

What's wrong with ArtSpring?

Arts centre promoters respond to the critics

By TONY RICHARDS
Driftwood Staff

Islanders who harbour doubts or concerns about the building of an arts centre on Salt Spring need only spend half an hour with Peter Bardon.

The tireless ArtSpring promoter and local realtor would probably have them writing a cheque before the meeting was over.

Bardon and ArtSpring board member Simon Foulds took a reporter last week through a list of about half a dozen concerns that have been heard in recent months about the arts centre, and responded to each.

And while Bardon's arguments were sound, his own enthusiasm for the project sounded convincing enough for the most cynical of doubters.

One of the more common objections to the performing and visual arts facility is the haste with which construction began, that money should have been in place first. As it is, the building stands "like a white elephant," as Bardon said, with little evidence of progress having been made in the past year and a half.

But Bardon claims that were construction to begin today, only 25 to 30 per cent of what is there now could be completed with the same amount of money.

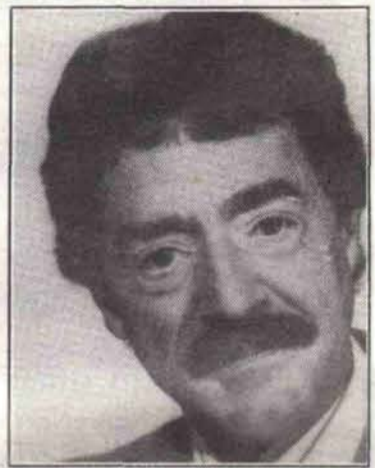
"Past directors very wisely saw they had lots of money in the bank and while material and labour costs were down, they moved quickly . . ."

Another common concern is in the seating capacity of the theatre, which at 290 is perceived as insufficient. But Bardon notes that most local productions play to audiences of 100 to 150 people.

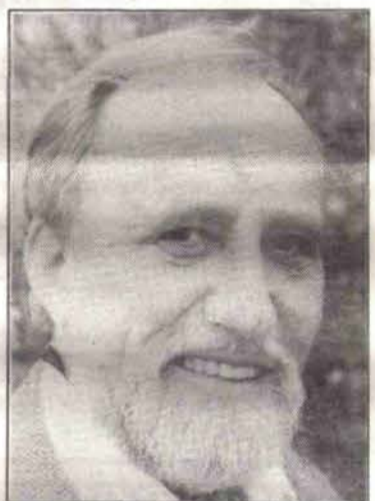
"It's being built by the community for the community, not for big-time entertainers coming all the time."

Such entertainers could offer performances for two nights, or a matinee, but to build for a larger capacity would add another 60 per cent to the cost of that portion of the building.

Foulds said there would be more than an exponential difference in cost to increase the number of



Peter Bardon



Simon Foulds

seats. Furthermore, Bardon said, theatres holding 400 people are having difficulties all over North America.

"We can't afford to build a grand facility and have the seats sit empty most of the time," he said.

The amount of space for the craft guilds has also been criticized. But Bardon says compromises have had to be made. The community simply cannot afford "a very expensive building," he said.

For some islanders, the name itself conjures an image of elitism. Part of it, Bardon says, is in the name, and part is a perception that painters, sculptors and actors are building a memorial to themselves. But ArtSpring is not specifically for any one group of people.

"If dentists or doctors or loggers

want to hold something there, it's available."

Both he and Foulds expressed optimism that a variety of organizations would travel to Salt Spring and use the centre's facilities for seminars, shows and other purposes.

"One of the real advantages is that every corner can be used for any number of activities," Bardon said.

An art show, a small seminar, and craft guild activities could all take place at the same time, he added, along with a bridge game being played in the gallery area.

The building's location within Moutat Park has also drawn the criticism that it utilizes too much parkland.

But Bardon's response is to point out that the park has actually gained from the arrangement.

The arts centre society obtained five lots totalling 1.17 acres from the park, and purchased two more for a total area of 1.67 acres. The title to all seven lots is now held by the Capital Regional District as public parkland. Bardon says the ArtSpring building, the planned phase II addition and the parking area take up less space than the two lots purchased by the society.

A timely question considering the near-finished state of the building relates to financing the remaining work with borrowed money. As it is not possible to mortgage a building situated on parkland, the funds would have to be borrowed through individuals securing loans or through the sale of debentures.

But neither Bardon nor Foulds said they would support risking backers' money for the project, or adding the burden of interest rates to operating costs.

It has also been proposed that construction proceed on the 400-seat amphitheatre, which is part of phase II, so it could be utilized for shows and performances that would help generate revenue. But according to Bardon, building regulations will not permit that phase to begin until the first phase is "substantially completed."

Another question that has been raised asks why the ArtSpring board didn't make a deal with the

school district for a joint-use theatre facility on the site of the new high school.

Bardon referred the question to society president Lawrie Neish, who explained that users of the theatre would have had to work around the school's needs.

The situation would have been the same as at the Ganges activity centre, Neish said, where the school's requirements take precedence.

Bardon was among ArtSpring volunteers who conducted guided

tours of the facility prior to Christmas.

It was during those tours that some negative feelings and perceptions about ArtSpring were identified, and addressed.

"As a result of the tours," Bardon said, "virtually everyone has gone away more enthusiastic . . . they have seen what a versatile, exciting building is there."

But few are as excited as Bardon himself. "It is so attractive, so well positioned, it should be a brilliant success."

Fundraising pulls in \$50,000 in 3 months

Eight weeks of work would see the ArtSpring building completed.

That was the estimate made by Peter Bardon last week, an estimate based on having the required funds in place. The Island Arts Centre Society still needs just over \$300,000 to open ArtSpring, a figure that is being steadily reduced by ongoing fundraising efforts.

Financial spokesman Bill Curtin said Friday that \$50,000 had been raised in the past three months alone.

As of last November, the ArtSpring board estimated that \$531,000 was required to complete the building and pay day-to-day operating expenses of \$21,000 up to completion. After subtracting Go B.C. grant funds of \$125,886, which is payable upon completion, and cash on hand of approximately \$100,000, the net amount required is \$305,000.

Estimated costs to completion of ArtSpring

CARPENTRY	
Interior framing	\$5,000
Theatre risers	12,000
Stage & subfloors	13,000
SERVICES	
Heating/ventilation	80,000
Electrical	65,200
Plumbing	22,500
Water service	7,300
Sprinklers	25,000
WALLS	
Insulation	10,500
Drywall	56,900
Painting	12,600
FINISHING	
Doors, hardware, accessories, etc.	11,000
Glass & mirror	3,000
Metalwork	16,100
Finish carpentry	15,200
Cabinets	4,700
FLOORING	
Ceramic tile	6,100
Carpeting	19,300
Composition tile	4,600
LANDSCAPING	
Plants	8,400
Bark mulch	1,600
EQUIPMENT	
Theatre seats	35,000
Picture rails	2,000
Folding wall	12,000
Curtains	15,000
Theatre lighting	30,000
Gallery lights	5,000
Intercom	1,000
PROFESSIONAL	
Construction management, engineering	25,000
SUBTOTAL	
	\$525,000
Less GST rebate	-15,000
TOTAL	\$510,000

Arts centre society re-elects Lawrie Neish as president

Jokes about English, Welsh and Scotsmen are running wild on the ArtSpring site these days, as three volunteers of those nationalities are working together on the project.

Reg Taylor is the Englishman, Mike Morgan the Welshman and Lawrie Neish the Scot.

Meanwhile, Neish was re-elected last week as president of the Island Arts Centre Society, a position he has held since 1989, the year in which he wrote the first ArtSpring building proposal.

Other officers are John Kavelin, vice-president; Betty Pellett, secretary; and Patricia VanNus, treasurer.

Elections took place during a board meeting at which the Arts Festival Society's Trish Nobile announced a contribution of \$4,400 to ArtSpring. The money represents proceeds from last summer's festival.

The donation was made in memory of island artist Allan Edwards.

community

On a bright summer morning the Dales of Yorkshire invite the visitor to go a-walking. Rolling hills criss-crossed by valleys of river and stream offer the tourist everything that is destined to puzzle him.

How could a small land like England, bearing a population more than twice all of Canada, possibly find space for sheep-shod wild country such as this?

On a snow-bound winter's day the appeal is no less. The white hills and dales stretch from here to the horizon, still bidding the lazy viewer to leave his car and take a walk.

In the background to this appreciation of a wonderful facet of nature lies that gnawing recognition that all this land of North Yorkshire has been farmed and settled at a price only measurable in lives.

The visitor who climbs out of his heated car and pulls his heavy coat more tightly around him as a barrier against the chill north winds of the Pennines is a long way removed from the settlers — Britons, Saxons, Romans, Scandinavians — who fought over these rolling hills in the bitter chill of winter during the past two millennia.

I spent Christmas in the lee of the Pennines and thoroughly enjoyed the white fields from the village to the horizon.

And I thoroughly enjoyed the warmth of natural gas-fired central heating as I gazed beyond the village of Haworth and recalled the manner in which the Bronte sisters succumbed to the harsh winters when heating was limited in any house, and central heating not even a dream of things yet to come.

I was one of a party of a dozen people who descended on the village of Oakworth for the Christmas weekend.

We were in a cottage that had started life several hundred years ago as a pair of cottages. The dividing walls had been removed to provide comfort and warmth.

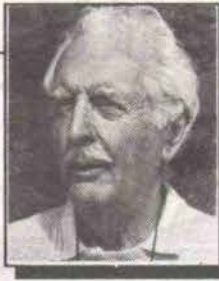
And as I looked over the valley and as I stood in a tight-packed bar of the Golden Fleece I thought back to the days of the Brontes, a century and a half ago.

I thought of the Haworth parsonage which is now a museum to the memory of the brilliant sisters who once knew it as home. The Bronte family had undoubtedly walked these roads and lanes some 150 years ago.

The Bronte brother, Patrick, may well have known the Golden Fleece in Oakworth, but he never found it as crowded as it was on

to be
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FRANK RICHARDS



Boxing Day morning.

History and literature are close cousins and Yorkshire has been mother of both.

The placid hills and dales, home of sheep and rambler, could provide the details of half of Britain's history were they able to reveal their secrets. And a study of the writings of Yorkshire literati yields the tale of invasion, conquest, battle and rapine that has plagued and prospered this small island of Europe.

There is a pleasure and a warmth to be derived from travelling the roads once trembling beneath the weight of Roman sandals and Viking foot. Even the beverage offered by the three and four-centuries-old pubs includes the spice of familiarity with folks long gone to their rest.

Even Santa found me in the Dales. He was, as ever, good to me except for the running cold he gave me. But you can't have everything.

**Good old
Santa Claus!**

Thinking of Santa; who is more commonly identified in these parts as "Father Christmas," was he good to you? He was good to a lot of people over here, according to the reports of the vendors of electrical goods.

The Business Book of the Electrical Retailers' Association looks at the year's trading sum-

mary, but the same enthusiasms and trends are unlikely to have been distinct and separate during the Christmas season. Without seeing any such summaries of British Columbian trade it would be difficult to make comparisons, but I remain unconvinced that there is a close parallel.

At the top of the retailers' lists are the sandwich toaster which has gained sudden and unexpected recognition, and deep fryers. Cafetieres have also been widely sought.

The washer-dryer, a rare bird in Canadian homes, has lost popularity here.

It is the combined automatic washer and dryer where one drum is utilized for both functions. The appeal is its size. One unit for both processes offers valuable space in a small kitchen.

Falling sales have been recorded for video cameras and for can openers. Loser in a big way is the electric razor, according to the retailers, as more Brits turn to wet shaving.

It is reported that about two-thirds of men in this part of the world use blades in the daily attack on the every-present whisker. Don't look at me; I use a mowing machine.

The report also mentions a fall in sales of croissant warmers. That leaves me out because I'm not even sure that I would recognize such a beast if I met him.

Take Note of these dates

- JAN. 12: O.A.P.O. Br. 32 Robbie Burns Social Scottish Country Dancers, piper, Central Hall, 1:30pm.
- JAN. 13: SS Weavers & Spinners, sample library, Jane Stafford.
- JAN. 13: SS Weavers & Spinners, Parkville update - Ena Nemeth.
- JAN. 19: Get Acquainted Tea, SS Seniors for Seniors Centre, 2pm.
- JAN. 20: Salt Spring Speakers, Alresco's, 7pm.
- JAN. 23: Robbie Burns dinner & dance, Legion Meaden Hall, 7pm.
- JAN. 26: Medical Alert Systems, SS Seniors for Seniors Centre, 2pm.
- JAN. 30: Celebration of the Band, Activity Centre, 2:30-4:30.
- FEB. 12: Estate Auction, Royal Canadian Legion Meaden Hall, 9-10am.

EVERY WEDNESDAY

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- Archery Shooting, SSI Rod & Gun Club, 7pm.
- Playgroup for tots, Ganges United Church, 9:30-11am
- Line Dance, Meaden Hall, Legion, beg. 7-8pm/Int 8-9:30pm.
- Stamp Collectors all ages, Seniors for Seniors, 10am.
- Cancer Support Group meeting, Croftonbrook 10am.-12 noon (every 3rd Wednesday).
- GISS Parents Group, School Library, 7:30pm (2nd Wednesday of the month).

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- SSI Camera Club, photography classes, 172 Reid Rd. 7-9:30pm.
- Weekly luncheons, Seniors for Seniors, 2 seatings 11:30/12:30.
- Weight Control Hospital Basement 7pm, no charge everyone welcome.

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- Carpet bowling, lower hall, Central, 1:30pm.
- Story Time, Public Library, 9:30-10am (except holidays).
- "Bandemonium" G.I.S.S. band room, 7pm-9pm.
- Free blood pressure clinic, Seniors for Seniors 10-12noon (last Monday each month).
- Taoist Tai Chi, for seniors, Lower Central Hall, 10am.

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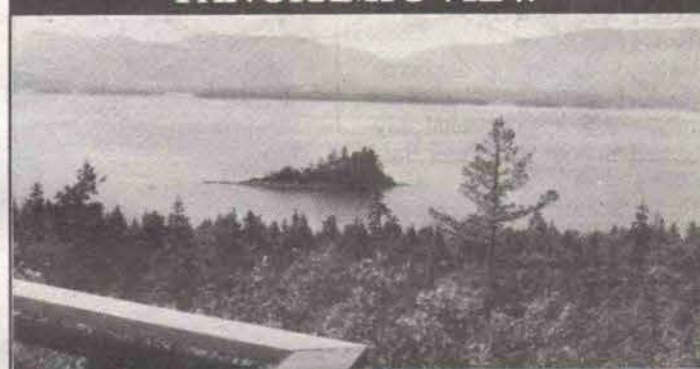
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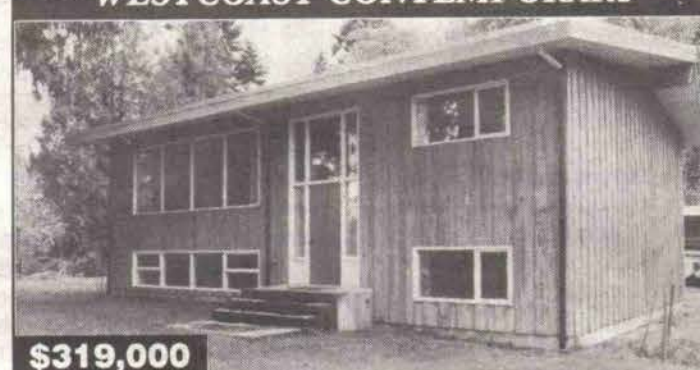


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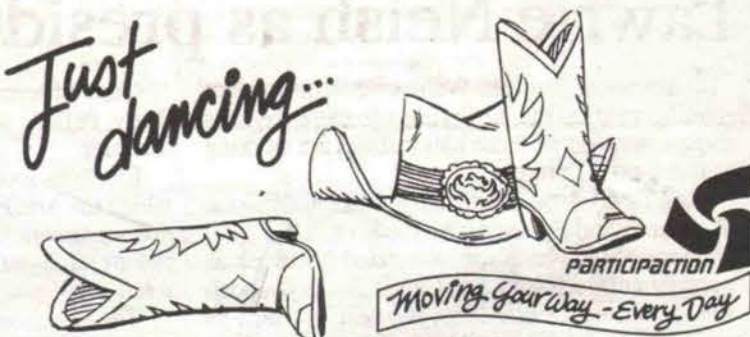
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Whenever I am working in the garden during winter I like to take things extra slowly. The climate here allows me to be outside during months when the rest of Canada east of the Rockies is covered in snow and ice.

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Traditionally, gardeners swap

plants that have become abundant thereby increasing the variety grown in our locale. Two hand forks are inserted into the crown of the perennials and then forced apart, prying the new roots and

stems away.

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Transplanting of larger trees

and shrubs is a good task to be attempted now. Adequate preparation is advisable in order to minimize mud and compaction tendencies.

Deciduous trees and shrubs tend to recover quickest and sometimes the effect of transplanting is unnoticeable. The addition of bone meal and blood meal to the soil will ensure a food source for most shrubs.

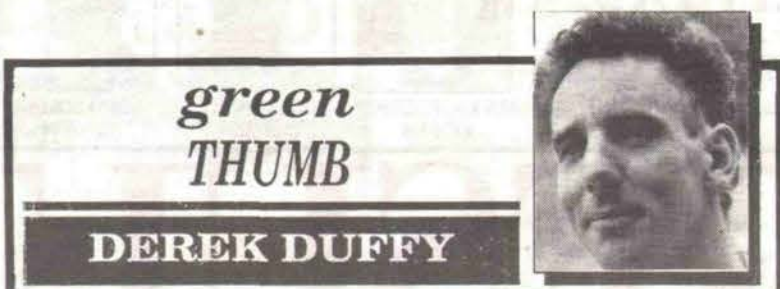
This is also a time when flicking through the seed catalogue breeds plans for the coming season. Generally if a crop hasn't succeeded well in the past year I will try it elsewhere under different

conditions and growing media. Usually you can learn a great deal about growing if you discover the needs of individual plants.

My vegetables will be varied and different as will the seasons. My successes will be balanced by my failures and I will learn a little more, eat a little better, and be surrounded by beauty as the seasons reveal their remarkable gowns.

The temptation to garden each day is like the curiosity of a child, the vastness of the subject is sometimes overwhelming and always fascinating.

This alone ensures that a gardener's life is seldom dull.



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DEREK DUFFY

Salt Spring 4-H Club elects officers, invites new members to join

A group of youngsters who meet monthly under the banner of 4-H has come a long way on Salt Spring Island, reports the club's Teri Davidson.

In addition to involvement with the club as a whole, 4-H offers members individual groups in which they can participate, including crafts, gardening, poultry and beef.

Members of the craft group complete a quilt which is raffled off

at the end of each year.

In the gardening group members learn to take care of plants and flowers provided to them.

In the beef club, which has the maximum number of members, a calf is raised from as young as four months and then shown at the fall fair.

The club's last meeting elected a new slate of officers. President is Anna Lam; vice-president, Alison Cunningham; secretary, Arla Hil-

lis; and treasurer, Sarah Doucette. Lief Baker is in charge of refreshments and Tori Davidson is the club's reporter.

Islanders with skills they feel might be of interest to 4-H members are urged to contact Lenoir Hearsey at 537-5474. New members are always welcome; annual dues are \$10.

The next meeting will be held at 7 p.m. Friday, upstairs at the Farmers' Institute.

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GET IT IN THE CLASSIFIEDS!

Series of films will bring violence issues to fore

Efforts to present issues of violence and abuse before the community will be enhanced through the presentation of six films at Salt Spring Cinema over the next six months.

Salt Spring Women Opposed to Violence and Abuse (SWOVA) is presenting the films, each of which will be followed by a discussion. There will be no admission charge, and coffee and tea will be served.

According to SWOVA spokeswoman Cherie Geuvreau, screening the films will help open lines of communication about the issues of violence and abuse in the community. "They are tough, thought-provoking films that challenge the viewer to speak out, rethink accepted values, and shed complacency . . . Together we can forge a community that cares about

its own." Following are the films, the date they will be shown and a short description of each furnished by SWOVA. The start time for each is 2 p.m.

• *Sandra's Garden*, January 16: a powerfully honest and intimate look at one woman's struggle to overcome the trauma of incest.

• *To Have and to Hold and We Will Not Be Beaten*, February 20: The first is the story of a group of men who batter and the ways they've come to successfully deal with their problems.

The second is a documentary featuring women from all walks of life who were victims of domestic violence.

• *The Best Kept Secret and The Untold Secret*, March 20: forceful, disturbing dramas about incest in

adolescents and young children.

• *A House Divided*, April 17: the tragedy of elder abuse seen through four moving portraits, showing the emotional complexity of family relationships that can lead to the abuse of the elderly, the anguish and isolation of its victims and the need for community understanding and support.

• *Killing Us Softly*, May 15: a look at the power of advertising and media and its role in perpetrating negative images of women.

• *The Rites of Violence*, June 19: one community's comprehensive response to its own problems of family violence. Duluth, Minnesota, developed a model program of intervention, education and prevention that other towns and cities throughout North America have imitated.

Counsellor knows about quitting

An addictions counsellor who knows how it feels to quit has joined the Salt Spring Community Centre.

Kevin Fahey, the new alcohol and drug counsellor for the Gulf Islands, has been free of an alcohol addiction for the past six years. Now 37, he has worked as an addictions counsellor for five years, in both residential and outreach programs.

Fahey became a certified addictions counsellor after completing the one-year program through Clouds House in Britain. The intensive, full-time training program is recognized by the British Medical and Dental Association, Fahey explained.

After completing his training, Fahey worked for the Findhorn Foundation in Scotland as a drug and alcohol addictions counsellor. Acting as an outreach and resource

person, he was a workshop facilitator and also taught yoga.

In addition to his training in counselling, he is also a qualified yoga instructor. He has worked with youth doing outward bound programs and also conducted a variety of workshops in human development.

He took this variety of skills to a residential alcohol and drug treatment centre in Britain, where he was employed for over a year before he emigrated to Canada.

At the treatment centre he helped clients using a variety of methods, either the first five steps of the 12-step program, or through alternatives such as meditation, yoga and Tai Chi. "Each person was an individual so their treatment was quite different," he said.

Three months ago he emigrated to Canada with his wife Lesley, a Canadian he had met while at a

retreat in Scotland. Lesley is an actress specializing in physical theatre. Her next show, Fahey says, will be presented in William Head prison in conjunction with the inmates' theatre company.

Meanwhile, Fahey is enjoying learning about the Gulf Islands, which he says are somewhat reminiscent of his native Ireland and Scotland. He started at the Community Centre on January 4.

"I'm very much looking forward to meeting not only the local professionals but also looking forward to meeting the community as a whole."

His schedule brings him to Salt Spring on Monday and Wednesday, to Pender Island on Tuesday and to Galiano and Mayne on Thursday. He and his wife are now living in Victoria. He can be reached by calling the community centre at 537-9971.



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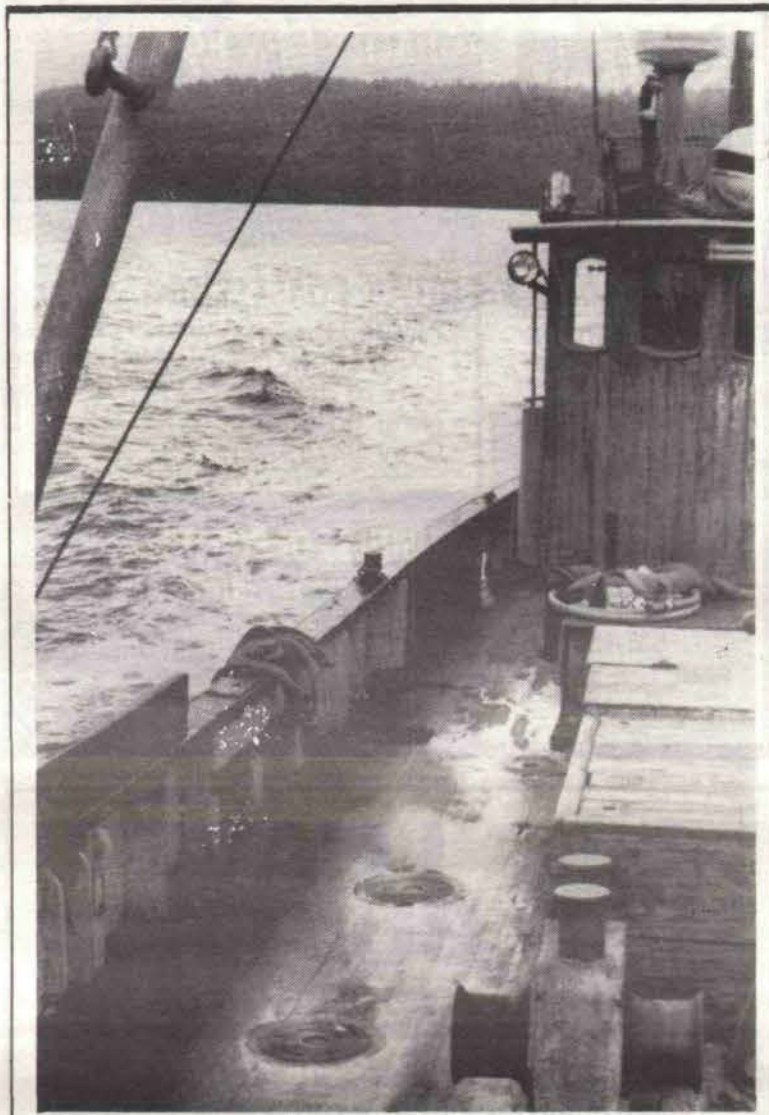
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Photo by Tony Richards

Education conference

Salt Spring Centre is hosting a meeting of minds involved in the education field.

The Quest for Excellence Conference takes place February 4 to 6 at the Blackburn Road centre, offering 12 workshops and outdoor recreation activities to conference participants.

Workshop topics include non-coercive learning, creating consensual relationships with children, building self-esteem and values education for families and elementary classrooms.

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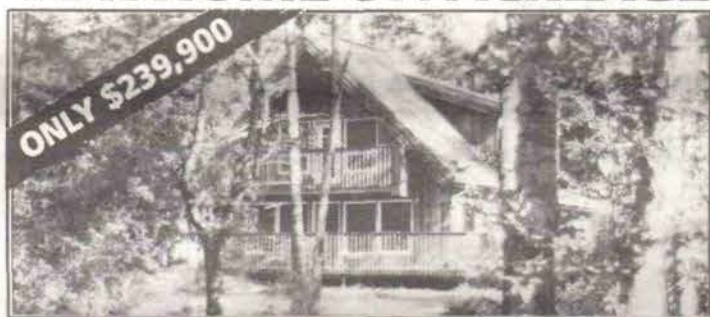
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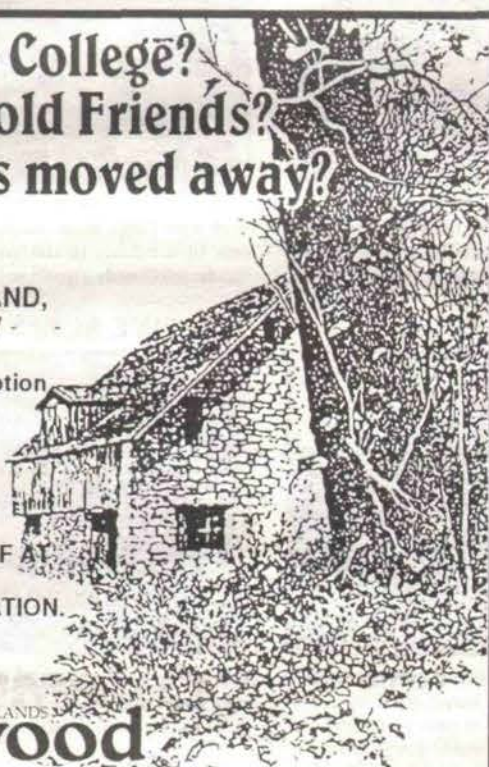


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New year: an opportunity to reflect, set goals

By REV. CHRIS CORMACK
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I've been thinking about the new year.

I don't know about you but I always look forward to the start of a new year.

It gives me a chance to reflect and evaluate the past and at the

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same time set some goals for the future. The new year is like a breath of fresh air. A chance to start over. Nineteen-hundred and ninety-four stands before us like a great open door.

This past year has been a year marked by change. The Conservatives are out and the Liberals are in. Julia Atkins is out and Dietrich Luth is in.

Why, they even changed my ad-

• A Salt Spring Island couple have gone into the floor installation business.

Ian and Myra Brierley have formed Gulf Islands Floor Installations, a field in which Ian has 21 years' experience. The firm installs vinyl and carpet, and does rug and mat binding and finishing, and border work for large or small areas.

Binding and border work samples will be on display in February at the business's workshop at 217 Whims Road.

Gulf Islands Floor Installations can be reached at 537-9150 or 537-1733.

• A Ganges hairdresser has changed hands. Janet Severn is the new owner of Studio 103, at Grace Point Square. She takes over from

cross currents

dress. Just when I finished memorizing VOS 1E0, I have to learn a new postal code. Driving through town would lead me to believe more change is coming.

With all the changes we see and hear around us, I am reminded that our God never changes. Whatever our circumstances may be, good or bad, God's love and care for us never fails.

I would like to share with you a story I heard that illustrates that love and care for us: One evening a woman was driving home when she noticed a huge truck behind her that was driving uncomfortably close. She stepped on the gas to gain some distance from the truck, but when she sped up, the truck did too.

The faster she drove, the faster the truck did. Now scared, she exited the freeway. But the truck stayed with her. The woman turned up a main street, hoping to lose her pursuer in traffic.

But the truck ran a red light and continued the chase. Reaching the point of panic, the woman whipped

her car into a service station and bolted out of her auto screaming for help.

The truck driver sprang from his

truck and ran toward her car. Yanking the back door open, the driver pulled out a man hidden in the back seat. The woman was running from the wrong person. From his high vantage point, the truck driver had spotted a would-be rapist in the woman's car. The chase was not his effort to harm her but to save her even at the cost of his own

safety.

Likewise many people run from God, fearing what He might do to them. But His plans are for good, not evil.

Whatever changes we may experience in the coming year may we be reminded that God loves us. "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever."



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Next on the program is *The Manchurian Candidate*. "It's a great group for viewing and discussing great movies," member Dave Stone said.

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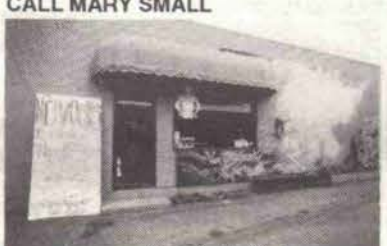
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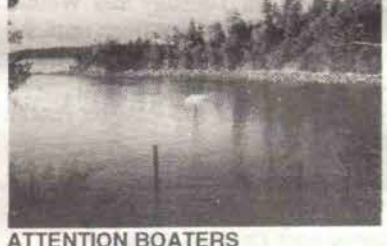
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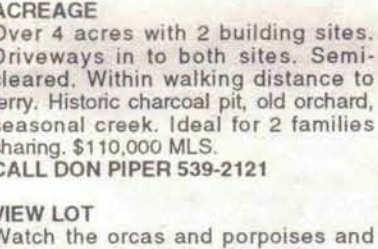
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Classes on high seas take student around Pacific

By JAYA POLDEN
Driftwood Contributor

For one local Grade 12 student, going back to school in January will not mean climbing the hill to Gulf Islands Secondary School (GISS). Instead, Mark Borbas has climbed back on board the *Concordia*, a 188-foot sailboat in the midst of a voyage around the Pacific Ocean.

Borbas is one of 47 Canadian and American students in Grades 11 and 12 and first-year college who are aboard the *Concordia*, enrolled in a program called Class Afloat.

Initiated by West Island College in Quebec, the program offers schooling designed to broaden students' understanding of global issues while providing them with the life and leadership skills needed to address the world's economic, environmental and technological problems.

The students achieve this with first-hand observation of a variety of cultures, the study and discussion of political issues, and hands-on experience with different environments.

Class Afloat students start their voyage after a week of intensive training during which time they learn sailing procedures and skills. Leaving Vancouver, their voyage takes them West towards Hawaii. During their first 14 days, Borbas said, they ran into a storm. They managed all right, and it prepared them for a typhoon that hit while sailing between Singapore and Hong Kong.

The voyage takes students to an average of 40 ports within one school year, Borbas said, and they're not usually at sea for longer than one week at a time. While he had heard of some of the places to which the *Concordia* has travelled, such as Bali and Australia, a majority of the ports of call are tiny islands. Those places provided some of Borbas' best memories. There he has found the most unique experiences and the warmest welcomes.

In Wotji — population 400 — native children came out to the beach and offered him shells and beautiful stones while he was snorkelling in the shallow waters. Islands like Wotji have very little contact with the rest of the world.

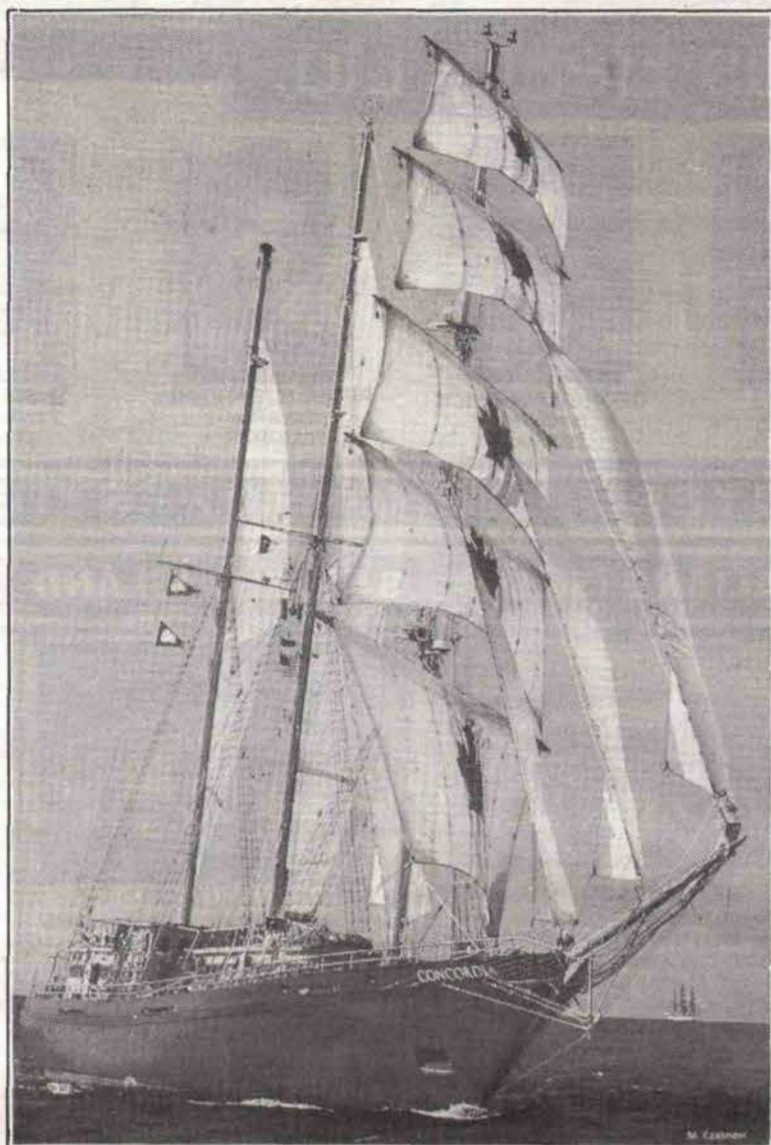
Borbas first read about Class Afloat in a boating magazine. His first impression of the program was that of a pleasure cruise. He quickly learnt otherwise.

"Sleep is very precious," Borbas said, not surprising when you consider their schedule. The students rise at seven in the morning for exercises, breakfast and then the flag raising.

Throughout the rest of the day Borbas and his schoolmates attend classes such as English literature, math, psychology, and economics and others you would not find at GISS like global issues, marine biology, political thinking, and anthropology.

Between classes Borbas is responsible for chores like polishing the deck, mending sails, and standing his share of the watch duty. "We're constantly on the go. It feels quite strange being at home (on Salt Spring) because I don't have all these things to do."

Scattered throughout Borbas' busy days were some special activities and experiences that he remembers in particular. Once when they were sailing between Darwin and Bali the *Concordia's* engine cut out, leaving the crew and students adrift without wind for several days. In the end a couple



FLOATING SCHOOL: The 188-foot barquentine *Concordia* is a high school at sea. Island student Mark Borbas is a student aboard the ship this year.



Mark Borbas

of the crew had to motor out in a Zodiak to an oil rig 12 miles away to get help. Borbas said a trip without any sticky situations would be unusual.

When Borbas crossed the equator for the first time he participated in a special ceremony, an obstacle course set up on the boat by those who had crossed the equator before. This kind of ceremony is a ritual for boats crossing the equator and usually involves dressing up and having a wild and wacky party.

Because the Class Afloat faculty of 31 recognizes the value of first-hand observation and experience, the students are given the opportunity to either explore and discover on their own for the four to five days spent in each port. Otherwise, they can participate in organized land activities. This, Borbas said, is one of the most important aspects of the program for him because it has given him a perspective on the world that someone his age normally wouldn't

have.

"You lose any biases or preconceived ideas about people because you see and witness what they are actually like."

Assumptions are usually made out of ignorance. The Class Afloat program turns that ignorance into real knowledge.

The main focus of the program is the students' academics and study — sailing comes afterwards. The memories that will remain in the students' minds the longest, however, will probably be neither of those. Borbas said that when you live in a cabin with four other students, and on board a ship with 64 other people, you make some strong friendships.

"You end up being friends with people you previously never thought you'd be friends with but you kind of have to because there isn't room for enemies."

What most attracted Mark Borbas to Class Afloat were the travelling and the sailing. An experienced sailor beforehand, Borbas said that in fact, sailing skills aren't required at all — they just happened to be a bonus for him. What the program does look for are students with an open mind, motivation, teamwork skills, and swimming ability. Students have the option of attending Class Afloat for one semester or two. The cost of the program is \$19,000 US for a full year, \$12,000 for one semester.

Borbas will be flying back to Yokohama, Japan, for his second semester, during which he is looking forward to exploring Hawaii a second time, Majuro, Kirimati, Pago Pago in the Fijian Islands, Australia, Auckland, Easter Island, and the Galapagos, to mention a few.

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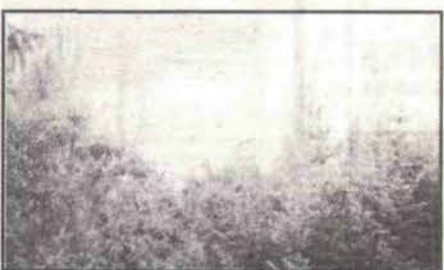
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Surrounded by seagulls, eagles are unable to soar

By JIM BLACK
Driftwood Contributor

"It's hard to soar like an eagle when you're surrounded by seagulls," was how Todd McIntyre summed up the Slug performance versus the Sidney Blues Friday.

Not that the team performed badly all the time, only the times when it really mattered. In fact, for the better part of the first period the Slugs were outplaying the Blues and even took an early 2-0 lead.

Slug winger Johnny Procter opened the scoring around the eight-minute mark of the opening period with a nice individual effort, breaking through the Blues' defence and handily beating the goalie for his 17th marker of the season. This goal put Procter into a three-way tie for the scoring lead on the Slugs, with Paddy Akerman and Pete Huser.

But the deadlock did not last very long, four minutes to be precise. McIntyre set up Huser for a beautiful goal to put him back in the lead. This also gave the team a two-goal lead and things seemed to be marching along quite smoothly for us — a definite sign of danger.

Enter Deadstop with his island-size mid-section, still trying to figure out how to skate backwards while the entire forward line of the Blues are hiding in his shadow

slug trail

from Slug netminder Glenn Mollon.

Using this vantage point to their favour, one of the Blues managed to squeeze off a bullet drive on which Mollon had no chance. Despite this minor, regular setback, the Slugs continued to take the play to the Blues. In the second period the Blues tried once again to use Deadstop as a screen to tie up the match, and once again it worked.

This almost caused an uprising on the Slug bench, calling for the head of Deadstop. Fortunately for him, he offered to buy a round of beer after the game, which quickly quashed the insurrection.

The very same Deadstop very nearly put the team back in the lead following McIntyre's flawless winning of a face-off deep in the Blues' end-zone. He put the puck directly onto the blade of Deadstop's stick and all he had to do was get a good shot away, which to everyone's amazement, he did. But it wasn't quite enough, as it dinged off the post and went wide.

Just the same, everyone realized

if Deadstop can hit the net, surely everyone else on the team could do so as well. This set off a flurry of action as everyone tried to put us back in the lead. The Blues took the lead for the first time in the match near the mid-way point of the period on a goal-mouth scramble.

Also playing for the Slugs was Pete Schure, who has come out and gone into retirement more times than Mohammed Ali. Following some new year's resolutions, which he is still abiding by, Pete put in a solid performance on wing and had a number of good scoring chances.

In the third it was a similar performance to the second frame, with both teams giving their best, only to be thwarted by the goalies. The only goal of the period was when a point shot by one of the Blues' defencemen was deflected in front of the Slug net and managed to elude Mollon. Just when it looked like it was all over the puck squirted loose and came back half-way to the Slug defenceman, who happened to be Deadstop.

While a goal at this point would not even have given us a tie, it would have been a good morale booster for the club. As Deadstop started chugging in from the point he quickly noticed there was only 5.4 seconds left on the clock, just enough time for one shot, low to the short side.

He lifted his stick back in preparation for the upcoming cannonading drive which would finally put him on the scoresheets for the first time in this millennia. As he closed in on the puck he was now skating at top speed, every muscle stretched taut with anticipation.

When he finally reached the puck he wound up and — fell flat on his face and snowplowed his nose into the corner as the final buzzer went. Even for Deadstop this was his most anticlimactic ending ever accomplished in a hockey game, and no doubt the rest of the team are not likely to ever let him forget it.

Low-fat living is topic

Ridding the body of excess fat will be the topic of a free seminar at Ganges next week. Low-fat Living Made Simple will be offered Monday at Gulf Islands Secondary School by North End Fitness.

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- Avoid negative self-talk or unproductive thinking patterns and replace them with positive, affirming statements.

- There is no such thing as cheating, only wandering, and wandering is normal. There will always be times when you wander off the path but do not make a big deal of it.

- Eat foods high in carbohydrates and fibre with every meal or snack.

- Eat less more often: eating four to six small meals a day can be better than two or three.

- Make aerobic exercise a habit you enjoy: the body is designed for activity. The more chances it gets to move, the better it works.

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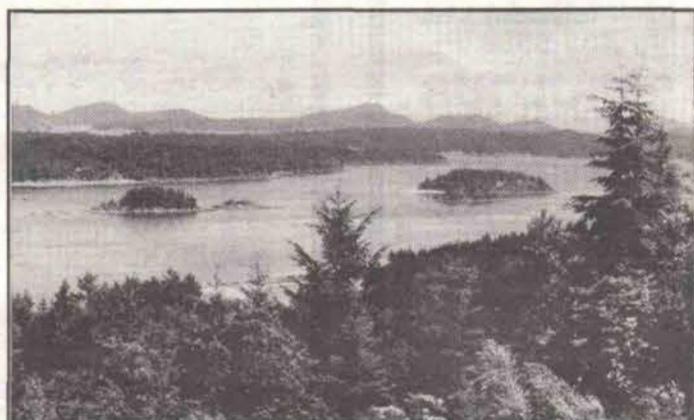
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Bantams meet Deadstop

By JIM BLACK
Driftwood Contributor

Salt Spring Slugs had another go-around with the Salt Spring Bantams on the weekend, and just to add a little bit of spice to the match, the teams traded defencemen. Obviously, the Bantams had not heard of the finish to the Slugs' Friday night game.

Actually they had not even seen Deadstop in action before as he was still on his post-holidays weight-loss program when the teams last met and did not make it to the game.

This one started off with the Bantams quickly moving the puck into the Slugs' end-zone, testing Slug netminder Mark Hughes very early on.

The Slugs, however, marched right back and gave it right back to the Bantam goalie, Kevin Carter, who stood his ground and made some fine saves as well. The scoring in this match was opened by Paul Sinclair, normally a Slug rear-guard. On this evening he was suited up for the Bantams and gave them a lesson on end-to-end rushes and just how to get one past Mark Hughes, who was putting in a very good performance.

The Slugs didn't waste much time in tying it up. Darren O'Neil put the Slugs on the board after turning Deadstop inside out with a nice deke. Not long after that he did the same thing again to put the Slugs in the lead, but the Bantams came right back, thanks to Rodney Challborn's shot from in close, which beat Hughes over the shoulder.

After 20 minutes, the score was left deadlocked at two and both teams were getting some great scoring chances. In the second the Slugs began to pull away, through no fault of Kevin Carter. He had never even heard of Deadstop before, but the Slugs on the other hand had never had the opportunity to play against him, at least not on another team, and they weren't

about to miss out on this chance.

First, Andy Nauman got past him and managed to sneak one past an outstretched Carter and then Peter Huser used his speed to get around Deadstop like he was a turnstile for his first of the night.

The Bantams were not about to give up easily, however. Pat Gaudreault scored a beautiful goal on a nice two-way passing play after working through the Slugs to be left alone in front of the net. Then Sean Cherish beat Hughes on a shot from the hashmarks to keep the game close.

Next, Danny Akerman bowled

Pat Gaudreault scored a beautiful goal on a nice two-way passing play after working through the Slugs to be left alone in front of the net.

his way into the Bantam end-zone and got away a quick shot which surprised Carter, and just got past him. Following close on the heels of that one the Bantam goalie's own brother, Chris Carter, who was traded to the Slugs for the game, buried a rocket drive from the point to make the score 6-4 with a few minutes left in the second.

This was when Johnny Procter got into the act. A strong competitor at the best of times, Procter was really on top of the game this night and soon potted his first after leaving Deadstop tied up in knots at the blueline.

Shortly after, Rod Pilkington potted one against his regular club while patrolling the blueline for the Slugs, to finish off the scoring in the second period.

By the time the third period got

under way some of the Bantams were beginning to show signs of getting tired, not as tired as most of the Slugs already were, but they were starting to slow down a bit. It wasn't until after the game that we found out this was their second game of the day.

Even so they kept right on trying and it finally paid off when Pat Gaudreault netted his second of the game with a great play to deke out Hughes. The Slugs came right back and added two of their own, one by Pete Huser and the other a brilliant effort by John Procter to get around both Paul Sinclair and Scott Coleman, to close out the scoring with a final score of 10-5.

While this was a fun game for all, the Bantams probably learned a few good lessons here. Hopefully they may have picked up some of the methods that guys like Procter, Huser and Sinclair use in the game. They most likely learned, too, that if they are ever offered the services of a guy named Deadstop to play defence for them, they should run the other way.

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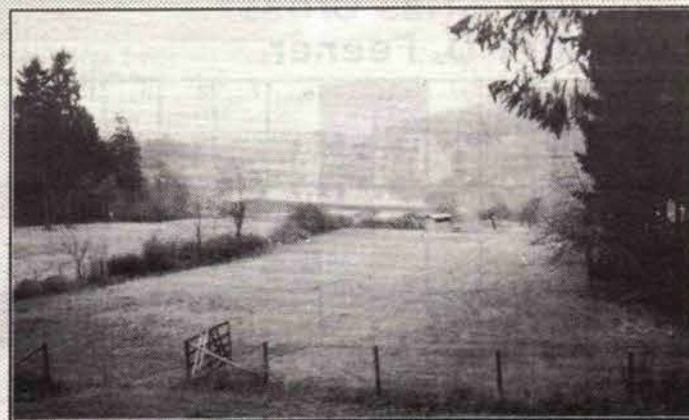


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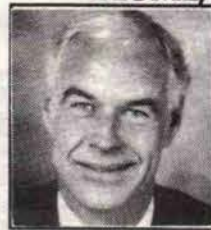
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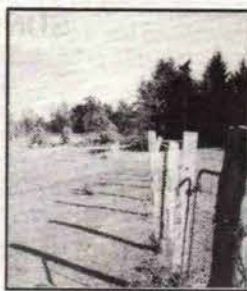
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Letter to Ontario will speak of snowdrops

By GAIL TRAFFORD
Driftwood Correspondent

I have just returned to the kinder climate of B.C. after a holiday to visit family in Ontario. I was greeted in the east by temperatures of -32 C and those of the family who weren't snowbound or sick with the flu. My vacation included blizzards, white-outs, and ice roads. Although I wouldn't have missed a moment of it (I loved snowmobiling) it renewed a sense of appreciation for our milder

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winters. I must write soon and brag about the snowdrops and daffodils coming up in the garden.

The Lions Club is planning to warm up the island January 22 with the annual Robbie Burns night dinner and they invite everyone to join them. Tickets are available at both

stores for \$20 per person. The bar opens at 6:30. The McQuillan Brothers, who played for the dance last year, will provide live entertainment.

A night at the Empress Hotel in Victoria will be raffled off. All proceeds go to a good cause but you will have to get your tickets quickly for this very popular event.

The continuing education committee has posted a notice at the Narvaez Bay Trading Company of upcoming courses. Islanders may enroll in a drama workshop with Skip Storey February 5 and 6. Oz Foulkes will be giving a pruning workshop February 13 or 14. Karen Muntean will be teaching watercolour painting and Susan Mayse will share her writing skills with a class in composition and

creative writing.

Laura Paul will be leading a seniors exercise group and Cal Hollings will be offering certification in first aid and CPR. Madeline Abbott will be offering conversational French for adults

and children. Rene Hollings will share her expertise on plant propagation.

To enroll in any of these programs contact the instructor or sign up at the store. Watch the posters for further details.

Canadian Criss Cross by Walter D. Feener

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ACROSS

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15. Social outcast
16. Affix
17. Alfresco meal
19. Puts to work
20. Acorn bearing tree
21. Fables have one
23. In — of
25. Wool fat
29. Iowa city
30. Gripping device
31. Sound
32. Inane
34. Hindu god
35. Rime
37. Tit for —
38. — firma
41. Pressed clothes
44. Guarantee
46. Worshipped
48. Knitted fabric
49. Ananas
50. Gun dog
51. Scandinavian

DOWN

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2. South American fish
3. Polynesian parrot
4. Of lyric poetry
5. Actor Penn
6. Mineral spring
7. "Little — Annie" (comic strip)
8. Assistant aviators
9. Prove a plea
10. Actor Hackman
11. Football linemen
13. Levelling piece
18. Gigantic statues
20. King of Norway
22. Cloth

24. Temporary possession of property
26. Laggard
27. Trespassers
28. Arranged well
30. Song in two parts
33. Wise men
36. Kind of door
38. Restaurant checks
39. Bacchanal cry
40. Boisterous assemblage
42. Thor's father
43. Something forbidden
45. Not him
47. Color hair

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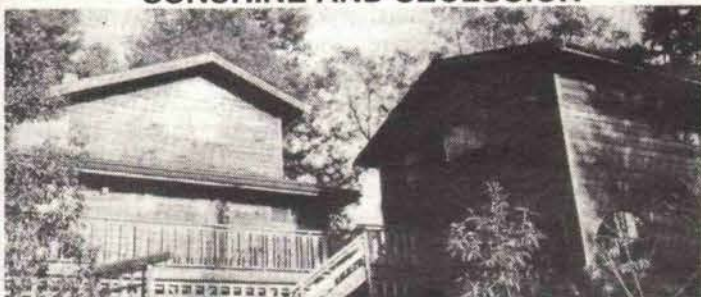


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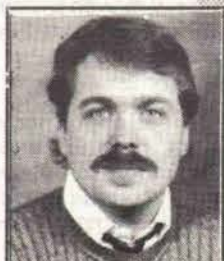
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Solution may be at hand to fuel supply dilemma

By ALISTAIR ROSS
Driftwood Correspondent

There seems to be a solution in the making to Galiano's fuel supply problems. It has been reported that an oil distributor will supply gasoline and diesel fuel to the Island by tanker truck as soon as a temporary storage tank can be installed. Chevron, owner of the tanks currently in use, will supply fuel in the meantime by barge, as they have done in the past.

Chevron will also begin testing the soil around the tanks for any contamination which may have occurred. The clean-up complete, they will then sell the tanks and the land on which they sit to Sang Lee, the garage owner. At this time the old tanks will be removed and new ones installed — two, not three as at present — by the new distributor. The temporary tank will be removed as soon as the new tanks are installed and functioning.

The committee of Galiano citizens who volunteered to attempt to find a solution to the island's fuel problems met with Captain Gray of B.C. Ferries on January 6 to ask for more frequent (and the shared use of) dangerous cargo trips from Swartz Bay. Dangerous cargo trips will now be very important to Galiano since the barging of oil products will cease when the new supplier takes over. Chevron intends to remove their supply pipes from the wharf at Sturdies Bay after their last bulk delivery.

Five Galiano committee members, Shirley Coulter, Norbert Duerichen, Mike Freer, Geoff Gaylor and Glenna Mattin, were joined at the meeting with Captain Gray by MLA Clive Tanner. Tanner has left "no stone unturned" in an attempt to find a solution to our problem, according to Gaylor, current president of Galiano's Chamber of Commerce.

Tanner and the Galiano committee members came away from the meeting hopeful a solution may be near. The main difficulty remaining is guaranteeing a gasoline supply during July and August when ferries are not available for dangerous cargo trips. Captain Gray is to study the matter with his schedule planners and report back to Tanner and the Galiano committee sometime next week.

Goodbye to a friend

She was almost fifteen and a half and a good friend. She was our

notes from galiano

dog Tziggy. Tziggy was short of Tzigania, thought to be the female equivalent of "Tzigeuner," or gypsy. She was fathered by a pedigreed Puli — a Hungarian sheepdog. Her mother, a "street kid" who had found her way into the loving home of the Puli owner in South Vancouver. The runt of the litter, she was nevertheless valued by her owners.

As a prospective member of our family, we had to be approved and my wife had to go through a lengthy interview from the bedside of the matriarch of the family. A week later, when all members had approved of the transfer, and all the family members had had a chance to say goodbye to the puppy, my wife was allowed to take her.

It was a Friday evening, and Dorothy was on her way to catch the ferry from Tsawwassen — the Friday night ferry was earlier in those days. It was also Remembrance Day weekend. The ferries were busy and the family's lengthy goodbyes almost caused my wife to miss her reservation.

"How did she travel on the ferry," I remember asking. "Just fine," my wife responded, "She sat on Joyce's knee quite happily all the way here."

Tziggy was always a good traveller. She wouldn't miss a car trip. She waited patiently for her master to finish his business, in the car or out of it.

Bags of groceries which might have tempted another dog were safe in the car with Tziggy. Only once did she "slip off her pedestal" and help herself to a plate of cookies while on the way to a function at the community hall.

Her hope was always that a trip in the car might end in a walk. The gravel surface of Cook Road suggested this might be what was in store for her and her excitement rose as the bumpiness increased.

Always with me, she knew the island well, from Mount Galiano to Coon Bay. But once home she never ventured beyond the end of the driveway. One call, before her hearing failed, brought her bounding down the driveway, her long coat flying, her curly tail and her ears waving — at odds with her bounding feet.

That was the young Tziggy, and

we had close to 14 years of her that way. Only in the last year and a half had she failed — first her hearing, then her sight — though how she ever saw with all that black hair over her eyes is a mystery.

Unable to cope with life, she is gone now, buried under the cedar tree by her two contemporaries, the cats. They were all good friends to their human masters and will be long remembered.

Rock cod wins derby

A fishing derby held in the Active Pass area on New Year's Day enjoyed a calm sea, clouds and drizzle. The fishing was not great. Two legal-sized rock cod were the total catch for the eight boats taking part. Donated prizes went to two successful fishermen and a draw was held amongst the others for the third prize.

Ironically Tony Challoner and Lea Maberley, out too late to participate in the derby, were successful in their attempt and came home with two good sized spring salmon.

The derby was organized by Mel Frith of Sturdies Bay, the same gentleman whose house was illuminated for the Christmas season with a handsome fishing vessel outlined with Christmas tree lights. It was a most attractive addition to the festive appearance of the bay as one approached the wharf on the ferry on dark December evenings.



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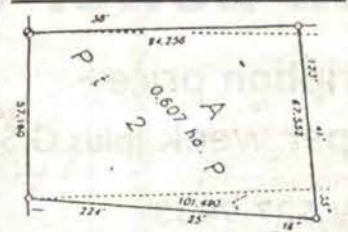
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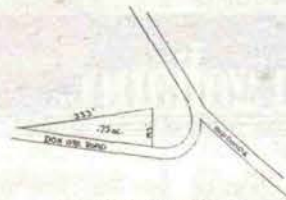
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