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## Dock is down: ferry users review options

One of Salt Spring's ties to Vancouver Island was severed today (Wednesday) as the Fulford ferry terminal was closed to allow installation of a new ramp.

For the next three weeks, travellers will have the option of using a passenger-only water taxi between Fulford and Swartz Bay or a vehicle ferry sailing between Long Harbour and Swartz Bay. A shuttle bus service will operate between Ganges and Fulford to connect with some of the water taxi runs.

The terminal will reopen February 5 after the installation of a new floating ramp.

Gulf Islands Water Taxi will provide service between the Fulford Harbour government dock and the Dolphin Road government dock in Swartz Bay on the same schedule as the regular car ferry sailings between Fulford and Swartz Bay.

Fares, too, will be the same and commuter tickets can be used. The

water taxi can carry 48 passengers but if people are left behind, the vessel will attempt to make a second run as soon as possible, sneaking in an extra trip.

A shuttle bus service will operate between Ganges and Fulford to serve the first three water taxi sailings in the morning and the last three sailings at night.

The 22-seat bus will leave from the Tourist Information Centre, at 121 Lower Ganges Road, at 5:55 a.m., 7:20 a.m., 8:35 a.m., 4:45 p.m., 6:30 p.m. and 7:50 p.m., arriving in Fulford 20 minutes later.

Those using the shuttle bus are asked not to park in the downtown core but to use the Mouat's Trading Co. parking lot on Rainbow Road, outlying streets and the upper parking lot on Seaview Avenue, which ArtSpring is making available.

Five minutes before the sched-

CLOSURE 2

## Explosives unit detonates parcel

Members of the RCMP Explosives Disposal Unit travelled to Salt Spring Friday night and proceeded to detonate a suspicious package.

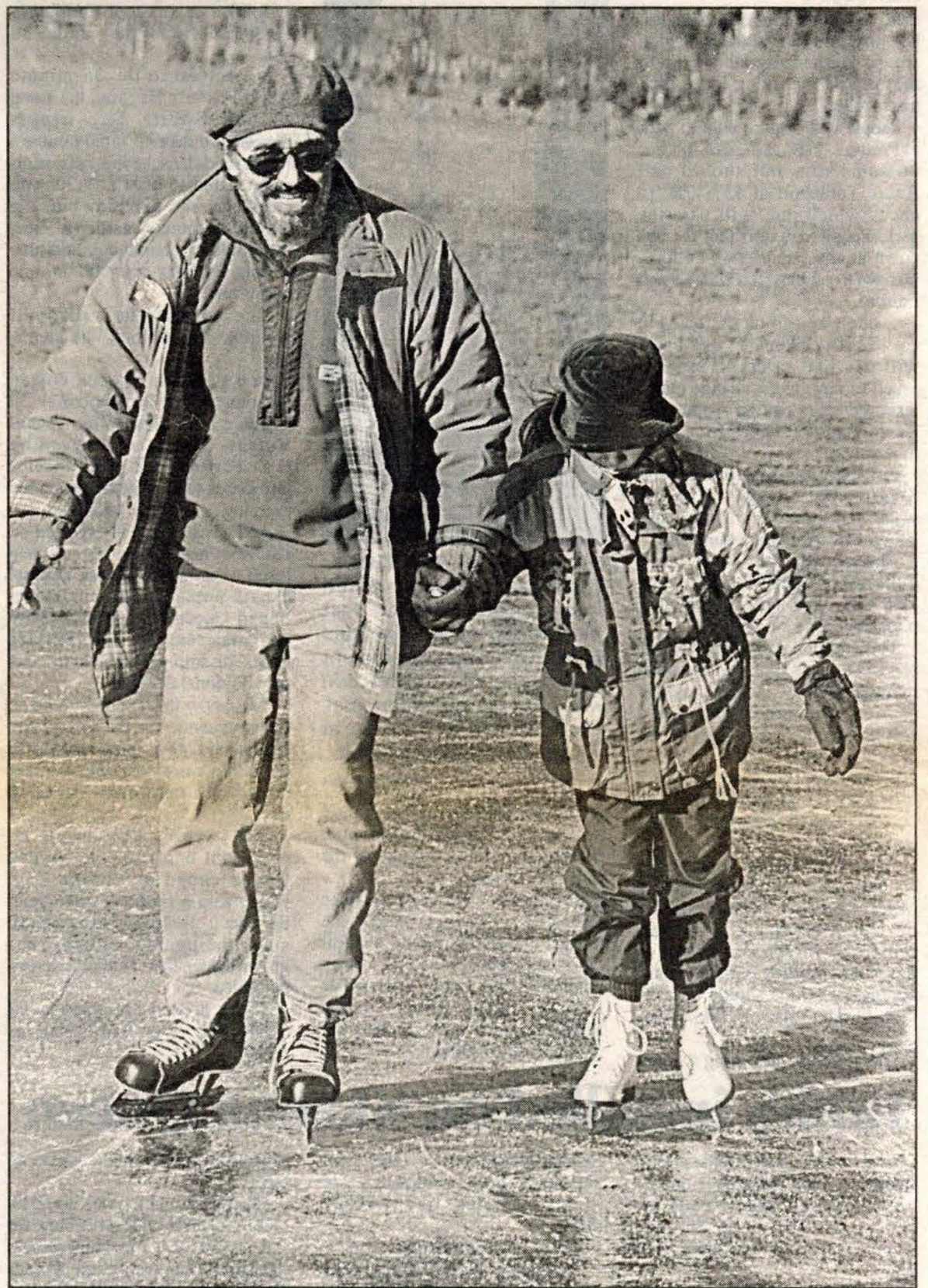
The island man who received the parcel from his ex-wife some time ago left it in the mailbox and finally dropped by the Ganges RCMP detachment to express his concern about it.

The man and his ex-wife are apparently embroiled in a bitter divorce and custody battle. Direct communication between the two is non-existent and the man did not expect to receive a parcel from her.

When police investigated the package — which had some suspicious markings on it — and considered the circumstances, they decided to call in the Vancouver-based explosives unit.

The unit arrived just before 11 p.m.

Members detonated the package at the Cusheon Lake area mailbox and discovered it contained no dangerous substance.



Skate Salt Spring

Father and daughter team — Jorge and Alicia Koelho — take full advantage of a frozen pond in the Burgoyne Valley as they test out their skating abilities. Cold winter weather

has resulted in the freezing of many island ponds, and even some of the lakes are caked in ice.

Photo by Derrick Lundy

## Longtime island midwife finally sees work legalized

By SUSAN LUNDY  
Driftwood Staff

After caring for hundreds of pregnant women and aiding the births of their babies, island midwife Maggie Ramsey will deliver her first "legal" baby at the end of this month.

New provincial guidelines which allow registered midwives to provide pre- and post-natal care and deliver babies either at home or in hospitals came into effect January 1 after years of planning.

For Ramsey, who has worked as a midwife outside the health care system for the past 20 years, the legalization of her profession marks the end of a

long, uphill battle.

"It feels great — really, really great," Ramsey said last week. "Personally, it is an affirmation that the work that I and other women have done has finally come to fruition."

Although midwifery services have been used in this province for years, the only sanctioned midwifery care has been offered at B.C. Women's Hospital which was first funded in 1991.

A growing demand for access to midwives and more than 20 years of lobbying for legalization led to a 1993 government decision to recognize midwifery as a health profession.

Strategies for the implementa-

tion of midwifery into the system have been examined for the past four years, and now women can use the publicly-funded services of about 40 registered midwives in the province.

Two island midwives — Ramsey and Jeanne Lyons — are among the first group of registered midwives. However, Lyons is temporarily working in Vancouver.

To meet the anticipated increased demand for her services, Ramsey has purchased the former Helios Natural Health Care building on McPhillips Avenue where she intends to set up an office.

Ramsey said her search for a

"comfortable, pleasant place, suitable for small children," resulted in the purchase. She plans to hold a community-wide celebration in her new quarters on Valentine's Day.

Working outside of the health care system, Ramsey delivered anywhere from 12 to 20 babies per year, at a cost to the family of \$800 to \$1,200, depending on its ability to pay.

With an average of 60 to 80 babies born per year on Salt Spring, she expects her number of clients will increase now that the B.C. Medical Services Plan is footing the bill. However, midwives are not permitted to take on more than 40 clients per

year.

Although Ramsey has not undergone formal midwifery training, she was accepted into the registration process based on 20 years of clinical applications.

"As the first group of practising midwives, we were put under incredible scrutiny," Ramsey says of the exam process which eliminated potential midwives at three different stages.

Portfolios — Ramsey's was 107 pages long — spring-boarded about 60 B.C. midwives into the second stage which involved two six-hour and one three-hour

MIDWIFE 12

# Island gas prices drop to 58.9 and 59.9

Gas prices took a bit of a dip with the temperature last week, dropping to 58.9 cents a litre at McColl's Shell, 59.9 cents a litre at Petro-Can and 59.9 at Payless.

Owner Lee McColl noted gas prices continuously fluctuate, with the latest drop occurring the first week in January.

He also pointed out that taxes are almost 25 cents per litre, including a flat

tax of 21 cents plus approximately 3.5 cents GST, which varies according to the price of the gas. The base price — which McColl noted is called the rack price — stood at 28 cents per litre Tuesday. To that, the oil company adds the cost of bringing the fuel to the island plus the cost of taxes.

At Payless, the price dropped to 59.9

cents a litre yesterday.

"It's just nice to see it down some," Payless owner Denis Beech said. He pointed out world prices for oil had been dropping for some time.

McColl noted the snow had discouraged any line-ups at the pumps. "There's not many people buying it today," he said Tuesday morning.

## CLOSURE: Fulford ferry terminal

From Page 1

uled departure time from Ganges, bus operator John Cade will loop around Jackson Avenue and up to the ArtSpring parking lot to pick up travellers.

People will also be able to park at Portlock Park and catch the bus on some runs but should call Azure Transport at 537-4737 to check which runs will pass the park. People can also flag the bus down at any point along Fulford-Ganges Road between Ganges and Fulford.

A one-way trip on the bus will cost \$2.50; children 11 and under will pay half price. Riders are asked to have exact change ready. Arrangements can be made with Azure Transport to pay for a week in advance.

For people travelling from Swartz Bay to Fulford on the water taxi, parking will be available for half-price at Swartz Bay.

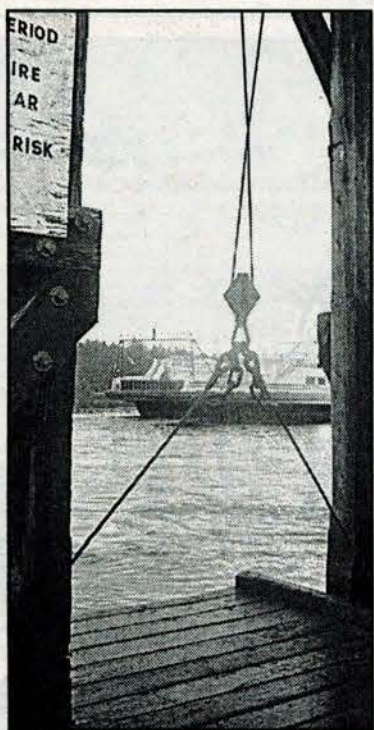
The shuttle bus will leave Fulford for Ganges at 6:25 a.m., 7:50 a.m., 9:05 a.m., 5:15 p.m., 7 p.m. and 8:20 p.m.

The addition of the shuttle bus service reflects the new on-island management of the inter-island service, southern region, noted marine superintendent Ross Harris of B.C. Ferries.

"You only have to be in an office for two days in Fulford to be reminded of the parking problem," he said.

Harris said that on the first day in B.C. Ferries' new Fulford office, located at Fulford Marina, he met with Azure Transport owner John Cade and within 48 hours had worked out the details and approved the shuttle bus service. "I didn't have to ask anyone else."

B.C. Ferries is covering the pro-



**NO ROOM AT THE DOCK:** The Skeena Queen nosed into Ganges Harbour last week to see if the ferry could be tied up at the government dock during the construction work on the Fulford terminal. The ferry will be berthed at Village Bay on Mayne Island.

Photo by Valorie Lennox

jected \$6,600 cost of the shuttle bus, less any fares collected from passengers. "We're taking all the risk," Harris said.

For those who need to take vehicles to Swartz Bay, the Skeena Queen will run on a modified schedule out of Long Harbour. The ferry will leave Long Harbour at 7:15 a.m. (except Sundays), 9:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m., 5:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.

Sailings will leave Swartz Bay at 8:30 a.m. (except Sundays), 10:30 a.m., 4:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m.

In contrast to the 35-minute Fulford-Swartz Bay run, the Long Harbour-Swartz Bay trip is expected to take 45 to 50 minutes. Harris said the schedule was originally slated to start at 7:30 p.m. weekdays and Saturday but was moved 15 minutes earlier to meet the needs of commuters and also to help the ferry maintain on-time performance.

"It's going to be a difficult schedule to maintain," he admitted.

One perk for Skeena Queen commuters will be free coffee on morning runs, donated by Ganges Village Market and brewed by B.C. Ferries staff. B.C. Ferries also hopes to provide coffee on the morning runs of the water taxi.

Additional traffic is expected on the Vesuvius-Crofton sailings as a result of the Fulford dock closure. Harris noted the 50-car Howe Sound Queen has extra capacity on most runs so B.C. Ferries hopes the ship will be able to meet the additional demand.

"We know this is going to be an inconvenience for the islanders," Harris said. "We look forward to providing customers with the best service we can for the next 22 days."

Last week's search for an overnight berth for the Skeena Queen ended at Village Bay. Harris said a problem throughout the fleet is the lack of extra berths, since the number of ships has grown faster than available terminal space.

There are no extra berths at Swartz Bay or on Salt Spring, he noted.

## Tables installed on Skeena Queen

Eight small work tables were installed in the passenger lounges on the Skeena Queen while the vessel was out of service last week for work on the sewer system.

The tables were put in by engineering superintendent Wayne Ralph in conjunction with the

Skeena Queen senior chief engineer Larry Fraser. Ralph is based in B.C. Ferries' new Fulford office.

The work was done last Friday.

The tables, two per lounge, will allow people to work during the crossing. The lounges were equipped with plug-ins for laptop

computers but there were no tables.

The lack of tables was noted by new executive vice-president for inter-island services Glen Brown during his first trip on the Skeena Queen late last month. He had promised tables would be installed.

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**Police encourage merchants to check for counterfeit bills**

A Thrifty Foods' clerk mistakenly accepted a counterfeit \$10 bill early Sunday morning, and police and store personnel have been unable to determine who passed the fake money.

However, police are reminding all Ganges merchants to check the currency they receive; if it doesn't look or feel right, they should alert management or police.

Police say most of the counterfeit bills turned into the local detachment recently appear to be "poor colour photocopies." Alert money handlers should be able to easily distinguish them from real bills, they say.

Police have no suspects in two bottle throwing incidents.

On January 10, business personnel at Sooz Sewing Company reported a beer bottle had been thrown at the store's window.

**RCMP REPORT**

In the meantime, Fernwood Elementary School suffered some \$300 damage after an unknown culprit threw a bottle through a

school window, sometime during the New Year's Day holiday.

Two island men will appear in Duncan Provincial Court next month after being caught shoplifting from Thrifty Foods in Ganges.

Local RCMP attended the grocery store on January 2 and 6 for two separate shoplifting incidents.

In the first case, a man was apprehended stealing vitamins; in the second occurrence, a quantity of cheese was taken.

Residents at a Garner Road home are likely facing charges under the Capital Regional District noise bylaw following a progressively loud party on New Year's Eve.

Police said each time they attended the party and then left, neighbours reported the noise got louder.

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A blaze was brought right to the fire department's front door late Monday afternoon when a Shell bulk fuel truck pulled up in front of the Ganges firehall at 4:10 p.m.

A fire had broken out in the engine compartment when a broken oil line sprayed oil onto the exhaust pipe as the truck drove down the hill into Ganges.

Several 911 calls by motorists who saw the truck alerted both police and firefighters to the situation.

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The driver stopped the truck at the firehall, leapt out and used a fire extinguisher to put out the fire before firemen could reach the truck.

There was some stove oil in the tank, fire chief Les Wagg noted, "which wasn't too critical" since stove oil is not dangerously flammable.

Firefighters were also called out to three chimney fires over the past week.

The first occurred Thursday at 3:35 p.m. on Long Harbour Road. The second occurred Friday at 10 p.m. on Mt. Belcher Heights and the third occurred Sunday at 8:40 p.m. on Fulford-Ganges Road.

No damage was done to the homes in any of the three fires, which Wagg suspected were caused by build-up in the chimneys.

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# Drivers putting children at risk

Quick education quiz: what does it mean when a school bus displays flashing lights and a stop sign?

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That's the message Fernwood Elementary principal Bruce Stewart and the school's bus drivers would like to get out to island drivers who are whipping past the school bus like they have forgotten everything they learned to acquire their driver's licence.

"The big concern is people not stopping," Stewart said.

The situation is especially dangerous on narrow, winding Vesuvius Bay Road. At one point, Stewart said, the school bus stops at Vesuvius Bay Road and Broadwell Road, where traffic can be moving in up to four directions at one time.

When motorists don't stop, children boarding or leaving the bus are at risk.

Stewart said the issue was discussed with bus drivers and the Ganges RCMP but infractions are still occurring. "Almost daily we have people sneaking by."

Regulations require traffic to stop in both directions when approaching a stopped school bus with its lights flashing and the stop sign displayed. Drivers who fail to stop can be fined \$144.

The fines for speeding through school zones have also increased. The fine for those speeding up to 20 kilometres over the speed limit in a school zone is now \$173; for speeds of 21 or more km per hour over the limit, the fine is \$230.

# Metis applaud statement

A reconciliation statement delivered last Wednesday by the federal government to Canada's First Nations, Inuit and Metis peoples is a positive step forward, according to a Salt Spring Metis spokesman.

Dick Larson said Monday that he and most Metis people he has talked to locally and across Canada feel the statement was generally a "positive move."

"It's a step forward," Larson said, "but it certainly hasn't addressed a lot of the issues that have been hanging around for a number of years."

The statement delivered by Indian Affairs Minister Jane Stewart touched on a range of injustices inflicted on Canada's native peoples in the past.

Official recognition that Louis Riel was not a traitor or "blood-thirsty savage" and the suggestion that his "proper place in Canada's history" will be affirmed, was an important one for Metis people, said Larson.

Larson is a member of the Fraser/Brazeau Metis Clan Association and affiliated with the Coastal Metis Nation Association and provincial and national organizations.

He said people active in these groups are conversant with Metis history which has been compiled from historical documents. Some "extremely good books" which toss out the once-negative view of Riel and the Metis people have been published in recent years, he said.



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Students at Salt Spring Elementary School morning as a Monday night snowfall limits attendance at all island schools. enjoy a reprieve from classrooms Tuesday

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# District purchase of building could return court to Ganges

Hearings conducted by a circuit court judge could become a possibility on Salt Spring if the Capital Regional District (CRD) purchases the provincial government building.

Bill Scigliano, director of corporate issues for the Ministry of the Attorney-General, said the ministry has always been willing to look at different options for bringing court cases back to the island. Under a CRD purchase, courtroom space would be made available to the attorney-general's ministry.

Use of a circuit judge in the Ganges courthouse space is one idea which Scigliano said the ministry is "musing about. We're willing to look at all options and all the situations there," he said.

Court cases have not been heard on Salt Spring since last August when the courthouse was closed and cases transferred to Duncan.

Salt Spring regional director Kellie Booth said the CRD is considering purchasing the building which is now believed to be surplus to the government.

Booth said the CRD finance and property department is waiting for information from the B.C. Buildings Corporation (BCBC) before pro-

ceeding further on the project.

Simon Joslin, manager of property, building and bylaw enforcement services, said the CRD has requested a survey of the building's condition and, if possible, any appraisal BCBC may have on file.

The province has yet to put a price tag on the building, Joslin said. "We'd like a sense of that, too."

Without more information from the province, Joslin said, the CRD will not get an appraisal done.

If purchased by the CRD, the building could provide office space for both the CRD and the Islands Trust in addition to restoring a courtroom in the community.

Re/Max principal agent Jesse James notes the assessed value of the property is \$1.12 million. Looking at similar properties in the immediate area, James points out the Lancer Building has an assessed value of \$405,000 and the two buildings of the Upper Ganges Centre have an assessed value of \$835,000.

Historically, market prices can range up to double assessed values, James said.

# District sees 5.8% drop in preliminary budget

The preliminary operating budget for the Gulf Islands school district is being cut by 5.8 per cent compared to the 1996-97 budget, according to a report released by the provincial Ministry of Education.

The comparison of budgets for all 59 school district in the province shows only two districts suffering larger percentage cuts

than the Gulf Islands: Boundary which is down by 8.4 per cent and Stikine, which is down by 6.8 per cent.

In 1996-97, the operating budget for the Gulf Islands district was \$12.84 million. The projected budget for 1997-98 is \$12.09 million, a drop of \$745,000.

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# 'Part of the family' – ferry sale inspires nostalgia

By VALORIE LENNOX  
Driftwood Staff

The Vesuvius Queen is a little big for a lawn ornament — otherwise Salt Spring resident Dennis Andrews might be tempted to put in a bid on the 45-metre vessel.

B.C. Ferries is accepting bids to buy the ferry, which served Salt Spring Islanders on the Vesuvius-to-Crofton run for approximately 20 years, starting in 1966.

And for all of those years, Andrews was in the engine room.

"I was wondering if I should run over and buy it," Andrews quipped. "I worked on it from Day One — I thought I could park it in the yard."

The Vesuvius Queen's sister ship, the Salt Spring Queen, sold in August 1996 for \$106,000. B.C. Ferries is accepting bids for the Vesuvius Queen until February 13.

"I just want it for sentimental reasons," Andrews admitted, joking that he might park it out front and start a casino.

Features of the ship include brass bridge and engine room fixtures plus enough room to transport 32 cars and 180 passengers and crew.

Alias the Lloyd Jones and the Bowen Queen (pre-dating the current Bowen Queen), the Vesuvius Queen was built in 1949 and has been in service since 1950. She was equipped with Vivian engines, semi-high-speed diesel engines built in Vancouver, said former Captain Arnold Ryles, who served on the ferry in the 1960s.

Bob Empey, who also worked in the engine room, said the six-cylinder Vivian engines were developed during the Second World War.

"She was just an old plowhorse," Ryles said. The Vivian engines were economical to operate and seemingly indestructible. "They went when nothing else went," he observed. Built to operate in cold weather, Ryles said, "They would run when noth-

ing else could run."

Andrews also cited the ferry's reliability. "A good little ship, very little problems with it. Reliable and maintenance-wise, good."

Andrews recalls the ferry making the Vesuvius-Crofton run in weather that would have stopped other boats. At times there would be two inches of water on the deck due to high seas and the Vesuvius Queen would keep on chugging through, he noted.

Only twice in 20 years did Andrews remember the Vesuvius Queen having to spend the night tied up at the Crofton dock due to weather conditions.

In high seas the ferry was tough to steer due to a low draft but the major reason runs were cancelled was not that the ferry couldn't sail, Andrews said, but because of problems docking and loading or unloading vehicles in rough water.

The boat was originally built to serve on the Okanagan Lake run in Kelowna and so was one of the earliest equipped with an on-board septic tank system. It became available for purchase by B.C. Ferries when the floating bridge was completed over the lake.

The problem was transporting the ferry, known as the Lloyd Jones, from the Okanagan to the coast. Eventually the ferry was cut into pieces, brought down on flatbed trucks and re-assembled by B.C. Ferries engineers.

The ferry was re-christened the Bowen Queen and first assigned to the run from Horseshoe Bay to Bowen Island. Then the ferry was assigned to replace the 18-car George S. Pearson. Andrews remembers being on the first run of the ferry, re-named the Vesuvius Queen in honour of the move, on January 3, 1966. He and chief Ed Soady were in the engine room.

Andrews became very familiar with that engine room over the next 20 years. And the five-member crew became almost like a



**STEADY AS A PLOWHORSE:** Those who worked aboard the Vesuvius Queen during the 20 years that the ferry served on the Vesuvius-Crofton run praised the ferry's reliability.

family, with the ferry like a sixth member.

"She had a personality of her own," noted Ryles.

"It was a happy ship because there was only five crew members on board. It was like a small family," Empey said.

Each crew consisted of a captain, a mate, a chief engineer, an oiler and a deckhand. "It was a great place to work and a good ship to work on. I thoroughly enjoyed it."

The Vesuvius Queen ran from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. and each crew worked four days on, four days off. On Fridays, they returned to work after supper for a late run at 10:30 p.m.

John Bennett filled in several positions on the ferry, in the engine room, on deck and then as mate. He also remembers the ferry as a solid performer. "She ran for years and years." Andrews said the crew regretted the loss of the Vesuvius Queen when it was replaced by the Salt Spring Queen in 1986. The "Salty," as it was known, was in better shape than the Vesuvius Queen.

But Andrews said it was like cutting the team. "You work on a ship, you get it in shape and to lose it — it's like losing part of the family."

Until 18 months ago the ferry was used as a relief vessel by B.C. Ferries. The ferry was in service for the last time six months ago, filling in on the B.C. Highways' Albion Ferry route.

"She was sort of an ugly duckling for the last eight years of her service," Ryles said.

The Vesuvius Queen is now tied up at Deas Dock in the Lower Mainland.



**FIRST FERRY:** When the Vesuvius Queen came to the Vesuvius-Crofton run in 1966, it replaced the George S. Pearson, which had served the route since it was initiated in 1955. The 18-car ferry was sold that year for \$15,000 for use as a fish camp.

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Chris Buckshaw exerts some early morning energy shovelling snow from around the Petro Canada station in Ganges. Islanders awoke to a winter wonderland on Tuesday after a Monday night snowfall.

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## Partial fee roll-back deemed 'not enough'

The rollback of prices on commuter tickets is not enough to get the Southern Gulf Islands Ferry Advisory Committee back to work.

"Dan Miller's rollback of commuter fares gave back only \$2 million of a \$22 million fare increase and did not address any other issues," said Salt Spring representative Neville Atkinson, who is the group's spokesman.

As the minister responsible for B.C. Ferries, Miller had announced December 23 that November 14 fare increases would be rolled back on minor routes and on the Horseshoe Bay-Langdale run.

But the Gulf Islands advisory committee had wanted a complete roll-back of the fare increases.

"It wasn't good enough," Atkinson said. "We need assurance that vital changes in B.C. Ferries' structure will be made before we can continue our work."

The group announced December 12 it would not proceed with its long-term planning for Gulf Islands routes until the government made a "significant move" on issues raised in a meeting between Miller and advisory group representatives December 3.

Other advisory groups have also suspended their participation in long-term planning. The Gulf Islands is the largest of the eight advisory groups established by B.C. Ferries. Members have been meeting for the past three years to develop alternatives for the complex Gulf Islands ferry service and are close to making their final report.

Issues which the Gulf Islands representatives still want to see addressed before they will continue with the advisory planning process include stable long-term financing for B.C. Ferries, an independent audit of the ferry corporation, keeping B.C. Ferries free of political decision-making and changes in the composition of the B.C. Ferries board of directors.

The Gulf Islands group hopes to meet with government mediator John Fryer before he reports back to Miller on ways to get the advisory groups back to the planning process.

Miller's decision to roll-back the price of commuter tickets was made following a meeting with Fryer and representatives of the advisory groups on December 20. Fryer is expected to make a follow-up report to the minister at the end of this month.

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# OPINION

## Midwifery comes to British Columbia

For the majority of women, birthing a baby is a normal and healthy — not to mention miraculous — experience that has occurred without medical intervention for thousands of years.

Pregnant women are not ill and should not be treated as such. Unfortunately, normal births have become a rarity in our society.

The rate of Cesarean sections has risen dramatically and epidural anesthesia — an injection into the lumbar area of the spine to eliminate sensation from the point of the insertion downward — has become the norm for labouring women in many hospitals. The process often slows labour and can lead to a forceps delivery.

Episiotomy, a surgical slicing of the perineum during the final stages of delivery, is frequently used to prevent uncontrolled tearing. While perineum tears can often be prevented by massage, most doctors choose the knife over massage, leaving the new mother with a painful cut and stitches.

Only in recent history has the birth experience become a "health issue" and pregnancy associated with doctors, hospitals and potential medical emergencies. For the small percentage of women who endure high-risk pregnancies, there are such life-saving technologies as amniocentesis and ultrasound x-ray in the pre-natal period, and epidurals, episiotomies, forceps extraction and Cesarean section, among others, during labour and delivery.

Doctors and obstetricians play a major role in the care of women who, before the advent of medical technology, could have lost their babies or died in childbirth. The value of modern medicine to these women and their children is clear.

However, not all women require such care. Holding to the view of birth as a natural rather than medical process, we applaud the provincial government's decision to bring midwifery into the health care system, following similar moves by the Alberta and Ontario governments and based on time-proven models in Europe.

Midwives provide round-the-clock support, education and advice; they offer a continuum of care, aiding the pregnant woman and her family through the pre-natal period, labour, and up to three months postpartum.

A midwife is able to focus entirely on her client and the birth process. Unlike a doctor, who deals with many clients suffering health problems, a midwife's role is to direct her energies towards the healthy and natural state of pregnancy — although, should the pregnancy pose any concerns, it is a midwife's duty to recommend investigation by a doctor or obstetrician.

While midwives now have hospital admitting privileges, we hope they will continue to promote home births, relieving the health care system of expensive and unnecessary hospital stays (it costs the system \$575 per day for a stay at Lady Minto Hospital) and expensive procedures.

For the majority of women undergoing normal pregnancy, home birth offers mother, baby and family a birth experience in a non-sterile, familiar environment. And for those islanders who choose hospital births, Lady Minto boasts one of the best hospital birthing rooms in the province.

(It is unlikely that mothers giving birth at the local hospital will experience many costly medical procedures: Lady Minto is not equipped for them.)

We acknowledge the added cost of introducing midwifery into an already fiscally-stretched health care system but hope midwives will not turn from their historical path and begin promoting medical interventions, bowing, perhaps, to the ever-present threat of malpractice suits.

Midwives have a long, proud heritage of advocating for women. They have staunchly delivered babies outside the health care system for many years. They took "risks" because they sincerely believed in the need for their presence.

Under new legislation, midwives will — not unjustifiably — be collecting more money from the government than they ever charged their clients. Like doctors, they can prescribe certain drugs, admit and discharge at hospitals, and order blood tests and ultrasounds.

Still, we hope midwives hold tight to their uniqueness — the very qualities that separate them from doctors.

We believe that women receiving the best natal care will employ midwifery services and have modern technology and doctors on hand if their natural, healthy state should become a medical concern.



## Society is at serious risk unless we teach moral, ethical values

By NANCY WIGEN

I'm writing about the "Grinches steal Santas" letter in the December 24 Driftwood.

This is no joke. This is a very serious state of affairs. The initial theft was bad enough, but the repeat theft with deliberate and vindictive damage is outrageous.

And the destruction of the single mother's Santa and decorations was mean and hateful. And why would a Christmas display made of stolen objects be tolerated on school property? Doesn't anyone care? Where is the accountability?

These are not isolated incidents. Senseless, destructive and hateful acts are becoming more and more common. Even the elevator in GISS has to be kept locked so that it won't be trashed. Anyone wanting to use it has to get the custodian to unlock it and ride with them to lock it up again. But, I'm told, the school doesn't teach moral or ethical values.

Let me contrast that to when I went to school here on Salt Spring Island. I vividly remember the whole school, all 12 grades, being called into assembly to hear from our principal. Why? Twenty-five cents had been stolen. That's right, 25 cents (worth about \$5 in today's money). It had been brought as a donation to the Red Cross (this being during World War II), which made the theft even more shameful. And shame is what we felt, that someone in our school could have done such a thing.

We were all shocked, and even though we personally hadn't done it, felt somehow responsible. I don't remember if the money was returned, but I think it was and I don't know who took it. But what remains with me is the memory of the genuine outrage at the theft, and the high expectations placed on us, and the sense of responsibility we felt for the actions of one of us. We had a good reputation to uphold and this had defiled it.

There is an African saying, "It takes a whole village to raise a child." We hear it said, but who's



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doing it? Law enforcement doesn't work unless society supports it. Parents, teachers, neighbours, friends, classmates and even strangers need to expect and demand honest, decent, courteous,

compassionate and responsible behaviour from our children. How else are they to learn?

We also need to be practising those values ourselves. Raising our children to be good people is the most important job there is. It needs to be top priority. We know that if we stopped teaching math for a generation we would lose our technology, science, etc., and probably put our children and our whole society at very serious disadvantage — maybe becoming a Third-World country. We don't ask our children if they like math, it's not an option. Well, if we stop teaching moral and ethical values, we put our society at even more serious risk. We could be destroying our whole way of life. It should not be an option; it should be top priority.

I know it is not easy to raise children, but it is the most rewarding thing we can do and we all need to be involved. I know from personal experience of being a full-time, at-home parent, then a single (widowed) working parent of five young children, later a step-parent and foster parent and now a grandparent that this is

most important.

Also, we need to build strong and caring communities and neighbourhoods where we really care about each other, young and old alike. Maybe then our young people will feel loved and cared for and will learn to love and care for others, knowing they are an integral and important part of our society.

We live in the most beautiful and favoured part of the best country in the world. If our young people can't appreciate and identify with and be a positive part of that we need to know why and make the needed changes fast!

The writer is a Salt Spring resident.

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# SALT SPRING SAYS

**We Asked: How will you cope with the Fulford terminal closure?**



**Maria Graham**

*I'm lucky I don't have to go to work off island. If I have to go, I'll take the Vesuvius route.*



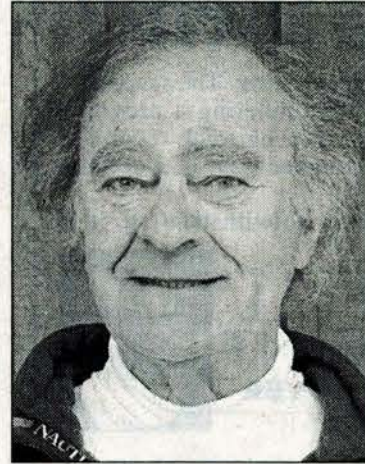
**Kathryn Landry**

*I don't take the ferry very often so it isn't going to be a problem for me. I guess I'll just work my schedule around the Long Harbour sailing.*



**Don Humphrys**

*I'm going to use Crofton, that's all. We have lots of outlets for escape.*



**Dennis O'Connor**

*It'll be fun for me because I live at Scott Point and I just have a mile to go to the ferry.*



**Glenys Smith**

*It doesn't really affect me because I never go that way. I go to Duncan.*

## Letters to the Editor

### Shrimp draggers

During the past several weeks a number of draggers have been working Stuart Channel between Crofton and the west coast of Salt Spring Island. The boats, I counted up to five at a time, raked the sea bed from before light until well after dark daily.

I contacted a Ms. Southey, who is in charge of the shellfish division of Fisheries in Nanaimo, who informed me that a quota has been allocated, and the boats are dragging for shrimp.

Draggers scour the surface of the sea bed, savaging the invertebrate communities, fish nurseries, the larval stages of a range of species and catching anything that cannot get out of the net's way. The process of dragging also re-suspends great quantities of sediment that settles over adjacent areas, damaging all filter-feeding creatures and photosynthesizing organisms. The disastrous effect of this practice is well documented, and in many places in the world it has already been stopped.

Some 40 years ago I worked as a deck hand on a dragger in Brisbane Harbour. I vividly remember the fact that seldom even 10 per cent of what was dumped on the sorting table after each sweep was retained as harvest. The rest of the catch was shovelled overboard. The flocks of gulls and eagles following the boats over the past weeks clearly told me that little has changed.

I had hoped that Ms. Southey, who was most friendly and helpful, would tell me that given the parlous state of B.C.'s fishing industry, this damaging practice was in the process of being phased out. This, however, is not the case. Ms. Southey tells me that she sees no likelihood of there being any reduction in the quotas being given to shrimp draggers.

There is probably little that can be done to have any immediate effect. However, letters to one's MLA, or direct contact with the Department of Fisheries and Oceans in Nanaimo, would at least indicate public concern over this matter. (Is there any?)

**C. W. GOSSETT,**  
Salt Spring Island

### Forget review

It was with great disappointment and sadness that I read the first Driftwood of '98. Why,

when we are starting a new year with what should be a positive, happy outlook, would the paper find it necessary to re-print all the news from last year? Those who had unhappy and/or bad things happen to themselves or members of their family, and those embarrassing situations we all encounter now and then were all dragged up to remind us of others' tragedies. Mind you, I guess it made for easy copy.

Why not let last year remain just that and start the new year with a clean slate? I say "foul" and shame on you.

**MARY SMALL,**  
Salt Spring Island

### Fire thanks

On January 9, a chimney fire caused us to call the fire department.

Within 10 minutes, firefighters were here and within minutes had the fire damping down and out.

We really appreciated the efficiency and courtesy of fire chief Les Wagg, Brian Hartley, Dale Lundy, Bill Marcotte and Jeff Outerbridge.

**BETTY and BOB BALL,**  
Mount Belcher Heights

### Attention

I would like to thank you on behalf of Amnesty International for the coverage you gave that organization on the occasion of the 1997 Human Rights Day.

The pictures and articles printed in your newspaper helped very much to draw attention to the continuing horror story of disappearances, torture and imprisonment in many countries and particularly in East Timor, which is

the concern of Branch #72, Salt Spring.

This local branch also thanks the island's churches for their cooperation in speaking to their congregations and in placing a display of Amnesty publications and the Amnesty candle in the church. This found its way also to display counters in many island stores and into many homes where the candle was quietly lit during the evening and a moment of silence observed. All of you are to be thanked for your compassion.

**DAVID MASSY,**  
Old Scott Road

### Reputation

We, a group of students at Salt Spring Island Middle School, have had a serious discussion and have gotten the impression that

the Driftwood is contributing to negative comments about our school.

We acknowledge that SIMS has had some problems, as any school does. We also realize that our school isn't perfect. What we don't like is that our school's reputation is based on the negative feelings of a few rather than the positive feelings that many students have.

We hope that you realize that we aren't happy with your negative comments and would like you to write about the positive things at SIMS.

**AUBREY ZACHARIAS,**  
**RILEY REID,**  
**THOMAS BAKER,**  
**JEFF MILLERD,**  
SIMS students

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## Farmers' rights taken without compensation

By **JOHN WILCOX**

Sausage Making in British Columbia's NDP Government: The Creation of the Land Commission Act, written by Andrew Petter in 1985, is a very important account of the 1973 "taking" (a form of property expropriation) of billions of dollars worth of assets which formerly belonged to B.C.'s farm people.

The report shows how deputy agriculture minister Sig Peterson was a strong advocate for both property rights and farm land preservation at the time. It also shows that the initiative to recognize and preserve the food base for the province began when Cyril Shelford was minister and was carried forward when Dave Stupich became minister with the Barrett government.

While both Peterson and Stupich are shown to have been staunch defenders of farm property rights the report (page 27) finally shows how Bob Williams split Cabinet on the issue of compensation for these rights and simply deemed billions of dollars in property rights into oblivion. Such a taking of land rights, without compensation, drew the largest protests ever recorded to the steps of the B.C. Legislature.

On December 28, 1997, Mr. Peterson was given a copy of this report. He indicated that it was the first time he had ever seen it. During discussion of Petters' Sausage Making, Peterson described the in-depth interviews



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DEPTH

Petter conducted as a student researching this document. Peterson was then still deputy minister.

He advised that it was very important to note that despite no cash for expropriation, there was no financial compensation that he as deputy proposed and had adopted as the four cornerstones to the foundation of the Agricultural Land Reserve (ALR). (He referred to the agriculture ministry's annual reports of 1973-1975.) Mr. Peterson advised that the foundation of the land reserve depended and stood upon:

- The Farm Income Insurance Act. (Program cancelled by the NDP.)
- The Agricultural Land Development Act. (Program cancelled by the NDP.)
- The Agricultural Credit Act. (Program cancelled.)
- The Farm Product Industry Act. (Program cancelled.)

On December 7 and 8, 1997, an assessment and taxation symposium in Vancouver was attended by nearly 100 agri-industry and farm people (29 farmers). They were there to celebrate the 25th anniversary of the ALR and they participated in workshops on land use problems and constraints to farm-

ing. Sponsor of the symposium, B.C. Assessment, announced that farmers are subsidized by society to the tune of \$175 million a year in unpaid property taxes.

It is apparent that not only has government forgotten the uncompensated expropriation of billions of dollars worth of property rights and that farmers are now the compulsory bondservants of the public good, but government has now broken all the treaty promises in the land made to farmers, in lieu of indenturing them to the public good by expropriating their farm property rights.

All of the cornerstones of the land reserve's foundation have now been pulled out. Now government proceeds to tax farm property at the "highest and best" unrealizable use, to which it can no longer be put.

No workshops or discussions were focussed on the gift of those farm peoples' confiscated property rights that government now gives to forest industrialists. Forest Renewal B.C. is now reported by Ministry of Agriculture to have contracted a firm of consultants to identify one million hectares of the Agricultural Land Reserve for conversion to industrial silviculture. Authorities now say industrial forestry has always been an intended purpose of the food land reserve.

The constraints posed to farmers for the continued use of the reserve for farming and food security from "highest and best use" taxation and

by giving transnational forest companies access to this land (allowed by 1995 government changes to the assessment classification system) is the greatest perversion of the reserve and the most unbearable injustice put to farm people anywhere in Canada.

Farmers' rights have been expropriated without compensation. Farmers were indentured as public good trustees. Farmers have been subjected to draconian on-farm land use edicts, which eliminated traditional on-farm management practices used by farmers elsewhere. In many cases farm land is restricted from essential farm uses of multi-generational family tenure that are customary in other parts of Canada. In B.C. the NDP kicks farm family people off a reserve those farm people paid for.

In Ontario the NDP offered a farm land preservation program for farmers in the Niagara fruit growing region (1993). The NDP there recognized farmers' property rights: the Farm Land Program was voluntary. More than \$18 million in cash compensation was budgeted to covenant only 2,000 acres to a Farm Land Reserve. Willing farm people only participated in a regional land preservation program. The B.C. NDP's abuse of B.C. farm people is unrecognized and unprecedented in Canada.

*The writer is owner of Duck Creek Farm on Salt Spring Island and a critic of Agricultural Land Commission policies.*

## School libraries — do we need them?

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That just about sums up the schizophrenic attitude of most British Columbians and most Canadians for that matter, towards their governments' fiscal policies.

The business community, that keeper of the corporate profit flame, sees nothing wrong with demanding balanced budgets while, at the same time, asking for tax breaks. Cut spending, they say, but fork over those millions to save Skeena Cellulose.

Health care providers are all in favour of government spending cuts, as long as the budget for health care services is increased. Educators clamour for fiscal prudence, but want more money spent on education.

The public has bought into this mindset in a big way. Deficit is a seven-letter dirty word. The battle cry is: cut spending. But smokers complain about the high tobacco tax and consumers of alcoholic beverages bitch about the liquor tax.

The latest outcry by folks, most of whom undoubtedly subscribe to the don't-live-beyond-your-means maxim, is over the effects that cuts in education spending are having on school libraries.

In Sooke, a small community about 30 kilometres west of Victoria, the school district is trying to tackle a projected \$1.8 million deficit by eliminating the elementary-level librarians and library aides. The reaction from various quarters resembles a chorus of scorched cats.

Sandra Anderson, chief librarian for the Greater Victoria Public Library, says she fears that children will grow up without an appreciation of books. Susan Karushima, executive director of Project Literacy Victoria, worries about the cuts because pre-school and elementary grades are critical years for "developing library skills."

Really now, let's not get carried away. The assertion that without librarians or library aides in our elementary schools children will grow up to be illiterate is ludicrous. And I would like to make my point, if I may, by citing my personal experience and that of millions of other kids in post-war Germany.

The first school I attended had two big rooms, one for grades one through four, the other for grades five through eight. There was one teacher for each room and certainly no librarian. Yet by the time I was eight years old, I was a voracious reader. So were most of my classmates.

We didn't have a library in high school either and, therefore, no librarian. But by the time I reached the ripe old age of 15, I had been introduced to the great literary masters of the world, including Shakespeare, in English.

My question is: why have school libraries at all? Most communities have a public library, which invariably has greater resources and more books than any school library could hope for. Assignments in any subject can easily include the requirement to visit the public library.

And whatever happened to the parents' role in the education of their children? Have we come to the point where parents are expected to abrogate any responsibility for their children's intellectual pursuits?

If a part-time librarian teaching our kids "library skills" for what is probably no more than an hour a week for the individual student were to make the difference between literacy and illiteracy, our education system is in big trouble.

And if we are really committed to fiscal prudence, we should stop screaming every time government dares take on a sacred cow.

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### CAPITAL COMMENT

HUBERT BEYER



## More letters

### Class offended

My teacher (Monika Mayr, Grade 7) just finished reading my class the article that your newspaper wrote about theft at SIMS.

After a serious discussion about the article, we decided to write letters to you. My whole class is offended about what you said.

I will admit that our school is not perfect, but it isn't "crime land" either. You also based your articles on past events (you quoted a woman that hasn't had her kids in this school for two years), rumours and isolated incidents.

You don't come to our school, so how do you know what it's like? For example, you wrote about a girl who lost her bomber jacket. She said she asked to have it in the announcements and that her request was refused. Well, I lost my wallet and I asked for it to be put in the announcements and my request was accepted. We also have a lost and found where students can look for lost belongings. And some teachers even put out rewards for their students.

If you look at the good things at our school, you will see that it is not half as bad as you make it sound.

INDIA BALDWIN,  
SIMS student

### Notes from a later accretion

The title of this piece gives a clue as to its subject (and a good thing, too, since that is what titles are supposed to do...), which is some thoughts on the divisiveness of tribalism.

By "tribalism" I mean all the myriad ways in which the human animal manages to make an "us" versus a "them" and not simply the standard definition by state or racial affiliations. Though we are all aware of the ways in which the larger national and cultural borders create frictions, war being the most obvious and extreme expression of this, I'm referring to the many ways in which we each create those lines in the sand in our daily lives.

How do wars start? How do we get to a point where we are so angry with our neighbour that we want to take up a gun and shoot him? It's not enough to have a disagreement, legitimate or otherwise with him. If we want to marshal an army of willing fighters we first have to "otherize" — create division lines on one side of which "we" stand, on the other side of which "they" stand.

The "Great War," otherwise known as World War I (there's irony for you: the "War To End All Wars" had to be renamed the first in a series), was an extreme example of this. Due to the many treaties between countries (your enemies are ours and vice-versa), a local struggle became an international one, with all the other-izing propaganda necessary to make it

work. "Our Boys" were fighting "The Evil Hun" and "Jerry," not somebody else's boys.

What brought on these ruminations was a comment made to me by an acquaintance, who sneeringly referred to "the rich people up on Channel Ridge" with a tone of self-righteous Marxist snobbism. The implication was that all the evils on our island could be traced directly to the doors bearing those addresses.

I have regularly heard this kind of put-down aimed at all north-enders, among whom I count myself. "Later accretionist" is the most recent term, invented by Briony Penn, who counts herself one of the only real Salt Springers,

a Wrangellian, otherwise known as a south-ender.

I know, I know, it's a joke. But isn't that how it all starts? I beseech you fellow Salt Springians, don't be swayed by the rhetoric of the warmongers! Why do we need to create these evil-doing "others" in our lives? Because we need someone to blame when things go wrong.

The only alternative is to take a good, long look at ourselves and our lives, and make real changes. And that would be too hard.

Easier to blame someone else.  
DENISE McCANN BECK,  
Salt Spring Island

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## Reach out

I think that on this island there needs to be more communication between its islanders.

It always gladdens my soul when people give you a friendly greeting, eye contact or a smile. What with technology, people forget about each other and become too self-centred, self-sufficient, self-absorbed, cold and unfriendly.

It sometimes makes me think people are angry or unhappy when they walk straight past you like you're not even there.

Today when I was walking home a female jogger took the time and effort to say "hi," which inspired me to write this letter.

So come on those of you who forget about warmth and congeniality, lighten up and reach out to be more embrace.

It's something our society pays very little, if any, attention to. Surely it will make this world a better place, perhaps even prevent suicides and crime.

**MICHAELA CUNNINGHAM,**  
Aged 14 years,  
Salt Spring Island

## Have heart

SIMS is not a nightmare, it's just a place where people go to learn and have some fun now and then.

The proper use of lockers could stop some of the things from going missing. Kids leave stuff lying around instead of keeping it somewhere safe. All of us should take more care with our belongings instead of leaving them lying around.

Our school isn't all that bad, we have a heart. We have helped people in need this winter. For example: We donated food to the food bank, Monika Mayr's Grade 7 class donated \$135 to the SPCA. We collected and donated school supplies to students in Cuba. Classes have gone to Greenwoods and we have cleaned up around our school to keep our environment clean.

Students in activities such as band (junior, senior and jazz) are doing very well in their performances. Our basketball teams and volleyball teams do well outside the district.

So, we see you write about only the bad things that sometimes happen as they would in any school anywhere. We would like to see more written about the wonderful things that do happen here.

**DAN BEHRENS,**  
SIMS student



## Stripes and spots

Young Juno Malcolm was spotted wearing spots at last week's annual Polar Bear Swim held New Year's Day at Vesuvius Beach. The youngster was undoubtedly warmer in her toasty clothing than the swimmers who took the plunge.

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# TAKING CONTROL

By SUSAN LUNDY  
Driftwood Staff

Surrounded by the soothing comforts of home and with midwives, husband and a friend at her side, Sandy Consiglio had a "life-changing experience" when she gave birth to her third child.

The birth of Tuscany on Salt Spring last July dramatically contrasted the hospital birth of Consiglio's first child in Vancouver six years ago, and even the homier, midwife-attended birth of her second child at Lady Minto Hospital.

"It was empowering, life-changing," Consiglio says. "I learned to trust my instincts — now when I have a feeling about something, I listen to it."

During the pregnancies and births of her first two children — Damian, six, and Caleb, almost four — Consiglio let doctors and hospital staff take control. In both cases, she believes, vaginal examinations late in her pregnancies pushed her into early labour. Damian arrived two weeks prior to his due date, weighing six pounds, and Caleb was born three and a half weeks early with an even lighter birth weight.

Tuscany, born without any medical intervention, arrived over two weeks late and weighed more than eight pounds.

Consiglio also believes the degree of each baby's peacefulness in the days following birth was directly related to their birth experiences.

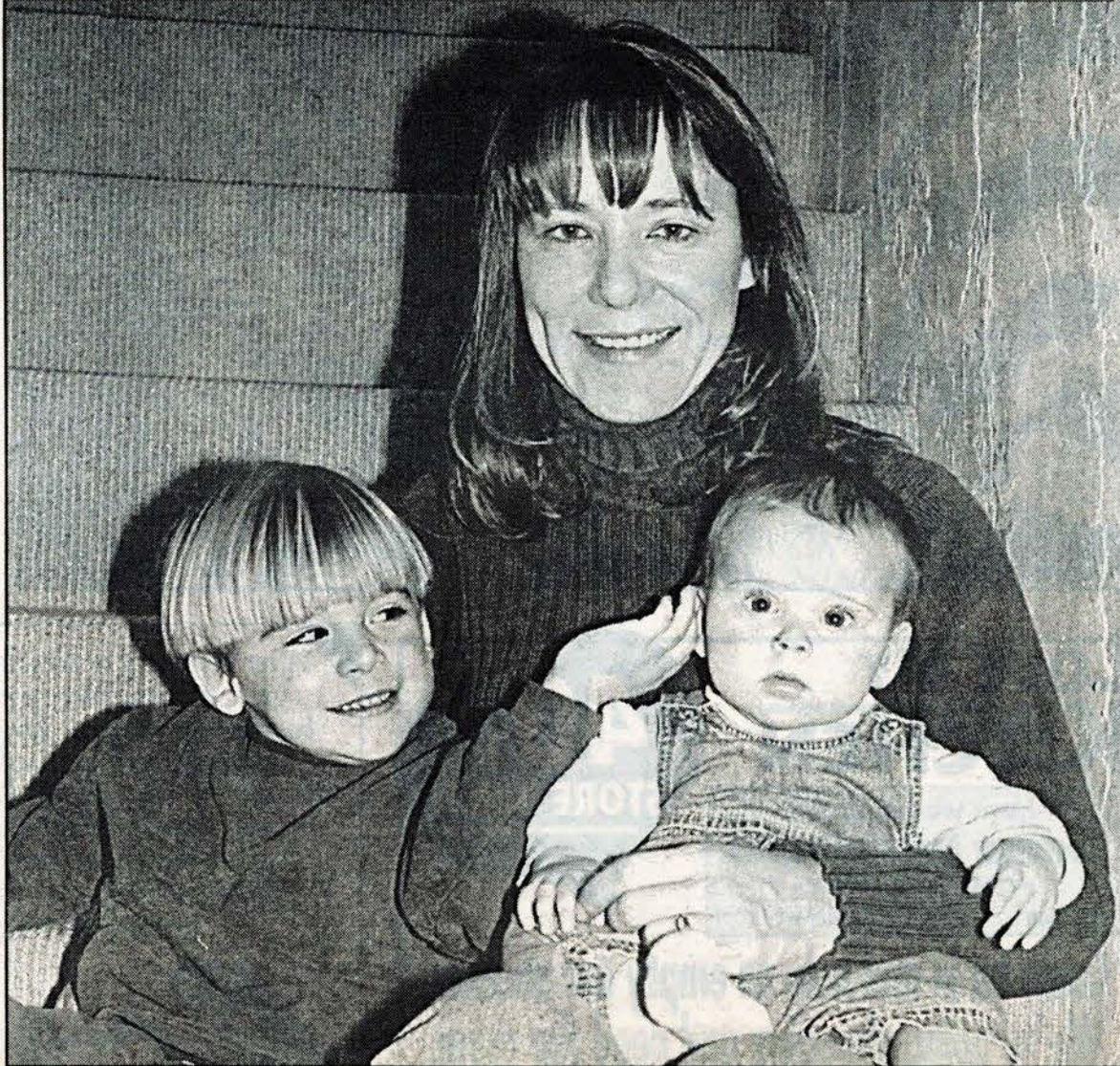
"I had Tuscany in my own bed. She was born into a calm, familiar environment. There was no trauma. And she's been the calmest baby by far."

Consiglio was alone in her Tsawwassen home six years ago when, with little warning, she was gripped by contractions and realized Damian was on his way. She called her husband, Mark, who was on Salt Spring for the night, and then the ambulance.

"I was not with people I felt safe with," she recalls, describing the arrival of two young-looking paramedics who had never delivered a baby.

With siren wailing, they took Consiglio to Delta Hospital — where an unfamiliar doctor con-

## A MOTHER COMPARES HOSPITAL AND HOME BIRTHS



**BIRTH STORY:** Island mother Sandy Consiglio sits with two of her three children, three-year-old Caleb, left, and six-month-old Tuscany.

Consiglio says her third birth, at home with a midwife, was the most relaxed of her three birth experiences.

Photo by Susan Lundy

ducted a painful vaginal examination — instead of Grace Hospital (now B.C. Women's Hospital) where she was scheduled to give birth.

"My body was not my own. I was a piece of meat on a board ...

I had no doctor, no husband, no friend. I wasn't able to immerse myself in the birth process; I couldn't let go."

The baby's head had crowned by the time Consiglio arrived at Grace, but it was over three hours (in time for her husband to arrive) before she actually gave birth.

Then, despite her desire for privacy at the hospital, she and

Damian were subjected to a parade of visitors over the next two days.

"I had the strangest people show up at my bedside. People I hadn't seen for six years; neighbours I hardly knew. Then there were the doctors, the nurses, the cleaners ..."

One nurse frequently appeared unannounced — often waking up the baby — to teach breast-feeding skills.

"She was so rough, and he'd be wailing," Consiglio says. "We didn't establish breast-feeding until I left the hospital and got everything more calm."

During her second pregnancy, now living full-time on Salt

Spring, Consiglio employed the services of island midwife Maggie Ramsey, and continued seeing a doctor. Four weeks prior to her due date, and against her own intuition, she allowed her doctor to perform an internal examination.

She went into labour less than three days later.

Consiglio says she finally took command of her body at the start of her third pregnancy. Due to her age — she was 37 — her new doctor suggested she undergo amniocentesis to check for congenital abnormalities in the fetus.

However, the procedure failed on the first attempt because

Consiglio's uterus contracted during the process.

"As soon as I had the (failed) 'amnio', something changed and I started listening to my body."

Instead of waiting for a second attempt at the procedure, she chose to go through with the pregnancy regardless of potential abnormalities.

"I decided I wouldn't interfere anymore."

Her determination stuck when late in the pregnancy she twice experienced leaking amniotic fluid. According to medical practice, her doctor said, she should be admitted to the hospital and given an intravenous drug to ward off infection. If labour did not occur within 24 hours, it should be induced.

"Then (the doctor) said something really important," Consiglio recalls: "She said 'you have the right to refuse medical treatment'."

Consiglio looked within herself and trusted what she saw. Tuscany was born — in her own time — close to a week later.

"I am fully convinced that had I gone into the hospital, the labour would have been induced and (because the baby's head was briefly stuck and corrected by midwives during delivery) it would have been a forceps delivery."

Following the birth, Consiglio enjoyed the privacy of recovering in her own home. And she can't say enough about care offered by Ramsey and her assistant Julia Atkins before, during and after the birth.

"Maggie looked after me like a mother would," Consiglio says, recalling the period following Caleb's birth. "She got me whatever I needed: she'd make me lunch, bring my vitamins, make tea."

Consiglio firmly believes that the same sentiment which encourages terminally-ill people to die at home in loving and familiar environments should be extended to birth.

"Birth and death are the 'biggies' in terms of rites of passage, and birth is as much the baby's experience as the mother's," she says.

"I hope that when I die, it will be with as much grace as I was afforded at Tuscany's birth."

written exams.

The 50 midwives who passed this stage then participated in a 10-hour clinical examination involving 15 stations where they responded to varying emergency situations and made decisions on more objective matters.

"It was the most stressful experience of my life," Ramsey says.

Another stressful life experience originally brought Ramsey to midwifery, which is "more than a job" to her. "It is my calling."

During her first pregnancy 21 years ago, "obvious symptoms of an unhealthy pregnancy were dismissed as irrelevant" by a doctor. When her baby was born prematurely at 28 weeks, she was told without much sympathy that the baby had little chance of survival. Had a uterine infection not finally been discovered, Ramsey, then 20, would likely have undergone a hysterectomy.

Ramsey's baby did survive and they were sent home — a new, young mother with "this tiny baby" — but offered no medical follow-up.

"Where was the helper for this young woman?" she asks today

## MIDWIFE: Finally legal

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While the birth itself was "amazing and wonderful," she adds, she knew there had to be a better way. "I decided I would become the person who was missing for me."

The actual delivery is the smallest part of the birth experience, says Ramsey. Midwives offer 24-hour pre-natal care (under the new guidelines they can order blood tests, pap smears and ultrasound examinations, plus prescribe a limited number of drugs), attendance during early labour and delivery, plus daily care following the birth and weekly visits for up to three months postpartum.

Now, at 41, Ramsey's career is taking another turn. She sees the legalization of her work as appropriate for the stage she has reached in her life. Both her children are grown and "traditionally, midwives start work as mature women who have gained some knowledge and humour from raising their own family."

But this new direction has not been

without some controversy.

As advocates for women through the ages, midwives have never been popular in paternal societies, so Ramsey is not surprised about current rumblings.

"Now we are being burnt at the stake of public opinion," she says.

Some of the debate revolves around midwives' rates of pay and the cost of the new program. For each of their clients, midwives will receive \$2,250 which, with a maximum 40 clients, could amount to \$90,000 per year.

From this fee, however, they must pay an annual \$4,500 malpractice insurance fee, a \$2,000 professional fee, any services provided by a second birth attendant, plus all office and equipment costs.

Ramsey, who says her salary will approximate that of a public health nurse, believes that like doctors, the work midwives undertake is worth the payment they will receive.

And, in acknowledging the cost of

launching the new program, Ramsey firmly believes that 20 years from now midwives will be saving health care dollars.

Once midwives are entrenched in the system, Ramsey says, the rate of costly medical interventions such as forceps extraction, epidurals, ultrasounds, episiotomies and Cesarean sections will drop.

"Today, normal births have become a rarity."

Midwives will continue to teach their clients what medical options are available, Ramsey says.

"But many women who are educated — who know that labour is painful, challenging and difficult — and who have support and understanding are well able to cope with labour" without intervention.

Ramsey says the legalization of her profession "is not going to change the way we are ... we will still be advocates for the women in our care."

Midwives, she adds, are offered sacred trust by the women and families placed in their care.

"It is our job to protect and nurture life."

# CRD Parks may join conservation group

Whether Capital Regional District Parks participates in the recently formed South and West Salt Spring Island Conservation Partnership will be decided today by the Capital Regional District (CRD) board.

The CRD Parks Committee is recommending CRD Parks participate in the group, which already includes representatives of the Islands Trust, the Salt Spring Parks, Arts and Recreation Commission, the federal and provincial governments, local interest groups and landowners.

The goal of the group is to conserve the environmental and recreational values of up to 6,000 hectares on the southwest corner of the island, using a mix of public and private land conservation and stewardship initiatives. Objectives are:

- to coordinate conservation and stewardship efforts consistent with Salt Spring's official community plan;
- to encourage landowners and residents to consider the voluntary conservation of private land;
- to make residents and landowners aware that conservation of significant features and areas is important for island residents and for those living outside the island.

The group has been endorsed by Salt Spring's Local Trust Committee, the Islands Trust Fund Board, B.C. Parks, the Salt Spring Island Conservancy and the Salt Spring Island Watershed Protection Society. The group will not comment on individual development proposals.

In a report to the board, the parks committee noted that CRD Parks is interested in regional park land which would include Crown lands on the slopes of Mount Sullivan, Bruce Peak and Hope Hill. The Bruce Peak Crown lands border the present Mill Farm Regional Park on two sides. Total area of the Crown lands is 413 hectares or 1,020 acres.

The CRD regional green/blue spaces strategy already identifies much of the southwest corner of Salt Spring as a core area for preservation.

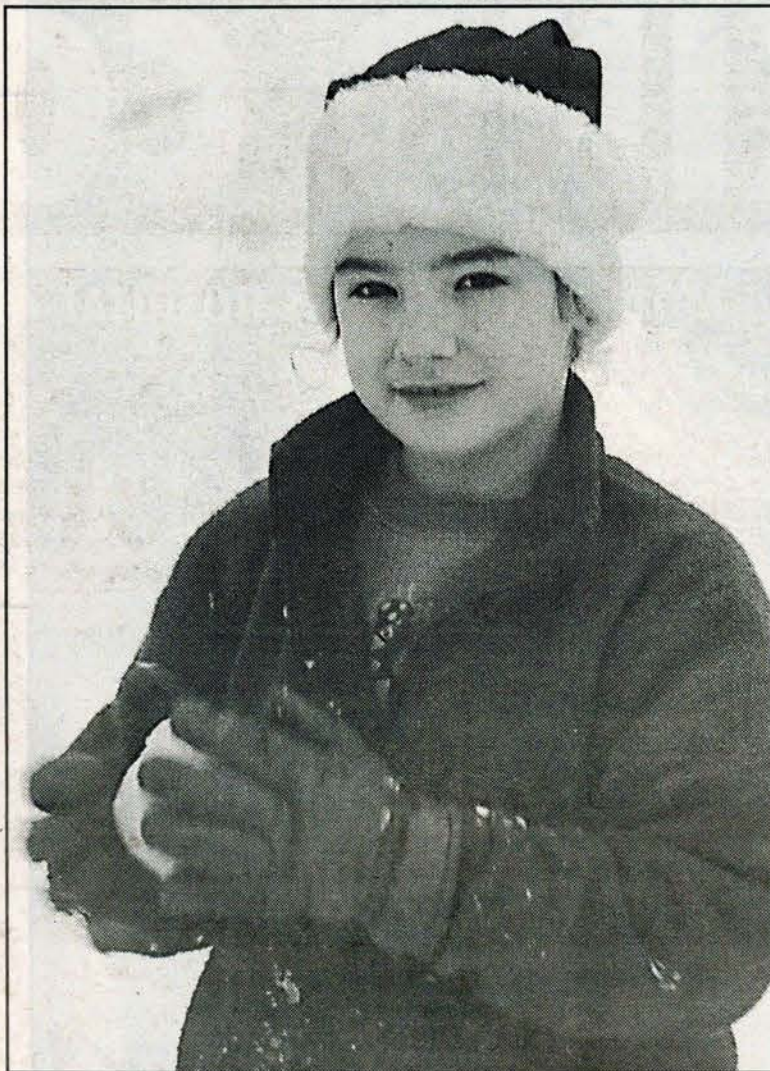
The committee also recommends the CRD board endorse the conservation partnership group's report.

This report notes that the partnership developed out of the massive community fundraising effort which led to the eventual purchase and preservation of the 64 hectare (160 acre) Mill Farm property. A working group was established almost a year ago, information and discussion sessions held last February and

June, and ways to coordinate activities and information worked out between participating members.

"The conservation of this area of Salt Spring Island can be seen as a link in a larger conservation partnership which extends beyond Salt Spring Island to include the possibility of marine protected areas in surrounding waters; working with partners on Vancouver Island to achieve mutual conservation benefits; linking into the Sea to Sea greenbelt work in the CRD and other visions for cooperative conservation initiatives," the group's report states.

Reasons for preserving the area are summarized by the group and include preservation of rare and endangered flora and fauna, sensitive ecosystems, Garry Oak meadows, arbutus woodlands and Douglas Fir old growth forest, watershed protection, 18 km (11 miles) of undeveloped coastline, active and passive recreational activities, eco-tourism, recreational values and views from four of the highest mountain peaks in the Gulf Islands along with potential for sustainable forestry.



## Snow fun

Erin Foster balls up a handful of snow as she joins others on the Salt Spring Elementary School playground the morning following a Monday night snowfall. Photo by Derrick Lundy

## Weather

Wednesday: Showers; windy. 90% chance of precipitation. High 7.

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Any business operators interested in getting more information about the campaign should phone Pearl Gray, a member of the campaign's steering committee, at 537-2214.

The deadline for getting involved is January 25.

Gray said that the past year showed "we can no longer be complacent about promoting Salt Spring. We must get more involved in showcasing the island in a responsible and appropriate way."

Noting that people would be surprised at how important tourism is to the island's economy, she added: "We need to develop and implement a longer-term marketing strategy that is sensitive to our community and environment. But to do so, we first need resources to work with. The sale of passports is a first step in this direction."



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So far the NDP have refused to recognize the existing silviculture workforce saying that jobs like spacing trees never existed before the creation of FRBC. Now they intend to give these "new" Forest Renewal-funded jobs to their displaced forest workers. To make things worse there are actually fewer jobs in enhanced silviculture work than there were four years ago.

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# Sluggish Slugs take on flying Jets, and tie game

By **JIM BLACK**  
Driftwood Contributor

No one really knows what has happened to the Slugs of late. Maybe it's El Nino or perhaps it was all that British beef the lads scarfed down over the holidays.

But whatever the cause, we're enjoying the effects. The Slugs have a five-game undefeated streak going (3-0-2) and have outscored the opposition 50-24.

Our first opposition of the double-header weekend was the Mill Bay Jets. In spite of the fact that the Slugs had just come off two very impressive victories in the previous two weeks, the Slugs came into the match playing very sluggishly.

The Jets, on the other hand, were really flying. They opened the scoring early on, following some superb passing plays, and sustained pressure on the Slugs. The Slugs trailed at the end of the first period 4-2 and were still behind 6-5 at the end of the second before turning it on in the third and taking the lead for the first time.

The inspiration for the turnaround probably came from the Slugs netminder, Derek Topping who, in spite of having limited help from his teammates, was putting in a terrific game. Whatever the case, the lads did storm back in the third period, scoring four goals to take a one-goal lead into the final minute, only to see the Jets get the tying marker with less than 30 seconds remaining.

All things considered we were lucky to get out of this one with a single point. Scoring for the Slugs were Pete Schure and Dillon Chrimes with three each; Paddy Akerman, two; and Blain Johnson with one.

The second game proved to be

## SLUG TRAIL

a lively affair versus Squid Roe of Sidney. The Squidlies are always a great team to play and they were eager for a rematch after we thrashed them 9-4 in our previous meeting. Early on it looked like they might get the revenge they were after. For some odd reason, team management decided to play Deadstop on a regular shift at defence. The results were (a) predictable and (b) entertaining — for the Squidlies.

Fortunately for the Slugs, Paul Sinclair scored on the opening shift of the game, because on Deadstop's next three shifts, the opposition blew past him like he was a turnstile, and went on to beat Topping for goals.

After the third goal the team took matters into their own hands. First, using super glue, they glued Deadstop's hands to his hockey stick and then glued the stick to a team bus that was just leaving for Port Alberni. Last seen heading up the Island Highway, Deadstop was moving faster than he ever had in his life.

Once that large distraction was out of the way, the Slugs got down to some serious hockey. First, "Crash" Schure netted his first of the night after deftly moving the puck up the ice and cranking a snap shot past the netminder, high to the glove side. Then Blaine "One Way" Johnson followed suit, tying up the match with a bullet drive from the goalie's right side face-off circle.

The Squidlies were not resting on their laurels throughout all of

this. They had a number of good scoring chances only to be stymied by the red-hot Topper.

Into the second period the Slugs continued to pour on the coals. Paddy Akerman, our forechecking specialist (and backchecking "onlyist"), managed to strip his opponent of the puck and slide it under the netminder. Shortly after that Schure slid a perfect pass over to Andy Naumann in the open slot and Naumann wasted no time, going top shelf where Granny keeps the cookies.

The Squids were getting a little oily by this time. They were getting a number of good chances but Topping just kept on stoning them. It wasn't until halfway through the period that they got one when the Slugs were caught on a line change which allowed them to go in four on two. This didn't deter the Slugs in the least.

With just minutes left in the period the Slugs put both Danny Akerman and Paddy Akerman out together on a forward line. The results were predictable. These two have been playing hockey together since the Jurassic Period and to say they know where the other one is going is an understatement. First, as usual, Paddy does all the legwork while Danny stands in front of the net filing his nails. Then Paddy, with two or three defenders hanging off him, feeds the puck to Danny who taps in home and takes all the glory. This is just what happened, the only thing different being that Danny also claims to have gotten an assist on his own goal, which might explain why he is our all time assist leader.

The final period started off as most do for the Slugs when they

are protecting a lead — they collapse into a heap. The change in the flow of the game for the first half of the final frame was amazing. The Slugs could hardly clear their zone and the Squidlies seemed to hit their stride as they threw everything but the kitchen sink at Topping. But he was nothing short of brilliant between the pipes, stopping them time and again on what seemed like sure goals. After 10 minutes of this the Slugs seemed to find their start button again and began to once more make a game of it.

First, Schure got his second of the night on a breakaway, beating the netminder to the stick side and he was followed up by Johnson who collected his second of the night from a scrum in front of the net. Finally, Paddy Akerman closed out the scoring with his second of the night with a rising wrist shot over the goalie's shoulder.

So the beat goes on, Slugs undefeated in '98, pouring in goals in a Gretsky-like fashion. Now, as long as the super glue doesn't let up we could do alright.

# Bowling league action

By **RUTH HUME**  
Driftwood Contributor

Following are high scores at Kings Lane Recreation last week.

Monday Special Olympics: Stuart Elliot 150, 242, Terry Swing 182, 146, Mahjor Bains 178, 179, Gloria Dale 142.

Circus league: Amin Athanasious 201, Josh Marshall 211, Briad Radford 216, Deke Noonan 233, Bunny Cooper 204.

Tuesday morning seniors: Madalene Jory 276, 252, Goodie 201, Catherine McFadyen 223, Con Flebbe 235, 202, Rita Brown 208, 200, Ann Kowal 200, 212, 224, Bev Brown 238, 223, Gordon Parsons 253/619, Ken Robinson 217, 214, 207, 216, Edie Gear 207, Isabelle Richardson 259, John Richardson 204.

Tuesday afternoon seniors: Doris Redquest 214, Reg Winstone 219, Deke Noonan 221, June Webb 257.

Tuesday business women's league: Audrey Denton 220, Alice Richards 276, Ruth Hume 213.

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Wednesday ladies: Deanna Marleau 221, 238/624, Madge Bate 241.

Golf ladies: Doris Redquest 222, Cora Tosh 210, Shirley Parsons 249, Josie Alexich 236.

Looney tunes: Brenda Opel 202, Connie Hardy 219, Darlene Wellington 236.

Friday afternoon seniors: Marg Baker 220, Don Goodman 209, Cliff Jory 214.

Children's leagues: David Piperno 106, 124, Justine Watkins 77, 86, Patrick Buitenwerf 75, 92, 63, 108, 75, 92, Cameron Gottaas 99, 79.

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# From aggression to wisdom: karate fosters self-discovery

By VALORIE LENNOX  
Driftwood Staff

What has Keith Beldam learned from 20 years of practising karate? That the best way to confound opposition is to melt away in front of it.

"I don't even like fighting," he observes. "Strength doesn't have to be aggression."

In contrast to the popular, hard-edge image of the martial art, Beldam sees Uechi-Ryu karate as a means of self-discovery.

He is calling his new Salt Spring studio Cold Mountain Uechi-Ryu, reflecting a studio in Toronto where he studied. Uechi-Ryu, he notes, is a classical Chinese/Okinawan martial art brought to Okinawa from the central temple of Fukien, China.

"Aggression is transformed into harmony and harmony into insight and wisdom," he says when describing the practice of the art. Combined with karate, Beldam also studies Qigong, an Oriental discipline focussing on meditation, posture and breathing.

Beldam began studying karate in 1975 and has taken lessons in dojos world-wide: honing his skills in Halifax, Boston, Liverpool, England and under Grand Master Kanei Uechi in Okinawa, Japan.

In 1985 he began studying with David Mott at the Cold Mountain dojo in Toronto. It is to Mott — whom he describes as a "gentle, humble man" — that he credits his current interpretation of the martial art.

In many studios, he notes, the focus is on aggression and the power of martial arts. He recalls that when he first started training, that intensity overshadowed everything else.

But now he feels he understands motions which were once moves learned by rote, giving him an appreciation of the underlying purpose. "If you don't understand why you move, the movement is empty."

"Its original Chinese name, Pwng Gai Noon, translates as half hard/half soft, exemplified by the movements of the system which are both linear and circular, powerful and yielding."

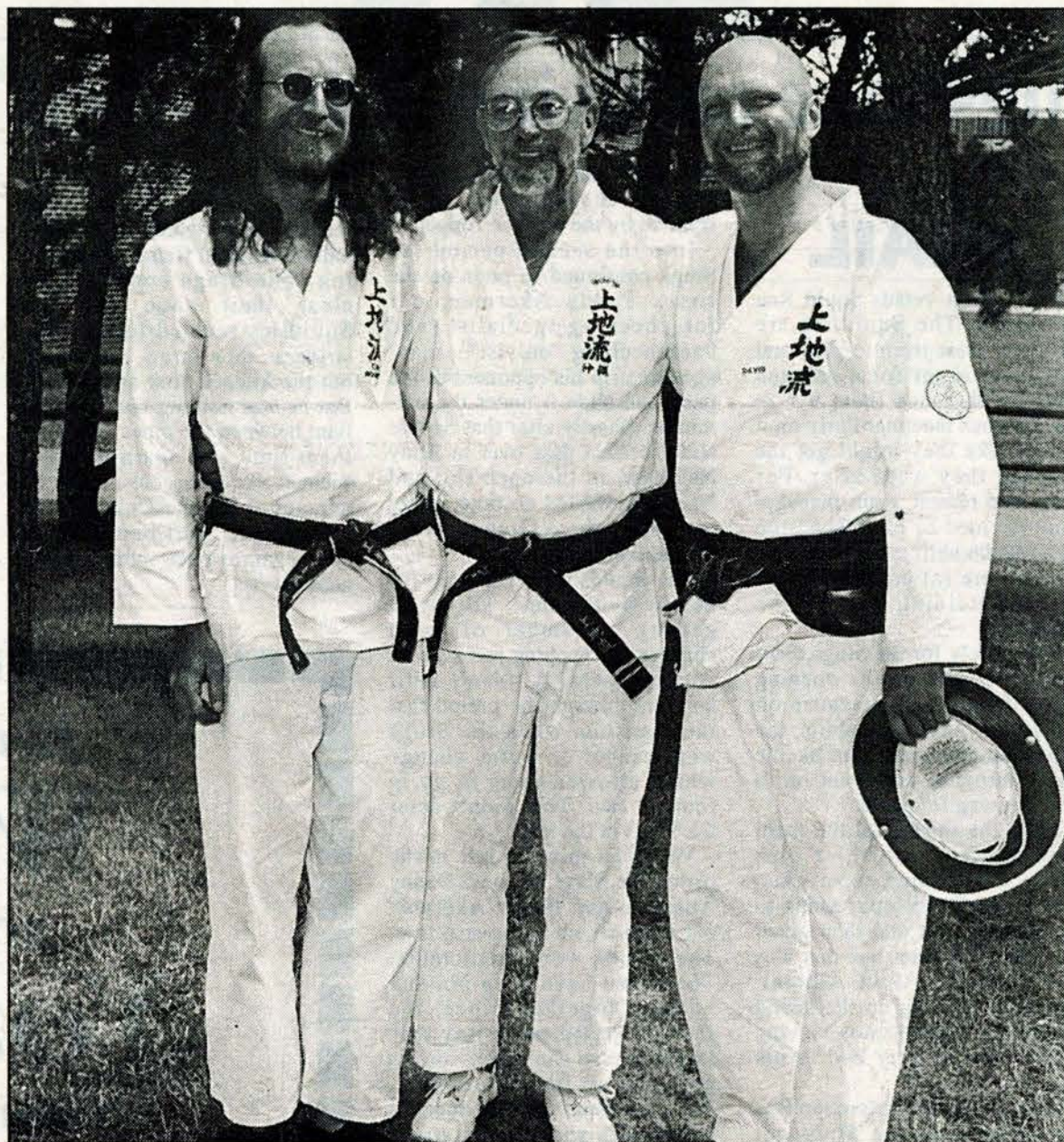
Demonstrating a "Crane" movement, Beldam produced a flowing, intricate play of arms and hands which is almost balletic.

Goals of Cold Mountain are a balance between the art of fighting and self-defence, meditation and personal development, conditioning and flexibility, aesthetic aspects of movement and application of martial arts training to life.

Correct posture, breathing, centring, a clear mind and the development of chi — defined as intrinsic energy — are all stressed in the practice of Uechi-Ryu, Beldam explains. The goal is a unity of mind and body.

Beldam's other interest, Qigong, ties in and enriches his interest in karate. The meditation, centring and breath work blend with the centring and meditation of the karate, he observes.

Breathing is the most important



**TEACHING TRADITION:** Sharing their commitment to Uechi-Ryu karate are, from left, Keith Beldam of Salt Spring, a fifth degree black belt; George Mattson of Boston, an eighth degree black belt and the highest ranking North American Uechi-Ryu practitioner; and David Mott of Toronto, a sixth degree black belt. Beldam studied with Mott who, in turn, studied with Mattson.

aspect of life and is too often taken for granted. "How much time each day do you spend aware of your breath," he asks. Infants breathe from their bellies but adults often breathe only from their chests, so lose the centring provided by breathing more deeply.

"It's a matter of being more aware of body, mind and spirit," he says. "The fitness aspect is not as big as understanding yourself."

Beldam cites several benefits, including improved awareness of internal organs — "as opposed to taking it all for granted" — the ability to calm the "chattering" mind and better control over the emotions which are an inescapable part of life. "If you let emotions rule you, you're not in your centre," he remarks.

He was drawn to the island by how he felt when he visited Salt Spring from Victoria. "The times I visited here, I felt good about it."

A year ago he moved from Victoria and last May began working with Bob Simons (Bicycle Bob), repairing bicycles, and operating the shop when Simons was on vacation last spring.

Cycling is another of his passions. He uses a bicycle for transportation and has a collection of different types of cycles. Over the winter he is renting the Boardwalk Greens shop in Ganges and continuing to repair bicycles as well as selling stock from Simons' shop — with the sale proceeds going to help Simons' family during Bob Simons' illness.

Beldam hopes to continue repairing bicycles and teaching karate on the island. A karate instructor for 15 years, he recently taught in Colorado and Victoria and is now starting lessons on Salt Spring. He can be reached by calling 537-1479 or through his pager at 1-888-355-1918.

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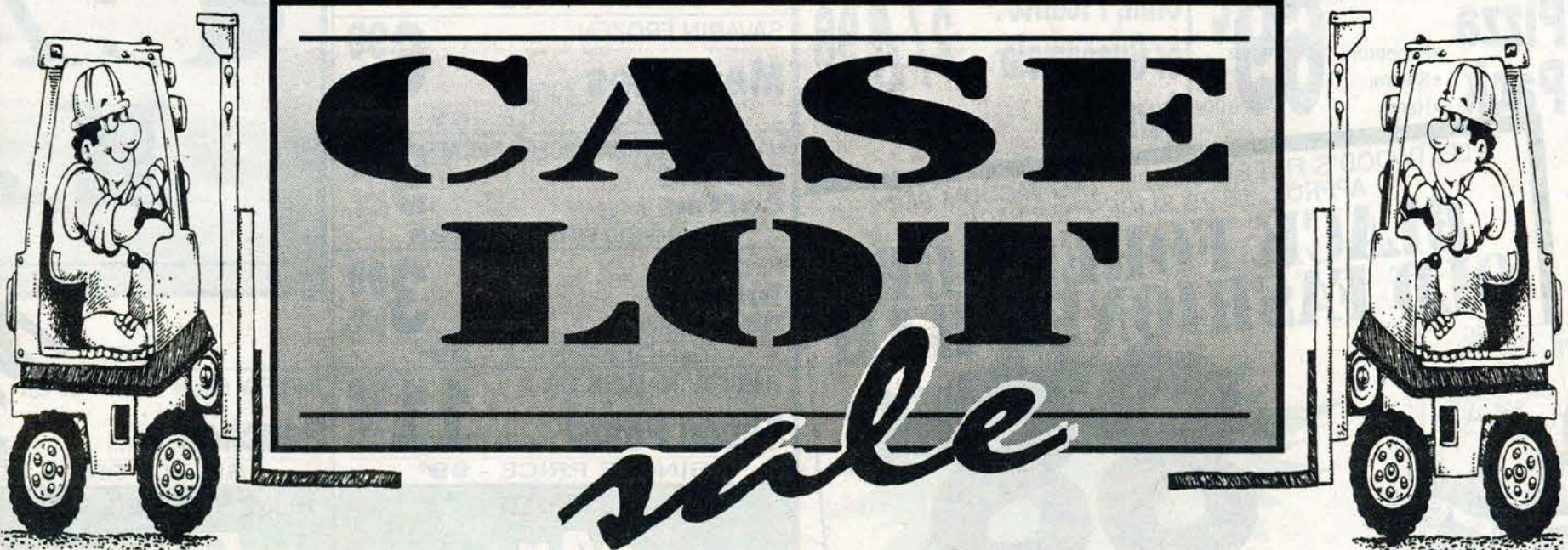


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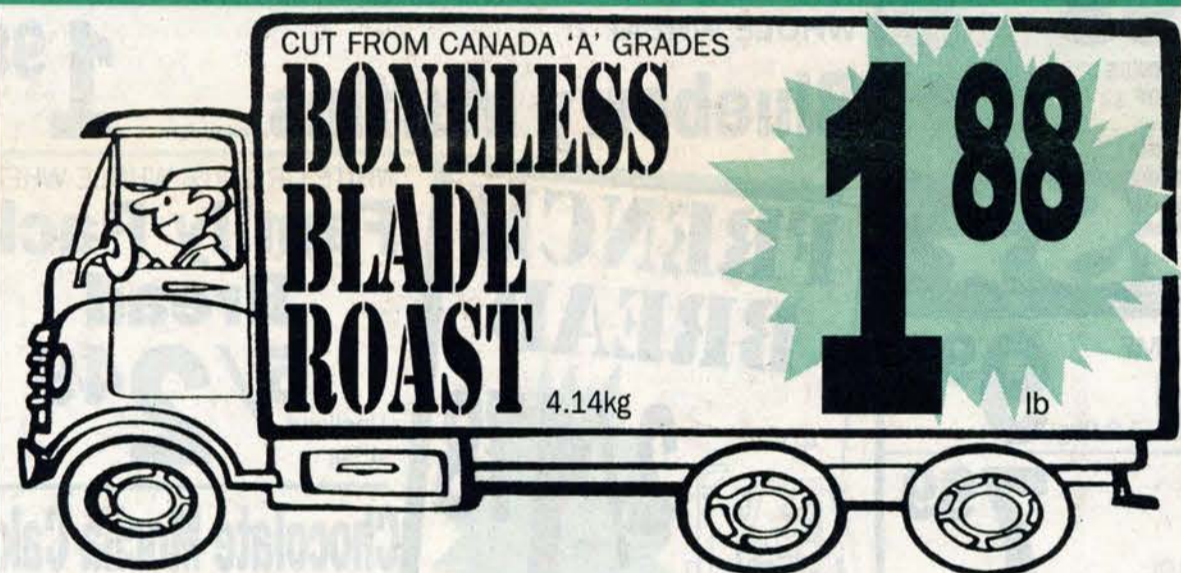


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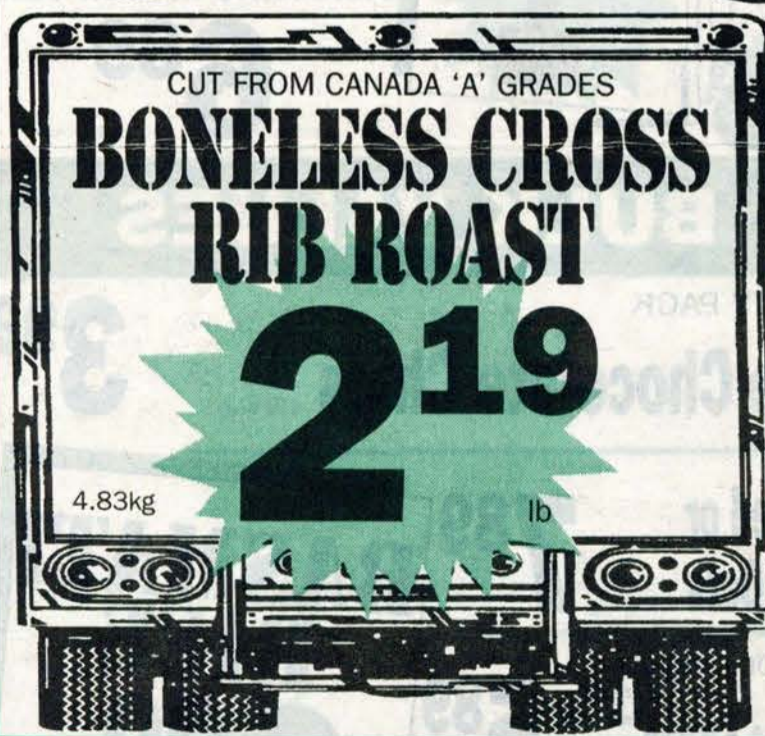
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# Hollywood set designer seeks sustainable lifestyle

By VALORIE LENNOX  
Driftwood Staff

Less-is-more, sustainable lifestyle is what artist-designer Diana Morris and husband Cliff Knox sought in coming to Salt Spring — and they've already discovered island living can mean making something from almost nothing.

Morris helped create the set for the pantomime Cinderella and the Three Bears, which runs this Friday to Sunday at the Salt Spring Activity Centre. "There was no budget. Our biggest item was \$35 for glue sticks," she said.

It was quite a change for Morris, whose professional credits include working as a production designer for Walt Disney Imagineering, set decorator for the Academy Award-winning movies Chariots of Fire and Death on the Nile, and assistant art director on television programs Days of Our Lives and Wheel of Fortune.

"It's hard to work with only cardboard," she noted.

But if there wasn't much money floating around the set, there was a lot of fun and talent. She especially enjoyed working with island artist Simon Henson. "He's absolutely wonderful."

Knox, a professional engineer who worked in southern California's aerospace industry — specifically for Rockwell, a company which creates space shuttle engines — was the assistant electrician for the pantomime.

So what are Morris and Knox doing on Salt Spring, far from the glitter and bright lights of the world's entertainment and technology capital?

Looking for community. Upon retiring, they both agreed they wanted to move to a small, arts-rich community and began polling fellow artists for suggestions. Salt Spring was repeatedly recommended so the couple checked it out and moved to the island seven months ago.

In addition to an interest in the arts, Morris and Knox advocate sustainable lifestyles. Their home is already dotted with work picked up from local artisans — they believe in shopping on-island — and they are slowly remodelling a charming if small home, attempting to use recycled materials as much as possible.

"If we have smaller spaces individually, we will use less resources overall," Morris observed.

She speculates her interest in scaled-down consumption could be a reaction to some of the excesses of southern California where, in addition to her TV and movie work, she did interior designing on a lavish scale.

She recalls working on four homes for a client whose taste ran to \$1,000 dining chairs. "At the

end of four houses, I was cured of shopping," she said.

She suspects many people coming out of the "luxury" industries are turning towards the concept of sustainable lifestyles as they recognize the impact on the planet of excessive consumption. "I come from a family that has a social conscience," Morris noted.

Her life has had a theatrical cast. Morris was born in India where her father was in the medical service. In 1942 the family was in Singapore and Morris, a younger brother and her mother were evacuated to Australia as the Japanese moved in. Her father was taken prisoner.

From Australia, the family was shipped back to their native Canada. Morris' mother, trying to cope with toddler and baby while boarding a ship for the trip home, handed the baby to a nearby officer to hold for a moment. Only later did she learn that officer was General McArthur.

Morris grew up in Canada, India where the family returned after her father was released, and in England. Her father was with the Canadian Embassy in London when Morris graduated from high school, so she enrolled in the Hammersmith College of Art and Building.

She started her television career with the BBC, abandoning a job with a London architectural firm for television design. Television production was just switching to colour, she noted, and many productions still broadcast live.

Widowed at 29, she kept working in television design while also raising two children.

One of her challenges was as assistant art director on the often wacky Benny Hill Show for Thames TV. Hill frequently did his sketches based on spur-of-the-moment ideas and art directors were supposed to come up with the props as required. Morris recalls being told: "If Mr. Hill wants to have a 22-foot boa constrictor by lunch time, you get it if you have to call a helicopter."

Although Morris was the only woman in the design department, she didn't feel out of place. But when she took on remodelling a Playboy Club, she discovered chauvinism still existed. Even buttressed with sketches to indicate her professional standing, Morris recalls being repeatedly directed to the interview room for would-be bunnies.

Her favourite work was on quality productions but she notes paying the bills meant she sometimes had to work with less-than-ideal conditions. As art director on Tales of the Darkside, for example, she said the budgets were so tight that she had to bring props from home and only build the sets with an inch tolerance on either

side of the shot.

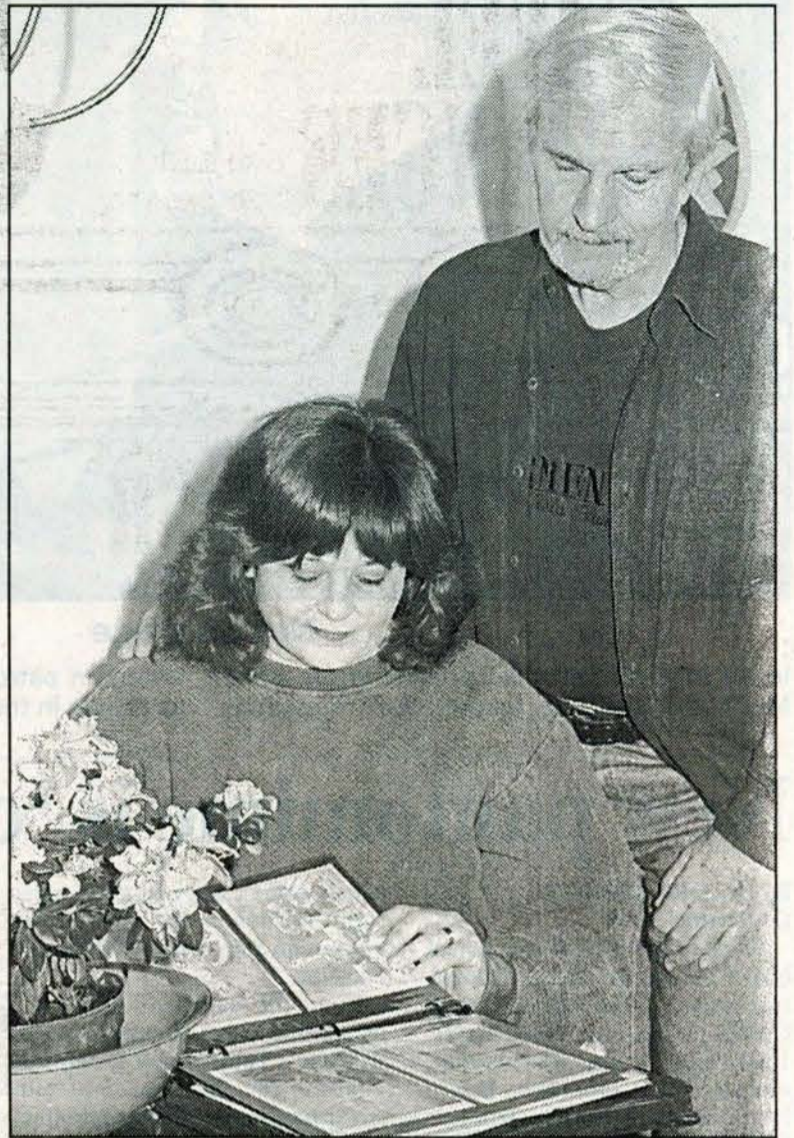
By contrast, she found Disneyland drew on top-notch contractors and some of the best high-tech people in the business.

But the film industry can be tough, requiring almost-continuous, 16-hour days. So Morris is now enjoying the slower pace of Salt Spring, continuing to paint and studying with watercolour artist Val Konig.

She also wants to contribute to Salt Spring's artistic community, perhaps by using her London contacts to arrange low-cost accommodation in Britain so artists can go on study trips. The couple is also considering starting a cottage craft industry, drawing on Morris' artistic ability and Knox's fabrication skills.

And like many other artists on the island, Morris would like to see the island's arts centre in operation — a desire which may have been fuelled by the effort required to transform the Activity Centre into a performance space for the pantomime.

"I'd really like to see ArtSpring open. There's a tremendous need for ArtSpring," she concluded.



**ARTS AND SCIENCE:** Diana Morris and Cliff Knox bring both to their new home on Salt Spring. Morris' career has included production design for Walt Disney, television and movies while Knox, an engineer, worked in the aerospace industry.

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**Not on stage**

In an informal musical presentation, Buck McDonald and two fellow island musicians entertain patrons at Fulford Inn while sitting at a table in the pub.

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**New pantomime is 'crazy, fun'**

By VALORIE LENNOX  
Driftwood Staff

Think of a box filled with partial bits of old picture puzzles illustrating scenes from classic tales: Goldilocks and the Three Bears, 1001 Nights, a turn-of-the-century melodrama, Cinderella, Robin Hood, Puss-in-Boots, Grimm's Fairy Tales, Mother Goose and The Night Before Christmas.

There's not enough of any one puzzle to assemble so, in a fit of boredom, you dump out all the pieces and squeeze together the bits that will fit, creating a crazy kaleidoscope of mis-matched characters and partial scenes.

That's the feel of Cinderella and the Three Bears, half play and half variety show, whose entertaining madcap madness squeezes in something for everyone.

For the kids there's the growly three bears and a chance to join other youngsters on stage for a sing-a-long; for adults such topical references as Lord Snide Malevolence's admission that he craves "power," prompting another character to ask, "Are you with the CRD?"

Plot? All but non-existent. Character development? These characters are cut from cardboard, albeit brightly coloured, and get no more substantial throughout the play. Logical? Forget it. Fun? You bet.

It's a mix of slapstick, bad puns, sight gags, satire, sexual innuendo — the dialogue between Miss Bunn and Lord Snide brings a new significance to the word "flour" — and lots of music, song and dance.

A highlight of the production are the wandering minstrels, Saeward, Sascha and Oban Stone, Derek Duffy and John Akehurst, whose toe-tapping music made me want to run away and join what looked like a continual party with Robbin and his merrily-mismatched band in the deep woods.

While it is the performers who are centre stage — literally, since most of the pantomime is performed in the round — support from musicians, lighting, backstage crew and set design enhanced the show and kept the planned chaos from generating into confusion.

Scene changes were swift and unobtrusive, often masked by small performances elsewhere. The band of Murray, Malcolm and Roderick Shoolbraid, John Akehurst, Matthew Osborne, Derek Duffy and Tania Baronet-Deringer underscored the performance with accompaniment to songs, bridges between scenes, occasional sound effects and snippets which served as tongue-in-

cheek commentary in their own right — such as the circus-like crescendo introducing Madame Flutterby.

Even the banks of lights — mounted in makeshift fashion in the Activity Centre which prompted visions of the uncompleted ArtSpring — contributed at one point, flashing to a rap beat.

And the apparently simple set proved, on closer examination, to be a masterpiece of character-rich trees, artfully-painted rocks, wonderfully versatile free-standing branches and a whimsical egg-carton wall for Humpty Dumpty.

Pantomime has to be played over the top and most of the performers scaled the required heights. Charles Wilton as Lord Snide was the best of hiss-inducing, slime-coated melodramatic villains, even without a mustache to twirl, while ugly step-sisters Pneumonia and Nausea (Patrick Cassidy and John Dellow) amply illustrated why sweet Cinderella/Cinders (Rosanne Leonoff) left home.

(For long-haired islanders with receding hairlines, Dellow's "do" of ringlets tied up with a pink ribbon may inspire a whole new fashion.)

Other highlights were provided by the coolest of cats, Vaughn Fulford as Puss-in-Loafers, with his back-up of dancing kitty cuties; mischievous baby bear Marnee Bellavance; and the oh-so-hip Ali Babble (Brian Box).

As Robbin — "who hates injustice and loves adventure and poached eggs" — Laurie Clarke

dazzled whenever she was on stage. Miss Bunn (Leslie Corry) was coyly sweet enough to eat, and trying to get his licks in ahead of Lord Snide was the endearingly clumsy Tom Dumb (Patrick Cassidy).

Then there were the covertly criminal antics of the Three Snitches — played by Bellavance, David Kmiecik and Carel Souchereau — and the cameos of Diva and Madame Flutterby by Kirstin Shoolbraid, which added humour and filled in cracks between major scenes.

Musically strong were Caitlin Brownrigg as Aladdin, who warbled through some Gilbert and Sullivan, and Stewart Katz as Sinbad, who had a pun-laden tailor-jailor-sailor number in addition to a nautically nice duet with a suddenly sexy Cinders.

Costumes ranged from highly original creations, such as the Diva's overblown Germanic opera wear, to mismatched outfits which echoed the chaos of the pantomime, suggesting the charming innocence of trunks and closets being raided to put on an impromptu show.

It takes an act of genie (Layah Bennun) to give a token resolution to the show, which ends with a burst of energy and a well-deserved tribute to author/music director Murray Shoolbraid.

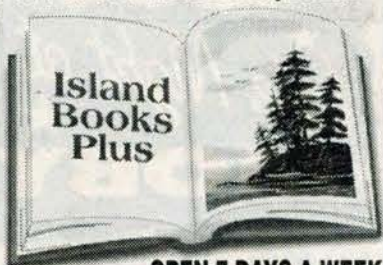
Producer was Jeanne Pascale and director was Michael Armstrong, both assisted by a long list of production staff. The show continues at the Activity Centre this Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

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**Toe-tappers**  
Strutting their stuff rhythmically Thursday night were Gulf Islands Secondary dance students who presented an evening performance called Soul Dance. Among the numbers in the show were, left, a number to the song "I'm Too Sexy" performed by, from left, Vicki Littlewood, Melissa Estable and Abey Clark. Another number was, right, a Spanish dance by, from left, Keldy Anderson and Lauren Bowler.

Photos by Valerie Lennox



## Terry Edmonds' guitar sings in Harbour House blues show

Hey! What can you say about a four-man blues band which plays jazz fusion with a full horn section?

The Terry Edmonds band played the Harbour House Wheelhouse Pub last weekend to the delight of many island blues enthusiasts. The first set, like their CD release *Givin' it Back*, is straight ahead traditional blues.

Edmonds and keyboard player Robbie King have played together for over 11 years and the dialogue between them is remarkable. The end of Jimi Hendrix's *Little Wing* was spine tingling as King played a shimmering chimes sample which Edmonds echoed quietly on guitar.

Silence speaks volumes: Gail Scott states in *Spaces Like Stairs* that what's not said really matters, and classical musicians employ pauses and changes in volume to create meaning and expression. Among plugged-in

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musicians, the ability to play pianissimo is largely lost, but Edmonds and his band use this rare talent to create a wide variety of moods and meanings. In *Play the Blues for You*, Edmonds holds back just enough to create anticipation and even suspense for the listener who is then apt to say yes, please play.

The second song of the second set was seven minutes in heaven as Edmonds' guitar seemed to actually sing the blues in a song which has no name. In bars across America, the Saturday afternoon blues jam has become an institution and according to Edmonds this song is the product of years of just such jams. This is the evolution of music in action. The song with no name fuses the

blues, rock, classical and jazz together in a medium of improvisation.

Ample improvisation seems to be the trademark of the Terry Edmonds band. Each member had plenty of room to shine during the song *Route 66*. King's trumpet solo on keys was remarkable, and the full horn section back-up at the end was incredibly realistic.

Is it jazz or is it the blues? It's moving beyond genre to create something new.

*Givin' it Back* was recorded at The Yale in Vancouver and is dedicated to all the musicians who influenced Edmonds over the years. He says, "This is my way of saying thanks and givin' it back." Edmonds walks the fine line between the comfort of the old familiar and the excitement of the original and unusual, and with luck he will influence generations of guitarists to come.

So what can you say about this four-man blues band? Holy inspiration, Batman!

## Arts Alliance meeting rescheduled

The Arts Alliance annual general meeting has been moved to Thursday due to last Monday's snowstorm.

On the agenda is the election of directors and discussion of activities for the coming year. The meeting starts at 7 p.m. in the

Lions Hall at the corner of Drake Road and Bonnet Avenue.

Planned are three shows at Mahon Hall this spring. The first will be the erotic show, slated for March, followed by a proposed multi-media show in April and a juried exhibition in May. In June,

the group plans a show at Island Books Plus and the Roasting Company to showcase computer-generated art.

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Belgian horses seen on Atkins Road seem undisturbed by a light snowfall as they find a way to graze beneath the field's icy surface. The warming trend caused by El Nino has apparently deserted the islands for the time being as cooler weather sets in. Photo by Derrick Lundy.

# WHAT'S ON

## Music

- **Moby's Marine Pub** — Wednesday Night Live hosted by Charles Wilton, January 14, 9 p.m.
- **Salt Spring Roasting Co.** — Every Wednesday evening is Bluegrass Music evening from 6:30 to 9 p.m.
- **At the Legion** — Karaoke with Julie on Friday, January 16.
- **Harbour House Wheelhouse Pub** — Rock with Mr. Howl on Friday and Saturday, January 16 and 17.
- **Alfresco Restaurant** — Barrington Perry plays piano every Saturday evening starting at 6:30 p.m.
- **Salt Spring Roasting Co.** — Sunday Brunch Music Menu music from noon to 3 p.m. January 18: Harry Warner and Jo Lundstrom.
- **Moby's Marine Pub** — Sunday Dinner Jazz with the Lloyd English Quartet, January 18, 7 p.m.
- **Fulford Inn** — Unplugged with Randy, Graeme and Buck every Sunday from 3 to 6 p.m. Originals, traditional, new and old!
- **Salt Spring Roasting Co.** — Every Tuesday evening is the Celtic Music Circle from 6:30 to 9 p.m.

## Cinema

- **Tomorrow Never Dies** — We're back with a bang! Pierce Brosnan stars as the invincible Bond 007. A megalomaniacal media baron plots to start World War III simply to garner higher ratings, but in Bond we can trust. Playing Friday and Saturday, January 16 and 17, at 7 p.m.; Sunday, January 18 at 4 p.m.; and Monday and Tuesday, January 19 and 20, at 9:15 p.m. 2 hours. Rated 14A, violence. Cinema Central.
- **Ponette** — This child's-eye view of grief and a quest to understand faith is a breath of innocent air in a cynical world. Pre-schooler Victoire Thivisol, a four-year-old non-professional, was named Best Actress at

the 1996 Venice Film Festival for her impressive performance. French with English subtitles. Playing Friday and Saturday, January 16 and 17, at 9:15 p.m.; Sunday, January 18 at 7:30 p.m.; and Tuesday, January 20 at 7 p.m. 1 hour, 45 minutes. Rated General. Cinema Central.

## Stage

- **Cinderella and The Three Bears** — Held over! This hilarious musical pantomime will be performed on Friday, January 16 at 8 p.m., and Saturday and Sunday, January 17 and 18, at 2 p.m., at the Activity Centre. Tickets available from Island Books, New Wave Laundry, Salt Spring Dairy, and Patterson's. \$10 adults, \$5 children. A Core Inn benefit.

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- **Pre-School Storytime** —

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- **Storytime at West of the Moon** — Every Tuesday morning. Ages 2 to 3, 9:30 to 10 a.m.; ages 3 to 5, 10 to 10:30 a.m. Join us!

## Community TV

- **Wednesday, January 14** — 1 p.m., Cable in the Classroom: Jobs 1 2 3 — Episode 1, Networking, first of a three-part series directed at high school students 7:30 p.m., Satsang with Gangaji
- **Sunday, January 18** — 7:45 p.m., Satsang with Gangaji (all new for 1998)
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Photo by Derrick Lundy

**Parenting seminars set for Salt Spring**

Gulf Islands parents will have access to a first-rate parent education counsellor when Allison Rees from Victoria offers seminars on Salt Spring in February.

To help and inspire parents of children of all ages, Family Place and Salt Spring Island Preschool decided to organize the February 20-21 event. Called Building Bridges ... The Parent-Child Connection, the gathering takes place in the Gulf Islands Secondary School (GISS) multi-purpose room. Pre-registration is required.

Rees, together with Dr. Alison Miller, are known for their LIFE (Living in Families Effectively) seminars, whose themes include discipline, raising "spirited" children, dealing with stages and developing values in children.

Rees, a parent of two, has led workshops in the LIFE series for the past eight years. She is also a regular guest of Island Parent Magazine on the AM 900 radio station.

On the evening of February 20, from 7 to 9 p.m., Rees' seminar is titled Managing Feelings Through Communication. It looks at effective communication and listening techniques, and conflict resolution methods.

From 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. Saturday, Rees presents Sidestepping the Power Struggle, which focusses on developing healthy boundaries and effective discipline methods while promoting loving relationships and a thinking child.

Saturday afternoon's seminar runs from 1 to 3 p.m. Called Self-esteem

in Parent and Child, Rees will explain the importance of self-esteem and positive parenting, and differentiate between the false basis for self-esteem and the use of healthy messages for children and parents.

All three seminars are followed by half-hour question and discussion sessions.

Holly Clermont is volunteer parent education coordinator for the cooperatively-run preschool, and an active Family Place volunteer. When Clermont came across Rees while searching for educational speakers for meetings of preschool parents, the Building Bridges idea was born.

Cost for the workshops is \$5 each or \$12 for all three. Subsidies are available. Call Ragnhild Flakstad at Family Place, 537-9176, for details.

A hot lunch prepared in the GISS cafeteria can be purchased for \$7.50, or people can bring a bag lunch. Baking and beverages will also be available.

Brochures and registration forms are available through Gulf Islands schools, preschools and daycare facilities, and various other locations such as doctors' offices.

To ensure a seat at the workshops, registration forms should be mailed or faxed to Clermont at the address in the brochure, or turned in to the drop-box at the Community Services building on Ganges Hill by January 16.

For more information, contact Clermont at 537-1538.

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**OF THESE DATES**

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- JAN. 26: Lady Minto Hospital Aux. general meeting, United Church Hall, 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.
- Autumn 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.)
- Grief Recovery seminars, United Church, 7pm (Jan. 19-Feb. 23)

**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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# Fulford school students win provincial museum contest

Fulford students know how to transform nature.

Thirty children in Fulford Elementary School's nature club recently created "animals" out of collected natural materials — feathers, pine and fir cones, pebbles, arbutus berries, branches — and submitted their creations to a B.C. Provincial Museum contest.

Last Tuesday they learned

their mass entry of wildlife had won first place in the under-10 age category of the contest.

"The museum was flooded by them," reported Kate McEwen, who is one of nature club's parent participants.

The club, which consists of children from all grades who meet each Monday at lunchtime, was initiated this fall. Wendy Vine is the teacher

involved, and she is assisted by a group of volunteer parents.

Other club activities have included planting acorns, camas bulbs and red cedar seedlings, a session on mushrooms, and forest and beach exploration trips.

McEwen said the group benefits from the professional talent offered by a number of parents with expertise in relevant fields.

# 1998: potential for bright memories

Northrop Frye, the great teacher and renowned literary critic, was one of my former professors at Victoria College, University of Toronto.

Frye once said about hope: "Hope is to my mind a virtue that is closely related to the literary, because all hope is based on fiction; it has no facts to go on but it's where the creative impulse takes over."

Frye, who had a genius for systematically decoding the correlation between scripture and literature in such books as *The Great Code*, has made an original connection with this statement between what is usually viewed only as a prominent spiritual virtue and the work of the writer.

Hope is based on fiction because what is hoped for in the present remains unrealized. In that sense, hope is something not yet true to life but lives vicariously. Yet hope, more than any other virtue except love, affirms life and feeds the will to live. Who of us can live happily without it?

Hope is expansive. It has a way of enlarging the universe of possibilities and of placing friendly humans on our path to brighten the darker moments of solitude. We willingly open our doors to the hopeful person, to the one who anticipates a better tomorrow. Hopeful people will find direction in a society that is haunted by a sense of meaninglessness, alienation and despair, for hopeful people never walk alone. They always have company.

The year 1998 stretches out before us like an open road, bright and full of promise. Yet before someone makes me out to be a starry-eyed Pollyanna, I fully expect that the new year will regrettably bring in its wake a series of setbacks, reversals and catastrophes for the world. But hope has learned to decipher a meaningful design in even these events, a design that affords us the learning experience of breaking the vicious circle of mindlessly repeating the darker patterns in our individual or collective past.

If we are fortunate enough to be able to count blessings in the legacy of the year just gone by, the past will inspire confidence to face the future.

Life-giving hope belongs especially to the future. It enables our spirits to soar on the wings of unfolding destiny. A powerful alchemical mix of both desire and expectation, hope needs to be reinforced by "great expectations" to make good on its promises. Lukewarm hopes are more

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WITH JACK McLEAN



likely to go unfulfilled.

The year 1998, because it contains as yet few memories, holds the potential for brighter ones and the most effective remedy for an unhappy past is to create happier memories in the present.

But the stolid and sometimes grim realities of life can cloud over the eager face of hope, can sorely blight its ever-youthful springtime of possibilities. An Italian proverb, lit-

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tle known in English, expresses the gloomier outlook this way: "The man who lives only by hope will die with despair." This dark little crystal of realism, while it seems to have been mined deep in the underground, only seems to express a sense of defeat or futility.

Instead, its brutally frank realism gives pause for thought

and invites, I think, both action and discipline. Simply put, the message here seems to be that if we do not take serious steps to put our high hopes into action, then we risk being treated to disappointment and failure. While hope is large of heart, her generosity is fragile and can be easily abused. Like the air we breathe, hope can be spoiled. It can even drown in despair, a sinking ship that may go under through inaction. Hope is, or at least should be, an agent which sets goals, a dynamic that causes us, in humanistic psychologist Abraham Maslow's turn of phrase, "to actualize our latent potentialities," or in Tennyson's "to seek a newer world."

Most of us have all too often observed that when all is said and done, a lot more is said than done. By contrast, it is the fine garment of deeds, not words, that makes the man and the woman more fully human, and just as importantly, credible. Hope may nourish well-wishes, good intentions and noble thoughts, but to make us real believers, something beyond the intangible is required. Actual performance, the good deed, the realization of the project, keeping one's word, all make hope's promises real. When hopes are fully realized, happiness results.

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- \* RECYCLE DEPOT: Open Tuesday - Saturday from 10:00am-5pm, 349 Rainbow Rd., 537-1200.
- \* COMMUNITY WELLNESS PROGRAMS COORDINATOR: Call Sharon Glover at 537-4607.
- \* CLIMBING WALL HOURS: Thurs. & Fri. 6:30 - 9:30pm. Full equipment chg. \$2.50. CLUB NIGHT: Sunday 6:30-9:30pm.

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**Classes complete**  
 Graduates of Camosun College's Learning for Living home support attendant program gathered at Meaden Hall Saturday. Graduates included, from left, Rosemary Palberg, Lena Maron, Irena Drobysheva, Lynda Barlow, Jeana Angelozzi, Paula Snetsinger, Joyce Maguire, Shelley Carlen and Leslie Johnson. Not shown are Linda Ramer, Gwyneth Barker, Laura Simms and Cheryl Ralphs. Photo by Derrick Lundy

## More than 12,000 birds counted in annual Galiano event

Some 60 islanders participated in Galiano's 11th annual Christmas bird count on December 27.

They toured their gardens, walked in nearby forests, travelled the coastline by kayak or observed in fields, on mountains and ridges, on beaches and in coves. The 1997 count provided the second highest number of individual birds seen since the count began, a total of 12,361.

Of sea birds counted there were 3,063 surf scooters, 1,427 Pacific loons and 487 Burrows golden-eye ducks. All five grebe species were seen, plus all the cormorant and merganser families. Mallard ducks were plentiful, as were gulls — all seven species of the latter reported. Relatively rare in past counts, western gulls were seen, as were ring bill and California gulls.

Robins (1,285) and thrushes (525) were plentiful this year, particularly in North Galiano where the arbutus trees this winter presented such a bountiful crop of berries. Golden crown kinglets and chickadees were also reported in numbers and found all over the island. All five species of woodpeckers were seen. Of the birds of prey listed

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WITH ALISTAIR ROSS



there were 71 bald eagles, a sharp-shinned hawk and three peregrine falcons.

A day or so before the count, two grey horned owls were seen here. Among the unusual sightings was a Townsend solitaire and an old squaw duck — the latter is noted for its long pointed tail.

Two weeks before count day a meadow lark was spotted, and several days before Christmas, a first-time siting was made when a crested myna was seen. The latter were introduced to Vancouver early in the century. Japanese starlings introduced back east at about the same time adapted well to their new surroundings (as we all know). The myna's adaptation has been less spectacular; Lower Mainland sitings are made occasionally.

With this week's colder weather, seed-eating birds are flocking to householders' feeding stations. Juncos and chickadees are numerous. A kinglet landed at the writer's feet as he fed the chickens, not at all fearful of the human or his movements.

### Wet year

North Galiano residents Bill and Phyllis Stafford have been keeping records of the weather here for some years, reporting their findings to government. They say 1997 was a wet year, but is not recorded as our wettest.

Their compilation of rain and snow and temperature highs and lows over the months showed October at 176.6 millimetres to have been our wettest month in 1997, closely followed by March at 167 mm. November, at 116.2 mm, and December's 103 mm also passed the 100-mm mark.

In 1996, November had 159.6 mm plus 10.2 centimetres of snow. December 1996 saw almost as much rain (159 mm) and 86 cm snow — we all remember that month! Yearly rain totals were: 1996 — 981.4 mm; 1997 — 1,065 mm. Total snowfall for 1996 was 106.8 cm, 1997 had only 1 cm.

Highest temperature in 1997 was in August — 30.5 degrees C during our short spate of real summer weather. The highest in 1996 was in July — 31.5 degrees, followed by 29 in August. The lowest 1997 temper-

ature was in February (-1). In 1996, several minus temperatures were recorded — January, -8, December, -7, November, -4 and February, -3.5.

The Staffords' chart shows the hottest and the coldest days each month, not the duration of hot or cold spells.

### Clarinet and piano

Keith McLeod (clarinetist) and Anita Wilson (pianist) are featured artists in the second of this season's Gulf Islands concerts series. They will be at the South Hall on Monday, January 19. Concert time is 7:30 p.m.

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# SearchPad software aids Internet search

The first bit: Handling the hay Finding that needle of needed information in the Internet haystack just got a bit more feasible with an interesting meta-search engine from India.

## BITS ON BYTES

VALORIE LENNOX



Entitled SearchPad, the software was launched last month by creators Satyam Spark Solutions of Bangalore, India. And while that may seem like an unusual home address for Internet software — it's not quite on the beaten track for Silicon Valley — SearchPad is an elegant and easy way to eliminate some of the frustration of Internet searches.

First, for those who have not won their patience to a frazzle trying to squeeze a nugget of information from the Internet ... a brief explanation.

Information on the Internet is not catalogued as neatly as it is in Mary Hawkins Memorial Library. Whatever you want is likely to be out there, somewhere, but finding it is like going on a treasure hunt with no map.

Enter search engines. These are giant databases which record thumbnail descriptions of Internet sites along with the web page addresses known as URLs. Users can log onto these databases, type in a word or phrase and the search engine will quickly scan the database and come up with any matching words or phrases. (My personal favourite — there are a number available — is Alta Vista which is kindly maintained by the folks from Digital Computers. But I digress.)

It's free, it's easy to use and it sounds great but in practice but there are a few bugs in the bytes.

First, matching is not an exact science and human minds don't always think the same way — ever try to use a filing system developed by someone else? — so searches tend to be heavy on dross and light on data.

There's nothing quite like scrolling down a list of 500 matches, trying to figure out the best options from sparse descriptions and spending hours checking out site after unproductive site to make the searcher wish the microchip had never been invented.

For example, the word "apple" could produce everything from information on growing the fruit to descriptions of New York. Search engines don't discriminate. If the word matches, the URL turns up on

the often-lengthy list to be checked out.

In addition, the same web pages are often listed over and over again due to repeated matching words, further clogging the search.

Enter SearchPad, software designed to help Internet surfers zero in on the information they seek. Easy to install and use — a wizard option guides novice users through their first few searches — SearchPad allows a variety of Internet databases to be scanned simultaneously and the results combined into a single report.

The software automatically eliminates duplicate listings of the same site and condenses the listings into an intelligent summary, often including the phrase which led to that URL being tagged in the search.

Therefore, without taking the time to download the web page, the searcher can determine whether the matched phrase refers to apples (the fruit) or the "Big Apple" (New York.)

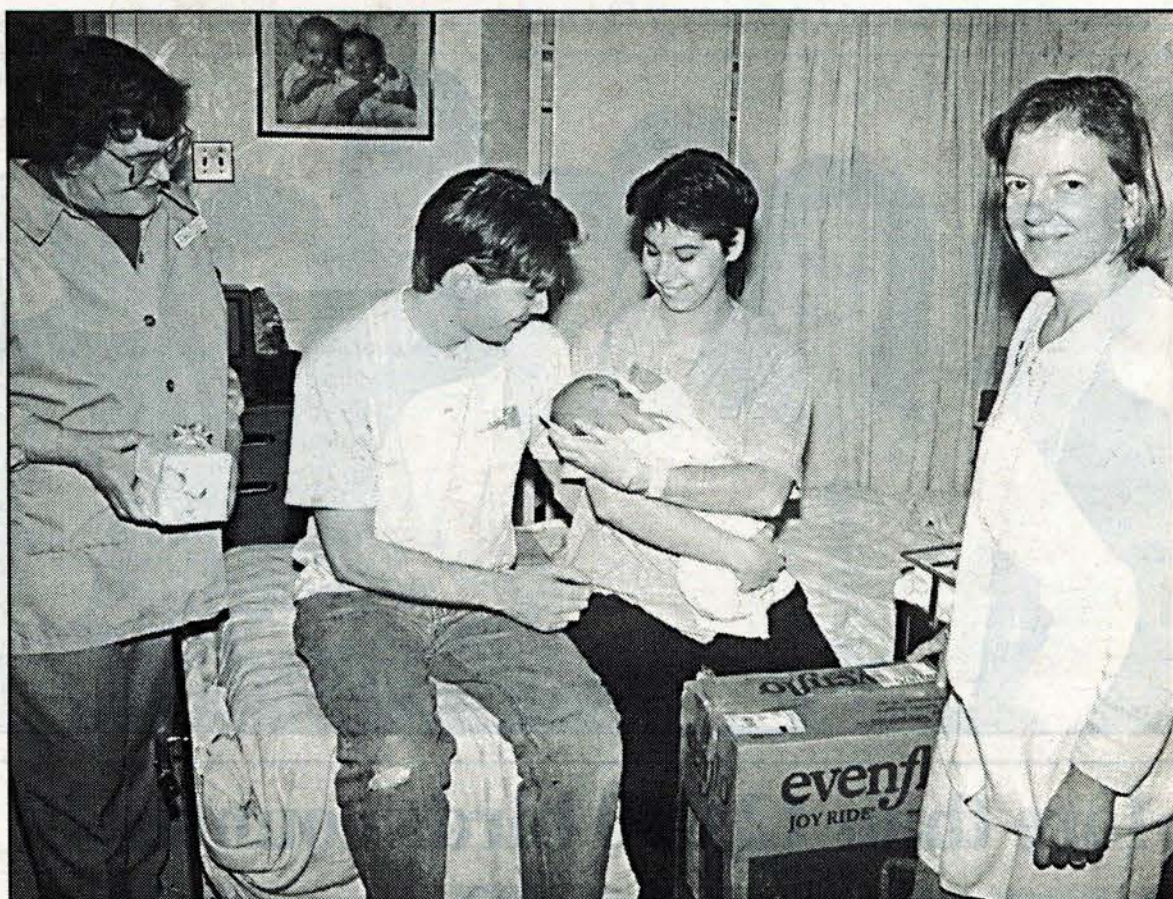
Multiple scanning of databases is just the start. SearchPad allows users to fine-tune their database scans with basic and advanced Boolean queries — such as asking for sites which include "apple" and "tree" or "leaves" and not "New York."

Another option gives the user the opportunity to define that chosen words should be "near" one another on the web site — some inappropriate sites show up in searches because they have the right combination of words but the words are not close enough to convey the appropriate meaning.

Users can schedule a list of searches, give certain searches priority and create data "books" which record search results for specific interests.

But the most exciting feature of SearchPad is that it "learns" while it is being used. Users are invited to rate the suitability of each site listed from the search. The program will then use the rating feedback to better fine-tune similar searches in the future.

In North America, SearchPad is being marketed by Technocratix Inc. of Phoenix, Arizona. A trial version of this remedy for Internet search frustration be downloaded from <http://www.satyam.com/~SearchPad>.



### First baby

Salt Spring's New Year's baby is the centre of attention at Lady Minto Hospital. Admiring their son, Devon Christian Mackey, are parents Chris Mackey and Charmaine Adams. With them are Phyllis Meagher, left, of the hospital

auxiliary and Dr. Karen Berg, right, who presented the parents with gifts on behalf of the auxiliary and the B.C. Medical Association. The baby was born January 5.

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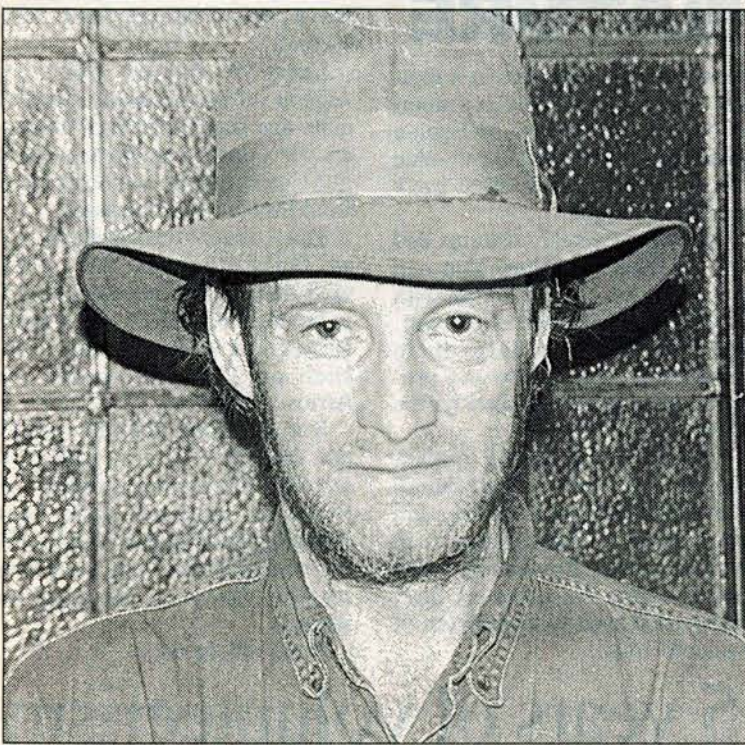


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# ISLANDER OF THE WEEK



A Salt Spring Islander for seven years, Bob Jankura is a builder with his own company, Dawn Wind. He's chairman of the Community Planning Association, and sits on the apprenticeship board. In his younger days, he fought for civil rights in the United States. If he didn't have to work all the time, he says, he would like to play guitar and continue writing his epic novel of pre-Han China.

Photo by Derrick Lundy

## Non-smoking week aimed at prevention

The hazard of secondhand smoke is the focus of this year's national non-smoking week, January 19 to 23.

Under the theme "smoke-free works for all of us," the B.C. Council on Smoking and Health is trying to encourage initiatives to reduce smoking in workplaces, restaurants and among children and youth.

Salt Spring public health nurse Chris Smart said this year's anti-smoking campaign is aimed at preventing students from starting to smoke. "It's more a prevention focus, especially in the middle school."

The Society for Children and Youth of B.C. notes that experimenting with cigarettes is at its peak in the early teens. Young people who start smoking by age 12 are more likely to be regular and heavy smokers. Those who start by age 15 can spend at least \$25,000 on cigarettes during a lifetime.

At present, young people are, on average, 14 and a half years old when they start smoking. Only 10 per cent of smokers start smoking after they are adults.

Peer pressure is likely to influence young people to smoke. Those with friends who smoke are 16 times more likely to smoke than those whose friends do not smoke. Other factors more common among young people who smoke are having parents who smoke, poor academic performance and lower family income.

Being in a smoke-filled environment exposes smokers and non-smokers alike to second-hand smoke. According to the B.C. Council on Smoking and Health, spending two hours in a smoky bar is the equivalent of smoking four cigarettes; spending two hours in a smoky restaurant is like smoking 1.5 cigarettes; spending eight hours in a smoky office is equal to smoking six cigarettes; 24 hours in a pack-a-day smoker's home is like smoking three cigarettes; and one hour in a car with a smoker is equivalent to smoking three cigarettes.

Another concern is the impact of tobacco smoke on children. Children exposed to second-hand smoke are more likely to suffer from asthma, have reduced lung function, suffer from sore eyes, noses and throats, are more likely to develop severe respiratory illness and are twice as likely to have fluid in the middle ear.

Infants are more likely to die from Sudden Infant Death Syndrome. All children are more susceptible to damage from second-hand smoke as their cells are still developing and their immune systems are not fully developed.

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## Household hints offered for glass cleaner, lotion

By TERRA TEPPER  
Driftwood Contributor

I feel if I never ate again it would be too soon. I ate so much over the holidays (have another cookie, dear!) that I gained three pounds (you must try a piece of my fruitcake!) and now have to try to get it off.

So instead of an edible recipe this week, here are a couple of household hints for making your own window cleaner and hand lotion.

The first formula originally came from Consumer Reports. They were testing various glass cleaners and decided to brew their own. I've used this for years and it is effective and economical.

You mix together a half-cup of "sudsy" ammonia, a pint of common 70 per cent isopropyl rubbing alcohol, a teaspoon of liquid dishwashing detergent and enough water to make a gallon in all. Using this with crumpled newspaper results in surprisingly few streaks, even

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when the glass is seen in full sunlight.

This formula contains all the effective ingredients — ammonia, alcohol and detergent — found in many commercial preparations, although the proportions may vary, and the cost is a fraction of "store bought."

The second formula comes from a book of household hints originally published in 1928.

You dissolve one envelope unflavoured gelatin in 3/4 cup glycerin in the top of a double boiler over simmering water. Then add 1 1/2 cups water very slowly, stirring constantly. A water-soluble perfume such as cologne may be added, if desired. Cool and pour into a bottle and use as hand lotion.

On the other hand, the simplest way to soften your hands is to rub in a little mutton drippings two or three times a day.

## Blood clinics scheduled

Islanders who want to help replenish blood supplies depleted by the weather emergency in Eastern Canada can choose from a variety of clinics.

Clinics will be held January 20 and 21 from 2 to 8 p.m. at Beban Park Social Centre in Nanaimo and on January 22 at Ladysmith Secondary School from 2 to 7:30 p.m.

The following week, clinics will be held January 28, 29 and 30 from 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the University of Victoria.

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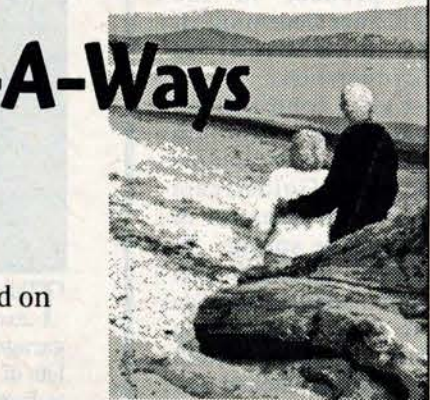
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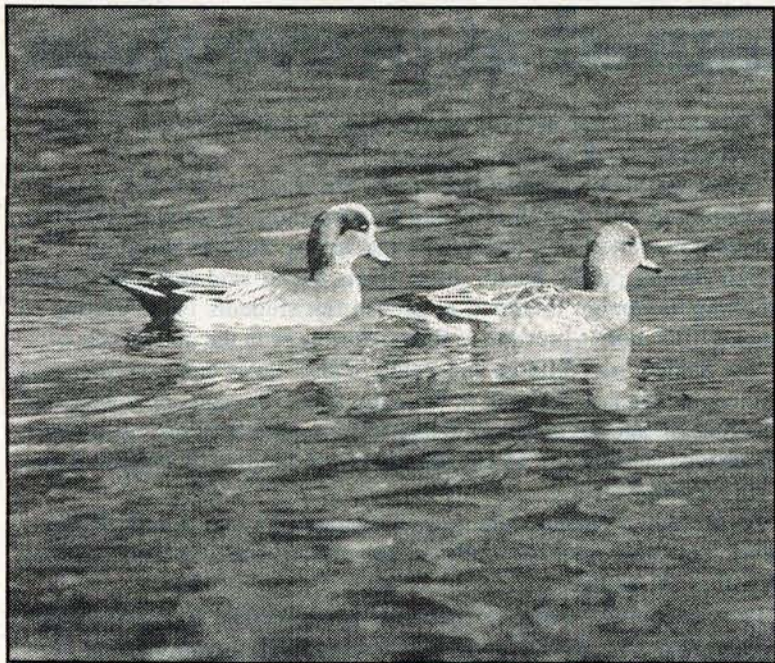
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# Wigeon, not mallard, is world's most familiar duck



Pair of wigeon

Photo by Jonathan Grant

By LINDA CANNON  
Driftwood Contributor

If you think mallards are the most common duck wintering along our Pacific coast, think again.

Then start counting. Before long, you'll realize the world's most familiar duck is outnumbered by its frequent companion, the wigeon.

American wigeon are the most numerous dabbling or "puddle" duck wintering along this coast. The largest winter population is concentrated on the Fraser River Delta, but there are plenty to be found on Interior lakes, coastal rivers and all around the Gulf Islands.

The males are easy to recognize, with a brown body, brilliant-green face patches on each side of a grayish head, and a shiny-white forehead. The latter has earned them the nickname "baldpate."

The females are, as usual,

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dressed drably, this time in a mottled brown. Nature protects mothers by nixing conspicuous fashion statements so the pretty, pale-blue bill dipped in black must have been an oversight.

Wigeon are social creatures and tend to flock together. You can hear them keeping in touch with their quiet, distinctive chat. Grouping together helps them locate food more easily and provides safety, for all are alert for the many.

Like other dabbling ducks, wigeon feed "bottoms up," literally doing headstands so they can reach down to aquatic plants in shallow waters. Apparently, when food is scarce but coots are near, wigeon will steal food right out of the coots' bills.

The coot is a far better diver and has access to many more foods, so the wigeon make the poor coot work overtime to feed both species.

Large flocks of American wigeon will occasionally shelter a male that stands out from the others. He'll have a russet head and a gold crown that sets him apart from his new world cousins.

These distinguished gentlemen are Eurasian wigeon. They, along with their ladies, usually summer in the likes of Iceland, Europe and Russia, and winter in exotic spots such as Thailand, India and Africa.

But, dahlings, the old world's not what it was and, since the 1960s, increasing numbers of Eurasian wigeons have been migrating to British Columbia for the winter. Some have even been seen on Vancouver Island for the summer.

Don't tell the coots.

# Successful salmon project results from 5 years of volunteerism

Salmonid enhancement volunteers have declared the Lyall Creek project a success after biologists Marlene Casky and Kathy Reimer identified

nests from up to a dozen pairs of chum salmon that returned to spawn this year.

These nests are the fruit of five years of work by local volunteers and fisheries workers to bring the chum salmon back to what was once a viable salmon spawning ground.

The project began on Saturna when volunteers met with Don Lowen, head of the education arm of the salmonid enhancement project, who came to the island to start a school program of raising salmon in the classroom.

Harry Brown, Bill Douglass, Darrell Jones and Rick Jones had long been investigating the possibility of restocking the creek but Lowen was able to bring them together with Trevor Morris, a pioneer in the salmonid enhancement project, and this led to the start of the Lyall Creek restoration.

The first year coho salmon were raised in the classroom and, along with chum fingerlings, raised in Goldstream River. They were released in Lyall Creek in the spring. In following years, an incubation and rearing box adapted from an old bathtub were installed on Lyall Creek and up to 30,000 eggs annually were hatched and released here.

The project has not been without problems. Flood waters and washouts have been battled by the local volunteers. Up until August 1997 a culvert under East Point Road blocked the fish from swimming upstream to spawn. This is believed to be the cause of the original loss of the salmon from the creek. Since the passage was restored last summer, nests have been

## SATURNA NOTES

WITH GAIL TRAFFORD



identified above East Point Road.

This year, with help from the Lions Club and volunteers Terry Danyliw and Michael Jack, a new and bigger incubation box with a large aluminum tank has been built and placed in Lyall Creek.

On January 6, with the help of fisheries officer Tom Rutherford, 42,000 eggs were delivered to the creek, a sizable increase in stock from previous years. In order for the creek to be self-sustaining, 100,000 eggs must be laid or planted there

annually. This would be equal to 100 pairs of salmon returning.

Elementary school students have raised about 200 eggs in the classroom each year since the project was started. Youngsters are included in the release program and their attitude is generally very protective toward the fish. Education is one of the prime components of the salmonid enhancement project.

Lyall Creek is home to a healthy population of cutthroat trout. This protected species thrives on Saturna because the temperature of the creek is kept cool by the forest shade.

Logging has depleted cutthroat trout in other areas. Chum salmon do not compete with cutthroat trout and so both species are considered in the project. Douglass speculates that at some

time in the future the local cutthroat trout population may be a source of eggs to repopulate other creeks.

With the care and hard work of the community, Lyall Creek can be preserved as a rich environment and home for wood ducks, otters, salmon, cutthroat trout and many other species. This is a local project that has become a real success story.

## Social news

Almost 80 people turned out Saturday night to fete Barb Tinglin with a community-wide surprise 60th birthday party.

She was surprised, which is almost a surprise in itself. However, this was due in part to her trip to Hawaii which kept her out of circulation until just before her party.

Tinglin is a well-loved mem-

ber of the community and many guests were teary-eyed as they toasted her following dinner. She was acknowledged as a loving and welcoming presence on the island and a willing worker. What a wonderful opportunity to tell someone she is appreciated.

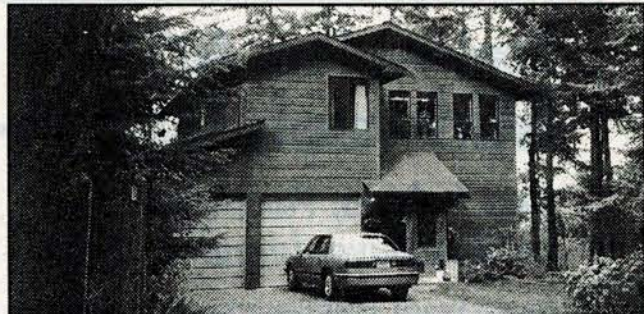
## Ballroom dancing

Dancers were stepping high Saturday afternoon as ballroom dancing swept through the island under the direction of Wanda Kivitt, an instructor from the Victoria Institute of Ballroom Dancing.

The dancers practised the steps to the waltz and jive in the first of three workshops planned for this winter.

Those who missed this session are welcome to join the last two workshops. The next one will be held in February.

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## Announcements

### 5 BIRTHS

THIS YEAR'S New Year's baby was born at 1:58 a.m. January 5, 1998 to Charmaine Adams and Chris Mackey. Devon Christian Mackey weighed in at a strapping 9 lbs., 10 oz. Grandparents Don and Valerie Mackey report that he is just a real beauty. Good job Charmaine.

### 6 DEATHS

WINKLER, BARBARA Margaret, a long time resident of Salt Spring Island, passed away at the Lady Minto Hospital in Ganges in her 85th year on January 6, 1998. She was the beloved mother of David and Candace (Harold Brochmann), loving Baba to Andrea, Jeremy, Kelly (Mark) and Christine, and dear sister of Jim Hadgkiss. Remembering Barbara's love of all creatures great and small, in lieu of flowers, donations to the SPCA would be appreciated.

CHARLIE PEARCY'S memorial tea will be held on Saturday, January 24 at 2:00 p.m. at All Saints by-the-Sea. Please come and help celebrate Charlie's life.

PETAPIECE, WILLIAM S. passed away suddenly January 8, 1998. Born in Vancouver, April 22, 1910. Marine engineer with CNR. Moved to Salt Spring Island in 1968. Leaves loving wife of 53 years, Vera; daughters: Frances (Bruce) and Helen; grandchildren Scott (Angela) and Kimberly (Jason); great-granddaughter Courtney and other family members. Special thanks to niece Molly & Don Cunningham, Dr. McNie and all the nursing staff at Lady Minto Hospital. Cremation. Small memorial service held January 12, 1998 at his home.

### 8 CARDS OF THANKS

THANKS TO John Unruh once again this year for volunteering his chipper and X-mas tree chipping talents at the recycling depot!

### 10 CELEBRATIONS

**Jim & Marg Sargent pledged their love January 14th, 1948, 50 years later, it shines as brightly. Happy "Golden" Anniversary.**

### 11 COMING EVENTS

BUDDHIST VIEW and Loving Kindness Meditation. 6 Tuesdays, starting January 20. 7:30 - 9:30. \$58. Information and Registration, Matthew Coleman, 537-2378.

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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 Monday, January 19, 7 p.m. (note date change). The play requires a minimum of 3 males and 3 females representing a wide range of ages.

### 11 COMING EVENTS

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

SALMON ENHANCEMENT General Meeting January 14, 7:30 p.m., GISS Library.

4-H REORGANIZATIONAL MEETING to be held Friday, January 16/98 at 7 p.m. at Farmer's Institute. We are looking forward to seeing all our members ... old and new ... from the age of nine years and up. We are also in need of new project leaders. For more information please call 537-1140.

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ENNEAGRAM SERIES: Queenswood House in Victoria presents seminars, luncheons, & workshops with Michael Goldberg, author of Getting Your Boss's Number, January 28 - January 31. Call (250) 477-3822.

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LEARN TO Walk between the Worlds. Lise Whiteside is offering Shamanic Journey Workshops, Victoria: January 17 - 18 (\$120), Gabriola: February 8 (\$60). Call Lise 250-721-9678.

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### 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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- New Works by Stone sculptor Morley Myers

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 Early Bird 7 pm.  
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 Sponsored by: Hospital Foundation for purchase of hospital equipment.  
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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)

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**29 LOST AND FOUND**

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**FOUND:** WIDE gold wedding band in egg carton. Leave message at 653-2267.

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**MISSING:** "SPARKY", medium size black lab, scar on front knee, colourful collar. Please call Tony at 537-7020 or 537-0003.

**34 NOTICES/PERSONAL**

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**35 NOTICES/COMMERCIAL**

**OPENING SOON!** Gail's Hair At The Hotel. Watch for details.

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**385 WANTED**

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BACHELOR SUITE - Walker Hook. Long term. Prefer non-smoker, non-drinker. Pet ok. \$385/month includes utilities. Available February 1. Furnished. Phone 537-9328.

FURNISHED, NEWLY renovated 1 bedroom self-contained suite on Weston Lake. \$600 includes hydro and laundry. 653-4254.

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2 BEDROOM DUPLEX with big back yard and a space for a vegetable garden. Washer and dryer included. Available immediately. \$700 plus utilities, long term. Phone 537-4998 days and 537-2837 nights.

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MAYNE ISLAND, for rent, available February 1, 1998. 3 bedroom, 2 bathroom, all appliances, sauna, fireplace. Sunny, Village Bay, walk to ferry. \$800/month plus utilities. Call collect 250-655-3692. Island references appreciated. Long term rental available.

FOR RENT: 1/2 duplex in Ganges. \$525/mo. plus utilities. N/S, N/P, W/D hook-up. Call John, 537-5017 and leave a message.

3 BEDROOM MOBILE home, close to ocean, store and school. 537-4559.

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LARGE 2 BEDROOM duplex (lower level), fenced yard, valley setting. Wood or electric heat, laundry hookup. Not suitable for children, no pets. February 1. \$575 per month plus utilities. Ph. 653-4104.

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BEAUTIFUL OCEAN view, 3 bedroom house, fully furnished and equipped. Close to town, available March 15 - July 15, N/P, N/S. \$600/month incl. Hydro, with minimal plant and garden care required. 537-4860.

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JUST 2 LEFT - Brand new 2 bedroom or 1 bedroom & den, in-floor heating. Skylights, bright, 3 appliances, for persons requiring a quiet lifestyle, \$695 plus utilities. N/S, N/P please. 653-4500.

LONG TERM for quiet person, 1 bedroom & loft, nice bathroom, large windows & small deck, 3 appl. elec. heat. No pets please. \$625 plus utilities. 653-4500.

FEBRUARY 1, LARGE, 3 bedroom on large property, large deck, F/S, DW. Pet ok. \$750 plus util. 653-4500.

SPOTLESS, OCEAN VIEW, modern, 2 bedroom upper suite. Landlord retains bottom when in town. Fireplace, mud room & large deck. Nice carpets, drapes, fireplace and elec. heat. \$675 plus util. N/S, N/P please. 653-4500.

CUTE, COZY, near new 1 bedroom cottage. F/S, W/D, 1 cat ok. \$600 plus utilities. 653-4500.

BEAUTIFUL 2 BEDROOM cottage, available short term only. Fully furnished, self-contained, with hot tub, verandahs, wood and electric heat, sunrises, sunsets, privacy and more. Please call 537-9211.

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- 3br. suite, close to town, \$650/mo.
- 3br. close to town, N/S, N/P, \$825/mo.
- 3br. Vesuvius, \$900/mo.

**525 RENTALS MISC.**

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**530 SHARED ACCOMMODATION**

ROOM FOR rent in vegetarian household. \$250 includes hydro. Share kitchen and bathroom with young mom and two small boys. W/D, D/W, near Costerton Farm. Must be easy going and open minded. Call to talk, 537-1351, "Daya."

DELUXE FURNISHED room with private bath (2 beds). Condo behind GVM. \$385 per month plus utilities. Available February '98. 537-9467.

ROOM WITH private bath in near new condo close to Ganges (2 beds). \$395/month plus share utilities. Phone 537-9467 after 5 p.m.

**540 WANTED/RENTALS**

RESPONSIBLE CAREER woman, non-smoker, looking for long term rental April until? Preferably waterfront. References available. Call 537-2031.

SEMI-RETIRED PROFESSIONAL couple in mid-forties seeks clean cottage or suite. Quiet and privacy essential. Also open to housekeeping or exchange of housekeeping, caretaking, companionship services, etc. 537-8345.

**540 WANTED/RENTALS**

EXCELLENT TENANT! Reliable, mature woman, experienced in home and yard care seeks 600+ sq ft of pleasant living space (prefer South end). Open to: 1 - long term house sit, 2 - position as property caretaker, 3 - position as part time companion/helper, 4 - long term rental at around \$400. a month. Available March/April. Call Andrea, 653-9292.

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ALLIANCE OF SALT Spring Artists Annual General Meeting, January 15, 7:00 p.m. To be held at the Lions Hall 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.

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**Grant will permit SWOVA society to continue educational program**

A Salt Spring educational program to combat violence has received a \$28,500 grant from the provincial Ministry of Women's Equality.

Entitled Women and Violence: Education is Prevention, the program is sponsored by Salt Spring Island's SWOVA Community Development and Research Society. Students, parents, teachers and youth-service workers are to be involved in the program, which will include workshops for students and parents, a professional development day for school staff and training for high school peer counsellors.

The project will also integrate violence prevention information into the school curriculum, giving students ongoing information which should help prevent violence against women and girls.

The project is a continuation of violence prevention work carried out in the community and in local schools by SWOVA over the past four years.

The Salt Spring program was one of three which received grants announced by Women's Equality Minister Sue Hammell yesterday.

The Duncan Cowichan Women Against Violence Society received \$28,728 for their Cowichan Valley safety audit program while the Abbotsford Association for Healthy Aging received \$18,500 for an education project to teach students about elder abuse.

"Society's attitudes about gender and power are at the root of violence against women. We need to change these attitudes and develop skills and behaviours that create healthy, equal relationships," Hammell said.

"We know that violence against women knows no boundaries — it

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# Reynolds family took turkey shoot honours

**Thirty-five years ago**  
 • The Reynolds clan cleaned up at the first turkey shoot of the season, taking five of the 10 first prizes. Gavin and Don Reynolds each won two matches and Jack Reynolds won a third match. Johnny Bennett was the only other competitor to win two matches. The remaining winners were Mac Mouat, Louis Lorentsen and junior winner Brian Rogers.  
 • Elected at the annual meeting of Branch 32 of the OAPO were president Fred Goddard, first vice-president Pete Middlemis, second vice-president Mrs. Harold Sewell, secretary-treasurer Mrs. Elsie Thacker and tea convenor Mrs. B. Kreb.

**Thirty years ago**  
 • School board trustees were warned by the provincial government to keep their expenses under control and to only construct essential buildings. Education minister Leslie Peterson noted that a district could launch its own bond issue at prescribed interest rates. Trustee George Heinekey suggested classrooms and industrial arts facilities for the high school were essential.  
 • An irate parent complained to the school board about the scheduling of buses, noting his daughter was required to catch the bus at 7:30 a.m., reach Ganges Elementary school 10 minutes later and then wait until 9 a.m. for school to start. Children were not allowed in the

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classrooms, the parent said. However, school principal Donald Hartwig said the bus arrived at 8:15 to 8:20 a.m. and that students were allowed in the school if the weather was wet. If the weather was fine, students were required to stay outside.

**Twenty-five years ago**  
 • The Capital Regional District (CRD) board decided not to take over the sewage system for the Magic Lake Estates on North Pender Island. The director of engineering, in a report to the board, recommended the CRD not take over the system and that support be given to an application by Magic Lake Estates to form an improvement district.  
 • Salt Spring Garbage Service operator Wally Twa said garbage collection service on Salt Spring would end as of January 10 unless the provincial pollution control board could be convinced to delay its condemnation of the dump on Blackburn Lake Road. Twa said the improvements required by the pollution control board would cost \$20,000 and would price him out of business.

**Twenty years ago**  
 • Pat Wright of Salt Spring received a Canada Council "explorations" grant to illustrate

and publish the diary of her father, explorer Sir Charles Wright. She expected the work to take a year to complete and to reach 150 pages, including diary, illustrations and explanatory footnotes. Her father was part of Robert Scott's expedition to the South Pole in 1910.  
 • Some Galiano residents were planning a petition urging that hunting be banned on the island, following a series of destructive incidents. One deer had been shot in a resident's yard. Another group of hunters cut down apple trees to reach the fruit. Use of rifles on the island had been banned in 1969 following the accidental death of land surveyor Peter Arnell.

**Fifteen years ago**  
 • Gulf Islanders were recovering from two major storms in succession, which uprooted trees and cut power. One storm at night had winds of 48 kilometres per hour, followed by a lull and then a storm the following morning in which winds gusted to 118 km per hour. Trees were snapped by the high winds, falling over power lines and blocking roads. Power was cut for varying periods throughout the islands and a boat, the Anna V. Fagan, sank off the Vesuvius dock.  
 • The CRD board agreed to hold a referendum on the cost to complete the Ganges sewer project, which was nearing \$5 million. At that point, \$2.7 million had been spent on the project and an outfall had been installed

in Ganges Harbour.  
**Ten years ago**  
 • Three environment ministry officials visited Coon Bay to assess the potential of the site for a provincial park. The parks branch was negotiating with MacMillan Bloedel on the acquisition of several properties and Galiano residents had suggested the Coon Bay site.  
 • Gulf Islands chamber of commerce members were being invited to conduct surveys which would help the province develop a tourism marketing strategy for the region.

**Five years ago**  
 • Linda Adams was named the senior planner for Salt Spring by the Islands Trust. She had been the Ganges office planning technician since February 1991 and acting senior planner since November 1992. She moved to Salt Spring in 1986.  
 • Salt Spring CRD director Julia Atkins was re-elected vice-chairwoman of the CRD board in December. She had also been appointed to the CRD health committee and to a task force on the Georgia Basin-Puget Sound Initiative.


# Island Pathways obtains papers giving group official society status

Ten years after a collection of islanders with a common interest gathered in a Salt Spring living room, Island Pathways has achieved society status.  
 Although registered as a non-profit society at the end of October, Island Pathways members did not receive the official papers until close to Christmas due to the postal strike, according to society president Bruce Grey.  
 "We've come a long way since that first meeting in Dave Phillips' living room," said Grey. "Island Pathways members have volunteered on committees, organized fundraising events and letter-writing campaigns, lobbied politicians, hosted guest speakers and spent a lot of time and energy promoting the bicycle as a form of recreation and a viable transportation option."

promoted bike tours and social events, and developed surveys and safety programs.  
 It has also been working on identifying sources of funding for cycling facilities and building a pathways constituency on the island.  
 Grey says the group's focus continues to be establishment and maintenance of an off-road pathways and trails network to accommodate the needs of cyclists, walkers, joggers, equestrian riders and "essentially anyone who feels (he or she)

would like to see an improvement in trail linkages around the island."  
 Island Pathways' most important focus right now is fundraising to build a demonstration bike lane for Portlock Park.  
 "We've raised \$7,650 and have a number of proposals for funding circulating in the community," Grey said. "We've also organized a raffle and tickets are selling very well."  
 Further information can be obtained by contacting Grey at 537-2572.

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Special mention to Arthur Black for his "Tidal Immersion" poem and the Wheatons and Taylors of that famous Vesuvius Beach. For all those who missed it, mark next year's calendar now.

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