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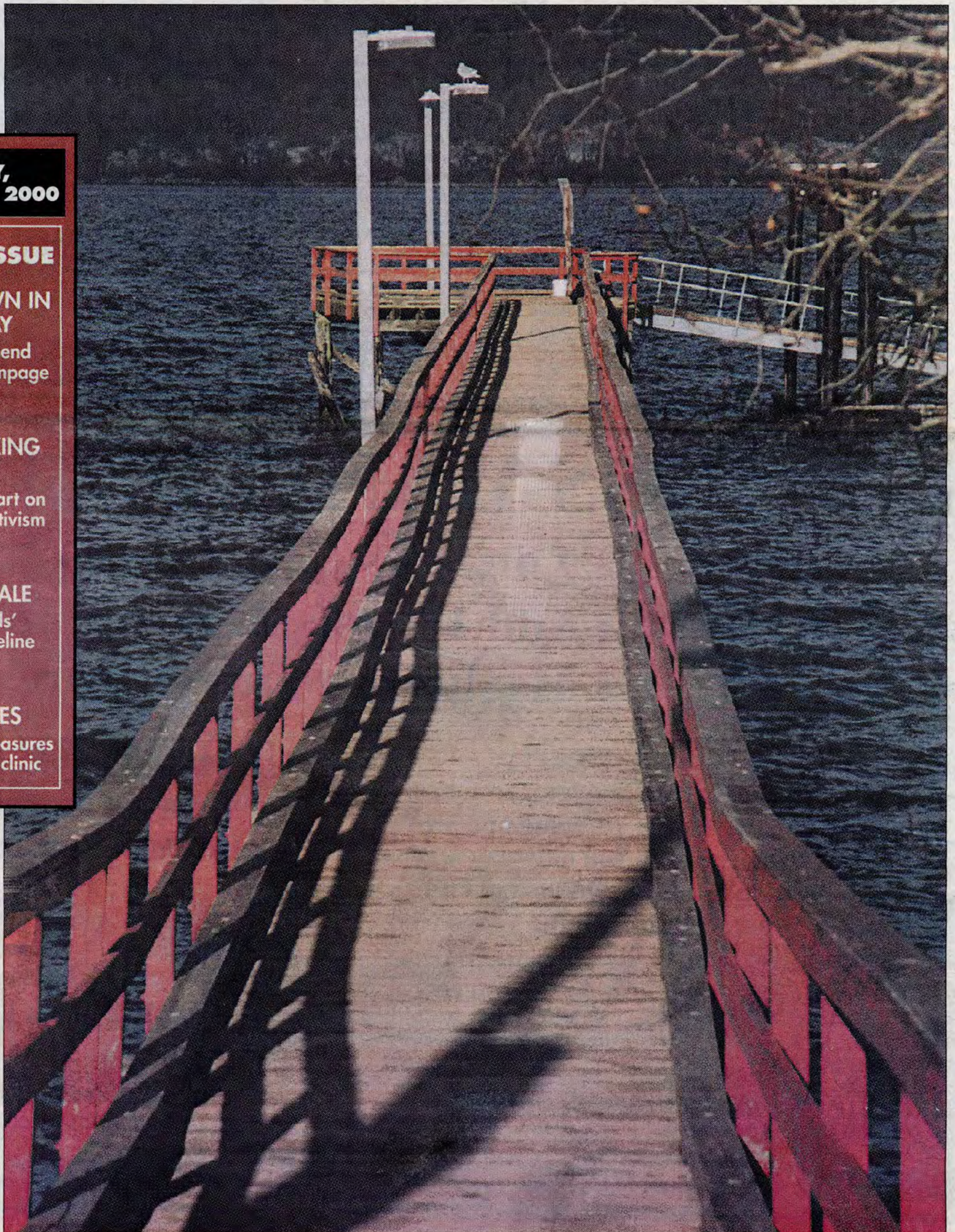


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*Fernwood dock was
a bright prospect in
the Saturday calm
before Sunday's
wild and windy
weather.*

Shelagh Plunkett photo





Peggy Abrahams photo

Clear-cut protestors block truck

by Peggy Abrahams

Roughly 100 demonstrators joined hands to block a logging truck on Burgoyne Bay Road last Wednesday morning. The staged protest was in response to continued clear-cuts by the new owners of Texada lands. Although peaceful, one demonstrator—David Shebib—was arrested by police for having disconnected the truck's brakes.

Organized by the Save Salt Spring Direct Action Committee, the crowd began gathering at 8 a.m. and continued into the early afternoon. Robert Osborne, one of the organizers, told the crowd, "Our intent is to stop a logging

truck until the police come and tell us to let it go. It's meant as a symbolic act, to send a message to (Environment Minister Joan) Sawicki that we need action. Clear-cut is not okay."

Texada representatives Brent Kapler and Julian Dunster attended the rally, and video taped the crowd. Both were confronted with questions regarding the company's plans. When local resident Sally Sunshine asked Kapler, "When will you stop the clear-cutting on Salt Spring?" He replied, "We have no intention of stopping."

Once the truck had stopped at the side of the road, the driver left

the scene. Concerned that he might suffer loss of wages as a result of not delivering his load, demonstrators took up a collection of \$104 which they offered the driver before he left. The money, however, was later found in the truck's cab. A company representative later said the money should be deposited into the community's land acquisition fund.

The Direct Action Committee plans to organize another rally for Saturday, January 16 at 2 p.m. in the same location. They are expecting off-Island media to attend and hope that at least 1000 concerned Islanders will gather for the event.



Peter Clarke photo



Peter Clarke photo

"The trees are like hostages and they're sending them out fifty at a time...dead," said Terry Bieman at Wednesday's blockade.

Clockwise from top left: Protestors block the Fulford-Ganges Road halting a logging truck on its way to the Burgoyne Bay log dump. Fanning the flames: protestors warm up at the side of the road. Jonathan LeDrew drumming up support for anti-clear cut logging.

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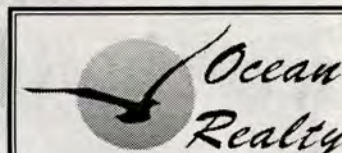
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Duck Bay survives the attack of the "chip-scows"

by Peter Clarke

Residents of Duck Bay received a rude awakening at 9 a.m. Sunday when strong westerly caused a pair of rogue



It was anything but a peaceful Sunday morning for Duck Bay residents when a rogue barge washed up on their shores.

Seaspan chip-barges to slip their moorings off Crofton and sweep into the bay.

One barge was hauled off the shore before entering, but as onlookers watched helplessly the other container pinballed down the shore wiping out Jack and Dawn Morrell's ramp and dock, taking the end off a neighbour's wharf and barely missing Harold Baxter's sloop moored in the middle of the bay.

"All I could do was watch the trajectory of the thing as it came in—I figured it was going to miss. I'm very lucky it did," Baxter said.

As residents watched with binoculars and cameras from the rocky shoreline, a salvage operation quickly unfolded in the white capped water below their homes. At first the beached barge seemed inaccessible to the nine-foot deep Harken IX, one of a fleet of tugs owned by Jones Marine Service in Chemainus, but as Salt Spring luck would have it, help was just around the corner at the Vesuvius Dock.

Alerted by a cell call from

friend Derek Sowden on the Crofton Ferry—"Hey Ross, you like adventure, why don't you go to Duck Bay?"—Ross Walker and friend Russ Murcheson cancelled prawn fishing plans and were soon on the site and running a line to the barge. As the Coast Guard cutter Skua stood off in support—and within an hour and a half of barging in—the uninvited guest was hauled unceremoniously off the rocks and out of Duck Bay.

The grounded barge showed obvious damage where a tree had smashed one end of its superstructure. Both barges were returned to Crofton where full surveys were conducted Monday morning. According to Jones marine, Seaspan officials were also planning a visit to Duck Bay to survey property damage caused by the barges.

"In all my years here, this is the largest thing I've ever salvaged off any beach around here," Walker said of his part in the morning's work. "You just never know what's going to happen next."

Fire destroys St. Mary cabin

The Cottage Resort, 175 Suffolk Road on St. Mary Lake, is less one cabin after a fire Saturday morning destroyed the building. Cabin 8, attached to Cabin 7 as a duplex was gutted by an aggressive blaze that Fire Chief David Enfield said did most damage within 15 minutes of being spotted.

"The people staying in Cabin 7 heard a loud pop at about 10 or 10:30 in the morning. They went outside and saw smoke around the soffits next door. By the time they came back with the caretaker, the fire had taken hold," said Enfield.

Within two or three minutes of

the call, seven trucks and 18 fire fighters had arrived. Enfield said the fire had consumed the roof of the cabin by the time he and the first truck arrived.

Although \$50,000 of damage resulted, Enfield said good aggressive fire fighting saved nearby buildings from burning as well. Downed hydro lines temporarily slowed the fire fighters but, Enfield said, the fact that the wind had died down made the job much easier than it might have been.

No injuries resulted from the fire, the cause of which is still under investigation.



Jeff Outerbridge photo

Smoke alarm alert: test regularly

In a recent episode, W-5, an investigative news programme, showed their viewers that many ionization smoke alarms do not operate to required Underwriters Laboratories of Canada (ULC) standards. Tests broadcast showed that when exposed to a slow smoldering fire, a variety of ULC listed alarms did not go off within the time frame specified by ULC. Photoelectric smoke alarms were not tested by W-5.

At this time, the Office of the Fire Commissioner and the Fire Chiefs' Association of BC are urging nationally recognized testing agencies in Canada to respond to concerns raised by the W-5 broadcast and provide assurance to the public that smoke alarms will work as intended.

Until then, local fire fighters remind the public that over the past 20 years, smoke alarms (both ionization and photoelectric) have made significant contributions

toward reducing the number of fire-related deaths in B.C. People are urged to test, clean and maintain their fire alarms. Battery operated alarms should have fresh batteries at least once a year and alarms should be replaced every 10 years. When purchasing smoke alarms, ensure they have been tested to the ULC S531-M standard.

Consumers may wish to install a combination of both ionization and photoelectric smoke alarms to provide for optimum protection.

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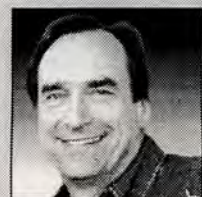
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Small Town Wisdom



Isle Say! ...

with John Pottinger

It was 20 below, and the snow had been falling for days. We were smack-dab in the cold dark centre of a Cariboo winter, as my daughter and I drove back from a shortened trip up north. We had hoped to get in some cross-country skiing and snowshoeing but the weather was so darn miserable that we had stayed for just one night before deciding to head home.

The roads were typically treacherous for that time of year, so the trip was taking a long time as we crawled south along highway 97. Snow was falling constantly and the roads were as slick as an NDP spin-doctor.

As usual, we stopped in Clinton on our way south. We always stop at the same little "truck-stop" type restaurant. It has the three necessary ingredients that make such places special: great food, good prices and interesting characters.

It was dark by the time we pulled into the small parking lot, which at most times of the year is no more than a bumpy patch of hard packed dirt. That night it could have been used as the local ice rink. We basically slid to a stop against one of the many snow piles, got out and went inside.

There were two or three groups of locals scattered among the eight or ten tables. We sat down, and within seconds felt a cold draft pouring onto us. Mounted just above our heads was one of those through-the-wall air conditioners. (It seemed out of place when it was 20 below and the wind was howling like a Hot-line radio host, but Clinton can be a scorching little town in August.) Not that it was turned on, of course, but the bitter winter wind was poking its way through every little space it could find in the thin walls, so we decided we should move to a spot as close to the centre of the room as we could. Hopefully we'd be a little warmer.

No sooner had we sat down at our new (and only slightly warmer) location, than there was a loud crunch; the building shook; and that big old air conditioner came crashing down onto the table we'd been sitting at just seconds before. Everybody jumped to their feet, and then just stood there looking at the gaping hole in the wall. Through the snow that was now streaming into the place, we could just make out the shiny red hood of a big pickup truck—which seemed to be stuck into the wall. The woman who owns the place walked from the kitchen over to the space in the wall, looked out into the night, muttered something under her breath, and then yelled, "Harold! Get your sorry butt in here!"

A few seconds later, a very sheepish looking Harold wandered in through the back door. The room got very quiet. Finally Harold started to say something about the icy condition of the parking lot, and she let fly: "I don't want to hear your feeble excuses! You've lived here for thirty years and you just noticed that it gets a little icy in January! You're going to spend the rest of tonight, and however long it takes, patching that hole in my wall. And you're going to have to find me a new air-conditioner. Harold, you may have a full 6-pack, but you're missing the plastic thingy that holds it together! I've got butter knives sharper than you!"

As she spoke, she was moving closer and closer to poor Harold. She stepped in front of him, leaned closer to him, and said, "I thought so. I can hear the ocean."

She turned away, and just as I thought that poor Harold had suffered all the abuse he was going to get, an old fella who'd been sitting quietly off in one corner, looked up and said, "Hey Harold. Those new Ford trucks. Ya know—if you treat 'em right—you can use 'em more than once."



Black's avocados

Along with the generally good quality of the local writing in *the Barnacle*, Arthur Black's "Wit & Whimsy" column elevates the whole publication out of the parochial pitfalls that endanger many community newspapers (one that floats and lands up on beaches, too waterlogged to even burn comes to mind).

However, Black sometimes seems to delight in torturing facts and realities by mingling them with any old thing that sounds good or, agreed, is hilarious enough to be excused from the stern boundaries of what is true. His columns in the last issue of the 20th century is a case in point.

The eponyms in the left panel (towards the top at least) are genuine but Arthur soon starts having so much fun he abandons the verities with aplomb. For example, research shows that the corset wasn't named after anyone, but like the words "corpse" and "corps" (as in army), comes from the Latin "cors" and means what it was designed to achieve: a diminutive body; and that a haversack was originally the thing German horses ate their oats (haber) out of. A meal (Emil) to be sure, but not a person's name.

I'd have left it at that if my old colleagues Richard (Dic) Tionary (pronounced shen-air-ee) and Eddie Molloy hadn't insisted that I write and expose this very funny guy for the inhabitant of the Italian city of Cerreto (a ciarlittano or charlatan) he plays at times.

The big earthshaker, though, appears a quarter way down the right panel where we hear of Joyce Avocado. The experts above tell us

that the name for the pulpy, green to purple, nutty-flavoured fruit produced by this American tree of the laurel family defines its shape and comes from the Spanish "aguacate," in turn derived from the Nohuatl (Aztec) word "ahuatacul" which means testicles or more vulgarly, Arthur, balls!!

Thanks for all the laughs,

ROBB DAY

Medicine for a new world order

Rx for the year 2000—Rx for cynicism, greed and apathy—Robert Osborne. I would hold him as my own son but his energy, ideals and passion are a gift from God to all.

ANNE HUMPHRIES

You're the cat's meow

The Salt Spring Island SPCA would like to thank all of those wonderful people who supported us with donations of time, supplies, and money. More than 160 animals came into our care in 1999 and I am very pleased to let you know that the only animals euthanized were those that arrived very ill or were too wild to become a companion animal.

We reached capacity many times this summer but thanks to our enlarged premises at the back of the veterinary clinic, the use of foster homes, and the CRD Animal Control Officer taking our overflow until room was available, we were able to cope.

We currently have 20 cats and kittens all looking for homes. Thanks to a donation from a caring couple and a generous discount from the

Barnacle, we will be placing an ad every week with pictures and descriptions of cats available. Please take a close look and if you see that perfect cat for you give us a call at 537-2123 or come to our open house held every Sunday from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.

CATHIE NEWMAN

President, SPCA

Exposing the truth

The hidden story of Canada's genocide of its aboriginal peoples is continuing to appear, ever since the 1998 Tribunal into residential schools that was held in Vancouver encouraged witnesses to come forward publicly.

The main roadblock to the revelation of this "Hidden Holocaust" is the Canadian media blackout imposed on it, in no small part due to the influence of the government, churches and others who are implicated in genocide in Canada.

For the past several months, I have recorded new testimonies from a group of Vancouver Island native survivors of grisly medical experiments at the United Church-affiliated Nanaimo Indian Hospital, which operated ostensibly as a tuberculosis sanatorium for many decades. In fact, hundreds of native women and men were sexually sterilized at this hospital against their will under a Department of Indian Affairs-funded program that was administered by the United Church.

An identical sterilization program was operated at the R. W. Large Memorial Hospital in Bella Bella, under the supervision of United

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Church missionary Dr. George Darby, who often stated to eyewitnesses that he was "being paid by the government for every Indian I sterilize." (Ed Martin of Bella Bella to the Vancouver Tribunal, June 13, 1998.) Darby sterilized hundreds of Bella Bella native women against their will between the years 1932 and 1963.

The Nanaimo Hospital was also the site of medical experiments on native children that spanned the post-war years, and involved radiation and drug testing that caused cancer and premature deaths. This hospital was also an apparent dumping ground for the bodies of children who had died or were killed at the United Church's Alberni Indian Residential School, according to a score of witnesses.

The records of both hospitals have apparently been destroyed, as recently as 1995. But the evidence of these atrocities persists in the memory of the survivors. I encourage anyone with information on these, or other brutalities against native peoples, to contact our Tribunal so that action can be taken at the United Nations to bring our home-grown war criminals to justice.

The unexplained deaths of more than 50,000 aboriginal children must not continue to remain buried.

(REV.) KEVIN D. ANNETT
Advisor, International
Tribunal into Canadian
Residential Schools

Hall made available for Trust meetings

A recent pre-election letter to the editor from Sue Hiscocks urged the Islands Trust to hold town hall meetings with the community on a monthly basis. Later, at a well-attended meeting at Fulford Hall, all the candidates agreed to such meetings, and further agreed to hold them in the evening, when most Islanders could attend.

We, the Board of Directors of Central Community Hall, would like to play a role in this open and democratic process. We are therefore offering the use of our Hall, free of charge, one Wednesday each month. Our sole request is that the Trust place a sizable enough ad in the local papers to attract the attention of the community. We also like the idea, suggested at Fulford, that each meeting have a specific topic.

Copies of this letter are being sent to the Trustees and to the Director of the CRD, who are asked to call our Hall Manager at 537-8887 to arrange a time for the first meeting.

PAUL KONIG,
President, Central
Community Hall

Wonderful community

I grew up in Quebec, very close to Montreal and many times I dreamed of a community where being loving and respectful was a way of living, along with a mutual love for nature. I found my dream

on Salt Spring Island. This community is so amazing. Your extreme generosity and appreciation of one another is making my heart buzz with warmth. I have lived here for five years and during that time have witnessed more kindness than anywhere else in my entire life.

Within the same one-month period, some friends brought a beautiful piano in my house. Some other friends gave me some firewood (they would not let me pay for it!) And yesterday, a complete stranger gave me and my friend a hundred dollars

each! I am so glad I chose to live here and I pray that we will preserve this sense of beauty and connectivity!

Thank you all. Happy New Love!
CHRIS PAUL-TATONETTI

Pointed Finger Syndrome

Upon reading the *Driftwood* this evening, I came across the "In Depth" letter (*Driftwood*, January 5). I'm curious about the paragraph where the writers complain that Lawrie Neish has been president

for 10 consecutive years, Lois King, Margot Brady and Keith Holmes directors for seven years, Caroline McDonald for six years and Mary Koroscil and Robert Taylor for five years. Could this be perhaps because no one else has shown interest for 10 years, to actually take on these positions, that these terms have been so long.

Has it really taken 10 years for the Concerned Members of the Gulf Island Community Arts Council to figure this out? I think they have

see *Pointed p6*



A Journal as literary as the *Barnacle* is bound to appear in the most unusual places. Take the Brooklyn Bridge in New York City, population: 18, 175, 301

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said it in a nut shell...10 years!

Perhaps some of these people should notice that the finger they point at others has three pointing back at them. Perhaps that during those 10 years, if they had really been the concerned active members they claim to be, the injustices they are claiming now may never have happened. I think it's called ACTIVELY INVOLVED, that or ZIP, ZERO, NADA! I personally would like to thank people like Lawrie Neish and the six other devoted directors on the outstanding, dedicated job they have done...FOR 10 YEARS!

Best wishes, a fabulous millennium and another prosperous 10 years to these seven DEVOTED individuals.

DANNA BRITTON

Central to the story

If we allow the forest of Salt Spring to be logged because the law of private ownership allows a land owner to do whatever he wants on the land — then we are just as guilty as they are.

The present logging on Salt Spring is being done against the wishes of the people on Salt Spring. The blockade on January 5 of a logging truck was a demonstration of the concerns of the community about the logging of Texada lands. Approximately 75 people stood in front of a logging truck and blocked the road. The police knew this was about to happen. The owners Tretheway and McDonald knew it was about to happen. It was on the front page of the local paper the previous week. Everyone was aware this was a planned demonstration, and the owners arranged for a logging truck to be presented so it could be stopped, pictures could be taken, articles would be written, songs could be sung, and then the truck would be allowed to proceed—with its load of trees. Everything proceeded as planned, then ...

... someone suggested I disconnect the air lines so the brakes would seize up and the truck could not move. Wasn't this the idea? Stop the clear-cut. So I did it. I unhitched the air line—no damage—just a big noise with the escape of air.

The organizers are stunned. This was not in the plan I am told. The truck driver rushes over to the policeman and tells him to arrest me. I am placed under arrest and taken to the police station.

That night on Chek 6 TV the news is shown about the demonstration on Salt Spring. The arrest was central to the story.

Since the rally, fully-loaded logging trucks have continued to roll down the mountain.

We didn't save one tree.

DAVID SHEBIB

Not all are concerned

Recent concerns and comments published in the media and expressed at public meetings by the Concerned Citizen's Committee regarding the logging of Texada lands requires some clarification.

First, that organization does not speak for all the people of Salt Spring and certainly not for all Salt Spring land owners. To suggest that legal activities on private lands should come under control of government is a serious infringement of the long-established principle of private land ownership, which must not be undermined. To suggest that legal activities on private lands should and could be stopped by civil disobedience is contrary to the principles of law.

Further, logging has been a major economic activity in Salt Spring's past history and the fact that there presently are substantial stands of marketable timber is proof of the ability of Salt Spring's lands to re-grow its forests.

Most of the Texada lands being logged are excellent forest lands and are within the Forest Land Reserve and should remain so for further growth and reharvesting.

I believe in the Forest Land Reserve and also the Agriculture Land Reserve and both these provincially designated property

categories must remain in place for the purpose for which they were established so that future generations will have available land on which to harvest timber and grow crops and livestock.

While I believe in free expression and applaud anyone's concern for Salt Spring's future, I feel the silent majority must also express its point of view.

BRUCE SMITH

Protesting the condition of their tires

Observers at the Texada Clearcutting Protest noticed illegalities with regard to four tires on the Texada logging truck.

One tire had a split sidewall.

One had a ruptured or blistered sidewall.

One had a recap coming off.

Another was completely devoid of tread in places.

There was also a large rock stuck in the rear dual tires of the trailer part of the unit. This is particularly dangerous because these rocks have been known to fly loose when trucks are in transit, causing serious injuries and death. This truck had travelled all the way from the clearcut site on Mt. Tuam to Burgoyne where it was stopped by clearcut logging protesters. God knows how long this rock was stuck in those tires before being spotted by an alert protester.

These infractions were reported to the R.C.M.P. officer who was on duty. His response was, he wasn't qualified to judge tires and that he would be making a report.

Protester David Shebib was hustled off by police when he disconnected the logging truck trailer's gladhands. These were promptly reconnected by the driver. It's not too clear whether Mr. Shebib will be charged with anything or if he was actually under arrest when he was removed from the scene.

No charges or tickets were laid against the truck driver for running around with a large rock in his duals. No written warnings or orders to repair or replace the tires, or report for inspection were issued to the driver or owners by the R.C.M.P.

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Protesting cont'd from p6

This truck and driver continue to operate on our roads. Texada continues to clear-cut our Island.

H. DAVISON

New policy effects volunteer involvement

At its next regular meeting January 12 on Saturna Island, the school board in District 64 (Gulf Islands,) intends to implement a new policy that effects volunteers in this district.

Should this policy be implemented in its present draft form, the results will have far-reaching consequences, especially for parents in this district and those who have traditionally volunteered within the schools here.

As a parent with two children in this school system and someone who has volunteered within the schools in this district since 1991, I have very strong concerns with the proposed volunteer policy. The language within the policy does not clarify in simple terms what the board is proposing to achieve. The policy, if implemented in its present form, will undoubtedly effect parental access to the schools and a parent's ability to be an effective partner in their child's education. The policy does not provide any protection for the volunteer against complaints of harassment or intimidation brought by a student or any employee of the district, neither is there provision for training and orientation.

Further, the policy permits each principal to develop his or her own volunteer policy within that school (under the board policy, when the board policy should be adopted by the schools as set out) and demands everyone volunteering in the school submit to a criminal records check. There is no delineation between whether the volunteer will be working closely with students or not, in which case the criminal records check may not be necessary. Nor (to my knowledge) has there been any investigation to ascertain whether demanding a criminal record check on members of public or

parents constitutes a violation of the Human and/or Constitutional Charters of Rights.

In as much as it is part of the board's mandate to protect district bargaining agreements, it seems this policy's focus is primarily the protection of those jobs.

In a British Columbia Teachers Federation (BCTF) publication the federation advocates school districts develop policies to support and encourage meaningful student, parent and community involvement in schools. This policy clearly does not contribute to this philosophy, nor would it permit the desired richness in diversity where parental participation within the schools is concerned, but would primarily permit the school's administration to pick and choose those it deems suitable to enter the schools.

The volunteer policies from three other school districts I have perused do not arbitrarily subject their volunteers to the criminal records check. One district has a casual questionnaire for volunteers to complete and another subjects only its volunteer coaches to the check. Also, volunteers are referred to as "Volunteer Aides" in another district indicating that the district recognizes its volunteers (who are traditionally parents) are an invaluable, inclusive part of their school system.

Please contact the School Board Chair May McKenzie and lobby for an extension in implementation of this policy in order that a public forum can take place. We need time and the opportunity to have input into something that will effect our lives and those of our children for a very long time.

Copies of the proposed Policy on Volunteers in the School District, can be obtained by contacting the School Board Office or any of the trustees. Parents must inform themselves about this policy. The BCTF publication *Parent Involvement in Schools* can be obtained by calling 1-800-663-9163; ask for the Communications Department.

MARILYN MARSHALL

Happy New Year from your CRD Regional Director

I extend warm wishes for health and happiness to all members of the community as the new Millennium begins. No doubt, Salt Spring Island will continue to face current, ongoing challenges, as well as many new ones. It will take all of us, working in a spirit of co-operation, understanding and open-mindedness to enable the Island to grow and adapt in these new and changing times. We must, as a community, find ways to better resolve our differences, and balance divergent interests in a climate of respect and understanding. As we move into a new century we are fortunate to live in one of the most favoured places on earth. If we work together as a true community, we will be able to manage inevitable change, achieve our goals and maintain a lifestyle that attracted many of us here in the first place. In my capacity as Regional Director, I will continue to consider the big picture and follow through on decisions that I believe will serve our community well into the foreseeable future.

The CRD provides a number of local services on Salt Spring. It is my intention during this year to highlight and inform islanders regarding these functions. Issues surrounding parks, library, emergency programs, solid and liquid waste management, building inspection, bylaw enforcement and Fernwood dock will be reviewed. In the next few months, I will be monitoring progress and outcomes from the local government restructuring study, supporting the acquisition of Regional Parks, furthering the initiatives of the "Ladderworks" employment program and strongly advocating for Salt Spring at the CRD Board table.

I look forward to once again working with the many dedicated community volunteers and others who make this island a great place to be. At the start of the new year, the new century and the new millennium, the very best to all of you!

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Mount Maxwell to be logged but owners will wait until Spring to begin cutting

by Peggy Abrahams

I looked around me and I saw these were just regular people. But they stopped this big truck. And I realized we're going to stop the clear-cutting.

—Resident at the beginning of last week's Town Hall meeting

Texada will not be moving its logging operation to Mt. Maxwell at this time, in deference to a request by the North Salt Spring Waterworks District (NSSWD). Texada's environmental consultant Julian Dunster announced this to about 150 residents who gathered for a Town Hall meeting last Thursday.

The NSSWD requested that Texada defer logging in the area until March or April, to protect critical watershed boundaries. "We have been asked not to log on Mt. Maxwell until such time as the creeks are diverted, in March or April," said Dunster. In the meantime, Texada plans to finish logging on Mt. Tuam and then move north, he said.

In a follow-up interview, NSSWD manager Mike Larmour explained that the Lake Maxwell watershed is only 200 acres, and some of it is on land owned by Texada. To fill the

lake to ensure an adequate supply in the dry season, streams are diverted during winter.

"Logging can cause an increase in nutrient loading in the lake for two to five years. The other concern with logging is dirt running into the water. We just want to see if we can reduce the impact," Larmour said. He explained that NSWDD wrote Texada to express concerns about the logging impact, and he expects the situation will continue to be assessed.

A number of people at the Town Hall raised concerns about the effects of logging on Mt. Maxwell even at a later date. Ron Hopkins asked, "I'd like to know who owns the water in Maxwell Lake. Does Texada own it? If your cutting damages the quality of the water, how do you view your liability?"

Texada's local operations man-



Robert Osbourne at the January 5 Texada Logging protest.

ager Brent Kapler said he would get back to the community on this issue. He also said that Texada plans to conduct a water study before logging, and to leave buffers around creeks.

Dietrich Luth suggested that setbacks may be insufficient and that the Islands Trust should take protective measures. "I don't think it's clear sailing regarding logging around

Maxwell Lake. It could lead to an interdiction of logging there."

In light of the demonstration on Wednesday, RCMP Sgt. Darbyshire briefed the audience on the laws related to civil disobedience. A number of community members gave updates on the status of various committee activities. To date, \$12,780 has

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Schuyler and Bill Matthews with their first born, as well as the Island's first baby of 2000, Alexandria

First Island baby of 2000 enters the world through water

by Rob McMahon

The Matthews family brought in the New Year with a splash. On January 4, Alexandria Isabel—first child of Schuyler and Bill Matthews—entered the world through water—a foot and a half of warm water in an inflatable pool at the Matthews' home. Salt Spring's first millennium baby was greeted by three Island midwives: Julia Atkins, Maggie Ramsey and Kelly Hayes. Her grandmother was also present at the birth, completing the trilogy of three generations of Matthews women at the event.

Alexandria, who was born at 12:21 p.m., weighed seven pounds, 14 ounces. The parents chose a home water birth (increasingly popular on Salt Spring) after Schuyler had read about the process, and thought it sounded like a "nice way to

welcome the baby into the world," as well as to help her relax during labour, which lasted about six hours.

Alexandria's birth was a first of sorts for Julia Atkins too. Although she's assisted in almost 200 births, Atkins had just received her certificate of registration that day and so was able to act as primary midwife for the first time at Alexandria's birth. Atkins found the birth, "much shorter and better than I expected...for a first time mother it was short and lovely."

Alexandria's name was chosen to "deliberately not" reflect the turn of the millennium, and is instead the name of one of the great libraries in history, which was built by Alexander the Great in ancient times. (Bill Matthews, Alexandria's father, is past president of the Antiquarian

Booksellers Association, head of the Canadian Rare Book Association, and has travelled the world searching for rare and interesting books.) Her middle name, Isabel, was chosen both for its sentimental value (it was Bill's mother's name, and is a version of his wife's name), and its meaning: consecrated by God.

Bill and Schuyler are new to the Island, having moved here last October from Berkeley, California. They have lived in San Francisco and in various parts of B.C. Bill owned a specialized book store in Vancouver from 1976-80, and may open up a book store here in the future. Schuyler is an a capella singer, and her all-women group, "Solstice," has a CD coming out soon. Both find the Island to be an amazing place to live, "the best place in the world."

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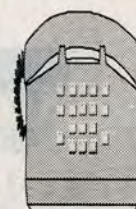
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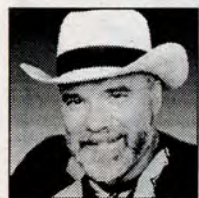


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calculate the tip (if any) and pay them off. But now we squint at the scraps of paper, hold them out at arm's length, even turn them upside down. That's because we can't read the damn things. Almost everybody's eyesight deteriorates in middle age. It's call presbyopia, or—in eye doctor slang—old eyes. A pair of reading glasses would take care of the problem, but aging boomers often resist. They think reading glasses make them look...well, old.

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But I'm sure the folks at the Royal never even thought of that.

Oh, we get plenty of outside assistance in the ongoing battle

against the inevitable. Legions of plastic surgeons are getting rich on us. Not to mention the purveyors of herbs and elixirs, balms and unguents "guaranteed" to take years off our withering mugs. The question is, how far will we go? The explorer, Ponce de Leon, nearly went mad, searching for the fabled fountain of youth. Oscar Wilde's *The Picture of Dorian Gray* is about a young man who virtually sold his soul to stay young.

How far would anybody go to look young forever today? Pretty far, if Hollywood is any indication. The latest Eternal Youth fad in tinseltown is quick, cheap and as near as your friendly neighbourhood private health clinic. Just walk in, plunk your \$99 US on the table and a friendly nurse will jab a needle in your forehead.

It's called the Botox treatment. The injection freezes the muscles of the upper face, eliminating crows feet and laugh lines. Frown lines? Don't worry about that. The Botox treatment freezes the muscles so completely it is literally impossible to frown.

There is some er, fine print you might want to check out before you offer up your forehead. Number one, the treatment's only temporary. You'll need a booster in anywhere from one to six months. Number two: you should know that Botox is acronymic medicalese for Botulism Toxin.

That's right. The stuff they will be pumping into your forehead is a kissing cousin to botulism, one of the most virulent poisons on the planet.

As a matter of fact, clients are warned to stay upright at all costs, for at least four hours after the treatment. If you lie down, see, the Botox could get into your bloodstream. Nobody's exactly sure what would happen after that, but it wouldn't be pretty.

I'd like to be able to tell you that the Botox treatment has been laughed out of town, but the fact is, business is booming. "Every actress over the age of 35 has had the (Botox) treatment," says one movie publicist.

It's sad, but it's human nature, I guess. The wisest thing I ever read on the subject of getting old came from the lips of Satchel Paige, the legendary (and ageless) pitcher for The Cleveland Indians. Someone asked Paige how old he was. Paige smiled and replied:

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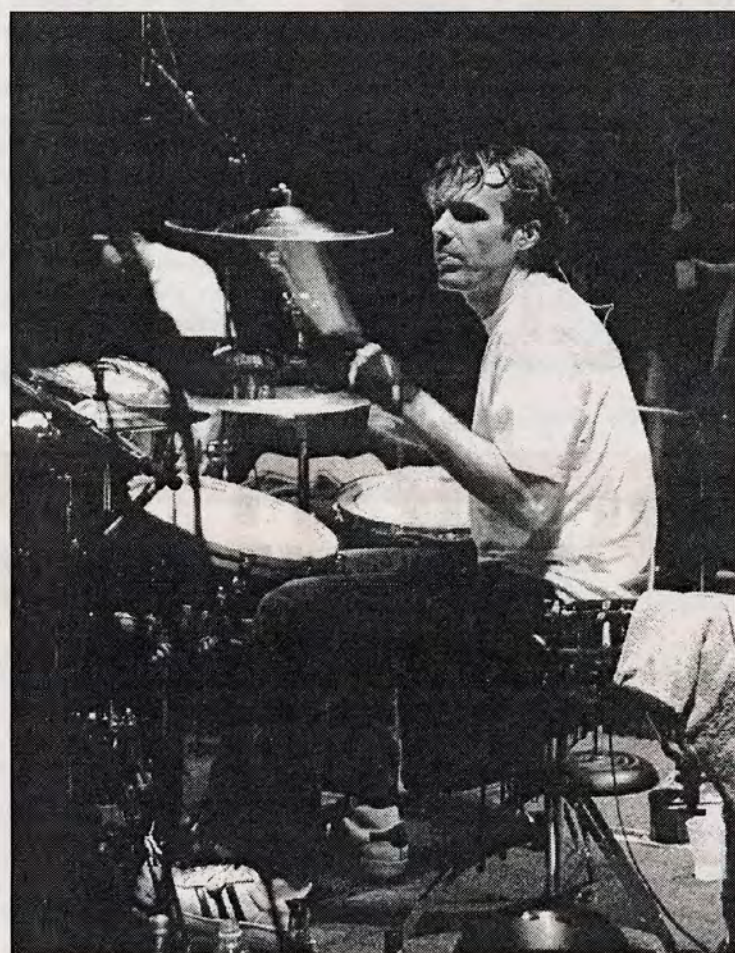
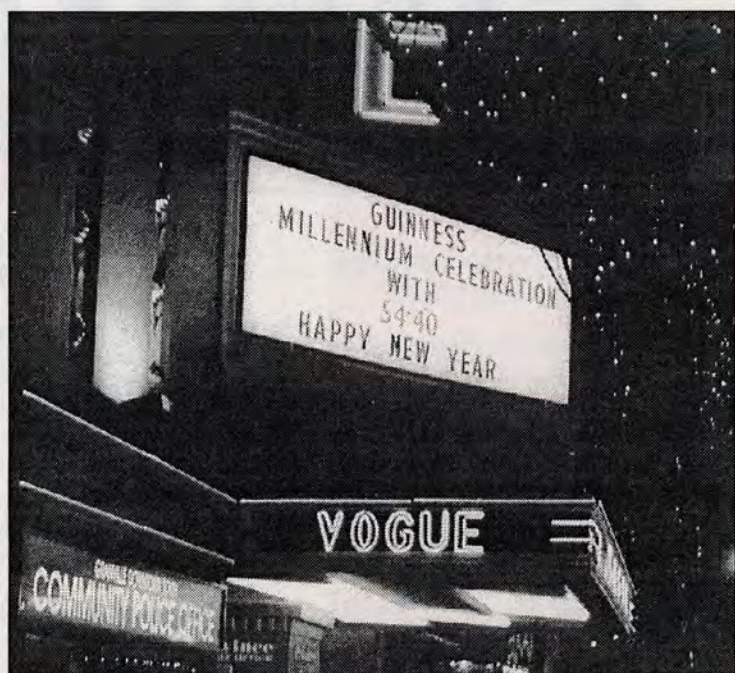
A monthly yoga newsletter—the *Salt Spring Yoga Newsletter*—has recently been created to cater to the many yoga practitioners on Salt Spring. The newsletter, which will be available for \$2 a copy (the first two are complimentary), will be distributed via the post, Island businesses, and will also be displayed at several locations throughout Ganges.

The newsletter's content focuses on "anything pertaining to yoga, meditation, and holistic health," said its creator, Paul Beckman, an Island yoga teacher. Beckman began the newsletter to establish "regularity and constancy with yoga and meditation [on Salt Spring]." There is no formal association of practitioners and teachers on the Island, so the newsletter is an attempt to form a network of communication and ideas.

The newsletter's philosophy focuses on purity of the mind and body, stating that "purification is noted in all spiritual cultures as a necessary step towards a necessary end."

Each issue will contain articles on fasting, pure diet and virtuous moral precepts, as well as interviews with Island yoga teachers, a schedule of events (a synopsis of what's happening on the Island in terms of Yoga and meditation), a directory of yoga instructors, and a description of one or more yoga poses. The section on poses will also describe which poses and breathing practices help heal or prevent specific diseases and ailments.

There will be a small section relating to relationships, marriage, and finding one's special soulmate. The section is for heterosexual seekers only and will cost \$3 for 10 words or less and \$2 for every additional 10 words.



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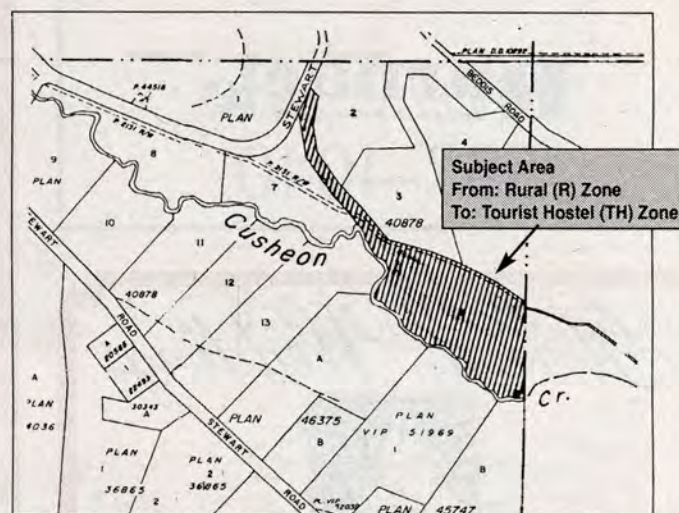
Notice is hereby given that the Salt Spring Island Local Trust Committee will hold a Public Hearing on proposed Salt Spring Island Zoning Bylaw No. 357, for the purposes of allowing the public to make representations to the Local Trust Committee respecting matters contained in the proposed Bylaw, at 7:30 pm. on **Wednesday, January 12, 2000, in the Hart Bradley Memorial Hall (Lions Club), 103 Bonnet Avenue, Salt Spring Island, B.C.** A Public Information Session will be held prior to the Public Hearing, beginning at 7:00 p.m.

At the Public Meeting, all persons who believe that their interest in property is affected by the proposed Bylaw will be afforded a reasonable opportunity to be heard, or to present written submissions respecting matters contained therein.

Proposed Bylaw No. 357, cited as "Zoning Bylaw, Salt Spring Island, 1985, Amendment No. 2, 1999".

In general terms, the purpose of the proposed Bylaw is to:

1. Change the zoning classification of Lot 6, Section 77, South Salt Spring Island, Cowichan District, Plan 40878, also known as **640 Cusheon Lake Road**, from Rural Zone (R) to Tourist Hostel Zone (TH), as shown on the following plan.
2. Place specific zoning conditions on the property to manage impacts on neighbouring properties.
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Enquiries concerning the proposed Bylaw may be directed to the Islands Trust, located at 1206 - 115 Fulford-Ganges Road, Salt Spring Island, BC, V8K 2T9. Copies of the proposed Bylaw, and any reports that may be considered by the Local Trust Committee in respect to the proposed Bylaw, are available for inspection at the above-noted address during the hours of 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday to Friday inclusive, commencing Tuesday, January 04, 2000, and continuing up to and including Wednesday, January 12, 2000. The proposed Bylaw may also be accessed via the internet at: <http://www.islandstrust.bc.ca>

For the convenience of the public only, and not to satisfy Section 892 (2)(e) of the Municipal Act, copies of the proposed Bylaw may be inspected at the Victoria Office of the Islands Trust, #200-1627 Fort Street, Victoria, BC, between the hours of 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday to Friday inclusive, commencing Tuesday, January 04, 2000, and continuing up to and including Wednesday, January 12, 2000.

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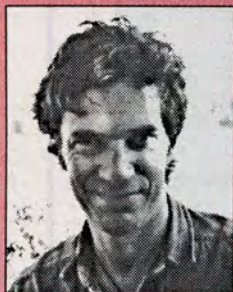
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JANUARY 11-JANUARY 23

Desert Island Choices

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



This week's castaway is author/historian, Chris Arnett. A fourth generation British Columbian, he grew up in West Vancouver before coming to Salt Spring twelve years ago, lured by the gulf islands' reputation as a conducive environment for farmers and artists. With his wife Barbara he now supports his family selling folk-art all over the world, some of it to customers he first met in Ganges Craft Market.

The Book: "Conversation in the Cathedral" by Mario Vargas-Llosa. It's a masterfully woven story with multiple plots set in Peru in the fifties. I've travelled a lot in Peru and have already read this book twice."

The Disc: "Significant Other" by Limp Biskit. This is a rhythmic, raucous, hard hip-hop band, one of the world's biggest alternative groups. My son introduced me to this disc which covers a lot of moods, and would make a great diversion on this lonely island."

Fellow castaway: "My beautiful wife, of course!"

TUESDAY JANUARY 11

- ★ **Storytime with Jean Voaden**
M H Memorial Library. 10-10:30am
- Michael McPherson Photography Exhibit.**
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- Soup's On**
Free soup and sandwich for anyone who needs it. All Saints'. 11:30-1pm
- Fly tying** Newman's Great Outdoors. 5-9pm
- The Battle of Ganges Harbour July 1, 1860: What Really Happened?**
SSI Hist. Soc. Discussion with Author, Chris Arnett. Central Hall. 2pm
- Genetically Engineered Foods & Bulk Water Exports**
Action meeting. GISS 7:30pm
- GICAC Meeting** Galiano Island. 6:30pm
- Beginners Rotary Quilting**
Orientation. A Class Act Fabric Studio. 7-9pm
- Flexible Strength** All Saints'. 9am
- Volleyball (co-ed)**
Fulford Elem. Gym. 7:30pm
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GISS Gym. 7:30pm
- Being John Malkovich** 6:45pm
- Love Stinks** 9pm

WEDNESDAY JANUARY 12

- ★ **Wednesday Night Live**
Open Stage. Moby's Pub. 9pm
- ★ **Heart Dance**
Meditative movement and chant. 380 Stark Road Studio. 7:15-9pm. 537-2598
- ★ **South End Centering Prayer**
St. Mary's Fulford. 11am
- ★ **SD#64 Meeting of School Trustees.**
Saturna Community Hall. 1pm
- ★ **Resolution Fair Clinic.**
Uptown Pharmasave. 6-8pm
- ★ **Ease into Fitness**
Mahon Hall. 9am
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All Saints'. 9-10am. 537-4448

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- ★ Health
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- ★ Cinema
- ★ Review in this issue

MONDAY JANUARY 17

- ★ **Fly tying**
Newman's Great Outdoors. 5-9pm
- Kabir Helminski Study Group**
Contempative Centre. 10am. Info: 537-1657
- ★ **Monday Midnight Café.** Acoustic Jam. Rose's Café. 7pm

TUESDAY JANUARY 18

- ★ **Storytime with Jean Voaden**
M H Memorial Library. 10-10:30am
- Soup's On**
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- Fly tying**
Newman's Great Outdoors. 5-9pm
- ★ **Osteoporosis Clinic.**
Downtown Pharmasave. 10am-5:30pm Info: 537-5534
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All Saints'. 9am
- Volleyball (co-ed)**
Fulford Elem. Gym. 7:30pm
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WEDNESDAY JANUARY 19

- ★ **Osteoporosis Clinic.**
Uptown Pharmasave. 10am-5:30pm. 538-0323
- ★ **South End Centering Prayer**
St. Mary's Fulford. 11am
- ★ **Ease into Fitness**
Mahon Hall. 9am
- ★ **Step into Shape**
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Sing Along Group
Seniors' Bldg. 2pm
Tango practice/lessons
104 Lang Rd. 7:30-9:30pm. 537-2707
Salty Wheels Square Dancing
Central Hall. 537-4855. 653-9346
Community Meditation
United Church. 11:15am-12:30pm
SSI Local Trust Committee
Lions Hall. 1pm
Texada Lands Town Hall Meeting
Fulford Hall. 7pm
Step into Shape
All Saints'. 9-10am. 537-4448

FRIDAY JANUARY 14

Open Stage
Every Friday. Rose's Cafe.
Fulford Harbour. 7pm
Ease into Fitness
Mahon Hall. 9am
Step into Shape
All Saints'. 9am
Rollerblading to Music
Fulford Hall. 7:30-10pm

SATURDAY JANUARY 15

Unveiling of Crosses
Fulford-Ganges Road.
Foot of Lee's Hill. 1pm
Texada Lands Street Party & Community Sustainability Rally
Musicians, dancers, speakers. Burgoyne Bay Road. Bottom of Lee's Hill. 2pm.
SS Hours Barter Network Potluck
Fulford Hall. 6pm. 538-0345
Step into Shape
All Saints'. 8:30am

SUNDAY JANUARY 16

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Fulford Inn. 4-7pm
Sunday Night Jazz
Moby's Pub. 7pm
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Salty Wheels Square Dancing
Central Hall. 537-4855. 653-9346
Men's Breakfast
Meal & discussion. 8-10am
Community Meditation
United Church. 11:15am-12:30pm
Wisdom Circle
Sharing & Listening: Ideas & Concerns.
United Church. 7:30-9:30pm
Alliance of SS Artists
Potluck & AGM. Lion's Club Hall.
5:30 & 7pm
Step into Shape
All Saints'. 9-10am. 537-4448

FRIDAY JANUARY 21

Open Stage
Every Friday. Rose's Cafe.
Fulford Harbour. 7pm
Ease into Fitness
Mahon Hall. 9am
Step into Shape
Rollerblading to Music
Fulford Hall. 7:30-10pm

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SUNDAY JANUARY 23

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A Class Act Studio. 10am-4pm. 537-8985
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Fulford Inn. 4-7pm.
Sunday Night Jazz
Moby's Pub. 7pm



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Let's eat ...

with Linda Koroscil

My Uncle Oscar is turning 96 this spring. He said in his Christmas card, "Well, I'm 95 and not a bone in my body aches. I feel like I'm 75. Oh what the heck, make it 65!" He just received a Lifetime Achievement Award from the Port Alberni Legion for keeping their books in order. He stands straight and tall and still drives his car around town but has changed his mind about hitting the freeway to Salt Spring—that is, unless he can find an able bodied widow. He attributes his health to beer and cabbage, one of each a day. And a wicked sense of humour.

He and my Dad were completely different. My Dad was a socialist, Uncle Oscar very right wing. My Dad had great compassion. In his later years, he couldn't bring himself to butcher his steer; he had to call Teddy Akerman. He said when that steer looked at him with those soft brown eyes that was it! How could he end its life after all that care and feeding and scratches behind the ears. It was my Mother who cut the lambs' tails off and castrated the steers, not my Dad. But he really wasn't very good at looking after us if we were sick.

Uncle Oscar, on the other hand, was a nurse during the war, but didn't like farming or animals.

In 1985, my Dad and I went to Switzerland to his hometown, Altdorf. He wanted me to see where he grew up, and to meet the relatives. What a breathtakingly beautiful country it was. My family there owns a conditieri, or pastry shop and restaurant, and Uncle Oscar joined us for a week. We all ate schnitzel and Florentines, and we drank Kirsch.

One dinner was quite memorable for me. It was just the three of us that night. Everything was going nicely, tasty food, pleasant conversation, until Uncle Oscar said something about the political situation in Switzerland. I think it was something to do with the last canton giving women the vote—my Dad was always a great defender of women's rights. Well, I thought to myself, here we go! Things were heating up, voices got louder, my Dad jumped to his feet, he shook his fist at Uncle Oscar and called him an ignorant idiot. My uncle shouted something back, my Dad stormed out the back door, and he marched out the front door. And there I was, sitting all alone with my plate of bratwurst and rosti. The next morning at breakfast not a word was spoken. By lunchtime both men had warmed from frigid to tepid, and by dinner everything was as it should be—clinking wine

glasses and bestowing the virtues of the Swiss culture.

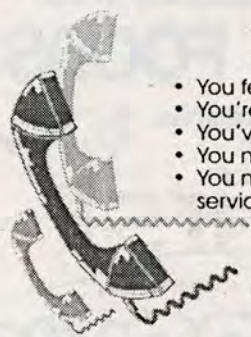
The scary thing is, I've been accused of having that hot-blooded European temperament. Of course, I don't believe a word of it...and neither did my Dad, or my dear old Uncle Oscar!

Apricot Ginger Florentines

When I left Switzerland, my cousin Heidi armed me with a package of her Florentines. They were so good I couldn't get enough of them.

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1/2 C. finely chopped dried apricots
1/4 C. finely chopped glace ginger
1 C. brown sugar
1/4 C. white sugar
1/4 C. flour
150 g. dark chocolate, melted

Melt butter, stir in all ingredients except chocolate. Drop rounded teaspoonfuls about 10 cm. apart on cookie sheet lined with parchment paper. Bake at 350° for 8 minutes until lightly browned. Stand about 2 minutes, remove and place each cookie over rolling pin to curve. Drizzle chocolate over. Cool.



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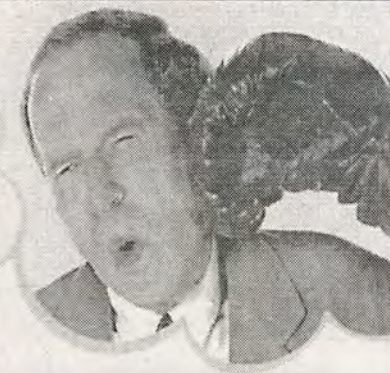
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Part 2: Plants of the south come north



Life in the garden ...

with Joe Clemente

Since only some of you may know that Ganges' all time low is 5°F, which happened many moons ago, it doesn't mean that it can't happen again. I guess that's why those southern swamp cypress or those southeastern oaks don't mind our climate. So even though regions like Tallahassee, Florida have recorded a bone chilling -2°F, on an overall average these areas receive much warmer daytime winter temperatures. But when these occasional deep freezes do occur, considerable damage is done to citrus groves and other plant material.

Plants such as *Yucca recurvifolia*, a southeastern native, is a very common plant on our island. A very nice specimen can be seen in front of the Wildlife Store in Ganges, and another large one in a front garden on Rainbow Road. Some of these local plants are decades old.

Catalpa binonioides and *C. speciosa* are other common large-leaved trees native to areas of Georgia, Florida and Mississippi, which were hardy enough to naturalize farther north. There are some very impressive old specimens on our southwest coast.

Can't forget those native southeastern palms: *Sabal minor* and Needle Palm. These species are native to the deep south, and can be found growing wild in such states as Alabama, Georgia, Mississippi and a few other places below 35° latitude. Any cold we can dish out, they can endure. These species are growing at a couple locations on Salt Spring and other coastal areas. Also *Sabal palmetto*, the dominant state fan palm of Florida, grows as far north as Virginia Beach on the east coast, and on Salt Spring without winter protection.

A couple of species of *Clethra*, or Summer Sweet native to these southern regions can also be found in local gardens. *Clethra* produces nice fragrant flowers, and is more of a shrub. Any gardener growing this plant is probably unaware of its native range.

Since most areas of our Island are rated as zone 8b, very few zone 9 growing areas in our best micro-climates do exist, just as there are very few areas of zone 9 growing regions along the extreme shoreline areas of the Gulf Coast of the U.S.A. None of these regions are ever completely frost free. The new U.S.D.A. official hardiness zone map shows this quite clearly.

What is even more interesting is

that there is an area in the Pacific Northwest that can grow far more species of plants than gardeners in extreme northern Florida. Some may find this one hard to believe, but Brookings Harbour, a small town in the extreme southwest corner of Oregon, has pretty much a frost free growing climate at 42° latitude: this is a true zone 9. Known as the "Banana Belt," this area grows tender plants, such as decades old Date Palms, citrus, Acacia, Agave, Tibouchina, and Bird of Paradise, all outdoors unprotected. This is just to name a few species that can be found in this amazing climate. Oh, I forgot to mention that Brookings' all time recorded low temperature is a balmy 18°F.

Areas that lie in the Pacific Northwest growing region such as ourselves may not have the highest winter heat accumulation, if any, but trying any plant native to areas of the south is worth a try. I'm sure some gardener way down south is wondering if our native Dogwood would grow in Mississippi, the Magnolia State! What do you think? I think so; I also presume that somewhere in the deep south, at latitudes below 35°, our native Arbutus tree is gracing some gardener's front yard. I guess it's no different than a southern Magnolia in our Island gardens.

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Boil broccoli until crisp. Meanwhile, mix eggs, cheeses, onion, Worcestershire sauce, salt and pepper. Arrange broccoli in a casserole dish. Spoon cheese mixture on top. Stir bread crumbs and melted butter over cheese mixture. Bake uncovered at 350°F for 15 - 20 minutes. Serves 4 - 6.

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Still fighting after 60 years

Maggie Schubart speaks out on activism

by Anastacia Wilde

Looking back on six decades of political activism, 83-year old Maggie Schubart is modest and tenaciously firm in her beliefs.

"If you're living your principles, that's the most powerful influence. You can pass laws till you're blue in the face. The way to make things better is to show people the value and pleasure of simple living and loving relationships."

The elderly trooper was among the first to turn out—came and all—for the protest held last week at Burgoyne Bay Road urging Texada Land developers to halt clear-cut logging on Mount Tuam.

"The trees are so small, they must be making pulp," the activist laments. "We shouldn't

be making paper out of trees when we could be growing hemp or zucchini to serve the same purpose."

A great admirer of Mahatma Gandhi, Maggie believes civil disobedience can be an effective tool for raising consciousness. "Extremist actions help people see the reasonableness of the middle position.

Becoming conscious of something very opposite allows people to see a position in between two polarities and move to a more central place."

Born in 1916, Maggie grew up in Rochester, New York. Out of college in the 1930's, the Great Depression made employment scarce until World War II came along and changed things. Maggie landed jobs at CBS and the New York Philharmonics as a music writer in the publicity department.

"There are still people who think that war is a way to counter-act economic down-turns. But you are just exacerbating impoverishment by wasting money and materials."

Four of Maggie's five sons were conscientious objectors during the Vietnam war and that's partly why she and her late husband, Hank, moved to Salt Spring in 1968. "We wanted our kids to be able to make their own decision. If you were in the U.S. at that time, it was a duty hanging over you, not a free choice."

"I think of Salt Spring as an unintentional, intention-

al community," Maggie muses. "People are here on Salt Spring because they want to be here. It is a deliberate act of conscience."

From the moment the ex-American set foot on Canadian turf, the dust of civic activism was flying. A myriad of organizations have seen Maggie's energy including the Salt Spring Potter's Guild, the Community Arts Council and Canada's national group, The Voice of Women.

In the late 1960s, the threat of nuclear winter was so pronounced that Maggie abandoned her art to devote herself full-time to promoting world peace, nuclear

disarmament and women's equality. "I gave up my pottery studio for the disarmament movement because I didn't have time for both."

By the mid-1970s, a democratic vote revealed that 88 per cent of local residents wanted to make the Island an official nuclear-free zone. An exhilarated Maggie promptly sent telegrams to the heads of states in various countries proclaiming Salt Spring's position on disarmament.

Currently at work with an ad-hoc group, Maggie educates the general public about controversial issues like Canada's Multilateral Agreement Investment (MAI), the World Trade Organization (WTO), and American missile-testing in Nanose Bay. She suggests we cancel the lease on underwater warhead games and take another approach to the Georgia Strait.

"The sea bed is cluttered with old batteries and missile paraphernalia. We could pull some of it up and have a public sculpture event," she says with a smile.

When asked about the differences in political activism from decades ago compared to now, Maggie points to the Internet. "We weren't aware of that kind of solidarity in my day. The potential for communication is exponential."

With 60 years of peace and justice work tucked under her belt, does the upbeat activist see the fruits of her

"If you are sure about your principles, you should be public about them."



Anastacia Wilde photo

"There's more than one answer to every question."—Maggie Schubart

labor? Maggie's ears perk and she yanks Salt Spring Women Opposed To Violence (SWOVA) out of her diplomatic hat. "Because of SWOVA, local young people are producing a book on techniques for countering violence and teaching workshops to provincial trustees. The fact that kids are educating our trustees shows that we are making some kind of progress."

At once respectful and outspoken, Maggie says fear makes people withdraw inside of themselves when it should be the time to be forthright. "If you are sure about your principles, you should be public about them."

Maggie's current project is a video festival called Our Island, Our World, a celebration planned for the last weekend in January. The Voice Of Women will kick off the festivities Friday night with an Afghani Feast. Proceeds are earmarked for Afghanistan youth that have been wounded by land mines.

From a woman whose life work has spanned six decades including the Great Depression, World War II, the Civil Rights Movement, the McCarthy Era, the Vietnam War, the Women's Liberation Movement and the turn of the century come these simple words: "There's more than one answer to every question. Don't be too serious. Take a loving and relaxed attitude toward life and each other. Things will work out much easier."



Film festival celebrates community

A free film and video festival, *Our Island, Our World, Celebration of Community*, will be held at Gulf Islands Secondary School (GISS) from Friday, January 28 until Sunday, January 30. More than twenty-five films will be screened.

An added important feature will be the involvement of local volunteer organizations. Forty-plus groups will be making presentations concerning their activities. Child care is planned. The cafeteria will be open both days. There will be entertainment by local musicians and a drop-in room where attendees can discuss the films and volunteer presentations over a cup of coffee.

The festival kicks off Friday night with an Afghani vegetarian feast organized by the Salt Spring Voice of Women and students in the GISS Cafeteria Programme. Money raised will help those in Afghanistan striving to provide education for young women. The feature film of the evening will be *Jane Goodall, Reason for Hope*.

"The idea is to celebrate community in film, conversation, music and food," said Jane Squier, Chair of the Celebration Committee. "Many of them have won awards in prestigious competitions."

Issues such as peace, lifestyle, the environment, globalization,

and justice are addressed in the films, which are from Asia, Latin America, Africa, Europe and North America, including several from Canada's National Film Board.

Other activities include live theatre, choir and band performances, health presentations and information displays.

Except for Friday night's benefit dinner, the entire festival is free. Donations, however, will be appreciated since there are expenses to be met.

The festival is sponsored by the Salt Spring Celebration Coalition, Ten Days for Global Justice, and the Courtenay World Community Development Education Society.

The story of Tigger

by Nicola Wheston
as told to Elizabeth Courtney

I want to tell a story about a very special kind of cat. Tigger is a far more evolved cat than my lot or, probably, your scallywags. He belongs to Greenwoods, where David and I have been visiting Roy Borrowman, David's father.

I have met this cat often and have had all kinds of brief conversations with him. He is a tortoiseshell tabby, short-haired, very long-legged and has very defined markings: a good sized cat, sleek and slim.

What is remarkable about him is his vocation. As well as his regular visitors he is a nurse cat to anybody who is sick or might be dying. At night he makes the rounds and selects someone who might especially need him. He keeps that person company, purring and nuzzling a hand or arm so his charge can feel his comfort and warmth. Sometimes he will spend hours with just one person, sticking close until they die—as if he is helping them on their way. I swear he knows more about that than I do.



Tigger visits and cheers one of his regulars, Mary Bastow.

Now I've really got to know him first hand. We went every evening to visit Roy late at night and sit with him to make sure he sleeps soundly and hold his hand when he was distressed. Roy was on Tigger's list of patients. Tigger would come strolling in, jump on the bed, purr very quietly and nuzzle Roy. After his stroke, I saw Roy make one of his first conscious moves with Tigger. Tigger was nuzzling Roy's inert hand with his head and Roy's fingers moved to tickle Tigger long before there were any other real signs of conscious

coordination.

One night David and I took Tigger some cat nip and, much to the entertainment of the nurses and staff, he became delightfully playful, wild and stoned on it.

When he is not on duty nursing, Tigger's home, Greenwoods, becomes a cat's paradise with long passages to run up and down. Tigger hides around corners ambushing people, riding around on the walkers and wheel chairs, the laundry and supply carts. He is a great entertainer for the old folk

and he has his own food dishes in quite a few of the rooms. He even sits in the receptionist's chair when it is empty as if it really is him who runs the place. But he never misses the moments when a resident is in particular need of his care and company. It seems to me that this cat has forgotten nothing of his ancient ancestors' role as comforter and guide to the underworld.

Roy Borrowman died peacefully on December 21, shortly after his transfer to Lady Minto.

Assessing the risk of osteoporosis: clinics this month

As our general population ages, osteoporosis is of increasing concern. One in six women over the age of fifty suffers a broken hip in her lifetime, and 17 to 25 per cent of those women will die within one year from complications arising from the fracture. Men over 50 are affected half as often as women. The good news is that bone loss is preventable.

On Tuesday, January 18 and Wednesday, January 19, both Island Pharmasaves are sponsoring Osteoporosis Awareness Clinics that emphasize the importance of prevention. As a feature of the clinics, BMD Osteoporosis Outreach Services Inc. will provide heel ultrasound testing and Pharmasave will provide private one-on-one pharmacist consultations.

"If people discover that they are in a moderate or high risk category for fracture, they may be

see Osteoporosis p18

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Dorothy Sloan: "I never worked!"



Seniors Scene ...

with Alan Fairlie

If one were casting a Christmas play you could find no one better than Dorothy Sloan to play the part of Mrs. Santa Claus. This sprightly, smiling 80-1/2 year old could be everyone's idea of a favourite grandmother.

"I never worked," says Dorothy, belying the fact that she spent the time bringing up six children—and now seven grandchildren! She did spend some time at Lady Minto Hospital—as a dishwasher... after all, somebody's got to do it.

Dorothy was born in Victoria's Jubilee Hospital on June 25, 1919. Her father was a cook in restaurants and lumber camps and her mother

was from Ockelbo, a small town in Sweden, doing the same type of work. At the age of seven, Dorothy moved with her family to Vancouver where her parents had three more children—two boys and a girl. One brother, James Stanley Tute, was lost in the explosion of St. Helen's in 1980. His body was never found.

Dorothy's grandfather became a Right Reverend in the Anglican Church, while her father was born in Nottingham, England. No, he didn't know the Sheriff, but he played in Sherwood Forest!

Dorothy completed her education in Vancouver by taking Home Economics at John Oliver High School. She met and married Elmer

Sloan—a lather in the building trades—in 1940. Elmer joined the R.C.A.S.C. in 1942 and spent some time unloading war brides (1945-46). Dorothy and Elmer had six children: Wendy (1945), Gary (1946), Randy (1951), Beth (1953), Roger (1962, now an army teacher in Toronto), and Patrick (1964). The family moved to Salt Spring in 1972. The population was 3,000.

Over the intervening years, Dorothy has continued her programme of not working. A typical week's lineup is as follows:

Monday: Meals on Wheels, darts at Legion.

Tuesday: Bowling (in the pool)
Wednesday: Gardening (weather permitting) or Meals on Wheels
Thursday: Volunteer, Thrifty's SENDIAL food programme for seniors

Friday: Mah Jongg, drives to Surrey to see friends, etc.

Saturday: Day off (walk around town)

Sunday: Bingo at Crofton
Following a recent light heart attack Dorothy says, "It's telling the body to slow down! Do it in spirit instead!"

Adding it all up, Dorothy has been pretty busy with six kids, seven grandchildren, and three great grandchildren!

Mount Maxwell *cont'd. from p8*

been donated or pledged towards the fundraising effort to buy back land from Texada.

Alison Spriggs of the Land Conservancy of B.C. urged community members to petition regional representatives and write letters to the Times Colonist to push for a \$10 parkland levy. She said a levy of only \$6 would limit the fund to acquire parkland.

Dunster reported that Texada had provided timber values and land appraisals to the CRD last Tuesday for land the region may be looking to purchase from Texada.

"An area in the Southwest and at Ford Lake have been identified as potential park land acquisitions. A walkabout is scheduled to take place soon." In addition, he said that the company is trying to negotiate with Parks Canada and the Province regarding a potential outright exchange of land for the right to export timber.

He also announced that Texada has given a \$5,625 grant to the B.C. Conservation

Foundation to hire independent ecologists to verify conservation data provided on the delicate ecology of the Burgoyne Bay.

Michael Rosen, Texada's land planning consultant told the Town Hall, "I understand that some of the things the new owners are doing are not making the community happy. But at least these owners present an opportunity for you to realize some of the goals you've been working on, for instance, CRD and PARCs. I would ask you as a community to seriously reflect on what you want from the Texada Land Corporation."

Upcoming community events related to Texada

January 13, Town Hall meeting, Fulford Hall.

January 15, 2pm Rally, Burgoyne Bay Road.

January 22 and 23, Action skills sharing weekend.

February 3, Town Hall meeting, Fulford Hall.

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Osteoporosis *cont'd. from p17*

able to take preventative action," said Outreach programme coordinator, Phyllis Edwards.

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"Ultrasound densitometry uses high frequency sound waves to

assess bone quality—perhaps best described as the microscopic makeup and elasticity of the bone," said Edwards. "DEXA gives us about an 80 per cent picture of the condition of the bones. People with a low Achilles score and a low DEXA score appear to be most at risk."

A low heel ultrasound score provides information about the risk of bone fracture in the same way as a cholesterol test indicates risk of a heart attack—it cannot predict a bone fracture, but it means that the risk of having a fracture is higher than that for normal bones. This test provides an excellent starting point to get an idea of one's bone health.

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Ladysmith nips Scorpions

Learning to play through adversity is an essential element in the maturation process of a team and the Gulf Island Scorpion Senior boys basketball team became students of the phenomenon this past weekend. Fortunately, it would seem they are quick studies.

When Scorpions' linchpin Brian Crowe turned an ankle in their initial game of the Barsby tournament the rest of the team were forced to, as they say, "step it up."

Thursday's opponents Dover Bay were first-hand witnesses to the Scorpions' resilience, falling by ten points to the determined Gulf Island squad.

A convincing win over Chemainus by over 20 points followed on Friday, qualifying the Scorpions for Saturday's semi-final.

Woodlands represented the obstacle to a spot in the tournament final, but not an insurmountable, nor is it happened a particularly challenging one.

The Scorpions made short work of them by double figures on their way to a showdown with the province's #2

ranked double A team Ladysmith.

Earlier in the season the senior boys nearly upset their powerful rivals, losing by a mere four points. But, need anyone be reminded, that was a team with Brian Crowe in the line-up.

"Alex (Lemay) and Rhys (Beasley) stepped up their games against Ladysmith," co-coach Myles Wilson said afterward. "The whole team played well, especially Mike Chen. Ladysmith couldn't stop him."

Guard Jesse McEachern was named to the tournament's first all-star team, and Chris Langdon, always a force for GISS was "his usual self," Wilson understated, "he played well."

Though Ladysmith captured the final by 14 points, the Scorpions acquitted themselves well and learned an invaluable lesson along the way.

"They now know they can play without him," Wilson pointed out. "We were the only team they didn't blow out of the water. Without Brian that's pretty good."

Spirit of Salt Spring Inspires Tsunami



Courtside ...

with Alan Webb

Sandy Harkema has cherished memories of playing basketball as a child.

"I have wonderful memories of being coached and nurtured by a man long gone (Alan Marsh) but still much loved and remembered. He encouraged us to do our best, play fair, and be a team, and for all these things I will always be grateful. We learned the skills necessary to play a pretty awesome game of

basketball ... and (for) life. Those of us that still live on Salt Spring will always be a team even if we don't play basketball anymore."

It is this spirit which inspires the Salt Spring Middle School Tsunami basketball league which begins January 13, at 7:00 p.m. in the SIMS gym.

Co-ed teams of Grade 6 and 7 students will compete against each other, six teams making up the Grade 6 loop and the same number in the Grade 7 league. The teams will be chosen with

an eye to parity, and all students are encouraged to play.

The Grade 8 male and female teams will travel off-Island to play other schools.

The Grade 6 league will play every Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. and Thursday at 7:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m., the Grade 7s go Tuesday nights at 7:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m., and Wednesday night at 8:00 p.m. All games at the SIMS gym.

The Grade 8 girls host Mount Prevost Tuesday, January 11 at 3:00 p.m., and the boys get underway at home against Chemainus, 3:00 p.m. January 19.

For more information call Sandy Harkema at 537-2414.

Sports Pool...with Terry Stringer

Includes games of Friday, January 7, 2000

DAGWOOD'S POOL Next meeting: Feb. 2nd, 7 p.m. sharp at DAGWOOD'S.

GOLF COURSE POOL Next meeting: Fri., Feb. 4th, 5 p.m. sharp.

	Total Points	This Week
1 St. Louis	354	14
2 Vancouver... ..	335	19
3 Edmonton... ..	334	20
4 Ottawa.....	331	15
5 Philadelphia.....	315	23
6 Montreal.....	313	18
7 Phoenix.....	309	15
8 Dallas.....	308	16
9 Atlanta.....	306	23

	Total Points	This Week
10 Buffalo.....	292	18
11 Toronto.....	285	13
12 Boston.....	283	14
13 San Jose.....	283	10
14 Anaheim.....	277	25
15 Pittsburgh.....	277	13
16 Islanders.....	277	11
17 Washington....	275	18

	Total Points	This Week
1 Edmonton.....	348	16
2 Ane-jo.....	338	22
3 Ice Dogs.....	315	27
4 Greenwoods..	312	20
5 Toronto.....	309	27
6 Marx Bro #1..	308	27
7 Bandido.....	306	20
8 Rangers.....	304	16

	Total Points	This Week
9 Buffalo.....	302	29
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DATE: Thursday,
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TIME: 1:00 p.m.

PLACE: Hart Bradley
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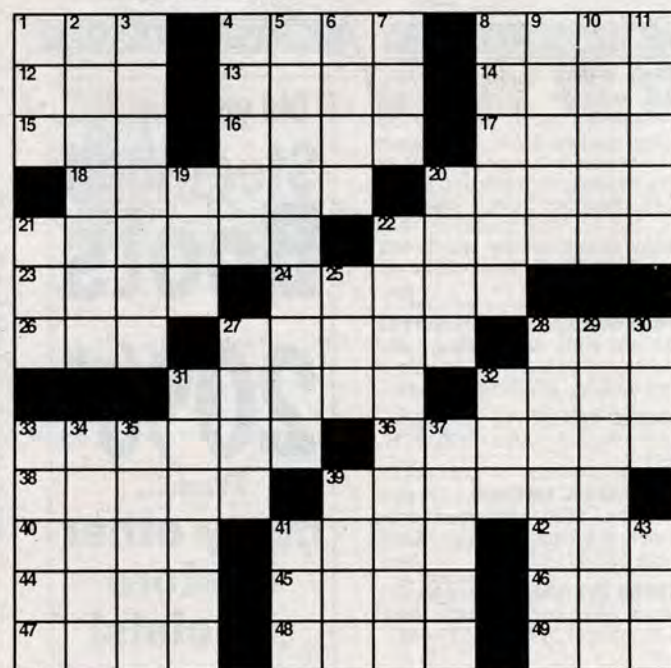
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For the week,
by Michael O'Connor
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Tip of the Week: Numerologists recognize that the turning dial marks the beginning of a new 'growth year'. A growth year is based on nine-year cycles. Some numerologists argue that the growth year only begins on a person's birthday. Other groups yet assert that we must add one year to the total to obtain the true number due to the first year from 0 to 1 which, they claim, goes otherwise ignored. You be the judge based on your own experiences. To determine your growth year number, add the year in question to the day and month of your own birth. For example: December 3rd = 1+2 (month) +3+2+0+0+0=8. If the total equals a compound number, i.e. a birth date of August 26th = 8+2+6+2+0+0=18, which when reduced = 1+8=9, the growth year = 9. A 1 year is a year about new beginnings and 'seeding' for the new cycle. 2 is about balance, harmony and negotiation. 3 is about risk taking and expansion. 4 is about stability in action and sometimes signals change and uprooting. 5 is about variety and experimentation. 6 is about relationships of all kinds deepening and/or ending. 7 is about initiations and moving beyond fears. 8 is about abundance and strength or lack thereof depending upon the quality of participation up to this point. 9 is about completion, integration, elimination and preparation for a new cycle.

Aries (Mar 21 - Apr 20) The Sun now completes its journey through Capricorn's month. The first waxing moon of the millennium born of the same sign will connect with Capricorn's ruler, Saturn, early this week. Can you feel the pressure mounting? It is telling you to really get down to business. Neptune's close alignment with the Moon's south node in Aquarius is reminding you to work out friendship patterns that prevent your growth.

Taurus (Apr 21 - May 20) Are you destined to become known and remembered for fame or infamy? You do have a say in the answer. The quest for more personal power has regained your full attention. Are there certain things you need to say to certain people to reclaim energy that is tangled? You feel a growing urge to commit to resolution. It is time to take yourself more seriously so that others will to. Be as diplomatic as possible without compromising your creative passion.

Gemini (May 21 - Jun 20) Einstein once said, "If I could see far enough I would see the back of my head". Of course twin mirrors proportionally spaced facing one another enables us to see the same thing. Friends can also help us to see what defies objective sight. An oracle is metaphorically like two mirrors, only it uses a complex symbolic and systematic model to see many subtleties and blind spots. Associate pleasure with discovering ways to see what is hidden from habitual perception.

Cancer (Jun 21 - Jul 21) The results of your efforts over the past few years are really showing their yield. Now you must decide if you want more of the same or if you are ready for something completely new. Probably something of a sorting-out process is the answer. To facilitate the prioritization process, differentiate between what is urgent and important with what is important though not urgent. Consider that the latter category is really what you are after.

Leo (Jul 22 - Aug 21) Bringing more order and structure to your daily routine is a central focus now. Of course, your daily routine may be changing and you may be designing a whole new lifestyle. If you are in a committed relationship, be sure to share your aspirations. Be as clear and empathetic as you can. If your partner does not share your enthusiasm, plan to negotiate. If empa-

thy is not given back to you in equal measure, the relationship stands to become a central feature of the change.

Virgo (Aug 22 - Sep 21) Some say that life is just a meaningless series of tests because it provides no maps or directions. Whoever thinks this has simply failed the first test which is to realize that there are maps of many kinds, even maps that measure one's own soul. Deciding which ones to use and when requires discernment. We are not all meant to follow the same destination. Inner peace is the reward of choosing wisely. Beyond outer signposts, learn to feel the inner directions and to recognize their outer reflections.

Libra (Sep 22 - Oct 21) The millennium bell has sounded the command for you to fortify the footings that uphold your emotional strength. This process will steadily deepen. It is very much an issue of attitude. Gratitude bundled up in determination and fastened with faith is the perennial formula. Intend to release illusions you hold about existing relationships and creative expressions. A sober evaluation of fears that limit your growth, balanced by an acceptance of your limitations may be in order.

Scorpio (Oct 22 - Nov 20) Scorpio is known to have strong tendencies to have skepticism of things that do not stand to reason. Scorpio is best symbolized by the Apostle Thomas. Truth, for you, must stand up to close scrutiny. Of course, there is no golden mean standard about what constitutes reason. The paradoxes of natures scoff at mere mortal analysis. Honor the differences between your perceptions of reason and those of others. Celebrate the creative grandeur and genius of diversity in harmony.

Sagittarius (Nov 21 - Dec 20) A reevaluation about the quality of your style in regard to health finds you exploring new creative possibilities. If you do not already, join a class or do a home exercise period. Even regular walks do wonders. And what of your diet? Are you certain that the food you eat likes you as much as you like it? Freedom within the body is a blissful state. Reverence towards the body combined with due humility and discipline to perpetuate vitality is at the core of most great religions.

Capricorn (Dec 21 - Jan 19) The new moon seed planted in your sign will bear its fruit this week. Inspirations to refine your whole approach are a part of the harvest. It is time to reconsider just how much really do count. You have more creative gifts that you can develop and share than you know. An experimental and scientific approach will enable experience to silence speculation. It is time to get your hands dirty again. Target your destination, enjoy the journey.

Aquarius (Jan 20 - Feb 19) This is a time of doing for you; a time to undo the knots as well as the bows. Inherited gifts lodged deeply in the roots of your ancestry are coming forth as flowers of confidence. There are so many blessings that you feel virtually overwhelmed; yet you know where to direct their pollen. The stage is set and you are already standing upon it. Kneel in gratitude then take a bow for your efforts. Commit to undoing lingering knots.

Pisces (Feb 20 - Mar 20) A cycle of building powerful new associations and friendships, started over a year ago, continues with renewed force now. It is time to sharpen your focus upon educational pursuits once again. Your dreams are quite practical at this time and you are eager to make them your reality. Allow yourself to focus on several objectives, but not so many as to become scattered. Live for your dreams as opposed to living in them.



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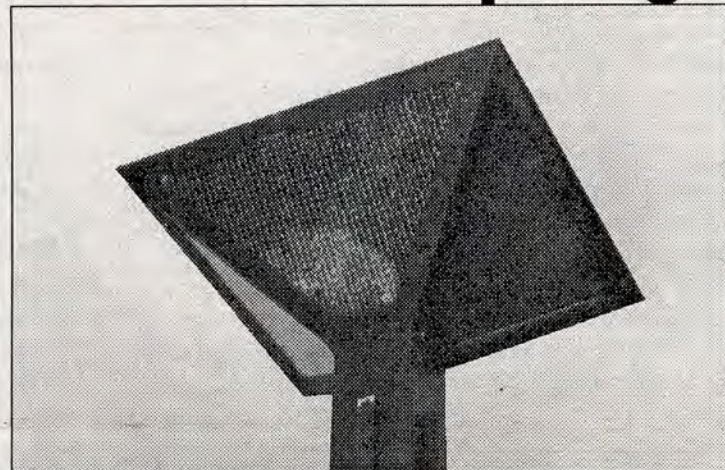
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Sammy: One man's best friend returns the favour

by Gloria O'Hara

This is a feel good story for a world that needs affirmation that there truly are magical happy endings.

Being a caregiver in someone's home is a deeply personal experience. The terrain is vast and each day can bring abrupt changes with many crossroads. The journey encompasses a myriad of tasks from house management to intensive palliative care. Always, the priority is the physical and emotional needs of the person one is caring for and that is very tiring and stressful. However, the rewards are boundless and this little story is just part of the gifts we receive.

Pets are part of the home and can often be an integral part of the daily life of the caregiver. John died two weeks ago. He was a kind, elderly gentleman and Samantha was his best buddy. She is a little dog with a great big heart that always has room for everyone. She has the body of a corgi, the colouring of a border collie and a tail that never stops wagging. She certainly is not a highbrow purebred, but she is definitely a "chevy" dog. She is happy with the world and accepted all of John's caregivers with equal enthusiasm—as if they were all her owners. Her two favourite places were under the dinner table (her figure showed it) and by John's bedside.

Sammy was about the most important thing in John's world in the later weeks of his life. He would call out for Sammy and we would make sure she was nearby. When he went to his bed where he stayed till his death, his concern was always where she was and what she was doing. The night he died, we told him not to worry, all was looked after, including Sammy.

Our job did not end with his death. We were now focused on finding Sammy a home, a special place, somewhere with which John would have been happy.

After much calling and browbeating friends and neighbours, we placed an ad in the local papers. At the same time, Terry Simard just happened to be looking for an "Official Visiting Dog" for the ECU ward at Lady Minto Hospital. After calling the number listed in the ad and getting no answer, she decided not to follow up any further. A 12-year-old just seemed too old. The next day, Terry was on the EDU ward discussing the ad with someone. Well, her conversation was overheard by one of John's previous caregivers who just happened to be right there visiting a patient. Serendipity? Coincidence? Hmmm. Well, it did not take too long for her to convince Terry that Sammy would be ideal and that very night she took Sammy over to visit her. As soon as she trotted in, tail wagging, full of confidence, Terry knew she had found the perfect dog.

Sammy was to make her debut on a very important day. Terry wondered how this was going to go over. After all, the Christmas party is the biggest event of the year—patients, relatives, guests, entertainment...oh well, full steam ahead.

First Sammy got all spruced up (thanks to Bow Wow), then off she went to the party. Now, if we had known what was transpiring, we could have soothed any misgivings Terry may have been having. With Sammy's background she was made for this event. As a matter of fact, she would just be hitting her stride! This party was a doggy nirvana. Imagine—lots of activity and handouts under the



An attentive Sammy visits one of her friends, Ted Aves, at Lady Minto Hospital.

table, goodies and people and crumbs and pats and oohs and aaahs, wheelchairs and the mutual bonding with all those people who were so much like John. It could not have been more perfect. And she was a roaring success!

Within 48 hours, Sammy has become a celebrity. Staff are vying to take her home, patients love her, everyone knows her. She has the run of the ECU ward and is the happiest, luckiest dog and she deserves it all.

So, now Sammy has a really important job to do. She can take all the caring and love that John gave her and pass it along to so many others until that day comes when she will get to join him again.

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