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FOR

Word Lovers

By GAIL SJUBERG
Driftwood Staff

For lovers of words, there is a new way to express yourself.

And you can thank a couple of Salt Spring Islanders for making it possible.

Amore is a word game using playing cards adorned with letters instead of numbers, which can also be adapted to traditional card games like rummy, poker and even solitaire. It works in English, French, Spanish and Portuguese. It could easily become addictive.

People familiar with the raku pottery of Nancy Van Patten and Blair Johnston might not have known that in between shaping and firing of their distinctive figures there was a different kind of business venture coming to life.

In contrast to studio-bound ceramic work, where each piece demands a different creative process, they have been negotiating the ropes of creating and promoting a game for mass commercial distribution under the business name of *Lingua Viva*.

But then the couple has found balance in a number of ways: pursuing art and economic freedom; merging peaceful country life and the intel-

lectual offerings of cities and travel; and in Amore itself, satisfying competitive and aesthetic appetites in one neat package.

Creating a marketable game originated with Nancy and Blair's mutual passion for the telltale roots, subtle nuances and fecund sounds of language, particularly English, French and Spanish.

One way they exercised their word passion was with a game of Scrabble, only to find Nancy

whipping Blair with her competitive drive, and Blair bypassing triple-word scores in order to lay down a scrumptious word. A compromise was definitely in order.

While they know Amore and all its permutations makes a great game, it was truthfully not their "first love." They spent two or three years working on another word game which proved too expensive to produce. Nancy, especially, found it difficult to abandon the idea, but hopes it can be resurrected at a later date.

Soon after realizing the first idea could not be pursued, they came up with the basis for Amore. While tossing thoughts around late last December, Blair said "What we really need to have is 'word poker'." That night they produced their first Amore prototype, and it took less than nine months before they received their first shipment from the manufacturer.

But relative speed doesn't mean it was easy. And as Nancy stresses, they had already benefited from investigating the initial game idea.

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The first words they heard from a Federal Business Development Bank counsellor were: "I hear you want to get into games. My advice is don't."

Discarding that piece of advice and heeding others, Nancy and Blair spent hours on the telephone and doing research to achieve what they wanted: A top-quality, easy-to-market card and word game.

One tidbit they learned from an intelligence-gathering business centre in Gastown was that Canadian games had a reputation as lacking in quality. That gave

the couple extra determination to keep Amore's quality level up, which led to its cards being printed at a top New York press under the direction of a Michigan company.

They would have preferred to use a Vancouver business, but the quality of cards was not as high and it could not make the kind of box they needed.

Manufacturing cards is a specialized and complicated procedure, they learned.

Trying to track down quality, coloured rubber bands really tested their investigative skills. They tried the floral industry and, thinking of the bands used to cluster broccoli stalks, made a call to a Saanich growers association. A Kentucky company was eventually found to supply quality rubber bands.

Coming up with a name provided another interesting business lesson. They first chose "palabra" — which is Spanish for "word." Somewhat to their surprise, a name search did not show an existing conflict. However, not long after that they were in a Seattle store and came across a game with that exact name.

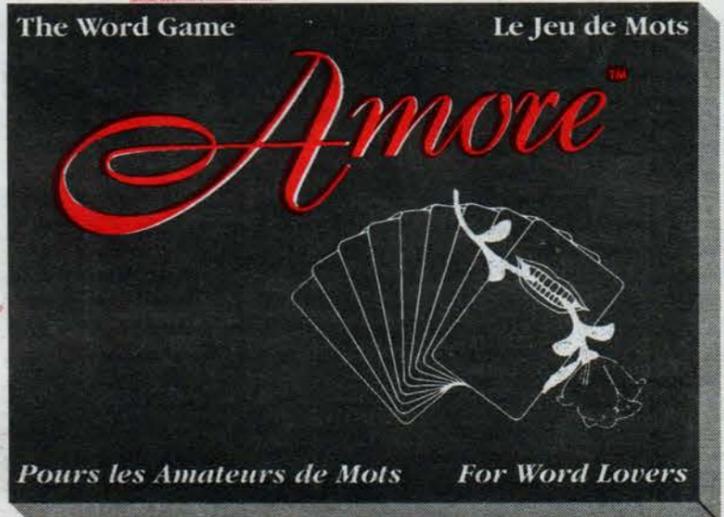
That led to some "thinking very hard at four o'clock in the morning," recalled Nancy.

They decided to leave the whole notion of words out of it, and concentrate on the passion for them instead, which led easily enough to Amore.

Nancy and Blair were used to wholesaling their pottery to retailers. But going to toy stores "is a totally different thing," observed Blair. And the only way to make money from a game is for production costs to be about one-fifth of the retail price.

"It's been a real balancing act," he said, trying to determine where to cut or what to add to the product.

Game marketing has been full of other lessons not encountered in the craft business.



Before Amore was produced, Nancy approached retailers to gauge their interest.

"Most people have been quite receptive," she said, but by the time she returned with the game in September, "You had to really talk them into taking it."

Realizing that most Christmas toy orders are made in the spring, they feel lucky so many Vancouver and Victoria retailers put the game on their shelves. One thing that swayed store managers was a brief, catchy description of Amore on the package. Salespeople have only a few seconds to snag a customer, and liked being able to quickly explain the game.

Other contrasts between marketing crafts and games have also been noted. They described how a person will see one of their raku pieces at a gallery, experience immediate feelings about the piece and buy it already knowing how it makes them feel.

When shopping for a game, "the aesthetics are not part of it," said Blair. Instead, people looking at the game in a store are quickly trying to determine its "utility" for them.

But although consumers might not be as aware of the creativity and effort needed to get an entertainment game on the market, Blair and Nancy can confirm it is substantial.

"It's worth it, believe me," said Blair.

Why put so much effort into creating something for the mass market?

Nancy and Blair's pottery business "perks along," explained Nancy, but they are at the limit of what two people can produce. Sore fingers and aching shoulders are not uncommon. At the same time they would like more time to pursue interests like travelling, reading and writing. That relies on having an income that doesn't trap them slaving over a hot kiln.

A few years ago they spent almost two months in France and, as Blair said, became "tantalizingly close" to using French with invigorating ease.

If Amore takes off they can expand into broader markets and hire other people to handle its distribution. That is simply not an option in their kind of craft business. And obviously, the less they have to be physically responsible for creating the products they sell, the more likely they will be able to pursue their love of language in other countries.

Blair had just left the computer industry in Edmonton when he met potter Nancy, who lived "in the woods" on the Saanich Peninsula. He jokes that he dragged her to the bar and started banging out numbers on his calculator to show how she could make more money. He then became part of the equation and they have been a team ever since.

Neither could go back to having "regular" jobs, after experiencing the freedom of being self-employed.

They lived in Saanich, then Youbou for a year before bringing themselves and an established pottery business to Salt Spring six years ago.

When one Vancouver toy business consultant learned about Blair's computer experience, he asked excitedly "Can you program for Sega?" and advised him that is where the real money is made in the toys and games business.

But as Nancy said, "We're doing what is comfortable for us."

And that, in turn, helps others pursue their love of language and play.

Amore is available at The Sophisticated Cow Gallery in Ganges and the 100,000 Welcomes gallery in Fulford. Nancy and Blair are also giving away a raku chickadee with every Amore game purchased on Salt Spring before December 15.



AMORE IN ACTION: Nancy Van Patten and Blair Johnston loved words so much they invented and produced a new word and card

game called Amore. It is now selling in Vancouver, Victoria and on Salt Spring, of course.

Photo by Gail Sjuberg

Seasonal cards make Christmas meaningful

By ALEX McCAULEY
Driftwood Contributor

With the words of Ray and Virginia Newman's song from their hit Christmas musical Scrooge — "It's Christmas again, it's Christmas again, we've waited the whole year long" — ringing in my ears, I eagerly await my first Christmas card.

It's not only that it's fun to receive Christmas greetings from the many friends we have made around the world during our life, but many enclose an annual letter giving details of the comings and goings of their families during the past year. This as we grow older makes Christmas so meaningful.

But how did it all start, this business of sending Christmas cards? And it is a business! England's first Christmas card was produced in 1843 for Sir Henry Cole, a civil servant, who commissioned an artist and had 1,000 copies of the painting lithographed. They were then sold in London for one shilling each, an enormous sum in those days. But it is exactly 150 years ago that the general public took to sending out festive cards in great numbers to their friends. Before then, poor people hated receiving mail because it was the recipient who had to pay the postman on delivery, and quite often large amounts. When in 1840, Sir Rowland Hill introduced his famous "Penny Post", the cost came down to a single copper paid

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by the sender, and the Christmas card boom began.

Coming events for seniors:

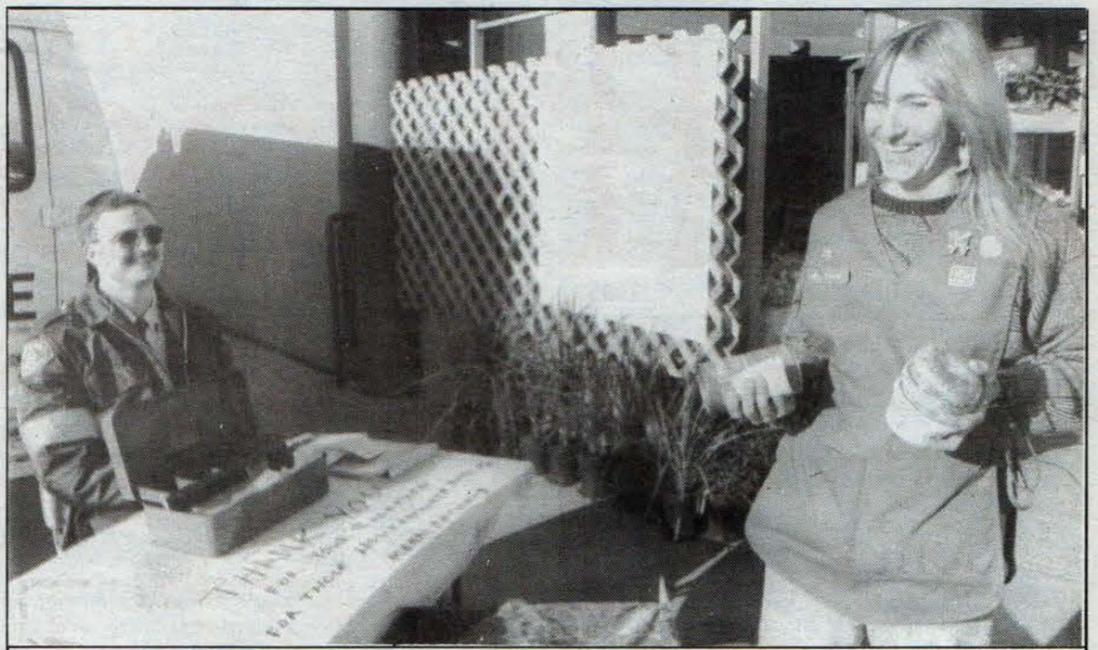
- Seniors for Seniors annual Christmas party will be held December 13 at 2 p.m. There will be music, carol singing and Santa Claus will be there. If you can, bring a wrapped gift, value not exceeding \$2. There will be tea and coffee and lots of goodies. Welcome to all — come and celebrate. There will be a giant Christmas bake sale Thursday, December 14 at noon in the Seniors for Seniors building.

- Senior peer support is a service that is well used by both clients and supporters. If you enjoy people and are a good listener, please consider taking the 12-week training program. Call Rhema Cossever at 537-4607 for more information.

- There will be no blood pressure clinic in December. The next clinic will be Monday, January 29 from 10 a.m. to noon.

- Mah jong lessons and play will be held in the Seniors for Seniors building every Friday except December 22 and 29 starting at 12:30 p.m. Come and learn a great game.

All other games (bridge, cribbage, etc.) will carry on every Friday throughout the holidays.



Donations for food bank

Paramedic Dan Kent accepts food donations Saturday from Pauline Bath in a drive for the Community Services food bank. Salt

Spring ambulance crews collected 327 food items and \$1,086 in cash with their stand outside Thrifty Foods.

Photo by Tiny Richards

Paramedics attend 77 emergencies

A bicycle accident and a heart attack were among the emergencies attended by Salt Spring Island paramedics in November.

Paramedics responded to 22 emergency calls and 55 routine calls. Calls included 19 transfers to major hospitals; 12 water taxi trips to the Outer Gulf Islands; nine strokes; eight shortness of breath; six falls resulting in traumatic injuries; four public assists; three motor vehicle accidents; two collapses; two helicopter transfers; one cardiac arrest; and one bicycle accident.



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- * **GULF ISLANDS WELLNESS PROGRAMS COORDINATOR:** Call Rhema Cossever at 537-4607 for Senior's Health Promotion.
- * **CLIMBING WALL HOURS:** Thurs. & Fri. 6:30 - 9:30pm / Sat. 2-8pm. Full equipment chg. \$2.50

More than 50 locals attend PRC classes

What do folks on Salt Spring like to do in the fall?

More than 500 like to register for Parks and Recreation courses, reported programmer Ross Huff at the Parks and Recreation Commission (PRC) meeting November 27.

The most popular course was mushroom identification, which had over 100 participants. Next were children's dance classes, which had 56 and 33 registrations, followed by a Foodsafe course — required for employment in some restaurants — which drew 37 students.

The Power Squadron courses on safe boating had 31 participants.

Children's judo classes had 22 youngsters registered and an adult class had seven participants. There were 49 children registered in two levels of gymnastics classes.

Fifteen students registered for an introductory computer course.

Despite the increased cost of renting school facilities, expected to total \$3,136, Huff said the overall program was still \$2,500 in the black.

He asked if the PRC should still continue to subsidize volleyball programs at Fulford Elementary

and Gulf Islands Secondary. No revenue is generated from participants and gym rentals are expected to cost the commission \$420 per session per school, for a total of \$1,680 annually.

At Gulf Islands Secondary, 80 to 90 per cent of the participants are teenagers and Huff wondered if they would still play if a fee was charged for the games.

Commission members agreed not to impose charges for the volleyball program. PRC chairwoman Kellie Booth suggested rental fees for school facilities could be discussed at the next joint use meeting between the school district and PRC.

Malcolm Legg asked if increased course fees reflecting higher rental costs was affecting registration.

Huff said increased fees could be a factor but noted at least one Vancouver Island recreation program had also experienced reduced registration this fall.

The winter/spring program brochure is expected to be in the mail this week to island residents, with course registration starting immediately.

TAKE NOTE

OF THESE DATES

- Dec. 2nd til 24th: Christmas trees on sale, 1st Ganges Scouts, GVM/Thrifty's, during store hours.
- Dec. 7: SS Weavers & Spinners Christmas party, T.B.A.
- Dec. 15, 16, 17: SS Singers Christmas Concert, Anglican Church, Fri. 7:30, Sat. 7:30, Sun 2pm
- Dec. 16: SSI Power & Sail Squadron, 1st annual dinner & dance, Meaden Hall, 6pm-1am
- Dec. 17, 18, 19: "Christmas with Scrooge", United Church, 7pm.
- EVERY WEDNESDAY**
 - Seniors & Alzheimers support group, Seniors for Seniors bldg. 11am
 - Archery Shooting, SSI Rod & Gun Club, 7pm.
 - Stamp Collectors all ages, Seniors For Seniors, 10am.
 - Cancer Support Group, Croftonbrook 10am-12 noon (every 3rd Wed.)
 - Narcotics Anonymous, Alano Club, Rainbow Rd. 7-8pm.
 - Core-Inn Committee Meetings, Core-Inn on McPhillips, 4:30-6pm.
 - Special Olympics Bowling, Bowling Alley, 10am-11am.
 - Macintosh User Group Meeting, Driftwood office, 7:30pm (1st or 2nd Wed. ea. mo.)
 - O.A.P.O. Loonie tea & video, Lower Central Hall, 1:30 (except 2nd Wed.)
 - SS Painters Guild, Anglican Church, Ganges, downstairs, 10:30-1:30.
- EVERY THURSDAY**
 - Salt Spring Weavers & Spinners Guild, 10:30-2pm.
 - Parkinsons Support Gr., Croftonbrook, 2pm, (second Thurs. of the mo.)
 - Seniors for Seniors regular Thurs. lunch at noon, reserv. are essential.
 - Salty Wheels Square Dance Club, 6:30pm, Central Hall.
 - Scottish Dancing, Anglican Church Hall, 7-9pm
 - Oct. 5 thru Nov. 30, Kids' Klub, Community Gospel Chapel, 3:30pm-5pm.
 - First Thurs. of the mo., Speakers Group.

EVERY FRIDAY

- Fulford OAP #160, bingo 2:00pm.
- Chess Club, Seniors for Seniors Bldg., 7pm.

EVERY SATURDAY

- Narcotics Anonymous, Community Centre, Fulford Ganges Rd., 7-8pm.
- Book Sale, downstairs at library, 10am-12:30pm.
- Core Inn, volunteers needed, 10:30-noon.

EVERY MONDAY

- "Bandemonium" Lions Hall, Drake & Bonnet, 7pm-9pm.
- Free blood pressure clinic, Seniors for Seniors 10-12noon (last Mon. ea. mo.)
- Adult 22 rifle shooting, SSI Rod & Gun Club, 7-9pm.
- Taoist Tai Chi, for Seniors, Lower Central Hall, 10am.
- OAPO #32 carpet bowling, Lower Central Hall, 1:30pm.
- Reader's Theatre, Croftonbrook Hall, 10am
- Teen Sewing Club, textiles lab, Middle School 4pm-6pm.
- Story time, library, 9:30am.
- Life Drawing, Windfall rm., library, 1-3pm.

EVERY TUESDAY

- Duplicate Bridge, Meaden Hall at the Legion, 7pm.
- Seniors choir practices, Seniors for Seniors, 10:30am.
- Air rifles, Fulford Hall, 7:30pm.
- Target Archery, Fulford Hall, 6:30pm.

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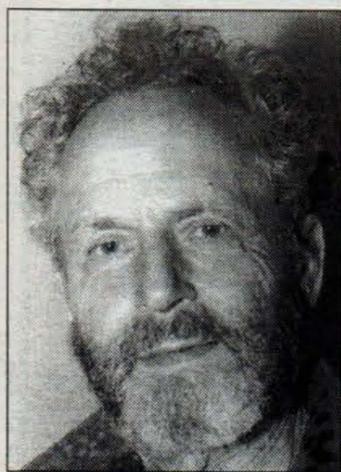
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Karol Kersen

Men's group helps males open up emotionally

The men's movement is alive and well on Salt Spring Island, with a new open meeting set to begin next Thursday.

Karol Kersen is organizing the new group as a voluntary venture, in response to requests for a regular drop-in meeting. Existing men's groups on the island evolved from the same kind of open meetings but have since been closed to new members.

What happens at a men's group meeting? Men talk. They talk about relationships with their mates, parents, children and friends, and they

talk about work situations. They explore the emotional aspects of these subjects more than most men ordinarily would, all with the assurance nothing is repeated outside of the group.

"Men don't often talk about what's going on emotionally," explains Kersen. But, he says, within a supportive group it becomes easier for men to open up and release the emotions they are feeling. Kersen invited a friend in his 60s to come to a meeting in Victoria.

"He said it was just the most amazing thing he had ever experienced."

Kersen recently completed a post-graduate program at the South East Institute for Group and Family Therapy in Chapel Hill, North Carolina. He made that move after becoming interested in the work of Eric Berne (author of Games People Play) and discovering Chapel Hill was one of the two best places in North America where he could learn more about Berne's work.

Prior to that, Kersen studied psychology at McGill University in Montreal.

Not long after moving to North Carolina in 1991, he met men's

movement "pioneers" Robert Bly and Robert Moore.

After moving to Salt Spring in April, he became involved with the Men's Centre in Victoria and currently attends a drop-in meeting there.

The December 14 inaugural meeting takes place at the Yurt at the rear of 443 Upper Ganges Road, from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. There is no charge for attending, although donations will be gratefully accepted to offset costs. Anyone wanting more information should call Kersen at 537-5871.

Students need to take transcript responsibility

By NEILL ARMITAGE
Driftwood Contributor

Please emphasize to your children that it is not a good idea to assume that someone else is going to look after their interests.

For example, we sent out transcripts with the report cards of about 140 Grade 12 students for the students to review and return to us. This was done so that we can ensure that the education ministry has accurate information about individuals who intend to graduate this year.

To date, less than 40 of these transcripts have been returned. While John Bergsma, Anne Marshall and I are continually reviewing programs, we are doing this for about 540 full-time students and 60 part-time students.

Because of the number with whom we are working, students should not expect that we are going to pursue them to look after their business. Unless we are alerted to a problem, we cannot take the appropriate action. It should also come as no surprise to students that they may have to check back with us more than once to ensure that problems have been resolved to their satisfaction.

• Students who have completed more than one year of service as an air cadet are eligible to apply for a bursary from the RCAF No. 800 (Pacific) wing. The amount of this bursary varies according to need and is applicable at any recognized post-secondary institution. Deadline is December 31. Liane Watson can provide you with more details in the counselling centre or phone 537-9944.

• The early admission deadline

INSIDE GISS

for high school students applying to UVic is February 28, 1996. Early admission privileges are reserved for students who have a strong academic standing and are presently in Grade 12.

Any senior student (or student who has recently graduated) who wishes to get a better idea about specific subjects at UVic can make arrangements to attend one of about 50 different classes in the company of a student from UVic. See Anne Marshall, John Bergsma or me about this.

• This Thursday, Friday and Saturday, December 7, 8 and 9, are the final three nights when you can see the GISS production of David and Lisa. The curtain goes up at 8 p.m. in the band room at SIMS (Salt Spring Island Middle School).

• This weekend is the first ski trip for senior Career and Personal Planning (CAPP) students. Scott Bergstrom has organized and is leading this outing. When he gets back, he and Debbie Magnusson will be addressing the next parents advisory council meeting to describe the direction the CAPP program is going. This meeting is on Wednesday, December 13 at 7 p.m. in the resource centre.

• The parents advisory council is raising money to help support a variety of programs at GISS. To raise money they are selling Christmas cards that were designed by GISS students. Watch for them at our local businesses - 10 cards for \$6.

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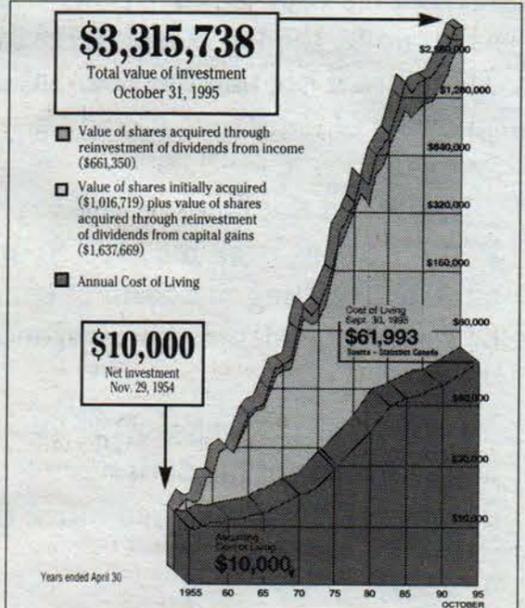
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TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE, please act on this to-day.

The Committee for Concerned Citizens of Salt Spring Island will deliver the letters to Victoria before the CRD meeting of December 13th.

 Please cut along this line before signing.

Mr. Frank Leonard
Chairman
Capital Regional District
P.O. Box 1000
524 Yates Street, Victoria, BC • V8W 2S6

November 29, 1995

As a resident of Salt Spring Island, I the undersigned, strongly support the nominating process as set up by the Parks and Recreation Commission at their meeting of October 16th, 1995. Therefore, I ask that the Board approve the names put up by this nominating committee, and reject any slate of names which may be unilaterally presented by Dietrich Luth.

Further, I ask that you and your Board of Directors condemn Mr. Luth's attempt to remove Ms. Patsy Siemens from the PRC Board "for philosophical differences of opinion." This dictatorial attitude, resulting in a form of censorship, cannot be allowed in a democratic society, and should be roundly condemned by you and your Board of Directors.

Yes, Mr. Luth was elected through a democratic process. But, since his election, in the day to day execution of his duties as a CRD Director, he has never shown any regard for that very same democracy that put him in office two years ago.

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6 DEATHS

POBOSA, STAN died peacefully at his home on Salt Spring Island, on December 3, 1995 at the age of 74. Stan will be greatly missed by his loving and faithful wife Blanche and daughters, Kathryn Landry of Salt Spring Island, Cynthia (Charles) Camshell of Grande Prairie, Alberta and Valerie (Victor) Poborsa-Cox of Cumberland, BC. Also 10 grandchildren. He was predeceased by his mother and father, 3 brothers and 3 sisters. He is survived by his sister Anne (John) Freizen of Winnipeg, Manitoba. His brother Frank (Carol) Poborsa of Winnipeg Beach, Manitoba, and brother Victor (Ellen) Poborsa of Toronto, Ontario and many nieces and nephews. Stan was born in Pleasant Home, Manitoba on October 16, 1921. After serving in the Royal Canadian Army during World War Two, he spent his working years in various mines across Canada. He was a long time member of the Masonic Lodge. Stan and Blanche retired to Salt Spring from Edmonton, Alberta and Eldorado, Saskatchewan. On Salt Spring Island, Stan was an active member, volunteer with Seniors for Seniors. A memorial service will be held on Thursday December 7, 1995 at 3:00pm at the Ganges United Church on Salt Spring Island, with tea to follow. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the organisation of donors choice. Haywards, Ganges in care of arrangements.

8 CARDS OF THANKS

THANK YOU all for helping make our Mom, Ellaline Pitcher, have a great 90th Birthday week. Special thanks to Kate & Shirley of Shindigs for cakes and food; Harry Warner, Deb Toole and Shirley Bunyan for music; Seniors for Seniors volunteers, Greenwood staff and residents, the neighbours at Croftonbrook and Alfresco Restaurant for the grand finale dinner. -Lorcan and Bill.

TO THE very kind, honest individual who found and turned in my wallet to Pattersons store on Sunday, Nov. 26/95. A very large heartfelt "Thank You". Maureen Leason.

SALT SPRING Cinema - Thanks everyone who attended the benefit screenings of "The War Between Us", so a profit of \$750 could be donated to the Community Society Christmas Hamper fund. Happy Holidays to all.

SALT SPRING Island Community Services would like to thank Debbi Toole, Liane Watson, the organizers, choirs and audience, who made the Christmas Choir Festival a resounding success again this year. All the proceeds for this event have been donated to the Christmas Hamper Fund which will provide food for less privileged families over Christmas.

SALT SPRING Island Community Services Christmas Hamper Fund would like to sincerely thank Dan Kent of the B.C. Ambulance Service for his tremendous success raising food and cash donations on Saturday, December 2. Thanks also to the donors, Thrifty Foods and the B.C. Ambulance Service for their help with this initiative to provide food for needy families over Christmas. Dan will be stationed with an ambulance in the Thrifty Foods parking area again this Saturday, December 9 and next Saturday, December 10. Please come out and show your support.

THE FAMILY of Stan Poborsa would like to thank the many friends and care support who have been so supportive these past months. Special thanks go out to Dr. Woodley, Dr. Rowell, Drs. Robb and Debbie Ruddell, the Homecare Nurses, the Bessie Dane Foundation, Peggy from Home Support Services and Doreen of the Red Cross Loan Cupboard. All your care and support meant Stan could enjoy his own home to the end of his life.

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08 CARD OF THANKS



Happy Birthday ALLISON!

Roses are Red
Violets are Blue
Your Cookies are Good

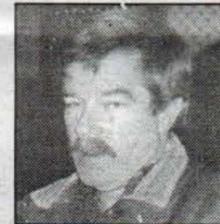
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10 CELEBRATIONS


THE CELEBRATION RESTAURANT!
If it's your Birthday or Anniversary, your Dinner (Entree) is **50% off** and Parties of 4 or more receive a **FREE BIRTHDAY CAKE.**
Reservations required. 537-5979.

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He Can Still Jive At Fifty Five!

FRIENDS!
Mary-Ann West is 60 yrs!
Come and join in the celebrations at a dance party with "The Peeler's" at: **MAHON HALL**
Saturday, Dec. 9th 7 - 10 pm

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11 COMING EVENTS

FABRIC GUILD Christmas Potluck, December 6th, 6:30 p.m. 101 Reid Road, basement suite. More info Gwen 537-2443.

FEELING FRAZZLED, harried, stressed this Christmas season? Take a few minutes of quiet and solitude: come to Midday Meditation at the United Church, 11:45 a.m. to 1:15 p.m., Mondays to Fridays, December 4 - 22.

THE GREEN Party of BC, North Saanich and the Islands Constituency Association, holding a meeting December 9, 1:00pm 930 Ardmore Drive, Ardmore Golf Course, North Saanich. Phone 656-7012 to show support for growth of the Green Party on the Islands.

CANDLELIGHT VIGIL, Dec. 6, 6 pm. Centennial Park, to remember all women killed by violence. SWOVA.

MACINTOSH USER group meeting December 6, 1995, 7:30 pm. at the Driftwood office. Subject: Fonts. Everyone welcome.

11 COMING EVENTS

ALFRESCO'S DAILY fresh baking is 1/2 price after 3 pm.

NATURAL BEAUTY Centre has had a face-lift. Come in and enjoy the new look, products and people. Watch for grand re-opening in January!

JUNGLE VINES, flower fairy tutus and neck and lower back support cushions for your favourite commuter at the Green Christmas, Salt Spring Centre, Dec. 9-10.

11 COMING EVENTS

Flying Carpet Blankets

"Beautiful Necessities"
Wonderful Christmas Gifts
AT HOME SALE
December 9 & 10
9 am - 6 pm
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December 17, 18, 19

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FROM ADVENT TO EPIPHANY
Readings, Hymns, Carols and Dance
Sunday, Dec. 10th at 7:00 p.m.
Soul Music for the Season

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It's Our **20th Anniversary!**
OPEN HOUSE
Saturday, Dec. 9th
Please join us between 2 PM & 5 PM for coffee, tea and cookies and tour the animal hospital.
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THURSDAY DEC. 7
Meaden Hall, Legion
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Doors open 6:30 pm.
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Private view for friends and artists
Sat., December 9th 7 - 9 p.m.
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DEC. 9 - 10
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2 p.m.
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11 COMING EVENTS



Salt Spring Island Local Trust Committee NOTICE OF MEETING The Salt Spring Island Local Trust Committee will be meeting to consider various matters of general business, such as applications received, bylaw reviews and meeting notes. DATE: December 14, 1995 TIME: 1:00 pm PLACE: Room 1203, Grace Point Square, Ganges, BC

The public are invited to attend and will be provided an opportunity to speak to the Local Trust Committee on any matter of interest. An agenda for the Meeting will be posted on Wednesday, December 13, 1995, at the Islands Trust Office, Room 1206, Grace Point Square.



Green Christmas Craft Faire & Family Event at the Salt Spring Centre 355 Blackburn Rd. Dec. 9: 10 am - 5 pm Dec. 10: 10 am - 3 pm Books, Babbles, Baubles, Home Cooking, Crafts, Art Work. Lots for kids, too! Lunch & Goodies available 537-2326 (afts)

ARAM-ARAM DEVOTIONAL DANCE Dec. 16 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. S.S. Centre Healing and Rejuvenating to the Soul Info, 37-124 Saval Adults \$4

AFRO FUSION DANCE with Alpha Diallo & Baffing from Guinea Beaver Pt. Hall Friday, Dec. 8 9:30 p.m. \$10 at the door or et cetera THIS BAND IS HOT! A Sid Filkow mid-life crisis production

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11 COMING EVENTS

T'ai Chi T'ai Chi Classes New Classes Starting Jan. 8th at S.S. Elem. Music Room 7-8 pm. and Jan. 11th 9:30-10:30 am. Central Hall 1ST CLASS FREE For more info, call Tao at 537-4487

BRUCE RIVARD'S ABSTRACT ART Open Studio Sunday December 10 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. 255 Malview Drive Potluck Dinner 537-9882

14 COMMUNITY SERVICES

NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS meet Saturdays 7-8 pm, Community Centre; Wednesdays, 7-8 pm. Central Office across from Elementary School. For information, call 1-383-3553.

ACOA (ADULT Children of Alcoholics) meet Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m., S.S. Community Centre; Thursday, 1 p.m., Fulford. Children of dysfunctional families very welcome.

FAMILIES OF Schizophrenics meet in homes for mutual support. Call 537-9237 or 537-5264. CRISIS LINE for Salt Spring - toll-free 1-604-975-7054.

DRESSINGS FREE to cancer patients by the Order of the Eastern Star. Contact Dee Roberts, 653-4655.

SS TELECOM SOCIETY is a non-profit organization dedicated to enhancing communications infrastructure and education on the Gulf Islands. Contact: Cameron Smith 604-537-4312, e-mail: csmith@pinc.com; snail mail: Box 769, Ganges PO, SSI, B.C. V8K 2W3. Cash donations gratefully accepted. ISCU #996595.



The aims and objectives of the LADY MINTO GULF ISLANDS HOSPITAL FOUNDATION are to raise funds which will be used to expand and enhance the delivery of medical care by the Hospital to Gulf Islands residents. You can help the Foundation attain these goals by a gift of funds, real or personal property, memorial bequests, endowments, life insurance or securities.

All donations will be recognized in the Hospital and receipts for Income Tax purposes will be issued.

Please help YOUR Hospital so it can help YOU. 135 Crofton Rd. Salt Spring Island, V8K 1T1 537-5545

17 EDUCATION

SALT SPRING Speakers Group meets 7 pm. first Thursday of every month. This informal group meets to practise and improve communication skills. For more information, contact Haida Kristiansen, 537-0620.

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29 LOST AND FOUND

FOUND YOUNG male cat, Dec. 3/95. Beddis Road near Samuel Crescent. All black, short hair, maybe 6-8 months old. Loves people. Pls. call 537-1213.

FOUND AT Christmas Choir Festival, Dec. 1, small purse. Call 537-9971 to claim.

29 LOST AND FOUND

LOST: NECKLACE with amethyst crystal heart and three silver birds. Reward. 653-9151.

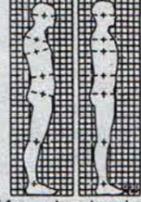
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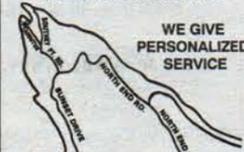
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HAMMOND ORGAN for sale, romance series 124XL. Excellent condition. \$650. Phone 537-9850 after 4:30 p.m.

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370 PETS/LIVESTOCK

PET PARROTS. Beautiful gentle babies that make ideal medium sized, quiet companions. \$800.00 each. 537-0838.

"WHIMPERS", SMALL black short hair female, spayed, 12 years young, good mouser and wonderful companion. "Ginger", large long hair neutered orange male, 9 years young, not a great mouser but a wonderful companion. They are both loved very much, however, they don't like living on our boat. The first wave made them both seasick. They prefer acreage to run and play. Free to a good home, come with their own bunk bed (small), dishes, litter box, 6 month supply of food. Please call Damaris if you can help place my kids in a loving home with a big yard, away from traffic. Thank you. 537-0918 or 537-9933.



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375 RECREATION VEHICLES

LOVELY OLDER factory camperized van. 1976 Dodge, 95,000 miles, propane furnace, stove and fridge, raised roof, awning, lots of storage, excellent mechanically. Very clean and kept under cover. \$3800. 537-5269

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18' CITATION TRAILER, sleeps 5. Stove, toilet, fridge, good for cabin use while building. \$1200. 629-9991.

376 SPORTING GOODS

GIRLS PEUGOT bicycle, 6 speed, 20" wheels. Excellent condition. \$125.00. 537-5999 evenings.

379 FREE/RECYCLABLES

SALT SPRING Island Recycle Depot, located at 349 Rainbow Rd. is open Tuesday thru Saturday, 10 am to 5 pm. This service is operated by Salt Spring Island Community Services. Please call the recycle depot at 537-1200, or community services at 537-9971 for information on materials accepted for recycling.

THIS COLUMN is designed for free recyclable items only. There is no charge to place items in this column. Ads must be submitted in person at the Driftwood office (328 Lower Ganges Road) by normal deadline (Monday noon).

COUCH, HIDE-A-BED brown plaid, free. 537-1351. SINGLE MATTRESS and fold-away cot. 537-9542.

MOVING SOON? Need a cardboard wardrobe? Call 537-5694.

FREE FOR pickup, three-seater sofa and arm chair. North end. Tel. 537-5812/537-4651.

UNUSED OLD stovepipe suitable for other purposes (not CSA). Call 537-5694.



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RECYCLE YOUR OLD GLASSES

Your old prescription lenses can be a gift of sight Boxes located at:

- Pharmasave
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- Bank of Commerce
- Island Savings Credit Union
- Gulf Islands Optical

385 WANTED

20 LITRE pails with lids, clean, no painted on labels. 537-4277.

I NEED SYDNEY Banks cassette tapes. Can you help me? Please call Lillian 539-2231 or 263-6524, leave message for Lillian.

WANTED: 4 x 8 POOL table, 537-9812.

UTILITY TRAILER in good shape 4 x 6 ft. or larger. 537-5657.

POLICE & FIRE items. Badges, medals, uniforms, etc. For collection. Gary, 382-1584.

TV CONVERTER with remote, GI Joes. 537-2347.

WANTED: WOODEN thread spools, any size. 537-1983.

RENT TO own RV in very good condition, with shower, hydro, water. Good on gas. Contact Saval 537-1204

410 REAL ESTATE FOR SALE

PRICE REDUCTION - Brinkworthy Sale. Excellent value and ready for immediate occupancy. For details, call 537-5505. (days)

20 ACRES, FARMLAND, ravines, springs, treed, fir and cedar, ocean and valley view. 653-4272.

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UNIT 8-124 VALHALLA RD. For sale by owner this new adult oriented 2 bdrm., 2 bath townhouse, D/W, jetted tub, bonus room, bi-vac, f/p, GST (with rebate to vendor)

OPEN HOUSE

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410 REAL ESTATE FOR SALE

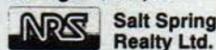
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LARGE SELECTION of used mobile homes at excellent prices! 12, 14 and Double Wides. Courteous, honest, professional service. Partial warranties. Available now 1975, 14X68 at \$10,000. Call collect 1(403)470-8000.

460 WANTED TO BUY

ARE YOU thinking of selling? We are looking for a private, sunny house on lovely land with a view. The house will be well-constructed, imaginatively designed, warm and casual, and will be at least 1500 sq. ft. Please phone 537-1899.

500 APT./SUITE FOR RENT

NEW GROUND-LEVEL apartment suite, full bathroom, nice kitchen, suit single, quiet person, N/S, N/P. 537-9812.

FULFORD VILLAGE suite. Two bedrooms, laundry, cable, \$550.00 & share utilities. N/S adults. References please. 653-2348.

STUDIO, FURN., self-contained, private entrance, view, sunny Vesuvius, suit mature, quiet person. \$375.00. References. 537-9169.

SELF-CONTAINED accommodation for one or two. \$350 & \$425 incl. utilities. 537-4088.

TWO BEDROOM apartment in private spacious grounds close to Long Harbour and Ganges. 537-4415.

BRIGHT ONE bedroom corner suite. Private entry, coin-op laundry and good parking. 1 1/2 miles from Ganges. Available immediately. \$475. Tony Brogan, 537-5363.

500 APT./SUITES FOR RENT

TWO BEDROOM, large basement suite, fireplace, laundry, close to Ganges. \$575, prefer N/S references. 653-9172.

510 COMMERCIAL SPACE

800 SQ. FT. RETAIL/office space on Hereford Ave. Phone 537-1045.

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Prime location, 615 sq. ft., main level, front in Upper Ganges Centre.

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515 HOLIDAY ACCOMMODATION

KIHEI MAUI, one bdrm. condo, kitchenette, 300' from beautiful beach, walking distance to shopping. Island owned. Great daily & monthly rates. 537-5083.

TRADE IN Kelowna, BC. Beautiful waterfront 2 bedroom, 2 bath condominium fully furnished. Large indoor pool, hot tub and tennis court. Ski Big White or Silver Star. Great Shopping, dining, Symphony theatre. To trade on Saltspring for a small cottage with a fireplace any week in February or March. Photo's upon request. Call Jody (604) 766-4255, ext. 450.

HOLIDAY ACCOMMODATION. Palm Springs condo, sleeps 4, for Gulf Island cottage. Flexible dates. Phone 604-277-6003.

520 HOUSES FOR RENT

WEST COAST 3000 sq ft home, on oceanview acreage. Jim 653-9209 or 682-5760 (Vancouver).

ROOM IN co-op house/organic farm. Pleasant situation for young single person. Work trade possibility. No smoking/vegetarian. Laundry, hot tub. Shared food & prepared meals. Call Linda, 537-5240.

LAC LA HACHE. Two separate lots, two treed acres. Spectacular lake view. New log home. 3 bedrooms, loft, basement, appliances, hot-tub. Abuts Crown land. \$199,000. 1(604)396-4315.

TEMPORARY RENTAL, house for sale, \$550/mo. Immaculate references only. Call Sharon Lee, 604-254-4891

TWO BEDROOM mobile home, large garage, centrally located. \$750/mo. 537-2140.

ROOMS FOR rent at Costerton Farm, available Jan. 1. Private ent., hot tub, view, laundry, storage. Ideal for single working people. Rent incl. all amenity/utility starting at \$275 plus food. Prepared dinners. N/P, N/S Vegetarian. Phone Linda 537-5240 for interview.

THREE BEDROOM Salt Spring home. From Jan. 1/15. Recently constructed, Beddis Road house, with oceanview & beach access. Gardens, 5 appliances, woodstove. \$750/mo. References required. Call 537-2413 or 1-604-251-3508.

OCEANFRONT HOME. Contemporary 2 bdrm., 2 bath with spectacular south views. Fully furnished, decks, hot tub, sunshine all day. \$1100/mo. 537-5938.

LONG TERM cosy 2 bdrm. cottage with large workshop and sundeck on acreage on North End. Damage deposit and references required. Sorry, no dogs. \$695/mo. 537-2082.

TWO BEDROOM, main floor, Fulford/Burgoynes area. N/S, N/P. \$750/mo. Available Jan. 15. References required. 921-9605.

520 HOUSES FOR RENT

TRAILER WITH addition right in Fulford Village. Jan. 15 to Mar. 15. Hydro and cable included. \$600/mo. Call 653-4847 eves.

COSY TOWNHOUSE. 2 bdrm. w/fireplace, washer/dryer, no pets. \$850/mo. Avail. December 1. Contact Alane 537-4266 before 8 p.m.

QUIET, ONE bedroom cabin on acreage, shared with main house. Suites single, N/S, long term. \$485.00 incl. utilities. Available Jan. 1 or sooner if needed. 653-4190.

THREE BEDROOM duplex with carport and storage shed. Available Dec. 15. No pets. \$675/mo. 537-4319.

ONE BEDROOM cottage, unfurnished, appliances, near Ganges. Available immediately, \$500. 537-4084, eves.

TWO BEDROOM seaview cottage, w/d, n/p, available Jan. 1/96. \$525/mo. 537-2414, after 6 pm.

CLOSE TO schools and town, comfortable, larger 2 bdrm. trailer, large yard. S/F. Plumbed for W&D. N/S & N/P please. \$700.00 & util. 653-4500.

DEC. 1/95 TO JUNE 1/96. Newly furnished 3 bdrm., superb ocean view. Prefer quiet couple or single person. Rent could be reduced for caretaking. N/S, N/P please. 653-4500.

COTTAGE, WATERFRONT, view, near Ganges, modern 1 bedroom furnished. \$585 per month. Utilities included. 943-4630 (Delta) or 537-4500.

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2 br. Cusheon Lake, N/S, N/P, \$800/mo.

1 bdrm. suite, n/s, n/p, \$550/mo.

Call Dan 537-4722

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530 SHARED ACCOMMODATION

FREE RENT December only. Room for rent, 50 acres, peaceful, waterfront, d/w, w/d, must see, semi-furnished. \$500 incl. Long term. Fernwood. 537-1353.

540 WANTED/RENTALS

TRAILER WANTED to rent within 3-4 miles of Ganges preferred. Message for Charles, 537-9422 weekdays 9-5.

TOO LATE TO CLASSIFY

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KENMORE REFRIGERATOR, separate top freezer, 30" W, 27"D, 64" H. 10 years old, in good working condition, almond colour. \$100.00 obo. 537-2274.

AFRO-FUSION DANCE with Alpha Diallo & Baffing from Guinea. Beaver Pt. Hall, Friday, Dec. 8, 9:30 pm. \$10 at the door or et cetera. This band is hot! A Sid Filkow mid-life crisis production.

HAMMOCKS FOR Christmas, give someone an excuse to relax. Hammocks that last. "Out On A Limb" \$95. 537-4485.

FOUND OLDER black cat, female in Fulford area. 537-1130.

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WET FEET? We have large washed drain rock for drains; a variety of crushed gravels for those low spots and driveway topping; pavers and patio slabs for "stepping stones" or walkways. Rainbow Landscape Supply, 537-4346.

TREAT YOURSELF or someone else you love. All weavings by Karen Mazzel are now 30% off. Naikai Gallery in Grace Pt. Square. 537-4400.

COMING SOON to Ganges...The Pop Shoppe. Soft drinks in glass bottles. Ten flavours of family fun. 537-1300 for more info.

DIVORCE SALE! I need to divorce myself from some rugs before Christmas. Pre-Christmas savings on exquisite handmade tribal carpets from Afghanistan, Turkey, Iran and Mundo Maya. Also, saddlebags, tapestries, tablecloths and pillow covers plus... ethnic jewellery - silver, amber, jade, etc. Sid Filkow Tribal Rugs & Kilims, Creekside on McPhillips (above Mobile Market. 537-4131.

GREAT EXPECTATIONS at Christmas? Drop by the Studio/Gallery at 116 Collins Rd. (at the end of Rainbow Rd.). Great gift selection and our festive lighting too!

1985 JEEP WAGONEER, V8, 4 wd. Excellent for snow or towing. \$2400. 537-1540.

DON'T FORGET to reserve your tablecloths for Christmas. Order today. Call S.S. Linen & Drycleaners. 537-2241.

WOMEN FRIENDS vocal quartet available for holiday celebrations and singalongs. Phone Lynne 653-9468.

FOR SALE: Utility trailer, base is fine, needs new plywood sides. \$25.00. Sink, fridge and 2 burner single kitchen unit. \$125.00. 537-5514.

CEDAR GATES hand crafted. Christmas sale 10% off. English cottage style, 32" or 34". Two Japanese styles 36", or custom order for the new year. Most gates \$175 to \$300. Phone Carol Wright, 537-5982.

YOU DIDN'T see me at the craft fairs this year so drop by Great Expectations for our potpourri sachets to sweeten their stockings. 116 Collins Rd. at the end of Rainbow Rd.

AUNTIE KATE in time for Christmas. CDs, cassettes, t-shirts. Available only at Capt. Bligh's (across from Moby's). 537-1043.

215 RAINBOW ROAD, Double wide, 4 bedroom, 2 bathroom. Available 1. \$850 per month. 537-2239.

THE INTERNET is here! It is the perfect Christmas gift for the person who wants everything. December special 40 hrs. for the price of 30. (\$99) 537-1950.

PRESTIGIOUS RESIDENCE. Long term lease, near new, spacious 2700 sq. ft., 3 bedrooms, laundry rm., upstairs studio, gourmet kitchen, 5 appliances, hardwood & carpet. Wrap around deck, wood & elec. heat, \$1200/mo & utilities. 653-4500 between 9 & 5.

SERENDIPITY STUDIO open until Christmas. Phone 537-4535. Margaret Threlfall's Watercolours, wool products and crafts. 112 Robinson Road.

GEEZER NEWS on Salt Spring Cable T.V., Wednesday, December 6 at 6 pm - Salt Springs' "Geezers" discuss current affairs.

HELD OVER! Truth or fantasy, December 9 & 10, 2 pm, great family entertainment at the A.S.T.A.R. Gallery. Reserve your seat now call 537-1067.

45TH VOYAGE - CHRISTMAS SHIP arrives Mouat's Dock Saturday, December 9, 6 pm. Reception with Santa and kids to follow at Activity Centre (S.S. Elementary) sponsored by SSI Firefighters' Assn. Donations gratefully accepted.

WORK WANTED. Strong back, good hands, clear mind, reasonable rates. Call Craig 537-1433.

CAROL BOOKS are available now at the Driftwood office for your Christmas get-together.

MISSING: CHIHUAHUA X Terrier. Short hair, curly tail, light brown, limp in rear leg. Sadly missed by family of 14 yrs. Disappeared from Fulford Harbour on August 5/6, 1995. If you have seen chi-chi or know where she is, Please call Lisa 653-4688 or leave message 537-7650. \$200.00 Reward offered.

CANVAS/CEDAR Strip hand-made canoe, neat Christmas idea \$500. 653-4855.

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GULF ISLAND Picture Framing & Gallery is pleased to present "Return to Catalonia". New works by Le Roy Jensen. Show runs the month of December. 112 Hereford Ave. Monday-Friday, 9:30-4:30 or by appointment. 537-2369.

SSI GOLF CLUB Christmas Party. December 16. Cocktails 6pm, Dinner 7pm. Members and guest welcome. Reservations call 537-1760.

LIMITED SUPPLY Landscape Rock, Sandstone, delivered. 537-4688.

LADIES GOLF clubs, complete with full and temporary bag. Hoover Washer/dryer, nearly new. 653-9298.

DOWNTOWN SPACE for exhibits, meetings, classes. January & February, by day, week, month. 537-0833 or 537-9705.

LAST CHANCE! New Years Charity Ball aboard a luxury cruising yacht. Includes dinner, dance and cruise - leaving Ganges December 31, 8:00 pm returning 1:00 am. Private Blues Band after-Party. 1:00 am - 3:00 am. Tickets \$149.00/couple (limited to 180 persons). Only 40 tickets left! Call 537-1682 or 537-1640 for tickets.

WANTED: GOOD used chop saw, C.S.A. wood heater and exterior doors. 653-9294.

GET YOUR Christmas smoked salmon now, as I have a limited quantity. 653-9207. Beaver Point Road.

CASIO DIGITAL diary SF-4400X, 32kb. Brand new, never used. Great Christmas gift at \$55!! 537-4726.

FOR RENT. Warm & cozy new 1 bedroom cabin available now. 537-1880 or 653-4071.

BOOTH BAY Resort cabins for sale - to be moved. All sizes. 537-0908 after 6 pm or weekend.

FOR SALE chest deep freeze 13 cu. ft. excellent condition \$195. 537-9242.

READY FOR the road, your job site or your Christmas guests! 1985 13 foot Bonair travel trailer. \$1800. 537-1129.

1972 TOYOTA CORSAIR, farm truck \$250 obo. 537-5778.

GIFT IDEA! Make a donation of \$50 or more to the Salt Spring Firefighters "Jaws of Life" campaign and receive the special edition "Jaws" Sweatshirt. Free! it's our gift to you! Donations through Ganges Firehall, Monday-Friday, 8am-5pm.

CHRISTMAS CONCERT. December 16 with the Victoria Civic Orchestra, 65 Musicians. Tickets are going fast! This will be a wonderful celebration, trumpets and all. Tickets at et cetera, Sharon's and ArtSpring. 537-2125. Door prize and festive intermission treats. Why not bring a donation for the Christmas Food Bank?

CHERUB CHOIR antiques. Customer appreciation sale coming December 15 & 16. See next weeks coming events for details!

FOR RENT: 1 bedroom cabin. North end. Available December 15. \$450 plus utilities. 537-4138.

MOVING SALE: some furniture, odds and ends. Sunday December 10, 140 Thomas Road. 10am-2pm.

DIETRICH LUTH on "Isle of Views" news on Salt Spring Cable TV, Wednesday, December 6 at 6pm.

DISTINCTIVE HAIR Cuts \$12.00. Perms \$50.00. I work from my home and have a small clientele. I work from approximately 1 - 4 pm when my son sleeps. 537-9267.

PUSSYCATS AVAILABLE! Many colours to choose from, ages 6 weeks - 8 months, affectionate, healthy and beautiful. SPCA 537-2123.

ATTENTION ARTISTS! We still have some great ready-made frames left from our sale, at great prices! From 4 x 6 to 24 x 30 inches, and many colours and styles. "A Thousand Words" Picture Framing, 785 Fulford-Ganges Road. 537-5131.

FOR SALE: 1991 HONDA CR125, good condition. Call 653-4671.

2 SUPER SINGLE Waterbeds, 1 bookcase, 1 princess headboard complete with bedding. \$150.00 each obo. 537-2679.

RARE, TURN of the century, circa 1910, hand planed solid mahogany crafts desk, tung oil finish. \$400 obo. 537-9728.

LOST NOKIO Cellular phone. Reward. Please call Eric at 537-2250.

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NEW, HOME-BASED business. Low-cost start-up. Huge market. Ask about our 2 year plan for financial freedom. Free video. 1-800-555-1318, Ext. 21.

LOCAL BUILDER looking for renovation work. Expertise in all aspects of home construction. Call Dennis toll free pager 1-604-978-5922.

GLORIA NYE says: "I have been hearing from so many people from Salt Spring and it certainly helps to know so many people are thinking of me and wishing me well". She's recovering from her collision with a dump truck but will be in a walking brace for two months. A "Get Well" scroll is posted at the cinema for movie-goers wishing to send some encouraging words to Gloria for Christmas and the New Year. Many thanks from Sister Louise.

3.61 ACRES WITH mobile home in need of some TLC. Good garden area and good cleared pasture. Great buy at \$105,000. Patrick Akerman, Re/Max, 537-9977.

GREAT BUY on building lots. Ready to build on or a great investment holding property. Lots starting at \$59,000. Vesuvius' area. Patrick Akerman, Re/Max 537-9977.

FRAME THAT special picture for Christmas. It's still not too late at "A Thousand Words", but hurry in for the best selection. If you're not sure what they would like, we have wrappable gift certificates, too! 785 Fulford-Ganges Road (Across from Slegg) 537-5131.

9 FT X 7 FT Garage Door. \$50. 36" solid core exterior door with casing \$25. 36" new colonist door with sunburst window. \$90. 537-1422.

FOR SALE: 200 watt bass amplifier and fender 4 foot cabinet, \$975 obo. Briggs & Stratton generator with portable water pump, \$325 obo. 537-1547 (message).

"BRINKWORTHY" 2 BEDROOM, 900 square foot modular home. Carport, sunroom, and garden shed, all in great condition. Asking only \$105,000. Patrick Akerman, Re/Max, 537-9977.

CDs, CDs, CDs, Great gifts from \$5.99 over 1000 different titles at your local Radio Shack store. Quadratic Solutions Inc. 537-4522.

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NO OTHER store in Ganges can offer you microwave ovens, vacuum cleaners, stereo systems, TVs, phones and photo copiers, all with one brand name that always stands for quality and reliability. Panasonic, the worlds largest builder of electronics. Available at Quadratic Solutions in Ganges. 537-4522.

YES WE are open 1 to 4 pm on Sunday until Christmas. Radio Shack. 537-4522.

LOST FROM garage sale at 122 Cedar Lane. Black and white KED shoes. May son now has no shoes? 653-4279.

SPECIAL PRE-CHRISTMAS sale pricing in effect on Quasar and Panasonic TVs. Limited stock so shop early. Quadratic Solutions Inc, in "Creekhouse" 537-4522.

CLOSING SUNDAY 5pm until Spring. 20% off all flower items: Cinnamon brooms, wreaths, arrangements, herb swags and posies. Everlasting Summer. 653-9418.

HOUSECLEANER/CHRISTMAS cook. Excellent references. Reasonable rates. Satisfaction guaranteed. 537-1353. leave message.

PICK UP your Barley Bros. C.D. from Radio Shack, et cetera, or any of the Barley Bros. after December 8.

"WELEDA SKIN care products" Rose soap, Iris skin care sets, bath milks, vitamins, minerals, books. All make great gifts for this holiday season. Available at Hellos Natural Health Care, 130 McPhillips across from the Library.

COOKING CLASS starting January 7, 1996. European trained Chef, Windsor Arms, Dorchester Hotel (UK), Pomordori, Belcher Bob's. Christmas Gift Certificates available. Book now. Michael 537-1353.

MAKE ME an offer on my car! Good condition, runs great! 350 V8, come see. 537-1934.

SALT SPRING Island Parks and Recreation regular monthly meeting Dec.11, 7:30 - 10:00pm, Meaden Hall/Legion. Public welcome.

ADVERTISING DOESN'T COST - IT PAYS! Call 537-9933



WRAP IT UP!

Does Christmas shopping have you tied up in knots? Wrap up those gift-giving decisions with something that will interest everyone and never goes out of style!

Call now to order your Christmas Gift Subscription to the

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Salt Spring dogs defeated teams in Cowichan Challenge Trophy

Thirty-five years ago

• Top dogs from the Salt Spring Island Dog Obedience Training Club took home the Cowichan Challenge Trophy from an obedience trial in Duncan. The team of four dogs scored 756.5 out of a possible 800 and were the only complete team to qualify in the obedience trial. The Salt Spring team defeated teams from Victoria, Mt. Breton, Nanaimo, Duncan and Parksville.

Seven of the dogs also won qualifying ribbons. Top scores were earned by Mrs. J. Harkema's poodle, Casey, and Mrs. H. Hoffman's beagle, Kim, who each earned 193 out of 200 points. Qualifying scores were also earned by Mrs. I. Hawksworth's Peg, Mrs. V. Grant's Waif, Mrs. N. Howland's Pup, Miss M. Cummins' Melody and Mrs. H. Deyell's Pal. The team included Pup, Casey, Peg and Waif.

Thirty years ago

• A proposal to move the ferry terminal from Fulford to Isabella Point was defended by the Salt Spring Chamber of Commerce after the idea was criticized by the newly-formed South Salt Spring Association. The Chamber noted the idea was proposed repeatedly over the previous 30 years.

Reasons for the proposal included: a need for more frequent ferry service; discomfort of a 40-minute ride on the current ferry when the crossing from Isabella Point would be just over 15 minutes in length; a possible one-hour round trip schedule; no parking at the ferry dock in Fulford; and the possibility of doubling service to the island with the same ship and crew if a shorter route was used.

Twenty-five years ago

• A proposal for a Gulf Islands National Park is unlikely, noted ratepayers' president Bill Sawyer. He said the organization would be watching for any threat to the island. He thought incorporation was a more significant issue. "We should give some very serious thought to incorporation and not thought at all to a national park."

• Postal field supervisor Bill Mason confirmed plans for a new post office building in Ganges, to be called the Salt Spring Island post office, and also denied rumours that the Fulford post office would be closed.

Twenty years ago

• A proposed prefabricated steel structure for a skating rink — part of the Lions recreation complex at Central — would not be suitable for a swimming pool, Parks and Recreation Commission members were told. Regional director George Heinekey said an architect's plan would be required for a swimming pool. He added the regional district could sponsor a feasibility study of the plans for the recreation centre.

Twenty years ago

• A local initiative program grant of just over \$9,000 was paying for improvements to the community centre on Ganges Hill. Louise Doucette and Ann Mackenzie were hired through the grant to work on the former hospital building, correcting drainage problems, cleaning out dry-rot, adding new glass and other work. The two were also responsible for arranging donations or raising funds for materials. The building was being rented to the Community Society by the school board for a nominal fee.

DOWN THE YEARS

Fifteen years ago

• A proposal by Texada Logging to construct dwellings on residential and agricultural land to establish leasehold farms was heard by the Salt Spring Advisory Planning Commission. The proposal would see residences with small fields rented to would-be farmers for an estimated \$500 a month — making the lifestyle possible for people who could not otherwise afford to buy a farm. However, commission chairman Nick Gilbert pointed out would-be farmers could pay \$500 a month for land they would never own or pay \$750 a month to acquire their own property.

Ten years ago

• A voter turn-out of over 50 per cent elected Hugh Borsman as regional director and Pat Byrne to the Islands Trust. Elected to the school board were Charles Hingston, Ian Fraser and Grace Byrne.

• A \$25,000 provincial lottery grant was received for the redevelopment of Centennial Park. The

grant was to finance completion of the boardwalk, bandstand and amphitheater in the park.

Five years ago

• Heavy voter turn-out marked the race for the Islands Trust, Capital Regional District (CRD) and school board seats, all of which were contested on Salt Spring. Elected as trustees for Salt Spring were Bob Andrew and John Stepaniuk. Stepaniuk edged out third-place finisher Max Soder by 37 votes, leading to the possibility of a re-count.

Julia Atkins was chosen as CRD director over Jack Frazer. Elected to the school board were Charles Hingston, Charles Bazzard, Grace Byrne, David Eyles and Allisen Lambert.

On other Gulf Islands, Galiano residents chose James MacDonald for school board and Diane Cragg and Margaret Griffiths as trustees; Mayne voters elected Larry Holbrook and Louis Vallee as Islands Trust trustees and those on North Pender chose Robert Allison and Phillip Clark.

Jacques Campbell was elected CRD director for the Outer Gulf Islands.

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ISLAND MUNICIPALITIES

Currently, there is no practical experience of how a municipality in the Trust area would work in relation to the Islands Trust as no municipality has yet been incorporated even though amendments were made to the Islands Trust Act in 1989 to enable incorporation.

The idea of incorporation has been studied on both Bowen and Salt Spring Islands. These studies were supported by the Province as there was sufficient interest by local elected officials, communities and individuals to investigate the issues related to local government structure change. These issues include such things as enhancing local political representation, maintaining lifestyles in the context of managing future development, improving the level of local services and providing for efficient and effective government. Neither effort resulted in incorporation, although the question was the subject of a referendum on Bowen Island in the Fall of 1991. One of the major issues that arose in both cases was a lack of understanding about the role a municipality would have in relation to the Islands Trust since some of their responsibilities would overlap.

The Islands Trust and the Ministry of Municipal Affairs have been working jointly throughout 1995 to try to define more clearly the relationship between a municipality and the Islands Trust as there is some interest being expressed for incorporation on several islands. The starting point for discussions was the statement from Municipal Affairs Minister, Darlene Marzari, that opportunities must be provided for communities to achieve an increased level of local autonomy and responsibility. At the same time, she said that municipal incorporation must occur within the framework of the Islands Trust Act so that the Trust could be strengthened as a result.

Progress has been made to the point where a draft protocol agreement has been developed which provides a framework to govern the roles and responsibilities of the Ministry of Municipal Affairs, the Islands Trust and a municipality. However, before the protocol agreement is finalized, the Minister wants community input into the document. Public meetings on several islands are being organized for this purpose. The intent of these meetings will be to discuss those aspects of incorporation that relate to the Islands Trust and its mandate, but not the full ramifications of incorporating a municipality on any particular island. The latter will have to be addressed by a locally initiated and sustained restructuring study process.

The framework that has been developed recognizes the unique mandate of the Islands Trust or preserve and protect the features and amenities of the islands that are so valued by their residents and by the public in general. It also recognizes that many islands may desire a higher degree of local autonomy and the opportunity should be provided for those islands to achieve municipal status if that is desired. The framework would reaffirm the current features of the legislation in terms of the relationship between the Trust and a new municipality. Specifically:

- a municipality will assume responsibility for local planning;
- a municipality must refer all official community plans to the Trust for approval;
- a municipality can appeal the Trust's refusal to approve a bylaw to the Minister;
- a municipality will contribute to the costs of the general operations of the Trust and;
- a municipality will appoint two members to the Trust Council.

In addition, the framework makes a number of additional proposals:

- a municipality should have regard for the Trust Policy Statement and the Trust objective in respect to all of its actions;
- if a municipal official community plan bylaw is not approved by the Trust Executive Committee or Trust Council, the Minister can employ the dispute resolution methods contained in the Growth Strategies Statutes Amendment Act;
- the two members of municipal council appointed to the Trust Council could be directly elected by the residents to those positions rather than be appointed by council and;
- a municipality would be required to contract with the Trust for planning services for at least three years after incorporation in order to ease the transition to municipal status.

It is important for the residents of the islands who are interested in the idea of municipal incorporation to have an opportunity to review and comment on the framework. You are invited to attend the nearest public meeting which is being sponsored by the Ministry of Municipal Affairs.

The meetings have been set for:

Salt Spring Island at the Fulford Community Hall from 4:00 to 7:30 on December 15. Open House will be from 4:00 to 5:00.

Bowen Island at the Community School from 1:00 to 4:30 on December 16. Open House will be from 1:00 to 2:00.

A meeting on North Pender Island will be held in January at a time and place that will be announced at a later date.

As well, residents may provide comments directly to the Ministry by mail or fax to:

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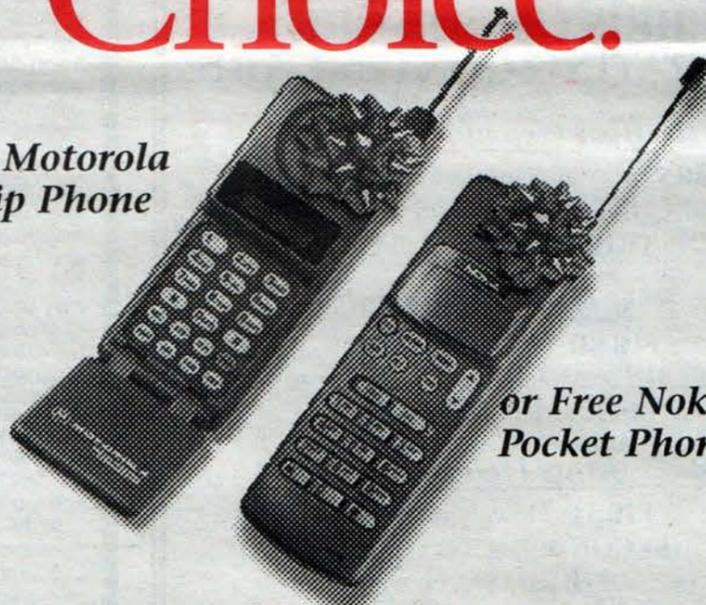
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