of EM radiation is funded by the same electrical industry that makes billions while the public is increasingly irradiated by their emissions. For example, the former chief EM radiation researcher for Health Canada, the author of our current safety standards, is now working at

the University of Victoria. She claims to be unbiased while it was found out under the Access to Information Act that she received funding from 59 military and industry sources in the 1990s.

I also submitted the recommendations of the Saanich Environment Advisory Council to Saanich Council. One recommenda-

tion was: "That it be recommended to Saanich Council that there be a moratorium on the approval of cellular phone installations until such time as a report is submitted by the CRD Round Table on the Environment on cellular phones and their recommendations considered." I hope that the APC will adopt the same position.

WALT MCGINNIS

Paradigm shift

I am asking you to consider making a paradigm shift. I am appealing to you to broaden your horizons, your world view. You hold legal title to land with rights and privileges under the law to operate as you choose. It would appear you choose to convert your land to cash as quickly as possible. Would you consider living less from a "what I can do" position and more from a "what I could do" perspective?

We live in a me/now society, lacking an us/future vision. This is a challenge and you are not alone, Mr. Macdonald. However you are in a privileged minority, wealthy and powerful in comparison with most, hence have so much more to let go of.

John F. Kennedy said, "Ask not what your country can do for you, rather what

you can do for your country."

Albert Einstein (I am paraphrasing) said, "If I had one wish it would be for an island in this world where a gentle, compassionate peaceful people could co-exist with Earth. How we have desecrated that vision."

Do we have to destroy ourselves before we realize we have erred? Surviving the everyday tragedies and assaults of our world sooner or later gives pause for the morality of our conduct, our sheer egocentric audacity to assume that each of us is the centre of life.

Aldo Leopold said, "Ethics rest upon the premise that the individual is a member of a community. The land ethic simply enlarges the boundaries of the community to include soils, waters, plants, and animals or, collectively the land."

Our collective model has strayed almost 180 degrees from the original democratic idea of the common good. Nowadays individual rights often usurp collective interests, just as corporate profit tends to take precedence over human or local interests. The objective appears to be money over people, money over the environment. The irony is, and we are

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COMMENTARY

Who will stop climate change?

As a Canadian living in London, I felt that adding my voice to the thousands at the Climate Conference in The Hague a few weekends ago was an opportunity not to be missed. I have participated politically in my local community in Vancouver, and I often go out to protests and rallies on local and global issues. But I have never before been to a protest where people from all over the world gathered around a common cause. I met many people, young and old, women and men, boys and girls, who felt it was up to them to bring their voices and energies to the street, to participate more fully in the lives of their communities, local and global.

On Friday, November 17, I boarded a ferry to The Hague with about 2,000 other global citizens, determined to bring a message to those inside the Climate Conference, determined to demand that strong commit-

ments be put in place to avert catastrophic climate change.

I marched, celebrated and built an enormous sandbag dike with 5,000 people—a symbol of solidarity and a strong statement to governments and big business: face up to climate change or face the consequences. Some came from as far away as Australia, Italy and Canada to be part of the demonstration. And others made relatively short trips. These people were not scientists or CEOs or politicians. They were extraordinary people with a very different view of citizenship, one that stretches beyond casting an occasional vote.

Val, a grandmother, avid traveller and retired nurse from Cornwall, England works as a director of her local Friends of the Earth chapter. She campaigns vigorously to her local government on the issue of climate

change and she even requested a security clearance to help build the inner dike (left standing all week to remind the ministers inside) and worked for three hours in the cold filling sandbags and piling them one on top of another.

Diana, retired farmer and mother of three also from Cornwall, had lived in Zimbabwe for six years and debated South African politics with Val till the wee hours of the morning. She has sailed across the Atlantic with three small children, and while we were en route to The Hague she quietly confessed to me when I asked her why she came, that she doesn't always make it to the demonstrations, but this was something too important to her to miss.

Jackie, (also from Cornwall England) mother, student and local Friends of the Earth co-ordinator suffers from rheumatoid arthritis

but was determined to make her voice heard at the conference. Jackie also brought her 17-year-old daughter Rosa to participate in the demonstration.

I met Franco, a train engineer who came from Sardinia, Italy to take part in the democratic actions. I heard Honduran Carlos Perez, survivor of Hurricane Mitch, deliver an impassioned plea for change. And I even met an entire parachute troop from Croatia. There were many others I didn't meet, but who, like me, felt that participating in the debate—even from the outside, especially from the outside—was vitally important. And with the talks collapsed, the conference over and zero commitments made, it is clear to me that if we are to avoid catastrophe, the pressure to change will come from below—from people like Val, Diana, Jackie and Franco.

AILEEN PENNER

MAILBOX cont'd from p6
so flawed by greed, that without people and a livable environment money is nothing.

Mr. Macdonald, if you look at a map of the forest cover of the entire B.C. coast you will see there are only small fragments of it which have never been logged, which helps explain why severe slope, inaccessible heli-logging is going on. The fact is that in the last 150 years we have removed almost all the timber that took thousands of years to grow. Yes, I know, "but the market says this is what it's worth and if I don't cut it someone else will."

We won't experience a cut

rate like this again, ever, unless we are prepared to wait a thousand years, and hope that the soils and microfauna haven't washed away, that forest species succession will allow such a re-establishment, that global warming isn't sufficiently exacerbated by such an absence of mature trees to allow humanity continued existence in an environment to which we are adapted.

Timber mills are closing for lack of wood, and with them jobs. Clear-cutting has destroyed ecosystems and jobs. Never mind tomorrow. Never mind a more reserved, inclusive, self-sustaining ap-

proach. Scramble for a seat folks, 'cause when they're gone, they're gone. It seems that governments vacillate between placating unions and business while ignoring or afraid to defend the very capacity and quality of resources to continue providing for us. Our Father give us this day our daily bread.

We live in an era which many of the world's brightest minds regard as in critical condition for earth and the family of life. Now is our best chance to think beyond ourselves, to consider the young and less privileged who will inherit the world we leave.

Mr Macdonald, will you please think about this. Think about the need for re-designing the nature of private and public relationships? I invite you, I implore you, to consider integrating more of the common good in your values and actions. I envisage a time where all (CEOs, shareholders, employees, contractors and customers alike) take a more socially responsible, multi-bottom-lined approach to our collective well being. We share a common, limited and precious space. A paradigm shift for all.

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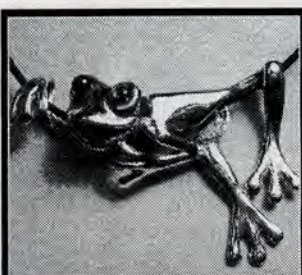
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Local parents' group helps rid BC Ferries of violent video games

by Michelle Mech

Salt Spring's District Parent Advisory Council (DPAC) has succeeded in having BC Ferries remove two violent video games from its onboard games area. After listening to the group's concerns, the Ferry Corporation removed a game rated with a parent advisory warning that read "STRONG ANIMATED VIOLENCE—contains scenes of violence involving cartoon characters in fantasy or life-like settings such as martial arts or sports activities." The games, ATARI Area51 Site4, that utilized two guns as aiming devices, have been removed from the Queen of Tsawwassen and replaced with games rated mild.

When first contacted by DPAC, BC Ferries told the group the company maintains a video games standards committee which initially told DPAC it could not address the group's concerns beyond the vessel in question. The committee explained that it was developing a new standard but that existing contractual obligations left game changes up to the good will of the supplier. However, when DPAC last contacted BC Ferries in October they were told hand-held gun games had been removed on all ferries and the video standards committee had been suspended pending legislation from the attorney general's office. New

contracts were being written with provisions to change games accordingly when the new B.C. standards are passed.

In working to have the games changed, DPAC was in contact with the Vancouver-based Coalition Opposed to Violent Entertainment (COVE), formed last January. COVE's objective is to raise public awareness about the content of extremely violent games, the potential psychological and social problems from interactive play with violent media, and the need for a comprehensive ratings system to regulate access to violent video games. The development and successful implementation of a provincial ratings system will depend largely upon public recognition of the problem and public acceptance and co-operation with a regulatory system.

During its correspondence with BC Ferries, DPAC quoted two experts on the social dangers of violent video games. Dave Grossman is a former psychology professor at West Point Military Academy in New York who used video game technology to help recruits switch off their "violence immune system." Professor Stephen Kline recently completed a study on the effects of video game violence on children aged 8 to 15.

"We're providing military-



Until recently BC Ferries had violent video games onboard and in an area where young children could watch others playing.

quality training at a young age. Children see human death and suffering and learn to associate it with pleasure," said Grossman, explaining that the games have the same desensitizing effects as military simulators.

Grossman has co-authored the book *Stop Teaching Our Kids to Kill* (1999) and differentiates violent video games from the "old-fashioned, bang-bang, I gotcha" play because they have no real-life constraints.

DPAC's concerns over the

video game onboard the Queen of Tsawwassen echoed that of Professor Stephen Kline said, "No one is saying that a kid who plays violent games will kill another kid, or that a kid can't make the separation between a game and reality, but we can show that video games desensitize a child to killing because everything becomes a target."


DPAC is currently supporting and contributing to COVE via phone and email.

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PARC to work on assets

Parks, Arts and Recreation Commission (PARC) has announced that its plans for the coming year reflect a shift in the organization's direction. After reviewing its master plan, staff and financial planning, PARC has decided to focus on upgrading and maintaining their existing assets in the community. The shift is a result of PARC's recognition that outstanding infrastructure issues require addressing and that the organization must ensure adequate resources are put in place for maintenance.

In the coming year PARC

plans to retille the Portlock Park pool changing rooms to ensure they meet health standards, improve outdoor lighting in a number of areas, prioritize safety and sanitation issues in the parks, work on the boardwalk, upgrade and complete existing trails, complete the multicourt at Portlock Park and upgrade Rotary Marine Park.

PARC also plans to address regulatory issues on their Rainbow Road property—ALR zoning, water, sewage and roads—with the goal of reaching a point at which the community

can become involved in discussions on what to build and when to build the indoor recreation facility intended for the site.

PARC will continue to directly support the summer pool and daycamp programmes. It will also continue to advertise programmes for local instructors, although registration for classes and collection of fees will now be handled directly by instructors.

Over the holiday season the PARC office will be closed from December 21 through January 3.

DPAC works with COVE *cont'd from p8*

COVE is now established to the point of encouraging further supporters and DPAC has been canvassing the B.C. Confederation of Parent Advisory Councils to back COVE's initiative. As well, SWOVA has

decided to support the endeavour, and district superintendent Duane Sutherland is bringing it to the provincial Superintendent's Association, encouraging their involvement.


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Christmas (de)commercialized

Putting more meaning into the season and removing stress in the process

by Amei Parkes

Someone once said it's hard to be humble.

During this season of Yuletide muzak and credit card maxing, the humble surface like a breath of fresh air. And by humble, I mean quiet, a bit reserved, unpretentious, yet giving of themselves. Perhaps I am stretching the definition, but one Salt Spring family fits the bill to a tee.

For the Howes, slowing down the Christmas bandwagon was not only a conscious choice, it was a twist of fate. Five years ago, they were ready to leave Salt Spring, unable to find steady work. Then a different kind of tragedy hit. Nairn Howe's brother died, leaving her to support and help raise her niece and nephew.

Although his death was excruciatingly painful, the upshot was that her brother left them in charge of his cattle ranching business in Alberta—giving them the steady income they so desperately needed.

"It was a terrible loss to lose my brother, but it was a quirk of fate that we could stay on the Island," recalls Nairn.

What does this have to do with Christmas?

The season already characterized by family togetherness and joy, became a reminder of how truly fortunate they are.

"All my kids need is food in their bellies," says this mother of four (including

her niece and nephew), who can often be seen helping to fill other bellies, delivering food hampers, preparing special meals at schools and organizing community potlucks.

Knowing that tragedy has a funny way of teaching difficult life lessons, they made helping others part of their Christmas tradition.

their priorities.

"I'm not trying to make myself sound like a saint, but it was a bell-ringer. We feel really lucky, and we want to spread it around," says Nairn.

Fellowship like this, along with age-long traditions, carols in the streets and the story of Christmas, are warming enough to send a

**"The utter hijacking
of the holiday and its spirit
by the rapacious mercantile world,
the tsunami of pitch, ad and come-on
that begins...
sometime in November
that has every mall and shop and
street
littered with the trinketry
of the season."**

—Rex Murphy

Every year, since Nairn's brother died, the Howes have given a sizeable donation to each of the schools their children attend. Here on Salt Spring, they gave a copy of *The Encyclopedia of British Columbia* to Fulford Elementary and the Middle School. They also donated to a bursary for needy university students at the University of Saskatchewan, and a set of CDs to her nephew's high school in Alberta.

Nairn says they've always seen Christmas as an organic, homegrown experience. Now, they've just shifted

glow into the hearts of even the most hardened grinch. Why then, does Christmas tug so hard at our purse strings? Why is the focus of the message—be it religious or not—re-directed at the mountain of gifts under the tree?

"There is also no denying that Christmas is one of the most exploitative, driven, stressed...times of the year," CBC host, Rex Murphy, recently said on Cross Country Check-up, when he asked listeners: "Has Christmas become too commercial?"

One Islander has halted

the runaway train of commercial Christmas all together. Athena George's newest holiday tradition, namely not giving gifts within her family, is about to have a second go-round.

But did she feel a certain emptiness on the big day last year, I ask her.

"We all felt relief. There was no stress. Nobody got something they didn't want. We spent Christmas together doing things," she says.

They were free of what Murphy calls "the utter hijacking of the holiday and its spirit by the rapacious mercantile world, the tsunami of pitch, ad and come-on that begins... sometime in November that has every mall and shop and street littered with the trinketry of the season."

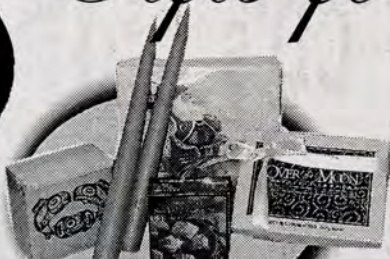
(I experienced this scene two weeks ago in Victoria, not being able to get within a kilometre of the Toys R Us door.)

Salt Spring Hours Barter Network (SSBHN) member, Elizabeth Buchanan, echoes Murphy's sentiments, but tones down the Torontonians host's vitriolic spitfire.

"It takes effort to not have it commercialized. It's easier to buy buy buy...even if you didn't intend to do that," says Buchanan, whose traditions include sharing an appreciation for her family members and taking walks through the forest.

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On Christmas and New Year's days, service is reduced on most routes. The Fulford/Swartz route has been reduced by one sailing with the first run of the day in either direction cancelled. The earliest departure from Fulford will be 8 a.m.

Speed comes at a price *cont'd from p2*

anything like that. The most we're looking at is 20 kilometres [per tower]," said Jolliffe.

But good tower sites are hard to find. They need to be high enough to bounce a signal off, but not where it obstructs a scenic view. These high elevation sites often lack electrical services, so solar or hydro generators would need to be set up for each tower. Also rolled into the cost is a rental and technician fee. Tower equipment and building costs also factor into the end price.

All in all, tower locations can cost between \$5,000 and \$100,000 each, depending upon all the variables.

Other companies also wanting to bring in high-speed Internet echo the physical, financial and de-

mographic constraints.

"People are looking at little old Salt Spring—it's an under-served market," said Mike Newman, president of Collectivity Works Inc. (CWI), based in Sidney.

This wireless company was looking into setting up an Internet connection on Vancouver Island, and relaying it onto Salt Spring via radio tower. But the Island's relatively small population (just above 10,000), topographical limitations and expenses involved in hiring people to come over to the Island all hinder these innovations.

Newman predicts that CWI will start looking into the project again in June 2001 upon completion on their project in Sidney. Next

year, they plan to set up a radio tower in the north end of the Island to reach residents in the Vesuvius area.

CWI's cost to consumers would run between \$120 and \$800 per month—a cost Newman calls "far below what you would pay to a telephone company."

Wireless is the wave of the future, said Newman. Beyond sending email and browsing the web, people will be able to hold voice calls, pick up cable television, set up video surveillance security systems and do video conferencing.

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DECEMBER 19-31
Desert Island Choices

Reading, music and a visitor—what would you pick if you were stranded on a desert island?



This week's marooned Islander is **Mrs. Claus**. She is a busy woman, especially at this time of year. Mrs. Claus' job is to make sure all things run smoothly at the North Pole. This can mean anything from taking an extra shift in the workshop if an elf comes down with a cold to creating Santa's TripTik for his journey around the world next Sunday, December 24. Mrs. Claus is working with Olive, a reindeer, to develop a new fashion line for elves. Watch for it next season!

The Book: Believe it or not, I never tire of A Visit from St. Nicholas by Clement C. Moore. (You know, "Twas the night before Christmas," and so on.) I get a kick out of reading what Santa gets up to out there. I remember when Clement came up north to interview us for his research. He wanted to be sure he got the story accurately.

The Disc: I really love jazz, so I'd bring along my copy of the sound track for A Charlie Brown Christmas by the Vince Guaraldi Trio. It's a classic.

Fellow castaway: Much as I love all the elves, snow-people and reindeer I work with every day, there's no question: I'd have Santa come to the island with me. What can I say—my husband is a great guy!

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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
- Christina Heinemann**
SS Roasting Co. 'til Dec. 20
- Michael Aronoff "Connections"**
Moby's. 'til Jan. 1
- Soup's On**
Free soup and sandwich. All Saints'. 11:30-1pm
- 12 Days of Christmas**
1/2 price treatments at Bodyworks Collective. 5:30-7:30pm.
- 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
- Christina Heinemann**
SS Roasting Co. 'til Dec. 20
- Centering Prayer**
Contemplative Centre. 8am
- S. End Centering Prayer**
St. Mary's Fulford. 11am
- Caregivers Support Group.**
Seniors' Centre. 11am
- Community Wellness Program**
Constant Ringing in Your Ears? Tinnitus! SS Seniors. 2pm
- 12 Days of Christmas**
1/2 price treatments at Bodyworks Collective. 5:30-7:30pm.
- Step into Shape**
All Saints'. 9-10am

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LEGEND

- ★ Special Event
- 👶 Children
- 🎭 Performing Arts
- 🎵 Music
- 💃 Dance
- 🖼️ Gallery
- 🗣️ Interfaith
- 📅 Meetings & Lectures
- ⊕ Health
- 🏃 Sports and fitness
- 🎬 Cinema / TV
- 📰 Review in this issue

MONDAY DECEMBER 25

- ★ **Community Christmas Potluck**
Rose's Cafe. Doors open 1am. Dinner at 5:30pm.
- 👶 **Cats Pajamas Dance Class**
Lang Road Studio. 7:30pm
- 🎭 **Tango Practice**
Lion's Hall. 7:30-9:30pm
- ⊕ **Christmas Day communion service**
United Church. 10am
- 🎵 **Holy Eucharist**
All Saints'. 10am
- 🧘 **Vipassana Meditation**
The Barn. 7:30pm
- 🎨 **Life Model Drawing**
United Church. 1-3pm
- 👶 **Cats Pajamas Feldenkrais Class**
Lang Rd. Studio. 6pm
- 👶 **Around the World with Robert Bateman and Bristol Foster Pumpkins and Other Tales**
Riparian Discovery
Salt Spring TV 7pm.

TUESDAY DECEMBER 26

- 👶 **Storytime for 3-5's**
Public Library. 10-10:30am
- 👶 **Diana Thompson**
Surrey Art Gallery
- 🎭 **ASA: Celebration**
ArtSpring Lobby 'til Jan. 1
- 🎵 **Michael Aronoff "Connections"**
Moby's. 'til Jan. 1
- 👶 **SSI Paddler's Club**
United Church Hall. 7:30pm
- 👶 **Drop In Floor Hockey**
Fulford Hall 6:30-8:30pm

WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 27

- 👶 **Storytime**
Fables Cottage. Wed-Fri. 10:30am
- 🎭 **Family Open Stage**
King's Lane Bowling Alley. 6-9pm
- 🎭 **Wednesday Night Live**
Open Stage. Moby's Pub. 9pm
- 🎭 **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

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The Simpsons? Twelve? Aye, caramba!



Wit & Whimsy...
with Arthur Black

I remember the first time I beheld a Matt Groening cartoon. It was back in the late '70s, in an issue of *Rolling Stone* magazine. Groening was the (at the time) unknown artist behind a cartoon strip called *Life In Hell*, featuring two amateurishly drawn rabbits exchanging very clever bon mots.

"Funny guy—too bad he can't draw" I remember thinking.

Huh. Matt Groening is the guy who later invented *The Simpsons*.

So what do I know?

That memory came swimming back at me a while back as I read a newspaper story pointing out that the 250th episode of *The Simpsons* was about to go to air. Think about that. *The*

Simpsons has been on TV for 12 years.

Twelve years? That's the age of a decent, single malt Scotch, for heaven's sake! Is it possible that we've been watching the adventures of dum dum Homer, uber-coiffed Marge, kidgenius Lisa and demonspawn Bart for 12 years?

Afraid so. And in that 12 years we have seen celebrities the likes of Elizabeth Taylor, Johnny Carson, Ringo Starr, and some 200 other household names line up to have their voices—and often their Groeningized caricatures—inserted in one episode or another of *The Simpsons*.

The thing that sets *The Simpsons* apart from other TV comedy series is that, after 12 years it's still funny.

Happy Days isn't. Reruns of *MASH* seem annoyingly chatty. *Cheers* is a tedious bore and the humour on *All In The Family* feels positively geriatric.

And the current competition? Get real. Shows like *Friends* and *Frasier* can share the deep end of the pool with *The Simpsons*, but so-called comedy series like *Will and Grace*, *Suddenly Susan* and *Third Rock From The Sun* deserve to be relegated to...well, say the fourth rock from the sun, minimum.

Robert Thompson, who runs the Center for the Study of Popular Television at Syracuse University, rates *The Simpsons* as not only world-class, but all-time classic.

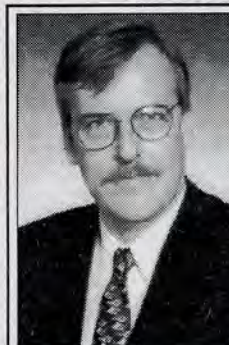
"Mentioning *The Simpsons* right next to Mark Twain does not bother me at all," he says. "There are more funny things in a single act of a single episode of *The Simpsons* than there was in the entire run of

Suddenly Susan."

Amen. Of course, enthusiasm for the ongoing adventures of the Simpson family is not universal. The show has its detractors. Religious fundamentalists routinely excoriate *The Simpsons* for its unflattering portrayal of "family values." Right wing nutbars see it as a threat to the Amurrikin way of life. And Dan Quayle (Ned Flanders incarnate) was briefly famous for going on TV to condemn Homer, Bart and most of the mythical town of Springfield for everything they collectively stood for.

The rest of the planet does not agree. *The Simpsons* is a cultural icon and a television staple in no less than 70 countries around the world.

I am not a TV fan. Fred Allen called it "chewing gum for the eyes" and I agree. But *The Simpsons*? For me, that show redeems everything vile about the medium. And Dan Quayle? If you're reading this.... Eat my shorts.



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Back to basics for Christmas *cont'd from p10*

Your Money or Your Life authors, Joe Dominguez and Vicki Robin, would agree.

"If you live for having it all, what you have is never enough," say these two economists. "You lose the ability to identify that point of sufficiency at which you can choose to stop."

The goal of downscaling your possessions will ultimately lead to "reaching oneself for a life that is truer to one's gifts, passions and sense of purpose," they report.

For Christmas revellers who plan to shop 'til they drop, they advise expressing love in kind, rather than gifts. Limit the amount of gifts kids get, for starters. Appreciation in this "less is more" attitude will show itself in the amount of time they spend getting to know each gift, instead of getting tired and cranky from opening heaps of presents.

Buy gifts from garage sales.

"Where do you think all the stuff at garage sales comes from, anyway?" ask Dominguez and Robin. "It's gifts peo-

ple got and never used! Just keep them moving on."

Give services, like massage, child minding or yard work. Make your own gifts. Or like George, make an agreement not to exchange gifts.

But for someone like Nairn Howe, these wheels have already been set in motion, and she does not feel swept up by Christmas commercialism on Salt Spring. (Across the waters, she says, is another matter.) Think of the craft fairs, she reminds me. Not only are Salt Springers buying locally, they're sharing Christmas cheer with their neighbours.

Buchanan too maintains the true spirit of Christmas also through this mantra: "Pace yourself. Make the process enjoyable. If it's not enjoyable, don't do it."



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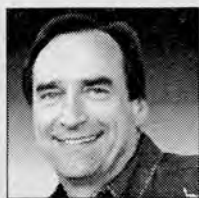
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*Isle Say! ...
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So what's the problem with a real airport in the Fulford Valley? First, the land is in the Agricultural Land Reserve. The B.C. Land Commission is opposed to the creation of this aerodrome because the land is prime farmland in an area of Salt Spring that's been the hub of agricultural activity since the first (non-Aboriginal) settlers came to the Island.

Second, Salt Spring Island's Official Community Plan (written, supported and adopted by Islanders) says there should be no land-based airport on Salt Spring.

Last, the Feds, the Province, and the Islands Trust are discussing the creation of a National Park which could cover a significant portion of the Island (and could even abut the aerodrome).

The issue here is not whether you or I personally support the idea of an airport on Salt Spring. It's that—once again—we have virtually no say in a decision that will have a significant permanent impact on the future of our Island.

At least one of the people involved in the new Salt Spring Flying Club isn't helping matters at all with his "we're going to have an airport here and there's nothing you can do about it" attitude. Such arrogance reinforces the notion that proponents of the airport don't care about the concerns of other Islanders.

This scenario has become all too familiar on Salt Spring. Over the past couple of years, Islanders have become disillusioned, fed-up, and just plain old tired out, from fighting battles where their elected representatives say "we agree with you, but there's really nothing we can do." In the case of an airport in the Fulford Valley, the Trust is opposed to it; the B.C. Land Commission is opposed to it; and the Salt Spring OCP is opposed to it. Yet there may be no way of stopping it.

Those magnificent men in their flying machines have been around for almost a century but until now, Salt Spring has had no (official) land-based airport. Oh sure, there are two or three private landing strips where the owner—or his friends—have been able to come and go in their little airplanes. But that's a whole lot different than a registered aerodrome, which is what we're about to get.

Gordon Cudmore has a buyer for his farm in the Fulford Valley, and the sale is contingent on the landing strip being registered as an aerodrome. Thanks to the federal government's position that they have unfettered authority to allow airports wherever they please, that registration will go through very soon.

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RCMP runs Christmas counterattack campaign

by Peggy Abrahams

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Now in its 23rd year, the BC Drinking Driving Counterattack programme has proven highly successful. Last year, 5.5 million cars were checked in a total of 8,200 roadchecks. Police handed out 12,134 suspensions and 906 impaired driving charges under the criminal code.

Throughout the province the police record, report and track data from all the road blocks they conduct. The programme is not just punitive, but also includes a public education campaign. Statistics indicate that the police counterattack campaigns reduce drinking-related crashes by about 20 per cent.

RCMP Sargeant Paul Darbyshire said that last Monday, roughly 800 to 900 cars were checked in two separate road blocks, and no one was charged for impaired. He said the RCMP primarily look for people they have reason to believe may be driving under the

influence of alcohol or drugs.

"We're looking for the hard core people. We have individuals we know of who continue to drink and drive and we target them. We've been giving out 24 hour suspensions to people suspected of drinking and driving," he said.

The police have the authority to suspend anyone they suspect of having had anything to drink, Darbyshire explained. "For some people it could be one drink, some it could be more, just based on visual evidence or smell."

The police use hand-held roadside screening devices that detect any amount of alcohol in a person's system, he said. Lights indicate different levels of alcohol. Green is a pass. Yellow is a warning, meaning the driver's licence could be suspended. Red means the driver's alcohol level is over the limit. The police have the discretion to give drivers a Breathalyzer or a roadside suspension, Darbyshire said.

After a driver has been suspended, the consequences of driving are severe. "If you're caught driving after being suspended, you're facing a minimum of seven days in

jail, because the suspension was a break. If charged with impaired driving, you face the loss of your licence for a year, and a one year suspension of driving privileges," Darbyshire said.

Drivers who refuse a breath or blood alcohol test will lose their licence, and are prohibited from driving for 90 days. A second conviction carries a mandatory jail sentence of 14 days to one year. It's not surprising that the penalties are severe, considering the dangers of drinking and driving. An estimated 30 per cent of B.C. road fatalities are alcohol-related.

As Darbyshire pointed out, there's a simple precaution to take to avoid the dangers and penalties of drinking and driving. If you plan to drink, arrange before you go to have a designated driver, or take a taxi, he suggested.

"Vesuvius Pub has a great programme. You put your keys in a bucket and take a free taxi home. The next day, you come back for your keys and make a donation in the bucket," he said.

To be sure you avoid problems, Darbyshire added, "Stay off the roads if you've been drinking. It's not worth it."

Rotary auction success

Salt Spring's Rotary Club held a very successful fundraiser December 8 which 96 people attended, dining, dancing and bidding on a charity auction well into the night. Everything from food to art to weekend getaways were bid on with all items donated for the event. The Rotarians expect to net \$4,200 from the event.

Funds raised will be used throughout the year to complete existing projects and start new ones. Some of the projects that will benefit from the dinner and auction include the RCMP DARE programme, waterfront marine park, food bank, student scholarships and an elementary school in Cuenca, Ecuador which the local Rotary Club currently sponsors.

Plans for the next Rotary auction, to be held December 2001, are already being formulated.

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The Chip Wagon—a watercolour print by Bert Small.

The Chip Wagon

A painter's unusual inspiration

by Bert Small

Every day throughout the summer months, I passed it by on the Fulford-Ganges Road. At first it was just another business enterprise, but with time and familiarity it became a symbol of the entrepreneurial spirit of Salt Spring Islanders and also a unique and colourful landmark.

As a watercolour painter, I started to see it as perhaps an unlikely subject for a painting, but interesting and dynamic in the sense of character, design, composition and colour.

All the elements were there to create a pictorial story, not just another painting.

The truck itself would be the main centre of interest, with the chip-man handing over a parcel of fries to a tourist, and the couple in the background enjoying their treat under the umbrella, in the relative sanctuary of the small forest, as a secondary, but important focal point.

By September, I was convinced that I had to paint it and took some photos from different angles for reference.

With a date already set to do a workshop in November for the Salt Spring Island Painters Guild, I decided to use that opportunity to paint this as my demonstration painting.

I think the group was both surprised and delighted to see such an unusual choice of subject, but I believe a lesson was learned by all of us, that any scene from our daily travels, can become a dynamic slice of life, worthy of recording permanently in paint.

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Sweet music at high school concert

by Peggy Abrahams

The air was filled with sweet music last Wednesday and Thursday nights when 71 high school music students took the stage at ArtSpring—the second night braving snowy roads to go on with the show.

The Gulf Islands Secondary School (GISS) music programme started only three years ago under the inspired direction of Bruce Smith. This year, not only has the repertoire been expanded, but two new programmes have been launched, a grade 9 and 10 jazz band and a guitar class.

The first half of the concert began with debut performances by these two groups. The grade 9 and 10 jazz band kicked off with three selections that showed surprising sophistication for such a young and new band, featuring solos by the accomplished Phil Wurr on saxophone, and trumpeter Simon Miller. A rendering of the Spanish flavoured *Prelude in A Minor*, played by eight guitar students, was especially noteworthy since some of the students have only stud-

ied guitar for three months.

It is hard not to be impressed by the talented Sandy Curtis, who plays a masterful saxophone in the grade 11 and 12 jazz band, lab band and concert band, sings in the choir, and on the first night conducted the concert band as they played Vivaldi's *Spring*.

I was swept away by a captivating performance of Tchaikovsky's *1812 Overture*, which clearly demonstrated the collective and individual competence of the musicians in the grade 9 to 12 concert band.

After the intermission, two of the students pointed out that the concert was lacking one thing: Christmas music. Band members walked down the aisles of ArtSpring, playing *Jingle Bells* and *Deck the Halls*, adding a festive note to the evening.

The grade 11 and 12 jazz band was outstanding. Featured guest singer, Elyse Cleland (who performed with both the jazz bands), added eloquent vocals to *Every Day I Have the Blues*. Cleland has a rich pure voice that is mellifluous when she lets go. Stunning solos by Phil Albert on trumpet and Sandy Curtis on saxophone were highlights

of *A Night in Tunisia*.


The evening's climax was a breathtaking performance by the choir, singing *If Ye Love Me* followed by *Sing a Song of Sixpence*. The choir, which won a silver award at the Heritage Festival in Vancouver last spring, has great control of complex multi-part arrangements. The audience's enthusiastic response was rewarded with an encore, the Swahili song, *Thuma Mina*.

While the stage was reorganized between performances, different students did brief musical spacers in front of the curtain to keep the audience entertained. The spacers were a great idea, keeping up the pace of the concert and giving more students an opportunity to perform. One of these special interludes was an un-

usually effective and creative juxtaposition by Alex Gay, who played a Bach cello piece on electric bass. Gay told the audience, "I'm the first person in recorded history to do this."

Because of the snow on Thursday, some of the students—as well as audience members—couldn't attend. The students adapted admirably, improvising and filling in for one another. To compensate for missing flutists, fiddler Jack Roland played flute parts from sight on the violin.


Watching Smith's easy manner while he conducts the bands and choir, it's clear why the musicians and singers respond so well to him. The result is a resounding success. Smith has created a vital and exciting music programme at GISS.




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This Land gets a Canadian twist

Musical Musings ...

with Murray Shoolbraid



The great and talented American folksinger-songwriter Woody Guthrie left many good songs that are sung with appreciation by folks who don't know who wrote them. In this, Guthrie has joined the ranks of the popular but anonymous balladeers who created what we call folk songs. By their very nature, folk songs change over the years, and Guthrie's are no exception.

For instance, take *This Land is Your Land*, a popular anthem (as opposed to the official anthems I have mentioned in previous columns) which has acquired a Canadian accent by changing some of the words:

*This land is your land, this land is my land,
From California to the New York Island,
From the redwood forest to the Gulf Stream waters;*

This land was made for you and me

becomes

*This land is your land, this land is my land,
From Bonavista to Vancouver Island,
From the Arctic Circle to the Great Lake waters
...and so on.*

There's an amusing song written in fairly recent times to the same catchy tune which gives a potted history of Canada. Try this:

*First came the Norsemen, or Scandinavians,
Extremely coarse men, mostly unshaven;
They wandered inland, they called it Vinland,
This land that's made for you and me.
This land that's your land, this land that's my land,
This far from Norway, this just-won't-try land;
Your average Viking had no great liking
For this land that's made for you and me.*

*The early Frenchmen had great persistence
Despite the Indians' combined resistance;
With righteous feeling, they started stealing
This land that's made for you and me.
This land that's your land, this land that's my land,
This voyageur land, this fleur-de-lys, land,
This decimated, then separated,
This land that's made for you and me.*

*Then came the English and assorted henchmen
Who started fighting with all those Frenchmen;
Through this spot of bother, they told each other—"I say
This land is made for you and me."
This land that's your land, this land that's my land,
This Rule Britannia, steak-and-kidney-pie land,
This land of Tory, of "Hope and Glory,"
This land that's made for you and me.*

While French and English were busy vying, U. S. investors were quietly buying:
We didn't spot it until they got it

*This land that's made for you and me.
This land that's your land, this land that's my land,
This All-Canadian, pie-in-the-sky land;
Though we bemoan it, we still don't own it
This land that's made for you and me.*

In order to have a rhyme, fleur-de-lys has to be pronounced "fleur-de-lie." I know that's terrible, but that's the way I've heard it sung. I suppose if anyone has other ideas they are at liberty to change the preceding line to end in "ee." Anyway, there it is, and as a summary of the depredations of fur-traders in this land which really, let's face it, belonged at the time to no one but Aboriginal people, the song succeeds in a wry way.

Contact Murray Shoolbraid at 537-5432 to give him your feedback and request songs for future columns.



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SOME FISH FACTS:

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Al Hoskins holding a coho salmon caught in Cusheon Creek.

The sprightly and talented barnacle

A story told in two parts

by Tom Wright

Which of us Islanders has not shed blood over a barnacle? We have skinned our knuckles cleaning the boat, gashed our feet clambering over rocks, scraped our shins swimming, or lacerated bare shoulders against pilings at low tide.

The honey-comb clusters of white volcano-like encrusting mounds, so resistant to waves and so hard on our hide, are a familiar sight along rocky seashores. Barnacles often consort with limpets and periwinkles.

But who lives inside? Contrary to appearances barnacles are NOT tiny people huddled under raincoats. But neither are they shapeless blobs of yellow squishy stuff, though that's the impression we get when we crush a barnacle underfoot.



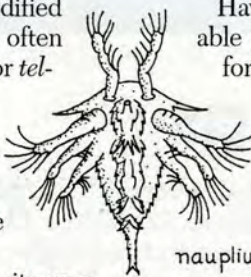
barnunculus
(What is NOT inside a barnacle!)

Who IS this fellow Islander who outnumbers us so abundantly, and has been here so much longer?

Three quarters of all the world's animal species are *arthropods* (jointed-legs). About 35,000 of these are ocean-going crabs, shrimps, prawns, lobsters and barnacles, and the rest are insects. The 900 or so

species of barnacles belong to the marine arthropods, *Phylum crustacea*, in the class *cirripedia* (curled-legs).

The ancestors of crustaceans 550 million years ago were segmented worms, whose many identical segments each carried a pair of legs and breathing appendages. Millions of years of evolution subsequently allowed different body parts to specialize, so that now a typical crustacean has a head with two pairs of sensory antennae and at least three pairs of mouth parts (*mandibles*), a thorax with several pairs of legs (some modified as tweezers or paddles) and often gills, an abdomen, and a tail or *telson*. In some crustaceans a fold of skin, the *carapace* or mantle, extends backwards behind the head, covering parts of the body. A carapace is vital to the barnacle.



The barnacle not only has its very own ideas on the crustacean model, but tries several wondrously different combinations during its three to five year life span.

It is not a simple creature. When biologist Charles Darwin became interested in barnacles he studied them for eight years; his discoveries filled two weighty scientific volumes.

When it hatches from an egg in its parent's mantle cavity—along with about 1,000 siblings—the tiny free-swimming baby barnacle (called a *nauplius* at this stage) has three pairs of appendages (antennules,

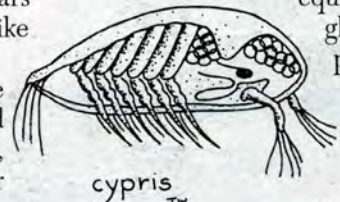
antennae and mandibles), a single eye under its head, a mouth, and two odd-looking extensions like handlebars protruding from its carapace. It looks like the picture, but pin-head sized.

Though it swims with commendable zest it is really at the mercy of tide and current, and is carried here and there, willy-nilly. As it travels it eats even tinier creatures, and at the same time provides a tempting morsel for larger animals as part of that rich marine soup called *plankton*.

Having a skeleton on the outside is valuable protection, but soon poses a quandry for the young nauplius. As it eats it must grow, so it is forced to shed its outer shell periodically to allow it to expand. Each time a moulting approaches, the animal absorbs material from its shell and secretes a new, soft, wrinkly skin beneath it. Wriggling out of its ghostly self it then pumps itself up with water

to stretch out the wrinkles in its skin, which soon hardens into a gleaming new shell. After several of these moults the growing nauplius undergoes a remarkable transformation. During the next moult the little barnacle's internal parts totally rearrange themselves. It emerges from this moult as a *cypris*. The cypris, now rice-grain sized, is enclosed in a two-part glassy shell, rather like a transparent mussel. It has gained an additional pair of legs, its one eye is now

two, one pair of antennae is gone, and another pair has changed into sucking tubes equipped with cement glands. New mouth parts have appeared, though there is no functioning mouth, and the cypris must now wait until its next lifestyle change before it can eat another meal.

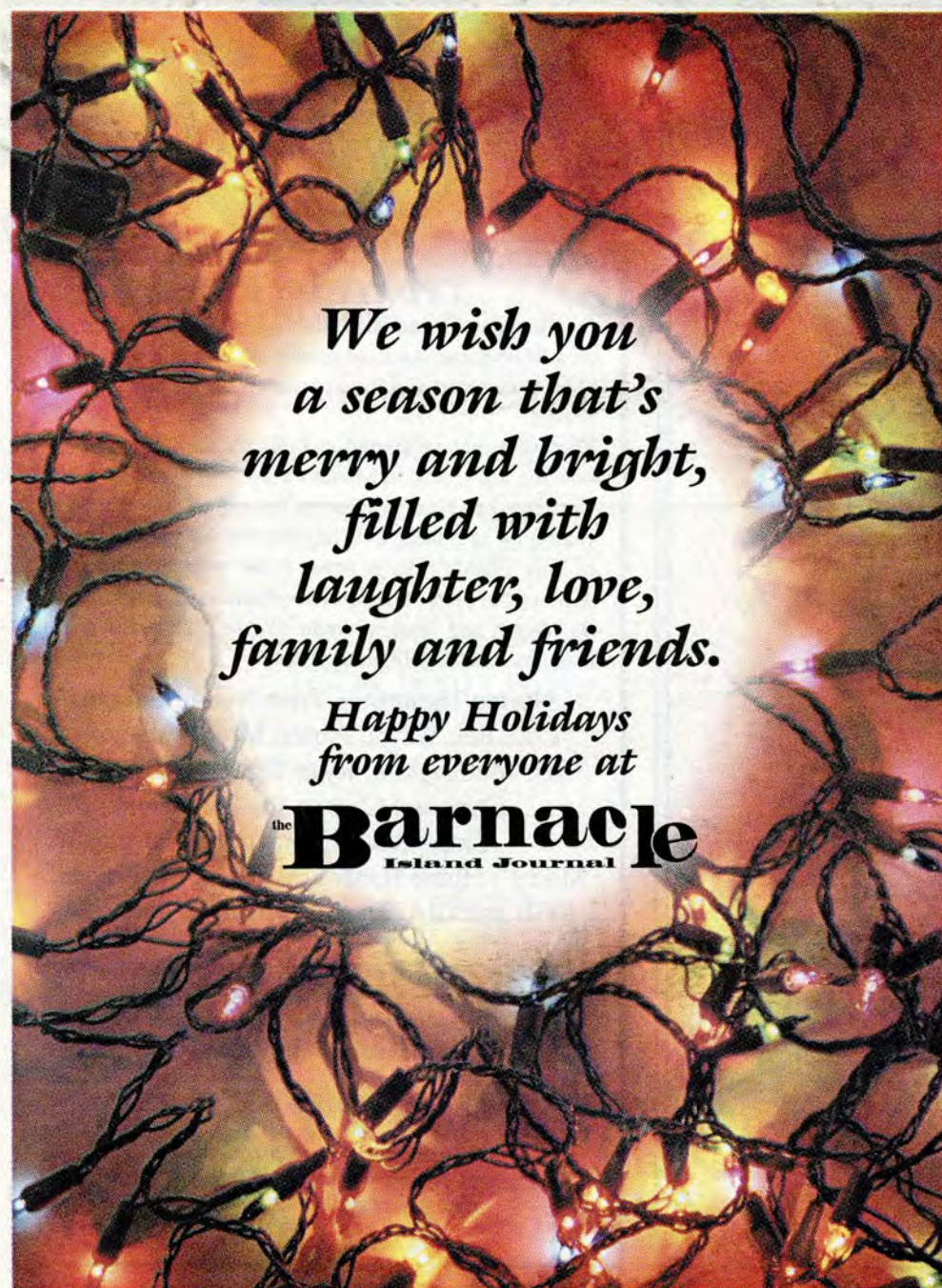


Several moults later, the cypris has grown noticeably, particularly about the back legs. The travelling life is now becoming tiresome, and not being able to eat is definitely becoming a drag.

The little cypris begins to watch for somewhere attractive to settle down. The thought of a desirable residence on a rock, a piling, a floating log, your boat, or even a passing whale is becoming irresistible. If the cypris is very lucky indeed, the day arrives when a convenient landing spot is within reach. (We will not dwell unduly on the fate of the vast majority who are not so lucky, other than to wish sundry other sea creatures bon appétit.)

The diminutive vagabond grasps a building site, then immediately stands on its head and attaches itself firmly by squirting cement down those tubes that used to be antennae. Home at last!

Part 2 will appear next week.



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Katrina Villadsen demonstrates her flexibility on the mats, above, and sails off the balance beam for a perfect landing, right.

Tumbling towards Christmas

by Gail Trafford

Fleet-footed, lighthearted young gymnasts celebrated their season of learning with a demonstration and Christmas party for their families at the SIMS gymnasium Friday night. Under the instruction of coach Andrea Golinski and assistant coach Hugh Tuttle, the youngsters of the Salt Spring Island Gymnastics Association demonstrated an amazing variety of moves on the mats, balance beam and bar.

This competitive level class enrolls 12 students. Unfortunately, half the class was unable to attend the evening's events because of the icy

roads. Team manager Kim Tuttle said there is lots of interest in the club and most of the children attend two three-hour practices a week. If the group had more time in an affordable facility the number of students would certainly increase steeply.

The class is on the lookout for new gym space. A very satisfactory relationship with SIMS has come to an end. This class and the Parks and Recreation fun gymnastics group that share equipment and facilities need a new home. The gym time at SIMS has been usurped by basketball practices.

Kevin Vine, SIMS principal, said the

school is committed to providing programmes for children. Parents and the community heavily endorse the Tsunami basketball league, but basketball requires an intensive use of the gym space at this time of year and the facility is booked pretty constantly.

The gymnasts are looking at other schools and facilities in the community, hoping to find a central, affordable home for their classes. The students enjoy learning and keeping fit. They are using their time and energy to be an asset to the community. Who knows—maybe someday one of them will bring home Olympic gold.



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

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December 17

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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, weather permitting

December 25 ~ Christmas Day

10:00 am Holy Eucharist at All Saints'

December 31 - New Year's Eve

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January 7

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



JESSICA



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UPDATE ON KGB:

On Thursday, December 7, the Nights Alive program put on a KGB game. As most people are aware, close to 150 kids participated and it was tons of fun for everyone involved.

The secret course started at Portlock Park, went to the bowling alley, then to Mouat's Park, and ended up at the Core Inn. Let's just say that by the end of the night there were a lot of muddy kids begging for hot chocolate. All of this couldn't have been made possible, through, without the help of generous volunteers and donations. So Megan and Jessica would like to send out a warm thank you to the following people:

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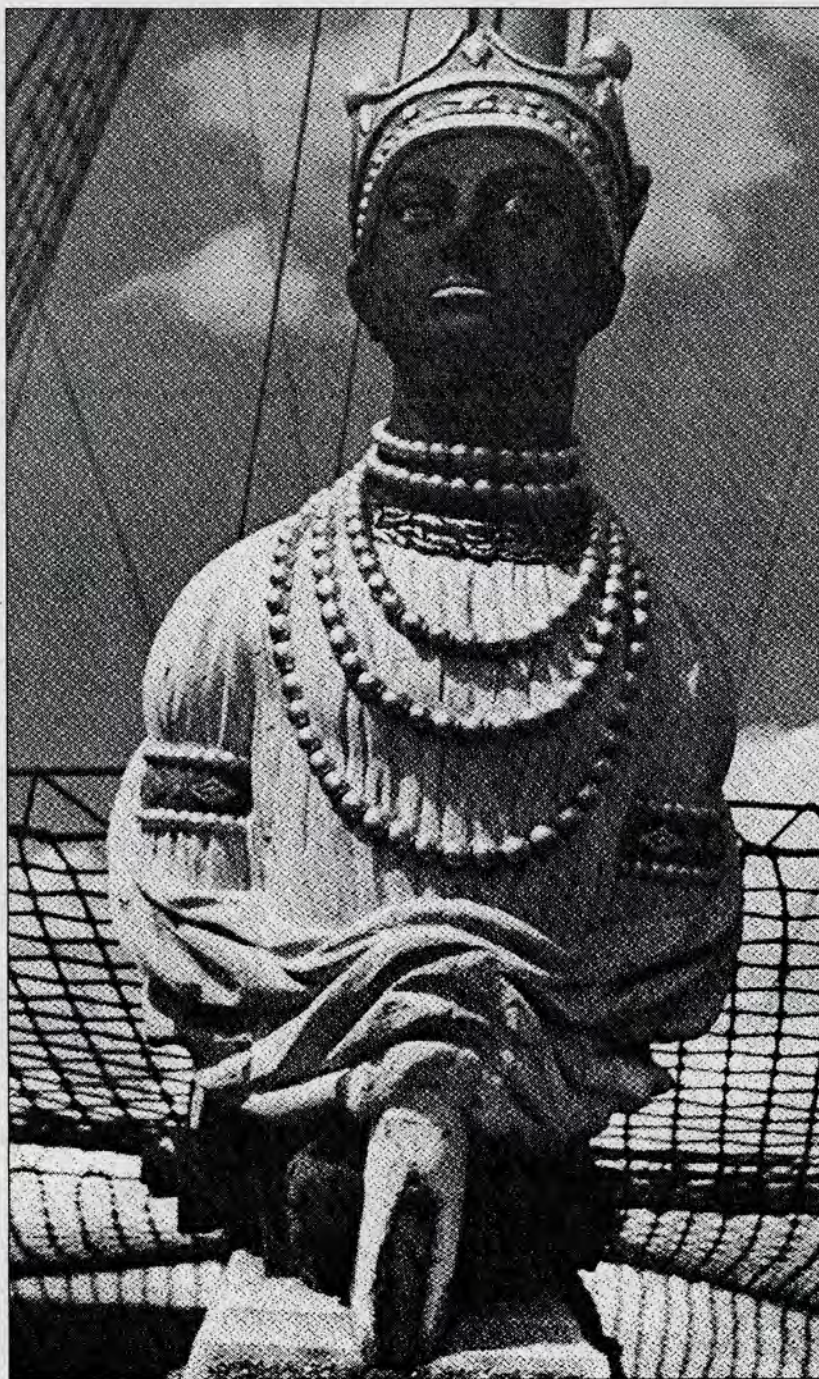
by Charles Wilton

The *HMS Ganges*, as most of us know, was the ship after which our village is named. There is a scale model of it (built by the late Cole Harvey) under glass in the Art-Spring lobby. The *Ganges* was so-named after the great river Ganges in India and it was built (circa 1803) at the Wadia shipyards in Bombay, India. The Parsee shipwrights adorned the bow of the *Ganges* with the figurehead of what appears to be an Indian prince or king. The *HMS Ganges* is no more, but the figurehead still stands a towering sentinel in front of a naval hospital in England.

Just exactly whom the carving represents is somewhat of a mystery. He appears to be a prince or a young king wearing an ancient crown. He also wears a sacred sash, as do the Parsee. The Parsee are descendants of the Persians, whose ancient religion was Zorastorism and the Zorastorites were known to practise astrology and astronomy. The three kings or wise men or magi of the Christmas story may well have been Persian astronomers coming out of the east following a wandering star. Perhaps one of them was a young king wearing a crown not unlike the *Ganges* figurehead.

The *Ganges* was commissioned as a survey ship and so it was that the ship also came out of the east on its way to the Pacific Northwest, no doubt following several stars to get here. The ship's crew surveyed our local waters and many of them left their names behind on several of Salt Spring's mountains and bays.

The history of European intervention in the Pacific Northwest (as well as every other hemisphere) is one born of a marriage twixt science and commerce. The science



The mysterious figurehead from the HMS Ganges.

and technology required to construct and navigate large sailing vessels combined with the commercial motivation to discover a Northwest Passage (as a shorter route to the lands of spice) fueled the age of discovery and expansion of the British Empire. So too those

ambassadors of the ancient Persian empire brought with them out of the east not only gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh (commerce) but also the sciences of mathematics and astronomy.

"Figurehead" in the modern vernacular has taken on a derogatory connotation as something or someone devoid of any real meaning or purpose. However, in the past numerous cultures adorned watercraft, big and small, with figureheads and imbued them with great significance. To a pious Parsee carver, what better choice for the carving on the bow of a wandering bark than the figure of an ancestral wandering magi. The figurehead's mute gaze, always forward, is a reminder that the tide of history cannot be reversed and that the only true course to steer is ahead into the future. Following the light of a new start, to the New World we come at last to discover the greatest gift of all, a newborn child, a new beginning.

To mark the birth of the new millennium, a reproduction of the figurehead as an emblem of our past pointing the way to the future might be an appropriate piece of public sculpture for display on our village waterfront. Aligned with Polaris it would face toward the harbour welcoming to our Island all those who have wandered here, as have we all, by way of the sea.

James Watt and Charles Wilton are endeavouring to carve a reproduction of the *Ganges* figurehead for public display and they are encouraging anyone interested in lending their support in terms of time, money and materials to contact them at 537-1807 or via email at calisto@saltspring.com.

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Oaxaca 2000

A potter's vacation in paradise

by Esther Mathews

Travel memories fade easily, but not a trip with Denys James. For a number of years, James has taken potters and friends to Mexico. This year we went to Oaxaca, a well-known cultural centre of pre-Hispanic ruins and indigenous crafts. For potters, this is a feast.

One pottery village, San Marcos Tlapazola, stands out bright. It was further away—off our local map—along dirt roads through the dry valley reminiscent of the Okanagan Valley in B.C., with similar deep-blue distant mountains and maize-yellow hills. We slowed down the van to let oxen pulling a large wagon pass and to visit a brickworks.

A smiling face under a sombrero, our host used his bare feet walking in a mudpond to mulch the mud into a state he could smooth into wooden forms on the ground. When

dry enough, the bricks were stacked in walls—a checkerboard pattern of brick and space—to dry further before being fired in the brick kiln. All steps in this process were labour-intensive.

In San Marcos, the women do clay work. They dig it in the nearby hills, haul it, sieve it, work it, and finally create and fire the functional pots. Denys James explained that they make the semi-circular, red roofing tiles by forming the clay slabs over the upper thigh so that the knee ends fit well into the next thigh end. Did the Spaniards bring this idea? Or did they take it away with them?

These strong, gaily dressed women took us into their cool pottery room. They arranged a few chairs for us while they knelt on the floor. With lots of joyous chatter, they formed a cone of clay. Then, point end down, on a

concave disc of leather or stone set on a flat slab, by rotating the cone and pulling and pressing the clay, it magically became a cylinder.

Shapes formed into baking and salsa dishes, water vessels and flat tortilla platters. This consummate skill was totally relaxing to watch. Without the innovation of machinery or even a wheel, this tradition is some 4,000 years old. Handed down from elders, young women don't begin until they have learned to cook at about 14 or 15 years of age.

While some personal touches may be added, the respect for traditional functional shapes is important. These pleasing shapes are slipped with coats of red clay and polished. The women fired the sun-dried pots in an open space, with no sign of formal kiln walls. Carefully piled on their sides, surrounded by previously fired

broken pots and shards, covered with old sheets of tin, and sticks of wood, dried dung and corn husks, the pots were engulfed in a great bonfire.

After an hour or so of hot work tending the fire, the artisans let the pots cool in the ashes then placed them on the ground before us, for us to purchase. I chose a smoke-flashed water pot; gently, a woman hooked out a dome-shaped lid and placed it upon the narrow neck.

I packed the treasure and took it home to the cold, rainy, northern coast. For three days I looked at it wrapped up in a duffel bag. It had travelled to the coast of Oaxaca, back to Mexico City and then to B.C. Finally, I took it out, broken or not—it is still glowing red, warm, light and perfect.

To contact Denys James regarding next year's trip, call 537-4906.

Turkey on a TV tray with SSTV

The following programmes will air on Salt Spring TV (Cable Channel 12) on December 25 at 7:00 p.m. Watch for upcoming news about a new set of programmes that will air on January 1, 2001.

Around the World with Robert Bateman and Bristol Foster (produced by Peter Prince for Island VideoWorks). A talk at Where Art & Nature Meet—A Salt Spring Appeal Fundraiser. Bateman and Foster's trip had taken them to many exotic destinations, including Africa and India. Their poignant and

humorous commentary weaves an unforgettable tale.

Pumpkins and Other Tales (a six-minute video short produced by Louis Renaud). Repeating two children's programmes from earlier this year.

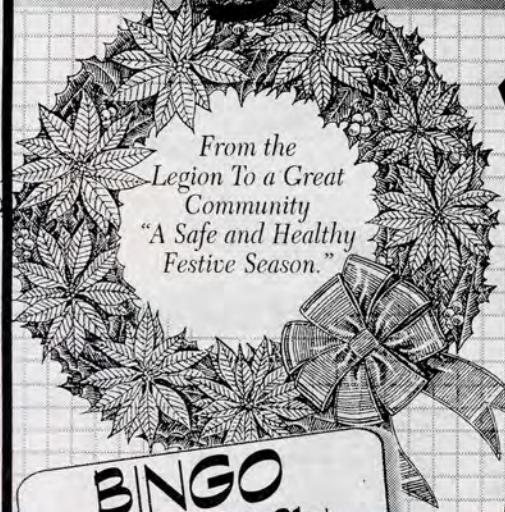
Bean Discovery (produced by Island VideoWorks). Follow a group of enthusiastic and imaginative students from Phoenix Elementary School on an organic farm adventure at Dan Jason's Salt Spring Seeds. Enter into the kingdom of beans and marvel with the children as they learn and play

with a harvest of colourful beans from around the world.

Riparian Discovery (an educational programme produced by Peter Prince for Island VideoWorks with support from the Salt Spring Island Waterbird Watch Collective). Join two youngsters, Emma Rimmer and Laura Stewart, as they explore Island streams, known as riparian areas. Have fun learning with them as they identify features that make these lush ecosystems so important for a variety of indigenous plants and creatures.

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Tues., Dec. 26 • 7:00 pm



June Bee photo

ANGEL ON THE ISLAND—Emily Gix performed as an angel in the Community Gospel Chapel's performance of Hark the Herald Angel Sunday night. "The scene is heaven, where the angel choir is preparing to announce the birth of the Son of God. An inquisitive young angel named "Hark" wants to know all the whys and wherefores of this momentous event and God's plan."—from the programme

Best Christmas pageant at SIMS

"The Herdmans were the worst kids in school. They lied, they stole, they cussed their teachers, they took the name of the Lord in vain." Barbara Robinson's opening lines of *The Best Christmas Pageant Ever* introduce the Herdman herd—a family of kids who wreak havoc everywhere. And now they decide they're going to try out for the Christmas pageant!

Salt Spring Island Middle School (SIMS) is putting *The Best Christmas Pageant Ever* on stage in the gymnasium this Wednesday, December 20 and Thursday, December 21 at 7:00 p.m., with a Thursday matinee at 3:30

p.m.

Come and see how the Hermans walk away with the show. Watch the disastrous dress rehearsal in which the fire fighters respond to the fire alarm caused by cigar smoke in the girls' washroom. See how the Herdmans bring a new meaning to an ageless tradition, to create the greatest pageant possible.

The show, directed by Sheena Bull, features a cast of Salt Spring Island Middle School students. Tickets are on sale at SIMS, Fernwood, Fulford, and Salt Spring Elementary Schools at \$4 for adults and \$2 for children (middle school and younger).

Giving this book lets you give twice

Sale of limited edition book goes to fund

If you're still looking for that perfect gift, consider giving one that gives twice. The Great Ganges Book Company is selling a beautiful book called *The Fletcher Challenge Canada Collection* and all proceeds from the sale will go to the Save Salt Spring Fund.

Sabine, the owner of the shop, said that the book is "a superb book of the work of living Canadian artists." The book itself is a piece of art: "It is hand bound by a B.C. craftsman, the all-colour reproductions are tipped in by hand and the text is by a B.C. art historian," said Sabine. The copy for sale is number 300 from a limited edition of 500 and comes in its own slipcase. A treasure worth contemplating for the special someone on your list.

Café makes changes

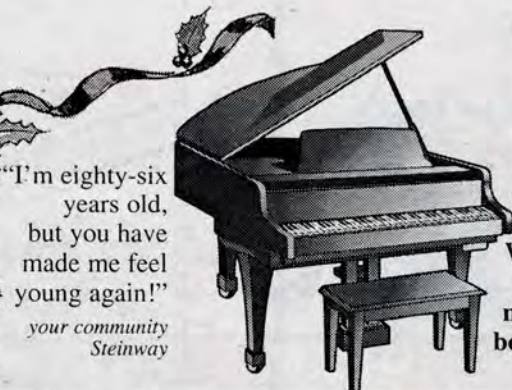
The Corinternet Café will close to observe Christmas from December 23 to 26. It will be open for regular hours (1 to 8 p.m.) on Wednesday, December 27 and Thursday, December 28. The internet facility will then close from Friday, December 29 to Tuesday, January 2, 2001. The Corinternet Café will reopen on Wednesday, January 3, with regular hours, and extra services offered (a scanner, a CD writer, games nights and more). The staff and volunteers at the Core Inn extend best wishes to all for a warm holiday season and Happy New Year!

December 28, the last open day of 2000, will also be the final working day of Corinternet Café Coordinator, Adrian du Plessis. He has resigned this position, held since August, to devote his time to youth and arts activities.

Mea culpa

Oops! In last week's edition of *the Barnacle*, we made a few errors, but at least they were all in one place.

We referred to the "official opening" of the Salt Spring Co-op Daycare when we should have written "preschool" and we spelled Bev Bos' and Barbara Ruddell's names wrong. Sorry, sorry and sorry again.



We wish to thank the organizations and individuals who so generously contributed to the 88 Key Fundraiser. With their support, the major restoration of the piano is now complete & a new piano bench has been purchased. **BRAVO!**

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Thank you, and Season's Greetings from the piano committee members:
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FROM DOWN THE ALLEY
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Results from Dec. 13-14, 2000
SPECIAL OLYMPICS:
Jimmy Beck 170, Mahjor Bains 181, Sharon Way 193, Maggie Reddy 151, Jessie Maron 185.
GOLF LADIES: Chris Locke 214.
CIRCUS LEAGUE: Ron

Cunningham 222, 209, Lance Leaske 223, Ben Cooper 207, Brian Radford 206, Peter Brocky 202.
TUES. AM SENIORS: Ken Robinson 200, Rita Brown 210, Cliff Jory 209.

SPECIAL OLYMPICS (Dec. 11): Gloria Dale 166-176, Kathy Kean 145, Terry Swing 161, Stuart Elliott 181-249, Mahjor Bains 147-225, Sharon Way 165, Jimmy Beck 140.

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X-Men worth it



Flick Pick ...
with Jason Tudor

Comic books tell a lot about the society in which they are read. Superman lives in the modernist city of Metropolis, Batman prowls the decidedly post-modern Gotham City. It is no surprise, then, that the year 1963 saw the emergence of a comic tinted by the question of racial prejudice: *The Uncanny X-Men*. It takes place in a world just like ours, except for the fact that people are being born with incredible super-powers. The average person reacts as you would think: with fear and hatred. Some look to license or even lock up the "mutants," who, isolated and scared, often strike back.

X-Men the movie focuses on a particular breach within the mutant community. Some, led by Magneto (Ian McKellen), think that war is inevitable and that mutants should band together to strike with surprise. Others, led by Professor Xavier (Patrick Stewart), try to stop them, hoping to achieve a

sort of co-existence with humans. The two are very clearly patterned after Malcolm X and Martin Luther King, Jr., respectively, and we can see both of their views (as well as the whites', er, humans') in the film's dialogue: Magneto says the mutants will achieve their goals "by any means necessary."

I'm not saying that this is a political film at all, only that it has more thematic depth than your average summer blockbuster. *X-Men* certainly has action, with fight sequences that really feel like the comic book. The choice of cast members is often perfect, particularly Patrick Stewart (Engage!), and newcomer Hugh Jackman (Wolverine). Director Bryan Singer (*The Usual Suspects*) has done a marvelous job balancing the *X-Men* fans and the public, using a minimum of references to the comic and just the right amount of humour. Just seeing Wolverine give the "one-claw" salute was worth my money.

Running time: 104 min
Warning: PG



Children at Fulford Elementary get ready to put on a great show. Clockwise from left: Thalia Cove, Ben Barter and Jeremy Hollingsworth, Trevor Wilson with the dixie band.

Christmas in style in Fulford

Christmas in Style was the theme of Fulford School's annual Christmas Concert. From a marching band of the kindergarten angels to gospel music by the grades 1-2 and 2-3 classes and the grades 4-5 class jive, each class dished up a selection to celebrate the season.

One grades 4-5 class featured a skateboarding Santa, a 3-4 class took the audience to a dixie style celebration and a grades 1-2 class had a Mexican Christmas fiesta. The school choir, under the direction of Linda Quinn, entertained with Christmas carols between each act. It was a well-rounded concert and each child had a special part.

Snow began falling early in the afternoon on Thursday,

the scheduled day of the show. Fearing for the safety of the students on the roads, principal Judy Raddysh reluctantly postponed the show. Friday morning, the buses were cancelled because of the icy roads and the staff was relieved that no one had been stranded out in bad weather the night before. As the storm progressed, the concert was moved from Thursday to Friday, then finally to Monday.

The school offers special thanks to the students and their parents, to Brian Finnamore and the users of Fulford Hall, Treefrog Daycare and all the community supporters for their flexibility in rescheduling the concert.

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Community Calendar

THURSDAY DECEMBER 21

- ★ 4th Annual Carols & Reading.
St. Marks Anglican Church, at
Central. 7pm
- Family Walk
Mouat Park. 10am
- Salt Spring Elementary Choir
Mouat's parking lot 12:45pm
inclement weather postpones to
Fri. 22nd
- 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
- SSI Weavers & Spinners Guild
ArtSpring 10:30-noon
- BINGO! Meaden Hall. 6:30pm
- 12 Days of Christmas
1/2 price treatments at Bodyworks
Collective. 5:30-7:30pm.
- Flexible Strength
All Saints'. 9-10am
- Badminton Club
GISS gym. 8-10pm

FRIDAY DECEMBER 22

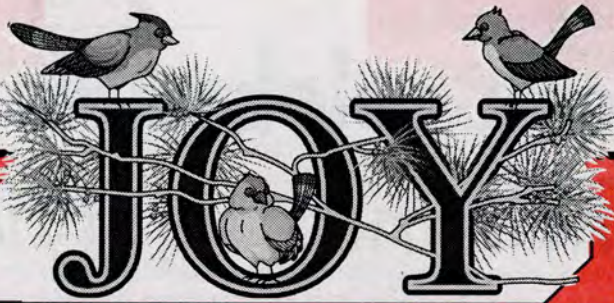
- Rugbugger's: Potluck &
Support
Family Place. 11:30-1pm
- Storytime
Fables Cottage. Wed-Fri.
10:30am
- Myths & Fairytales for 7-
10's
Public Library. 3-4pm
- Christmas with Scrooge.
ArtSpring. Dec. 20, 7pm; Dec.
22, 7pm; Dec. 23, 2 & 7pm
- Ted Hickford flute solo.
Credit Union. 3pm
- Core Inn Open Stage 7pm
- Open Stage
Rose's Cafe. Fulford Harbour.
7pm
- 12 Days of Christmas
1/2 price treatments at
Bodyworks Collective. 5:30-
7:30pm.
- 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
- 12 Days of Christmas
1/2 price treatments at
Bodyworks Collective. 12-
4pm.

SUNDAY DECEMBER 24

- The Other
Brothers
Fulford Inn. 6-9pm
- Children's
pageant and Holy
Eucharist
All Saints'. 4pm
- Christmas Eve
Service. Comm.
Gospel Chapel. 7pm
- Christmas Eve
candlelight
service United
Church. 7pm
- Holy Eucharist
St. Mary's. 7:30 pm
- Holy Eucharist
St. Mark's. 11 pm
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- Badminton Club
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- Sing Along Group
Seniors' Bldg. 2pm
- Salty Wheels Square
Dance
Central Hall. 7-9pm.
- SSI Weavers & Spinners
Guild
ArtSpring 10:30-noon
- MS Society
Seniors' Building. 7pm
- Badminton Club
GISS gym. 8-10pm

FRIDAY DECEMBER 29

- 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
- Open Stage
Rose's Cafe. Fulford
Harbour. 7pm
- Rollerblading to
Music
Fulford Community
Hall. 7:30pm

SATURDAY DECEMBER 30

- Barrington Perry
Soft Jazz. Alfresco. 6-9:30pm
- Other Brothers
Harbour House Lounge. 9-
midnight.
- Library Book Sale
Library. 10am-1pm

SUNDAY DECEMBER 31

- The Other
Brothers
Fulford Inn. 6-9pm
- Badminton Club
GISS gym. 8-10pm



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Island home dazzles the neighbourhood

If you love the magical glow of Christmas lights on a dark night, take a drive by the home of Joanne Windsor. The house is decorated with 5,000 Christmas lights, Windsor said.

"It has been lit up all week, and will be until past New Year's," she added.

Every year, Windsor's brother Julian Valcourt, and his wife, Doreen, create a spectacular Christmas light display at Windsor's house. "They do a different thing every year with the lights. All I know is, the neighbours love it," said Windsor.

The display is more than a light show, there's music too. These are special singing lights that play Christmas tunes. "You have to get close enough to hear it," Windsor said.

Each year, the display gets more elaborate. "Eventually, we are working on reindeer and Santas, but that won't be until the future," Windsor said.

To see the lights, go to 625 Rainbow Road, just before Booth Canal. You'll see it when you turn the corner. "It lights up the whole entire block!" Windsor said.



FROST IN FULFORD—These berries show the cold we felt on the Island late last week.

Gail Traflet photo

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(Anticipation)	7:00 p.m.
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Saturday, December 30	5:00 p.m.
Sunday, December 31	10:00 a.m.
Monday, January 1	10:00 a.m.

Café celebrates Christmas

by Judy Harper

On Christmas Day Rose's Seaside Café will celebrate the season with their third annual Community of Salt Spring Christmas Potluck. The restaurant will be officially closed for the day, but is opening its doors to all of Salt Spring for a day of family and community fun.

This event began three years ago with a last-minute brainstorm and generous donations of food from numerous local restaurants and individuals wishing to share their good fortune anonymously, in the true spirit of Christmas. Many of the 300 people who attended the first dinner at Rose's were people without family on the Island, and many brought contributions from their own kitchens.

Aside from the standard turkey with all the trimmings, the dinner has included some pretty exotic potluck offerings. Rose's caters to vegetarians and left-

overs are packaged up and sent home with whoever needs them. Though Rose's appreciates the generosity of people who bring their own concoctions to share, the café's owners stress that it is not necessary to bring anything. This is a time of sharing with people who are less fortunate than ourselves and all are welcome whether they come bearing food or not. Co-owner Helga Bagnell says many people drop in just to share a sense of community and often they bring off-Island guests to experience a bit of local colour.

There will, of course, be music all day and, if you are so inclined, bring an instrument and join the jam. Most of the Christmas decorating will be done on Christmas Eve (the public is welcome) but there will be plenty of ornaments left for the kids to get creative with before dinner. Early birds

are welcome anytime after 11 a.m. and dinner will be served at 5:30 p.m. The day will be done when the last bird is consumed and everyone is too full to pluck a guitar string. Everything will be prepared and served by Rose's staff volunteers. This is an alcohol-free event and Rose's will serve free coffee, tea, and punch for the kids. The owners are asking for contributions of paper plates and plastic cutlery, or that people bring their own utensils and plates from home. There will, as usual, be a Food Bank box for donations of packaged food.

Owners Helga Bagnell and David Duffy would like to extend their gratitude to all contributors from the community, along with a special thanks to the individuals responsible for their abundant gifts of turkey, ham, vegetables, fruit and candy.

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Until recently, aromatherapists, along with herbalists

and other natural healers, were dismissed as a fringe cult in North America. Europeans, particularly the French and Germans, have maintained respect for herbal medicine, even to the degree of including herbalist courses in their medical schools.

The tide is now turning in Canada and the U.S. Many people, disillusioned with mainstream medicine, are turning to alternative health techniques, and prominent among these is aromatherapy. Aromatherapy is enjoyable and therapeutic. Working with the essential oils of your choice, you can save money and have fun making your own bath products.

Lavender is known for its relaxing, stress-relieving

qualities. Citrus oils are wonderful mood elevators, so here's how to simply make your own lavender and tangerine aromatherapy bath crystals to soak in and unwind at the end of a stressful day. (See the recipe, below.) Use half a cupful per bath.

After you've made your lavender and tangerine bath crystals you can experiment endlessly with your own combination of food colourings and any of the 200 different essential oils.

It is important to use only real essential oils from an aromatherapy or health food store and not fragrance or potpourri oils, since these are usually petroleum-based and can cause a severe rash.

Also, an aromatherapist I spoke with warned, "Never take essential oils internally. They are highly concentrated and can be fatally toxic." She added that undiluted essential oils should never be applied directly to the skin. "Their high degree of concentration can cause skin irritation," she said.

Aromatherapists always use a blend of oils as a carrier (natural vitamin E oil, aloe vera and jojoba oil are examples). This dilutes the concentration and makes the aroma of the essential oil last. Without a carrier, most of the essential oil—which is not actually oily, but a thin liquid—will quickly evaporate.

Writer and critic Edmund Wilson said that he had enjoyed more uplifting thoughts and creative and expansive visions while soaking in a comfortable bath than he had experienced in any cathedral. He must have made his own aromatherapy bath crystals.

Lavender and Tangerine Aromatherapy Bath Crystals

- 2 cups of epsom salts
- 5-6 drops of red and blue food colouring (the red and blue combination will give the salts a delightful lavender hue)
- 10 drops of lavender essential oil
- 10 drops of tangerine essential oil

Measure the epsom salts into a glass bowl. Add the food colouring and the essential oils and mix thoroughly with a wooden spoon. You will need to use a lot of elbow grease in the mixing to get the food colouring dispersed evenly. However, the heavenly fragrance assailing your nostrils will make it worthwhile. Do not use any metal utensils because the essential oils will react with the metal, even stainless steel.

Using a funnel, slip your lavender and tangerine bath crystals into an attractive glass bottle or decanter. If you are making a gift for someone (what a wonderful present!), decorate the container with a ribbon or flowers attached to the bottle with a hot glue gun.

The recipe can safely be doubled or tripled if you want to make several bottles at once.



Ask Arlene

This week I am taking a break from flooring questions. The "question" this week is how to best spend our Holiday time with Family and Friends.

I do want to express my Best Wishes for a Happy & Safe Holiday. I also want to thank everyone, customers past, present, and future, for the tremendous support you have given to me, in my first year of GANGES FLOOR COVERINGS.

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1 Toronto.....	317	63
2 Schure-Thing.....	310	57
3 Rangers.....	309	55
4 Greenwoods.....	228	43
5 Paint Plus.....	281	48
6 Bandido.....	281	45
7 Nads.....	277	48
8 Edmonton.....	273	45
9 Hosers.....	269	45
10 Islanders.....	263	58
11 Dallas.....	260	49
12 Sleepers.....	256	53
13 Buffalo.....	206	40

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	Total Pts.	This Mo.
1 San Jose.....	308	59
2 Philadelphia.....	294	57
3 Ottawa.....	289	60
4 Dallas.....	284	51
5 Anaheim.....	280	55
6 Edmonton.....	276	43
7 Phoenix.....	274	38
8 Boston.....	257	51
9 Buffalo.....	250	53
10 Vancouver.....	248	46
11 Toronto.....	247	32
12 St. Louis.....	246	39
13 Islanders.....	244	46
14 Atlanta.....	243	51
15 Pittsburgh.....	243	46

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To our "Gluten Glad" bun eaters (thanks Mary) and "Super Spelt" muffin munchers, have a Happy Solstice and Glad Yule. Thanks to our many devoted customers for a wonderful year. From the staff at Barb's Buns.

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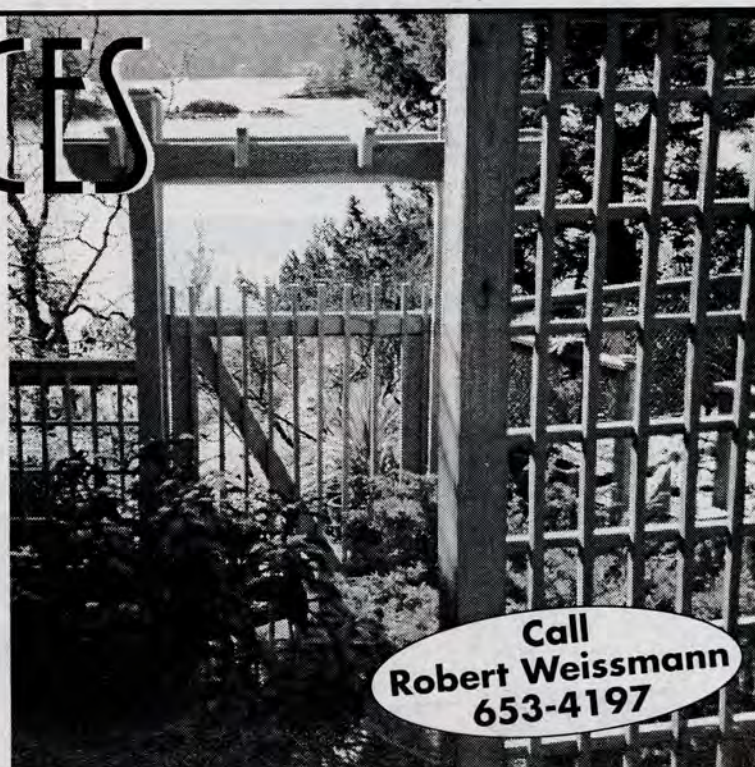
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Aromatherapy with a seasonal twist

The newest and oldest the Island has to offer for your olfactory pleasure

by Elizabeth Buchanan

I've just finished a sampling of the newest and oldest aromatherapy sources on Salt Spring. In true Island fashion, there's something for everyone. One source evokes the traditions of childhood. Another can fill you with a sense of home and health. A third option replicates the pleasurable city buzz, and the fourth is reminiscent of family reunions.

These descriptors may appear to be somewhat odd in relation to aromatherapy and, of course, aromatherapy effects are very individual. However, I have discovered that the four bakeries in Ganges offer inexpensive, diverse and satisfying aromatherapy experiences, especially at this time of year.

Coming from the south, Embe Bakery is the first stop. As early as 4:30

a.m. you can immerse yourself in the scents of childhood delight. Breathe in the mixture of Scottish shortbread baked by a Scot, rum-soaked fruitcake dense with fruit and nuts, and ginger cookies. Think of your childhood and the times, nose to the glass, you begged for goodies. Feel the contentment in a whiff of a raspberry white chocolate scone.

Linger near the Mobile Market end of the glass counter at Barb's Buns, if you time it right you can inhale the aroma of hot cheddar and potato pies being lifted off the oven tray. Follow the scent down the counter, past the curry, sage and tofu, and Russian pies right to the cheese twists. Yes, the hearty aroma of bread, cheese, vegetables and the soup of the day can calm you, can envelop you with a homey, satisfied feeling.

Near the Thrifty Foods deli counter, scents of the fresh potato, olive, basil, nut and seed, peasant, baguette and fruit breads blend with the cheeses, sausages, spinach pies, pizza pretzels, and take-outs. Such cosmopolitan scents can transport you to the city. Standing beside the big breadbaskets and inhaling deeply gives you a city buzz without the ferry fare.

Reaching Ganges Village Market's bakery aisles, you can smell the cakes and cookies. Standing near the Black Forest and cheesecakes breathe in the aromas of celebrations and special family gatherings. Stay long enough to inhale the swirling scents of donuts when a shopper lifts up one of the serve-yourself lids.

All of these alternative aromatherapy pleasures are yours. Enjoy!

Wishing You A White Christmas

Hope the season delivers bundles of good, clean fun!

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Dear Committee of Advisers,

Well it's that time of year again when nearly everyone starts bitchin' about the commercialism of the season and the exploitation by merchandisers of the guilt-motivated consumers to buy, buy, buy!

I want to register a protest against these complainers! It is almost a national, let alone Island, pastime and I guess I have become one myself since I am complaining about the complainers. Enough. Find the good, find the Spirit in the simple principle of giving; be it your time, your effort, or even some of your hard earned money. Just do it and reap the glow that returns unexpectedly to you. It is a time for loving kindness and imagining what the world could be like if we embraced this spirit every day of our lives.... Thanks for letting me say my piece.

A Giver & Receiver

Dear G. & R.,

Thanks for giving us your piece. We'll share it with all the other part-time Grinchers out there in hopes that their hearts might grow a few sizes by just adjusting an attitude.

Dear S.S.L.A.C.,

Sometimes you consider personal let-

ters instead of the usual issue-oriented griping, so here goes.

I find this a very hard time of the year to get through. I am elderly and have lost most of my family and recently, my beloved pet, too. This time of year overwhelms me with sadness and memories of who isn't here to share the "joys of the season" with me.

All those around appear to be bubbling with their holiday plans, family reunions and even good-natured grumbling about the preparation work involved, and so on. I am missing all of that, the high spirits of "clan" activities and the exhausting chaos too. I don't like this self-pity party I end up having for myself, but I suspect I'm not the only one here on the Islands who gets "lost" in the shuffle. Christmas is blue and something to get through.

Alone

Dear, dear Alone,

We do hear you. Rather than give you an officious list of anti-doldrum exercises to tackle these blues, we suggest you allow yourself to wallow and weep! Give yourself a time limit, say a good, full 24 hours of reminiscing and grieving ...maybe write a bit, have a cup of tea or a sherry, cry in a warm bath, celebrate your memories of times past by indulging them.

Then, throw off your cloak, leap

to the challenge of creating new memories with new friends. Maybe folks you've noticed who just might be like you and could use the balm of human connection. Be in the "present moment" and synchronicity will deliver to you the right scenario awaiting your involvement and initiative. Good luck.

And now, a special note to all Islanders everywhere. We know many families here on the Island who extend their clans' numbers by invitation to others to share in their festivities, whether it be sharing a meal prepared together or some other ritual. There's even a large group of "solos" who get together for a potluck turkey/tofu dinner—what started as a stopgap for loneliness has turned into a tradition.

So please look around you, reach out to that "ornery old recluse" or the shy, polite loner, whoever might need a little encouragement to engage in some shared goodwill with your planned gathering. Heck, we bet they even do dishes.

Let us all create new memories and of course, to all a goodnight.

If you have a peeve, concern, comment, or question for the Advisersory 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@saltspring.com (be sure to write "attention SSLAC" in the subject line).

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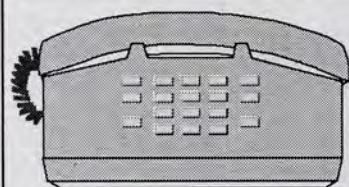
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HE'S MAKING A LIST—Sarah Morris got to whisper her Christmas wish list into Santa's ear when he visited Islanders at Mouat's last Saturday afternoon.

Onions and muffins

*Salt Spring Sizzles...
with Gail Prior*

When buying onions, choose dry ones without mold, soft spots or sprouts emerging from the centre. It is best to buy organic onions or grow your own, as mass-farmed onions are allowed to be irradiated in Canada.

Savoury Baked Onions

4 large onions, sliced thickly 1 tsp. salt
1 tsp. maple syrup (optional) 1/4 cup boiling water
1/4 cup apple cider vinegar 1/4 cup butter

Place the slices of onion in a greased baking dish. Combine seasonings and butter in a bowl, then add the boiling water and stir until butter is melted. Add vinegar, stir and pour this mixture over the onions. Bake at 350° for 1 hour. Serves 2-4.

The secret to good muffins is to stir the batter until the flour is just dampened. The batter should be lumpy. Over-mixing causes tunnels and a tough texture.

Wheat Germ Muffins

1-1/2 cups all purpose flour 1/2 cup wheat germ
3 tsp. baking powder 1 tsp. salt
1/2 cup raisins (optional) 2 Tbsp. sugar
1 cup soy milk 1/4 cup melted butter
2 free range eggs, well beaten

Stir flour, baking powder, wheat germ, salt and sugar together. Add raisins. In a separate bowl, combine beaten eggs, soy and melted butter; add all at once to dry ingredients. Stir quickly until ingredients are just mixed and batter is lumpy in appearance. Fill greased muffin pans 2/3 full and bake at 400° for 15-20 minutes. Yield: 12 muffins.

Time to choose a poinsettia



*Life in the garden ...
with Joe Clemente*

With Christmas creeping up on us ever so quickly, I thought it would be a good time to write about poinsettias. As early as mid-November these little beauties start to show up at some garden centres. It seems a bit early, but that's just the way it is.

Years ago, it was very easy to choose a poinsettia since most of them were traditional red. Nowadays there are

many different shades to choose from and it becomes a bit more complicated. I personally like Jingle Bells. This one has red foliage with white splashes on the leaves.

Poinsettias are a tropical plant and rely on warm temperatures to survive. They also prefer to be placed in a bright location in your home. Avoid hot, dry air, drafts or sudden changes in temperatures. Also, keep the soil evenly moist but

not over watered. An all-purpose fertilizer will keep your poinsettia happy.

After the holiday season is over most of these plants end up in the compost. There are some special requirements that should be given if you want your poinsettia's bracts to turn red for the next holiday season. I consider this to be too much fuss, and would much rather shop for a fresh poinsettia each year. Sometimes it's just easier to do it that way.

In the next year or so, keep your eyes open for a purple poinsettia which is starting to make its way into our garden shops. I knew it would be only a matter of time. Can you imagine purple poinsettias? I'm not pulling your leg either. Happy Holidays!

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All welcome!

The Family Project

Do you miss having grandparents to do things with your family? Or are you a senior who would like to spend time with a family? Find out more about this special project by calling **Sharon Fulton at 537-8781.**

Fibromyalgia

There is currently no support group for **fibromyalgia** or **chronic fatigue syndrome** on the Island; if you would like to help form a new group or groups, please call 537-4607.

Senior Peer Counsellors

If you need a caring, non-judgmental trained lay senior to help you or a senior close to you through a difficult time, consider the services of a Peer Counsellor. This is a **free** service of Salt Spring Seniors that can take place at home in total confidentiality, about once a week. For more information, call Sharon at 537-4607.

Blood Pressure Clinic

Reminder: no clinic in December...

See you Monday 29 January at Salt Spring Seniors!

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Sit back, relax and enjoy the sensation of giving while you get

by Kelly Waters

Kate lay on the massage table, a blanket tucked under her chin, covering all but her feet. Soft music played and the scent of incense wafted over to her. She took in the beautiful art on the wall next to her and the glow of the candles nearby, then closed her eyes. Strong, gentle hands massaged her tired feet, releasing tension. Kate relaxed into the treatment, almost falling asleep to the soothing touch. This, she thought, is the best way I've ever supported the food bank.

This may sound like a fantasy, but it's not. Every month, the Bodyworks Collective holds a special weekend and donates goods to local charities. Clients receive half-price treatments when they participate in the theme of the weekend. During the summer, the Green Conscience Fund got much-needed cash. This fall, the food bank received three large boxes of non-perishables after a weekend called "Simple Abundance" and Transitions (the store that supports Transition House) accepted four big garbage bags of second-hand clothes after "Seasonal Transitions." For Tanya Lester, a member of the Collective, it's important that people know about these events. She said, "These weekends let people know who we are. They draw like-minded people to us."

The idea for the events was born of necessity. With five people sharing a space, rent was either going to be paid individually or as a group. The very nature of a collective is to work together, so the members came up with a plan: work together to make these once-a-month weekends special and use the money earned to pay the rent. According to Lester, this plan has worked out great. "We never have to worry about our rent each month. It's looked after," she said. This way the Collective also has the chance to support the community and give a focus to the weekends.

The Bodyworks Collective is comprised of five practitioners, all with their own unique approach to healing. Anna McColm does reflexology. Lalita Lane holds healing conversations, works with healing mantras and body awareness, guides meditation and practises reiki. Tanya Lester is a reiki master and does tea cup readings. Julia Lerner does reflexology,

reiki and bodywork. Terra Dimock also does reiki and is a certified earconing practitioner. Each healer has particular hours to use the shared space but on the special weekends they share the room. Occasionally, they will give what they call an Emperor's Treatment. This is when a client will get one treatment from each of the Collective members one after the other. They will also give a Cleopatra Treatment: all five members working on the client at once: a luxurious experience.

This treatment symbolizes the nature of the Bodyworks Collective: the sum of five healers is greater than the individual, practicing parts. Together, the Collective members found a space. Together, they have made it an oasis (as one client put it). And together, they are creating an opportunity for Islanders to heal and grow. Along with offering the services outlined above, the Collective members also conduct workshops, bring in speakers, host special events, share books and provide information to clients about various healing strategies.

Their goal, said Tanya Lester, is to become known as "the kind of place that promotes a freer, more progressive, healthier lifestyle." The group doesn't have a particular focus, but rather wants to provide a place for people to heal themselves in different ways. "Anyone who doesn't want the staid, uniform type of healing—you're welcome here," said Lester.

Most anyone would feel welcome in the Bodyworks Collective space. Located above Apple Photo on McPhillips Avenue,

the room doesn't feel like it's right downtown. It's quiet and filled with light. There's a bookshelf near the door, reverse-osmosis water to drink, a comfortable seating area (used also for tea cup readings) and two curtained-off massage tables. The art on the wall, plants, candles, music and incense all add to the ambience. Collective members have often been told their space feels very relaxing and full of good energy. "I think that's important when someone is wanting healing," said Lester. "It's easy to get to, but also an atmosphere that can make people feel in harmony with nature and the universe."

Kate was certainly in harmony within her body. After opening her eyes, she looked around at the sun gently streaming in through the window. She felt warm and relaxed. She sipped some water to ground herself and listened to the last strains of the quiet chant playing. This is going to be a good day after all, she thought. And slipped out the Bodyworks Collective's door.

The current special, "The Twelve Days of Christmas," is a gift from the Bodyworks Collective to their clients—old and new. Simply call 538-1988 (or email ssbodyworks@yahoo.com) to book an appointment for any evening this week or this coming Saturday and receive half price treatments. Evening hours are 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., Saturday's are 12 to 4:00 p.m. This is also a great opportunity to purchase gift certificates.



Healing hands at work. A member of the Bodyworks Collective provides a reflexology treatment.

Earconing: An ancient cure-all

Earconing is an ancient healing technique that has gained new respect in recent years. Often called ear candling, it was practised in a variety of cultures around the world: Egyptian, Grecian, Asian, South American, European, and indigenous North and Central American. People living centuries ago knew what we are just discovering now—earconing has a myriad of benefits, including relief from colds and allergies, ear aches and infections, tinnitus, sinus troubles, vertigo, ear itchiness and sore throats.

The process is simple and painless. An earcone—a hollow, wax-dipped muslin candle-shaped cylinder—is placed in the opening of the ear canal. When the other end is lit and the smoke filters down through the cone, a slight vacuum is formed. This is how ear wax, bacteria, yeast, fungus and other debris are pulled out.

Terra Dimock, a member of the Bodyworks Collective provides a very comfortable atmosphere for her clients. During a session, Dimock has the client lie on one side on a massage table and covers her or him with a blanket. Dimock explains the process carefully as she prepares her supplies. When the first cone is lit, she gently places it in the ear canal. While the cone does its work, Dimock gives the client and gentle face and neck massage. This is not only soothing; it helps loosen the jaw and drain the sinuses. After 15 minutes, the cone has burned down and is removed. The client turns over and the process is repeated. Afterwards, Dimock will show him or her the residue. It can be surprising how much material the ear released. Dimock often finishes sessions with reiki or hand and foot reflexology treatments.

Professional earconing practitioners recommend getting a treatment at least once a year. The first time a person seeks this therapy, though, he or she will want to book a series of three appointments. This way, older and older layers of compacted debris will be removed.

Although earcones are available at many health food stores, it is recommended to seek out a professional. There is a concern for safety, both with regard to the flame and with the health of the ear.

Another benefit, of course, is relaxing in the care of someone like Terra Dimock. She is enthusiastic about her work and uses any opportunity to learn more about it. "I recently learned that the technique came to a Hopi woman in dream time, who then passed it onto her sister." Dimock is excited at such finds. She said, "I feel a connection to the medicine people—especially the women—of our ancestral heritage."

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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

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

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

ARGENTINIAN TANGO. Look for monthly milongas in 2001. Happy Holidays. Phone Margie Korrisson 537-2707 for info. 5100

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR on line! For a complete calendar of coming events check out the Barnacle Community Calendar at SaltSpringCalendar.com or visit our website at DailyBarnacle.com. ttn

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NOTICE OF BUSINESS MEETINGS

The Salt Spring Island Local Trust Committee will be meeting on the following dates to consider various matters of general business, such as applications received, bylaw reviews and meeting notes.

DATES: Thursday, December 21, 2000

TIME: 1:15 p.m.

PLACE: Hart Bradley Memorial Hall (Lions Club)
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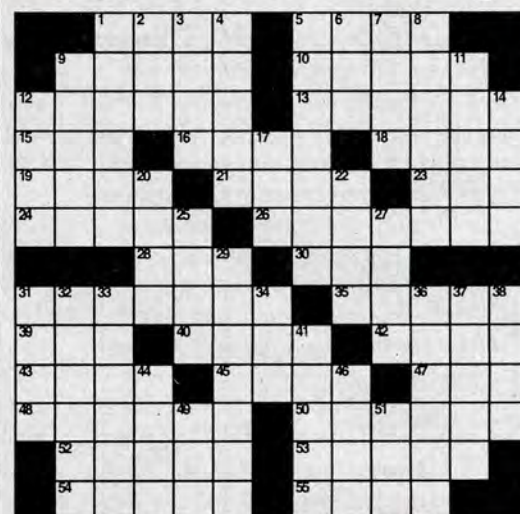
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5 Females
9 Publisher's booboo
10 Words 7 and 8 of our carol
12 Restaurant
13 Antenna
15 Blakeney and Hackner, e.g.
16 Apothecary's unit
18 Derm or blast precursor
19 Potables
21 Cry of Pain
23 Common beverage
24 A kind of poem
26 9th word of our carol
28 Lagos or Lunas precursor
30 ____ gratias
31 Words 1 and 2 of our carol
35 Dressed
39 Bustle
40 Fashion house
42 Goalie's quest
43 Food fish
45 Food shop
47 Hullabaloo
48 3rd word of our carol
50 4th word of our carol
52 Lady's name
53 Medicines, sometimes

54 Lawn care tool
55 5th word of our carol

DOWN

1 Mug
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3 Geek
4 6th word of our carol
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7 Being, in Bonsecours
8 Japanese religion
9 Actress Langtry
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12 Fertility god
14 Debt
17 Own, in Edinburgh
20 ____ worm
22 Vessel
25 Camp beds
27 Stadium sounds
29 Shake
31 Chop up
32 Stick
33 Clamor
34 Compass point, abbr.
36 Pusillanimous person
37 Wrongdoings
38 Lairs
41 Gladiolus, for short
44 Very mild expletive
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49 Opposite of port
51 Weapon

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Taurus (Apr 20 - May 20) The quest for truth and deeper meaning will continue on through the holiday season. As might be expected some pleasant surprises await you. There are some important things you must say to certain people before the year is out. Not everything you have to say will be well received, yet you owe it to yourself to start the year out fresh. You are eager to talk terms and will push if you feel you must. Celebrate equal rights and individuality and you will be the star you are.

Gemini (May 21 - Jun 20) The magic moments of Christmas are always a deep celebration for you. With everyone happy and with good cheer and love in the air, you are all smiles. Yet, beneath the surface there is a little work to do. Your first task is to love and be patient with yourself as well as others. Everyone comes from a different angle and it can be a challenge to connect and relate as smoothly as we might like. Look for the beauty in others as though you were seeing a reflection of your self and celebrate.

Cancer (Jun 21 - Jul 22) Love is in the air along with a few lightning bolts in your skies. Sparks are flying in all directions. Somebody is bound to be getting a little burned by the heat. Is all truly fair in love and war? It is hard not to follow one's heart. Yet, there is more than one direction to take. Relationships require balance and sometimes we have to be the one to make the call. Remember that there is always another way to approach familiar situations.

home on the ranch some very special treats are cooking. Passionate moments spent with close friends are making for a festive season. This is a time to relax and enjoy. Some very noticeable changes await you starting early in the New Year. Be here now and rejoice in the moment as love fills the air. Drink deeply the sweet moments. Feel your feet firmly on the ground except when you are kicking your heels to dance and kiss. Forget about the doorway, mistletoe is in the air.

Virgo (Aug 23 - Sep 22) Elbow rubbing and so forth is stimulating some memorable moments. You can feel the passion yet you may be holding yourself back. Breathe past shyness and allow the verve to move you. Sing a song or two so your heart can open wide. Lift your arms to follow your heart and catch friends in warm embrace. Let your shoulders follow your hips and touch loved ones with your lips. Flirt a little without being a flusy and help the emotion flow. Invite Shiva and Shakti to dance. A simple formula and time proven.

Libra (Sep 23 - Oct 22) This is a time to nestle in close to home and the planets are in favour of this sentiment. There are a few potential snags but if everyone is mature enough to let things slide a little they will slip right by. Remember that we do not live in the world so much as we live in our own mind. How we feel is a choice, really. Laugh as you let the small stuff go without sweat. Just like in "Whoville" it is the love and opening that happens at Christmas that is the most important gift.

Scorpio (Oct 23 - Nov 21) Excitement and curiosity is everywhere on the ground and in the air. There are a lot of movements on earth as well as in the heavens. With Mars and Mercury both changing signs and Cancer and Prancer in high gear there are plenty of surprises for everyone. This is all bringing out your charismatic and playful sides. While you are ready to venture here and there it is those close to home who are getting most of your attention. Allow imagination and a fresh perspective to awaken you to

how the ever-changing moment makes the familiar anew.

Sagittarius (Nov 22 - Dec 21) Imagine you could give the gift of abundant health to someone in need. Not five golden rings or a partridge in a pear tree would compare with the exuberant feelings of health. It is all a question of priorities. Often the most we can give to another is heart-felt encouragement wrapped in hugs. As your compassion wells for those who are less than fit and happy, remember that your own health is where you can make a difference. The healthier you are the more you have to offer.

Capricorn (Dec 22 - Jan 19) As the Sun is in your sign at this special time of the year, it is a time for you to take a leading role. As no two years are quite the same, however, the way you take this lead varies. This year, you will feel the urge to challenge the status quo by exploring new strategic approaches to traditional methods. Look more closely at what others need rather than what they might simply want. Exercising sensitivity to the fact that setting priorities is a challenge for many is a great place to start.

Aquarius (Jan 20 - Feb 18) You have been challenged over the past couple of years to face your fears and claim lost and hidden gifts. This process continues still and opportunities to strike gold are upon you. To do so, however, you must be willing and able to challenge habitual perspectives linked to security. It was an Aquarian mind that asserted that "it is all relative". There is nothing pat about what constitutes security. From the standpoint of some cultures our priorities are inside out. The only thing you can take in the end is the quality of your spirit.

Pisces (Feb 19 - Mar 20) Gatherings with friends and loved ones will light you up this week. Yet, you may be challenged to exercise an open mind. The urge to push for measurable changes will be strong. That your intentions are to create a greater degree of harmony and balance is admirable. How you go about this is another consideration. Simple gestures that reflect your heart will be well received. Still, allow time for your self to reflect and dream upon the real meaning of this sacred time.

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FIRST BABY 2001

We're celebrating the first special delivery of the New Year. Just guess the date and time of birth of Salt Spring's first baby of 2001, and you could win the exciting prizes listed here. The winning baby and parent(s) will also receive a bundle of gifts, courtesy of these advertised businesses. Guesses must be entered at each participating business to qualify for all prizes.

CONTEST RULES:

1) Winner will predict the date and time of birth of the child born earliest on Salt Spring in 2001 without passing the actual time of birth. 2) Fill out as many coupons as you wish & deposit them at the appropriate participating business by noon, Saturday, December 30, 2000. In case of a tie, one winner will be chosen at random. Decision of judges is final. 3) Winner must be a resident of Salt Spring Island. 4) Employees of the Barnacle or contest sponsors and their immediate families are not eligible.

PARENTS' RULES:

1) Parent(s) must be residents of Salt Spring Island and must notify the Barnacle within 48 hours after the child's birth. 2) The exact time of birth must be certified by the attending physician. In the event of a tie, one winner will be chosen by random drawing. Decision of judges is final. 3) Employees of the Barnacle or contest sponsors and their immediate families are not eligible.

Guess & Win ...

\$20.00 GIFT CERTIFICATE to SOAPWORKS

FIRST BABY 2001 CONTEST

Date: _____ Time: _____

Your Name _____

Your Address _____

Phone # _____

Courtesy of **Community Midwifery Care**
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Guess & Win ...

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FIRST BABY 2001 CONTEST

Date: _____ Time: _____

Your Name _____

Your Address _____

Phone # _____

Courtesy of **THRIFTY FOODS** Customer Service 537-1522

Guess & Win ...

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FIRST BABY 2001 CONTEST

Date: _____ Time: _____

Your Name _____

Your Address _____

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Courtesy of **Love My Kitchen** 140 Fulford Ganges Rd 537-5882

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Date: _____ Time: _____

Your Name _____

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FIRST BABY 2001 CONTEST

Date: _____ Time: _____

Your Name _____

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Courtesy of **STUDIO 103 HAIR DESIGN** 2103 Grace Pt. Sq. 537-2700

Guess & Win ...

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FIRST BABY 2001 CONTEST

Date: _____ Time: _____

Your Name _____

Your Address _____

Phone # _____

Courtesy of **WORK WORLD** 152 Fulford Ganges Rd "Creekhouse" 537-2999
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Guess & Win ...

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FIRST BABY 2001 CONTEST

Date: _____ Time: _____

Your Name _____

Your Address _____

Phone # _____

Courtesy of **PHARMASAVE** BOTH LOCATIONS

Guess & Win ...

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Date: _____ Time: _____

Your Name _____

Your Address _____

Phone # _____

Courtesy of **APPLE PHOTO** McPhillips Avenue 537-9917

Guess & Win ...

\$20.00 GIFT CERTIFICATE

FIRST BABY 2001 CONTEST

Date: _____ Time: _____

Your Name _____

Your Address _____

Phone # _____

Courtesy of **GANGES VILLAGE MARKET**

Guess & Win ...

FOUR CINEMA PASSES

FIRST BABY 2001 CONTEST

Date: _____ Time: _____

Your Name _____

Your Address _____

Phone # _____

Courtesy of **Barnacle** 324 Lower Ganges Road
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L-R: Sargeant Paul Darbyshire, Constable Jeff West, Constable Darren Hewitt, Constable Jason Schriver pictured with hand-held breath-analyzers.

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