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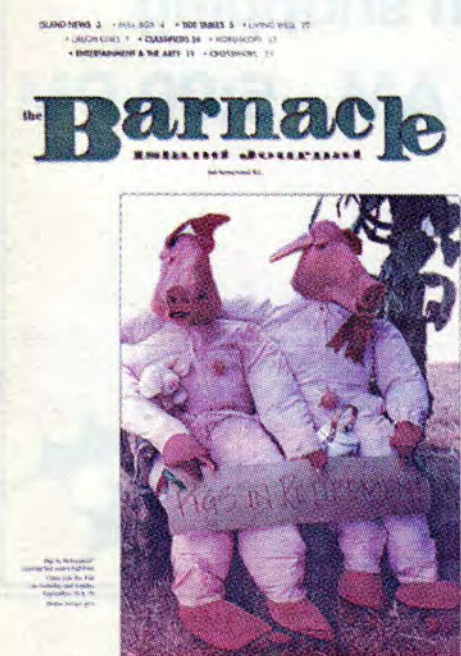
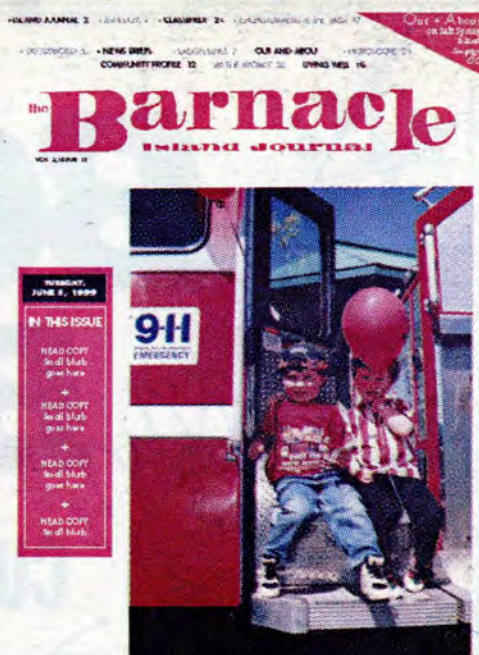
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News in review: looking back over the year



Jan. 12, 1999
Les Wagg steps
down as fire chief
after 30 years of
service



March 9, 1999
In strong winds, a
large fir tree came
crashing down at
Fulford Marina.



April 20, 1999
Birgit and Robert
Bateman open
ArtSpring.

Jan. 5, 1999
Polar bears Juliette Laing, Deidre
Cunningham and friend.

Peter Clarke photo



Feb. 23, 1999
Umbrellas, hot choco-
late and muffins
warm the blood as
off-island students pre-
pare to begin another
day at GISS



June 22, 1999
Firefighters put out
the blaze at the
offices of Parks and
Recreation at
Portlock Park.

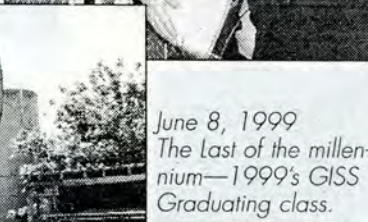


Nov. 9, 1999
Celebrating a last
minute reprieve for
the Lee's Hill land,
a crowd of
Islanders gather at
Dawn



Aug. 24, 1999
M&M Contracting crew loads
another of Fulford Bulk fuel storage
tanks for transport to Vancouver
Island "Waste Transfer" locations.

Shelagh Plunkett photo



June 8, 1999
The last of the millen-
nium—1999's GISS
Graduating class.



Sept. 28, 1999
CBC Radio host Jeff
Weaver interviews
Harry Burton about
the Grandmother tree.

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As the trees fall on Tuam, prayers are said at Buddhist retreat

by Peggy Abrahams

Dynamite blasts and the buzz of chainsaws provide the background for silent meditation at the Buddhist Meditation Retreat Center on the Western slopes of Mt. Tuam. The logging progresses on Texada land, beside the Kunzang Dechen Osel Ling (K.D.O.L.) Buddhist Meditation Retreat Center, established in 1975 as a sanctuary for meditation.

The day begins with a morning long silence, and meditation sessions are a regular part of the schedule. Guests may participate in walking meditations offered in the Centre's weekend retreats.

But now, the road leading up to the K.D.O.L. property is muddy and furrowed with deep tracks from the logging trucks. Forester Sally John was one of a handful of community representatives who went on a walkabout of the logging operation recently with Texada forestry consultant Julian Dunster.

After the walkabout, John noted, "A large ragged opening now envelopes the road for a distance of a kilometre or more. The road to the monastery branches off the main road in the middle of this logged opening. The road has been churned to a slurry."

Equipment and piles of logs line the road. The prayer flag leading to the Centre was down on a recent evening. Trees are being felled within a few hundred feet of the cabins where K.D.O.L. residents and visitors sleep and meditate.

According to John, "The Buddhist Monastery is barely 300 feet from

the present edge of the opening."

"We are saying prayers for the best outcome for all concerned. We pray for success," said Tara, K.D.O.L. administrator "We will continue to pray every day."

The new owners of the Texada lands originally planned to begin logging at the base of Lees Hill, but moved their operation to Mt. Tuam in response to community concerns about the impact of logging in the Fulford Valley. But local experts say the logging on Tuam is of great concern as well.

According to John, it's good they have Dunster on board, are not muddying creeks and don't have heavy vehicles compacting the earth. But, she added that she has seen many logging operations in her 27 years as a forester and was concerned that she could not see any boundary markings.

"In any logging I've ever observed, boundaries are marked. Trees to be left are ribboned, creeks are ribboned, wildlife trees and seed trees are ribboned."

She said there were three fallers, but no on-site supervision to ensure compliance with the code of logging practices Texada presented to the community last month. As such, it appeared the logging was left to the fallers' discretion. "The loggers may be wonderful loggers, but without physical markings they're going to make mistakes sooner or later."

Even so, after viewing the site, John noted, "The impression we take away is that they'll fall every tree worth more than five cents, right up to the property boundary."

According to Kapler, the logging operation is not too close. "In fact, we are 30 metres from our property line," he said.

Since the walkabout, Texada has hired local forester Terry Gordon. Kapler said, "He'll assist us in ribboning riparian areas, seed trees and wildlife trees. And coming from a logging background, he's our eyes on the ground."

Kapler said he has visited the K.D.O.L. retreat and promised to ensure the road will be kept open for access to the centre.

In another concession to community concerns, Texada has made additional changes to its codes of principles for their forest harvesting and land ownership plan.

The revised forest harvesting code, presented to the community at a town hall meeting two weeks ago, now includes new clauses such as, "buffers around old trees will be left in place, as appropriate, whenever possible, to encourage ecological diversity and ensure that the old growth are wind-firm."

A new addition to the land ownership plan and principles, states, "We respect that many Salt Spring residents feel strongly about our property. Though we may not always agree with the position of each and every Salt Spring resident, we believe that an open, honest and civil two-way dialogue will ultimately produce overall results that are mutually beneficial. In a spirit of cooperation, we will be available to meet with community leaders and interested citizens and be as accessible as reasonably possible."

Ferries and festivities: check the schedule frequently

A few weeks ago BC Ferries announced that they were fully Y2K prepared, compliant and up to snuff. However...just in case they missed something, all boats will be

safe and snug in dock by 11 p.m. on the last night of the year, "for Y2K testing." As well, some sailings on some routes have been cancelled for New Year's day due to a lack of

traffic in past years. The word is, "check our website" (www.bcferrys.com) or call 1-888-BCFERRY to confirm sailings, sailing times and if they're still Y2K compliant.

What...no Barnacle in the box?

Due to the postal holiday on Tuesday, December 28 we were unable to get the *Barnacle* to your door on its usual delivery day. But, Wednesday dawned with postal workers back on the job and so

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NEW YEAR'S CHANGES & CANCELLATIONS

On December 31, 1999, some BC Ferries routes (including the Tsawwassen-Gulf Islands service) will be operating on revised schedules so vessels can be in dock by 11:00 pm for Y2K testing. A number of routes have also cancelled early morning sailings on New Year's Day due to traditionally low demand.

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Light at the end of the millennium tunnel



Myth of the Matter ...
with Elizabeth Courtney

"Looking at the true state of the world is psychologically unbearable," says the German philosopher, Christa Wolf, which simply describes why there is such a paucity of meaningful conversation about the times we live in. We can argue about whether the world is really more violent, more ugly, more desperate than two hundred years, or two thousand years ago, but we can hardly avoid shuddering in horror when little boys torture babies to death, or little girls abduct and beat up a girl they don't like.

One of the brightest moments of recent years was the gathering of world religious leaders at the invitation of the Pope in Rome last October. One uninvited guest (he was deemed a political leader) turned up anyway; the Dalai Lama was received with a spontaneous standing ovation. The outcome of this under-reported gathering was a commitment to set aside religious differences in the search for a common path to God and peace—an unprecedented consensus that left many of the participants speechless with awe.

The reason it is so easy to get mired in debate is that debate itself is a product of a prevailing myth about reality—we simply do not recognize that the Aristotelian logic behind our rules of debate refer to only one myth of the nature of reality. A climate which allows us to notice both the resonances and the distinctness between different religious myths without having to privilege one over the other can be enormously illuminating. Take for example the myth of the Divine Child.

Krishna and Christ both belong to this ancient sacred image. The stories that cluster about these figures have much in common. Both are divinely conceived. Both escape a great slaughter of infants by a jealous ruler. Both are adored by women. But the differences are revealing. Krishna's playful mischievous childhood and erotic youth are missing in the canonized stories of Jesus. He appears at a time of enormous suffering. In his

own short lifetime two thousand Jews were crucified by the Roman colonizers of Palestine. A god was needed who could participate in the pain of a brutalized people in a rapidly brutalizing world.

The twentieth century has experienced both the most traumatic underside of the hero/sacrificial victim myth in holocaust, genocides and personal violence, and the beginning of the breakdown of the very myths that supported it. From the discoveries of Einstein, the assault on the blinkered deliberations of the World Trade Organization in Seattle, and the renewed emphasis on the value and meaning of community we are witnessing the reemergence of the all inclusive web-like myth of the nature of the universe. It is as if an abscess is breaking and although there are tidal waves of pus in all directions, the healing potential of such a new vision of the meaning of life in the cosmos is also sprouting the green shoots of a new world myth.

As the great religions of the World enter into a conversation with each other and notice how much they share with the indigenous peoples of the world, (many of whom required no gods at all to express their sacred connection with all of life) we may begin to feed the vacuum left by the death of our own God. We may find new ways to worship the divinity of childhood by reexamining how we raise and educate all our children.

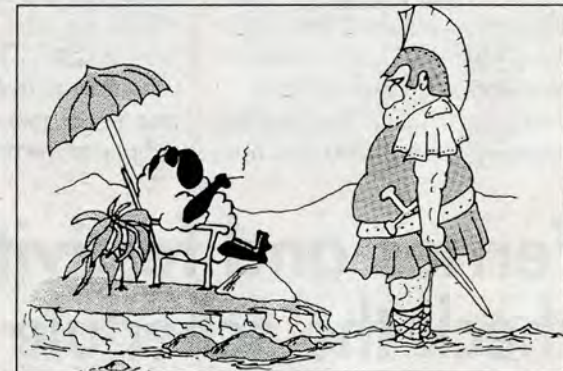
It has often been said that to change the world one has to start with oneself. It is easy to assume this justifies continuing to obsess about one's own individual despairs or ambitions. And the massive North American drive to turn every new insight into a business opportunity only exacerbates this. But I believe it means that in order to truly see the world, we have to remove the splinters in our own eyes that distort the vision. And then forget about seeing, and try listening. A deep, meditative kind of listening. A listening which restores connection. And then we will know what to do.



After a long summer season underground, the locals finally begin to emerge.



"Where clouds go"



Ewelysis discovering a strange lamb



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Hydro pipeline not a done deal

I wanted to follow up on the *Barnacle's* article "Gas pipeline to cut through marine park and skirt Island" (December 14). The three open houses hosted by BC Hydro and Williams last week were just the start of many opportunities the public will have to raise concerns, identify sensitive areas and options. In fact, we want—and need—people to give us the widest possible range of comments to ensure the project becomes the best possible one for everyone involved.

The proposed Georgia Strait Crossing Project is therefore definitely not a "done deal." At this point, only a study area has been identified. A specific route will be selected only after input from government agencies, First Nations and other interested parties who choose to participate have done so. BC Hydro is committed to full and open public consultation, and the regulatory processes the project must go through before it can be approved also have strict requirements, timelines and activities that ensure all interested parties can get involved and provide input.

More open houses, public meetings and discussions are being scheduled for the new year. For more information about this project, call toll free 1-800-663-1377, send an email to gsx@bchydro.com, or visit the project web site at www.georgiastrait.com.

GORDON KEIR

Project Manager,
Georgia Strait Crossing Project

Outer Islands misrepresented in furor

Considering the vituperative and nonsensical action that is taking place within and around the Gulf Islands Community Arts Council, it may be time for a little reality check.

The furor that is raging is due to the other (Outer) Islands having the temerity to object to the wild imbalance of disbursement of funds over the years, and to suggest that they may be better off forming their own Arts Council. As such, they would raise their own money, fund their own programmes and, here is the issue that has the heavens in uproar, receive what is rightly theirs in a dispersal of the assets of the GICAC.

The main reason that the Arts Council has any assets to disperse at all is the sagacity and hard work over many years of Lawrie Neish. This is the same man whom, reportedly, the outraged group of "concerned members" suggested be lynched at a recent meeting. Yes, lynched, along with Mary Koroscil, another tireless worker for the GICAC.

The solution proposed is very simple and very fair. Salt Spring keeps the main asset, the house in Ganges, and the new Trincomali Arts Council holds the mortgage, and at a better rate than that available from the banks. The world revolves pretty much as it always did, and despite the screams of out-

rage, it is not the greatest travesty of justice since the Salem witch trials, although there are similarities in the process of the "concerned members."

The "Salt Spring-centric" view of the universe as expressed by these "concerned members" is that the Outer Islands are no more than a fringing reef to protect them from the SE gales. As far as they are concerned, the outer islands artisans, performers and craftspeople can vanish into the mist, never to be heard from again, but not one penny of their money can they take with them from Salt Springs sacred shores.

Well, guys, bad news. The house in Ganges is not entirely yours. It is the property of all of the GICAC. Follow carefully now while I spell it out: Gulf Islands (plural) Community Arts Council. It will come as an obvious surprise to the outraged "members" that there is more than one "Gulf Island" and that the other dots on your fringing reef have a claim to the assets.

The "concerned members" are so hell bent on their campaign of spite and vitriol that they have forgotten, or are ignoring, the fact that it is the products of the Outer Islands that have been hugely contributory to the success of Artercraft, the GICAC's biggest money spinner. The money for the theatre groups and the expensive performing productions comes not just from ticket sales and Lawrie's years of unpaid and unthanked work in setting up

for you and taking down, but largely from Artercraft. Last year the 16 per cent of participants from the outer reef earned 26 per cent of the gross.

In return for this, of the \$155,000 earned by the whole archipelago at Artercraft for cultural facilities since 1981, out here on the reef, only North Pender has received anything at all. The other Outer Islands have received nothing, nada, zip, zero. The rest has gone to Salt Spring, and this is how these "concerned members" obviously believe the universe should continue to unfold. A detailed breakdown of these disbursements has been made available, but has been stonily ignored as irrelevant to the greater joy of crucifying Lawrie.

These "members" are also terribly concerned with democracy, yet they demand that all meetings be held on Salt Spring, where they can of course be mercilessly stacked. Their refusal to leave the sacred shores to go to an awful place like Galiano is adamant. The fact is however that you cannot get to Salt Spring from anywhere on the reef, attend a meeting, and get home the same night. Don't believe me. Check the ferry schedule yourselves. Galiano is possible, and this is why it is used for meetings. How many of these desperately concerned "members" made the effort to come to a recent meeting that was not on the sacred shores? Why, again, it was none, nada, zip, zero. This, by the way, despite a specific

request from the office of the Registrar of Societies that if they were that worried they should so attend.

Many of these "members" are in fact not members, and many more were not at the time that the bifurcation of the GICAC was happening. The recent drive to whip up support emanates from a core of hysterics who quite simply want Lawrie Neish's head on a plate. Their campaign is vituperative, deceitful and misrepresentative. They are quite prepared to initiate a cat-fight that will leave the most successful and prosperous Arts Council in BC with nothing but legal bills and ill feeling.

The communities have grown to the point that it is time for a dividing of the Arts Councils. The Outer Islands artisans will continue to support and thereby help fund ArtCraft, and the assets will get honestly and fairly disbursed. It will not happen however while the real issues are drowned by the, in my opinion, strident fury of a group whose legitimacy is highly questionable, and whose bottom line is self interest and character assassination.

The actions of these "members" bring no credit to themselves, the GICAC, or your community on Salt Spring.

From the shores of the outer reef,
yours truly,

JOHN CARLTON
Pender Island

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29	0310	4.6
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WE	1810	5.6
	2325	7.2
30	0400	5.9
DEC	1125	11.2
TH	1855	4.6
31	0135	7.9
DEC	0505	7.2
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Ecuador to here via Rotary Club

by Rob McMahon

On a trip to Courtney a little while ago, Alex Vasquez tasted snow for the first time. Vasquez, who is on a year-long exchange until August 25 from Cuenca, a city in Ecuador, has since fallen in love with our northern climate, and is now planning trips to Whistler and Banff with her host families. Vasquez is part of the Rotary Exchange Programme, an international institution which organizes one-on-one student exchanges between school districts around the world. For room and board, Vasquez is alternating between four different host families on Salt Spring, staying with each for three months. Students are encouraged to stay with a number of different families in order to receive a more liberal view of the culture they are immersed in.

Though there are some major differences between Canada and Ecuador, Vasquez has felt extremely welcome here on Salt Spring. "The culture (in Ecuador) is more Catholic," she said. "Here there is no distinct religion. Also, when one walks down the street here, people have to stop, in Ecuador, no one stops."



Alex Vasquez

Vasquez first became involved in the Rotary Exchange when she told her dad she'd like to "learn a new language and be part of another culture." Her father, who is the president of the Rotary club in Cuenca, encouraged her to apply to the programme (which chooses participants on the basis of performance at school work, involvement in sports and extra-curricular activities, and knowledge of a second language). Vasquez was accepted into the programme, and asked to write down the top five countries she would like to visit. She was then matched as closely as possible to a host country, which in her case turned out to be Canada. She was then told

she was transferring to the West Coast, specifically Vancouver. A little intimidated by a city the size of Vancouver, she asked for somewhere smaller, and was switched to Salt Spring Island, which she couldn't find on the map. Encouraged by photos and postcards sent to her by future host families, Vasquez learned a little about the Island, what kinds of clothes to bring, what her host family looked like, and so on. A few weeks later she set off to Canada, and arrived at Salt Spring Island.

Vasquez is currently attending grade 12 at Gulf Islands Secondary, taking subjects such as Biology, P.E. and Comparative Civilizations. Though she has been taught English since kindergarten (and is extremely fluent), she finds school work difficult because of the language difference. She has taught Spanish to children at Fernwood Elementary School—"Christmas carols, numbers, colors, and so on," she said. The teachers at Fernwood have told her she is "very good with kids, and is a natural teacher." In the future, she plans to teach Spanish and continue her world travels.

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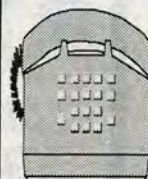


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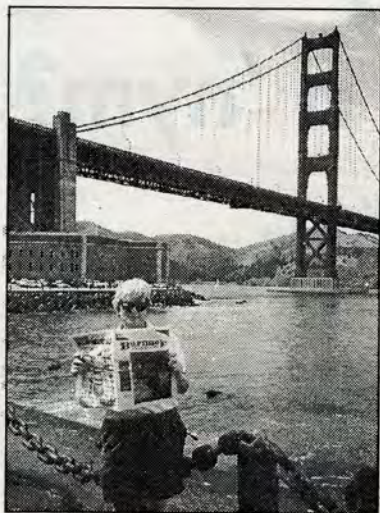
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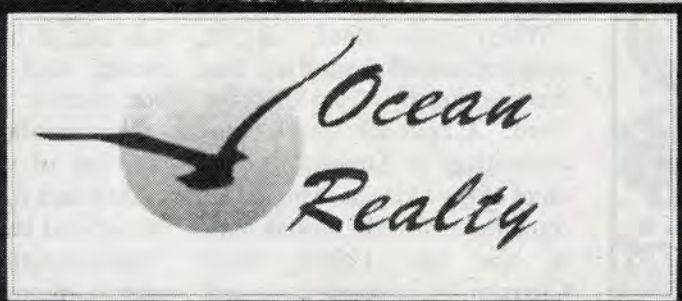


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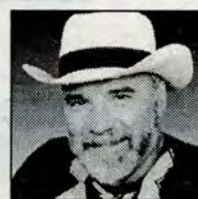
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Wit & Whimsy ...

with Arthur Black

Want to know one of my favourite words in the English language? Eponym. Well, it's not really a favourite word—I hardly ever use it—what I love is what it means.

Eponym n. 1 a person, (real or imaginary) after whom a discovery, invention or place is named, or thought to be named.

Thus, the leotard—a pair of gossamer-thin tights that tend to look decidedly better on some folks than on others. We owe their existence to a French chap named Jacques Leotard.

Sandwich. Named after the Earl of Sandwich, an English upper class degenerate who loved gambling so much he couldn't even stop to eat. While bidding on cards he would command his minions to throw some meat between two slabs of bread—unwittingly inventing the 'sandwich'.

The grisly device known as the guillotine takes its name from Monsieur Jean Guillotin, a French physician who recommended it as a 'humane' method of dispatching criminals to the next world 'way back in 1789.

When you think of it, eponyms are all around us. You drive a Ford? Thank Henry Ford. A Pontiac? You're commemorating a famous Indian chief of the Odawas who led an uprising against the British back in the late 1700's. Olds, Chrysler, Mercedes and Benz—all eponyms. Like boycott, nicotine and bloomers.

Plus more than a few I'll bet you didn't know. The name Britain is derived from a legendary Roman character named Brutus. Similarly, a fictitious chap by the name of Italus gave us Italy. Europa? The history books tell us she was the beautiful daughter of the king of Tyre and the apple of the eye of that mythological Mafioso, Zeus. Europa eventually succumbed to the courtship (rape, actually) of Zeus, little knowing she would one day give her name to the amalgam of Common Market nations we know today as Europe.

The breathtaking corset? That was invented by Etienne Corset, a French tailor deter-

mined to make his clients look slimmer—at the expense of normal respiration, if necessary.

Haversack? A German mail carrier came up with that term for a pouch he sewed together that made his daily rounds a little less burdensome. His name? Emil.

Haversack.

And there's Adolphe Sax who gave us the saxophone and Hereward Bugle who gave us the—guess what? And Argentinean botanist Jorge Avocado and Portuguese chef Joao Marmalado and Sir George Curry... a British officah in Injah back in the 19th century don't you know, who, try as he might, simply couldn't shake his passion for highly spiced dishes.

Like curried rice, for instance.

There's plenty of eponymous potential around when you look for it—and lots to come, I like to think. Recently the TV program *Law and Order* caught some flack for having one of its detectives refer to a John as getting a Lewinsky'. Blasphemy? Nonsense. Merely eponymization in action.

Think of the possibilities.

Clintonizing: the ability to talk out of both sides of your mouth and sound sensible to both parties.

Chretienizing: the ability to talk out of one side of your mouth and make no sense—in two official languages.

Saddamnation: the art of winning a discussion by shooting your opponent in the forehead.

Clarking: to behave in a manner that belies your background. e.g.: becoming Superman when you're really Clark Kent. Or becoming the leader of a wannabe national political party when you're really a geek from cattle country.

The possibilities are endless. To shriek loudly and incoherently? That would be *Copping a Sheila*.

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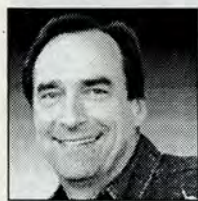
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New year's resolutions: 2000



Isle Say! ...

with John Pottinger

I've compiled a few new year's resolutions that I think should be made. It's easy for me to say that, because they're not for me, they're for somebody else. My version of resolutions for a better Salt Spring probably won't be the same as yours, so I'm ready for the flack.

Islands Trust: put your money where your mandate is. Lobby for legislation that will put more power behind a mandate that is too often simply a nice bunch of words. You can't "preserve and protect the unique natural environment of the islands" if you don't have jurisdiction over the things that can affect that environment. The obvious current example (on Salt Spring) is the Texada Lands issue. Even if 100 per cent of islanders voted against any logging on this island, the Trust would be unable to stop it.

PARC: be more open in your process. You're accountable to Islanders. Not grudgingly accountable—as if you know better than we do what's good for us—but happily accountable.

Anonymous (you know who

you are): For Pete's sake, let bygones be bygones and cooperate in the completion of the boardwalk.

Texada Land Corporation: stop logging. You've told us that you understand our feelings about this island—our worries and our concerns. You've said you're interested in solutions. You've even suggested you'd be amenable to selling off some (or even all) of your holdings. So why not take a deep breath, step back and enjoy a short recess while we try and work this out.

Driftwood: don't be afraid of controversy. Or Dietrich. Or the Barnacle.

Barnacle: strive even harder to reflect a variety of views. Stimulate, and occasionally provoke, your readers.

Gordon Wilson: put your money where your mouth is. Better yet, put our money where our ferries are. Start building those new ferries. But make them more like the old ones. The practical reliable ones; the ones we need. And start rebuilding and upgrading Long Harbour, so it can provide the service we need.

Natives: stop logging Helen Point. Whether we're talking about

logging, or genetically modifying living things, or building faster cars; one of the most important lessons any of us can learn in life is that we shouldn't necessarily do something just because we can.

Non-Natives: read Chris Amett's book, *The Terror of the Coast*. It may change your view of some Native issues, and it will certainly inform you.

Salt Spring Islanders: do more of your business on the Island. And don't give me that "but it costs more" stuff. Of course it may cost more. Everybody on this island understands that transportation costs make some prices higher here. But, knowing that, we still chose to live here. The point is, if we don't support Island businesses, we'll lose them. There are many examples, but to me, the best is Fulford Village. The aura around that wonderful place is unmatched anywhere: The people, the businesses, even the buildings are special. There are lots of other examples in Ganges, Vesuvius, and around the island. They are all pieces in the unique puzzle that is Salt Spring, and we can't afford to lose them.

Lastly, me: learn to do something you've never done before. Like Gumbo Dancing. You've been trying to work up the nerve for six months, now just go do it.

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is on the Main Floor
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At the Service Desk Counter
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If it's plumbing problems you've got
then it's Woody you see -
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Need help choosing a tool
then Gordy's the guy
and Rod can assist
with your marine supply

Your Wish List says camping
supplies are a must?
then Cheryle's the one
that you can trust.

The Paint Department's down yonder
with your Gardening needs -
there's toys for your pet,
bird houses and seeds.

Lynda mixes your paint
since Kim's nowhere around
it's Christmas - you know -
it's Toys where she's found.

Speaking of toys
maybe Heather can tell -
what's the best choices
she rings through what we sell.

If you're needing assistance
let me recommend Claire's
she now knows what we carry
on the Main and Housewares.

There's xmas lights to replace
and you need a new tree?
Wendy's ordered in lots -
we've got plenty - you'll see!!!

Remember - our store is unique
as you again tackle the stairs -
it's well worth the effort
to visit Housewares!!!

The choices are endless
so just wander around -
Carol knows every item
and where it is found.

Need an appliance?
then Barb will assist -
finding something appropriate
for each name on your list.

Looking for something
we don't seem to sell?
we'll special order it in -
just check with Lynell.

Now that you're up here
try out some Lottery Luck -
it's an appropriate gift
when you really are stuck!!

Watch Yvonne and Yvonne,
Allie and Nadine -
juggle phones, store cash,
and the lottery machine!!

So all of the items
that we sell on the floor -
were individually received
when they came through the door.

That's where you'll find Barb
and she knows what we sell!!
sharing this big job
would be Wendy Ell.

There's garbage to haul
and cardboard to crush -
Calob and Michael
feel the big rush.

Looking for Darin?
and Elaine can be found
they're both off on leave
but they're always around.

Marie Claire is back home
for the last time this year -
you'll find her in Housewares
spreading good cheer.

With Ben and Wendy in charge
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Each person I've mentioned
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**MERRY
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TO ALL**

By
Lynell Vipond



Anastacia Wilde photo

Members of Playback Theatre offer practical demonstrations in coping with the complexities of the season with "Ho, Ho, Ho, Oy, Oy, Oy." Skits are based on input from audience members.

Surviving the seasonal ho, ho, ho

by Anastacia Wilde

The general consensus from Community Health Care Workers across the Island is to take it easy over the holidays and follow the middle path.

With financial burdens, family pressure to conform and bitter-sweet memories of past holidays, simple coping mechanisms can help ensure a healthy season.

"Spend time with people you love and who respect you," suggests clinical counselor, Grant Crosswell. If you come from a family where everyone is screaming at the table, you have the absolute right not to attend. Go out and do something for someone else. Volunteer at a food bank or shelter; visit an older person who is shut in.

"One of the greatest disasters of Christmas is not being focussed," he said.

For people who are absolutely alone it's good to have a plan, echoes Brenda Hooze, registered therapist. When the world is shut down and libraries are closed, it can be lonely out there. It's important not to take feelings of isolation or loss personally.

"Remove the veil pretending it's not tough and give yourself what you really need."

Melodie Dupuis has been an Island counselor for eight years and points to mixed cultural messages as one culprit of holiday befuddlement. "Our culture works very hard at perpetuating the myth that Christmas is a jolly, sharing, happy family time." Alcoholism, sexual abuse, suicide and break-ups of long-time marriages are dwarfed by the billions of dollars spent at

this time of year to prove we are jovial.

"If people are holding down a lot of pain, it starts to let loose over Christmas. Our culture does not allow or honour that pain. We have to start acknowledging it by developing a relationship to ourselves which is profound. If you are a human being who is not desensitized, you are a very special person."

Many people have unrealistic expectations of their families over the holidays, said Lynne Brown, Executive Director of the Community Service Center. "People don't change their spots in one day. If fighting goes on over the year, these bad behaviours are not suddenly going to be miraculously healed in one day."

If there's an alcoholic in the family, the holiday season is a really great excuse to get drunk, comments Brown, who shared a roof with an alcoholic husband for 12 years. She described her "Christmas fear" which would set in around the 15th of December. "I was afraid he'd smash up the car or kill himself."

The message to avoid excessive drugs and alcohol is echoed by a chorus of local counselors. Alcohol is a central nervous system depressant and people with a proclivity for depression may find themselves sinking deeper. Although the pain waves of sobriety may bite sharper at first, unpleasant feelings when confronted dead on will transform and subside quicker than if magnified by a drug-induced state.

"People numb out with recreational substances which are highly accepted and accessible

over holidays, which compounds things and creates more bad memories for the next generation to come," said Judith Boel, psychotherapist of 23 years.

Depending on age, family members often have different visions of what constitutes a satisfying holiday experience. Adolescents tend to want freedom apart from family to spend time with friends, while the elderly, knowing that this time could be their last holiday, will assign great importance to family unity.

Many seniors will hold on through the holidays and surrender to death in January or February, said Robin Peterson, Director of Home Support Services on Salt Spring. Older people face additional stress if they are homebound, their partners have died, or their family of origin is displaced.

"We try to ensure that people who require care have a visit on Christmas day," said Peterson.

The network of community workers agree that paramount to a wholesome holiday season is the skill of articulating feelings and needs.

"The ability to communicate and say I don't want to be alone is very scary for people who fear rejection but it's absolutely necessary," Boel said. "We have to find a way to bring light into the darkest time of the year. Light brightens and warms the season. If you've ever lain beneath a fir tree and looked up at the sky, it's as if the stars are lighting up the branches."

So, find yourself a tree, hunker down alone or with someone you love and give yourself whatever suits your holiday fancy.



Traditional South end Ho Ho Ho

The traditional "Christmas in Fulford," held outside the post office on December 22, was a festive afternoon event including music, dancing and, of course, a visit from Santa.

Members of Fulford Elementary school choir sang a varied and beautiful repertoire of Christmas songs, inspiring the audience to join in many times. Santa talked to each of the children (shown here with Adrian Alonso) and handed round candy canes. The afternoon was wrapped up with a lively show by the Wrangelian Gum Boot dancers who performed two of their energetic numbers.

Michelle Mech photo

Outstanding show from GISS

by Peggy Abrahams

It's hard to fathom that the music program at Gulf Islands Secondary School (GISS) is not yet two years old. On the evenings of December 14 and 15, ArtSpring audiences were treated to an eclectic and impressive assortment of musical treats, by an already accomplished junior and senior concert bands, jazz band and choir.

What made the evening particularly satisfying was the selection of music on the program. Far from the predictable Christmas concert fare, the program included such pieces as *Masterpiece Theatre*, an excerpt from *Rocky* and *Soul Bossa Nova*, perhaps better known as the *Austin Powers Theme*.

Even the Christmas compositions in the program were carefully selected and inventively arranged. GISS music teacher Bruce Smith explained to the audience that the Christmas pieces were included as token concessions to the season. If these were concessions, it was all the more impressive that their renditions were so refreshingly innovative.

In *God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen*, Clare Rustad played an admirable solo on French horn, and the theme was set off delicately with a tambourine,

played by Jeff Millerd. *Jesus Christ Superstar* was rendered in all its big Broadway sound, featuring solos on flute, conga drums, and guitar.

Three parts of *Langford Legend* were interspersed with Irish poems engagingly read by Caitlin Brownrigg.

The choir provided a moving backdrop to a woodwind ensemble arrangement of *Stille Nacht*. On a darkened stage, the singers stood with bowed heads for the opening chords, and then raised their heads to add vocal accompaniment without words.

In the second half of the show, the featured choir repertoire ranged from *Silent Night* to an elegant version of the Rogers and Hart song, *My Funny Valentine*. Highlights were *Quick We Have But a Second*, which was articulated succinctly in a breathtaking 45 seconds, and a beautifully harmonized performance of the Christmas song, *Ring*.

The jazz band took the evening in a new direction, with sensitive solo vocals by Emily Roop on *Stormy Weather* and Elyse Cleland on *Lover Man*. As Smith pointed out to the audience in his introduction, this jazz band features an "all girl kickin' trombone section," which was especially kickin' on *Soul Bossa*

Nova. The piece also featured Jessica Courtier, billed by Smith as "a growling flute player."

The jazz band conquered the complicated composition *Blue Rondo*, or the monster as Smith called it, with competent muster. Warmed by the audience's enthusiasm, *Green Onions* was served up for an encore, showing off the talents of Wil Atkins on conga drums, Leah Young on trombone, Geoff Roop on electric guitar and the versatile Sandy Curtis with a scintillating saxophone solo.

There were many outstanding moments during the evening and I wish I could mention the names of more of the performers. My only criticism related to the program, which I wish had listed the composers, but even more important, the names of all the band and choir members. These talented individuals deserve the recognition, and I'm not just saying that because I'm one of the parents.

Smith is a music teacher of vision. It's not surprising the jazz band won an award last year and the choir already has doubled in size. Kudos to Smith, and a bunch of inspired young musicians and singers. It will be most gratifying to watch this music program grow.

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The Book: "A big, fat blank journal. I want to write a book but I have too much homework and never enough time."

The Disc: "I wouldn't take a CD. What if the player broke down? I would take a harmonica. I think I could learn to play it by myself."

Fellow castaway: "There's a poet called David White who speaks poems as if they are real things. They used to call them Bards. He would never run out of poems to tell me. He has an English voice and sounds like my grandfather."

TUESDAY DECEMBER 28

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West of the Moon.
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Afro-Latin party. Fulford Inn.
11:30-12:30am

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Seniors' Building. 7pm

Being John Malkovich
Central. 6:45pm

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Central. 9pm

FRIDAY DECEMBER 31

2000 Millennium Bash.
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Millennium Eve Seers' Gala
Treasured Spirit. 10am-3pm

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Meaden Hall. 9pm

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Eve of the Millennium
Vespers & Holy Eucharist.
All Saints'. 4pm

**Potluck with the Music of
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SATURDAY JANUARY 1

Polar Bear Swim
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Survivors' Brunch.
Rose's Cafe. 10am

New Year Mass
Our Lady of Grace.
10am, 12pm

SUNDAY JANUARY 2

**Brian (Buck)
McDonald & Dave
Roland**
Fulford Inn. 4-7pm.

**Festival of Nine
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All Saints'. 4pm

New Year Mass
Our Lady of Grace.
10am

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THURSDAY JANUARY 6

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All Saints'. 9-10am. 537-4448

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United Church. 11:15am-12:30pm

FRIDAY JANUARY 7

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Fulford Harbour. 7pm

Ease into Fitness
Mahon Hall. 9am

Step into Shape
All Saints'. 9am

SATURDAY JANUARY 8

Step into Shape
All Saints'. 8:30am

SUNDAY JANUARY 9

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Millennium resolutions, Y3K visions and beyond...

By Peggy Abrahams

Questions

1. Do you have any New Year's resolutions for the next thousand years?
2. How do you envision Salt Spring in the year 3000?



Lou Ellis

1. I don't make resolutions. I don't make promises to myself that I won't be able to keep. I don't break promises. I just take each day as it comes.

2. I hope that Salt Spring will have a very big earthquake and get rid of all the people who have been wreaking havoc, so she'll have time to recover.

Nina Denyer

1. I never make New Year's resolutions.
2. It'll be a lot smaller when the earthquake and tidal wave has hit.



Trevor Whelon

1. To be kinder to people, and myself.
2. I think we are going to have lights in the intersection and people will get rid of their Sanskrit names. The more people that move to Salt Spring, the more there will be complaining about development. I will be the mayor.



Alex Chisholm

1. I'll try not to be mean to my sister Nicole as much as I usually am, which is quite a lot.
3. It will have different buildings. Everything will be made out of metal and we'll have better technology.



Nicole Chisholm

1. I'll try to remember to feed my cats more.
2. It will look like the Jetsons.



Jani Janzen

1. I want to be much less judgmental and try to understand where people are coming from much more in my life.
2. I hope that at least industrial hemp will have been legalized, and we won't cut down the trees. We'll all grow fruit and eat it. I hope we will eat healthily, and that people will be really evolved by then, and wiser.



Lauren Bowler

1. Never to make any more resolutions.
2. I think the Salt Spring market will probably take up the entire island.



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Salt Spring Soliloquies ... with Jim Anderson

"Things fly this way and that, my boy," he said, "with or without messages. It's chaos, and no mistake, for the Universe is just being born. It's the great becoming that makes the light and the heat and the motion, and bangs you from hither to yon."

—Winston Niles Rumford
The Sirens of Titan, Kurt Vonnegut, Jr.

Sitting here now safe on this beautiful island sanctuary, it seems impossible that somewhere on earth they are making biological weapons and nerve gas, that young innocent children are playing in fields where deadly landmines are buried, or that pregnant women with their babies in tow are rooting through mountains of city garbage looking for food. But it is true.

Perhaps in the boardrooms and the think tanks, in the laboratories, cyclotrons or observatories, in the backrooms, caucuses and on the agendas of politicians and government, or in the war rooms of the Pentagon or Norad, things are proceeding as per plan and everything is as it should be. And, I suspect that behind the façade of media and entertainment that the New World Order of multinationals, power and control is on course and running smoothly.

But from where I stand things are not working well at all. Truth is, I sometimes wonder how in the world I'm going to make it. From day to day. From paycheck to paycheck. This is not the third world, but still it takes everything I have to hold my life together. And if I were to turn my back for an

instant, if I let my guard down, if I didn't push to the limit every second, it could so easily all fall apart.

Scientists are confident that soon our universe will be reduced to a logical and rational set of universal equations, and that with cybernetics, nanotechnology and genetic engineering everything will fit together perfectly in a new world technosphere. But they must live in a different world and a different universe than mine.

Centuries ago in ancient Egypt, people believed that their pharaohs were human Gods walking the earth. And, as Gods, those pharaohs believed that they could submit earth to their will and their power. They believed they could guide and control all universe. The sands of time proved otherwise.

In the Wizard of Oz, when Dorothy, Tin Man, Lion and Scarecrow finally made it to the Emerald City and were standing awe struck in front of the pyrotechnics, mesmerizing terror and power of the "Great and Powerful Oz"...little Toto pulled away the drapes to destroy the illusion and reveal the buffoon behind the curtain.

Today the show is spellbinding, staggering and unbelievable. But there is the gnawing suspicion lurking in the shadows of my mind that behind another secret curtain somewhere lies the stark, terrible truth that the Supreme Ones really do not have the answer that will take us all back home.

Things don't really work well, or really run smoothly in this insanity we call civilization. Something is missing. Something is wrong, terri-

bly wrong. And I am afraid that all the technology, all the power, and all the careful, computerized plans and agendas won't be enough. We aren't going to make it the way our civilization is going. We need changes. Huge changes.

Universe always runs away from the limited, imperfect vision we have of it, and from the futile and pathetic threads of constraint, law and predictability we hope to hold it with. We are not Gods. We are yet imperfect and not fully evolved. There is potential for greatness in all of us, but there are also ignorance and potentially fatal flaws as well. That fact seems to have escaped notice in our modern world.

Our world may yet collapse. We all may yet be destined to live through terrible, savage and wretched chaos and the brutal madness of social disintegration. We live in an age where an entire civilization is poised on the threshold of magnificence or destruction. And you and I have to find our way through, somehow. But I am afraid that the path through to the future, and the answers will not come from above, or from our supreme leaders. To find the answers to solve the inhumanity, agony and social disintegration that are facts in our modern human world, each of us, like Dorothy, is going to have to look inside ourself.

And the path down that Yellow Brick Road for us all is really a journey towards a higher consciousness and a new human spiritual renaissance where we will all finally "treat each other decently" and live together in peace.

Until that time, Jim Anderson.

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Life in the garden ...

with Joe Clemente

Over the years *Helleborus* have become very popular plants in a lot of local gardens. For those of you that are not familiar with this species of plants, let me give you the information needed to grow some of them in your own garden.

Helleborus or *Hellebores* consist of many different species that should all do quite well in our climate. *Hellebores* are actually very long-lived perennials that remain evergreen even in our coldest months. *Hellebores* are found growing native to areas of Asia and Europe where limestone is also found. Believe it or not the *Helleborus* species of plants are in the same family as buttercups which is the *Ranunculaceae* family consisting of close to 2,000 different species.

This is starting to sound a bit complicated now so let's just get back to the basics of *Helleborus*. There may be a few of you out

there that care about all that botanical fancy wording, but most of you, I'm sure, just want to know where and how to grow one of these specimens.

First of all, *Hellebores* are extremely poisonous, and caution should be taken if you have small children that love to munch on outdoor foliage. I've not seen the deer eat these plants yet, but don't be surprised one day if they do. *Hellebores* are supposed to leave a nasty burning taste in your mouth, so the deer may only sample them once and that should be it.

Helleborus will grow in part shade to full shade, and will continue to bloom for a long period of time, generally for several winter months right through spring. *Helleborus Niger* or "Christmas Rose," seems to be a real hit with gardeners on Salt Spring. The flowers are very cold tolerant, and durable.

Helleborus form clumps of

long-stalked leaves that are divided fanlike into leaflets. The flowers are fairly large, borne in clusters or singly. The leaves are usually leathery and a nice dark green, which makes them attractive even when they are not in bloom. Flowers range in colour from a lime green, white to purplish or rose. They also will work quite well as a cut flower, but you should sear the ends of the stems, then place them in cold water.

Helleborus can be propagated by division, in late summer or fall. They can also be grown from seed, and will very easily self seed in our climate. *Helleborus* like to be planted in good soil, with lots of organic matter added. Water them until they become established, at least for their first summer. Once established they are quite drought tolerant. To keep them happy they should be fertilized a couple of times a year. *Helleborus* make great companion plantings with rhodos, Pieris, Fatsias, ferns and Skimmias, since all these plants thrive in shaded areas of the garden.

Barbie, new twists for her 40th year



Let's eat ...

with Linda Koroscil

If your little darling had a Barbie Doll given to her this Christmas, here's some thought provoking twists I found on the "new and improved" midlife Barbie.

1. Hot Flash Barbie. Press Barbie's bellybutton and watch her face turn beet red while tiny drops of perspiration appear on her forehead. Comes with hand held fan and tiny tissues.

2. Facial Hair Barbie. As Barbie's hormone levels shift, see her

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Toss everything together.
I would add lots of garlic
to this—delicious!



A return to healthy after the holiday

Salt Spring Sizzles ... with Gail Prior

Lentil-Spinach Stew

1 C. dry lentils
2 cloves garlic, minced
4 C. water
4 tsp. instant vegetable granules
1/2 tsp. salt, 1/4 tsp. pepper

1/4 tsp. fennel seed, crushed
1 bay leaf
1 10-ounce pkg. frozen chopped spinach
1 medium onion, chopped
1 tbsp. cooking oil

1 7-1/2 ounce can tomatoes, cut up
1 tbsp. Worcestershire sauce
1/2 tsp. dried thyme, crushed
2 medium carrots, chopped
1 tbsp. balsamic vinegar

Rinse lentils; set aside. In a large saucepan cook onion and garlic in hot oil until tender but not brown. Stir in the lentils, water, tomatoes, vegetable granules, Worcestershire sauce, salt, thyme, fennel seed, pepper and bay leaf. Bring to a boil; reduce heat. Cover and simmer for 20 minutes. Add carrots and frozen spinach. Bring to a boil, breaking up spinach with a fork; reduce heat. Cover and simmer about 15 minutes more or until lentils are tender. Stir in vinegar. Discard bay leaf. To serve, ladle stew into individual bowls. 4 servings.

Looking forward to a bright new century Religious leaders discuss their hopes for 2000

by Anastacia Wilde

Messages of peace and hope are sparking optimism for the new millennium. And while many world religions are at odds and sometimes at war with each other, the religious community of Salt Spring Island is alive with enthusiasm.

"My dream is that enough people become conscious as individuals so they can affect change in their community and globally," said Reverend

Rohana Laing of the United Church. In the Hebrew translation of the Bible, Isaiah envisions a child leading us to a place of peace and harmony where the lion lays down with the lamb. "The Judeo-Christian perspective has always held a utopian vision," she said.

According to the Hebrew calendar, the current year is 5760 and Sharon Marmorstein, a Jewish optimist, points out, "It is anything but gloom and doom." This period is considered to be the footsteps of the messiah, of higher consciousness and of a turn toward mysticism, she said. According to the Cabala, the ancient law of Judaism, the core of the soul will be revealed.

"We are entering an expanded consciousness where people are more attuned to divine energy. It's a time for small people who think in limited ways to blow their circuits and think in more universal terms."

Marmorstein believes the possibility for peace in Israel is finally at hand and after wandering displaced for thousands of years, Jews may have the chance to return to their Holy Land.

Buddhism takes the view that inherent in every person has a Buddha nature, or potential for enlightenment. "The 20th century was one of many wars and the 21st century will be one of peace," said Buddhist Harry Miyasaki. While this century focused on outward accomplishments of technology and science, the next will center on inner development and oneness of the human being and nature.

The present state of the environment is a reflection of our relationship to ourselves, Miyasaki said. "Whether we are Buddhist or not, the law of cause and effect governs the universe. If you want to know how we got here today look at our actions of yesterday."

Quaker Elizabeth Anderson feels the challenge of the new millennium is to create under-

standing between people of diverse backgrounds. We mustn't go around assuming that we are right and everyone else is wrong, she said. Anderson espouses a pacifist, non-violent approach to life and encourages the art of listening. "You need to assume that good is possible, that problems are solvable, that you can dialogue with that of God in every person."

According to Jehovah's

**"There is far more that unifies us
than separates us."**

Witness Hans Dobner, "God's kingdom will finally bring humanity back to the fulfillment of God's original purpose which is to live in harmony with each other and with God, the creator." He said the Bible promises a 1000-year peace though not necessarily starting in January of the year 2000.

"It's not the awkward time but how you get through the awkward time that counts," said Spiritualist Carol Spencer, who believes that personal responsibility is the key to human evolution. The coming millennium offers us a chance to live in our highest integrity and be of service to others regardless of their religion, she said.

Joyce McLean, of the Baha'i Faith believes division between people arises from social laws attached to specific religions and not necessarily the spiritual beliefs themselves. "There are spiritual laws inherent in the universe. We need new social laws as humanity moves toward a global society." McLean stresses the importance of equality in the distribution of the earth's resources.

Jewish-Yogi Sharada Filkow would like to see a millennium in which the lines between people dissolve. Whenever you start to attack another person or defend yourself, look inside first and see what's going on in your heart, she said. "There is far more that unifies us than separates us."

Working with children has taught Filkow a lot about disarmament. "I want to instill in kids the possibility of creating peace inside themselves so they don't have to continue the same old pattern. If we want kids to love and respect each other, we have to love and respect them first."

Salt Spring Island is teeming with passionate religious and

spiritual trail-blazers who dedicate themselves to serving humanity. We are lucky to live in a time and place where it is safe to have opposing views and follow a spirituality of choice.

"Jesus had a lot of wonderful ideals but those people who followed him were not able to put them into effect because of the conditions of the time," said Reverend Laing. Now, billions of people are consciously giving meaning to the Christian year 2000 even if it signifies something different for each one.

It is a powerful factor that our planet is in crisis as we move into the new millennium, Laing emphasized. "We can't control things from our human power alone. Through action and prayer, we cooperate with a power greater than ourselves to improve our world. It doesn't happen without personal transformation. That's why I'm a minister and not a politician."



Enjoying a rare sunny day, Lucas takes a ride in Centennial Park.

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Seniors Scene ...

with Alan Fairlie

At year's end it is a custom to look back and look ahead. But, this year we have the grand-daddy of them all—a millennium!

Who knows what we can expect in 2000? All I know is my son, Peter, who is a "Webmaster" service provider on the Internet, says, "Don't worry, Dad, nothing's going to happen in Y2K!" So I'm taking his word for it and keeping calm!

It's good to look back and take one more peek at those wonderful Islanders who have appeared in my scribbles since I joined this wonderful publication last March. Here they are:

Betty Galt—"A life dedicated to service" (March 02)

Ivan Mouat—"Captain of the Clouds" (March 30)

Dave Harris—"The Bee Man of Fulford Valley"—my first colour cover (April 27)

Juanita Brown (and artist Allan Edwards) (May 18)

Terry Byron—"Sentenced to Life at Hard Labour with a Dull Axel" (June 15)

Alan Fairlie—I interviewed and introduced my column by climbing the Matterhorn!

Seniors—Lion's Club workers erected new fences at

Pioneer Village (now 32 years old!) (September 21). Also mentioned excellent work of Don Walser, Search and Rescue, Mary Toynbee and Lois Sprague of Seniors Resource Centre.

Sharon Glover (wellness) "A real bang for our bucks!" (October 5)

Murray Anderson I—"El Maestro—old and new tunes" (October 19) and II—"It would be hard not to love him!" (November 2)

Frank Worsley—Sgt. at Arms (November 16) (my second colour cover picture)

Jim Sinclair—"Seaman Extraordinaire!" (November 30). Amazing rescue of Vancouver sloop "Khadine" last June at Seymour Inlet, North Vancouver Island.

Bob Appleton—Santa and President SSSSS for 3rd time—"Santa Workshop."

I am eternally grateful to all these wonderful people who gave so freely of their time for an interview and photos, etc.

May you all have a great New Millennium and to hell with Y2K!

P.S. Murray's Quintet (the band keeps growing) is playing New Year's Eve at Harbour House. A few tickets left!



Nicole Oakley (grade one/two student, Fulford Elementary) in costume for her class' pre-Christmas Mediaeval Days.

Mats, vault and bars needed

Local gymnasts are in dire need of new and improved equipment, says Lisa Lachance, the head instructor for Salt Spring's popular youth gymnastics program.

"We need a vault, a set of uneven bars, and some new mats," she said. "Kids are dropping out—they get to a certain level and they can't progress because of lack of equipment."

Some of the keener young gymnasts commute to Duncan where better equipment is available, but many are forced to simply give up.

Letters seeking support are currently going out to local service groups. The Salt Spring Middle School has committed to donating some funds, and the possibility of obtaining matching grants from PARC is cause for optimism.

Anyone wishing to assist local gymnastics are encouraged to contact Beth Drummond at 653-4530.

Sports Pool...with Terry Stringer

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GOLF COURSE POOL Next meeting: Fri., Jan. 7th, 5:00 pm sharp.

	Total Points	This Week		Total Points	This Week
1 Edmonton	305	13	9 Greenwood..	269	6
2 Ane-jo	297	7	10 Marx Bro #1..	268	9
3 Ottawa	280	13	11 Rangers	259	7
4 Dallas	278	3	12 Buffalo	253	6
5 Toronto	277	8			
6 Bandido	273	12			
7 Dagwood's	273	9			
8 Ice Dogs	273	12			

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To advertise in the next SSI Directory, call 537-2000. Leave your business name, mailing address and phone number, and ask us to mail you an Advertiser Information Package. Package will be mailed in January 2000.

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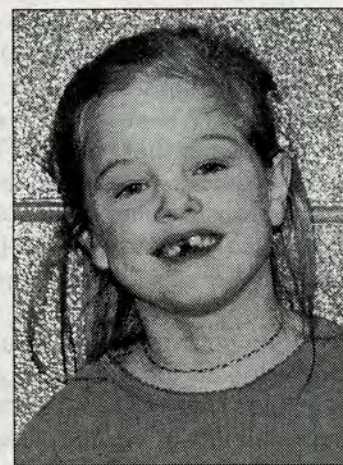
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Athlete of the Week



Rachel Drummond

Rachel is six years of age and has been training as a gymnast for nearly three years.

She excels at Floor Exercises where her strength and fearlessness give her a distinct advantage.

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7 days a week

Mother Xmas

by Anastacia Wilde

In spite of the endless parties, the tantalizing smells, the brilliant clinking and clanking of champagne glasses, the holidays bring to light some of the best—and worst—memories of our lives.

Imagine the scene.

Dogs are barking, kids are screaming, doorbell is ringing and you, Mother Christmas, clad in the tradition of Father Time, are scurrying in all directions simultaneously, appearing as a whooshing flash of color and smell. It's Christmas, and oh, what a lovely sight you are!

Octopus limbs forming dough cookies, squirt-

ing gravy on turkey, whipping potatoes, baking yams, jellying cranberries, all the while contemplating the final touches of tree tinsel before the in-laws bustle through the mistletoe.

Deep in the recesses of your Christmas Mother mind, you recall the fight between grandma and grandpa over tree decorations last year and frantically plot to avoid a repeat scenario. Today's din-

ner conversation suddenly grows belligerent when screaming erupts over whether the turkey should have been uncovered the last 30 minutes of baking. Remarks like "You know I like my skin crispy, Mother," countered by, "I like mine moist and soggy," are flung across the table.

Initially unfettered by the uproar, Mother
see Mother Xmas p23

FIRST BABY OF 2000 CONTEST



TWO GREAT WAYS TO WIN!

Guess when the first baby of 2000 will be born and you could win a bundle!
CLOSEST GUESS
wins \$100 cash!

1. Winner will predict the date and time of birth of the child born earliest in 2000 on Salt Spring, without going past the actual time of birth.
2. Entry must be received by the Barnacle before Noon Friday, December 31, 1999.
3. Winner must be a resident of Salt Spring.
4. Employees of the Barnacle and their immediate families are not eligible.

If you are the parent(s) of the first baby girl or boy born in 2000 on Salt Spring, you'll win:

GREAT GIFTS!
from these fine businesses listed below.

1. Parent(s) must be resident(s) of Salt Spring and must notify the Barnacle of the time of birth.
2. Child must be born on Salt Spring. The exact time of birth must be certified by the attending physician/midwife. In the event of a tie, one winner will be chosen by random drawing. Decision of the judge is final.
3. Employees of the Barnacle and their immediate families are not eligible.

ENTRY FORM

Name _____
Address _____
Phone _____

Your guess as to when the first baby will be born on Salt Spring:

Date: _____
Time: _____ Check one ☐ AM ☐ PM

Drop off at the Barnacle 324 Lower Ganges Road

Barnacle

CONTEST DEADLINE:

Noon Fri,
Dec. 31,
1999

To enter, drop off entry form at the Barnacle, 324 Lower Ganges Rd.
Entries must be received before Noon Friday, December 31, 1999.

!!! Prizes for the Parent(s) !!!

Prizes must be accepted as awarded. Not redeemable for cash.

\$50 Gift Certificate
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Bath Gift Pack \$35.00 value

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• Videos • Coffee

Fernwood
General Store Ltd.

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ONE
COMPLIMENTARY
CHILD CARE
to the new baby's parent(s)
653-4998
(Mon.-Fri.)
Newborns to 5 yrs



\$20.00 Gift Certificate
for the parent(s) of the
First Baby of '00

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Customer Service • 537-1522

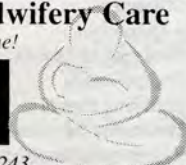
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Value \$20.00

WORK 537-2999
WORLD Mon.-Fri. 9-5:30; Sat. 9-5
152 Fulford Ganges Rd • "Creekhouse"

Community Midwifery Care
New clients always welcome!

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NOON Monday preceding next issue

100 • BIRTHS

JOHNNY AND Joanne Villadsen are pleased to announce the birth of their son Martin Thomas born Friday December 10, 1999 at 9:01 pm, weighing in at 7lbs, 10 ounces. Special thanks to Maggie Ramsey (who made it just in time!) and to the nurses at Lady Minto for all their extra attention. 5199

105 • OBITUARIES

BORROWMAN, ROY. Died peacefully in the arms of his loving family, on December 21, at Lady Minto Hospital. His prairie childhood was grounded in the Weyburn of W.O. Mitchell. Roy taught school, and in 1931 married Dorothy, his wife for years, until her death in 1989. After war service, achieving the rank of Captain, he took up residence in Regina, and began his true life's work, in the postwar government of Tommy Douglas. He rose through many civil service positions, retiring in 1974 as Clerk of the Executive Council. Also during this period, he served on the Principal's staff of the University of Regina. In 1988 Roy and Dorothy moved to Salt Spring. Although late in life, he attracted the respect and affection of a wide circle of islanders who responded to simple graces: generosity, humour, dignity, and a love of music. Last October, his entire family gathered for a wonderful celebration of his 90th birthday. Roy is survived by daughter Judy of Halifax, her husband Ralph Gorby, and grandchildren, Karen and David. He will be sorely missed by son David, and by Nicola Whetton, of Salt Spring. Wider afield Roy is mourned by Doug and Sue Macdonald of Calgary, and Grace and Senator Uthman Noel of Carriacou, Grenada, who Roy befriended many years ago, and by a legacy of good friends in many corners of the country. A memorial service will be held at Ganges United Church, Salt Spring, on Wednesday, December 29 at 2 PM.

THOMAS, MARION. Passed away peacefully in her sleep at Lady Minto Hospital. No service by request. In lieu of flowers donations can be made to Lady Minto Hospital Foundation. Hayward's Funeral Service, 537-1022. 5299

110 • IN MEMORIAM

HAYWARD'S FUNERAL SERVICE



PATRICK BEATTIE
Funeral Director

320 - #2 Upper Ganges Rd
Salt Spring Island

Tel: (250) 537-1022
Fax: (250) 537-2012

PLEASE RECYCLE
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120 • MESSAGES OF THANKS

THE BARNACLE is continuing to deliver free every Tuesday to every Salt Spring residence and business mailbox. Drop us a line and tell us how we're doing! Drop off or mail to 324 Lower Ganges Road, Salt Spring Island, B.C., V8K 2V3. ttn

SEASON'S GREETINGS - The Barnacle wishes to thank our subscribers for their support. 5299

SALT SPRING Island Community Services, on behalf of the recipients of the Christmas Food Hampers and toys from Santa's Workshop, would like to thank all the volunteers, donors, organizations and merchants who contributed to the success of these programs. May you all enjoy a peaceful and healthy year 2000. 5299

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140 • UPCOMING EVENTS

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140 • UPCOMING EVENTS

Holiday Deadline Schedule
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Jan. 4, 2000
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Dec. 30 - 5pm
Hold the Press
Jan. 3 - Noon
The Barnacle office will be closed from Noon Dec. 31 through Jan. 2
Barnacle
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while quantities last

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M-S 10-5
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- 740 Holiday Accommodation
- 750 Storage
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- 790 Rentals Wanted

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- 810 Motorhomes/Campers/RVs
- 815 Trailers
- 820 Boats/Marine
- 830 Aircraft
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355 • COMPUTER

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390 • MISCELLANEOUS

NEWSPRINT ROLL ends now for sale at The Barnacle Office. 324 Lower Ganges Road. 537-4040. tfn

GODIN WOODSTOVES; twin mahogany sleigh beds, antique mahogany armoire, wrought iron room dividers, pine bar chairs, Murphy bed. Nancy 537-9510. 0200

NOW TAKING orders for custom hardwood cutting boards and blocks for Christmas. Clearance prices on summer stock. Phone Benny 653-9493. 0100

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STEREO SYSTEM. Sub woofer, CD, record player, radio & tape deck. \$520. Was \$1200 new. 537-4452. 0500

BATEMAN PRINT. Superb xmas present. "Blue Jay in Winter" Publishers proof (#5 of only 20). Valued by artist himself at \$1600 when he donated it to a local charity auction several years ago. Asking \$1045 (negotiable). No GST! 537-4137. 5299

LARGE AMANA Fridge, freezer on bottom. 6 yrs old. Runs perfectly. White. Frost free \$550 537-9820. 5299

THANKS FOLKS, Seasons Greetings from Vic, Toni, Dean & Cindy at Buy & Save Store in Sidney! You're welcomed to celebrate with New Year's savings on all new & used home furnishings, accessories, tools & hdw. A complimentary millenium calendar is reserved for you! Buy & Save, 9818 Fourth St., Sidney. 5299

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Barnacle
324 Lower Ganges Rd
537-4040

400 • HELP WANTED

OUTER ISLANDS columnists needed to write about happenings on Galiano, Mayne, Pender & Saturna Islands. Please forward resume and sample of work to: The Barnacle, 324 Lower Ganges Road, Salt Spring Island, B.C. V8K 2V3. Attention: Shelagh Plunkett, editor. tfn

REPORTER/PHOTOGRAPHER required to cover local news, meetings and events for the Barnacle. Must be able to work flexible hours and meet strict deadlines and be available on an "on-call" basis. Must have own transportation, computer and camera. Please forward resume and handwritten cover letter to The Editor, The Barnacle, 324 Lower Ganges Road, Salt Spring Island, B.C. V8K 2V3 before January 14, 2000. 5299

410 • EMPLOYMENT WANTED

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Don Irwin COLLISION
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580 • RENTALS

PARTY TIME Rentals We rent dishes, glassware, cutlery, linen, tables, chairs, assorted party supplies. 537-4241 days, 537-4577 evenings. tfn

600 • HOUSES FOR SALE

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700 • HOUSES FOR RENT

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700 • HOUSES FOR RENT

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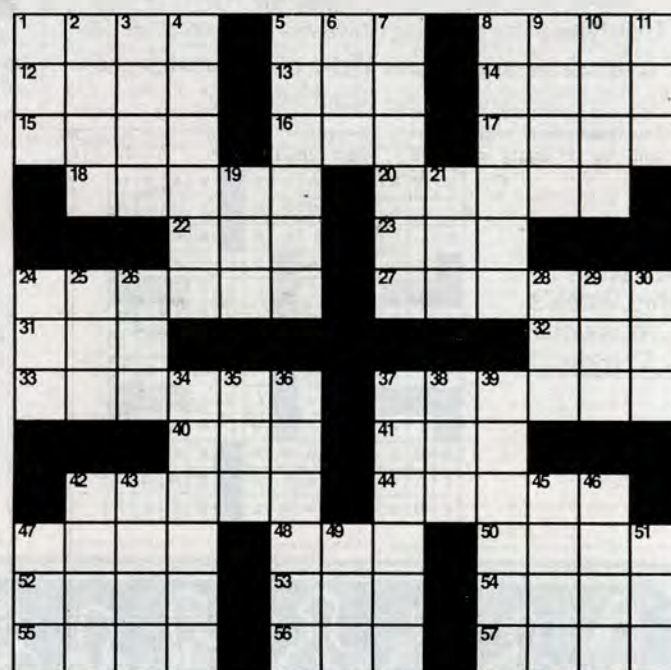
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Canadiana Crossword

Pet Peeves

ACROSS

1 Sour gritty pear
5 Tax-payer's peeve #1, abbr.
8 Gown
12 Margarine
13 Over, condensed
14 Auto part, for short
15 Quebec flag color
16 Dorval
17 Harness part
18 Kitchen garment
20 Voter's peeve: _____
Mulroney
22 Child's play
23 Albanian monetary unit
24 Castigates?
27 Happenings
31 Depositor's peeve: _____
banks
32 Zip, zilch, zero
33 Pedro's afternoon nap
37 Dressed formally
40 Bill
41 Passaglia
42 Floozies
44 Pig patter?
47 Flower of romance
48 Globe
50 Waterproof cover
52 Neighbor of Huron
53 Sea coast feature
54 Famous salts
55 Mailer's peeve: Canada



5 Comings and _____
6 Salt in St. Pierre
7 Triple
8 Traveller's peeve: Transit
9 Zone
10 Precipitation
11 Hotel
19 Cereal grass
21 Up the RPMs
24 Air rifle pellets, for short
25 Roman 52
26 Era
28 Toxic preceder
29 Foot part

30 Turf
34 Worker's peeve: Bay _____
35 A way to make fabric
36 Assimilate
37 Consumer's peeve: _____
economy
38 Yes, in Trois Pistoles
39 Weather peeve
42 Bull fight feature
43 Status quo
45 Golfer Lorie _____
46 Sold out signs, for short
47 Reputation, for short
49 Eve's origin?
51 Taxpayer's peeve #2, abbr.
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For the week, by Michael O'Connor e-mail: oconnorm@netidea.com



There are more opportunities available now than there ever has been before in history or hers or yours.

Taurus (Apr 21 - May 20) 2000 will bring

many opportunities to get very real with what you truly feel. The lights of heaven and the glitter of the world have been calling you, yet circumstances beyond your control have put a check in your progress. This will change very soon. Your most important task is to learn to align your efforts and skills with those of others. However, your individual talents will bring you the recognition and reward that you are worth.

Gemini (May 21 - Jun 20) Learning to fully recognize that the world is abundant is a central theme for you this year. It is when we give authority to the lower dividing mind that we begin to believe in scarcity. The world has done this for millennia. The challenge is to recognize that the past does not equal the future and the 'facts', no matter how convincing, are relative. Allow the magic of your thoughts and your spoken words to reaffirm the abundance in the world.

Cancer (Jun 21 - Jul 21) Prepare to be much more assertive and decisive this year. The fuller momentum of this theme may take until May, but you will begin much sooner. This may include endings in terms of how you invest your time so as to make room for new associations. Your willingness to identify habitual blind spots in terms of the health of your overall lifestyle will remain key. At last, you will feel more energized and determined to follow through. Be open to guidance!

Leo (Jul 22 - Aug 22) Your power will continue to grow throughout 2000, but you will be challenged to assist the process. You have created mental and emotional patterns for the sake of security and now they are proving to hold you back. You have

about 18 months or so to completely break through them so be steady and thorough. Intend to allow imagination and inspiration to assist you to re-write your script. Say thank you every day for what you do have and open yourself up to more as required.

Virgo (Aug 22 - Sep 23) Learning to strike a balance between being personal and impersonal will prove important to you in 2000. There are many ironies associated to participating in social organizations and rules that are much larger than any individual. Learning to accept the world to be as good as it can be on one hand and knowing when social norms impinge upon personal values on the other, is key. This requires a rich ability to feel what inner guidance knows. Join with others with intentions to improve and uplift.

Libra (Sep 23 - Oct 21) Regardless of what level of power you hold in the world, you will probably be challenged to assume even more responsibility yet. The twist here is that learning to be more empathetic and nurturing of others is the bottom line. Just imagine how you can do this given the realities of your situation. It is time to rise above individual wants that stand in the way of making a more meaningful contribution to larger collectives. Enlist your loyalty to a larger picture.

Scorpio (Oct 22 - Nov 20) It is time to learn what it means to make more deep commitments and live up to them. A process of discernment by looking to the big picture over the long term is key. Begin to outline a shared agreement on an ethical set of rules in order to bypass confusions stemming from assumptive thinking. This is what a 'credo' is designed to do. It is also known as a worldview or paradigm. Be patient with this process.

Sagittarius (Nov 21 - Dec 20) Change is an important part of life and 2000 is the time for you to more

fully learn how to let go and let God. Developing a deep sense of security wherein you can maintain your center despite outer changes is a central theme. There is a deep learning process involved here. Part of the learning is literal and practical and it is also subtle and spiritual. Prepare yourself inside and out for a whole new participation that will really take off in 2001.

Capricorn (Dec 21 - Jan 19) The building of a whole new foundation of creative power will continue in 2000. Within the dimension of this building, you will be asked to make plenty of room for the needs of others. This may imply certain measures of sacrifice and patience. This is your opportunity to learn what it means to be a great negotiator from the standpoint of great empathy. Include more flexibility and the ability to listen in your plans.

Aquarius (Jan 20 - Feb 19) The task of making the beautiful dream a beautiful reality will be a central theme for you in 2000. That you are the reality you are working on no matter what you are doing in the outer world sides with the idea that we are all responsible for creating our own soul. Trust that your outer reality is a perfect reflection of what you need to succeed. Look for the silver lining in everything, you will find it. When you say 'should' look in the mirror.

Pisces (Feb 19 - Mar 20) Learning to create your reality with passion and joy as opposed to rebelliousness and indifference will be a major focus for you in 2000. To this end, prepare to learn even more new skills. Look to the world to see what it is rather than what it should be, for now at least. You will also be challenged not to scatter your focus by taking on too much at once. You will be busy so get organized without feeling the need to be in control.

Sneak your opinions into the homes of our readers. Hear your thoughts being discussed Tuesdays at all the coffee shops on the island. Write to the Barnacle and everyone on the Island will listen!

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Kids predict the future

A Fulford Elementary grade one/two class answer the question: What do you think will happen in the new year?

For the world, I predict that...

The computers might shut down. (Malcolm McPhee, Erica Rimmer, Kaitlin Brunt and Ruby Erck)

There will be no wars. (Brent Sauriol McKay)

The computers might blow up. (Eleanor Brouard-John)

We'll party! (Trevor Wilson)
It might be the olden days again. (Camille Drummond)

For the class, I predict that...

We will go on a field trip (Malcolm McPhee, Clea Booth

Mihalik, Brent Sauriol McKay, Kaitlin Brunt)

We might study the millennium. (Ruby Erck, Eleanor Brouard-John)

We might study animals (Erica Rimmer, Camille Drummond)

We might get a class pet. (Kaitlin Brunt)

My computer might blow up. (Trevor Wilson)

For myself, I predict that...

I will go to P.E.I. (Malcolm McPhee)

I might be an artist. (Ruby Erck)

I might go on a plane by myself to Hungary. (Clea Booth Mihalik)

I might be a teacher. (Brent Sauriol McKay)

I might have a big birthday party (Erica Rimmer, whose birthday is on January 1)

I will go to Erica's big birthday party. (Eleanor Brouard-John)

I might be a teacher. I might be a vet. I might work at the wildlife rescue place. (Kaitlin Brunt)

There will be weird creatures. (Trevor Wilson)

I might go to a different school (Camille Drummond)

I am going to Qualicum Beach (Kaitlin Doig)

I will go to France. (Nicole Oakley)

I am going to London, Ontario to visit my family (Amanda Cruikshank)

I will have video games (Natasha Walker)

Mother Xmas *cont'd. from p19*

Christmas grinds her teeth and keeps her smile pasted brightly until the chaos builds to boiling point. In a final last ditch effort to please everyone and harm none, the golden girl, the cheerful wife, the hostess with the mostest,

impulsively hurls herself upon the yulelog with oil-spattered apron, lighting up the living room in a display of fireworks heretofore unfathomed by her loved ones.

While Mother's open-mouthed

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