



# Driftwood

## A Child's-Eye View of Christmas



**CHRISTMAS REFLECTIONS:** Three-year-old Nigel Kay hangs ornament on festively decorated Christmas tree. This youngster and other island children eagerly await the arrival of St. Nick this Wednesday. Driftwood photo by Derrick Landy

## Island old-timers recall Christmases past

Catalogue shopping, "useful" gifts and big family gatherings highlight the childhood Christmas memories of long time Gulf Island residents.

By JIM BLACK  
Driftwood Reporter

Children were not showered with mounds of gifts in Christmases gone by — they were more likely to receive useful items. The Christmas season was quieter: children did not face a barrage of advertisements tell-

ing them they must ride this, wear that or play this.

"Christmas was a very, very quiet time on the island when I was a child," said John Bennett, who has spent his entire life on the island.

Born in 1923 in the original Lady Minto Hospital, Bennett and his three sisters were raised at the same Dukes Road property on which he and his wife Ellen live today.

"Christmas was cheap back then, because we had no money. Things were tough, but they were tough for everybody."

"That didn't stop us from having fun however," he added. "We always got something we needed, like sweaters or rubber boots. Back then you didn't mind. In fact you never really thought about it very much, because it seemed like everyone else pretty well got the same things as you did."

For 90-year-old Winifred Spalding and her six brothers and sisters, Christmas meant shopping out of the Eaton's catalogue.

"My parents did all their Christmas shopping out of it," she

noted. "I remember one year, my brothers and sisters took the catalogue and hunted up all the presents we thought we were going to get."

"We moved to Galiano Island from a rural farming community in Manitoba when I was five-years-old and settled near Active Pass. I think that this was the finest place in the world for a child to grow up," she said. "Watching the Empress ships and tugs going by all the time. It was just wonderful, and Christmas time just added to it."

Spalding recalls gathering the family together to put the tree up.

"We would make some of the decorations. Come Christmas morning we would have breakfast and then open the presents. In the evening, after the turkey dinner, we would usually have some guests arrive at the house. Even though my parents didn't drink, we would usually have a bottle of liquor — brandy I think — in the house over the Christmas holidays, in case any of the guests might like a nip," she added.

Nita Kaye was born and raised near Beaver Point, 81 years ago, and she too has warm memories of her childhood Christmases on the island.

"I remember my brothers and sisters and I all eyeing all the presents

## When Christmas Eve is Here

By TEGAN ADAMS, Age 7  
First place winner

On Christmas eve Grandma comes for a visit, (most of the time).

On Christmas eve we decorate our Christmas tree with fancy decorations.

On Christmas eve we get to open one present, (sometimes) and we get to choose our present. But Mommy has veto power. If you no what that means.

On Christmas eve we have Christmas music on our record.

On Christmas eve we read the night before

Christmas.

On Christmas eve we hang our stockings that our mommy made us on the fireplace. Mine has Holly with flowers in the middle and Holly were your toe wood go if you wore it and holly wear the heal wood go and my name on it at the top and pearls every where and pink peties on them and green dashes everywhere.

And my brother's has his name at the top and green squigly lines in between every different thing. Theres presents and candy kanes and Santa Clos faces and toy soldiers and mice with skarves on and the last thing we do on Christmas eve is *Go to bed and try to sleep.*



# Case of the Missing Santa

By NATASHA EYLES, Grade 10  
First place winner

It was a frosty twenty-fourth of December. I was standing at the window looking out at the people rushing around getting ready for Christmas.

I rubbed my hands together to keep them warm. This dump was an icebox. The tiny electric heater whirring away in the corner was the only source of heat in my small office. I glanced around at the desk in the middle of the room, the chairs on either side and the coat rack by the door. I pulled my trusty mickey of Bourbon out of my eyecoot and took a swig. Christmas time could get kinda lonely with only a cold one room apartment to go home to.

My name's Frost, Jack Frost, I'm a private eye.

Business had been kind of slow. I was putting off leaving, when I heard a knock on the door. Looking up, I watched a good looking dame walk into my office. She was well dressed, had a certain air of determination about her, a real looker.

"Mr. Frost?" she questioned in a silky voice.

"Yes ma'am," I replied.

"I have a case for you, Mr. Frost."

"I was actually packing it in for tonight, but if you want to come back Monday..." I began.

"It's urgent," she persisted. "I can pay you."

Money always makes a difference. I played it cool. "Tell me about it, and I'll make my decision," I said. There's only one way to handle dames like this. I pulled out a pack of cigs and offered her one. She shook her head.

"Well," she began, "It's come to my attention that Santy, I mean Mr. Claus has not been home for a least five days, no one seems to know where he is! You gotta find him before midnight tonight."

I stalled for time. "I don't know," I said, blowing a cloud of smoke. "That's a pretty tall order."

"Please," she pleaded. "I'm desperate, you're my last chance."

If there's one thing I can't resist it's a good looking dame, and there was definitely something different about this one. I couldn't quite put my finger on it. Maybe it was the way she nervously looked around my office. Maybe it was just that she had asked me to track down Santa Claus! Well, it would definitely be one of my more interesting cases! Anything could be better than going back to my lonely apartment.

"I'll help you," I said, "But ya gotta level with me, what do you know?"

"Well," she hesitated, "I found this phone number scrawled on a pad by the phone and a receipt for a plane ticket scheduled six days ago."

"Don't call me, I'll call you," I

told her. The dame just gave me a number, no name. Some women are like that.

I got to work right away. I phoned the number on the paper. A woman's voice answered, "Ace Travel." She said I could come down and check the file on S. Claus.

When I got to the agency, there was a cute little number sitting behind a desk pretending to be working on some files. "Are you the doll I was talking to on the phone?" I asked.

"You Frost?" she demanded. Our eyes met for a long couple of seconds, she blushed and glanced away. "I have the files right here if you want them," she said quickly.

"Lemme see 'em." I mumbled, moving in beside her. It was hard to keep my eyes on the files and off her, but I managed. I hit pay dirt. It seemed Santa Claus had booked several flights through this agency, though no specific dates were listed. This could be a major step in solving the case.

I left there feelin' like a million bucks. Not only had I gotten farther in the case, but I had a date with a swell dame. I had a feeling that this was going to be the start of something.

My next stop was the airport. After a couple of inquiries I learned that a round trip had recently been booked in Claus's name, destination Florida. The return ticket was booked for that very day! It appeared I had solved the case. As I walked over to a phone I wondered why the dame hadn't figured on her own what Santa was up to. The number was busy so I looked up the address and decided to pay her a call.

The house turned out to be way out of town. It looked as though inside it was bustling with activity. I looked in the window. A huge Christmas tree with presents piled high underneath it stood in the middle of the room. There was a roaring fire and people everywhere. There was him. Santa. Cool as a cucumber, sitting in a big armchair with two small children on his knee. I knew the case was closed. The warmth and happiness inside the house would have brought tears to the eyes of any guy who wasn't tough like me. I turned to go and noticed a strange glow in the sky. It was only there for an instant, then it disappeared. I shook my head. I'm too old to believe in flying reindeer.

Trudging through the thick snow I felt strangely light. As soon as I got home I called my family and booked the first train out of town. As I locked the door I realized I had left my cigarettes and Bourbon inside. I didn't go back. I had the feeling I wouldn't be needing them for company anymore. As for the dame who walked into my office that frosty December 24th, I never saw her again.

# Santa in His Early Ages

Once there was a young man named Saint Nicholas who lived at the North Pole with his mother and father. And one day some elves came along and said to Saint Nicholas, "why don't you celebrate Jesus's birthday?" Saint Nicholas said to the elves "I'll think about that, but I don't know when Jesus was born." Then the

By KIRA ANDERSON, Age 8  
Second place winner

elves disappeared into the cold mist.

Saint Nicholas went inside for supper. He kept on thinking about the elves all through dinner time, and finally he told his mom he saw some elves outside. He told his mom they asked him why he didn't celebrate Jesus' birthday. Then he asked when Jesus' birthday was. His parents said it's on December 25th. And he told his mom and dad how nice it would be if they could celebrate Jesus' birthday. Then he went to sleep.

The next morning he woke up to a loud crashing noise, and there right beside his bed were the elves again. And the elves said, "Now that you know when his birthday is, how are you going to celebrate it?" Saint Nicholas said "I think I'll have to think about it for a couple more days," and he did.

He thought about it for a couple more days, and then the elves came back and the elves said "What did you think about it?" Saint Nicholas said, "I'm only 18, but I don't care. I know what I am going to do. I am going to give everybody presents. Is that a good idea or should I do something else?" The elves thought this was a really good idea, so they said, "You should do that." And then the elves disappeared again into the cold mist.

Saint Nicholas said, "How do they do that? Oh well, I don't care about that. Right now I want to go make presents to give to children." And from that day on, Saint Nicholas gave presents to all the little girls and boys in the world, and sometimes to the adults in the world.

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**CHRISTMAS HUG:** Jesse Hughes embraces Cora Muellner, providing a symbol for the meaning of Christmas. These two friends helped decorate the Christmas tree at Creekside.  
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**Super Santa**

By ALEXANDRA LEA, Age 7  
 Second place winner

One Christmas night Santa was in his sled to deliver all the presents to all the good girls and boys. To his surprise he saw two bad guys robbing a bank. Muscles bulging with power, Super Santa made his

way down from his sled and said "Super Santa Away!"

The two bad guys didn't see him and just went on robbing the bank!!!

But just on their way out, one of the bad guys saw Super Santa. By some unknown reason Super Santa came down to get them. Super Santa got them by the arm and said, "listen up, crime does not pay. Okay got that!?"

Then Super Santa turned back into himself. As for the bad guys, they spent their Christmas in jail!

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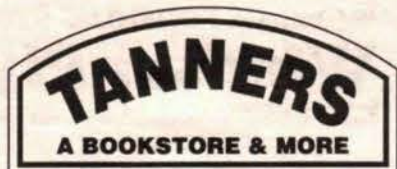
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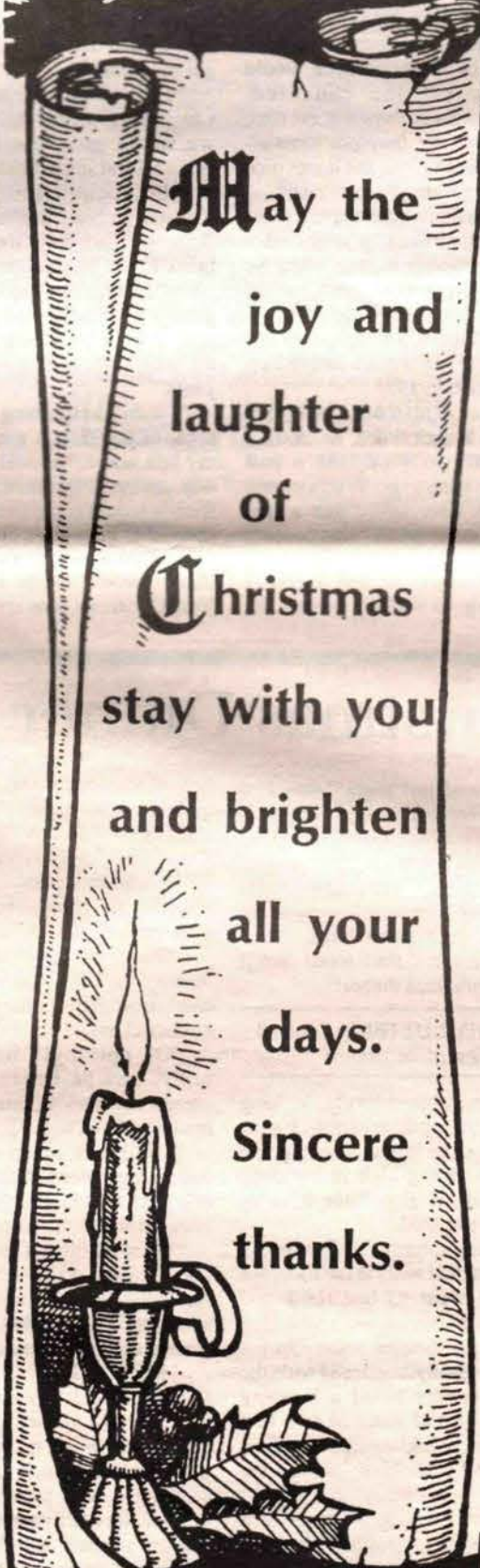
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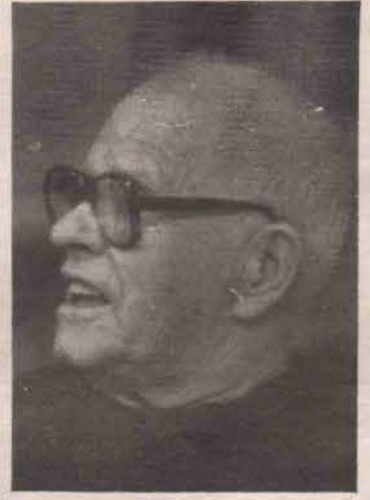
Winnifred Spalding



Nita Kaye



Irene Palmer



Henry Simson

## MEMORIES

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said. "We would never touch them of course, but as soon as it was Christmas morning, all heck would break loose," she chuckled. "Christmas was always a good time at our house. We may not have always had lots and lots, but it was nice to have the big family gatherings.

"It seems like we always had plenty to eat, and lots of Christmas cake. I feel we were very fortunate that we could all be together at this special time of the year," she added.

Henry Simson was 10-years-old when he and his parents arrived on Saturna Island in 1921.

"There were no roads to speak of on Saturna at that time," he said. "I used to have to walk over a trail through the bush to get to school and my parents were afraid that a tree might fall on me when I was coming or going. So they decided to send me to a private school on Salt Spring. I liked going to school there," he

added, "I made lots of friends and they treated me very well, never forgot my birthday.

"The things I remember about Christmas from my childhood is that we would go to the Lady Minto Hospital and sing Christmas carols to all the doctors and nurses and patients, in both English and Latin. After we had done that we would break for a Christmas holiday and go home. I remember sailing from Ganges to Lyall Harbour aboard the CPR boat the *Otter* and I would tap dance the entire trip. I did it for about four years.

"I didn't keep doing it out of any sense of tradition, it was just to keep my feet warm," he said. "Christmas was always a fun time. Lots of my friends would come over and play. I remember getting a wind-up train for Christmas one year and a book of Shakespeare's works another year. Yes, Christmas was always a grand

time of the year for me as a child."

Irene Palmer was not raised as a child on the Gulf Islands, but at the grand old age of 22 she left her New Westminster home and came to Salt Spring Island to teach at the little red school house at Beaver Point. That was in 1927 and she has been here ever since.

"I remember I had eight students in the school," she said. "We got the school ready for Christmas, making decorations and putting them up. Then we prepared a Christmas concert to put on for all the parents, it was very exciting," she said. "Everyone had a wonderful time at the concert. The students all gave me little presents, apples and oranges and such. It was very sweet. It's something I'll never forget," she added.

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## Christmas Dinner

"It snowed last night," shrieked John Cardinal, as he hopped from his snug home in a pine's branches to the ground.

"Oh goody!," exclaimed Emily, his wife. But Johnny, who was wiser than Emily chipped back, "But Emma, we can't find food! We'll have no Christmas dinner!"

By KATHY BUTTERY, Grade 4  
First place winner

"Oh yes," sighed Emily, looking over the shiny, sparkley snow. It glittered a smooth white, beneath the winter sun, riding high in the deep blue, cloudless sky. "But it is so beautiful," she said.

Emily and Johnny Cardinal pecked and scratched away at the snow for hours and went to bed tired and hungry.

That night, nestled snugly in his nest beside Emily, sheltered with the branches Johnny heard a howling noise outside and watched as a few snow flakes, twinkling like tiny, falling stars fell soundlessly among the branches.

"The snow will be twice as deep in the morning," Johnny thought gloomily. Then, snuggling closer to Emily, fell back to sleep.

The same night, near dawn, Emily awoke. The wind had stopped its howling, and the last snow flakes were falling. "It's snowing," thought Emily happily, but then thought, "but it will get Johnny worrying again," and was soon dreaming of summers gone by.

The next morning, as Johnny guessed, there was twice as much snow, to the delight of Emily. But Johnny was gloomy. "It's the day

before Christmas and snow won't melt in one night! Such disadvantages to having a white Christmas! Surely everyone else will find a way to supper." Johnny muttered angrily, pacing about before the pine tree.

"What was that?" asked Emily, looking up from making tiny, delicate snow balls, due to her small clumsy claws.

"Oh nothing!" was Johnny's reply, and he began digging in earnest at the snow, mumbling about the loss of lunch.

Even Emily was now grumbling and hungry along with Johnny. No one slept well that night, for a small blizzard struck the forest.

"Good morning, Christmas morning," Emily's joyful cry rang across the forest. But as she saw the deep snow and dinner fading with her happiness, she almost cried.

"WE SHALL HAVE A CHRISTMAS!!" Johnny said, trying to be sure of himself. "Snow or no snow, supper or no supper." This didn't comfort Emily much.

After a wild snowball fight the birds decided to fly across to Caroline Buttery's house, a little human girl who lived on the other side of the forest, to see how her Christmas was going. They were in for a great surprise.

"A BIRD FEEDER!! A CHRISTMAS DINNER!!" The Cardinals laughed happily. Then as they settled into sunflowers and peanuts they called, "Thank you and Merry Christmas!" to Caroline, who winked through the window. "Surely there are advantages to a white Christmas, Emma," said Johnny, and Emily

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## The Singing Christmas Tree

By LYDIA TURNER, age 12.  
First place winner

It was Christmas Eve. I was sitting at the top of our stairs; I looked at the green blue carpet flowing in front of me like a river. Either it was very late or I was losing my mind because I was talking to myself. "Is Santa real?" I asked out loud. "Yes he is!" I shouted as I jumped up and hung myself over the balcony.

I saw below me our living room washed by gentle moonlight and the glow from the Christmas tree. Our gifts sparked with light. I saw our Christmas tree begin to sway. I heard music. Following the music down the long stairs and into the our living room, I stopped at our Christmas tree. At the top of the tree was a delicate, white ceramic and lace angel that was my godmother's gift to me last Christmas.

This angel was singing *Hark the Herald Angels*. The delicate airy sound reminded me of hummingbirds in the mist. She finished

her last clear note then she spoke, "Hello my name is Navada. I am so happy to have company; I have been so very lonely."

"Why haven't I ever heard you sing?"

"This is a very busy house. You need to be very quiet to hear me. Did you know that you are the first person that I have spoken with since I lived in the woods on this island."

"You lived here? What happened?"

"Oh yes, I lived here for a very long time. I loved to play in the trees and among the sweet wildflowers. I bounced on wild moss a lot . . . I remember that! Then everything changed."

"Tell me what happened."

"Everything vanished. Houses were made where we once lived. My parents were trapped when a giant tree was cut. I never saw them again. A few days later when I was picking Arbutus berries I slipped into some clay and I was scooped up by a sculptor. There I was trapped! She shaped the clay into an angel and here

I am."

"How can I help?" I asked. She didn't answer. I curled up on our pink futon and fell asleep. I woke at dawn with a wonderful idea in my mind. I went upstairs, gathered some cardboard and cut out five large square pieces. I added tape, glue, paint, glitter and fabric and I built my angel a home.

Tucking my angel house under my arm I grabbed the hammer and some tacks and opened the door. I didn't even stop to dress. Out in the woods in my pyjamas, I thought I must be crazy! In the woods, I stood amongst the arbutus wondering where I should put the angel house. If I were an angel, where would I want my home to be . . .

There in the centre of the grove was a smallish smooth tree with a hummingbird nest right at the top. It was perfect. I gently tacked the house to the cradle made by the branches. I stepped back and a proud tingle ran through me. I dashed back to the house to tell the angel what I had done. I raced into the living room and looked up . . . she was gone.

On top of the tree was a glowing star. I felt disappointment wash over me. I sank to the rug. Now, I thought, I am losing my mind. What a let-down!

I couldn't sit on the rug forever. My stocking hung from the fireplace mantle. I needed a bit of cheer so I reached for my stocking and plunged my hand inside. I pulled out trinkets, oranges and nuts. From the bottom, I pulled out a small piece of paper. A note. *Thank you Lydia for your kindness. Signed your guardian angel. Merry Christmas.*

My heart filled with joy when I read that note. Every year I hang a beautiful lace angel on a branch in our arbutus grove.

## Christmas: 2070

By DANIEL ESTABLE, Grade 9  
First place winner

The night sky was lit up with the reflection of thousands of lights off the smog layer. They painted a surrealistic picture of orange, purple, and pink. Hover buses whirred across the city, and jetcraft sped through the stratosphere. Everyone wanted to get back to their colonies to spend Christmas with their respective mating groups.

Charlie C621100824 was in a hurry to finish off his shopping. So far he had gotten a bottle of Alpine Air for Mary (just like being there yourself!), a toy transmuter for Peter (turn your vegetable supplements into your favourite metal!), and new Airflyer boots for Bill (Fly!, Glide!, Amaze your friends!).

"Vancouver Centre, Vancouver Centre" the soft voice from above his seat chimed out. He got up and let himself out of the Hoverbus, not forgetting his oxygen tube. Walking along the Pedestri-walks, he paused every 30 seconds to suck on his oxygen tube. Finally he reached his destination.

It was a flat pastel pink building with double revolving doors. A sign above them dictated in neon "The Modern Clone! United Canada's Finest Gift Store!" He entered one of

the doors and pulled off his oxygen tube. Inside, he could see down to the fifth subterranean level through the glass of the turboator tube.

He got off at level two and looked around. He saw antigrav propeller cars, 3D video games and android playmates. Mary, Peter and Bill were all his children by one of his mating group, Linda. He had 12 more children by five different wives, who each had other mates as well. He loved them all, and in 15 minutes he had picked out presents for them and was on the Hoverbus for home.

It was Christmas morning. The children had gotten all their gifts and all the mates were talking to each other. Then Lucy, one of the children, came up and asked why they celebrated Christmas. They thought it had something to do with religion, but since nobody practiced religion anymore they didn't know.

Lucy asked what a Santa Claus was. Charlie knew this one. He said that Santa Claus was a made-up character that people from the past told their children about. Then everyone in the small, domed room stopped and listened. Off in the distance they could hear bells, the voice of an old man and a haunting "Ho, Ho, Ho," on the wind.

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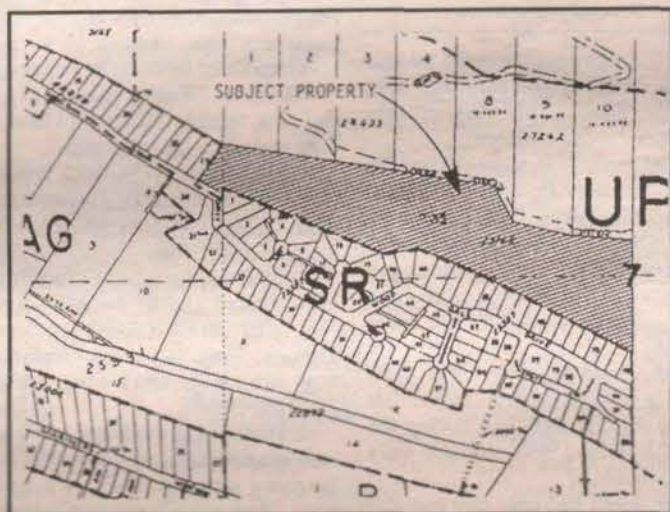
### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE is hereby given that all persons who deem their interest in property affected by the following proposed bylaws will be afforded an opportunity to be heard on the matters contained therein at the Public Hearing to be held AT THE MAYNE ISLAND AGRICULTURAL HALL, MAYNE ISLAND, B.C., ON SATURDAY, JANUARY 11, 1992, COMMENCING AT 1:30 P.M.

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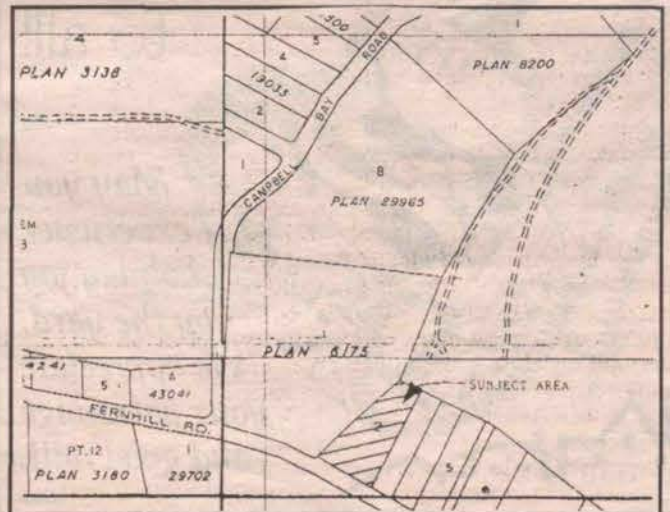
1. Proposed Mayne Island Trust Committee Bylaw No. 72, cited as "Mayne Island Planning Area Zoning Bylaw, 1980, Amendment Bylaw No. 8, 1991", would place a property in the RR (Rural Residential) zone which would permit a density of one single family dwelling unit per 2.8 hectares (7 acres) and an average lot size of 2.8 hectares (7 acres). The applicant is a strata corporation with 4 houses on a total of 12.2 hectares and this amendment would authorize the construction of 4 additional guest cottages. The property located near Mt. Park is defined as Strata Plan 1626, being part of Lot A, Sections 6 and 7, Plan 45877, Mayne Island, Cowichan District, and is shown on the following sketch.



2. Proposed Mayne Island Trust Committee Bylaw No. 73, cited as "Official Community Plan (Mayne Island) Bylaw, 1978, Amendment Bylaw No. 2, 1991", would place a property into the Rural Residential designation on the Plan map. The property located near Mt. Park is identified as Strata Plan 1626, being part of Lot A, Sections 6 and 7, Plan 45877, Mayne Island, Cowichan District, and is shown on the above sketch.

3. Proposed Mayne Island Trust Committee Bylaw No. 74, cited as "Mayne Island Planning Area Zoning Bylaw, 1980, Amendment Bylaw No. 9, 1991", would amend the general regulations that define how residential density is determined on properties that are non-conforming as to size or that have two or more zones on the property.

4. Proposed Mayne Island Trust Committee Bylaw No. 75, cited as "Mayne Island Planning Area Zoning Bylaw, 1980, Amendment Bylaw No. 10, 1991", would create a new industrial zone for the fabrication, storage and sale of pre-cast concrete tanks, storage and sale of soil, ready-mix concrete and associated materials specifically identified in the bylaw, warehousing and storage and parking of vehicles and other equipment used in the manufacture or installation of the products produced or sold on site. A single family dwelling is permitted as a secondary use. Lot coverage, excluding the residential use, shall be 50% and any outdoor storage must be screened. The property affected is located on Fernhill Road and is identified as Lot 2, Plan 8200, Section 11, Land District 16, Mayne Island, and is shown on the following sketch.



A copy of the proposed bylaws may be inspected at the Islands Trust Office, 2nd Floor, 1627 Fort Street, Victoria, B.C. between the hours of 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday to Friday inclusive, excluding statutory holidays, from December 20, 1991, up to and including January 11, 1992.

For the convenience of the public only and not to satisfy Section 957 (2) (v) of the *Municipal Act*, additional copies of the proposed bylaws may be inspected at the Post Office, Mayne Island, B.C.

Gordon McIntosh  
Secretary

### REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

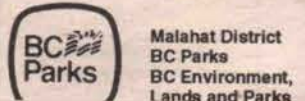
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Deadline for submitting proposals is 3:00 p.m. January 17, 1992.

A proposal package can be reviewed or picked up, at no charge, at BC Parks, Malahat District Headquarters, 2930 Trans Canada Highway, Victoria.

For further information please call Bill Shaw or Rick Whetter, Malahat District Office, 387-4363.



# CHRISTMAS 1991

"Bobo, here kitty. Come on kitty, food time."

By JENNY ARMSTRONG  
Second place winner

Hi, my name is Bobo. John, my master is calling me right now. The reason I'm not responding is because I am hiding from everyone under the bed. You would too if you were me.

Do you know what it is like to be a cat at Christmas time when there are screaming little brats pulling your tail and petting your eye balls instead of your back? Probably not, but if you have ever been in my situation you know exactly where I am coming

## Furball at Christmas

from!

It happens to me every year at Christmas time. My tail gets yanked on, my hair gets pulled and my eyes practically get ripped out of head! It's all because John has to have his stupid relatives come and stay here. It wouldn't be so bad if John's sister didn't have twins.

Well, here I am sitting under John's bed. It is almost Christmas morning and I am very bored. I am just waiting for everyone to go to bed so that I can have the living room to

room with a very disappointed look myself. By 12:30 a.m. the house was silent. John and all of his annoying relatives went to bed. I was finally free, so I decided to go play, lets destroy the house and knock over the Christmas tree game!

Within minutes the big, fluffy, green, seven-foot, decorated tree was laying on the floor. To my disadvantage it was a very noisy procedure and it turned out that I had woke up everyone in the house. That's it for me, I thought as John walked in the

on his face.

It turned out to be a good Christmas after all. By morning the tree was standing just as it was before I knocked it over. I never did get in trouble for that, considering the dog got blamed instead of me. If you are wondering, yes I do feel kind of bad that poor Bowser got punished, but he is always getting me in trouble for things I never did anyway!

For once I actually enjoyed Christmas morning. My hair only got yanked on, oh maybe six or seven times and my tail only got pulled twice. I'm impressed.

P.S. I am ever glad I have nine lives!

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## Glimantease Christmas

Once there was a great kingdom in the middle of a huge desert. In this kingdom there was no poverty and no hunger there was no violence and no crime. It was very well resourced with lots of water, grain and animals to eat.

By SASHA PRENDERGAST  
Second place winner

How is this possible in the middle of a huge desert you ask; well it is because Draca, the king of this kingdom called Glimante.

Draca was a tall, strong man with bulging muscles. He had a son named Gamonde and a beautiful wife named Della. Draca was a good leader and the people liked him. He provided jobs for all the people and gave money to those who didn't have enough.

The Glimante desert was plain and dry like all deserts. It was hot during the day and cold during the night. It rained and stormed only once in a while.

The desert had only one tree and it was a tall spruce in the middle of the kingdom.

The tree was called Dormalia and it was the centre of the Glimantease Christmas. Since it was the only tree in the desert, everyone shared it. They all decorated it and they all put their gifts under it.

Around Christmas time the Glimanteas waited for Draca's word to decorate the tree and it was exciting as Christmas itself.

One day around Christmas time, Draca gave the order to decorate the tree.

"Citizens of Glimante," Draca announced at a town meeting, "I am proud to announce that tomorrow we

will decorate the great tree."

The crowd cheered and shouted. The people ran back to their homes to prepare for the decoration of the great tree.

Meanwhile, at the other side of the desert, the evil wizard Tarnaz watched Draca's announcement in his crystal ball. He hated Christmas. His powers always weakened around Christmas time because of all the love expressed by the Glimantease.

"Transcal," Tarnaz shouted to his assistant, "gather the troops. I have a plan to destroy the great tree!"

Come nightfall Tarnaz's troops were ready. He marched them to the edge of the kingdom and ordered them to crouch low.

Tarnaz and his troops snuck into the kingdom and to the great tree. "Bring the saw," ordered Tarnaz to Transcal. Transcal brought forth the huge saw and he and a troop cut the great tree down.

It landed with a whomp and Tarnaz laughed an evil laugh, but his laughing stopped when two little trees grew in the great tree's place. "What!" exclaimed Tarnaz. "Transcal, cut those two trees down." Transcal and the troop cut the two trees down and four trees grew in their place!

They did this over and over until there were 16 trees.

By this time Tarnaz was very discouraged and he was thinking of a new plan when an arrow went whooshing by his head.

"Run away," he screamed to his troops and they ran all the way home while Draca and Gamonde sat and laughed.

"The trees will always be here Gamonde and so will Christmas as long as people believe in it."



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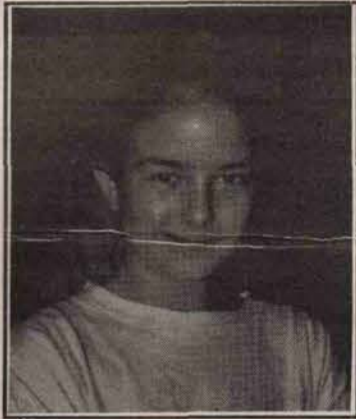
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**Matthew Oldroyd**

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**Emma Yardley**

I like opening Christmas crackers. And when all my family comes for Christmas.



**Lindsay Hocking**

Getting presents.



**Danica Drummond**

I think decorating the tree.



**Willie Akerman**

Presents!



**Shayla Sneade**

Decorating the tree.



**Danielle Black**

Friends and family.



**Wally Funk**

Going to my Grandma's on Christmas Eve because it is their anniversary.



**John Morris**

When Santa Claus is here!



**Robin Simms**

When I open my presents.

**A Glimpse of Christmas**

By ANNA SPENCER, Grade 11  
Second place winner

Christmas love, Christmas joy,  
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toys.

A little love and some caring  
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sharing.

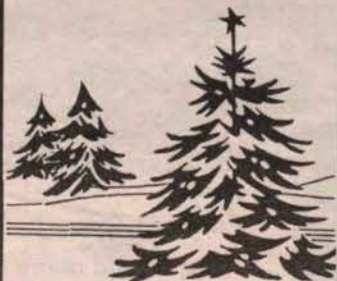
A little prayer and then good  
night,  
while the North Star shines so  
bright,  
to light the path that Santa rides  
to every house his reindeer glide.  
Soon the dawn will appear,

children's shouts of joy we'll  
hear.

Then as soon as Christmas came,  
Christmas leaves to return again.

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# CHRISTMAS 1991

## The Christmas Play

By LOUISE NYE  
Driftwood Story Contributor

In my 11th year, our family moved from the city to a quiet little town in the country, bringing many new experiences our way. We grew vegetables, picked wild berries, fetched water from an outdoor pump, and brought in wood for our big, black cookstove in the kitchen. We made many new friends who gradually came to realize that we weren't bad for "city slickers".

When my three sisters and I explored our new home, we discovered a mysterious tin lid on our bedroom floor which, when lifted, exposed a round hole that looked straight down into the living room. This unused stove pipe hole was put to many uses, like throwing down toys and clothing when our parents weren't watching.

When winter arrived, we went for long walks, skated, slid down icy hills and played in the snow for hours on end.

Christmas was on its way, and we hiked into the snowy woods to choose just the right evergreen tree for our father to chop down. We helped our mother chop nuts and candied peel for the cake, which was passed around in a large bowl for each of us to stir for good luck.

We were very excited when we were told our grandparents were coming out from the city for the

holidays, and decided to put on a play for them and our parents. In the city, we had enjoyed going to Saturday matinees at the local movie house, and greatly missed this.

We spent many giggling hours planning and rehearsing in our bedroom until the day arrived for us to go down to the wooden station house. The thundering steam train arrived, its whistle hooting, and clouds of white smoke puffing about in the crisp winter air. Off stepped our Grandad and Grandma and as we ran

Christmas Story, while our sister Barbara was upstairs waiting for her cue, which was ... "The angel of the Lord came down" and very slowly, a white sheet with a big stuffed head was lowered by a rope through the stovepipe hole. I could see that our audience was trying to stifle their laughter, which they did for our sakes.

Our performance continued, and when it was time for the angel to ascend, Barbara pulled the rope and up it went toward the ceiling, but suddenly it stopped and would go no further. The head was well and truly stuck. She tugged and the sheet started swaying back and forth, then flipped about like it was dancing. She frantically kept trying, but it just kept on dancing. We were waiting and trying to keep straight faces, when finally, in desperation, a hand came down through the hole and snatched the angel's head up into "heaven".

Our drama went on to its close and we received our applause. Then, grandparents, parents and children let loose all the pent up laughter until sides ached and tears ran down happy, aching cheeks. It really was a very Merry Christmas!

Many years later, back in the city, some of our children decided to put on the same play, minus the angel. (They just didn't have a hole in the ceiling!)

*"As we ran to greet them, we were careful not to tell them of our secret"*

to greet them, we were careful not to tell them of our secret.

December 25 came and with it stockings that had goodies, a big, red apple, an orange and nuts and those little things that you shook about trying to get the balls in the holes, and a brand new penny in the toe for good luck (boy did our family believe in that). After turkey dinner, we opened our presents, and later, we played different games until suppertime. Then, our little drama began.... Our audience waited expectantly on lined up wooden chairs, and our hearts beat fast with excitement and apprehension.

My sisters Alberta and Gloria were very solemn as Mary and Joseph, and I started to read the

## And A Creature Was Stirring — Even A Mouse

By BERNARD CROSBY  
Driftwood Story Contributor

(As told to the author by Fergie Mouse)  
My twitching nostrils and watering mouth are caused by wafting, tantalizing aromas. Faint heart failing to fill empty belly, I stealthily make for the source.

Keeping an eye cocked for Old Cat. Out of the moonlight looms a huge table. I creep closer. Nose totally out of control, and squinting beady eyes, I see a feast fit for a king.

Happily grabbing samples, I do a double take. Over by the fireplace Red Suit has ruddy cheeks. White beard. Twinkling eyes. He too wastes no time and dives into the kingly feast.

No wonder his belly shakes like jelly! I spy Old Cat over by the baked salmon, a piece of fish halfway to his mouth. Abruptly he sticks out a paw bristling with five glinting daggers.

"All weapons dismantled!" orders Red Suit, around a mouthful of turkey. Old Cat grins shamefacedly. The daggers retract into their sheaths.

We shake paws. Can't recall having such a good feeling.

Red Suit cracks a beautiful smile, and pats our heads. He turns only to bump into the House Folks, attired in night clothes, candles held high, bewildered eyes bulging in sockets.

Red Suit looks at Old Cat and me hiding behind the fish and cheese; he grins, winks, and places a pudgy finger aside his nose.

Then "WHOOSH!"...GONE!...In thin air. I know better, but it looks like Red Suit exits via sooty fireplace. Through the window we see a sleigh and reindeer silhouetted against the moon: "HAPPY HOLIDAYS TO ALL!" comes booming down through the night.

I pass Old Cat the fish. He beamingly acknowledges with cheese. The House Folks head for the stairs and bed. "Happy New Year!" he whispers, hugging her tightly. "And Peace on Earth!" she returns, kissing his cheek.

I bite into a particularly tangy slice of cheese — and — cuddle up to Old Cat. — Cozy! — The End.

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**PAINT THE HALLS:** Of Fulford School, fa la la la ..... Emma Yardley gets in her licks on the main entrance as one of several students dressing up her school for the Christmas season.

## Memories of Christmas Past

By PAT BARNES  
Driftwood Story Contributor

Christmas is made of memories. Christmas past can be more real than Christmas present.

Dockside early on a winter evening, excited children wrapped against the cold are holding tight to mum's hand or riding high on dad's shoulders, or gathering in little groups chattering and laughing. I stand alone, my own children grown to adults, but I have a need to be there, straining my eyes into the harbour's dark for that first glimmer of light, then the bang and red flash of the flare.

I must be there to welcome Santa Claus.

Like a scene in an old movie, calendar pages flutter away like leaves, subtracting years all the way back to 1945.

It's Christmas Eve in an English village, and I am a little child again. Life is wonderful, my Daddy is home from the war, I have a puppy (almost a cocker spaniel) and the first permanent home of my life. A funny kind of home in a rambling country house, it's hastily divided into apartments in a odd way. Our living room is the oak-panelled formal dining room with French doors opening

onto an overgrown terrace, and my parents and I share a bedroom upstairs at the opposite end of the house.

Daddy and I had walked to the village grocery store and bought a fir tree which we had lugged up the steep hill. Its thin trunk was then wedged into a bucket filled with coal in a corner near the french doors. Now it's bed time and, with one of daddy's socks hung hopefully on the bed post, I try to sleep to make Christmas come

here! Hurry!" We run down the wide staircase and into the living room, and OH! the tree! Last night it was a straggly fir, heavily adorned with home-made decorations consisting largely of pipe cleaners, cotton batting and red food colour. Now it sparkles and dances with the light of countless candles flickering in the draught from the slightly open French door.

"What a shame, you're just too late" says daddy. He had come into the room just in time to see Father Christmas lighting the last of the candles, and had raced back to fetch us so I could see him, but we'd been too slow. Daddy doesn't know, you don't tell

this sort of thing to grown-ups for some reason, but I hadn't been too late. Past the tree, past daddy, I had seen, clearly seen, as it slipped around the edge of the open French door, the hem of a long red velvet coat trimmed with white fur.

Christmas present — the ship has docked, carols fill the air, blending with the sound of children's voices, and here he comes, greeting us all with "Merry Christmas!" He waves at me, I wave back, and that's why I need to wait on the dock tonight. I'm there to welcome a friend, for Santa Claus, or Father Christmas, and I are such good friends.

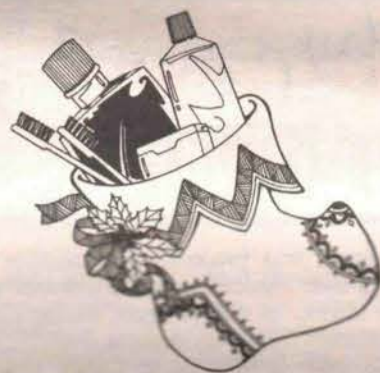
*"I try to make Christmas come faster, but it's hard, for my eyes are held by a brilliant star, surely that of the Wisemen . . . ."*

faster, but it's hard, for my eyes are held by a brilliant star, surely that of the Wisemen, shining through the uncurtained window.

At last it's Christmas morning, and though it's still dark, I can tell the sock has changed in the night. It's stiff and bulging with something. This wonder must be shared, and I bounce into bed with sleepy parents to pull hidden delights from the sock. There's even an orange!

Daddy gets up, in his blue and white pyjamas he goes down to make mummy a cup of tea. Suddenly he's back, breathless, and loudly whispering "Mummy, Pat, quick! He's still

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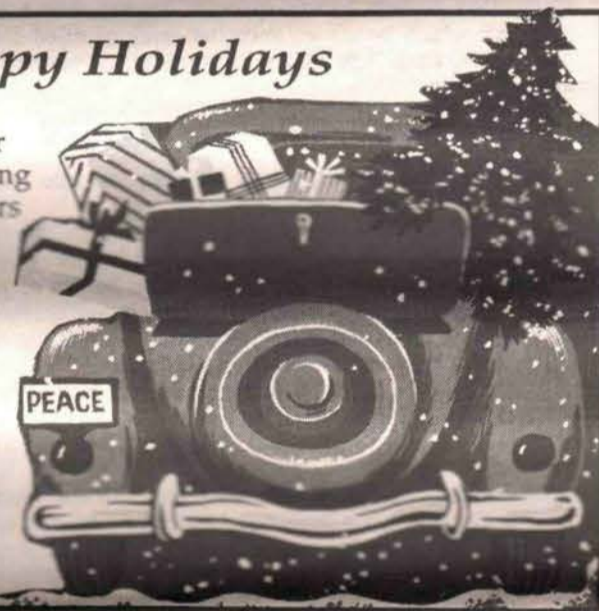
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Christmas dinner was preceded by quantities of drink to which we had grown unaccustomed. Afterwards we lay about listlessly in the manner of stuffed tigers, feeling like things that had just been returned from a taxidermist.

A Christmas cake is doomed to failure under these circumstances. It becomes an unnecessary surfeit, a tax upon our palates, but one which, because of the occasion, it is not considered polite or jolly to ignore. This has occurred in my family so often as to have assumed the status of a ritual.

The supreme moment when the Cake, a Hespiodic work of Days if not Weeks, is brought forth always has an aspect of denouement. Like the final lines of All's Well That Ends Well. Or Boxing Day. Or any speech by the Prime Minister after the explosions of the Christmas crackers, the quiverings of the trifle, and the immolation of the brandy soaked plum puddings... all that remains must be an epilogue.

In fact, the oldest recipes for Christmas cake take this into account; they possess archaic qualities derived from a list of ingredients which boasts an ancestral array of dried fruits, nuts and wintry, Dark Age spices like nutmeg, cloves and ginger... and cardamon.

### Conversation can be brutal

A good Cake should, in my opinion, last into Lent...when everyone can appreciate a slice.

The fact is some connoisseurs seal them in tins decorated with motifs of holly and snowflakes and lay them down with reverence in dusty cellars as if they were bottles of prospect. The conversation can be brutal.

"This is a rare vintage, an '85 coconut with a hint of maraschino. I speak of the 1885 cooking of course."

"That's nothing. The mediaeval marzipan on mine was taken off a cake nibbled by a mouse in Richard the Third's kitchen and it has subsequently passed through my family for 23 generations."

"Piffle, by my Plantagenet Codpiece! I'm not impressed by any cake unless it has been dated by carbon 14. My oldest just emerged from a melting glacier in Switzerland. The almonds are exceptionally crunchy, but the label on the tin is a little foxed."

"That's nothing. Try this. The cook who made it had a shop on Mt. Ararat before the Deluge. He signed the icing in Ugaritic."

"That reminds me. I could murder a cold Kokanee, couldn't you?"

The recipe which follows is our favourite, but don't wait too long before trying it. There's always an occasion which may be awarded an odour of sanctity by the appearance of Granny's Christmas Cake: New Year's and Valentine's, Easter, Tax-Free Day, Shakespeare's birthday, the Oxford-Cambridge Boatrace, the Boston Marathon, etc., etc.

### Granny's Christmas Cake

Ingredients: 2C seedless raisins, 1C currants, 1&1/2C muscatel raisins, 1&1/2C maraschinos, 1C almonds, 1C pitted dates, 1&1/2C candied citron, 1/2C candied pineapple, 1T candied ginger, 3C sifted pastry flour, 1&1/2t baking powder, 3/4t salt, 1&1/2t cinnamon, 1/2t nutmeg, 1/2t ginger, 1/4t mace, 1/4 cloves, 16T butter, 1&1/4C brown sugar, 6 eggs, 1/4C molasses, 1/3C strongly brewed coffee.

Method: Take a square cake tin which measures 8 inches in every dimension and line it with three layers of paper. Cover the top one with butter. Sift the flour, add baking powder, salt and spices. Add the prepared fruits and nuts little by little until all are coated with the flour mixture.

Cream the butter. Add sugar to this, and then the unbeaten eggs, one at a time. Now stir in the molasses. Add the flour to the creamed mixture, alternating with the coffee. Turn all into the prepared pan. Bake at 300 degrees for hours.

When the Christmas cake is cool, wrap it in waxed paper and store in one of those cheerful biscuit tins which somehow manages to convey the image of an English Christmas with polite robins playing on the frosty roschips and stagecoaches and soaring country choirs, no matter how distant the place, or sunny the climate, may at the moment be.

## "Warped Look At Christmas 1991"

By DAVE BARKER  
Driftwood Story Contributor

"T'was the night before Christmas,  
and all through the house,  
not a creature was stirring,  
not even a mouse..."

Santa arrived in the middle of the night, Spock beamed him in in a micro fireproof format. Then after arriving in the living room S.C. humanized in an invisible form and without a peep, bestowed the goods, drank his coke, ate the sandwich, cookies then re-miniaturized, caught a lift up the flue and zappo!

Rudolf acquired old Claus and his empty shoulder bag; one, two, three, warp to the next place. Then and so on ad infinitum until all the houses in the world had been visited.

Mrs. C. was worried all night long, however she knew S.C. knew his way and would be home at good old North Pole well before dawn.

The event occurred. Spock was happy that everything had gone well and rejoiced.

Good old Santa hit N.Pole in typical snazz and was greeted with open arms by an exasperated Mrs. C. Hence D.25.



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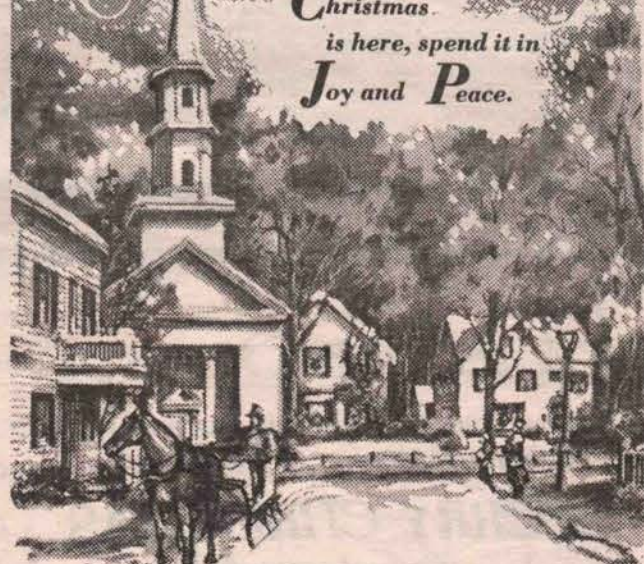
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# The gift of sight makes Christmas season special

Searching for the perfect Christmas gift can be a frustrating experience.

Suddenly the season of "peace on earth and goodwill to all" leaves you tired, frazzled and grumpy. Combine this frustration with the country's economic woes and it could add up to a bleak Christmas.

"It doesn't have to be this way," says Marilyn Heel, manager of the Vancouver Office of Operation Eyesight Universal. People looking for a gift to put some joy back into Christmas need look no further than the numerous alternative gifts of-

ferred by Canadian charities.

People are becoming more interested in gifts with real value instead of being very possession-oriented as they were in the 1980s. A recent Time/CNN poll shows people are now less interested in status symbol products and prefer items that give real satisfaction. And in today's recession-ravaged economy, people appreciate the tax receipt for their donation as well.

Last Christmas, Canadians spent \$4 billion dollars on presents, wrappings and decorations. In 1990, Canadians donated \$4.7 billion to

charity.

Charities give people a chance to buy an excellent present and give to a worthy cause all at the same time. It's also a great way to avoid the Christmas crowds — in many cases, all you have to do is phone to order your gift.

In their recent book, "Under the Tree, Creative Alternatives to a Consumer Christmas", David and Elizabeth Morley show that "gifts that give twice" are the perfect alternative for people who are trying to save money and give a meaningful present.

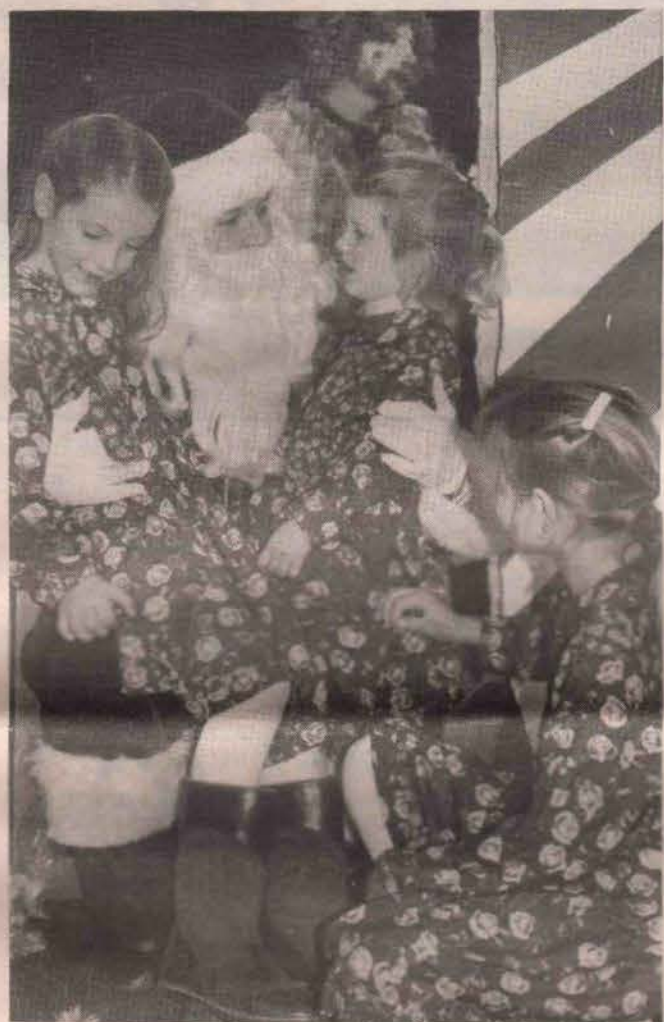
Take Operation Eyesight for example. For a \$25 donation, Operation Eyesight Universal can restore eyesight to one blind person in the developing world in someone else's name.

Operation Eyesight will send a Christmas card to the person you name with information about the person restored to sight through your donation. Donors will receive a tax receipt for the full value of their gift.

"Think about it this way," says Heel. "Would you rather buy another neck tie or a soap on a rope for someone this year or give the precious gift of sight in their name? For me it's an easy choice. Not only will the person who receives the card be thrilled, someone in the developing world will receive the greatest gift of all — their sight."

Operation Eyesight Universal is a Canadian charity. In its 28 year history, OEU has restored more than one million people to sight through cataract surgery and has treated over 14 million others for a variety of potentially blinding eye problems.

People interested in giving the \$25 gift of sight this Christmas can send cheques to Operation Eyesight Universal at 815, 602 West Hastings Street, Vancouver, B.C., V6B 1P2, or call 604-687-3555.



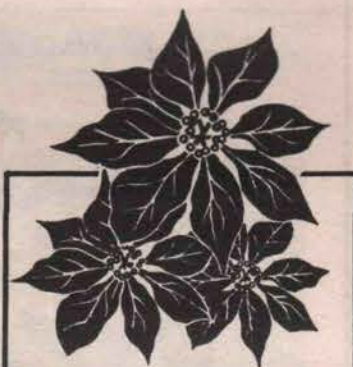
**FESTIVE FEELING:** Hundreds of island children whispered secrets into Santa's ears last week as the annual Christmas ship visit brought St. Nick and an escort of clowns to Salt Spring. At top, the three Temmel girls have a word with Santa, while below, one of the escorts enjoys the fun-filled atmosphere. Driftwood photos by Derrick Lundy



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Gertrude Jekyll



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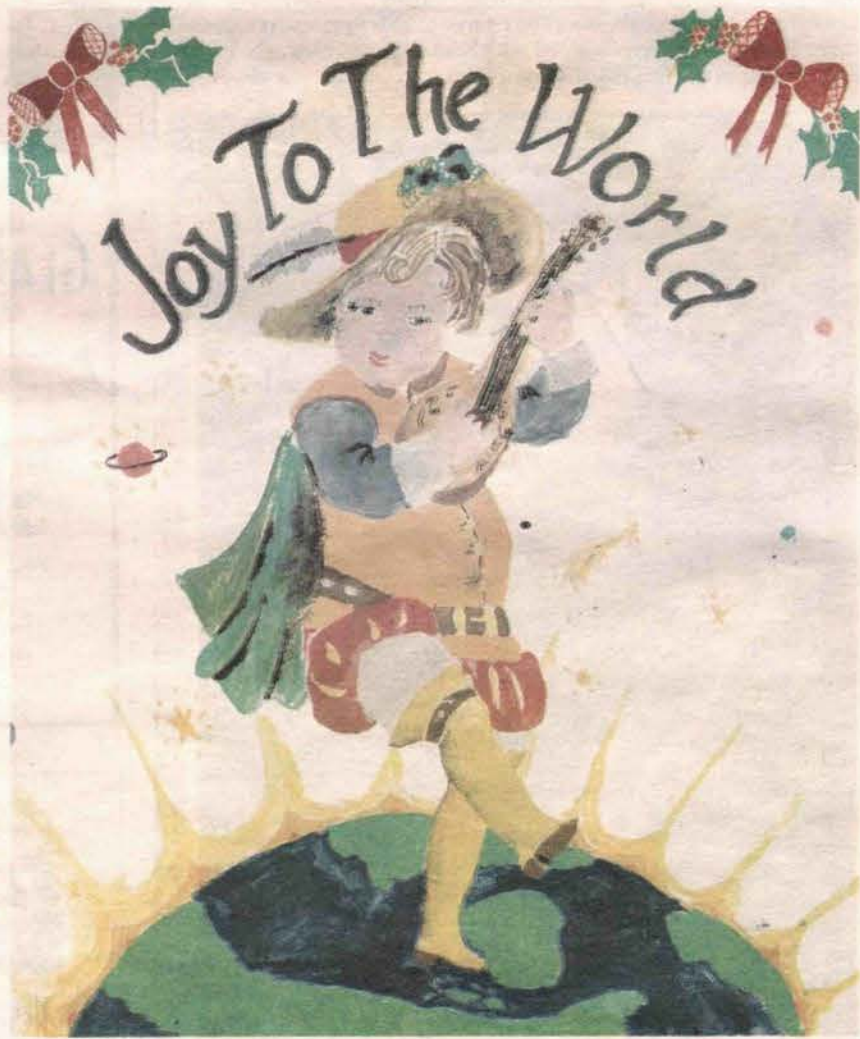
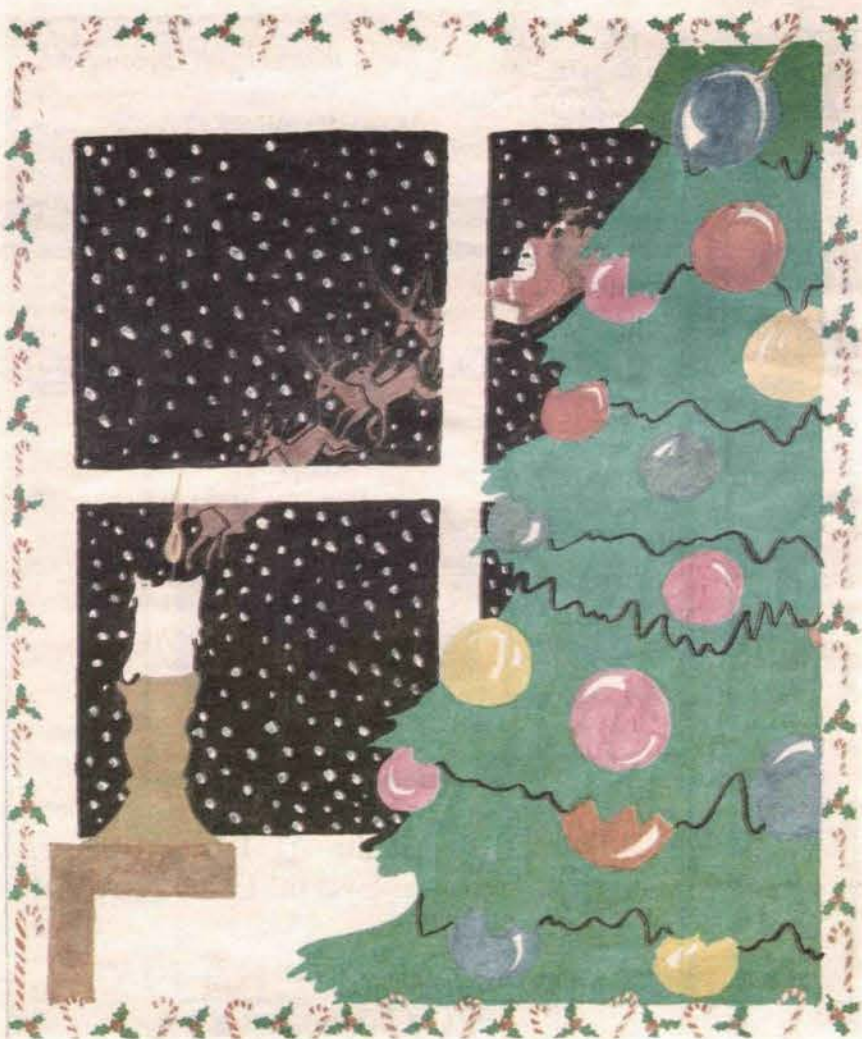
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## Driftwood front cover runners-up

*Each November students from Gulf Island Secondary School are invited to submit entries for the front page of Driftwood's Christmas issue. Under the direction of art teacher Sandra Locke, they use their imagination and various methods to produce some touching and beautiful pictures. In addition to the winning entry which you saw on the front page, these four were among the contenders. As with all contests, there had to be a winner, but these earned votes too.*



by MARIKITA JOHNSON, Grade 9

CHRISTMAS 1991

# Living Christmas trees offer alternative to fake version

Fake, cut or live: those are the options.

For people who want a real Christmas tree, but do not want to kill it, a live tree is a good choice.

By IAN NOBLE  
Driftwood Staff Writer

"Living trees are in harmony with the Christmas tradition of giving and celebrating new life," said Sheila Harrington, who is organizing a live Christmas tree plant-in at the recycling depot.

Live trees can be replanted after Christmas and continue to grow to maturity.

Harrington said she realized the benefits of live trees when she was walking by some Christmas tree lots four years ago. She wondered what happened to all the trees that were not purchased and what are done with others after the festive season.

Organics such as trees cause leachate in landfills and fill up 34 per cent of landfill space in B.C., she said.

"We realized there is an alternative to killing all the trees each year, we could have live ones."

Many people do not think of buying a live tree because it is tradition to have a cut one, she said. Now, people realize the environmental impacts of cutting trees are too great.

Scott W. Fraser of Fraser's Thimble Farm nursery said they are in their eighth or ninth year selling live trees, and they are selling more

all the time. "A lot of people are buying them because of ecology and that back to nature kind of business."

"A lot of people are landscaping anyhow so they use them in their landscaping plans. They are getting more and more popular every year."

Last year live trees overtook sales of cut trees at his nursery, and this year he has sold more than 100 live

*"A lot of people are landscaping anyhow, so they use them in their landscaping plans. They are getting more and more popular every year."*

trees and only about 25 cut ones. "Cut tree sales are way down."

At Foxglove Nursery they are selling a "few more cut trees, maybe about 20 per cent more," said employee Paul Sinclair. "There are a few more people interested in live trees now but sales seem to be about the same as last year.

"There are more questions about live trees."

Live trees cost \$24.95 for a two to four foot tall Austrian Pine, Eastern White Pine or Norway Spruce, \$34.95 for a five or six foot Norway spruce, and \$65 for a sheared Douglas fir, said Sinclair.

In contrast, an average cut Christmas tree costs about \$18.

Sheared Douglas firs have been pruned every year rather than just left to grow, he said. "It gives them a dense, pyramid shape for the Christmas market. It is a scrawny tree unless it is pruned."

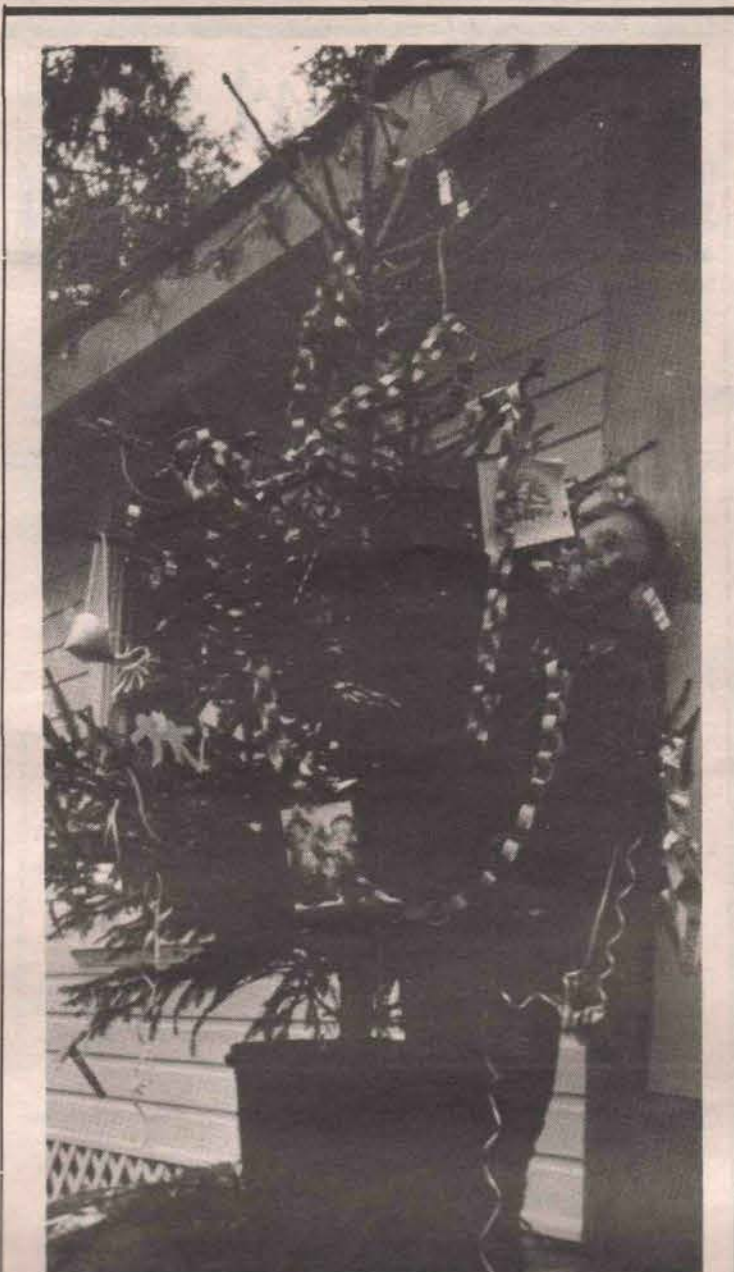
Live Christmas trees do need some extra care. They have to be kept watered and can stay in the house seven to 10 days maximum, said Harrington. They need to be put in a transition area such as a garage both before and after being in the house.

Harrington said she was part of a group that planted trees after Christmas in a Victoria park a few years back. "There were 50 trees where 10 minutes before there were none."

Those who have live Christmas trees but do not have a place to plant them are invited to plant them at the recycling depot on Rainbow Road January 5 at 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. They must bring a shovel, Harrington advised.

One reason the plant-in is being held at the recycling depot to bring people to the depot, and remind them of the option to recycle. Also, the depot needs trees.

"Everything worked together. It's just magic."



PEEKABOO: Sheila Harrington peeks out from behind a live Christmas tree at the Youth Centre. More live trees are being purchased each Christmas.

Driftwood photo by Ian Noble

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For further information regarding the Clean Air Bylaw, please call: 360-1450 (Fax number: 360-1504).

\*Based on data from a study by Dr. William L. Weis, CPA, Professor of Business at the University of Seattle.

CHRISTMAS 1991

Wit and Whimsy

ARTHUR BLACK



How beautifully useless,  
how deliciously defiant  
a poem is!

— Raymond Souster

Tell the truth, now — when's the last time you picked up a book of poetry?

Yeah. Me too. I manage to wade through Macleans, Saturday Night, the Globe and Mail, my local paper — even a novel or two each week, but poetry? Sorry, no time.

Part of the reason is of course that much modern poetry is so infuriatingly inaccessible. Here, for instance is the last gasp of the final stanza of a Joe Rosenblatt poem:

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That may be tremendously meaningful to Joe Rosenblatt. It may even be kinda fun to watch him "perform" it in front of, say, the Hamilton Steelworkers Annual Christmas Party.

But Shakespeare it ain't!

Undoubtedly a serious business

A lot of modern poetry seems to be a little more than a cerebral foreplay between the author and his or her own consciousness. Too bad. As Robertson Davies says: "Poetry is undoubtedly a serious business...but the world also needs its entertainers, its bards, who remind us that poetry was not always a question of printed pages, hidden meanings, and dismal intellectual gropings; there was a time when poetry was for everybody, and had some fun in it."

I think Joseph Brodsky would second that. Mister Brodsky is a Soviet emigre who was kicked out of the USSR 20 years ago because his poems infuriated the Politburo. Brodsky picked himself up, dusted himself off and moved to the U.S. Last summer the Americans honoured him with the title of U.S. Poet Laureate.

Brodsky is an old-style poet. The kind who thinks poems ought to be read by everyone, not just weedy academics and neo-Beatnik wannabes.

And he just might do something about it. Brodsky told a Washington audience recently that poetry ought to be sold in supermarkets and left in every motel room, right next to the Gideon's Bible. "The Bible won't mind this" he explained. "It doesn't mind being next to the telephone book."

Poems are cheaper than tranquillizers

He'd also like to see racks of poetry books available at the corner drug store. "Poems are cheaper than tranquillizers and reading them may reduce the bill from your shrink." Rising to the moment, Brodsky declared "Poetry is perhaps the only insurance we've got against the vulgarity of the human heart, and it should be available to everyone at low cost."

Well, it's not an entirely original thought. One of our own poets, Irving Layton, once wrote: "If the walls that separate people from people are ever pulled down, it will not be done by politicians or dictators. It will be done by poets."

I don't think it would hurt if we broadened our definition of "poet" either. Bruce Cockburn is a Canadian poet. So is kd lang, Gordon Lightfoot, Rita MacNeil ... and Wayne Gretzky.

That's not an original thought either. One of Brodsky's ex-compatriots, Yevgeny Yevtushenko, once visited these shores and announced: "I say the best Canadian poet is Phil Esposito." Then he added thoughtfully "And that is not a joke."

I say: Stompin' Tom Connors for Canadian Poet Laureate. And I'm only joking a little bit.

Food must be stored safely

Holiday buffets are festive and fun, but food requires extra care in preparing, storing, and serving.

Always consider how many guests you can safely serve. Be sure you have enough refrigerator space for perishable foods.

Most cooks, by now, should know the basics of safe food handling: washing hands before and during food preparation, heating foods thoroughly and refrigerating food as soon as possible after serving. These basics should prevent the spread of bacteria that cause food-borne illness.

What many home chefs do not realize, however, is that how food is refrigerated counts too. Improper cooling is a major cause of food-borne illness. Refrigerating cooked foods such as stews, chili and soups in deep pots is a common food-handling error because the food doesn't cool quickly enough. It can take several hours for food to chill thoroughly, allowing plenty of time for any bacteria remaining in the centre of the food to grow. As the levels of bacteria rise, so does the possibility of food poisoning.

To ensure safe soups, sauces, chili and stews, liquids must cool to four degrees Celsius (40 degrees Fahrenheit) in four hours or less. There are two easy ways to cool large volumes of liquid foods: an ice water bath or reducing food depth to four inches or less and refrigerating uncovered until cold. These methods will ensure safety.

To use an ice bath, place the container of food in a large sink with the drain closed. Fill the sink with ice to the level of food in the container. Add cold water to the ice and stir the food often. If the food is too thick to be stirred, it may need to be stored in a shallower pan. As the ice melts, add more. Check the temperature often with a thermometer. When the food reaches four degrees Celsius, put it in the refrigerator.

Keep buffet servings small and replenish the serving dishes as needed, directly from the stove or refrigerator.

You may want to use heated serving units such as hot trays or chafing

dishes to keep food hot. Remember though, when food is left out for more than two hours, even in heated serving units, the risk of food borne illness increases.

When all your guests have finished eating, put the perishables back into the refrigerator. For longer storage, package items in heavy-duty aluminium foil and freeze them. Proper wrapping will prevent "freezer-burn," white dried out patches on the surface of food that make it tough and tasteless.

Don't forget to date your packages and use the oldest ones first.

Noel

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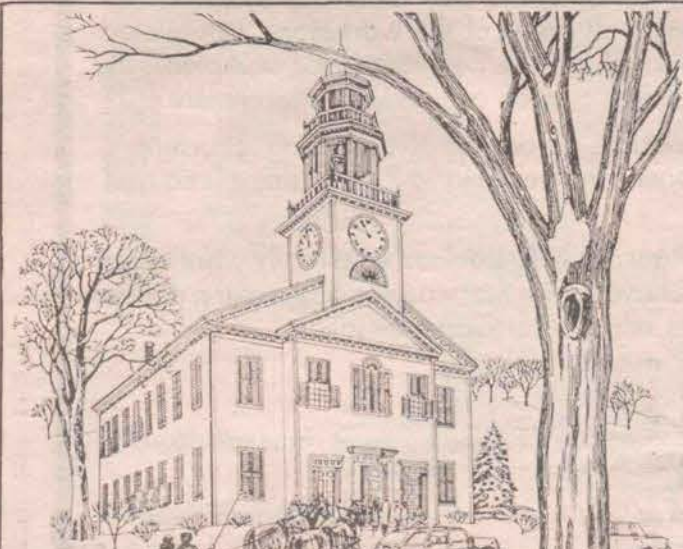
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# Substitute to alcohol

Christmas holidays provide great opportunities for socializing with friends and family. Get together often involve social drinking.

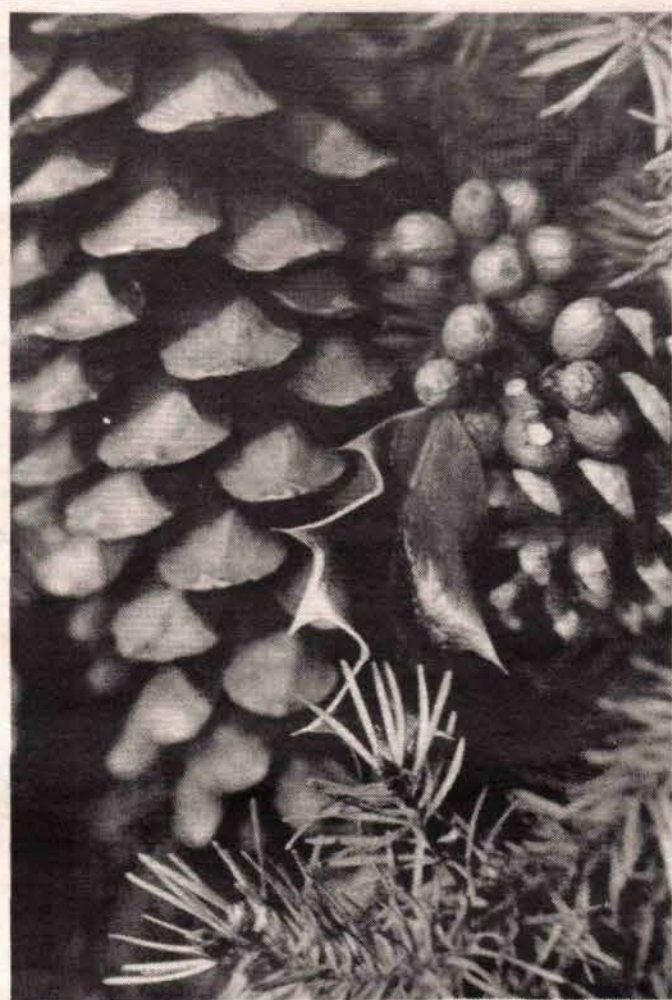
However, as negative effects of alcohol become more widely known and accepted, more people choose to drink non-alcoholic beverages.

Alternatives, a new drug and alcohol education group on Salt Spring Island, offers some positive alternatives to alcoholic drinks this year as contained in an Insurance Corporation of British Columbia "mocktail recipe book."

Some are simple, like the *Cool Refresher Drink* which involves mixing one can of frozen pink lemonade, one can (48 ounces) of apple juice and one 750 ml bottle of ginger ale or 7-Up.

A cool fruit spritzer can be made by substituting one can of cranberry juice or raspberry drink for the lemonade. Ice cubes should be added just before serving, along with lemon slice garnishes, if desired.

A virgin pina colada can be made by combining one teaspoon of rum flavouring, 12 ounces of pineapple juice, two tablespoons of lemon juice, two tablespoons of sugar and four ounces of heavy cream with six to 10 ice cubes in a blender. The recipe will make two tall drinks.



Driftwood photo by Derrick Laudy

Focus on a Yuletide wreath

# Christmas message

"Joy to the world The Lord has come. Let earth receive her King. Let every heart prepare Him room, And Heaven and Nature sing...."

By CHRIS CORMACK  
Pastor, Community Gospel Church

The popular carol reminds us that Christmas is to be a time of joy. Yet for so many, the Christmas season is anything but a time to rejoice and be glad. I would guess that there are more Scrooges trudging through our stores today muttering "Ba, hum bug" than ever before.

Who has stolen the joy out of Christmas? We blame the old government or the new government, the recession, rising unemployment, the Crofton mill, crowded stores and long line ups at the post office. Have we missed something?

The carol reminds us of the real reason for the season. Christmas is the time of year when we reflect on and rejoice in the birth of Jesus Christ. A child born in a stable wrapped in white strips of cloth and laid in a manger. This child was the greatest gift ever given as God "gave his one and only Son, that whosoever believe in Him shall not perish but have eternal life" John 3:16 NIV.

As you head to the store with your shopping list, as you stand in line at the post office, as you hurry to prepare the Christmas pudding and the turkey dinner, take a moment to remember the child born in a stable and with "Heaven and Nature sing...."

# Turkeys can be hazardous

Careless handling of Christmas bird leads to illness

During the upcoming festive season, many families will sit down to feasts of roast turkey with stuffing and all the trimmings.

But since few people are aware of the dangers associated with the careless handling of turkey and stuffing, public health workers are cautioning turkey lovers and chefs everywhere to observe the following practices when cooking and storing the popular holiday fowl.

Fresh, unfrozen turkey should be loosely covered with wax paper or aluminium foil and stored in the coldest part of the refrigerator. Fresh turkey should be cooked within two or three days of purchase, while frozen turkeys can be kept frozen for up to six months.

Frozen turkey should be thawed in the refrigerator or in cold water — the plastic wrapper should be kept on no matter which method is used. The refrigerator is the best place for thawing turkey as it keeps the meat cold until it is completely thawed. This virtually eliminates the possibility of food-spoilage organisms from accumulating on the meat.

When the time comes to roast the bird, consult a cooking timetable for the correct cooking time based on the weight of the turkey. Test the turkey with a meat thermometer, which should be inserted into the middle of

the stuffing or into the thigh without touching the bone. The thermometer must register at least 75 degrees Celsius (165 degrees Fahrenheit) when cooked. If a meat thermometer is not available, the turkey can be tested by moving the drumstick up and down. When properly cooked, it should move easily in the hip socket and the drumstick should feel soft when pressed.

Never partially cook a turkey one day and continue cooking it the next day. This is one of the major causes of food poisoning. The chances of food spoilage are greatly increased as food spoilage organisms can quickly accumulate on partially cooked food.

A turkey should never be stuffed the day before it is roasted as it takes too long to heat the centre of the chilled dressing in order to ensure that any bacteria are destroyed and it may result in over-cooking the meat.

Because of the increased risk of food spoilage associated with stuffed turkeys, many professional chefs cook the stuffing separately. If you stuff your turkey before cooking, be sure to remove the entire stuffing immediately after cooking. All leftovers should be cooled and frozen in small quantities as quickly as possible.

A cooked turkey should never be

left on the kitchen table after carving, but should be put either in the oven to keep it hot or in the refrigerator to cool it quickly.

Cooked turkey should be stored either in the refrigerator, where it may be kept for three of four days, or in the freezer, where it can be kept for up to four months.

By following the basics of food handling, you can help ensure the proper preparation, storage and serving of food throughout the year.

1. Wash hands thoroughly before and frequently during food preparation.
2. Keep hands, utensils and work areas clean and avoid transfer of bacteria from one food to another.
3. Thoroughly clean all surfaces which have come into contact with raw meat to prevent contamination of cooked or other ready-to-eat foods.
4. Don't use food from bulging or damaged cans.
5. Keep cold food cold and hot food hot; The "Danger Zone" is 4 degrees Celsius (40 degrees F) to 60 degrees Celsius (140 degrees F).
6. Cool leftovers quickly to reduce the risk of bacterial growth.

For further information about safe food handling practices, contact the Environmental Health Officer at your nearest health unit/department.

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**Job centre seeks work**

Salt Spring young men and women are setting up their own employment centre and are willing to do just about anything to get work.

That includes cleaning house, clearing eavestroughs, chopping wood, gardening, and painting.

"Anything people need help with that isn't totally skilled labour," said Michelle LeClere, 23, who is also the office manager.

Dave Cowel, 20, is also looking for work through the centre. He has experience in drywalling, construction, carpentry and cement work. He wants to stay on Salt Spring and needs the extra income gained through casual or fulltime labour jobs.

"We believe there is a need for an employment centre on Salt Spring for young people," said youth centre coordinator Peter Ramsay through a press release.

"As a volunteer group, we can seek assistance from private and government sources to form a pool of temporary work from island contractors, seniors and businesses.

"Young people seeking work can have access to a central agency where jobs can be posted. We also hope to attract employers who may need people on a temporary, casual, or fulltime basis."

Ramsay said there are growing numbers of idle youth on the island, and vandalism has occurred.

"Work might give them an incentive to act more responsibly. If youth can establish working habits early I think that can head a lot of problems."

The youth employment centre is open to anyone under 30 years old, said Ramsay who was a Victoria employment counsellor and has experience working in youth programs.

Those interested either as employers or employees can contact the Youth Job Exchange at 537-1351.



Michelle LeClere and Dave Cowell



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# CHRISTMAS 1991



Driftwood photo by Gail Sjuberg

**NEW MATH:** Fulford Elementary primary student Amanda Sadler solves two-digit addition problems using wooden "manipulatives." Students can see what happens during the addition process before they deal with number symbols. New ways to teach math are one of several changes the Primary Program has brought into the classroom for primary students and teachers.

## Primary Program results in challenged, excited students

*Sadler's teaching philosophy now backed by ministry*

*Second of two parts*

A Salt Spring primary teacher who has taught before and after implementation of the Primary Program says students are now "learning how to become life long learners."

By GAIL SJUBERG  
Driftwood Staff Writer

After being a pupil in "the old system," Fulford Elementary teacher Arleen Sadler says, "I was sure there was a better way to teach."

She now sees herself as a facilitator of children's learning in a setting where "there is no limit" to their intellectual and social development.

Implementation of the Primary Program was an affirmation of her own teaching philosophy and style and she is happy to now be guiding her class with the support of the provincial education ministry.

Teaching with a Primary Program philosophy has created a classroom of challenged, excited and enthusiastic children who are always working in their "zone of proximal development."

That "zone" is the level of learning where they need some help to go forward. They are neither way over their heads nor practising skills they have already mastered.

Sadler says this means teachers "have to know their children really well and they have to know what comes next for that child."

"Everyone is where they are at," she says. Just like some people have more skiing skills than others at a certain time, the Primary Program recognizes children's learning or reading skills similarly vary.

It is the classroom's role to provide the best environment for each person's learning. A "keystone" of that environment enhances a child's self-esteem and encourages him or her to take risks within the safe and supportive classroom.

One of Sadler's class mottos is *give it a go.*

Sadler compares her students' development to an acorn. "It has the potential of a mighty oak if you let it

and jug approach." Teachers held a jug of knowledge and were supposed to fill up mugs — or children — to a level predetermined by their age or grade.

Instead of following detailed lesson plan contents, teachers have a general plan, theme or idea of material or skills to tackle. That can be adjusted according to what the children bring into the process. Activities are more "open-ended," depending on where the class or individuals want to take them.

Whereas mathematics used to be taught with number symbols from the earliest age, "manipulatives" or physical objects that can be counted and moved around now help primary students master math concepts.

Now, explains Sadler, "you understand first and then you move to using the symbols."

Another change in Sadler's classroom sees weekly class meetings where students write down ideas and discuss practical or interpersonal problems they might be having.

Importance of human relations to creating a healthy learning environment is denoted by a poster on the classroom wall. It states: "There is nothing more basic than learning to use one's knowledge in cooperative interaction with other people."

One tenet promoted in Sadler's classroom is that "we are all here together to help each other." That sees children being encouraged to ask classmates for assistance first before addressing the teacher. Cooperative activities are advocated.

The process is "thoughtful," says Sadler, both in terms of encouraging consideration among students and for provoking reflective thinking and problem solving.

Recognizing and nurturing children at all different stages is not an easy task for teachers.

"It takes lots of energy and lots of dedication but the rewards are great," says Sadler.

*Merry Christmas*  
EVERYONE!  
& Best Wishes for 1992.  
Don & Anne Harrison

**HOLIDAY HOURS:**

**OPEN** Dec. 23, 24, 28, 30 & 31

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& New Year's Day

*Merry Christmas Everyone*

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## SALT SPRING ISLAND HOME SUPPORT SERVICES



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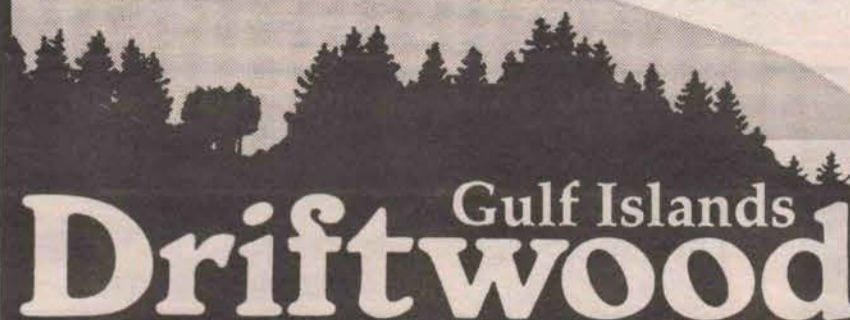
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ON SATURDAY the 14th of December an honour night was held for some special people of the Masonic orders of Salt Spring. It was well attended and we would like to thank Mouat's, Rainbow's End, Harlan's, Island Magic Touch, Ganqes Village Market and the Legion Ladies for assisting us on this occasion. 52

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**THE PHANTOM IS COMING TO TOWN!**  
No! it won't be an apparition - you will really see him  
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Upper Ganges Centre  
Dec. 23-24 & 26-31  
during our  
**PRE-INVENTORY SALE!**  
Don't make us count the stock on Jan. 1/92!  
We'll offer you  
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**15th Annual Bicycle Parts & Accessories CHRISTMAS EVE SALE**  
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**NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS** meetings (for anyone who thinks they might have a drug problem). Every Saturday, 4:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. at the Community Centre. For further info. please call 537-1169. tfn

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A.C.O.A. (Adult children of Alcoholics) meetings are held every Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. at the S.S. Community Centre. Children of dysfunctional families also very welcome. tfn

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#### Salt Spring Island Foundation "CATCH THE ISLAND SPIRIT"

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A.A. MEETING, Ladies Only. Thursday nights, 7:00 p.m. Please call 537-5794 or 537-1600. tfn

**DRESSINGS ARE FREE** to cancer patients by the Order of the Eastern Star. Contact Virginia Amorsen, 537-9105. tfn

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A WEEKEND FOR TWO at the HUNTINGDON MANOR INN VICTORIA  
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Holiday Hours:  
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**BOXING DAY SPECIAL**  
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**POOL TABLE RATES 1/2 PRICE**  
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**THE WINNERS** of the Order of the Eastern Star Xmas Draw: Corrina - Gingerbread house; D. Roberts - small gingerbread house; L. Dobson - creche; Pat Gordon - Xmas tree; J. McBride - Xmas towels. We thank everyone for their support. 52

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**DREAM MAKER** will be closed From Dec. 24 til Jan. 7. Dawna would like to thank everyone for their support. See you in '92. 52



**OPEN EVERY DAY** except Sundays & holidays  
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Back to regular hours  
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**ACROSS FROM PETRO CAN**  
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From all the staff at **NATUREWORKS**  
we wish you hope, health and happiness.  
Thank you for your continued support. 52

#### FORGOTTEN PHOTOS!

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Monday, Dec. 23  
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Monday, Dec. 30  
Thursday, Jan. 2/92  
7-8 pm at  
Fulford Community Hall.  
Co-ed. Bring a mat & clean shoes. For info call Damaris at 653-9409.  
**DO IT FOR YOUR HEART!** 52

**MOBY'S Pub Hours:**  
December 24 (Christmas Eve)  
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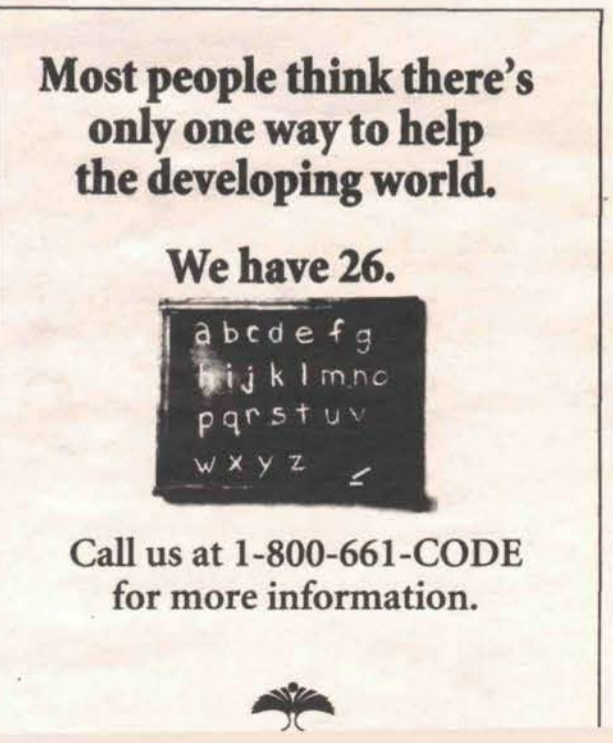
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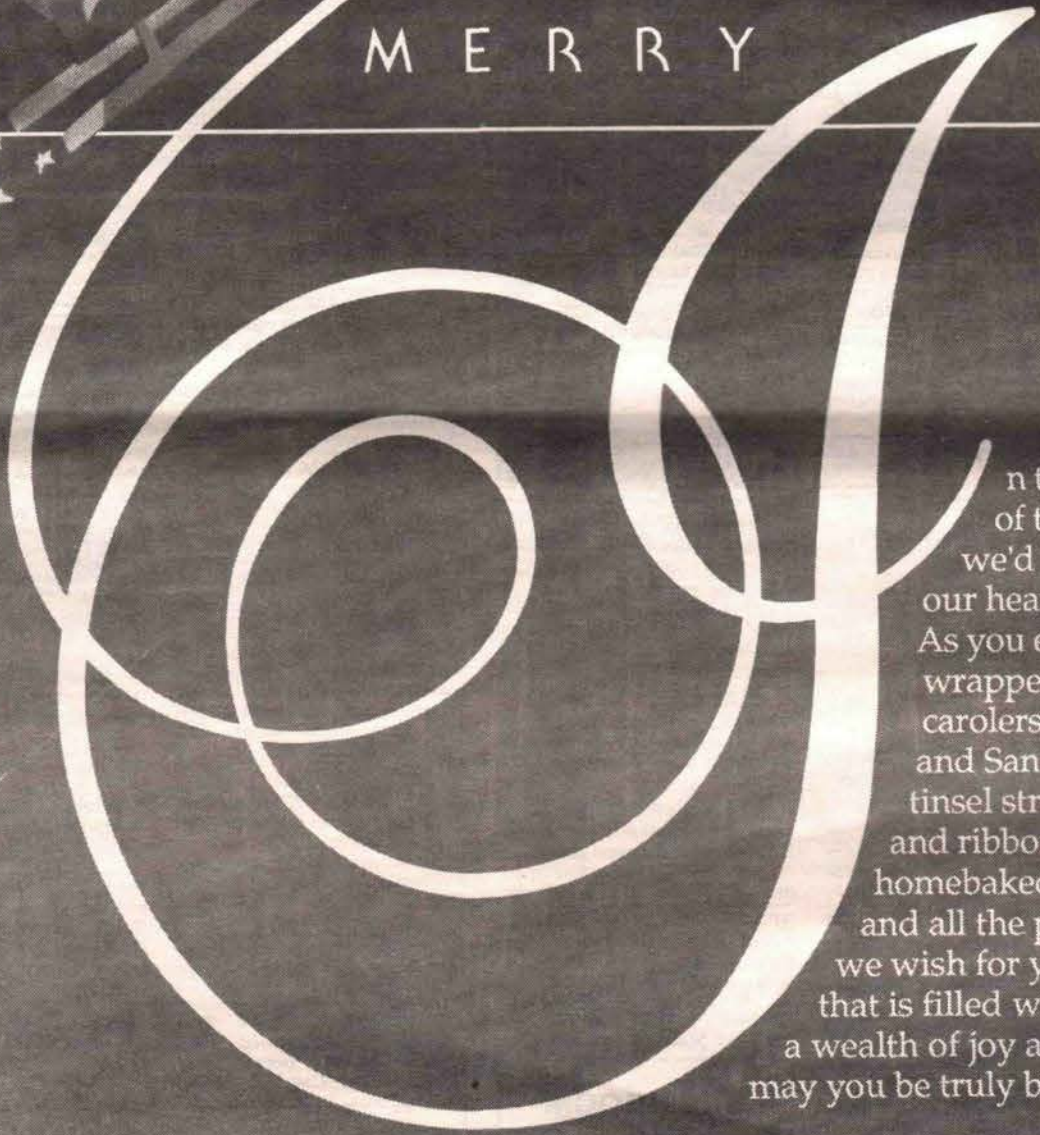
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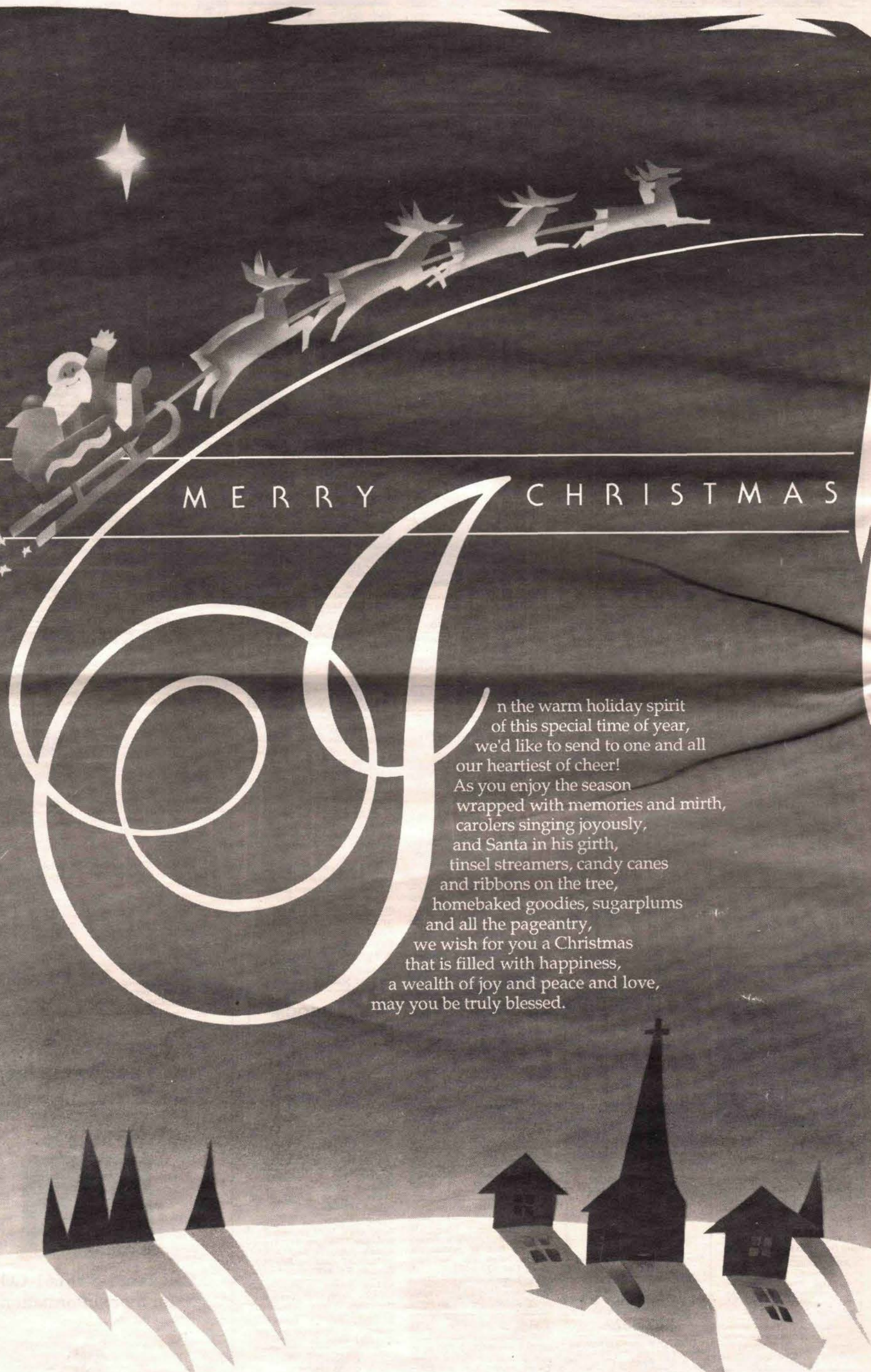
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In the warm holiday spirit of this special time of year, we'd like to send to one and all our heartiest of cheer! As you enjoy the season wrapped with memories and mirth, carolers singing joyously, and Santa in his girth, tinsel streamers, candy canes and ribbons on the tree, homebaked goodies, sugarplums and all the pageantry, we wish for you a Christmas that is filled with happiness, a wealth of joy and peace and love, may you be truly blessed.



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## DOWN THE YEARS

### Thirty Years Ago

• Classified Ad: "Starting January 2, 1962 the scheduled rates for garbage pickup will be as follows: weekly pickup, \$3 per month; every two weeks, \$5 per three months; a single pickup \$1.25 minimum. The above rates are for pickup of ONE REGULATION SIZE GARBAGE CAN. AN extra charge will be made on Christmas trees (.25 each minimum). signed Wally Rogers."

• A wild storm Saturday night added a touch of excitement and a great deal of discomfort to the lives of numerous people travelling on Gulf Islands ferries.

When the *M.V. Delta Princess* pulled out of Fulford at 4 p.m., the storm, which had been brewing all day, whipped up and washed the decks continually. After a wild ride across the water there was another delay as the ferry could not dock with the rough sea and high winds - so the good ship rode the storm out - for two hours!

Swartz Bay was in darkness, as the lights had gone out. Passengers on board were mostly children off to see the Ice Capades and frantic mothers had been phoning to see what was happening - while the children were having the most exciting time of their lives, out on the high seas. Finally the ferry was manoeuvred into the docks and the slip had to be lowered by hand as there was still no power. Once docked, the passengers raced off for Victoria and made the arena just in time to catch the ice show.

### Twenty Five Years Ago

• It was announced that provincial president Vincent Yates and his wife, along with provincial secretary Mr. Browne and his spouse, were to be special guests at the Old Age Pensioners Organization's annual dinner. Tickets for the dinner were given out at the regular meeting of OAPO Branch 32. All members in good standing were scheduled to receive them.

• George Pearson's CARE tree was lit with lights representing the \$515 received in donations. Pearson, a Pender Island resident, said he was confident the fund would raise more than \$600. He encouraged all Gulf Islands residents to donate to the fund.

• At the semi-annual North Salt Spring Scout and Cub bottle drive held recently a total of 2,625 pop bottles (worth \$56.34), 558 dozen beer bottles (total value \$150.65) and cash donations amounting to \$18.76 were collected. The full amount raised through the bottle drive was \$225.25, up \$56 from the previous year.

### Twenty Years Ago

• Request for the withdrawal of the Outer Islands zoning bylaw was made by director-elect J.M. Campbell of Saturna. Elected on December 11, Campbell had already been in communication with the board when it met on December 15. His letter asked for the withdrawal of the zoning bylaw, and directed staff to draft changes to the document.

• A killer whale was spotted cruising around Fulford Harbour looking for a Christmas dinner. It was first noticed by Captain Les Mollet.

• Salt Spring Island fire chief Dave Smith reported that three chimney fires had been called in during one week. He noted that as the temperature on the island dropped, chimney fires became more prevalent as residents stoked their fires to keep warm.

• Bellingham Christmas Ship arrived in Ganges late, but local children were overjoyed to see Santa Claus when he finally did arrive. Santa and his band of pirates were greeted by many children from all over the island, some of whom had been waiting patiently in the hall for more than three hours. This year marked the 21th anniversary for the Christmas ship travelling to the Gulf Islands.

### Fifteen Years Ago

• Royal Canadian Legion president Alex Laing presented a Golden Anniversary award to Jack Potheary for the latter's 40 years service to the veteran's organization.

• Committee reports delivered at the Salt Spring Island Chamber of Commerce's annual general meeting were among the shortest on record. Treasurer Jerry Stennes explained that he was unable to offer a financial statement as the fiscal year had not yet ended. However, his interim report indicated that the business organization had finished the year in better financial condition than it had

started.

• Ganges RCMP detachment have stepped up their Neighbourhood Watch program to crack down on criminal activity on the island. Constable Sean Lynch said the aim of the program was to increase public awareness of crime and how it could be stamped out through better co-operation between public and the police.

### Ten Years Ago

• A Victoria man died on the ferry *Bowen Queen*. The 47-year-old man was found unconscious on the ferry during its run from Swartz Bay to Fulford Harbour. RCMP and ambulance were summoned. The man apparently died of a heart attack.

• Jaycees of Bellingham Washington, brought Santa Claus to the Gulf Islands. It was the 31st annual trip made by the club and the 31st for Tripo Costello, who plays the lead role. At Salt Spring, more than 650 youngsters turned up to see Santa at the high school gym, and each was rewarded with a small gift and a bag of sweets.

• Transportation committees of the southern Gulf Islands were planning to meet with B.C. Ferry Corporation officials to discuss plans for ferry services affecting the islands. Plans for enlarging the dock facilities at Mayne Island led to the call for the meeting. Tenders have already been let for a major new dock facility at Village Bay, with speculation being that the corporation is planning a new shuttle service between the islands and Village Bay with a mainland service running between the port and Tsawwassen.

• The school bus wound its way

along two routes on the north end of Salt Spring Island, but some children were required to wait at least an hour earlier than others. Joy Brownsword, chairman of the Fernwood Parents' Advisory Committee, asked the Gulf Islands trustees why the buses could not be re-routed to minimize the length of time some children were away from home. School district officials decided to look at the routes to see if changes could be made. However, they warned that if the routes were changed, some children within walking distance of the Fernwood school might not be able to use the bus.

### Five Years Ago

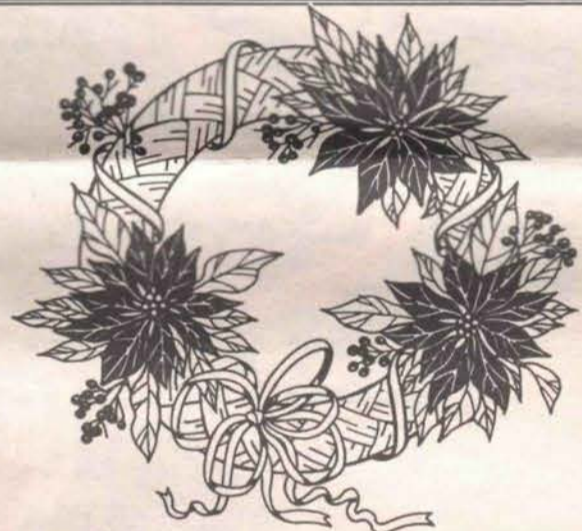
• Property owners living near the Salt Spring Island Rod and Gun Club's Long Harbour Road shooting facility met with club members to air their concerns over noise and safety around the site. Individuals living near the site expressed dissatisfaction over noise coming from the range, and indicated they are concerned that someone may be accidentally injured by an errant rifle shot.

• In keeping with the Voice of Women opposition to war toys, the Salt Spring Island group has visited the three Ganges magazine dealers to ask withdrawal of the December 15 issue of *Maclean's*. All agreed that the cover sketch of Santa wielding a gun is in poor taste. Local action followed reports of all Vancouver Safeway stores responding favourably to a young mother's complaints that the magazine encouraged her son to want a gun like Santa had. All three local stores agreed and complied with the request.

• The Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (SPCA) collected slightly more than \$2,000 on Salt Spring Island during its October to December fund-raising drive. Maurice Davis, treasurer of the Salt Spring Island auxiliary to the Vic-



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