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**LOCAL EXPERTISE:** Salt Spring Recycling Depot employee Peter Grant moves a bag of recycled materials at the Rainbow Road facility. The local recycling experience

has been tapped for a new manual on recycling, co-authored by Salt Spring's Rick Laing and designed for communities considering recycling operations. Story, Page A7.

## Deal signed; fuel coming

The new year will see marine fuel available once again in Ganges Harbour, but it could still be two months away.

Linda Brown of Ganges Marina told the *Driftwood* last week that a deal had been made with Shell Oil and a development permit application had gone to the Islands Trust.

Local trustee Bob Andrew said the Salt Spring Trust committee had approved the proposal, subject to revised landscaping plans. He said the advisory design panel "were not thrilled" with the marina's plans because of inadequate screening around the fuel tanks.

But Andrew said the Trust "recognized the need the get things under way." Trust staff has been instructed to prepare a "footprint plan" that would allow the marina to purchase the tanks, as the general concept of the permit application was acceptable.

There has been no marine fuel in Ganges Harbour since October 29, when Fiander Esso discontinued the service. The nearest sources of fuel — unless it is transported in jerry can from a local service station — are in Fulford Harbour and Miner's Bay, creating some hardship for local fishermen, water taxis and others.

Jack Hughes of Gulf Islands Water Taxi said "it's a real pain." Two of his vessels are contracted with the school district to transport students. They must now fuel up at Miner's Bay.

While the company was getting by, Hughes said, it represented more expense.

Fuelling at Miner's Bay is also inconvenient for B.C. Hydro, which operates its own water taxi, based in Ganges, to transport crews between islands.

Harbour's End Marina's Barry Green, who has also been working on behalf of the Chamber of Commerce to rectify the fuel situation, said the loss of boat traffic in Ganges cannot be measured. But visiting American boats have been advised on arrival at Customs in Bedwell Harbour that fuel is not

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## Water testing will begin soon

Ground water testing in Burgoyne Bay is set to start early in the new year, despite fears of possible metal contaminants in the island's sewage.

Capital Regional District (CRD) engineer Marney Olmstead said ground water testing in the area of the proposed sewage and septage sludge composting facility near Furness Road would begin "as soon as possible."

In addition, she said, the \$35,000 cost of a hydrogeological study of the site, and drilling and testing of ground water were part of the budgeted cost of the facility. The study will determine the depth of the ground water table, what direction the water flows and any potential for leachate from the existing lagoons. The ground water will be tested for, among others, metals, nitrates, organic nitrogen,

phosphorous, chloride, and all coliforms.

There have been concerns about metal contaminants in the sewage bound for the Burgoyne Bay facility and the danger of contamination of local wells. CRD waste management officials were unavailable for comment due to the holiday, but an official with the ministry of environment reads the concerns differently.

Whatever is in the sewer system can get into the composting facility, ministry public affairs manager Ted Oldham said. Copper from copper pipes, mercury from hospital or home thermometers, silver from photographic shops or dentists' offices are just some of the metals which get into local sewer systems.

## Clayoquot Friends not soliciting door-to-door

Local supporters of the Clayoquot Sound logging protest have denied any connection with a man going door-to-door soliciting donations to aid protesters.

Several households in the Divide Road-Isle View Drive area received a call during the eve-

ning of December 19 from a man described as "scruffy and disreputable" looking.

He claimed to be collecting donations to help pay the court costs of people arrested during last summer's Clayoquot Sound blockade protesting clearcut logging.

One Isle View Drive resident, who didn't want to be identified for fear of reprisal, said the man was carrying a folder and wanted to talk with her about Clayoquot Sound. When she

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Local expertise contributes to new manual on recycling.

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# this week

Time to ring out the old and ring in the new this Friday...just make sure your New Year doesn't include a court appearance.  
Don't drink and drive

## weather



**HIGHS:07C (normal 6)    LOWS:02C (normal 0)**  
**PRECIPITATION:** 70 per cent chance of showers Wednesday, showers likely Thursday to Saturday.  
**OUTLOOK:** Mainly cloudy with showers Wednesday, periods of rain Thursday to Saturday, lows near 02 C. and highs near 07 C.



## of note

December 31 .....New Year's Eve.  
January 1 .....New Year's Day.  
January 1 .....Vesuvius Polar Bear Swim

### LUNAR CYCLE: for December 1993

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Jan. 05      Jan. 11      Jan. 19      Jan. 27

## lottery numbers

	DRAW DATE	NUMBERS
Lotto 6/49	Dec. 22, 1993	04-09-17-26-32-37-B22
	Dec. 25, 1993	01-07-13-24-40-46-B45
B.C./49	Dec. 22, 1993	02-18-23-28-30-41-B26
	Dec. 25, 1993	07-25-35-37-39-40-B33
Extra	Dec. 22, 1993	01-40-55-80
	Dec. 25, 1993	34-44-62-89

## tide tables

### TIDE TABLES AT FULFORD HARBOUR

Pacific Standard Time - measured in feet

DEC	0650	11.1	02	0105	2.9
29	1150	9.3	SU	0840	11.6
WE	1520	10.0		1500	7.0
	2305	1.2		1935	8.5
30	0720	11.2	03	0145	4.1
TH	1230	8.9	MO	0910	11.7
	1610	9.8		1555	6.0
	2345	1.5		2110	8.1
31	0745	11.3	04	0225	5.4
FRI	1315	8.4	TU	0940	11.7
	1705	9.4		1650	5.0
				2255	8.1
JAN	0025	2.1	05	0310	6.8
01	0810	11.5	WED	1010	11.7
SA	1405	7.8		1745	4.0
	1815	9.0			

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# BURGOYNE

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"Go back and find out why it's there," he said. "It's not as if (the composting facility) is generating contamination."

But despite fears of metal contaminants, Oldham said Salt Spring compost will likely be "very good compared to others."

"It is unlikely people are throwing toxics down their sewers," he said. "There is no uncontrolled industry on Salt Spring."

"Higher metals tend to be used in industrial areas, where they get into the local sewer system."

Furthermore, he said, the most common concern of people to sewage and sewage-related issues is pathogens, or disease-causing bacteria, not metals. Composting kills pathogens, but dumping sewage in the ground does not.

The heat in the composting process kills pathogens without the chemicals and other methods required when dumping sewage into the sea.

Several sites on Vancouver Island are experimenting or using composting of sewage and septage sludge as part of their overall waste management systems. Gold River, Comox, French Creek and an experimental site in Nanaimo are just a few.

Graham Stewart said the composting of sewage sludge has posed no health problems at all in Gold River, on the west coast of Vancouver Island. He is assistant superintendent of public works there.

"We've been composting mixed solid waste from the garbage stream, using a bit of sludge for the drying beds as a moisture additive

to the garbage mixture," he said. "It improves the breakdown time."

"There is no pathogen problem. No metal problem. Every test is high in copper but all the rest were well under."

He said different composting piles are tested for their metal content every three months, but they could not yet determine where the copper came from. It was not, however, posing a health risk, and it did

not prevent the composted soil from being classified as "number one grade A" by the local authority.

That means they can use it in any application, for food crops, fodder, tree plantations or whatever. In Gold River, the parks board uses all the local compost for their flower beds and parks.

But, he added, even soil that is contaminated can still be used for landfills.



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## LAW OFFICE

## FUEL

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available at Ganges. Those boats go elsewhere as a result.

Linda Brown said the new fuel tanks could take anywhere from six to eight weeks for delivery. The marina has been working on getting fuel service for the past 18 months, she said. High insurance costs, brought about by growing environmental concerns, were almost enough to deter them, she added.

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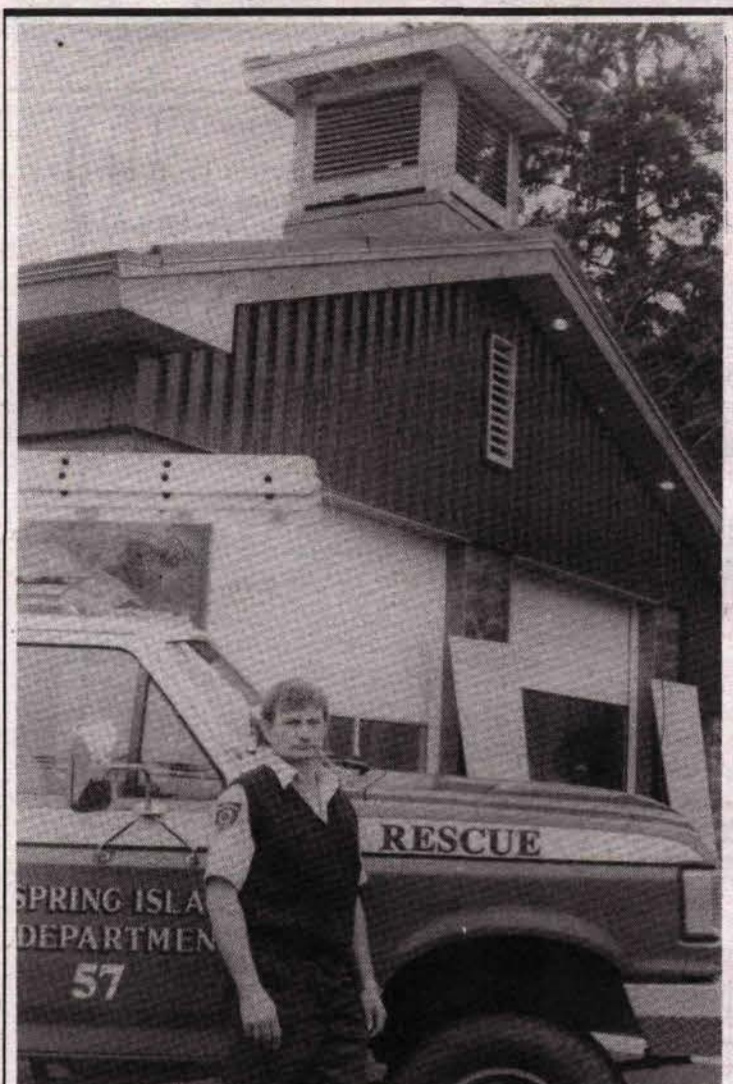


Photo by Tony Richards

**NOT A CHURCH:** Fire captain Erling Jorgensen stands outside Salt Spring's new fire hall at Central. The structure on the building's roof, which will house a siren, has led some islanders to wonder if the new building were a church. The fire hall, which will augment existing halls in Fulford and Ganges, was completed last week.

## Post office debates twin boxes

"We oopsed."

That was the response of Canada Post communications officer Audra Witiuk to news that a letter took 17 days to travel from Ganges to Ganges.

She suspected the letter, mailed to Don Irwin Collision November 30 and received December 17, was caught in the mail sent off-island for sorting. Normally, she said, local post office employees try to sort out locally mailed letters for delivery on the island. In addition, local letters handed in at the post office counter are usually kept on-island.

But when mail reaches high volumes, as it does near Christmas, staff are not always able to sort the letters, Witiuk said. Still, she felt the delivery should have been made within Canada Post's usual two-day standard.

A proposal for twin mail boxes would allow residents to send local mail through a separate, island-based system. One slot would be marked for local mail and one for mail going off-island. That idea is still being debated by Canada Post, Witiuk said.

She said the postal system meets the two-day delivery standard 98 per cent of the time.

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## Partying for New Year's? Police suggest resolution

Salt Spring residents are reminded to make their first New Year's resolution December 31 by vowing not to drink and drive over the holiday weekend.

Police will be continuing their CounterAttack campaign over the coming week, looking for impaired drivers. Since the campaign began early in December, police have checked hundreds of vehicles.

In addition to laying charges for impaired driving, police have also handed out warnings and tickets for Motor Vehicle Act infractions.

"Just remember to have a sober driver or to take a cab," a police spokesman said.

### 1993 HOLIDAY PUBLISHING SCHEDULE

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Editorial	Jan 3, noon

January 12  
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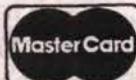
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# The stories of '93

As we bid farewell to another passing year, the time is opportune for resolving to do things better in the year about to begin, to improve upon past actions, and make plans for the implementation of those improvements.

But such an activity is not possible without a full awareness of what has gone before. Let us not be doomed by our ignorance of history. Let us look, then, at some of the more significant stories of 1993, particularly those which are likely to resurface in 1994.

Among the highlights of 1993 were several news stories that could have been found in a newspaper from 10 or 20 years ago. One of the more frequently recurring stories is that of education funding. Year in and year out local school officials complain about funding shortfalls to the Gulf Islands district. No doubt as soon as the case is made that transportation poses costly problems here there is a change in government or in the bureaucracy, and the case must be restated.

Perhaps a streamlining of the educational bureaucracy — its shrinkage, that is — would enable the word to travel faster between points A and B, A being the local school district and B the source of power within the ministry. Such a streamlining might also do wonders for improving the educational system itself.

Another story prominent for its repeated appearances is that of islands transportation, and we're not referring either to seaplanes or to highways. Generally speaking, the B.C. Ferry Corporation provides more than adequate service at reasonable cost. But it continues to operate within a vacuum of its own making, seemingly unconcerned with the travel needs of island dwellers and disinclined to hear what they have to say.

As far as we are aware, the corporation's board of directors has rarely counted among its membership residents of the islands that rely upon it so heavily. Given the ear of the minister responsible, we would suggest such representation be provided, and that communication with its customers become a priority for senior management.

Lest we dwell too much on those events that for many will summon gloomy memories, let us not forget some of our more positive achievements. A street dance in aid of local youth was a tremendously successful endeavour by Moby's Marine Pub, creating the kind of much-needed opportunity for adults and youths to mingle.

Equally successful were the initiatives of the Student Leadership Council, a group of dedicated Salt Spring youngsters who proved that leadership is lacking only among those whom we elect to govern. The relationship students have established with local seniors — as seen in the popular weekly pool nights — is but one extremely laudable outcome of the council's activities.

And while we're on the subject, we have discussed before our concerns over the Corin Memorial Fund's plans for a youth centre and see no need to repeat them. Rather, we would urge those who have doubted the wisdom of this group's actions to consider instead the opportunities the new youth centre may afford. Its purchase, after all, is a done deal.

The remainder of the year's biggest stories and chief newsmakers will likely find their way into print again in 1994.

While the Islands Trust will continue to be criticized by some for whatever it does, it will continue to enjoy the unwavering support of those who believe it can do no wrong (and who ought to know better). On Salt Spring we can expect good things from our trustees. Having been elected by acclamation, we know they have everyone's support.

ArtSpring remains a monument to our initiative and perseverance and, unfortunately, undue haste. It will be in the news, we promise, but the story we wish to write most of all is about its completion.

There's no question that regional director Dietrich Luth will find it difficult to keep a low profile, not that he would wish to do so. The eminently quotable winner of November's election will probably settle down and do a more than reasonable job, particularly if he carries out an election promise and listens to his constituents — all of them.

While it will not necessarily come back to haunt us in 1994, we are confident that solid waste disposal will be an issue once again before the regional director's term expires in 1996.

That issue will probably be aired in more ways than one, as the community cable channel gets up and running this year. That will be fine for the half of the population that is able to subscribe. The other half will have to accept that not everyone who lives on an island can have all the amenities of a city.

That, in brief, is a quick look at those stories that will have an impact in the coming year. We have missed some — the farmers' markets, for example — but they have been omitted by choice. Who, after all, wants to begin the year remembering the unpleasantness of the market debate? Instead, let's strive to avoid the type of impasse created by intolerance and intransigence. Let's remember the past, indeed, but let's not relive it.



## Failed by WCB, spill victim looks at move to Prairies

By BOB WALDE

People join a volunteer fire department for all sorts of reasons, but mostly, I believe, to fill a need in the community. When I joined in 1980 it was because there were three firemen in Fulford and two of them were past what is considered retirement age.

Despite the instruction, equipment familiarization, and on-the-job training, every fireman knows that an accident could happen that would result in injury or death, and feels his family would be taken care of in such an event. So I was not prepared for what has happened to us over the last eight years.

In 1985, as a volunteer fireman I helped clean up a diesel fuel spill at Long Harbour ferry terminal, wringing out the soaker pads into barrels on the back of my truck. We had sandwiches and beer for lunch and I was surprised to feel intoxicated after one beer. Over the next few days a blistery rash spread over my hands and arms and I felt I must have the flu as I ached all over and had a strange dizzy feeling.

This feeling never went away and I would become very weak and feel quite drunk at work on the ferry or running a chainsaw or other equipment. I got pneumonia whenever I worked on the *Quintisa* (those who rode or worked on the *Quintisa* know about the engine exhaust). I had headaches, memory lapses, gastro-intestinal problems, joint and muscle pain, chest pain, heart palpitations, urinary problems, bloating, difficulty focusing and felt quite unwell. All these problems were made worse by exposures to petroleum and certain chemicals.

In the fall of 1986, when the *Quintisa* returned, I had pneumonia almost immediately. My doctor sent me to some specialists without much success until a neurologist at UBC wanted to do some special tests. He said he had done them before in cases like mine for the Workers' Compensation Board, and that I should get WCB to reopen my case. I told him that as the B.C. Ferry Corporation had a disability plan I did not see the sense in involving WCB. He suggested that as my illness has lasted this long I may never get well.

My wife and I went to WCB and told them I did not need money but would like to have the WCB doctors help me to get well again. In a letter, WCB told me they had never had any cases similar to mind. (I have found since that they have had numerous similar cases).

The B.C. Ferry and Marine Workers' Union sent me to a clinic in Texas, as recommended by several specialists, one in Saskatchewan and one in Ontario. A legal doctor was brought in to review my file. He stated there was enough evidence in my favour to win in any court in the USA. Upon return a claims review committee was struck and I chose one doctor, the employer chose one and a third was suggested by the employers' doctor. As we had evidence and were sure we would win we accepted that doctor.

Those two doctors refused to look at any evidence from the States and I lost that case, two to one.

The Workers' Compensation Board medical review panel met in September. They also refused to consider the evidence from Texas, and if I may say so seemed confused in their findings.

The panel states I am now disabled and was not before the spill. It only upsets me when I think about it, so I try not to. Our MLA's office informs me there are no further steps that can be taken, the panel cannot be required to answer for its findings or statements in any court. So there you have it: I could sue WCB but the legal costs are prohibitive and if I lose I will only be farther in the hole.

Several of the specialists have suggested that I should move from this damp climate and away from pulp mills, etc. This was confirmed by the doctors in Dallas. I have been spending some of each of the last three years in Saskatchewan and have found my condition is eased somewhat. We have purchased some property in what seems to be a good location and plan to move there. Please don't remind me of the winters; we have decided we will learn to enjoy them again.

We will miss the many good friends we have here on Salt Spring Island and think fondly of the good times.

### view point

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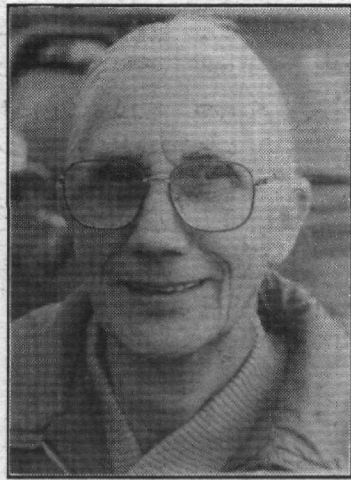


# We asked: What is your major goal for the coming year? salt spring says...



**Tasha Russon**

To do better in school because I have really bad marks — Cs.



**Rene Timmermans**

That the whole town of Salt Spring Island becomes Christ-centred.



**Joyce Pickstone**

To stay healthy, I would think. Just living healthily, exercise and a good diet.



**Mark Crisp**

To finish my master's thesis in architecture at the University of Calgary.



**Stuart Fergusson**

Probably to graduate. I want to graduate and head off-island to do some schooling.

## Chocolate chickens

To the Editor,  
Christmas has traditionally been a time to celebrate the birth, almost 2,000 years ago, of Jesus Christ in Bethlehem of Judea. The Grolier Encyclopedia defines Christmas as an "annual festival kept on December 25 in commemoration of the birthday of Jesus Christ."

In recent years a conspicuous change has been occurring in annual Christmas observances. Increasingly centre-stage is a gift-bearing, bearded figure in a white and red suit, with nine reindeer, one of which has a notable red nose. Absent from the picture is the Christ of Christmas and the acknowledgement of the person, power and place in human history of the son of God, Jesus of Nazareth.

The *Driftwood* most certainly has done its part in fostering this shift in emphasis. The contents of the two pre-Christmas editions of December 15 and 22 have featured pagan solstice festivals, Christmas in Slugland, ardent fusion, male emotions and a deep preoccupation with Santa Claus, food, gifts and reindeer... not a single mention of Jesus Christ or even a hint as to the true meaning behind the occasion.

Possibly this is an emerging journalistic requisite for a politically correct Christmas. If so, perhaps we can look forward to a litany of rabbits and coloured eggs in the March 23 and 30 issues leading up to Good Friday and Easter Sunday... none of that depressing crucifixion and resurrection stuff. Let's have chocolate chickens and more pagan rituals for a politically correct Easter!

**BILL SHAW,**  
Ganges

## Unsafe

To the Editor,  
Reading Ross McLeod's letter on safety concern (*Driftwood*, December 22) cheers me up. I called the post office and department of highways regarding a site for a postal box on Mansell and Cedar Lane access, at the intersection on top of the hill that blinds your vision and is posted with a hidden access sign that's been there for years.

Mr. Bob Campbell from the post office shows up. I ask him about safety. "Not my concern. We put these boxes where highways approve. My job is to get the mail delivered." Maybe he could help

## letters

Don Irwin get his cheques in less than 17 days.

I start off on the right foot: "Who was the idiot that approved this site?" I asked. Turns out he is this fellow with Mr. Campbell. Oh! But with great presence of mind I reached in my pocket, extracted two cookies and gave them to his seeing-eye dog. We were on speaking terms again.

What is wrong with putting the box to the west of this location, I asked, it's flat for 500 yards, no visual problems, parking for six or seven cars, it's outside the postmistress' house for easy supervision of the service she is in charge of.

"Don't be petty," Mr. Campbell says. I phoned RCMP. I'm sorry, they said. "We know it's an accident prone corner but we were never consulted on the safety factor of the location of the boxes. I don't know why. We used to attend safety meetings with highways."

I've lived at this corner five years. It averages five accidents a year. It's a bad site and I know I'll be proved right in my safety concerns. For residents of Cedar Lane I just hope none of them prove me dead right. It's only a matter of time.

**JOHN PAUL,**  
Ganges  
P.S. Good luck, Ross. "Exercise in futility is popular with bureaucracy." — Anon.

## Not soliciting

To the Editor,  
It has come to the attention of the Salt Spring Friends of Clayoquot that an individual has recently been going from door to door on Salt Spring soliciting donations for the Salt Spring arrestees.

We wish to make it clear that

our group, known as either the "Salt Spring Friends of Clayoquot" or the "Friends of Friends of Clayoquot," do not raise funds in this way, nor are we aware of any other legitimate island organization directly involved in fundraising for this purpose. We regret any inconvenience or misunderstanding caused by this individual and remind everyone to protect themselves from fraud. Information about Salt Spring Friends of Clayoquot is available at 653-9406.

**JOHN M. BAXTER,**  
Ganges

## Barriers needed

To the Editor,  
On December 15 the *Driftwood* published some comments of the department of highways area manager on the tragic death of a young woman in late October in St. Mary Lake. This was a death that should not have happened but for the arrogance and incompetence of ministry of highways personnel.

That they have only the most casual concern with road safety can be seen in the deplorable and unsafe (for 20 months!) sections of Walker Hook Road. Also evident in the ridiculous places where many of the new postal boxes have been installed, e.g. North End Road between Epron and Margoline. Serving over 20 residences but the single place to park not wide enough to allow the driver's side door to be opened without swinging into the driving lane and no shoulders on either side of the road.

Where Yarah Hooley met her tragic and unnecessary death (if I was her parent I would consult a first-rate litigation lawyer) there is a concrete barrier to prevent rocks from rolling onto the road — if that barrier had been on the other side

Yarah would still be alive.

The highways department should also look 300 metres north of the Hooley accident — the main bend in the road south of Blue Gables Resort. This is an equally dangerous spot. I know it well as I pass this spot and where Yarah's car left the road eight to 10 times per week. Another place where barriers should be erected is the steep ravine on a curve just south of the Cedarview trailer park on the road to Fulford Harbour.

If you agree with me I suggest you write or phone the highways department area manager and let him know your views. It wouldn't surprise me if after the inquest into Yarah Hooley's tragic and untimely death, there was a new area manager.

**JACK C. HALLAM,**  
Ganges

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VICTORIA — It's time, once again, to forego the temptation of producing a cheap column referred to in journalistic jargon as the "year-ender."

I don't like year-enders because they're exceedingly boring, and I assume that most readers feel the same way about them. What could possibly be interesting about stringing together a series of news items that ended up in bird cages across British Columbia during the past 12 months?

So, in keeping with past practice, rather than boring you with stale political tidbits, I'd like to make a few predictions of what the new year might bring. That way, I can either impress you with my political astuteness or you can tell me down the road that I didn't know what hell I was talking about. Either way, it's more fun than those year-enders.

Early in the new year, we'll be treated to a couple of byelections. Liberal leader Gordon Campbell and Socred leader Grace McCarthy will slug it out with other contenders in two separate contests to gain their respective seats in the legislature. Both must win or their political life may be over.

My first prediction: Both Campbell and McCarthy will win, the former quite comfortably, the latter maybe just so. And if by any chance former premier Bill Vander Zalm enters the fray, McCarthy could actually lose.

The year 1994 will also see the official birth of a new political party. My prediction number two is that the party's birth will be followed fairly quickly by its death.

Trying to relive past glories, Gordon Wilson and Judi Tyabji will launch the Progressive Democratic Alliance or PDA for short. In a recent piece I already mentioned some of the less than flattering names PDA may stand for. Let's add Pretty Dead on Arrival to that list.

Prediction number three is that the 1994-95 spring budget will be relatively gentle on taxpayers. There won't be huge tax increases and few nasty surprises. The NDP will try to set the stage for an election that will come within 12 to 18 months.

Prediction number four is that the budget, no matter how alluring, will make no impression on the voters. The NDP government will not be able to improve its image with British Columbians. The public remains in an extremely ugly and volatile mood and will lash out at any government, no matter what its performance.

Prediction number five: Environmental wars will rage on. Clayoquot Sound will continue to attract protesters who will continue to be thrown in jail. And environmental groups will continue to beat their anti-logging practices drum abroad. Any hopes the NDP may have of bringing the green vote back into the fold will be dashed.

Prediction number six: The Commonwealth Games, to be held in Victoria this summer, will be a resounding success. It's one of the safer predictions, because people love fun and games. That's why Expo 86 was such a smash hit with British Columbians.

Prediction number seven is more speculative. Even though the Liberals are Her Majesty's Loyal (and official) Opposition, and Gordon Campbell will be in the legislature to lead his troops, the Socreds will continue to provide the better opposition.

Further to that prediction, I am accepting a bet offered me by Liberal Clive Tanner. The bet stems from a recent column in which I said the Social Credit Party under McCarthy's leadership had a better chance than the Liberals of forming the next government.

Tanner bet me that the Socreds won't get more than five or six seats in the next election. You're on, Clive. Dinner at the restaurant of the winner's choice. Yes, I know all about the last poll, Liberals in first place and all that, but wait until Prime Minister Chretien and his Liberals bring down their first federal budget. Canadians will hate it and they'll tar and feather any Liberal they can find.

On to prediction number eight. British Columbia's economy will continue to outdo that of any other province, but as I said earlier, it won't do the NDP any good. Politics has become a blood sport, and the public won't be distracted by details such as good economic performance, job creation, consumer confidence, good retail sales or foreign investment.

Prediction number nine: The relationship between the NDP government and First Nations will continue to be somewhat shaky. The NDP will try everything to please the First Nations, who will continue to push for more rights. One of the results may well be allowing First Nations to establish gambling casinos on reserve land, although I'm shying away from making that one of my predictions.

And finally, prediction number 10, the safest of them all. This one is for the politicians: I'll be here day in, day out, week after week, month after month, to look over your shoulder. I'll nail you if necessary, and I'll give you a pat on the back, if you deserve it.

To all my readers and to the politicians who provide me with year-round fodder for my cannons, a happy and prosperous New Year.

## Rates up for some, down for others

Higher insurance rates are coming with the new year for most island drivers.

The Insurance Corporation of B.C. has announced an average 3.9 per cent increase in basic, mandatory coverage. Collision coverage premiums will be, on average, higher by 1.5 per cent while comprehensive premiums will increase by just under one per cent.

Premiums are lower than in 1993 for those who use their vehicles for short commutes or park and ride.

In dollar figures, the changes for claim-free drivers vary, from an increase of \$26 annually for someone driving an older vehicle for pleasure use only to a decrease of \$17 for the owner of a late model vehicle used for pleasure and short commutes.

Older vehicles are defined as standard cars dating from 1980-81 or before, medium vehicles as

those dating from 1986 to economy cars from 1989 and late model vehicles as more expensive cars which are new or a few years old.

Projected insurance costs for claim-free drivers are as follows:

- Older vehicles (no collision coverage purchased): for pleasure use, \$619 in 1994 compared to \$593 in 1993; for short commutes, \$616 in 1994, down from \$617 in 1993; to and from work or school, \$678, up from \$649; and business use, \$678, up from \$654.

- Medium vehicles: for pleasure use, \$751 in 1994, up from \$736 in 1993; for short commutes, \$755 in 1994, down from \$764 in 1993; to and from work or school, \$820, up from \$805; and business use is the same at \$820 both years.

- Late model vehicles: for pleasure use, \$864 in 1994, up from \$859; for short commutes, \$871, down from \$889; to and from work or school, \$941, up from \$937; and business use, \$941, up from \$962.

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## Island recycling expertise contributes to new manual

By GRAEME THOMPSON  
Driftwood Staff

Salt Spring Island has had a bustling recycling centre for four years now, nothing out of the ordinary in such an environmentally conscious community.

But many small communities in British Columbia are having to seriously consider new ways of dealing with growing mountains of garbage, especially in the wake of the 1989 decision by the provincial government to have landfill garbage volumes reduced by 50 per cent by the year 2000.

With that goal in mind, and increasing numbers of small, rural communities looking for advice to set up their own recycling centres, the Recycling Council of B.C. (RCBC) has put out a start-up manual, called Small Town Actions for Reducing Trash (START).

"The manual was overseen by a group of hands-on community leaders," RCBC executive director Renie Daquila said.

There is not one blueprint for recycling centres which would fit every community, she said, but the manual will give people an idea of what to consider when getting a recycling program off the ground.

"Most recyclers are amateurs," Salt Spring Recycling Centre manager Rick Laing said. "There are a lot of volunteers starting off with little experience.

"We thought there should be some kind of manual which would help people stop re-inventing the wheel."

Laing was one of five people involved in putting together the first manual of its kind to help local, often non-profit, volunteer-led groups get their feet wet. Earlier this year, at the suggestion of the federal government's Environmental Partners Fund, recyclers from Williams Lake, Robson Valley, Sunshine Coast, Prince Rupert and Salt Spring met and talked about what a community would need to consider when initiating a long-term program of waste reduction.

The manual is well designed and information is compartmentalized in boxes and separated by headlines, colour overlays, photos and graphs. There are seven steps to follow; five easy-to-read case studies and a comparative summary; critical analysis; appendices of all kinds of government and non-government resources; a networking contact list; and funding agencies.

"Read this first, talk to people," Laing said of the manual. "Do a lot



Rick Laing

of information gathering before you start applying for grants."

He said the intention was to keep the manual "as slim as possible" while at the same time representing as many of the diverse experiences of small community recycling centres. For those who want to ask more detailed questions, there is a lot more information where this comes from.

"It's not as easy as it looks," Laing said about starting a recycling program. "You have to have a good financial base. It takes a lot of energy and dedication to get one going."

The manual identifies seven steps in getting a recycling centre off the ground, from assessing the waste problem in the community, identifying options for reduction and defining a project suited to the needs and abilities of the community to implementing, monitoring and promoting the project. Lastly, recycling groups are encouraged to share their experiences with others.

But the manual goes further than outlining positive steps to take. It also highlights pitfalls and questions which should be addressed or considered to prevent problems later.

The question of volunteer burn-out should be addressed. On Salt Spring Island, Laing said, two tons of garbage daily is too much to rely solely on volunteers to process. With smaller amounts, volunteer labour is fine.

Recycling centres need to be reliable in delivering material to

industries that will take it and to be careful not to make major political statements. They also need to be careful about which items to recycle.

"Start off with products which have a good market," Laing said, "and establish a shipping system. Having (garbage) come in is not a problem. People will always give you stuff.

"If we don't have a good product the companies won't buy from us and we're stuck with it."

Continuous funding and self-sufficiency are other problems for community groups which may only consider initiating grants to start a project.

This kind of information — presented in coloured, outlined boxes labelled "considerations" — is meant to show people with good intentions and little hard experience what problems lie before them in the world of recycling.

"A lot of communities especially haven't realized what they've gotten into when they get involved in recycling," Daquila said. "What waste is being generated? How is it being handled? Are there programs to reduce waste?"

"We're moving from an end-of-tailpipe management process to a pollution prevention approach," she said. "Let's try to prevent the generation of pollution and waste rather than dealing with it afterwards."

Stewardship of resources, including waste, and responsibility of manufacturers and consumers for the products they use are increasing concerns of waste management organizations.

The manual is not meant as a be-all and end-all, how-to book, Daquila said. If it starts communities thinking differently about garbage it will have served its purpose.

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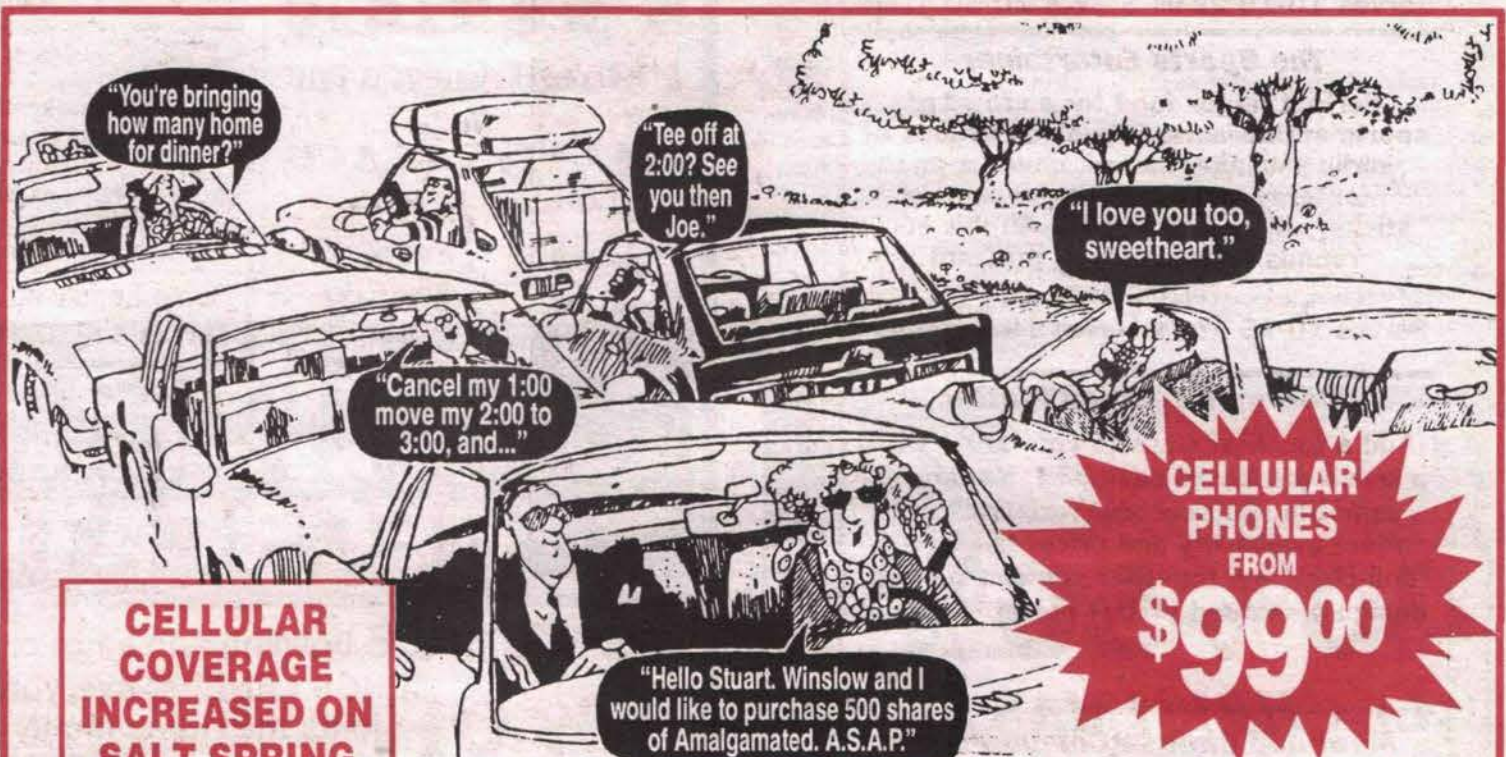
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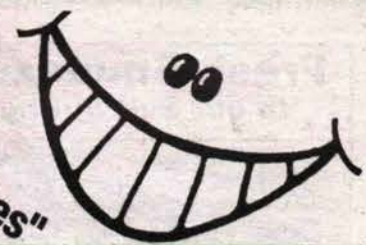
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**Mexicasa Picante Sauce** MILD, MED., HOT 227 ml. **1<sup>18</sup>**

**Mexicasa Taco Shells** 113 g. **1<sup>28</sup>**

**Mexicasa Seasoning or Sauce Mixes** 7 var., 33-49 g. **68¢**

**Island Bakery Lumberjack Sesame Bread** 680 g. **1<sup>28</sup>**

**Oroweat 12 Grain Bread** 680 g. **1<sup>88</sup>**

**Venice Bakery Sunflower Rolls** Doz. **1<sup>88</sup>**

**Sunbeam White or 60% Whole Wheat Bread** 570 g. **1<sup>08</sup>**

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**French Bread** 454 g. **98¢**

**Nanaimo Bars, Carrot Cake or Brownies** 24s **8<sup>88</sup>**

**Winnipeg Rye Bread** 680 g. **1<sup>68</sup>**

**Black Forest Cake** 7" **8<sup>88</sup>**

**Crusty Buns** doz. **98¢**

**Sourdough, Plain, X Crisp English Muffins** 6s **88¢**

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Check out Foley's homemade candy starter kits in our Bulk Foods section.

**Foley's Dipping Wafers** **38¢** 100 g.

**Pecan Halves or Pieces** **1<sup>38</sup>** 100 g.

**Old Dutch Ripple Chips** **88¢** 227 g.

## Flowers and More

**Christmas Cut Flower Bouquet** **3<sup>98</sup>**

**Chrysanthemum and Rose Bouquet** **7<sup>58</sup>**

**Mini Carnation Bouquet** **4<sup>98</sup>**

**5" POT Mum Plant** **3<sup>98</sup>**

**One Dozen Carnations Bouquet** **6<sup>98</sup>**

**6" POT Amaryllis Plant** **7<sup>98</sup>**

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**Red  
Delicious  
Apples** 84¢ kg.

**38¢**



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**Baby  
White  
Potatoes** 1.06 kg.

**48¢** lb.

CALIFORNIA

**Peeled,  
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Carrots** 1 lb. bag

**98¢**

COLORADO, ORGANIC

**Squash**

Delicata, Blue Hubbard, Sweet Dumpling,  
Kabocha, White Acorn, Gold Nugget, or Sugar Loaf  
1.50 kg.

**68¢** lb.

VANCOUVER ISLAND GROWN

**Kiwi  
Fruit**

**8/1<sup>00</sup>**

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**Medjool  
Dates** 10.96 kg.

**4<sup>98</sup>** lb.



CALIFORNIA, SIZE 12

**Cauliflower**  
**98¢** ea.

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**Fresh  
Broccoli**  
**58¢** lb.

CALIFORNIA, NO. 1, SNOBOY

**Snap Top  
Carrots**  
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**268** lb.

AGED FOR TENDERNESS

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Whole Frying  
Chicken** 2.38 kg. **108** lb.

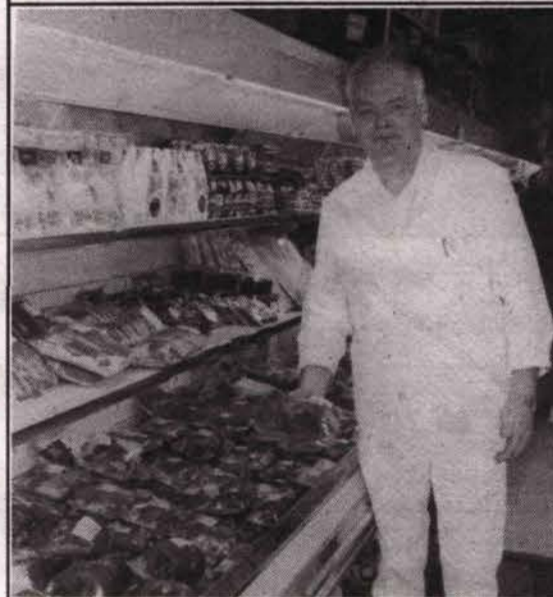
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**Turkey & Bacon  
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BURNS

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**Fresh, Filled  
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**Sweet Pickled  
Corned Beef  
Brisket** 7.23 kg. **328** lb.

**218** 375 g.

**248** 5.47 kg. lb.

**Your Home Grown Food Store**

# Going out New Year's Eve? Here's what you'll find

Salt Spring promises to be anything but quiet this weekend as islanders, friends and relatives gather to celebrate the start of another year.

The regular haunts are "putting on the Ritz" for the holiday and there are one or two special events to mark this particular year. All told, there is no shortage of entertainment available to those who seek it on Saturday.

Moby's Marine Pub is celebrating with a dance-music band, *Rossalso* — a.k.a. Ross Barrett and Jack Velker.

The regular menu with dinner specials is on offer and there will be sandwiches and similar munching food all night. There is no cover charge and the pub will be open until 3 a.m.

Billy Wiseman and Barrington Perry are entertaining at the Harbour House Hotel. Perry will play a little bit of everything on the baby grand piano in the Admiralty Bay dining room where a full-course dinner is served for \$22.95. Wiseman will be playing rock and roll and other music to ring in the new year in the Wheelhouse Pub. A roast beef buffet and vegetarian buffet come with party favours for

the midnight hour for \$20 per person.

Vesuvius Inn is offering a quiet and romantic candlelight dinner at New Year's for those who may want to ring in the year without the noisemakers.

A special set menu featuring pork tenderloin, chicken and smoked salmon will be available as well as their regular menu.

There is plenty of entertainment planned at the south end as well. At the Fulford Inn, Reid Collins and Oscar Riley will play their own brand of jazz and other traditional songs. There is no cover charge and the music starts at 8 p.m.

At Fulford Hall, a nearly sold-out show features the Ray Newman Quartet with Lloyd English, Ian Van Wyck, Bill Shaw and Ray Newman.

Dick Williams' six-piece band, Salt Swing 'n' Dixie, featuring Williams, Keith Hearsey and Wendy and Derrick Milton, will also take the stage.

Tickets are \$25 per person and include a complete dinner catered by Merv and Carol Walde.

Doors open at 8 p.m. and dinner is served at 9. Proceeds will benefit four island music groups: Ban-

demonium, Salt Spring Singers, Salt Spring Women's Chorus and Toned Air.

Salt Spring Legion (Branch 92) will be holding a potluck supper on New Year's Eve at Meaden Hall. Murray Anderson will be playing all the "old, familiar tunes" for some dancing and singing along. Cocktail hour starts at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$5 for Legion members and their guests.

Members of the Salt Spring Golf Club are invited to the annual sock and toque tournament January 1.

With a shot-gun start at 11 a.m., golfers will have a leisurely nine holes before a potluck lunch and special coffees. Prizes are awarded for costumes.

Local singer Brenda Hanna will bring in the New Year at Alfresco restaurant. Dinners from the regular menu will be served upstairs while New Year's will be celebrated downstairs from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.

Reservations are recommended and the \$10 cover pays for hors d'oeuvres and party noisemakers.

**SALT SPRING CINEMA**  
CENTRAL HALL 537-4656 JAN. 2-5

14 YEARS Door prize by: Pooh Corner

**WE'RE BACK!**  
A DINOSAUR'S STORY

14 YEARS Occasional very coarse language

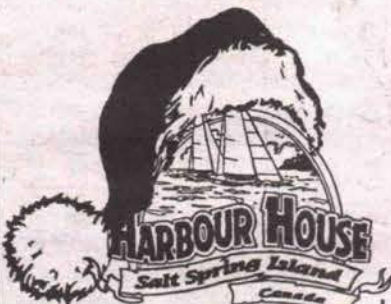
**JEFF BRIDGES**  
**FEARLESS**

Door prize: Sea-side Kitchen

Sun.-Wed. 7pm & Sunday Matinee at 2pm / Sunday-Wednesday 8:30pm

MON. ONLY - MOVIE BUCKS / \$3.50 TUES.  
Separate Admission: Adults \$6 Students \$5 Seniors & Children \$3.50

A VERY HAPPY & PROSPEROUS '94 from Alberta, Gloria & Louise



IN THE  
WHEELHOUSE PUB ON  
**CHRISTMAS DAY**  
WE'RE OPEN!  
Celebrate our  
**"ORPHAN'S  
CHRISTMAS"**  
come down for some  
holiday cheer!!

THE  
**BOXING DAY  
ISLAND REUNION**  
don't miss it!!

**NEW  
YEAR'S EVE**  
ROAST BEEF BUFFET  
PLUS GREAT  
VEGETARIAN DISHES  
Entertainment, Dancing on  
the islands largest dance  
floor with  
**BILLY  
WISEMAN**

party favours &  
midnight munchies  
Tickets \$20 available at  
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RING IN THE NEW YEAR  
WITH THE STAFF  
AT THE  
**HARBOUR  
HOUSE**

MERRY CHRISTMAS  
TO ALL AND TO ALL  
BEST OF LUCK IN '94  
537-5571

**alfresco**  
RESTAURANT  
Holiday Hours

	LUNCH	DINNER
WED. DEC. 29	Open 11:30-2	Open 5-8:30
THURS. DEC. 30	Open 11:30-2	Open 5-8:30
FRI. DEC. 31	Open 11:30-2	Open 5-1:00
SAT. JAN 1	Open 11:30-2	Open 5-9
SUN. JAN. 2	Open 11:30-2	Open 5-8:30
MON. JAN 3	Open 11:30-2	Open 5-8:30

New Years at Alfresco's  
full menu upstairs 5pm-9pm.  
Brenda Hanna live downstairs 9pm-1am  
537-5979

**NEW YEAR'S '94**

CELEBRATE  
with  
**ROSS & JACK  
BARRETT & VELKER**  
**"ROSSALSO"**

-1994-  
December 31st  
Dinner 6-9pm  
Dancing: 9:30-2:30am  
Munchies 6-1am  
COMPLIMENTARY  
LATE NIGHT  
SANDWICH BAR!  
PARTY FAVOURS!  
NO  
COVER  
CHARGE!!

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New Years Eve  
**DINNER  
SPECIAL**

**2 for \$19<sup>94</sup>**

CHOICE OF EITHER  
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STEAMED DUNGENESS CRAB  
(from our live crab tank)

5pm-9pm  
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**Bistro**  
Located on the Waterside next to Centennial Park

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★ entertainment this week ★

on screen at SALT SPRING CINEMA  
**FEARLESS**

Director Peter Weir's latest film is about overcoming grief. Jeff Bridges and Rosie Perez are two survivors of a horrific plane crash who are the only ones capable of helping each other through their painful experiences. They both escape unharmed from an air disaster, though Perez also loses her child. Bridges and Perez discover they are good for each other, but this has consequences for their families. The film is a fascinating and disquieting look at the nature of life and death, personal trauma and loss, mounting tension and ambiguity. Fourteen years, occasional very coarse language. Sunday through Wednesday, 8:30 p.m.

**WE'RE BACK!**

**A dinosaur's Story**

A holiday children's film about the adventures and misadventures of — of all things — a little dinosaur. The animation is beautiful. General. Sunday through Wednesday, 7 p.m. Sunday matinee also, 2 p.m.

DOOR PRIZES ARE NOW GIVEN OUT SUNDAYS.

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**ISLAND VIDEO HITS**

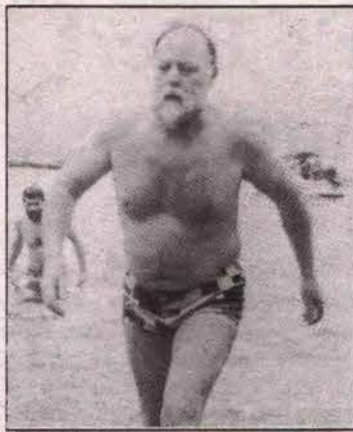
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9. Shell Seekers.....(7)
10. Equinox.....(-)

on tap at ISLAND WATERING HOLES

- MOBY'S.....Rossalso, Dec. 31.  
FULFORD INN.....Reid Collins and Oscar Riley, Dec. 31.  
HARBOUR HOUSE (pub).....Billy Wiseman, Dec. 31.  
(Dining Room).....Barrington Perry, Dec. 31.

**OUT and ABOUT**

Jan. 1 Sock and Toque tournament,  
Golf and Country Club, 11 a.m.



**SEASONAL DIP:** No, this is not a Vesuvius ferry commuter tired of being left behind at Crofton. This is Len Wallbank having an invigorating dip last January 1 in the annual Polar Bear Swim at Vesuvius beach.

**Islanders to the beach Saturday**

A green Christmas may be a disappointment to islanders who like to make snowmen and snowballs during the holiday season.

But for those few who indulge in therapeutic polar bear swims, current temperatures may be a blessing.

The 14th annual swim takes place at Vesuvius Bay beach Saturday at 11:30 a.m. An island tradition for increasing numbers of people, the swim takes in men, women, children, seniors, families and even the occasional dog.

In a few, brief minutes the event is over for another year, though the traditional hot chocolate, coffee and hot dogs will be served afterwards on the grounds of the Arbutus Court Motel.

**GANGES Waterfront Pizza Now Open**

MONDAY-WEDNESDAY 11am - 12pm  
THURSDAY-SATURDAY 11am - 2am  
SUNDAYS noon - 8pm

WHITE OR WHOLE WHEAT CRUST

**JANUARY SPECIAL**

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Lottza Mottza, pepperoni, mushroom, green pepper, zesty tomato sauce

**ONLY \$14.95 (pickup only)**

**FROM THE SNACK SHACK**

Our Reg. Sub

turkey, ham, pepperoni, lettuce, tomato, onion and special sauce

**ONLY \$2.99**

153 LOWER GANGES ROAD

**CALL 537-1419 FOR FAST DELIVERY**



**MOBY'S**

marine pub

537-5559



**"THE DAY AFTER BRUNCH"!!**

-NEW YEAR'S DAY-  
12noon - 3pm

**HAPPY NEW YEAR!**

Bloody Mary Soup!!!

**THURSDAY & FRIDAY**

**Dash Away Lunch Buffet \$5.95**  
11:30am - 2:30pm

**Sunday Brunch**

11am - 3pm

SENIORS SPECIALS  
Monday - Friday



WILL RESUME  
Sunday  
Jan. 9th

6pm

A HOSTED

**Musical Showcase**



of Salt Spring's very best!

WEDNESDAY  
DECEMBER 29th 8pm

NEVER A COVER CHARGE!!

"At the head of Ganges Harbour"

**1 in 5 CANADIANS CAN'T BREATHE PROPERLY**

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Fri.-Sat. 5-11; Sun. 5-9

EAT IN OR TAKE OUT

DAILY LUNCH SPECIALS  
\$5.25  
Closed Mondays

Upper Ganges Centre, Ganges 537-2535

**THE VESUVIUS INN**

**Holiday Plans**

**NEW!** To the wonderful designated drivers in groups of 4 or more guests will eat free with unlimited pop and coffee.

DEC. 31st Special Candle Light Dinner  
call for details

JAN 1st ANNUAL POLAR BEAR SWIM  
11:00am Vesuvius Beach

Free Hot dogs, hot chocolate & coffee

An Island Tradition

537-2312  
REGULAR  
PUB HOURS: Daily 11:30-12:30  
Sunday 11-midnight



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## 05 BIRTHS

**DUKE.** Congratulations to Ken & Cathy Duke on the arrival of their son, Lyndon Robert, on Wednesday, Dec. 22, 1993, and a big Salt Spring Island "Hello" to the Little Duke. 52

**TAYLOR.** In Australia on November 20th, Emily Grace McFadyen Taylor arrived weighing 6 lbs. 13 oz. A sister for Morgan, daughter for Donna & Brenton and an adorable granddaughter for Bruce & Catherine McFadyen. 52

## 06 DEATHS

**LANGFORD.** Helen Elizabeth (Lindley). At home on Christmas Day, 1993, on Salt Spring Island, B.C. Beloved wife and best friend of Walton, loving mother of Thomas, Janet, Jock, Patricia and Jill. Doting grandmother of Beth, Will, Henry, Jacqueline and Helen. Dear sister of John and Joan Lindley and Peter and Joan Lindley. Dearly loved by family and friends, she will remain in our hearts forever. Memorial service at 2 pm. Friday, December 31 at Ganges United Church. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Lady Minto Gulf Islands Hospital Foundation, Box 307, Ganges, B.C. V0S 1E0. 52

## 08 CARD OF THANKS

**Lady Minto Gulf Islands Hospital Foundation**  
The Lady Minto Gulf Islands Hospital Foundation would like to thank the following Salt Spring businesses and individuals for their generous donations towards our recent "Nickel Sale" raffle:  
Saltspring Soapworks, Pooh Corner, Heritage Boutique, Sharon's, Mouat's Hardware, Island Magic Hair Shoppe, Carolee's Fashions, Tides Inn, House of Piccolo, Harlan's, Love My Kitchen, Flowers & Wine, Sea-Change Seafoods, Pharmasave, Lady Minto Hospital Auxiliary, Alfresco's, Travel Duo, Karen Davies, Bea Carr, Vivian Dawson, Sandy Gordon, Lorraine Campbell, Harbour House Hotel, Foxglove, Gordon English, Sunny Farrar.  
We would also like to thank the Ganges Village Market for providing space for our display, and all those members of the community who helped out with this very successful fundraiser.

The Salt Spring Island Home Support Services Society would like to thank all who contributed to the **BONNIE VILLADSEN MEMORIAL FUND**. This fund will be used to provide a special weekend course in March 1994 for all who wish to learn more about the personal and practical skills needed to provide palliative care in the home. Bonnie was a very courageous woman and will be lovingly remembered.

## 11 COMING EVENTS

**CURLING STARTS** Wednesday, January 5th at Glen Meadows at 2 pm. For information, call Ilona at 629-3201. 52

**FICTION WRITING** group: People interested in starting a weekly/bi-weekly group to read/listen/encourage productivity, please phone 1-727-5663 (yes, it's on-island!), after 8 pm. or weekends. 2

## 11 COMING EVENTS

**SALT SPRING Golf Club** Members. Annual sock & toque tournament to be held January 1st, 1994 at 11 am. Lunch to follow. Call Gordie at the club to sign up. 537-2121. 52

**OPEN HOUSE:** Windy Willows Daycare, Saturday, Jan. 9, 12 noon - 6 pm. All welcome. 230 Epron Road. For more information, call Avril, 537-1772. 52



**The Royal Canadian Legion**  
**NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY**  
Meadon Hall Friday, Dec. 31, 1993

**COCKTAILS** 7:30 pm.  
Potluck Dinner to follow.  
Music by Murray Anderson  
**- PARTY FAVOURS -**  
Tickets \$5 per person  
Available at the Bar  
For Branch Members and their bonafide guests



**T'AI CHI CH'UAN**  
On-going weekly classes from 7 pm. to 9 pm. will begin on Wednesday, 19th January, at the Salt Spring Centre, 355 Blackburn Road. If you would like to begin study of T'ai Chi or would like further information, please phone Osman Phillips at 537-5667.

**T'ai Chi**

**Beginners & Ongoing Classes in T'ai Chi Chu'an Double Yang Balanced Form**

Thursday  
9:30 - 10:30 a.m.  
Central Hall or  
5:45 - 6:45 p.m.  
Fullford Elementary Gym  
First Class Free  
For more information  
Phone Tao at 537-44877

**SALT SPRING SENIORS FOR SENIORS SOCIETY** invites you to a **GET-ACQUAINTED TEA** **WEDNESDAY JANUARY 19 AT 2 PM.**

**SENIORS' CENTRE** 379 Lower Ganges Road. Come to see what we do, on the chance you might like to JOIN us. We offer **OPPORTUNITY** for friendship, for caring, for interesting activity, for worthwhile service - a **GOOD** way to spend your time. Members, bring your friends!

## 14 COMMUNITY SERVICES

**DRESSINGS** ARE free to cancer patients by the Order of the Eastern Star. Contact Dee Roberts, 653-4655. tfn

**FAMILIES OF Schizophrenics** meet informally in homes for mutual support and exchanges of information. Call 537-9237 or 537-5264. tfn

**ACOA (ADULT Children of Alcoholics)** Meeting is held every Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. at the S.S. Community Centre and Thursday, 1:00 p.m. in Fulford (for info. call 653-4840). Children of dysfunctional families, also very welcome. tfn

**NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS** meetings (for everyone who thinks they might have a drug problem). Every Saturday 7-8 pm. at the Community Centre. For further information, please call 537-4775. tfn

## ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS SERVICES MEETINGS

**Salt Spring** 537-2317 or 537-2270  
**Galiano** 539-2235 or 539-5770  
**Pender** 629-3312

**Ladies only** - Thursday nights 8:00 p.m. Please call 537-5338 or 653-4699.

**Alanon/Alateen** - A program for family and friends of alcoholics. For further information call 653-4288.

## CANADIAN CANCER SOCIETY IN MEMORY/IN HONOUR

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# Abuse investigation is under way—Barclay

The RCMP are reported to be investigating abuses against a Salt Spring woman, alleged to have occurred over 20 years ago.

David Barclay says his wife, Gail, was the victim of a secret Canadian military experiment which abused and murdered children. She has been recalling the incidents for the past decade. In a letter printed in the December 22 edition of the *Driftwood*, Gail Barclay appealed for financial help as her illness has made it difficult for the family to survive.

David Barclay said the family is on social assistance. "That's pretty skimpy stuff," he remarked. The family has two adult children, one 18 and one 20. Both are self-supporting although they live at home.

Barclay said the family was middle-class in 1984 but Gail Barclay's illness has made it impossible for them to be self-supporting.

Earlier this year the Barclays approached Ganges RCMP seeking an investigation into the incidents described by Gail Barclay. RCMP noted no investigation could be done from Ganges. It had to start where the alleged incidents occurred.

Barclay said he is working with Detective Const. Barry Bruce in Victoria, who is investigating the incidents with the help of a Sgt. Raychuck in Calgary. Calgary RCMP said there was no Sgt. Raychuck working for the force but referred questions to a Sgt. Ted Lachuk of the Calgary major crime unit.

Barclay agreed the Calgary officer involved in the investigation could be Lachuk.

Sgt. Lachuk said he received one phone call from a Victoria officer asking about military bases operating near Calgary in the late 1950s and early 1960s. However, he said, he had not started an investigation into the Barclays' claims and did not plan one.

"It sounds pretty obscure," he remarked. "I do know a little about this but I'm not investigating it."

Told of Lachuk's denial, Barclay said only a preliminary investigation has been completed.

Based on that investigation, Barclay said, police have recommended a full investigation.

However, the investigation cannot proceed until psychiatrist Dr. Larry Pazder, who is treating Gail Barclay, confirms that she is strong

enough to withstand the pressure of providing evidence.

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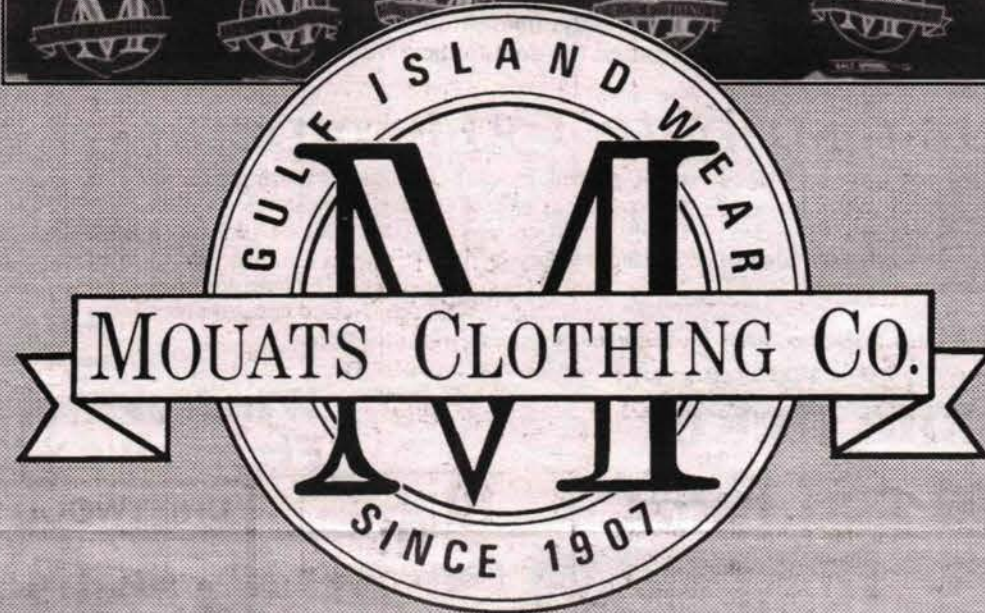
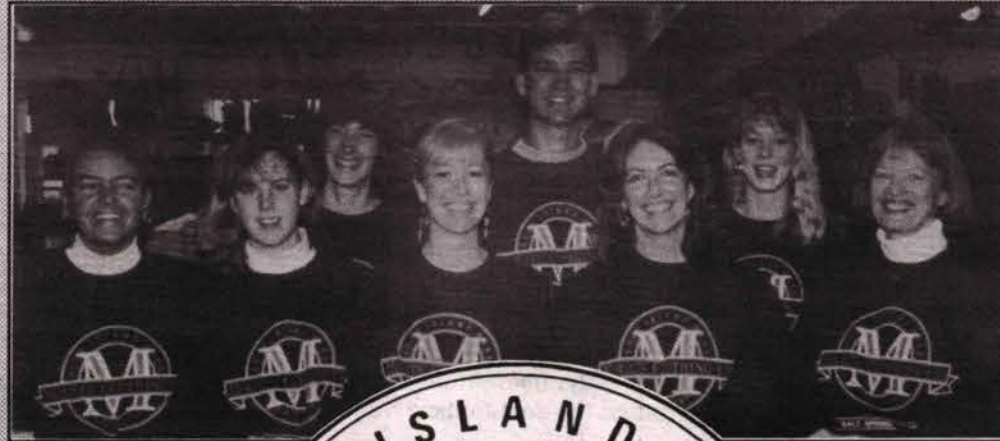
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Salt Spring Friends of Clayoquot Sound spokesman John Baxter said his group does not solicit donations door-to-door. He knew of no other local group fundraising for the same purpose.

The Isle View Drive resident said the door-to-door solicitor was wearing a cast on one wrist, had a lot of dark hair and wore an East Indian, embroidered hat.

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## Volunteers distribute 130 hampers

More than 100 Christmases were made brighter on Salt Spring with the delivery of 130 Christmas hampers December 23 to families in need.

Last Wednesday 14 volunteers filled the rows of boxes lined up in the basement of Ganges United Church.

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The hampers were supplemented by bags and bags of toys from Santa's Workshop, which ensured every child found something under the tree.

## Police issue ticket for illegal red light

The Christmas week was so quiet on Salt Spring that Ganges RCMP had time to issue a warning ticket to a jolly, red-suited man spotted flying over the island late Friday night.

Police note the man, who said he lived at the North Pole, was piloting a sleigh pulled by a number of reindeer.

They decided to stop the driver after noticing the vehicle's red light was in the front, at the head of the reindeer, instead of being on the rear of the sleigh.

In other police news: An icy Christmas morning was not very merry for the drivers of three vehicles involved in accidents.

The first occurred at 9 a.m. in the 2200 block of Fulford-Ganges Road when a 1988 Chevrolet Sprint driven by a Salt Spring man slid off the road, overturning in a

## RCMP report

ditch. The driver was not injured though the vehicle sustained an estimated \$3,000 in damage.

Police suspect the accident was caused by icy road conditions and a driver going too fast for those conditions. No charges were laid.

One mile farther south an accident occurred at 9:05 a.m. when a northbound 1978 Ford Escort slid through a series of S-curves and side-swiped a southbound 1993 Ford Explorer. There were no injuries. Damage to both vehicles was estimated at \$4,000.

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