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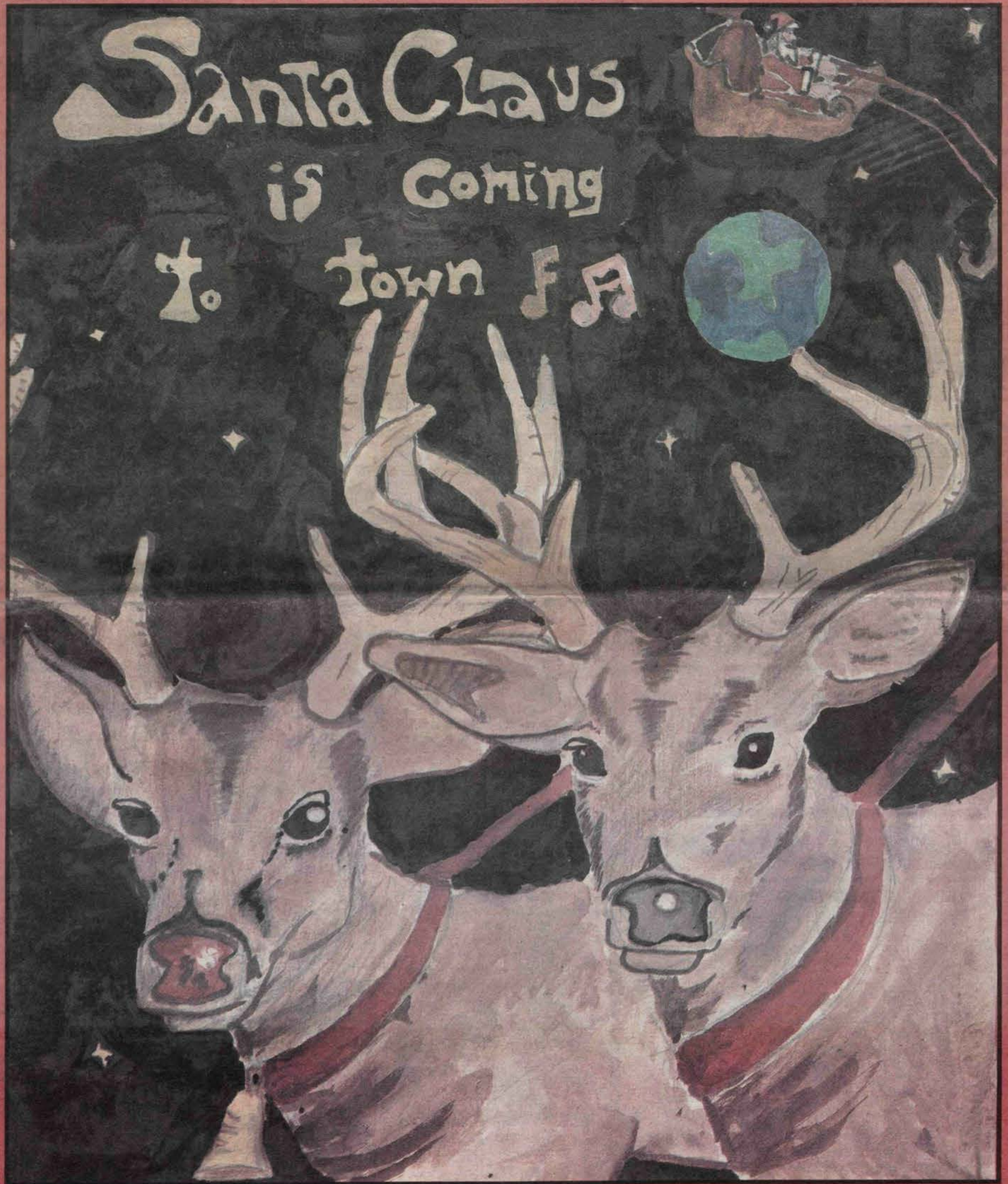
Gulf Islands Driftwood

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Happy Holidays



COVER ART BY

FARISHTA JOHNSTON

GRADE 11, GULF ISLANDS SECONDARY SCHOOL



this week

Christmas shopping is done...the gifts are wrapped...time to relax at home until the Boxing Day sales-when the shopping frenzy strikes again.

\$ fair change

Island Savings was buying U.S. cash on Tuesday at the rate of: 1.31

weather

HIGHS:06C (normal 6) LOWS:01C (normal 1)

PRECIPITATION: 40% chance on Wednesday, 80% chance Christmas Day.

OUTLOOK: Mainly cloudy Wednesday, patchy morning fog with drizzle; mainly cloudy skies Thursday and Friday. Christmas Day forecast: mainly cloudy, a few showers.

of note

- Dec. 22French Carol Sing.
- Dec. 25Christmas Day.
- Dec. 26Boxing Day

LUNAR CYCLE: for December 1993



lottery numbers

	DRAW DATE	NUMBERS	
Lotto 6/49	Dec. 18, 1993	05-22-25-27-30-44	B14
	Dec. 15, 1993	11-25-28-29-33-43	B20
B.C./49	Dec. 18, 1993	01-14-22-34-40-43	B10
	Dec. 15, 1993	05-11-16-17-30-42	B21
Extra	Dec. 18, 1993	36-80-85-93	
	Dec. 15, 1993	31-48-72-86	

tide tables

TIDE TABLES AT FULFORD HARBOUR

Pacific Standard Time - measured in feet

Day	Time	Height	Day	Time	Height
DEC	0125	8.1	26	0530	10.6
	0415	7.8		0935	9.7
	1115	10.8		1310	10.3
WE	1905	4.5	27	2120	1.9
	0325	8.9		0600	10.8
	0535	8.8		1025	9.7
TH	1140	10.6	MO	1355	10.2
	1940	3.8		2155	1.5
	0420	9.6		0625	11.0
24 FRI	0715	9.4	28 TU	1110	9.5
	1205	10.4		1435	10.1
	2015	3.1		2230	1.2
	0500	10.2		0650	11.1
25 SAT	0835	9.7	29 WED	1150	9.3
	1235	10.4		1520	10.0
	2045	2.4		2305	1.2

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Youths contribute art, stories

Island youths made a large contribution to the content of this week's paper, the *Driftwood's* annual Christmas issue.

This year's cover was the work of Gulf Islands Secondary School art student Farishta Johnson. Hers was selected from several dozen pieces of cover art designed and produced by students of art teacher Sandra Locke.

Another entry, that by Natalie Gardener, has been reproduced for the *Driftwood's* Christmas greeting advertisement, which appears on Page A20. Several other entries appear this week on Page B1.

Contributions of a literary nature are also published this week, following conclusion of the *Driftwood's* annual Christmas writing contest for island students.

The 14 winning stories — on topics ranging from "bad Santas" to "Rudolph the Red-Nosed Rock Star" — can be found on Pages C12 through C15.

Cash prizes are awarded to winners in both the art and writing competitions.

Quiet week

A quiet week was a pre-Christmas treat for Salt Spring firemen. A fire crew responded to only one call, attending a minor motor vehicle accident Thursday at the foot of Broadwell Road.

The single vehicle accident occurred at 8:05 a.m. and caused only minor injuries.

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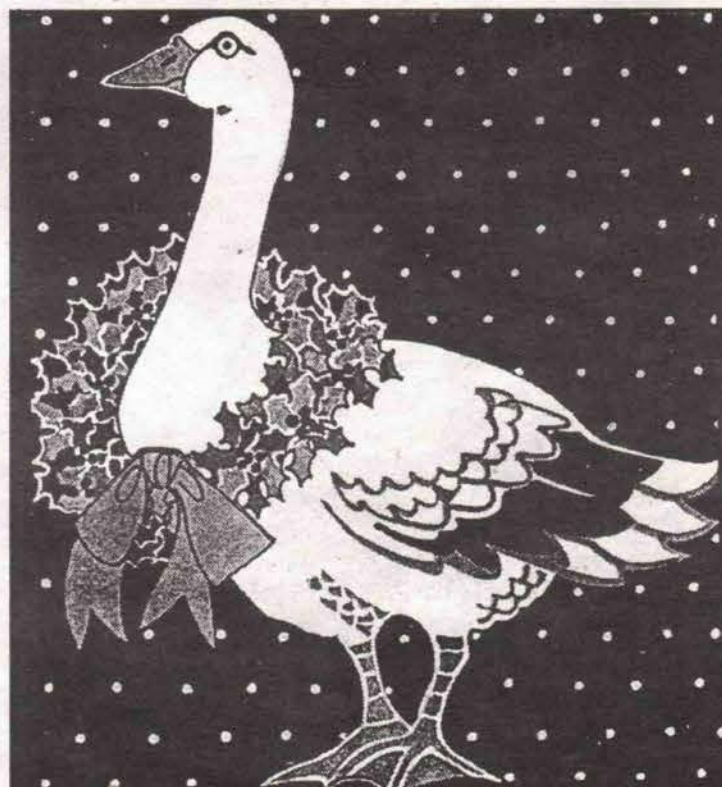


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Friends' fundraisers pay fines

Salt Spring Islanders who joined in the Clayoquot protest last summer are getting help in meeting their fines and court costs, thanks to the efforts of approximately 80 Salt Spring residents.

The Friends of Friends of Clayoquot Sound have raised almost \$5,000 to help pay the fines and defray travel and court costs for the 15 islanders charged with contempt of court after last summer's protests.

Some of the money was raised through an entertainment night at Beaver Point and some has come from T-shirt sales, sapling sales and individual donations. More money is coming from a benefit art auction, which ended December 11.

To date, the group has paid two fines: the \$500 levied against Angela Donnelly December 10 and the \$250 against Gabriela Wolf November 19.

The group has also paid for

some ferry and travel costs.

In addition to the fines, Donnelly and Wolf were each sentenced to 21 days.

Although electronic monitoring is being recommended for Clayoquot protestors, Wolf chose to serve her sentence in Nanaimo Regional Correctional Centre. She was released December 5, after serving 14 days of the 21-day sentence.

Former island resident Seth Shugar was also fined \$500 December 10 and sentenced to 21

days.

However, his sentence was deferred to June 1 so he can complete a university term in Montreal.

Patricia Brown said the Friends of Friends of Clayoquot Sound all agree the group's first priority should be to support Salt Spring residents facing charges for their part in the protest against clearcut logging in the sound.

"If there's anything left over, I'd like to see the money go to the Friends of Clayoquot Sound," Brown added.



Photo by Jeff Outerbridge

NEW ROLE: Ben Martens, once a venerable Santa Claus himself, tries out the role of a wishful child by taking a seat on Santa's (Bob Birch's) lap at Mouat's last weekend. Martens took early retirement from the job last year.



Have Yourself A Merry Little Christmas

Thanks to all my friends and customers for your wonderful loyalty and support. May you and your loved ones enjoy the holiday wonders you so richly deserve

Kerry Chalmer

Century 21 Islands Realty Ltd.

To my clients, Past, Present and Future...



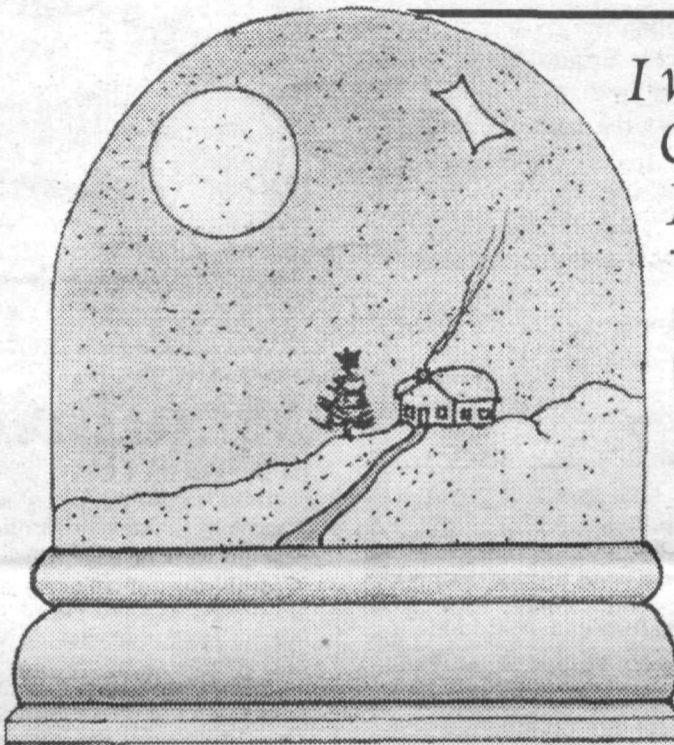
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Regardless of one's faith or spiritual beliefs, the Christian celebration of Christmas serves as a timely opportunity in our very distinctive culture to remember our children.

An already complex and rapidly-changing world, in which our culture is at the cutting edge, swallows our time and consumes our attention for 364 days of the year.

Here, then, is a day on which we can set aside the stresses and the strains, the objectives and the goals of daily life and direct some attention to those who hold the future in their hands.

In a society which has attempted to cater to humanity's every need and in the process has raised the standard of living to heights unimagined in times past, it is easy to forget there are things that only the human soul can provide. It is easy to overlook the needs our children have for our attention, our respect and our consideration.

The evidence that we have been failing in our duty to our young is all around us: The child killers in Britain, the vicious attacks by children against children here in British Columbia, the crowded juvenile courtrooms across the land, the homeless and destitute children living in the streets of our cities and the horrible stories of sexual and other abuse.

Surely these are all signs that point to a deep and creeping malaise in our culture that can be attributed to one appalling factor: we are forgetting our children.

There are some amazing contrasts to be seen between our society and those of the world's so-called developing countries. Development, it must be remembered, is a term whose fundamental meaning applies only to the economic status of a country. Some of the world's least developed countries, in which economics dictate high levels of poverty, enjoy social structures that ought to be the envy of western civilization.

The acceptance of the extended family is only one indication that all that is good in human nature can be found in abundance in places where life is a daily struggle to survive. The widespread respect which people have for each other and the time they are prepared to devote to communicating together are enviable attributes to a westerner. Our contact with others beyond our immediate friends and families is for the most part limited to intercourse of a short and business-like nature, with only a minuscule amount of time allowed for pleasantries.

Perhaps it's the old-age security that children represent to their parents in Third World countries that guarantees such concern by the latter for the welfare of their young. Whatever the reason, the characteristic is one to be lauded, and emulated.

In our society, astonishing technological advances have created a world in which true discomfort such as starvation and pain are virtually unknown.

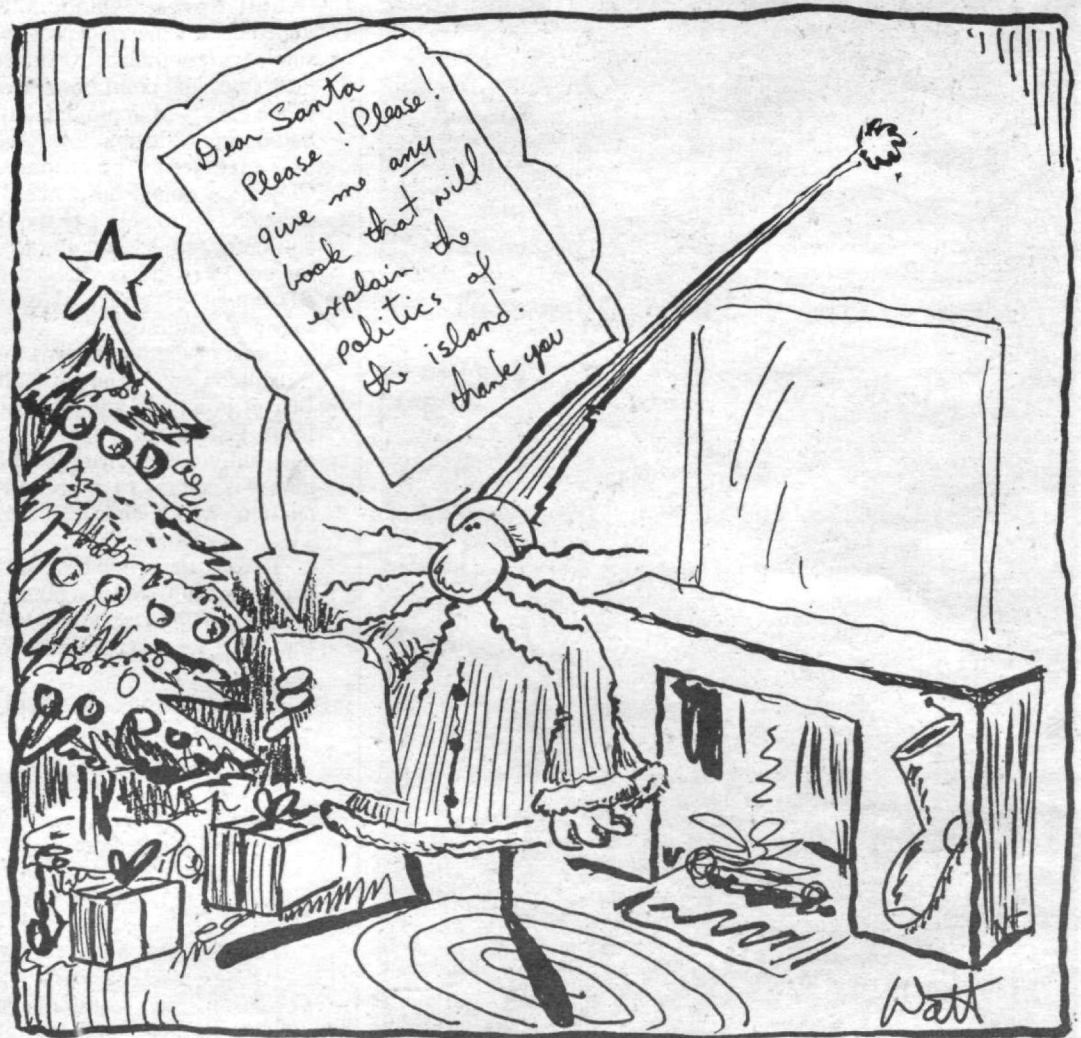
Our civilization is a palace of luxuries to the Third World's poor. But we are paying for this economic status with a human currency.

Christmas is a time for children, as the commercial side of the celebration likes to remind us. For many, the event celebrates the birth of a child. For most, it marks the miracle of children yet born, the splendid innocence of youth, the promise of the future.

It is often our wont to bemoan the commercialization of Christmas. Better that we bemoan the neglect of our young throughout the rest of the year. Better still that we extend the simple act of honouring our children beyond just a few days at the end of each year.

The best gift we can give our children cannot be wrapped and placed under a tree. The best gift is ourselves, through our time and our attention to their needs.

Unwavering devotion to the well-being of our young will make their future a better world.



Memories of war's 'luxury'

By RON HOLCROFT

There were about 500 of us, if memory serves me right. We lived in an old factory on the outskirts of Posen in Upper Silesia, part of Germany which had been part of Poland not too long before.

All of us had been captured during the fall of France and had been subjected to semi-starvation ever since. The rations granted to prisoners-of-war according to the Geneva convention must be the same as those supplied to soldiers of equivalent rank of the holding power. On the other hand, hungry people are demoralized and not too rebellious.

We had a measure of substitute coffee or herb tea for breakfast. At lunch time we had a bowl of soup and a handful of potatoes, which might be in good condition or partly rotten or completely black, stinking and inedible even to the hungry, according to the time of year. In the evening we were given a slice of bread about an inch thick. The ration varied from five to seven men to a loaf. The soup was variable. Sometimes it was edible, sometimes not, sometimes just flavoured hot water.

It was an exceptionally cold winter and the water supply of Posen froze up, so work parties had to go out every day to collect enough snow to make the soup and the coffee. It takes eight cans of snow to make one can of water.

I had gone into hospital on arrival; six weeks later I was discharged and had nowhere to put my bed. Three men who had been working and earned token money took pity on me and shoved their beds up to make room for me.

They invited me to help myself from their box of Polish Army-issue cigarettes, made from Mahorka tobacco and quite revolting but satisfying to an addict. The canteen was selling beer, something else that did not last longer than 1940.

They invited me to help myself from the pail of beer they had bought and I was quite overwhelmed by this unaccustomed kindness from strangers in a

view point

life that was largely dog eat dog.

Somebody got up and sang a song called the "Song of the thrush," an old English pub song which narrates the loneliness of an English boy in the Australian gold fields, who saw a caged

thrush and listened to its song. At the words, "It brought to 'is mind, dear old England and 'ome, fahsends of mi-i-i-les away," overcome by the sentiment expressed and by the kindness of my new friends, I leaned over and wept into the pail of beer.

Later on, after nearly a year of captivity, we got our first Red Cross food parcel. We had heard rumours of other camps getting them in the last few weeks, but ours came on Christmas Eve. Not only that, it was of a type which we came to drool over when we anticipated it — it was a special Christmas parcel.

Half starved, we fell upon these parcels and tore them open. Chocolate! It had been a year since we had seen it. Straight into the mouth, either all of it or some of it, according to the character or the strength of will of the owner.

Picking at the food was irresistible; nobody had the strength of will to stop. Time for lights out and nobody could sleep. We had already overloaded our shrunken stomachs with more bulk than they could comfortably hold and more nutrition than they could comfortably digest.

To this day, more than 50 years later and after four more Christmases as a guest of the German government, the one I remember best is the first.

To this day, the feeling of being stuffed with food beyond comfort represents luxury and security.

Too often during the year it is easy to forget or to disregard or to discount the food banks, but when Christmas comes, I usually remember the time of my own deprivation. If many are fed who are not in dire need, there are always those to whom a little surfeit is a true luxury.

The writer is a Salt Spring Island resident for whom Christmas dinner evokes special memories.

*The soup was variable.
Sometimes it was
edible, sometimes not.*

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We asked: How will you celebrate the holidays? salt spring says...



Elaine Davies

I'm going to Montreal to be with friends for the holidays- and see some snow.



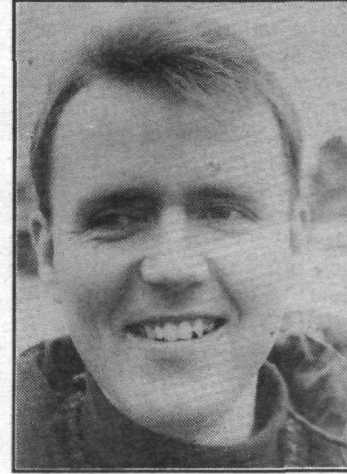
Loretta Dods

Everyone has their own traditions. You just do your own family, traditional things- we have a birthday cake for Jesus' birthday.



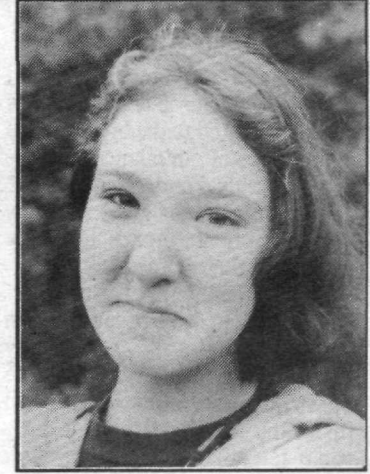
Rita Dods

We're going to be at home, nothing special, just family, fun and food.



John Sampson

I'm flying back to Saskatchewan to spend it with family.



Robyn Garrels

We have a Christmas tree and go to Christmas parties- we're boring people.

letters

Hockey as it should be

To the Editor,

A realtor friend of ours on Salt Spring, Marion Marks, has regularly mailed us real estate information and occasional copies of the *Driftwood*. We browse through the papers with considerable interest, as we hope to own property and live on Salt Spring some day.

She mailed us the November 24 issue and among other items of interest was a sports column by Jim Black entitled "Don Cherry's philosophy aids Slugs." We found the column so hilariously well-written that we sent it along (with our Christmas card) to some more serious hockey-fan relatives in Alberta! We think the Salt Spring Island Slugs symbolize the *real* game of hockey, played exactly as it should be, for enjoyment, recreation, camaraderie and more than a few laughs!

Kindly pass along our thanks to Jim Black for a great column, and our best wishes to the Slugs for a safe and successful season! (Is there a Slugs fan club?)

We would like to hear more of Jim Black and the adventures(?) of the Slugs!

WALTER and JEANIE LUTZ, Coquitlam

Dangers of diesel

To the Editor,

Mike McDonald, the Canadian comedian, has this joke about Americans coming across the border to find that the smell that has them baffled is oxygen. Seems like a harmless enough gag but underlying the laughter is what Dave Roland once called "creeping nationalism." That mass egotism that leans heavily on vain comparison for sustenance and on blame to ease its fears.

Canada is not exactly leading the way with electric, hydrogen, natural gas and propane-powered vehicles even though we're the ones with the sea of natural gas under ground. All the city buses in Billings, Montana, and experimen-

tal farms in the area were running on hydrogen 10 years ago. The first and the best propane and natural gas conversion equipment was and is made in California. Two towns in Washington have all their kitchen stoves burning methane from sewage treatment. Ron Lee, saddened by the heavy increase of diesel on Lee's Hill, told me recently that Los Angeles has now banned diesel from within the city limits. Trailers and loads are switched to cleaner tractors and that means other than diesel-powered ones!

Diesel exhaust, aside from soot and particulates, produces large

volumes of sulphuric acid rain especially in this climate and I wish more people would take this to heart. We're busy creating our very own industrial plant atmosphere and the main reason I moved here 23 years ago, clean air, is rapidly disappearing. Start counting the diesels please, and smell the sulphur dioxide.

While California sets pollution standards that the whole world is following, we on Salt Spring are creating the very suburbia we came here to escape. Don't compare the air in Ganges to Vancouver or wherever you may be from! If we don't make the fresh air at Mt. Maxwell park the comparative standard, and soon, we're gonna lose it!

TERRY GRAHAM,
Founder,
Citizens Against Diesel,
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Safety concern

To the Editor,
I don't know that I have ever written a letter to the editor but I have now been motivated to do so for the second time in as many weeks. My concern is with the construction of the new rural mail boxes. The location and amount of space dedicated to the boxes on the main routes of our island road system is not safe. I understand that the new system is designed to allow people using the boxes to easily walk from their homes.
It does seem unlikely that a person is going to drive past the box to their home and walk back. It may be the exception rather than the rule but in any case, when cars do pull up to the mail box there is little room left to pedestrians, cyclists and passing vehicles. The post office's disregard for safety is displayed even at this time as the work crews with backhoe, tandem-axle gravel truck and service truck carry

out their work installing the boxes without the aid of a flagging crew. On a couple of occasions I've come around the corner to find a truck blocking one lane and a backhoe across both lanes with no flag person or warning signs of any kind.
Was not the safety of the rural mail delivery people the concern when we went from rural mail boxes to green boxes? It seems as though the mail delivery people are back on the street again.
If you're concerned as I am, please write or say something to the post office (if you can afford the time to wait in the line-up).
ROSS MCLEOD,
Ganges

Cheering news
To the Editor,
Many of your readers will already know that I am an octogenarian retired teacher who has cherished the hope, for the last 50-odd years of my life, that the world

will one day be "our land of democratic order" where "our" means everybody!
And perhaps many of these thoughtful and humanity-tolerant people will share with me the intention of trying to make this political and constitutional dream come true.
If this is so I have cheering and excellent news for all such readers: I think the recent federal election in Canada resulted in a win for liberal-minded and reforming democratic citizens over separatist movements of various kinds.
This seems to be a good indication, to me at least, that Canadian politicians will provide global-minded leadership and unifying principles which are required to defeat all forms of part-world zealotries and multicultural divisions which continue to destroy the possibility of quasi-federated continents coming into being and voluntarily coming together to form a single global democratic polity to replace the UN fiasco.
Many potentially democratic citizens of regions like the European Community and the proposed North American community and similar Oriental and other communities, are being misled by separatists in governments and churches of many kinds into wishing to break up the existing official states in the world. And I regret to say that many very influential media and press outlets are deliberately motivated to support such separatist movements.
What would be better is to have

all editors willing to support unifying principles with mono-lingual, mono-currency and mono-democratic practices in mind.
EDWARD GRAHAM MacFARLANE,
Dundee, U.K.

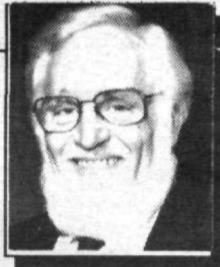
(Driftwood, November 10, 17, and 24). I felt Valorie showed a lot of empathy and understanding of the issues, and did a service in educating the community at large.
I would also like to acknowledge the three people who volunteered their personal stories. They have all displayed a courage to share their learnings with others. I applaud each of their personal achievements.
PATTI LOCKE-LEWKOWICH,
Former Alcohol and Drug Counsellor

Excellent series

To the Editor,
I would like to commend reporter Valorie Lennox for her excellent three-part series on alcohol and other drug addictions

capital COMMENT

HUBERT BEYER



VICTORIA — Christmas has come and gone 57 times since I announced my arrival with a lusty cry of protest over having to leave the comfort and quiet of my mother's womb for what must have seemed a cold and uncertain world. But nothing could have prepared me for the reality that lay ahead.
The Germany of 1935 was still peaceful, but the brew of horror that Adolf Hitler had begun concocting two years earlier was already starting to bubble.
While my parents celebrated Christmas that year with their six-year-old son and their nine-month-old baby, Hitler was consolidating his grip on power.
The Reichstag, the German parliament, was a Nazi-dominated rubber stamp, and the nation's armed forces were swelling, and the country's industrial strength was being utilized to rearm Germany.
Rival parties were outlawed, political opponents were already languishing in jails, and Jews were hoping against hope that the new dictatorship's anti-Semitic policies would be no worse than so many other pogroms they had endured over the centuries.
My first memories of Christmas go back to when I was four years old. Oblivious to the ugliness that was growing day by day, the world seemed perfect to me, especially at Christmas.
Christmas of 1939 was somehow different. Although I have no particular recollection of war having broken out that September, I distinctly recall an odd feeling of seeing my father in uniform, handing out the presents under the tree.
That was to be the last time for at least eight years we were to celebrate Christmas without having to fear for our lives.
For the duration of the war, the innocence of childhood was replaced by a wary quest for survival. There was the Christmases without my father, who was stationed in northern Norway and wouldn't always get leave.

There was the memorable Christmas Eve in a huge bomb shelter with hundreds of women and children singing "Silent night, holy night," over the dull sound of bombs exploding outside.
There was the Christmas of 1944, when my 15-year-old brother told us he had been drafted and would leave for the Russian front the next day. Our family was luckier than many others. Both my father and my brother came back.
There were the Christmases after the war amidst ruin and starvation. There was the Christmas some unknown benefactor left a few pounds of potatoes outside the makeshift shelter we called home.
I remember mother crying with joy over this generous and unexpected gift that allowed her to feed us for a couple of days. It was a daily struggle for survival.
As Christmas 1993 draws near, I count my blessings. In spite of the hardships of my childhood, there was the unwavering love of my parents. And there is the memory of all the wonderful Christmases that followed the war years and the post-war time.

On Christmas Eve 1959, the most beautiful present under the tree was our first-born, a four-week-old boy, who was joined by two more boys and a girl over the next few years.
They're all grown up now, and we're busy filling the wish lists of four beautiful and healthy grandchildren. You bet I'm counting my blessings.
As for my Christmas wishes, they're probably a little harder to come by than those we buy for our grandchildren.
I wish that no child would ever go hungry again. I wish that no child would ever be abused again.
I wish that this country, which has been so good to me, would open its heart to those who want to make a better life for themselves, regardless of what part of the world they come from.
And I wish that the world's last sword be turned into a plowshare, that love and compassion replace hatred and bigotry. I wish that someday, there really will be peace on earth. Merry Christmas.

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Sludge disposal

To the Editor,
For over 20 years, I have owned property on Furness Road immediately adjacent to the present sewage sludge dumping site.

Years ago, when I learned that effluent from Ganges was being dumped on this same Burgoyne Bay property, I wrote a letter to the absentee owner in Regensburg, Germany. The dumping was stopped immediately.

In recent months, the Furness Road residents, although never officially notified, learned details of the latest CRD dumping scheme. They then met to voice their concerns regarding the water pollution, soil pollution and the odour.

The sludge disposal for the island should be an environmentally sound system for its neighbours and have a recyclable end product.

A makeshift method used now could prove to be costly to the taxpayers in a future clean-up.

HELEN TARA,
Ganges

Long ordeal

To the Editor,
This is hard to write but here it goes.

Almost 10 years ago memories of my past were triggered. Since then I've had to go through the excruciating pain, terror and heartache of what happened to others and myself. I have witnessed terrible atrocities including horrifying deaths. I've been tortured, raped, brainwashed and more, all for the purpose of human experimentation.

Since this ordeal of remembering has continued so long and is still continuing on in my life today it has made simple things very difficult for me. There is a long list of things I just can't do no matter how hard I try. I am disabled in many ways.

My husband David and my doctor have been of great support to me. But going through the horrifying memories has many repercussions and has caused David and I great sorrow and heartbreak and has emotionally burned us out.

We've lost all our life saving and in some ways have lost ourselves. David works so hard to try to keep the bills paid while spending hours looking after me.

Can you imagine what effect this has on a person. Although I'm on medication I still fight my depression, have nightmares almost every night and cry and cry until I'm numb and exhausted. David is torn apart watching me

suffering all the time.

There isn't enough time or energy to cope with everything. The last time David had a day off was in the summer. It's more than just difficult to live like this. We do pray for help and so in the spirit of Christmas it is my hope that some generous people will help us out with a gift of money. God bless you and God bless those who died.

GAIL BARCLAY,
Ganges

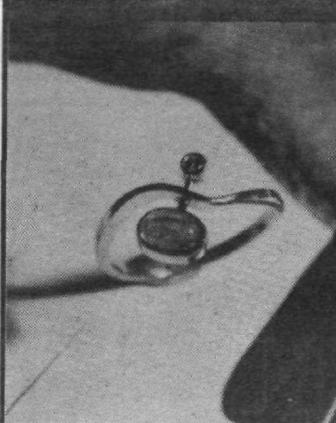
Unreasonable

To the Editor,
We attended the executive meeting of the liquid waste committee on Friday, December 10. As the *Driftwood* noted, it was not an auspicious start for our new regional director. We thought too that he was unreasonable in presenting his concerns, and that he alienated the committee. We wondered why he didn't choose to abstain from voting on matters about which he admitted having very little information. Perhaps he was unaware that this option was open to him. However, he chose to vote solidly against the main motion and, furthermore, he dismissed the results of the referendum on composting as being irrelevant.

The *Driftwood* also pointed out that the community, through its elected representative, had (virtually) told the committee to "shove it." We wish to go on record as supporting the committee. They are a hard-working group, working on behalf of the community, and they did not deserve Mr. Luth's rudeness and abuse.

No doubt there will be a flood of letters next week in his support.

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The adulation of Mr. Luth is fast approaching that of a sacred cow or a naked emperor. We have nothing against him. He has done a lot for Salt Spring but we feel that unless he practises a little more humility, he will alienate not only other hard-working island committees, but

members of the regional board. It may be challenging to Mr. Luth to take on the board by himself, but the casualties in his attack will inevitably be the Salt Spring taxpayers.

DAVID AND PAT MASSY,
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Thank-you letters will not generally be considered for publication.

You're on your own despite WCB

To the Editor,
The article on Bob Walde's plight with the Workers' Compensation Board (WCB) stirred some old emotions in me. Anguish, frustration, and betrayal are just some of the many I personally felt when I had dealings with them. The WCB makes it their business to intimidate. None are above their self-assumed righteousness. They have no problem calling into question doctors' and other certified professionals' opinions, findings and recommended treatments. Pretty big stuff for people who are usually at best no more than simple bureaucrats who have assumed that everyone who makes a claim is lying for financial gain.

It seems that unless you are bleeding with jagged bones protruding from the wound that you are not really injured. They use outdated information and opinions from unscrupulous professionals who are carefully selected for their willingness to rule against deserving claimants for money and guaranteed future consulting fees. The facts in Bob Walde's case are clear. He was well before he was exposed to diesel fuel and unwell since. Bob has had extensive testing for his condition. The results from the Texas investigations are conclusive. Bob suffers horribly as the result of exposure to diesel fuel.

The WCB doesn't want to recognize this fact because there are many more people out there who suffer a similar fate. If just one person does successfully run their maze and win a case the floodgates will be open and their 90 million-plus slush fund will dwindle, but whose money is it anyway? The way the WCB treats people one might conclude the WCB believes the money belongs to themselves instead of the public who were forced to pay it to them in the first place.

The choker is that the WCB has invested millions of B.C. dollars outside the province where it benefits none of the people who paid into it. Anyone who really thinks that WCB will look after

them if they suffer a disabling incident should think again. You're on your own and they will be the first to tell you that, after the facts of course.

PETER RICE,
Ganges

Others dislike compost plan

To the Editor,
Last week's front-page story about the proposed sewage composting facility near Burgoyne Bay may have left some readers with the impression that only our new CRD director, Dietrich Luth, opposes the plan. That is certainly not the case. Nor is the claim made by liquid waste committee chairperson John Richardson that there had been no complaints about the plan "until now."

The residents of Furness Road, near the site, have been concerned about the septage lagoons ever since they first went in; at the time, we were told they were only temporary. We have written to the owner of the property and discussed it with the ministry of the environment several times over the years. We also raised our concerns with the Ombudsman in 1990. Months ago, every resident and property owner on Furness Road wrote to the Islands Trust, the previous CRD director, the CRD and to the committee, expressing our concerns about the proposed facility.

We strongly object to the plan not because it is in our own backyard, but for two main reasons: the site has never been tested to determine possible contamination of the groundwater from which the residents draw their water, and the

composting plan itself is poorly designed, potentially environmentally hazardous, and in any case is unlikely to produce any marketable compost.

The permit allowing the current sewage dumping requires the permit holder to drill wells and monitor the site. The ministry of environment has never enforced this provision, and neither the liquid waste committee or the previous CRD director ever urged that this be done.

Reports that the CRD and the liquid waste committee have had for months show that the sludge from the Ganges sewage treatment plant, which is dumped on the site, is seriously contaminated with mercury and silver, among other metals. The CRD's own report says these contaminants "have the potential to restrict the future uses of the sludge, including its use as a compost additive." That's because they are toxic. Yet neither the CRD nor the liquid waste committee has seemed concerned.

Fortunately, Mr. Luth was quick to understand the potential and existing environmental hazards, the foolishness of the taxpayer being stuck with potentially high clean-up costs, and the flawed composting plan.

WILLIAM E. BARRETT,
Fulford Harbour

Only kids

To the Editor,
I'm a concerned parent and I feel that the *Driftwood* owes the kids in *Peter Pan* an apology. Those kids work really hard and did not deserve anything negative about them (*Driftwood*, December 8).

Only positive things should have been said about the play. They're only kids!

MARYLOU SPEED,
Fulford Harbour

Common sense at last

To the Editor,
At last someone with some common sense. Director Luth is correct in asking for a sub-soil test result, it's only logic. Liquid waste isn't a problem. You put it in a holding tank. Buy an aerator from

a dairy supply company. Dry the liquid waste and sell it as compost. With the new rules about imports aerators will be cheap.

Most Alberta dairy farmers can't compete because they have to heat their barns and feed fodder for 235 days a year. Most states don't have to do that. So we could pick up an aerator cheap. Take it a step further: allow composting toilets which would save water, a commodity that will be hard to come by soon.

But how do you convince the politicians in Victoria, who believe you can defecate and throw anything else you can dream of down

a toilet and it disappears with a flush. No wonder they are afraid of Mr. Luth in Victoria. They are going to have to listen to someone with a brain that isn't financially motivated. We need more people in government like Mr. Luth.

BRUCE WILLIAMS,
Fulford Harbour

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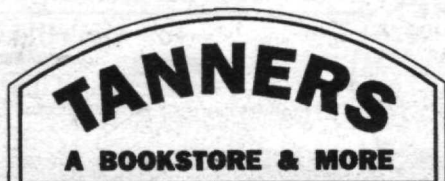
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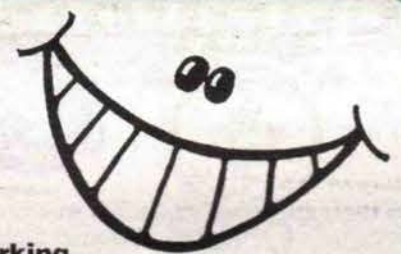
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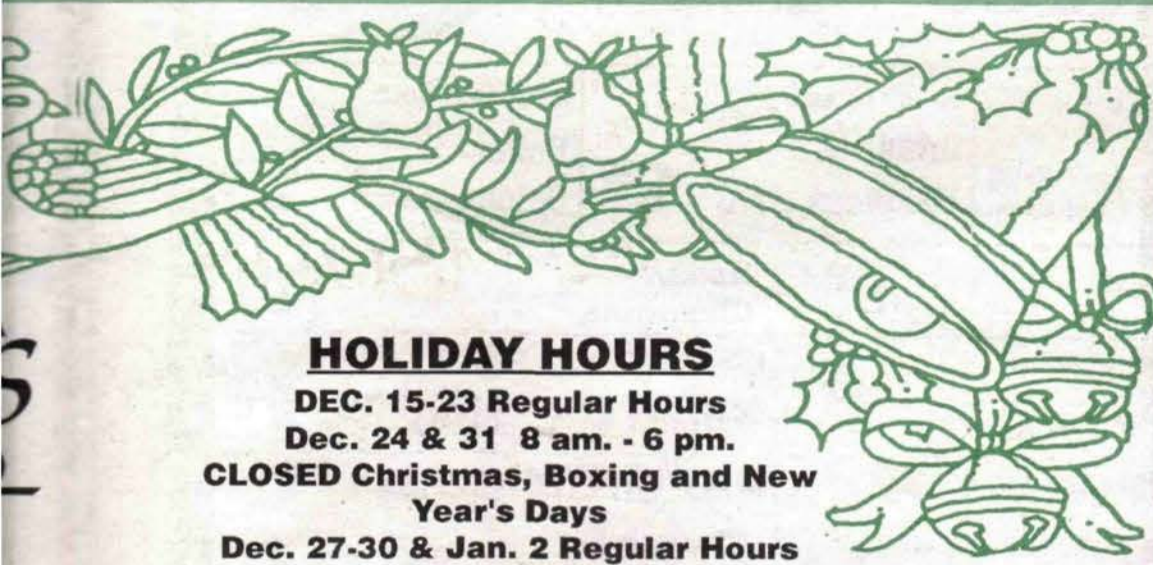
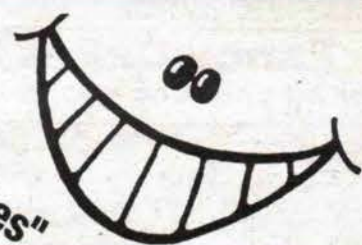
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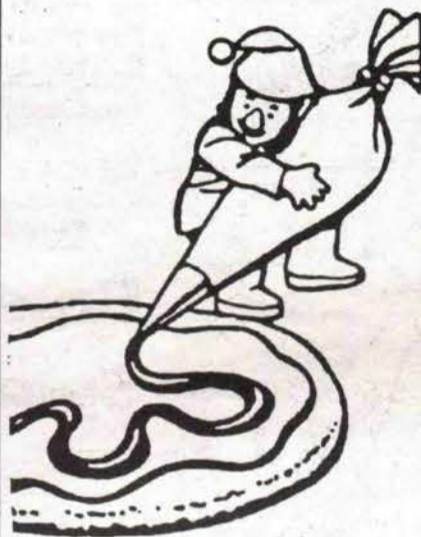
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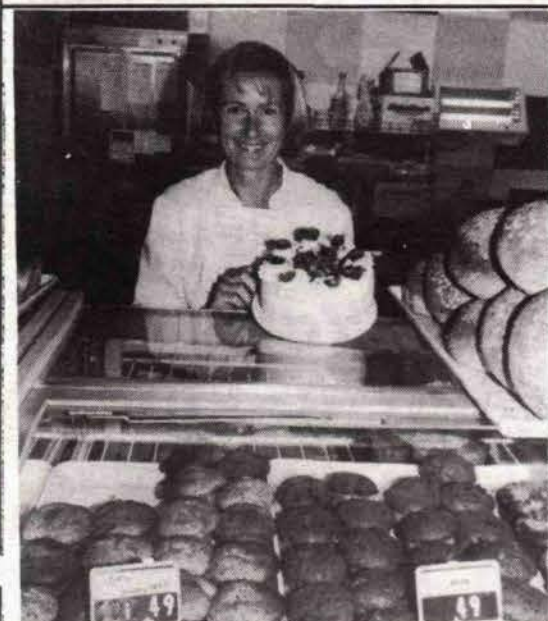
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It was a large dog

To the Editor,
Through your paper, I would like to thank Dureese, Lisa and Hope for their kind assistance December 17 after having had a bad fall by the post office.

In dodging a mound of "Doggy Doo" on the ramp, I had not noticed that some had overflowed on the pavement. I "heeled" into it and wound up on my back and hitting my head on the cement wall.

Fortunately, nothing more than a very sore tail bone and bruises were suffered. However, I did go home, not smelling like "An Evening in Paris" — but rather like "Ten Minutes in Ganges."

Judging by the amount of this deposit, I would say this dog was a cross between a Great Dane and Clydesdale horse! I have seen dogs of all sizes tied up to the post and rail outside the post office looking more intelligent and caring than some of their owners. I'm sure this poor dog was in agony and held back as long as possible. Surely, "The Owner" could not help but see this mess, yet chose to ignore it.

So, Mr. and Mrs. Dog Owner, you know who you are! The next time you and your dog decide to grace Ganges with your presence, please make sure Ken Byron is in the parking lot with his backhoe, to either pick it up or cover it up.

Remember, we Salt Spring Islanders are very environmentally conscious.

RITA DODS,
Ganges

Community resolve

To the Editor,
On December 11, "A Tribute to Clayoquot," a show of over 100 of Salt Spring's finest artists and craftspeople concluded in an auction of all the donated works. The receipts in the end totalled more than \$9,000, far exceeding our expectations. As organizers we saw many artists making extraordinary donations, some arriving unsolicited, as a spontaneous gesture throughout the week of the exhibition. The show was organized to provide a vehicle for artists and the community to work together to demonstrate their opposition to clearcut logging in old-growth temperate rainforest, and to sup-

port those in our community who, in peaceful non-violent protest, have sacrificed their time, money and liberty.

The success of this project is due primarily to the sense of resolve among our community to end the kind of forestry practices which endanger these ecological systems and waste much of their uncatalogued resources. Our committee thanks all of the artists who so generously contributed and all of those wonderful folks who registered bids and lent kind words and moral support for our idea.

GARY CHERNEFF,
LEROY JENSEN,
BOB BURBIDGE,
MICHAEL ROBB,
Ganges

What is the alternative?

To the Editor,
As a member of the liquid waste management committee, I feel compelled to clarify some points arising from the meeting of December 10.

The committee did indeed find difficulty with Mr. Luth's opposition of the present liquid waste initiative, if for no other reason than the absence of an alternative to the proposed site in the Burgoyne valley. Nor was there an expressed means of dealing with 2,600 tonnes of waste which now arrives there every year.

It is scarcely surprising that the majority of people want nothing to do with the focus of our attention: each committee member grappled with this one simply because the island will be a better place when the problem is resolved. We suppose Mr. Luth will soon learn that it is infinitely easier to oppose than to provide a popular and cost-effective alternative.

The committee endorsed an environmentally sound composting facility that would minimize impact on the immediate area and from the outset, insisted that the site be monitored for leachate (the present lagoons have not been monitored).

The site criteria for a liquid waste composting facility on an island are obviously severely restricting. It calls for a 10-acre minimum sited in lowland, a central location, suitable soil and subsoil characteristics, a gentle slope and somewhat removed from residences, wells, etc. In the view

of the committee, the Burgoyne property although less than perfect, comes as close to satisfying these criteria as any on the island.

The committee has been criticized for its failure to drill test the proposed site prior to assuming the lease with Texada Logging. The December 10 motion passed by the committee grants an extension of the lease option to the end of January and allows access to monies for groundwater testing. The motion also states that should the results not be satisfactory, the committee will not exercise the option with Texada.

Personally, I am grateful for the Burgoyne site and the owner's willingness to give us an opportunity to begin a composting facility, albeit a rudimentary one. The committee is unanimous, the islanders agree — now if only Mr. Luth....

PETER DRUMMOND,
Fulford Harbour

Justice not served

To the Editor,
I am writing in response to the court docket column of last week's issue (December 15). I am moved to write because I am once again reminded of the way our courts treat women who are victims of violence and abuse. A man who has been charged with many counts of assault against women in the past and who has been convicted of assault and stalking was given a \$500 fine and probation. Judge Bracken also ordered that he take any "anger management counselling or family violence program as directed by the probation officer." No such programs exist on this island.

The paper also reported allegations by the defense counsel that the assaults were not entirely "one-sided." Is the victim being accused of defending her life? The accused "held her down on the bed... choking her while threatening to kill her. He released her just before she lost consciousness." This man is a convicted wife beater. As pointed out by the defense, he is in a new relationship and therefore unlikely to assault his ex-partner again. How reassuring.

This woman has been beaten, terrorized and stalked. She has been re-victimized by the innuendo of the defense counsel that she was somehow complicitous in her own abuse. Unsubstantiated claims of "shared activity" in his drug and alcohol abuse impugns the character of the victim and mitigates the assaulter's responsibility. If this were you, anyone of you living on

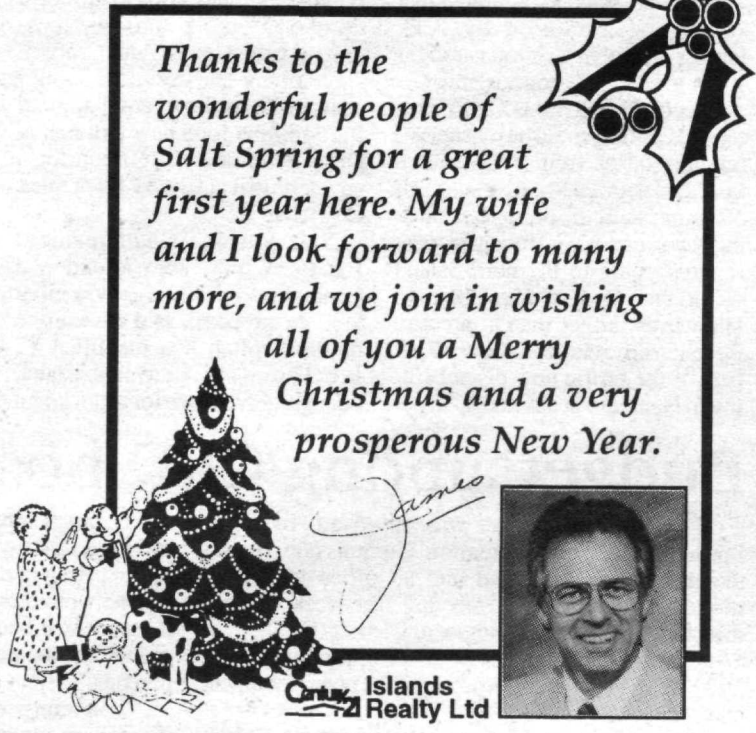
Salt Spring, would you feel justice has been served, that you are safe, that your child is safe, that the community and its systems support and nurture you?

Immediately below the account of this case it was reported that another man was fined \$1,500 and his right to drive was suspended for a year. He had been previously convicted of driving while im-

paired. Apparently the operation of a motor vehicle while drunk is a more heinous offence in this society than trying to kill a woman while under the influence. Where are our values? Is this what we teach our children? And when will we finally get it?

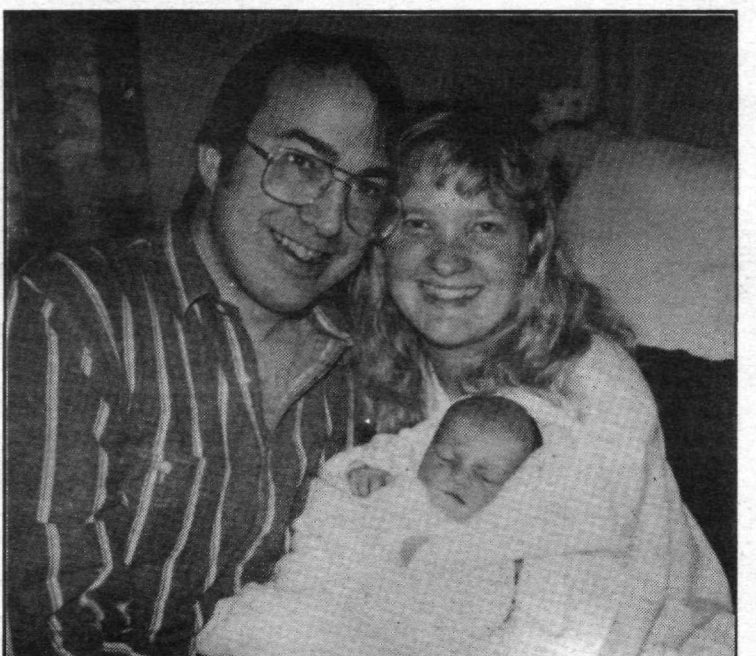
CHERIE GEAUVREAU,
Ganges

Thanks to the wonderful people of Salt Spring for a great first year here. My wife and I look forward to many more, and we join in wishing all of you a Merry Christmas and a very prosperous New Year.



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THEY SAY A PICTURE IS WORTH A THOUSAND WORDS AND OUT WITH THE OLD IN WITH THE NEW BUT I'M A POOR PHOTOGRAPHER AND I LIKE OLD THINGS AND OLD FRIENDS, THEY ARE SO COMFORTABLE AND ENDURING LIKE THE PEOPLE WHO STICK TO THE ORIGINAL AND COME IN EVERY DAY TO PHOTOCOPY IMPORTANT DOCUMENTS AND FUNNY JOKES WHICH THEY LEAVE IN THE MACHINE FOR ME TO READ NOT TO MENTION THE WONDERFUL GROUP OF ARTISTS WHO MAKE ALL KINDS OF GREAT CRAFTS WITH THE OLD EMPHASIS ON QUALITY NOT QUANTITY AND THE TELLERS IN THE BANKS WHO KNOW MY NAME AND STILL SMILE AND THE POST OFFICE FOLKS WHO HAVE SEEN ME FOR YEARS AND DON'T FROWN AND THE CAMARADERIE WE SHARE YEAR AFTER YEAR IN GRACE POINT SQUARE AND WHAT WOULD WE DO WITHOUT PETER'S HUMOR HE MAKES THE BEST OF BOAT WORLDS HOWEVER NEW THINGS AND NEW FRIENDS ARE SO FRESH AND INSPIRING ESPECIALLY THE KNITTERS AND ALL THE ENTANGLEMENTS THAT INVOLVES WHO SEE TENSION IN THEIR LIVES AS A GOOD THING, NOT TO MENTION ALL THE CUSTOMERS WHO HAVE THE MOST BEAUTIFUL WALLS AND BEDROOMS ON SALT SPRING ISLAND AND ARE ONE OF THE REASONS FOR WHICH I COME TO WORK MAY WE EXTEND HEARTFELT THANKS FOR YOUR FAITHFULNESS OLD AND NEW WE WISH YOU A BLESSED CHRISTMAS AND ALL THE BEST IN THE NEW YEAR.

Sharon Crouse

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Crofton favoured site for replacement ferry terminal

Crofton is the most affordable of three options being considered by the B.C. Ferry Corporation for a new terminal to serve northern Vancouver Island — although that saving is countered by B.C. Ferries' fear that Crofton is too far south to serve the north island.

According to a B.C. Ferries report, Crofton could be reached 30 minutes faster from Tsawwassen than Duke Point — just south of Nanaimo — or the present terminal in Departure Bay. However, passengers going to the north island would then have to drive about 46 kilometres farther than at present. Recent traffic surveys show 55 per cent of the traffic now disembarking in Nanaimo heads north, 30 per

cent remains in the Nanaimo area and 15 per cent heads south.

The Crofton proposal would bring the ferries from Horseshoe Bay past Southey Point at the north tip of Salt Spring, through Houstoun Passage, and into Crofton. Developing the terminal would cost \$109 million, compared to \$115 million for a new terminal at Duke Point or \$117 million for a new terminal at Cherry Point, near Cowichan Bay.

Salt Spring Island resident Josette Whist, who attended a Chemainus open house December 9 on the proposal, said advantages of the Crofton site identified by B.C. Ferries include available land, enough deep water for a dock and

no problems with tidal action.

Disadvantages include possible conflict with freighters also using the Crofton site, impact on agricultural land reserve property and ecological concerns.

B.C. Ferries also noted property along the new ferry route could be affected by the wash and wake of the ferries.

Also under consideration for the new terminal is Duke Point or an upgrading of the current Departure Bay site in Nanaimo.

The present Departure Bay terminal is expected to be over-capacity by 1997.

A final recommendation on the new terminal site will not be made until the new year.

Budget among CRD board items

A preliminary budget was approved, five Salt Spring Parks and Recreation Commission (PRC) members were appointed and an office lease was ratified at the first full meeting last week of new directors to the Capital Regional District (CRD).

A preliminary budget of \$108 million, up from 1993's \$101 million, was presented to board members and accepted.

The electoral area budget, which covers most of the CRD expenditure for Salt Spring Island, has decreased from \$8.3 million to \$6.5 million with a proposed requisition of \$3 million, down from last year's 3.9 million.

Regional director Dietrich Luth has a budget of \$40,750 for grants-in-aid, up from the \$35,000 budgeted last year but down from the \$72,460 actually spent.

The board approved five appointments to the PRC, and Luth said he will be nominating two more at the next meeting in mid-January to fill two vacancies. He said he would be looking for consensus among commission members because it has to be a "working group" and he has no desire to put a "cat among the pigeons."

"You want people who are really gung-ho," he said. "Issues are coming up for which a fresh face might be valuable."

The regional director's office, shared with the building inspector above Ganges post office, will remain Luth's official office for the time being, though he wants some ventilation work done. The CRD approved a lease renewal on the 800-square-foot space for a total of \$11,640. The lease period started November 1 and runs for two years.

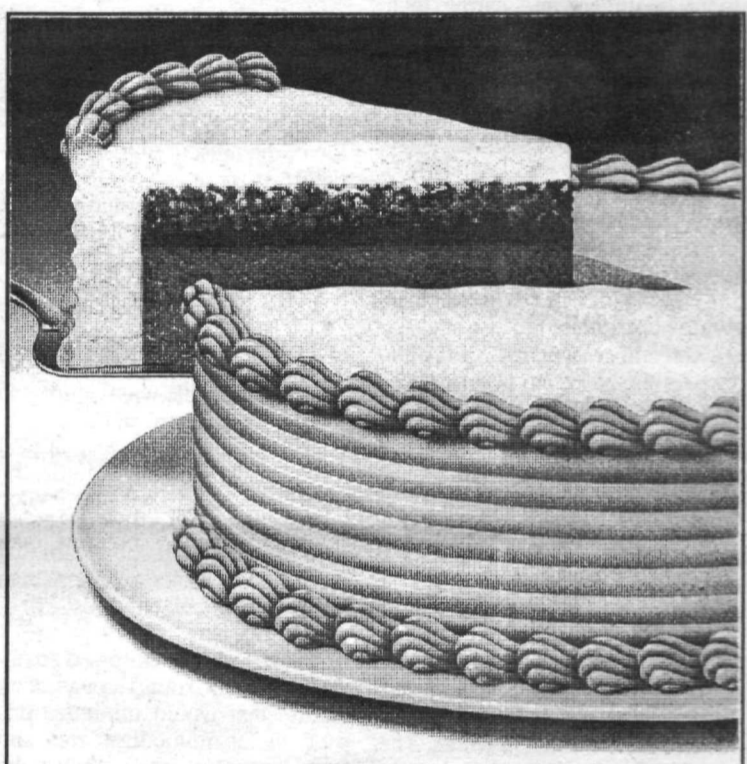
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WCB changes will cover 150,000 more workers

Changes are in store for 18,000 British Columbia employers starting January 1. After losing \$97 million in 1992, the Workers' Compensation Board (WCB) is expanding coverage to include industries not previously covered by the insurance system.

The WCB originated when employers in high-risk industries like forestry, mining and heavy manufacturing banded together to buy insurance coverage against injury or work-related illness for their employees.

Changes to the Workers' Compensation Act, announced in Bill 63 last summer, mean coverage will be extended to lawyers and doctors, dating and answering services and banks and credit unions, a ministry of labour spokeswoman said Friday.

"The issue is fairness," public information officer Corinne Deshaw said. "About 85 per cent of workers are now covered. The rest weren't covered — largely female office staff."

She said many office workers suffer from conditions such as low

back strain and carpal tunnel syndrome.

About 150,000 more workers will be covered as of January 1 and 18,000 employers, she said, adding that the coverage was still not universal in the province. Professional athletes and actors are still not eligible for WCB coverage.

WCB assessments — or insurance rates — are based on the experience of a particular industry, public relations manager Richard Woloshen said.

WCB tries to keep the cost of assessments in any one industry in line with the cost of claims in the industry, he said. In industries where there are more accidents, like construction, premiums are higher.

New claim costs in 1992 totalled \$620 million, more than double the \$293 million of new claims in 1983.

Administration expenses have jumped in that same period from \$68 million to more than \$172 million.

The largest claims were in the construction industry in 1992, fol-

lowed by logging, hospitals, heavy manufacturing, sawmills and retail stores. The growing claim and administration expenses have been eating up collected surpluses in the last three years, leading to the 1992 deficit of \$97 million.

The construction industry cost \$60 million in claims and \$19 million to administer in 1992. Premiums in that industry next year will be \$6.82 per \$100 of payroll expense, up 11 per cent from this year.

Less risky occupations, such as consulting engineers and architects, will pay 22 cents per \$100 of payroll in 1994.

A \$50,000 salary would mean a bill for \$3,412 for a worker in a construction company and \$110 for an employee in a consulting engineering firm.

A 10-year summary of WCB financial statements shows that while claim numbers are declining — 197,000 in 1992 from an all-time high of 217,000 in 1990 — durations of claims are increasing from an average of 20 days in 1990 to an average of 23 days in 1992.

What the changes will mean:

Here are some of the implications of changes to the Workers' Compensation Act, changes which will take effect in 1994.

- Virtually every employer who hires workers, whether full-time, part-time or casual, must register with the Workers' Compensation Board (WCB).
- Businesses which are not required to register but may register for optional protection include: those which are not limited companies; independent operators who are neither employers nor employees; those which employ only the legal spouse or immediate family member, who is under the age of 19, of an employer.
- An employer who is not registered at the time of

an injury to a worker will be charged total compensation costs and regular assessments that may be past due.

- People building their own home must register with the WCB if the cost for labour and materials is more than \$5,000 and if any workers are employed, unless they supply all materials.
- Businesses with a personal claim rate lower than the industry standard can apply for the experience rated assessment plan. Like car insurance no-claims bonuses, rates can be reduced over time for specific businesses.
- Businesses can register by phone by calling 1-800-972-9972, toll-free.

Extension of WCB coverage is an 'unnecessary tax grab'

A "tax grab" and an "irritant" were descriptions used last week by two Salt Spring small business owners for the soon-to-be-implemented expansion of Workers' Compensation Board (WCB) coverage.

Starting January 1, a whole range of small businesses not previously covered by WCB — from real estate and travel agents to lawyers, accountants, doctors and dentists — will be covered.

Whereas many of those small businesses could voluntarily take part before if they chose, now all businesses — including limited companies, partnerships and proprietorships — must register with the WCB. That means any business that hires anyone: spouse, child, other, full-time, part-time or casual. Only independent operators are still exempt.

Most island business owners agree the new charges will not significantly alter the costs of doing business, but the extra accounting will take time and the island community is bound to pay far more to the WCB than it will ever recover in workplace accident and illness claims.

"Yes, I am affected," Travel Shop owner Marguerite Lee said, adding, "It's a bad thing — 0.25 per cent of gross pay."

"We have no heavy machines here. We do everything possible to make things comfortable and safe for our staff. It doesn't seem very practical to me, when there is a minimum or no risk involved."

"To me it's a tax grab. In the 10

years I've had the business there's not been any claims on the job."

Island lawyer Jim Pasuta called the new charges an "irritant" and said increasing indirect taxes of this kind was inefficient.

"It's another level of bookkeeping," he said. "That's the biggest cost. Any business that sells its

time, if you have less time, you're making less taxable income.

"Instead of being a lawyer, I'm a bookkeeper."

It will be an extra cost and some extra paperwork, island accountant Glen Moores said of the new charging.

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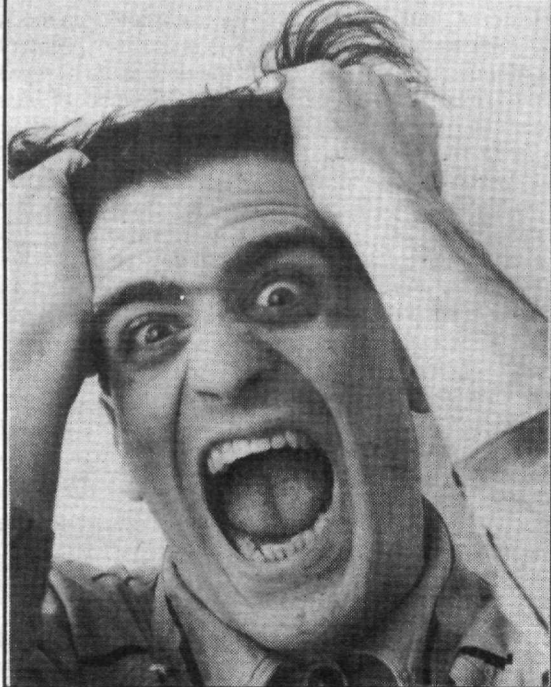
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Old youth centre to remain site of youth activities

Salt Spring Island's youth centre on Ganges Hill will continue to house youth-related activities, the Salt Spring Community Society decided last week.

Executive director Jane Parlee told the *Driftwood* on Friday that the society board had agreed that the building's use should not change.

Located behind the Community Centre, the building was proposed as space for the society's Community Initiatives Program for handicapped adults. But there was opposition to the plan because financial and material contributions for the building had been made on the basis that it would serve local youths.

Parlee said she would like to see a meeting involving the Parks and

Recreation Commission, the Student Leadership Council, youth counsellors and others to plan the building's use.

"We're not going to be compet-

The commission debated asking for the return of the \$10,000.

ing with the Core Inn group," she added.

The Community Society wants to focus more on elementary school-aged children, an age level that is requiring more counselling support from the society, she said.

Meanwhile, space is still re-

quired for the Community Initiatives Program. "We need a couple of good-sized rooms," Parlee said, along with a kitchen and wash-room.

In late November the Parks and Recreation Commission (PRC) debated asking the Community Society for the return of \$10,000 that had been provided for the youth centre.

"There was a clear understanding that it would be used for youth," Allisen Lambert said of the funds. "If it is not used for youth perhaps that money should be provided back to us."

"We are being unrealistic if you think we can demand that money back," then-regional director Julia Atkins countered. "It is gone. It is spent."

Tests blame phosphates for Cusheon Lake algae bloom

High phosphate levels in Cusheon Lake are being blamed for a thick, blue-green algae that appeared on the lake's surface last week.

Preliminary testing of the algae has revealed the high phosphate count, the salmon enhancement program's Kathy Reimer said Monday, observing that the condition did not pose a health hazard.

"As far as we know there is no danger to human health." Samples were taken from the lake Wednesday, when the algae was in "full bloom," Reimer said. It covered the entire lake and was about one and a half inches thick.

Reimer said there were two possible sources for the

phosphates; ashes from slash burning and household septic tank systems. She said it was not caused by runoff from the old garbage dump site on Blackburn Road.

The lake's fish stocks were unaffected by the bloom, she said, because of cool weather last week.

"Warm weather could have caused problems for the fish."

By Monday most of the algae had been flushed through the lake and into Cusheon Creek. Further test results are expected later this week.

About 200 households take their drinking water from Cusheon Lake.

Cheque was in the mail—for 17 days

The cheque really was in the mail — but it took 17 days to get from one Ganges address to another.

Payment for over \$2,000 worth of work done by Don Irwin Collision arrived last Friday. According to the postmark, the cheque had

been mailed November 30.

"I asked (the customer) and they said, 'The cheque's in the mail,'" Don Irwin said Tuesday. Usually, he said, mail sent in Ganges to a Ganges address is delivered the following day.

Ganges postmaster Sue Walker

said some mail from Ganges still goes to Victoria for sorting. The alternative, she said, is to hand the letter in at the post office counter, so it can be processed locally and is not sent off-island.

"I'd really have to see (Irwin's) letter to comment on it."

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ges, though they are only paid every quarter.

"I've never had a claim in five years," he said. "There's not too much risk in the accounting business."

And Moores said WCB was originally going to charge accountants a lot of money.

With the January 1 extension of coverage to some 18,000 employers in the province, accountants were classified with retailers with a charge of \$1.31 per \$100 of gross pay.

But a recent change has given the profession a "more realistic" rate of 50 cents per \$100, Moores said.

Real estate agents have also had their rates change in the last few months. They were put in with retailers too, but after complaining were reassessed at a rate of 25 cents per \$100 of gross wages.

"That would have amounted to \$8 million for the whole industry in the province," NRS manager Russ Crouse said. "That has now changed to something nearer \$1.3 million."

"We feel it is a tax grab . . . making it compulsory," he said. "Those that feel they need protection can get it — either from the WCB or private insurance."

A realtor's job is not a nine-to-five office job, he said.

Realtors may slip and hurt themselves while entertaining a

client or visiting a site. Those situations will be hard to assess as claims.

Concerns were so strong among B.C. realtors that the B.C. real estate board has put in a submission for exclusion from the WCB rates. The board is expecting an answer sometime in the new year.

Tom Toynbee of Mouat's Trading Company said WCB contributions are "not a big factor" in the expenses of the company. The upcoming seven per cent increase in Unemployment Insurance premiums paid by employers and employees will have a greater effect.

However, Toynbee said, the WCB rate is going up for the retail industry, yet claims have been "minimal" in all the years he can remember. Mouat's "puts in more than it gets out" of the WCB, he said.

Salt Spring Island Chamber of Commerce president Joyce Carlson and Lee both said the WCB had not adequately notified small businesses of the changes due to take effect January 1.

"When I contacted the WCB office, I was told they had placed an ad in the *Vancouver Sun*," Carlson said. "As if that's going to tell people across the province."

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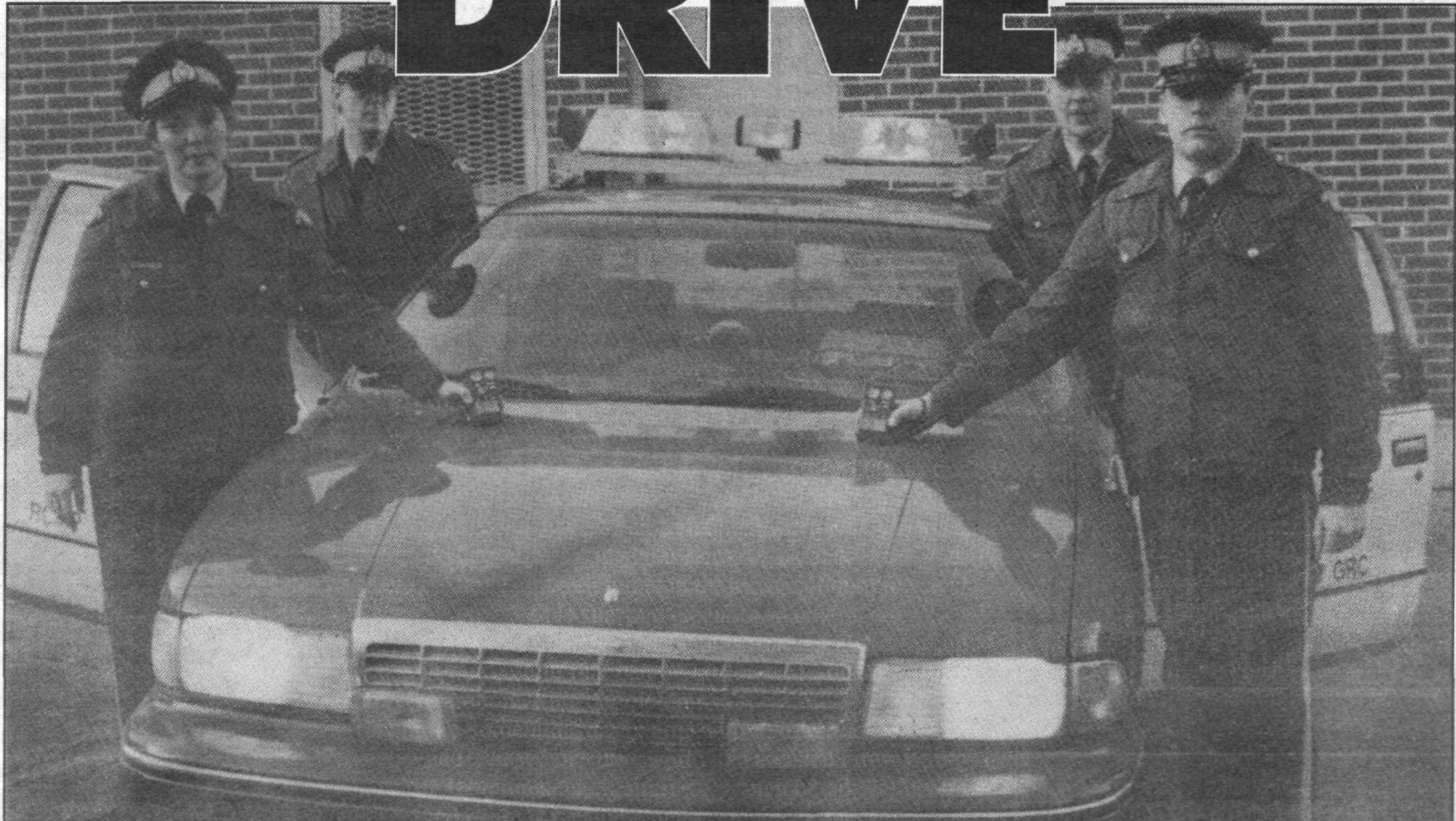
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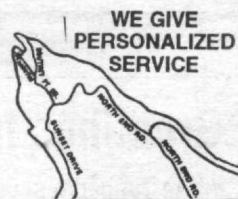
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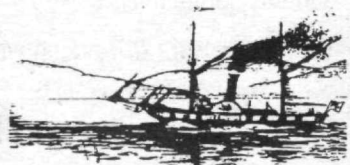
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IS THAT SANTA? Lucas Parker, six, and Calum Adams, five, appear to be watching out for St. Nick while cavorting under the Christmas tree at the Community Christmas Party, held Saturday at Fulford Hall. Below, left, Ryan Bonfield, 14, takes a turn at dishes. Bonfield was one of two survivors of the July 11 accident which killed teenagers Ilan Corin Nelson and Kiowna Corin Lalonde. Friday's dinner and dance was a fundraiser for the Core Inn youth centre, a project sponsored by the Corin Memorial Fund.

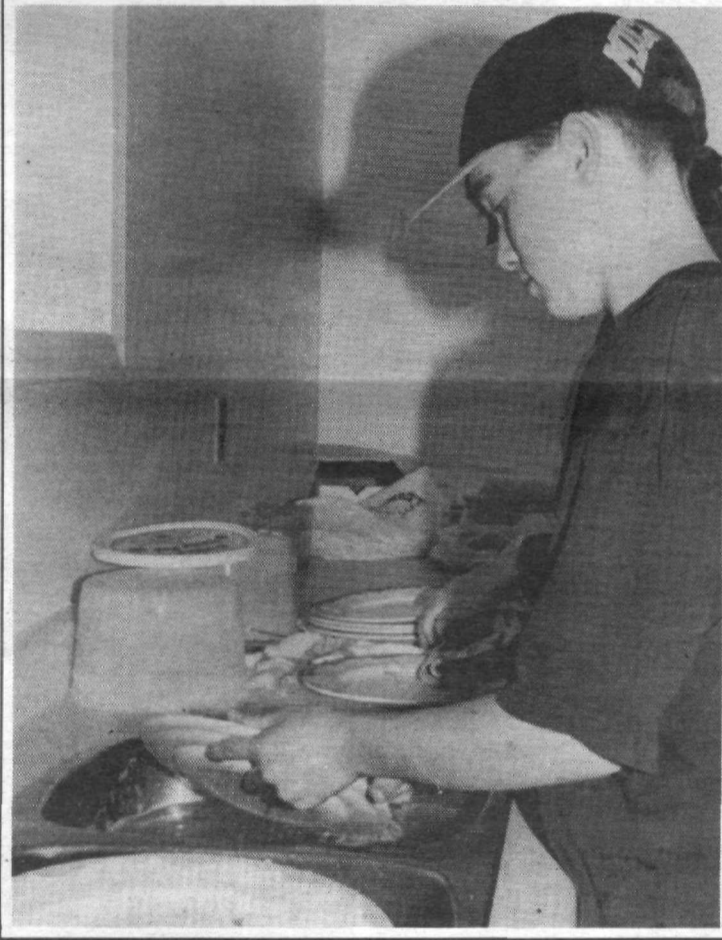
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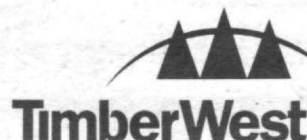
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