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Vice-president wants happy ferry users

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Driftwood Staff

Alienating customers is not good business.

So Glen Brown, the newly-appointed executive vice-president for inter-island services, wants to encourage customer input into the ferry system serving the Gulf Islands and the northern islands.

"If you're pissing the people off who are taking the boat, you're getting behind the eight-ball," he told the Driftwood Monday. "If something doesn't cost very much money to fix and it would make your customers happier, why not do it?"

What Brown wants is lots of happy travellers on the ferries, preferably filling every sailing. The corporation's massive operating deficit is due mostly to empty space on ferries, Brown notes. "I'm in the business of running ferries back and forth but if there's no traffic on the

ferries, we're incurring costs without customers."

One solution, Brown says, would be to eliminate sailings which are not well used. Another would be offering inducements, such as lower fares, to fill those sailings.

Effective January 8, Brown will be responsible for 17 routes, including those serving the Gulf Islands and those linking islands in Georgia Strait with either Vancouver Island or the Lower Mainland. At present he is the corporation's chief financial officer. Brown's new position is part of a reorganization of the B.C. Ferry Corporation announced December 18 by chief executive officer Tom Ward.

The reorganization recognizes that B.C. Ferries serves different clientele with its different routes, Brown explained. The major commercial routes, generally those link-

FERRIES 2

Island keeps Skeena

The Skeena Queen is staying.

Analysis of the three short commuter routes considered for the new vessel show Salt Spring offers the best economic use for the 100-vehicle ferry, B.C. Ferries chief financial officer Glen Brown said Monday.

"This route would get the most bang for the buck with this vessel," Brown said.

Other routes contending for the new ferry were Campbell River-Quadra and Horseshoe Bay-Bowen Island. Like Fulford-Swartz Bay, both are short routes heavily used by commuters.

The extra capacity of the Skeena Queen has meant fewer overloads on the Fulford-Swartz Bay route during peak sailings. Salt Spring also has considerable traffic throughout the day, so the ferry is better utilized.

"You look at it and say, how much air am I going to be carrying," Brown summarized.

Coming to Salt Spring Monday, he walked through the lounges and immediately noted the absence of work tables. He also found the passenger amenities limited, including no vending machine for coffee, and agreed the engine noise in the lounges should be reduced.



Up, up and away

Jose Janecek blows a series of bubbles as he provides a little entertainment for himself and onlookers. The youth was seen recently await-

ing the Skeena Queen at the Fulford Harbour ferry terminal.

Photo by Derrick Lundy

Village Resort: 'we're our own worst enemy'

Developer Brian Hauff will be changing his legal advisors and the marketing of his 123-unit Salt Spring Island Village Resort in a bid to resolve problems which have kept him from selling units since mid-September.

"We're our own worst enemy," Hauff said. "We just don't know how to draft documents."

In the past year, he notes, he has only been able to sell units in the resort for six weeks. Sales occurred in August, for a week in September and for five days in December.

Hauff had voluntarily ceased selling units in mid-September in order to meet requirements of the B.C. Securities Commission. That was completed at the end of November and sales resumed.

Then on December 5, sales of

the resort units were suspended by the Superintendent of Real Estate on the grounds that Hauff did not have sufficient financing in place. But Hauff said he had financing through Multi Metro Mortgage Corp of Vancouver — until that company was suspended in early December.

The mortgage company was raising the next \$3 million which Hauff needed to proceed with the resort. Without the financing in place, Hauff will have to meet stringent Real Estate Act requirements in order to sell his strata title properties.

These requirements include keeping all deposits in a trust account, a limit of six months on sales and maximum deposits of 10 per cent of the purchase price.

Hauff said it took two and a half

months and two to three attempts to meet the B.C. Securities Commission requirements, a process completed at the end of November.

"Our legal documents stink," he said. "They're confusing. We have documents a brain surgeon couldn't get through."

Over the past two years, he said, there have been 38 to 50 reservations on resort units but only seven to eight actual sales. Sales have been hampered by the paperwork problems, he said.

"We're in a very frustrated state. The buying public can't handle starts and stops."

Delays are also increasing the amount of money Hauff must borrow for the project. Had sales continued, he said, some of the money from early sales could have been

used to finance part of the project.

Construction work on the project slowed in mid-September since Hauff could not access his financing once he was unable to sell units. Hauff said he is keeping a skeleton crew on the site, closing in the lodge and closing in five to six of the partially-completed units.

He is now reviewing the project, the mistakes made over the past year and plans to change his legal advisors and change how the strata-title resort units will be marketed.

The controversial resort has drawn significant opposition from islanders. The Salt Spring Trust Committee attempted to stop the project by downzoning the property but Hauff was able to obtain building permits before the downzoning came into effect.

Ticket refunds available

Islanders who purchased books of commuter tickets at the higher price in effect from November 14 to December 24 have until the end of January to exchange their tickets.

Exchanges must be made at the Long Harbour or Swartz Bay ferry terminals.

Those turning in tickets will be given a credit equal to the higher price for each unused ticket. The credit will

TICKETS 2

Pregnant women offered choice: midwifery enters health system

Island midwives and the pregnant women who use their services have hit the end of an uphill road as midwifery becomes part of the health care system January 1.

For pregnant women, this means the \$800 to \$1,200 charged by a midwife for pre-natal, labour and postpartum care is now covered by the B.C. Medical Services Plan.

And for midwives, who have been pushing to have their work recognized and legalized since the mid-1970s, the event marks the final step in a long and painful process.

"It's been a long time coming," says island midwife Jeanne Lyons, who has taken a temporary position in Vancouver, supervising midwives at the B.C. Women's Hospital. "It's fabulous, because now women have a choice."

Although for the past several years numerous island women have chosen to use care provided by midwives, whether it be alone or in combination with a doctor's service, the cost has been prohibitive to many.

In 1993 the B.C. government announced its intention to legalize midwifery and implement it into

the health care system as an autonomous profession.

Since that time, Lyons says, midwives have undergone rigorous testing to meet registration requirements, and various meetings have been staged between involved parties to determine the best way to integrate midwifery into the health care system.

One result has been the Model of Midwifery Practice, developed by the College of Midwives of British Columbia. The model defines midwifery and sets out standards of care that can be expected by women using the services of a midwife.

Under new regulations, midwives will become the primary caregivers to women who choose their services, offering 24-hour availability throughout pregnancy, labour and the postpartum period.

The principle and philosophy of "continuity of care" is fundamental to the process, according to the midwifery college. Continuity of care refers to the partnership developed between a woman and her midwife. It requires a commitment from the midwife to develop a relationship with the woman during pregnancy; provide safe, individualized care; support the woman through labour and birth

and provide comprehensive care to the mother and child throughout the postpartum period.

Women who choose to use a midwife also have a choice of birth setting, whether it be home, hospital or birth centre. As of January 1, all registered midwives will have hospital admitting and discharging privileges.

According to Lyons, midwives in B.C. had a "two-year window period" during which they could apply to become registered midwives, whether their background in midwifery was formal or informal. Many midwives have been schooled in the practice, while others have learned their work through apprenticeships and by overseeing numerous births.

Those applying needed to have done a minimum number of births, Lyons notes, and those accepted into the application process underwent a "rigorous process" that included theoretical and written examinations, plus hands-on clinical applications.

Midwives had to attend 15 different stations which tested emergency skills and clinical abilities.

Both Lyons and island midwife Maggie Ramsey emerged from the process as registered midwives.



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FERRIES: Need to be full

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ing Vancouver Island with the Lower Mainland, tend to carry recreational travellers, many of whom rarely use the ferry and are making non-essential trips.

Inter-island routes carry people who must use the ferries frequently to access jobs or services not available in their small communities. Such trips are not voluntary, Brown observed.

Although the commercial ferry routes were once profitable enough to cross-subsidize the smaller routes, Brown said there has been no cross-subsidization of inter-island routes for the past few years. Last year the commercial routes lost \$21 million.

The inter-island routes fell \$33 million short of covering their operating costs, Brown noted. One exception is the Crofton-Vesuvius route, which does meet its operating costs. Brown points out that route has low terminal costs and the ferry is inexpensive to run. Although traffic is not heavy, it is enough to cover the cost of the route.

He is also eyeing Gabriola Island's ferry service, which is close to covering its own operating costs. He hopes to identify the factors which make these routes "winners" and apply them to other routes.

He anticipates a subsidy for ferry service from government, most of which should be applied to the "non-commercial routes," including the Gulf Islands. However, the amount of the subsidy will not be determined until the provincial government brings down its budget next March.

Keeping the ferry corporation fiscally sustainable will require a partnership between the corporation, the government, the B.C. Ferry and Marine Workers Union and the

users, Brown said.

For example, some of the possible cost-cutting measures will require negotiation with the union. These include fewer crew on under-utilized sailings, re-arranging of shifts and increased use of casual crew so ferries can be scheduled when they are needed.

Brown wonders if the federal Department of Transport would be willing to reduce crew requirements for under-utilized sailings. "The larger your passenger list, the more crew you need," Brown pointed out.

And a small difference can mean a lot when balancing the budget.

The provincial government has promised no further fare increases for a year, so Brown says there is time to talk to islanders about striking a balance between ticket prices and service options.

"I think that is a legitimate choice for people to make," he said. He wonders if people would be willing

TICKETS

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to be applied towards a new book of tickets.

If the total value of the unused tickets exceeds the price of the new tickets, a cash refund will be given.

Between November 14 and December 24, a book of 10 passenger tickets was \$45; a book of 10 vehicle-only tickets was \$129.50; and a book of 10 vehicle and driver tickets was \$174.50. Books of five vehicle-only or vehicle/driver tickets were \$66.90 and \$89.40 respectively.

The roll-back announced December 24 returned the prices

to give up under-used sailings to keep fares lower. "Convenience has a price."

The current Gulf Islands ferry schedule has eliminated much of the overtime, making it more cost-effective than in the past. But more needs to be done, Brown said. "What we're doing now still loses a substantial amount of money."

He says he is waiting for the recommendations from the Southern Gulf Islands Ferry Advisory Committee — expected by March — and hopes to implement money-saving suggestions as soon as possible.

"I want to be more pro-active," he said.

Listening to the ideas and needs of the ferry corporation's customers only makes sense, he notes.

"If the customers agree on what they'd rather have, why wouldn't we do it?" he asked. "I want the sailings, all the sailings, to sail full."

to the same level they were before the November 14 price increase. A book of 10 passenger tickets is now \$35; 10 vehicle-only tickets are \$109.50 and 10 vehicle/driver tickets are \$144.50. Books of five vehicle-only and vehicle/driver tickets are \$58.35 and \$75.85 respectively.

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RCMP REPORT

An intoxicated island man spent Christmas night in cells.

At 9:30 p.m. Christmas Day, Ganges RCMP responded to disturbance complaint in the 300 block of Cranberry Road.

Police say that as a "result of his antics," an intoxicated male, found hiding in the bushes, was arrested and lodged in cells until Boxing Day morning.

No charges were laid.

In other police news:

- Just 45 minutes into Christmas Day, police received a complaint of a B&E in progress in the 300 block of Lower Ganges Road.

However, responding officers determined it was only the owner of the store removing some items from the business.

- At 4:50 a.m. Christmas Eve police were called to assist local ambulance crews with a suicidal female. The woman, who had attempted to cut her wrists, was restrained and transported to Lady Minto Hospital.

- Of three motor vehicle accidents reported last week, two involved another vehicle forcing drivers off the road.

At about 3:30 p.m. Saturday, it was reported that a newer, small, white car forced a Fernwood resident into a ditch on Robinson Road, causing \$1,000 damage.

The following day a Fulford resident driving on Cusheon Lake Road says she was forced off the road into a culvert by a light green Ford pick-up with a homemade wooden canopy. Damage to her vehicle was minor.



Escapee

Jane Bemis makes one of many walks home with her escapee pot-bellied pig, Willie, who frequently breaks free and visits the neighbours in the Dukes Road area.

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A Salt Spring youth may proceed with charges of assault and mischief after he was badly beaten early in the morning of Christmas Eve.

Police say they were called to the 100 block Stewart Road just after 3:30 a.m. last Wednesday where a resident believed a fight involving eight youths was about to occur.

By the time police arrived, the youths had left in vehicles.

However, a short time later, Lady Minto Hospital admitted a youth who had been badly beaten and was requesting police assistance.

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Chronic thefts at SIMS and GISS frustrate victims and their parents

Robbery has joined "the three Rs" at local schools, with thefts of money and clothing reported from both Salt Spring Island Middle School (SIMS) and Gulf Islands Secondary School (GISS).

Debbie Cairns notes a black and white Adidas nylon bomber jacket, youth size large, was stolen from her daughter at SIMS approximately three weeks ago.

Judy Guedes said her son lost \$30 from the pocket of his pants while he was participating in a gym class.

Another parent reports losses of \$100, a winter jacket and skateboards stolen from students at GISS. The parent asked not to be identified as the students fear retribution if they complain.

"It's really sad that it gets to that point. They don't even feel they can say anything."

Cairns said her daughter tried to have an announcement broadcast at the school offering a reward for the return of the jacket but was told that could not be done. So she decided to make a public appeal in the hope that the jacket can be

returned.

Especially at this time of year, she said, it would be possible for a student to claim that a new possession was a "gift" when the item was actually stolen or found and kept.

"We need to be more accountable to our kids," she said, adding that parents should always question new possessions. "What I think sometimes happens is your kid brings something home and you don't question where they got it."

From talking to other parents, Cairns said, she has heard of numerous items stolen from students at both the middle and high schools. "I think the problem is prevalent everywhere."

For Christmas, Cairns said, she gave her daughter a lock so the girl can lock up her possessions.

A problem area cited by more than one parent is the change rooms at the schools. Guedes notes there is no provision for lockers in the change rooms so items frequently go missing. Even labelling clothes is not a solution, she pointed out. "People don't

care — they just don't wear it to school."

Theft and vandalism at SIMS during the middle school's first year of operation prompted Chris Brogan to pull all three of her children out of the public school system. One is now at the high school and the other two are being home-schooled.

Brogan felt the staff was slow to react to the problems, which included theft and destruction of a computer disk, a locker broken into and every crayon in a package of crayons broken, thefts of pencils, calculators and pens from desks and the spreading of false rumours about one of her children.

She also reports hearing about similar problems from other parents. "It's pretty chronic, actually. I got so annoyed I pulled my three kids out of the school."

Although she has heard from other parents that the situation at the school has improved, she is still home-schooling the two younger students. "I don't want them going back to the middle school."

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- **It's important to check with your doctor if you notice blood in your stool.** It could be due to hemorrhoids or excessive straining but it could also signify colon cancer. As with most cancers, early detection increases survival rates.

- **Smokers consider stopping the addiction at this time of year.** Here's some motivation. A two pack-a-day smoker will spend over \$72,000 in 20 years. Add that loss of money to loss of health, you'll find that *now* really is the time to stop.

- **This time of year can be lonely and depressing for some people.** If you are aware of someone in this situation, why not reach out and bring him or her into your home for a dinner or an evening. Sometimes being with people can help banish the blues.

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Fulford schedule announced

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A ferry will leave Long Harbour for Swartz Bay at 7:30, 9:30 and 11:30 a.m., and at 5:30 and 7:30 p.m. The ferry will leave Swartz Bay at 8:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 4:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m.

A 40-passenger water taxi service will be available from Fulford Harbour to Swartz Bay on the regular schedule, leaving Fulford Harbour at 6:20, 7:45, 9:15 and 10:55 a.m., and 12:30, 2, 3:30, 5:10, 6:50 and 8:15 p.m.

The service will leave Swartz Bay at 7, 8:30, 10 and 11:50 in the morning, and 1:15, 2:45, 4:25, 6:05, 7:35 and 9:05 in the afternoon and evening.

Those using the water taxi will not be able to park their vehicles in the Fulford terminal since heavy construction equipment will be working in the area.



Moonlighting

Santa Claus and a reindeer were moonlighting last week, directing traffic around highways maintenance workers on Salt Spring before heading out on their annual sleigh ride. Flagger Vivian Guinevan, as Santa, and Christina Rainsford kept motorists amused as they drove by.

Photo by Tony Richards

Gas prices chase motorists off-island for better deals

Some local gas retailers are seeing their customers fill up off-island despite a recent drop of two cents a litre in island gas prices.

But the price reduction to 63.5 cents a litre from 65.9 doesn't impress drivers who see gas going for 49.9 cents a litre across the water in Crofton. In Victoria and Vancouver, gas hovers at the 54.9-cent mark. Drivers who fill up off Salt Spring can save just over 13 cents a litre in Crofton; eight cents a litre in Victoria.

Denis Beech, owner of Salt Spring Payless, sees customers pick up \$5 worth at his gas station while noting that they are filling their tanks on Vancouver Island. "I find it really discouraging," he said.

His station switched recently from Esso to Payless. One reason for that switch was to attempt to bring local gas prices more in line with Victoria prices, he said. "We've got customers who are going off-island to fill up their tanks. Our whole intent was to have prices compatible with those in Victoria."

But Beech said switching suppliers didn't work out as he had hoped, with his price having increased four or five times since he signed on with Payless. He's raised the issue with the company but has not been happy with the

response. "We seem to get the run-around. Most of the companies view us as a very small entity in their big wheel." Some Vancouver Island gas stations are able to sell gas at retail for less than Salt Spring Payless can get it at wholesale, Beech observed.

Although he has been told the cost of delivery adds to the cost for Salt Spring gas stations, Beech doubts that accounts for the entire difference in pricing.

But Tom Humphries, Payless manager for southern Vancouver Island, said the Salt Spring Payless station determines its own selling price. He said it does cost extra to get fuel to the island and noted the especially low cost for gas in the Crofton-Duncan area is due to a new gas station in Duncan, which lowered its prices to draw customers.

He declined to discuss differences in wholesale prices charged to dealers in different areas or the impact of transportation costs on the retail price of gas.

Mary Ann McColl noted that McColl's Shell pays more for the gas they sell while PetroCan owner Lynda Brown also reported higher wholesale prices for gas retailers on Salt Spring.

"I don't set the prices. They're

set in head office," she said. She noted the gas war in Duncan is pulling people over there to fill their tanks. "People get \$5 worth and tell you they're getting gas over there. It gets frustrating for us too."

Brown would like to see the money stay on the island. "I'm a big advocate of shopping in town."

FIRE CALLS

A suspicious fire in the Ganges Village Market building on Lower Ganges Road on Christmas Eve is under investigation.

The fire occurred at approximately 2 p.m. in the washroom off the hallway inside the building. Nearby merchants used a fire extinguisher to put out the blaze and also called the fire department.

A soap dispenser was destroyed and there was minor damage to the washroom.

Firefighters were also called out Christmas Day to a chimney fire at approximately 12:20 p.m. on Orchard Road in Fulford.

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Students give to SPCA for Christmas
 Monika Mayr's class at Salt Spring Middle School poses with SPCA representatives after students donated \$135 to the organization. They chose to give to the SPCA rather than give each other Christmas gifts.

Photo by Tony Richards

Workers resent carrying brunt of corporation's money woes

B.C. Ferries workers may have accepted a contract with the B.C. Ferry Corporation but they're unhappy at bearing the brunt of ferry corporation financial problems, says union president Ken Michael.

"Members made it clear at the ratification meetings and then confirmed with a low acceptance vote that the financial troubles of B.C. Ferries will no longer be shouldered by ferry workers," said

Michael, who heads the B.C. Ferry and Marine Workers' Union. Union members voted 54 per cent in favour of accepting a tentative agreement with the ferry corporation.

"The corporation and indeed the B.C. government is on notice that the next round of negotiations will require them to seriously address financial issues, particularly those monies lost to inflation in recent years," Michael added.

Recycling depot intake likely up 30% in 1997

Salt Spring Recycling Depot news is anything but secondhand.

The impending Hartland Road Landfill paper ban, an improved traffic circle, the possibility of more plastics being handled, and an ever-increasing use of the facility are all part of the depot's 1997 report.

Depot manager Peter Grant says, "Final tonnage figures for 1997 will be about 30 per cent higher than last year, which continues to amaze us all."

That figure will no doubt go up even more when the Hartland Road Landfill ban on all recyclable paper is put in place by spring. Grant notes the ban will not include paper napkin products, composite paper products such as tetra-pak containers, waxed or carbon paper.

The Capital Regional District (CRD) has found that other bans now in place have successfully diverted recyclable materials from the landfill, says Grant.

Substances presently banned at Hartland Road Landfill are gyproc, cardboard, tires, used oil filters, automotive/marine batteries, motor oil, phone books, scrap metal, appliances, hazardous waste, auto bodies, aggregate, asphalt paving, concrete, farm implements, propane tanks, rubble, ignitable waste, liquids (except by permit), radio-active waste, special wastes and clean top-soil.

Grant says "the good thing about paper recycling on Salt Spring is that we now only have two categories — newspaper and everything else." He adds that the goods must be recyclable and clean, "not your used paper towels and Kleenex tissues."

More plastic recycling will hope-

fully be possible by springtime. A facility that can handle more than #1 and #2 plastic bottles has been leased on Keating Crossroad, says Grant.

All Gulf Islands recycling depots are considering the option of becoming bottle depots when the expanded deposit regulation takes effect. (Deposit fees will be charged on most beverage containers.)

This would not take place until October 1998.

Increasing the radius of the traffic circle at the Salt Spring depot is also being investigated, so longer vehicles can more easily make the turn.

Anyone with comments or questions regarding the recycling depot is encouraged to call Grant at 537-1200. More information is also available from the CRD recycling hotline at 1-800-663-4425.

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Director reviews past and looks toward '98

By **KELLIE BOOTH**,
Salt Spring regional director

December 1997. It's a time for reflecting on issues and directions covering the Capital Regional District's (CRD's) local agendas during the past 12 months and for defining objectives and budgets for 1998.

Looking back, I am struck by three "reflections:" the number and complexity of issues facing our growing electoral area; the remarkable volunteer spirit of residents; and the web-like intricacies of co-operation that exist across our community.

I particularly commend the capabilities and commitment of the many volunteers willing to serve on commissions, task forces and working groups for the betterment of our community. I am truly grateful for their help, for the assistance of my alternate director Allisen Lambert, and for the dedication and support of trustees Bev Byron and David Borrowman, CRD and Islands Trust staff.

Additionally, I have welcomed the input and points of view presented to me by a great number of residents, those I have known for years and many new ones I have met "over the telephone." This report represents wide-spread efforts and I take this opportunity to say a big "thank you" to all those who have contributed.

I am pleased with the level of open communication and co-ordination that has been established between our two arms of local government. Ongoing, pro-active consultation and a refined process for referral triggers have demonstrated positive results. We continue to lobby with one voice for Crown lands dedication, and are encouraged that the ministry has recently acknowledged the designation of a public and recreation use for Crown lands parcels in our official community plan. I will continue to pursue this in 1998 as a member of the regional parks committee.

A revamping of the Salt Spring Emergency Program's organizational structures became a priority in 1997. With a new bylaw establishing a local Emergency Services Commission and mid-year appointments to a coordinating executive committee, much volunteer activity over the past few months has significant results. Those include an improved communications system installed at a re-organized emergency operations centre; 23 of the "first responders" completing an incident command system course; application and anticipation of

\$20,000 from a federal emergency program grant; liaison with parents advisory councils and others; and organization of working groups for special projects.

The development of a comprehensive and integrated local emergency plan is just one of many priorities identified for 1998.

Updating some other CRD functions, the Parks, Arts and Recreation Commission is reviewing its master plan and has set improved two-way communication with residents as one of its objectives.

Policy guidelines and an application process were developed for the grants-in-aid program. Review of applications by the grants committee was undertaken in the interests of more equitable and accountable allocation of funds and a lessening of unilateral, arbitrary decision-making.

An inventory of grant-funded capital assets is being compiled to make their shared use easier for community groups.

Initiatives that pave the way for greater cost-efficiency in CRD services are ongoing, in the interest of finding ways to reduce our share of the regional tax requisition.

Much of my time is spent facilitating solutions to residents' infrastructure concerns. This includes lobbying federal, provincial and regional government agencies which have jurisdiction over a particular matter.

Towards 1998

As a result of working together, we have made strides that otherwise would not have been possible. However, the list of community issues that are still unable to be debated, influenced or resolved locally continues to grow.

Agencies and individuals not resident on Salt Spring still play a dominant role in decision-making and an ever-increasing number of issues "fall between the cracks."

From my vantage point, I can only conclude that a review of local government options must be a priority for 1998. One year ago it was apparent that new directions were being taken by the provincial government, including downloading of responsibilities to municipalities, yet impacts were unclear. We now have a better view of the landscape and cautious steps can be taken to place the issue of local government back on "the front burner."

In closing, I want to extend season's greetings and best wishes for a Happy New Year!



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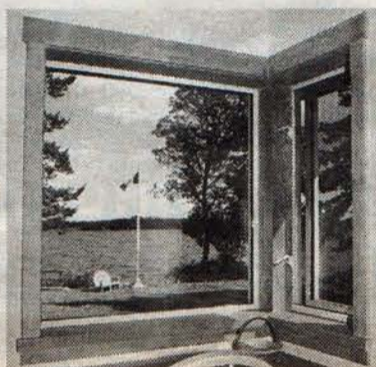
Islander Shelagh Baker is spotted recently as she did a little gardening in the rain. Recent mild weather in the Gulf Islands may bring out myriad gardeners — despite the calendar, it feels like spring is in the air.

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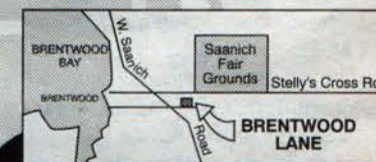
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Gift from the Pacific

Caeley Pitseolak holds collection of shells gathered at Fulford Harbour. The eight-year-old visitor from Nova Scotia plans to take shells home from this coast to mix with shells collected on her side of the country.

Photo by Derrick Luny

Construction permit number up but value down by 18 per cent

Permits issued on the Gulf Islands between January and September show the amount of construction is up but the value is down from 1996, according to the Capital Regional District's quarterly report.

On Salt Spring in the first three quarters of the year, 261 permits were issued for a total construction value of \$12.7 million. During the same period in 1996, 222 permits were issued for a total value of \$15.4 million. Value of construction is down by 18 per cent although the number of permits is up 18 per cent.

The major difference was in commercial construction, \$2.1 million worth by September this year compared to \$7.7 million in 1996 permits. All other categories of construction are up this year: industrial to \$470,000 this year from \$239,000 in 1996; institutional to \$831,000 from \$33,000 in 1996; and residential to \$9.3 million compared to \$7.4 million in 1996.

Building permits were issued for 244 residential units, two institutional projects, two industrial and 13 commercial. Forty-four new lots were created.

Occupancy permits were handed out for 66 residences and four mobile homes.

Projects which are either proposed or in progress include a 630-square-metre (750-square-yard) addition to Ganges Village Market; a five-lot commercial services/industrial strata title subdivision on Rainbow Road; a new building for wholesale seafood packaging (Sea Change Seafoods); an eight-lot residen-

tial subdivision on Stark Road; an 11-lot residential subdivision on Park Drive; and a 32-lot residential subdivision on Stewart Road.

The same pattern was echoed on the Outer Islands, where the number of building permits issued from January to September was up a hair, by one per cent to 208 from 205 in 1996, although value represented by the permits was down seven per cent, to \$6.2 million from \$6.7 million.

Most of the permits, 202, were for residential units, with two for institutional projects and four for commercial construction.

There were nine new lots cre-

ated during the first three-quarters of the year and occupancy permits were issued for 66 single family homes.

Projects which are proposed or in progress include 17 cabins at the Otter Bay Marina on North Pender; 49 strata title cottages proposed for Bedwell Harbour Resort on South Pender; a child care centre in a portable building at Pender Island School; 13 residential lots off East Point Road on Saturna Island; and a 43-lot subdivision off Harbour Hill Road on North Pender.

A new project is a proposed expansion of the Driftwood Centre on North Pender.

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Herbal remedy laced with drugs

Health Canada is warning consumers not to use Sleeping Buddha capsules, a traditional herbal remedy manufactured in China and imported into Canada by a Burnaby company.

The product, promoted as an aid for insomnia and restlessness, is sold in bottles containing 30 capsules. It is available primarily through stores selling herbal products in B.C., Ontario and Quebec.

Two lots of Sleeping Buddha have been tested and found to be contaminated with prescription drugs flurazepam or estazolam.

These drugs belong to a class of drugs known as benzodiazepines and could pose a risk to

individuals who consume them without the advice of their physicians.

If consumed during pregnancy, benzodiazepines can also cause serious adverse effects on the developing fetus, including congenital malformations and depressions of the central nervous system.

Sleeping Buddha has not been approved as a drug for sale in Canada and the Canadian distributor has voluntarily stopped sale of this product.

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Three wishes for '98

The close of a year is traditionally the time for reflecting upon our accomplishments of the year just passed. It is also a time for resolving how we might do things better in the year yet to come.

But we intend to eschew tradition here in this, the first edition of 1998, and give you instead a wish list of sorts. Given the gentle nature of our weather this year, readers may feel we are being a mite greedy in openly wishing for more than Nature has generously seen fit to provide. However, we are no less thankful than the next islander for the balmy temperatures which are coaxing pussy willows into early bloom.

But if Father Time dropped by and offered to give us three wishes for 1998, we'd probably take the old fellow up on his offer. What would those wishes be?

First, we'd like to see another serious, long look at local government options for Salt Spring Island. As much as islanders like to be unique, even to their form of government — or non-government in many instances — the current patchwork of jurisdictions on Salt Spring is letting too many possibilities drop through the cracks.

The still unfinished seawalk, the need for improved water service to Ganges to support sprinkler systems in public buildings like ArtSpring and the Core Inn, the delays which scuttled the affordable housing project on Ganges Hill: all might be handled better by a stronger, more encompassing local government.

Heck, we might even get our crosswalks painted on a regular basis.

Our next wish, somewhat related, is for a stronger economic base. There's no doubt many local businesses are hurting and many residents are pinching their pennies hard enough to dent the copper.

Part of the problem is an end to the real estate boom, which has slowed construction. Another part is the poor performance of the tourist industry in the last couple of years.

We clearly need to develop other ways to promote economic sustainability, to find industries which are environmentally sound and which will not destroy the rural lifestyle. One suggestion, touted by Imagen Communications' Dwight Jones, has been to develop Salt Spring as a centre for technology, perhaps with a high-tech educational institution.

A few technology companies have already been drawn here by lifestyle and proximity to Vancouver and Victoria. More would be welcome.

Another option is to develop further the island's growing music scene, so that Salt Spring becomes a centre for music performance and production in addition to its well-established reputation for arts and crafts.

Our first wish, which could lead to the establishment of municipal government, might help bring in the second since a local government could spearhead efforts for economic development.

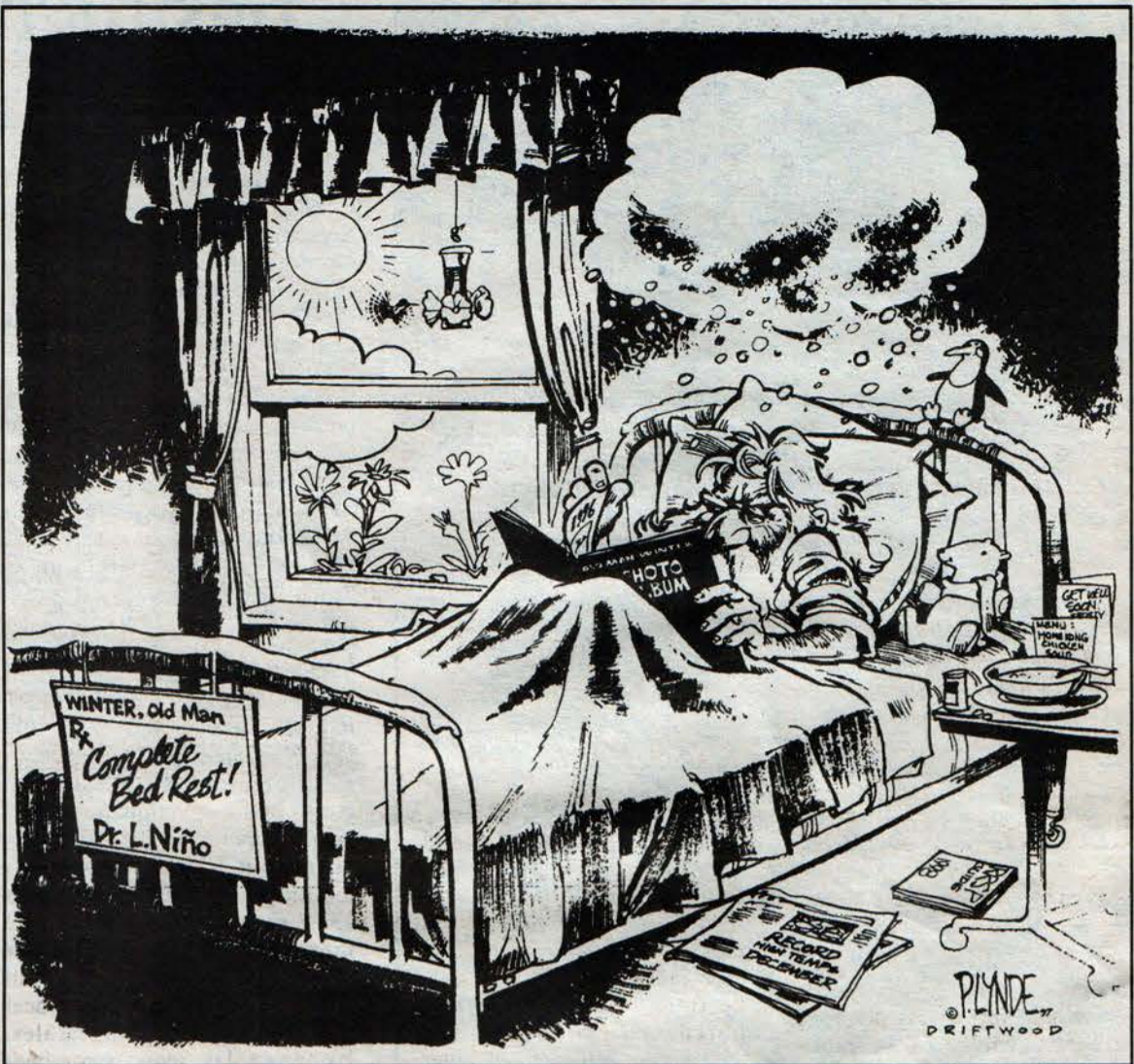
And our first wish might also help with many of the contenders for the third spot on our wish list. It's hard to choose among these: completion of ArtSpring, the construction of a swimming pool, building bike paths on roadways, the return of our local courthouse, finishing of the Core Inn with enough financing to keep it operating, core funding for the Transition House — our list grows as we consider the community's needs.

But many of these projects could benefit from the increased lobbying power and organization of a unified local government. This past year the two Islands Trust representatives and the regional director have achieved much through a determined effort to cooperate with each other and work together — giving us a small example of what coordinated local government can do.

But that cooperation cannot be taken for granted and it is still not the same thing as a local, municipal government.

So we won't spend our third wish on a local project. We'll wait for the outcome of wish numbers one and two, both of which would help make all other local ventures more feasible.

We would want to spend our third wish on something really important: continued relief from the discomfort of a harsh winter (memories of the last one not having receded completely from mind) and a very fine 1998 for all.



Mandatory reading: Book extols strong families, community links

By GAIL SJUBERG

I am ending this year more than others in a state of gratitude.

I haven't been doused with good luck or gone through major life changes. I have simply been enjoying a shift in perspective prompted by a book called *In the Shelter of Each Other: Rebuilding Our Families* by Mary Pipher, which friend and colleague Susan Lundy discovered and declared mandatory reading for me.

Among Pipher's ideas are that strong extended families with traditions to share, and connections between people of different ages in a community are vital to stemming the breakdown of North American society.

The move towards less human interaction and more time in front of TVs and computers is making people more fearful (because of the violence portrayed and reported); it makes them covet things they can never have and therefore feel chronically unhappy, resentful or inadequate.

We and our children are valued only as consumers of products and, unless we intervene, a consumer-driven, hostile culture is raising our children, says Pipher. Families — and not necessarily "nuclear" ones, but what she calls a "tiospaye," which includes extended family members and trusted neighbours and friends — are the only buffer between the children and an unhealthy popular culture.

Pipher also criticizes the field of counselling therapy, where in many cases therapists have let people blame family members for all their problems in life and sever family connections rather than build on those relationships.

She describes various individuals and families she met through therapy and relates what brought them back from the brink of combustion. She often recommends getting in touch with relatives, enjoying the outdoors, creating or maintaining traditions and family rituals — cultivating a genuine sense of belonging we all need. (Feeling like we are all the intimate chums of TV personalities doesn't do the trick, she notes.)



VIEW POINT

After reading the book, I suddenly thought of the things my family did year after year in the Comox Valley where I grew up — fishing in Georgia Strait, ice skating outdoors, cross-country skiing, seeking out spawning salmon, helping with the huge garden that let us share flowers and vegetables with neighbours, friends and relatives, and has made three out of four children gardeners.

The images linked together like a jigsaw puzzle, and clumped themselves onto a huge piece I had already discovered a few years ago when I witnessed my mother caring so wonderfully for my own child. What I once saw negatively as martyrdom typical of her age was clearly an expression of love and self-sacrifice.

Rather than spend any more time dissecting the things that didn't seem right or could have been better with where I came from, I am able to give credit to all that was right.

The move towards less human interaction and more time in front of TVs and computers is making people more fearful...

Last week I lent the Pipher book to my 71-year-old father, a voracious reader of history, political analysis and decent literature. I wasn't sure if Pipher would interest him because it is many ways geared to present-day child-rearing parents.

As I left him with it in Courtenay he was engrossed and excited by it and I was rewarded by that familiar joy of having

passed along a good book and creating new ground for discussion. It was also a way to begin expression of my gratitude to him and my mother because he will see that, at least according to Pipher, they gave their children what they needed most.

Already more clear to me was my gratitude at living in a rural environment where faces are familiar and a sense of community is valued. I resent Salt Spring being described as "idyllic" ad nauseum — we have real problems, too — but I know I'm glad this is where my daughter has spent the first five years of her life.

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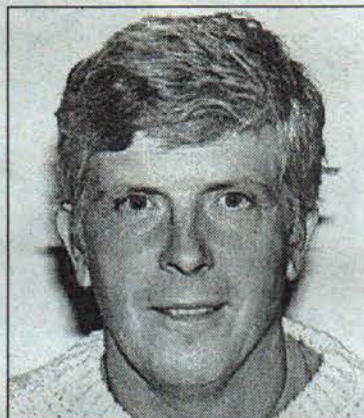
We Asked: What would you like to see in 1998?



David Borrowman
SALT SPRING TRUST COMMITTEE
Community forest land. Other communities around the province own their own forest land. I'll be starting an initiative in January to see if there is a way for us on the island to take community ownership of some forest land.



Bev Byron
SALT SPRING TRUST COMMITTEE
I would like to see the goodwill and cooperation of the past year between the island's elected officials continue and be reinforced.



Charles Hingston
SCHOOL TRUSTEE
At the provincial bargaining table, I'd like to see all the adults around the table thinking about the interests of students first and foremost. I believe we should sit in that room with bread and water until we come up with a solution that meets the needs of students.



Jane Parlee
SCHOOL TRUSTEE
I'd like to see better communication in the district between staff and parents, the development of an alternative high school for teens and improved staff morale throughout the district.



Kellie Booth
SALT SPRING REGIONAL DIRECTOR
I'd like to see continued cooperation between the Trust and the CRD and I'd like to see us explore other local government options through the phase two study.

Letters to the Editor

Share costs

I would like to offer qualified (repeat "qualified") support to the proposal by trustees to use taxation powers to buy properties of special ecological or public-use interest.

The argument has been made that such properties should only be purchased using community fundraising — this being seen as indicating community commitment and helping to strengthen community cohesiveness. The problem with relying solely on fundraising is that it is frequently difficult to generate sufficient funds to cover the complete cost of a purchase or to fully fund a much-needed community project.

There is of course a third way or middle ground. This would involve funds raised through property taxes only being used to top up or complement contributions made by the community. In this way local commitment and involvement in fundraising continues to be required and encouraged, while at the same time the resource-generation burden is

shared by all property owners who stand to benefit from the purchases made.

In fact, my preference would be for a three-way sharing of purchase costs, with funding from general provincial revenue also being sought where possible. The question which would then need to be answered is what proportion of each expenditure should come from different sources. In my opinion a range of a third to a half of a project's cost coming from community fundraising would appear appropriate.

GREG SPENDJIAN,
Beddis Road

Lionism

On behalf of the Salt Spring Island Lions Club, I wish to thank our wonderful island community for all of its support during 1997 and in previous years.

As a worldwide and community-based service organization, we endeavour through our Lions membership to afford financial assistance to as many needful

individuals and groups as funding permits and we receive these funds from our various projects on Salt Spring. These include our famous Lions burger stands, beer gardens, weekly garage sales, kindling sales, rent-a-spare-bedroom-trailer, Lions directory and proceeds from casino events to name a few.

We also administer Pioneer Village Seniors Housing and are one-third partners in Croftonbrook Seniors Housing (with the Rotary Club and the Royal Canadian Legion). We operate and maintain two buses which can transport people with handicaps.

We could not do this without community support for which we thank you. A big thank you also goes to club members who through countless hours of devoted service are able to give the time to perform the necessary tasks to carry out these events.

Each year we are able to donate several thousands of dollars back into our local Salt Spring community and provide countless hours of service in

other areas. When we make a donation, it gives us all that "warm fuzzy feeling" of what Lionism is all about and we as a group take pride in our efforts to assist those who are needy and we are in a position to assist.

To all on Salt Spring, please continue your valued support of our club. Individually your contribution may not be heard, but collectively your voice is known and sincerely appreciated by all who receive.

We are always looking for new members to assist, and if anyone would like details of Lionism in general or membership information, please contact president Barry Winsor at 537-5408 or myself at 537-0681.

May 1998 be prosperous for us all!

GORDON CROFT,
Immediate past-president,
Salt Spring Lions Club

Good homes

On December 3 you ran an article about the 800 dogs in Prince George that were eutha-

nized this year because no one wanted them.

An appeal was made to the residents of Salt Spring to help. The number of people that opened their hearts and homes has been wonderful.

Thanks to Canadian Airlines, nine dogs have flown down in the last three weeks. Most arrived with a home waiting but some came down because they were exceptional animals and we knew a good home could be found.

If you are thinking of getting a dog, you can contact me at 537-1414 to discuss what you are looking for. I am in regular contact with Gayle Burandt of the Prince George SPCA, who will check their shelter and the city pound to try and match you up with the right animal.

Anyone adopting a dog from the SPCA must agree to get the dog spayed or neutered and that the dog will be a family pet not trained as a guard or attack dog.

CATHIE NEWMAN,
President,
Salt Spring Island SPCA

Flourishing 'victimization industry' burdens citizens

By TOM VARZELIOTIS

Making a new year's resolution is an old tradition. Admittedly, implementation is a tad deficient, but numerous success stories sustain the popularity of the custom.

Such resolutions are commonly made at the personal level, but the need often extends into the public domain, calling for collective resolutions. Methinks we face such a need now and I would like to suggest a resolution to address it.

We take pride in being a nation of generous people. We help not only the unfortunates among ourselves, but people in distant lands as well. Wherever disaster strikes, Canadians rush to help. Wherever war breaks out we march there to stop it and keep the peace till tempers cool down. We take the displaced, the rejected and the persecuted, heal their wounds and make them part of our society. And we make lawyers rich as we pay them to keep vigilance against ourselves ever treating a criminal less than "first class all the way." We are a big-hearted, compas-



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sionate society and proud to be so.

But taking advantage of kindness does happen. An old English proverb notes that "the calmest husbands make the stormiest wives" ("and vice versa" I would add to avert the ire of feminists).

The recognition that there are huge profits to be made from victimization, even if badly dated, even if myth is a dominant ingredient, has created a rush to exploit the situation. Like gold prospectors lining the riverside, individuals and groups, aided by lawyers and assorted "saviours," pan furiously for any nugget of conceivable victimization. They retrace history and exhume "injustices" from the grave. Once such are found or devised, they are presented with fanfare with demands for redress rich in apologies, profound in profession of guilt and

big in cash.

Demands of "militant groups" are by definition unreasonable and as such can't be addressed by proper democratic processes — democracy being the "regime of reason." To extract what they want, militant minorities work on the politicians to make the hapless majority grant them their outrageous demands. Spineless self-serving politicians oblige, for they know that the votes of militant groups are "for sale."

The consequences of the flourishing "victimization industry" are severe and have already become a significant burden on citizens. Besides the cost burden there are other dimensions to that victimization binge, one being its effect on our psyche. Most of us, oftentimes not even born at the time of the alleged offences, having never hurt anyone, are drenched in guilt daily by those who seek to exploit the resulting state of affairs. To the extent they implant guilt in the heart of the society, the few "victims" are victimizing the innocent many.

There is wisdom in expres-

sions such as "let bygones be bygones," "forgive and forget," "it's water under the bridge," "time now to leave it behind and get on with the rest of your life," "crying over spilt milk" is counterproductive. This wisdom flows from all cultures, it is embedded in all civilizations and has passed the test of time.

If the advent of a new year is such a good time for resolutions, the combination of a new year, a new century and a new millennium coming soon upon us makes a splendid opportunity for a noble resolution. It is an occasion to "turn over a new leaf," to cheer up, to change the mood of the nation. To stop the bickering, to enjoy living once again instead of forever lamenting the past.

Let's take this opportunity. Not to erase history so that we forget, but to forgive past sins, to turn our eyes forward to face the future. To jettison that horrible implant of artificial guilt from our cranium so we can raise our heads high to enter the new millennium with pride.

The future certainly does not belong to an assembly of whin-

ers, of people ridden by guilt and ravaged by fear. We must stop the assorted professional whiners and their captive politicians in their tracks, to prevent them from turning the country into a gigantic wailing wall. Let's make Canada a cheery place. To that end let's proclaim "Amnesty Canada," along the general lines of Amnesty International, of which we have always been stout supporters.

In the meantime, let's forgive each other for our ancestors' doings, let's not punish each other for the sins of past generations. Those people are now dead and gone, keeping their argument alive, even if not sacrilegious, it is stupid. For the new year of 1998, let's resolve to prepare ourselves for a life free of guilt, let's learn to smile again. For now, let us busy ourselves getting ready to launch Amnesty Canada with a lavish party at the dawn of the new millennium.

May your new year's resolutions all be fulfilled!

The writer is a Salt Spring resident.

Advice offered to B.C. politicians

VICTORIA — With a brand new year unfolding, our assorted political leaders might want to avoid some of the traps they stumbled into during the last 12 months. To help them in this worthwhile endeavour, here's Beyer's valuable, albeit unsolicited, advice.

Premier Glen Clark: You might want to tone down the rhetoric, especially when it comes to the Americans. As a former union organizer, you should know that tough talk works only to a point. Threats are no substitute for bargaining. Canada and the U.S. are talking about a new salmon treaty. For the moment, discretion is the better part of valour.

You might also look over the shoulders of your inner circle of advisors. Some of them are forgetting that you're the one who's premier. Morale in your office is pretty low. Some of the "little people" who have been loyal to you for a lot of years are being pushed around by the powers behind the throne. Loyalty goes both ways.

Take a page from the book of your predecessor. When someone in Mike Harcourt's office wanted to get rid of press secretary Andy Orr, Harcourt put his foot down and made it clear that Orr would stay.

Tell your finance minister to tell us the truth when he brings down the next budget. No more fiddling with the figures, even if it casts a pall on your re-election prospects. You should have found out by now that power isn't all it's cracked up to be anyway.

And as you prepare for the next election, which could come fairly soon if the recall campaigns succeed (which I doubt), spare us legislative gestures aimed solely at pacifying some segment of the voters.

Most people want premiers who lead, not run to the beginning of the line and shout, "I'll lead you." We don't need any more odious pandering such as recall legislation and scrapping pension plans for MLAs.

Liberal leader Gordon Campbell: Make sure your people know who the leader is. Tell them to start acting the way Her Majesty's Loyal Opposition is supposed to act. When your lieutenant, Gary Farrell-Collins, runs off at the mouth again and promises a war, the likes of which British Columbians haven't seen if the NDP tinkers with the recall legislation, tell him to shut up.

It's bad legislation and unless it's changed, you will have to live with it, as is, if you become premier. The last thing you would want is for NDP supporters to target half a dozen or more of your MLAs for recall if you form the next government.

I don't know what to suggest to improve your image. Heck, you probably paid people a lot of money to come up with the image you've got. Unfortunately, it doesn't fly too well north of Hope. And for Pete's sake, throw away those plaid shirts. They don't cut it.

You might also consider the advice I gave your nemesis, the premier, in the opening paragraphs. You never know, it might come in handy.

Last but not least, you can buy me a cup of coffee next time you're in Victoria. It's time for an interview.

Progressive Democratic Alliance leader Gordon Wilson: Actually, you don't really need my advice, considering that in every popularity poll, you're most everybody's favourite party leader.

What a great position to be in — no responsibility for governing and everyone's favourite politician. But there is the question about the future. Where are you going from here? The B.C. Reform Party is toast, and you won't touch the Liberals with a 10-foot pole.

Mind you, you brought the Liberals out of the political wilderness in 1991, from no seat at all, to the official opposition. Maybe you can do the same with the now defunct Reform party. Just kidding.

You're one of the best MLAs in the legislature. You make a valuable contribution to debates. Don't let it get to your head, but it would be a pity if you were to call it quits.

Reform party leader Wilf Hanni: Quit.

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Out and about
Moray Kennedy and horse Majah enjoy some fresh air and exercise as they take a walk up Drake Road. Horse and rider were seen Sunday.

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Sailing executive named

Salt Spring Island's sailing club has elected its 1998 executive.

Harold Brochmann is the group's new commodore, Les Price is vice-commodore, while the rear commodore position was filled by George Wachmann.

The club has three fleet captains: John Cameron, for racing; Fred Howell for cruising; and Tony McEwen is dinghy fleet captain.

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Coordinator boosts school district funding

By VALORIE LENNOX
Driftwood Staff

Hiring someone with an inside track on interpreting ministry policy has helped offset the cost of adding a coordinator of special services to the Gulf Islands School District.

Linda Boyd was hired away from the Ministry of Education at the end of August for an annual salary of \$85,000. But within the first few months, she was able to increase the district's funding for special services by \$70,000 by identifying more students who fit the criteria for extra funding.

"The ministry criteria is very precise," she explained, adding that "understanding of the ministry categories needed a little work."

She spent her first weeks as special services coordinator doing case-by-case assessments of all students classified as needing special services. She was able to pick out 178 students from a student population of 1,700 — or approximately 10 per cent.

"That's normal," she said.

Applying ministry criteria, she found a good match between the number of students eligible for funding and the actual funding provided by the ministry to provide services for students identified as severely learning disabled and/or moderately behaviour disordered. Funding will be provided for up to four per cent of the student population, if that many students are identified. In the Gulf Islands district, Boyd was able to identify exactly four per cent.

The ministry also provides funding for special services based on an assumption that four per cent of the student population will be learning disabled or mildly intellectually disabled, defined as students with an IQ of 55 to 70. But districts do not have to identify specific students to obtain that funding, Boyd noted.

Approximately \$300,000 is received district-wide to provide learning assistance programs.

"We don't appear to have the two per cent of intellectually disabled kids that you would expect in a district," Boyd said.

She assumes the district does have the usual two per cent of gifted students although she has not investigated that area yet since it doesn't involve significant funding. "The funding level for gifted is basically nominal," she said.

She concedes the funding formulas allow some students who need extra help but who are not significantly disadvantaged to fall through the cracks. For example, she notes, districts do not receive extra funding to provide assistance for mildly learning disabled students or for those who may be struggling with school work but whose IQ is above 70. (An IQ of 100 is considered average.)

"There may be a gap between community expectations of the school system and what the school



system is actually funded to provide," she said.

Boyd said she is trying to make parents and students aware of some options for students with special needs. For example, a graduating student who has a learning disability can take his or her final exams orally or be allowed extra time to complete the tests.

Some of the extra funding Boyd found for the district came through identifying students with chronic health problems which affect their education.

Boyd has also recognized that parents of special needs students have valid concerns, some of which were reflected in last year's task force report on special education in the district.

"People have had some frustrations that I think we are beginning to work through," she said.

Many parental concerns will require collaboration between teachers, schools and parents, she notes.

One issue she is working to resolve is the inequity in programs and supplies between schools. Any student in the district should have access to the same services.

To boost the district's resources, which Boyd found a little short, she approached the Sooke School District where she had worked before being seconded to the education ministry.

"I went on a little scrounging

back to my previous school district," she explained. She was able to arrange to borrow or buy — at secondhand, fire sale prices — some learning and testing materials. The Sooke district also donated some materials.

Although parents understandably tend to focus on their own child and teachers, Boyd feels improving special education services is a district-wide effort which will take some time.

"I've been trying to go slowly. Change is a slow process and if you try to force it on any system, it tends not to go smoothly."

Future goals include offering on-island, in-service programs for para-professionals working with special needs students and opening those programs to people in the community who might want to train as para-professionals.

Boyd could have stayed at the Ministry of Education or returned to the Sooke School District, where she has been on the district staff for 14 years. She has also taught at the University of Victoria.

The appeal of the Gulf Islands job was a chance to work closer to the classroom, Boyd said. She was a classroom teacher in Alberta and Sooke for 11 years before moving into district administration.

"I wanted to be working where I could see first-hand how my efforts could make a difference in the education of a student."

CLOSER TO CLASSROOM:
Linda Boyd left a job with the Ministry of Education to take on coordinating special services for the Gulf Islands School District in part because it gave her a chance to work more closely with students.

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'Good ol' boys' offer 'groovulous' sound

If you happened upon the Harbour House last weekend you might have heard some good ol' country tunes courtesy of Kenny Byron and the Tragically Hick.

This is a big guitar band. Paul Smith plays lead guitar, Kenny Byron is lead vocals and guitar, Darrel Byron is also strong on vocals and guitar, and Dave Bartle is on bass guitar, with Mike Stefancsik on drums and Tony Richards on keys. All these strings lend themselves well to country and western songs.

Friday night's first set suffered a little from problems with the sound system, but as early as the second set some of the bugs were gone, and word has it Saturday was scorching hot.

The Tragically Hick haven't been together long, but they have figured out how to structure a set to leave the audience wanting more. The first set ended with a reverse kiss and punch. Crying Shame dragged just enough to sound off, but the up-tempo Grundy County Auction was tight from the first note to the last, and that is the best way to end a set.

The second set began with an instrumental song written by Buck Owens. Smith hasn't been playing lead guitar for long, but either he's a natural or he's

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worked his fingers to the bone (or both), because his solo was unmistakably the highlight of this song.

Darrel and Kenny Byron are both strong vocalists, and while Darrel Byron's voice is ideal for the classic country songs, Kenny Byron is well suited for the newer tunes. Stefancsik played great drums during All You Ever Do is Bring Me Down. Bartle is strong and steady on bass as he kicks-back against the speaker looking truly like some dude from the old west.

Richards will always look like "the boss" to me, but he plays a mean keyboard and can hit the occasional note singing, too. He let loose during Honky Tonk Truth with that funky swing only a true blues man can master on keys — it's a "groovulous" sound which adds a nice counter-balance to so many guitars.

These guys are the epitome of the good ol' boys. They have worked hard to bring this band together and they're getting better by the gig, so if you know the two-step you ought to check out the Tragically Hick.



String-playin' wizards

The Bill Hilly Band plays everything from old-time fiddle tunes, bluegrass, klezmer, Gypsy swing and mariachi music. Some of its members are also known for their work with the

bands Caravan and Loose. Tonight (New Year's Eve) the Bill Hilly Band gets Moby's patrons celebrating on the dance floor.

Pantomime set: 'great opportunity'

Salt Spring's Simon Henson has 35 years of involvement with theatre set design, in styles ranging from straight drama to operetta and British pantomime.

But when Henson discovered the plans for the Cinderella and the Three Bears pantomime, which runs January 8-11, he saw an opportunity that was "too good to miss."

"Since pantomime grew out of a more improvised style of theatre, the opportunity arose for me to bring to this design a sense of the free and ridiculous; fun for the whole family and always with a touch of the unexpected to keep the audience guessing."

Henson explains that pantomime has emerged "as an elaborately

staged and costumed spectacle, based on fairy tales, incorporating song, dance, acrobatics, dialogue and other elements from the English music hall."

Children will love the show with the fairy-tale based title (as many pantomimes are named), but it really is a show for adults and teens, notes producer Jeanne Pascale. Older people will most likely "get" the jokes on subjects such as modern society

and local government.

Cinderella and the Three Bears begins at 8 p.m. on January 8 and 9, and 2 p.m. for the weekend shows on January 10 and 11.

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Footsore awards for Comdex favourites

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which drew the usual quarter-million-strong crowd to spend five days trudging through three massive convention centres, examining the latest and greatest in technology at one of the world's largest computer trade shows.

In no particular order, the stuff worth the blisters included:

Best grown up from beta: Design Intelligence's I Publish, which I first saw at Comdex '96 as an exciting almost-ready-for-release beta product and which was displayed in its full commercial release (version two) at Comdex '97. Need to communicate? This ultra automated software offers drag-and-drop templates, circle and crop photo editing and one-click transformation of the same data into three formats: desktop publishing, slide show or web page, for a retail price of \$99 US. A built-in link to the company's website offers additional images along with an online service bureau for print, design or editorial services.

Best break for fingers: Another product which has grown up nicely is Dragon Systems' Naturally Speaking voice recognition software, a word processor which turns spoken words into on-screen text. Voice recognition software I'd seen at previous Comdex shows was usually inaccurate and required the user to talk like a low-grade robot. The award-winning Naturally Speaking displays an impressive level of recognition when fed words in an ordinary conversational tone. Speaking words onto a screen is also fun and a bit magical, especially when using the verbal commands to edit text. Suggested retail is \$169 US.

Best inducer of techno-lust: Kodak's DC210 zoom digital camera, released in mid-December at \$899 US. Output from the camera closely resembles prints from conventional cameras, which worldwide marketing manager Peter Davies attributes to the camera's mega-pixel format. "You're starting to get quality that approaches that of traditional

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film," he notes. Features include a built-in variable flash, autofocus and a tiny preview screen which gives the user the ability to see shots and delete unusable images. Trying one out was fun — having to give it back was not.

Best cases: Off-white is out ... computers cases can now be fashion statements. ENPC Technology Corporation displayed designer cases which run the gamut from futuristic heavy metal to art deco to centuries-old mystical icons. From Unitrend comes the Versa Case, computer works in a drawer, designed to make the switching and replacing of components a snap. Frustrated by the cost and inefficiency of having to replace components in conventional cases, computer repair technician Conrad Jelinger came up with the design.

Best pet: A4Tech Corp.'s dual-wheel 4D mouse, which puts a range of commands at the user's fingertips. Scrolling is a snap using horizontal and vertical wheels while a side button adds extra functions. Released this month at \$49.95 US.

Best candidate for a Nobel peace prize: Media4 Productions MacDrive98 software, which allows Windows 95 and NT computer to read Mac disks. The Mac-Windows war is over; details on the peace talks at www.media4.com.

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Most irritating promotion: Iomega's "clickers," plastic noise-makers handed out to thousands of people who were bribed to click incessantly with the promise of a cash bonus if they were spotted clicking on the showroom floor. The result was five days of endless "clicking" from all sides — and an amazing ground swell of ill-will among clicker-haters.



Serenity

Brian Finnemore enjoys a peaceful paddle near the shoreline of Fulford Harbour as islanders revel in mild weather over the Christmas holiday season.

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WHAT'S ON

New Year's Eve

- **Moby's Marine Pub** — New Year's Eve Bash with the Bill Hilly Band. Dining 5 p.m. to 11 p.m. Dancing 10 p.m. to 2 a.m. Champagne, party favours and fun. December 31.
- **Harbour House Wheelhouse Pub** — New Year's Eve Charity Concert with the Grapes of Wrath, warmed up by Three Chord Sloth. Also performing are Pine Cone Fight and The Cranberry Hill Gang. Party favours and champagne at midnight. Tickets \$30 per person, available at the front desk. December 31.
- **Harbour House Bistro** — Five-course dinner, party favours and a toast at midnight. Also, singing and dancing to Murray Anderson. \$40 per person, December 31.
- **Legion New Year's Eve Party** — Dance to the country music of Kenny Byron and The Tragically Hick. Cold buffet 10 p.m. Champagne at midnight. Tickets \$10 per person (in advance only), at the bar. Doors open at 8:30 p.m., December 31.
- **Fulford Inn** — New Year's Eve three-course prime rib dinner, and entertainment and dancing with Ted Cook and the Cranberry Hill Band, December 31.
- **Pomodori Restaurant** — New Year's Eve Bash. Sing and dance to the music of Derek Duffy, December 31.
- **Alfresco Restaurant** — New Year's Eve dinner, with Barrington Perry playing piano. \$35 per person, reservations recommended. December 31.
- **Seacourt Restaurant** — A Year to Celebrate, a New Year's Eve celebration. Five-course gourmet dinner with matching wines, champagne at the beginning and end, and the music of Anthony Prosk. \$98 per couple. December 31.
- **Hastings House** — Upbeat jazz for New Year's Eve, following an extravagant five-course dinner for \$125 per person. December 31.
- **Polar Bear Swim** — El Nino Kanaka Polar Bear Swim at Vesuvius Beach on Thursday, January 1, 1998. Dig out that nostalgic Hawaiian garb from the moth balls and join us in this spe-

cial event! At 11 a.m. the pineapple pancake brunch starts at the Beachcomber Motel parking lot. At 12:15 p.m. the foot parade starts at the Beachcomber and winds down at the beach. At 12:30 p.m. take the plunge! Prizes will be awarded for a number of categories.

Music

- **Salt Spring Roasting Co.** — Every Wednesday evening is Blue Grass Music evening from 6:30 to 9 p.m.
- **Harbour House Lounge** — Karaoke with Harvey in the lounge on Friday, January 2.
- **Harbour House Wheelhouse Pub** — Get your boots on again for Crooked Rain (country/rock) on Friday and Saturday, January 2 and 3.
- **Alfresco Restaurant** — Barrington Perry plays piano every Saturday evening starting at 6:30 p.m.
- **Salt Spring Roasting Co.** — Sunday Brunch Music Menu music from noon to 3 p.m.
- **Moby's Pub** — Sunday Dinner Jazz, Ray and Lloyd Quartet. 7 p.m.
- **Salt Spring Roasting Co.** — Every Tuesday evening is the Celtic Music Circle from 6:30 to 9 p.m.

4 p.m. 1 hour, 30 minutes. Rated General. Cinema Central.

- **The Full Monty** — This cheeky British mega hit is about a motley crew of unemployed steel workers who raise some cash and their flaccid self-esteem by putting on a male strip show. Playing Friday, Saturday and Sunday, January 2, 3 and 4, at 7 p.m. 1 hour, 30 minutes. Rated P.G. Cinema Central.
 - **The Jackal** — Bruce Willis, Richard Gere and Sidney Poitier star in Rob Roy director Michael Caton-Jones' thriller about the hunt for an assassin hired to eliminate someone at the top of the U.S. government. Playing Friday, Saturday and Sunday, January 2, 3 and 4, at 9 p.m. 2 hours. Rated 18A. Cinema Central.
- * Please note: The cinema will be closed for renovations from January 5 to 15.

Family

- **Pre-School Storytime** — Mary Hawkins Library, every Monday at 10 a.m. The more the merrier!
- **Storytime at West of the Moon** — Every Tuesday morning. Ages 2 to 3, 9:30 to 10 a.m.; ages 3 to 5, 10 to 10:30 a.m. Join us!

Community TV

- **Sunday, January 4** — 7 p.m., Talk Around the Rock 7:45 p.m., Satsang with Ganga Ji
- **Wednesday, January 7** — 1 p.m., Cable in the Classroom, Booker T. Worm 7 p.m., Isle of Views

Cinema

- **The Little Mermaid** — A Disney classic returns to the big screen, and for your kids and you it's \$4 (4-year-olds and younger are free). Playing Saturday and Sunday, January 3 and 4, at 2 and

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People and Community
Islanders at work and play are featured each week in the pages of Driftwood - your community newspaper.

Entertainment on tap at Cowichan Theatre

Cowichan Theatre isn't hibernating in January. Family entertainment, a Victoria Symphony concert, high school production and piano duo Anagnoson and Kinton are on the marquis from January 9 to 20.

On January 9, the "one-man band, a prince of puns and a walking musical encyclopedia" known as Al Simmons, offers a zany musical journey for kids of all ages. His CD called Celery Stalks at Midnight won a Juno for Best Children's Album and a U.S. Parent's Choice Award. The show begins at noon.

Violinist Moshe Hammer is guest soloist for the January 10 Victoria Symphony Orchestra concert, which will feature Beethoven's Coriolan Overture, the Mozart Violin Concerto No. 5 and Brahms' Serenade No. 1.

From January 15 through 18, Cowichan Secondary School presents The Last Real Summer, written by Warren Graves.

The play is about Elizabeth who, after the death of her husband, returns to her hometown where she confronts the choices she's made in life and re-examines what would have made her happy. The Last Real Summer is described as "moving, funny, heartwarming and full of recognizable truths about us all."

An evening of "superb musicianship" is promised on January 20 by James Anagnoson and Leslie Kinton, who play two Yamaha grand pianos while creating the "moving and mysterious" sound of one.

The pair has performed together for more than 20 years, share their music knowledge with wit and charm, and have octaves of fun on stage.

"Of course we're having a great time ... we're making music," Kinton is quoted as saying in the theatre's brochure.

For information on times and tickets, call Cowichan Theatre at (250) 748-7529.

TOP 10 VIDEOS OF '97

1. **Secrets & Lies**
 2. **Liar Liar**
 3. **Jerry Maguire**
 4. **Ransom**
 5. **The English Patient**
 6. **Donnie Brasco**
 7. **Absolute Power**
 8. **Michael**
 9. **First Wives Club**
 10. **Scream**
- (Dash (-) indicates last week's position)

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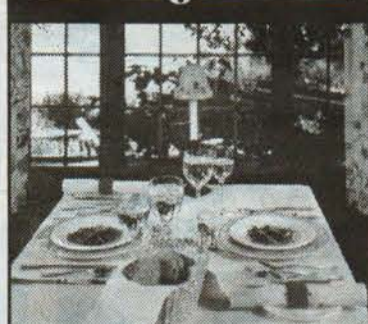


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Reservations required
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Clinics staged

The Red Cross is hoping islanders will give the gift of blood during the holiday season.

And although no clinics are being held in the Gulf Islands, islanders travelling off-island can drop by one of several clinics being held in Victoria, Nanaimo or Ladysmith over the next few weeks.

Clinics will be held January 6 and 7 at Beban Park Social Centre, 2300 Bowen Road, in Nanaimo from 2 to 8 p.m. each day.

On January 8, the clinic moves to Victoria where it will be held at Red Cross House, 909 Fairfield Road, also from 2 to 8 p.m.

Red Cross House will also hold clinics the following week on January 12 (1:30 to 8 p.m.) and 13 (2:30 to 8 p.m.).

The following day the clinic will be held at Gorge Road Legion, 411 Gorge Road East, from 10:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Appointments can be made for this clinic by calling 1-250-382-2213.

A clinic will be held in Ladysmith on Thursday, January 22 at Ladysmith Secondary School, 710 6th Avenue, from 2 to 7:30 p.m.

Owner feeling stress over missing feline

Betty Peters wonders if anyone has seen Scamp.

The former cat show award winner has been gone from her Reid Road residence since December 9, and is the third cat to disappear from there in the past year.

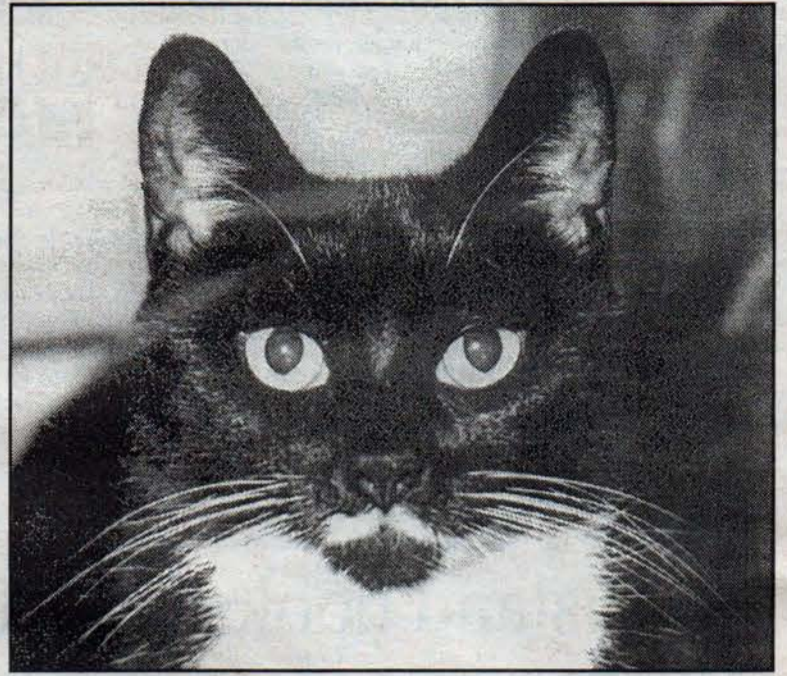
Scamp is a small, mostly black female cat with a white upper chest patch, white-splashed belly, four white paws and thin, white moustache.

A man called the Peters' residence about two weeks ago to say he may have found their cat dead, but Peters does not know the man's name. Peters would like him to call again so she can confirm if the cat he found was Scamp.

Peters notes there is an abundance of cat disappearances on Salt Spring, which she says has led to speculation about people picking up cats and taking them to other parts of the island, or rumours of black cats being used for ritualistic purposes.

Not knowing what has happened to a pet is extremely stressful. Peters urges anyone finding a dead or stray cat to report it to the SPCA or Gulf Islands Veterinary Clinic.

She also urges owners of male cats to have them neutered, not just for population control reasons but because tomcats can injure or spook other cats in the neighbourhood.



Scamp

Trail, nature club releases January schedule

Salt Spring Trail and Nature Club schedule of activities for January is as follows.

January 6: Hikers join Tony Pedersen at Wave Hill Farm. Carpool from Centennial Park at 9:30 a.m. to meet at Beaver Point Hall at 10 a.m.

Walk Channel Ridge with John Myers. Meet at Centennial Park at 10 a.m. to carpool to Canvasback pump house for 10:30.

Ramble with Paul Ranney — leader's choice. Meet at Centennial Park at 10 a.m.

January 13: Walk "leg one" of the Galloping Goose Trail with Bud Williams. Carpool from Centennial Park at 8:15 to catch 9 a.m. Fulford

ferry.

Ramble in Arnell Park with Nancy Keith-Murray. Meet at Centennial Park at 10 a.m.

Hike Channel Ridge with Angie Mills. Carpool from Portlock Park at 9:45 a.m.

January 14: Potluck supper at Meaden Hall at 6 p.m.

January 20: Dick and Chris Pattinson will lead a ramble — leader's choice. Meet at Centennial Park at 10 a.m.

Hike Shepherd Hills with Bob Ball. Carpool from Centennial Park at 9:30 a.m. to meet at Shepherd Hills Road.

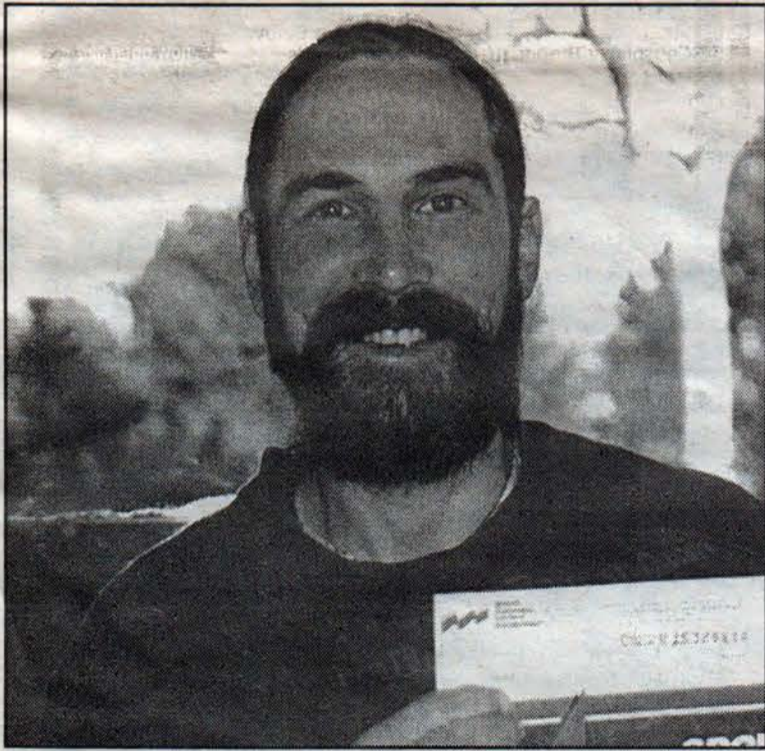
Joan Myers will lead the walkers on Old Scott Road. Meet at Centennial Park at 10 a.m.

January 27: Off-island hike with Ian Fraser — leader's choice. Carpool from Portlock Park at 8:30 to catch 9 a.m. Vesuvius ferry.

Walk Quarry Park in Booth Bay with Bill Earl. Meet at 10 a.m. at Centennial Park to rally at 10:15 at Portlock Park.

Ramble with Mary Lauzon in Booth Canal area. Meet at Centennial Park at 10 a.m.

January 29: Annual general meeting at 7:30 p.m., United Church hall. All members are encouraged to attend.



Sporting winner

Correctly predicting the outcome of hockey games netted Stephen Kelly of Salt Spring a \$15,325.06 cheque from the B.C. Lottery Corporation when he completed a Sports Action Toto ticket at Mixmasters before Christmas.

TAKE NOTE

OF THESE DATES

JAN. 8 & 9: Cinderella & The Three Bears, a musical pantomime. Activity Centre, a Core Inn Benefit Production, 8pm.

JAN. 10 & 11: Cinderella & The Three Bears, a musical pantomime. Activity Centre, a Core Inn Benefit Production, 2pm.

EVERY WEDNESDAY

- Seniors & Alzheimers support group, Seniors for Seniors bldg, 11am
- Archery Shooting, SSI Rod & Gun Club, 7pm.
- Stamp Collectors all ages, Seniors For Seniors, 10am.
- Cancer Support Group, Croftonbrook 10am-12 noon (every 3rd Wed.)
- Core-Inn Committee Meetings, Core-Inn on McPhillips, 4:30-6pm.
- Special Olympics Bowling, Bowling Alley, 10am-11am.
- O.A.P.O. Loonie tea & video, Lower Central Hall, 1:30 (except 2nd Wed.)
- Therapeutic Touch Practitioners group, Seniors for Seniors, 7pm (every 1st Wed.)
- Drop in centre for people with mental health concerns, basement of SSI Community Centre, 3:30-5:30pm.
- SSI Painters' Guild meetings, Hart Bradley Hall, 9:30-noon

EVERY THURSDAY

- Parkinsons Support Gr., Croftonbrook, 2pm (second Thurs. of the mo.)
- Luncheon, Seniors for Seniors, 12 noon.
- Chess Club, Seniors for Seniors Bldg., 7pm.
- Reading Club for 7-12 year olds, Library, 1:30-2:30, July 10-Aug. 14.
- Scottish Country Dancers, Anglican Church Hall, 6pm.
- SSI Weavers' Guild, Baptist Church, 10:30-1:00

EVERY FRIDAY

- Fulford OAP #170, bingo 2:00pm.
- Games afternoon, Seniors for Seniors, 1:30pm, Mah Jongg 12:30pm.
- Drop in centre for people with mental health concerns, basement of SSI Community Centre, 3:30-5:30pm.
- A Course in Miracles, study group, 552 Rainbow Rd. #A, 10-11:30.

EVERY SATURDAY

- Book Sale, downstairs at library, 10am-12:30pm.

EVERY MONDAY

- Free blood pressure clinic, Seniors for Seniors 10-12noon (last Mon. ea. mo.)
- Adult 22 rifle shooting, SSI Rod & Gun Club, 7-9pm.
- Taoist Tai Chi, for Seniors, Lower Central Hall, 10am.
- OAPO #32 carpet bowling, Lower Central Hall, 1:30pm.
- Reader's Theatre, Croftonbrook Hall, 10am
- Spanish conversation group, Seniors for Seniors, 10am-noon (not last Monday of the mo.)
- SS Weavers & Spinner, @ Farmers' Ins. to use the library, 10:30am (every 2nd Thurs.)
- SSI Buddhist meditation group, 135 McPhillips Ave., 7:30pm.
- Bandemonium, Meaden Hall, the Legion, 7-9pm.
- Hand gun, SSI Rod & Gun Club, 7pm
- Carpet bowling, OAP Fulford hall, 2pm.
- Drop in centre for people with mental health concerns, basement of SSI Community Centre, 3:30-5:30pm.
- Authumn session, Reader's Theatre, Croftonbrook Hall, 10-12.
- Children's storytime, Mary Hawkins Library, 10am.
- Drawing class, library, 1:15-3:15.
- Health & nutrition for families, Family Place 9:30-12pm (3rd Mon. ea mo.)

EVERY TUESDAY

- Duplicate Bridge, Meaden Hall at the Legion, 7pm.
- Seniors choir practices, Seniors for Seniors, 10:30am.
- Target Archery, Fulford Hall, 4:30-6. Archery lessons 3:30-4:30.
- Adult small bore, SSI Rod & Gun Club, 7-9pm
- Planned Parenthood Clinic, SS Health Unit behind Lady Minto Hosp. 4:30-6:30pm.
- French conversation, Croftonbrook, 10:15am - 11:45am.

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- * **ALCOHOL & DRUG PROGRAM:** Prevention & treatment service is free and confidential.
- * **FAMILY PLACE: DROP IN -** for parents & children under 6 yrs. Mon-Thurs 9:30-12 noon. **RUG HUGGERS -** drop in program for new parents, Fridays 11am-1pm (includes light lunch). **CLOTHING EXCHANGE -** open daily.
- * **COMMUNITY CENTRE NEWS:** "Belly Talk" is a new group for pregnant women, which meets Monday 7:30pm in the Family Place. Come & share your hopes, fears, joys & complaints about your pregnancy & up-coming motherhood with other pregnant women. For more info call Jules Atkins at 653-4533.
- * **RECYCLE DEPOT:** Open Tuesday - Saturday from 10:00am-5pm, 349 Rainbow Rd., 537-1200. CLOSED DEC. 24-27 & JAN. 1.
- * **COMMUNITY WELLNESS PROGRAMS COORDINATOR:** Call Sharon Glover at 537-4607.
- * **CLIMBING WALL HOURS:** Thurs. & Fri. 6:30 - 9:30pm. Full equipment chg. \$2.50. **CLUB NIGHT:** Sunday 6:30-9:30pm.

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Announcements

6 DEATHS

STONE: JOAN (JO) Frances, born February 6, 1926 at Exeter, Devon, UK. Lady Minto, December 27, 1997. I leave this life with great wonder, quiet joy and many regrets. Wonder in that I have had so many friends, wonder at my art, at my good fortune in children and husband. Wonder at what will be. Quiet joy in the many fulfillments of my endeavours and dreams. Joy in my children and grandchildren, at our gardens where e're they've been but most of all the joy which I have received during many trials of health. Regrets - the many paintings I could not do, the loss of many activities so enjoyable no matter the intensity. That I leave my partner Hal, daughter Shelley, son Calvin and his wife Charlene. Our grandchildren Shane and Blake Roland, Meghan and Jessica Stone and little friends Squeak, The Vicar and Emily. My last regret is leaving, perhaps temporarily, the many people who called me friend. I give my simple thanks to the medical, clinical and support people. Superb! At my request there will be no service. If people wish, please make a gift, as I have, to the Lady Minto Memorial Fund.

8 CARDS OF THANKS

THANK YOU to a thoughtful islander! Many thanks to Bob Akerman who visited me whilst doing outside stone repairs at the Roman Catholic Church in Fulford. He offered me some of the original stones, made for the church many years ago. I was pleasantly surprised and elated since it would be difficult to match the existing work. Bob brought the stones the following day and I could complete the necessary repairs. On behalf of St. Pauls and Our Lady of Grace parishes, thank you for your thoughtfulness, Bob. Gunter Palberg, Mason.

THANK YOU to Peeter Prince and the Earthquakes, the Beaver Point Singers, Valdy, and the Women of Note, for their wonderful participation in "A South End Christmas" at St. Mary's Church, Fulford, on December 21. It was a great way for members of the South End Community (and a few others) to be with one another during the Christmas Season. A Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all from the Anglican Parish of Salt Spring Island.

10 CELEBRATIONS

40 oooh scary!



11 COMING EVENTS

PLANNING AN event? Check the Community Calendar for a schedule of community events and avoid double-booking. Located at the Driftwood Office, 328 Lower Ganges Rd.

A MIDWINTER MATINEE. Strauss Foundation Scholarship winning soprano sings about love - Schubert to Rogers and Hammerstein. Sunday Jan. 11 - 2:30 p.m., All Saints By-the-Sea. Tickets \$12.00 at et cetera and Sharon's. Further info: Claus Andress, 537-5483.

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Yours in health,
Peter Bennett ND

14 COMMUNITY SERVICES

CRISIS LINE for Salt Spring - toll-free 1-888-324-3299.

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DEATHS

ANDREWS, MERILYN Francene, age 53, born and raised on Salt Spring Island, passed away peacefully December 29, 1997, after a long battle with multiple sclerosis. She is survived by her husband Dennis; her sons, Rick (Christy) and Jack (Denise) and her daughter Michelle (Cal) and her infant granddaughters, Larissa and Mariah; her mother and father, Bob and Molly Akerman; her brothers Ted (Donna), Pat (Brenda), Morry (Janice), Kerry (Lea), Dan, Jim, and Lance; her sisters Darlene (Tim) O'Donnell, Roberta (Max) Allard and Cathy (Dale) Cook. She will also be sadly missed by her aunts and uncles, nieces and nephews, and many close friends. Funeral services will be held at Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church, on Saturday, January 3, 1998, at 11:00 a.m. Donations in memory of Lyn may be made to Lady Minto Hospital or the M.S. Society.

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DUTCH AUCTION. January 1, 10% off January 2, 20% off, January 3, 30% off most items at the Fishery, 151 Lower Ganges Road.

LOST CAT: will the man who phoned regarding black & white cat that was run over by a car, Fulford-Ganges, Cranberry, please phone Betty. 537-2781.

CINEMA FANS! Please note Central Hall is closed January 5 to 15 for renovations. No show this coming Monday or Tuesday. We will reopen Friday, January 16.

LOST: SOMEWHERE on Salt Spring in the Christmas panic, keys on cat clock key ring. 653-2019.

LONG TERM. Channel Ridge area, 3 bedroom, 2 bathrooms, electric & wood heat. 5 appliances. N/S, N/P please. \$875. plus utilities. 653-4500.

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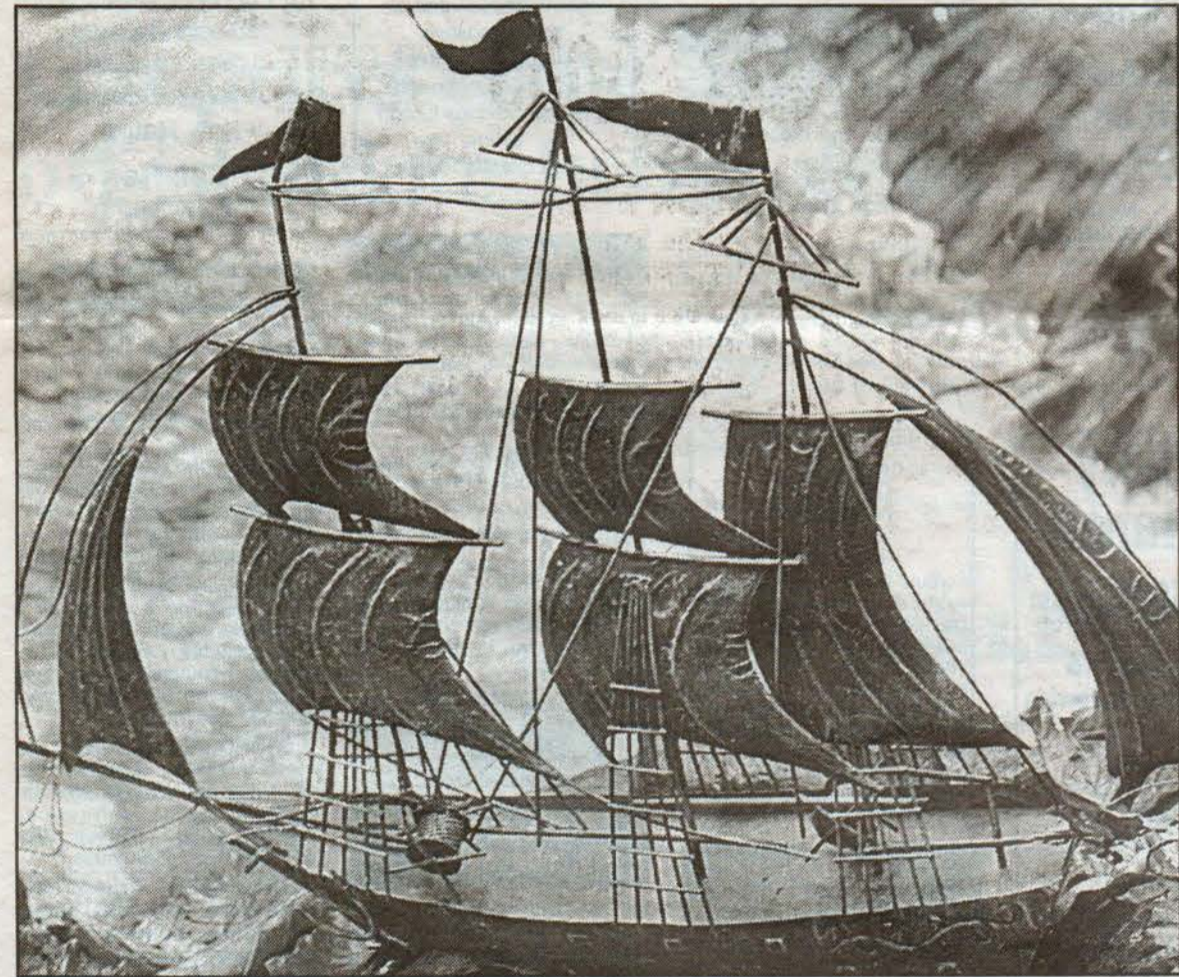
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Mirage

This vessel appears to be navigating the rolling seas. In fact, it is a model that was carefully perched near a gushing Cusheon Creek recently. Photo by Derrick Lundy

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Core Inn gets \$1,000 gift

The Core Inn is receiving \$1,000 from the Dynamic Fund Foundation, thanks to the efforts of investment advisor Carol Burbidge of Salt Spring's Island Savings Credit Union. The foundation invited Burbidge to choose a charity for the donation in recognition of her support for Dynamic Mutual Funds. The money is to be used to help finance the hiring of an administrator for the youth centre.

Trucks towed off Fulford beach

Drivers of two trucks went a bit too far Sunday night, ending up stuck in the mud on the beach at Fulford Harbour, opposite the Fulford Inn, at approximately 11 p.m. Police were called and both were pulled out by a tow truck.

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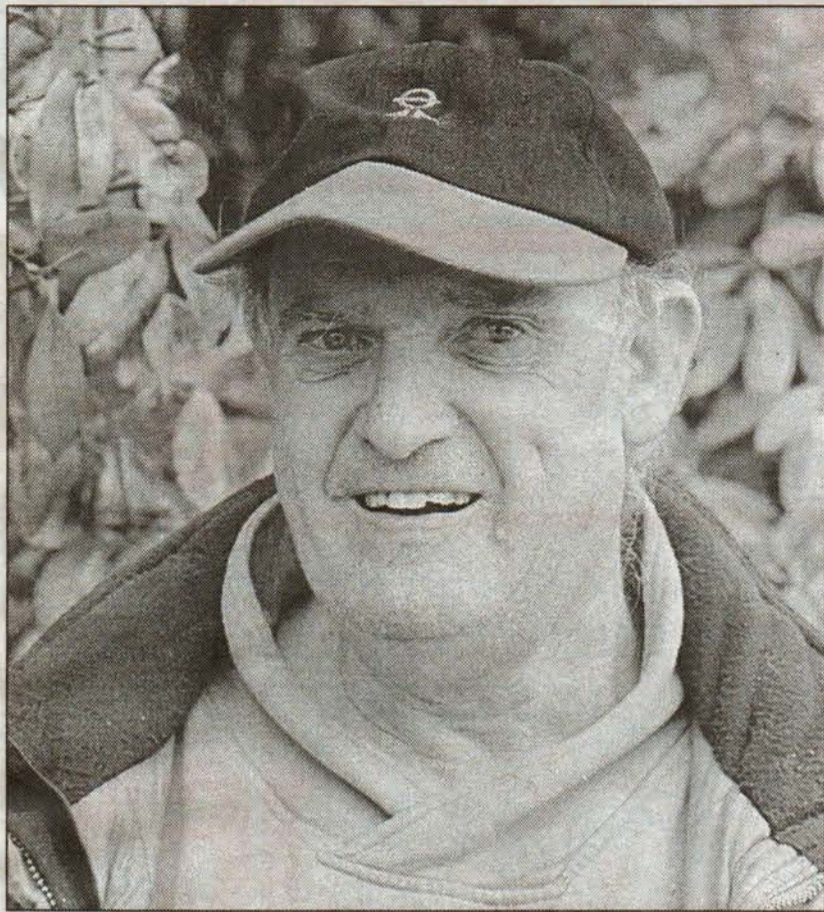
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ISLANDER OF THE WEEK



Born in Vancouver on October 1, 1941, Eddy Waddell has lived on Salt Spring for the last 30 years. He is a familiar face to many and can often be seen walking up or down Ganges Hill. Over the past years, Waddell has worked at many island businesses including Mouat's, Ganges Village Market and Choices. He says that if he were to move anywhere, it would be somewhere like Sidney or Victoria which has buses.

Photo by Derrick Lundy

Volunteer needed

A person needing accommodation who is interested in helping seniors could make a world of difference at Charlie Pyott House.

The volunteer facilitator would ideally live at the resident seniors' home on Bittancourt Road and oversee its "comings and goings."

Charlie Pyott House is a project of the Salt Spring branch of the Victoria Human Exchange Society (VHES). The society recognizes all people have "gifts" to share, and has created a network which allows the exchange of gifts to take place.

Charlie Pyott House provides a home for a small group of senior citizens who want to avoid living in an institution but cannot manage living alone.

Help is needed in the new year since current home facilitator Yvette Buziak is leaving Canada to serve overseas.

Even more than one person who can stay overnight for a few nights a week or help with meals during the day would be appreciated.

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New year's resolution needed to unify island

By JENNIFER CATCHPOLE
Driftwood Contributor

I hope everyone is having a peaceful Saturna holiday time this year, celebrating with friends and family island style.

Now the new year is upon us, with the winter storms blowing changes into our community. As in any community, there are elements that bring us all together and build community, and elements that are divisive and threatening to its fabric. I'd like to suggest that one of the latter can be the universal phenomenon of gossip.

When you hear gossip about community members, ask yourself — what is the source of the gossip? What is its purpose? Is it likely true? And is it going to unify our community or divide it into factions? I'd like to suggest a Saturna new year's resolution: that as community members we support each other instead of tearing each other down, and that we be very skeptical of gossip.

And now to community-building. To quote wholesale from a Parks and Recreation bulletin: "The Saturna Parks and Recreation Commission has recently met with B.C. Parks to request a long-term management permit for use of the ball diamond area at Winter Cove Park as a local community park. B.C. Parks has agreed in principle, but asked that this take place as part of a review and update of its overall management plan for Winter Cove Marine Park.

"Members of the community who wish to sit on a joint committee to participate in this review process are asked to notify Flo House at the post office by January 7. The first meeting will take place in mid-January."

Gallery closes

And finally, on a sad note — we have lost our dear little art gallery, Shades of Saturna. The owner of the gallery has decided to sell the property and wanted the gallery to be closed now instead of when it sold. This vital cultural asset and artisans venue will be sorely missed by all.

Thanks are due to Gord Krisjanson, who managed it with

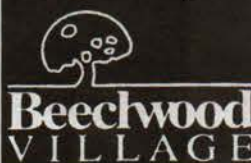
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such verve and dedication. A grand wake was held at the gallery on December 20, with many artists and other Saturnites present.

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