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Payment seals heronry purchase

The first payment towards purchasing the five-hectare (12.5-acre) McFadden Creek Heronry was made Monday, sealing the deal which will preserve the third largest heron colony on the west coast.

"We make payments over the next four years," Waterbird Watch Collective Coordinator Nina Raginsky said Monday.

Purchasing the property has been a joint project of the Waterbird Watch, the Wild Bird Trust and the Islands Trust Fund.

Raginsky said \$160,000 has been raised towards the \$235,000 purchase price for the property. Included in that total is \$60,000 raised on Salt Spring through events like an art auction, which collected \$28,000, a raffle and the Great Blue Heron Foster Parent program, which has brought in \$20,000.

Coordinated on Salt Spring, the foster parent program brought in donations ranging from \$5 to \$2,000 from throughout North America, Raginsky said.

Other donations included \$30,000 from Mountain Equipment Co-op, \$10,000 from Salt Spring residents Robert and Birgit Bateman, and \$3,000 from the Salt Spring Conservancy.

Gulf Islands Secondary culinary arts students also contributed to the effort, donating the \$50 they earned from raffling a gingerbread house.

Raginsky said the herons will be returning to Salt Spring in February and will be courting and re-establishing their nests until April. She asks residents to stay away from the colony since the birds are easily disturbed at this point.

"It's a very, very sensitive time," she said.



Three Snitches

Sniff, Snaff and Snuff (from bottom, Marnee Bellavance, David Kmiecik and Carel Souchereau) are the Three Snitches in

Cinderella and the Three Bears, a musical pantomime for adults and kids, which runs January 8-11 and 16-18 at the Activity Centre.

Photo by Derrick Lundy

Ferries opens Fulford office

A new B.C. Ferries office to serve the south island section of the new "inter-island business unit" will open in Fulford this week.

Glen Brown, executive vice-president for inter-island services, said B.C. Ferries has leased the top floor of the Fulford Marina building — which was previously occupied by Sargeant's Mercantile.

"We're taking the offices on a six-month, short-term lease to establish a presence on Salt Spring and see if it works to establish a closer presence for our customers," Brown said.

The new inter-island services division comes into existence tomorrow and Brown expected the new office to be open then or shortly thereafter.

Operations superintendent
OFFICE 2

Swimmers take frigid plunge

By VALORIE LENNOX
Driftwood Staff

Salt Spring lived up to its Hawaii-of-Canada image New Year's Day, with Salt Spring Chamber of Commerce directors flipping pineapple pancakes next to palm trees, bright tropical prints, Hawaiian music and approximately 50 swimmers at Vesuvius Bay.

Never mind that the swimmers, for

POLAR BEARS 5

Ferry woes and cuts in government services, triumphs by sports teams and individuals, some disturbing incidents of crime and a period of relative political calm unfolded in the pages of the Driftwood last year — and through it all fell record-setting rain.

Following is a month-by-month review of the news, which began with the dramatic events of the first week of 1997.

January

• Rain and melting snow combined to create disaster in the first week of January 1997 as a huge slide of mud and trees fell across North End Road, and rivers of water washed out roads and flooded homes.

Emergency personnel worked around the clock starting New

YEAR IN REVIEW Looking Back at 1997

Year's Eve to sandbag flooding homes and roads, barricade roads, direct traffic, and patrol neighbourhoods for people needing assistance.

Five homes were evacuated. Volunteers also operated an emergency coordination centre established in the B.C. Ambulance Service building on Fulford-Ganges Road.

The meltdown and steady rain, which followed a record-breaking snowfall over the holiday season, also forced a mud slide on

Cusheon Lake Road. Stewart and Morningside roads were closed due to gushing water.

Numerous island homes fared little better as the water flooded basements and the weight of heavy snow caused roofs to cave in and collapse.

• Financial assistance from the Provincial Emergency Program (PEP) would be available to some islanders who suffered losses in the blizzard and flood.

PEP would help cover replacement costs for damaged items

that were not insurable. If insurance was available and the owner chose not to purchase insurance, the claim would not be eligible for provincial assistance.

• Thirty animals removed from Quail Meadows Farm on Salt Spring in December were expected to be officially placed in the custody of the Salt Spring SPCA.

One goat had already died, but four llamas, four dogs, 13 pigs, three piglets, two boars, two goats, a ferret and a cat were recovering from neglect.

Volunteers who helped remove the animals from the home of Kevin Clark and Clara Clements were "horrified" by the condition of the animals and the farm, where several dead animals were also found.

The couple admitted they were guilty of "hard times," acknowledging they'd had a "whole pile of financial problems." They accused the SPCA of stealing their animals and causing the death of their goat.

Seven of the 30 animals were later returned to the couple with strict conditions for their care.

• A recommendation against applying a stop work order to the Bullock Lake Resort project would go before the Capital Regional District (CRD).

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1997	Precipitation/snow**	20 year average	Snow only	20 year average
Jan.	17.2 cm (6.77")	13.5 cm (5.30")	3.5 cm (1.4")	12.9 cm (5.1")
Feb.	6.5 cm (2.57")	11.8 cm (4.64")	0 0	8.1 cm (3.2")
March	21.9 cm* (8.64")	8.1 cm (3.20")	14.5 cm (5.7")	2 cm (0.8")
April	10.2 cm (4.03")	6.2 cm (2.43")	0 0	0 0
May	7.1 cm (2.81")	4.2 cm (1.65")	0 0	0 0
June	6.5 cm (2.58")	3.0 cm (1.18")	0 0	0 0
July	2.3 cm (0.89")	2.0 cm (0.79")	0 0	0 0
Aug.	2.7 cm (1.07")	2.7 cm (1.06")	0 0	0 0
Sept.	10.8 cm* (4.24")	3.2 cm (1.25")	0 0	0 0
Oct.	16.5 cm* (6.51")	7.8 cm (3.07")	0 0	0.2 cm (0.1")
Nov.	13.5 cm (5.33")	16.9 cm (6.65")	0 0	5 cm (2")
Dec.	10.3 cm (4.04")	17 cm (6.70")	0 0	17.3 cm (6.8")
Total	125.7 cm (49.48")	96.3 cm (37.92")	18 cm (7.1")	45.72 cm (18")

* New monthly record
** Snow recorded at 10 inches of snow to one inch precipitation

WEATHER WISE: Ganges weather observer Robert Aston's figures for 1997 show higher rainfall than average throughout most of the year. Records for precipitation were set in March, September and October.

Rivers of rain fall during 1997, breaking precipitation records

The significant weather event of 1997 was the rain.

Drops of it, buckets of it, rivers of it flowed from gray skies onto the island, according to the records of Ganges weather observer Robert Aston. All of his readings were taken at sea level in Ganges.

Records for precipitation were set in three months: March 1997 at 21.9 cm (8.64 inches); September at 10.8 cm (4.24 inches) and October at 16.5 cm (6.51 inches).

The total for the year, at 125.7 cm (49.48 inches) was 30 per cent higher than the 20-year average precipitation of 96.3 cm (37.92 inches). Overall precipitation figures include snow, which is counted as one inch precipitation for each 10 inches of snow.

Nine of the 12 months recorded above-average precipitation, Aston noted. Deluged islanders finally got a chance to dry out in November and December, when precipitation dropped below the 20-year average.

Aston pointed out the current 20-year average has higher precipitation than the previous average, suggesting a gradual trend to wet-

ter weather. He also cited another record racked up during the year: the 12-month period from October 1, 1996 to October 31, 1997 inclusive produced total precipitation of 158.6 cm (62.43 inches).

Drops of it, buckets of it, rivers of it flowed from gray skies onto the island...

"Relative to the norm precipitation-wise, September was by far our poorest month at three-and-a-half times the new, and higher, 20-year average," Aston pointed out. The 20-year average precipitation for September is 3.2 cm (1.25 inches) but last September the skies dumped 10.8 cm (4.24 inches) of rain on Salt Spring.

In contrast to the extreme precipitation, temperatures were

moderate throughout the year with no swings into unusually hot or unusually cold weather. On only one day last year, January 26, did the daytime high fall below zero degrees. The high that day was 0.5 degrees C (32.9 F). Four days later, a sudden warm spell boosted the daytime high to 13 degrees C (55.5 F).

The warmest day of the year was August 10, with a high of 30 degrees C (86 F).

The year ended on an especially warm note December 29. The high reached 14 degrees C (57.2 F).

One of the most dramatic comparisons between December 1997 and December 1996 was the amount of precipitation. Just over a year ago, Aston recorded a snowfall of 134 cm (52.7 inches) and precipitation of 38 cm (14.94 inches).

This year there was no snow in December and precipitation only reached 10.3 cm (4.04 inches).

A gardener himself, Aston notes gardeners will also long remember 1997 as the year when an early blight in the mid-to-late summer played havoc with tomato and potato plants.

Coast guard rescues man with broken bone

A 40-year-old Steveston man with a dislocated and broken shoulder was plucked from his 35-foot sailboat off the Pender bluffs by the Ganges Coast Guard Friday and transported to Salt Spring for treatment.

The man had attempted to grab a boom moving over the sailboat and pulled his arm out of the socket, breaking a bone.

The man's wife called for help at noon and coast guard boat Skua reached the couple by 12:30 p.m.

Despite rough seas the injured man was transferred to the Skua and brought into Ganges Harbour by approximately 1 p.m., where an ambulance waited to transfer him to Lady Minto Hospital for treatment.

Weather

Wednesday: Mainly cloudy with showers. 80 per cent chance of precipitation. High 4.

Thursday: A few clouds; chance of showers or snow flurries. 40 per cent chance of precipitation. Low -3, high 2.

Friday: Mainly cloudy; chance of snow flurries. 40 per cent chance of precipitation. Low -3, high 1.

Saturday: Periods of rain. 80 per cent chance of precipitation. Low -1, high 6.

Normal temperatures for the week: low 0, high 5.



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OFFICE: B.C. Ferries in Fulford

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Ross Harris and engineering superintendent Wayne Ralph will be working from the Fulford office along with some support staff. Brown expects to be in the office part of the time as will a new business manager.

Brown said the Salt Spring location will make it easier for staff to keep track of the Salt Spring routes, which serve the greatest number of travellers in the south inter-island division, and be central to the other Gulf Islands and Gabriola-Nanaimo routes. "We want to establish a presence in the area we're

responsible for," Brown said.

In addition to offices, the building will include a meeting room so meetings can be arranged with local residents on Salt Spring, Brown said.

The only thing delaying the opening of the new office is installation of the phone lines, although Brown said staff may move in before the phone lines are in place. The new office costs the corporation \$1,000 a



Brown

month plus utilities.

Brown also said there may be employee moving costs of \$2,000 to \$5,000 per person if employees choose to move closer to the new office.

Brown said he has also raised the need for tables in the Skeena Queen lounges and is seeking a sponsor to offer coffee on the early morning sailings for commuters.

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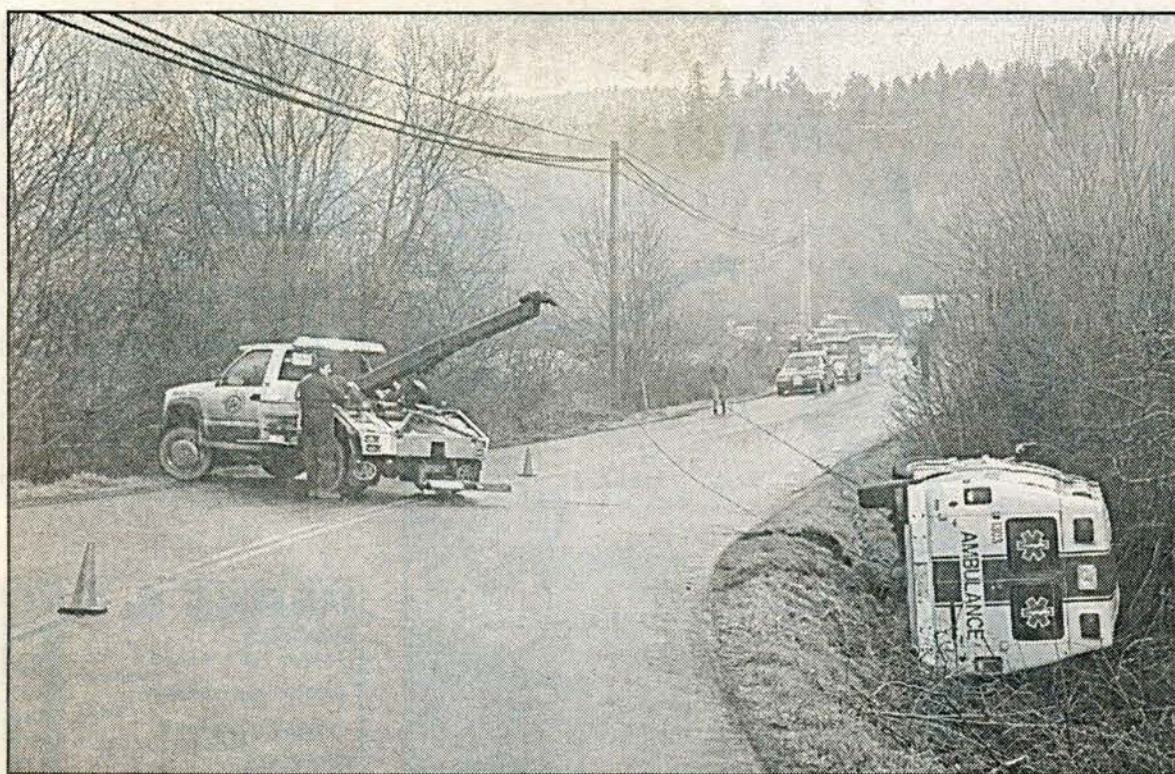
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Police seize pot and equipment

A Salt Spring Island marijuana growing operation was busted on the last day of 1997.

During the afternoon and early evening of New Year's Eve, Ganges RCMP executed a search warrant issued under the authority of the Controlled Drugs and Substances Act.

A search of the residence and out-buildings revealed a "substantial indoor marijuana cultivation," said police, who are not releasing information about the operation's location.

Seized from the home were about 75 pot plants in various stages of growth, plus cultivation paraphernalia.

Police estimate total value of the seized plants and growing equipment is in excess of \$80,000.

Further information will be released once formal charges against the marijuana grower have been approved by Crown Counsel.

In other police news:

• A 46-year-old Salt Spring woman escaped injury when she jumped from her vehicle before it

RCMP REPORT

rolled down a ravine on Seymour Heights last Thursday.

Local police say the woman was driving on Seymour Heights towards Dukes Road with several centimetres of snow on the road. The vehicle slid off the road and then rolled down the ravine.

The woman's 1997 Land Rover suffered some \$5,000 worth of damage.

• Cars travelling to meet a Fulford Harbour ferry were held up Friday while tow truck operators pulled an ambulance from a ditch on Fulford-Ganges Road near the Fulford firehall.

A police spokeswoman said the accident occurred at 7:44 a.m. and it took 10 minutes to clear the road.

Crew aboard the Skeena Queen agreed to hold the ferry for up to 15 minutes. However, the road was cleared in time to allow the Skeena

Queen depart on schedule.

The ambulance had no passengers at the time of the accident, but the paramedics were taken to Lady Minto Hospital to check for injuries.

• Last Tuesday local police began receiving complaints of a suspicious male "hanging around" Ganges, intoxicated and acting irrationally.

The first report involved the yelling of profanity and obscenities in front of young children.

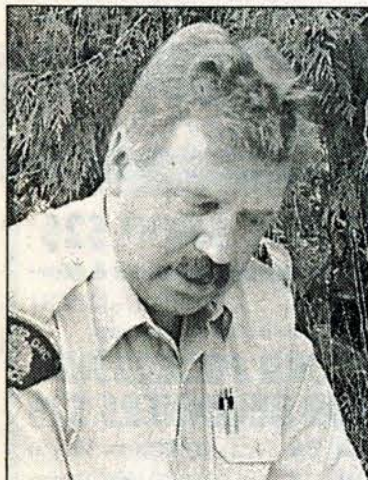
Numerous reports of disturbances followed over the next week from Ganges businesses. The man was arrested twice for being drunk in a public place and released when sober.

However, none of his actions amounted to offences under the Criminal Code.

Finally, upon being released January 5, police told the man it was unlikely the community "let up" on him and eventually his behaviour would result in charges.

He accepted a ride to the Vesuvius ferry terminal and headed back to his home in Campbell River.

Change in RCMP head pending



Cliff Doherty

A new sergeant will likely be heading up the Ganges RCMP detachment in the next few months.

Current sergeant, Cliff Doherty, is slated for a position at RCMP headquarters in Vancouver, working in the force's operational support unit.

Doherty, who moved to Salt Spring from Squamish approximately one year ago, has been unable to sell his home and bring his wife and 10-year-old daughter to the island.

This has resulted in frequent trips for Doherty between the two communities.

Doherty said he and the force "looked at the situation and weighed in the factors and decided the best avenue would be to staff the detachment with another commander."

"In fairness to the community," Doherty added, "It is important to have a complete police force."

The position will be re-staffed within the next few months and Doherty has suggested he stay until the replacement commander arrives.

Once in his new position, Doherty plans to commute from Squamish to Vancouver.

LIFE'S A DITCH: Traffic on Fulford-Ganges Road was held up Friday as a tow truck operator pulled this ambulance from the ditch near the Fulford firehall. The ambulance was not carrying passengers.

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Wintry plunge

It was quick in and quick out for Polar Bear Swimmers who kicked-off the year with a dip in the ocean at Vesuvius Beach on New Year's Day. About 50 swimmers took part in the annual event which this year featured a Hawaiian theme (despite the snow falling at higher levels). Included in the list of more memorable costumes were outfits donned by Bob Stevenson, lower left of top photo, and tacky Hawaiian tourist Marianne Banman, above.

Photos by Derrick Lundy

Poem describes swim

CBC Radio personality and Salt Spring resident Arthur Black serenaded swimmers at the annual Polar Bear Swim held New Year's Day at Vesuvius Beach with his poem, Tidal Immersion.

It goes as follows:
Come gather round friends,
and I'll relate you a fable
Of an island of rock and some
citizens ... less stable.

Of some folks unafraid to
strip down to the nub
And go swimmin' on New
Year's — that's our Polar Bear
Club.

Now make no mistake — Salt
Spring ain't Tahiti
We get winter here, with
snow, ice and sleety
Why, one could freeze one's
axe while

Dipping into Lake Maxwell
Frost up our Yin Yanges,
divin' in off of Ganges
Swim Weston sans vest on?
Dip tush in Lake Cusheon?


Not my assias muchos gracias.
Who would?
Someone quite pifft could. To
get their name in The
Driftwood.

But none of that matters, New
Year's Day at Vesuvius
Cuz gathered here as we are,
well ... I think it behoovius
To laugh in the face of that
fraud called El Nino

Sure, we know all the jokes
that we heard on Jay Lenyo
How orchids are blooming
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SWIM

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the most part, leapt into the slightly-chillier-than-Waikiki waters and leapt right out again, or that the higher elevations on Salt Spring were collecting a blanket of snow — the Hawaiian-themed Polar Bear Swim got a warm welcome from islanders.

Chamber manager Melva Geldreich estimated 50 swimmers braved the water and approximately 200 people watched on the beach for the 12:30 p.m. dunk.

The event started at 11 a.m. at the Beachcomber Motel in Vesuvius with a pancake breakfast enlivened by Jack Vandort's "cooking with power tools" demonstration, Geldreich said. He used a concrete mixer attached to a drill to stir up the pancake batter.

Enough pancakes were mixed and flipped to feed the 60 people who dropped by for breakfast.

Then, at 12:15 p.m., swimmers and hangers-on paraded down to the beach, displaying some truly unique swimwear.

"There were some zany outfits there," Geldreich said. "It was really fun."

Among the bright tropical prints and remnants of Hawaiian vacations was Bob Stevenson, wearing a gorse broom skirt with a black bra over a lime green T-shirt, dog biscuits around his neck and a plunger sceptre. Rob Appleton, of Coquitlam, wore a 1911 full-coverage swim suit. Then there was the ultimate tacky tourist, complete with a huge orange suitcase, portrayed by Marianne Banman. "Really good stuff — really great stuff!" she added.

CBC Radio broadcaster and humourist Arthur Black composed and read a poem designed for the occasion, which also served as the countdown for the big splash.

Following the swim, organizers handed out a host of prizes for almost every conceivable category. Thirty-six people walked off with goodies donated by 29 Salt Spring businesses.

Businesses which had already supported numerous events throughout the Christmas season also dug deep to back the swim, Geldreich said. "The businesses were absolutely wonderful for support."

Co-organizer Jan Macpherson cited Beachcomber Motel owners Garry and Connie Ball as good hosts for the event, providing a change room for participants and a site for the breakfast and the awarding of prizes. The motel even has a pair of small palm trees.

Geldreich noted swim site neighbours the Wheatons and the Taylors cheerfully endured the "controlled pandemonium" which descended on the beach New Year's Day.

Feedback on the swim has been enthusiastic, Macpherson said. "It was fun to have a theme this year. I think we should have a theme every year."

She speculates that the Hawaiian music wafting over the beach during the swim probably made the water feel a few degrees warmer.

Both organizers cited the support of the Island Paddlers, Ganges Coast Guard, the ambulance attendants and the RCMP, who stood by to ensure the swim was safe as well as fun.



Snow sculpture

Watching the traffic go by from their perch on the front lawn of a Ganges Hill residence were this snowman and snow-woman seen on Sunday.

Photo by Derrick Lundy

Skeena Queen seeks Ganges Harbour berth

No, B.C. Ferries is not instituting a link between Ganges and Swartz Bay.

Observers who spotted the Skeena Queen sliding into Ganges Harbour Tuesday morning were not witnessing a change in route. Instead, they were seeing the ferry trying out a temporary home at the Ganges government dock.

The ferry needs somewhere to tie up while the Fulford terminal dock is being replaced between January 14 and February 4. However, the test Tuesday suggested the ferry is too high in the water to tie up at the dock.

The ferry crew was also checking out possible berths at Long Harbour and at Montague Harbour on Galiano.

While the Fulford dock is closed, the Skeena Queen will operate on a modified schedule between Long Harbour and Swartz Bay.

A water taxi will link Fulford with Swartz Bay, operating on the same schedule as regular ferry service.

However, due to ongoing construction at the terminal and concerns over insurance, the terminal will be closed to parking, B.C. Ferries spokesman Stephen Nussbaum said.

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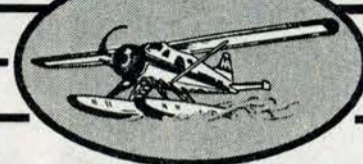
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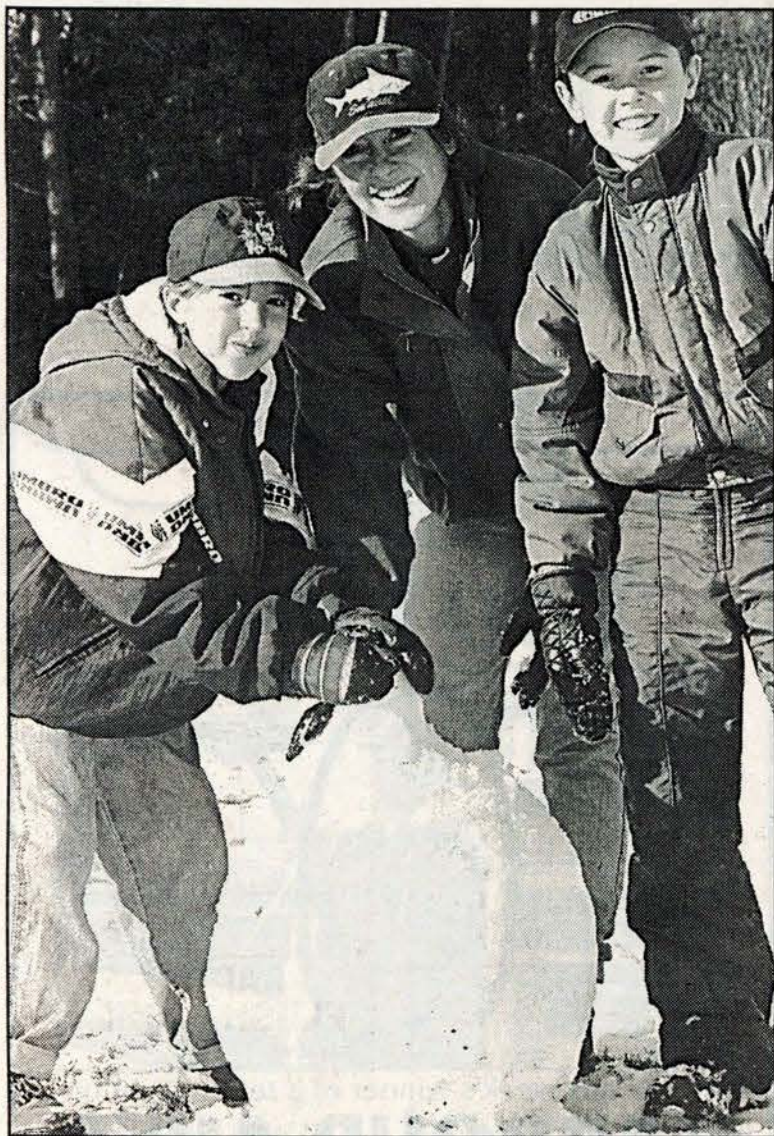
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Icy fun

A weekend snowfall brought out these "kids," from left, Kyla Schroeter, mother Sara Schroeter and Jesse Schroeter, who took to the high school playing field to roll out this snowball.

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New community health group gives direct link to government

Salt Spring residents have the potential to make their health care wishes heard loud and clear in Victoria, but they don't know it yet.

With recent centralization of health care administration in B.C., the Gulf Islands was given more of a voice than most regions through creation of a new body — the Southern Gulf Islands Community Health Advisory Committee (SGICHAC). The title's emphasis should be on "community," says Lady Minto Hospital administrator Karen Davies.

Processes are in place for facilities such as the hospital or Greenwoods to state their needs to government, she notes. What the SGICHAC will do is allow the community's health care concerns to be aired at regional and provincial levels.

If people on Salt Spring saw a need for a satellite diabetic clinic, more pediatric or podiatry services, or more help for people dealing with dementia, for example, those issues would be brought to the SGICHAC through two representatives from another group — the Salt Spring Health Association.

Those two people will be chosen by the association's membership in April, but what is needed first is members for the associa-

tion and leadership through the filling of executive positions. Anyone interested in joining the health association, or curious about how the new health care structure will work, is invited to an informal public forum on January 28 at 4 p.m. in the Lady Minto meeting room. Bob Myers, regional health services manager and Davies will be there to provide information and answer questions.

Davies points out that the Gulf Islands is fortunate to have been given the chance to form and use an advisory committee. Aboriginal peoples are the only other group in the Capital Region to have such a committee.

The Gulf Islands were recog-

nized in this way, Davies explains, because of their geographic isolation from Victoria and because the Gulf Islands Community Health Council had worked so well.

But Sharon Glover, who is the wellness program coordinator and health association's temporary chairwoman, adds that Salt Spring and Gulf Islands residents will only be fortunate to have an advisory committee if they use it.

Depending on islanders' level of interest, provincial health care authorities will receive either very little or a great deal of input.

Anyone interested in getting involved in community health care issues through the Salt Spring Health Association is urged to call Davies at the hospital (537-5545).

Islander launches new philosophy

Local building contractor and writer Jim Anderson has launched a website to change the world.

Anderson, who has spent decades reading, researching and formulating his ideas, believes the "fundamental way we make sense of the world is flawed." His website introduces what he calls a New Human Philosophy.

While living on Salt Spring with his family for more than a dozen years, Anderson has used his spare time to perfect his "revolutionary" ideas.

"After almost a quarter century of research, I have finally managed to crystallize these ideas which essentially turn the status quo upside down, and begin what I believe will become for us all a metamorphosis of the human mind, and a Renaissance of our entire civilization."

Available for downloading on his website are two introductory texts and a main manuscript written by Anderson, along with basic explanations and an overview of his ideas.

"These are new, incredible and complex ideas which change our world profoundly at the most basic level of our awareness," he says. "When they are comprehended and acknowledged in our modern world, they will help to make this world a better place for all of our children's children."

Anderson adds that it has become clear in his life that the human world



Jim Anderson

is in "deep trouble."

"And from a lifetime of critical examination I have found that the source of our catastrophic problems is much more profound, insidious and malignant than anyone has yet imagined."

Anderson's philosophy asserts that there is a "primal flaw in the elemental orientation of all our logical and rational thought processes which has existed since human consciousness began long, long ago in prehistoric times."

The problem, he says, is hidden in the way we think. This fatal flaw, or "primal perspective," is the real reason for the "breakdown in our world systems and the disintegration which is becoming everywhere apparent in our civilization."

To truly change our world and make it better, he adds, cosmetic or superficial changes are not enough.

"Somehow we have to change the fundamental orientation of the human mind. This means we have to change the entire structure of the way we think. To bring about a change of this immense magnitude will require new, unimaginable ideas that have never before been synthesized.

"This is what I have done."

In one form or another, he says, "These ideas are growing all over the world."

Anderson believes use of a website is the "simplest, easiest and most appropriate way" to spread his philosophy to the world.

With the help and technical advice of Chris Haynes, a local database programmer and Internet website publicity consultant, Anderson plans to spend his spare time publicizing his New Human Philosophy.

In the meantime, he plans to continue working as a carpenter and builder on Salt Spring.

"I know it sounds a little bizarre for one person to try to change our world, but I think the inhumanity, madness and hopelessness will tear us all apart soon, unless we find another way out."

Anderson's website can be found at www.union-metamorphosis.com

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Correct birdfeeder use overcomes conflicts

It is no accident that you won't find a reference to bird feeders in world literature until the landmark work of Mary Poppins.

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There is no mention of suet hanging outside the stable in Bethlehem. No ancient manuscript describes feeders under the eaves of Aztec temples and Genghis Kahn did not suspend sunflower seeds in little net bags from his saddle.

Chaucer describes how to fatten up a dove for dinner but recreational bird feeders appear to be a modern concept. They didn't need feeders in those days: on the contrary, women and children scared them away from the bins where the hard-earned grain was dispensed for growing crops, feeding animals or brewing whiskey.

The relevance of this historical enquiry is to highlight some important considerations about bird feeders. Why did we start using them? Do birds need them? And what have we learnt about feeding birds for pleasure since Mary Poppins?

Feeding birds for pleasure seems to have arisen concurrently with Victorian social reform and environmental havoc. The industrial revolution contributed habitat destruction, plate glass windows and cat protection to its list of accomplishments, thereby wiping out large numbers of Europe's birds.

The populace was alienated from the natural world and missed its cheeky little friends so set out some of the industrially-acquired grain in the winter months to aid the survivors. The birds coming to the feeders were those that had had centuries to become opportunistic feeders of grains lying around every farm homestead — they adapted. Feeding Little Robin Redbreast became the symbol of urban Christian charity towards other forms of life.

Enter 20th-century west coast North America and we have the beginning of the dilemma. Do birds need feeders? Most of the above paragraph applies to our situation. We even brought over those cheeky little birds because we missed them, such as the house sparrow, rock dove (or domestic pigeon, the one Chaucer liked to fatten up) and the European starling. These birds had already won the Russian roulette game of surviving the Industrial Revolution, displacing more timid species. So the answer is in part "no." It would be preferable if women, children and the entire Canadian army were employed to scare them away. They are quickly displacing the entire world's bird populations.

Now comes the thrust of the dilemma. Having wreaked havoc on our native bird population, we do sort of owe these species a bit of charitable assistance. Birds that were already on the coast, such as chickadees, juncos and song sparrows, had little experience with grain and suet available in dispensers, although they were opportunists at human dwellings for centuries (a growing trend as their habitat was ripped out in favour of lawns and petunias).

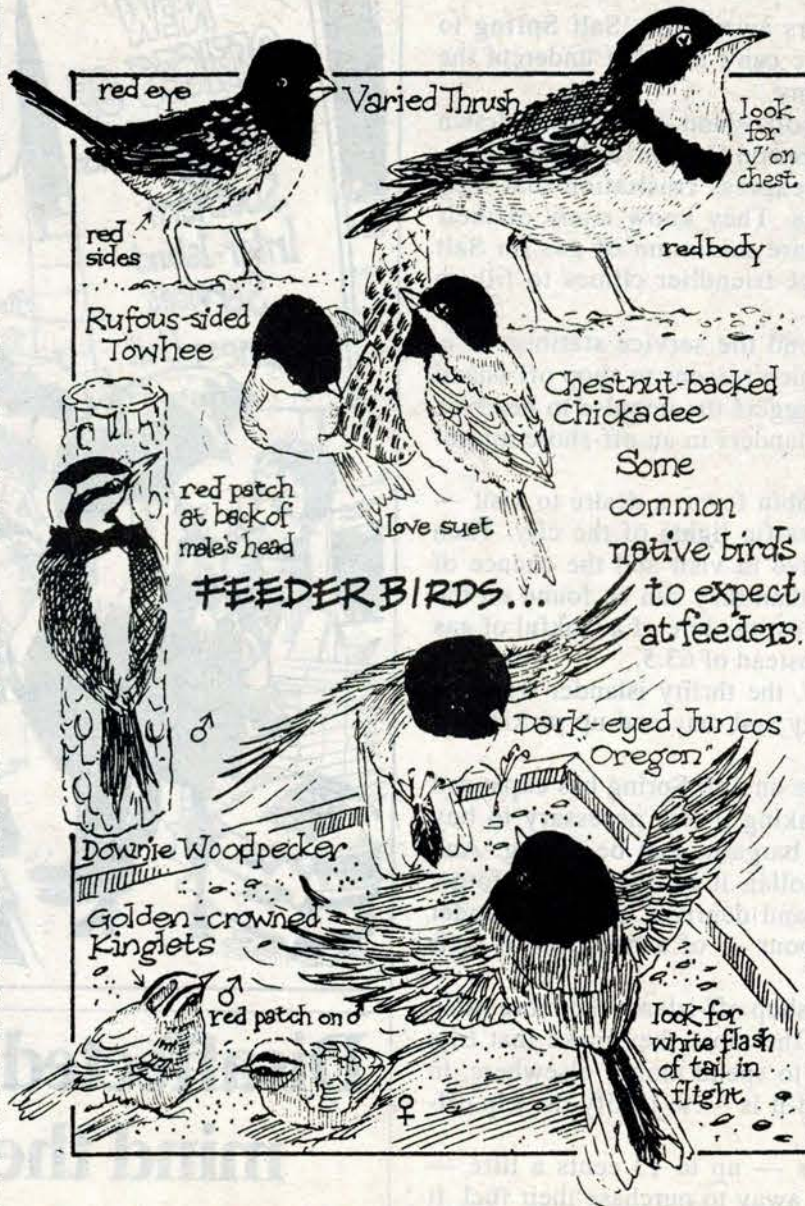
In colder weather, kinglets, siskins, woodpeckers and thrushes will also come and benefit from food supplies. So bird feeders can be a good idea used judiciously to reduce winter die-off — birds that perish in bad weather because they have insufficient food to sustain them. But we have learnt something about the subject since Mary Poppins.

The trouble with creating an artificial food supply for animals is that it can backfire on you. The feeder might attract native birds that normally wouldn't hang around and thereby upset the natural balance. The classic example of this is attracting jays who later will predate on songbird populations. It also follows that if you have created an artificial food supply and you inadvertently cut it off, some inadvertent culling will happen too.

The bird feed itself can be a problem in a variety of ways — a means of bringing in weed species into areas and a distributor of salmonella and bacterial infections. Finally, what bird feeders have done like nothing else before is provide a perfect hunting ground for cats.

So here are some helpful suggestions to ease the dilemma.

1. Locate bird feeders so that there is cover for birds but not so close that they are vulnerable to cats. Put up a metal ring on the pole to prevent cats and rats.
2. Moldy seed can be fatal to birds. Because birds will spill feed on ground where it gets moldy, the feeder should be moved regularly.
3. As a rule of thumb, small millet grains and sunflower seeds are pretty safe and benefit our native birds the best. Never use popcorn and avoid cracked corn, unless you want to join Chaucer with a pigeon roast.
4. Discourage European starlings. Put your suet close under the bird table and put them in a container that the starlings cannot cling so well to, such as onion net bags.
5. Once started, don't abandon your dependents until you are sure a natural food supply is available, especially during bad weather.
6. The best thing you can do for birds is restore native shrubs in your backyard. It is worth a thousand feeders and will provide as much enjoyment. Then you can also ignore points 1-5.



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OPINION

Cheap gas

Anything that drives islanders away from Salt Spring to spend their dollars elsewhere can't help but undercut the island's sometimes fragile economy.

And islanders are being driven off-island — or rather, drawn off by the lure of cheaper gas prices on Vancouver Island.

Local service station owners express frustration that they can't get lower wholesale prices. They know many of their customers are picking up the bare minimum of gas on Salt Spring so they can get into price-friendlier climes to fill up their tanks.

But the problem reaches beyond the service stations. It is part of a cumulative effect, in which reasons to shop off-island pile up until something finally triggers the impulse to head for a ferry terminal and join other islanders in an off-shore migration.

It might start with boredom, cabin fever, a desire to visit — however briefly — the bright traffic lights of the city. Then there might be a friend or relative to visit and the chance of picking up a few items cheaper than they can be found on the island. The final straw could be just the lure of a tankful of gas purchased for 49.9 cents a litre instead of 63.5.

Of course, once off the island, the thrifty islander wants to make the most of the opportunity and may end up picking up anything from apples to zithers.

While selection of merchandise on Salt Spring has expanded dramatically in recent years, making it less necessary to buy off-island, the lure of big-city bargains can be strong. And sometimes, when stretching a dollar, it can be easy to forget that dropping that dollar off-island deprives another islander — possibly a friend or a neighbour — of a fragment of their livelihood.

The more reasons there are to shop off-island, the more often people will make the trip. And the more they make that trip, the more reasons they will find to spend money elsewhere, in part — human nature being what it is — to justify the trip off-island.

The discrepancy in gas prices — up to 13 cents a litre — does more than send consumers away to purchase their fuel. It hurts the local economy, which ultimately hurts us all.

Closer to home

We've tossed enough brickbats. It's time for a bouquet. It may have taken protests up and down the coast to effect a course change by B.C. Ferries, but the change has been made. A subsidy will continue, the price of commuter tickets has been rolled back and there will be no fare increases in 1998.

Meanwhile, the B.C. Ferry Corporation has been divided in three, with a pledge for customer-oriented service coming from inter-island division head Glen Brown. This is a promising course correction indeed.

Equally promising — actually it's quite amazing — is the ferry corp. decision to put some of the inter-island business unit management offices in Fulford Harbour, practically cheek by jowl with their users. The goal, Brown says, is to be more accessible to islanders and to work in the area they serve.

It's a concept whose eminent good sense continues to elude recognition by another creature of government, one whose very reason for being is the islands it is mandated to govern.

Kudos to B.C. Ferries, therefore, for making the move. However, we do not expect ferry users to start dancing in the streets and proclaiming the revolution won. Islanders have been bitten more than once by the ferry corporation and are understandably wary of any new signals being hung from the bridge.

And it's true that B.C. Ferries still has a tough problem to resolve, with money-losing yet essential routes, aging boats and terminals and a tighter-fisted provincial government than existed in the days when ferries were proudly touted as part of the highway system.

Not everyone will be happy with the steps required to resolve some of those problems. But by moving itself closer to its users, B.C. Ferries is clearly making an attempt to take islanders' views into consideration when making some of the tough choices which will likely be required over the next few years.

We hope all these changes are more than a knee-jerk, oil-on-waters reaction to last month's protests. We hope they mark the start of an improved partnership that will lead to smoother seas in the future.



Disaffected Kenyan voters have to mind their Ps, Qs and fingers

By TONY RICHARDS
Driftwood Staff

Having spent a grand total of seven days in the East African country of Kenya — and that was on two different trips — I'm no expert on its political culture. But the two visits were enough to spark a lasting curiosity about this former British colony, primarily because of several images that remain vivid to this day.

The most striking was the headline in one of Nairobi's daily newspapers the day I arrived eight years ago to interview reporters for an international exchange program.

"Cut off their fingers!" shouted the Daily Nation, quoting an avid member of the ruling party, the Kenya National African Union. The fingers in question were those of protesters who had adopted a two-finger salute to indicate support for a multi-party state.

(Had they the liberty of recall legislation, the protesters were the kinds of people who might well have been active in conducting a recall campaign against President Daniel arap Moi. But recall, like democracy, is a foreign concept in Kenya.)

I didn't stay long enough to learn how many people lost their fingers. But given the number of deaths that have occurred in skirmishes between Moi's government and its citizens, there were probably several.

This being my first visit to Kenya, and my first to Africa, I wasn't completely ready for some of the sights and sounds of the Third World's cities. Cross-cultural briefings given by the Canadian International Development Agency in Ottawa before departure prepared me for some of the cultural differences. But the sight of young and ragged children sleeping on the busy sidewalks of Nairobi was not one of them.

(Nor was the tragic plight of many people I saw with deformed legs. Unable to stand upright, they walked on hands and knees, their condition the result of having had their legs broken when babies. Begging becomes more lucrative when one is afflicted with such a handicap. But that was another country and another story.)



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POINT

Nairobi's miserable slums form another memorable image, but a counterbalance to all the ugliness was the hope and faith among children I met in several schools. Part of my job was to examine what benefits Canadian aid was providing, particularly in the field of literacy.

The examination revealed libraries with books donated by North American publishers. They were not well stocked libraries (not much different, actually, from the sparse-looking shelves to be seen in our local high school) but without our support there would have been few books indeed.

Also revealed was the hope shared almost universally by students that a bright future beckoned. And their faith in what the future would hold for them was remarkable — and somewhat worrisome.

If their dreams have come true, the children I met are now preparing to enrol in medical school, or study law, or learn to become teachers. The reality, however, is probably rather different. Only a small number of elementary school children in Kenya go on to secondary education. And very few continue on to university.

It's sad to think now of those hopeful young children, believing the world was their oyster, that a grand future awaited them. Today they are beginning to learn that their prospects are not as rosy as

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once they thought. They are not likely among those Kenyans celebrating the reelection of President Moi to his fifth term. One of the world's richest men has done little to create a future for one of the world's poorest countries.

It is impossible not to draw comparisons. In Canada we have immeasurably more political power as individual citizens than do Kenyans. Ours is the power to elect boneheads and then get rid of them again.

This is not to say we couldn't do with a better system. But it never hurts to be reminded that things could be far worse. And that our fingers are reasonably safe from amputation.

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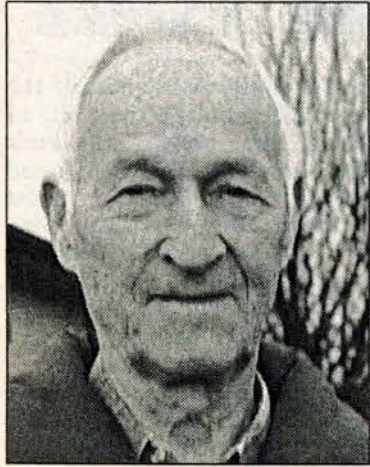
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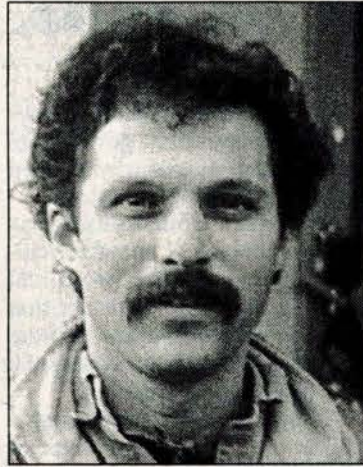
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Andrew Holding

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Leslie Sawchuk

I think it's great. It may not have all the same amenities as the Bowen Queen but it's got a lot more room. I don't like being left behind.



Rob Dailly

It's larger. The island needs a larger ferry. Everybody likes it when they're there and they know they're going to get on.



Nancy Nyte

I think it's terrific. I think they should keep it. It holds a lot more cars. You don't get stuck (at the terminal).

Letters to the Editor

Serious crime

As a "foreigner" and an avid Driftwood reader (albeit I get the paper a week late, and not at all during postal strikes), I don't usually comment on island affairs. But the December 3 letter of Norman Best touches on an issue that reaches far beyond the shores of Salt Spring Island.

He led me upon an interesting quest among dictionaries for a definition of the word "malice" following his statement that, since the meaning of that word is "ill will" or "desire to harm," Robert Latimer was not really guilty of murder, since he did not kill with malice.

Sorry, Mr. Best. The broad dictionary definition of "malice" is indeed as you state. However, I turned to two legal dictionaries for more information. Here is what I found.

The Dictionary of Canadian Law defines "malice" (in law) as "a wrongful act done intentionally, without just cause or excuse, but it does not necessarily require ill-will against a particular person."

The Oxford Companion to Law defines malice in murder (i.e. malice aforethought) as "the traditional term for the mental element in murder which distin-

guishes it from manslaughter. Unfortunately, it does not mean that the conduct must have proceeded from an evil motive."

It would seem, then, that murder is murder, malice or not.

Much as we might wish to sympathize with the Latimer family in their (not unusual) situation, our society should not lose its perspective on murder. Whether the victim is a handicapped child or a personal enemy, murder is a serious crime and should be judged accordingly.

BARBARA WILLUMSEN,
White Rock, B.C.

Responsible

The SPCA has been made aware that a number of farmers are concerned about the dogs that have come from Prince George to find homes on Salt Spring.

We know there is a problem with dogs going after sheep but the problem is irresponsible owners who do not control their animals. These cases should be investigated by the Capital Regional District animal control officer.

Wherever possible, the background of each dog from Prince George is checked. If there is

any doubt as to temperament or bad habits, the dog is not shipped. In most cases we know the history of the animal. This varies from an owner having to go into a seniors residence without taking his dog to a yellow lab making an unauthorized visit to the girl next door, resulting in a litter of cute but unwanted puppies.

We also check the families on Salt Spring requesting dogs. If we have any doubts we say "no" and we have said "no." The families receiving an SPCA dog are responsible owners who will keep their pet under control at all times.

CATHIE NEWMAN,
President,
Salt Spring Island SPCA

One-worldism

Congratulations to the concerned people in Canada and around the world who are trying to help those in Third World countries who have suffered so horribly under centuries of colonialism.

A new colonialism still exists today but under a new flag, that of the almighty dollar. Racism, poverty and worst of all war have punished them even more, right up to present times.

A new concept, however, is growing: "one-worldism" and the knowledge of the interconnectedness of all life on the planet is taking the place of "us" and "them." Perhaps this concept has been sped up by the photos of the earth floating in space, a picture no one had ever seen until this century. Many people, including those involved with a group called CAUSE Canada are trying to analyze the causes of global injustice and then trying to change conditions.

However, two aspects of a leaflet explaining CAUSE Canada disturb me: 1) the missing family planning component in any of the programs discussed; and, 2) the worry that the white men's religion might be used to denigrate the beliefs/cultures of the indigenous peoples.

As to the first concern, community development studies show that poverty causes high

birthrates but the reverse is also true: high birthrates also cause poverty and health problems when human and natural resources are strained.

Another interesting item in the CAUSE Canada leaflet was a graph on Guatemalan exports stating that Canada imports newsprint and other paper products from that country. What is the source of these products? Are we contributing to the destruction of Guatemala's rainforests?

The same graph shows that we import fruit all the way from Central America and sell it in our Canadian supermarkets. How much do the fruit pickers receive in wages? It must be considerably below the minimum wage, eh? I wonder if the Guatemalan people can afford to buy their own fruit!

VIRGINIA NEWMAN,
Salt Spring Island

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Feel the improvement as blah 1997 makes way for '98

Last week was another blah kind of week of 1997. But this week is the first happy week of a Happy New Year. If you were suffering a hangover on January 1 you probably deserved it and didn't start to enjoy your happy new year until the swelling had gone down.

Me? Don't drink no more!

Maybe you didn't like the rain on New Year's Day. But did you like the snow 12 months previously? It's still looking good from here. And after enjoying a happy holiday season I am now into a new merry holiday with its prospects of a happy new twelve-month opening up.

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From time to time — like from

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FRANK RICHARDS



Christmas time to Easter time I travel a ferry and I am there confronted by a large garbage truck or two engaged in the great truck trek to Saanich.

If you have often wondered where all our valuable waste products are going, you can follow a truck and weep for your unfortunate, unwanted, unsorted garbage on its way to that heavenly dump in Saanich.

It's not the routine that gets to me ... nor the waste. It's the announcement borne on various trucks: "No cardboard! Bylaw # 2079!"

If it works maybe we should have a few more truck signs. Like, perhaps, warnings against drugs or juvenile drinking; and driving.

The real question is, of course, what bylaw of what jurisdiction is so hot against wasting cardboard?

Class warfare

There are always new jokes and new books and new columnists and new advice and new epigrams about growing old. Like, old is new, only older. As a man approaching maturity, I feel deeply indebted to all who have advice to offer. There's only one aspect to this profusion of advice and friendly help that gets in my craw.

Why are these words of wisdom, all so carefully turned as to help me on my way, mostly written by the middle-aged?

A lifetime ago

I was in uniform when I last drove a Model-A Ford. It was an open tourer, or "phaeton," nicely finished in green. That car suffered from a defect that would be prohibitive today, 50 years later. Like half the cars on the road

during the war, its tires were lacking in rubber. It was, otherwise, a slick, hard-driven old-timer with all the marks of wear and tear that might have been found on any 15-year-old car driven by a serviceman.

I was happy with its prompt starting in any weather and I soon mastered the carburetor control knob. The throttle was provided with a hand control on the steering column as well as the ignition spark setting lever.

That Ford was a masterpiece of simplicity and still enjoyed a healthy performance.

Last week I went back over the last half-century when I found myself at the wheel of a 1930 Model-A Tudor. The trade definition was "Tudor," as distinct from its big brother, the "Fordor." It was, in the terminology of its era, a "coach."

My son-in-law invited me to drive it when we were out shopping.

I had forgotten the difference a

few years make. All my old skills with what I would term "double de-clutching" and Stephen would call "double-clutching," were gone. No more could I give the throttle a quick kick to soundlessly snick the gear-shift down a notch.

Probably the greatest difference between my performance last week and the last war was the reaction of other drivers. A few may well have been cursing me for my slow acceleration. The majority enjoyed looking and some sounded their horn in tribute to this ghost from the past. (The car — not me!)

If they would only go away!

The roads are too crowded, the stores are too crowded and only a fool goes to the city at a holiday period. I went.

And suddenly, I knew the answer to it all. If those other guys would leave their cars at home there'd be lots of room for me. But I'll never persuade them!

May be too late to save caribou

VICTORIA — Once upon a time, hundreds of woodland caribou roamed the Telkwa Mountains and surrounding forests near Smithers. Fewer than 10 are left. Extinction rears its ugly head.

"We had no cows breeding this year," says Sean Sharpe, head of the provincial environment ministry's regional wildlife section. "There's no bulls."

It may be too late to save the sad remnants of the once-healthy herd, but the ministry will try. This winter, they plan to capture about 20 caribou in the Itcha-Ilgachuz Mountains to the south and relocate them to the Telkwa region.

Wildlife officials hope that any transplanted bulls will mate with enough cows so that a new generation of calves will be born. But even if that happens, there's no guarantee the calves will survive.

The reason for the decimation of the Telkwa caribou herd is human disturbance. Like other parts of British Columbia, the Telkwa area has been drastically altered by man. Large areas of forest, once inhabited by caribou, have been scarred by roads, clearcuts and other industrial activity.

Caribou depend on older, undisturbed forest for survival, particularly in the winter months. Roads are a problem because they make it easier for wolves to prey on caribou. Poachers also find them a boon.

Government officials aren't unaware of what has led to the sorry state of the Telkwa herd. Rick Page, a research scientist with the forest ministry, has this to say:

"In North America, every herd of caribou has declined once the forest has been logged — no exceptions — over the course of the last two centuries. And in eastern North America, most of those herds are now extinct."

So does that mean the choice comes down to logging or caribou? Not so, according to B.C. Wild, an environmental organization that has done a lot of work in the area of wildlife habitat.

Saving British Columbia's remaining caribou, says B.C. Wild, requires "a commitment on the part of the provincial government heretofore not seen," including the protection of older forest frequented by caribou and the introduction of revised, low-volume, low-impact forest practices.

B.C. Wild acknowledges that the creation of new parks by the NDP government over the past few years, including the 109,000-hectare protected area in the Itcha-Ilgachuz Mountains, was a laudable endeavour, but adds that the boundaries don't protect the local caribou herd.

While most of the herd can be seen within the park boundaries during from early spring to late summer, the caribou move outside the park into the surrounding forests during winter, and that area is open to varying degrees of habitat disturbance, all detrimental to the survival of the animals.

We have an estimated 1,500 caribou left in British Columbia and have set aside 109,000 hectares of protected land for the animals. That's 72 hectares per animal. By comparison, Ontario has set aside 3,000 hectares per caribou for the remaining 300 animals within its provincial boundaries.

Cynics point out that species have evolved and died out by the thousands since time immemorial. That may be so, but they lived and died as the cycles of nature dictated. The destruction of a species at the hands of man is unconscionable, particularly if we have the means to prevent it.

I have often been critical of Greenpeace, not for its aims but its methods, which include intimidation and scare tactics. I don't believe in the dictum that the ends justify the means.

B.C. Wild, on the other hand, makes its case much more powerfully and does so without organizing boycotts of B.C. lumber abroad. B.C. Wild's concern for the survival of our caribou should be shared by us all.

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CAPITAL COMMENT

HUBERT BEYER



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The CRD's general municipal services committee recommended against the stop work order despite a request for one from the Islands Trust which wanted the applicant to prove sufficient water was available for the project.

February

- Salt Spring Boat Tours, owned by Diane O'Connor, had 31 groups booked for tours aboard the Swan Spirit beginning April 5, but the new business was unable to find a spot to base its 57-foot catamaran.

Aside from commercial marinas, dock space in Ganges' inner and outer harbours is allocated by the Salt Spring Harbour Authority which rejected O'Connor's request for space.

She was also unable to get space at local marinas.

- Islanders learned that Gulf Islands health services would not change dramatically April 1, even though the local hospital board would be dissolved and authority for Lady Minto Hospital would be transferred to the Capital Health Region.

- Salt Spring potter Mark Meredith was sentenced to two years less a day plus three years probation after pleading guilty to three charges of gross indecency. However, the 53-year-old would serve his sentence in the community under a new federal government regulation which allows jail sentences to be served in the community under supervision.

- Local government agents were exploring the possibility of moving Islands Trust and CRD offices into the unfinished ArtSpring

building.

The move would allow greater contact between local government agencies, and offer a way to open at least part of the building.

- Ganges' courthouse was named as one of 11 slated for closure throughout the province, sparking fear among locals that only criminals would benefit from the move. The closure was slated to be phased in by August.

- Ganges RCMP were seeking a 30-year-old male and two vehicles following a reported sexual assault of a 10-year-old girl who was walking home from the school bus stop.

The girl was approached by a man brandishing a small handsaw. She was forcibly taken into a grassy area in the 100-block of Bradbury Road where she was touched sexually.

March

- A team of eight officers was investigating more than 100 leads relayed to the local police detachment following the sexual assault of a 10-year-old island girl.

- Salt Spring Island Saving Spurs were hot on the heels of a B.C. Cup title in under-19 soccer action after notching a place in the Vancouver Island championships.

- A cost-cutting proposal to move the Ganges Coast Guard to Victoria had been put on hold while the local coast guard awaited a new boat.

Some 75 people attended a meeting with Terry Tebb, director of operations for the Canadian Coast Guard, Pacific Region, expressing opposition to the move.

- Islanders were anticipating creation of a 1,000-acre-plus park

in the southwest corner of the island if a bid by the CRD to acquire three Crown land parcels was successful. The CRD hoped that Crown land parcels on Mount Sullivan, Bruce Peak and Hope Hill could be added to the 160-acre Mill Farm — purchased the previous year as a park — to form an 1,180-acre park in the most undeveloped area of the island.

- Islands Trust Council approved a 2.85 per cent hike in Trust taxes, despite a reduction in spending. The increase was set to recover some of the losses caused by government cutbacks.

- Former Mill Farm co-owner and resident Bruce Williams was up to his ankles in cement as a physical and symbolic message to the CRD, which had evicted him from his home. Williams did not want to leave his mountain-side home but could not meet the conditions set out by the CRD which would allow him to stay. Williams encased his feet in concrete inside his home on a Sunday, but broke out the following Tuesday.

- A Driftwood survey of 120 islanders indicated that Salt Springers consider the island a safe place to live despite their shock about the recent sexual assault of a child.

- Texada Logging clinched an agreement to buy 743 acres of Weldwood land on Mount Bruce, effectively saving it from clear-cutting. The purchase was touted as an 11th-hour saving of the day by Texada which reportedly blocked purchase of the Weldwood land from an off-island company that planned to clear-cut the area. Although Texada pur-

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chased the land, it intended to sell it back to the community at cost.

April

- Ganges RCMP charged an island man in the February sexual assault of a 10-year-old girl. Local hairdresser Anthony Haydn Barrett, 27, was charged with the offence.

- Compared to volatile official community plan (OCP) discussion held the previous spring, a March meeting on the second draft was almost a "love-in." Unlike former OCP meetings, the 60 people who gathered with Salt Spring Trust Committee members and staff at the Activity Centre were calm and cool.

- Closure of the Long Harbour ferry terminal was among the options being considered by the Southern Gulf Islands Ferry Advisory Committee as it looked at the future of ferry service in the islands.

per cent increase since the 1991 census of 7,871 people.

- A local businessman was in a state of shock after an attempted mugging in Ganges. Peter Valbonesi left Island Books Plus at about 6:30 p.m. and walked the short distance to Islands Saving Credit Union to make an after-hours deposit at an outside mail slot.

In response to a tap on his shoulder, Valbonesi turned around to face a "kid with a ski mask over his face," who grabbed the envelope of money. Valbonesi grabbed it back, ripping it in half. Somehow, Valbonesi got the half with the money it.

Although police apprehended a suspect shortly after the incident, they did not have enough evidence linking the youth to the crime.

- A Pender Island man died and a woman was in critical condition following a car accident on Pender Island. The accident occurred in the 6900 block of Pirates Road.

Tsawwassen on Friday evening or Saturday morning sailings were required to make reservations under a new policy from B.C. Ferries which took effect on June 1. Even if space remained on the Tsawwassen to Gulf Islands sailing, standby vehicles would not be permitted to board.

- Neighbours failed to stop an application for a temporary quarry on a Baker Road property, although they did obtain some concessions from property owner Jesse Byron. Thirteen neighbours attended a meeting hosted by Byron and raised their concerns, which included environmental damage, contamination of well water and heavy traffic on narrow roads.

- A promise that ArtSpring could open its doors by the end of 1998 was made by members of the Island Arts Centre Society. Members were seeking \$200,000 in donations in order to apply for a federal-provincial infrastructure grant which would allow the building to be completed.

- A CRD application to acquire three parcels of Crown land on Salt Spring was returned by the Ministry of the Environment, Lands and Parks. In returning the application, ministry land officer Gordon Small cited a May 1990 study which identified other uses for the land. The CRD had hoped to obtain the land for park.

- Heroic efforts were not enough to save the life of Salt Spring resident David Rayment after he was trapped in Ganges Harbour. Rayment had been working on a 25-ton pile-driving crane which abruptly toppled into the harbour. Divers were on the scene in minutes but were unable to locate Rayment in the murky water. A diver, Rayment had received the Canadian Medal of Bravery in December 1994 for his own attempt to save six people trapped in a capsized boat.

June

- Reform party candidate Gary Lunn was part of a Western Canada Reform sweep, taking the Saanich-Gulf Islands riding in the June 2 federal election. The 40-year-old Sidney lawyer received 43 percent of the vote.

- Great for cars, less great for people was the conclusion of passengers aboard the new Skeena Queen century-class ferry which started a six-month trial run on the Fulford-Swartz Bay route. The new ferry offered more space for



Melting snow and heavy rainfall caused a mudslide across North End Road on New Year's Day last year.

cars but spartan lounges and little comfort for foot passengers.

- Islanders came through with \$200,000 in donations to back a bid for a \$200,000 infrastructure grant for ArtSpring. The Island Arts Centre Society was required to have \$400,000 in order to apply for the grant.

- More than \$20,000 damage was done to a Salt Spring home when a teenage party got out of control. The homeowners had left their 16-year-old daughter in charge of the house while they were away. The girl invited a few friends over but others crashed the gathering. In addition to the damage, a number of items were stolen.

- The Ministry of Education was considering computer-based distance learning as one solution to the Gulf Islands School District's financial problems. The district had projected an \$850,000 deficit

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Buffy Saint Marie enthused crowds when she appeared on Salt Spring in July as part of the Festival of the Arts.

- Salt Spring's 180-member Waterbird Watch Collective and founder Nina Raginsky received the annual Kees Vermer Award in recognition of the group's work for wildlife conservation and education.

- School trustees learned that the Gulf Islands School District's 1997-98 budget could exceed \$1 million. To maintain current programs, it was predicted the district would incur a \$788,000 to \$800,000 deficit, which could increase another \$300,000 depending on school enrolment in September.

- Figures released from the 1996 census put Salt Spring's permanent population at 9,247 — a 17.5

Vincent Hunter, 48, died in the crash, while Ann Braid of Vancouver was in critical condition in hospital in Victoria.

May

- Gulf Islands Water Taxi initiated a new service with Saturday passenger-only sailings between Salt Spring and the Outer Islands. Owner Jack Hughes planned to use two 40-seat boats for the new service. The service was designed to allow users to spend most of Saturday on Salt Spring, with departures from the Outer Islands at approximately 10 a.m. and return trips from Salt Spring at 3 p.m. A round trip cost \$15 dollars.

- Outer Islanders wanting to return to the Outer Islands from

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in the coming year and was seeking ways to cut costs while still offering education to students on all Gulf Islands.

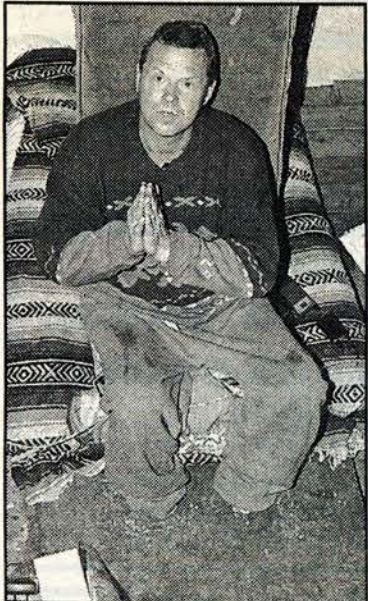
• Arson was suspected in a late night fire which destroyed the Community Gospel Chapel hall and seriously damaged the church. Firefighters reported the Drake Road church was engulfed in flames by the time firefighters responded to the 11:15 p.m. call.

July

• Islanders were given a 12-month window to raise approximately \$750,000 in order to purchase 300 hectares (743 acres) of former Weldwood property. Texada Logging purchased the land and agreed to hold it in order to give the community or the CRD a chance to buy the Mount Bruce land. Ideas for the land included preservation as park or development as a community forest.

• Salt Spring firefighters and ambulance workers raised their concerns that 911 operators were not sending medically-trained firefighters to emergencies. Approximately half of Salt Spring's volunteer fire department had completed first responder training yet firefighters were called to only 14 medical emergencies in the previous six months.

• An 18-year-old Salt Spring youth was sentenced to four months in jail for the theft of a baseball cap from another youth. The incident occurred in Centennial Park. Michael Edward Hewett's sentence may have been stiffer since he had an extensive criminal record which included previous incarceration.



In March, former Mill Farm owner Bruce Williams cemented his feet to his home as a symbolic message to the CRD.

• A Pender Island couple was thinking about going shopping after winning \$2.5 million in the 6/49 lottery. Dorine and Wilf Mather based their numbers on a combination of birth dates and had played the same combination for 15 years before hitting the jackpot.

• Some would-be Salt Spring visitors were cutting their trip short and returning home on the next ferry after discovering there was no bus service from Fulford to Ganges. The summer of 1997 was the first time in three to four years that there had been no bus service available in the summer. Some visitors said they were told by off-island visitor information centres that bus service was available on Salt Spring.

• The next possible barrier to further development in Ganges was cited as insufficient water to operate fire protection sprinkler systems, according to CRD building inspector Dick Stubbs. ArtSpring had failed a pressure test of its sprinkler system. Stubbs said all buildings in which people assemble now require sprinkler

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systems. A meeting was called to discuss the issue, which affected both ArtSpring and the Core Inn.

• A letter-writing and petition campaign in support of the Ganges courthouse was launched by local lawyer Jim Pasuta and Salt Spring RCMP Sgt. Cliff Doherty. The courthouse was in danger of being closed at the end of August as a money-saving measure by the attorney-general's ministry. Cases were already being remanded to the Duncan courthouse.

August

• The popular Moby's Street Dance which raises funds for the Core Inn youth centre was taking place again but not at Moby's. A potential conflict with the Liquor Control Board forced Moby's owner Barry Edwards to ask that the dance be moved. The dance was eventually held at the Upper Ganges Centre.

• The eleventh-hour campaign to prevent closure of the Ganges courthouse gathered almost 1,200 letters which were delivered to the attorney-general's ministry just before the last court date in Ganges. Opponents of the courthouse closure feared moving cases to Duncan would increase overall costs for police and for witnesses and lead to more postponed trials due to the difficulty of reaching Duncan from Salt Spring.

• A group of girls walking on Cusheon Lake Road had a narrow escape during a lightning storm. Eleven-year-old Jessica Mack reported that she and the other girls were caught in a flash of light and felt a tingling through their bones. Mack said her legs were numb and her body felt asleep. The impact faded over the next few hours. A doctor suggested the girls had felt the current from a nearby strike.

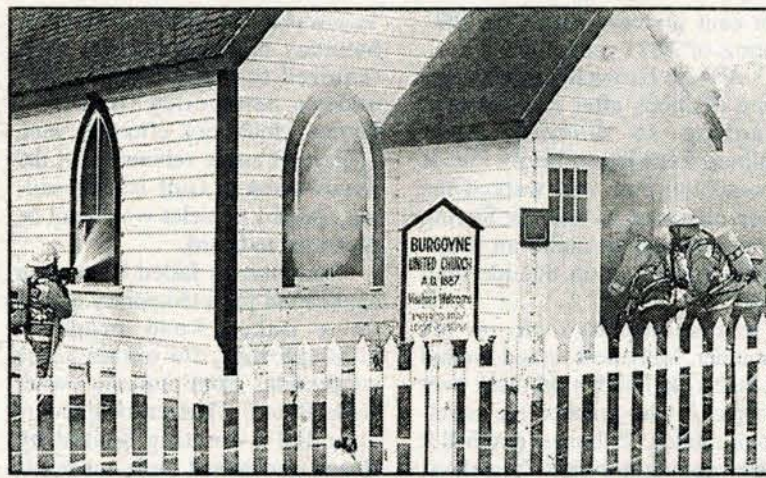
• A rash of vandalism struck Centennial Park and three schools over one weekend. The damage included three computers thrown from the roof of Salt Spring Island Middle School and partying in the park which resulted in the destruction of 10 sprinkler heads. Vehicles were also driven onto the turf at the high school.

• Fires at approximately the same time in two heritage churches in the Fulford Valley led police and firefighters to conclude that both were caused by an arsonist. Damaged in the fires were Burgoyne United Church and St. Paul's Catholic Church. Both fires occurred on Saturday afternoon and were, fortunately, spotted soon after they had started. The greatest damage was sustained by the Catholic church where the floor and altar were burned.

• Pender Islanders were aghast following a city-style bank break-in where perpetrators bored through a wall to enter the island's small Hongkong Bank of Canada. Thieves jimmed a lock in an adjacent craft store, then used various tools to make a hole in the wall and crawl into the bank. A pry bar was used to bend back the safe's door and a large amount of money was stolen.

September

• A new bus parking zone in Ganges proved expensive for motorists who didn't notice the sign outside the Tourist Information Centre. Tow truck operators began removing vehicles from the area soon after the signs were in place. The zone was established to accommodate the three to five tour buses visiting the island each week in summer



An arsonist set fire to two island churches, including Burgoyne United Church, simultaneously in August.

months.

• Michael Wells, also known as Michael Andrist, was taken into custody in connection with three church fires which occurred in June and August. Arson charges were laid against Wells in October.

• A teenagers' party on Fulford Elementary School grounds, which resulted in smashed windows, broken bottles and ripped-up gardens, sickened and outraged

island residents. About 50 community members spent the weekend repairing damage and cleaning up the dangerous remnants of glass which landed in classrooms, hallways and outside.

• Salt Spring's Seniors for Seniors Society decided to change its name after a Toronto-based private company threatened legal action if it did not make a change.

The "Seniors for Seniors" name

was first copyrighted by Peter Cook of Toronto in November 1989, although the island society registered its name seven months earlier. Cook first threatened legal action in late 1989.

The Salt Spring group decided fighting the case in court would cost too much money.

• Twenty-six people attended a Salt Spring Trust Committee meeting on proposed development permit areas (DPAs) for the new official community plan (OCP). DPAs had been removed from the plan's second draft when islanders objected to an all-island DPA in the first draft last year. However, trustees Bev Byron and David Borrowman responded to public and government agency feedback on the second draft which pushed for protection of environmentally sensitive areas through use of DPAs.

• More than \$10,000 was raised for cancer research at the 17th annual Terry Fox Run on Salt Spring. Phyllis Waltho raised the largest amount of money — \$1,507. Approximately 300 people turned out for the event, which included food, music and massages for participants at Fernwood Elementary School.

• Cancer fundraising was also part of the 101st annual Salt Spring Fall Fair, when 29

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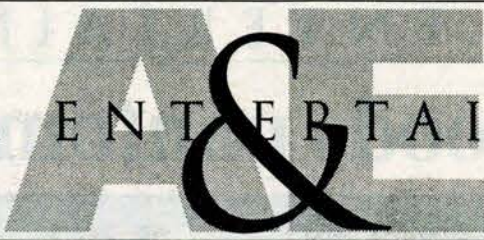
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BACK ON TRACK: Island musician Tom Hooper performs at the Harbour House Hotel as The Grapes of Wrath reunite for a New Year's Eve performance.



BIG SOUND: Former island boys, drummer Ben Wright, Sean Logan, at far left, and Scott Stewart rock the Harbour House Hotel as their band Pine Cone Fight took the stage on New Year's Eve.

Photos by Derrick Lundy

Harbour House rocks-in 1998

The year 1997 ended at the Harbour House with an event worth remembering.

The Grapes of Wrath headlined this charity concert, and had they permitted publicity we would have seen a line-up down to Fulford for tickets, but instead island residents witnessed an intimate musical event.

Three Chord Sloth kicked off the festivities with style. This blues band knows how to rock and roll, and on this night they played hard and tight with two cool imports from Victoria. Sharon Wadsworth with her stick bass sang two or three songs in the middle of each set, and Jonny Shuffles on guitar and vocals played from beginning to end.

Matt Steffich (aka Tarzan the Guitar Man) couldn't stop complaining about 1997, but his attitude didn't affect his tunes any, and one song in particular really stands out. The David Wilcox hit Who Do You Love? was notable not only for one fantastic guitar solo (no, he didn't beat his chest or swing across the stage on a vine), but also for Jerome Jarvis' consistently wicked drums.

Jarvis was a superstar from beginning to end. He played with all of his usual incredible technical perfection, and he let go to really rock the house every so often. Too cool.

Speaking of superstars ... anyone who listens to rock radio knows who The Grapes of Wrath are, and anyone who was present on New Year's Eve knows why this band made it big. The spark of creative genius is inherent to the chemistry between these artists. Kevin Kane sang lead vocals for their opening song It's a Very Special Day, and with luck that will mark the beginning of a new era for this talented trio.

Good music reflects the

human condition and great music elevates the spirit, and these men mastered both. They have a hard edge to their lyrics, like "I don't know what was going through my head/ You know I should have been dead," and an even harder edge to their music, which was the driving force behind their fame and fortune the first time around.

There were a few mistakes during this ample set, but what can you expect after five years apart? Drummer Adam Drake pulled them through the rough spots with ease although perfectionist Kane winced in pain more than once. Perhaps it is the perfectionist in him that wouldn't allow much media coverage of this event, and if that is the case we can anticipate with delight a well-rehearsed reunion in the future. Earth could use more songs written by The Grapes of Wrath.

As good as The Grapes of Wrath are, Salt Spring's own Pine Cone Fight definitely stole the show. This is another hard rock band with a social conscience, and there can be no doubt that they are reaching today's youth. They were the house band for The Town Pump in Vancouver for about a year, and they have two great releases under their belts to date. Their first was a self-titled CD consisting of songs about the growth and development of the artist in today's society. Addiction begins "I'm in the throes of addiction/ I can't listen, can't tell, my cocktail tastes all dirty/I yell or did I whisper."

Pine Cone Fight's latest release is called Not From Around Here, and its songs indicate tremendous development both personally and socially. Five Pounds of Rice Ain't What it Used to Be is a

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sardonic look at global politics with a mature perspective on the inequities between industrial and developing nations. More than that it is a great dance tune and on New Year's Eve the floor was full.

Rock music can be deceptive. At a first listen Jane's Addiction's song Nothing's Shocking is shocking with a chorus line like "her sex is violent," but a careful listen reveals that the band is lamenting how we are all inundated with so much violence on the news that indeed nothing is shocking. So when Pine Cone Fight played Stupid Girl by a band called Garbage I searched for deeper meaning without luck. Sometimes a song is just a song.

Just a song is about all the Cranberry Hill Gang was permitted to play before the police insisted the party shut down shortly after three. Ted Cook has an awesome voice even at that ungodly hour, so we would have enjoyed a longer set, but they opened with Why Get Up, and ended with New World and it was a treat to hear Cook sing.

The year ended with a bang on this the centre of the known universe. Tarzan kept asking if anything good had happened in 1997, and I had to think of the Hale-Bop comet signalling the dawn of a new con.

Buckminster Fuller said that the sign of a truly advanced civilization is its consideration for future generations, and here on Salt Spring that evolution is indeed taking place. Cheers to the many musicians who express this higher consciousness here on Salt Spring.

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Salt Spring talent floods pantomime with surprises

By GAIL SJUBERG
Driftwood Staff

"Full of surprises" could be the marketing slogan of Cinderella and the Three Bears, a musical pantomime theatre production which opens at the Activity Centre Thursday night.

Cinderella isn't exactly as advertised in the pages of fairy-tale anthologies. For starters, the character played by Rosanne Leonoff is called Cinders and her step-sisters are named Pneumonia and Nausea (played by Patrick Cassidy and John Dellow).

There is definitely a family of three bears, as the title implies, and a Sherwood-type forest full of curious other characters who may be slightly familiar, yet surprising — Robbin (Hood), who is portrayed by Laurie Clarke, Puss in Loafers (Vaughn Fulford), Friar Duck (Marcie Berner) and Ali Babble (Brian Box), to name a few.

What will surely be recognizable is the expression of Salt Spring talent both on and behind the show's two stages at the Activity Centre this week and next.

Each and every cast and crew member is a "star" in this show, stresses producer Jeanne Pascale.

"Everyone has been so focussed, accepted the job and went out and did it."

Cinderella and the Three Bears is an all-Salt Spring endeavour — written by longtime islander and musician Murray Shoolbraid, involving professional and novice actors, a merry band of expert technical crew and helpers, and some of the island's best musicians and dancers. The show's proceeds will benefit the Core Inn youth centre.

The show is a musical pantomime, a theatre form which may not be familiar to younger North Americans. It combines fairy tale mythology, humorous antics and ample audience interaction.

"You play to the audience and the audience plays to you," says Pascale.

Because pantomime consists of a potpourri of little performances and moments, many actors are needed, which gives newcomers a chance to test-drive their acting wheels.

"There are some people who are really going to shine, who you've never seen before," predicts Pascale.

She also notes the professional actors and director Michael Armstrong have given so much to less experienced cast members.

Pascale describes Armstrong as "a real active director," who "jumps right in the middle" and sings, dances, walks and talks a part through with his actors.

"You get a true sense of his vision, which is really wonderful to see."

Cinderella and the Three Bears is aimed at people of all ages, although adults get the best of both worlds through the double entendres and verbal humour.

"Some lines are very mature; some are just ridiculously funny," she says.

Pascale has heard and seen bits of the show in rehearsal for the past two and a half months so that when she came to see a recent run-through she wondered if it would still seem funny to her. In fact, she "literally howled with laughter" and thought, "If this is funny to me after two months, think how funny it will be for new people watching it."

Pascale calls writer Shoolbraid "a creative mastermind and bril-



HELP!: Cinders (Rosanne Leonoff) is flanked by step-sisters Nausea (John Dellow, left) and Pneumonia (Patrick Cassidy) during rehearsal of Cinderella and the Three Bears, a benefit production for the Core Inn.

Photo by Derrick Lundy

liant academic," who is also the show's musical director.

Musicians include Shoolbraid's sons Malcolm and Rod Shoolbraid (of Carrot Revolution fame), Derek Duffy, John Akehurst, Matthew Osborne, Tania Baronet-Deringer, and Saeward, Sascha

and Oban Stone. Some will be "wandering minstrel-thieves" entertaining before the show.

House managers Cheryl Janzen and Sylvie Joban are also primed to deliver some pre-show "pantomimesque" acrobatic entertainment.

Sue Newman and Lottie

Devendisch are the production's choreographers.

Set designer and stage manager Simon Henson, and Murray Shoolbraid's wife Kirsten Shoolbraid are two people Pascale cites as being particularly indispensable to the show. Henson has "gone way beyond the norm" in

his duties, and artist Kirsten Shoolbraid has created every kind of prop from genie bottles to spears. Everyone has scrounged diligently for costume pieces, keeping costs to a minimum.

Cinderella and the Three Bears has been created without the security of sponsorship money, notes Pascale. "It's only through the cooperation of cast, crew and community that it's been made possible."

Pascale sees the show as a weaving together of a tapestry of threads — from costume creation to lights to acting — with each thread being "critical" to the whole, regardless of its weight or texture.

She credits businesses such as Barb's Buns, Mouat's, Barnyard Grafix, Salt Spring Roasting Company and especially Windsor Plywood for aiding this production. The Core Inn also gave the group essential rehearsal space.

Cinderella and the Three Bears runs this Thursday and Friday beginning at 8 p.m., and at 2 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday.

Because of demand, three extra shows have been added for next week: at 8 p.m. on Friday, January 16 and 2 p.m. matinees on January 17 and 18.

"It's been an absolute, total labour of love for 100 people," concludes Pascale. And she hopes the audience will "love us back."

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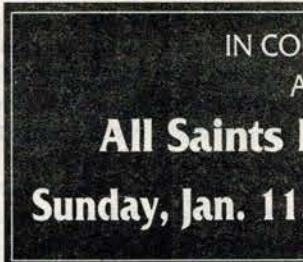
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Few authors "win big" with their first books, but Sharon Brown of Mission is an exception.

Her non-fiction work called *Some Become Flowers* — Living With Dying at Home, won the B.C. Book Prize/ Hubert Evans Award for Non-fiction in 1994. It was also a finalist in the VanCity Book Prize competition.

A few months ago, *Some Become Flowers* was included in Alan Twigg's list of 200 significant B.C. books of the 20th century, printed in B.C. Bookworld's 10th anniversary issue. Publisher Scott McIntyre also declared it one of the top 10 B.C. books of the decade.

Some Become Flowers is Brown's memoir of the last few weeks living with her dying mother at home. It is described by

author Brian Brett as "a direct and fearless account of days rich with unexpected suspense, rage, humour, intimacy and sadness."

This Sunday at 8 p.m., islanders can hear and meet Brown at a Theatre Alive! and Canada Council-sponsored reading upstairs at All Saints By-the-Sea.

Besides the evening's literary value, anyone interested in the hospice issue won't want to miss the event.

Islanders who attended last March's Erotic Literary Evening will remember Brown's piece about a couple making out in a park and the dog that visits them.

She has also just completed her first novel, titled *A Crucial Fiction*.

Admission to the reading is free, although donations are gratefully received to offset costs.

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Gulf Islands artists and crafters are invited to enter the pages of a proposed regional guidebook.

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author of *Some Become Flowers: Living With Dying at Home*, a memoir of living with her terminally-ill mother. Brown has also just completed a novel called *A Crucial Fiction*. Sunday, January 11 at 8 p.m. at All Saints By-the-Sea upstairs. Free admission but donations are appreciated.

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Few planned events leads to quiet holiday

The Christmas season seemed quieter than usual on Galiano this time around.

Church services were held as always and the annual bird count took place as scheduled. Some folks brought in the new year at the pub, others celebrated with neighbours in gatherings at home. There was, however, no community-sponsored New Year's Eve dance, no fish derby on New Year's Day and no first of the year dip into the briny sea at Montague Harbour.

Christmas Day is usually quiet here (particularly in North Galiano), with most people setting off for visits to family several days before the 25th. On our 20-kilometre trip down Porlier Pass Drive on Christmas Eve we passed no vehicles going north but saw seven deer. Returning at midnight we saw only two deer, no doubt the animals' Christmas Eve duties for Santa were complete and they were free to resume their foraging by the roadside!

A large pod of killer whales entertained householders on Trincomali Channel on Christmas afternoon. Killer whales are not often seen in the channel.

Another reason for our quiet Christmas season is probably due to the winter closure of several of the island's better dining establishments. Without their services, some bed and breakfast operators felt it unwise to encourage visitors. A "trickle down" effect of the closures has affected all commercial operators.

The snow which covered the trees in North Galiano on the morning of January 2 did not materialize in South Galiano, although that area got a little the following day and all got more on Sunday morning.

North of Retreat Cove the power went off late on Boxing Day afternoon. Hydro crews soon got it flowing again. They do their best for us and deserve our thanks — their services often required at times which must be anything but convenient for them as family members.

Here is a complaint, though, why do hydro bosses think that notices of scheduled power cuts posted at the ferry terminal or in the Corner Store or Daystar market area, give warn-

GALIANO NOTES

WITH ALISTAIR ROSS



ing to those living 20 kilometres away? Some residents might visit these areas only once a week. Perhaps the answer is for Hydro to leave phone messages with four or five citizens in North Galiano who can then pass on the information to others from prepared area lists. This might be tried at any rate. There might be fewer nasty surprises and fewer culinary disasters.

Resolutions

Holiday season walks have taken many residents and visitors over much of the privately-held forest land and into Dionisio Point Provincial Park. The park, now designated "marine" has received many improvements during 1997, including the ditching and draining with culverts of low areas along the road, as well as grading and gravelling. The creation of the 42-vehicle parking lot is also well under way.

The park, under-used because of land-use disagreements between the new landowners, the highways ministry and Islands Trust, awaits a resolution of these problems. A settlement promised by one of our local Trust representatives for last November did not happen, and no reference to it has been heard of since. Perhaps they could revive it as a new year's resolution.

Forest hideaway

A new Galiano property owner in 1996 was Member of Parliament Svend Robinson. Here for a quiet winter holiday on December 30, he went out for a walk, had a fall, crawled to a neighbour's cottage for help and was eventually carried out of his land-locked hideaway on a stretcher suffering a broken ankle and jaw.

The news was out, every radio and television station carried the story (some placing the action on Gabriola instead of Galiano). Galiano wishes Burnaby's respected representative a speedy recovery and, for his next visit here, the peace and solitude he expected.



Go in the snow

Andrew Currie takes a turn on the toboggan as, from left, Rebecca Smith, Katie Hisdal, and Rose Nemeth watch. The four were among

the many islanders who enjoyed playing in Sunday's snow.

Photo by Derrick Lundy

TAKE NOTE

OF THESE DATES

JAN. 7: Salt Spring Book Reading Group, all welcome, discussing "Snow Falling on Cedars" & "Unconscious Civilization", Island Books Plus, 7pm.

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.

JAN. 28: Salt Spring Health Forum, Lady Minto meeting rm. 4pm.

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.
- 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.
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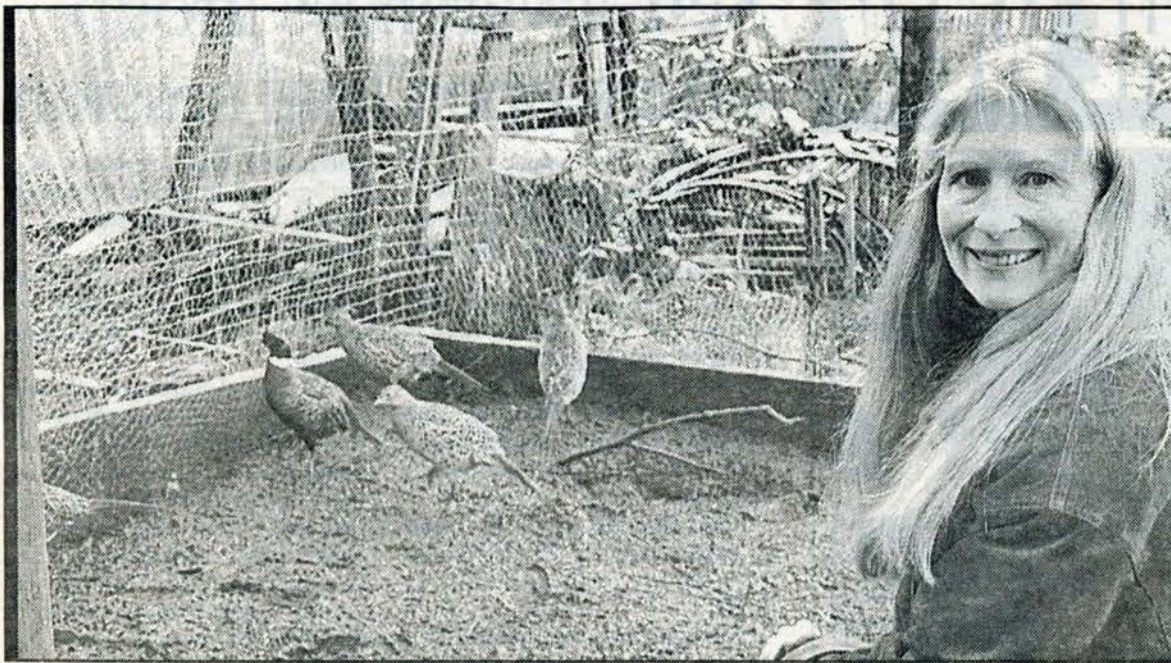
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CAMERA-SHY: Only four of Marilyn Schmah's 24 ring-necked pheasants stayed still long enough for a photograph with Schmah, who is raising the birds and releasing them into the wild to restore the population.

Valorie Lennox photo

Pheasant project restocks heritage

By VALORIE LENNOX
Driftwood Staff

A Salt Spring pioneer tradition is winging its way from Foxglove Garden Supply to add a splash of colour to island fields and forests, thanks to a personal restoration project by Marilyn Schmah.

Schmah has already raised and released one group of colourful ring-necked pheasants on the island and is now raising a second batch for release this spring. She's also become an expert on the birds, which she notes were originally imported to the island by Salt Spring's pioneer gentry for hunting.

But the numbers dwindled dramatically after a heavy snowfall in 1949. Natural predators, increased development on the island and a reduction in the number of farms also cut into the pheasant population, since the birds rely on grain fields to survive.

Schmah's interest in the birds was sparked shortly after she and husband Chris moved to the island in 1979. She was home alone when a large male pheasant landed on the roof of her new home.

"I couldn't believe the ornamental plumage on them and how gorgeous they looked in the natural setting," she recalled.

She researched the birds, learning their history both on the island and earlier, which included being imported from China to Europe and then to North America in the late 1800s.

Like their close cousins, the

peafowl (peacocks), pheasants were originally native to China. The ring-necked pheasants, one of the most popular and colourful of the 48 subspecies, are also among the best-suited to life on the island, Schmah explained.

Remembering her own thrill when she first saw one of the birds, Schmah decided she would like to re-stock the birds on the island. She discovered it was possible to order either eggs to incubate or day-old chicks to raise. She opted for the chicks, which she noted have a higher success rate.

The chicks, she said, are awkward, long-necked and striped, appearing almost reptilian when in the same cage as fluffy yellow chickens. The current batch came from Mount Vernon, Washington last June as day-old chicks, she said, and includes a dozen males and a dozen females.

Now six months old, they are approaching their full size of 35 inches for males and 25 inches for females. The females are comparatively drab with speckled brown feathers but the male plumage rivals that of the most brilliant roosters, including the distinctive ring around the neck which gives the subspecies its name.

Schmah has noticed the ring appears to develop overnight: one day it doesn't exist and the next day it is in place.

In their enclosure at Foxglove, the pheasants are protected from predators — raccoons are especially dan-

gerous to the young birds — and have a steady supply of grain to see them through the hard winter months. But Schmah is not attempting to tame them.

They are already making short flights within the enclosure and once released, quickly try their wings, Schmah said. From the first group who were released, some returned for a few days to collect their fair ration of grain, then were gone.

The birds are territorial and will travel some distance to stake out their own space. They also need wide-open fields of grain. Schmah pointed out it takes 40 pounds of grain a year to support one pheasant at subsistence level.

This spring she plans to release the birds gradually, a pair at a time. She also hopes to keep some breeding stock in order to speed up the restocking process. Ring-necked pheasants will breed in captivity and are ready to reproduce at one to two years of age.

However, she said, natural hazards and predators will ensure the birds do not multiply to the point of becoming a problem. "There would never be an abundance enough of them to cause harm," she observed.

With her interest in island heritage, she is delighted to be replicating a sight that was likely common on Salt Spring at the turn of the century: colourful pheasants in the woods or in fields.

"It's fun for me to try and restore certain aspects of the lifestyle," she said.

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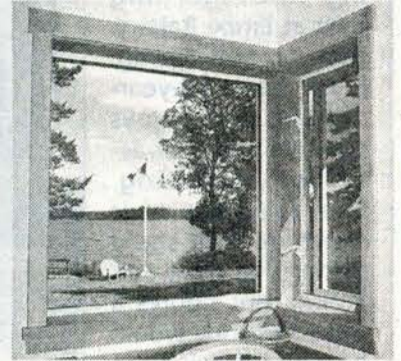
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ISLANDER OF THE WEEK

A familiar face to early risers, Morven Fraser is seen working the morning shift at Embe Bakery. Born on Salt Spring, Fraser has a six-year-old son and enjoys sports such as basketball and skiing. She says there is nowhere else she'd rather live than Salt Spring, but figures a trip to Mexico would be a nice break.

Photo by Derrick Lundy



Christmas bloopers add to season

Allow me to present a few ramblings from the Christmas season.

- As we flipped through an art book, looking at various paintings created through the ages, one of my children came across a Christmas-type picture.

"Look!" she cried. "There's baby Jesus and the prima donna!"

- Sang my other child: "... Then all the reindeer loved him, as they shouted out, 'Whiskey!'"

- It's Christmas morning and the family gathers for its once-a-year sit-down breakfast.

There is the traditional cherry streusel from Grandma, served up with scrambled eggs and hash browns. The Christmas candles glimmer on the table, and Mom — who loves Christmas — has poured eggnog into the fancy glasses.

Dad, not a Christmas fan, is nevertheless making an attempt and has actually emerged from his studio to partake in breakfast.

Mom looks brightly around the table and opens her mouth to speak.

Unfortunately, Dad kicks off the conversation and is soon discussing consumerism and multinational corporations which leads to comments on the depletion of South American rain forests, and the robbing of the earth's natural resources.

The sensitive older child suddenly recalls the worst travesty in her world and, with a few tears coursing down her cheeks, wonders, "Why do hunters go into the forest to kill animals, any-

way?"

Glad tidings and joy to the world are in danger of disappearing for good as Mom darkly wishes the streusel was hot enough to burn a certain tongue.

Next year, she decides, the family may send one of its members to South America for Christmas.

- Christmas dinner: smoked salmon, marinated vegetables, rice, smoked oysters, crackers and cheese ball, olives, pickles and in the corner by the children — cut into fancy triangles but unmistakable — sits a platter of peanut butter toasts, the only plate wiped clean at dinner's conclusion.

- Last Christmas I decided to live up to my family's horror of being the only off-spring who does not vote for the Reform Party.

After months of threatening to have my nose pierced, I purchased a fake nose ring and attached it to a nostril for the staid family dinner at my parent's home. I threw my hair into some odd new style and draped myself in purple.

To get into the spirit of rebellion, I wore my new look on the Bowen Queen as we traversed the seas with many familiar faces on board.

Not one person said a word.

I sat down with Marie Beaudoin — whom I know quite well — and a table-full of other acquaintances. We discussed the Mill Farm. I chatted about child-rearing with another couple.

FAMILY MATTERS WITH SUSAN LUNDY



Not a word about the nose ring. Finally, as the ferry pulled into the terminal, I told a much-relieved Beaudoin that the ring was fake. Not real. Just a little joke that no one got. My friend gently reminded me that I am now in my 30s.

The reaction at my parent's home was less disappointing, although the family tried to shrug it off and make the best of an unfortunate situation. I was accepted in the spirit of "we love you no matter what you do in your approaching middle age."

At dinner, my almost-90-year-old grandmother, who speaks very little at family gatherings, looked at me from across the table and asked how I blew my nose. I couldn't bear it any longer. I whipped it off. It's fake, I said. Just a little joke. Ha. Ha.

Most of those at the table acknowledged their relief, but dad missed the punch line.

Later that night, my father — in the shelter of darkness — expressed disappointment about the permanent hole in my nostril.

"I can't even look at her anymore," he said sadly, all the while thinking that the Reform Party probably wouldn't even accept my vote now.

Islanders extend aid to Lakota Indians

Warm clothing and blankets are needed to help Lakota Indians survive through the winter.

Bob Jankura and Christine Crombie of Salt Spring have initiated a campaign to send blankets, sweaters, coats, gloves and other

warm winter apparel in good condition to Lakota Indians on three reserves in South Dakota.

Crombie explained that a friend who has lived and studied with the Lakota Indians mentioned the hardships they are experiencing due to an

especially cold winter.

Crombie and Jankura have made their home at 204 South Ridge, across from Fulford Elementary School, a drop-off depot. They hope to send as much as they can as soon as possible to help prevent needless deaths.

Self-awareness group offers open trial session

Creating new meaning out of the experience of being alive is one of the goals of self-awareness groups led by Beatrix Satzinger and Gordon White.

Their first group ran on Salt Spring last fall and another is being formed beginning January 13 from 7 to 9:30 p.m. in Suite 204 of the Lancer Building. That Tuesday evening, which costs \$10, is the trial session open to everyone.

After that, the group is closed to newcomers for the following 12 Tuesday evenings. Cost is \$120.

Satzinger is a therapist with a Master of Arts degree who has had a private practice on Salt Spring for three years. As well as her formal training in counselling,

Satzinger brings to group work a background in dance movement therapy and intensive study of literature.

Gordon White is a conflict resolution instructor who spent five years in a monastic meditation group.

White and Satzinger explain that "a group process entails listening to others, building trust, being honest and communicating one's experience in the present moment." Doing this on a weekly basis creates mutual support and an opportunity for learning that can be "surprisingly useful in directing you towards worthwhile goals."

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Announcements

5 BIRTHS

RANDELL & FREDA Carr are delighted to announce the early arrival of their son, **Evan Joseph**, born December 16, 1997. Also welcoming Evan are big sister Hannah & grandparents Ivan & Merryl Cockett of Salt Spring Island and Tommy & Norene Carr of Mt. Robson, BC. Many thanks to Dr. Holly Slakov, Dr. Megan Stewart & the nursing staff of Lady Minto for their wonderful care of both mom & baby. A very special thanks to our Doula, Kelly Hayes, for all of your support and for being there with us once again.

6 DEATHS

LEAVITT, ALFRED Douglas passed away December 30, 1997 following a lengthy battle with cancer. He is survived by his loving wife Marilyn, daughter Jane Leavitt (John Clarkson), four grandchildren, Cliah, Isaac, Alata and Cory, and his brother Don of Thunder Bay. He was predeceased by his daughter Carolyn in 1993. Those who knew him will miss his smiling encouragement and tireless energy. At Al's request, there will be no service. Memorial remembrances may be made to Lady Minto Hospital, Salt Spring Island.

SMALL: BEATRICE. Born: June 8, 1910 passed away peacefully in hospital on December 31, 1997. She goes to join Benjamin, George and Geraldine. Lovingly remembered by Trevor (Marlin), Frances, Robert (Mary), Lorraine and Hugh; nine grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren. Visitation for friends was held at Sands Funeral Chapel, 317 Goldstream Avenue, Victoria, BC on Monday, January 5, 1998 between 7:00 and 9:00 p.m. Mass for Christian Burial was held at Our Lady of the Rosary, 798 Goldstream Avenue, Victoria, BC on Tuesday, January 6, 1998 at 11:00 a.m. Father Andre Dion celebrant. Interment followed at Royal Oak Burial Park. In lieu of flowers, donations to the charity of choice would be greatly appreciated by the family.

HALL: MARY (nee Lumley) Born on September 14, 1903 at Isabella Point, Salt Spring Island; died on January 3, 1998 in Victoria, BC. Predeceased by her husband William Hall and three sons. Survived by two sons, Reg. (Ione) Lewis of Victoria, BC and Stan (Pauline) Harris of Ladner, BC; nine granddaughters and one grandson; also numerous great-grandchildren and one great-great granddaughter. A funeral service will be held at Sands Funeral Chapel, 1803 Quadra Street, Victoria, on Wednesday, January 7, at 1:00 p.m., Rev. Tony Essex officiating. Visitation will follow the service which will then conclude with a reception to be held in the Arbor Reception Centre. Cremation entrusted to Hatley Memorial Gardens. Sands of Victoria "A Tradition of Trust" (250) 388-5155.

BRENTON: CHARLES E. born April 26, 1924, long time Fulford resident, died December 18, 1997.

8 CARDS OF THANKS

KENNY BYRON and the Tragically Hick would like to thank the Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 92 for the great New Year's party. Thanks for having us back on our first anniversary!

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Lisa Bleski
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Sheila MacGregor
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Francis Deas
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10 CELEBRATIONS



"Lloyd turns 60 on January 11 and we're all glad. Happy Birthday, Lloyd, have a great day!
Al & Jackie
John & Enid
Jan
Tom & Nancy"

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11 COMING EVENTS

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

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11 COMING EVENTS

CAROLE MATTHEWS Psychic taking appointments month of January, 537-2031. Join Carole on the Messenger Files radio show, AM 900, Saturday, 7 - 9 p.m. Call 1-888-594-8255.

ACTORS - CALLING all Actors. Auditions for Salt Spring Community Theatre's next production, "The Dining Room" by A.R. Gurney, will be held at Croftonbrook, Corbett Rd., on Friday, Jan. 16, 7 p.m.; Saturday, Jan. 17, 2 p.m.; and Sunday, Jan. 18, 2 p.m. The play requires a minimum of 3 males and 3 females representing a wide range of ages.

YOGA CLASSES resume on Monday, January 12 at All Saints by-the-Sea. Mondays 7 p.m. Call Celeste 537-5667.

ARCHERY LESSONS Fulford Hall starts Tuesday, January 13, 3:30 - 4:30. Six weeks lessons \$30. Twelve weeks \$50. NCCP Level 3 coach. Regular Salt Spring Target Sports Club Archery all ages. Tuesday, 4:30 - 6:00. Phone 537-2781.

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.

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3 Courses start January 19 & 22
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AN INVITATION TO THE COMMUNITY

A public reading by
Victoria Author

W.D. Valgardson
(God is not a Fish Inspector,
The Girl with the Botticelli Face,
Sarah and the People of Sand River and others)

Thursday, January 15
7:30pm
All Saints' by-the-Sea,
Ganges

Sponsored by the Anglican Parish of Salt Spring Island

ALLIANCE OF SALT SPRING ARTISTS

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
Jan. 12, 7:00pm

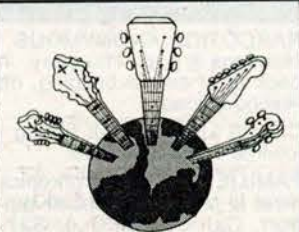
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At the corner of Drake and Bonnet Avenues.

Open to all members of the A.S.A. and those wishing to become members. Please, attend and help elect new directors and plan the future, which includes three spring exhibitions to be held in Mahon Hall. For more info call - 537-5654.

11 COMING EVENTS

Dear patients and friends, on **January 15 1998**, our Salt Spring office is closing. I have moved the Salt Spring clinic to Saanich near the Saanich hospital in Saanichton. Helios Clinic is moving because we require a bigger location to provide optimum care for the needs of our patients in the Southern Vancouver Island region. If you are a patient and have questions about your ongoing care, please phone the office at 537-4419 for details on the arrangements for established Helios patrons. We look forward to seeing you in the new location.
Yours in health,
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Phone: Bob or Christine - 653-4158

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CRD-ISLANDS TRUST JOINT MEETINGS

Joint working meetings between the CRD and the Islands Trust are now held bi-monthly. Any group or individual wishing to make a presentation at one of these meetings is invited to make an appointment to be included on the agenda by contacting Pauline Brazier, Islands Trust, at 537-9144.

11 COMING EVENTS

YOGA IN GANGES

Mon. 7 - 8:30pm
All Saints by-the-Sea
Celeste 537-5667
NEWCOMERS WELCOME

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Under one roof in Gasoline Alley!

CLASS SCHEDULE

Mon: 9:15 am - Light Fitness
4:30 pm - Hi-Lo
5:45 pm - Step II
Tues: 6:45 am - Step II
9:15 am - Interval Step
5:45 pm - Boxersize!
Wed: 9:15 am - Light Fitness
4:30 pm - Interval Step
Thurs: 6:45 am - Hi-Lo
9:15 am - Super Circuit
5:45 pm - Step III
6:45 pm - Boxersize!
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5:45 pm - Super Circuit
Sat: 9:15 am - Super Step

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Sat. Jan. 10
10 ~ 4
Drop off at
Kings Lane Recreation

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Call Jeff or Damaris
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11 COMING EVENTS

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A regular meeting of the Board of School Trustees, School District #64 (Gulf Islands) will be held at the School Board Office, Wednesday, January 14, 1998 commencing at 12:30pm. Public Welcome!



YOGA CLASSES FOR 1998

MONDAYS 9-10:30am All levels Celeste Mallett 4-5:30pm Level I & Restorative Diane Kent TUESDAYS 9-10:30am Introduction to Eastern Exercises Lokesh WEDNESDAYS 5-7pm Levels II & III Celeste Mallett THURSDAYS 4-5:30pm All levels Celeste Mallett 6-7:30pm All Levels - Movement as Prayer Ursula Hayward FRIDAYS 9:30-11am Level I Beverlee Lane

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11 COMING EVENTS

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14 COMMUNITY SERVICES

NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS - Meetings 8 p.m. Thursday, in back of et cetera building, off Rainbow Road.

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FAMILIES OF Schizophrenics meet in homes for mutual support. Call 537-9237 or 537-5264.

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Salt Spring 537-2270 Galiano 539-2222 Pender 629-6946 Women's only - Thursday nights 5:15 p.m. Please call 537-1733 or 537-2993. Alanon/Alateen - A program for family and friends of alcoholics. For further information call 653-4288 or 653-2030.

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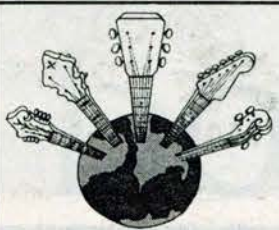
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PEARCY, CHARLES Wickham, surrounded by his loving family, passed away quietly at the Lady Minto Hospital on January 5, 1998 from lung cancer after a brief hospital stay. Born in Grande Prairie, Alberta on June 2, 1925 and grew up in Edmonton and Nordegg, Alberta. Survived by his wife Marjorie, children: Neil (Pat), Bruce (Vivian), Joice (Harry), Keith (Sheryl); grandchildren Scott, Coralyn, Mindy, Alanna and sister Anne Campbell (Neil) of Calgary. Served overseas in WWII. Employed in the construction industry and in personnel and management roles with Northwest Industries Limited and Canada Permanent Trust. An active member of the Jaycees and the Canadian Athletic Club. Charlie moved to Salt Spring in 1978 to build the family retirement home. He was a constant volunteer for local charities, churches, hospital, friends and families. His credo was "Faith in God gives meaning and purpose to human life." The family wishes to thank the Lady Minto Hospital staff for all the kindness and consideration shown. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Lady Minto Hospital Foundation, 135 Crofton Rd. S.S.I., BC V8K 1T1. The date of a memorial get-together will be announced later.

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islanders had their heads shaved as part of the Cops for Cancer event. The first-ever island event saw more than \$15,000 collected for cancer research.

• September saw a startling amount of rain fall, according to Ganges weather observer Robert Aston. A total of 4.34 inches, which fell in 11 days, beat the previous 1983 record of 3.73 inches.

October

• B.C. Ferries said annual fare increases of 22 per cent on Gulf Islands routes for the next five years is what it would take for the corporation to cover direct operating costs on those routes. Glen Brown, Ferries' vice-president of finance and corporate services, said the corporation was "a financial disaster right now."

• Heavy spring and summer rains were blamed in part for tomato and potato blight in island gardens. Most gardeners lost their tomato crops, unless the plants were kept dry.

• An uninhabited house on Pallot Way was broken into and trashed by party-goers October 10. An estimated 60 young people had attended the party. A tenant had recently vacated the house and a real estate deal was pending.

• Some Salt Spring groups were upset when they were denied Capital Regional District grants-in-aid due to new funding guidelines. Those groups included Graffiti Theatre, Core Inn, Family Place, Seniors for Seniors' wellness program and Salt Spring Community Services Society.

• Closure of Saturna Elementary School was "officially" discussed, although doing so would cost the Gulf Islands School District more than keeping the facility open. Only six full-time students and one half-time kindergarten pupil

YEAR IN REVIEW

Looking Back at 1997

were enrolled at the school. The Ministry of Education can close schools with fewer than eight students.

• October followed September for setting rainfall records. A total 16.5 centimetres (6.51 inches) was recorded by Ganges weather observer Robert Aston, breaking the previous record set last October. Over the previous 12 months, a record 158.6 cms (62.43 inches) of precipitation fell on the island.

November

• A publication ban preventing release of an alleged sex offender's name infuriated some Salt Spring Islanders, including the man's victim who asked the Crown to lift the ban. Charges against the 32-year-old man stemmed from an alleged sexual relationship that developed when the girl was 14. A trial was set for April.

• Ferry fares on Gulf Islands routes were raised by as much as 21 per cent on November 24, although the cost of commuter tickets was raised at the time of the announcement on November 14. At the same time, Dan Miller, the minister responsible for B.C. Ferries, said some level of government support would be maintained for the ferry system.

• Gulf Islands Secondary School senior boys soccer team won a bronze medal at provincial championships November 15. The Scorpions were undefeated during the regular season and won both mid-island and north island championships.

• Mail between islanders was still moving despite a national postal strike which began

November 19. However, no mail except government cheques was coming onto the islands for distribution.



Pilot Gene Bellavance escaped with only minor injuries when his Cessna 180 crashed into Ganges Harbour in November.

• Salt Spring's official community plan was given first reading by the local Trust committee November 25. The "last hitch" was cleared up when the Ministry of Environment, Lands and Parks released its opposition to the com-

mittee's wish to designate the island's Crown lands for "public recreation, conservation and watershed protection" uses.

• Poaching of wood, mushrooms and decorative plants in the Mount Tuam and Mount Maxwell ecological reserves was identified as a problem on Salt Spring. Up to five or six different vehicles were seen regularly going into the reserves and the environment ministry was considering laying charges.

• An airborne Cessna 180, struck from the side by a gust of wind on the afternoon of November 28, overturned and crashed into Ganges Harbour.

Pilot Gene Bellavance was unharmed and quickly assisted by area boaters and coast guard auxiliary personnel. Refurbishing of the plane had just been completed.

December

• Salt Spring's volunteer library was facing a loss of \$22,826 in provincial funding due to a new government policy which ties provincial support to funds granted by local government. A \$10,000 CRD grant-in-aid provided a "stopgap" solution for this year, but library board members were pressuring municipal affairs minister Michael Farnworth to exempt Salt Spring's library from the policy. The Pender Island library also faced the same problem.

• B.C. Ferries reported that six options for improving ferry service would not save the corporation any money. The Southern Gulf Islands Ferry Advisory Committee had "shortlisted" the

six options for financial analysis by B.C. Ferries staff. However, current service was found to be most cost efficient.

• Andrew Greig, 17, of Salt Spring won gold and became western Canadian champion in his division at the Canada West open junior judo championships held in Burnaby.

• Islands Trust Council took the first step towards using taxes to purchase land for conservation when it met in Victoria December 5-7. Council voted to ask the provincial government to change legislation so property taxes could be used for acquiring land.

• Residents of Gulf Islands and islands in the Georgia Strait protested loudly in Victoria and closer to home, and ferry committee members withdrew their services, while demanding the provincial government roll back November ferry fare hikes. Minister responsible for ferries, Dan Miller, announced a roll-back December 24 after receiving a recommendation to do so from government-appointed mediator John Fryer.

A plan to split B.C. Ferries into two entities — one handling smaller routes and another for the Vancouver Island-mainland routes was also revealed.

• Salt Spring Island Village Resort was ordered by the B.C. superintendent of real estate to cease marketing its units as of December 5, since the company did not have all its financing in place. Work on the controversial project at Bullock Lake was also halted earlier in the fall due to requirements of the B.C. Securities Commission.

• An \$80,000 one-time grant from the Ministry of Women's Equality was welcomed by the Gulf Islands Women's Resource Network, which struggled to keep the Salt Spring Transition House open throughout the past year.

Saturna: last year 'slipped by in a breath'

One year ago at this time, islanders were digging out from the blizzard of the century.

In January adults danced the night away at Burns Night while the children began the year with swimming lessons. The firefighters took a first aid course.

Saturna firefighters saved a house on Crossingham Road from a major fire in February. The ambulance crew got a new vehicle, a 1990 Dodge, and the RCMP investigated a break-in at the General Store that netted thieves five cases of beer.

The school newspaper, the Scribbler, began its fifth year of publication while islanders played bingo, cleaned up the church yard and enjoyed a concert by the Two Patricias.

Easter was hectic with the Crab Fest, the bake sale and the Easter Vigil all happening on the same March day. Chum eggs were incubated at the school for a return in the year 2000. The Community Club discussed Crown lands for wilderness or forestry uses.

In April a Crown lands survey was launched by Kwantlen College and paragliders were grounded by customs officers and the RCMP. The B.C. Boys Choir and Pender's Solstice Theatre performed. The Health committee brought a lecture on Wellness and Healthy Living by Dr. David Docherty.

The Saturna Pig Barbecue went upscale with a new food processor, the recyclers had a very successful garage sale and the Oystercatchers played the first tournament of the season. Saturna celebrated the first

SATURNA NOTES

WITH GAIL TRAFFORD



Community Day in Thompson Park.

Ishbel Elliot was returned as president of the Community Club and the Lions honoured mothers with a pancake breakfast. Dale Johnson, Lynn Sohler, Bill and Nancy Harrower and this writer won bridge awards. The health committee offered a seminar on depression.

Discussions of the first draft of the OCP were completed in June. The woodlot committee was disbanded and the Saturna Island Forest Renewal group was formed. Barry Wilks from Mayne brought ferry information to Saturna and the firefighters had an information day at the General Store.

Cory John Nelson graduated from Gulf Islands Secondary School and students from Saturna and Mayne schools were honoured at end-of-year celebrations. Robyn and Larry Page invited friends and neighbours to The Birth of a Vineyard.

July began with the 47th annual Saturna Lamb Barbecue. Payne family members came to Saturna to celebrate the 105th anniversary of the Payne House at Breezy Bay. Rod Frazer suffered serious injury in an accident at the mill and a savage thunderstorm netted two fire calls. Local children participated in a day camp run by the Parks and Recreation Commission. The annual market took over the hall Saturdays. The parents finished their cookbook and 24 people brought their pets to

be blessed at Winter Cove.

The new church organ, memorial plaque and quilted hanging were dedicated at St. Christopher's church.

The Lions held a salmon barbecue and baseball tournament. Culverts were replaced on East Point Road to allow the salmon to return to Lyall Creek, and on Narvaez Bay Road.

At the Community Club's September meeting, islanders spent all the money from the lamb barbecue. They invested in the bursary fund, a beer garden fence and tents, a portable classroom and ball club shed.

Students ran for Terry Fox and the Lions supported the Manitoba flood disaster relief.

Melanie Gaines was granted a leave of absence from her duties as principal of Saturna Elementary School.

A fireworks display on Halloween ended suddenly so the firefighters could fight a serious house fire on Payne Road. They won. Al Razutis went to Paris for a film show at the Louvre and Doug Porteous published his newest book, Degrees of Latitude.

The local children had their own art show and the church got a wheel chair ramp.

In November school trustees began to look at the falling population of Saturna School. Firefighters wore their new vests for the pig barbecue. Local veterans celebrated Remembrance Day with the help of the Lions Club and the children. Operation Shoebox was launched and crafters were busy with the Arts and Concerts Society wine and cheese party and the craft fair.

Susan Mayse unveiled her newest

novel, Awen, in December and Fiddlers GF kept everyone hopping throughout the holiday festivities. The candlelight dinner, school concert, Santa ship, carol sing, Christmas parties and Christmas Eve carolling were traditional favourites.

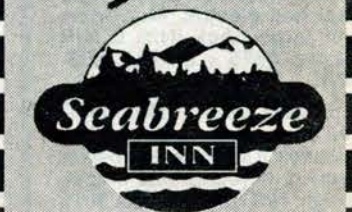
Eunice Weatherall won a wreath at the craft fair and Kathy Sheffield won the new computer raffled off by the parents group. Thanks to Santa's little helpers, the Danyliw family has entered the age of computers. Surprise! The new year was rung in at Breezy Bay with a gala party attended by close to 50 people at the 105-year-old Payne house.

The year seems to have slipped by in a breath and now here comes 1998. Happiness and good cheer to all my readers for the coming year.

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Astrological resolutions for 1998

Well, it's that time of the year again: reassessment of our lives and our traits, both positive and negative.

Each astrological sign has good and bad aspects, which explains why people have two sides to their personalities.

I have compiled in the following column the 12 signs of the zodiac and a somewhat humorous breakdown of what resolutions we can work on in the coming year.

ARIES, March 21 — April 20

I will persevere to be more tolerant and open to my emotions. I need to reflect more on what I want and not what others expect of me. It could be a win/win situation.

TAURUS, April 21 — May 20

I will work on my self-confidence and try not to get "stuck" in dead-end situations. I will speak my mind more yet keep it tactful for a change!

GEMINI, May 21 — June 20

I need to work on my indecision as it has a tendency to limit me, not to mention the frustration it brings to my partners. I must try not to take on too much and attempt to finish projects in all areas of my life.

CANCER, June 21 — July 20

I will focus on letting go of the past and moving on with my life. I have a definite need to look uncertainty in the face and deal with it! I will become more creative and take off my "crab" shell more often.

LEO, July 21 — August 20

Make it my goal to "go with" authority and the rules involved with career and relationships. I know that this goes against my need for freedom but I have to trust that it is necessary in the months to come.

VIRGO, August 21 — September 20

I will be more flexible and not as critical as in the past. I have a need to let my guard down and tell my loved ones how I feel and why! By loosening myself up I will actually enjoy my own company.

LIBRA, September 21 — October 20

MESSENGER FILES

WITH CAROLE MATTHEWS



I will keep my goals in sight and not let my analyzing get in the way of my success! Being more receptive to constructive criticism will make me a better partner in both business and pleasure areas.

SCORPIO, October 21 — November 20

I must push myself more and get my long-awaited goals into action, a nagging frustration of my past! Trusting others more will make me more approachable and fun-loving.

SAGITTARIAN, November 21 — December 20

I will strive to keep myself grounded and keep my emotions in perspective... think before I act, not after! I will admit my mistakes and become more humble. It's not easy, but I'll try.

CAPRICORN, December 21 — January 20

I will not be as judgmental of others and will give them a say in matters. My cool and aloof persona will warm up a bit; this will open doors for myself and my loved ones.

AQUARIAN, January 21 — February 20

I will work on listening to my "inner voice" more in the months to come. Creative thoughts seem to come naturally to me... by paying more attention I will prosper in career and romantic ventures.

PISCES, February 21 — March 20

I need to find a balance in my personal life and do more for me. I will then become more adaptable and able to help others without the pressures it can involve. Putting more energy into my aggressive side will enable me to meet challenges without hesitation!

We have an interesting year ahead of us. We will see five eclipses in 1998 and it is also the Chinese Year of the Tiger on January 28.

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