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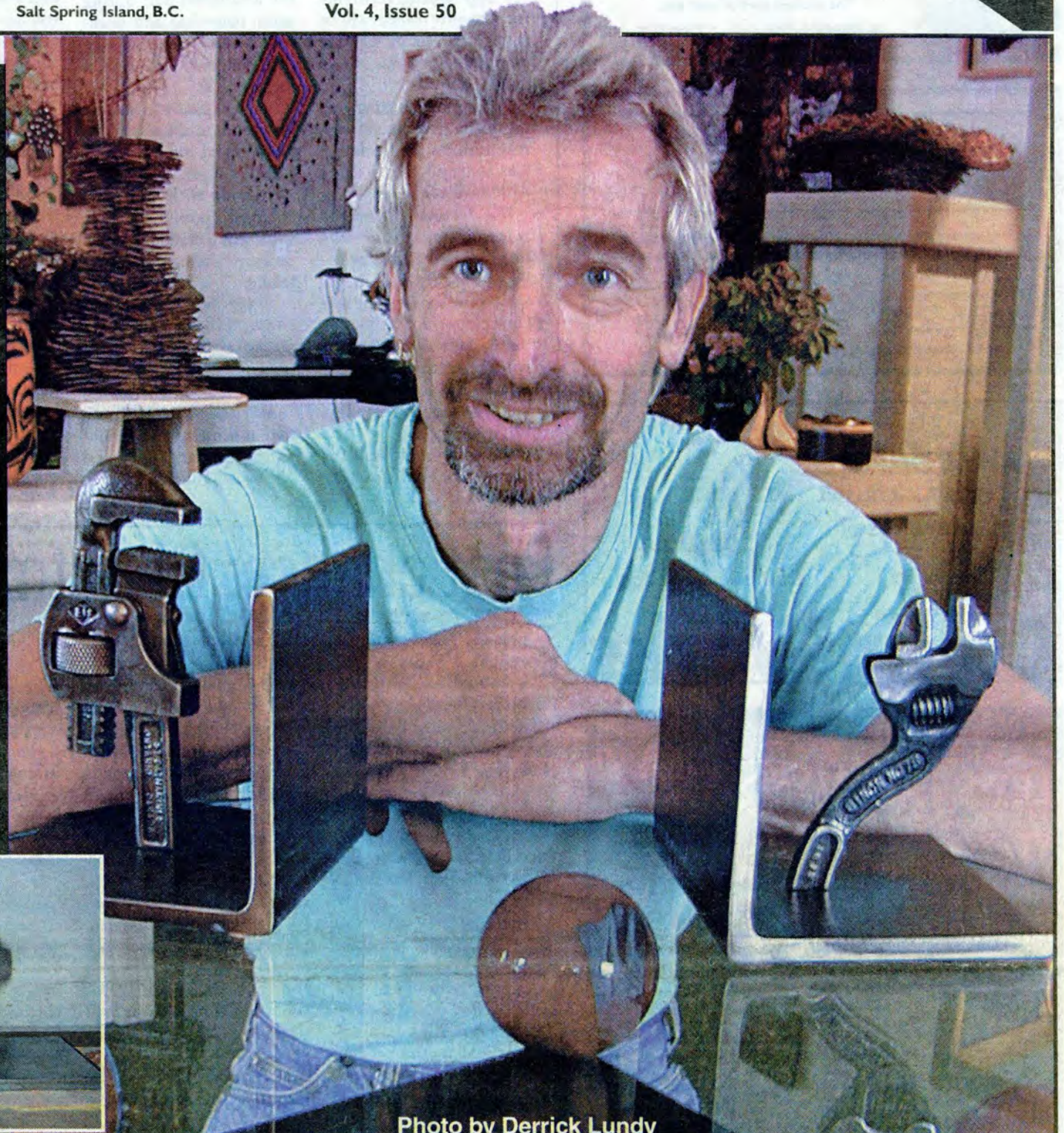
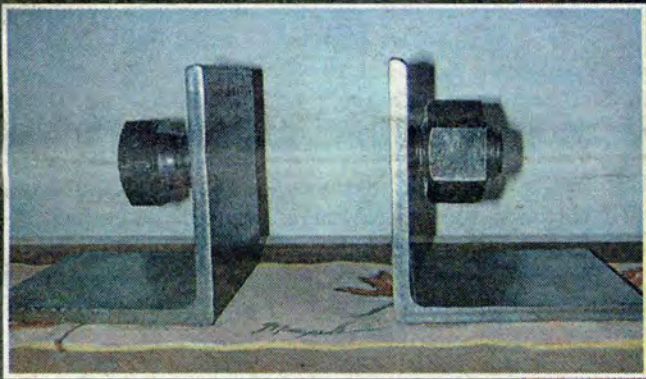


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HEAVY METAL

By PIRJO RAITIS Staff Writer

An artist is a person who merges their practical life with their artistic path. Pete McKenzie is one of those artists lucky enough to be able to draw the best from his working environment and transform it into art.

from an industrial process — and fashions them into functional sculpture. His sculptures are mostly post-modern furniture. While they are made from metal, they have an organic quality in shape and form.

"I want to create forms that people don't associate with certain materials — that's what artists do. It's the artist's eye which conceives that."

An innovative high stool is one of his current projects. At first glance it looks like a modern metal creation, but on closer inspection it takes on the shape of a snake. McKenzie combines various types of metal to create a functional designer stool which is also organic in its theme.

His combination of metal and glass is remi-

niscant of black and white photographs which achieve strength through strong visual imagery and perfect technique.

McKenzie's eyes have roamed across the images created by the world's best photographers, and they have been his inspiration for the three-dimensional sculpture he creates with a welding torch.

His work from an earlier period combined metal with stone. One of his last pieces from that artistic era is in the J. Mitchell Gallery, a graceful calla lily made from alabaster, which is a tribute to photographer Robert Mapleson.

McKenzie now creates what he calls "functional sculpture" out of aluminum, wood, steel and glass.

"I take commonplace materials and use them uncommonly," says McKenzie.

Self-taught, his work is totally intuitive; he goes straight from the concept to the finished work without ever putting pen to paper, except in the most elemental way.

"I just dig right in and see what happens."

There is no assembly line in McKenzie's work space. He doesn't make dozens of items for the mass market; he produces prototypes, one-of-a-kind pieces that would reproduce well. (His art could easily be reproduced in Asia for the mass market.)

"I have no problem with [the fact that] when I produce the first piece, that ends the process," he said. "I'm producing prototypes. Every piece I produce is a prototype."

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News briefs...

• Salt Spring residents and property owners will be voting next year on whether or not to form an island municipality.

Following a meeting with provincial government representatives on Friday, it was learned that a June date will likely be set.

The decision to request a referendum from the province was made by the Salt Spring Local Government Restructure Committee, following two public meetings last week where attendees were hugely in favour of an incorporation referendum being held.

• Beaver Point Hall will host a memorial and wake

for well-loved Salt Spring actor, comedian and musician James Wilkinson, who died suddenly last week at the age of 36.

"James' family invites all his friends to share in a celebration of his life," said John Pottinger.

Starting with a sharing circle at 3 p.m. Friday, the wake will include a potluck dinner, dancing and storytelling.

"Bring food and drink to share, James Wilkinson memorabilia, musical instruments and dancing shoes," said Pottinger.

A Wilkinson retrospective and memorial article will appear in the Driftwood Thursday.

• Party plans for Sunday's celebration of the Texada land purchase are well in motion.

The day begins at 1 p.m. with a choice of three guided walks. Meet at the Burgoyne Triangle for an easy hike through the lower reaches of Mount Sullivan, or for a 45-minute ramble through the valley to the bay.

For a walk along the north shore of Burgoyne Bay, meet at the parking lot by the Burgoyne Bay dock.

Fulford Hall events begin with music by Jack and Lefty at 2:30 p.m. There will be plenty of short speeches from 3 to 4 p.m., with music from several performers running through to 9 p.m.

Confirmed speakers include federal Environment Minister David Anderson, MP Gary Lunn, MLA Murray Coell and representatives of local

governments and non-profit agencies involved in the massive purchase of land from Texada Land Corporation.

Some food is available, but people are also asked to bring potluck items.

• Salt Spring Islanders will face increased health care costs when the provincial government unveils massive changes for Pharmacare and Medical Services Plan (MSP) this week.

Free insured visits for physiotherapy, naturopathy, massage therapy, and chiropractic treatments will no longer be covered by MSP.

Revisions to Pharmacare will mean increased costs for almost all users of the drug insurance program.

Changes to the two programs are expected to save an estimated \$129.4 million in the coming year.

Last chance: Christmas craft fair set

Christmas holidays are fast approaching and so is the 12th annual Last Minute Christmas Craft Fair.

The final craft sale of the season takes place at Mahon Hall this Friday through Sunday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. each day.

This year a special Holiday Food Fest feature, with sampling included, has been added to the show.

Arnie Hengstler will be on board with his Fishery salmon and tuna specialties — canned, smoked and candied.

Threeberry Farm products will include recipe suggestions and a salsa demonstration for your party needs

done by Debbie and Laurel. Tangachee has an array of totally organic jams, jellies, vinegars and herbal creams from her Sunshine Farm.

Heather Campbell's well-known fresh baked breads and Herbal Pantry mixes will be available.

Derek and Mahri, whose Saturday Market summer cookies you may have enjoyed, are doing Christmas baking so you don't have to, including ginger cakes and cookies, date squares and shortbreads. David Bryn Jones will bring Grandpa's Fudge in 11 homemade flavours.

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are award winning and delicious.

Susan and Julia Grace's truly special Moonstruck cheeses are meant to be savoured. Made from milk from their own herd, these cheeses have lower fat and higher flavour than commercial brie, Camembert and blue.

One of the Last Minute traditions is the visit of talented island musicians who play and sing live throughout the show. This year's moments of music will include Sue Newman and the Newman Family Players with preview selections from the upcoming production of Scrooge. Peter Prince will serenade, and

Jane and Kathy Stack will sing your socks off, among others. Music is always a great gift and CDs of local musicians will be available.

The fair's main course will be over 35 participants with a wide range of gift ideas.

New crafters join perennial favourites with pottery, jewellery, games and dolls, creams and lotions, candles and wreaths, Christmas decorations and angels, nightgowns and clothing, kitchenware, placemats and runners, pillows and quilts, finely crafted wooden pens, brushes and magnifying glasses, fine art and original art cards, felt creations and stocking stuffers.

Pete McKenzie *cont'd from p1*

McKenzie says the credibility of his work is in the sales: he has sold everything he has produced.

Years of working in a lighthouse gave him the freedom and introspection to explore his creativity. That period formed his apprenticeship and he learned how to produce from a piece of wood an image that would portray the power, the grace and the beauty of nature.

His foray into metal fabrication led him to explore his current artistic medium.

His artist's eye conceives the idea and then he develops the materials to meet that end. McKenzie learned to weld and became familiar with the characteristics of metal, allowing him to bend the medium to his will and his vision.

"The knowledge of the material's characteristics allows me to incorporate it into any design I come up with."

McKenzie would like to develop a line of furniture in the next couple of years. His designs are wild, but they also remain firmly rooted in practical boundaries.

This furniture is not "rustic." It is stylish and ultra-modern and would easily find a place in the most contemporary west coast homes. His website can be accessed at www.asylumdesyn.com.

McKenzie's current sculptural work is on display in the J. Mitchell Gallery, at 1105 Grace Point Square. The gallery is open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. six days a week and closed on Wednesdays.

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SERVICE WITH A SMILE — Youth at Salt Spring United Church spent the weekend planning, practising and then running a service at the church.

Photo by Derrick Lundy

Gaetz book nominated for Birch award

Last spring local author Dayle Gaetz published her latest children's book, *Mystery from History*, and now kids will be deciding if it warrants a Silver Birch Award.

Gaetz was nominated for the prestigious award by librarians and school teachers from Ontario. They selected 10 fiction and 10 non-fiction books for young readers from across the country, and Gaetz's newest publication was one of them.

"It's really neat," said Gaetz. "The kids get the say on it, and they have to read at least five of the 10 books."

She said that last year more than 1,000 kids attended the awards ceremony.

If Gaetz wins, she might travel to Ontario if she can arrange some library readings and obtain funding from the Canada Council and the library association.

Gaetz has written 12 fiction books for young readers and was previously nominated for the B.C. version of the

Silver Birch Award, the Red Cedar Awards. Her publisher, Orca Book Publishing, had four out of 10 of its books nominated this year for the Silver Birch Awards.

"There's a lot of good Canadian books and the kids will be reading excellent books," said Gaetz.

Gaetz's latest, *Mystery from History*, will likely be the beginning of a whole series of books on Canadian mysteries. *Mystery from History* takes place in Victoria and involves modern-day kids solving a mystery from the 1850s. She has finished the manuscript on a similar mystery story set in Barkerville, which involves a missing gold nugget.

She hopes to do research and stage mysteries in every Canadian province.

Gaetz won't know the outcome of the kids' decisions until sometime in May or early June. Young readers start their selection process in January and voting day takes place in May.



Dayle Gaetz

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Hylands reads classic tale: Child's Christmas in Wales

By **PIRJO RAITIS**
Staff Writer

There are some Christmas traditions that carry on generation after generation.

One such tradition is the reading of Dylan Thomas' *A Child's Christmas in Wales*. If it is not a tradition now, it can be after Thursday.

"Reading *A Child's Christmas in Wales* is in the tradition of many great actors," said Scott Hylands, a professional actor and Salt Spring resident.

Hylands will recite Thomas' amusing and picturesque story of his childhood Christmas memories at ArtSpring on Friday, December 14 at 3 p.m.

"It's wildly eccentric but as good as gold. These actors took you somewhere and a good reader can do that. They are climbing on the back of a pretty strong poet." He said the tale is "classic Christmas," not sugar-coated or cynical.

The way Thomas has written the story takes those who listen on a journey into another time and place. You can picture the scene in the

home, with the aunts drinking a little sherry, the dinner cooking and the kids scrambling all over the place.

Hylands' recitation will be backed by Terry Warbey's harp.

"It is designed to get everyone in the Christmas spirit," said Hylands. "And they can still be home before dark."

Hylands will also recite excerpts from *A Christmas Carol*.

Hylands comes to Salt Spring with a long list of accomplishments in theatre, television, and movies.

He started earning money in theatre when at age 20 he headed for New York. He says he is chiefly known for his starring role as a cop in the television series *Night Heat*.

How he came to Salt Spring Island is a complete mystery.

"I had 20 years of trying to keep my feet in big cities. It imposes a certain kind of life on you. I wanted to build a house and start a family. Now I'm just trying to keep up with them."

His reason for reciting *A Child's Christmas in Wales* and *A Christmas Carol* is to make a contribution to a Salt Spring Christmas.

"Everyone has a skill to offer and in one small way I can give a gift and I'm happy to do it. It's what I do and should be well-received by those interested in that. I thrive on being a character in a town full of characters."

Hylands was both the director and First Voice in the extremely well-received production of *Under Milkwood* done on the island earlier this year.

He said Dickens' *A Christmas Carol* is particularly important at this time.

"It's something restorative and points out you can still make amends while there is still time. It's very powerful."

The afternoon recitation will be preceded by tea and scones.

"It should be a pleasant afternoon interlude," said Hylands.

Tickets for *A Child's Christmas in Wales* are \$5 and available at ArtSpring.

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Henderson and clan at folk show

By PIRJO RAITIS
Staff Writer

Almost every member of the Henderson clan is into music or theatre. Bill Henderson says it is probably "hereditary."

"Mom was encouraging and we all went to some extent in that direction," he says.

Bill Henderson and his family, 12 members in all, will be performing for the Salt Spring Folk Club at Fulford Hall on Monday, December 17.

The Henderson concert clan includes Bill, his brothers Ed and Fred, sister Joan, his daughters Saffron

and Camille and various other spouses and kids.

In part, the concert will carry on a family tradition of singing carols in the neighbourhood.

"It's not entirely a Christmas concert," says Bill. "There will be some solo work from different individuals and different pairings of people. We will also do some carolling."

Bill is probably the best-known of the clan members as lead singer for the rock group Chilliwack. Lately he is back with Chilliwack touring and doing concerts during the summer.

Chilliwack was last seen on the island performing at the fall fair.

Bill describes his brother Ed as a "heavy-duty guitarist."

Ed has a long list of accomplishments. He arranges choral work for the Vancouver Chamber Choir,

is a producer, played in the band Ancient Cultures and has done a lot of theatre, film and television work.

His brother Fred and his wife Iris are both actors; his daughters Saffron and Camille are professional singers and songwriters. Camille is one of the West End Girls and has toured with Sarah McLachlan. Saffron has done all kinds of different vocal work and works as a voice-over artist.

Sister Joan is a classical singer and in the 1960s was part of the Brute Force Jug Band.

It's a large and musical family, and probably the only immediate family member not performing is Bill's wife.

"She's seen too much and knows too much," says Bill.

Concerts and touring aside, Henderson is busy working on a live CD which

he hopes will be out "some-time in this lifetime."

"It's all old Chilliwack songs that people can't buy anymore. It's an aspect of Chilliwack that never got on record," he says.

Bill explains that it is his favourite perspective of the band — where things would happen live and were never captured on vinyl.

"I think we've captured some of that with this."

As for the upcoming concert, Bill says, "I'm scared. It's going to be fun and I'm looking forward to it."

Tickets for the concert are available at Acoustic Planet, Stuff 'n' Nonsense and Salt Spring Books. The cost is \$15. Doors open at 6:45 p.m. and the music gets rolling at 7:30 p.m.

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Winterfest warms the season

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Organized by Salt Spring Centre School parents, the event combines quality craft-making for kids with tantalizing food and music, and the chance to socialize with friends.

Supervised craft stations let children decorate cookies and make holiday crackers, greeting cards, beeswax can-

dles, bead creations and wooden boats. The always-popular "pocket person" will also be laden with little treats for kids to pluck.

Musical guests are Charley and Lisa Erck at noon; Brian and Maxine at 1 p.m.; the Free Range Chicks 'n' Friends at 2; and Synergy at 3 p.m.

While musicians entertain, parents can socialize in the cozy atmosphere of the centre.

The event runs from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Saturday's lunch menu includes soup, chili, and both

savory and sweet treats.

Festival organizer Alicia Herbert said Winterfest was started by school parents five years ago as a way to celebrate the Christmas season together in a relaxed and non-commercial way.

Because the festival first ran in 1997, the 2001 version is being billed as the fifth annual. However, with the centre decorated, craft stations set to run and the food all cooked last year, a huge snowstorm forced cancellation of the 2000 gathering.

Herbert explained that the event is not intended as a "fundraiser" and so food and craft costs are kept affordable.

Raffle tickets with great prizes, including half-hour helicopter rides, a swedan massage, Lego kit, bath goodies gift basket and Salt Spring Centre cookbooks, will also be on sale at the festival.

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Stitch in time brightens season

Meal time will be just a little brighter for over 23 Salt Spring seniors who receive Meals on Wheels.

The Stitch Dimensions Quilt Guild has been busy over the past few months getting together and stitching new festive placemats for the seniors.

The 18 guild members meet regularly twice a month, and twice a year they make new placemats.

They also make quilts for cancer patients on the island.

"When we hear of someone with cancer, the quilts are distributed," said the guild's unofficial spokesperson Maureen Gix.

Currently the members are stitching a quilt which will be sent to a quilt auction in the east.

A group, called The Quilt, sells the pieces they receive through an auction.

Its members strive to receive fair market value for the quilts and the money raised is turned over for breast cancer research.

The Quilt publishes a book with photos of the donated quilts and a small story on each contributor. Quilts come from all over the world.

"Many of these quilts are made in honour of someone. Breast cancer touches a lot of women," said Gix.

The Salt Spring Quilt



PLACEMATS — Members of the Stitch Dimensions Quilt Guild turned their talents into a group effort making new placemats for seniors who receive Meals on Wheels. Some of the members who shared in the community project were (from left): Donna Spurr, Christine MacDonald, Margaret Rajala, Wendy Selvage, Susan Paynter and Gwen Denluck. Standing are Tracey Jackson and Maureen Gix.

Photo by Pirjo Raits

Guild has been in existence for the past two years. It started as a group of women who were quilting but had gone beyond taking lessons.

They wanted to get together to do something different for their community.

"We became a formal guild because it gives us a broader scope," said Gix.

New guild members are welcomed — no experience is necessary — and the group meets every second Wednesday of the month at A Class Act.

Piccolo chef honoured

A Salt Spring chef and restaurateur was appointed to the ranks of an elite group last week.

Piccolo Lyytikainen, the chef and proprietor of Restaurant House Piccolo in Ganges, was named "maitre grillande" in the Confrerie de la Chaine des Rotisseurs, the world's oldest order of gastronomy.

According to a press release, "It represents the recognition of professional excellence and knowledge in international gastronomy," and membership is gained through invitation only.

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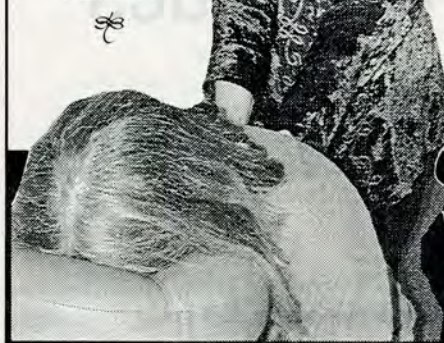
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New sensitivity as the 'likely story' continues



Isle Say! ...
with John Pottinger

As a result of last week's letter to the editor chastising me for writing about alcoholic beverages, I'm going to change the format of my column. I think I should be more sensitive to those who may be offended by my humour.

Having said that, it would be deceptive of me to simply omit the parts of my stories that some people may find offensive. Heck, in most cases it would mean there was no column left.

So here's my plan: Words or sentences that some people may find offensive will be in italics. If you don't want to read about someone drinking alcohol, you don't have to. Simply skip over the italicized parts and (hopefully) you'll never be offended!

I'm sure I'll miss some potentially offensive words or phrases, so please let me know if I've offended you without warning by failing to italicize your particular concern.

A Likely Story - Part III

We'd brought one of Marilynne Cunningham's giant *chickens with us, so we prepped it for dinner*. Luckily for us, it was already dead, cleaned and plucked, so prepping simply meant stuffing it and throwing it in the oven.

We threw a few yams in the oven, *stuffed some lime slices into the tops of three Corona bottles*, sat back and told stories.

We made *gravy from the pan drippings*, spread some *butter* on the yams and broccoli, and *poured a glass of Chardonnay* to sip with our roast chicken dinner. After dinner we pushed our chairs back and *lit cigars*. Stepping from the warmth of the cabin out onto the porch overlooking the lake, we stood in the cool dark night. Hundreds, perhaps thousands, of stars covered us in a shimmering quilt of utter quiet.

Suddenly the silence was slashed wide open by the barking cry of a wolf in the distant woods; soon joined by another, then another. The howl rose out of the forest, crept across the lake and pierced our guts. The frightening (yet somehow hoped-for) wails echoed off the mountains and swirled around us. We instinctively knew we'd remember this night forever. *Though we'd been to the Fulford Inn many times, late on a Saturday, none of us had ever heard such a startling, powerful and primeval sound.*

After a few more cigars, and a glass or two of whiskey, we climbed into our beds and slipped off to sleep, *cheek by jowl in a one-room cabin.*

The morning dawned clear and cold, so we decided we'd go for a hike after a breakfast of *bacon, eggs, toast and potatoes*. I showed the guys where the first gold strike took place on Keithley Creek in the 1860s. As we did in Quesnel Forks the day before, we poked around some old buildings and wandered through the cemetery.

With help from Bruce (whose sense of direction is much better than mine) we located the old Cariboo Wagon Road. It's not much more than a level spot in the forest now, but 140 years ago hundreds of miners trudged along it, with their food and equipment, their mules and if they were really lucky, their friends.

As we clambered through the bush I stumbled over what I thought was a large rock. When I turned to *swear at it*, it wasn't a rock at all, but a skull. It was about the size of a bear skull but the snout was too short. It looked too big for a cougar. We decided to take it to my friend Paul. He's my nearest (functional) neighbour up there and he happens to be a retired, internationally renowned scientist. He'd know what the skull was from.

Paul held the skull in his hands and judged the weight of it. He commented on the thickness and robustness of the bone structure. He nodded his head and said "Ah!" when he saw the size of the hole for the spinal column. Finally he turned to us and said, "I know what this is. Although scientists have debated the issue for years, no one has yet provided proof of its existence in North America. You will be famous. It's a rhinoceros."

Jeff asked Paul what his area of expertise was. Paul said, "Millimeter wave theory as applied to magnetic resonance in terms of the structure of light." Then he added with a chuckle, "My hobby is *making wine*. Would you like some?"



Community services benefits 100s

Some know it as the place to find the climbing wall, others as the building in front of Family Place or the spot to go for the food bank.

Many people on Salt Spring remember it as their old day care building and a few as the hospital it once was.

After some thought, most islanders remember that the grey heritage building at the top of Ganges Hill is home to the Salt Spring Community Services Society. Not many, however, seem to know what the society does.

Very few islanders realize that the Community Services Society operates more than 22 social service programs in our community. Programs ranging from the Yellow Submarine (a drop-in social club for mental health clients) to the food bank and group homes for adults with physical and developmental disabilities are run by Community Services.

Free substance abuse and victim assistance counselling services to youth, parents and pre-school children is available through the society while behind the main building is the climbing wall — one of the places youth can go to participate in safe, organized physical activity outside of school.

In fact, Community Services is the largest social service organization in this community — a position it has held now for 25 years.

Every year more than 2,700 community members visit the old grey building on Ganges Hill. More than 1,000 of those people make use of the food bank (which includes a special mini food bank for pets) while others not included in the 2,700 visit the climbing wall and Family Place.

More than 20 staff are based in the building, more work off-site and about 30 volunteers work from within its walls.

Hundreds of islanders of all ages

benefit directly or indirectly from Community Services. This quiet organization goes about its essential services on a daily basis, making little noise about the invaluable work it does.

Everyone is invited to get to know their Community Services Society, to learn about the building that houses this wonderful organization, to find out about the plans to renovate the building and to contribute to the fund that will make those renovations possible.

"The renovations will improve services to our clients. The food bank will benefit enormously, our Community Living clients will be moved upstairs onto the main floor so they have more of a sense of belonging. Clients will have improved privacy and we'll be able to make the building wheelchair accessible," says Lynne Brown, executive director of the Community Services Society.

The building at 268 Fulford-Ganges Road, across from the old RCMP building, was built in 1914 as Salt Spring's first hospital. Since that time there have been ongoing shifts and changes to the building but never a clean sweep of its interior or a remodelling to make it suit the needs of a given time.

And 268 Fulford-Ganges Road has been put to many different uses. First a hospital with residences for nurses and then a dormitory for off-island students, at one time a day care and over the years providing meeting and drop-in space for a myriad of local organizations, the walls of the Community Services Society building could likely tell some very interesting tales.

Today, however, it has become a building in dire need of a facelift and some rearranging of walls if it is to best meet the community's needs. Imagine

this: a kitchen/staff coffee room measuring about 17 by 12 feet. There is a large round table in the centre, counters on two walls, and this is the cramped space that currently occupies the food bank, which services more than 1,000 community members yearly.

Every Tuesday the floor is lined with bags of bread, the counters piled with tins and containers of donated food, and 10 to 12 volunteers squeeze past each other as they prepare 30 to 40 bags and boxes of food to hand out to an average of 15 to 20 clients patiently waiting in the hallway. Storage for the food bank is scattered among three areas of the building and there is no room to expand the service. For clients making use of the food bank there is also no privacy. Imagine waiting in the hall for your bag of food while staff, volunteers and other Community Services clients walk past. Imagine trying to work within this space as a volunteer at the food bank.

Offices are cramped, clients have little privacy and there is no room for expansion. On the top floor, two counsellors work out of the same room. The office is large and seems almost luxurious when you first enter — until you begin to think about the work done in the room. Both people working out of the space offer counselling services and that means neither can work in the space so long as the other is on site. Workers in this space have to juggle schedules and struggle to make their timing match that of a diverse group of clients so as to preserve each client's privacy and confidentiality.

Other quirks of the building include a public bathroom on the main floor that still has the bed pan washing tap

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Sensible

Regarding Arthur Black's December 4 column. The Ministry of Stupid Litigation does exist . . . in New Zealand.

I am not sure if it because there are only 3 million of them or that they are just sensible people!

If someone has a problem it goes before a review board and a realistic look is taken at the situation rather than by the folks who go through life seeing only "\$\$\$\$" and dreaming of cash-tills ringing.

It is some years since I visited New Zealand and so don't remember all the details.

TERRY RIDINGS, Salt Spring Big party

As Mort Ransen and others have pointed out, it is impossible to list all those who have contributed to the protection of the Texada lands — the list is simply too long.

As a Salt Spring Appeal fundraiser, I would like to acknowledge the many hundreds of people who have contributed financially to the campaign. I cannot name you, in fact I do not know who you all are — donations to The Land Conservancy of B.C. are anonymous and some donations came as cash — but without your support in the beginning, we would not have been able to attract government support, and without your support at the end, the deal might well have fallen apart. Thank you, everyone.

I am going to attempt to name the local businesses and organizations who have helped the Salt Spring Appeal in one way or another, knowing of course that I am likely to miss a few, please forgive omissions. In no particular order: Royal LePage, The Barnacle, The Driftwood, Barnyard Grafix, Lightning Press, Salt Spring Books, Treehouse Café, Salt Spring Roasting Company, Apple Photo, et cetera, Blue Dragon Naturals, Acoustic Planet, Hastings House, Barb's Buns, Admiralty Specialty Foods, Island Star Video, Jill Louise Campbell Gallery, Aroma Crystal Therapy, Beddis House B&B, Gulf Islands Brewery, Harbour Air, Island Escapades, Gardens on the Lake, Island Fruitsicles, Salt Spring Soapworks, Skin Sensations, The Beach House, Ganges Floor Coverings Ltd., Salt Spring Island Chiropractic, Bold

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The big celebration is this weekend at Fulford Hall on Sunday, December 16 (after Santa's Breakfast). Help celebrate the protection of the Maxwell Lake watershed, the Garry oaks, Burgoyne Bay and more!

Walks in the new park start at 1 p.m. There is an easy walk, a moderate walk and a more difficult walk. Meet at the Burgoyne Bay Road Triangle for the easy and more difficult walks, and at the Burgoyne Government dock parking for the moderate walk (follow the signs).

Fulford Hall opens at 2 p.m. with speeches at 3, and music from 4 to 9 p.m., with Arvid Chalmers as master of ceremonies. It will be a potluck, so bring some food if you can. Everyone is welcome. Let's make this one BIG PARTY!

ELIZABETH WHITE,
Coordinator,
Salt Spring Appeal

More to mention

Thanks to Mort Ransen for his December 4 letter, in which he acknowledged some of the many people involved in the Texada campaign.

As Mort said, such lists cannot possibly be exhaustive, but at the risk of further omission, I wanted to mention a few other people.

Scott Burbidge played a remarkable role as our financial analyst during negotiations with Texada, including working on the loan arrangements made by The Land Conservancy of B.C. for CRD Parks. Scott's personal commitment to the campaign went far beyond the number crunching. For example, he also acted as a lifeline to the young campers who prevented the construction of a logging road through the Hope Hill Crown parcel.

Robert Osborne played a key role in bringing media attention to the unsustainable logging on Texada lands, and he put himself on the line, literally, on a number of occasions.

Helani Davison was also a

key media contact, and she organized and presented a 2,000-signature petition at our rally at the B.C. legislature, calling for more effective controls on industrial logging in the Forest Land Reserve.

And Fiona Flook, whose first question at any of those countless meetings was always "What can I do to help?"

While they might be dismayed at being included in a list of environmental rabble rousers, I want to thank Tom Toynbee and Gerard Farry for their political and fundraising support behind the scenes.

Irene Wright helped keep the pressure on the NDP to establish the biodiversity package with the federal government.

Kevin Doyle, the Victoria lawyer working for Save Salt Spring Society, was also instrumental in the establishment of the biodiversity fund.

There is also little chance that this purchase would have been possible without the unanimous and active support of all of our local, provincial and federal representatives.

And last but definitely not least, I want to thank Nora Layard, who has been a strong intellectual presence throughout the planning of the campaign. During the last weeks of the fundraising campaign, when the lands we were buying and the funding target were finally crystal clear, Nora, along with Elizabeth White our fundraising coordinator, was without question the driving force that enabled us to raise \$350,000 within a month.

There are literally hundreds of islanders who have not been publicly mentioned, that made financial or other contributions to this effort. And it always seemed like the right person would step forward at the right time.

Please write a letter if there are other campaigners you feel should be recognized. I would like to hear more about the groups and individuals that focussed on the watershed purchase.

Thanks to all of you, the most significant environmental legacy on Salt Spring since the establishment of Ruckle Park has been created. See you at the Fulford Hall celebration on December 16.

GARY HOLMAN,
McLennan Drive

Morales tonight

Today, December 11,

Robert Morales will be speaking at a public meeting in Lions Hall.

Robert Morales is a member of the Cowichan Tribes. He has had his own law practice in Duncan for the past 15 years, serving First Nations peoples and communities. A year ago, he was appointed chief negotiator for the Hul'qumi'num Treaty Group, which represents six First Nations having in common the Hul'qumi'num language.

This evening will provide a rare opportunity for islanders to hear first-hand the position of local First Nations regarding treaty negotiations, and to get a better understanding of ways to settle land claims for everyone's benefit.

The evening will begin with a pot-luck supper at 6 p.m. at Lions Hall on Bonnet Avenue, with the informative talk scheduled for 7 p.m., followed by a question period.

All pot-luckers are asked to bring a plate, cup and cutlery as well as food to share.

This event is sponsored by the Salt Spring Islanders for Justice and Reconciliation.

EILEEN WTEWAALL,
Sky Valley Road

All life sacred

A recent letter from Yvonne Adalian and Susan Berlin left me wondering what exactly was their issue?

They touched on every-

Dénouement
Blind-love maybe. But it sees what can be not what it is.
—Richard Cruickshanks

thing from the dangers of hunting to the dangers of a perceived over-population of deer everywhere from the roadways to our gardens.

Hunting on Salt Spring and deer populations on Salt Spring are unrelated issues. If you would like to see an end to hunting on this island, that's fine. If you find hunting immoral, a safety hazard or cruel to animals, I think you will find a lot of like-minded people.

You can't just make the statement "there are too many deer" because you think you are seeing more deer than before. Perhaps deer are being forced into the open more as a result of habitat loss from development.

If you have 100 deer in the woods and those woods are cut down, suddenly you are seeing 100 deer that seemingly didn't exist before.

So if you want to make the case that deer populations have gotten out of hand, you need facts. The statement that "most everyone agrees there are too many deer" just won't fly. How many deer are there currently on Salt Spring?

How many were there five

years ago; or 10 years ago? How many deer were hit by cars this year? How about for the last five years? Has the number hit by cars increased?

If so, is it due to more deer or more cars? If the number hit by cars has increased, is the solution fewer deer or more driver awareness and more caution in deer areas?

More hunting or the disgusting notion of a deer cull as mentioned in last week's letter does not, in fact, thin the ranks and leave behind a healthier population.

Just the opposite results. The weak and sickly are not killed, but instead the strongest, healthiest breeding stock; the "trophies" are removed from the population, gradually leading to a less healthy population of deer.

If you would like to organize a meeting with some lively discourse, how about the topic ALL life is sacred!

"Most everyone agrees" it's about time we stopped killing animals as a solution to human-created problems.

JEFF LEDERMAN,
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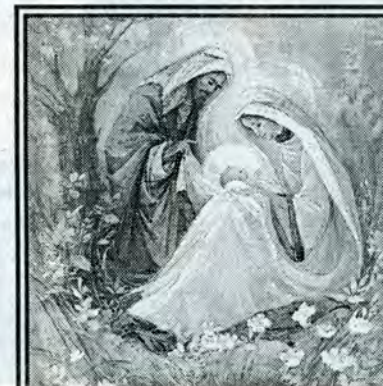
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— Isaiah 9:6

The Anglican Parish of Salt Spring Island Christmas Services for 2001

December 16

7:00 pm Advent Lessons & Carols at All Saints'

December 23

2:30 pm Christmas Carol Sing at St. Mary's

December 24 - Christmas Eve

7:00 pm Family Eucharist and Blessing of the Crèche at All Saints'

7:00 pm Holy Eucharist at St. Mary's

11:00 pm Midnight Mass at All Saints'

December 25 - Christmas Day

10:00 pm Holy Eucharist at All Saints'



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(a tall, standing pipe coming out of the floor) that dates from the building's origins as a hospital.

But this year that's all going to change.

"We are fortunate in that the actual structure is safe and sound. We've had the foundations looked at and the roof checked. The renovations will take place within the existing four walls of the building. We're focussing on improvements to our clients," said Anne Williams, manager of human resources and administration with Community Services.

To complete the necessary renovations, Community Services needs to raise \$330,000. Already the organization has put aside \$80,000, leaving it \$250,000 short of its goal. Although that sounds like a big number, with a little help from the community it's really well within reach.

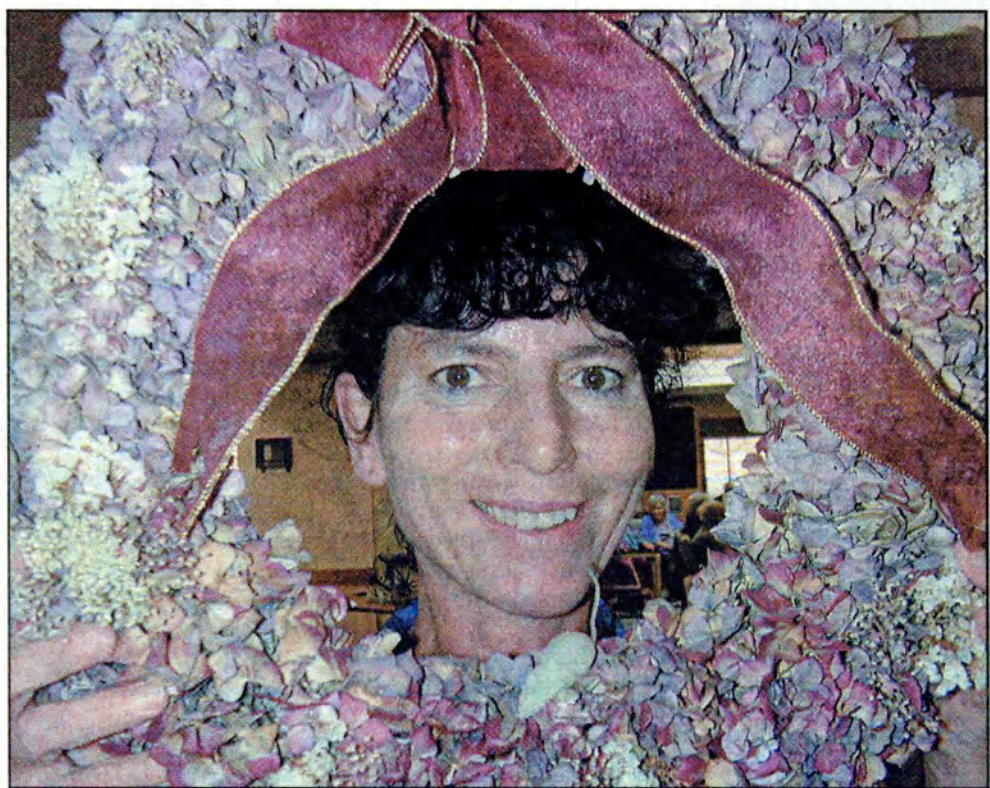
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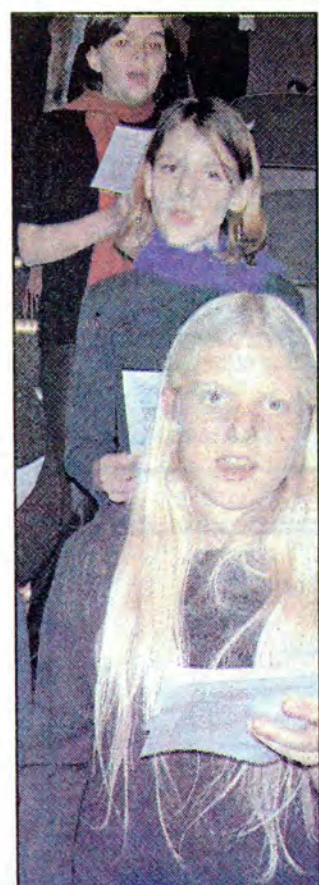
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Seen here, clockwise from top left are: Patti LaBine with wreath at Greenwoods; Ramona McLeod visiting her mom Charlotte Wilson; Clarke Brendon of the The Stomp Club Gypsy String Band at Moby's; Heather and Leigha Ripley with Santa (seen waiting for Santa with brother Mathew at left); honour choir members, from left, Jessica Fetis, Margo Milton and Robyn Millerd; director Mitch Howard with concert band director Dawn Hage behind; young singers (from top) Natalia Day, Pandora Morgan, Kate Parker; Sylvia Louwman and a sleeping Kelly.





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GLORIOUS GLASS — Anna and Emily Delahaye sell their wares at Fulford Hall's Christmas craft fair, held last weekend.

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Let's Eat... with Linda Koroscil

This is lighter than the traditional Christmas pudding — no suet!

Steamed Cranberry Pudding

- 2-1/4 c. flour
- 1 c. dark brown sugar
- 1 c. fresh bread crumbs
- 1 tsp. baking powder
- 1/2 tsp. salt
- 1/2 tsp. each nutmeg and cinnamon
- 1 tbsp. chopped candied ginger
- 1 c. butter
- 1 apple, shredded
- 2 eggs
- 1 c. cranberries, chopped
- 1/2 c. dark raisins
- 3/4 c. cream
- 1/4 c. molasses

Grease a 2-1/2 quart pudding bowl. Mix together first 7 ingredients. Cut in butter. Stir in rest of ingredients. Pour into bowl and cover with buttered foil and tie with string. Steam in large saucepan on a trivet — water should be about halfway. Simmer 3-1/2 hours or until centre is done. This can be reheated by steaming again in water. To serve, invert pudding on a beautiful platter.

I serve this with a hot caramel brandy sauce, but some people prefer the traditional hard sauce. For a perfect touch, turn the lights out and flame the pudding at the table, using cognac or overproof rum; but be careful not to set the tablecloth on fire like my mom did one year!

mail box

Misled, but how much?

Re: Terry Graham's November 20 letter headed "Misled masses" on diesel, gas/oil and cancer.

People are misled when they want to be misled. Right now there is no viable alternative vehicle without fuel (diesel or gas). They need to use the fuel until technology comes up with an easily used alternative. They let themselves be conned so they can have peace of mind, false or not.

Besides, there are so many causes of cancer and other health problems that fuel using and industrial chemicals in our daily food causes, that most people would have a very difficult time eliminating them all. However, the more of these dangers we can eliminate, the better.

Many new safe inventions, especially non-fuel-using ones, are necessary to replace the present pollution-causing ones.

An amazing book I just got is called "A Cure for All Diseases" by Mulda R. Clark,

a research scientist and naturopath (at interlibrary loan). She has cured 100 cases of advanced cancers one after the other. No failures. (Also "Cure for Advanced Cancers").

She also cured AIDS, Chronic Fatigue, Alzheimer's, Parkinson's, Multiple Sclerosis, manic and plain depression, schizophrenia, alcoholism, diabetes, fibromyalgia, dementias, Crohn's disease, etc. Mostly she just checked toxins, poisons and parasites in the body and learned how to get and keep them out. It's a fascinating book.

The information in this book is crucial for people to understand the reason for so much illness in our world today.

A few examples follow:

Toast from toasters has benzopyrenes. Food fried in a skillet does not, even if

burned black. Hot dogs and "smoke-flavoured" food has cancer-causing benzopyrenes.

Formaldehyde in foam chairs and mattresses, panning and new clothes is toxic.

Freons/CFCs in refrigerators, air conditioners and spray cans are toxic.

Thallium is very toxic and causes leg pains, nerve, skin and heart problems, reproductive organ and fetus problems, etc. It is found in mercury amalgams, cotton swabs, cotton balls, commercial bandages, Band-aids, toothpicks, paper towels, dental floss, sanitary napkins and tampons, disposable diapers and gauze. The mercuric chloride used to sterilize it was polluted with thallium.

Cheesecloth, tissues, masking tape and monofilament fish line (2 or 4 lb. Tested) are OK. Cheesecloth can be used for gauze, tissue and masking

tape for bandages. Cover diapers with a tissue. Fish line makes good dental floss. Polyester puff in the top of vitamin bottles is safe and you can use it for cotton swabs and balls.

Texas M.D. Stan Burzynski in Houston has FDA-approved, no-side-effect injectable solution which quickly shrinks tumors and reverses the cancer to make cells normal again. Doctors are still using surgery, radiation and chemotherapy. Why? Time to stop! Time to heal! By the way, this solution is 20 years old and it's been working for that long.

MARGARET
McLAUGHLIN,
Salt Spring

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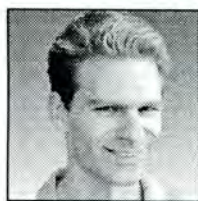
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So here it is, Hollywood's version of the battle that forced America's hand in choosing whether to enter World War II.

What is there to say about Pearl Harbor the movie that hasn't already been said? Critics absolutely hammered the film, complaining it was historically inaccurate, bombastic, devoid of real emotion, too violent, too romantic and so on. These are all accurate statements: it is a lousy movie. But what's really important here seems to have slipped by everyone.

Pearl Harbor was made by the producer/director team of Jerry Bruckheimer and Michael Bay — favourite whipping boys of mine due to their insistence on making horrible films. With their earlier stuff, say Armageddon, there's a sense that they know how horrible it is. But Pearl Harbor is marketed as a historical film that takes its subject seriously. Bruckheimer and Bay are using the average Joe's interest in American history — no, manipulating it — to make more money. That the film is a Disney production is no surprise.

Let's say it's the year 2050 and some Bruckheimer-protege has decided to make a movie about September 11, 2001. There would have to be some romance, say, a young couple who work in opposite buildings of the WTC and speak last words of devotion to each other over cell phones. Another segment would have one airliner's passengers leading a revolt against the hijackers. The last scene? Definitely the death of Osama bin Laden, maybe at the hands of an Afghan woman who has fallen in love with an American soldier (he defers the actual act of violence to her). The last shot? An American flag on the soldier's helmet, dissolving into an actual flag flying over New York City.

Of course, some people would be up in arms over such a film. So what?

September 11: The Movie would make lots of money, and that's all that matters.

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Hampers: there for the asking

By **PIRJO RAITIS**
Staff Writer

Pride sometimes stops people from asking for assistance even when they need it most.

But Sheila Sayer, organizer of the annual Christmas Food Hamper program, wants to hear from everyone who might need a little help this year.

"Last year we distributed 135 hampers; this year we are planning for 150," she said. "There is a core group on the island who are struggling. It's the working poor and many are independent and will not ask for assistance. The hampers do come from the heart and it is often difficult for people if they are not with their families."

For over 20 years, Salt Spring Community Services has been making Christmas just a little cheerier for low-income families. In the past 10 years, the hamper requests have essentially doubled.

Sayer is asking those who want a hamper to get in touch with her as soon as possible.

In the past, the Christmas Bureau would place registration cards in the social assistance cheque envelopes, but that is not being done this year. Both new applicants and those who have received hampers in the past are asked to call Community Services to register.

The hampers contain all the fixings for a special meal,

plus fresh fruit and vegetables, baking and some special extras which come in through donations.

Community Services works hand in hand with Santa's Workshop and toys for children can be requested on the application form. Each applicant with children will receive a bag of age-appropriate toys. There is also a space on the form to indicate if pet food is required.

"This is such a caring community," said Sayer. "Special things come in and it's all very welcome."

Cash and food donations are gratefully accepted and Community Services will issue tax receipts.

Hampers will be delivered to registrants on the morning

of Thursday, December 20.

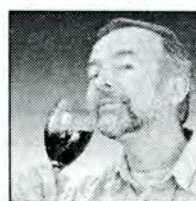
Sayer said the program is a confidential service, and people cannot request a hamper for someone else unless they have permission from the recipient. "We would like to reach as many people as possible and we will take applications right up to the end," said Sayer.

Scores of volunteers will pack and deliver the hampers, and if it snows heavily on December 20, people with 4x4 vehicles who can help deliver the hampers are asked to call the office.

"If you have applied for a hamper, please be home on December 20," she added.

Sayer can be reached at Community Services at 537-9971.

A little something for the celebration



*Wine Files ...
with Steve Coopman*

'Tis the season to be jolly, and having a good selection of wine around sure helps keep things festive.

For a lot of us this is the one time of year to drink the special wines like champagne, port and sherry. With that in mind here are a few suggestions.

Champagne is the wine of celebration and runs the gamut of cheap sparkling wines with infused carbonation, to ultra expensive vintage Methode Classique from France. In the inexpensive range you can't do better than Seaview Brut champagne from Australia. This vintage Methode Classique is still a great bargain at \$13.95, and at this price you can afford to open more bottles of it and serve it to more revellers.

For under \$20 there are a couple a great B.C. champagnes that you will be proud to introduce to your out-of-

province guests. Sumac Ridge Stellars' Jay champagne has a rich blackberry and earth taste that keeps getting better as the evening wears on, and

Vigneti Zanatta Glenora Fantasia rewards you with a fantastic lemony zing. Both of these sparkling wines are produced in the classic method and have great long-lasting bubbles. The Stellars' Jay is available in the BCL, but you may have to go to Vigneti Zanatta outside Duncan to get the Glenora Fantasia.

When the guests arrive and need a special revive after trudging through the wintry blast, surprise them with a glass of Tio Pepe Gonzalez Byass sherry. This dry white fortified wine is a nutty ultra-smooth delight that could warm the toes of Frosty the Snowman but won't ruin his palette for the dinner that awaits.

One bottle of this lovely stuff lasts a long time; you don't have to worry about putting it away in a cupboard after it's been opened, so don't let the \$22.95

price tag put you off.

At the end of dinner when you and your friends are filling up those last little corners with a bit of chocolate or some Stilton cheese, then reach for a bottle of Dow's 1995 Late Bottled Vintage Port. They make a late bottled vintage port in years when the wine isn't good enough for a vintage port, but I've got to say, this only just missed the cut.

It's great stuff, full of raisin and plum taste without being too jammy, lots of chocolate flavour but tempered with coffee, and good earth and oak. Like the sherry this can last a long time once opened (the brandy used to fortify the wine makes it very stable) and the price tag of \$22.95 is great for a port of this quality. Port and Stilton — yum!

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Musical Musings ... with Murray Shoolbraid

December is not just the month of the Santa Festival; it's Hanukkah month too.

The word is sometimes spelled Chanukah, because the first sound is the unvoiced velar fricative, as linguists say, found in Scots loch and German ach. The word means "dedication," so "Feast of Dedication" is a fair translation. It's also called "Feast of Lights," because the nine-branched candlestick (menorah) is then lit.

There are two traditions of the method of this: one lights all eight candles on the first night and reduces by one each succeeding night, and the other (more usual) does exactly the reverse. Traditionally, there are as many lamps as there are doors to the house. The light is meant to illuminate the house outside, and isn't for general lighting; reading by it, for instance, is forbidden. This month the first candle was lit last Sunday evening.

The festival occurs at the time of the winter solstice, so it was maybe originally to celebrate exactly that. The Talmudic legend, however, has it that it was instituted in 165 B.C. by the Maccabees and the elders of Israel to celebrate the dedication of their altar, which had been defiled by Antiochus Epiphanes during the destruction of the Temple. It is said that when the priests re-entered the sanctuary only one small cruse of oil was found that was unpolluted, and it (miraculously) lasted the eight days until a new supply of the sacred oil was got.

The festival is like Christmas in that it's a holiday, with eating and drinking and games and songs. Some celebrate the historic event: "A great thing happened on that day" and so forth, but some songs are totally secular, like this little jingle:

I have a little dreidel,
I made it out of clay,
And when it's dry and ready,
Then dreidel I will play.

Dreidel, dreidel, dreidel,
I made it out of clay,
And when it's dry and ready,
Now dreidel I shall play.

Not much sense or high patriotic feeling there maybe, but it's for children. The item concerned is a four-sided toy that one spins round, and depending on which side it falls on (marked with a Hebrew letter), the players have certain actions to do

(e.g. ante up the pot, take it all, etc.). It's not a betting game, but totally one of chance.

There are special Hanukkah recipes too, which I won't go into because that's another kind of column.

By the bye, the tune of the Dreidel Song reminds me of a satirical ditty from England, about a politician

named Harry Pollitt, who was a dedicated Communist. Someone made up a great little song about him, which goes (it seems) to a version of the Dreidel Song:

Harry was a Bolshie, one of Lenin's lads,
Till he was foully murdered by reactionary cads.

By reactionary cads, reactionary cads,
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Similarly:

He floated up the Heaven, and fell down on his knees,
Can I have a word with Comrade God? I'm Harry Pollitt please.

They took him into Heaven, put a harp into his hand,

He played The Internationale in the Hallelujah band.

They put him in the choir but the hymns he did not

like,

He organized the angels and brought them out on strike.

They brought him up for trial before the Holy Ghost,
For causing disaffection among the Heavenly Host.

The verdict it was Guilty, and maybe just as well,

He tucked his nightie round his knees and floated down to Hell.

The moral of the story is

very plain to tell,

If you want to be a Communist you'll have to go to Hell.

Sorry about that. The above though is as real and authentic a folk song as the Dreidel Song, or a great big ballad. And while we're on the subject, there's a lot to say about what "folk music" is. But more of that next time.

Happy Hanukkah, Merry Yule and a Good Solstice to everyone.



ISLANDS TRUST NOTICE OF PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING

Rezoning Application RZ-02-00 (Parks, O'Connor - Bylaw 370) Rezoning Application RZ-03-00 (Limberis Seafoods)

The Salt Spring Island Advisory Planning Commission will hold a Public Information Meeting on **Thursday, December 13, 2001 at the Hart Bradley Memorial Hall - Lions Club, 103 Bonnet Ave.**, for the purpose of providing information to the public and to hear representations from the public on the following rezoning applications. All members of the public are welcome to attend the meeting and make comments on the proposals.

RZ-02-00 (Parks, O'Connor - Bylaw 370) - Commencing at 1:00 pm

This application is a density transfer rezoning that proposes to downzone 88.23 hectares by transferring the subdivision potential of 15 lots from rural lands west of Mount Erskine (donor property) to rural lands located between Wilkie Way and Juniper Place (receiving property). The effect of the density transfer would increase the subdivision potential of the receiving property from 22 lots to 37 lots. The subject property is shown in the key plan below.

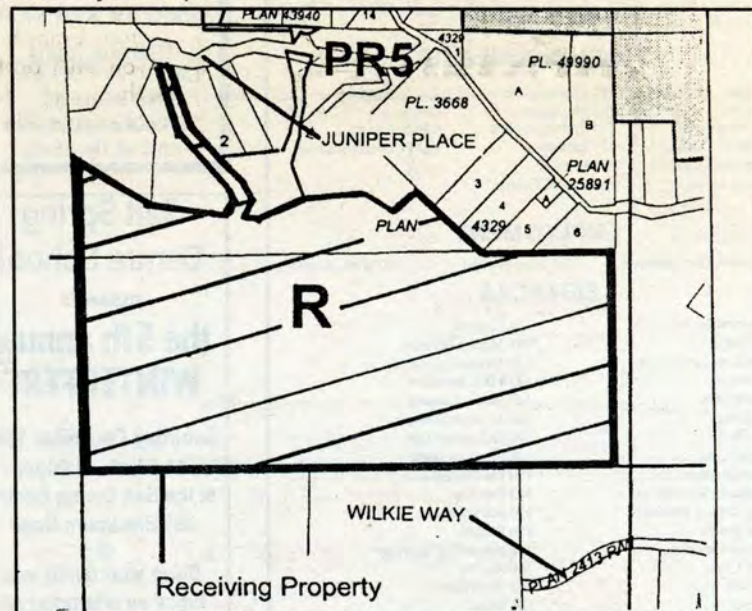
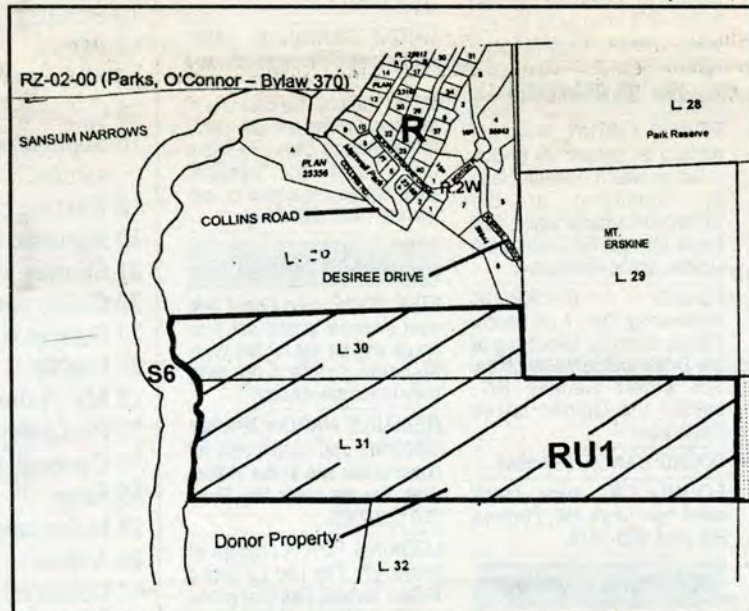
RZ-03-00 (Limberis Seafoods) - Commencing at 3:00 pm

This application proposes to revise the existing Shoreline 5 (S5) and Shoreline 8 (S8) Zones of Land Use Bylaw 355 over portions of Crown Foreshore Lot 341 at McFadden Creek in order to permit a revised shellfish aquaculture license. Land Use Bylaw 355 currently permits aquaculture, excluding the rearing of fin fish, in the Shoreline S5 Zone. The subject property is shown in the key plan below.

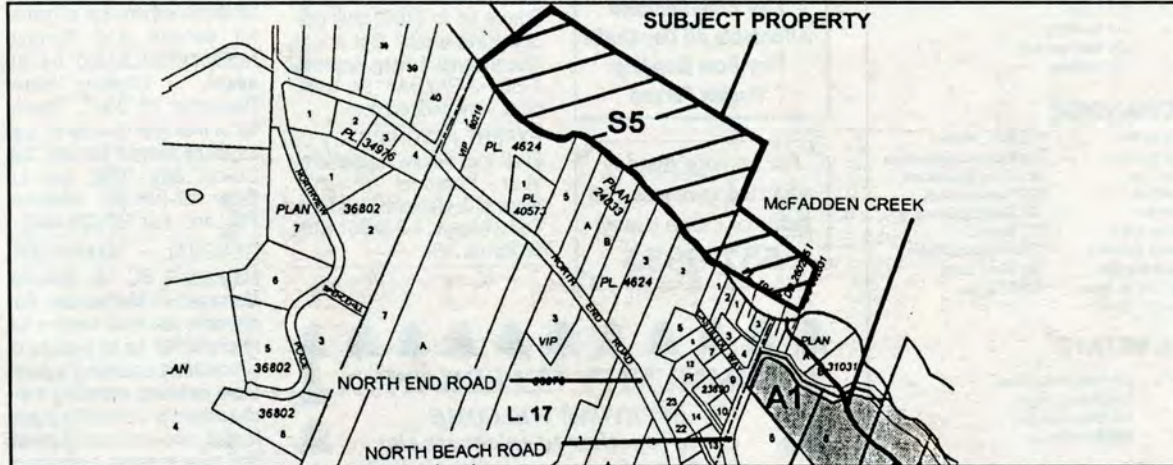
Enquiries regarding the Public Information Meeting or the proposed rezonings may be directed to the Planner for Salt Spring Island at (250) 537-9144.

Pauline Brazier
Deputy Secretary

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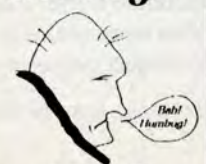
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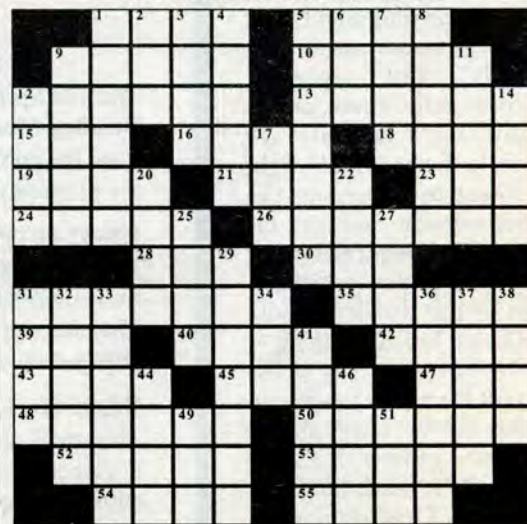
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Tip of the week:

This week a host of impressive, albeit challenging, events and alignments are indeed worthy of mention. First, a Solar Eclipse on December 14th at 12:47 PM PST brings a significant extra to the New Moon. Although not a Full Eclipse, it will still have some impact. The status of the whole astrological picture for that day, giving a more detailed insight on the implications of this seed event, suggests pioneering initiatives of global proportions. Given the political climate around the world of late, along with our growing scientific and technological abilities, we will all be challenged to recognize that frictions between individual nations includes us all more than ever before. Socially conditioned biases, prejudices and judgements must yield. Yet, aspects of the celestial portrait indicate that it is very likely that distrust, hatred, revenge and violent reaction are likely. Individual nations will be left with little choice but to preserve their own local economies as the domino effect touches every sector of society worldwide. Meanwhile, the Sun and the Moon's South Node will meet on December 18th at the 'Galactic Center' (between 26 and 27 degrees of Sagittarius). The overall implications do not bode well for peace, in the short term, at least. This is one of those times when we might have to look a little harder than usual to see the silver lining that reveals the seams hiding the greater reality of love that is - like the Sun that surely shines above and beyond the violent power of any hurricane.

Aries (Mar 21 - Apr 20)

Desires to see the big picture over the long term continues to draw your attention. You want culture and adventure, yet you want to be realistic as well. While you feel pretty confident about the flow of things you are determined to stay cool. You are in a good position to confront fears that have been lingering in your subconscious, though parts of you would just rather run. No! It is time to get more grounded and realistic. Screen on, Shields up and lock on target!

Taurus (Apr 21 - May 20)

Striking that delicate balance between personal objectives and the urge to merge your assets in larger collectives continues. At times like these, it is better to gain the security of power in numbers. The key is to outline your priorities, empathize with those of others involved, and communicate clearly to negotiate win/win solutions. Next, get important decisions in writing. Innovative technologies are also starting to

gain more appeal. Team work!

Gemini (May 21 - Jun 20)

New developments on certain relationship fronts is a central theme now. Ideals of freedom are coming up against certain hard realities. Judgements by and against you must be sorted. On one hand you feel strong and independent while on the other you feel insecure. You are beginning to see new aspects of things and people that you previously could not see. While you want to be right, you also desire happiness. Exercise more empathy and diplomacy and go for happiness.

Cancer (Jun 21 - Jul 21)

Pushing through limiting perceptions to create a healthier lifestyle continues. It is quite amazing how much of life we deem reality is actually just a reflection of our personal experiences. We are all much more influenced by our environment than we might like to admit. Sentimentality does have its place, but the past is gone forever. The needs of the moment and the future require your attention. No, you cannot hire someone to exercise for you!

Leo (Jul 22 - Aug 22)

You have been summoned to take a creative lead. This implies friends and others you love getting together. As you communicate in an inclusive manner you instill confidence. Group projects, needs and celebrations all require your input. Identify any insecurity that you may feel so that it does not linger waiting to sabotage yours anyone else's efforts. That things are tight and there is tension in the air is all the more reason to stay positive and grateful.

Virgo (Aug 23 - Sep 22)

Activities and lessons close to home are occupying a lot of your time these days. That you are something of an adventurer and traveller implies that home is where your heart is - in your body. Nurturing a more expanded point of view is perhaps the most important learning now. Expect this trend to continue. Critical analysis is good, but cynicism, impatience, blame and other forms of narrow minded thinking are very poor investments. Give the gifts of an open mind and heart.

Libra (Sep 22 - Oct 22)

Paying attention to the details of long-term plans and projects continues. Nurturing a responsive rather than a reactive state of mind is key. You will feel an extra surge of energy to plow through insecurity and indecision. Where fearful thinking due to external events is festering, open up and communicate with others with a more expanded and positive perspective. If such persons seem scarce read inspirational words or listen to uplifting music. Vision!

Scorpio (Oct 22 - Nov 22)

Cultivating a more independent attitude, approach and overall style continues. The wise sages of old say that freedom begins in the mind. So, it is not the outer world that needs to be changed, but your own perspectives and habitual beliefs and values. As a Scorpio, you are destined to transform and regenerate in one form or another. Personal responsibility is also a core life lesson. Go slow, yet go sure in this direction. Make this intention your Christmas gift and everyone will receive.

Sagittarius (Nov 22 - Dec 21)

Breaking free from the grip of your ego mind continues. The challenge here is that we largely live in a culture and world that is immersed in ego centrism. The reflection of this is fear, isolation, fragmentation, cynicism, and judgmental thinking. Words like 'they' and actions that are exclusive rather than inclusive are all symptoms. Beyond the season, your destiny as a Sagittarius is to break through these limitations and lead others in the process.

Capricorn (Dec 22 - Jan 19)

The urge to lay low will linger longer this year. You are allowed to enter the sanctuary of your mind. Do not let conventional thinking keep you ever-busy producing things. Entering a contemplative state of mind is your birthright. Ideally, while in that state you are opening your mind and heart. The world needs this kind of leadership now more than ever. Rise above "who did it" or "kill the enemy" thinking. Empathy means using imagination to stand in another person's shoes. Empathy = compassion = peace!

Aquarius (Jan 20 - Feb 19)

A few decades ago, a wise person said, "whoever controls the media controls the masses". Beyond newspapers and magazines this person was particularly referring to the future of television radio and computers. Such inventions are pure genius, but what is the quality of the message. Phrases like "energy goes where attention goes" and "your thoughts create your reality" are Aquarian ideas. So, what is the quality of media and information and 'truth' that you are and have been exposed to?

Pisces (Feb 20 - Mar 20)

Everyone is experiencing the challenge of balancing their perspectives and accounts these days, more than usual. Consider that the tugs and struggles 'out there' are actually a reflection of what is happening on inner levels. Balancing your dreams and ideals with reality is your challenge now. Write out a mission statement and begin to clarify sub-goals and actions. Once your intentions are clear let go of attachment and let your higher mind get to work for you. Plan then let go and be flexible!

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Robert and Roma celebrate 60 years

By MITCHELL SHERRIN
Staff Writer

Longstanding friends gathered at the Harbour House to celebrate Robert and Roma Aston's 60th wedding anniversary Thursday.

"It's all gone by remarkably quickly," smiled Roma.

Along with a personalized menu, dancing and a few practical jokes, the two received letters of congratulations from Queen Elizabeth II and Adrienne Clarkson, Governor General of Canada.

"I am delighted to hear you are celebrating your diamond anniversary," wrote the Queen of England.

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The couple playfully cut their anniversary cake with a sword, "a genuine WW I relic" (with a story of its own) and enjoyed a lovely evening with close friends.

"We would have been better off to have cut the cake with the dagger," laughed Roma.

Robert was thrilled with a "spectacular performance" by Harbour House staff in hosting the diamond

anniversary party.

The two were married on December 6, 1941 in Malvern, Worcestershire during WW II.

"When we woke up after the wedding, it was Pearl Harbour," Robert said.

Shortly after their marriage, he enlisted in the Royal Air Force as a pilot. The two emigrated to Canada in 1952 and Robert worked as an engineer.

As a pilot, Robert developed an interest in meteorology and has provided weather reports to the Driftwood for the past 25 years.

When asked what made their marriage such a success, he replied:

"It's very simple and very straightforward. There must be give and take — the man must give and the woman must take," he winked rakishly.

"No one in this world is perfect and we must accept their foibles," Roma quipped in reply.

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New in the library

Many thanks to the Salt Spring Centre School students who have done such a great job decorating the library for Christmas. The building has been mightily transformed for the holiday season.

• News junkies will be pleased to learn that we now subscribe to a daily newspaper. Every day the library receives a copy of the Victoria Times

Colonist. In addition, the library also receives the Saturday Globe and Mail and, of course, our very own Driftwood and Barnacle.

• Have you noticed that we now have The New Yorker in the magazine section? We've subscribed to it for the last few months.

• Kids will enjoy a series of videos where a boy or girl meets a famous composer. New additions include Liszt's Rhapsody, Handel's Last Chance, Rossini's Ghost, and Strauss: The King of Three Quarter Time. These join Beethoven Lives Upstairs, Bizet's Dream, and Bach's Fight for Freedom, which we already had.

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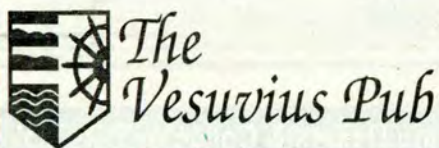
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