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Betty Gatt (left) and Nellie Ailman-Schwagly toast each other at the Lions annual seniors Christmas party Sunday, December 3 at Meadon Hall. Betty is past president of the Legion Branch 92 and Nellie has been a Lions member since the Island chapter was established and, before that, in Victoria.

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December 12-24
Desert Island Choices
 Reading, music and a visitor—what would you pick if you were stranded on a desert island?



This week's marooned Islander is **Barrington Perry**. Barrington was born in British Guiana and moved to New York in his teens. From there he traveled for some years with various musical groups and finally settled in Chicago. He and his wife moved up to Calgary in 1982, and eight years ago came to Salt Spring. He has been playing the piano around the Island ever since.

Barrington plays a gentle sort of jazz, show tunes, and the old songs customers request. He's often surprised by someone requesting a song popular years before they were born; it usually turns out to have been a favourite of a parent or grandparent, and he enjoys hearing the stories that prompt the requests.

The Book: Right now I'm reading pianist Michael Feinstein's *Nice Work If You Can Get It*, a chronicle of Feinstein's long association with the Gershwin brothers.

The Disc: the Oscar Peterson Trio + One, that includes Clark Terry and his trumpet. Peterson can do no wrong and I'd like to think I would be rescued and then play better for listening to him. Clark Terry is an old friend, so there are memories attached to his music. Another possibility is the Michael Tilson Thomas recording of Gershwin's music with the Los Angeles Philharmonic and Sarah Vaughn.

Fellow castaway: My wife, Sharon. She's good at improvising with whatever is at hand, and she builds a great fire. We would have a good time exploring our island and making a place for ourselves.

TUESDAY
DECEMBER 5

Storytime for 3-5's
 Public Library. 10-10:30am

Toy Library Portlock & Beaver Point Hall. 9:30-10:30am

Block Print Holiday Cards
 Fables Cottage. 3:30pm

Diana Thompson
 Surrey Art Gallery

ASA: Celebration
 ArtSpring Lobby

Michael Aronoff
 Moby's

Christina Heinemann
 Roasting Company

Soup's On
 Free soup and sandwich.
 All Saints'. 11:30-1pm

Flexible Strength
 All Saints'. 9-10am

WEDNESDAY
DECEMBER 6

Candlelight Vigil
 Centennial Park. 6pm

Storytime
 Fables Cottage. Wed-Fri. 10:30am

KinderCraft 3-5's Fables Cottage 1-2pm

Debbie Toole & Barry Valentine.
 Music & Munch. All Saints'. 12:10pm

Family Open Stage
 King's Lane Bowling Alley. 6-9pm

SIMS Christmas Concert. 7:30pm

Argentinian Tango
 Lions' Hall. Practice 8-10pm

Centering Prayer
 Contemplative Centre. 8am

S. End Centering Prayer
 St. Mary's Fulford. 11am

Caregivers Support Group.
 Seniors' Centre. 11am

Island Natural Growers
 Potluck, presentation and AGM.
 All Saints. 6pm

Serenity Through Self Care
 Healing Arts Workshops. Core Inn. 7-9pm

Step into Shape All Saints'. 9-10am

The Fitness Recipe Mahon Hall. 9-10am

Circuit Challenge
 Fulford Elementary Gym. 7-8pm

Did you hear?

- The Islands Trust is appealing the "Denman Decision" (Wednesday)
- The Supreme Court has ruled against the Galiano Conservation Assoc. (Friday)
- The top 10 scams list is out (Friday)
- Texada has hired John Crosbie (Saturday)
- There's a new arts federation (Monday)

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- Children
- Performing Arts
- Music
- Dance
- Gallery
- Interfaith
- Meetings & Lectures
- Health
- Sports and fitness
- Cinema / TV
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MONDAY
DECEMBER 11

Midnight Café
 Acoustic Jam. Rose's Cafe. 7pm

Cats Pajamas Dance Class
 Lang Road Studio. 7:30pm

Tango Practice
 Lion's Hall. 7:30-9:30pm

Vipassana Meditation
 The Barn. 7:30pm

Life Model Drawing
 United Church. 1-3pm

Step into Shape
 All Saints'. 9-10am

The Fitness Recipe
 Mahon Hall. 9-10am

Yoga
 Salt Spring Centre. 9-10:30am

Cats Pajamas Feldenkrais Class
 Lang Rd. Studio. 6pm

Circuit Challenge
 Fulford Elementary Gym. 7-8pm

SSTV Cable Channel 12.
 Around the World with R. Bateman and B. Foster. Pumpkins and Other Tales. 7pm

TUESDAY
DECEMBER 12

Storytime for 3-5's
 Public Library. 10-10:30am

Noodle Making
 Fables Cottage. 3:30pm

Soup's On
 Free soup and sandwich. All Saints'. 11:30-1pm

SSI Prostrate Cancer Support Group.
 Lions Hall, 1pm

Flexible Strength
 All Saints'. 9-10am

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DECEMBER 13

Storytime Fables Cottage. Wed-Fri. 10:30am

KinderCraft 3-5's Fables Cottage 1-2pm

Family Open Stage
 King's Lane Bowling Alley. 6-9pm

KC Kelly CD Release Party.
 Talons. Doors 6pm, Show 7pm

Wednesday Night Live
 Open Stage. Moby's Pub. 9pm

GISS Concert ArtSpring. 7:30pm

Argentinian Tango
 Lions' Hall. Practice 8-10pm

Centering Prayer
 Contemplative Centre. 8am

S. End Centering Prayer
 St. Mary's Fulford. 11am

Caregivers Support Group.
 Seniors' Centre. 11am

Breastfeeding Support Group
 Family Place. 1:30pm

SS Hours Potluck Meeting
 Family Place, Ganges Hill. 6pm

PAC Meeting Peer Counselling/Leadership. GISS Library. 7pm

Step into Shape All Saints'. 9-10am

The Fitness Recipe Mahon Hall. 9-10am

Yoga Salt Spring Centre. 10am

Circuit Challenge
 Fulford Elementary Gym. 7-8pm

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by Michelle Grant

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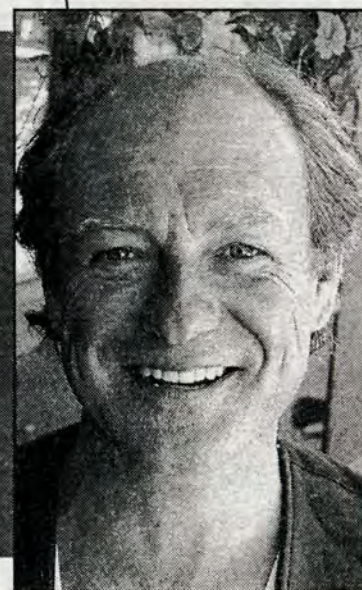
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Violence: Don't be silent



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

Eleven years ago a man walked into an engineering college in Montreal. He was carrying a gun which he used to shoot and kill 14 young women as he walked through the building. And then he shot and killed himself.

The women were unknown to him and that is one element of the murders which makes them unusual. Violence against women, the murder of women is, sadly, not unusual. Every week at least one Canadian woman is killed by someone she knows well—a partner or husband.

Violence against women is a cultural phenomenon of epic proportions. Thousands are killed yearly simply because they are female, because they are vulnerable, because the societies in which they live condone their murders either tacitly or directly. Violence against women includes bullying, name calling, aggressive teasing. It includes what some consider harmless jokes, sexist and racist comments, "innocent" remarks. The spectrum of violence against women spans the silence and inaction of those who stand by and choose not to get involved when they witness acts of aggression or hear sexist jokes and it includes, connected but at the far end of the scale, those who bludgeon their partners to death. It is a tragic truth that violence against women is not a sickness; it is social habit.

Last week a woman locked herself to a logging truck in downtown Ganges. A crowd formed. Tempers rose, angry comments were made. One was flung at a group of teenage boys and girls: Let's pull off her pants and put her to use. The comment was witnessed by a number of people. Bravely, one man challenged the speaker who, unfortunately, seemed to miss the point that regardless of his feelings on the protest sexist slurs are not okay. This is violence. It is on the same spectrum and linked to the murders of the 14 women in Montreal.

On Sunday, Santa came to town. He flew in and was greeted by a crowd at the float plane dock. Among the crowd were the Raging Grannies. Singing a few ditties about the spirit of giving and asking that people think about the kinds of gifts they give the children in their lives. The Grannies passed around a pamphlet on violent toys and the impact they have on children. The message was simple: avoid giving war toys or toys that promote violence or violent games to children. The Grannies were met with hostility from the adults on the dock, in town they were heckled and shouted at: What the hell are you bitching about now. Don't you have anything better to do. This is violence and it, too, is linked to the Montreal Massacre.

The rate of killing does not seem to be dropping. Groups like SVOVA continue to work pro-actively to end violence against women before it starts through anti-bullying education campaigns, peer counselling programmes and a visible presence in the schools. Groups like GIWRN operate the local transition house, helping women find a safe haven for themselves and their children before the violence in their lives escalates to murder. But, every week women continue to be murdered.

Violence against women is not a problem that can be solved by groups like SVOVA and GIWRN alone. It is not something that only those experiencing it need worry about. Violence against women is something each and every one of us—men and women—contribute to through action or through silence. Speak out next time you hear or witness violence, don't take part by remaining silent.



Important things

Some things in our lives are important. These important things are often shared items we all hold dear such as a roof over our heads at night, clothes on our backs, food and drink, solidarity of common ideals, interests and values along with those assorted sentimental personal items.

Kindness to the earth and respect for it is also an important thing.

Events quite often bring us into accidental commonality with people. Picture of this: a young person chooses to lay under a fully loaded logging truck forced to stop in the centre of town. A form of protest we have seen all too many times before. A form of protest against the truly anti-social activity currently performed in our hills and woods. The result is anxiety, a sense of loss and a feeling that no matter what we do nothing will change the outcome.

But, this time the act of protest did not take place on some out-of-sight dirt road into the cut block. No, this time it was in sight and in mind and in public for all to see. The gathered crowd of onlookers, some I am sure having their first glance at such a spectacle lined the street. Some stumbled upon

the scene and stayed out of it. Some watched in common belief that what this person was doing was right. What happened there on the pavement will not stop the chainsaws, we all knew that. But we all stood there too in the cold, all in the unknowing shadow of an important thing.

Chained to the undercarriage and in what I would argue to be the protection of our local police, who I believe must be given credit too. If not for them and their behavior during this event this important thing would not have had room, time and calm to grow in the chilly candle light of that late afternoon.

Relieved of its human anchor, the truck drove off with a farewell salute sounding from the air horn. We Islanders, gathered in solidarity of common ideals, let out a long-held breath. Some things in our lives are important. Catharsis is a very important thing indeed.

DAVID BARNES

Sympathetic with shop keepers

I would like to speak in regard to Monday's planned protest in the middle of Ganges. As most on Salt Spring are, I am aware of the

dispute between Texada Land and a group of activists which has been raging for some time. Until Monday, November 27 I have remained relatively neutral, reading articles and letters from both sides, but for the most part my opinion has been kept to myself and my sympathies lie with neither side. Monday's event has changed this.

My sympathies now lie with a group of people, yet it is neither the activists nor Texada Land. My sympathies now lie with the local businesses and citizens trying to go about their daily routines, with the taxpayer who will bear the brunt of the cost ensued from the shameful display, and for what—trees were still cut and activists were arrested and released. There were no winners and unfortunately the only losers were those who chose to remain removed but could not when this disgusting display was thrust on our doorstep. It is with them and only with them where my sympathies now lie.

JASON WILLMON

Cruel treatment

After school on Monday, I witnessed the logging protest in downtown Ganges. I got there at about 4 p.m. I saw

people trying to give the young woman chained under the logging truck blankets and tea, and they were arrested for it. And after that my friend said she saw a logger come in and throw mud [in the protester's] face and was only told to stay on the outside of the rope.

Why is this fair? Even though she was committing a crime, shouldn't she have been entitled to be warm and hydrated? Even people in prisons are entitled to that. If you mistreat your animal in this way you can be charged.

Should we be treating people that commit crimes for their beliefs like a dog that's killed sheep? It is cold on pavement, I was cold when I was watching. The police are not allowed to hurt her unless she attempts to hurt them but by not giving her the necessities she needs they are just hurting her slowly.

C.I. BRANNAN

Skewed priorities

Just a short letter to the people on the Island who think their crusade to save a few trees is energy well spent. They talk about the preservation of things that are special and dear to us; well what about the youth of our community?

see MAILBOX p5

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If these people really want a crusade they should take a look at the rampant drug problem on Salt Spring and what it's doing to these kids. If you spent time in Centennial Park you can see numerous drug transactions between youths and adults alike. I've found syringes beside my house and seen them on the ground in Ganges. This is a reality that affects the whole community.

Offenders who sell this garbage are smacked on the wrist and on the street next day. But if you cut some trees you end up in a huge legal battle and even fined in some cases. I think some values are misplaced here. People should remember trees grow back, but a person hooked on this garbage is affected for the rest of their lives.

COLIN BYRON

RCMP doing duty

Our community is currently facing a number of significant challenges. It will take maturity, respect and openness on the part of our citizens to fully understand and appropriately respond to current pressures.

I want to comment on a particular instance that occurred in downtown Ganges on federal election day. I am

aware of some criticism levelled at our local RCMP members regarding their response to the logging protest and traffic blockade. Community members from both sides of this particular issue have complained.

After a briefing by the commanding officer, it was confirmed for me that the action taken by the RCMP was fair and responsible. The role officers have to play during events such as these is clear. Their job is to keep the peace, ensure no one is injured and keep the lid on potentially volatile situations.

Those involved in a protest, innocent bystanders, police officers and the general public must be protected from any escalation of an event into one that results in injury, damage or harm. Calm and reasoned response is the approach adopted by our local officers, and the good work they do "to serve and protect" on a daily basis is to be commended by our community.

KELLIE BOOTH

CRD Regional Director

Sustainability

We've all seen the headline: Anti-logging Protester Arrested. A curious choice of words. Anti-logging is like being anti-fishing or anti-

farming. I don't know anyone who is anti-logging, although I do know many who are against clear-cutting. I'll bet the person who locked on to the logging truck wasn't anti-logging. Check your facts.

The word protester. Is that accurate? Perhaps this person sees herself as a sustainability advocate. Is news being reported or are events being used to express bias. I suspect a more accurate headline might read: Sustainability Advocate Arrested, which has a completely different spin (positive and proactive rather than negative and reactive). SUSTAINABILITY: To not diminish the prospects of future generations.

May we learn from Newfoundland's fishery that there is no economy without a sustainable environment and may we learn from Walkerton that health, too, depends on the environment.

There are those who thumb their nose at sustainability while hiding behind a law which hasn't realized that sustainability is key to our survival. I am grateful to the locked on person who I have never met for standing up for our future.

MEROR KRAYENHOFF

Keep us informed

At this time, it would be nice if the public was kept informed by Island Trustees on all ongoing logging/development/projects here. There are currently several involving logging: expansion of Channel Ridge to over 700 units, 32 proposed for Stewart Road and two more logging operations on Rainbow Road. During the last local election Trustees agreed to accessible townhall meetings but at present these are restricted to daytime Trust meetings few can get to.

The major focus of community concern is on the Fulford Valley, where up to five mechanized feller-bunchers are levelling around five acres of timber a day. Four or five large clear-cuts have been cut and some estimate we will soon see the major clear-cut extend as far as one can see from the top of Lee's Hill to the west. One eco-forester predicted, "They'll be out of here by spring." This is the third time this massive logging assault has happened here and there is still no effort to regulate this in the future.

What are the paid elected saying? Island Trustees "have no teeth" to enforce their mandate to "preserve and



A journal as literary as the Barnacle can be found in the most unusual places. Take, for example, Sydney, Australia (at the Athletes' Village), population

protect" through land-use bylaws. MLA Murray Coell can't touch Forest Land Reserve on "private land"—one fifth of the Island including major water supply. MP Gary Lunn is working on creating a National Park (maybe)—you can visit after you drive past the clearcuts.

The Community Planning

Association may investigate other forms of government in the future, but it seems to me that the attorney general, premier and Municipal Affairs should sit down with Conservancy and elected representatives to amend and create effective laws to

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5 DEC TU	0430	5.6	9 DEC SA	0440	9.8
	1215	10.8		0840	8.5
	1945	5.6		1400	10.8
				2130	1.6
6 DEC WE	0110	7.2	10 DEC SU	0530	10.5
	0535	6.2		0935	9.2
	1245	10.8		1430	11.2
	2005	4.6		2205	0.7
7 DEC TH	0240	8.2	11 DEC MO	0615	11.2
	0640	7.2		1030	9.5
	1310	10.8		1505	11.2
	2030	3.6		2245	0.0
8 DEC FR	0345	8.9	12 DEC TU	0705	11.8
	0745	7.9		1130	9.8
	1335	10.8		1540	11.2
	2055	2.6		2330	0.0

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* From Nov. 27, 2000 to Jan. 7, 2001, flights 805/806 will depart at 3:00 & 3:30pm respectively.
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407	Vanc. Harbour	3:00pm	Ganges/Maple Bay/Telegraph Harbour	3:30-3:45pm	Sun. only
Flt#	FROM	DEPARTS	TO	ARRIVES	FREQ.
402	Ganges/Maple Bay/Telegraph Harbour	8:00am	Vanc. Harbour	8:30-8:45am	Mon.-Fri.
404	*** SUSPENDED ***				
406	Ganges/Maple Bay/Telegraph Harbour	9:30am	Vanc. Harbour	10:00-10:15am	Sat. only
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The Board will consider the following appeal to vary a provision of:

1. Salt Spring Island Local Trust Committee Bylaw No. 123, being the Zoning Bylaw for Salt Spring Island.

1. **BV-01-00 (Jack Webster Productions Ltd.)**

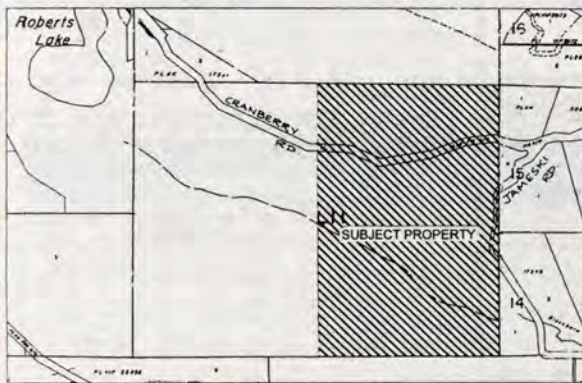
Re: That part of District Lot 11, North Salt Spring Island, Cowichan District, lying to the east of a straight boundary joining the points of bi-section of the northerly and southerly boundaries of said lot.

The appeal is to:

- (a) Grant an exemption to Section 911 (5) of the *Local Government Act* pursuant to Section 901 (2) of the *Local Government Act*.

All to permit a structural alteration and addition to an existing, legal non-conforming mobile home.

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Any person whose property may be affected by an appeal to the Board of Variance has the right to be heard and give evidence at the Hearing, or to be represented by some other person authorised to do so.

For further information please contact the Salt Spring Island office of the Islands Trust, Suite 1206, Grace Point Square, 115 Fulford-Ganges Road, Salt Spring Island, BC, V8K 2T9, between the hours of 1:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday to Friday inclusive, excluding Statutory Holidays. Information regarding this appeal must be received before 12:00 p.m., Tuesday, December 12, 2000. Telephone: (250) 537-9144.

L. Adams, Secretary to the Board

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protect these beautiful islands.

Isn't that what democracy is all about? Or does democracy exist here at all? When over half the population objects to this travesty of justice, do we all have to chain ourselves to logging trucks to get their attention? Phone the attorney general, Graeme Browbrick, and Premier Dosangh (toll-free, 1-800-663-7867) to be heard.

SUE HISCOCKS

Minto thanks

On behalf of the Lady Minto Hospital Auxiliary Society we would like to thank all who contributed to making our annual Christmas Sale such a success. Because of you we will be able to purchase for the Lady Minto Hospital and Greenwoods some of the items they have on their wish lists.

Thank you one and all, we will be back next year.

LEANOIR HEARSEY

Apology to herons

Recent selective logging neighbouring our resort near McFadden Creek Heronry has resulted in disharmony and confusion in our community. Our resort is a "foster parent" and is extremely sensitive to the environment, and our guests thoroughly enjoy our natural setting. Without maintaining this setting, we would not be able to promote the resort/spa as somewhere to enjoy the sounds of nature, the clean air and the nearby wildlife.

As one of its nearest neighbors, we also play an active role by providing educational material in all our chalets regarding proper viewing of the heronry. The Waterbird Watch Collective (WWC) has viewed our property and its relevance to the heronry, acknowledging open meadows and neighboring clearcuts between our property and the birds. We look forward to the continued efforts by WWC on educating and networking with neighbors and friends to help all of us more fully understand this sensitive issue.

To the neighbors and friends of the heronry who were concerned and upset by our decision to selectively log a portion of our property, I sincerely apologize.

JAMES LOISELLE

The Ivory Tower

At the risk of crashing into the sticky morass of local theory—infighting—I must point out that through the ages anyone against the status quo of the day was unceremoniously vilified, pilloried, jeered at. Torture rack time, and worse.

Initiated by whom? Why those renowned scholars, scientists, religious leaders of the day. Those who "proved" beyond any doubt that if you sailed far enough you dropped off the edge of a flat world.

Yes, the "experts" said the earth was flat.

So much for the experts.

Carry on, Ivory Tower Deflators! Sharpen those lances! Tilt at those windmills! In winter they say, "Hey, the earth is cooling off!" In summer, the experts say, "Hey, we're warming up!" Waving hard-earned sheepskins, defying common sense logic.

Tell that to those clinching chattering teeth, freezing at Portage and Main when it's -85° F., with a wind chill that penetrates three layers of fur-lined underwear and two layers of buffalo fur coats.

Spit turning to ice cubes before hitting the ground.

Yes, we need Ivory Tower Expert Deflators (ITEDs)

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CHARLES B. CROSBY

Shot in foot

For some time now I have been mulling over a letter I read (*the Barnacle*, November 21) which expressed regrets at the departure of Judy Mitchell and the entire Artcraft Committee from the Gulf Islands Community Arts Council.

I am not a craftsman and have absolutely no talent in any of the arts, but I can certainly add my regrets to those of Ms. Spiers. For the first time in many years I was immensely impressed with last summer's Artcraft—visiting the show several times, alone and in company with visiting guests. I have no idea what precipitated the resignations but I can't help feeling that perhaps Salt Spring has shot itself in the foot—again!

ANN HEELEY-RAY

Tarnished halo

Regarding John Pottinger's piece—"the World's Greatest Country" (*the Barnacle*, October 31):

Perhaps you jest sir, but are you aware how sharp your barbs are? Me thinks you doth show too much of your Canadian bigotry.

I wonder if you know that a great many more Canadians live and travel in the U.S. than vice versa. They go there for the jobs, the university educations, the Social Security and other retirement pensions, etc. and yeah—the warm sun in the winter. The Canadian flag flies right beside the American flag in the various resort towns in the southern states. I wonder what those resort owners would think of your letter?

In my 23 years living on this "Opinion Capital of the World" I've experienced a lot of Canadian barbs.

Here are just two remembrances. This humorous event happened while we had

guests in for dinner. We were discussing a forthcoming trip. My husband and I planned to visit New Orleans and the historical ante bellum plantations in the U.S. south. One of our guests exclaimed, "But those are the slave states." After a moment of stunned silence, I informed the person that a civil war against slavery was fought and won over that issue over a hundred years ago!

The last slur that happened was while camping on Crown land with a group of demonstrators against the new owners of Texada land. We were sitting around the campfire discussing the usual environmental issues (I was the only woman there). A man sitting right next to me said, "All Canadians hate Americans." He had no idea that I had helped to contribute the food he was eating and had contributed money and my time to that cause. There was a brief silence, but no one said anything. That was a cold, rainy and windy night and I developed a peculiar coldness that hasn't gone away. I wonder why?

Yea, though we walk through the valley of ruffled feathers, you might consider storing your tilted and tarnished halo, Mr. Pottinger, and mark on that storage box "Bigotry is an ugly human trait."

PATTI MAY-LAWSON

Good fortune

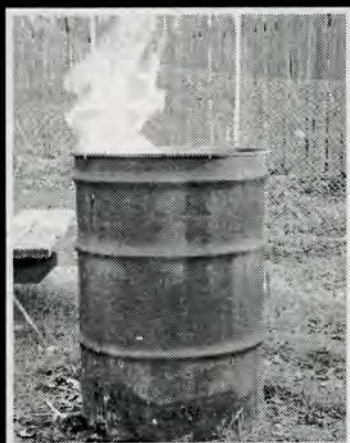
If you woke up this morning with more health than illness, you are more blessed than the million who will not survive this week.

If you have never experienced the danger of battle, the loneliness of imprisonment, the agony of torture, or the pangs of starvation, you are ahead of 500 million people in the world.

If you can attend a church meeting without fear of

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Two-legged walking—bringing Ghandi home

Those who do not create the future they want must endure the future they get.

—Draper L. Kaufman, Jr.

It's been over a year since Salt Spring Islanders joined forces to oppose the shortsighted actions of the Texada Land Corporation and to raise money to buy back land for the parks, working forests, organic farms and appropriate development that should be part of our children's birthright. Thousands have supported the fight to preserve these valuable lands.

But fighting is not enough.

It was fighting and the thinking behind it that got us into this mess. Since Europeans landed on this continent there has been a war waged against untamed nature. It was, and is, a war of conquest. But history shows that fighting, by itself, is a strategy in which everyone loses.

Just this past Monday, for example, after protesters stopped a truck in downtown

Ganges, local and off-Island RCMP officers directed an intimidating, war-like show of force against citizens witnessing the protest. When two thick-chested thugs scooped handfuls of mud and stones off the chassis of the truck onto the face of the mother of two locked to the axle, the police did not stop them until on-lookers, incensed by this cowardly criminal act, shouted at them to stop it. A Mountie asked the men to move away. Throughout the rest of the afternoon, however, the two mud-droppers walked freely within the police tapes, laughing, chatting, and drinking coffee with RCMP members. Later, when two thoughtful citizens attempted to give the protester something to drink, one was arrested, the other "detained" and questioned. (I wonder what the charge was, excessive compassion involving hot tea?)

Angry cries from the crowd resulted in a "quick response" squad clad in black, military-

like uniforms and jack boots jogging onto the scene. Carrying sidearms, tear-gas and pepper spray, they looked more like Nazi storm-troopers than red-coated Disney dolls as they glared at citizens who held candles and sang softly on the sidewalks. It felt like war.

But if all we do is fight, we will surely lose. As Albert Einstein cautioned, the kind of thinking that gets us into these messes will not get us out. Fighting may be necessary to preserve our children's birthright, but it is not our only option. Fighting is a form of problem solving, an extreme form of reacting or responding to unwanted circumstances. "There is," says author Robert Fritz, "a profound difference between problem solving and creating. Problem solving is taking action to have something go away—the problem. Creating is taking action to have something come into being—the creation."

Fighting is not sustainable. Even if you win, you merely get rid of a problem; you rarely get what you do want. Worse, you can end up with bigger problems. Episodes like Monday's can divide the community, hardening the will of both sides to defeat the other.

Creating, however, is sustainable. It can include, yet go beyond, resistance. It is driven by desire, passion, and love. Creating deeply-desired results generates confidence, builds momentum, increases energy and makes the impossible possible. Ghandi understood the importance of creating when he advocated "walking on two legs." In his approach to non-violent activism, one leg involved resistance, the other constructing an alternative society.

In a creative approach, we would not only fight to save our forests, we would also take action to create the community and environment we most want. We would give time, money and energy to the land acquisition process. We would support the loggers and

farmers who want to work the land sustainably. We would join the new Growing Circle Food Co-op that links local food producers and consumers. We would support merchants and service providers who support a sustainable ecological and economic approach. We would share our visions with our friends, in our churches, at work, and in kitchen table discussions across the Island. Together we would begin to envision and co-create the community we want.

Texada is not just "an issue," a problem we can solve. More "issues" will follow as the Island develops. Fighting them one by one in a reactive, problem solving approach will divide us, burn us out. Co-creating a liveable community with a sustainable ecologic and economic base is not just a quick-fix reaction. It is, as David Suzuki recently remarked, the work of a lifetime.

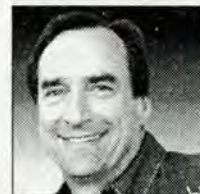
Those of us who love our endangered rain-shadow forests need to take a two-legged approach. We need to take action not just against those who are focused merely on "the money, honey!" but also for the natural birthright of our children and their children's children, for the health and wholeness of the land that sustains us.

Standing together—farmers and pharmacists, loggers and librarians, retailers, realtors, B&B operators, teachers, artists, musicians, boat builders, retirees, young people, all of us—we will more likely co-create what we want. Walking on two legs, we can not only preserve and enhance the natural systems on which all health, wealth and well-being depend, we can also co-create the vibrant, connected and peaceful community most of us so deeply long for.

If not us, who? If not now, when?

BRUCE ELKIN

Waving goodbye to Canada



Isle Say! ...

with John Pottinger

Why do the results of the federal election scare me? Because we're moving closer and closer to becoming a truly Balkanized State, and (typical of Canadians) we either don't notice, or (what's worse) maybe we don't care. I must admit, I'm finding it much more difficult to care for Canada. Many of us seem to be moving more and more to caring about issues that mean something to us, regardless of any sense of nationalism.

Many times since confederation, various prominent Canadians have suggested that Canada doesn't really make sense as countries go—geographically, culturally, even politically. For 133 years or so, we've made it work, but whatever glue has held it together seems to be breaking down.

I believe that the disappearance of Canada is a distinct possibility. Not because the west feels so damned ignored, but because the rest of the country (specifically Ontario and Quebec) neither understands nor cares. It's bad enough that the governing party doesn't give a hoot, but the problem is far worse than that. The media doesn't care either. Whether Ontario-based media reflects the attitudes of those Canadians, or shapes them, is irrelevant. Either way, in their eyes, we are not even part of the equation.

On election night, I heard a leading Liberal politician say that it was clear that Canadian society overwhelmingly supported the Liberals and their values. Although we've come to expect such BS from politicians, the truly scary part is that the media was saying the same thing. The panels of "experts" that both national networks put together, prattled

on and on about how Canadians had given Chretien a huge vote of confidence. One leading television commentator kept repeating that Chretien could pretty well do whatever he wanted for the next five years, as he had "the overwhelming support of the whole country." They were all bleating out these wonderfully enlightened statements before they had any results from west of Ontario! And, when those results finally came in, the Liberals didn't elect enough members west of Ontario to field a baseball team. But the comments didn't change! That scares me.

If a strong western separatist party were to take root now, it could mean a surprisingly swift end for the true north strong and free. I don't mean one of those western separatist parties we've seen before, with a bunch of screwballs for members and wingnuts for leaders, I mean a credible group of people who've simply come to the conclusion that 130 years of glorious history isn't enough reason to stay together. If a few highly respected Canadians were to announce their support for such a movement, the resulting clamor to climb aboard the separatist train would astonish even Quebecers.

This election has strengthened the belief among many Western Canadians that the "movers and shakers" in Ontario don't realize the extent of western alienation—or don't care. If Mr. Chretien's behaviour over the next few years continues to reinforce that belief, then Canada, as we now know it, is in big trouble.

One day you may be telling your grandchildren that Canada once extended from sea to sea. And—back in the year 2000—you voted in Canada's last federal election.

Night games in Ganges

On Thursday, December 7 parts of the Island will be overrun with spies. Under cover of dark, hordes of 13- to 18-year-olds will try to get from point A to point B without being caught by opponents. Participants in the annually held KGB game, the students will brave mud, rain, brambles and barbed wire to make it to the end point undetected.

This year's KGB is being sponsored by Nights Alive, a youth oriented programme.

To take part students must sign up with coordinators in their schools.

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island news



White Ribbon Campaign started

by Amei Parkes

The White Ribbon Campaign (WRC) is working to turn the battle of the sexes into a united front. Originally intended as a consciousness-raising effort aimed at stopping men from committing violence, the campaign has led to discussions and action by both men and women.

"Although [rape] is a women's issue, we have to start with the guys too, because guys have to stop violence," said 16-year-old student, Rory Allen. He is promoting the cause at Gulf Islands Secondary School (GISS) with funding help from Salt Spring Women Opposed to Violence and Abuse (SWOVA). Wearing the white ribbon, he said, signifies a personal pledge for men never to commit, condone, nor remain silent about violence against women.

Allen needed little prompting when he was asked to help with the WRC, which runs from November 26, (the International Day for the Eradication of Violence Against Women) to December 6 (the anniversary of the Montreal Massacre), said GISS counsellor, Anne Marshall. "He just took the ball and ran with it," she said.

After reading glaring statistics and stories regarding violence against women, Allen realized first that the issue did not only affect women and second that he wanted to

perpetrator on probation, with the unfortunate justification: "It's every man's dream to find an unconscious 18-year old."

Recounting this shocking

ly one out of every six girls is sexually abused by a family member over a period of seven years.

"Sickening, isn't it?" read the WRC brochure.

Allen said reactions to the campaign have been positive. That is to say, students have shown great concern, and want to discuss the issue.

The climate at the high school is generally violence-free, said Allen. Bullying still exists on a small scale, but the school is "starting to get a handle on things," he said.

Preventing violence is needed, especially in the wake of the Montreal Massacre of 1989, where 14 female engineering students were killed. Talks like Allen's and national campaigns are helping to raise awareness and promote healthy relationships.

"Hopefully I'm making a little bit of a difference," said Allen, ruefully.

Allen's interest parallels how the WRC got started. In 1991, a handful of men decided it was time to speak out against violence. After six weeks of preparation, about 100,000 men across Canada donned the white ribbon to show support for women.

"I was quite shocked with the extent...of violence against women."
—Rory Allen

do everything in his power to stop violence in its tracks.

"I was quite shocked with the extent of the problem of violence against women," said the peer counsellor.

Spreading the word about what he'd learned seemed like a logical next step. So he took the initiative to talk to every class at the high school, which has a student body of more than 600. He handed out nearly the same number of white ribbons, passed out information and fuelled discussions with his peers.

He starts each presentation with a story that moved him into action. A 44-year old man from Baltimore, Maryland raped his 18-year-old female employee, whom he found drunk at work. But the horror does not end there. The judge presiding over the case releases the

story gets his peers listening, if not leaning forward on their chairs.

"Every class gasps when I tell them it's actually true," said Allen.

What follows is an intense discussion on the lack of safety for women in society. According to one statistic, for example, most women know their assailant.

"Mention the word 'rape,' and a lot of guys think of strangers in the dark, escaped criminals, Hollywood-style psychopaths. They don't realize that 80 per cent of rapes are committed by friends, family members and other guys the victims know," read the glossy, WRC brochure aimed at teens.

Most of the victims are, in fact, young girls. More than 60 per cent are under 18 years old. Worse yet, usual-

Cusheon Creek sees record Coho return

As of 5 p.m. Sunday, November 26, a record number of Coho salmon have returned to Cusheon Creek. More than 100 fish have been counted with as many as big as 10 pounds. Twenty fish were captured for the Salmon Enhancement Soci-

ety hatchery programme with the remainder left to spawn naturally in the creek.

Kathy Reimer, biologist for the Island Stream and Salmon Enhancement Society attributes the number of fish returning to the creek to better marine

survival, the Coho fishing ban, improved food supply such as the sardines that have arrived recently and all the restoration work that has improved the water quantity and quality in Cusheon Creek watershed.

The Cusheon Creek

project has been on-going for 16 years and is funded by Fisheries and Oceans, Environment Canada, the Urban Salmon Habitat programme, the Casino fund and donations of both property use and money from landowners along the creek.

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December 6

Vigil marks memory of massacre

by Amei Parkes

A candle light vigil on Wednesday, December 6, at Centennial Park will mark the 11th year following the Montreal Massacre, where a man on a killing rampage murdered 14 female engineering students. And although more than a decade has passed, violence against women is still a widespread, national problem.

The Canadian Council on the Status of Women reports that an average of 100 women are murdered by their male partners or ex-partners each year in Canada. Sixty-two per cent of all women murdered are victims of domestic violence. At least one in 10 women is battered by her male partner. In Canada, a woman is raped every 17 minutes. Eighty-four per cent of sexual assault victims know their assailant. Ninety per cent of the victims are female; 99 per cent of the perpetrators are male.

December 6, now the National Day of Remembrance, will be an opportunity for Islanders to honour the dead and hope for better conditions in the future.

"People can speak about their feelings," said Lynda Laushway, co-ordi-

nator of a violence prevention programme for the Salt Spring Women Opposed to Violence and Abuse (SWOVA). "It's a time for the community to come together for people who have [died] by violence."

"It's a time for the community to come together for people who have [died] by violence."

—Lynda Laushway

There are numerous other ways to help end violence against women, 365 days of the year, reports the Canadian Council on the Status of Women.

"Violence against women is a complex issue, which requires a variety of strategies to modify attitudes, values and systems that contribute to maintaining and perpetrating inequality of women..." reads their website.

Something as simple as pointing out sexist jokes, or as difficult as examining your own attitudes and questioning stereotypical gender roles are ways for everyone to prevent violence.

Beyond setting a good example, parents can manage their tempers, show peaceful ways to resolve conflict and teach kids that violence is an abuse of power and confidence.

Boys and men have the challenge of redefining what it means to be a "real man." Ignoring teasing, speaking out against discrimination and learning new ways to express feelings are all ways to shift the tide of abuse.

And at schools on Salt Spring Island, being politically correct is not forced, but becoming natural, verging on downright cool. SWOVA's dynamic and knowledgeable team is also working at the high school, presenting innovative ways to have and maintain healthy relationships. In addition, peer counsellor, Rory Allen, has almost single-handedly revived the White Ribbon Campaign on the Island, which promotes non-violence for men.

While violence prevention now holds a special day for Canadians, it can be worked on daily as well. The Status of Women website has many ideas on how to mark December 6, and prevent violence throughout the year.

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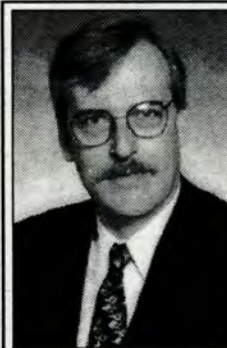


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Gridlock in Ganges: Logging/protest affects community

Concerns over ambulance service unwarranted said department manager

by Peggy Abrahams

The protest and lockdown on a logging truck in the heart of Ganges, and events leading up to the arrest of activist Alwyn Catchpole for contempt of court, had an impact on much of the community last Monday.

Traffic was diverted for six hours while police cordoned off the area around the logging truck prior to removing the locking device and making the arrest. Residents passing through town were caught in a crossfire of angry words being exchanged between polarized camps—those supporting the activists' efforts, and those supporting the loggers. The crowd was estimated at more than 100 people.

As a precaution, RCMP Sgt. Paul Darbyshire called in extra police from Victoria. Members of the RCMP tactical team are available for emergency response when

any detachment needs back up, he said.

"This team is trained for crowd control. The problem on Monday wasn't the woman locked under the truck; it was the volatility of the crowd that was the issue. People were arguing. There were people knocking other people down in the crowd. Arguments start, and then violence can start," said Darbyshire.

Two other Salt Spring residents, Matthew Coleman and Brian Lercher, were arrested for crossing the police line to offer hot drinks to Catchpole. Darbyshire said, however, that criminal charges would not be pressed in either case.

"Both were arrested for obstructing a police officer after several warnings not to come inside the police line. We set up a police line to get people away from the truck so we can do our job and let people witness that

nothing untoward is happening," said Darbyshire.

Darbyshire said that it is standard police procedure to not give any food or drink, other than water, to a person locked down and in defiance of a court injunction, as in Catchpole's case. "They're never given any food. They're never given any drink and their comforts are taken away. It's up to the person. The person who's locked down can go away at any time. Nobody's forcing them to be there," he said.

In addition, Darbyshire pointed out that it is standard police procedure not to allow people to bring food or drink to anyone in police custody, due to liability issues. "We don't know where it's coming from; there could be poison in it. It's no different than if they're in our jail. Plus we were trying to expedite the unlocking, so why would we make them comfortable

knowing they're in complete control of unlocking themselves at any time."

To ensure the person in lockdown does not suffer hypothermia or other ill effects, Darbyshire explained that the police had an ambulance come to do a medical assessment early in the day. Later the ambulance was called back to stand by while the locking mechanism was removed.

While the ambulance was on standby at the lockdown site, a newborn baby was experiencing respiratory difficulties, and needed ambulance transportation to Victoria. The midwife, Jules Atkins, said that initially, she was told there could be a problem getting the ambulance because of the situation in town.

"Whether it was the ambulance crew involved, or the logistics of getting around the protest site in

see PROTEST p14

Fuel spill at Ganges Marina monitored

by Peggy Abrahams

Environmental consultants continue to monitor a spill of approximately 266 litres of marine gasoline that took place last Monday at B&B Ganges Marina. The spill occurred while Shell Canada was making a delivery. Don Manning, the receiver for Ganges Marina, which entered into bankruptcy last spring, said

Shell Canada is assessing the environmental impact of the spill.

"I am waiting for them to give me a report of their assessment. They engaged Morrow Environmental Consultants to assess the impact. They were there until the 29th. They did some precautionary things to prevent the rain from hitting the fuel and dissipat-

ing it into the water," Manning said.

According to Manning, it is believed that no fuel reached the water. He added that the consultants contained the fuel with plastic. "They don't want the rain to get in the soil. I think they want as much of the gas to evaporate as possible, and that won't happen if it's wet."

Manning added that a watchman has been on the site around the clock since the incident, to prevent accidental ignition of the spilled fuel. "We've been concerned about the hazard, and we've been working with the fire department," he said.

To further assess the ignition risk, Manning said a follow-up gasoline vapour test is likely to be done.

Mea culpa: Numbers and names

We goofed. In the past two issues *the Barnacle* has made a few boo-boos. If you're looking for the Wonder Dogs, don't call the number in last week's issue. Instead, try: 1-800-961-6616. And, don't go to the website published, try: www.wonderdogs.bc.ca. In November 24 we inadvertently gave Mike Lane a new job. No, he is not with Fisheries and Oceans he is president of the SSI Residents Association who kindly installed the shoreline protection sign at the mouth of Fulford Creek. One more: Gordon Cudmore has no affiliation with a group of fisheries concerned about motorboat use on St. Mary Lake. The interested party is actually Bob Empey.



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For the Unusual



Christmas in Fulford



BC Ferries calls for public input this week

Corporation set to request tariff increase for next year

by Gerard Farry

Next week BC Ferries intends to ask the provincial government to raise fares on all its routes in the coming year. Should Salt Spring residents be concerned?

The Corporation published a 46-page tariff report on October 31, which was briefly noted in the media here and in Victoria. Over the past month and when requested, meetings have been held with communities and interest groups. Information has also been available on BC Ferries web site. As well, representatives of the Southern Gulf Islands Ferry Advisory Groups met with BC Ferries on November 30 to ensure Islanders were fully aware of what was proposed.

They learned that to continue to provide the same ferry service levels in 2001, the BC Ferries will have to charge an additional \$9 million in fare revenues to cover increases in wages, vessel maintenance

and fuel costs, less the savings in overhead instituted in 1999. That amount can be achieved by an across the board rate increase of 3.8 per cent on the current tariff. This is being referred to as Option 1.

Over the past 10 months, BC Ferries, in co-operation with the Coastal Council to BC Ferries (an independent body made up of representatives from coastal communities and interest groups) has been reviewing the current tariff structure. They have developed two other options which, in addition to providing the additional revenue, would reduce the inequities in the present fare structure. For Salt Spring Island travellers either of these options (2 or 3) would be better than the across the board Option 1.

The Coastal Council prefers Option 2, which would calculate rates using a formula based on trip distance with a loading and unloading charge similar to methods used by

taxi. The difference between Option 2 and 3 is the way the current fares are harmonized with the formula over time. For Salt Spring Islanders, Option 3 would be best since it would result in no changes to our rates. Option 3 is not dramatically different from Option 2.

The Island's Advisory Committee has advised BC Ferries of its preference.

Those supporting the views of the Island Advisory Committee or wishing to offer an opinion should contact Nancy Cameron by fax at (250) 978-1119 or by mail at BC Ferry Corporation 1112 Fort Street, Victoria, BC, V8V 4V2 or electronically via www.bc-ferries.com.

Responses must reach BC Ferries by the end of this week.

Gerard Farry is a Director of the Community Planning Association and an alternate Salt Spring representative on the Ferry Advisory Committee.

RCMP hooked up, computer system increases efficiency

As of November 30, the Salt Spring RCMP detachment is included in a computerized Integrated Information and Dispatch System (CIIDS). The system has been in use since 1992 and is designed to enhance the efficiency and capacity of dispatch centres to accept complaints from the public and dispatch po-

lice resources in response.

Through CIIDS a complaint taker is able to send an electronic request for police service to a dispatcher who assigns the file to a patrol unit. When the patrol unit has completed its tasks at a given location, the paperwork can be virtually completed in the CIIDS system and

interfaced with other police information systems, without the data having to be re-entered or, in many cases, without the use of paper. This system is also integrated with the enhanced 911 system and Motor Vehicle Branch databases. All this can be accomplished through a single computer.

B&B owners high and dry *cont'd from p3*

"Homeowners think we were making lots of money but the cost of running the company was huge. We were never profitable. Competition was high, when we started there weren't many listing companies, now there's five or six. We ran into trouble, the bookings didn't come through. We needed capital to grow...we'd been expecting investment that fell through."

Simpson admits the company never used a trust account despite the fact that the Travel Agents Act requires them to. Simpson in-

dicates that such licensing is a new thing, an opinion not shared by a Vancouver based competitor who's been in the business 12 years.

"Originally we were licensed under the Real Estate Act, then after a couple of years, it was decided we should be licensed under the Travel Agents Act. Under the act you must have a trust account for all the money collected for rents, hotel tax and damage deposits. You must submit an audited financial statement three months after year end. As of November

1998, vacation property management companies are required by provincial law to collect and remit hotel tax on their sales."

It is unknown at press time exactly how many Islanders have been adversely affected by the closing of Vacations West and to what extent. Preliminary inquiries indicate a minimum of seven homeowners totaling a possible \$25,000 in lost income. Simpson's own estimates are more conservative, she sets the average amount owed per homeowner at \$2,000 or less.

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Santa Ship marks its half century

by Judy Harper

The Santa Ship is a sight to see. Motoring into Ganges Harbour out of the dark night, the ship is decked in Christmas finery. Santa stands on deck, surrounded by his elves. He waves to the hundreds of impatient children who have brought their parents to the wharf to experience one of the happiest nights in an Island child's year. The anticipation is infectious, as everyone drinks hot chocolate to keep warm and keeps one eye on the dark horizon for the first faint sparkle of the lights on the Santa Ship.

This year's Santa Ship arrival, December 9 at 6 p.m., marks the 50th anniversary of a Christmas ritual that began in Bellingham, Washington and is unique to the West Coast. Bellingham Jaycees who saw a need to take Santa to the then-isolated communities of the San Juan Islands launched the Santa Ship. For many Island children the ship was the only visit from Santa they had ever had.

Don Wight Sr. piloted the first Santa Ship, the *Sea Eagle*, later renamed *Discovery*. Originally a Coast Guard cutter, the first *Discovery*, "broke its back" during a storm in the Gulf Islands and was replaced by a second vessel of the same name. Though various vessels were used over the years, the *Discovery* soon became a familiar sight in the Islands at Christmastime.

The programme, which was run by the Jaycees for more than four decades, originally began as a one-day excursion to the San

Juan Islands. The Victoria Jaycees then began a similar Canadian excursion, and the two chapters soon started trading routes, making the venture the only international project of its kind. Trippo Costello, who portrayed Saint Nick for three generations of Islanders, will join this year's 50th anniversary voyage.

From the early years, there are tales of rough seas and highjinks. There were hard times when funding was short but, with generous support and donations from service organizations, corporate sponsors and individuals, the ship continued to sail. Don Wight Jr. who now skips the ship, told of a time when Santa had a problem with Canadian Customs. A phone call to the Lions of Pender Island remedied the situation in less than three hours and it's been clear international sailing ever since.

In 1995 Lions Clubs on both sides of the border assumed sponsorship of the operation after the Jaycees disbanded, a natural progression since the Canadian Lions had always hosted the event here. On December 13, 1997, the 110-foot *Island Caper*, loaded with more than 1,500 toys and 70 pounds of candy to be distributed to more than 1,300 children, set out for its inaugural Christmas voyage with more than 50 members on board.

The funding came from 22 Lions Clubs, more than 18 commercial and individual donors, and thousands of hours of volunteer labour.

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utors donate fuel for the trip up, and McColl's Shell Service in Ganges generously contributes 1,000 litres of fuel every year for the trip back home. This year Tom Toynbee has been fundraising to help subsidize the McColl's donation.

On this end Don Cunningham, chair of the Santa Ship Committee, says there are some special activities planned to commemorate the event's 50th season. The Santa Ship is always escorted into Canadian waters by the Coast Guard, but this year it will also be met by the water taxi *Mistaya*, and a flotilla of privately-owned vessels decked out in coloured lights. Thrifty's Food Store, the event's corporate sponsor, has donated hot chocolate which will be served at the wheel-house on the Coast Guard dock by Peter Clarke and Arletta Stephens, who will also present a commemorative plaque to the Bellingham crew honouring 50 years of international goodwill. The Lions have designed a special pin for the occasion available from any of the club members for \$10. And this year, Santa himself has a special surprise; Bob Inge of the Bellingham Lions has arranged for some pretty impressive fireworks to mark the ship's entry into Ganges Harbour. Washington radio and TV will be on board to cover the event.

Following the festivities at the dock, Santa and his elves will be transported to the Salt Spring Middle School Auditorium, Lady Minto Hospital and Greenwood extended care facility. There are donation

boxes at the school for anyone wishing to contribute to this extraordinary project which is planned to bring joy to the children of the Islands for another 50 years.

Santa is scheduled to arrive at the Coast Guard dock in Ganges at 6 p.m. on Saturday December 9.

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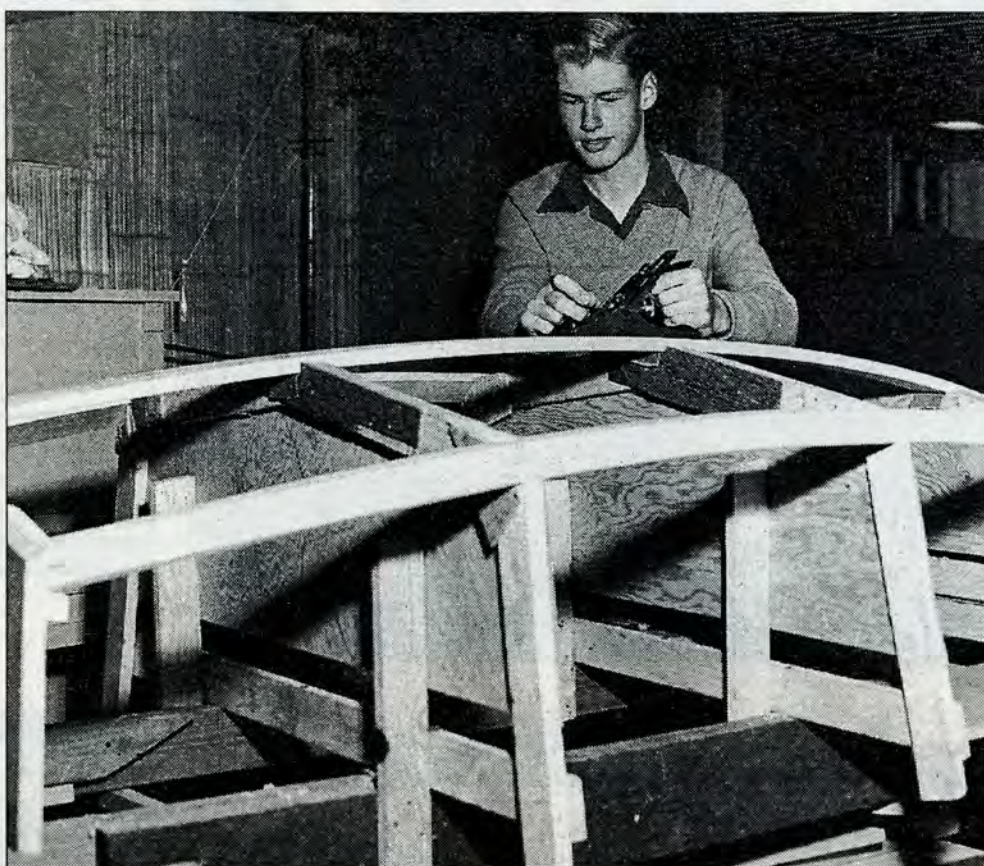
by Helani Davison

Sitting on the 30-foot sloop *Bethia*, I relax into the milieu of sailboats at the docks. The sun shines on the highly-polished coaming. Rob Denny, the owner, caresses the Honduras mahogany coaming affectionately. He speaks softly. "It was love at first sight," Rob grins. "[This boat] has fine workmanship and gorgeous yellow cedar planking and teak deck. [It will] perform well because of [its] slim lines. Details like the copper rivets, which are of exceptional quality, make [it] unique."

"I have an irresistible compulsion to build wooden boats. It gives me tremendous satisfaction," Rob says. "A beautiful boat is like a living creature. It responds to you. It's alive. Each one has a definite personality. You can play with it and have fun with it. It can take you places where you've never been."

Rob describes his reverence for nature and points out that wooden boats are built from mostly natural materials. Sailboats can make one a part of nature on the water. All boats with a non-motorized means of propulsion enthral Rob.

As a newborn, Rob's parents took him cruising while he slept in a cardboard box on the cabin sole. By two, he could steer the boat and row. His father helped him build his first model boat when he was six, and together they enjoyed sailing fantasies on a pond with the tiny boat. Starting with his first real sailboat at age nine, Rob



Rob Denny enjoys building, as well as sailing, different kinds of sailboats.

continued the family love for boats. "My maternal grandfather was an engineer and boat builder. My father also built boats and encouraged me in my interest," Rob says.

"I learned my skills from them."

Rob reminisces about the boats he has loved over the years from an old, leaky 12-foot sailboat, to the plywood rowing pram he built at

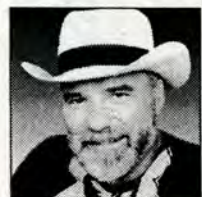
age 12. At 14, he built a popular and successful eight-foot sailing dinghy called a Sabot. He raced it at yacht clubs and won many prizes. "We mostly raced in winter," Rob chuckles. "It was called 'frost-bite sailing.' We raced in winter months to avoid the big boats."

At 15, Rob's father bought him a Star class sloop, a famous design sailed in the Olympics. He raced in regattas against other Stars. "Racing taught me so much. I learned that everything one did made a difference," Rob says thoughtfully. "That Star was a beautiful thing to sail. It was fast and could point high into the winds. It was fast because it was light, had a big sail area, a tall mast and an 800-pound keel."

Later, in a 20-foot sloop, Rob and his young family formed many happy memories of cruising through the Gulf Islands, Desolation Sound and the San Juan Islands. Rob also built a 31-foot Alden sloop. "To see such a beautiful boat take shape was exciting beyond belief," Rob grins. "[It] was fast, beautiful and would do anything you wanted [it] to do. But now, I'm happy with *Bethia*." After the Alden, Rob bought and restored a 25-foot Folk boat which was a famous Swedish design worthy of ocean-crossing.

"It's important for everyone to follow their passion. Give it everything you've got and it will reward you. If it's boats, that's wonderful. I have no regrets. I learned so much about boats and about myself through the process," Rob says. "Sailing is a mind, body, soul experience that surpasses all else for me."

And what would your name be...?



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Ay, caramba, deadline looms and I cannot find the quote, but trust me on this one: once upon a time, Marshall MacLuhan, that Merlin of Canadian Consciousness pronounced something to the effect that: a person's name is like a curse: a pronouncement that they will carry with them to the grave.

Okay? That said, let us consider Bruce. And Arnold. Not to mention Ralph.

In the 1950s (trust me—I was there) the most popular boys names to tag a newborn lad with were John, Robert, James, Michael, David, Stephen, William, Richard, Thomas and Mark.

By the 70s, the preferences had morphed to include Matthew, Brian, Christo-

pher, Jeffrey and Daniel.

And in the nether reaches of the century we had descended to Duane, Todd, Stuart and Brad.

But no one was going to bat for Lee. Harvey. Or Oswald. A Louisianan no-account ex-Marine, born in 1939 and adorned serendipitously with all three monikers, managed to marry a passing acquaintance with a mail-order rifle and a Pres-

idential cavalcade into an historical rendezvous.

And in that marriage, managed to insure that no sentient North American neo-parent would, for the foreseeable future, think of encumbering his or her offspring with the names Lee, Harvey, or Oswald.

You've got to be careful what you name your kid. It can come back to haunt you both. I'm sure that, prior to President Nixon's disastrous reign, Richard was considered an excellent male moniker.

And have you noticed how few Canadian newborn boys carry the name Brian these days?

But that could change. There was a time when Arnold was considered a wussy name. A monosyllabic Austrian with polysyllabic muscles who answered to the name Herr Schwarzenegger changed all that.

When I was a kid, the name Bruce was sniggered at—thought to be just a tad "fey".

Messrs. Springsteen and Willis turned that around.

And then there's Ralph. What good words can you possibly say about the name

Ralph? The most famous Ralph in the history of popular culture? Ralph Kramden, the sad sack, red-faced, overweight and usually idiotic bus driver portrayed by Jackie Gleason in *The Honeymooners*.

Ralph—a name so sad that it has become a synonym for booze-induced nausea—"No kidding, Tiffaney, after three of those Margueritas, I was ralphing into the aspidistras."

Ralph. A tragically unfortunate name to lumber a child with. Until you think about it a bit.

What about Ralph Lauren, the fashion thingy?

And Ralph Fiennes, the Hollywood leading man?

Has anyone noticed that a Ralph ran for election to the Oval Office? To wit, Ralph Nader, the world's most famous consumer advocate and perennial gadfly on the butt of the American body politic.

And speaking of gadflies (or butts, your choice)—what about Canada's own Ralph Klein?

I think Ralph is coming back to claim its rightful place within the pantheon of righteous male names.

But then that's the thing about names. Even if you pick a good one, you can never be sure what the vagaries of history will do to it.

Sometimes it doesn't take the weight of history. Sometimes a well-turned phrase will do the trick. You don't hear the name Chauncey much anymore do you?

The reason for that might be an exchange that occurred between U. S. president William Howard Taft and one Senator Chauncey Depew about 90 years ago. President Taft was a dirigible of a man, so huge in girth he had to have a bathtub specially made to accommodate his girth. Senator Depew on the other hand was a man with substantial gonads—so much so that he dared to twit the president about his size. One time he had the temerity to ask the president if he "was expecting a boy or a girl," and what he would name it.

President Taft looked at the Senator and intoned, "If it's a boy, I'll call it John. If it's a girl, I'll call it Mary."

"But if, as I expect, it is just wind, I'll call it Chauncey."

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Ganges, it didn't really affect us. It became a non-issue. The ambulance crew was great. They got the baby on the next ferry. It was just a hiccup—it was solved almost as soon as it came up," Atkins said.

According to Bob Pearce, communications manager for the ambulance department, when an ambulance is on standby it doesn't mean it can't

be accessed. "If an emergency call comes in, and that's the only ambulance available, the ambulance will be sent. The only time there should be a delay is a non-emergency call, a routine transfer on or off the Island."

He said the crew is on standby at the arrest site in case someone is injured there. If someone is injured at the site, and an

emergency call came in, a decision would have to be made between the crew and the dispatcher.

Catchpole was arrested for defying an injunction brought last spring by Dorman Timber Ltd., contractor to Texada, barring anyone from obstructing the company's logging operations. She is scheduled to appear in Supreme Court in Victoria on December 13 at 2 p.m.

Christmas gift giving made easy

Bah Humbug! There's no need to feel stressed about your Christmas shopping! With so many choices for wonderful Christmas gifts right here on Salt Spring, the only question is where to start. Let us guide you through some of the special gift selections available at local stores. We've made it easy for you by highlighting gifts under \$25, under \$50 and under \$100. Something to enchant everyone on your list....

Treats for the table

You can't go wrong with a gift of specialty foods. At the Fishery, choose a decorated cedar box for \$14 and fill it with specialty seafood for a delectable gift under \$25. Or how about Christmas stockings stuffed with canned salmon and tuna, from \$22 to \$43? For a sumptuous gift package, pick up a ready-made gift basket, or have the Fishery custom make one for you with their own smoked salmon, smoked oysters, a seafood cookbook and other goodies, for up to \$100.

Thrifty Foods offers a great selection of edibles. Say Feliz Navidad to your friend who can't get away to Mexico. Assemble a Mexican fiesta basket with red and green holiday tortilla chips, a jar of salsa, organic refried beans, and some fresh tomatoes and peppers for less than \$25. A cheese basket is suggested, featuring glenphilly cheddar with malt whiskey, Blue Stilton in a black stoneware crock, a hunk of parmaggiano and imported crackers. This basket sells for under \$50. A premium basket for less

than \$100 could include macadamia nuts, Salt Spring smoked salmon in a wooden keepsake box, crab pate and Appenzeller Swiss cheese fondue in a decorative tin.

Who can resist Harlan's luscious chocolates? A 12-pack of truffles is \$22.50 and a two pound box of elegant chocolates is about \$50. Harlan's Chocolate Treats and Candy Corner offers gift baskets wrapped in cellophane, as well as decorative holiday tins, filled with your selection of goodies like festive tea, McSteven's cappuccino in a tin, Christmas-blend coffee, chocolate Santas, or one of Santa's boots stuffed with sweets. These baskets or tins sell for any price range up to and above \$100. Don't forget, there's still time to pick up an advent calendar at Harlan's.



For food gifts with a distinctly Salt Spring flair, pick up some Salt Spring Roasting Company organic coffee. Their holiday blend coffee comes in a bright red foil pack for \$7.25.

Coffee and specialty teas make great stocking stuffers, or together with some scones and muffins can make up a tea and coffee lover's basket. The Roasting Company also has their own logo T-shirts for \$20. For \$99, you can buy a gift certificate that will keep your loved one in coffee for months.

Food for the mind

Books are wonderful holiday gifts. For the children on your list, Salt Spring Books has a range of Harry Potter books and associated merchandise, such as the Harry Potter 2001 day calendar and Hogwarts

Journal, each \$19.99, and Harry Potter stationery for \$14.99, as well as bookmarks and notebooks. For your teenager, sports enthusiast or trivia lover, consider the 2001 Guinness World Book of Records for \$34.95. The newly-released Beatles Anthology, a full colour coffee table book chronicling the history of the Fab Four, makes a fab gift at \$92.

Home and kitchen

A state-of-the-art cooking tool is a perfect gift for the chef on your list. At Love My Kitchen, store owner Linda Koroscil called the razor-sharp Micro Plane Grater (priced at \$24.95) "the best grater in the world." A decorative Italian ceramic pasta set, including a serving bowl and four pasta bowls in earthy colours, is priced at \$45. Or, give your favourite cook Paderno cookware. The 5.5 litre stock pot is under \$100. "It's great for sauces and soups, great for pasta. The biggest selling point is it never sticks and it never burns," said Koroscil.

How about giving floor covering to warm up someone's home for the holidays? Calypso Carpet offers a variety of area rugs in different sizes and colour patterns. A selection of smaller rugs are \$49 and the larger styles are \$69.99. For a different look, you can buy four-by-six-foot woven jute rugs in natural, mustard and sage green for about \$100 at Jambalaya.

For a holiday-theme gift priced under \$25, the housewares department at Home Hardware offers a set of four boxed snowman mugs or plates, on sale until December 24 for \$15.97 (they are regularly priced at \$20.99). Also for the table top, Stuff & Nonsense has a wide selection of colourful

and festive printed tablecloths by Cornell Trading, priced under \$50.

Clothing and accessories

Cozy clothes are always a welcome surprise on Christmas morning. Girls would love Fluffer Scuffers: soft rubber-soled slippers with whimsical decorations, like Sun and Moon appliques, for \$19.99 to \$24.99. Hooded plaid pullovers by Earth Rag are suitable for men or women. Made in Mexico, these pullovers come in different colours, and are priced starting at \$46.95. If you're looking for a snugly bathrobe for your wife or girlfriend, look no further. A Non-fiction fleece-lined robe comes in gray, pink or cream for \$89.95.

Old Salty has a number of unique gift items. A variety of decorative pillows in animal prints, silks, and African cottons start at \$19.95. A colourful market basket from Ghana makes a great gift for \$45.95. For your teenaged daughter, why not put together an adventure pack: a selection of gifts with leopard and other animal print theme designs? You can

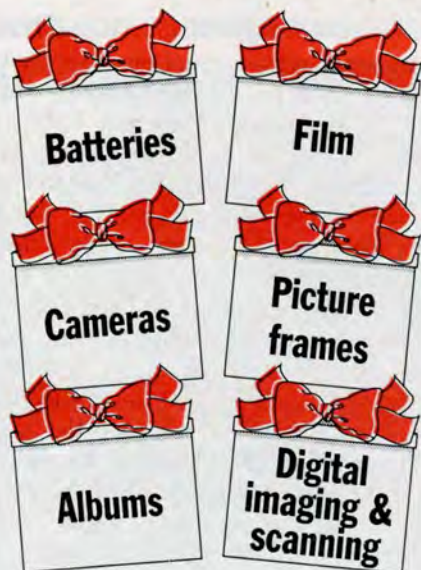
mix and match a CD holder, a journal, a teddy bear, a candle, and a scarf, all in animal print motifs, for about \$72. Sales assistant Heather Bovey said, "We've got new stuff coming every day."

For under \$100, Carola Heydemann at Stuff & Nonsense recommends her hand-knit cotton sweaters for men and women in solid colours: red, grape purple, natural, chocolate brown and pine green. Also in-

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Fulford, Jambalaya has a great collection of winter hats in velvet, fleece, wool and silk for women, and leather and canvas for men, in a range of prices under \$50.

Hobbies, toys, gadgets

At Stuff & Nonsense, pick up reproduction vintage tin toys, as well as a variety of art supplies, plush animals and toys for under \$25. At Jambalaya you can design your own bead jewelry or assemble a kit for someone to make their own, with beads, fasteners and all the trimmings for under \$25.

At Apple Photo you can choose from a number of stylish archival quality photo albums and scrapbooks to hold your loved one's memories. A colourful acid-free scrapbook with a handmade applique on the cover costs \$22.99. Also available are photo frames in all sizes and prices, such as a handmade art glass frame for \$29.99. For automatic fun, give a compact instant Polaroid camera for \$35. Or, for a special gift, a Nikon point and shoot auto focus camera with case is priced at \$85.

As you walk in the door to Home Hardware, you can't miss the toy section. Since soccer is such a popular sport, why not pick up a Lego soccer game building set for the seven- to 16-year-old on your list, at \$46.99? Or how about joining the new fad by giving the Just Start scooter on sale for \$79 until December 9? (It's regularly priced at \$89.99.)

For your favourite computer whiz, you don't have to go off-Island for games, software or hardware. There are many competitively priced offerings at Tribal Drum Computers, such as The Lab Tec Axis 302 head set priced at \$32. If you're looking for computer games, you'll find the Star

Wars Pod Racer at Tribal Drum for \$49. And the Logitech Wingman Force 3-D joystick is only \$95. "We beat Future Shop by four bucks on that," said store manager David Hensel.

A Class Act offers great decorative pin cushions and fat quarter bundles of 20 by 20 inch fabric squares for quilters "who are always trying to build up their stash," said one of the owners, Karen Tottman. For under \$50, you can buy a sewing kit, newly arrived and available in two colours, for \$36. Stuff the kit with a tape measure, needles, scissors and other notions and you have a complete gift. For under \$100, you can buy a rotary cutter, rotary ruler and a rotary mat. "Pretty well everyone who starts quilting needs these," said Tottman.

Giving green

Fraser Thimble Farms offers thoughtful gifts for the gardener or plant lover. For under \$100, owner Richard Fraser recommends a flowering tree, like dogwood or magnolia. "They range from \$79 for a good sized one," he said. A variety of large, decorative earthenware pots is priced at about \$35. And for under \$25, Fraser suggests a fruit tree, like peach or cherry. "Lots of people give these for Christmas," said Fraser. Other suggestions are an amaryllis, a bulb people force at Christmas time, or a gift certificate.

At Foxglove, choose a spruce or cedar wreath, a bouquet of red and white tulips, or a flowering plant, such as poinsettia, cyclamens or azalea, each for less than \$25. Gardeners will love a pair of gardening shoes, a sundial, or brass and concrete garden or-

naments, each priced at less than \$50. For something more elaborate, a bronze statue or a fountain make great garden gifts at less than \$100. Or put together a bird lovers package: a bird feeder, bird seeds and a book on feeding Northwest birds.

Body treats and balms

Lock Stock and Barrel hair salon offers a variety of men's and women's beauty products, which make ideal stocking stuffers or can be put together in a gift basket. U. S. Bumble Boys products have super packaging and hilarious names, like Shark Attack Hair Pomade "schtick" or High Voltage Think Big Foam, each for \$14.95. The shop also carries ICE and Lanza products. ICE washer (shampoo) and hydrator (conditioner) is on sale until mid-December for \$18.95 each. You can also buy gift certificates for products or salon services, said proprietor Fiona Foster.

Pamper that special someone with a treat for the body from Skin Sensations. For less than \$25, you can purchase a package of essential oil bath salts in citrus, lavender, rosemary and fleur. Each is good for two baths. Or, you can buy a gift certificate for a mini-facial (\$48) or a pedicure and paraffin treatment (\$45). For a truly sensational skin sensation, go for the Ultimate Vichy. This treatment includes a salt glo treatment, a Vichy shower (an over-

head shower with six showerheads, experienced while lying on a table), and a half-hour massage, all for under \$100.

For the man in your life, Gail's Hair has a line of American Crew men's products like shaving cream, shampoo, gel, hair spray and deodorant, each priced under \$25. For someone you know who needs a winter lift, Gail

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Decorations, arts and crafts

At Pegasus Gallery you'll find a variety of handmade ornaments in raku, ceramic and gold and silver leaf for less than \$25. For a special gift echoing the theme of the sea, you can buy beautiful polished pewter bowls crafted by Delia and Ray Wills of Newfoundland for less than \$50. Owner Yvonne Toynbee also recommends the lovely Northwest Native Indian silver jewellery: choose from a collection of bracelets, earrings, broaches and necklaces under \$100.

Naikai Gallery has a whole new line of blown

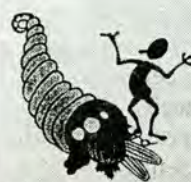
glass, said gallery owner Don Monteith. Pieces include dishes and glasses with unusual sweeping stems, in blues, greens, white, red, black, yellow and frosted glass. A set of glass candlesticks makes a unique gift for less than \$25. From a selection of pottery by Denman Island potter Richard Lonsdale, choose a blue and white cake platter with a sea gull motif for \$45. A turned wooden bowl by Lantzville artist Doug Fisher is a wonderful gift in the \$85 to \$95 price range.

You only have to peak in the window of Salt Spring Gems to get some good gift ideas. A variety of silver and lapis jewellery is available at different prices, as are unique pieces of estate jewellery. If you're still searching for a special gift idea, why not give a piece of heirloom china?



Michelle Meach photo

ABUNDANCE OF WREATHS—Last Sunday Salt Spring Elementary parents made Christmas wreaths and sprays to be sold as a school fund-raiser. From left: Pat Peterson, Kristina Kilbourne, Cathy Drake and Eric Peterson.



Salt Spring Sizzles ... with Gail Prior

Fall and winter evenings are great when the wood stove is crackling, and a new stack of books awaits your perusal or you finally got that video you've been waiting to see. Let's add to the scenario with a couple of favourite treats.

Cornbread

This is a simple recipe and provides a delicious source of fibre. Serve with vegetarian chili for a nutritious meal. Note: the combination of beans and grains makes a complete protein.

- 1-1/2 cups stone ground corn grits (polenta)
- 1/2 tsp. salt
- 1-1/2 cups low-fat plain yogurt
- 1 free range egg, slightly beaten
- 1 Tbsp. olive oil
- 1 tsp. baking soda

Preheat the oven to 400°F. Generously oil a 9" pie plate. In a medium bowl, whisk together the corn grits, baking soda and salt. Using a separate bowl, stir together the yogurt, oil, and egg until blended. Stir into the dry ingredients until just mixed. Scrape the batter into the oiled pie plate.

Bake for 24 - 30 minutes or until golden-brown around the edges and a toothpick inserted in the centre comes out clean. Cool slightly on a rack for 10 minutes. Cut into wedges and serve warm. 6 - 8 servings.

Glazed popcorn treat

- 4 cups prepared plain popcorn, hot
- 1/4 cup raisins, chopped
- 4 dried apricot halves, chopped
- 2 dates, pitted and chopped
- 2 tsp. sunflower seeds
- 1 Tbsp. and 1 tsp. each, butter & packed brown sugar

In serving bowl, combine all ingredients except butter and sugar. Using a small skillet, melt butter over low heat. Add sugar and stir until it is melted. Pour over popcorn mixture and toss until popcorn is coated. 4 servings.

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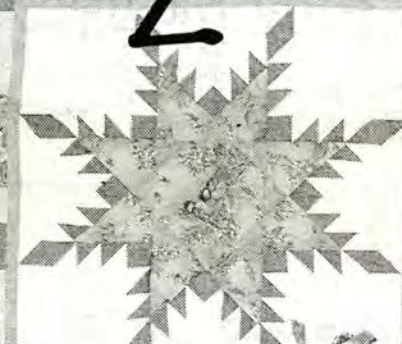


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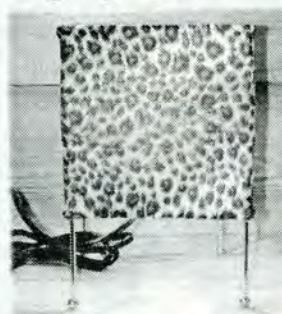


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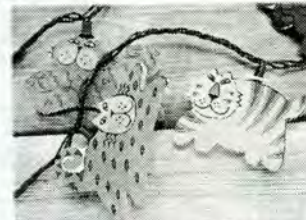


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A beautiful, tasty holiday treat for the eyes and tummy, too

One of the most popular decorations seen during the holiday season is a wreath, which often is used to decorate doors, windows, fireplace mantels, holiday tables and even automobiles.

Traditionally, a wreath is made of flowers, leaves or evergreens. This year, create a wreath that is a bit unique. How about surprising holiday guests with a mouthwatering wreath that they can eat?

Decorative cookie wreath

Serves 8

You can use this cookie wreath as the centerpiece of your holiday dessert table.

For the wreath

2 cups all-purpose flour
1/2 tsp. baking powder
1/4 tsp. salt
1/2 cup (1 stick) butter, softened
1 cup sugar
1 large egg
1 Tbsp. milk
1 tsp. vanilla extract

For the decorations

Green and white piping icing
Small round red candies
Special aids
3" leaf-shaped cookie cutter

Making the Wreath

1. Preheat oven to 400 F. Grease a large baking sheet. In a small bowl, combine flour, baking powder and salt.

2. In a large bowl, using an electric mixer set on medium speed, cream butter and sugar until light and fluffy. Beat in egg, milk and vanilla until combined. On low speed, gradually add flour mixture until blended. Beat on medium

A beautiful addition to any holiday dessert table, the Decorative Cookie Wreath, courtesy of Creative Cook's Kitchen, definitely brings the spirit of the season to any holiday gathering. This tasty, unique treat is sure to be enjoyed by children and adults of all ages. It can be used as a table centerpiece or served as a dessert, however, it also makes a wonderful gift to bring to loved ones' homes when visiting.

speed until dough forms a ball. Wrap dough in plastic wrap; chill for at least a half-hour.

3. On a lightly floured surface, using a lightly floured rolling pin, roll out half the dough to a 1/8-inch thickness. Keep the other half of the dough in the refrigerator until ready to use.

4. Using a floured 3-inch leaf-shaped cookie cutter, cut out shapes, rerolling scraps as needed.

5. Arrange the cookies on the prepared baking sheet. Overlap the leaf shapes slightly to form a 14-inch diameter wreath.

6. Bake wreath until dough is firm but not browned, eight to ten minutes. Place baking sheet on a wire rack; cool for five minutes. Carefully transfer wreath to a wire rack; cool completely.



Enjoy a delicious and decorative holiday wreath.

Decorating the Wreath

1. Pipe outline of leaf shape with green icing.
2. Use round red candies to form clusters of holly berries on wreath; adhere candies with a small amount of white icing.



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3 ounces Stilton
5 Tbsp. crème fraîche
1/4 tsp. ground nutmeg, plus extra for sprinkling
Fresh mixed salad and new potatoes, to serve
Preheat the oven to 350° F.

Lightly grease an 8 by 11 1/2-inch loose-bottomed quiche pan. Melt half the butter in a pan and cook the onion and garlic for 5 minutes until softened. Stir in the spinach and cook for a few minutes until wilted. Turn the mixture into a sieve and press well with a wooden spoon to squeeze out any excess liquid.

Melt the remaining butter. Lay one sheet of phyllo across the bottom of the pan with the edges slightly overhanging the sides. Brush well with melted butter. Repeat with the remaining sheets, arranging them at

different, overlapping angles.

Spoon the spinach into the bottom of the pastry shell; then crumble over the Stilton. Beat together the eggs, crème fraîche, nutmeg, and salt and pepper. Pour into the pastry shell and sprinkle over a little more nutmeg. Bake for 30 minutes until the filling is set and the pastry golden. Cook a little; then carefully remove from the oven and transfer to a baking sheet. Return to the oven for five minutes to crisp up the edges of the tart. Serve with salad and new potatoes. Serves 4.

Gourmet holiday fare

Fun-filled holidays seem ideal for lavish banquets and dinner parties full of experimental flavourful dishes. Try cooking "Provençal style" which means with an abundance of fresh herbs and intense, natural good flavour. Whip up this recipe for Scallops Provençal, which adds tofu to the list of ingredients for added nutritional value.

cilantro or parsley
1/2 to 1 tsp. Provençal or Italian seasonings
Soy sauce, to taste
Pepper to taste
1/2 cup medium dry white wine

1 teaspoon cornstarch
24 large sea scallops

In a large, deep, nonstick

frying pan, heat oil over high heat. Add onions, garlic, mushrooms and tofu; saute until golden, 3 to 5 minutes. Add tomatoes, peppers, olives, herbs and seasonings and saute another one to two minutes.

Combine wine and cornstarch and stir into vegeta-

bles. Fold in scallops. Reduce heat to low and let simmer two to four minutes, turning the scallops once. Do not overcook! Scallops should be soft when cut into, not rubbery. Adjust seasonings. Add a little more wine, if desired. Serve over rice, pasta or couscous.

Scallops Provençal

Serves 4
2 tablespoons vegetable oil
1/2 medium onion, chopped
4 to 6 garlic cloves, minced
1 cup sliced mushrooms
1 cup cubed firm or extra firm tofu
14 to 18 ripe cherry tomatoes, halved
1/4 cup raw or roasted red or yellow pepper, julienned
1/2 cup whole black olives
3 Tbsp. chopped fresh



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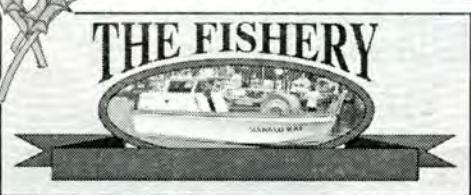
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Why not make the holidays picture-perfect with a homemade, fresh-baked batch of decorative cookies. Perfect as a party dish or even as a gift, homemade cookies are sure to warm the hearts—and the appetites—of everyone, whatever the occasion.

sized paintbrushes and the cookies become your canvas.

1-1/4 cups unsalted butter, at room temperature
1-1/2 cups sugar
2 eggs
2 teaspoons vanilla extract
3 cups all-purpose flour
1/2 teaspoon baking soda
1 teaspoon salt
4 egg yolks
Red, blue, green and yellow food colouring

1. Preheat the oven to 350 F. Brush two baking sheets with melted butter.

2. Cream the butter and sugar until light and fluffy. Add the eggs and vanilla and beat well. Sift the flour, baking soda and salt into the mixture and combine. Wrap the dough in plastic wrap and refrigerate for about one hour, or until firm. If it becomes too hard, leave at room temperature for about 20 minutes.

3. Place each egg yolk in a separate bowl. Add a teaspoon of water and beat well with a fork. Add a few



Make the holidays picture-perfect with a fresh-baked batch of deliciously decorative, homemade Paintbox cookies.

drops of a different food color to each one.

4. Divide the dough in half; keep half refrigerated and roll out the other half between two sheets of waxed paper to about 1/8- to 1/4-inch thickness. Cut out shapes and use enough to fill the prepared baking sheets. Use small paint-

brushes to paint the cookies, adding a little extra water to the food colorings to create a more translucent effect. Allow the "paint" to dry before baking.

5. Bake for 10 to 12 minutes, or until lightly colored. Cool on a wire rack. Repeat with the remaining mixture, preparing the baking sheets

Paintbox cookies

Makes about 36. Preparation time: 25 minutes plus 1 hour refrigeration. Total cooking time: 12 minutes per baking sheet

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Let's Eat ... with Linda Koroscil

Here are a couple of good old fashioned Christmas recipes.

O Henry Bars

1/2 cup crunchy peanut butter
1/2 cup br. sugar 1/2 cup corn syrup
2 cups corn flakes 1 cup rice krispies

Mix peanut butter, sugar and syrup. Stir in corn flakes and rice krispies. Spread in 9" x 9" pan.

Frosting

2 Tbsp. custard powder 1/2 cup butter
2 cups icing sugar 4 squares semi-sweet chocolate

Melt butter. Mix and spread over squares in pan. Then drizzle with 4 squares of melted semi-sweet chocolate mixed with 2 Tbsp. melted butter. Chill. Cut in small squares—like tiny chocolate bars.

Orange zucchini squares

1 cup sugar 1-1/2 cups flour
1 tsp. soda 1/2 tsp. salt
1 tsp. cinnamon 4 Tbsp. oil
1 tsp. baking powder 1/2 cup chopped nuts
1 cup grated zucchini 2 lightly beaten egg whites
1/2 cup frozen orange juice, undiluted
1-1/2 tsp. grated orange peel

Mix dry ingredients. Stir in nuts and zucchini. To egg whites, add orange juice, oil and peel. Fold into dry ingredients, then pour into floured and greased 9" x 13" pan. Bake at 350° for 40 minutes. May drizzle with orange glaze.

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According to Constance E. Richards, author of *Creative Giftwraps: Ideas and Inspirations, Tips and Techniques* (Lark Books), the wrapping should be just as important as the gift. Not only can a beautifully decorated present give a hint to what's hidden inside, but it also can reflect the recipient's loves and hobbies. For example, if someone on your gift list likes sunflowers, use sunflower wrapping paper, and attach a few silk sunflowers or a packet of sunflower seeds to the bow. Personal touches like this will show people that you care about them and that you really put a lot of thought into their gift.

So, don't let a hasty wrapping job detract from all of the effort that you give to finding the right presents. Try these creative ideas from Richards' book to help make gift-giving more special this year.

Gardening catalogue gift wrap

For that special gardener in your life, or your best green-thumbed friend, this wrapping is convenient, economical and a personal tribute to your good friend's favorite hobby. Feel free to expand on this theme by using the pages of other catalogues.

Brown paper bags
Pages from a gardening catalogue
Green gardening twine
Tape, scissors, craft glue

1. Cut open a brown paper bag that is large enough to enclose your package. Wrap and tape your box.

2. Open a garden catalog to the middle pages, and pull out the center staples so that you have one long sheet (usually 11 by 17 inches (28 by 43.5 cm) if the catalog is standard size). Choose pages which are especially colorful or relate to the gift recipient's gardening interests.

3. Spread a thin line of glue around the edges of the catalog page, and paste it diagonally onto the wrapped box.

4. Cut out images of large flowers, and paste them onto the package.

5. Double or triple tie the package with green twine. Arrange the ends of the twine, and glue them onto the package in an attractive position.

Candy wrappers

As bright and colourful as tasty treats, these "candy" packages can put a smile on the face of anyone with a sweet tooth. Use tissue or crepe paper, and sheathe it in opalescent cellophane. Tie off the ends with fancy silk or foil ribbon for extra pizzazz.

Tissue or crepe paper, bright colours
Cellophane paper
Ribbon, 1/8" to 1/2" (3 mm to 1.3 cm) wide
Postal cylinder tube
Tape, scissors
Deckle-edged scissors

1. Cut pieces of tissue or crepe paper and cellophane equal in size for the same package. Be sure that the paper extends 2 or 3 inches (5 or 7.5 centimetres) beyond the ends of the postal tube.

2. Wrap the tube in the tissue or crepe paper first.

3. Cover the wrapped tube with the cellophane paper.

4. Gather and tie the ends off with ribbon.

5. Cut the ends of the ribbon to the same length.

6. Cut the ends of the paper with the deckled scissors, making sure the ends are the same length.

Variations: Wrap a box completely with your base paper, taping the ends down as usual. Cover the container with cellophane paper, gathering the excess

paper at the ends and tying them off with ribbon, as you would the cylindrical packages.

Use printed paper as your base, and match the ribbon to a predominant color in the wrapping.

Tea bag bow

Giving a teapot or a tea set as a present? Add to the theme by including a fan of colorful tea bags as the bow. Commercial wrapping paper
Wired ribbon, 1-1/2 inches (3.8 centimetres) wide
10 to 14 tea bags
Stapler
A piece of thin-gauge wire or narrow ribbon
Scissors

1. Wrap your gift box as usual.

2. Tie wired ribbon around the box on all four sides, leaving the ends long enough to tie a large shoelace-type bow.

3. Make two "fans" by stapling five to seven tea bags together at one end.

4. Fold a second piece of ribbon into thirds, forming loop ends. Hold this piece in the middle of the "shoelace" bow on top of the package.

5. Tie the tea bags to the middle of the bow with a piece of thin wire or narrow ribbon.

6. Fluff the ribbon, and cut the loose ends slightly longer than the bow.

Tip: For extra fullness,

Deck the halls with wreaths-a-plenty

• **Display your giving spirit**—Choose a large pine wreath. Fill six small boxes with special holiday favours and wrap each in bright metallic paper. Secure each box to the wreath with wire. Accent the wreath with holiday ribbon. Make wreaths to hang throughout your home and holiday guests can take home a filled box as a holiday memento.

• **Monochromatic style**—Begin with a pine wreath. Arrange large white flowers and sheer white ribbon around the wreath and glue or wire in place. Hang the wreath by cutting a piece of wide white ribbon and attaching it around the top. Drape wreath over a mirror to create depth and reflection.

• **Create a children's holiday treasure**—Showcase the creativity of your children in a holiday wreath. Arrange ornaments made by children around a pine wreath and wire in place. Arrange small, decorated gingerbread cutouts and tiny holiday bows on the wreath. This decorative piece will become a holiday treasure for parents or grandparents.



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Celso Machado nourished soul

by Shellyze Szakaes

Samba du Soliel Productions promised a real musical treat when bringing Celso Machado, the renowned Brazilian guitarist-percussionist, to the Island. And, the more than 100 people in attendance last Saturday night at the United Church Sanctuary clearly were not disappointed.

Machado held the attention of the audience with a cast of musical instruments ranging from the familiar

classical guitar to the exotic African *berimbau*, an instrument that looks like a large bow with a gourd attached and which is played with a stick and a stone. Setting one instrument down and picking up another, moving from the earthy rhythms and throaty vocalizations of African-based music to the fluid movements and complex harmonics of the Brazilian jazz forms, Machado displayed virtuosity.

Machado's musicality

stretched our cultural understanding of music. He took us to the core—sound—and used anything and everything that appealed to his musical sensibility to fill the hall with that sound.

In one piece he used a hunter's device, playing a tape loop of birdcalls as background to shakes, rattles and whistles that evoked the sounds of a rain forest. He drew the audience into this ambient soundscape, exploiting us as sound-makers by using non-verbal cues: subtle but compelling invitations to click our tongues and snap our fingers until what we heard around us sounded like rain falling through trees and plunking down on the ground. The total effect was so powerful that as the rainfall petered out a small child's voice rose out from the audience saying, "Mom I need a drink of water."

On guitar, Machado exhibited a level of skill that can only come from the most intimate knowledge of his instrument. One did-

n't have the sense that he was playing it so much as playing *with* it. The guitar sat in equal relationship with its player, responding with beautiful harmonics and emotive rhythms as he moved around its body. At times it sounded as though there were two instruments playing together—lead and rhythm guitar—his sound was so lush and complex.

Then he picked up another stringed instrument, the *kora*, a 21-string harp from West Africa, and produced a deliciously high yet resonant tone that felt like a tropical waterfall. Machado gave his audience a feast of sounds that fed the senses and nourished the soul.

Concert organizers plan to bring Celso Machado back to Salt Spring with Qui Xia He, a Chinese *pipa* player with whom he recorded *Jongo Le*, one of his three CDs. (The *pipa* is a lute-shaped, stringed instrument.) If his Saturday concert appearance is any indication, the next will be an event worth watching for.

Atomic blues gig

The strat-driven blues/rock band Atomic plays the Fulford Inn this Friday and Saturday, December 8 and 9. Formed in 1999 at the home of Pat Cullen and Bruce Graham, the band set out to fill the hole in the blues scene created when artist Gene Grooms left.

Graham, the drummer, began his musical career busking on the causeway and playing dance clubs in

Victoria. Ted Cook has played a wide variety of instruments since age four and holds the Atomic groove together playing bass guitar. Cullen, who was present at the birth of Canadian rock 'n roll in Winnipeg, brings a sense of time and experience which is appreciated by younger players like guitar player Paul Branscombe, who began playing locally for Grooms in 1998.

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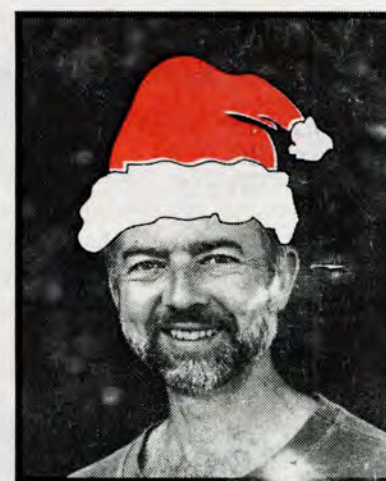
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SMILE FOR THE SISTERS— Popular Salt Spring duo the Stack Sisters are celebrating the release of their new CD *Smile* at Talon's restaurant this Thursday, December 7, starting at 6:30 p.m. The Sisters will do a set on their own and will later be joined by some excellent local musicians. The CD was recorded at Greg Pauker's Sculptor Systems studio and features audience favourites such as "You Fixed My Car" and "La Conchita." Unlike their last CD, which had a full backup band, this one is pure Stack Sisters, capturing the feel of a live performance. Pauker gets a very clean sound with his state-of-the-art equipment and expertise. Good food will complement good tunes at the gig this Thursday.

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Black and White confrontational



Flick Pick ...
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Black and White examines how America—and particularly its youth—have integrated various aspects of what might be called hip hop culture into their lifestyle. Anyone who's been in Ganges around lunch hour knows exactly what I'm talking about: rap music, baggy pants, baseball caps (worn backwards is a must). Rap, of course, emerged from the desperation of the poorest neighborhoods of late 1970s New York. Today, it's mostly a way for middle-class white teens to rebel.

In *Black and White*, director James Toback explores this fascinating cultural mutation with a stable of interesting characters. At the centre is a group of fairly well-off white teens who mimic the hip hop culture around them, completely frustrating their parents. Meanwhile, an independent filmmaker documents the teens' every move, a fledgling rap group aims for its first record contract, and a star high school basketball player is offered \$50,000 to

throw his next game. It may not make sense, but that's almost the point. Everyone is all jumbled together in an ambiguous mess of stereotype, stumbling to a conclusion without any hint of thematic clarity.

This is what makes *Black and White* an important film: it doesn't pull the usual Hollywood trick of telling you how to feel about the issue at hand. To-back is at times directly confrontational with the audience, selecting actors with prominent public images—Claudia Schiffer, Mike Tyson, Robert Downey Jr., Brooke Shields—and allowing them to improvise in scenes that contradict those images. Watch for a powerful scene between Tyson and Downey which, according to rumour, was more than just good acting on Tyson's part. Watching this film, we're never really sure what is intended, or even what is real. In contrast to its title, *Black and White* is always somewhere in the grey.

Warning: 18a
Running time: 99 min
Rating: ***

Guitar workshop challenges

by Shellyze Szakacs

Celso Machado, a highly respected Brazilian musician, gave a guitar workshop on Salt Spring Island this past Saturday, December 2. Machado is considered a master of both guitar and percussion, and the percussive aspect of guitar certainly figured prominently in his

five-hour lesson to 14 of Salt Spring's dedicated players. Demonstrating for and instructing the participants in a musical sensibility that represents the roots of the familiar Brazilian jazz styles, Machado covered a lot of ground and left everyone present with a working experience of this sophisticated genre.

A gentle and lucid teacher, Celso Machado instructed with precision, mapping out this new territory with detailed rhythm and chord charts that break down what, on first hearing, sounds wonderful but undecipherable to all but the more seasoned players. The room was full of attentive listeners, all players focussed on grasping the subtle accents that characterize the rhythmic patterns, working to getting that delicious feel that has made successive generations of players fall in love with the Samba. At once more fluid and more punctuated, the cadence of this music is a stretch for your average player schooled in North American/European music structures.

Machado listened to the cacophony of guitars for the ones that were out of sync or tune. He helpfully worked one-on-one, taking the hand of a struggling player and guiding him or her back into the rhythmic fold. Teaching the nuances of Brazilian forms with their quirky staccato movements and offbeat chord changes takes knowledge and

patience. Machado is clearly a seasoned teacher, one able to create the ideal learning environment: a relaxed but focused atmosphere.

The musician/participants in Machado's workshop represented musical styles ranging from bluegrass to classical. The workshop provided an opportunity for them to approach music from a new perspective, leading to a broader understanding of the genres with which they are already familiar. All in all this workshop was a great opportunity for Island musicians; it will be interesting to see what impact it has on the sounds they offer in the future.

At the end of the workshop Machado played a song. It was then that the statement "guitar is the easiest instrument to learn but the hardest to master" came home. We could see the chord shapes he'd charted for us as they flitted up and down the fret board; we could recognize the rhythm patterns we'd been grappling with throughout the day. What we heard, however, was music elegant, soulful and sweet.

Garnett reads

by Joanne O'Connor

Gale Zoe Garnett will read selections from her novel *Visible Amazement* at Salt Spring Books this Sunday, December 10, at 3:00 p.m. Garnett, who is living on Salt Spring for a month to write, hails from Toronto.

Although *Visible Amazement* is Garnett's first novel, she is no stranger to publishing and has written articles, plays and book reviews. Garnett also acts and directs.

In this novel, Garnett explores life through the body of her protagonist,

Roanne Chappell. Roanne is a Canadian girl who comes of age with all the fanfare, publicity and confusion of a U.S. election, minus the politics. As a 14-year-old girl trying to pass herself off as a 16-year-old woman, Roanne eschews virtually all politic conventions.

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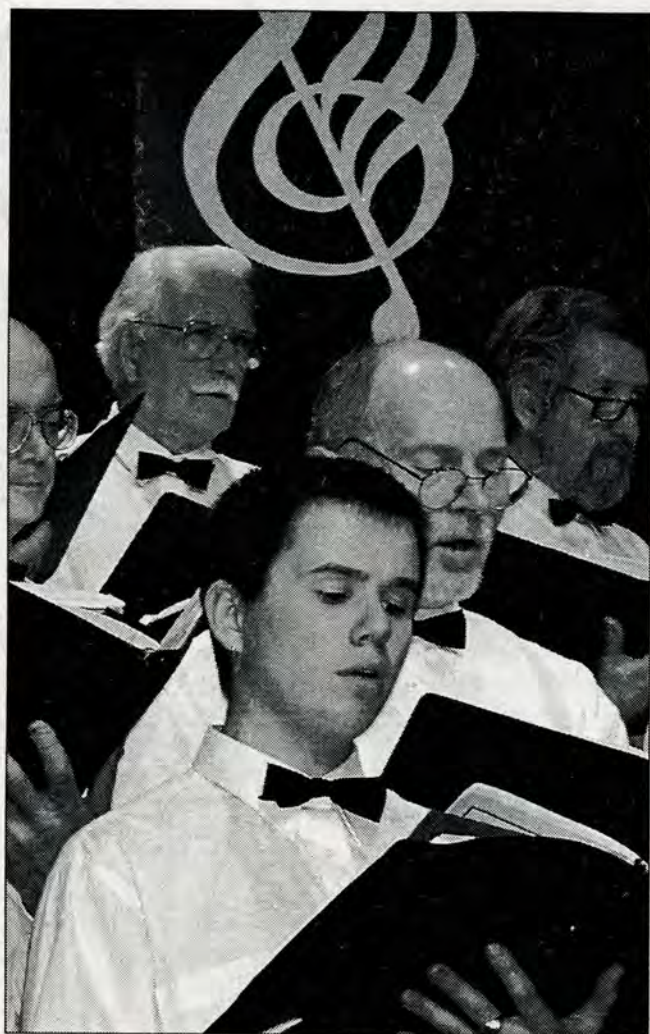
Glorias fill the night, audience elated

by Gail Trafford

A peal of "Gloria" cut through the pouring rain and black sky as the doors to ArtSpring opened for the Salt Spring Singers' annual winter concert. The lights dimmed and the performers filed in to take their places. Music Director Bruce Smith raised his baton. Silence fell. Then, with a force to take your breath away, the 80-voice choir filled the auditorium with the opening strains of Vivaldi's *Gloria*.

This was no mere amateur performance. Each part of the choir sang as one voice, and confidence and delight showed in their faces. They knew when they were getting it right and they loved it. The echoing peals of layer upon layer of voices carried the audience above and beyond the night.

Accompanied by the 11-piece Angelicus Chamber Ensemble (under the direction of concertmistress Jean Knight), the choir performed two major works. The second, Gabriel Fauré's *Requiem* set a completely different tone to the evening. The dissonant harmonies



The Salt Spring Singers performed for three sold-out audiences at ArtSpring last weekend

and undulating rhythms of the requiem required an even greater level of skill from the choir. They pulled off a seemingly effortless performance. Although the piece was suited to mourning, it somehow left the audience hopeful. After the show several of the audience commented, "I just closed my eyes and floated," or "I escaped."

Six soloists were highlighted during the performance. It was difficult to say

whether I most enjoyed the singing or the faces of the choir behind the soloists. The choir was so enraptured by the soloists I could almost hear their sighs.

The Salt Spring Singers hold concerts twice a year; they sold out all three choral masterworks performances this weekend. The choir practices weekly as a group and more often in sections. This is a voluntary work for the love of music.

Music is the gift at Moby's

Christmas CD bash features local bands with recordings

by Shellyze Szakacs

Salt Springers have long become accustomed to having a wealth of art and craft fairs to wander through in search of that perfect Christmas gift. It occurred to Dave Roland of The Barley Brothers that there was no similar opportunity for musicians to offer their wares to the public. "We were being asked to play at the craft fairs and realized there was no outlet for the musicians, so I made some calls and the rest is history." Moby's offered itself as a venue and has been co-hosting the event with Roland since its inception in 1996. "It's a free concert of Salt Spring Island musicians, most of whom have CDs out for sale."

The event runs from 4 p.m. until midnight this Saturday, December 9. Each group or performer

will play a one-hour set so audiences will have a good taste of their sound. "It is a long day but lots of fun. The musicians really enjoy it because we get to hang out together and play. We see it as a Christmas present from

"It's a free concert of Salt Spring... musicians."

—Dave Roland

the musicians to the community. Moby's has hired Jordy Sharp (of Acoustic Planet) to do the sound for us, which is a bonus for the players and audience alike. We know the sound will be good," said Roland.

Already confirmed for this year's gig are the Stack Sisters, John and Michele Law, KC Kelly, Wave and Terry Warbey, all of whom have CDs out. Not able to

make it for the concert, but with CDs there as proxy are Harry Manx, Auntie Kate, the Barley Brothers, Kelly Birk and Shilo Zylbergold, among others.

The Christmas Music Fair, as it was formerly billed, has now become an Island tradition. Over the years, almost all the local working musicians have come through. Valdy has played, the Barley Brothers, Auntie Kate, Marcelle Nokony, Gene Grooms, Little Marty, the Rounders, Triskele, Black Velvet Band, and Derek Duffy to name a few. It should be a great place to find those gifts for the hard-to-buy-for with a roster that covers many different musical tastes: Celtic, worldbeat, jazz, folk, bluegrass, and blues. There certainly is a wealth of talent from which to choose.

For more information, contact Roland at 653-4279.

Author will read *Bad Press*

Turnstone Press has just published *Bad Press*, a novel by Rob Hadley. The author will be at Salt Spring Books this Saturday, December 9, at 3 p.m. to talk about the book, the media and how he came to write the story.

Bad Press authentically describes the world of news from the viewpoint of a press photographer in London. The novel is a thrill-a-minute action story with plot twists that will not disappoint. The action runs from the streets of London

to a green protest on the high seas, to the bedroom of a seductive knife-wielding corporate lawyer. It's all in a day's work for Steve Sinclair, a press photographer who stumbles from one disaster to another.

Hadley's extensive experience as a photojournalist—he began his career in journalism at the age of 14—has taken him from his former home in England to Liberia, Chad, Sudan, Rwanda, Mozambique, Kenya, Sierra Leon and

South Africa. The list of his employers is impressive and includes: Greenpeace (for whom he recorded actions), the national press in the United Kingdom, Associated Press, Reuters, the London Evening Standard, Guardian, Financial Times, United Nations. Hadley has drawn on these real-life experiences to make *Bad Press* a fascinating read.

Selected readings from *Bad Press* can be heard online at www.geocities.com/vanbc2000/Bp.rm.



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A Musical Garland features Salt Spring Concer Band, left, and Tuned Air, both led by Dawn Hage, centre.

Concert unites local groups

by Joanne O'Connor

The combined talents of Tuned Air and the Salt Spring Concert Band will be showcased at ArtSpring this weekend. A *Musical Garland* will mark the first joint performance of the band and the choir, now both under the direction of Dawn Hage.

Hage recently began her second season as artistic director of the Salt Spring Concert Band (the artistic group formerly known as Bandedonium). She was appointed director of the choral group Tuned Air last summer.

Both groups have grown under the tutelage of their respective founding directors, but each see a bright future with Hage.

Ron Ayrd, chair of the board of directors for Tuned Air, looks forward to A *Musical Garland*. "I'm excited

about two artistic organizations combining to produce an event," he enthused. Ayrd also commended director Dawn Hage, saying, "She has a complete vision. She comes alive when she describes the performance." Ayrd explained the idea was to develop the choir to such an extent that even someone unfamiliar with music would be astounded by the concert.

Hage acknowledged that the support of each board has helped ease her into the role of director. "Both boards work really hard, so all I have to do is think about the music," said Hage. Vlad Konik, president, and the rest of the members of the Salt Spring Concert Band board, are working on yearly plans for the band, Hage explained.

While Dawn Hage is new

to directing, she has a long association with the world of music. As a professional trumpet player, Hage has worked with the Edmonton Symphony Orchestra and was also in a chamber trio for eight years.

A *Musical Garland* should be a masterpiece of musical collaboration. "The music both groups are doing is stunning," Hage declared. Most of the music will have a Christmas theme, and the lighting and mood will shift throughout the evening. Tuned Air and the Salt Spring Concert Band will share three combined pieces, as well as performing on their own.

Dawn Hage looks forward to future collaboration between the two groups, as well as possibly working with the Salt Spring

Singers, who are under the direction of her friend and colleague, Bruce Smith.

A united artistic front on Salt Spring is a force to be reckoned with. As a press release for A *Musical Garland* proclaimed, "Both boards envision a future with opportunities for all amateur musical groups—not only to perform together, but to produce and participate in workshops and festivals as well."

In their premiere collaborative event, Tuned Air and the Salt Spring Concert Band will showcase the talents of about 90 people. Hage said, "It will be quite a spectacle to see that many bodies on stage." Additional elegance will be lent to the evening by host Susheela Dawne. A *Musical Garland* graces ArtSpring on December 8 and 9.

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Santa's workshop off to a great start

by Peggy Abrahams

Salt Spring's community Christmas toy drive, better known locally as Santa's Workshop, is already off to a great start, said organizer and designated Santa, Bob Appleton. "We've got quite a number of toys already," he said.

Appleton explained the toy drive has become a sort of community effort in which many people play a role. Santa's Workshop is under the auspices of the Community Services Society, but many other individuals and businesses are involved. Even local motorcycle enthusiasts take a ride to collect toys for Santa.

The brainchild of Lil Irwin, the motorcycle toy drive contributed about 50 toys this year, said Lil's husband Don Irwin. This year the ride was on September 23, he said. "We get a good turnout every year. All the riders bring a gift, we pick a route and go for a ride.... Lil's dressed up in a Santa

Claus suit, and her whiskers keep getting in the way," Irwin added.

There's still plenty of time to contribute a toy to Santa's Workshop. Simply drop your toy or toys off at any of the toy boxes located around town. This year Ganges Village Market has joined the effort, setting up a convenient drop-off box in its Upper Ganges location. Other locations are the North Salt Spring Waterworks office near Central, Mouat's Trading Company and the downtown Pharmasave store.

Appleton explained that it all started when volunteer Judy Willett was helping with the Christmas food hampers one year, and she suggested she'd like to help with Santa's Workshop. "We've joined forces ever since," Appleton remarked.

Willett also came up with the idea of hanging angels on the tree at the Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce. Appleton said that the bank decorates its

Christmas tree with angels that say, for example, "girl of five" or "boy of six." People can pick up an angel and buy something appropriate for the child indicated, then wrap it and bring it back with the angel attached. "The United Church has done the same over the last few years," he said.

Another way to contribute to the toy drive is at the Liquor store in Grace Point Square. There you can add a stuffed Grizzly bear toy to your purchase, and a second toy bear will be given to a child in need.

More than 400 toys were given out last year. Santa's Workshop distributes the toys through Community Services. Families who request a Christmas hamper from the food bank are asked if they have children, and if so, their ages and genders. The individual families are assigned a code. "We put in toys we think would be suitable," Appleton explained.

Cold-tolerant shrubs to plant now



Life in the garden ...

with Joe Clemente

Just because its fall, it doesn't mean that planting some of the broadleaf shrubs has to come to an end. There are many species of cold-tolerant, broadleaf evergreen shrubs that can be safely planted at this time of the year. Some of the more marginal or tender species can wait until spring.

Let's just focus on some good specimen shrubs that will work in that shady area of your garden. Unfortunately, there is no such thing as "deer-proof," so if

you don't have a nice high fence around your garden, beware. Our four-legged friends are always lurking in nearby bushes!

Aucuba japonica is a wonderful broadleaf shrub that thrives in a shady spot. They grow quite rapidly and can be clipped to a desired size. The most common variety has nice green leaves spotted with yellow.

Euonymus fortunei is very cold-tolerant and works in sun or shade. I personally like the variegated forms best.

Leucothoe is a wonderful hardy shrub that has inter-

esting glossy foliage. They look better when a few of them are planted together. In winter, the leaves turn a bronze tint.

Sarcococca and *Skimmia* make a good addition to any Island shade garden. These two species seem to look their best in full shade. *Sarcococca* has very sweet, fragrant, small white flowers in our winter months. Red fruits are an extra bonus once flowering is completed. *Skimmias* are a nice compact shrub with deep green, glossy foliage. They all produce white blooms,

and red berries follow if a male and female plant are present.

Last is my favorite: *Fatsia japonica*. I grow many of these as companions for all of the other exotic stuff I have in the garden. All of mine are in just about full shade. *Fatsias* have a tropical look about them, and they all have large, dark green, glossy, fan-like foliage. They grow very fast and are quite drought-tolerant. They can grow fairly tall but don't mind being pruned down to size. All of mine flower in November and then set seed.

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Genesis Farm focus of presentation

Island Natural Growers (ING) is holding a potluck and public presentation on Wednesday, December 6 at All Saints by-the-Sea (downstairs). The potluck begins at 6 p.m. and the presentation at 7:15. ING's annual general meeting will follow at 8:30 p.m. Genesis Farm will be the subject of a slide presentation offered by Maureen Wild.

Genesis Farm is an ecological learning centre and organic community supported garden in northwest

New Jersey. It is a centre for environmental and world order learning, and for workshops and seminars that explore the sacred human-earth connection. Founded in 1980 by a group of Catholic nuns, Genesis Farm makes its land (140 acres) and facilities available to people searching for alternative ways to achieve true human and ecological well-being. It focuses on the connections between the health and sustainability of earth and the health of

human communities as experienced in particular regions. It supports individuals to be part of creating that health, both inwardly and outwardly.

Wild has lived and worked at Genesis Farm for the past seven years. She is originally from Alberta, and while enjoying a year on Salt Spring Island, she is exploring possibilities for evolving Earth Literacy education in Western Canada.

ING invites not only growers but also consumers

to become members. In addition to providing a network of experienced organic growers, membership includes invitations to monthly potlucks and garden/farm tours of some of the most interesting farms and gardens on the Island. The \$24 annual membership fee also includes the quarterly publications *Compost for the Mind*, from the Island Organic Producers Association, and *Eco Farm and Garden* from the Canadian Organic Growers.

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See you Monday 29 January at Salt Spring Seniors!

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Jessica & Megan have been hired through Summer Works Program as youth facilitators.



"December 7th is our KGB Kickoff!"

All residents should be aware that "Nights Alive," which is a youth-oriented program, will be hosting a KGB game on December 7, in the evening. For those of you who are unaware of how this game works, it is a role playing game where students try to get from point A to point B without being caught by players of the opposite team. Students from ages 13-18 will be able to participate by signing up with co-ordinators in their schools. Though the players are instructed to stay off of private property we can not guarantee the outcome. Therefore we would appreciate your understanding, support and co-operation. This is a fun game for students and is designed to give them something fun and safe to do on a Thursday night. Residents of the secret route will be notified closer to the date of the event. Stay tuned as they bring us up to date!

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Island food bank unique

by Judy Harper

Christmas can be a stressful time of year for the people among us who are, for one reason or another, financially burdened. For those whose incomes are not "up to scratch" at the moment, the temptation is to just let the holiday slide by unrecognized. Anne Williams of the Salt Spring Community Centre said though the need for resources like the food bank is steadily growing, we have the good fortune to live in a very generous and caring community, ever-ready to answer that need.

For eight years now, Williams has been the food bank co-ordinator at the Community Centre on Salt Spring. The food bank operates year-round, providing food hampers every Tuesday to approximately 15 families—an effort which requires the dedication of 12 to 15 regular volunteers.

In mid-November, Williams gears up for the Christmas season, co-ordinating 30 extra volunteers and connecting with Bob

Appleton of Santa's Workshop in anticipation of providing Christmas dinner, toys, and even pet food for up to 200 families. Though she finds that the same volunteers come back year after year, there is always a need for more, given the daunting task of coding, sorting, packaging and delivering which demands three full days from December 18 to the 20. Hampers are tailored as much as possible to the varying needs of the recipients, according to information which Williams receives in November. To maintain confidentiality, all recipients are given code numbers rather than names. Donations come from boxes all over Salt Spring, service organizations, merchants groups, special interest groups, and fund-raising functions.

The idea for the pet food bank originated about 10 years ago when the mother of a staff member donated a few dollars every now and again specifically for pets. Williams, an animal lover herself, understands the

special relationship between families and their pets, and has known people to feed their animals eggs or cheese from their own small store of food rather than see them go hungry. Until two years ago, funds were donated to the "pet project" whenever possible, but somewhat sporadically. Then in 1998 the SPCA offered quarterly donations which now feed about 20 animals weekly, the majority of which belong to residents. Foxglove Nursery and the Gulf Island Veterinarian Service also help with donations of food.

The Salt Spring food bank is unique in two ways. The pet food bank is one unique aspect. The other is that the on-going generosity of Islanders has meant the food bank has not had to appeal to donors for several years. Though the need for contributions is growing at an estimated 15 to 20 per cent per year, there continues to be enough food to go around.

The food bank is open every Tuesday at 11:30 a.m. at the Community Centre.

Fund receives local support

Guatemalan children get educational funding from Islanders

by Judy Harper

In Guatemala, a country where two per cent of the population owns 80 per cent of the wealth and working-class families are always in survival mode, it's no wonder that education is an unattainable luxury. Primary schooling is funded by the government only until grade 6. After that, schooling fees are more than the average Mayan family can manage. While trades and professions are largely taught in high school, the vast majority of Mayan youth never learn them. For most students, financial support in the form of aid from abroad is their only access to higher education.

The Maya Scholarship Fund Guatemala (MSFG) is a project of the Vancouver Meeting of the

Religious Society of Friends (Quakers) in collaboration with the Pop Atziak Cultural Centre in Guatemala. The Canadian co-ordinator of the scholarship programme is Sheila Reid, a Salt Spring Island educator who took early retirement to work on various Central American projects. Several years ago Reid raised \$160,000 on Salt Spring alone for her "Voice of Women" project by selling Arpilleras which were hand-sewn in Central America. She is now in Guatemala with her colleagues, choosing the students who will receive scholarships in the new year, while her associates here in B.C. are actively seeking donations for the scholarship project from Canadian sponsors. The

Maya K'iche' organization Pop Atziak is offering reading and writing classes in their native language to marginalized women and children in two Guatemalan communities. They will jointly administer the scholarship programme.

The primary goal of the programme is to promote the Mayan heritage through educational and cultural awareness in a country where political instability and poverty have created a cycle of diminishing cultural pride and consciousness. Rosemary Baxter, a Salt Spring resident, has visited the Mayan students and was impressed and energized by their hard work in the face of such overwhelming odds.

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Rising basketball star calls Salt Spring home

by Joanne O'Connor

Annette Wright, a 2000 Gulf Island Senior Secondary graduate, is busy juggling academics and athletics at Auburn University in Alabama, U.S.A. Wright was accepted to the university on a full National College Athletic Association basketball scholarship. An achievement in itself, her success is remarkable in light of her relatively short basketball career.

In grade ten Wright started playing basketball. At 6'4", she quickly became a dominant presence on the court. Former basketball coach Kellie Booth praised the

skill and potential Wright displayed during her three years of local play. Booth also noted that Wright is the first Canadian to be accepted on such a scholarship by Auburn University.

The university is widely known for its prowess in basketball. Both Charles Barkley and Ruthie Bolton attended Auburn. Annette was scouted after being chosen to play on a provincial under-19 select team last summer.

On Auburn's website, Annette Wright is profiled along with her teammates. Most of the women on the Auburn Tigers hail from

the southern states. However, beside Wright's name the notation, "Saltsprings Island, B.C.," singles her out as Canadian talent.

Since Wright is a first year student at Auburn, she is still practicing more than playing. Her grandmother, Irene Wright, was pleased to say, however, that Wright was given significant court time last week and succeeded in racking up her first points as an Auburn Tiger.

She is maintaining an impressive academic record as well. Her undeclared major is forensic science, but Annette is also

thinking about becoming a math/physical education secondary school teacher. Considering her athletic record and her current average of 100 per cent in calculus, the latter may be the perfect choice.

Playing with the Women's National Basketball Association and/or the Canadian National Women's Basketball team are also goals of the ambitious 18-year-old.

With her college career off to a brilliant start, Wright looks forward to an upcoming basketball tournament in Puerto Rico, and seeing her family and UVIC boyfriend over Christmas.

Oak Bay 2, Salt Spring FC 2

New players fitting in well, unbeaten streak continues



Sidelines ...

with Alan Webb

Saltspring FC ran their unbeaten spell to seven games Sunday with a 2 to 2 draw at Oak Bay.

FC scored early, nine minutes in, when Mark Nardine headed home a rebound of a Harrison Jason shot to open the score.

Bays levelled five minutes later against the run of the play.

FC's best chance to regain the lead fell on the half hour mark when a perfectly flighted Dave McColl corner kick to the far post was headed wide by Pat Hayes.

The Windsor boys clearly dominated the first 30 minutes, but the last fifteen minutes of the half were a saw-off until Oak Bay poached a late goal in

the last minute before the interval.

FC hit their full stride in the second half as the Plywoodians dominated possession in search of an equalizer. They found one with an hour off the clock when Ryan Wellington lofted a ball down the line into the stride of Harrison Jason. Jason controlled artfully on his left foot before picking out Kalkin Brosseau who needed only to hit the net to tie the score. He did.

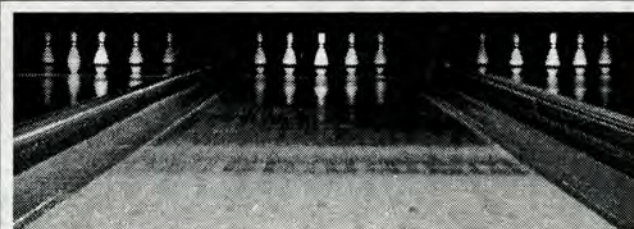
FC nearly won the game outright minutes later when Chris Jason met a Jesse Fisher corner kick with a venomous header. The ball injured the goalkeeper but the netting was left unscathed.

For FC the transition phase of the season appears

to be over. The new players fit in well with the core group; the team ethos has survived: offense springs from strong defense.

With one game still to play before the Christmas break FC now look poised to take a run at frontrunners Gordon Head and season-ending promotion. The planks appear to be there to successfully bridge the gulf between a competitive third division and a fearsome second division: talent, desire, sound coaching and, at last, a lighted practise facility.

But first FC must find ways to turn draws into victories. Next Sunday versus Cordova Bay Orange at Portlock Park, 2:15 kick-off. Ought to be a good battle.



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10 Nads.....	184	120
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12 Sleepers.....	168	94
13 Buffalo.....	164	91

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Wed., Dec. 6,
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2 Anaheim.....	218	133
3 Dallas.....	218	125
4 Phoenix.....	218	114
5 San Jose.....	217	135
6 Edmonton.....	214	132
7 Ottawa.....	209	111
8 Boston.....	203	91
9 Islanders.....	201	107
10 Atlanta.....	198	105
11 Vancouver.....	188	93
12 St. Louis.....	186	103
13 Pittsburgh.....	177	96
14 Toronto.....	176	90
15 Buffalo.....	171	104

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ANNOUNCEMENTS 100-199

110 • DEATHS

DODDS, ROBERT (BOB) ERSKINE. Born August 10, 1919 on SSI. Died peacefully November 30, 2000 at Lady Minto Hospital surrounded by his loving wife and family. Bob will be forever in the hearts of his wife of 59 years, Dorothy. His sons - Bobby (Joyce) and Mark (Jan). His daughters - Marie (Win), Donna, Valerie (Alf), Linda (Gary), 14 grandchildren and 8 great grandchildren. Bob was born and raised on the family farm at the North end of St Mary's Lake. He went into logging at an early age going up through faller and high rigger, settling on logging truck driver on SSI and VI. He served overseas as Sergeant in the Royal Canadian Artillery during WWII. Later joining the RCMP in 1953 where he gave 23 years of service as Corporal in the Marine Division on Patrol in the Gulf Islands & up and down the West Coast, finishing up Shore Engineer at Esquimalt. Retiring back to SSI in 1976 where he enjoyed his farming, home and family until his day of passing. A celebration of Bob's life will be held at St. Pauls Catholic Church, Fulford Harbour, SSI, Wednesday, December 6th at 12 noon. A reception to follow at the Fulford Community Hall downstairs at the O.A.P's.

110 • DEATHS

HAYWARD'S FUNERAL SERVICE



ADVANCE PLANNING
All aspects of funeral arrangements can be done in advance at no cost.

This will guarantee that your wishes are carried out and will relieve the burden on your family.

CEMETERY MARKERS
All designed to your specifications and needs

Patrick Beattie
Funeral Director
320 - 2 Upper Ganges Road
Salt Spring Island
Tel: (250) 537-1022
Fax: (250) 537-2012

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120 • IN MEMORIAM

HAYWARD'S FUNERAL SERVICE



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Funeral Director
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Fax: (250) 537-2012



My dear Jesse
It's three years now that you've been in the world of Spirit. The special place in my heart that you hold is filled each day with warm, happy memories, sweet dreams, and ... missing you. You are always in our thoughts, and in our hearts, my sweetheart ... Love, forever ... from your family, friends and your Mama.

140 • COMING EVENTS

ISLAND NATURAL Growers invites you to a Potluck 6 pm / public presentation 7:15 pm about Genesis Farm, an Ecological Learning Center and organic Community Supported Garden in New Jersey. <http://www.globaleduc.org/genfarm.htm>. Wed. Dec. 6th, All Saints by-the-Sea (downstairs). Admission by donation. Information 653-2007. 4900

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

ARGENTINIAN TANGO Parties (Milongas) at Lion's Hall. Saturday, December 16, 9 - 12 pm. \$5.00 per person. Margie Korison at 537-2707 for info. 4900

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

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

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

140 • COMING EVENTS

EPICURE SELECTIONS. Why not invite a few friends over for some fun & food. Shop from home and earn free products, it's that easy. Call Lianne 537-9636 for more info. 4900

REFLEXOLOGY - THURSDAYS at The Bodyworks Collective. Anna 538-1988.

CHRISTMAS BLOWOUT Sale!! Your one stop shopping shop. Great discounts & beautiful gifts for everyone. Open Now!! Another Time Designs, 137 McPhillips Ave.

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

SWOVA INVITES the community to a Candlelight Vigil in Centennial Park Wednesday, December 6th 6:00 pm to remember women killed by violence and to affirm our commitment to violence prevention.

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

STACK SISTERS CD Release Party at Talon's Restaurant, Dec. 7th, 6:30 with KC Kelly and special guests. Good food.

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

Hark Herald Angel



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

waterfront gallery

Christmas is upon us



Are you still searching for that perfect gift?

We won't let you leave empty-handed

Mon.-Sat. 10-5
Sun. 11-4
537-4525

140 • COMING EVENTS

Kayak Christmas Sale

New & Used Boats & Paddling Accessories

THIS WEEK ONLY

Salt Spring Kayaking & Cycle

Phone/Fax 653-4222
email
sskayak@saltspring.com



140.4900

SALT SPRING ISLAND ROTARY

3rd Annual CHARITY AUCTION DINNER & DANCE

Friday, Dec. 8, 2000
Harbour House Hotel

Dress is casual plus
One table, 6 pairs & 1 single left @ \$300 per table or single tickets \$35

Featuring Barrington Perry playing dinner music
Tickets 537-2133
Door Prize

Proceeds to completion of waterfront park for Salt Spring, eradication of polio throughout the world, benefit the community throughout the year
68 auction items to date, \$18 to \$525, total \$5,125

140.4900



Salt Spring Centre Annual Christmas Craft Faire

Sat., Dec. 9-10am-4pm
Sun., Dec. 10-11am-4pm

More than 2 dozen vendors
Unique local & world crafts
Great food & cozy atmosphere

355 Blackburn Rd.
(past the golf course)

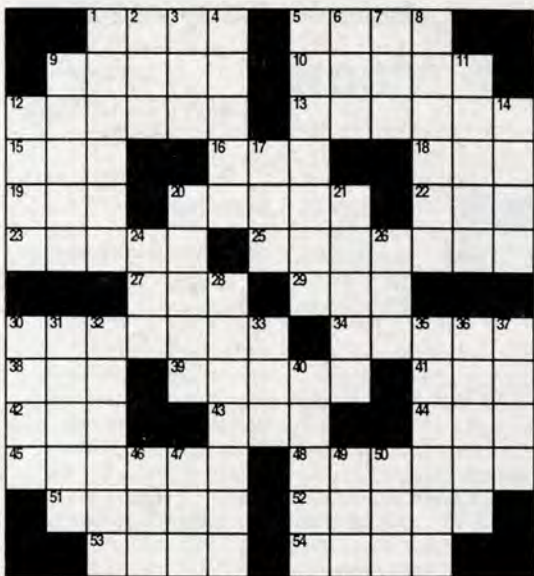
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Actors at Large



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5 Military standby
9 Jargon
10 Norse Goddesses
12 Ottawa actor Lorne

13 Vacillate
15 Priest's garment
16 Whitney, for one
18 Reynard
19 Zed, sometimes
20 Detonation
22 Hawaiian greeting
23 Crooked
25 Most chic
27 Craze
29 Compass point, abbr.
30 Montreal actor William

34 Staircase part
38 Trudeau monogram
39 Flexible and quick
41 Open (poetic)
42 Play part
43 Premier Bob, once
44 Speed up, for short
45 A kind of daisy
48 Toronto actor Raymond

51 A kind of floor
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53 Not any
54 Middy

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1 Sudbury-born game show host, Alex

2 Era
3 Bon preceider
4 Ploughshare material
5 Toronto film director Norman

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7 Goblin
8 Drivel
9 French river
11 Plums
12 Israeli seaport
14 Depart
17 Lake, in Lachute
20 African title
21 Metric weight
24 Newt
26 Sheltered side
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33 Ocean inlet
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140 • COMING EVENTS

GI Community Arts Council
OPEN HOUSE
Sunday
December 10th
1:00 - 3:00 pm
Mahon Hall
Come for refreshments, renew your membership, pick up a grant application and celebrate a successful GICAC 2000

140.4900



Enjoy Your Elf at Mahon Hall

Fri., Sat. & Sun.
Dec. 15, 16, & 17
10am-4pm



140.4900

ISLANDS TRUST
SALT SPRING ISLAND LOCAL TRUST COMMITTEE
NOTICE OF BUSINESS MEETINGS

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

DATES: Thursday, December 21, 2000

TIME: 1:15 p.m.

PLACE: Hart Bradley Memorial Hall (Lions Club)
103 Bonnet Ave., Ganges

Starting at 1:15 p.m., up to 45 minutes will be available for the public to discuss local land use matters with the Local Trust Committee. Those who wish to present a more formal petition, or make a delegation to the Committee as an Agenda item, must advise Islands Trust staff at least one week in advance of the meeting so that they can be added to the beginning of the Agenda. For information about the Agenda, please call the Islands Trust at 537-9144.

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140 • COMING EVENTS

Celebrate Christmas
with the
SALT SPRING CONCERT BAND & TUNED AIR
A Musical Garland
Directed by Dawn Hage
December 8 & 9
ArtSpring 8:00 p.m.
Adults: \$14; Students: \$7

140.4900

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on the

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Harbour Building
537-5551
M-S 9:30-5:30, Sun 11-4

160.4700

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145 • COMMUNITY SERVICES

DIAL-A-PRAYER - 537-4734. An interfaith recording by the United Church, 111 Hereford Ave., Salt Spring Island, B.C. V8K 2T3. The pre-recorded message changes regularly.



Trained volunteers available to visit and support the chronically or terminally ill at home or in hospital, providing relief for family and friends and on-going support for the bereaved.

537-2770

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145 • COMMUNITY SERVICES

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS SERVICES MEETINGS
Salt Spring... 250-537-2270
Galiano... 250-539-2222
Pender... 250-629-3631
Women's Meeting Only
Thursday nights: 5:15 pm
Please call
250-537-1733 or 250-537-2993

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150 • MEETINGS

SSI PROSTATE CANCER SUPPORT GROUP
Date: Tues., Dec. 12, 2000
Location: Lions Hall, 103 Bonnet Ave.
Time: 1:00 pm
EVERYONE WELCOME

150.4900

SCHOOL DISTRICT #64 (Gulf Islands)

A regular meeting of the Board of School Trustees will be held at the **School Board Office**
Wednesday
December 13 at 1:00 pm
Public Welcome!

150.4900

170 • NOTICES • BUSINESS

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537-9917
Mon.-Sat. 9:30-5:30

REWARD

Leading to the recovery of a green 1998 Polaris all terrain vehicle stolen from a south end property on or about end of October. Call **537-2752** Anonymity respected.

170.4900

170 • NOTICES • BUSINESS

waterfront gallery
Excellence in Island Crafts
Featuring
Kama Natural Soaps
SOAP ON A ROPE OR BY THE BAR.
A great gift idea!
Mon.-Sat. 10-5
Sun. 11-4
537-4525

170.4900

190 • THANKS

TO DR. Claus Andress whose skilled surgery gave 14 years of joyful life to our beloved cat, Truffles. Also to Margaret Oldroyd for the little blue eyed kitten who cost us 2 roasting chickens, but was worth his weight in gold. The Yardley Family. 4900

AND THEY said it couldn't be done! Thanks to Dave Thatcher of Lighthouse Carpet Care for getting the dirt and grime out of my 13-year old white sofa. It looks like new, after everyone told me I'd have to reupholster it, sell it or toss it. Many thanks for your persistence and expertise. Judy M. 4900

A BIG thank you to all who came to my 60/61 birthday party. Many thanks to you all for your cards and gifts. They are all much appreciated. Jonathan. 4900

WE WOULD like to extend our heartfelt appreciation to Dr. Woodley & staff, the nurses & staff at Lady Minto, SSI Fire Dept. & ambulance, and Patrick Beatty (Haywards Funeral Services) for your compassion & dedication in looking after Dad. It was comforting to all of us! The Dadds family. 4900

OUR DEEPEST gratitude for capable and compassionate caring of our husband, father Donald Simmons during the past sixteen months goes to the nurses and staff at Lady Minto, Dr. Daniel Leavitt, a multitude of home support workers, in particular, Barbara Baldwinson, and toward the end of his life the home nurses Sharon McKinnon and Maureen Gix who visited Donald almost daily. Helen, Julie and Diana 4900

PERSONALS
200-299

220 • LOST & FOUND

FOUND CAR Keys at Moutats parking lot. Can be claimed at Thrifty Foods. 4900

FOUND A pair of child's RX glasses. 1700 Fulford Ganges Road area. 653-4654. 4900

220 • LOST & FOUND

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

240 • PERSONALS

SINGLE LONELY restaurant seeking experienced clientele for good times! The Bean Sprout... for lunch! 4900

260 • TRAVEL

VICTORIA - TORONTO. Return plane trip. December 13 to January 11 for one male. \$440 obo. Call 653-0057.4900

THE TRAVEL SHOP
537-9911
M-F 9-4:30; SAT 9-2

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MERCHANDISE FOR SALE
300-399

305 • APPLIANCES

WILL TRADE large chest deepfreeze for smaller model or upright. Call 537-5302.4900

APPLIANCES
KitchenAid
Whirlpool **MAYTAG**
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Largest selection on Salt Spring Island!
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310 • BUILDING SUPPLIES

EVERYDAY LOW! PRICES at SLEGG LUMBER

SLEGG LUMBER LTD.
804 Fulford Ganges
537-4978

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TIRE SALE
30% Off
All in-stock sizes



HAROLD HARKEMA REPAIRS

Automotive Repairs • Batteries & Tires

427 Fulford Ganges Rd.
Top of Ganges Hill

537-4559
Mon-Fri. 8-5

360 • GARAGE SALE DIRECTORY

	Address	Date	Time
MID-ISLAND	103 Bonnet Avenue	Every Fri. & Sat.	10am-12noon
SOUTH ISLAND	1188A Beddis Road	Sat., Dec 9 & Sun., Dec 10	9am-2pm

LIONS GARAGE Sale, 103 Bonnet Avenue. Every Friday, and Saturday only, 10 am to 12 noon. Come and browse, we just may have it. New merchandise arriving daily. Good, clean merchandise wanted. Call 537-2000 for pick-up or info.

1188A BEDDIS ROAD. Lots of great items. 86 Plymouth Reliant, satellite dish, baby clothes 1 - 2 yrs, high chair, art books. Rain or shine. 9am-2pm. December 9th & 10th.

Advertise your garage sale in the Barnacle classifieds and reach over 4,650 Salt Spring residences & businesses.

PLUS: Receive a FREE Garage Sale Kit.

Classifieds

320 • COMPUTERS

COMPUTER PROBLEMS? Set-ups, Installing Software, Tutoring, Internet. Your place or ours. Yes, we make house calls days/evenings/weekends. \$25/hr. 18 years experience. Phone Robert, 537-2888 Arvana Consulting. 1201

IF YOU need help with any computer problems, either at home or business, contact "Down to Earth Computer Services." I specialize in computer hardware and software installations, training, upgrades, repairs, networking, and Internet problems for either your personal or business computers. Call Rob Grossman at 537-7798 or 538-0252. Email: rgrossman@saltspring.com. 5100



320.4900

WorkStation
Ron Weisner BASC
Sales • Service • Tutoring
✓ Computers
✓ Cash Registers
✓ FAX Machines
✓ Photocopiers
(250) 537-5058
weisner@saltspring.com

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340 • FIREWOOD

FROM THE forests and fireweed areas of Paradise, firewood from the Tree of Knowledge. \$175/cord - stacked in truck. The finest of fresh firewood honey, various quantities. Dave Harris 653-4531. 2431 Fulford Ganges Road. 5000

345 • FOOD PRODUCTS

CHEESEBALLS ANYONE? Specialty food gifts; Christmas baking, Hors d'oeuvres. Let Perky Palate Catering perfect your holidays. Call Shari Hambrook 537-2286. 5100

350 • FREE/RECYCLABLES



A LIONS PROJECT
RECYCLE YOUR OLD GLASSES

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

- ✓ Pharmasave
- ✓ Bank of Montreal
- ✓ Bank of Commerce
- ✓ Island Savings Credit Union
- ✓ Gulf Islands Optical
- ✓ Salt Spring Seniors

370 • MISCELLANEOUS

SERGER. ELECTRONIC Elna 5 thread. Computer display. Differential feed. Flatlock, hem & chain stitches. Many accessories. \$500 obo. 653-9475.

FOR SALE: Smith Corona electric typewriter \$35, heavy duty tablesaw \$250, child's toy riding spring horse \$25. Call 537-8944. 4900

NORCO BIKE. Girls 10 speed, 20" Micro Mountaineer. Good condition. \$125 obo. 537-5459. 5100

370 • MISCELLANEOUS

10 GALLON FISH tank, fully equipped \$50. 537-4229. 4900

SNOWBOARD, BURTON 127 cm \$100, Burton boots size 5 \$50. Phone 537-4726.

QUALITY HAY for sale from the barn (Cusheon Lake area) or delivered. Phone 537-1320. 4900

MOVING HOUSE: Items for sale include fibreglass canoe, beautiful upright piano, brand new. Honda 3500 generator, Canon camera, plate collection, new X-country skis, Coleman lantern & camp stove, mountain bike, misc. tools, old signs, household items. Call for prices. 537-4217. 4900

QUALITY PINE Furniture. Vancouver Island's largest selection of bedrooms, dining rooms, TV centres, bookcases, bunk beds, futons, computer desks, and much more. The Pine Factory, 5201 Trans Canada Highway, Duncan. 1-888-301-0051. tfn

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

EAT, DRINK and <http://cetsi.net/BeMerry>. tfn

FIVE DRAWER dresser, needs refinishing. 46" high, 35 1/2" wide, 20" deep \$75. Roller desk (wheels) 26" high 29" wide 15 1/2" deep \$50. Hexagonal end table \$40. Very large table lamp \$35. 537-5311. 4900

CHAIN SAW chain sale, 20% off. Free installation. Ross the Boss Marine and Equipment. 537-9908. tfn

NIGHTGOWNS BY Gillian are back. Luxurious flannellette and romantic batiste with lace in nightshirts and Granny Gowns. See them at the Guilds of Christmas Show, Beaver Point Hall Show and in December at A Class Act fabric store, or call Gillian to order 653-9475. 4900

15 SPEED BIKE. Excellent condition. Hardly used. \$100 obo. 653-9568 after 6 pm.

NO CONDO but I did win the lottery man's Swiss Army watch (value \$198). Gift box, warranty included. \$125 firm. 537-5311. 4900

HUGE INDOOR Fig tree - over 8' tall - 5' diameter. Plastic & glass carboys. 537-1332. 4900

380 • PETS/LIVESTOCK

\$5.00 TOENAIL Tuesdays. Professional dog and cat grooming and pet supplies. Call Andrea at Bow Wow & Co. 537-4676, Upper Ganges Centre. tfn

FREE CHRISTMAS collar cover with every grooming at Bow Wow & Co. Book now for the holidays. 4900

BARK AVE. Grooming. Dog grooming with a flair. Certified professional and friendly. Call Jane at 538-1819. Tuesday - Saturday. tfn



420 • WORK WANTED

FULLY EXPERIENCED painter, wood finisher available for work on Salt Spring. Richard 537-8526. 5000

WORLD FAMOUS on Salt Spring for excellent renovations. Call now for estimates on your fall projects. Peter Blackmore 537-4382, 537-8085. tfn

JOURNEYMAN CARPENTER available for work. Additions, renovations, new homes, sun decks, greenhouses etc. Reasonable rates. Quality and integrity. Jim Anderson. 537-9124. tfn

420 • WORK WANTED

MARKETING COMMUNICATIONS services - Let a professional write your newsletters, brochures, press kits, manuals, and more...for business, hospitality, real estate, professional services, arts and non-profit organizations. Call "de facto" writing and marketing communications" for the distinctly creative edge. 537-0757. tfn

TWO HARDWORKING responsible brothers looking for farm and yard work. \$10 per hour each. Call Oban or Sascha 537-9616. 5000

440 • HELP WANTED

WANTED: CABINETMAKER. Minimum 2 years experience or certified training program. Starting wage \$10-\$12/hour. Faxed resumes only to 250-537-4399. 4900

MYSTERY SHOPPERS needed on Salt Spring Island. Apply on the internet at www.secretshopnet.com. \$200

SSI Employment Services

Are you unemployed and need help with your job search? Are you thinking about retraining?

If you are receiving Employment Insurance Benefits (or have received these benefits within the last 3 years) we have a variety of programs to assist you.

Counsellor comes to SSI once a week and services are free.

Please call Marta at 1-888-993-2299

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BC FERRIES CASUAL STAFFING CLERK OPPORTUNITY

Available with BC Ferry Corporation at the Long Harbour Terminal, Salt Spring Island. Successful applicants must have previous scheduling experience preferably within a unionized environment, ability to work co-operatively in a shift work environment to meet deadlines and operational requirements with constantly changing priorities, good data entry skills, ability to make sound independent decisions on complex and sometimes conflicting scheduling issues. Applicants must successfully complete a comprehensive assessment process. Please contact Human Resource office at 538-0249 or by fax 538-0251 for detailed information on this opportunity. Only those considered for interviews will be contacted. 440.5000

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525 • CLEANING SERVICES

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Rug & Carpet Cleaning
Steam Extraction
Carpet Guard
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537 • DRYWALL

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575 • MOVING/STORAGE

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578 • MUSIC

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583 • PAINTERS

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Wallpapering & Painting
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590 • RENTALS

PARTY TIME Rentals We rent dishes, glassware, cutlery, linen, tables, chairs, assorted party supplies. Tel/Fax 537-4577 and phone 537-0909. Inquiries, pick-ups and drop-offs at Love My Kitchen. tfn

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arts, belly dance accessories, books
cauldrons, clothing, crystals, gifts, jewellery
music & instruments, singing bowls & tarot

Blue Moon

celtic, celestial, magick, medieval, metaphysical
148 Fulford-Ganges Road • 538-1889

HOROSCOPES

For the week, by Michael O'Connor Ph: 1-877-352-2936



Leo (July 23- Aug 22) A passionate mood continues to move you. The excitement of the season is growing and the time is right to connect with more people. There will be moments when you will have to exercise a lot of patience as well. Yet, there is enough excitement for all to have fun. For now, set aside ongoing debates about what is true and what should be done. Direct your attention to the people and events that are colouring your world now. Heart felt gratitude for the moment is the key to being here now.

Virgo (Aug 23 - Sep 22) The pull of the season finds you racing for the cozy couch, book and fire. Despite the demand of duties and ambitions, the thought of escaping into relaxed contemplation and enjoyments of all kinds has a grip on your mind. Don't let this opportunity slip away. These types of activities are the sweetest fruits of our labours. There is much to do and there are many who want your time. Be of service yet, remember, your batteries need to be recharged as well. Sleep in, in peace.

Libra (Sep 23 - Oct 22) A charge of excitement continues to shake your world. You are learning, in one way or another, that there are many different ways to see life. Every person truly experiences reality as though they are the center of it. For this reason there are rules and laws. The clearer these regulations are and the more they are supported the more fairness, balance and harmony there will be. The questions are who are the watchers and who is watching the watchers? Harmony begins with mutual recognition, and cooperation.

Scorpio (Oct 23 - Nov 21) Efforts to assess your resources and options continue. To this end you have been challenged to be realistic and honest. Yet, your courage and determination to follow through is creating new options all the time. Fortunately, some blessings are quickly on their way. Still, look to the long term with confidence, the dry spell will not last. Besides, quality always supercedes quantity. Rest assured that the universe is abundant even though timing is a mystery in the hands of heaven.

Pisces (Feb 19 - Mar 20) As the aftermath of last week's Sun (spirit) and Pluto (soul process) conjunction continues, you find yourself powerfully affected. Prior evaluations of the world have been cleared and replaced with much more expanded perspectives. This will prove especially true this week as you reach out and are warmed with the company of friends and loved ones. Still, the process will continue and requires that you exercise a patient and flexible approach.

Sagittarius (Nov 22 - Dec 21) You are in the mood for adventure and your passions are growing. A defiant front softened with charm and mischievous play will get you into some fun trouble. After all, you are a bit of a rebel ever ready to rumble or tumble as the case may be. There is always another way of seeing and doing things. Follow up this chant with strut and stride and show the world that you walk the talk. "Something is ending and something begins. Nothing really matters - love is all you need."

Capricorn (Dec 22 - Jan 19) As the Sun slips through your solar 12th house, along with Pluto, Chiron, Mercury and Ceres, you are able to melt any divisions that have kept you apart from others in the past. The cold brought the snow but the heat in your heart is melting the ice. You are learning how to better understand the needs of others. As you do you recognize that everyone is still a small child in one or even a number of ways and this allows your own to play too. Yet, it also awakens the parent who must be a student to teach the children about unity, justice and harmony.

Aquarius (Jan 20 - Feb 18) This is a time of healing and liberation for us all. Although the healing process can bring about crisis, the rewards are worth it. Besides, drama is what keeps the world exciting and unpredictable. Death is a part of life not the other way around and cycles spiral forever and ever. When love is the source of our sight, justice is everywhere. Fear always gets tangled in judgmental attitudes. Let the world be free to be what it is so you can concentrate on the real work of liberation.

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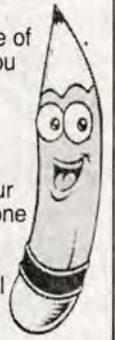
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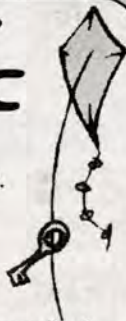
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Quilting for Christmas

by Elizabeth Buchanan

Many of us on Salt Spring live in small spaces. Lots of clutter in a small space can be uncomfortable. Even if you are fortunate enough to live in a large space, clutter can be detrimental to your mental and physical health. You can trip on it, topple it over and have to pick it all up, and it can give you a headache every time you look at it.

Perhaps more importantly, there is an interesting belief that a cluttered living and office space leads to a cluttered mind.

Where is all this philosophy going? Right to my mending pile and the worn out but beloved crazy quilt that had sat there for two years. I had been psyching myself up for the Big Mend for too long. Those intriguing 1920s fabrics wore out fast because I used the quilt as a couch cover. "Never again will I use it as a couch cover!" I prayed to the mending goddess, "if only you'll help me with this Big Mend."

The myriad of frayed, irregular shapes stared back at me, each one edged with

singular samples of embroidery stitches. To maintain this folk art stitchery was imperative.

Being embroidery unschooled—my mother spent far too much time in the Depression embroidering tablecloths and pillowslips instead of playing in the Prairie dirt to want to teach me stitches—the task of mending this charismatic quilt daunted me. It drained me just passing by the mending pile. Also, being a firm believer in useable art, I was determined to get this lump of meaningful fabric off my mending pile so that I could finally say that I had, indeed, finished my mending. I was in denial about the ability of a mending pile to fill any available space.

With this sense of looming mending mentality, I loped to the quilting demonstration at a Christmas craft fair. I had just missed earlier demonstrations due to supervising my daughter's Christmas craft fair fudge quota and the difficulty negotiating the candle aisle. With trepidation I pondered, will this

demo be applicable to my quilting predicament? As my friends unfailingly say, trust the mending process. The mending goddess and the fair's sewing specialists answered a loud "Yes!"

The demo I was in time for opened up creative patching processes for my pile problem. These cut-your-own-from-double-sided-fusible-web patches can be washed. However, I had already vowed not to wash this heirloom, which is of unknown parentage. The quilt had been my partner's fling at a Quebec Eastern Townships village auction—not totally necessary like the Zenith color TV that I bid on. He learned all his foresight from me.

After the Christmas fair, I dashed to the sewing store and went mending crazy. I started with the oldish shirts and jeans on top of the pile, working my way down to the quilt. Tingles zinged down my arms as I admired the ribald shapes I'd cut and pressed on for patches. Then, I spread the quilt on the floor and began with the smallest holes. Sixteen patches later, the quilt was more my own that it ever had been. I had used scraps of outgrown or mainly-worn-out-but-still-partially-good clothing as mending material. The decorative stitching remained untouched and clearly visible. Now when we used the quilt we'd see my daughter's favorite nightgown, my partner's pjs and my best dress.

There is probably a moral or philosophical tenet in this story, such as "there is a time for every season under heaven."

I am simply happy with the quilt and I am thankful for the saving grace of the sewing saviors.



POLLY WANTS A CHRISTMAS CRACKER—Harvey the cockatoo looks Santa in the eye during Bow Wow's Saturday "Pet Pictures with Santa" event.

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Fortunate few count *cont'd from p6*

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The effervescent soprano, Debbi Toole, will be the featured guest at Music and Munch tomorrow, December 6. In a charming programme of early baroque, renaissance and folk songs, she will be offering her first recital in the popular lunch-

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Scholarships help Mayans *cont'd from p28*

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THURSDAY DECEMBER 7

- ★ **KGB Night** Nights Alive.
- 1-2pm **Family Walk** Mouat Park. 10am
- Storytime** Fables Cottage. Wed-Fri. 10:30am
- Art From Many Lands** Fables Cottage. 3:30pm
- Sing Along Group** Seniors' Bldg. 2pm
- Stack Sisters CD Release Party with KC Kelly** Talon's. 6:30pm
- Marc-André Hamelin: Pianist** ArtSpring. 8pm
- Salty Wheels Square Dance** Central Hall. 7-9pm.
- Men's Breakfast** United Church. 8-10am
- Community Gathering** Buddhism: United Church. 5:30-7pm
- SSI Weavers & Spinners** Guild ArtSpring 10:30-noon
- BINGO!** Meaden Hall. 6:30pm
- Flexible Strength** All Saints'. 9-10am
- Badminton Club** GISS gym. 8-10pm

FRIDAY DECEMBER 8

- Rugbugger's: Potluck & Support** Family Place. 11:30-1pm
- Book Fair** Fables Cottage for Fernwood School.
- Storytime** Fables Cottage. Wed-Fri. 10:30am
- Myths & Fairytales for 7-10's** Public Library. 3-4pm
- Open Stage** Rose's Cafe. Fulford Harbour. 7pm
- A Musical Garland** Tuned Air. ArtSpring. 8pm
- Atomic Blues/Rock.** Fulford Inn. Fri. & Sat. 6:30pm
- Step into Shape** All Saints'. 9-10am
- The Fitness Recipe** Mahon Hall. 9-10am
- Rollerblading to Music** Fulford Community Hall. 7:30pm

SATURDAY DECEMBER 9

- ★ **Craft Faire** Salt Spring Centre. 10-4pm
- Open House Celebration.** SSI Co-op Preschool. 1pm
- Santa Ship arrives Coast** Guard dock. Ganges 6pm
- Rob Haley** Reading and talk. SS Books. 3pm
- Book Fair** Fables Cottage for Fernwood School.
- Sue Newman & Ramesh Meyers** Harbour House Lounge. 9-midnight
- Christmas CD Bash** Mobys. 4pm-Midnight.
- Barrington Perry** Soft Jazz. Alfresco. 6-9:30pm
- A Musical Garland** Tuned Air. ArtSpring. 8pm
- Atomic Blues/Rock.** Fulford Inn. Fri. & Sat.
- Folk Art Exhibition & Sale** Blue Horse Folk Art Gallery. 10-5pm
- Library Book Sale** Library. 10am-1pm
- An Evening with Bev Bos** Parent Education. Meaden Hall 7:30pm
- Free Intro. to Yoga** Salt Spring Centre. 9:30am

SUNDAY DECEMBER 10

- ★ **Craft Faire** Salt Spring Centre. 11-4pm
- Gale Zoe Garnett Book Reading** SS Books. 3pm
- The Other Brothers** Fulford Inn. 6-9pm
- Choral Evensong for Advent** All Saints'. 4pm
- Folk Art Exhibition & Sale** Blue Horse Folk Art Gallery. 10-5pm
- Badminton Club** GISS gym. 8-10pm

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THURSDAY DECEMBER 14

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

FRIDAY DECEMBER 15

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

SATURDAY DECEMBER 16

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

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SUNDAY DECEMBER 17

- ★ **Last Minute Christmas Craft Fair** Mahon Hall. 10-4pm
- Kids Only Sale.** Lady Minto Thrift Shop. 2-4pm
- Bowlerama for Food Bank.** King's Lane Rec. 9-midnight. Dec. 16 & 17.
- The Other Brothers** Fulford Inn. 6-9pm
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An ABC of PLU



by Tony Farr

A is for apple—so is 4139 if it's a Granny Smith, or 4173 if it's a Royal Gala. B is for bananas—4011 in the world PLU (Product Labeling Universal).

What's PLU? It's a system designed by the fruit growers to keep track of how much of any given fruit is sold at the wholesale and retail level. The grower applies for a number from his or her national association, prints the labels and applies them to that particular product. This is a worldwide

practice. It has some advantage to the wholesaler and also to the retail grocery store in the form of inventory management, and there is one piece

of useful information for the customer (besides making a drab kiwi fruit look brighter). If there's a 9 in front of the four digit number it tells the consumer the fruit is organic as defined by the Canadian Standards Board: no chemical



sprays have been applied to the trees.

The PLU process has nothing to do with the government departments set up to oversee the safety of our foods, which are described on

page six of the booklet, Food Safety and You, delivered to every Canadian household some weeks ago. PLUs carry no information as to the freshness of products. They are used only to track the movement of produce to enable the organi-

zations moving fruit from tree to consumer to exercise tighter control of inventory than could be done with PLUs.

While not all countries started using PLUs at the same time, the labels have been applied universally for about four years now. And, it's a growing business

(no pun intended!). I have samples of more than 550 different labels, some well designed and quite attractive, others barely displaying the number. Some



MAY CONTAIN AN OCCASIONAL SEED

of the better ones are New Harvest Organic (one design for several citrus fruits), #94958 (USA); Mayan Sweets, #4166 (Peru); seedless watermelon # 4 0 3 2 (Mexico); and Papaya by Air # 4 0 5 2 (Jamaica).

Occasionally

one finds a humorous label such as Dole's "Babe: Pig in the City" (issued without a number) or "Bobby Banana," #4011.

There's one label missing. Now, who will design a PLU for unbagged grapes and apply it?

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Fresh broadcasts

Two new programs will premiere on Salt Spring TV (Cable Channel 12) at 7:00 p.m., Monday, December 11.

The first is *Around the World with Robert Bateman and Bristol Foster* (produced by Peter Prince for Island VideoWorks). In 1956 Robert Bateman and Bristol Foster took a trip around the world. On November 1 of this year, they retraced the steps of their remarkable 14-month journey before a capacity audience at ArtSpring. The pair's trip had taken them to many exotic destinations, including Africa and India.

Their poignant and humorous commentary over original slides and 16 millimetre film footage weaves an unforgettable tale. The event was part of the *Where Art & Nature Meet* series which was a fundraiser for the Salt Spring Appeal.

Pumpkins and Other Tales is a six-minute video short (produced by Louis Renaud). Jack o' lantern carvings by famous locals were displayed at the ArtSpring Gallery over Halloween weekend this fall. Storytelling for children was also presented by Elizabeth Buchanan.

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