

# Driftwood

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## SECTION C Community Real Estate



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## Prop, stage constructor debuts Ho Chi Minh

Trying to guess what might emerge from Bryn Finer's workshop, or where it might be going, requires inside knowledge.

By GAIL SJUBERG  
Driftwood Staff Writer

Last week about 20 feet of Ho Chi Minh's body made its outdoor debut on the north end of Salt Spring. A rendition of the former North Vietnamese leader's head will join his body later.

The figure, made from white styrofoam, hovered imposingly over others in Finer's yard, before being crated for a trip to Calgary and later, Toronto.

"Ho" is needed for the Toronto production of *Miss Saigon*. Finer is one of Canada's few top level stage prop creators.

He will bring Ho Chi Minh's head to a Calgary studio in January and spend about two weeks completing the entire work which will need detailing and a bronze-type finish.

Big productions like *Miss Saigon* are a boon to the people of Finer's trade, he says, and allow him to work more in the preferred medium of theatre, rather than film.

Control over the effects of props and backdrops provided for movies is minimal because it is impossible to see through the camera's eye and the editors' whims. There is a "half-end" to the project and then viewing of the final result six months to a year later when it is too late to improve your work.

"Theatre provides a more immediate process because you get feedback right away," says Finer. "Once you get it on the stage, I can assess things under light and adjust things. A show opens and I know I've done well."

Interesting jobs have come from both film and theatre works, however. *The Reflecting Skin* is one film which required creation of "vampire babies" and their egg-like shells. An underground tunnel complex provided a scene for the *Dead Bang* movie. Victoria's Wax Museum contains a Finer multi-

media series of scenes recreating the Arctic Franklin expedition and he undertook many innovative

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projects while teaching at the Banff Centre School of Fine Arts for seven years.

One of those was a dramatic opera called *Princess of the Stars* which took place on a lake near Banff at dawn, with the audience of 5,000 escorted to the shore.

Finer also created many of the

intricate stage props for the Calgary-based tour of *Phantom of the Opera*. Since there had been 12 previous *Phantom* productions, he had ample input on making the objects, like candelabra, just so. He received several production photos from previous world-wide shows with copious notes attached.

"They would say we like the bicep in Hamburg and the belly button from Tokyo and go with the Vienna hairdo."

Effective communication with those involved in a production is obviously a crucial part of Finer's work.

"It's about 70 per cent communication and 30 per cent sculptural skills," he says.

His phone, fax and courier bills are high at times, but that is a given part of doing business with people in major cities while enjoying rural life on Salt Spring. Because his colleagues in Toronto have such high overhead costs, Finer can remain competitive in the business even with extra communication expenses.

He has been involved with set and prop sculpture and production for about 18 years and is one of a few people who do it in Canada.

The National Theatre School in Montreal provided the educational background, "and after that it's just practice," he says.

Royal Winnipeg Ballet, National Arts Centre in Ottawa and Manitoba Theatre Centre are a few of the organizations he has worked for, in addition to teaching in Banff and at the University of Victoria.

He and spouse Jane Stafford and two sons have now lived on Salt Spring for more than four years, where a quiet procession of figures has been created before finding their place in another part of the world.



Driftwood photo by Gail Sjuberg

**TALL ORDER:** Bryn Finer takes his first outdoors look at Ho Chi Minh figure constructed in his workshop.



Driftwood photo by Gail Sjuberg

**MODELS FOR MODELS:** A plasticine head of Ho Chi Minh and miniature model of the finished sculpture help guide Bryn Finer in creating the 22-foot edition for use on stage in next year's *Miss Saigon* production in Toronto. Finer is one of a select number of Canadians constructing scenes and props for theatre, film and museums.

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## Baxters observe Ometepe water project

If Gulf Islanders think water is a problem here, they should visit Ometepe in Nicaragua.

One of the 15 or so villages on this dual-volcanic island in Lake Nicaragua had a break-out of cholera recently. Cholera is almost always associated with contaminated water systems.

By GRAEME THOMPSON  
Driftwood Staff Writer

The Ometepe Friendship Group in the Gulf Islands is cooperating with the villagers of Balue on Ometepe to secure a clean source of fresh water. OFG members and Salt Spring Islanders John and Rosemary Baxter were in

### Ometepe Friendship Group project

water pipeline project is progressing.

"Balue is part way up the side of a volcano," John said. "The water source has been a stream coming down from higher up the volcano."

But on the way down to the village, the pipe passes through pastureland and near farmyards. Animal and human faeces gets into the water and spreads diseases.

"In many places (in the Third World) the water project is the big thing," Rosemary said.

In Ometepe, the villagers said

always be sick, she said.

"(The water-pipe) means a source of clean water which will contribute immediately to the health in the community," John said. "It also frees up a lot of time for the women."

The women of the villages spend a great deal of time carrying five-gallon cans of water on their heads up and down the side of the volcano. The new water pipe will save all that time and energy for more productive use.

The project involves two water storage tanks, six pressure break-

sure break-boxes and a small dam at the source have been constructed. The rest should be finished by March.

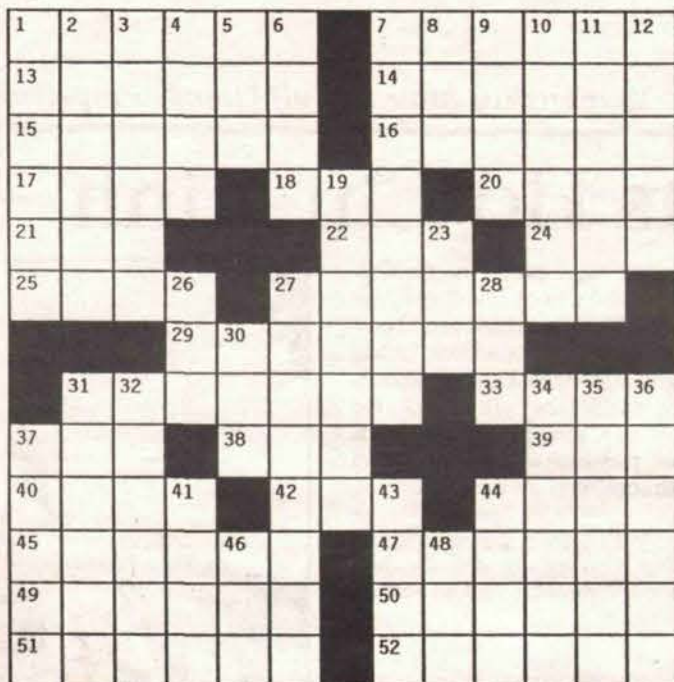
The water comes from an elevation of 1,000 metres. The pressure as it descends is very great, John said. The thick-walled pressure-break boxes relieve some of that pressure from the pipeline. The water storage tanks will allow households not in the village to hook up to the system without piercing the pipeline.

"Now, people just tap into the existing pipe wherever they want," John said. "It causes pressure to drop all over the place. With a holding tank that will change."

The villagers that contribute

# community

## Canadian Criss Cross by Walter D. Feener



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| 1. Beebread               | 1. Outcast                           | 28. Fraternity letter       |
| 7. Mediterranean regions  | 2. Ambiguous response                | 30. Actress Merkel          |
| 13. Musical composition   | 3. Having length                     | 31. India crocodile         |
| 14. Public speaker        | 4. Raft components                   | 32. Not typical             |
| 15. Forest keeper         | 5. Compass point                     | 34. Illiberal               |
| 16. Essence               | 6. Norse fate goddess                | 35. Hold protectively       |
| 17. Frozen desserts       | 7. Greek philosopher                 | 36. Mooring rope            |
| 18. Henpeck               | 8. Period of time                    | 37. Steering wheels         |
| 20. Intoxicating drink    | 9. Dyeing solution                   | 41. Racing sled             |
| 21. Wing                  | 10. Capital of the Marquesas Islands | 43. Mulberry bark           |
| 22. German water sprite   | 11. Run-of-the-mill                  | 44. Rock group (with "The") |
| 24. — King Cole           | 12. Pick up the check                | 46. Exasperate              |
| 25. Aphrodite's priestess | 19. Winter jackets                   | 48. Colorless               |
| 27. Shaped like a tepee   | 23. Greek letters                    |                             |
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## WATER

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will be allowed to hook up to it for free, he said, others will pay.

"I must impress on people how physically hard it is just to get materials there," John said. "All this cement, sand and rock had to be lugged uphill on people's backs."

A couple of months ago the project was held up because of food problems. The families working on the project were told the government would give them food for their labour. The families could not work on the pipeline and work for food at the same time. But near the end of the summer, the government said there would be no food-payment. All the families had to scramble to find food.

The Ometepe friendship group scraped together \$800 to tide 100 families over. That \$800 bought 2,500 pounds of corn, beans, rice and sugar.

"The whole thing is a cooperative venture," John said. "We were contributing money; they were contributing work. We are together."



Gulf Islands Duplicate Bridge Club winners on December 14 were as follows:

**NORTH/SOUTH:**  
Fred Struve and Peter Jacquest, John Sarginson and Gordon Hutton, Bunny Jordan and June Knowles.

**EAST/WEST:**  
Blanche Poborsa and Jim Burford, Bob and Althea Morrisette (Mayne Island), Lois Johnson and Bill Buckler.

December 15 winners were:  
**NORTH/SOUTH:**  
Ian Thomas and Conhor Hunt, Peter Jacquest and Fred Struve; Norm and Anne McConnell, Helen Shandro and Isabelle Richardson.

**EAST/WEST:**  
Gordon and Norma Joyner; Molly Frenette and Hilda Lucas, June Knowles and Don Hull, Gerald and Pam Foard.

Overall winners in this special event were Gordon and Norma Joyner, Hilda Lucas and Molly Frenette.

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JAN 7: Improv Dance Group, Central Hall, 5:30-7:30pm  
JAN. 8: Ladies Auxiliary, Legion Br. 92, roast beef dinner, Meaden Hall, 6pm.  
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And naturally she did see many of her friends there. Only being off-island or sick in bed or working keeps members away.

By OLIVE MOUAT  
Driftwood Contributor

As each woman came into the hall, she added her tin or bottle to the box of food for the Christmas hampers.

The room soon filled with members and their friends. One had brought a brand new neighbour, new to Salt Spring Island.

A spontaneous burst of applause welcomed Joyce Parsons, a former Regent of HMS Ganges Chapter, now living in Duncan and a member of the Dogwood Chapter there. It was not many weeks since several local members had gone to Duncan to enjoy a visit with Joyce at a fashion show put on by her new chapter.

The meeting was opened by Regent Ena Patrick, who welcomed everyone and then called on Ann Leigh Spencer, the auctioneer. The auctioneer allowed a minute for glancing at what was spread out for sale. People had been amazingly generous: a Royal Worcester egg coddler, a woollen sweater, a beautiful short jacket, a silver corkscrew, copper or brass mice and ducks, a Chinese hand-painted wall panel, new books, unopened jig-saw puzzles, etc.

Everyone present was pleased and touched because the hand of a dearly-loved member, Sheila Palesch, who recently passed away, had blessed them. Baking and jelly were sent from her home to be added to the food hamper or sold in the auction.

For a number of years, the IODE December meeting has been a combination of party and auction sale. This as a good idea. No help is asked from the community; a fair amount of money is raised for IODE work.

The only person on whom a load falls is the auctioneer, an excellent saleswoman with a wicked wit and a good throwing arm.

IODE members meet for fellowship and education and to plan and carry out plans for making money and ways to spend the money to do the most good. The local chapter does not at any time make large amounts of money. Instead, it continually strives to raise small amounts.

What does HMS Ganges Chapter do with the money it raises? At the November meeting it voted money to the Lady Minto Hospital in memory of Sheila Palesch, money to the National Anniversary Project and to the National Endowment Fund. Donations were sent to the Peace Garden and to the Labrador Snack Pack.

IODE is a women's patriotic service organization. It is always glad to enrol new members. Those



**SEASONAL RAFFLE:** Funds were being raised for cancer dressings and research by the local Order of the Eastern Star as islanders shopped last weekend. Bob and Betty Lou Morgan handled ticket sales for gingerbread and ornamental prizes.

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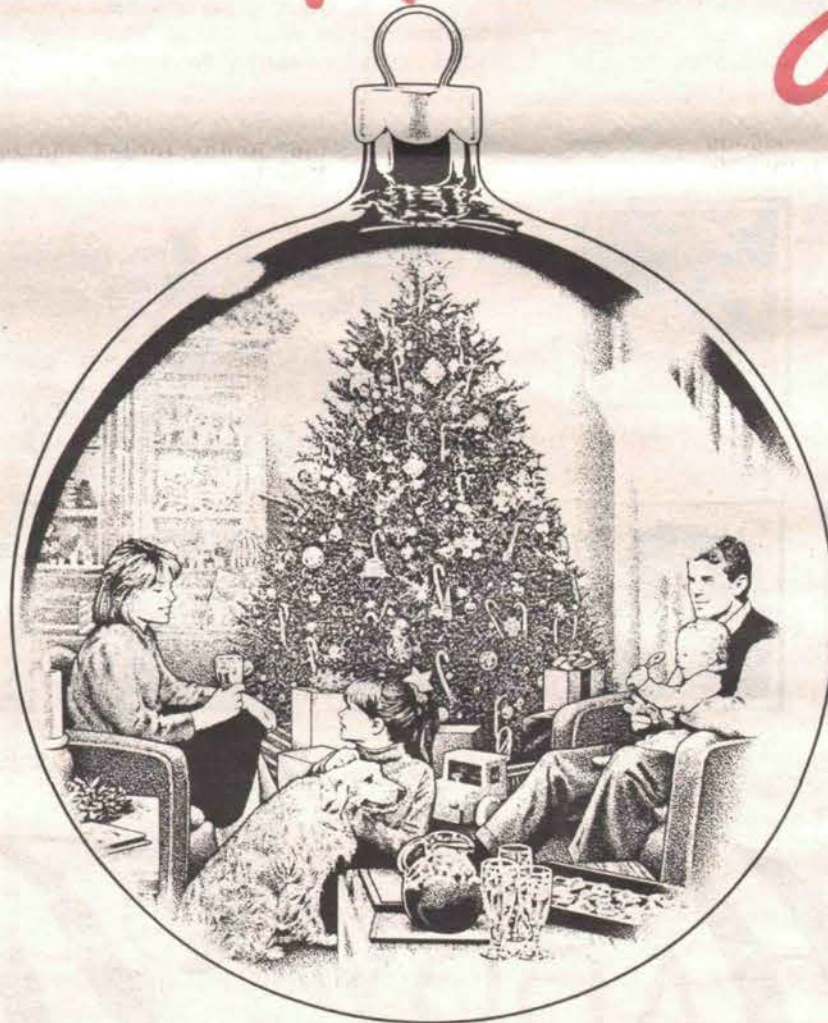
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**ARIES** (March 21 to April 19): Throw caution to the wind and phone someone you haven't spoken to in at least a year. Wish them a Merry Christmas even if they do not remember who you are or what you did after the cherry brandy.

**TAURUS** (April 20 to May 20): Several trips to a pet-shop are in store this week because the Coral Clownfish your child wants keeps dying. Buy a small turtle as well just in case. Baking figures prominently in your life this week, so a visit to a parent is in store. You spend all day and two biscuit-tins Saturday trying to figure out why shortbread is short.

**GEMINI** (May 21 to June 20): Noise and chaos will be the primary characteristics of this week. Ear-

## ★ horoscope ★

plugs are advisable. A group of carol-singers dressed in garbage bags and sporting hair-dos in the shape of apocalyptic reindeer sings Sex Pistol songs off-key until you give them each a generic beer. At the last minute, you might misplace your spouse's very expensive gift and your darling child will pour paint-thinner into a \$50 bowl of eggnog just before guests arrive.

**CANCER** (June 21 to July 22): You are a nervous wreck this week, but it's Christmas and nobody notices. Except Pat. The neighbours are beginning to whisper at bridge about the mysterious bunches of cornflowers and red poppies that have been appearing on your doorstep. You see people who look like Pat everywhere — on the street, in the coffee shop, taking Santa photos.

**LEO** (July 23 to Aug. 22): Enjoy the season, accepting gifts graciously and knowing that 1993 will be a year full of special gifts — and not necessarily the commercial kind. Take time out of the busy day to relax and smell the Christmas baking (even it's only grilled cheese sandwiches). A Charlie Brown Christmas tree will fit just perfectly in the living room.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23 to Sept.22): Giving of yourself over and over again must be done willingly. Brewing resentment will only spill into daily activities, making others wary of your presence. Some things in

your life are definitely not fair. Take action. Confront them head on. Relax and enjoy the festive season.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22): Christmas celebration at the grandparent's home leaves you wondering — just where did your grandmother get all those tiny ornaments, vases, candy bowls, tea cups? The answer is in the stars — or, at least, in the ghost of Christmases past. Break through the boundaries of tradition this Friday, tell gift givers exactly how you feel about receiving another tie/scarf.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21): Remember to keep that cheery Christmas disposition even as you fork out the last dime in your wallet on some trivial gift that will be received by an ungrateful relation who has definitely not been "good" this year and who only made your gift list through obligation. Perhaps the spirit of Christmas will prevail and you'll actually feel good about it at some point. (After the VISA bill is paid.)

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov.22 to Dec.21): During Christmas Day dinner you will be reminded of how much you loathe one of your in-laws and why you avoided dining with him or her for the past four years. Unexpected gift from acquaintance will wildly delight you. Lack of expected gift from loved one will cause insurmountable problem.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec.22 to Jan.19): Enjoy a stress-free holiday season by ignoring the whole thing. Hole up in darkest room in the house or locate empty caves on Galiano Island. Those brave enough to catch the yuletide spirit will have cologne stocks replenished, two new kitchen gadgets for spontaneous combustion within six months and an armful of how-to books for life-threatening activities.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan.20 to Feb.18): Don't get conned into wearing Santa hat or glittering garlands for amusement of overly gung-ho family members on Christmas Day. You will be exhausted by the end of it all, just like every other day of the year. Be wary near ferry terminals. Confusion could result in trip to an unintended destination.

**PISCES** (Feb.19 to March 20): Last minute shopping is a critical *no no* for you perpetually-tardy aquatic dwellers. Stay out of all retail establishments from today (December 23) until December 28. An excess of drooling dinner guests will make you wish you had limited your invitations to family. Children may seem especially annoying this week.

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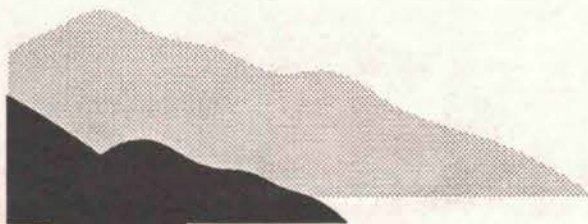
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## OAPO welcomes newcomers

Central Old Age Pensioners Organization (No.32) recently held its election of officers. The new slate of officers was installed by South Island Steward Ross Gaynor.

Executive for 1993 includes: president, Ora Lang; first vice, Sy Sloan; second vice, Jessie Wagg; secretary, Betty Shea; treasurer, Joan Milton; directors: Louise

Foulis, Irene Atkins, Dorothy Sloan, Sabara Humes, Ron Milton.

The group has extended an invitation to islanders over the age of 50 to come and join its meetings held the second Wednesday of the month for a social gathering, and the fourth Thursday of every month for business.

People are welcome to try a few

meetings then decide if they wish to become members.

The group's activities for the past year included two off-island bus trips — Fable Cottage and Christmas shopping at Nanaimo malls. These outings were possible owing to the Ganges Village Market save a tape program.

Other events included a garage sale, proceeds from which went towards painting lower Central Hall; a well-attended strawberry tea held outdoors; a financially successful bazaar in November. Those interested in crafts are encouraged to join the group every Wednesday at 9:30 a.m. at the new craft room at Central Hall. The group has excellent equipment to work with and just needs participants' skill and fresh ideas.

The OAPO Christmas dinner held on Wednesday, December 9, was arranged, cooked and served by volunteer members. It catered to 77 satisfied diners, all of whom were able to participate in sit down games.

As has been our practice for several years now, boxes of member-donated non-perishable foods were collected for the Community Christmas hampers at our dinner.

## biz briefs

### Pampering enterprise

Suzanne Poole has opened a business in her Salt Spring home. Located at 118 Langley Road, Vesuvius Esthetique offers relaxation in the private comfort of Poole's seaside studio.

She offers total body relaxation treatment, aromatherapy baths, neck and shoulder release, facials, waxing, make-up applications, pedicures and manicures.

Poole worked for 20 years as a counsellor in Victoria and then went to London, England where she worked in a spa before moving to Salt Spring.

### Unofficially open

After months of construction, Slegg Lumber's new facility on Fulford-Ganges Road is full "but not officially open," says store manager Lane Gromme.

He and division manager Mark Rithaler plan a grand opening in the near future. They have been busy completing the final touches on the 20,000-square feet of covered area.

### Country inn

Tides Inn restaurant has expanded its facilities to include a special room for group dinners which can handle up to 18 people.

In addition, five rooms on the second floor have been renovated in a country inn motif. Available for \$55 per night including breakfast, the rooms feature a view of Ganges Harbour, country duvet covers, pine accents and stand-alone full length mirrors. Each room has its own wash basin and there are shared bathrooms.

### European fare

Ganges' newest restaurant is House Piccolo operated by Piccolo Lyytikainen and his family along with four other employees.

It features Scandinavian and European fare including meat and vegetarian dishes.

Lyytikainen worked in five different restaurants in his native Finland before coming to Salt Spring two years ago.

The 31-seat, fully licensed premises will expand to include 16 outdoor seats in the summer season. It is open from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. weekdays, 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. weekends and closed Sundays.



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ON DISPLAY: Kerrie Loyola stands behind elegant jewellery display at the "indoor, outdoor" Saturday market, held at the Farmers' Institute.

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TOTAL 1744 SQ.FT. (162.0 M<sup>2</sup>)

## Single story home plan

This stylish, single story (with full basement), three bedroom home is perfect for the growing, busy families of the nineties — practically combined with luxury.

Double, front doors open from the covered front entry to a large, central foyer. A decorative half wall conceals the stairway leading to the basement.

A single french door off the foyer leads into an optional den or dining room — well lit by large corner windows.

Also directly off the foyer, a pocket door leads into a well designed kitchen which offers the chef many attractive features. A walk-in pantry leads to the abundance of cupboard space while creating meals will be made easy with the noticeable amount of counter top space.

The bayed breakfast nook and large family room are both open to the kitchen keeping the entire fami-

### home plans

ly area in clear view. This whole area will be bright and enjoyable for the whole family.

Both the breakfast nook and family room have direct access onto the huge rear sundeck.

Also with access to the sundeck, the living room features a sloping ceiling, corner display table and fireplace, and a full wall of glass.

The large master suite provides refuge after a hectic day. A walk-in closet and three-piece en suite with soaker tub (flanked by glass overlooking the rear sundeck) are two luxuries any couple will enjoy.

Bedrooms two and three share a full bathroom.

Another feature of this home is the full laundry room large enough to sport a full deep freeze, coat closet and full sized washer and

dryer. This area can also double as a mud room. The double garage includes a large work bench for all the mechanic's tools.

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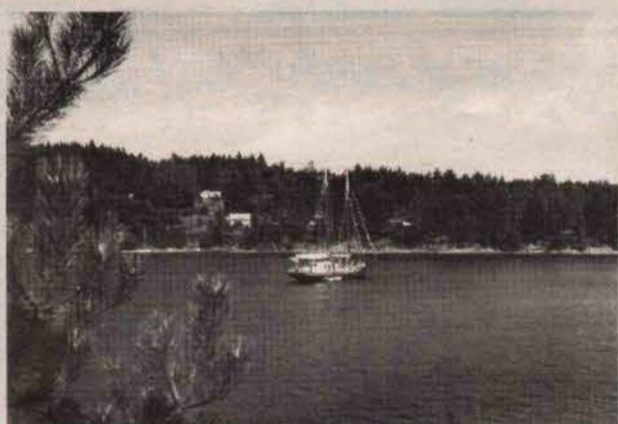
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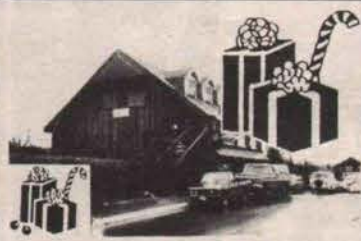


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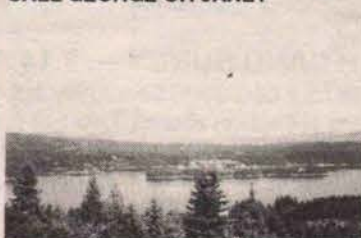
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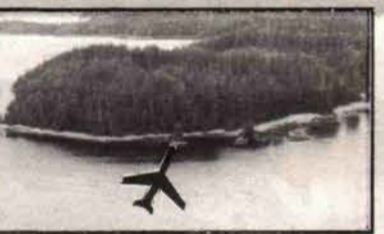
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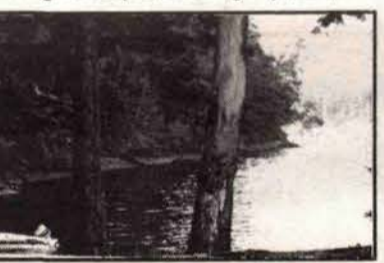
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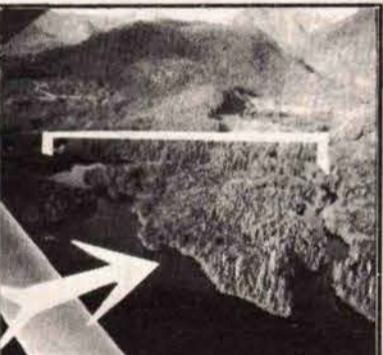
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# community

## Time to check soil conditions

*Unarmed by any sunset light  
The grey day darkened into night  
A night made hoary with the swarm  
And whirl-dance of the blinding storm.*

— John Greenleaf Whittier

Well, the snow put a sudden end to many gardening activities this last week. It made everything quite pretty at first, but quickly deteriorated to a mud bath.

Any activity on soil under these weather conditions can only be harmful and you would be wise to keep clear. Anyway it's Christmas — take time to reflect on the past year's achievements whilst eating, drinking and making merry, sitting by a warm fire, sorting through old seeds and seed packets, maybe putting new seeds into order and marking the packets ready for sowing.

I often make a date mark in a bold colour with my intended sowing dates. This helps towards the planning of any crop rotation I may intend and certainly serves to remind me of where things were last year.

If you are rotating your crops in the vegetable garden then you will also need to remember whether you encountered any serious pest or disease problems. Pests and diseases specific to particular plant types may be increased unless you omit that same type of crop from that area.

This is particularly true with soil borne diseases like clubroot or onion white rot. Prevention is by far less painful than cure for these and is definitely easier. If you have been diligent and raked and burned all affected foliage then chances are that you have already gone a good way towards preventing a recurrence.

The old gardeners would call the soil sour if the crops began to go downhill and would "sweeten" it with lime. This is always a good practice around here because the soil tends to be quite acid and it will need regular applications for brassicae (cabbage, cauliflower, brussel sprouts, etc.). Every other year is a good general rule.

Acid soil also tends to be slight-

ly deficient in magnesium so it is good to apply magnesium limestone (crushed). This is still a very good time to aerate your lawn. A top dressing with coarse sand afterwards helps drainage and will improve top growth.

Scarifying with a power rake is also advisable if your lawn be-

comes dry. It will make a nice firm surface to walk on and will keep the moss and thatch to a minimum.

I'd like to thank you all for reading and responding to my column this past year and look forward to your thoughts and questions in '93.

Until next week — Merry Christmas.

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#### VESUVIUS INN

Bartender Kathryn Macdonald who's worked at Vesuvius Inn for a year and a half is happy to welcome new chef Susan Lewis. With experience in Australia and England, she has her formal chef's papers. "Fate" brought her to Salt Spring where she serves up pasta, seafood and vegetarian specials each day. Ask about her home made desserts - especially hot sticky toffee pudding. You can buy the latest Driftwood to read while you eat.

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### hot spots

• December 17, 3:05 p.m. — Ganges hall responded to a chimney fire on Stark Road. On arrival the fire was out.

• December 17, 4:45 p.m. — Ganges hall responded to an electrical fire on Stark Road. A faulty relay in an electrical heater would not allow it to shut off. Turning the breaker off shut the heater off and an electrician was called.

• December 17, 10:24 p.m. — Fulford hall responded to a motor vehicle accident on Morningside Drive. There were no injuries and no immediate fire risks.

• December 20, 10:02 a.m. — There was a first responder call to Trincomali Heights to assist the ambulance service.

• December 20, 1:05 p.m. — Ganges hall responded to a motor vehicle accident on Rainbow Road. Gasoline was leaking from the vehicle and the fire department was called to stand by.



# sports & recreation

## Christmas "wishes" for island Old Boys

As is quite evident, there was no game for the Salt Spring Old Boys last weekend and with the Christmas break now upon us, what better time than to do the lads' Christmas report and what Santa might bring.

By MALCOLM LEGG  
Driftwood Contributor

Overall, the Old Boys have performed well. Once they stopped playing real teams like Gorge and Vic West, and against slow opponents like themselves, they moved to the lofty perch of first in Division B.

But how have the players performed over the first part of the season and what can Santa bring this wonderful group of old-timers, other than cases of Geritol and A535?

Over the season there have been many ups and downs from game to game — the defence of Cal MacKay, Graham Tweddle, Gary McNutt, Jeff Buitenwerf, Bill Lea, Gerard Zentner and this writer have looked solid at times and as porous as a sieve others; the mid-field of Jack Braak, Geoff Fishleigh, Steve Harmer, Alvaro Sanchez, Doug Pearson and Paul Sinclair have controlled the flow of many games, while the next time it flows all over them; and the forwards of John Cameron, Finn Ronne, Henry Braak, Rob Watson, Ingwer Nagel, Tony Finlay and Rich Lopuchinsky have scored classic goals in some games but in others their shooting ability rivals that of the Ottawa Senators.

Through it all one thing has remained solid, the goal-keeping of Darcey Bjornson, "the best goalie in the west." The fact that none of us wishes to play in goal has no basis for this statement.

As for any children, Santa should bring the Old Boys some gifts. (You think they are not kids? Listen to them whine when a call goes against them!) Here are some suggestions.

For Darcey, a tape expounding the virtues of Darcey as "the best

goalie in the west" thereby ensuring we won't have to play goal.

For Gerard and Bill (The Twin Peak) and Jeff (the Spare Peak), Santa could bring a special recipe for covering the peaks. Ground some ginger, brown in oil and lather richly over peak. (The lady at the Estee Lauder counter of Eaton's says it works).

For Cal and Graham, Santa could bring a bucket of vitamin B 12 to relieve their stress when a certain centerback roams into the opponents' end of the field.

For "Ally" McNutt, our ex-Scottish International fullback, an automatic ironing machine to free him from his chores to make more games.

For Jack, Santa could bring a scoring title, but who would believe that someone with the nickname "Bulldozer" could win that title?

For Geoff, or "Dad" as he is affectionately called, lots of sleep with a baby soon to arrive.

For Steve, a promise from Santa that he never has to play in goal again.

For Alvaro, Santa could hex all the forwards so he can sell more scoring crystals.

For Paul, Santa could bring a crystal to score.

For Doug, Santa could bring a thick skin, not only to protect against injury but also insult, thereby allowing him to play more.

For Rich and Tony (the N.O.S.E.) twins, Santa could make all officials blind, thereby they would never be off-side ever.

For Henry, Santa could give many bananas for him to throw the peels in front of Rob Watson.

For Rob, Santa could fulfill his wish that Henry steps on his own peel.

For Inge, Santa could find the purpose of his life in soccer with the Old Boys — is he the real guru of the Bundesliga or is it Franz Beckenbauer?

And finally, for this writer, Santa can supply more material on the trial and tribulations of the Old Boys to reveal to our *Driftwood* readers.

And to all our many readers, fans, sponsors and friends, the lads wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and lots of soccer kicks in the New Year.



**CLEAR SHOT:** December 17 basketball action saw GISS' junior boys team trounce Lake Cowichan by a score of 61-41 at Gulf Islands Secondary School. The boys' busy schedule will see them on the courts through February after a well-deserved Christmas break.

Driftwood photo by Graeme Thompson

### PRESIDENT'S REPORT FOR DECEMBER

## SEASON'S GREETINGS

As the year draws to a close, I reflect on how fortunate we are to live in beautiful Victoria, in our wonderful city that offers a first class lifestyle. We Victorians are not only proud of our city, we're darn proud of it's citizens, our relatives, friends and co-workers who make this thriving metropolis a special and most enjoyable place to live.



Larry M. Brooks  
President

I am also proud that this past year I have had the opportunity of representing members of the Victoria Real Estate Board whose caring actions clearly indicate that our community and its citizens come first. I only have to look at what our membership is doing to make the holiday season a little more special for those in need. This year, our members have made substantial financial contributions to the Christmas Bureau, the Mustard Seed, the Saint Vincent de Paul Society and the Salvation Army. Our member firms have acted as drop off points for donations to the Times-Colonist 1000 fund. As well, a total of 80 children will have a brighter Christmas this year, thanks to the generosity of our members who purchased gifts for them through Santas Anonymous.

On behalf of our 1600 members, our warmest greetings for the season and best wishes for the coming year.



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## down the gutter

I made my 1992 goal!

On the last week of bowling for this year, I rolled my first 300 game ever, and if I entered the turkey shoot, I would have won two turkeys.

By PAULA BEDFORD  
Driftwood Contributor

But the real lucky winners are: Cliff Jory, Gary Whitehead, Ron Cunningham, Gordon Ruckle, Al Hall and Russ Babcock.

They won a turkey gift certificate from Gulf Islands Trading Company.

**TUES. AM:** Jack Godwin 216; Cliff Jory 219; Madalene Jory 215; John Richardson 210.

**TUES. PM:** Goodie 246/618; Bill Frontin 212, 208; June Webb 217; Conrad Flebbe 208; Reg Winstone 261

**FRI. PM:** Edie Gear 217; Murray Anderson 215, 212.

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I'd like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year from Paula, Rick, Jason, Lyne, Stacey, Kelley and from my

# outer gulf islands

## Candles, pancakes, carols mark Saturna's Christmas

The Christmas season is well underway on Saturna. People are travelling to and from the island to be with family for the holidays.

Parties and celebrations are being held in every nook and cranny of the island.

By GAIL TRAFFORD  
Driftwood Correspondent

Snowfall during the week before Christmas set the scene for a white Christmas although it thawed too soon. The real news is that the power stayed on throughout the whole storm except for periodic blips.

### Candlelight Dinner

Tuesday evening the annual Candlelight Dinner was held at the Community Hall.

Tickets sold out almost as soon as they arrived at the stores. A full house enjoyed succulent turkey with all the trimmings and fabulous desserts.

After dinner, song sheets were passed out and diners enjoyed singing traditional Christmas carols.

Many thanks to the team of volunteers who make this evening possible. Thanks to their efforts, the hall has been supplied with some new serving bowls as well as many staples.

### Pancake brunch

Friday was the last day of school and youngsters were treated to a pancake brunch by parent volunteers.

Parents and preschoolers joined the students for the occasion.

The older students organized activities for the

## saturna notes

younger children and the afternoon culminated with a visit from Santa and a gift exchange.

School was dismissed until January 4, 1993.

Happy holidays to all!

### Carolling

On Christmas Eve, carollers will meet at the Saturna General Store to visit neighbourhood homes. Everyone is welcome. Be there by 7 p.m.

Neal MacDonald suggests that everyone bring a lantern if possible. Since there will be hay on the wagon, young children must be supervised.

### Christmas service

Sunday December 27, a Christmas service will be held at St. Christopher's Church. Rev. Larry Greig from Mayne Island will officiate. Please feel welcome to attend.

### Casino night

December 26 and 27, Saturna Elementary School will hold a casino night in Victoria to raise funds for school activities.

Although this is a difficult time to find volunteers, it is hoped that it will be a profitable venture.

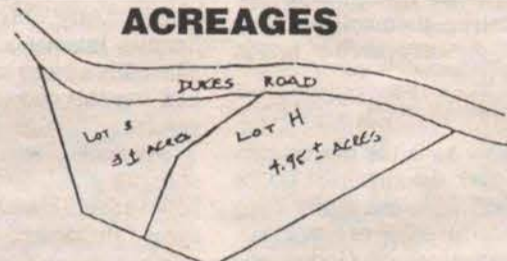
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## outer gulf islands



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Preparing for the Christmas season on Galiano Island

## A once-in-a-lifetime event

The Renaissance Revel was a once-in-a-lifetime experience they say. The idea for the pre-Christmas party was hatched in the fertile mind of Shirley Chambers and carried out by her, her husband Al and their friends, the Sybarites.

By ALISTAIR ROSS  
Driftwood Correspondent

The North Hall was transformed for the event to resemble a renaissance dining hall with lowered ceiling and candle chandeliers. Screen panels and trellises covered the walls.

A twelve-course meal was served to the nearly 70 guests, all of whom were costumed in outfits appropriate to the period. The renaissance ladies and gentlemen were pleased to welcome to their gathering Dennis Olson of Highland Drive, dressed as the Ambassador from Norway. His attire, including a horned Viking helmet and sword, was just one of many fine costumes.

Attractive wenches served the food from the kitchen oven, all of it delicious and all piping hot. Gill Allen's papier mache boar's head was carried in on a platter at the appropriate moment just before the serving of the roasted wild boar. Yes, the real thing was bought in the interior from a wild boar rancher.

Renaissance dancing was performed during one of the intervals between the courses of the four-hour meal. Madrigals were sung along with renaissance songs and duets during other intervals. Ann Duncan and Bill Callaway were the soloists, Martha Miller accompanied on the flute.

The evening began with mulled wine served in the gathering place (the porch of the hall which had been decorated to resemble a reception room). At 7 p.m., the diners moved to the parking lot where the yule log was set ablaze with a Druid priest and priestess and torch bearers adding to the authenticity of the action.

## notes from galiano

At the head table, located on a raised platform at the front of the hall, were a few of the many organizers of the event — the Chambers, Shirley and Al; the Cowperthwaites, Trish and Brian; and the Yeomans, Bev and Ed. It was a most successful evening, one those present will not soon forget.

### Santa vessel visits Montague Harbour

At dusk the lights of the Bellingham Junior Chamber of Commerce's Santa Ship rounded the point and headed into the wharf at Montague Harbour, the 41st such visit in as many years.

Galiano's host, Shirley Coulter, and her helpers had a cheery bonfire burning and hot chocolate ready for the children, their parents, and in some instances, the grandparents as well. The reception

area was artistically strung with Christmas lights.

After the sea-borne Santa and his clown-clad helpers made their way up the wharf to the assembly area, the 200 or so children present each had a visit and then received a bag of sweets and a toy.

Santa's visit is always a happy affair with our friends from across the border, and to Shirley and her helpers. A year-end thank you to them all.

### Christmas services at Saint Margaret's

Christmas Eve, December 24, 7 p.m. - a family service; 11:30 p.m. Eucharist.

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