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PUCKER UP!—These women had a blast Friday night at the Women's Winter Eve, Pharmasave downtown. Here they prepare for the "Best Lips" contest. Nadine, left, felt pretty confident she could win. Clockwise from left: Nadine Fraser, Tamara Lemky, Sally Dolliver and Alice Henderson

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To my customers and friends

Regretfully I write this as a farewell. Sweet Arts is no longer open.

I write this because somehow I need to tell you just how important you as my guests and ultimately my friends were to me, but there are no words for that. Please allow me to say that what passed between us can only be felt, and the feeling was good and the feeling continues. And I write this to honour the hard working people who gave me privilege of their gifts.

Everyday you brought your hearts to work and there is not a dollar in existence that can ever touch that. I stand now on the other side of the counter with all of those that you served and appaude you. With all these hearts; yours, mine and those we had the privilege of serving, we created the soul of Sweet Arts — and there was nothing finer.

Diane, Linda, Sherrie, Annie, Judith, Lindsey, Alan, Jason, Bud, Johanna, Wendy, Ann.

What a time.

I look back over the last four years and remember how hard it was. But I also remember the people on both sides of the counter and how important you became to me. You helped me grow to be who it is that I am and gave me the strength and courage to now move on. And despite some of the darkness, I can truly look back and feel nothing but gratitude for all of it. It's been quite an experience. Thank you for being a part of it.

Steve Davison

Once upon a hill;

We sat beneath a willow tree,

Counting all the stars

And watching for the dawn,

But that was once upon a time...

And now the tree is gone.

island news



Denman Local Trust decides to appeal land protection ruling

by Peggy Abrahams

The Islands Trust Executive Committee has decided to appeal a recent B.C. Supreme Court decision which struck down the validity of new by-laws developed by the Denman Local Trust Committee to protect eco-sensitive land from logging.

The Denman Local Trust created the new by-laws to establish development permit areas (DPAs) on the island in May 1999, as part of its official community plan (OCP). The by-laws were an attempt to control the extensive logging by 4064 Investments Ltd., which acquired a third of the island in 1997.

The November 7 ruling by The Honourable Mr. Justice Bauman dismissed the attempt by the Local Trust Committee to obtain a permanent injunction to restrain 4064 Investments Ltd. from violating the Denman Island Official Community Plan. Last May, the Denman Local Trust obtained an interlocutory injunction barring 4064 Investments from logging on land protected by the DPAs. This injunction remains in effect until December 7.

Denman Local Trustee and Board Chair Louise Bell said she was delighted at the decision to appeal the

ruling. Bell said, "On these islands, to protect ecosystems and biological diversity—here, in particular—that means protecting forest cover."

Bell commented that the legal process may be the avenue the Islands Trust needs to take to try to further its preserve and protect mandate.

"We have such limited tools to use to achieve our preserve and protect objective. We have through the Islands Trust Act a task, and we have through the Municipal Act no tool. We need to be able to use every arrow in our quill."

Once an appeal is

launched, the pre-existing DPAs would kick in. Bell explained that during the appeal process, the Trust Committee still has the option to apply for a stay of the order, which would keep the new by-laws in place until a decision is made by the court.

Bell added, "It's important to do this to establish if DPAs can be used for this reason. If they can be used for maintenance of forest cover, then it would affect all kinds of trees. There has to be some clarification. We're not willing to relinquish the DPA designation unless the door is completely shut."

Supermarket offers free water to residents with arsenic problems

by Michelle Grant

Raising a family while making ends meet has never been easy. Add the unexpected pressure of suddenly having to buy bottled water for drinking and cooking and the already tight budget takes a definite turn for the worst. It's a scenario some residents in the Rainbow Road and Booth Canal area are grappling with, since news of the arsenic contaminated Rainbow Grove wells led to the discovery of unsafe levels of arsenic in McAfee Creek (a drinking water source) and neighbouring wells.

The lack of potable water in the neighbourhood is a dilemma, some Islanders might consider regrettable, unfortunate and somebody else's problem. Happily that's isn't the attitude of Mike Tyson, manager of Ganges Village Market, who as of last week is offering the free use of the store's outside water tap to those residents concerned about the quality of their water. "We've always let people fill up bottles from the tap. I watched CHEK News the other week. I saw the young family and the mother who was concerned

about arsenic in her water and how they can't afford to buy bottled water. I pictured myself. I raised three kids, now have five, I know how tight it is, to pay the mortgage, the car, the groceries. Water is an issue for everybody."

The supermarket's water comes from Mt. Maxwell. While Tyson is happy to have people use the outdoor tap as a watering hole, the store cannot accept responsibility for the quality of the water as Tyson hasn't had it tested. "If someone wants to test it, they're welcome to do so." There are

some water restrictions in place. "We don't want tankers being filled up." Tyson still wants to sell bottled water but he says "We're human. When we say we care about the community, we do care."

Since Tyson's generous offer, two residents have stepped forward to indicate their willingness to help people caught in the arsenic contamination crunch. One resident who prefers to remain anonymous has suggested an "adopt a family" approach could be used where resi-

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Teens take vigilante action

Recent news of child abductions fuel fear and prompt mob to attack van

by Amei Parkes

News of child abductions in the Lower Mainland and attempted abductions on Salt Spring Island have put locals on edge, even driving them to vigilante actions.

On Tuesday, November 21, a crowd of between 25 and 50 teens accosted a man in a black van parked at the stop sign at the crossroads of Fulford-Ganges Road and Lower Ganges Road, said RCMP Constable Doug Hewitt, who was at the scene. The group, who streamed over from Centennial Park, also threw eggs at him, broke part of his rear lights and let air out

of his tires because the vehicle he was driving resembled one involved in an attempted abduction last January, said Constable Jamie Tretiak.

The attempted abduction happened earlier this year, when a 16-year old girl was followed and verbally assaulted by two men in a van. At the time she was walking along Upper Ganges Road and Churchill Road.

"I am assuming people in the community still think it's him," said Tretiak. But the driver in question, she said, has been cleared of any involvement in the earlier case.

During the attack, the driver honked his horn to alert passers-by. Mary Small, owner of Harlan's Chocolates and Candy Corner, saw part of the disturbance and phoned the RCMP at 12:50 p.m. She was told by the dispatch that the constable on duty was on his lunch break, and would get there shortly. Constable Doug Hewitt arrived on the scene at approximately 1:15 p.m., said Small.

"This bothered me because I wondered if I was getting stabbed, would I live through it," she said.

Tretiak countered that the constable was working in

the north end of the Island, and arrived on the scene as fast as he could.

"We can't be everywhere at once," she remarked. Tretiak indicated that on most days, one member of the force is on duty.

"I felt they could have been here sooner," said Small. "It could have been a really ugly situation."

Tretiak said that further investigation on the case is pending.

"If we can identify who [the teens] are, we can charge them with mischief, but it will be a matter of identifying who was involved," said Tretiak.

Bottles used as assault weapons

Late last week, the Salt Spring detachment of the RCMP reported two separate and apparently unrelated assaults in which bottles were used as weapons.

The first incident occurred early

Saturday morning during a party at a private residence. A young male suffered cuts to his scalp and lip after being struck over the head with a beer bottle and then punched in the face.

The second assault occurred early

Sunday morning, in the vicinity of the Beaver Point Hall. At least two young persons required medical attention as a result of an altercation involving the use of bottles as weapons.

Both investigations are continuing.

Gravett named new ArtSpring director

The Island Arts Centre Society board of directors unanimously endorsed Paul Gravett as ArtSpring executive director, effective November 23.

Gravett replaces Jane Forner, who is leaving the position after establishing the role in 1998.

Gravett came to the Centre as Administrative Assistant in 1999. He is a graduate in music performance from the University of Manitoba, was employed by Toronto's Roy

Thomson Hall in a number of capacities, and worked in arts management with Hart/Murdock. He brings extensive experience in programme planning and organization, preparing publicity and grant applications, and has been active on Salt Spring in many areas, particularly with the Weavers and Spinners Guild.

Gravett's impact at ArtSpring and with the community is already well known and the board considers itself

most fortunate that he was available and willing to accept the position of ArtSpring executive director.

He will continue to be assisted by operations manager Lynne Partridge, formerly with PROCAN (now SOCAN) in Vancouver where she gained an industry-wide reputation for her superb care and feeding of West Coast musicians.

ArtSpring's annual general meeting (AGM) will be held tonight Tuesday, November 28 at 7:30 p.m.

Rainbow Grove residents pursue law *cont'd from p2*

dents with good water allow one family to fill up bottles at their home, a remedy that some residents are already relying on from family and friends. "It then becomes a community problem rather than just 'their' problem."

Since the initial water sample was taken from McAfee Creek, six more results have come back from households that use the creek as their water source. According to Michael Riefman, Environmental Health Officer for the Capital Health Region (CHR), the levels of arsenic from these samples range from .0324 to .057 milligrams per litre (.025 is the recommended federal safety drinking water standard). Riefman anticipates a further sampling from McAfee Creek will be taken in mid-win-

ter to determine how surface water is impacting the arsenic levels. For now, CHR continues to recommend that affected residents use alternative water sources for drinking and cooking purposes.

According to Riefman, the 25 to 30 samples taken by CHR in the Rainbow Road neighbourhood have been done as a courtesy to determine the extent of the arsenic contamination rather than as a routine procedure. If other residents are concerned about the quality of their drinking water, Riefman recommends they order a full chemical analysis including arsenic and bacteria.

Meanwhile at Rainbow Grove, the three households who are pursuing legal action for being sold

potable water, continue to be caught in a no win situation. They can't sell their properties and, under Canadian law, says property owner Jesse Bellamy, if their case ends up in court, they will only recover up to 50 per cent of their court costs even if they win. With an uncertain future, homeowner Jean Stewart is doing her best "to do a Scarlet O'Hara and worry about it tomorrow." Although she

admits to getting frayed around the edges, she's definitely not ready to throw in the towel. Third resident Pete McKenzie is frustrated with the system and angry over having to bathe in arsenic contaminated water. He's looking for ways to get a tanker of safe water delivered to his home. He has little faith in the effectiveness of treatment systems that are designed to reduce arsenic content in water.



Gulf Island Glass

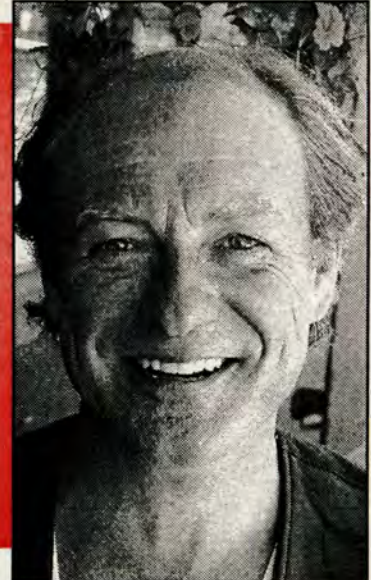
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Teaching vulnerability for World AIDS Day



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

Sex these days is a risky business. When I was coming of age all I had to worry about was contracting an embarrassing disease, having my emotional landscape scarred or—the risk with the greatest consequence—getting pregnant. Although all three had far reaching effects none was life threatening. Today that's not the case. Today sex can be a life or death activity. Far from going away, AIDS and HIV are more prevalent than ever today.

At the end of 1999, 33.6 million men, women and children were living with HIV or AIDS, and 16.3 million had already died from the disease. In 1999, there were 5.6 million new infections worldwide.

Similar statistics can be pulled for the rate of breast cancer, colon cancer, heart disease but the big difference is that there is a very simple, inexpensive way to avoid HIV infection—wear a condom.

I have a daughter poised on the edge of adolescence. She is about to enter a time in her life when she takes all that I've tried to teach her, goes off on her own and tests the the truth of it all. She's going to challenge everything. She's going to think she's immortal and that I—stuffy old thing that I am—couldn't possibly have understood a thing that's relevant to her. That's life.

The scary part is that no matter how well I educate her or how well I describe the risks, no matter how much she takes to heart when it comes to sex and the risk of HIV and AIDS she's going to have to deal with another person and their level of concern or of education. She's going to have to confront peer pressure and deal with another person's attitude.

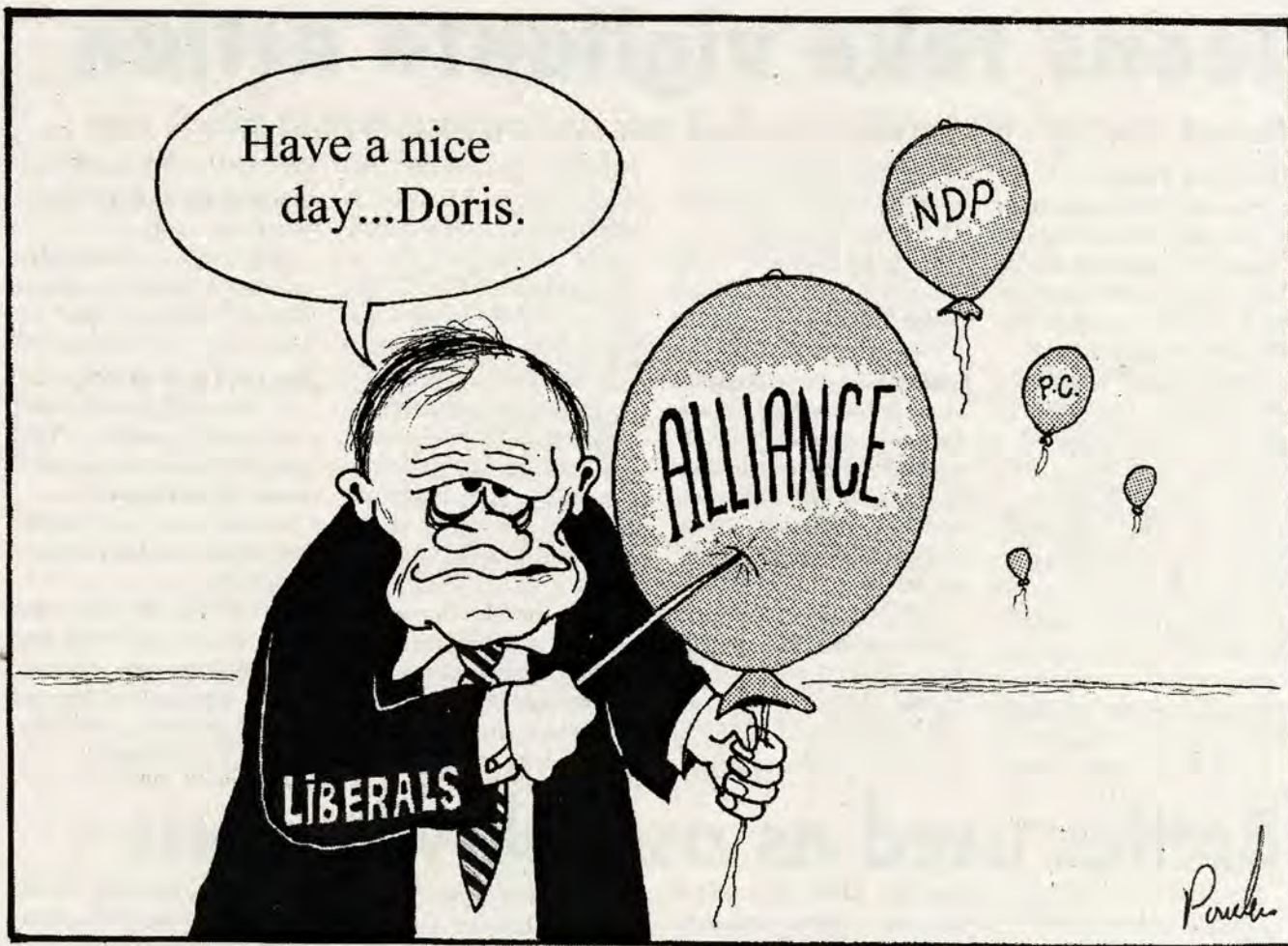
This year the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS) made men the focus of their education campaign. All over the world, women find themselves at special risk of HIV infection because of their lack of power to determine where, when and how sex takes place. But, infection and AIDS related deaths in men outnumber those in women on every continent except sub-Saharan Africa. One in four people with HIV is a man under the age of 25. Men are the key to changing the course of the AIDS epidemic.

Around the world we raise our young men to think they are invincible, robust, strong, daring and virile. To be manly is to deny vulnerability, to deny the weakness associated with illness. Add to that the enormous social stigma attached to HIV infection, the fact that typically men have more sexual partners than women, the global migration of men for work, the worldwide incidence of rape and you have a very deadly equation.

An equation that endangers the lives of not only the men involved but the women they encounter as well.

But, if the attitudes behind this reality can be changed then the world will gain a powerful ally in its struggle against a disease that ends in death.

Risky behaviour is fun. Engaging in it is part of adolescence, part of the rites of passage into adulthood. Teach your children, though—boys as well as girls—that some risks are not worth the odds, some risks do more than slow you down for awhile. Teach your girls to be strong enough to say no. Teach your boys how to live with vulnerability.



For those who grieve

Could the bleak, grey days of November more starkly reflect our sense of loss on Salt Spring Island? George Orwell, in *Coming Up for Air*, offers small comfort.

His hero, returning to the lost paradise of his childhood village in Oxfordshire and finding it had disappeared, said, "I don't mean that it had been demolished—it had merely been swallowed.... All the way down the hill I was seeing ghosts of hedges and trees and cows. It was as if I was looking at two worlds at once..."

Our global warming may have started with the Industrial Revolution—England's "dark Satanic mills." Unless we do an about-face we probably have one century left.

May the ghosts of Salt Spring past haunt you this season, Messrs. Macdonald, Tretheway, Kapler, Dorman, Laisille, et al.

ANNE HUMPHRIES

We don't like it!

Mr. Macdonald, in his response last week to a tongue-in-cheek request for an apology for his lying, soon warms to unrelated and more serious topics, peppering his

letter with the terms "vandalizing," "sabotage," "damages," "ring-leaders," "law breakers" and "terrorists." Although he doesn't state it explicitly, he seems to insinuate that those community members who don't like what he is doing, and dare to say so, are somehow connected to illegal activities.

Mr. Macdonald, there are thousands of thoughtful law-abiding people on this Island who dislike what you are doing, detest how you are doing it, and say so often, if quietly. Your rate of harvest (contrary to Islands Trust policy), your apparent unwillingness to sell forested land, your "gag" approach to dissenters, your logging in areas of interest to various large conservation bodies, and your apparent attempt to tar us all with the brush of vandalism or terrorism are profoundly unattractive. We recognize your legal right to do as you are doing with this land, but we do not like it.

SALLY JOHN

History will tell

The logging by Texada on the south-facing slopes of Maxwell does indeed go into the proposed national park area, as described in the proposal below.

"The proposal recommends the federal government make a critical purchase of 760 to 1,060 acres (308 to 429 hectares) around the south and east shore of Burgoyne Bay. Combined with a proposed purchase of the north shore by the Nature Trust of B.C., this would create a national park of 1,700 to 2,000 acres (690 to 810 hectares)."

They have logged to the edge of the northeast pin of the Garry Oak Ecological Reserve. In between the Douglas fir forest and the Garry oak is the endangered ecosystem of Douglas fir/Garry oak/Onion Grass plant community, listed in the Forest Practices Code as *Identified Wildlife*.

Identified Wildlife can be both species and ecosystems. The private forest land regulations state: "If an owner of identified land is of the opinion that there may be Identified Wildlife [on their land] specified on the list, the owner must promptly notify a designated environment official, and refrain from carrying out any road construction or timber harvesting and related activities that could negatively impact the habitat."

A buffer of 250 metres is proposed. A procedure is then followed whereby the

province either compensates the landowner or comes to some management agreement. These are very new regulations and Texada is one of the first cases that the Ministry of Environment has had to address. Part of Texada's job is to get the regional government biologist out to verify this plant community, so the regulations rely on volunteer reporting and goodwill on behalf of the company. Most forest companies want to see these regulations work to get eco-certification but Texada is cutting it down before they can even have a look. Texada is also logging the very area in which a threatened butterfly community was identified.

Mr. Macdonald, in his letter (*the Barnacle*, November 21), grouped me with "eco-terrorists" and such. History will decide who were the real eco-terrorists.

BRIONY PENN

Truth

I am having great difficulty trying to fathom why Mr. Macdonald of Texada is so very concerned with that elusive, nearly indefinable thing called *truth* when nearly everyone has difficulty

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recognizing it at any given time. It is neither this nor that, white nor black, but many shades in between.

It is possible that Mr. MacDonald has such a problem because his truth is always white or because that white is his white as in lily white. Come to think of it, lilies are not snow-white; ergo, maybe his white is snow-white. Snow doesn't stay white very long—it starts to accumulate dirt and becomes dirty white, a shade of grey perhaps?

Now, this dissertation on truth may seem silly—be over the top, so to speak—and no doubt is to some people but it is a very serious business when humans fool with truth.

White is a beautiful colour. It stands for purity and honesty and all those other wonderful virtues we wish people would display all the time. Pure truth, for there is no other, needs no defense.

HAL STONE

Withdraws insult

With reference to my letter in the last edition of *the Barnacle* and the editorial note to it, it now seems that some other people—including the authorities of the parish—share the reporter's percep-

tions about the meeting. Although I was, in fact, the mover of the motion in question, I must nevertheless withdraw any imputation of impropriety and I regret and apologize for any distress or annoyance that I may have caused to *the Barnacle* or the reporter, Michelle Grant.

BARRY VALENTINE

Language plague

I am an old lady. I know I am old, beyond any hope of successful contradiction of the fact, because for some time now the government has been paying me for being old. When I get a buck from the government, I know it would not have been paid if there were any way of evading its payment.

To be old, I have had to survive many things. Some of them have been trivial. One of the trivial ones has been what I call Language Plagues. These have become worse since the 1960s when, as far as I could tell, hordes of young people calling themselves "the communicating generation" had little to communicate beyond, "Like, I mean, you know," and, "Hey man." I survived those extraneous expressions.

Since then, I have survived a great many more Language

Plagues. I have lived through "basically" and "well, basically," and "exactly right" and "parameters" and "holistic" and (with difficulty) the use of "absolutely" as the mandatory word of agreement. I've had reason to think I was pretty tough.

However, whether I've become weaker or merely crab-bier with age, I am not sure that I can outlive the "in terms of" Language Plague. Between the CBC's interviewer and his political guests, I have just been put through (at last count) 17 pointless uses of "in terms of." I love allegory, and am always delighted when (having been a teacher) I can put something not understood into terms of something else, so that it can be understood. What place, though, has "in terms of" in a sentence in which something is fine in its own terms? Why say, "This isn't fair in terms of voters." What's wrong with saying, "This isn't fair to voters." "In terms of" hanging onto my meals, I am finding this particular plague very hard to survive.

Am I all alone in my suffering? I am not unreasonable. I have accepted "you know" as being so essential to some people that, were the CBC to ban its use, it would be neces-

sary to fill an empty half of available broadcast time. Like, I mean, you know, um, uuh, mmm, does anyone else out there give a hoot? Well, basically, in terms of language?

DONALDA MACKENZIE
P.S. If anyone does, I'll take hope and accept, willingly, anything affirmative from "right on!" to "absolutely!"

Reporting praised

We were delighted with your sensitive treatment of the topic of the Human Exchange retreats on Salt Spring Island: Grandma's House and Charlie Pyott House and the mention of the Sidney House and other initiatives (*the Barnacle*, November 21). It was refreshing to read a newspaper article that so closely echoed the reality of things. Sometimes writers get things wrong. But Gail Trafford obviously took care to listen and read and absorb the truth behind the activities of our grassroots group in such a way that gave a very clear picture both of the need in the community and what people can do about it.

Already we have had several fruitful contacts arising from a reading of the article:

- a teacher willing to assist persons with low language skills to learn to read or to write resumés



A journal as literary as the Barnacle can be found in the most unusual places. Take, for example, Bridgewater, Nova Scotia on the LaHave River. Nova Scotia's population is 937,000.

- a woman delighted to hear that there is a house in Sidney for low-income Gulf Islanders who miss ferries
- someone who warmly invited us to apply for funding from a local group
- a woman who had a freezer and furniture to give away.
- two women with canned and packaged food to share.

In fact, donations have arrived at Grandma's House in the past few days which are probably the result of reading *the Barnacle* article.

I ask that you print this letter as a thank you to all those who realize that homelessness and poverty can happen

to anyone these days. Those of us who are still comfortably off should share gifts with those who have fallen on hard times. Their turn may come. All six people who live with us at the moment are Salt Spring Islanders in need.

Tax receipts will be sent to anyone who donates to the work of the Human Exchange on Salt Spring Island through the Grandma's House address (which is in the phone book). The society can be reached through our page at 1-800-691-9366.

PATRICIA FITZGERALD

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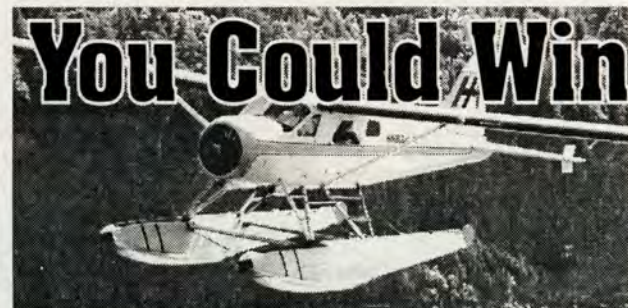
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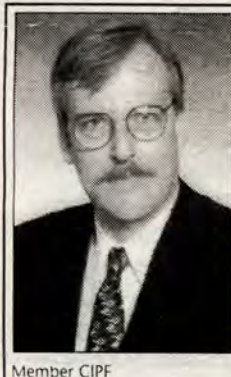
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A special thanks to the members of the S. S. I. Privy Council who enabled me to say goodbye to the little grey outhouse beside my studio. A twinge of regret remains, however; that structure was the first building that Ray built 30 years ago when, newly-arrived to Salt Spring, the Newman family was living in a tent

where the orchard now sits.

Perhaps we don't need to say a permanent goodbye just yet.... What would the resident spiders do without their winter home?

VIRGINIA NEWMAN

Corrections

The Waterbird Watch Collective has a correction to our commentary in *the Barnacle* (November 14), about the McFadden Nature Sanctuary (the heronry). We were incorrect that Salty Springs Seaside Resort was cutting trees; the trees were cut through a separate company.

We would like to address three items in *the Barnacle* article of November 21. (1) We repeat that there is much technical evidence from B.C. and Washington state

showing that herons often abandon a colony if there is nearby logging. (2) The area between the McFadden heronry and the cutting is mostly woods, not meadow. (3) The Islands Trust urged restraint in cutting anywhere within one kilometre; all of the cutting is within that distance. Although any extensive cutting represents a risk, we appreciate that this is the time of year with least immediate effect on herons.

Protection of the herons depends on the voluntary care and good will of the community. If anyone wishes more information on the best ways to support the herons within the buffer zones, please call the warden, Dee LeClair, at 537-0784.

DIRECTORS

Waterbird Watch Collective

Public pays too

In response to "Public Buildings?" in last week's editions of *the Barnacle* and the *Driftwood* and to other concerns raised with respect to the charging of fees for display tables at the all candidates meeting and the taking up of a collection, the Salt Spring Island Community Planning Association would like to clarify a few points.

The expenses of running all candidates meetings, which the Association has undertaken for the last 25 years, involve more than just the cost of using the meeting room at Gulf Islands Secondary School. We wish to thank the school board for making the facility available at a very reasonable charge.

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Nostradamus, eat your heart out

Hoping to make a quick score on the Grey Cup, I consulted a sibyl for betting advice. Unfortunately sibyls aren't much interested in Canadian football, but she provided me with the following prophecies.

Jean Chrétien: the Prime Minister will appoint Brian Tobin to as high a profile job as he dares, given his debt to Paul Martin (see below), then set about twisting arms for his favourite Newfie joke. The PM will spend his remaining time in office consulting with his lawyers, conspiring against Martin, and penning the second volume of his memoirs, *Straight For the Jugular*.

Paul Martin: The Finance

Minister's advisers will be waiting for the PM when he returns to the office at last. They will remind his majesty that he owes his victory to Martin's discretion, reputation and campaigning. They will demand the PM set an early date for his resignation. Dey will get dat.

Stockwell Day: The Leader of the Opposition will proclaim a victory despite the loss, but will soon have whiplash from looking out for long knives. He will content himself with photo-ops and pouring over the court records of the Scopes Monkey Trial with a view to staging an appeal. His leadership will be undone when, in an unguarded aside to CTV's Mike Duffy, he admits to lusting after Catherine Clark in his mind.

Tom Long: Ontario's Machiavelli will conclude that had the Alliance not chosen a fundamentalist preacher as leader he would be ensconced in a

cushy office next to the PM's on Parliament Hill. He will send stuffed animals in the shape of the Flintstone's Dino to every Alliance riding association president in the country and continue combing Bay Street for a suitable suit to take him to the Promise(d) Land.

Jason Kenney: The self-proclaimed virgin Alliance MP will challenge for the leadership under the slogan, "Vote For Me—I've Never Screwed Anybody." Both his riding nomination and his virginity will remain uncontested.

Joe Clark and Alexa McDonough: Back to anonymity.

Catherine Clark and Ben Mulroney: Will marry and set about re-populating the Progressive Conservatives.

Rafe Mair: Puffed up like an indignant blowfish, Mair will rail against the duplicitous eastern media and anyone else who didn't heed his dictates. He will eventually accede to wife #17's demands of a vacation or a divorce, and return, ego re-

freshed and full of invective, for the provincial election where he's sure to back a winner.

Rick Mercer: The *This Hour Has 22 Minutes* host will be named to the Order of Canada.

America: George W. will be wheeled out occasionally for ceremonial purposes while his daddy and cronies run the world. He will be able to proclaim, however, that he is indeed the President of Se United Prates, which is all he ever really wanted anyway. Al Gore will make history as the first live figure on display at Madame Tussaud's Wax Museum, studiously looking the other way from the Bill and Monica exhibit.

The Earth: Polar bears will be found scratching themselves against palm trees in Churchill, Manitoba.

Hockey: The Vancouver Canucks will win the Stanley Cup.

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Local man loved to talk

by Gail Trafford

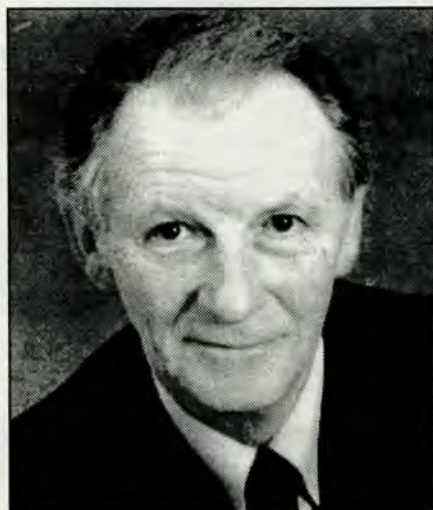
Charles L. Cotterall, known for his dashing red wool cap and his personable presence, passed away quietly on November 20 at Lady Minto Hospital.

Cotterall and his wife, Barbara, moved to Ganges in 1991 to a lovely country home they built for their retirement. Always active in community affairs, Cotterall served on the assessment appeal board.

He was a member and one-time treasurer of Branch 92 of the Royal Canadian Legion and served on the board of the Community Centre. He also had the distinction of being the only male participant in the local water aerobics class.

Cotterall was an Island character who enjoyed talking to people. According to Barbara, he would often strike up a conversation with a stranger by asking, "Where did you go to school?" and end up finding a connection with them.

His daughter delighted in spotting her father's red hat in a market-day scene of Salt Spring on postcards she was selling on Granville Island. Because he was such a



Charles L. Cotterall

part of the community it seemed fitting to see his image there.

Born in Bellingham on July 21, 1921, Cotterall served under General Kenny in the 5th U. S. air force in the South Pacific during the second world war. Lieutenant Cotterall acted as bombardier on 55 missions. He left his air force career a decorated soldier when he was 23 years old.

Cotterall attended McGee High School in Vancouver, studied at U.B.C. and Harvard, and graduated from Stanford University. In 1944 he married Barbara in California. In 1952 he and his family moved to B.C. to join his father in a machinery

business. Later, he was able to build his own property management and development business. While in Vancouver, he chaired the Library Board and he continued his interest in the local library when he moved to Salt Spring Island.

Charles Cotterall could be described by some as a political pundit who frequently wrote letters to members of the legislature.

In fact, he delighted in writing letters. He corresponded with authors of books he read and almost anyone who attracted his interest.

Cotterall had six children and 15 grandchildren. They gathered from all parts of North America for a funeral service on November 23 at Our Lady of Grace church. Hannah Kassis, head of Religious Studies at U.B.C., gave the eulogy.

Flying club takes flight

by Gail Trafford

The Salt Spring Island Flying Club held its inaugural meeting Saturday and became a member of the Canadian Owners and Pilots Association (C.O.P.A.), an organization that is dedicated to raising awareness of issues important to flyers. It promotes air safety through education while lowering the cost of flying and removing barriers to the growth of aviation. It also has a Young Eagle programme for youth who want to learn to fly.

The first motion on the floor was made by Jim Clark to buy the four farms that make up the Cudmore aerodrome in Fulford Harbour. The property has an estimated value of well over \$1,000,000. The motion was defeated in spite of Clark's offer to, "put his money where his mouth is" and pledge \$100,000. Ron Ford, secretary treasurer for the new club, pointed out that the purchase of land was not the purpose behind forming the club.

John Hansen was selected from the seven elected directors to act as chairman and Paul Roach as co-chairman.

A contingent of Fulford residents including Judy and Howard Fry, who live at the end of the Cudmore airstrip runway, attended the meeting to express their concerns. As the use of the airstrip increases, so does the noise. They are not convinced that this is a safe

see SAFETY CONCERNS p8

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An RCMP officer talks with protestor Alwyn locked down under a Dorman Timber logging truck. Protestors stopped the truck in downtown Ganges on Monday, November 27. Check the Daily Barnacle website - <http://DailyBarnacle.com/> - for video clips of the incident.
Anne Chisholm photo

Activists take protest to town

Alwyn, a local activist protesting Texada's logging practices on Salt Spring, chose to exercise her vote in an unusual way Monday—she locked onto a Dorman Timber logging truck in Ganges.

"I'm doing this to protest the rate and style [in which] Texada is logging. The loggers are working so fast, trucks are going through downtown in their haste to get the logs out and I've had it. It's election day—

this is my vote."

In the past few days Dorman Timber has been transporting Texada's logs down Cranberry Road, through town and back out up Fulford-Ganges Road. This route was chosen be-

cause the trucks are unable to navigate the sharp right turn off Cranberry and onto Fulford-Ganges.

At press time the protest continued with RCMP directing traffic through town via back roads.

Safety concerns raised at meeting *cont'd from p7*

location for an airstrip and are worried about the impact on the environment.

At this time the airstrip is used by guests of Gordon Cudmore, but regular users and the number of fly-ins has increased, raising noise and safety issues.

In response to these concerns, the club agreed to appoint two of the directors, Earling Jorgensen and Stan Windsor, as safety and

community liaison officers to consult with the community and address concerns as they are raised.

Island Trustee David Borrowman reminded the meeting attendees that the Official Community Plan (OCP) does not support a commercial airstrip on Salt Spring Island. He strongly advised the club to align themselves with the community and use the local

planning authority in every step of their plans.

Section C.2.5.2.3 of the OCP states that the Trust Committee should not support the development of a commercial land-based air strip on Salt Spring Island unless a full study provides clear evidence that the environmental, social and economic effects of its development would be to the general benefit of the

community.

The Club agreed to charge the directors to investigate the purchase of the aerodrome land. But in any case—whether it is purchased or not—the club will continue. An enthusiastic group of fliers of planes, hang gliders and ultra-light craft look forward to the next meeting in January for camaraderie and the challenge of flying higher.



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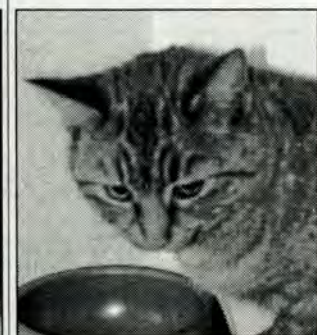
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Nature Trust surveys Texada land

by Peggy Abrahams

The conversation between the Nature Trust of B.C. (NTBC) and Texada continued last Wednesday when NTBC executive vice president Ron Erickson visited Salt Spring to survey Garry oak meadows and view logging on adjacent properties owned by Texada.

NTBC is now considering the purchase of less land than defined in its original offer of a few months ago.

"Our primary interest has been the Garry oak. That is the interesting ecological feature there as far as we're concerned, but it's difficult to consider the Garry oak without some sort of buffer around it," said Erickson.

He explained the distribution of Garry oak is very limited in B.C. "We look at the ecological values of properties. That's the feature that has us interested in the Garry oaks on Vancouver Island and the Gulf Islands—the rarity of the Garry oaks and the species associated with it."

The tour included a look at logging on nearby parcels be-

cause of the concern over the size of buffers, or intact stands of trees, bordering the Garry oak meadows. Erickson acknowledged that the size of the buffers would be a consideration in deciding whether or not to purchase the land. As such, the extent of the logging on nearby properties would be an issue in the purchase decision. Erickson said if the negotiation with Texada proceeds, NTBC would conduct a scientific assessment of the buffers.

Texada principal Robert Macdonald, who accompanied Erickson on last week's aerial tour, said, "We've agreed to sell the Nature Trust block 3, and on block 3 there's a tremendous amount of Garry oak. At the top of block 3 you get to block 7. We walked extensively over lot 7. There is a small amount of Garry oak on the southeast portion."

Months ago the Nature Trust had bid to purchase eight parcels including lot 7. According to Macdonald, the original negotiation with the NTBC broke down over the timber value on lot 7.

Regarding the discrepancy in timber values, Macdonald said, "I wouldn't say I'm greedy at all. I'm realistic. I have a view as to value, I may be wrong, but I don't like being taken advantage of."

Now, Macdonald explained, the NTBC is primarily interested in purchasing Garry oak. Since there is a section of Garry oak on lot 7, Macdonald offered to subdivide lot 7. "I told Ron, 'If you want this part I'll sever it off for you and you can have it.'"

Any subdivision would require government approval, Macdonald acknowledged. Meanwhile Texada has accelerated the rate of its logging, and proceeded with extensive logging on parcel 7.

Concerns were raised that logging was taking place in areas of interest to Parks Canada, where Texada had promised a 40-day moratorium on logging. Commenting on these concerns, Macdonald insisted, "Where the federal government is interested there's no logging going on."

Gary Holman, chair of the Southwest Salt Spring Con-

servation Partnership, pointed out that Parks Canada had decided what parcels they were interested in partly based on which parcels remained after other parties, like the NTBC, had indicated their areas of interest.

Holman, who also chairs the Islands Trust Advisory Planning Committee, said the prospect of subdividing parcels raises the question of the fate of leftover land which might have been of interest to the federal government or other parties. "It means that parts of parcels are falling between the cracks. Those parcels where the timber values are higher are not being spoken for by anyone," Holman said.

In a conversation last week, Holman said he suggested to Macdonald, "Give Parks Canada/Pacific Marine Heritage Legacy an opportunity to consider those remnants by deferring logging there."

Holman said this situation also points out the need for coordination between the different agencies interested in acquiring land from Texada.

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Flick Pick ...
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If I could pick a motto to go by when picking a movie, it might be "don't believe the hype." I remember going to see *The Matrix*, totally pumped up by weeks of hearing about "the greatest sci-fi ever!" I walked out thinking the same thing, but repeated viewings exposed Keanu's cyber kung-fu show for what it was: metaphysical mumbo-jumbo behind an amazing visual experience. Yeah, I said it. So what. Just means I'll have to be on the lookout for gangs of well-armed nerds...

Watching *Gladiator*, the surprise hit of this summer, I was determined not to fall victim to the same trap. In the film, Russell Crowe (last seen knocking down the cigarette industry in *The Insider*) is the Roman general Maximus, who is caught in a power squeeze for the position of emperor and arrives home to find his family murdered. He

escapes, only to be forced into becoming a gladiator, killing for fame and sport. Maximus has vengeance in mind, and sets about attempting a major coup in Rome.

Gladiator is one of those movies where nothing quite works but it doesn't matter. Director Ridley Scott (*Alien*, *Blade Runner*, *Legend*) seems a little beleaguered by the sheer immensity of this project. The combat scenes are decent—not as bloody as I expected—and the computer-generated panoramas of Rome are spectacular, but the characters are weakly, almost confusingly, drawn. As a result, we are left with what amounts to a great-looking epic with no heart.

Can I recommend it? Yes, because it is never, ever, boring. *Gladiator* has no idea where it is going, but it gets there in style.

Warning: 14a

Running time: 2 hours, 35 minutes

Rating: * *



June Boe photo

WARM AND FUZZY—Beaver Point Hall was awash with Brownies this weekend when 26 of the seven and eight-year-olds (accompanied by four leaders, one parent and a lone volunteer) "camped out" at the Teddy Bear Sleepover. Between 3 p.m. Saturday and 11 a.m. Sunday Cassandra Bascom and the bright-eyed gang went on a nature walk, did handicrafts, played games, sat around a Brownie campfire and snuggled into their sleeping bags for a night of Brownie dreams.

Music at Talon's

Tom Hooper plays Thursdays

Starting this Thursday, November 30, local musician Tom Hooper, lead guitar player from the successful Canadian band The Grapes of Wrath, will perform his favourites during dinner at Talons. Everyone is welcome to come and enjoy the food and entertainment, which gets underway at 7 p.m.

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Pre-eminent pianist plays ArtSpring

by Shellyse Szakacs

Marc-Andre Hamelin, Canada's pre-eminent pianist, will be performing Thursday, December 7 at ArtSpring. Proclaimed a "supervirtuoso" by the *New York Times*, Hamelin is not only considered one of Canada's greatest living pianists but one of the best in the world. In fact, just last year he was named one of history's 100 greatest pianists by *Classic CD* magazine.

Born in Montreal in 1961, Hamelin began serious music studies at the age of 12. At 20 he went to Philadelphia to study at Temple University after already having won several notable North American competitions. It is there he earned his bachelor's and master's degrees in piano performance and he continues to work on his doctorate there while maintaining his heavy touring schedule.

Hamelin's career sky-rocketed in 1985 after he won the prestigious Carnegie Hall International Music Competition, prevailing over 138 other significant talents. His British debut in 1992 was described as "ultimate perfection" by *The Times of London*. Clearly having achieved significant acclaim for his deft mastery on piano, he has also won considerable respect for his choice of repertoire. The material he chooses is eclectic and sometimes out-and-out obscure. He regularly performs the Great Masters but favours the "buried treasures" of Romantic and Neo-Romantic music, much of which has been avoided by concert pianists, not because of artistic merit but due to the difficulty of the scores—a challenge Hamelin rises to with delight. He also includes neglect-

ed composers from this century like Ives, Wolpe, Bolcom, Sorabji, Roslavets, Eckhardt-Gramatte and Rzewski.

Hamelin's *Alkan* CD won a Juno in 1996 and his later recording of Grainger won an Australian Soundscapes award in 1997. His *Busoni* recording was nominated for a Grammy and his CD *The Composer-Pianists* won the Pries der Deutschen Schallplattenkritik. His recordings with England's premier label Hyperion have sold 10,000 copies each, a significant achievement for any classical CD.

A concert by Marc-Andre Hamelin, a man called "the only worthy successor to Glen Gould" by Montreal's *Le Devoir*, seems a remarkable and unprecedented event for Salt Spring Island music lovers.

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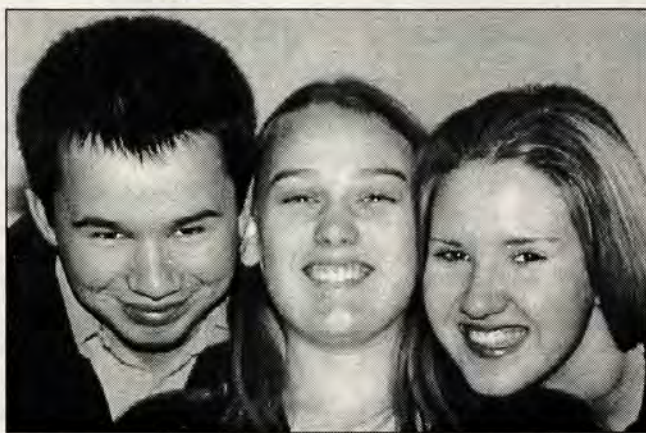


Singers ready for winter concert

by Elizabeth Courtney

Gulf Islands Secondary School's Bruce Smith is having a major impact on the musical life of this community, reaching well outside the confines of the high school's deservedly successful choral and jazz programmes. Recruited as musical director by Salt Spring Singers, he has brought his remarkable gifts to this 84-strong community choir where some of his most appreciative and excited singers are his own students. Perhaps it is more than a happy coincidence that the forthcoming concert will open with Vivaldi's *Gloria*. Vivaldi was trained as a musician, but spent his life teaching music to young girls in an 18th century Venetian orphanage and the beautiful 12-part *Gloria* contains several solos written especially for pure, young voices.

Geoff Roop sings tenor; this is his fourth year with the choir. He plays guitar and is open to all kinds of music, but is especially



From left: Geoff Roop, Cara Temmel and Emily Hickford are looking forward to next weekend's concerts at ArtSpring.

looking forward to this performance of Fauré's *Requiem*. "I love those spine tingling dissonant chords," he enthused. He has been taking voice lessons with Deb Toole and likes the way choir practice keeps his voice in shape. "It's great to be getting back after a summer of not singing much—and it's even more fun to sing in another language."

This is Emily Hickford's first year with the choir. She plays saxophone in the jazz band, sings alto in the school choir, and loves the

new group: the more serious atmosphere and the complexity of the music. "The sense of achievement is exhilarating, but the most delightful aspect is that everyone here just loves it—and I do love singing in Latin," she said.

She's right about the atmosphere—as the more than 80 choir members showed up for the rehearsal, the feeling of pleasurable anticipation was electric. As new member Ken Lee put it, "I have to say that when we joined this

choir the quality of life went up 50 notches; it is such a remarkable group of people." Lee and his wife sing baritone and alto.

Of six high school students participating in the choir, only one will be singing a solo. Cara Temmel only joined the school choir last year but has the kind of choir boy voice that perfectly suits the soaringly lovely *Pie Jesu* in the 19th century lyrical *Requiem*. She is more than a little nervous, but if anyone can encourage her to believe in herself, it will be Smith.

"Watch my hands," he told the choir. "Keep those basses purring. The Vivaldi should elicit a YES, and the Fauré a sigh, pause, Y.E...S! Now, a big, wide, small sound please." And the choir settles into its rehearsal of this glorious music. Tickets are selling well for the performances at ArtSpring at 8 p.m. on Friday and Saturday December 1 and 2, and 2 p.m. on Sunday, December 3. It should be lovely.

Light up for young performers

ArtSpring and Salt Spring educators are joining forces for *Light Up ArtSpring!*, a fun and simple way to raise money for Salt Spring's young performers and ArtSpring.

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tions are made to Light Up ArtSpring! Each donation of \$10 will turn on a light, and \$3 of each donation will go into the newly created Youth Access Fund. The brighter the display, the larger the fund. It's simple and it's fun.

ArtSpring's Youth Access Fund is a new initiative at ArtSpring to help school productions offset their expenses. "This clearly falls within

ArtSpring's mandate and I take a strong personal interest in knowing we are assisting our local schools," said Victoria Olchowecki, President of the Island Arts Centre Society, in a press release.

She continued, "With constant cutbacks to schools and the arts, it leaves it to each and every one of us to ensure education and culture are not lost."

Islanders are encouraged to join in supporting GISS, Salt Spring Centre School, Salt Spring Elementary Schools, SIMS, Stage Coach Theatre Society, Phoenix Elementary and High Schools and TSUNAMI. Contact Paul Gravett or Lynne Partridge at ArtSpring for more information at 537-2125. ArtSpring will issue tax-deductible receipts.

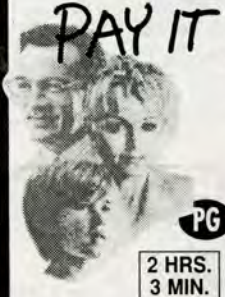


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NOV. 21 - DEC. 3
Reading, music and a visitor—what would you pick if you were stranded on a desert island?
Desert Island Choices
This week's castaway is potter, **Pat Webber**. As Arlene Dashwood's sister she has known Salt Spring for many years, but only moved here from Victoria with her husband four years ago, starting out in a tent on almost 20 acres on Stewart Road. What she loves most about living here is the amazingly rich bird life on her property—they are so "at home" that visitors are sometimes surprised to find one landing on their head! When the coral sun comes up behind their long view of Mt. St. Helens, it is completely stunning.

Visitors to her show and sale on Dec. 2nd and 3rd will get a taste of her paradise with its grassy knolls, oaks, and in the Spring, countless wildflowers.

The Book: "I don't have a title, but a book of creation stories, myths and fables from all the peoples of the world. I am fascinated by the diversity of human spirit, the relationships between animals, people and place, and above all, the playful nature of the creation process which inspires my own imagination, and brings my own work to life."

The Disc: "Thinking about this I have been playing over a lot of my old favourites. I once played nothing but Jennifer Warnes for a whole summer, but in the end I have chosen Glenn Gould's Goldberg Variations by Bach as the one thing I can guarantee won't go stale on me."

Fellow castaway: "We have choral singers on both sides of my family, and I have a great grandmother who was sent to Honolulu for her health, and eventually died there of TB. She became organist for the Methodist Church there and directed the choir—I would love to meet her and see how much of her I can recognise through the generations."

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MONDAY DECEMBER 4

- 🎵 **Midnight Café**
Acoustic Jam. Rose's Cafe. 7pm
- 🎵 **James Keelaghan and K.C. Kelly**
Salt Spring Folk Club. Fulford Hall. 7pm
- 🎤 **Robert Bateman & Bristol Foster**
Talk at ArtSpring. SS Cable. 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
- ⊕ **Nikken demonstration**
Alfresco Restaurant. 7pm
- 💃 **Step into Shape**
All Saints'. 9-10am
- 🧘 **The Fitness Recipe**
Mahon Hall. 9-10am
- 🧘 **Yoga**
Salt Spring Centre. 9am & 4:30pm
- 💃 **Cats Pajamas Feldenkrais Class**
Lang Rd. Studio. 6pm
- 🧘 **Circuit Challenge**
Fulford Elementary Gym. 7-8pm
- 🧘 **Seniors' Yoga**
Salt Spring Centre. 11am

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
- 🍲 **Soup's On**
Free soup and sandwich. All Saints'. 11:30-1pm
- 💪 **Flexible Strength**
All Saints'. 9-10am
- 🏒 **Drop In Floor Hockey**
Fulford Hall 6:30-8:30pm

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
- 🎵 **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
- 🧘 **Yoga**
Salt Spring Centre. 10am
- 🧘 **Circuit Challenge**
Fulford Elementary Gym. 7-8pm

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TUESDAY NOVEMBER 28

- ★ **Guilds of Christmas Show**
Mahon Hall. 10-5pm.
- 📖 **Storytime for 3-5's**
Public Library. 10-10:30am
- 📖 **Beading**
Fables Cottage. 3:30pm
- 🎨 **Diana Thompson**
Surrey Art Gallery
- 🎵 **ASA: Celebration**
ArtSpring Lobby
- 🎤 **Michael Aronoff Moby's**
Christina Heinemann
- 🍲 **Soup's On**
Free soup and sandwich. All Saints'. 11:30-1pm
- 🎵 **Speak Italian** School Board Office. Beginners 6:30pm. Conversation 7:30pm
- 🎵 **SSI Paddler's Club**
United Church Hall. 7:30pm
- 🎨 **ArtSpring AGM**
ArtSpring. 7:30pm
- 💪 **Flexible Strength**
All Saints'. 9-10am
- 🏒 **Drop In Floor Hockey**
Fulford Hall 6:30-8:30pm

WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 29

- ★ **Guilds of Christmas Show**
Mahon Hall. 10-5pm.
- 📖 **Storytime Fables Cottage.**
Wed-Fri. 10:30am
- 📖 **KinderCraft 3-5's**
Fables Cottage 1-2pm
- 🎵 **Wednesday Night Live**
Open Stage. Moby's Pub. 9pm
- 🎵 **Argentinian Tango**
Lions' Hall. Practice 8-10pm
- 🙏 **Centering Prayer**
Contemplative Centre. 8am
- 🙏 **S. End Centering Prayer**
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Mahon Hall. 9-10am
- 🧘 **Yoga** Salt Spring Centre. 10am
- 🧘 **Circuit Challenge**
Fulford Elementary Gym. 7-8pm

THURSDAY NOVEMBER 30

- ★ **Guilds of Christmas Show**
Mahon Hall. 10-5pm.
- 📖 **Family Mouat**
Storytelling Wed-Fri
- 🎵 **Art Fr**
Fables Cottage
- 🎵 **Sing A**
Seniors
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James Keelaghan gig promises to deliver

by Shellyse Szakaacs

The Folk Club is offering up a musical treat for Salt Springers on December 4: James Keelaghan, one of Canada's more celebrated singer-songwriters. Keelaghan now has six CDs under his belt, one of them a Juno Award-winner (*My Skies*, Best Roots Traditional Recording, 1993) and two of them Juno nominees. He has built a career that reaches well beyond our Canadian borders, encompassing

strong followings in the U.S., Europe and Australia. With a resumé that almost any Canadian singer-songwriter would die for, James Keelaghan tours extensively, playing concerts and festivals all over the continent and abroad.

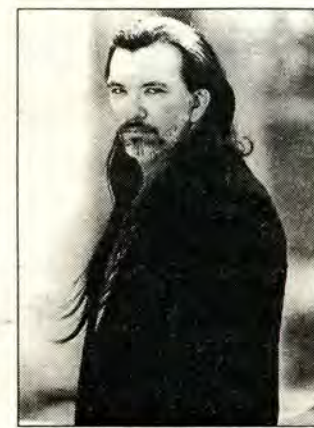
Keelaghan's songs are well-crafted and beautifully delivered by his rich baritone voice. According to a *Boston Globe* reviewer, "he displays a genius for finding his way deep inside big stories,

building them outward from palpably intimate moments." Often based on a historical event or person, his songs tell stories from the Riel Rebellion to early days of the Canadian Pacific Railroad through to the second world war internment of the Japanese, as well as those of the struggles of everyday folks. Another *Boston Globe* review states: "[Keelaghan is] a master at creating riveting theatre in his ballads. His melodies are sure and clear:

plain enough to carry complex historical stories, lovely enough to support lush images."

In Keelaghan's more recent work he has ventured into new territory. CDs like *Compadres* (1997), a joint project with Oscar Lopez, reflect this. *Compadres*, voted "album of the year" by the readers of Vancouver's *Rogue Folk* magazine, is a fusion of Latin and Celtic music into a new style they dubbed *celtino*.

The CD's success launched the duo's cross-country tour which was touted as the Canadian folk event of that year. Keelaghan's most recent CD, entitled *Road*, represents a new leg of his journey. Writing more directly from his own life experience of the last few years, *Road* speaks in a personal voice with the same depth and feeling that characterized his earlier writing. Says *Dirty Linen* (of Arlington, Virginia) of this CD, "[m]aybe it's because he has one of those midnight-smooth Canadian baritone voices, the kind that Gordon Lightfoot took to the bank and Stan Rogers took to heaven. Keelaghan's voice is so easy to listen to that the thorns in his lyrics, and the twists he replicates in his covers, can catch the listener unawares." A hard-working musician and a seasoned performer with a glowing track record, James Keelaghan should deliver



James Keelaghan plays for the Folk Club next Monday.

up a wonderful concert.

Warming up for Keelaghan is Salt Spring's K. C. Kelly, a solid musician and performer. Kelly has a strong voice, and a repertoire of original blues-based tunes which he backs on steel guitar played with brass bottleneck slide. Kelly has two CDs released: *White & Black & Blue* (1997) and *What to Do* (1999).

This Folk Club concert will be Monday, December 4 at 7 p.m. at Fulford Hall.

Fisher and Kodaly a thrilling treat

by Elizabeth Courtney

Looking modestly pleased with his tumultuous reception, Don Fisher said of the song he had just performed (*Invitation au Voyage* by Henri Duparc), "I've always said I will quit when I get that song perfectly." The remark epitomizes what it is about Fisher that makes him so satisfying to listen to: he inhabits his songs—whether they are in French, German or English—with the sensibility of a poet, not of a hero. Accompanied with equal sensitivity by pianist Chris Kodaly on the almost-restored concert grand, the evening's reper-

toire took us deep into the terrain between love and profound spirituality as participants rather than voyeurs.

Whether dancing his tongue around a lightning-fast Irish folk song, evoking the moonlight and ecstasy in poems by Verlaine (set by Fauré and Reynaldo Hahn) or the fierce nostalgia for a forgotten past in the plough, seed and scythe songs of Ivor Gurney's *I Will Go With My Father*, Fisher's beautifully modulated tenor rolled on like a river, gentle in the low register, robust in the centre and with unforgettable vulnerable yearning

in the top.

The partnership between Fisher and Kodaly is an enviable one—both are servants of the music they play. The scintillating sound of the new piano strings emerged with stunning effect in a selection of Schubert songs but it was in Kodaly's performance of Liszt's *Six Consolations* that we could really begin to appreciate what the instrument has to offer. As he moved through the increasingly textured layers of distilled memory evoked in these pieces (the essence of what remains as death approaches), the space inside

my listening skull became huge, the hairs on my skin vibrating. This is a rare and wonderful thing, when the audience literally becomes part of the sounding box of the performers on stage and the intention of the original music transcends all the limitations of time and technique to subtly transform us.

It is a real privilege to have Don Fisher and Chris Kodaly as part of our local cultural environment. On a separate note, I believe Art-Spring is still accepting tax deductible donations for the remainder of the work on the Steinway.

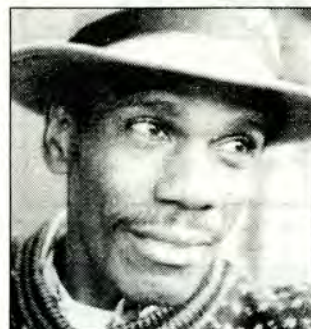
Island favourite Celso returns

Celso Machado, a well-loved and respected Brazilian musician, will give a concert in the intimate setting of the United Church sanctuary this Saturday, December 2 at 8:00 p.m. This will be his third performance on Salt Spring in as many years.

Born near São Paulo into a family of musicians, Machado was playing professionally by the time he was 16. His career took off when, at age 24, he was discovered by the director of Marcus Pereira

Records. Machado subsequently recorded his first and second solo guitar albums. His reputation as a stellar and captivating performer has grown since then, and he has recorded and given concerts throughout Brazil, Europe and Canada.

Machado's music is rooted in his Brazilian background, but it also reflects his fascination with other world music traditions and the similarities he finds between them: southern Italy and northeast



Celso Machado

Brazil, Egyptian Maqsum and Brazilian Baiao rhythm, Moroccan Gnawa rhythm and Afoxe and Samba. This

blend of cultures has made Machado's music popular worldwide.

Along with touring and recording, the guitarist and percussionist teaches music at various academies and festivals both in Brazil and Europe. Sheet music of his work was published for a teaching engagement at the International Seminars for Guitar in France; the compositions have proved so popular worldwide they will be going into second edition.

Peter, Sylvia and Alyssa Andress are pleased to announce the quick arrival of Cyrus Claus. Weighing 8 lbs., 8.7 oz. he landed into the safe hands of Maggie Ramsey and Nurse Gail at LMH on October 28, 2000.



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Hidden money a Christmas treat



Let's Eat...
with Linda Koroscil

Holiday traditions in other countries have always held my fascination. This year Norway came to mind, so I did a little reading.

Advent is the time between the fourth Sunday before Christmas and Christmas eve. In Norway, all food to be eaten at Christmas is prepared during this time. *Lefse*, flatbread, Christmas cakes, mutton roll, and *lutefisk*, to name a few, are enjoyed in great quantities during this festive time. Christmas is the most important

Christian holiday and is celebrated in Norway not unlike our own country: the Christmas tree, trimmed brightly; the kitchen laden with the tastiest of foods; the candles; the crackling fire. We are all connected with tradition.

Of course there are differences: some Norwegians eat Christmas porridge—the person who finds the hidden almond wins a prize. I remember my mother always poking money into her steamed pudding and we would compete for the most dimes. One year our elderly gentleman guest

swallowed all of his. You could hear it rattling around in his false teeth. The whole table fell silent, but he just kept right on happily eating his Christmas pudding. My mother finally broke the silence: "My goodness, Bill, I think you've swallowed the money!" she said. He just looked at her and said, "What money?"

One special Norwegian custom in days gone by was to bake a cake made from the last sheaf of wheat harvested from the fields. It was to remain on the Christmas table, and at the end of the season it was stored in the silo until spring. Then it was either

cooked in a soup pot and given to the farm hands, or simply crumbled and sprinkled over the fields to bring a bountiful crop.

People would also set a bowl of porridge in the barn on Christmas eve for the Christmas elf—it was to give thanks for looking after the farm animals during the year. We do something similar, except we leave milk and cookies for Santa, not the elves.

And in Norway it was said that if the husband didn't bring a fresh halibut home for Christmas dinner he would have to spend the night on the barn roof—poor man!

Norwegian Christmas Bread

1 litre milk
1 cup butter
1-1/2 Tbsp. cardamom
3/4 cup raisins
100 g fresh yeast
1-1/4 cup sugar
10-1/2 cups flour
3/4 cup chopped citron

Heat milk to lukewarm and stir in yeast. Melt butter and sugar together. Add remaining ingredients to form a medium-stiff dough. Let rise. Divide dough into 4 parts, knead and form into 4 loaves. Let rise in loaf pans. Bake about 1 hour at 400°.

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Corinternet hours

The Corinternet Café recently expanded its business hours with the help of Phoenix High School. Phoenix students joined the Corinternet team as part of their work experience programme. Adrian du Plessis, Corinternet co-ordinator, said the students' energy and computer knowledge will make a wonderful contribution.

The following hours are now in effect:

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Taking flight

Take it or leave it ...



with the Salt Spring Local Advisory Committee

Dear Committee,

You need to be told why aeroplanes taking off in the Fulford Valley are undesirable? What have you got inside those paper bags besides your heads? Popcorn?

Carolyn Smyly

Dear C.S.,

While we may indeed be corny, we were, in fact, trying to flush out a more specific set of objections rather than make assumptions about why you "don't like it" in your anonymous letter of November 7.

Thanks for taking off your "paper bag" and enlightening our readership of your views, as follows:

How many times a day would you be willing to let a loaded gravel truck roar through your yard at 100 miles an hour? Even if the driver was an "experienced professional"? It's the noise man! And huge speed and heavy motors and fuel and metal in close proximity to trees, to the roof of your house, to the local children's play park, to a well-visited beach, to a ferry full of cars and bodies.

They won't crash? Take a body count of the number of planes lost every day in and around air strips. Sure, there are car crashes more often, but the roads don't come through (or over) our homes.

For us, the noise issue is a safety issue. The noise means that some big, ugly machine is far too close for comfort. Pilots break the rules all the time. Not ALL pilots, of course, but there are no "air police" to enforce the rules. And the rules are broken over Fulford Harbour a dozen times a day (and sever-

al times a night) with regard to altitude and proximity to hills. How else did both those local crashes occur? By pilots overestimating their ability to fly in an area of sudden hills and unexpected changes in cloud cover. The noise we object to because our bodies instinctively react to anything that big and that fast, travelling so close to our homes and public places. It causes stress and stress causes all sorts of things.

Come on, Committee. Phone Transport Canada? Been there done that. If it's safety then give them the licence number of the plane, the colour, the direction of travel, the estimated altitude (what qualifications have you for estimating altitude?) and the exact time of this disturbance.

So a private jet (or your neighbour's private helicopter) goes over your roof at 4:30 a.m., so close that your whole house shakes, and you didn't get all that information? Then don't bother complaining. There's nothing they can do about it.

But aeroplanes are so pretty, floating down out of the sky to land on Mr. Cudmore's field? It's just the thin edge of the wedge folks.

Obviously, someone is planning to make money from the industrial use of agricultural land. Wonder how?

Carolyn Smyly

If you have a peeve, concern, comment, or question for the Advisory Committee's considered response, please deposit letters in the coffee can on the Barnacle counter, send them to: SSLAC c/o the Barnacle, 324 Lower Ganges Road, or email barnacle@saltspring.com (be sure to write "attention SSLAC" in the subject line).

Echinacea study complete

Words of Wellness...

with Marjorie Ensminger



Recently, results from a new study conducted by two Canadian university researchers were released, confirming that echinacea stimulates the body's non-specific immune system. This first-of-its-kind study compared the impact of different doses of key active ingredients in echinacea on the immune system. It was conducted by Dr. R. Barton of the University of British Columbia and Dr. T. Basu of the University of Alberta. Dr. R. Bauer, who is considered one of the world's leading authorities on medicinal plants and phytochemicals (with a particular expertise and knowledge of echinacea species) also explained his research at the University of Dusseldorf, Germany. The trials were sponsored by Natural Factors Nutritional Products from Burnaby, a North American leader in echinacea research and production.

The study was undertaken to determine the efficacy of three active ingredients that had previously been isolated by researchers at Natural Factors, and to assess the most effective dosage of these ingredients in boosting general immunity. Natural Factors is the only

company in the world to have isolated all the key active ingredients in the herb and to standardize, thus giving the company 99 per cent pure extracts. What's important for North Americans is this study was completed using local, organically grown echinacea which was extracted in standardized levels.

Scientists have determined various active compounds in echinacea. These compounds have been shown to stimulate the macrophage, which is our first line of defense against bacterial and viral infection. Echinacea stimulates the activity of macrophage, making them more aggressive so they can attack more bacteria and viruses, destroying them. Antibiotics are becoming less effective because bacteria are more resistant to them. More viruses are being discovered every year, so it is important to improve our own immune systems.

The three compounds of echinacea studied were cichoric, alkylamides and polysaccharides, which are found in different species and in different parts of the plant. Each one of these compounds performs a different task in fighting infection and boosting the immune system. Scientists now know the exact time and the best time to harvest

the flowers so they will have high levels of these active components. Up to 30 per cent of active ingredients can be lost if the drying process is incorrect.

A survey of echinacea products—different brands, different batches—was conducted and some did not contain any cichoric acid while others contained up to .4 per cent. The alkylamide was also quite varied because this is influenced by plant material, by the harvest time, by how it is treated, and whether it was dried or fresh.

It is interesting to note that in the 19th century, North American Natives used echinacea as one of their preferred medicines. White settlers then used the herb and brought it over to Europe in the 20th century, where it became one of the most important herbal products in Germany.

Echinacea is used for colds, coughs, bronchial infections, and many other complaints. It is dose-specific, and according to the experts, people that don't have good results with it are either not using enough, or are using the wrong product. Echinacea is high on the list as an herbal aid to prevent and treat colds and flus. Canada has much to be proud of because we lead the way in researching echinacea, as well as other vitamins and herbs.



Toronto Christmas, circa 1941. Alan's fondest memories are of steel Lionel trains.

Photos recall Christmas past



Seniors Scene ...

with Alan Fairlie

In the past 100 years or so, the best way to stir up memories of "Christmas past" was with photographs or slides, movies and latterly, video tape. What you were doing and where you were—and more importantly, who was there—was all recorded on film. Every photo brought back dozens of memories of that event and became a personal record forever.

Aged about six, I was given a Kodak Baby Brownie for Christmas. And as the old saying says, "It just took off from there!" In

1944, I inherited Dad's (pre-war) German Zeiss-Ikon (Ikonta II)—without a coated lens. That took me through high school, shooting sports teams for the school magazine, and so on.

In the early 50s when I started making foreign trips—Britain and Europe, South America later on—I took along a Rolliflex and Rollei cord which made 2 1/4 by 2 1/4 inch slides. In the 60s, I finally graduated to SLR (single lens reflex), and since 1983 have taken thousands of shots on my trusty Chinon!

Once again, Christmas is here and I'll be out snapping more shots which I hope will become treasured memories in the future.

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Time is running out to save endangered habitat on Mt. Maxwell. Please contact Ian Waddell, Minister of Environment, Lands and Parks.

Demand that he protect critical wildlife habitat within the Forest Land Reserve on Mt. Maxwell on Salt Spring Island as stated within the Private Land Forest Practices Regulations #24.

Inform him that the Texada Land Corporation is currently logging an area suspected of containing Doug-fir/Garry oak/union grass ecosystems, which are described as Identified Wildlife in the current Forest Practices Code list. This is the list used under the Private Land Forest Practices Regulation of the Forest Land Reserve Act.

Insist that the Minister follow his Ministry's own regulatory procedure and place a one year moratorium on logging and road-building in these lands, until they have properly identified these endangered ecosystems and followed all necessary subsequent procedures.

Contact: Ian Waddell, Minister of Environment, Lands and Parks:

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in  depth

It's a dog's life but it's not bad

by Judy Harper

The green slope of the park is dotted with dogs big and little—a variety of breeds—all reclining in the grass and ignoring each other, unmoving except for their heads, which swivel expectantly, tongues lolling. There's not a human in sight for a few moments, then casually people begin to saunter into the field, approaching the dogs. The tails flop, nothing else moves until, at a hand signal, the animals rise and sit, gazing expectantly up at their owner's face, maintaining eye contact, fully focused. Then, a "release" signal. The quiet scene is pandemonium: dogs and owners wrestling and running, doggy twosomes and threesomes rough-housing, playful snarls amid praiseful shouts of "good dog!" Another signal and the scene freezes: the animals instantly stop their play and are once more sitting attentively at the feet of their masters.

If this doesn't sound like a typical scene in your dog's daily life, take heart. Most of us would be happy if our "best friend" didn't pee on the carpet or steal the Sunday roast. These are fairly run-of-the-mill behavioural problems. Dogs, like people, need the

discipline of the socialization process, and there are a number of experts who are available to either help you train your puppy right from the start, or help you break your pooch's existing bad habits.

And you can throw the old maxim "you can't teach an old dog new tricks" right out the window—it's not true. There's a new breed of dog-trainer out there. Where once harsh discipline and punishment were thought to be key in controlling pet behaviour, the new school of thought is based on reward and expectation of success. As Ben Kersen of Wonder Dog fame puts it, "If I can control my dogs at a distance of 400 feet, why not 800?" He's not kidding. His healthy, obviously happy troupe of Border Collies respond to a turn of his head, or even a blink of his eye.

Kersen has been training dogs in the Victoria area since 1982. His "kindness above all" motto and rigorous "praise play" training methods have been successful enough to earn him spots on shows like ABC's *Salute to America's Pets* and NBC's *Today Show*. He now teaches his training methods and employs four professional trainers. In the near future, the BK Canine Academy will receive its accreditation with the Private Post Secondary Educational Commission of B.C. Ben Kersen and his trainers came to Salt Spring on November 20 and began a 10-day training tour. He and his crew have been training dogs individually, rather than in a group; each dog trains for at least an hour every day.

Kersen said this intensive schedule is not for the faint of heart, but the proven effectiveness of daily reinforcement is in allowing the dog and owner no time to slack off between lessons. And by training individually, owners can tailor the course to include anything from the basics to tricks and frisbee responses. Dogs are expected to

perform in a variety of distracting environments. If you wish to register for a course with the BK Canine Academy, call (856) 767-6464 or visit their website at www.wonderdogs.com.

All of the dog trainers I spoke with recommended positive reinforcement as a training tool. Rewards in the form of bits of food or a pat on the head are in order for commands accomplished, however briefly. As Ann McPhee of Trekthond Kennels constantly reminds her pupils, "Reward him. Don't let him fail."

McPhee has been teaching people and dogs for 15 years on Salt Spring, dealing with everything from "manners for the real world" to serious behavioural problems. An owner and trainer of champion dogs, McPhee is certified with the National Association of Dog Obedience Instructors. She regularly attends and hosts seminars on subjects ranging from obedience training to aggression control. She is concerned with the growing anti-dog legislation and feels strongly that owners should learn at least the basics of behaviour modification. She approaches all dogs and owners as individuals and brings into play an array of training tools. You can register for classes, assessments, or family counselling with Ann McPhee by calling Trekthond Kennels at 537-9505.

Sheri Standen of Paws for Success has a slightly different approach. She uses a device called a "clicker" to capture the moment. The dog recognizes the sound which is combined with a food treat when he has accomplished the requested task. Like Pavlov's dog, he will eventually associate the sound with success. Standen also uses motivational techniques like food rewards and play time, and stresses leadership rather than dominance to facilitate a successful dog/owner relationship.

The dog must learn, she said, that "all good things

come from you, and must be earned." Standen has recently moved to Salt Spring from Calgary where she worked for the SPCA, training and fostering dogs and assessing aggressive behaviours. Her obedience classes are available through the Parks, Arts and Recreation Commission (PARC).

The social hierarchy of dogs, as explained to me by McPhee and Standen, is similar to that of wolves. The owner should take the Alpha role. This role must be clearly defined and maintained. When leadership is lacking, the dog will try to fill the void by becoming the leader itself, a role which confuses it and irritates its owner, creating a cycle of negative reinforcement.

Dogs, unlike people, do not generalize. A "sit" in the kitchen is not automatically carried over into the living room. All of the trainers stress gentle consistency within a variety of environments and distractions.

Beyond the relatively simple task of puppy socialization there is the serious problem of anti-social and sometimes dangerous dog behaviours. Dr. Noreen Jeremiah of the Gulf Islands Veterinary Clinic says 90 per cent of the healthy dogs she euthanizes are put down because of behavioural problems that could be corrected. She recommends behavioural counselling for the families of these pets, and has even controlled behaviour with acupuncture.

There is always an answer, she said, if people are willing to make the commitment. Bad habits are learned by dogs, often induced by fear of punishment by owners who are irresponsible and uninformed. She recommends at least a basic course with any of these dog trainers. And if you are having specific problems, your veterinarian can steer you in the right direction.

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Guilds of Christmas
How Mahon Hall. 10-5pm.
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
Dinner & Music with
Tom Hooper Talon's. 7pm
Salty Wheels Square
Dance Central Hall. 7-9pm.
Community Gathering
Dvent Christianity.
3:30-7pm
SSI Weavers & Spinners
Guild ArtSpring 10:30-noon
SS Society
Seniors' Building. 7pm
Flexible Strength
All Saints'. 9-10am
Yoga
Salt Spring Centre. 4pm
Badminton Club
GISS gym. 8-10pm

FRIDAY DECEMBER 1

★ **Secret Auction of Lovely Things**
United Church upstairs. 10am-noon
Unicef Sale of Cards & Gifts
Island Savings CU. 10am-2pm
Guilds of Christmas Show
Mahon Hall. 10-5pm.
Christmas Fair Fulford Hall. 5-9pm
Christmas Faire
Beaver Point Hall. 5:30-9pm
🎵 **Rugbugger's: Potluck & Support**
Family Place. 11:30-1pm
Mosaic Series Fables Cottage.
3:30pm
🎵 **Myths & Fairytales for 7-10's**
Public Library. 3-4pm
🎵 **Storytime**
Fables Cottage. Wed-Fri. 10:30am
🎵 **Open Stage**
Rose's Cafe. Fulford Harbour. 7pm
🎵 **Fauré & Vivaldi** SS Singers Choral
Concert. ArtSpring. 8pm
🎵 **Step into Shape**
All Saints'. 9-10am
The Fitness Recipe
Mahon Hall. 9-10am

SATURDAY DECEMBER 2

★ **Christmas Faire**
Beaver Point Hall. 10-5pm
Guilds of Christmas
Show Mahon Hall. 10-5pm.
Christmas Fair
Fulford Hall. 10am-5pm
Pet Pictures with Santa
Bow Wow & Co. 10-2
🎵 **Calligraphy Series**
Fables Cottage. 1-2pm
Barrington Perry
Soft Jazz. Alfresco. 6-9:30pm
🎵 **Celso Machado**
United Church. 8pm
🎵 **Fauré & Vivaldi**
SS Singers Choral Concert.
ArtSpring. 8pm
🎵 **Other Brothers**
Harbour House Lounge.
9-midnight.
🎵 **Cherneck Christmas**
Show & Sale 520 Long
Harbour Rd. 10-5pm
🎵 **Pat Webber's Christmas**
Pottery 425 Stewart Rd.
10-5pm
🎵 **Library Book Sale**
Library. 10am-1pm
🎵 **Free Intro. to Yoga**
Salt Spring Centre. 9:30am

SUNDAY DECEMBER 3

★ **Guilds of Christmas**
Show Mahon Hall. 10-5pm.
Christmas Fair
Fulford Hall. 11am-4pm
Christmas Faire
Beaver Point Hall. 11-4pm
🎵 **Fauré & Vivaldi**
SS Singers Choral
Concert. ArtSpring.
2pm
The Other Brothers
Fulford Inn. 6-9pm
Sunyata
Dinner Jazz
Moby's 7pm
Advent Lessons & Carols
All Saints' 7pm
Cherneck Christmas
Show & Sale 520 Long
Harbour Rd. 10-5pm
Pat Webber's
Christmas Pottery
425 Stewart Rd. 11-5pm
🎵 **Badminton Club**
GISS gym. 8-10pm

Christmas Fair

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Dec. 3 • 11-4; Fulford Hall

Christmas Faire

Dec. 1 • 5:30-9pm; Dec. 2 • 10-5;
Dec. 3 • 11-4; Beaver Point Hall

THURSDAY DECEMBER 7

🎵 **Family Walk**
Mouat Park. 10am
Art From Many Lands
Fables Cottage. 3:30pm
Storytime Fables Cottage.
Wed-Fri. 10:30am
🎵 **Sing Along Group**
Seniors' Bldg. 2pm
Marc-André Hamelin:
Pianist ArtSpring. 8pm
Stack Sisters CD Release
Party with KC Kelly
Talon's. 6:30pm
🎵 **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
Yoga SS Centre. 4pm
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
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Public Library. 3-4pm
🎵 **Open Stage**
Rose's Cafe. Fulford
Harbour. 7pm
A Musical Garland
Tuned Air. ArtSpring.
8pm
🎵 **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
Rob Haley
Reading and talk. SS
Books. 3pm
🎵 **Book Fair**
Fables Cottage for
Fernwood School.
🎵 **Sue Newman & Ramesh Meyers**
Harbour House Lounge. 9-
midnight
Barrington Perry
Soft Jazz. Alfresco. 6-
9:30pm
🎵 **A Musical Garland**
Tuned Air. ArtSpring. 8pm
🎵 **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
🎵 **The Other**
Brothers
Fulford Inn. 6-
9pm
Choral
Evensong for
Advent
All Saints'. 4pm
🎵 **Badminton**
Club
GISS gym.
8-10pm

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Baby you can winterize my car

by Peggy Abrahams

It's not much fun when your car breaks down in a snowdrift, or the battery is dead when you have to drive to work on a cold winter morning. There are a number of things you should do to get your car geared up for winter.

Tires

Brad Patchett, a mechanic at Pay Less Service Station, suggested that one of the first things that should be checked is the tires. "You want to have your tread checked and make sure you have the proper tires for the car. [By checking] tread wear, we can make sure you're not having trouble with your vehicle's front end."

Patchett also suggested checking the air pressure when the season changes, and take care not to overfill. "Always fill your tires when they're cold, not when they're hot," he cautioned.

Anti-freeze

In winter time, it's a good idea to check the pH level of your anti-freeze, said Patchett. "When the acid content gets really high, it starts to eat the internal

parts of the engine. You want to make sure the interior of your engine is not corroding. Check the temperature [rating] of your coolant and the silicone glycol content to make sure it has the capacity to not freeze at the lowest temperature in your area."

It's also a good idea to check all the car's belts and hoses for damage at this time of year, Patchett said.

Defrost and lights

Another reminder from Patchett is to make sure your window de-fogger is working. "It's going to be fogging a lot, especially here in the rain," he said.

And, don't forget it gets dark sooner than a few months ago so remember to turn your lights on when you leave work. "Make sure all your lights are working," said Patchett.

Motor oil

According to Patchett, some car manufacturers prescribe different motor oil for use in winter months. He pointed out that some Islanders use a thick kind of motor oil that might not be suitable for winter because it stays

thick longer in the cold weather.

Equipment list for your car

Some of this may be common sense, but how many times have you been stuck in your car at night without a flashlight? Patchett suggested that you pack an emergency bundle for your car, with the following:

- Jumper cables
- Chains
- A blanket
- Water
- A flashlight
- A candle

Why do you need a candle? "If you have no flashlight and you're in the snow stuck somewhere, with the window open a crack a candle will keep you warm for as long as it burns," Patchett said.

Road safety

While the local Ministry of Highways contractor, JJM Maintenance, is now on strike, they are still required to provide emergency services on Island roads.

In the event of snow, the response time for clearing roads is generally fastest on the main traffic routes, and slower on roads with little traffic and few houses, according to Richie Harold, general manager of JJM Maintenance, which is contracted by the provincial government to clear public roads.

The Ministry of Transportation and Highways requires contractors to begin clearing high volume traffic or Class A roads, like Fulford-Ganges Road, when the snow is two centimetres deep. Snow on low-traffic, residential Class E roads must be ploughed once it reaches 20 centimetres.

Generally, JJM has a seven-person crew on Salt Spring and several ploughs and trucks with automatic sand dispensers, as well as a supply of sand and salt. With any luck, the strike will be resolved before the weather becomes severe.



June Boe photo

It's time to check anti-freeze levels. Also, be sure to check belts and hoses for damage.

Don't wait until it comes down to the wire.

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From home insurance to flood preparation, get ready

by Peggy Abrahams

It rains, it floods

Flood damage can be a serious hazard for property owners, and it's easily prevented with a little pre-winter maintenance. When you think about cleaning your gutters for the winter, you should clean out your ditches, slopes and culverts at the same time, said Ron Smith of Smitty's Excavating.

According to Smitty, many Islanders overlook the importance of proper drainage for their properties during winter storms. "I'd say 95 per cent of the flood damage is due to inadequate ditches and poorly maintained culverts," he said.

Smith also said that land should slope away from the house, not towards it. "It's common sense. Water will not run uphill."

He added that if culverts are designed correctly and kept open, there should be no drainage problems. A 16-inch culvert is now the minimum required size for culverts from the main road to a private residence, whereas five years ago, the minimum was 12 inches.

"It's the legal responsibility of the homeowner to maintain the culvert and keep it clean. If you don't, and someone else gets flooded by you, you could be held liable," said Smith. He also cautions homeowners to reassess the

drainage on their property when there is nearby development on higher ground.

It's also a good precaution to make sure your driveways are in good condition, and to add gravel if necessary, said excavator Ward Drummond.

In the event of serious flooding, the Canadian Red Cross and Emergency Preparedness Canada recommends these safety steps: Turn off the basement furnaces and electricity. If the

to Dorothy Hamer of Island Savings Insurance.

Even a standard Western Union tenant's home insurance policy will not cover you for water damage caused by freezing, even when the building is heated, if you have been away from your premises for more than four days.

The policy states, "However, if you had arranged for a competent person to enter and check your sea-

during a severe lightning storm, the Canadian Red Cross and Emergency Preparedness Canada advise, stay inside. Stay away from windows, doors, fireplaces, radiators, stoves, metal pipes, sinks or other electrical charge conductors.

Unplug televisions, radios, toasters and other electrical appliances. Don't use the phone or other electrical equipment. It's a good idea to install surge protectors to avoid damage to computers, televisions and other electronic equipment.

For more information on emergency and disaster preparedness, contact Emergency Preparedness Canada at (613) 991-7035, or visit the web site, <http://hoshi.cic.sfu.ca>.

In the winter, Islanders should be aware of the serious hazards of downed electric wires and fallen trees, said Murray Smith, manager of the Ganges office of BC Hydro.

"Occasionally we come across a tree that's fallen on a live wire. Or a wire may have fallen on dry ground and appear to be de-energized and quite harmless, but if it rains and enough moisture accumulates, the wire could be re-energized," Smith cautioned.

If you should see a downed electrical wire, report it, said Smith. "Stay away—at least 20 to 30 feet away—and call BC Hydro."

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—Ron Smith, Smitty's Excavating

area around the fuse box or circuit breaker is wet, stand on a dry board and shut off the power with a dry wooden stick. If you are outside, go to an open area, move away from buildings or any structures that could collapse. Stay away from power lines or downed electrical wires.

Snowbirds prepare

You can't entirely avoid winter by buying a ticket and heading off for sunny climes. If you plan to be away for an extended period during the coldest weather, most insurance companies require a maintenance routine, according

sonal dwelling building every 24 hours to ensure that heating was being maintained, or if you had shut off the water supply and drained all the pipes and appliances, you would still be insured."

It's wise to have someone check the exterior of the house and property as well, Hamer suggested.

Snowbirds should take note, "If people are heading south, they should make sure they have travel medical insurance," Hamer added.

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Preparing for the worst

by Amei Parkes

Old man winter brings with it curious bedfellows—wind, sleet, ice, rain, cold and yes, often snow.

While getting prepared for this year's chilliest season is nowhere near Y2K-panicked proportions, those in the know say to be ready for the unexpected. Storms can still down power lines. Weather may prohibit travel.

Environment Canada meteorologist Brian Robilliard said to expect near-normal temperatures, with highs between 6 and 7 degrees, and lows between 1 and 2 degrees in the long-range forecast. And in keeping with November's dry record, winter is also supposed to have less precipitation than usual. Robilliard cautioned that weather reports are not always 100 per cent accurate, however, and his information is based upon averages.

Translation: we may still get snow.

But before you stockpile enough food and water for the month of December, take heed. Seventy hours of self-sufficiency will probably suffice, said Thrifty Foods' owner, Dan Lee.

"You just want to make sure you have enough stuff

at home if the power goes out," he said.

Lee, who spent last New Year's cooped up at the store, ready to fire up the generator on a moment's notice, does not anticipate another holiday on guard for glitches galore. But according to his own personal almanac, both 1996 and 1998 were big years for snow. And if his own admittedly superstitious system works out, this even-numbered year will bring the white stuff, too!

So, in addition to having three days of food and water on hand, he said to make sure the neighbours are stocked up too, or "they'll be coming over and getting ready at your house," he quipped.

On a serious note, Lee recommended adding a first aid kit and safety equipment to the list of supplies. A shovel, hatchet, extra matches and a blanket are must-haves in case of emergency. He also suggested having a cookstore or barbecue with a full propane tank on hand for cooking. Jean Elwell, from the Home Design Centre, added that a woodstove can double as a cooking stove



Don't forget to check and clean your gutters.

during a power outage.

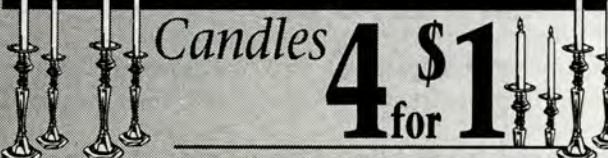
Beyond being prepared on a personal level, the house could always use some cold weather upgrading, said Darren Viberg, purchaser at Slegg Lumber. He offered some useful tips for winterizing around the home: Stock up on firewood. Put weather stripping around

doors or window plastic on windows to stop drafts.

Check and clean gutters. Install heat cables or pipe insulation around exposed water pipes, especially if you are planning on leaving the house for an extended period of time.

After all is said and done, have a happy, warm winter!

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2. Before digging, call BC Hydro.
3. Look up, check and keep equipment clear of overhead power lines.
4. If a fallen tree has knocked down a power line, don't cut up the tree for firewood. Call BC Hydro. Once the problem is repaired, then it's safe to cut up the tree.
5. If you notice your neighbour's power is back on after a power failure, but yours is not, call BC Hydro. You may have an individual problem at your house.
6. Don't hook up a generator unless you have the proper two-way switch. Without it, BC Hydro employees could be injured and the generator could blow up.
7. If the power goes out, don't open your freezer. Food can remain safely frozen for up to 48 hours without power, as long as the freezer door stays closed. Throw a blanket over the freezer for better insulation.
8. If you notice a flash of light when the power goes out, call BC Hydro and report your address and the location of the flash. This information may help locate the source of the problem.
9. When using equipment in the vicinity of power lines, always maintain the limits of approach: from three to seven metres (10-20 feet) depending on the voltage.
10. If your vehicle makes contact with an energized line stay inside until help arrives. If you must get out due to fire, jump out with your feet together. Then shuffle away with both feet close together. Never make contact with the ground and your vehicle.

Don't forget the garden when winterizing

by Peggy Abrahams

The end of autumn is the last chance for lawn and garden maintenance before winter sets in. By the end of this month most of the leaves have fallen, said Simon Henson of Gardens by Design. "In terms of good hygiene, I like to get rid of those before the big rains

come, because rotting vegetation causes fungus and spores to settle in."

Henson also suggested gardeners cut down the dead stalks on their perennial plants. "In this climate, some people say you can prune right through the dormant season. I prefer to prune in late February or early March.

Let the winter damage do its thing, and then work with what's left," he said.

In addition to rain, winter winds can also be a concern, he pointed out. "Wisteria and roses can be vulnerable to wind damage so you can partially cut those back so they're not so vulnerable."

It may not be too late for

some fall planting in our local climate, Henson suggested. "Planting in fall is certainly great for shrubs, and some fruit trees and other deciduous trees. We do get a mild enough winter to get some root growth. This allows plants to settle in and lessens their shock in the growing season," he said.

Henson also remarked that some people put a little dolomite lime on the garden to change the pH over winter. "Rains cause an acid environment," he said.

Although not very extensive, Henson said these are the steps he has taken in his own lawn and garden to get them ready for the winter.

FIRE: Safety measures for wood-burning stoves

by Amei Parkes

Fire is a particularly pernicious beast. Given the opportunity, it will burn down a building faster than you can run for a hose.

As wood-burning season is upon us Dave Enfield, Ganges Fire Chief, and Jean Elwell, proprietor of the Home Design Centre, offer their fire safety tips to ensure a secure, warm season.

Let wood stand a year before you burn it.

Have your chimney cleaned regularly. How often you do it depends upon what kind of wood you use (hint: arbutus produces more creosote), and how often you damp down your fire. The as-

sistant fire chief cleans his chimney once a month, said Enfield. While this may not be necessary for all homes, the average sweep is about once every six months.

Shovel ashes into a metal container, and make sure they are cool before handling.

Check the gasket around the woodstove to make sure you have a good seal. "A good way to check is to close the door of your stove on a piece of paper. If you can move the paper at all, air can get into the stove, so the fiberglass gasket should be replaced," said Elwell.

Check the firebrick at the bottom, sides and

back of the woodstove, and replace if necessary.

Replace any broken window glass on woodstoves. Elwell suggested calling a local glazier (rather than trying to order replacement glass from the manufacturer) for quicker, cheaper service.

Test your smoke detector.

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Cordova Bay 1, Windsor Plywood FC 3



Sidelines ...

with Alan Webb

Salt Spring FC have a new name and a fifth successive victory after a 3-1 drubbing of Cordova Bay Sunday at Lochside Park.

Actually, Windsor Plywood has been FC's principle sponsor for some time but now that FC have begun to show a knack for fine finishing themselves, they can be linked officially with Canada's Original Finishing Store.

But, you may be wondering: What's in a name? Would not plywood by any other name lay as flat? Well,

no. Windsor Plywood are the Plywood People, their plywood is specially milled to do whatever it is good plywood does. Ask Shell Busey. He pitches for Windsor and he should know, he's a carpenter and TV star. As we all know, TV stars are infallible and they start whole religious to worship carpenters. There is a sect just outside Grand Forks that worships Shell Busey Himself.

But enough of sponsorship talk, on to the game.

FC really strapped on their tool belts and went to work on Cordova Bay, Sun-

day. Despite conditions as slippery as an untreated sundeck, FC managed to lay a proper drilling on the homeside.

Using their pace down the flanks, FC spread Cordova defense and sent measured crosses into the box to be hammered at net.

Jesse Fisher (a fine furniture craftsman), Mark Nordine (who built his own home using materials from Windsor Plywood and the help of Old Boys coach Pete Bantel), and Harrison Jason (who works for Ganges Village Market, sponsors of Bantel's Old

Boys) scored for FC.

The defense and goal keeping, always the foundation FC builds upon, where firm again as they have been all season. The mid-field, the framers of the attack and best interpreters of coach Darryl Lister's (another carpenter! Will it never end?) blueprints, created much for the front runners to build upon.

As for the strikers, the finishing carpenters if you like, their work continues to improve. At the start of the season FC looked to have problems scoring goals, but the front runners have lately come into their own. Fears of FC only being able to take a game to lock-up stage have been happily laid to rest, as their attack has shown the quality to craft fine finishes from their industry.

Next week Windsor Plywood, undefeated in six, deliver themselves to Henderson Park to play Bays United.

The Old Boys, rained out this weekend, travel to Lambrick Park next Sunday to play Gordon Head.

Strikers dominate against Canadians

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Saltspring Strikers travelled to Gorge last Saturday to play the Canadians under beautiful sunny skies. The Strikers opened the scoring on a Kirby Garside goal from a Bob Byron set-up. Fifteen minutes later Tavis Morton scored his first of the game from a finely laid off pass from Alex Hannah playing up front. Rusty Fedberg scored his fourth of the season to put the visitors up 3-0 at the half.

Tavis Morton scored his second of the game and fifth of the season to give the lads a comfortable 4-0 lead.

The Canadians hardly tested Striker's goalie Jordon Borth but, when called upon, made some key saves for his fifth shutout of the season.

The Strikers dominated most of the play with passing and first to the ball aggressiveness.

Next game is a home game Saturday, December 2, 10:00 a.m. at GISS field.

Scorpions rank nine

The GISS senior boys soccer team placed ninth in the AA Provincials held two weeks ago in Powell River. They were competing against 67 other teams to qualify for one of the 16 spots in the provincials. The Scorpions entered the tournament with a 16th place ranking.

Tyler Cocker was MVP for the first game, Tyler Laitinen scored four goals in the second game which earned him MVP in that play, Tyee Cook MVP for the third game and the final game had Gary Lusich, goalie, as MVP. Rhys Beasley was named to the second all-star team

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140 • COMING EVENTS

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Island Arts Centre Society ArtSpring

1. Financial and status reports
 2. Updating and amendments to bylaws
 3. Election of Directors
- Time to renew your membership?

TONIGHT
Nov. 28-7:30pm
ArtSpring Theatre

ARTSPRING
The Island Arts Centre on Salt Spring

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December 2nd
9am-2pm
United Church Hall
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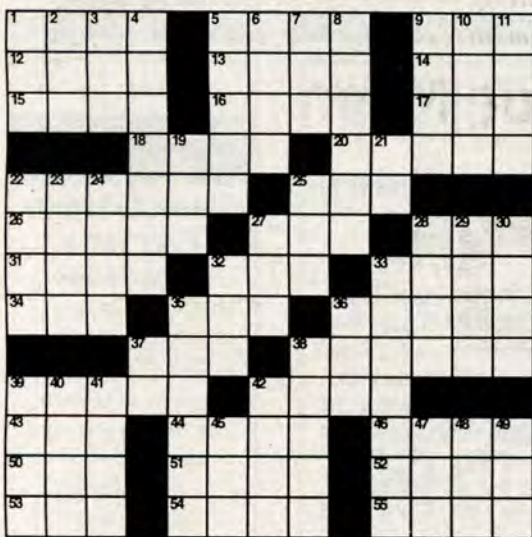
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Classifieds

Canadiana Crossword

Away to Nova Scotia



ACROSS

- 1 Drawbridge's raison d'être
- 5 Peggy's _____
- 9 Prohibit
- 12 Rival or bishop predecessor
- 13 Teen follower
- 14 Sense of self
- 15 Abominable snowman
- 16 Blue, in Bromont
- 17 Actor Nielsen, to his pals
- 18 Graf _____
- 20 Legume
- 22 Toronto basketballer
- 25 Versatile veh.
- 26 MacNeil and Murray e.g.
- 27 Printer's concern
- 28 Unbelievable, slang
- 31 Fork part
- 32 Viper
- 33 Cooked
- 34 Consumed
- 35 Wheat, in Soulanges
- 36 Swiss Capital
- 37 Bravo
- 38 Sieve
- 39 Strength
- 42 Invited
- 43 Social or graph follower
- 44 Hussein or Saddam, e.g.
- 46 Proximate
- 50 Female Saint, abbr.
- 51 Springhill product
- 52 Arctic Canadians
- 53 Mortar trough
- 54 Fireman's concern
- 55 Shutter part

Scotia floral emblem

- 2 Mineral bearer
- 3 Play part
- 4 Nova Scotia Coat of Arms feature
- 5 MacPherson's missile?
- 6 Stare lasciviously
- 7 V
- 8 Blows up
- 9 Most famous Nova Scotian
- 10 Matures
- 11 Blue _____, Nova Scotia schooner
- 19 Neg's opposite
- 21 Dangerous ray, for short
- 22 Nova Scotia songstress _____ MacNeil
- 23 Mine entrance
- 24 Unleavened bread
- 25 Electricity measure
- 27 Compass point, abbr.
- 28 _____, Louisbourg
- 29 _____ Murray, Nova Scotia singing star
- 30 Brewery product
- 32 Moosehead, for one
- 33 Word in Nova Scotia motto
- 35 Laundry item
- 36 Offer
- 37 Overtime, for short
- 38 _____ Island, Nova Scotia oil find
- 39 Lobster or cod
- 40 Lang or Von Bismarck
- 41 Marsh plant
- 42 Bleats
- 45 Aussie icon, familiarly
- 47 Slippery fish
- 48 Collection of stories
- 49 Soak

DOWN

- 1 _____ flower, Nova

Answers on page 26

140 • COMING EVENTS

POTTERY

The PITMANS look forward to seeing you at the FULFORD HALL CHRISTMAS FAIRE, DECEMBER 1, 2 & 3.

We will have our functional blue and white pottery, each piece individually hand-thrown and perfect for your table. New pieces and new glazes will also be included for those special people on your Christmas list.

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CHRISTMAS WREATH WORKSHOP

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Thursday, Dec. 14
7:00 pm

\$30 (includes materials)
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145 • COMMUNITY SERVICES

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THE SALT Spring Island Youth Soccer Association would like to announce that Ken Byron will be acting as Chairperson in the absence of Fraser Hope. We would also like to welcome aboard Dick Davidson who will be sitting on the Executive and coordinating the Mini Program.

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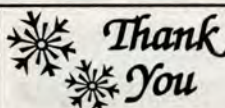
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190 • THANKS

MAHAKA AND Ahava thank all those contributors to the Island Wisdom evening. Great stories, great food, and wonderful people. Aloha. 4800



Pharmasave would like to extend a warm thank you to all of you who attended our third annual Women's WinterEve last Friday night. It was great fun!

Congratulations to our draw prize winners: Lynn Hopfner, Janet Morton, Erica Rico, Joanne Vanbelt, Rosalie Sorrell, Olivia Budd, Shealyn Taylor, Susan Larsen, Megan Colgan, Carole Martens, Sandy Harkema, Deanna Kitchen, Laura Walker, Bryn Becklake, Trish Byron, Monica Strohmeier, Dorene Steele, Brittany May, Tristan Morton, Katie Weatherall, Diane Sharp, Joelle Morrison, Jenny Akerman, Jill Patchett, Casey Cook, Heather Boney, Vanessa Horel, Tanja Akerman, Sarah Fraser, Pat Coates, Carol Walde and Denise Akerman.

Our thanks also go to Mr. Spencer of Salt Spring's fabulous Fire Department for his unique talents and excellent taste in lips as well as to all of our hard-working and creative staff for making this event so successful! Thank you to House Piccolo for the wonderful prize and to Judith and the staff of Skin Sensations for their enthusiastic participation! See you next year!

P.S. Dear Dr. Leavitt
Do you know who has the sexiest lips in town?

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200-299

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

FOUND: "TALKABOUT". Can be claimed by identifying at the Barnacle office. 4800

260 • TRAVEL

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M-F 9-4:30; SAT 9-2



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355 • FURNITURE

MOVING SALE: Chesterfield/love seat (grey blue), coffee table, end tables, wall units, 7 pc. bedroom suite, casio keyboard, shopvac and more. Call 537-1479. 4800

370 • MISCELLANEOUS

HYDRAULIC WHEELCHAIR lift off of CRD vehicle. \$500. 537-9124. 4800

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

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360 • GARAGE SALE DIRECTORY

Address	Date	Time
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Classifieds

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390 • WANTED

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420 • WORK WANTED

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440 • HELP WANTED

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HELP WANTED. Labourer wanted, plumbing skills would be an asset. Please reply to Box 40, c/o The Barnacle, 324 Lower Ganges Road, Salt Spring Island, BC V8K 2V3. 4800

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REAL ESTATE
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640 • HOUSES FOR SALE

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MOBILE HOME double wide 1350 sq. ft., 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, new carpet, new toilets, new dishwasher, new cork kitchen floor. Gas furnace, hot water tank and roof recently replaced. Included full length cedar deck. \$35,000. 537-4072. 4800

NORTH VANCOUVER. 1 bedroom apartment - bright, views, near SeaBus! For sale or trade for property and/or cottage on Salt Spring. 537-1831. 4900

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RENTALS
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770 • SHARED ACCOM.

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790 • WANTED TO RENT

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SEEKING 3+ bedroom house, family relocating to Salt Spring by employer. No pets and non smokers. Call Lewis or Laurie. 604-886-7900. 4800

HOUSE/IT/HOME Rental: local homeowner with amusing little dog seeks cozy holiday abode, December 24 thru 29/30, near Ganges. mary@in2xs.com, 415-550-8435. 4900

RETIRED SENIOR requires quiet accommodation from January 1 - room/apartment/cabin in the range of \$300 to \$600. Reply to Box 39, c/o The Barnacle, 324 Lower Ganges Road, Salt Spring Island, BC V8K 2V3. 4800

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getting it. The price may be to simply ask for what you want. Take an experi-

mental approach, who knows it could be a lot of fun. Good luck!

Aries (Mar 21 - Apr 19) With the Sun and Pluto in conjunction in Sagittarius we are all going to experience a transformational purge about what we consider to be true or false. You stand to be freed from limiting and/or unbalanced beliefs about yourself and the world. How you handle the heat this week may have a lot to do with the outcome next week. The secret now is to stay calm and cool as you pass through the white fire. Notice that every person experiences reality as though they are the centre of it all. Flow!

Leo (Jul 23 - Aug 22) The heat is on and everyone is being moved by the groove. Along with ongoing uncertainties, tense moments are likely. The birth of new ways of seeing things and new rules to go along with them is imminent. Old habits and beliefs are on the block. It is their time to go. Be satisfied with being a part of planting some very special seeds in their place. This is a time of testing of honour and leadership. Honour that the desires of others are as just and as passionate as your own. Negotiate.

Sagittarius (Nov 22 - Dec 21) It is time to stand up for what you believe. Hopefully, you believe that people have the right to believe what they do and this includes you. There is a whole education around getting to know what people believe and why. Justice must prevail but who is right and what are the facts. Righteousness is tempting, though it always causes more trouble. Allow the whole situation to be the teacher. Are you protecting your own habitual comfort zone? Keep stretching!

Taurus (Apr 20 - May 20) An intense assertion of will and passion will take you for a ride this week. This may be the fun wave you have been waiting for. It is also very important that you keep your cool and expand your mind as you deal with others. Stay focused on what others are saying with an intention to listen. Honour their individuality. Otherwise, it could turn out to be a nightmare. Let's say that for this to be the dream you have to play along cooperatively and fairly.

Capricorn (Dec 22 - Jan 19) It looks like this is a very good time for you to hold them for now when it comes to taking action. Allow as much time as you can to deepen your understanding of things before you act. You might feel crazy to act at first but this will pass by Monday, let's hope it is a happy one. It all depends on the choices you made over the weekend. It may be time to give in a little more. Go with the flow and see the process as an education in seeing things in new ways.

Virgo (Aug 23 - Sep 22) As the ego burns a phoenix is born and returns back to paradise. This means liberation of stagnant perspectives and the birth of more refined understandings. The fire is about turning repressions into expressions. What do you want? Get clear then outline what you want. Acting on your truth can be the tough part. Be willing to negotiate. If you do not consider that there is a win/win resolution, talks will have to continue. There's no rush to sign anything.

Aquarius (Jan 20 - Feb 18) The cry of freedom is loud from your lips. It is time to walk the talk. Thinking in terms of "shoulds" without mutual agreements seldom work. The arrows of opinion can be sharp and you can be a stealth archer. Yet, you are a lover at heart and would rather not fight. Keep going for the love. To get to love keep finding reasons to say thank you. See the whole world as a vast tapestry of stages designed to help us to grow and learn to play fairly. Laugh as you step into yours.

Gemini (May 21 - Jun 20) The Sun Pluto storm should affect us all. Your task now is to see through the sand swirls to the blue sky beyond. Do not let any snags and boulders along the way get you down. Exercise as much patience as you can and maintain faith that this too will pass. All being well, you could have a spectacular time. A whole circus of events is possible. Allow the clowns to be clowns and laugh with it all. As others share their life experiences and opinions with you ask questions with sincere interest to know more, there is gold in there.

Pisces (Feb 19 - Mar 20) This is a power time for Pisces. This is a chance to ask for what you want. Are you organized? Jot down a few goals and see them through. This is just one of those times when it is good to write things down. You have an opportunity to go ahead now. Your task is simply to follow through. This is the test of the symbol of the fish going in different directions. Do not allow the flow of others or that of your own illusions and day-dreams to distract you from your mark.

Scorpio (Oct 23 - Nov 21)

It can be tough sometimes to decide whether or not you should hold them or fold them. The key is to remember that it is all a game and games are played by people with egos. Where we come from very much determines how we perceive things the way we do and why. Their attachment to see things their way is as strong as is yours. Consider

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CELEBRATE—Kristin Tuttle (foreground) and her sister Amber (background) joined other members of the 4-H Club for a celebratory banquet Saturday.

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We are also indebted to all the merchants who posted notices and to the moderator who ran the meeting gratis. We are also pleased that so many candidates came and gave the community an opportunity to meet and hear them. This is an essential element in a democratic society. The biggest expense for such a meeting is the cost of advertising and promotion, as anyone who holds events on the Island will know. The collections taken at the two all candidates meetings for the local elections in 1999

did not cover the cost of those meetings, and the shortfall was covered by the directors of the Community Planning Association. To avoid incurring a shortfall again this time, the directors decided to charge for the candidate display tables as well as take up a collection. The small surplus from this latest meeting will be used to plan and publicize the all candidates meetings for the provincial election expected in the spring.

G.F. FARRY
Director, S.S. Community Planning Association

U.S. Election 2000:

Who let the dogs out?

It's a dog's breakfast in Florida right now. The day after U. S. Election 2000 more than 400 lawyers, two ex-Secretaries of State, two campaign chairpersons, hundreds of party officials, accompanied by thousands of reporters, interviewers, sound and camera people, descended on Florida.

Political pundits prognosticated, judges made judgements, reporters conjectured; chaos reigned, all in front of a legion of cameras which grew up in phalanxes around critical locations. It was a very close election. Across the entire state only 300 popular votes out of the 6,000,000 cast separated the protagonists. That's .005 of one per cent. But the prize is Florida's 25 Electoral College votes and, therefore, the presidency. But there have been close elections before without the campaign continuing afterwards. Why did it happen this time?

The reliance of the television networks on statistics and their desire to "get it to you first" threw a monkey wrench into this election. Early in the election their statistics projected the wrong thing and they got it to you first. CNN DECLARES FLORIDA FOR GORE. Then they predicted the right thing: TOO CLOSE TO CALL and they got it to you first. Then their statistics projected another wrong thing and they got that to you first. CNN DECLARES FLORIDA FOR BUSH. An hour later: TOO CLOSE TO CALL.

Take note, this is while the election is going on. Almost all over the country people are still voting.

With reason one could ask how they got these statistics. The answer: exit polls. When a voter comes out of the voting booth, ask how she/he voted. Of

course you can't ask all of them so you take a sample, say one per cent, and feed it through a computer along with statistics from other elections. So the networks can tell you who won when less than 1/2 of the ballots cast have been counted and some of the polls in the state haven't even closed! The networks' statistics are a figment of computer machinations.

How did it happen that simultaneously all of the networks—CNN, ABC, CBS, NBC, FOX—twice declared the wrong winner? The Voter News Service. This is a consortium the "competing" networks set up to collect and regurgitate their statistics. They say it was to save money; to avoid collecting and processing separately. A prime example of good ol' American competition at its very best. They got it to you first. It didn't seem to matter that it was wrong.

Meanwhile on election day, the kings are in their castles. Seeing the confusion in Florida they both send their lawyers there to find any advantage. Voters further west still have two or three hours to vote. Based on false statistics they believe the presidential election is over, a winner declared. But the lawyers know better. They didn't rely on the networks for their information. Off to Florida like a pack of dogs. If the networks had simply called Florida too close to call until the counting yielded facts there would have been no dog pile on Florida.

One can only speculate on what effects release of the vote counts in the east has on the voting in the time zones west where voting hasn't finished. 150 newspapers in the U. S. announced Bush the winner on Wednesday, the

morning after election day: BUSH WINS! Remember 1948? DEWEY BEATS TRUMAN! Here are some headlines compiled from the same sort of statistics the networks used. CHRETIEN BARELY WINS MAJORITY. NO NEED TO VOTE ON THE 27th! CALGARY WINS GREY CUP! PARLIAMENT FORCES STOCKWELL DAY TO CHANGE NAME TO DORIS!

There have been some lovely quotes. A politician in India said, "Here, this situation in the United States is viewed with some satisfaction because it all looks so Indian." From a Russian Electoral Officer: "Poor America, here it is a week after their election and they don't have a winner. In my country we usually know the winner months in advance."

Looking at the rest of America's states and their various elections, Hilary Clinton comes up the big winner. She's a senator from New York now, a giant step toward the presidency. It's ironic that she's probably hoping Gore loses this election. He would undoubtedly get out of politics and she could run for the presidency in 2004 instead of having to wait eight years to get the Democratic nomination. One last shot at the networks. Their reporters should watch their language. Is it English? "Judge, do you think this was an impartial decision?" "They can use any methodology they want to count the votes." My favourite: "But sir, do you think that this count has accuracy? ...er...uh...is accurate?" The American people have been very patient with the press and the politicians. In a nation devoted to the law, I hope they'll be patient with their courts.

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Fair of home-based businesses a success

by Judy Harper

Last Saturday, Meaden Hall was host to the ninth annual Home Business Fair. The event, organized by Bev Brown and Lianne Fidler, showcased a variety of local entrepreneurs, increasing profiles and—hopefully—profits for the vast array of home industries on Salt Spring. Fifteen vendors attended this year's pre-Christmas sale and display, and the organizers were pleased with the public turnout.

There was a little of everything at this year's fair: new-age health services and old-fashioned cookies; gourmet cookware and handmade children's clothing. All age groups and lots of different entrepreneurial styles were represented.

The youngest entrepreneurs were Ali and Juli Paul, who were selling their fine selection of children's soap, all designed, handmade and marketed by the sisters. They sold their product



Devon Metcalfe displays some of her home-made nutcrackers

at the Saturday Market all summer. If you want a lizard soap for a stocking stuffer, they're also available at the Dollar Store while supplies last.

Salt Spring Island Daycare supplied the baked goodies; a variety of

treats were for sale, all donated by Embe Bakery, Thrifty Foods, Ganges Village Market and parent volunteers. Proceeds will be used for the expansion of the Daycare's storybook library.

I enjoyed an informative

tea-leaf reading by Tanya Lester, who represented the Bodyworks Collective and was offered a roll-out by Kathi Singbeil, an independent distributor of Nikken health products. Singbeil demonstrates the products at Alfresco restaurant on Mondays at 7 p.m.

There were some adorable children's hats and work aprons made by Mama of Salt Spring, and a couple of gorgeous Christmas tree skirts handcrafted at Betty's Fine Sewing. Seamstress Betty also turns her hand to seasonal pot-pourri jars and pine cone baskets.

Devon Metcalfe and Shelley Maltby and daughter Lydia have turned out a handsome selection of wooden hand-painted wreaths, candle holders and mirrors at Wood Nuts Studio.

I picked up a sample of Sense Skin Products from distributors Don and

Barbara Buckler, tasted dips from Epicure Selections (marketed locally by Lianne Fidler) and checked out Liliane Michaud's Creative Memory photo albums.

The Fifth Avenue Jewellery Collection, marketed by jeweller Brenda Knight was right next to Please Mum, a selection of children's and women's clothing marketed by Sandra Smith (who is having a pre-Christmas sale).

The Pampered Chef, represented by Wendy Knoblauch, displayed cutting-edge cookware products. Last, but not least, product designer Rebecca Profit of Another Time exhibited a beautiful new selection of hydra-stone light switches, wall sconces, plaques and ornaments. Larger ornamental castings are available at the outlet on McPhillips Avenue.

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