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Trees for the decorating

Young Megan and James Cameron take their turns selling Christmas trees as part of the Salt Spring Scouting organiza-

tion. The youngsters were selling the trees behind Meaden Hall this weekend. The trees are still on sale this week.

Photo by Derrick Lundy

Board makes deficit deal

By GAIL SJUBERG
Driftwood Staff

What a difference a day makes. Last Tuesday the Gulf Islands School Board had reached the end of its road in the standoff with Education Minister Paul Ramsey.

By Wednesday it had grasped some hope in the form of another proposal for Ramsey. On Thursday afternoon a mutually-acceptable deal was cemented.

A provincial treasury board magic wand will make the district's \$858,000 deficit disappear, and replace it with plans for a balanced budget by the end of June 2001.

"I think the real key here is that there will be no school closures, no loss of electives at the high school and we have a clear three years of stability," said schools superintendent Andrew Duncan Monday.

Board chairwoman May McKenzie was glad there will be minimal impact in the classrooms while adding that the reduced budget "is still a lot for a small district to deal with."

Ramsey said Friday the deal was "good news for students, parents and teachers of the Gulf Islands."

He said he wished a resolution could have been reached earlier but that the sense of "time running out" had finally allowed all parties to focus on solving the problem.

In addition to eliminating the district's deficit, the education ministry changed its usual practices with the result that an additional \$660,000 will come into the operating budget — \$400,000 of that from capital sources belonging to the Gulf Islands School District.

What happened to save the board and end the stalemate? Watching events unfold in the Vancouver School District, trustees and staff began wondering last Tuesday if the conversion of capital assets into operating funds

Strike on hold as negotiations continue

"December has been dead." That's what David Birshall had to say about the effect of the B.C. Ferries labour dispute.

"When there's trouble at B.C. Ferries, we feel it immediately," said the owner of Galiano's Bellhouse Inn at a ferries advisory committee meeting Monday in Sidney.

Birshall said prospective visitors to the Gulf Islands simply cancel their travel plans in the face of uncertainty around transportation.

Meanwhile, talks are still under way this week in Vancouver between the B.C. Ferry Corporation and the B.C. Ferry and Marine Workers Union.

"We remain optimistic," Ferries spokesman Eric Kristianson said on Tuesday.

He also said that work-to-rule action by the union had had no impact on schedules and services, though it was causing administrative difficulties.

"We're not aware that it's had any impact on Gulf Islands

routes."

Talks are being conducted with the aid of mediator Stephen Rinfret.

As of noon Tuesday, there was no indication of any further job action beyond working to rule. The union must give 24 hours' notice of any intended job action on Gulf Islands routes.

Bank manager embraces early retirement

By SUSAN LUNDY
Driftwood Staff

After handling millions of dollars over the past 33 years, retiring bank manager Bert Beitel says he has reached a point in life where he has to ask "how important is money?"

"The family unit is number one," he has concluded. "The job is necessary to meet the ends."

And after a summer job in 1965 turned into a 33-year stint with the Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce, Beitel has chosen to take an

early retirement option which won't pay him big bucks, but will give him time to pursue other loves in his life.

Two magic numbers came up for Beitel last year. In June, he had been with the bank 33 years (20 years on Salt Spring) and in July, he turned 53. Those two numbers gave him the option of early retirement and his last day in the office will occur December 18.

But before he leaves, he has taken on an enormous task that says as much about Beitel

himself as it does about his role as a Salt Spring bank manager.

Beitel has personally telephoned about 115 friends and clients — about one-third of all the people he plans to call — to explain why he is leaving the bank, say goodbye and assure them he is not moving from the island.

Banks do not currently enjoy a lot of popularity, Beitel says, and some people think he is

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DEAL 2



Coast guard called to rescue sailboat caught by wind, tides

Saturday was the week's only busy day for Ganges Coast Guard when it responded to a distress call in Active Pass.

The skipper of a sailboat had run out of gas and was trying to

tow his boat into Miner's Bay with the craft's Zodiac.

But winds and a tide change defeated the seaman, who then called the coast guard.

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FIRE CALLS

A discarded cigarette caused a few anxious moments for Maliview Drive residents Monday morning, prompting them to call the Salt Spring Fire Department.

The butt smoldered during the night and filled the house with smoke.

When firefighters arrived, they quickly doused the coals.

DEAL: District, ministry reach understanding

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as accepted by Ramsey in Vancouver could be applied locally. By Tuesday night, Duncan and secretary-treasurer Rod Scotvold were crunching a new set of numbers for the board to consider Wednesday morning. Ramsey's offer to meet with board members Thursday was still on the table if they came with a balanced budget plan in hand.

By Wednesday afternoon the board had a proposal to vote on. It suggested raising revenues mainly by acquiring \$200,000 through the sale of some school board property, retaining \$165,000 of funds saved by eliminating a Galiano and Saturna water taxi run over a two-year period, and being compensated for \$289,000 of overrun on high school construction as suggested by consultant Wayne Desharnais.

A long list of individually-smaller service cuts totalling \$597,500 through June 2001 were also part of the plan. (Many of these had already been implemented.) Except for a reduction in the hours of the special education coordinator's position, no staff cuts will take place for the rest of this school year.

On Thursday morning, Scotvold and Duncan presented the plan to education ministry staff, who responded with suggested changes. Then the administrators were joined by all school trustees, Ramsey and other ministry officials.

"It was very clear Ramsey was looking for a solution and he felt the board had made some real progress with its proposal," said Duncan.

At one point it looked like the parties had reached an impasse, he said, "but then May said, 'Look, we're very very close here and we need to sit down while we're here and work this out.'"

What they worked out was an agreement freeing the local board to sell \$200,000 worth of property; let it keep a percentage of savings from eliminating the two

water taxi runs, which amounts to \$260,000; and allow it to transfer about \$200,000 from its capital reserve fund to its operating budget to help offset \$289,000 in operating funds used to complete Gulf Islands Secondary four years ago.

That school will be reduced by four blocks in September 1999 and by four more the following September, which Duncan said brings it to last year's level. Other cuts are in special education services, maintenance, attrition, supplies and miscellaneous expenses.

More revenue can be raised by establishing distributed learning centres on Mayne and Galiano islands, and possibly by expanding the Phoenix program to Grade 12, which would give the district more small secondary school grants.

One remaining hurdle is that the board must still dig up about \$75,000, which the education ministry suggests it do by sharing administrative services with nearby districts.

Duncan and McKenzie noted it was not until the two sides sat down together that an understanding could be reached. Throughout the conflict the board insisted a face-to-face meeting was necessary.

"We actually finally got the col-

laborative process we had been asking for," said Duncan, adding that "the minister certainly opened the door to it."

Ramsey also added a year to the original period allowed for balancing the budget, as the board had proposed in its October 30 plan which was earlier rejected by the minister.

Properties that could be sold to raise \$200,000 include the five-acre agricultural parcel across from the high school, the old bus compound on Kanaka Road, the former Saturna teacherage site and other small bits of land. The Drake Road property housing Phoenix School cannot be sold. Scotvold said a full inventory of district properties will be compiled.

Larry Field, teachers' association president, said the agreement was an acceptable compromise. "Mr. Ramsey has obviously listened to the concerns of the community, and made some concessions that required his selling of the plan to his own staff."

He also said "the board has done an admirable job in finding creative ways to balance the budget and yet have minimal impact on students."

McKenzie gave kudos to all involved locally. "We had tremendous support from our partner groups through all of this and the parents had a big effect."

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Water hero

Dean Drinkwalter, right, is handed a plaque by John Bishop as the Salt Spring Sail and Power Squadron presents a top award for rescuing Vera Kononoff from under an overturned dingy last spring. The dingy tipped in Ganges Harbour, trapping the woman and her self-inflating life jacket under it. Drinkwalter was sitting on the coast guard dock when he saw Kononoff disappear. He swam out to rescue her.

Photo by Derrick Lundy

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Driftwood

Galiano trustees may bow to opposition

By MIKE LEVIN
Driftwood Staff

If Galiano's Local Trust Committee needed more proof of how island residents felt about land-use bylaws, it got an earful at a public hearing Saturday at the Galiano activity centre.

Well over 100 people showed up to tell trustees Margaret Griffiths and Debbie Holmes to go ahead with a proposed subdivision on the island's north end.

Until now the change — which would designate a site for a new firehall — was being stonewalled as part of an official community plan (OCP) amendment that has many residents up in arms.

Faced with just three opposing views among dozens of supporting petitions, Griffiths and Holmes are likely to bow to public pressure and vote for the rezoning.

"I can't comment while we're discussing it. We need more time to consider all the submissions," said Griffiths after the hearing. "We'll have a decision at the next committee meeting, but no time has been set yet."

That meeting could come as early as this weekend.

The firehall land scenario is a microcosm of the larger question confronting the trustees.

For months local residents' groups have been arguing that proposed changes to OCP land-use laws are discriminatory, such as refusing routine residential rights to landowners in the island's MacMillan Bloedel forest lots.

The increasingly militant Galiano Coalition political faction believes the vast majority of residents do not want changes to the existing OCP.

A recurring theme is that the Galiano Island Conservancy political faction is behind the trustees' amendment decision.

While coalition executives stayed out of the firehall debate, conservancy leaders spoke at length against granting the land to the fire department through the North Galiano Community Association.

Their opposition was based on the small size of the building lot (about one acre) and the negative effect it would have on the local environment, such as the impact on a nearby stream and the pollution generated by detergent used to wash emergency vehicles.

Supported by a Ministry of

Environment go-ahead, petitioners refuted conservancy claims. Even lay-members of the conservancy voiced

support for the firehall.

"My heart aches at trees being cut down, but people having a house to live in and a fire department to protect it is more important," said Pauline Topp.

As the debate continues, residents believe the trustees are beginning to listen to their wishes.

"It's pretty obvious that the public wants this firehall. I just hope (the trustees) understand there is the same type of feeling about the land-use bylaws," said coalition spokesman Jim Trueit.

The coalition is calling for a community round table to discuss the OCP amendment, with all island factions in attendance.

A December 19 deadline for public input into the amendment has been set, but Griffiths noted that the Trust committee will look at all reasonable submissions past that date.

"It's pretty obvious the public wants this firehall."

ArtSpring opening delayed

After kicking the tires, taking a test drive and signing the contract, ArtSpring's board will have to wait a little longer to get its licence.

Originally set to open January 9 with Myriad's Celtic show called Song of the Isles, the performance facility is looking at a month's delay before its final Capital Regional District building inspection, said ArtSpring executive director Jane Forner on Monday. Staff are unavailable to do the inspection until January 11.

The interval will also give construction crews a chance to add silencers to an air-conditioning system that is causing an unnecessary buzz in the theatre.

No guaranteed date has been set for the hard opening, although early February is the closest estimate.

Forner met with arts reps Monday night to discuss the rescheduling of events already booked for the facility and the issue of rental fees.

On the positive side, she said the successful December 5-6 opening weekend made it possible to assess the sound, lighting, seating accessibility and audience flow of the new building.

She reminded people that ArtSpring is still closed to the public.

Jeanne Pascale, whose company is promoting Song of the Isles, said the public will be notified in advance of the new date. All tickets will be honoured.

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New manager worked as teller

A new position at the Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce (CIBC) on Salt Spring has brought Nicky Lee full circle.

The former Salt Spring woman, who has spent the past 11 years working at a CIBC branch in Victoria, took over as bank manager at the local branch

December 2.

She moved into the position left by Bert Beitel, who has chosen to retire early and pursue other interests.

Lee says the job brings her "full circle" because it was Beitel who first hired her as a CIBC teller on Salt Spring.

BEITEL: Embracing early retirement

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being squeezed out of a job.

He denies it, saying he is embracing retirement with enthusiasm and that he has been treated well by the bank.

"To me, the right thing to do is to call each one and talk to them personally."

The only factor dampening his outlook one day prior to his retirement party at the CIBC on Friday was a fierce cold, forcing him to stay home from work.

"I'm taking day 17 and 18 of sick leave in 33 years," he explained.

Beitel's career began with a tour of the CIBC in his home town of Kelowna during vocational week at his high school. He toured the facility on June 15 and began a "summer job" less than two weeks later.

Growing up in a family of six children under the guidance of a strong mother, Beitel firmly believes that once someone starts something, he shouldn't quit. So he committed himself to five years at the bank.

The CIBC apparently appreciated Beitel's work ethic, promoting and transferring him six times in the next 13 years. He worked at the CIBC in Revelstoke, Prince Rupert, Victoria, Penticton, Courtenay and Ocean Falls.

He met and married his wife Pat in Victoria in 1970, and when he was transferred as manager to the Salt Spring CIBC in 1978, the couple had three children — Jenny, then six, Michelle, four, and Dean, three.

During his time on Salt Spring, Beitel became known to many as someone who would approve loans rejected by other financial institutions.

"One of the most gratifying parts of the job," he recalls, "was the ability to help the people outside the perimeter — fitting the square pegs into the round holes. They genuinely appreciated that I took a chance on them . . . I got a lot of personal satisfaction out of that."

But he also points out that he never helped people who were not willing to help themselves.

Electoral boundaries do not impact riding

Proposed electoral boundary changes in British Columbia would have little impact on the Saanich North and the Islands riding.

The Electoral Boundaries Commission has recommended that Hall and Norway islands, which lie between Galiano and Kuper islands, become part of the Cowichan-Ladysmith district.

The commission reasoned that the two islands have close ties to nearby Thetis Island, which lies within the Cowichan-Ladysmith riding.

Other proposals are more significant: four new seats would be added to the provincial legislature, bringing the total to 79. The new seats would be created in the Surrey-White Rock area (two), the eastern Fraser Valley and Burnaby-Coquitlam.

The commission, which was appointed a year ago, did not sup-



Fond farewell

Nicky Lee, left, hugs Bert Beitel — the man who originally hired her as a Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce (CIBC) teller — while market leader Deb Peers adds a pat on the back of the retiring bank manager. Earlier this month, Lee took over Beitel's position at the CIBC. The three were spotted at a retirement party for Beitel on Friday.

Photo by Derrick Lundy

Beitel says he followed two basic principles during his career: he treated people the way he wished to be treated, and did not ask anyone to do something he wouldn't do.

"There were very few times I was ever shafted," he says.

Some people have asked him if he will take on other work.

"Another job? I'd have stayed with the bank if I wanted to work."

But that doesn't mean Beitel will be idle. First, he plans to attack a 15-year-long list of things to do around the home. And he has a few other ideas percolating.

For one thing, Beitel loves to cook. But he and his wife can't eat all the food he produces. So after taking formal training at Camosun College, he is considering combining his love of cooking with his desire to help people, and volunteering his talents a couple of days per week in Victoria.

He is also wondering about putting together some sort of educational package promoting the care of personal finances.

As a banker, Beitel has seen many people either living from pay cheque to pay cheque, or spending money beyond their means.

"If parents don't provide (financial) education, and the schools brush over it, they come out of school not knowing how to manage their money," he says. "And the greater the salary without discipline, the further they get into the hole."

Beitel says banking on Salt Spring has not made him rich. He chose the island's quality of life over transfers and promotions elsewhere.

But habits he acquired as a young man, such as saving a percentage of each pay cheque, have helped him make a comfortable living and exist within his means.

"It is nothing that requires rocket science," he says. "If you spend a dollar more than you make, you go broke."

But what may take a little more thought is the realization that money is not what life is all about.

"I could have worked another eight years and got a bigger pension," he says. "But for what?"

Money is necessary to keep society moving along, he adds, "but caring for fellow human beings" is most important.



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Santa and his merry helpers disembark from the Santa Ship to the delight of young and old awaiting his arrival at the coast guard dock Saturday night. The event marked the 48th annual voyage made by the Santa Ship — now sponsored by local and Bellingham Lions — to the Gulf Islands.

Photo By Derrick Lundy

Trust Fund fundraiser in question

With little new cash flowing into Islands Trust coffers, a \$68,000 chunk destined for the Trust Fund Board to hire an outside fundraiser is now in question.

The board is an independent Trust body tasked with acquiring land for environmental protection. Without funds of its own, it depends on land donations and transfers.

To help fulfill this mandate, board members asked for money from next year's Trust budget to hire a fundraiser.

"I question the need for hiring another bureaucrat (fundraiser) in Victoria when there are so many other things on the islands that need attention," said Salt Spring trustee Bev Byron at a recent meeting.

The board estimated that a \$68,000 fee today could bring in as much as \$3 million in donations. That money could be used to purchase new land.

No decision was taken on the item, although the Trust will almost surely separate the request out from next year's budget items to be examined for funding.

Budget hampers Trust 25th anniversary party

By **MIKE LEVIN**
Driftwood Staff

There won't be much space for extra goodies in the Islands Trust budget next March. How much to spend on its 25th anniversary will be one of its tougher decisions.

With finances tight, some trustees at the Trust's quarterly meetings December 3 and 4 in Victoria wondered whether a proposed \$10,000 should be spent on the event in 1999.

"We've come up with proposals that could and could not have a budget requirement," said trustee and anniversary committee chairman Larry Holbrook. "Whatever we do, I think we have to show some pride in our accomplishments."

Despite dissent from trustees Steve Wright (South Pender) and Bill Sheffield (Saturna), the council proceeded with the committee's recommendations to set up projects for the celebration.

How much to spend was a decision left for later.

Projects not requiring a large

outlay of cash included a media-relations program aimed at such large outlets as the CBC and Vancouver newspapers, a 25th anniversary logo/letterhead, a 25-year list of accomplishments and the hosting of on-island Trust events throughout 1999, mostly surrounding the group's quarterly meetings.

If money is made available, other proposals include a Gulf Islands map highlighting Trust-area sites (\$7,000-\$9,000), signs for all "main" islands denoting their Trust affiliations (\$5,000), portable displays (\$2,000-\$4,000) and a Trust flag for each of the represented islands with the Trust logo on one side and the island's logo on the other (cost unknown).

Already the Trust has asked the Ministry of Municipal Affairs to introduce a motion in the legislature recognizing the body's birthday.

And it plans to commission a stamp from Canada Post, although the stamp would not be ready until 2000 or 2001.

Bylaw crackdown coming

The Islands Trust is facing up to one of its simplest problems: too many people not paying bylaw fines.

Trustees, at the quarterly Trust Council meeting last week in Victoria, learned that more than 10 per cent of the bylaw enforcement cases on file are beyond the compliance period. Most are building permit and site infractions.

Trust staff are being asked to play a larger role in investigating and prosecuting these infractions.

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Ferries should be treated as roads

By GORDON BROWNE
Special to the Driftwood

According to the B.C. Ferries Coastal Council, coastal waterways are simply roadways without a centre line. And council members believe treating ferry routes as highways is a logical way for the government to support the B.C. ferry system.

The concept is one of the council's main recommendations in a preliminary report on bringing financial stability to the B.C. Ferry Corporation. It would mean financial support would come from provincial gas tax revenues, in the same way they support B.C.'s paved highways.

The concept was proposed at a meeting last week in Victoria where council members were working on a preliminary report due to be submitted by the end of this month to Dan Miller, the minister responsible for the ferry system. The report's recommendations will focus on resolving the corporation's financial shortfalls and dealing with a capital debt load that will have to grow over the next few years.

Under the ferries-as-highways idea, which was one of three options and a dozen recommendations considered by the council, all routes would be treated equally.

A model is Washington State Ferries, which has partially funded its system through gas tax revenues for many years. A representative from that system provided council members with an overview of their operations at the meeting (see separate story).

B.C. Ferries chairman Curtis Eaton said he believes the council's recommendations will help the corporation address its financial problems. Otherwise a growing debt, particularly from capital expenditures and equipment replacement, will leave a major burden for future generations.

"Increased government support is an appropriate way to fund the ferry system," he said.

Among other key recommendations discussed by council members:

- Passenger fare increases should not exceed increases in the Consumer Price Index and/or two per cent a year.

- Separate credits should be provided for the corporation's social program costs of \$9 million annually for free transportation for school children and seniors, transportation assistance for medical reasons and other government-sponsored initiatives.

- The corporation's support for the provincial shipbuilding industry should also be credited.

There was also favourable reaction to time-of-day, seasonal fare and reservation system pricing. In addition, members were in accord on premium pricing for the high-speed ferries.

Members hope to meet face to face with the minister to discuss their recommendations in January. The final report is expected to be fully approved and delivered on schedule later this month.

B.C., Washington ferries compared

Coastal Council members were given a first hand opportunity to compare B.C. Ferries operations with the Washington State ferry system at last week's meeting in Victoria.

Washington State planning manager Raymond Deardorf provided the council with an overview of the state's system, its history, financing methods and operational environment.

Comparing the two systems is difficult. Washington's ferries are supported largely by government revenue programs. Their capital debt is treated separately and covered through a variety of sources including gas tax revenues and government grants.

The Washington system caters to

a large commuting customer base in the Puget Sound area.

The result is a consistent frequent-user group that provides a high level of fare revenue over generally shorter routes when compared to B.C. Ferries, whose routes are longer and users less frequent.

Deardorf noted that the state's system has several challenges. Although capital funding has been readily available, there are more and more competing government priorities to deal with.

He said several ships date back to the 1920s and replacement vessels are needed. Efforts are also being concentrated on the development of a fast commuter service for Puget Sound.

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An Open Letter to Gulf Island Parents



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Ministry of Education

SUBJECT: BUDGET PLAN APPROVED TO PROTECT SCHOOL SERVICES

Dear parents,

I am pleased to inform you that the Ministry of Education and the Gulf Islands School Board have worked together to find a solution to the District's budget problem.

This solution will enable the District to balance its budget within three years, while at the same time protecting educational services to students.

Like you, I was concerned about the impact the district's financial difficulty might have on students and their families. While it is regrettable this has taken so long to achieve, I am very pleased the Board has worked with us to make the difficult decisions necessary to get this district's financial situation back on track.

My priority has always been to get this district back on secure financial footing, while at the same time ensuring that any impact on student services was kept to an absolute minimum. This plan achieves that goal.

Together with your local Board, we have achieved a plan that focuses on what's best for students.

- no schools need be closed as a result of this plan
- staffing adjustments will be kept to a minimum
- existing educational programs, including fine arts and music, will be maintained

Now that a clear budget plan is in place, I want to let parents and the community know that I will be providing the \$858,800 required to pay down the district's accumulated debt, as I committed to do once a plan was agreed upon.

Sincerely,

Paul Ramsey

Paul Ramsey
Minister of Education



Federal cabinet minister joins in celebration of heronry purchase

By GAIL SJUBERG
Driftwood Staff

It's not every day a federal cabinet minister visits Salt Spring, but then it's not every day governments from all levels join with individuals and non-profit groups to buy an endangered heronry.

In less than two years, a whopping \$262,000 was raised to purchase the McFadden Creek heronry in a campaign started by the island's Waterbird Watch Collective (WWC).

Environment Minister Christine Stewart participated in a celebration at the high school multi-purpose room Saturday morning which included short speeches by major partners in the effort.

Federal government funds of \$47,000 were put into the property purchase through the Canadian Wildlife Service (CWS), with Stewart bringing the last \$7,000 needed to complete the purchase.

Stewart congratulated everyone involved, "but most particularly Nina Raginsky," to which the audience applauded in agreement.

Raginsky is WWC coordinator (whom MC Tom Toynbee later said needed no introduction: "We've all been badgered by her over the years...")

Stewart also announced she would shortly be bringing forward legislation to protect endangered species in Canada.

"These are tools I believe are most effective in the hands of people," she said. "What you have accomplished... is a very important representation of the power of the people," noting that more than 1,000 individuals had directly contributed to the cause.



Christine Stewart

Dick Beard of the Wild Bird Trust, which co-managed the fundraising project, said when his relatively young group agreed to get on board, he wondered how the community would raise its portion of the funds needed. But it did.

"One hundred and three thousand dollars. You can't say that too much. It's an awful lot of money."

Beard listed the major donors secured by the Wild Bird Trust besides the CWS, including the Habitat Conservation Trust Fund (\$30,000); Mountain Equipment Co-op (\$30,000); The Land Conservancy of B.C. (\$10,000); Wildlife Habitat Canada (\$20,000); and Wild Bird Trust members' donations (\$8,000).

The Islands Trust Fund contributed \$14,000; and other off-island groups and foundations brought in almost \$13,000.

Raginsky said community sup-

port for the project had been "unbelievable" but now that the herons have their "dream home" the public must ensure they have enough food to eat by keeping their feeding grounds clean and improving fish habitat.

Raginsky also honoured Stewart's visit by giving her a pound of Blue Heron Blend coffee from Salt Spring Roasting Co. and a blue heron foster parent program certificate. (That program itself raised \$42,000 towards the purchase price.)

Then, school children Callum Gunn and Clea Booth Mihalik presented Stewart with heron pictures they had made.

"Soon they will be raising money for the herons with their art," predicted Raginsky.

A number of displays were set up at the high school, including an interpretive board for the Rotary Club observation area of the heronry which was created by Donald Gunn. It illustrates the herons' activities for each month of the year.

The heronry is one of the largest in B.C., comprised of 120 nests.

Victoria musician Holly Arntzen also performed Saturday as the celebration continued informally.

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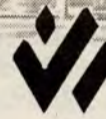


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While there he worked to encourage youth and family participation in the congregation.

In his previous position with the parish of St. John's in Victoria, he designed the "Pathfinder" confirmation program for early adolescents, which is still a core component of that parish's strong involvement with youth ministry.

A family, child and youth focus will be one of many priorities for Murray's ministry on Salt Spring.

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OPINION

A welcome ruling

We can only speculate about the reasons why unionized employees of the B.C. Ferry Corporation find it necessary to approve a strike vote in the weeks before Christmas.

It's the best way we can think of to antagonize the public, many of whom already believe that ferry employees enjoy salaries and benefits that are too high by private-sector standards. We'll speculate this much about why this situation exists: wages are only a secondary concern. More important is the ferry corporation's need for flexibility so it can cut down on inefficient sailings. Too many sailings are not carrying enough traffic to justify their scheduling. But reducing the number of those sailings will require cooperation from the union.

In the meantime, we can take comfort in two things:

- talks between the B.C. Ferry and Marine Workers Union and the corporation are still under way; and
- the Labour Relations Board (LRB) has issued an essential services order that protects the Gulf Islands from being completely cut off from outside supplies and services.

Should the union decide to strike, six round trips a day between Fulford and Swartz Bay and two trips between the Outer Islands and Swartz Bay will keep supplies moving, though we would have preferred to see more.

A strike would cause some hardship and a great deal of inconvenience but, given the sailings that would continue to operate, it's difficult to see how the public's health, safety or welfare would be seriously endangered. That is the issue which was before the LRB when B.C. Ferries asked for essential services designation. Without those sailings, the effects of a strike would be very seriously felt.

It's tempting to suggest the LRB should have ruled the entire system essential. But to do so would be to ignore the reality of the relationship between employer and organized labour. Job action is the only recourse a union has to persuade management to see its side and come to terms.

Granted that this form of persuasion has been used all too freely by too many greedy unions, but it continues to be part of the foundation of the management-labour relationship. The Labour Relations Board had no choice but to allow the union to shut down certain sailings.

There's a second, less important consideration: there's nothing essential about ships that run at a fraction of their capacity which, as we have already noted, too many do.

We do not endorse the union's position on a strike vote. Nor could we support a demand for higher wages. But we welcome the essential services designation and look forward to an early settlement of the dispute.

Celebrating the Trust

It might appeal to some members of the Islands Trust Council to see their organization featured in television broadcasts and daily newspaper pages when the Trust marks its 25th anniversary.

But they should ask themselves why. The Islands Trust was established in 1974 to preserve and protect a number of islands within Georgia Strait. While the Trust's mandate indicates the islands must be protected for the benefit of the province of B.C., most British Columbians would likely be indifferent to a media blitz celebrating that fact. Therefore, the campaign would not be in the best interests of either the Trust or those who provide the bulk of its tax revenues.

Trustees would be better advised to direct the expenditure to a campaign within the islands themselves, either by mail, in community newsletters or through local newspapers (heaven knows there are enough of them to go around!).

It wouldn't be as glitzy as TV but it would cost far less. And it would reach the people who count most when it comes to supporting the Islands Trust.

Some unity on Galiano

In the face of adversity, Galiano Islanders appear to be moving closer together. Split by years of disagreement over whether to log it or leave it, Galiano residents might be finding some common ground, first in the dispute over school funding and now over the north-end firehall.

The community has been divided for too many years. It's time to take advantage of the forces that are now serving to unite people and look to a happier future.

Perhaps the round table proposed by one faction will provide further impetus. Islanders who appreciate harmonious relations can only hope it will.



Keely Roscoe, left, and Jesse Young sell Christmas decorations at a craft fair

Photo by Derrick Lundy

Anti-smoking phenomenon compared to past witch hunts

By H.B. LONG

Your editorial in the November 25 issue objecting to the new anti-smoking regulations in the Capital Regional District was right on.

I wonder if future historians will look back on the anti-smoking phenomenon as an example of the social hysteria that led to witch-hunts in past centuries.

The evidence on the dangers of second-hand smoke is indeed very shaky. And even if taken at face value, it implies — as far as I've been able to find out — that second-hand smoke reduces life expectancy by only a few hours (sic). This isn't very much out of the 78 years or so that the average Canadian enjoys, and it's especially trivial compared to a lot of other things that reduce life expectancy.

Certainly "public places" should be smoke-free, but the fact is that bars and restaurants are not such places. Rather they are private commercial enterprises, where the owners should be able to respond to the wishes of potential customers. To the extent there's a demand for smoke-free bars and restaurants, then, as you suggest, the market will meet it; indeed, it has already been doing so. Similarly, the market should be free to respond to the demands of smokers.

If safety in the workplace is the issue, surely the non-smokers will go after the jobs in the smoke-free places more vigorously than the smokers. Since the smokers won't care, it will generally be they who take the jobs in the places that cater to smoking customers. It should balance out about right.

But that is clearly too simple an approach for the regulators of this world. So, if they must regulate something, let them require workers to wear smoke masks. Or let them restrict smoking to bars and restaurants with self-service arrangements and negative air pressure in the smoking areas. There are a number of ways of addressing workplace safety other than by shutting down, in whole or part, a lot of workplaces and the jobs that go with them.

Of course, much — perhaps most — of the real



VIEW POINT

reason for the campaign against second-hand smoke is its potential as a social lever for putting an end to all smoking. Ostensibly, the main argument in support of this ambitiously-oppressive goal is that smokers place an undue burden

on the publicly-funded health care system. But what's the evidence for this? The great proportion of a person's lifetime health care costs are from the disease that finally kills him/her. So the question is whether the diseases that kill smokers are generally more costly to deal with than those that kill non-smokers. There's no obvious reason to think that they are; indeed, the reverse could be true. I have never seen any studies on this, but I expect the regulators haven't either, or at least not to the point of really understanding their significance and implications.

In any event, even if smokers were to cost the health care system more, the fact that they die earlier than non-smokers means that they will not be as heavy a burden on other social programs. And even if smokers were more of a burden on social programs as a whole, could it possibly be greater than the huge — and regressive — taxes that they pay on tobacco products?

But might it be something other than a touching concern for the public purse that inspires the frenzied determination of the anti-smoking forces? Might it perhaps be their authoritarian view of what constitutes an appropriately healthy "lifestyle"? If so, then let them earnestly apply their own rules to their own lives — I do hope they also keep away from fatty foods and get lots of exercise — and allow the rest of us to freely proceed down the road to damnation.

And just to anticipate the objections of those who would attack one's motives rather than one's arguments, I am not the owner of a bar, restaurant or tobacco company shares. True. I do enjoy an occasional small cigar, but the importance to me of smoking other than at home is negligible.

The writer is a Bowen Island resident.

"I do hope they also keep away from fatty foods and get lots of exercise."

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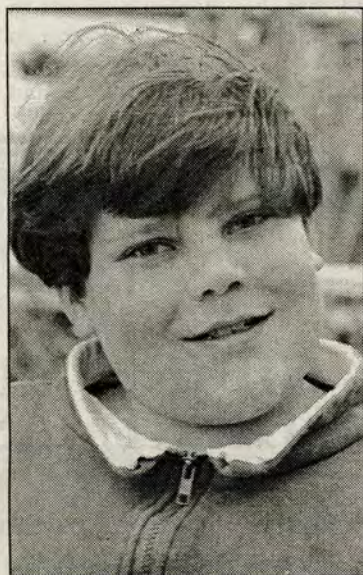
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We asked: *What do you want for Christmas?*



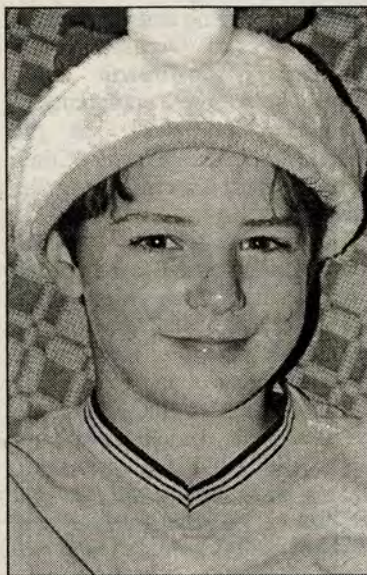
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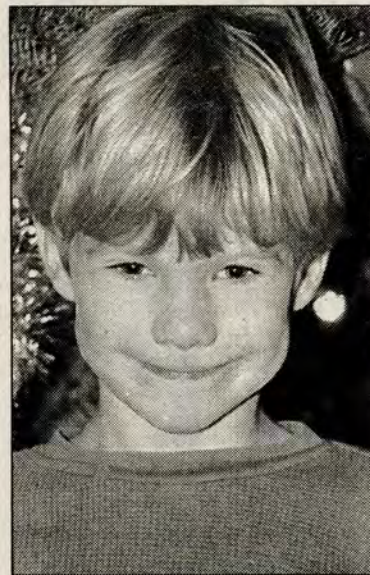
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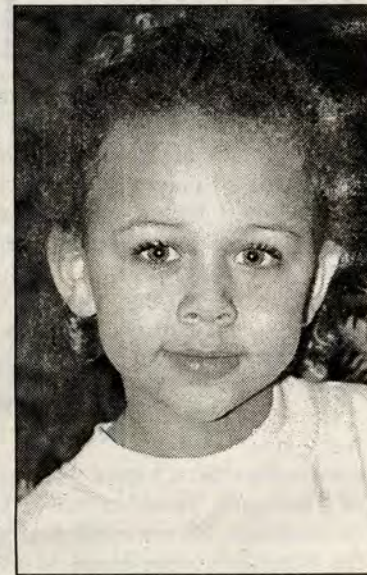
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A McDonald's doll, and an Easy Bake oven.



Chancye Morrison

A candy cane, more candy and a bear and a real dog.

Letters to the Editor

Generous spirit

Congratulations to the Salt Spring Lions Club for a wonderful Christmas dinner and social on December 6.

I was fortunate to be one of about 100 "young single seniors" invited to be the guest of the Lions' annual Christmas dinner and to get to it by being picked up by a Lions volunteer driver with the Lions van.

We were welcomed at the door by (among others) Cal Mackay, main organizer of the event. Also, the MC was the very able Ron McQuiggan.

I am impressed and grateful for: all the great planning, the delicious turkey dinner, the wine, the plum pudding and whipped cream dessert, tea and coffee, and how it was served to the guests by charming, gracious men and women.

In addition to all of the above, I was thrilled to enjoy singing to old, traditional Christmas carols led by beautiful soprano Deb Toole, who was accompanied by Jean Albert, a talented pianist. (These carols made me reminisce with another guest about our years as children

when we sang the same carols in rural churches and community halls).

I also was excited to have the opportunity to admire the numerous door prizes which were humourously distributed by a "Brit from Birmingham," Steve Somerset.

Further to please the ears, I enjoyed music performed by Tuned Air choir and its organist led by exuberant conductor Bruce Ruddell. The Zither Carol and Hallelujah Chorus were both outstanding and the latter sent joyous shivers down my spine, it was so majestically performed.

Lastly, Santa Claus and his helper went and chatted with each guest and I noticed he hugged one or two of our gals. We each received a specially-wrapped baked gift of shortbread and other cookies, prepared by the lady Lions.

To have seen and experienced such a wonderful evening was to know that the Christmas spirit is alive and well on Salt Spring Island. This evening was a great reflection of the steadfast volunteer

caring and hard work undertaken throughout the year by the men and women of the Lions Club, presided over this year by Sam Cochrane.

This evening was also made possible and supported by the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 92 whose executive made the beautifully-decorated Meaden Hall available.

In addition, Eileen Hunter, Legion vice-president, was in attendance. Other Legion members were also present and all participated in ensuring the evening's program ran happily and smoothly, which it certainly did.

In conclusion, as a new attendee, I use this opportunity to humbly express my gratitude for such generosity of spirit from so many — and I'm sure I speak for the multitude of other guests who were also having a great time.

Blessings on you all.
KATHRYNE HOLM,
Stewart Road

Support centre

Thanks for your recent coverage of Island Wildlife Nature Care Centre and the new Island Wildlife

Gifts and Gallery. The existence of a wildlife rehabilitation centre on Salt Spring Island brings pride to our community. Knowing that injured and sick animals have a place to go means a great deal to me, and it is our responsibility as a community to care for these creatures.

On a recent visit to the new gift store and gallery, I purchased some calendars, cards, a seal garden sculpture and an animal adoption as Christmas gifts and a birthday gift. In this day of over-commercialization and consumerism of Christmas, it feels good to support a local organization through my purchasing power. I encourage everyone to take a gander at the new store and help out an animal in the process.

AVA SAMUEL,
Salt Spring Island

Memories shine

This has been a time of loss and also a time of gratitude. Two men have left our lives but have left them much richer.

I am proud to have known

Marvin Martin and Bob Jankura, and so glad to have had each as a friend.

A common strand is the absolute courage with which they faced their long-term illnesses; neither allowed his poor health to defeat his living which they both did to the full.

Marvin's life was long and intellectually rich. He never lost his curiosity and pursued learning throughout his senior years, using his computer more as his legs gave him less. Always alert, always testing, always courteous and thoughtful, Marvin was a fine neighbour and a wonderful inspiration.

It is sad that Bob was not allowed longer — he had so much to give and he never stinted. As chairperson of Core Inn, I cannot express the depth of this loss to those of us who depended on him for advice, supervision, guidance and strength. His example will be there for us as long as we live.

May their memories shine as brightly as their lives.

IRENE WRIGHT,
Mount Belcher Heights

MORE LETTERS 10

Civil powers should not be given to military

By **ANDREW GIBSON**

Of course it is heartening to see that, although General Pinochet will surely never be formally called to account either in Europe or in Chile, he can no longer bask in his self-created image as the resolute saviour of his country.

Like a perverted and pitiful Wizard of Oz, he is revealed to all as a monster; he will no doubt be returned to Chile, where, unable to shut out the jeers of the people, he will cling for comfort to his goose-stepping military. It is a worse fate than he ever imagined, so he can be left to his rage and shame.

What is more important is to reflect on why the three most stable and prosperous South American democracies, Chile, Argentina and Uruguay, all conducted during the '70s and '80s their "dirty wars" against their own citizens.

Even in the mid-'80s, after the Argentine junta was toppled and after the Pinochet terror was subsiding (although it still had years to go), anyone travelling there could not but see in the eyes of the people the awareness, whether defiant or ashamed, that something terrible had happened.



In Buenos Aires people stood silently watching the Mothers of the Disappeared circling in front of Government House, their photographs held up asking endlessly "Where are they?"

Every city had its military Houses of Horror, by now deserted or in ruins. They looked innocuous, but one could almost see a miasma coming from them, and hear the cries of the tortured.

My wife and I, visiting, didn't cross the border into Chile, but Chile came to us, in the form of a young student who had escaped the Gestapo clone DINA, and was terrified that he would be sent back. He had sent his papers to the Canadian Embassy in Buenos Aires, and, hearing nothing, asked us to follow it up. The staff there was dismissive, unhelpful and advised us that the original documents he had sent in support of his application had been destroyed "because we just can't handle all the paper work."

The reasons for this tragedy go

a long way back. In the middle of the 19th century these countries, having won their independence a few decades earlier from Spain, were eager to develop a professional military. The model chosen was that of Prussia (a fateful choice, in light of the subsequent history of that military ethos). In fact, there was little need for more than civil guards in that part of South America, so impregnable are the natural boundaries. But armies, navies and later air forces were duly created, ready — in fact, eager — to defend their fatherlands against external and internal enemies.

The catalyst that turned this martial energy inward was the Cold War. Beginning just after the end of World War II, an anti-communist hysteria was induced in the West. It threatened civil liberties in the U.S.A. and even in Canada, and then moved south. We are not yet entirely free of this madness, but it had — and still has — its most sinister effect in Latin America, in such fragile states as Guatemala, El Salvador and Nicaragua.

Far to the south, the three model democracies of Chile, Argentina and Uruguay were

induced in the '70s to unite in seeing traitors behind every protest, every labour dispute, every unflattering book or editorial; peaceful dissent became a virus to be destroyed. It was called Operation Condor, and the sadists present in every society became its shock troops.

Pinochet, a power hungry conscienceless opportunist in the mold of a Himmler, was let loose on Chile, closely followed in their own countries by his neighbouring counterparts.

Yes, it could happen here in Canada. But we do have one thing going for us — a healthy rejection of political power being given to the military. We inherited that from the British, whose best spokesman was the Duke of Wellington. One of the greatest and wisest soldiers of all history, he said, "Although a soldier myself, I am not an advocate for placing extensive civil powers in the hands of soldiers."

Right on, Duke. Now tell the rest of our hemisphere.

The writer is a Salt Spring resident and active member of Amnesty International and the Ometepe-Gulf Islands Friendship Association.

TELL US WHAT YOU THINK

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Has Greenpeace kissed and made up?

VICTORIA — Just when I thought I had heard and seen it all, I find out that Greenpeace and MacMillan Bloedel, along with a native band, are going into the logging business in Clayoquot Sound, of all places.

Clayoquot Sound, you will recall, was the battle ground a few summers ago between the environmentalists and forestry giant MacBlo. Hundreds of people were arrested. Many were thrown in jail.

But it seems that the two former adversaries have kissed and made up. The plan is to log parts of Clayoquot Sound selectively, very selectively, according to Greenpeace. Never mind that special harvesting requirements for MacBlo's operations in Clayoquot Sound were in place before. But that didn't stop Greenpeace and other environmental hit squads from creating the showdown.

Now, a reasonable person might see this new partnership of former enemies as a good thing. Co-operation beats confrontation any time, right? It does, as long as neither of the partners have a hidden agenda. And I believe that's precisely the case with Greenpeace.

I might even have believed that Greenpeace has suddenly realized it's O.K. to cut down the odd tree, if it hadn't been for another one of the environmental organization's major offensives against British Columbia in the U.S.

The same week the extraordinary partnership to log with love was announced, Greenpeace, along with several other environmental groups, bought a full-page ad in the New York Times decrying logging in old-growth forests along B.C.'s coast.

The ad lists 27 major U.S. companies that are doing without old-growth forest products and seven others that have not made such a commitment. The aim of the ad is, of course, to create consumer pressure on companies that comply with Greenpeace's demands.

It should be mentioned that the firms subscribing to the no-old-growth-lumber edict, such as cosmetics manufacturer Estee Lauder, aren't exactly using a lot of timber.

The ad is very effective because of its common sense and reasonableness. You're led to believe that Greenpeace will have no further demands if logging in old-growth forests is stopped.

Well, that isn't the Greenpeace I have come to know. Nothing will ever make Greenpeace happy. The battle between Greenpeace and British Columbia's forest companies has been the international environmental organization's biggest cash cow. And they're not about to put that cow out to pasture.

Last summer, I visited Germany for a week. I was amazed at the reverie in which Greenpeace is held. I was also amazed at the misconceptions in the public's mind about British Columbia forest practices. I wonder who planted them there.

So why would Greenpeace want to go into the logging business with MacMillan Bloedel? I believe the answer is very simple: to be able to prove that the organization isn't against logging at all.

Once the operation gets going, Greenpeace can honestly say they're all for logging. Why, they even do it themselves.

It's an ingenious plan and it will probably work like a charm. Even Premier Glen Clark will have to think twice before again calling Greenpeace an enemy of British Columbia.

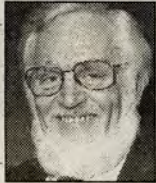
I'm not the only one who has misgivings about the partnership. Significantly, the Friends of Clayoquot Sound, an environmental group whose concerns and interests aren't global as those of Greenpeace, aren't buying into the deal.

Publicly, the group says it's concerned and will keep a close watch on the operation. Privately, some members have told me they're horrified and believe Greenpeace has sold out to the enemy.

Well, from where the Friends of Clayoquot Sound stand, the deal may well be a sell-out. But then, an international organization has different needs than a small band of concerned citizens. And the need to keep money flowing into the coffers may just be greater than the need to be principled.

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Amazing

I find it amazing that MLAs Moe Sihota, Steven Orchard, and Gretchen Mann-Brewin could actually hold a press conference to announce that work on the Vancouver Island Cancer Clinic would be started six months earlier than expected.

Make no mistake, in 1996 the clinic was supposed to be up and running within three years — that was before the NDP government placed the project in their capital spending freeze.

It is shameful for these MLAs to use this press conference to promote the NDP government's actions while hiding the fact that the current expected opening date in April 2001 is more than two years later than it should have been.

MURRAY COELL, MLA,
Saanich North and The Islands

MAI update

Many islanders have participated in the Salt Spring Island Coalition to Expose the MAI. This week on behalf of the Coalition I submitted the following statement to the special committee of the B.C. Legislature to examine implications of the MAI:

"In the fall of 1997, 12 Salt Spring individuals met to discuss their concern about the MAI. From this beginning, a coalition of 11 island organizations formed in order to sponsor an educational day in March 1998 for citizens' participation. This was held with 120 people present, 37 of whom have been active since that time in various endeavours to create a wider awareness on the island of the dangers inherent in the proposed MAI.

"For example, our Saturday market attracts hundreds of people. Each week throughout spring, summer and fall we had a table from which we handed out several thousand pieces of information and at which we held a great many useful conversations.

"On other occasions, members of the coalition have made presentations at community meetings and taken every opportunity to continue the educational process, including letter-writing to the federal authorities.

The coalition sponsored a large advertisement in the Gulf Islands Driftwood which 79 persons signed and paid for. This urged readers to become informed about the MAI, offered to help in this, and suggested they write the federal government demanding a national referendum before Canada signs on to any international trade and investment agreement.

"Our efforts continue to the present. It is apparent that many islanders are becoming well informed about MAI, that they are relieved to know that this has

been aborted for the time being, and that they continue efforts to stay informed so as to be able to continue opposition to such a manifest travesty of justice and

good governance."
BOB WILD,
Salt Spring

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A sorry state

This letter is in response to the Open Letter to Gulf Island Parents that appeared in the Driftwood December 9 from the B.C. minister of education.

Although the threat of the closure of our Galiano Island School has recently been rescinded by Paul Ramsey at a meeting in Victoria on Thursday, December 10, I have and still do take exception to the constant ill treatment being dealt our board of school trustees by the minister of education. I hear on the radio and television and read in press releases, statements fed from this minister that contain mixed messages, misleading accusations and half-truths which at best serve to bewilder me.

However, it is now good to see that the school board and the minister of education who are in control of my children's education are now talking more directly to one another.

I add, however, that it is difficult for me as a parent to grapple with how it is possible that the B.C. minister of education can sanction a report that clearly stipulates the closure of our Galiano School and on the other hand take in a total revenue of \$970,768.19 in school taxes from Galiano Island alone.

With school taxes at this level paid on our small island of less than 1,000 full-time residents and greater and greater numbers of part-time residents, I would call upon the other Gulf Islands to find out the total paid by their communities to support our school district (and indeed other school districts), especially the bigger island of Salt Spring.

Surely it is a fair conclusion that, in view of this school tax information, the ministry's school funding formula (coincidentally enacted the very same year our district first reported a negative balance) needs to be changed. All the pertinent facts from the exhaustive report submitted by the education ministry's own Efficiency Advisory Team last year concerning our deficit situation in the Gulf Islands, point to

our school district being presently bankrupted by this same funding formula. When I couple this with the knowledge that our board is required to pay for employee contracts also totally under the control of the Ministry of Education, I think I am beginning to understand why we find ourselves in such a sorry state of affairs.

My last words, therefore, are reserved for our trustees. From one Galiano Island parent of two children, I thank you all very much for your hard work, your resilience and your resolve not to cave in under the overbearing pressure issued you from the office of Mr. Paul Ramsey. You have given me a new definition for the best children's advocates I can imagine.
HELEN SCHNARE,
Galiano

Overwhelmed

This past week I had the pleasure of attending the evening music program hosted by the Gulf Islands Senior Secondary music/choral classes.

This evening was the culmination of the first term for the new Gulf Islands Senior Secondary music program and I can honestly say that I was overwhelmed by the talent of the students. My only regret was that I did not have one of my own children in this program!

Thank you to Bruce Smith, our new music teacher, for his leadership in this wonderful program; we are ecstatic that you have chosen to make your home here working with our young adults. Also, thanks to all of the students for their energy, enthusiasm and real skills.

On Friday Michele Mech and I, on behalf of the District Parent Advisory Council, met with representatives of the other partner groups and School District staff to find that our school board has reached agreement with the minister of education on the terms of a deficit reduction plan. This three-year plan, will (it appears) have limited impact on our students, in all of our 10 schools,

and may actually offer hope for some exciting new opportunities for programming!

To the hundreds of parents, students and interested parties who wrote letters and faxes, rallied and demonstrated, and donated time, money and energy, you should feel very proud. You showed, in true Salt Spring style, that our children's education is worth fighting for. To our elected school trustees, and our dedicated administrators, Andy Duncan and Rod Scotvold, thanks for the strength of character in risking your jobs to protect School District 64 schools and programs like music at the high school.
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Childhood secret society devolves into a battleground of wars and wit

BRITAIN: Nearest I reached to the Irish dispute was my joining a secret society headed up by a son of Erin.

We were about 10 years of age and the secret society was so hidden in anonymity that there were only four members. They were my twin brother, Bill, and two Irish boys. In a school where the chaplain was Irish and most of the teachers were from the Emerald Isle, sisters and lay teachers, the considerable Irish population was quickly drawn into the fold.

Michael was a new boy. He was a belligerent new boy. He was asked whence he came and he had one standard reply: "I'm Irish and proud of it, too!"

I realized in later years that he had been carefully tutored by his Daddy.

Fresh from the troubled land, he promptly collected cronies to fight with him or to fight. Originally we were three members of the "Double-Cross" society; one Irish boy and two slightly bewildered English enemies. Another Anglo-Irish boy later teamed up with President Michael.

The club started as a social activity but it gradually devolved into a battleground of wits.

We were a small society but we had a policy-drawing leadership and a loyal opposition. It worked like this. Our meeting place was the unused tool-shed at my house.

The battles were fought en route to the local stores and on the road to school. It was a war of words. Our name conveyed nothing to my brother and me until the years afterwards when we learned the meaning of "double-cross."

The two Irish boys would set the stage. They would split up and one would glue himself to the enemy, us.

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He would then explain some mysterious move to gain ascendancy over his countryman. After some time of name-calling and ominous threats of civil disorder they would break away and jeer: "They believed me!"

The society fell apart because the only members who enjoyed the constant deceptions and double-crossing were the two Irish boys.

For many years we assumed that all Irish people were like our school fellows and that belligerence was a national characteristic. Not until the war years, when we served with Paddies from north and south, did our youthful encounter take shape.

I cannot remember any feature of my Irish friend Michael today. All that lingers is the odour of boiled cabbage that identified the apartment in which he lived.

Mystery of Pinochet

There are probably lots of Brits who are sitting proudly, awaiting the outcome of the charges against the former president of Chile, Gen. Augusto Pinochet.

I haven't met them. The majority of people I meet are puzzled by the involvement of Britain in a dispute that involves either the world of nations or only Chile.

The logical course of the action against the Chilean senator is unclear. The moral concerns are somewhat hazy.

If there is sufficient world concern over the Pinochet regime, then we can expect the arraignment of the leaders of half the world in token of sins and crimes

committed over past years.

The arrest of the South American ex-president is unlikely to come to an end in the lifetime of the accused general. Both Spain and Britain seem to have bitten off far more than they can chew and Britain faces years of expensive litigation and dispute over crimes alleged to have been committed on the other side of the world.

There was only one possible action when it all started. The general should have been flown back to his own country to the scene of the crimes with which he is charged.

The sooner he goes back, the quicker the matter will be settled. And the happier will be the average Brit, already bowed beneath the load of national and European concerns.

Remembering them

A quick glance back over the past weeks reminds me that Remembrance Day is not marked here as it is in Canada.

There is no national holiday on November 11. The traditional two minutes' silence is observed where it is feasible on Remembrance Day.

The memory of those who died is marked by Remembrance Sunday, nearest Sunday to the 11th. The parades, church ceremonies and other solemnities are observed on that day.

Observing Remembrance Sunday over here, I was reminded of the fact that the airmen who fought the Battle of Britain were not lieutenants and captains and majors. They were pilot officers and flying officers and squadron leaders.

Many were, indeed, sergeants, but that rank remains in the Canadian forces. There is much nostalgia when we engage in remembrance.

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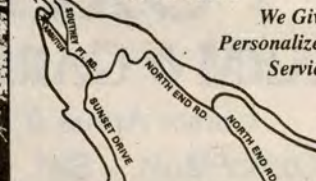
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INTERNATIONAL ALLIES: Officials from the Islands Trust, in Canada, and San Juan County, in the U.S., are all smiles after signing a landmark transborder agreement December 3. From the Trust are, seated from left, vice-chairmen Melinda Auerbach, Larry Holbrook and John Money as well as Trust chairman David

Essig. The San Juans were represented by, standing, from left, commissioners John Evans and Rhea Miller and chairwoman Darcie Neilsen. The event was significant enough to bring out Municipal Affairs Minister Jenny Kwan, standing, far right.

Photo by David Borrowman

Trust, San Juan sign agreement of cooperation without red tape

By MIKE LEVIN
Driftwood Staff

The only thing missing was a group hug.

Officials from the Islands Trust and the United States' San Juan County (SJC) came close to embracing after they signed a transborder cooperative agreement December 3 at Trust Council meetings in Victoria.

Perhaps it was the presence of Municipal Affairs Minister Jenny Kwan and voluble former premier Mike Harcourt, now head of the Sustainable Development Institute, that kept the trustees and commissioners from grabbing each other.

Or perhaps it was the realization that despite the pure formality, they had just put together a grassroots deal that may have actually given the boot to government bureaucracy.

The agreement is designed to allow the remarkably similar areas and peoples to work together on environmental and social projects without having to ask for state, provincial or federal permission.

"Let's just say we plan to have a trickle-up effect on the governments above us," said Darcie Neilsen, chairwoman of SJC commissioners.

The partnership started earlier this year when the Trust wanted to tap SJC's expertise for a natural-

area protection project. Already established in the U.S. (under a different name), the Natural Area Protection Tax-Incentive stewardship program has become the Trust's highest priority.

"Here we have two small communities, but by working together the effect is not only local but for all communities," said Trust chairman David Essig.

The Gulf Islands and San Juan County are a perfect match.

Aside from the physical jigsaw, the elected officials actually like each other and respect each other's abilities.

SJC has money (such as access to part of the US\$100 million in government funds for water protection in Puget Sound) and the American can-do attitude. The Trust has legislative powers unavailable to their neighbours.

The new agreement has the type of potential that politicians ache to be part of.

At the signing, Kwan smiled and congratulated the groups on "breaking down borders."

Harcourt gushed about "bringing sustainability to this fragile area" and offered the resources of the institute at the University of British Columbia.

But Darlene Marzari, former B.C. cabinet minister and now director of the Fraser Basin

Council, nailed the event by saying its projects won't include the "hundreds of lawyers making millions of dollars" that plague national protocols.

Following the ceremony, both sides sat down to brainstorm about priorities.

Topping the list were a transborder marine protection area, fundraising that would not include taxation, mandatory tugboat escorts for all tankers using the shared waters, projects to maintain economic diversity in the region and small-craft sewage regulations (all American boats must have holding tanks; not so in Canada).

Both governments will continue to work their natural-area and public-land projects as well as examine alternative sewage treatment and desalination initiatives.

Essig loves the marriage. "(SJC) looks to us for a sophisticated (angle) on environmental issues. We need them because they are hard-nosed," he said.

"If (the partnership) works out, it will be because of the will of the people on both sides, not because some government passes a law.

"We are both intentional communities; people want to be here, not have to be. I think we share the view that maintaining the integrity of the region isn't a social contract but an insurance policy."

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Brewery on target for sales despite obstacles

It's getting easier to find Salt Spring Golden Ale on Salt Spring.

And that's good news for beer drinkers and for Gulf

Islands Brewery, Salt Spring's fledgling brewery, operating from partner **Bob Ellison's** property on Furness Road.

Ellison reports that the company — owned by about 40 shareholders, 28 of whom live on Salt Spring — is on target with its sales since opening last summer.

The brewery's capacity is a 200-gallon brew every 10 days. It's currently doing one every 15-16 days under the direction of brewmaster and partner **Murray Hunter**, who developed the recipe for both the golden ale and the new Pender Island Porter.

One of the company's successes has been its trial run with 12.5-litre "keggies," which dispense beer without the need for a tapping system. This means the brewery can easily supply restaurants and other customers who do not have tap facilities.

It's also meant that pubs can try a small quantity of the beer without tying up taps being used by brands that are already in demand by consumers.

That's been a plus for marketing the product off-island. "We've been

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overwhelmed by the positive response we've got, in the Sidney area in particular," Ellison says.

However, the brewery has yet to ship beer to the other Gulf Islands. There's a big logistical problem, according to Ellison, who feels guilty about using "Gulf Islands" in the brewery name without delivering product to them all. Overcoming the transportation obstacles will be a priority for the new year, he says.

Overcoming obstacles will be nothing new for Ellison and Hunter, who have had so much difficulty with provincial red tape they've developed a third beer. Bureaucracy Bitter, available only in limited quantities, celebrates the barriers that have been raised by the British Columbia bureaucracy.

"The name says it all," Ellison points out. "The provincial government makes it very difficult to function, adding costs and time to everything we do."

He cited the Workers' Compensation Board for its insistence that Ellison pay premiums, despite the fact he is not on the



TO THE BEER: Shareholders and guests celebrate local beer at a Gulf Islands Brewery party held recently at its Furness Road location.

Photo by Derrick Lundy

brewery's payroll. He is, however, a shareholder and WCB rules state he has to pay, and cannot opt out.

How much sillier can it get? This much: if Ellison were to sustain an injury in the brewery building, WCB could sue the brewery to pay him compensation. To make it sillier yet, Ellison already pays a monthly premium through his water distribution firm, Isles West Water Services.

On the bright side, Ellison reports that the local bureaucracy — the Islands Trust — has been

the easiest to deal with.

You can find the brewery's products at most eating and drinking establishments on Salt Spring.

Incorrect information in our contact directory led to an unfortunate error here two weeks ago. The contact person for **The Sophisticated Cow** was incorrectly identified, to the sorrow of the gallery's partners and the regret of this writer.

The directory has since been corrected, the writer disciplined and ruffled cow feathers soothed.

Meanwhile, the Hereford Avenue gallery with the somewhat unique name is announcing a big change this week. **Coastal Currents** is the gallery's new name.

Partners in the endeavour are **Jane Stafford**, who specializes in hand-woven goods; **Gwen Denluck**, quilt-maker; **Lynn Scanlan**, copper and mirrors; **Shirlee Lewis**, new leaf paper; **Lorraine Hamilton**, plants and containers; and **Gail Sibley**, tiles and trivets.

Around the island:

• **Thrifty Foods** has been named one of Canada's 50 best managed companies. The company, which has 14 stores on Vancouver Island and one on Salt Spring, was selected by consultant **Arthur Andersen** in its national competition designed to recognize Canada's top privately-owned companies.

• **Psychic and Driftwood** columnist **Carole Matthews** has opened a studio on Salt Spring.

Hummingbird Haven Studio, 275 Churchill at Zalit Road, offers new-age products such as angel baskets, crystals, incense, Oh My Goddess products and an assortment of soaps and teas.

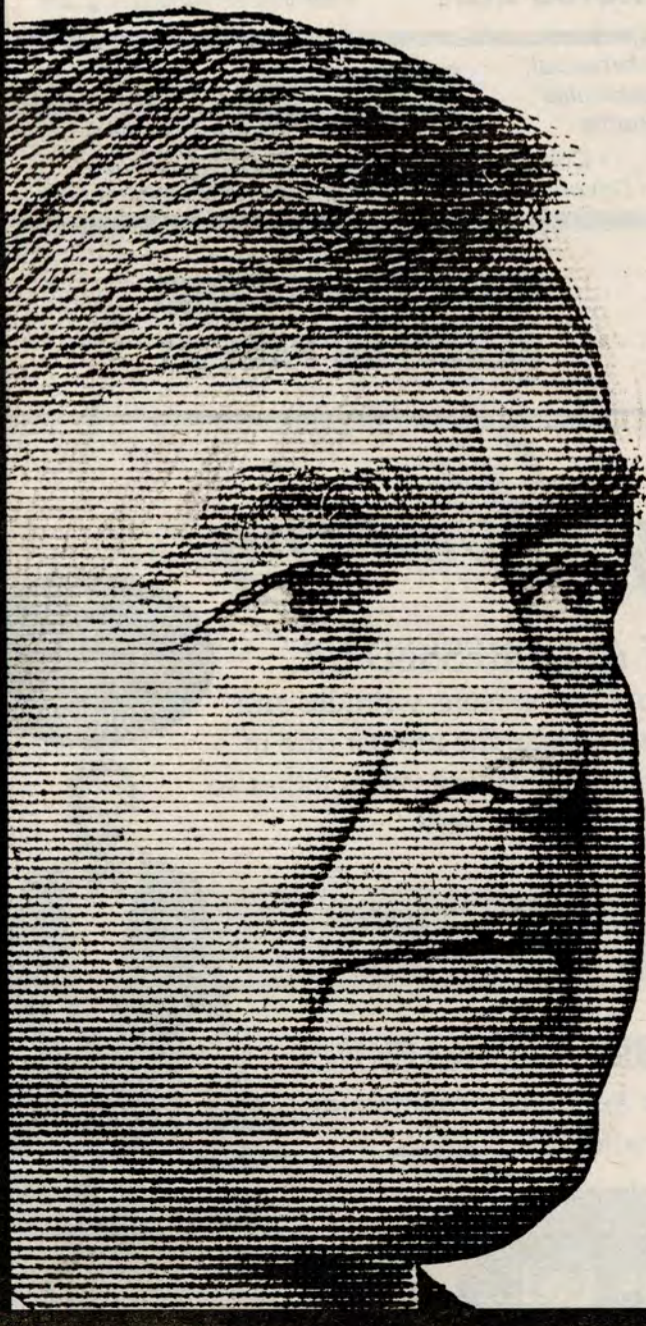
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Former islander discusses warfare

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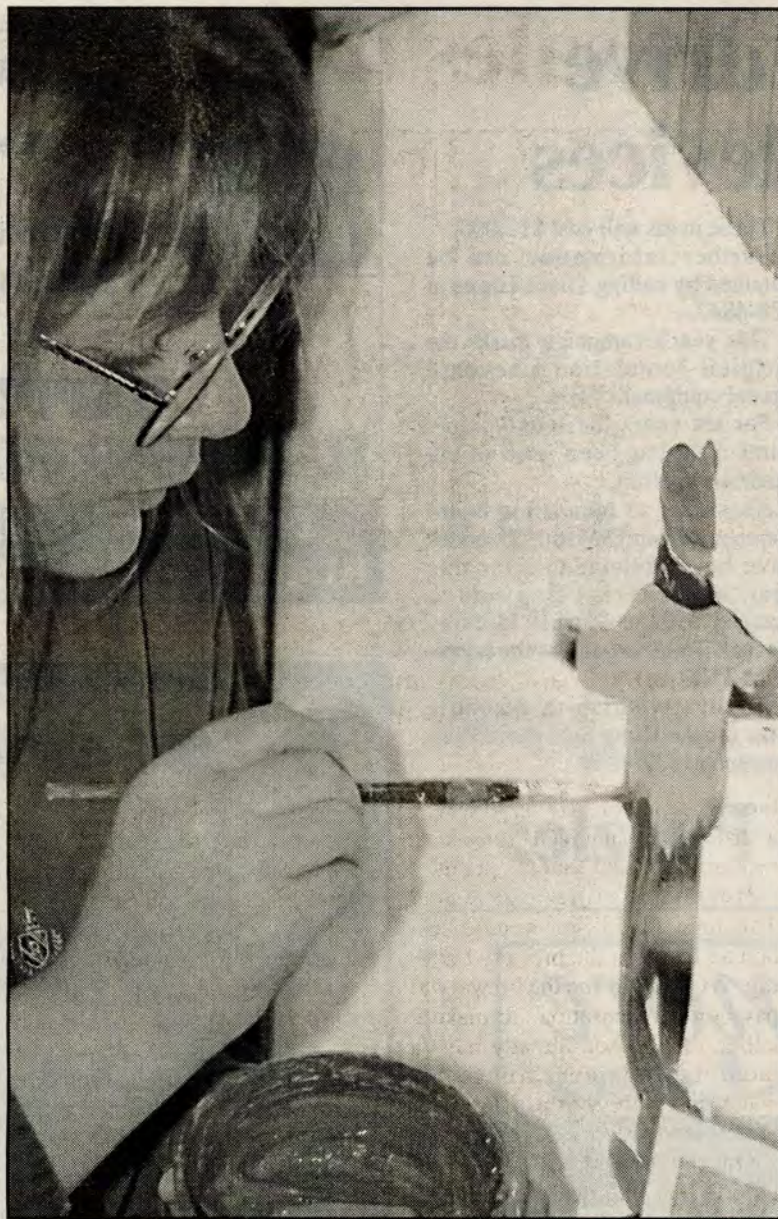
Capt. Rodger Sloan, brother of Randy Sloan of Salt Spring, was speaking on biological warfare at a recent meeting of the Defence Medical Association of Canada.

Sloan has travelled to Iraq twice since the war as part of the United Nations' efforts to monitor Iraq's activities in the field of biological warfare.

Sloan, who works with the Defence and Civil Institute of Environmental Medicine in Toronto, believes Iraq did not use biological agents on a large scale for several reasons.

Among them: fear of retaliation, ineffective delivery systems and uncertainty about the danger to its own troops.

Sloan and his colleagues have found that Iraq has many biological weapons and that there is no guarantee they will not pose a threat in the future.



Window wizard

Candace Buckler gives a little Christmas colour to a window at Twisters in Ganges. The high school student is helping to raise funds for the after-grad party by painting several business windows.

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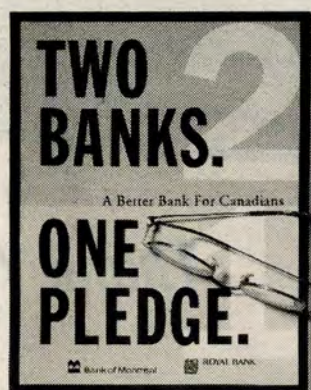
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
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Foundation launches drive for infection control devices

A drive to raise funds for the local hospital foundation is focussing this year on an infection control program.

The Lady Minto Gulf Islands Hospital Foundation launched its most recent equipment drive campaign on December 3 with the distribution of a brochure to every household in the Gulf Islands.

"With the new super bugs in action, it is all the more important that we guard against the spread of infection and be prepared with the best equipment and procedure available," states a foundation press release.

Two pieces of equipment which play major roles in infection control are the autoclave and the washer-sanitizer. Both these

machines need upgrading this year.

"Without these workhorses we could not maintain our excellent track record against infections," says the foundation.

The washer-sanitizer processes medical equipment under high temperature water pressure using anti-microbial solutions. The autoclave uses steam pressure at 135 degrees C to sterilize surgical and emergency room instruments.

Replacement of the two items will cost \$106,000.

Also on the equipment wish list this year is replacement of the laboratory fridge used to store chemistry analyzer reagents and other laboratory products, and a new laboratory freezer, needed to store blood products.

These items will cost \$12,000.

Further information can be obtained by calling Diana Hayes at 538-4847.

This year's campaign marks the hospital foundation's seventh annual equipment drive.

For six years the foundation's Dime Sale has been used in the fundraising effort.

According to foundation board member Vivian Dawson, 35 prizes have been collected so far this year, with tickets being sold at Ganges Village Market Monday through Thursday and at the hospital on Fridays.

Anyone wishing to donate a prize for the Dime Sale should call Dawson at 537-9869.

Liquor sales up

Sales at the Ganges liquor store were up \$226,206 last year.

In its annual report for 1997-98, the B.C. Liquor Distribution Branch says the Salt Spring store had gross sales of just over \$4,413,229, up 5.4 per cent from the year before.

In terms of volume of product, the store sold 604,411 litres, up four per cent.

The only other Gulf Island store operated by the branch, on Pender Island, also recorded an increase in sales. Total for the year was up 4.6 per cent to \$1,063,557. The store chalked up sales of 161,414 litres of product.

Salt Spring continues to show a higher proportion of wine sales than the provincial average, with wine representing 25.7 per cent of sales. Pender recorded wine at 21.7 of the product mix; the provincial average is 18.8 per cent.

On Salt Spring, spirits formed 10.7 per cent, beer 56.5 per cent and cider and coolers, 7.1 per cent. On Pender, spirits were 9.4 per cent, beer 61.4 per cent and cider and coolers, 7.5. The provincial average is 11.8 per cent for spirits, 63.9 per cent for beer and 5.5 per cent for cider and coolers.

The liquor branch contributed nearly \$601 million to the provincial treasury last year from net income of \$606 million. Sales totalled just over \$1.5 billion, up almost four per cent from the year before.

This Week's Puzzle:

Amore

Make the highest scoring word possible from this hand of cards. A nine letter word earns 10 bonus points. Exclude proper nouns, abbreviations and words requiring a hyphen or apostrophe. Amore's official arbiter is Webster's Third New International Dictionary-Unabridged.

Last Week's Solution: SHOULDER *25 points

- Willy and Glenda had to shoulder their way to the discount bins where all the other early birds were rooting up slips, bras, and dainty panties like rampant swine excavating truffles.
- They reached the cabin by following a dirt road along the shoulder of the mountain.

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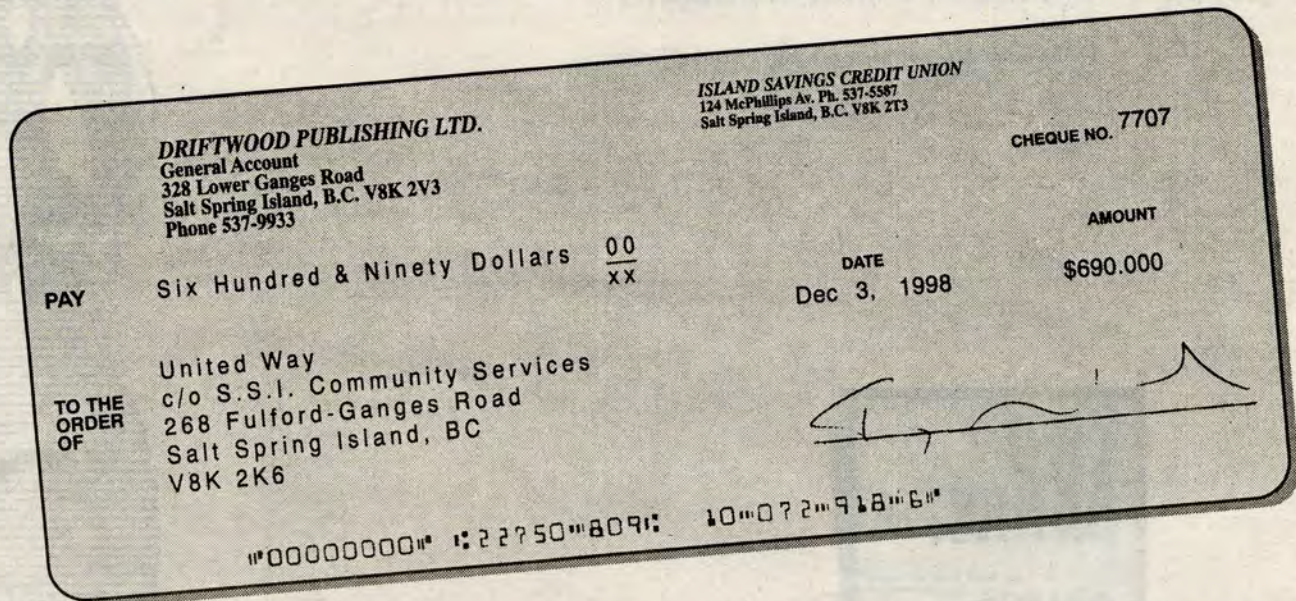
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Phoenix invites community participation

By GAIL SJUBERG
Driftwood Staff

Many hands make hands-on learning a breeze at Phoenix School.

Without the Explorations program, Phoenix students wouldn't have had a handbuilt-boat regatta, learned how to craft a quilt, map their schoolyard or manoeuvred their imaginations through a few motors.

Explorations sees parents, teachers and community members bring their skills and passions into Phoenix to offer a variety of activities.

The two Explorations afternoons are a popular part of the school's week.

"An Exploration is a program that involves learning by doing," explains Amitai Marmorstein. "One Exploration I have always loved is theatre sports. In theatre sports, the actors do a skit or a game that is completely off the top of their head."

Halley Fulford's favourite Exploration was quilting. She says "the school does (Explorations) because it is a way we can learn and have fun at the same time."

For Grade 8 student Mik Coffey-Sheehan, a race in Ganges Harbour with handmade sailboats capped off one of the best activities — building sailboats out of styrofoam, paper, metal and wood.

"My personal favourite was bridge building," said Fraser Krayenhoff, who is in Grade 6. "We made bridges with hard spaghetti and had a contest to see whose bridge was strongest."

Since the concept has proved so successful, the school is inviting interested community members to share their skills and enthusiasm with students.

It means donating one afternoon for five weeks to lead an activity in areas such as mechanics, carpentry, working models, astronomy, photography or dark-room skills, needlework or hand-crafts. Call Rineke Cunliffe at the school at 537-1156 for more information.



EXPLORING CHRISTMAS: Phoenix School students and sisters Zephyr, left, and Raven Derr have fun with seasonal decorations made in one of their school's Explorations programs.

Wreaths and centrepieces will be among items sold by Phoenix kids and parents at the Last Chance Christmas Craft Fair at Salt Spring Centre this weekend.

Photo by Gail Sjuberg

mation.

Parents are also big boosters of the program.

"It allows the children to do more hands-on things than they would have access to in the normal school system," says Jean Porteous Simpson.

It also gives them a chance to work in small groups pursuing subjects they are really interested in, which recognizes their individual learning needs.

Parent Catherine Derr says it encourages the children to be participants in the educational process instead of it being something which is inflicted on them.

Hands-on learning also promotes the notion that education happens everywhere, every day, she says, and not just in a classroom with books.

She sees great potential for the island's seniors to be instrumental in educating young people through programs such as Explorations.

Students have also been able to turn some Explorations sessions

into a source of funds, by selling Christmas items such as wreaths, centrepieces and cards, which have been made at school. These will be sold this weekend at the Last Chance Christmas Craft Fair at Salt Spring Centre.

The school is also raffling off ideal Salt Spring prizes — a cord of firewood or Christmas decorations. Tickets will be available at the craft fair or at Phoenix on Drake Road.

In other Phoenix activities, a group of primary-aged children is set to perform dances and inspirational songs — such as *This Little Light of Mine*, and *Love is Something if You Give it Away* — at Greenwood's.

Students in Grades 4-8 have also been working on theatrical productions of Dr. Seuss' *The Cat in the Hat* and *Green Eggs and Ham*, which will be performed at the school's winter festival this week. Visitors to the ArtSpring opening party may have caught a *Cat in the Hat* excerpt in the theatre on Saturday.

SWOVA granted charitable status

A Salt Spring group has just received notice of a timely gift.

Saltspring Women Opposed to Violence and Abuse (SWOVA) Community Development and Research Society has been granted status by the federal govern-

ment as a charitable organization.

This means that people wishing to make donations to support the non-profit group's work, to prevent violence against women and children, can now obtain a

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Anyone wishing further information or wanting to make a donation before December 31 should call the society's office at 537-1336.

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Galiano wants to save forests and allow some development

Galiano's month of Trust meetings continues. On December 5 the Trust sponsored a second public meeting on its controversial bylaws, with Larry Holbrook as chairman.

Wayne Quinn from Trust offices in Victoria gave an interesting visual explanation of that body's information base and mapping capabilities. Complimented on a slide presentation given at a previous meeting (October 24), a questioner asked why only very scenic areas and logging-scarred vistas were shown. Why, he wanted to know, had reforested areas not been included? Where cared for by new owners, the re-forested land is exceptional and well worth showing, he suggested.

Another resident questioned Trust expert Quinn about his appointment as mediator in September. What, the questioner wished to know, did Quinn, (so recently appointed) know of Galiano's past and its hopes for its future? The implication was that his help was not needed.

Some spoke in support of the bylaws and a number of favourable letters were read. The vast majority of those present, however, were critical.

All wish to save our forest areas, but not to the exclusion of some development. They fear the bylaws' adoption will only encourage development at one end of the island to the detriment of the other. If the forests are to be protected, there must be householders in the forested area to man a volunteer fire department, and there must be a taxation base extensive enough to buy needed equipment.

The prohibition of building in water recharge areas as proposed — no building sites allowed more than 100 metres above the shoreline (Section 1V (b)) — bothered some. Householders living in interior valleys developed as long as

BRIDGE TRICKS

Regular Gulf Islands Bridge Club members are suffering "bridge deprivation" at the hands of their peripatetic counterparts.

Only two pairs could be placed on December 7: Isabelle Richardson and Shirley Love finished first; with Bill Buckler and Nora Stone in second.

On November 30, winners were Irene Hawksworth and Yvonne Sollitt; Jim Burford and Pat Warman in second place; and Jill Evans and Lois Johnson in third.

Due to the holiday season and members being on vacation, there will be no bridge club games until January 4.

GALIANO NOTES

WITH ALISTAIR ROSS



50 years ago would be considered non-conforming. Quinn agreed the bylaws must be simplified and "made more people-friendly."

The deadline for submissions to the Trust, formerly December 15, has been extended to December 19. Under questioning, trustee Debbie Holmes said all letters received before the deadline would be given consideration.

Kolosoff passes

Word reached Galiano this week of the death of Dorothy Kolosoff, a North Galiano resident for about 40 years.

Dorothy and her late husband Jack moved to Spotlight Cove in 1942 to live on land Jack's family had purchased in about 1915. Jack attended the old North Galiano school. The couple's children, Carol, Ann, Douglas and Leigh, did so as well.

"Dot" was remembered here as a good homemaker, a gardener and always a friend to those in the community who needed help.

She moved to Vancouver Island in the early '80s to be closer to her grandchildren. She is survived by her sons and daughters and a number of grandchildren. She was 86.

Lessons and carols

Arrangements are now complete for North Galiano's Christmas ser-

vice. It will be held in the hall on Sunday afternoon, December 20, at 3 p.m. Inter-denominational, it will be led by Reverend Margaret Edgar and include readings by local residents and the singing of carols by the choir. After the service there will be a sing-song of Christmas favourites, and a social hour with refreshments. Donations of cash, food items and "white gifts" will be given to the island's needy.

Birthday bash

In October of last year, Nancy and Geoff Bonser's two Bichon Frise dogs, Sophie and Archie, became the parents of seven lively pups. These "balls of fluff" were born hale and hearty and have, since that time, grown into attractive adults. All were adopted by Galiano residents except one, Sasha, who lives in Victoria.

The other six, together with the parent dogs, celebrated their first birthday at a party arranged for them by the Bonselers at Montague Park.

They all arrived freshly bathed and snowy white. Immediately all dogs remembered each other and quickly took off at high speeds to frolic in the mud! A group picture to commemorate the occasion was taken before the frolicking!

The owners enjoyed cake and goodies, the dogs' special birthday "cake." The owners hope to make the birthday party a yearly event. The parent dogs, along with Runcie, Tammy, P.C., Nikita, Duffy and Roscoe, will probably go along with this plan.

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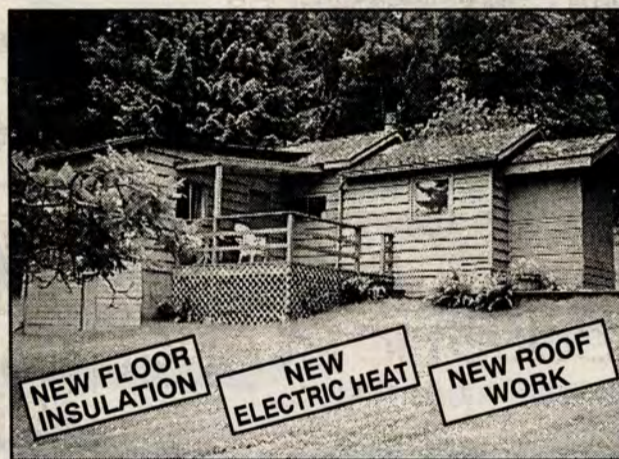
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Santa in the a.m.

Young Tim Camps appears more interested in the activity around him than Old St. Nick. The youngster was one of many who jumped up on Santa's knee at Fulford Hall's pancake breakfast with Santa on Sunday.

Photo by Derrick Lundy

Unity gathering honours all nations and solstice

Music, food and fun will help celebrate the winter solstice and the "unity of all beings" at a family event next Saturday.

Everyone is welcome to attend the "Honour all Nations" Unity Gathering at Fulford Hall December 19.

The evening's musical lineup includes local talent at an open mike, plus special guests the Playback Theatre Company and the "Honour All Nations" drum and dance group from Cowichan.

Ceremonial healing prayer staffs — which have been travelling to many First Nation communities across B.C. and Washington — will be introduced and on display at the event.

"Bring a dish for potluck and a song, story or poem for the open mike," suggests one of the organizers in a press release.

The evening, which begins at 5 p.m., will be followed the next day by a Spirit Walk for Unity, Peace and Dignity.

The walk will begin at the government dock in Fulford at 7:30 a.m., travelling to the Buddhist retreat on Mount Tuam.

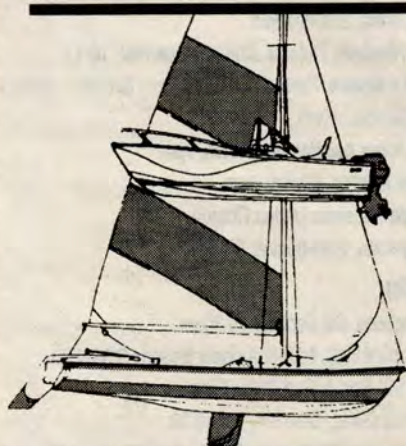
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Sailing club executive named

Les Price has been named the new commodore of the Salt Spring Island Sailing Club.

Other members of the 1999 executive are Gary Railer, treasurer; Lorne Shantz, vice-commodore; John Farquharson, rear commodore; Terry Small, fleet

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 - DEC. 19: "Honour All Nations"/Unity gathering & potluck feast, Fulford Hall, 5pm on...
 - DEC. 20: Winter Solstice/spirit walk for unity, peace & dignity, Fulford Govt. Dock, 7:30am.
 - DEC. 24: Preschool Christmas service, SS United Church, 4:30pm.
 - JAN. 30: Can. Fed. of University Women SS Club, Lions Hall, 10:30am.
- EVERY WEDNESDAY**
- Seniors & Alzheimers support group, SS Seniors bldg. 11am
 - Archery Shooting, SSI Rod & Gun Club, 7pm.
 - Stamp Collectors all ages, SS 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, SS 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
 - Salt Spring Health Assoc., Lady Minto meeting rm, 4pm-5:30pm, (4th Wed. of every month)
 - Core Inn cafe, 134 McPhillips Ave., 4:30-7:30pm, everyone welcome
 - Music & Munch, All Saints by-the-Sea, 12:10pm (1st Wed. each mo.)

- EVERY THURSDAY**
- Parkinsons Support Gr., Croftonbrook, 2pm, (second Thurs. of the mo.)
 - Luncheon, SS Seniors, 12 noon.
 - Chess Club, SS Seniors Bldg., 7pm.
 - Scottish Country Dancers, Anglican Church Hall, 6pm.
 - SSI Weavers' Guild, Baptist Church, 10:30-1:00pm.

- EVERY FRIDAY**
- Fulford OAP #170, bingo 2:00pm.
 - Games afternoon, SS 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.
 - Smiles Cafe, United Church-Ganges, 12-1pm (4th Friday of ea. mo.)

- EVERY SATURDAY**
- Book Sale, downstairs at library, 10am-12:30pm.
 - Ultimate Frisbee, Portlock Prk, 2:00pm, free, everyone welcome.
- EVERY MONDAY**
- Free blood pressure clinic, SS 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, SS Seniors, 10am-noon (not last Monday of the mo.)
 - SSI Buddhist meditation group, 135 McPhillips Ave., 7:30pm.
 - Bandonium, GISS music room, 7-9pm.
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 - Autumn session, Reader's Theatre, Croftonbrook Hall, 10-12.
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 - Chess Club, SS Seniors, 10am.
 - Duplicate Bridge, lower hall Baptist Church, 7pm
 - Children's summer reading, Library, 1pm.
 - Life Drawing, 1-3pm, upstairs United Church.
 - Overeaters Anonymous, 7:30-9pm at SS Seniors.

- EVERY TUESDAY**
- Seniors choir practices, SS 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, Core Inn, 4:30-6:30
 - Grief Recovery sessions, SS Seniors Centre, Oct. 13 - Nov. 17.



By the case
Julia Hengstler sells her wares from The Fishery at the Last Minute Christmas Craft fair at Mahon Hall. Luckily for late Christmas shoppers, there are a few more "last chances" this weekend — one at Salt Spring Centre and another at Meaden Hall.

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School losses must be faced

Saturna is celebrating as the festive season approaches.

Thanks to the hard work of the Gulf Islands School Board in negotiations with the Ministry of Education, Saturna School will remain open.

However, there are losses to be faced. One example is the loss of the water taxi to the junior high school on Mayne Island. Susanne Middleditch is working with the parents to find creative solutions.

Christmas events

The candlelight dinner was a huge success again this year. The traditional meal was delicious and following dinner everyone joined in carol singing accompanied by Marion Publicover at the piano.

The church school class of St. Christopher's presented a Christmas pageant with felt storyboard figures to the congregation on Sunday. The children shared the reading of the Christmas story and illustrated their presentation with the felt figures. It was well received and the children were congratulated for their effort.

Santa sailed into Lyall Harbour Saturday morning but the Christmas Ship was three quarters of an hour behind schedule due to high winds. Nevertheless, a happy, excited group of youngsters of all ages waited cheerfully for the old elf.

The parents group served up hot chocolate to keep everyone warm

SATURNA NOTES

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in the meantime and when Santa arrived every child was presented with a gift and a small bag of candy. Parents and grandparents snapped pictures to mark the occasion. This is a tradition unique to the islands and enjoyed by all.

After the visit with Santa, all the elementary school students met at the Community Hall to practise for the school play which is being prepared with the help of the Theater on the Rock. A Christmas Carol will be presented at the Community Hall on Friday night at 7 p.m. and everyone is welcome to attend.

Admission is a non-perishable food item for the Christmas hampers. Santa has promised to be back with presents for all the local children following the play.

Lovers of Christmas music will have a chance to sing all their favourite Christmas carols at St. Christopher's church Sunday, December 20 at 2 p.m. Everyone is invited to this service as well as the Christmas Eve service at 1 p.m. on Thursday.

The Saturna Lions Club celebrated Christmas with dinner and a party at the Community Hall, December 21.

The Lions make a big difference in the community, especially at


Christmas. Thanks to help from this group, Santa is able to come both on the Santa ship and to the Christmas concert with gifts for all the children. Also thanks to the Lions, Christmas hampers will be given to less fortunate islanders.

Orca cheer

Saturna Volunteer Firefighters have erected a whale of a Christmas display this year thanks to assistant fire chief Hugh Grasswick. The huge orca is lighting up the front of Firehall No. 1 and adds some festive seasonal cheer to islanders on their way home from the ferry.

As islanders gather in small and large groups to celebrate the season I would like to wish each and every one of them a very, merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

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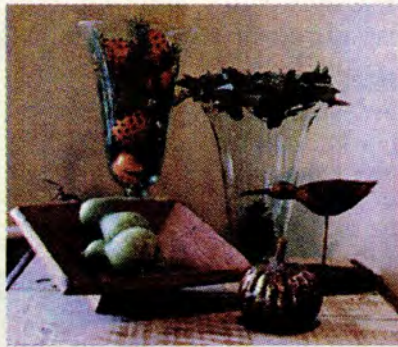
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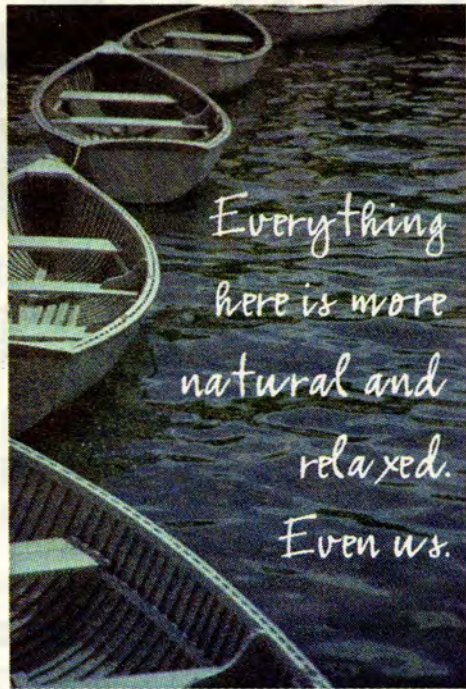
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By MONA FERTIG

Driftwood Contributor

The Night Season by Paul Bowdring. Published by Killick Press, paper, \$15.95

Set during the Christmas season, this novel is a wry and moody interior voyage down St. John's evening streets with estranged husband Will Wiseman.

He travels alone, away from his noisy rooming house, along the foggy night waterfront, past years of memories (steeped in '60s nostalgia), into the Bird's Family Restaurant and Bakery, "through the vinegary air of the fish-and-chip district" on past New Year's Eve.

We view his life, his disillusion, his relationship with his wife, mother and sister. The roaming ends on January 6 as Will waits at the airport for a plane that never comes, holding a present for his young daughter.

In returning to his cold rooming house, it is the image of a bird feeder, left as a gift, and the rich swell of seeds and birds flocking before the snow finally comes that captures your mind.

This is a novel about the solitary New Man, the outsider; reflective and integral. Well-written and peppered with self-effacing humour.

It will be aired on CBC Radio till December 18 at 10:40 p.m. on *Between the Covers*. Four stars.

Fox's Nose by Sally Ireland. Cormorant Books, paper, \$19.99.

This is Sally Ireland's first novel. A serious coming-of-age fiction, it moves seamlessly back and forth between Lisii Nos — or Fox's Nose — a farm in B.C.'s Fraser Valley, and passages from Julia's grandmother's diary, discovered in the attic, about the Siege of Leningrad. These passages evoke powerful scenes that elevate the novel beyond the conventional and display the author's natural talent for historical writing. After discovering the diary, teenage Julia decides to write a play about the siege for school, an act which unconsciously affects her friendship with her German friend Ursula. Everything is invisibly connected by violence and war, silences and secrets. Tensions mount in her self-abusive sexual attraction to Willi which, during one incident of violence, usurps the delicate power of the other, more well-developed relationships. Pivotal to her emotional unhappiness is her distant relationship with her invalid father and her

Four novels for the holidays

ON THE BOOKSHELF

jealousy of his pregnant girlfriend Bette. (Julia's prima donna mother left them without leaving even a note). On the farm, the grandfather is a sinister figure who traps animals for furs and was a survivor of the Siege. He tries to sexually trap Julia.

Although this is a dark novel, these textured emotional complexities are written with care and the end is a beginning and a resolution. Sally Ireland lives on Mayne Island and spent over 10 years writing this book. It was short-listed for the Ethel Wilson Fiction Award. I look forward to reading her next work. Three stars.

Broken Ground by Jack Hodgins. M&S, hardcover, \$29.99.

This is Jack Hodgins' newest and best novel. It is a story of the many interesting and hardy characters of Portuguese Creek, a "soldier's settlement" on Vancouver Island, and the fire of 1922.

Paralleling this wild west landscape of giant burnt-and-blasted first-growth stumps and a raging forest fire that eventually enters main stage is the remembered but unspoken horrors of the town's soldiers of World War I France.

The novel opens as a stranger and former soldier, Wyatt Taylor, in a ragged long coat, hat and "roasted boots," arrives like Don Quixote or a travelling Phoenix-cowboy on his trusty steed down the old logging road. He is looking for Nora, a woman he loves but who stubbornly has no need of him. A boy, Charlie Macintosh, views his coming from an attic window while he rolls a "clover and newspaper cigarette."

He concludes the town's story years later. And so does one of the young Macken clan, (you may remember him from a previous novel), who in 1996 has made a movie of the fire of '22 and shows it to the remaining survivors and townsfolk. Told through alternating first person voices, this is a story of Vancouver Island pioneers, faith, guilt, hard work and heartbreak.

There are always different memories of a story. Which one is true? Who has been left out? Whose life has been rewritten? An extraordinarily rich and human novel, deep and hopeful; superbly crafted. It should be nominated for the Booker Prize. Five stars.

Childhood by Andre Alexis. M&S, paper, \$19.99.

This is an unusual debut novel. Narrated through the cool, emotionally detached and dysfunctional voice of Thomas MacMillan, he unsentimentally re-imagines his

childhood, searching for clues to who he is.

Set in a southern Ontario town in the '50s and '60s, he spends the first 10 years of his life living with his Trinidadian grandmother. When he finds her dead one day, his mother (whom he's never known) arrives after the funeral and drives him away.

The most fascinating character in this novel is eccentric Henry Wing, a black man with Chinese blood, who loves his mother Katerina and invites them to live with him in his old Ottawa house

full of books and a laboratory. He spends his time writing an encyclopedia to be called *Wing's Abstractions*; *A Cyclopedia of Unusual Concepts*.

One day Henry teaches Thomas how to make gold from raccoon dung. It is a feat of faith and imagination.

Throughout the novel the protagonist displays a very ordered mind. Lists, data, graphs, maps and sections with titles such as *History, Geography, The Sciences and Housecleaning*.

Although Thomas has learned science, patience and very little about love, his mother's death slowly and cautiously opens his heart to examination. Three stars.

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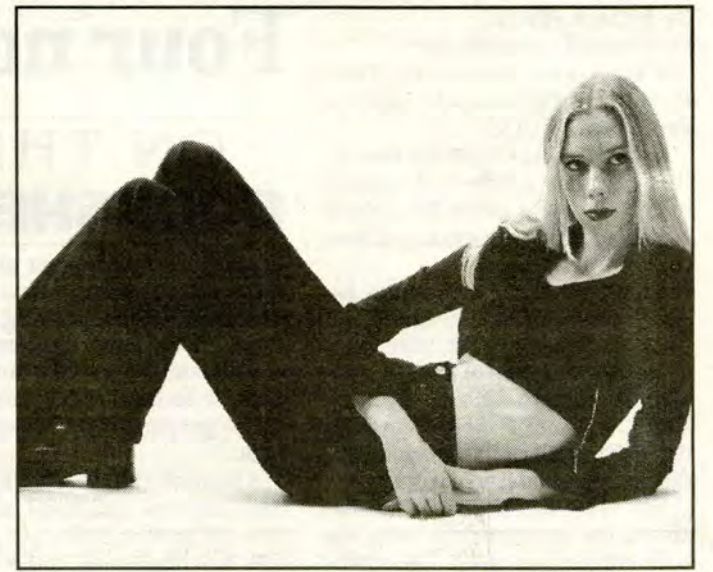
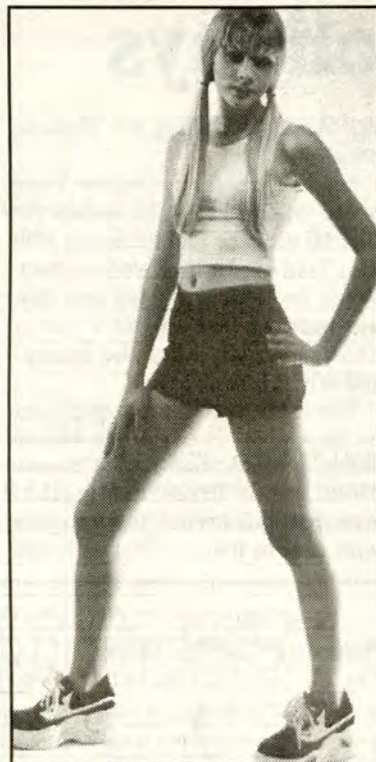
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THROUGH THE CAMERA LENSE: Sisters Steffany, far left, and Rande Kanne display diverse "looks" as they prepare their modelling portfolios.

Two island sisters have the look that modelling agencies want

By **SUSAN LUNDY**
Driftwood Staff

They have the look: straight blond hair, lean faces and legs that go on forever.

For Salt Spring sisters Steffany, 15, and Rande Kanne, 12, that look may take them into the heart of the international modelling scene.

Last month the two girls beat out close to 1,200 modelling hopefuls in Banff and collected offers from some big-name companies such as Ford and the London-based M and P.

"M and P wanted Rande to sign up right then and there," says Reayane Kanne, the girls' mother. "But they can only have one agency represent them" so they need to wait until all the offers are in.

Although the story really begins with the genes — Reayane is also tall and willowy — the Kanne sisters' walk to model-dom began earlier this year at a Victoria hotel.

Steffany, a student at Gulf Islands Secondary School, and Rande, who goes to Salt Spring Centre School, arrived at the hotel with hundreds of others aged four to 25 — each carrying visions of walking the runway or appearing in magazines.

The hundreds of Victoria-area hopefuls watched a movie on the modelling business and then filled out their names, height and weight on a form.

Everyone stepped forward.

"They looked at you for a few seconds and if they liked you they gave you a card," recalls Steffany. "They knew what they were looking for."

Most of the throng left without cards, but both sisters were among the 50 or so selected to stay, watch another movie and obtain a booklet.

Then came the catch. To pursue their potential career, the girls were invited to attend a Search Canada event, featuring 30-50 modelling agencies from around the world at

the Banff Springs Hotel in November. It would cost \$395, plus hotel and travelling costs.

For Reayane, a single mother, the cost was prohibitive.

"They had to create the money," she says. "So they phoned all their relations and asked them to send money for the trip rather than Christmas presents."

The solution worked and mother, daughters and grandfather headed to Alberta with about 1,400 other hopefuls from around Western Canada.

Although most 12-year-olds were put into the children's group of potential models, Rande was elevated to the adult category due to her height. She brushes the tape measure at five-foot, seven — about four inches shorter than Steffany.

The girls spent Saturday breathing the modelling business. They watched videos, learned the "dos and don'ts" of runway walks from two working models and practised walking the runway without any agency representatives watching.

Steffany and Rande also spent the evening practising their runway strut in their hotel room — with the comic aid of their grandfather who "almost fell over."

Sunday morning, they carefully climbed into their everyday clothes, applied minimum make-up and headed to the runway where they would get one chance to impress agency representatives.

"I was standing in line just shaking," recalls Steffany.

As the fledgling models walked by the agencies, they carried with them two 8x12 photographs. The representatives wrote down the numbers of anyone they felt had potential.

"It's hard to be judged by your looks," Steffany says.

"You have to remember it's just an outer shell," adds Reayane.

After a tension-filled lunch, the 1,400 modelling hopefuls gathered again — this time to hear if the

agencies had their numbers. A speech beforehand noted that the vast majority of people would not be called.

"They said to expect that most of you would be leaving," Reayane recalls. "And then they started calling numbers ... I hoped (my daughters') had one each — just for the experience."

But it was better than that — Rande was called by nine agencies, and Steffany by six.

When she heard her number, Rande says, she just wanted her sister to be called as well.

Then the others began filing out. Reayane, who had to squeeze out the door to find her father, says "people everywhere were crying. One woman was sobbing."

Anyone with four or more call backs was directed to another part of the hotel where interviews with agencies were conducted.

"Each (daughter) got an extra interview when people realized they were sisters," Reayane says.

And now, back on Salt Spring, the waiting game has begun. The sisters can expect any interested agencies to call within the next six weeks.

So far, Ford Toronto and the Vancouver-based Blanche's have called, expressing interest in both girls.

Rande is most interested in fashion and magazine modelling, while Steffany likes the runway.

Reayane feels it is important at this point to keep the family together even if it means moving off-island.

"I feel excited for the girls," she says, "and a little hesitant because of the negative aspects associated with modelling."

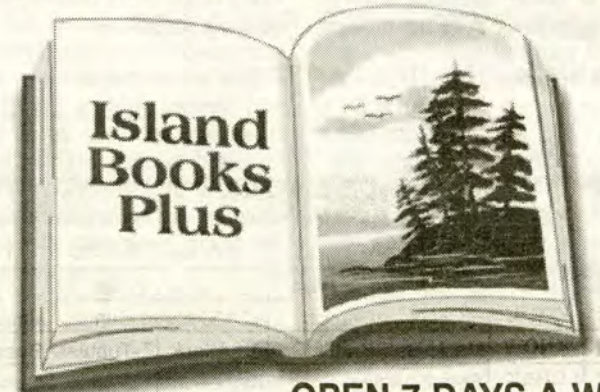
She is also a little shocked.

"I've kept them away from television and magazines all their lives," she says. "But a part of me has faith that it will all come together for the best in the end whether they chose to go this direction or not."

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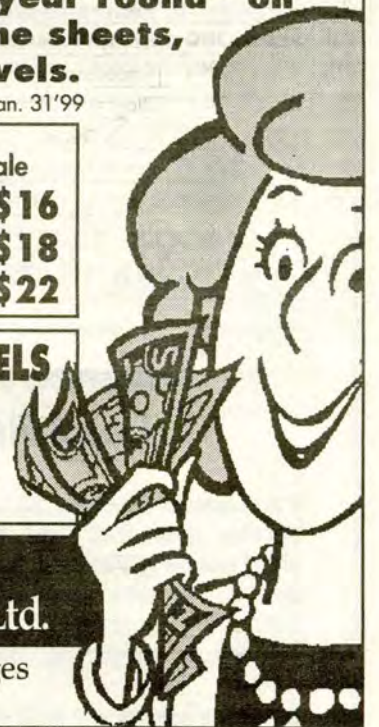
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Music

- Moby's — Wednesday night live — hosted by Charles Wilton, 9 p.m.
- Fulford Inn — June Bender; Piano & Vocals, Fridays, 6:30 - 8:30. Reid Collins on the piano, Thursdays & Sundays.
- Rose's Cafe by-the-Sea (formerly Raven's Nest) — Friday Night Live!
- Moby's — Musical Craft Faire — Come on out and support your local musicians; Valdy, The Barley Bros., The Stack Sisters, Triskele, The Rounders, Black Velvet Band, Gene Grooms, Derrick Duffy, Terry Warbey, Saturday, 4 p.m. - 11 p.m.
- Dares to be Different — Lisa Maxx and friends, Saturdays starting at 6 p.m.
- The Vesuvius Pub — Presents Simone Inertia & The Procrastinators, Saturday, 8 p.m.
- Alfresco Restaurant — Barrington Perry plays piano every Saturday evening starting at 6:30 p.m.
- Harbour House Bistro — Murray Anderson on the piano every Sunday, for your dining pleasure at lunch or dinner.
- Moby's — Sunday Dinner Jazz — Monik Nordine, starting at 7 p.m.

Family

- West of the Moon — Storytime every Tuesday morning; 9:30 a.m. 2-3 year olds, 10:00 a.m. 4-5 year olds. Come and join us!
- Island Savings Credit Union — 3rd annual students music festival, featuring students from 4 elementary schools, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m., Wednesday December 16.
- Salt Spring Centre School — Christmas pageant at Beaver Point Hall, 7 p.m. December 18.
- Salt Spring Island Baptist Church — Children's Christmas musical; a free concert called Candy Cane Lane, Saturday & Sunday, 6:30 p.m.
- Fulford Hall — Unity Gathering/Potluck Feast with music and dance, open mike and guest speakers. Honour All Nations, Saturday, 5 p.m.
- St. Mary's Anglican Church in Fulford — A community caroling; on tap are Cantus Early Music Singers, Women of Note

choir, Peter Prince and the Little Earthquakes, and the Fulford Elementary School Choir, Sunday, 4 p.m.

Stage

- Hart Bradley Memorial — Beatnik Christmas; evening of Jazz/Poetry, Friday, 8 p.m.

Dance

- Beaver Point Hall — Community Solstice celebration; African Rhythms, Salt Spring Marimba Band, Saturday, 8 p.m. Tickets \$8.

Cinema

- Home Fries — Drew Barrymore stars in this satirical comedy about two women who love the same man, while one seeks revenge, the other finds true love with the man's stepson. Director Dean Parisot's Hodgepodge of black comedy, farce, romance and action thriller also includes inspired comedy by Catherine O'Hara & Jake Busey.
- Meet Joe Black — Brad Pitt plays a super natural force who falls to earth in an attempt to learn about mortals and ends up falling harder than he planned when a charming young woman forces him to rethink his vocation. Based on the 1934 film "Death Takes A Holiday", also stars Anthony Hopkins.

Community TV

- Wednesday 1 p.m., Cable in the Classroom looks into bereavement.
- 6:00 p.m. Tuned Air Christmas (from 1997)
- 8:30 p.m. Satsang with Gangaji
- Sunday 6 p.m., Isle of Views
- 7:30 p.m. Just in time for Christmas...Hallowe'en at the Spook House
- 8:30 p.m. Tuned Air Christmas (from 1997)
- Tuesday 6 p.m., Earth Changes with Chester Ludlow
- 8:00 p.m. Tuned Air Christmas (from 1997)
- Wednesday, December 23, 6 p.m., Isle of views
- 7:30 Tuned Air Christmas (from 1997)

Marimba celebrates Solstice

The "dance of the season" is promised by the Salt Spring Marimba Band when it holds a Community Solstice Celebration on Saturday night.

Beginning at 8 p.m. at Beaver Point Hall, the celebration highlights the "compelling, hypnotic and exhilarating" sounds of the traditional music of the Shona people of Zimbabwe.

"Shona musicians play together to serve the music and their community," states a band press release. "The Salt Spring Marimba Band strives to honour this tradition, too."

"The music features densely-layered, complex polyrhythms with the lead soprano's melodies soaring above the driving pulse of the baritone and bass. Resonators under the wooden keys create the 'buzz' that is unique to Shona music, and that traditionally signifies the presence of the spirits."

Present band members have played together for almost two years and have been heard at the Lions Club last summer and on occasion at Centennial Park on Saturdays.

Cost for the dance is \$8. Light refreshments are available.

Interactive storytelling show set

Knights, gnomes, giants and dragons are the stars of an interactive storytelling production set to take place at All Saints By-the-Sea.

The History of Gnomes, a Moon Shadow Players Production, will take place Sunday through Tuesday, beginning at 2 p.m.

Based on a tale written by Johann Wolfgang von Goethe, the story is told with bursts of improvisation by player Eric Hinch, who introduces the Helmet of Imaginology and transforms himself into a gnome.

The audience provides characters and sound effects to bring the story to "new and unpredictable heights," states a press release.

The History of Gnomes has been performed in parks and festivals; it is recommended for ages six to 100.

Cost is \$5 with a food bank donation or \$6 without.

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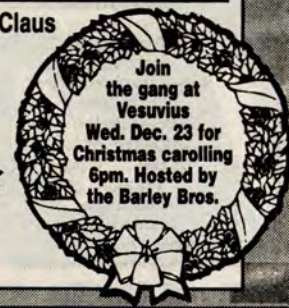
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'Coolest' Alfonso reads holiday poetry

It could be the coolest Christmas event of the season.

Sussed magazine once called Ralph Alfonso "the coolest man on the planet," and the one-and-the-same poet, musician, graphic artist and publisher of the acclaimed Ralph zine is braving a ferry trip from Vancouver to spend Friday evening on Salt Spring.

As part of Beatnik Christmas at the Lions Club hall, he will read "holiday" poetry plus selected works of Jack Kerouac, Allen Ginsberg, Walt Whitman, Lawrence Ferlinghetti and other Beat writers.

The show also includes jazzy music from Ralph's band, with Graham Howell on sax and flute, and Tracy Marks on piano; New Brunswick vocalist Bridgit Sullivan; and seasoned poetry performer Debbie Harford, formerly of Salt Spring.

Local poets are also invited to step up to the mike and read a short original poem or sing a song with a seasonal theme.

Beatnik Christmas begins at 8 p.m. with the open mike segment. Doors open at 7:30.

Alfonso has been featured on the Bravo! network, Much Music, Breakfast TV, Knowledge

Network and CBC shows such as Morningside and Gabereau. His debut CD, Coffee, Jazz and Poetry, roamed the Top 10 at several college radio stations.

Alfonso describes one of his evenings like this: "A Ralph show is a fun evening of spoken word, Beat sensibility, cool jazz and my belief that poetry can be presented as part of a popular culture mix that is positive and universal."

"The original notion of what Kerouac called 'Beatitude' was a celebration of life, discovery, experience and goodness in your heart. It's a very key ingredient that's been overlooked by popular stereotyping."

"Poetry is not negative and if my kind of Beatnik Lite can make people give it another chance, then that's great!"

Beatnik Christmas is a production of The Society for Unsung New Art and Music Innovators (TSUNAMI).

Admission is \$7, with a \$2 discount for open mike performers.

Advance tickets are at Morningside Media, Island Star Video, et cetera, Music Emporium and Acoustic Planet.

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Island music sampler set for Moby's Pub

By GAIL SJUBERG
Driftwood Staff

It started out as a way to promote and sell the recordings of local musicians, with a pre-Christmas party on the side.

So far, the Moby's Musical Christmas Craft Faire hasn't poured buckets of money from CD and cassette sales into musicians' pockets, but it's an increasingly popular event for artists and audience alike.

If Christmas panic has set in, one antidote is to forget it for a while and head down to Moby's on Saturday to enjoy half-hour sets from 11 musicians who either live on Salt Spring or consider it home in one way or another.

The faire runs from about 4 to 11 p.m. (or longer, if everyone is into it), and performers are, in scheduled order: Valdy, Barley Bros., Stack Sisters, Auntie Kate, Black Velvet, Richard Cross, Triskele,

Terry Warbey, Rounders, Derek Duffy and Myriad, and Gene Grooms.

Auntie Kate's newest CD, called "snapshots", was released a couple of months ago. In the latest issue of Vancouver Island music magazine Cosmic Debris, Monte Nordstrom says the live album captures this band "at the top of their game... With longtime stalwart Tom Bowler on guitar and vocals, Auntie Kate serves up the grits and groceries with *Muchos da Gusto!*"

Even hotter off the press is Grooms' first CD, called *Sooner or Later: the Salt Spring release party is Friday night at the Harbour House.*

Cosmic Debris also liked *Sooner or Later.*

Duffy's group Myriad is also set to catch its much-anticipated CD and run with it to Acoustic Planet, hopefully in time for a release

party there from 10 to 2 on Saturday.

The seven-hour Moby's show will be an island music sampler, and those who like what they hear can take home more in CD or cassette form.

Faire organizer and musician Dave Roland points out that islanders' friends and relatives may have heard these artists while either visiting Salt Spring, at a performance in their own town or even on the radio. The faire gives people a chance to buy autographed copies of the CDs or cassettes, either to keep or send away as personalized gifts.

"What better Christmas present than a memory of that special visit to Salt Spring?" asks Roland.

He also notes that a seven-hour musical event would normally cost "mega-bucks," but at Moby's it's free (so attendees can afford to buy a recording or two). Doing so helps

the musicians along with local recording studios, graphic artists and others involved in the growing industry.

Music continues Sunday night at Moby's for dinner jazz with the Monik Nordine Quartet.

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The show debuted in 1994 when it was featured on CBC Radio's Morningside program. Each year since it has toured parts of Canada, developing a solid reputation.

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songs and ancient traditions such as the wassailing of fruit trees and kissing under the mistletoe. The second half explores more modern Yuletide music and stories.

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Actors dramatize audience's stories

Imagine a theatre setting where the actors play out your feelings, stories and wishes.

It happens live and in the flesh on December 22 through the brand new Salt Spring Island Playback Theatre Company, which presents *The Ghosts of Christmas Past — Stories of Celebration and Healing* — at Cats Pajamas Studio on Langs Road.

Audience members will be invited to share their stories of Christmases past and feelings about the season, which Playback actors will dramatize.

The show runs from 7 to 9 p.m.

Robert Osborne heads up Playback. He describes the process as "Theatre full of passion, grace and intimate drama, which sets the stage for deep transformational healing and community growth. The audience provides stories which the actors spontaneously 'play back'. The

actors creatively invoke the spirit of the story with dialogue, movement and live music."

"Truly remarkable!" was the Victoria News' response to a Playback event.

Tuesday's evening at Cats Pajamas is an all-Playback show, although the troupe is giving a "sneak preview" at the Honour All Nations unity gathering at Fulford Hall on Saturday night. Members also performed at the ArtSpring opening party December 5.

On January 15, 1999 Playback invites community members to "put your story of Paul Ramsey and his policies on stage." It's called *Clear-cutting Our Kids: Preserving Our Future.*

Then on February 13, Playback presents its Valentine show — *Lovers, Labour and Loss* — "where the story of love is a many-splendoured event."

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Singers, Bandemonium combine for fabulous Christmas concert

By GAIL SJUBERG
Driftwood Staff

It wouldn't be Christmas on Salt Spring without the Salt Spring Singers' concert but this year, by pooling the talents and drive of the island's largest choir with its community band, the tradition outdid itself.

The co-production was a "dream come true" for the Singers' new director Wendy Milton, who also co-directs Bandemonium with husband Derrick Milton.

When Bandemonium and the Singers performed together Sunday, the sound was so good it surpassed all my expectations and left them in the dust.

There was little chance for rehearsing together before the big nights and afternoon, but that didn't seem to matter. Now it's always possible that two large sounds distract from or cover up the little blips and bleeps that the musicians and vocalists themselves may have heard. In any event, the band and choir combo was deadly.

They performed five songs: Do You Hear What I Hear?; The Christmas Song; White Christmas; Dry Your Tears, Africa; and Hallelujah Chorus. Wendy reported that even though the choir had rebelled against singing The Christmas Song "for the 13th year in a row," she convinced them to try it with the band accompaniment, which made it even better.

Dry Your Tears, Africa was a total knock-out; something completely different which the audience loved.

But what wrapped the afternoon up with glorious decor was

Handel's Hallelujah Chorus, which always ends too soon for me.

The Singers opened the concert with a beautiful piece called Hosanna, which combined Latin lyrics with contemporary harmonies.

Then they got downright silly with a jazzy, punchy tune about Santa heading to the YMCA to lose weight before his night out, and The 12 Days After Christmas, sung by the women only. ("On the first day of Christmas my true love and I had a fight . . ." Then the pear tree is chopped down, the partridges are shot . . .)

Band highlights were the medley of Christmas songs titled Xmas Time, with as much variety as the under-the-tree contents of a four-child family on Christmas morning; and an extremely well-executed rendition of the tricky March of the Toys.

As Derrick pointed out, Christmas music has an erroneous reputation for being simple to perform. In putting together the band's first-ever seasonal repertoire, though, they unearthed some challenging material.

The pieces chosen throughout made for an exceptionally strong program, I thought, and it unfolded with a perfect pace, flowing from the Singers through the first sing-along to Bandemonium alone. The choir and band played five pieces together (not enough) for the second half, again interspersed with a fun sing-along session.

There has no doubt been a lot of pressure on Wendy, this being her first stint as director of a large choir and having such a tough act

to follow in Lloyd English. Wendy, you did a great job!

Speaking of directors, on Sunday the choir was honoured by having Ruth Barker in the audience. Barker was the Singers' first director when the community choir was formed almost 25 years ago.

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Photos by Derrick Lundy



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Islanders can bank to the beat of live Christmas tunes today (Wednesday) at Island Savings Credit Union.

In its third annual event, the McPhillips Avenue credit union is featuring a children's Christmas music festival.

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'Unique' Blue Gene sound in new CD

By GAIL SJUBERG
Driftwood Staff

Salt Spring Islanders might know Gene Grooms best as the quintessential "shoutin' blues" musician of the Gene Grooms Blues Project and as part of Three Chord Sloth.

But with his first CD set for official release on Friday night at the brand new Harbour House Wheelhouse Room, Grooms has travelled far from the genre which first propelled him into the public domain in 1989.

The CD, which is called *Sooner or Later*, has all kinds of sounds, textures and styles, from reggae, smooth rhythm and blues, funk and pop. Grooms calls it "a unique Blue Gene sound."

All songs were written by Grooms, and among them are the "standards" his fans demand at live performances.

Two of his own favourites are *Me & Jack Daniels* (it was the only booze with a name that fit the song; he doesn't actually like the stuff) and the title cut *Sooner or Later*, which features Simone Grasky's beautiful voice.

"It was a real special treat to watch her bring life to one of my songs," says Grooms.

Sooner or Later was recorded at Nomad Music and GSC Records, both on Salt Spring, and remixed and mastered at GSC. Cover art is by Paul Marcano, and graphic work was done by GSC's Dave Davies, who also co-produced and engineered the CD.

Besides Grasky, some of the best musicians on Salt Spring and in Victoria played with Grooms on the project: Jane and Kathy Stack, Little Marty, Neil Taylor, Dave Roland, Doug Saunders, Marcelle Nokony, Charlie "Super Smooth"

Wade, Phil Newns, Al Sabourin, Dinos Grames, Zak Cohen, Larry Wallace, Allen Dookie and Kevin Wilkie.

All of the musicians who contributed to the CD are expected at the Harbour House release party, so the performance will be as close to the CD sound as possible. It should be quite the musical event.

A Victoria release party is on tonight (Wednesday) at the Millennium Jazz Club.

Grooms has been featured at hot spots such as Harpo's, Blues Heaven and The Yale, and performed at major Victoria theatres, the Commonwealth Games and the annual Victoria Jazzfest. He's also hosted lively blues jams in the area.

"It's earning me a pretty good reputation, which is sometimes worth more than money," says Grooms.

As for the newly-renovated Harbour House venue for Friday's party, Grooms says, "It's hard to believe we're sitting in the same Harbour House Pub we all know and love." He recalls how his band had opened the premises when it became the Wheelhouse Pub.

Now that he has a crucial promotional tool in hand, what's next for Grooms? A "straight-ahead blues" album is in the works for the future, as is the possibility of testing the music scene in Toronto.

"It's time to take it to the next level," he said. "I'm starting into the major leagues now."

If you miss the Harbour House party, Grooms will be across the street on Saturday night as part of Moby's Musical Christmas Craft Faire.

Sooner or Later is available at island music stores.

Two last chances offered

Christmas shoppers have been given more than one last chance to buy gifts at a craft fair this year.

The Last Chance Christmas Craft Fair runs at Salt Spring Centre on Blackburn Road Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Sunday from 11 to 5.

More than 30 vendors from on and off-island will set up in the centre's warm and relaxed atmosphere. Among those participating are Phoenix and Salt Spring Centre schools and Salt Spring Preschool,

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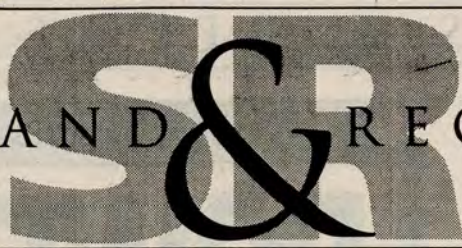
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Senior boys rally from behind for win in Chemainus match

By MIKE LEVIN
Driftwood Staff

Despite a record under 500, Myles Wilson's strategy is starting to click.

Scheduling most of his early-season games against tough AAA schools, Wilson's senior boys basketball Scorpions have absorbed some lopsided losses.

But they have also sprinted to a 2-0 record in AA league play.

The most recent league win was a gutsy 90-72 turnaround against Chemainus December 8 in Chemainus.

GISS took its league opener 76-71 over Brentwood December 1 at Brentwood.

Wilson is trying to forge his team in fire.

GISS played 14 games in the past three weeks. Each of its nine losses has come against large-population schools like Victoria's Spectrum and Vancouver's Handsworth.

"I want them working hard. Games against bigger teams show us our weaknesses, things we have to work on," said the coach after the Woodlands win. "I think with a new group like (the Scorpions) it's best to play them into shape."

The regimen has created some tough moments for a young Scorpions team, such as a 45-point loss to Handsworth in a North Vancouver tournament December 4-6 and a 17-point loss to Parklands in a Carihi tournament this past weekend in Campbell River.

But it has also helped create a fiercely competitive attitude.

Last week GISS rallied from a 15-point deficit in the first half to beat Chemainus and the following day took a 76-56 exhibition decision against talented Woodlands, from Nanaimo.

At the Campbell River event, GISS also rallied from a 17-point disadvantage against AAA Carihi before bowing by just three, 75-72.

In league play against Chemainus the Scorpions started slowly, floating on defense and not moving the ball inside to their big scorers.

"They realized it wasn't going to be as easy as they thought, so it came down to whether they out-work (Chemainus)," Wilson said.

The turnaround came late in the first half with a tightening on defense and an offensive plan that focused on twin towers Keannu Myers and Joe Cunliffe.

Myers finished with 30 points and Cunliffe with 14.

The pair figured prominently in the Woodlands victory as well, with Myers chipping in 23 and Cunliffe adding 13. Linemate Chris Langdon scored 17 as the front line controlled the boards at both ends.

"This was the first game that they worked hard from start to finish, and the defense was definitely better," said Wilson, whose team led 41-25 at the half.

Woodlands' fast break at times exploited a weakness in the Scorpions' ability to shift from offense to defense, but GISS' disciplined offense plays and rebounding advantage made the difference.

Wilson's conditioning program is far from over.

GISS took on another AAA exhibition opponent — Sidney



THE LOW POST: Keannu Myers (35) works himself into a familiar position next to the basket in Wednesday's game against Woodlands at GISS. The Scorpions' starting centre has found little opposition in league play and is leading the senior boys in scoring.

Photo by Mike Levin

Stellys — Tuesday at GISS and will face Cowichan High in a regular league game today (Wednesday) at Cowichan.

Then it is off to Nanaimo's Dover Bay for another tournament

this weekend where all the team's opponents will be triple-A schools.

"I don't hear anyone complaining," said Wilson. "I would hope that everyone looks at this as a challenge."

SCHOOL DISTRICT 64 (GULF ISLANDS) NOTICE OF NOMINATION BY-ELECTION OF SCHOOL TRUSTEE - SALT SPRING ISLAND

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given to the electors of School District 64 (Gulf Islands) that nominations for the office of Trustee will be received at the offices School District 64 (Gulf Islands), 112 Rainbow Road, Salt Spring Island, B.C. V8K 2K3 between the hours of 9:00 A.M. on Tuesday, the twenty second (22nd) day of December 1998 and 4:00 P.M. on Monday, the fourth (4th) day of January 1999 and during that period the nomination documents shall only be received on regular office days and hours. Should anyone wish to file nomination documents in other than office hours, arrangements may be made by phoning the Deputy Chief Election Officer, Mr. Howie Nuttall at (250)477-6416 or the Chief Election Officer at (250) 472-0059.

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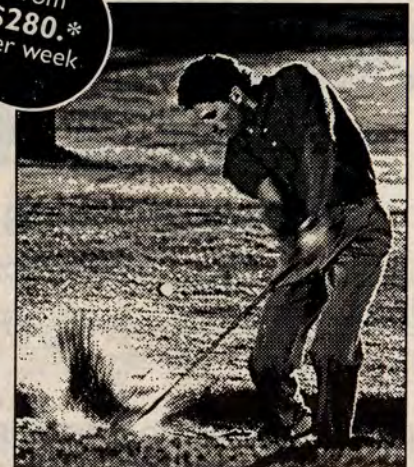
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Junior girls open season with two strong victories

Player conditioning proved an unexpected luxury for Dan Lawless as his junior girls' basketball Scorpions opened their season with two decisive victories.

Wednesday the team took a 53-15 decision over Chemainus at GISS following an inaugural 67-23 win over Frances Kelsey December 7 at Frances Kelsey.

Coach Lawless was a bit surprised at how easily his girls handled their opponents.

"Most of them have come through the Middle School and other soccer programs so their shape is excellent," Lawless said following the Wednesday contest.

In that game the Scorpions

surged to a 31-3 lead at halftime. Their advantage was noticeable most on defense as they limited their opponents to less than 10 shots.

At the other end the margin could have been much wider if GISS shooters had capitalized on their numerous chances in close.

Cynthia Cameron led the locals with 18 points while Emily Bond added 14.

"There are still a lot of things we have to work on, such as our layups, but it is a team that knows how to work together," said Lawless. "It's great to have such a great attitude among players."

Slugs lose 5-4 in close game with Sidney team

On Monday morning Salt Spring Slugs found themselves in need of some attitude readjustment following a pair of emotional weekend hockey games.

Sunday the men clawed back from a two-goal deficit but had time run out in a 5-4 loss to Sidney Blues at Fuller Lake Arena. Saturday they never finished an uncontrollable game against Sooke Hawks in Sooke.

"They were up by three when we started to score, but then things got stupid," said Slugs Paul Sinclair of the Sooke game. "They had a 10-year-old kid reffing and he wasn't calling anything so we

decided to leave."

The game against Sidney was a back-and-forth affair that begged for a tie.

The teams traded goals until midway through the final period.

With Sooke up 5-3, the Slugs gathered their strength with a late Pat Akerman marker. But with only 28 seconds left on the clock, Salt Spring couldn't ripple the cords one final time.

Akerman finished the game with three goals.

Slugs face Chemainus Old Boys Sunday at Fuller Lake in their final game before the Christmas break.

Hockey players sharpen skates for upcoming 8-team tourney

Six Salt Spring players will get the call as their Fuller Lake Panthers bantam hockey team heads into an eight-team tournament Monday to Wednesday at Fuller Lake.

The entrants' list has yet to be finalized, but the Panthers open the event Monday at 9:50 a.m. They play round-robin contests again at 7 p.m. and Tuesday at 9:50 a.m. Playoffs begin Tuesday afternoon.

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Scorpions sting Chemainus

By MIKE LEVIN
Driftwood Staff

GISS wasted no time in stealing a victory when the senior girls basketball team hosted Chemainus December 8 at the Rainbow Road gymnasium.

Using a full-court-trap defense, the Scorpions pilfered the ball 39 times in a 72-32 win.

Thirteen of the steals came in the first quarter as GISS scored the game's first 10 points and held its opponents scoreless for two and a half minutes following the opening tip-off.

The girls also forced Chemainus into two shot-clock violations as they surged to a 16-6 lead after 10 minutes.

They added another dozen steals in the second quarter to extend their lead to 35-13 at the half, many of their buckets coming on layups.

Had the Scorpions' shooting been better, the margin would have been embarrassing.

"The defense and passing was very sharp, but they do need to learn to run the offense better," said Tony Mason, who assumed the bench responsibilities for absent coach Kellie Booth. "The (defensive trap) was working so well I think they forgot to play both ends."

Hot-shooting exchange student Katharina Blenke led the winners with 21 points, 15 in the second half. Her aggressive penetration inside kept Chemainus leaning back in its own zone.

The rest of the scoring was spread evenly, with court general Sarah Cameron posting 10 in the first half and being content to set up Sheila Stacey and Annette Wright the rest of the way.

But it was the inspired play of junior Claire Rustad that provided the game's most entertaining moments.

The rookie's quicksilver reactions and textbook jumps-shot revealed a budding star.

"She has excellent anticipation on defense and a great ability to finish off the play on offense," said Mason.

Rustad finished with 11 points and was a threat all through the game.

The Scorpions have a long lay-off — until January 5 — when they face Shawnigan at Shawnigan.



TEUTONIC TITAN: At top, German exchange student Katharina Blenke battles with Chemainus' centre while teammates Joelle Morrison (11), Annette Wright, right, and Sarah Cameron, left, move in to help out. Below, Cameron (15) uses her experience to pace the GISS senior girls to a strong start in AA high school basketball play.

Photos by Mike Levin



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New parks, beach are PARC priorities

When the Park, Arts and Recreation Commission (PARC) reconvenes in the new year it will have to figure out what to do with what will become Salt Spring's biggest community park.

Commissioners heard during the year's final meeting Monday of two chunks of land near Arnell Park that have been dedicated to the community, including an 80-acre parcel between Mereside and Stewart roads and 160 acres (formerly known as Mereside Farms) that was acquired by local conservation groups.

The area will be linked to Arnell Park by a two-kilometre trail, creating a 280-acre parcel next to 120 acres of Crown land.

"It's massive, and the possibilities are endless," said PARC administrator Tony Hume.

"But it's a long-term project because it will take time and

money to organize it properly."

One idea for the 80-acre parcel is a mountain-bike park.

This land and a host of new projects may have sounded a bit daunting for four new incoming commissioners who sat in on the meeting at Portlock Park.

The nomination of the newcomers — Rosemary Trump, Bob Frances, Alix Granger and Susan Russell — is expected to be approved today (Wednesday) by the Capital Region Board.

They join re-appointees Lawrie Neish, Wayne Fraser and Jamie Squier.

High on the commission's priority list is a rejigging of Beddis Beach, to move parking onto the road and make use of the park area, and a trail donation by a landowner in a new strata development.

Junior boys take third in tourney

It was a tournament of wild swings for GISS junior boys basketball Scorpions over the weekend at Chemainus.

The locals finished the eight-team event in third place with a 72-30 victory over the host Chemainus team, and the game's margin was common throughout play.

GISS opened the tourney with a 71-44 decision over Maillard, of Port Coquitlam, and followed that with a 67-60 win over Ladysmith. The Scorpions then absorbed a tough 95-32 lesson from Courtenay's Vanier before moving into the playoffs.

"We were looking pretty good but the (score margins) are a bit of a concern," said coach Tony Mason. "It seems we either play a crummy team and kill them or a very good team and they kill us. There isn't a lot of balance."

The game against Ladysmith was GISS' most exciting. Trailing for most of the contest, the Scorpions gobbled up the deficit in the late stages.

Brendan Wilson led the team with 25 points and was eventually named to the tournament's all-star team.

Cam Beals and Reese Beasley also shone for Salt Spring. Beals' 13 points paced the playoff victory over Chemainus.

HIGH ROLLERS

By Ruth Hume
Driftwood Contributor

As you celebrate with friends and family this season, don't forget that our leagues close down for the two weeks over the holidays.

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Clams dropped from curriculum but worth saving

If you have a room full of unruly kids, threaten them with this old Salt Spring Island school activity.

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The biggest ones at the bottom are horse clams — irregular-shaped shells as big as an outstretched palm with tough, long, sinewy siphons.

The middle ones are butter clams — oval, yellow to grey-white in colour and as big as a closed palm.

The little ones at the top are little-necks — oval, as long as the middle finger, patterned with radiating stripes and a little siphon.

The sacks represent sand and gravel and this is how the clams live. If you have endured this mild form of torture as a child you will never forget the order of clam species which live in the protected intertidal gravel and sand estuaries. Ruby Alton said so and she still remembered after 50 years.

At the time when Bea Hamilton was tussling with unruly children and burlap sacks, it was the Depression era and this information was critical to every schoolkid's education. Clams supplemented diets and could be sold for extra money to pad out the family income.

Knowing different species was important as there were different rates for different species.

Times have changed. The teachers probably couldn't get away with packing boys and girls between sacks to demonstrate clam behaviour. Clams are not on the curriculum anymore.

I think about Ruby's story whenever I walk the beach below her house in Fulford Harbour. The creek that runs through her forest and out to the sea has created a wonderfully gravelly, muddy place for clams. These three species were the ones she always talked about and dug for when I joined her on clam-digging expeditions there.

We went down with one bucket

NOTES FROM WRANGELLIA WITH BRIONY PENN



and a spade, her hair wrapped up in a bright kerchief. She dug, I gathered. She told me she was always a little-neck — the advantage of being a smaller girl. Her brothers were horse clams. They were the toughest and least tasty. We laughed because we both had lots of big tough brothers who deserved to be at the bottom of the sacks.

Butter clams were the plumpest and the best tasting, she said. We laughed because we are both skinny, bony women never destined for refined luxury palates.

To dig for a horse clam you have to go down at least a foot into the mud. Those large squirts that you get in embarrassing places when you tread across the mud are the horse clam siphons retreating into their shells. They can be quite a tussle to get.

The butter clams only need an eight-inch probe with a sharp spade and Ruby could flick out little-necks with a fierce glare. It was probably her kerchief.

The little-necks she dug for as a

school girl were now joined by an introduced little-neck called the Manila little-neck which are shinier, have geometric patterns, are more oblong and even closer to the surface than the native little-necks.

I knew she had somewhat less respect for the Manilas as they were less tolerant of extreme winters being so close to the surface, although to her pragmatic eye any food was a gift.

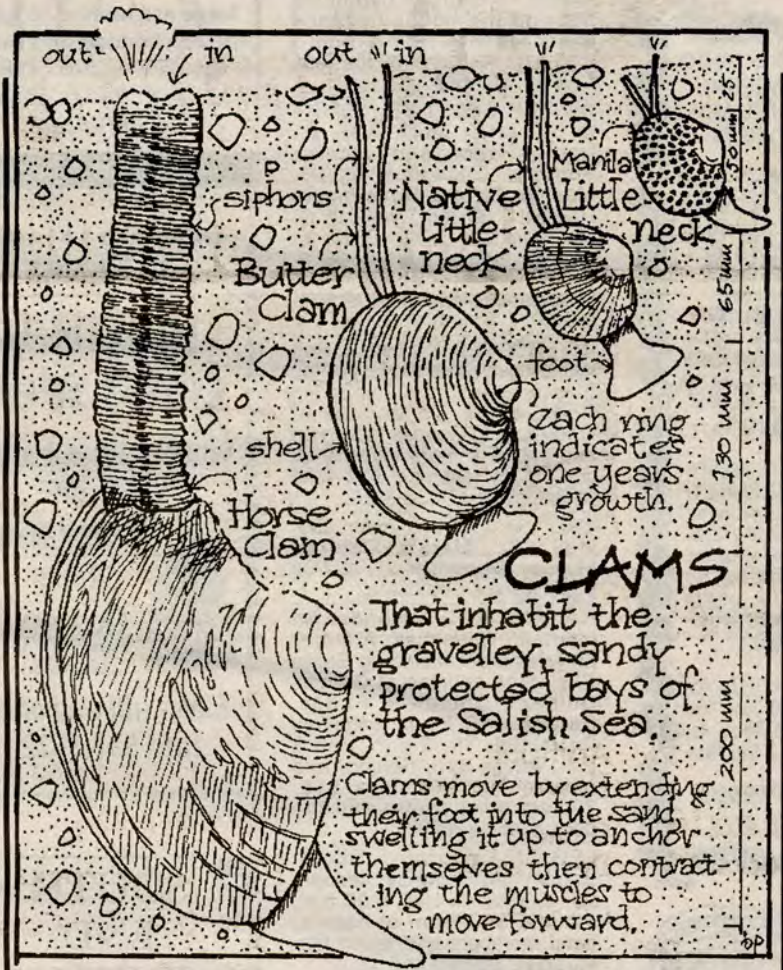
Horse clams lived to quite old ages, she reckoned, as long as a person although not as long as geoducks, which can live up to 150 years. ("Gooyduck" is a native Nisqually word for "dig deep" because these clams live way down in the sand.) She didn't have geoducks on her beach, otherwise her teacher would have put a few of them down at the bottom for another sack layer.

Butter clams live about 20 years and little-necks are short-lived, being close to the surface. You have to take more of the ebbs and flows of life up at the top, that is the disadvantage of being a little-neck.

Ruby lived and died a little-neck. She stuck her neck out to face the ebbs and flows of the 20th century. She knew what she was talking about when she saw the ability to feed yourself in the Straits of

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So, Ruby, here is one of your stories and when your ashes find their way down that creek into the estuary, I'll take my kids and get them to look for that little-neck on top with the bright kerchief.



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Announcements

6 DEATHS

HUDSON, MARGARET (nee Knight). Born in Elkhorn, Manitoba on March 12, 1909 - passed peacefully away on December 8, 1998. Predeceased by her husband Arthur, and her grandson John. She is lovingly remembered by her daughter Diane (Howie), her son Brian (April), grandchildren Ian, Kelly and Leah, and brothers Rod and John. Our grateful thanks to the caring staff at the Priory. Private family arrangements have been made.

HENDERSON, HARVEY Earl - Born March 2, 1922 in Boissevain, Manitoba, died at Lady Minto Hospital after a short illness on December 12, 1998, at the age of 76. Harvey moved to the island in 1967 with his family. He is predeceased by his wife, June, in 1993. He is survived by his children Jeff (Ann) Henderson, Murray (Alice) Henderson & Elaine (Burt) Allison, brother, Wray Henderson, grandchildren, Stephanie & Greg Allison, Bradley & Melissa Henderson. No service by request. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Lady Minto Hospital Foundation, 135 Crofton Rd, Salt Spring Island, BC. V8K 1T1. He will be sadly missed.

8 CARDS OF THANKS

Helga, Michael, David and John at Rose's Seaside Cafe in Fulford Harbour would like to thank all our friends and neighbours who came and helped with the redecorating and inauguration of Rose's Cafe. Thank-you Stan & Marie, Steve, Paul, Willard, Caroline, John, Bruce, Timothy, Joan, Marcus, and especially for the kind and generous consideration of Mickey Lee. Also, Thank-you to all those who contributed humour and entertainment: Sue, Arvid, Reid, Dave, George, Harry, Dianne, Andrew & Christine, Al and Jackie. Thank you everyone for your continuing support.

CHEERS!!! TSUNAMI (The Society for Unsung New Art and Music Innovators) would like to recognize, individually and collectively, those kind individuals and supportive businesses who contributed generously to making the 2nd Annual Indian Summerstock music festival such a success. Thank you: Alison Came, Delores, Brian and Janice Finnemore, Ron Spencer, Ken, Cheryl and all the fine folks at Fulford Hall; The Braiden family - Ross, Tracey, Ben, Shawn, Ian and Gizmo; The Schmans - Chris, Marilyn, Aleta, Kayla and Camille; (the fab four techies) Aleta Schmah, Adam Vickers, Jenn Lannan and Bree Eagle; Eddie Pickell, Steve McColl, Dennis Anderson, Brad Low, Cathy and Denom, Spring Thicket Farm, Murray (Morningside Media), John Law and Michelle (Acoustic Planet), Robbyn (SS Roasting Co.), everyone at Foxglove Farm & Garden Supplies, Hilary Clemente (Cinema Central), Amber (SS Soapworks), Shawn and Val Bailey (The Phying Fish Clothing Co.), Jim Fogarty, Chris Kodaly, Trish Nobile; The wonderful artists - Kayla Schmah, Stacy Burke, Amanda Arnott, Tania Elizabeth, Adam Dobres, Adrian Dolan, Ronnie Scott, Elvis, Mac Pontiac, Charlie Hase, Jon Wood, Susan Young, Rick Maddocks, Andy Geluk, Geoff Gilliard, Andrew Arida, (the late show players) John Herbert and Terry Lundy. And to all others, friends old and new, who helped in their own way, and to all the people who attended and shared this special night, thank you. This one's for you, Casey. Peace.

HEARTFELT THANKS to Nina Raginsky for inspirational leadership in saving our homes! Kraaauk. The Great Blue Herons of McFadden Creek.

8 CARDS OF THANKS

IN THIS most sorrowful time of my life, I have many people to thank. I want to thank everyone who cherished Bob (Jankura), all of the people who supported us while he was sick, all of the people at Lady Minto who cared so well for him, especially during the last days, and for allowing me to sleep by his side and hold his hand. Thanks to all of you who helped make his memorial service reflect his spirit. Thanks to all of the friends who have given me love and support in these days following his death. My greatest thanks are to you, my poet warrior and darling love, for sharing your life and great love with me. It should have been for a much longer time, both for me and for all of the people who loved you. Christine (Crombie).

HARRY BURTON of Apple Luscious Organic Orchard, 110 Heidi Place. 653-2007 wishes to thank customers for a great year, producing over 4800 pounds of organic apples. Starting February 25, custom grafting of over 150 varieties of apples will be offered. During April will be our Apple Blossom Festival. Seasons greetings to all. burtonh@saltspring.com. www.appleluscious.com.

9 CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

LADY MINTO HOSPITAL AUXILIARY SOCIETY
Christmas Greetings and special thanks to all members and volunteers who so generously give of their time to help patients in the Hospital. Extended Care and Greenwoods. Thanks also to the volunteers who keep the Hospital showcase filled with attractive knitting, sewing and crafts, and to those looking after hospital flowers.
The hard working team who tend the Thrift Shop deserve special greetings and thanks, as do our friends who donate merchandise, as well as the customers that buy.
Special Thrift Shop hours:
Closing Dec. 24, Thurs. 4pm
Opening Dec. 29, Tues. 10am
Closing Dec. 31, Thurs. 4pm
Opening Jan. 2, Sat. 10am
A PROSPEROUS 1999 TO ALL!

Merry Xmas and heartfelt thanks to our lovely Nina for all you've shared with us.
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14 IN MEMORIAM

Hayward's Funeral Service

320 Upper Ganges Rd. Salt Spring Island B.C. V8K 1R7

24 hr. service 537-1022

Notices

20 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.

HONOUR ALL Nations - Unity Gathering/Potluck Feast/Music dance/open-mike & guest speakers. Saturday, December 19, 5 p.m. Fulford Hall. Phone Diana 653-9497.

YOGA IN Ganges continues through the holiday season every Monday from 7 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. All Saints by the Sea. Celeste, 537-5667.

WINTER SOLSTICE (Sunrise to Sunset). Spirit Walk for Unity, Peace and Dignity. Sunday, December 20/98. Meet at Fulford Government Dock at 7:30 a.m., walking up Mt. Tuam to K.D.O.L. Dress for weather, some food provided, bring food to share. All Welcome. Phone Diana at 653-9497.

INTERESTED IN Salt Spring Island Pony Club Membership? Please come to the Salt Spring Roasting Co. on Dec. 21 at 10:00 a.m. in Ganges to sign up and pay. For more information call Karen Pedersen, 653-4589 or Cathy Afford, 653-9220.

CAROLS AND Christmas readings, St. Mark's Central, Monday, December 21, at 7:00 p.m. Everyone welcome.

RAISINS AND almonds: An interfaith Christmas. A family entertainment including Santa Claus and goodies at Ganges United Church, Friday, December 18, 8 p.m. Saturday, December 19, 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Adults \$10. Seniors and children \$5. Families \$15. Tickets at et cetera and the door. Seating limited.

LEGION PIPE band, Robert Burns night Saturday, January 23, at Meaden Hall, 6:30 p.m. Tickets \$20 from et cetera, band members and legion bar. Music by Triskele and band.

POST & PRE NATAL yoga returning in January. New babies welcome. For more information call Natalie at 653-4455.

SSI PLAYBACK presents "The Ghost of Christmas Past". Tuesday, December 22, 7 - 9 p.m. @ Cat's Pyjamas Studio. 104 Lang Road. For info: 537-8746.

FAMILY PLACE Christmas potluck Thursday Dec. 17, 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. Raffle draw. 537-9176.

Everlasting Summer OPEN Sat. Sun. Dec. 19 & 20 only! SALE 20% OFF Pots, stoneware, candles, circle of friends, soap, seeds, arrangements & wreaths. Closing Sunday at 4, til March 194 McLennan 653-9418

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20 COMING EVENTS

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invites you to "Candy Cane Lane" A Children's Musical December 19 & 20 6:30pm S.S.I. Baptist Church 520 Lower Ganges Rd.

LUNCH THEATRE or Supper Theatre, Sunday, December 20. Improv Comedy Theatre to have you laugh at Solstice & Christmas. 653-4250 for details & reservations.

ALL SAINTS BY THE SEA

Induction of the Rev. Dr. Kim Murray

Parishioners, friends, members of other Christian denominations and the community at large are invited to join the celebration and meet the new Rector of the Anglican Parish of Salt Spring Island. Dec. 19 at 3:00pm

LAST CHANCE CHRISTMAS CRAFT SALE

Saturday, December 19 10am - 4pm

MEADEN HALL ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION

Tables still available. Info 537-5822

SOUTH END CHRISTMAS

St. Mary's Church Fulford Harbour

December 20 4:00pm

Alan Moberg Cantus Singers Women of Note Peter Prince & the Earthquakes Fulford Elementary School Choir Community Carol Singing

REFRESHMENTS ALL WELCOME!

20 COMING EVENTS

Past Rotarians are invited to attend

The Rotary Club of SSI Social

at the HARBOUR HOUSE HOTEL

Wed., December 30/98 7pm

RSVP John Neville 537-8824

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THE MUSIC, FOLKLORE, POETRY, LAND & DANCE Myriad Live...in Concert

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22 ~ 9am - 8pm
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SSI UNITED CHURCH
 (111 Hereford Ave.)
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CHRISTMAS EVENTS
 Wednesday, December 16
 Ecumenical Carol Sing
 (meet at Baptist Church) 6:30pm
 Thursday, December 17
 Community Meditation 11:15am
 Friday, December 18
 Interfaith Christmas Play 8:00pm
 Saturday, December 19
 Interfaith Christmas Play 2 & 8pm
 Sunday, December 20
 Advent IV Service 10:00am
 Thursday, December 24
 Preschool Christmas Eve 4:30pm
 Christmas Eve Service 7:30pm
 Friday, December 25
 Christmas Day Service 10:00am
 (with Holy Communion)
 Sunday, December 27
 Worship Service 10:00am
 Sunday, January 3
 Epiphany Sunday 10:00am

PHONE: 537-5812
FOR DETAILS

Community Solstice CELEBRATION!
African Rhythms
 Dec. 19 ~ 8pm ~ \$8
 BEAVER POINT HALL
Salt Spring Marimba Band
"Dance the Cold Winter Away"

NOTICE
 Gulf Islands Secondary School
 presents
THE CO-OP CONSTRUCTION PROGRAM
REQUIRED
 A one month construction project
 When: April 1999
 Call: Kelly Knister
 537-9944

The Salt Spring Centre
LAST CHANCE CRAFT FAIRE
 Dec. 19 ~ 10am - 5pm
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 ELECTRIC MAINLINE RECORDING ARTISTS:
 • **EASE**
 &
 • **SPACEHEAD**
December 31st
8pm - 2am
Fulford Hall
Admission \$10 at the door
Advanced Tickets Call 538-0338
This is a secure, non-alcoholic event. There will be absolutely no glass permitted. Concession will include pop, juice & baked goods. Drinking cups & water will be free.
POSITIVELY NO NEGATIVITY!

23 COMMUNITY SERVICES
CRISIS LINE for Salt Spring - toll-free 1-888-324-3299.
NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS - Meetings 8 p.m. Thursday, in back of et cetera building, off Rainbow Road.
DRESSINGS FREE to cancer patients by the Order of the Eastern Star. Contact Ida McManus, 537-5423.
FAMILIES OF Schizophrenics meet in homes for mutual support. Call 537-9237 or 537-5264.
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DONATED TOYS for Santa's Workshop may be left at Mouat's, Pharmasave, and North Salt Spring Waterworks Office. Toys should be new or very gently used and must be dropped off by December 17. Santa is also seeking a new space in which to work next Christmas. The space is needed for 4-5 weeks prior to Christmas, must be heated and large enough to accommodate 10 long work tables. If you are willing to provide such a space please call: Bob Appleton 537-4505, Judy Willett 537-9943 or Anne Williams 537-9971.


Lady Minto Gulf Islands HOSPITAL FOUNDATION
 The aims and objectives of the LADY MINTO GULF ISLANDS HOSPITAL FOUNDATION are to raise funds which will be used to expand and enhance the delivery of medical care by the Hospital to Gulf Islands residents. You can help the Foundation attain these goals by a gift of funds, real or personal property, memorial bequests, endowments, life insurance or securities.
 All donations will be recognized in the Hospital and receipts for Income Tax purposes will be issued.
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 V8K 1T1
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 Women's only -
 Thursday nights 5:15 p.m.
 Please call 537-1733 or 537-2993.

Save a Special Piece of Salt Spring
 Make tax deductible donations to a fund dedicated to protecting environmentally sensitive lands on Salt Spring Island. The fund will be used as special opportunities arise.
 Contact Maureen Milburn at 653-9417.

the Salt Spring Island Conservancy
 Ganges PO Box 722,
 Salt Spring Island, BC V8K 2W3

25 EDUCATION

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TREE FROG day care requires an E.C.E. Teacher. Would prefer infant/toddler training, this is a temporary position for 1 year starting March 1, 1999, contact Janis Shields at 653-4998.
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26 LEGALS

NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND OTHERS RE: ESTATE OF JOHN KEAN, Deceased, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that creditors and other having claims against the estate of the above named deceased, late of 2013 - 135 Brinkworthy Place, Salt Spring Island, British Columbia, V8K 1S2, are hereby required to send them to the undersigned Executor c/o 420 - 880 Douglas Street, Victoria, British Columbia, V8W 2B7, before the 21st day of January, 1999, after which date the Executor will distribute the said estate among the parties entitled thereto, having regard only to the claims which they then have notice.

ISLAND SAVINGS CREDIT UNION
 By its solicitors,
McCONNAN, BION, O'CONNOR & PETERSON

29 LOST AND FOUND

FOUND YOUNG adult cat. Black with white feet, chest, and nose markings. Garner Road. 653-9258.
LOST LADY'S glasses Friday December 11, in the Upper Ganges area. Right eye bifocal, please call 537-4757.
FOUND A set of keys at the Thrift Shop last week. Can be claimed at the Driftwood office.
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 We are an energetic, cultured couple with everything you need to make your occasion memorable. Traditional and/or international menus. Bar tending service possible.
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 Christmas Eve, Dec. 24, closed at 5pm
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 Boxing Day, Dec. 26 ~ Closed ~
 New Year's Eve, Dec. 31, 11am - 3am
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T'ai Chi Classes
 BEGINNERS & ON-GOING
 Tues & Thurs. 9:30-10:30am
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 For more info, call Tao at
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55 HELP WANTED
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INSURANCE OFFICE REQUIRES career minded person for full time position. Reply with resume to Dept. A. c/o The Driftwood, 328 Lower Ganges Rd. Salt Spring Island. V8K 2V3.
HELP WANTED: Line cook, full/part time. Apply to manager with resume. Fulford Inn.
TREE FROG day care requires an E.C.E. Teacher. Would prefer infant/toddler training, this is a temporary position for 1 year starting March 1, 1999, contact Janis Shields at 653-4998.
WANTED: QUALIFIED faller for removal and topping of selected trees. 537-5490.
EXPERIENCED HOME Support Workers required for Live in, Overnight, evening work and vacation relief providing care for elderly clients in their homes. Duties include personal care, meal prep and some housework. Training and supervision provided. People interested in Monday-Friday 9-5 need not apply. Automobile essential. For further information/application, phone 537-9955. Closing date December 22, 1998.
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CARMACKS ENTERPRISES - Highway Maintenance Foreman, Canmore. Must be career motivated. Only those with supervisory and snowplow experience need apply. Resume: Carmacks Enterprises, #260, 720 - 28 St. N.E., Calgary, AB, T2A 6R3. Attention: Dave Kristensen.
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55 HELP WANTED

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Pender Islands School requires a 1.0 FTE temporary teacher (January 18, 1999 to June 30, 1999) for Kindergarten, Special Education, and Learning Assistance. The assignment will also involve some classroom teaching in the Grade 1/2 classroom.

The successful Candidate will:

- hold or be eligible for membership in the B.C. College of Teachers
 - have evidence of exemplary teaching at the primary level (preferably kindergarten) level
 - have documented expertise in primary education, special education, and learning assistance.
- Applications should include the following:**
- a letter of application
 - a statement of educational philosophy
 - a current resume with supporting documents
 - professional references

All applications for this temporary position must be received by 4pm, Wed., January 6, 1999. Please direct applications and any requests for information to:

Dr. Mike Marshall, Principal
Pender Islands School
5714 Canal Rd.
Pender Island, B.C.
V0N 2M1
Tel: 250-629-3711
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#1 - 18" TAPERSAWN SHINGLES, \$175/square. #1 - 18" Barn Shakes \$155/square. 18" Tapersawn Shingles & 18" barn shakes, \$85/square. Inclusive of all taxes. Phone 653-4458.

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ROSE'S SEASIDE Café in Fulford Harbour is now accepting reservations for Xmas parties and private gatherings. Seating available for up to 50 guests! Make your reservations early! Rose's Cafe (formerly "Raven's Nest"), phone: 653-9222 or fax: 653-2004.

TOP QUALITY Hay, \$4.50/bale, Sweetwater Farm, 537-2119.

LUNCH THEATRE or Supper Theatre. Sunday, December 20. Improv Comedy Theatre to have you laugh at Solstice & Christmas. 653-4250 for details & reservations.

STUFF & NONSENSE is open till 8 p.m. this Friday. All clothing 25% off until Christmas. In Fulford by the ferry. 653-4620.

PERENNIAL PRESENCE" gorgeous potted evergreen gift packs are seasonal and can be planted out in spring. For sale outside "Sweet Arts Cafe". Delivery to 24th.

BABY GRAND under the Christmas tree? Reconditioned, refinished, regular \$8000 on sale \$5500 or \$165 per month. Ken Ackerman. 537-4533.

BEAUTIFUL PIANO, good condition, \$980, or \$32/month. Ken Ackerman Piano Service, 537-4533. Sorry walnut piano sold.

FOR SALE. 1984 Nissan Pick-up with canopy. Runs great. \$1,300 obo. Call Chip at 537-0872.

FOR SALE. 486 DX66 Processor with Office Pro '97, Microsoft Money/Works '97, business ready machine. \$500. obo. 653-9193.

WEB DESIGNING and trouble shooting for small to large business's by Autotech. Call 537-7917.

INVENTORY CLEAR-OUT Sale, 20 - 75% off! Sale starts Wednesday & ends Sunday. wearEverywear clothing, 103 McPhillips Ave, 537-8770. (Mon - Sat: 10-5:30, Sunday: 10-3)

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FOR SALE. 1993 Toyota "Four Runner". V6, good condition, available anytime. \$16,000. Phone 653-4855.

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AUTO PARTS/ACCESSORIES - message # 537-9466. Ford 390 GT, 10-1 ratio pistons - brand new in box \$600, Stock engine block, not bored, \$500, + misc parts. 2 pair aluminum 5 spoke Mags + tires, \$200/pair. 4V 390 GT, stock intake manifold \$100. Rebuilt '67 302 Ford engine & stock carb, complete \$400.

STOREWIDE SALE Continues, 20 - 50% off everything! 40% (off reg. prices), all men's shirts, 40% (off reg. prices) all ladies blouses. Enter our contest! Country Casuals, 124 Lower Ganges Rd., 537-5844.

FOR SALE: 1978 Ford F250 with 11 1/2ft. camper, excelent fishing or ski housing, good condition, \$3500. After 4pm 537-2728.

FOR SALE. 1985 Honda Prelude. Sunroof, standard, looks good, asking \$1,100. Two 12" Crankenstiens with 300wt Kenwood amp asking \$300. Call 653-2020.

NEW WATERCOLOUR classes, semi-private, starting in January. Beginners & Intermediates. Gift certificates available. Call Val Konig 537-9531.

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SO SAD..."Song of the Isles" by Myriad & Dancers has been temporarily postponed until February 6, 1999 due to delays in the opening ArtSpring. All tickets will be honored for the Feb. concert date. See you at the concert.

SO GLAD..."Song of the Isles" Myriad and dancers live concert will be on stage at ArtSpring on February 6, 1999. Watch for details in coming events.

MYRIAD & DANCERS, "Song of the Isles" musicians and performers will be appearing at Moby's Christmas concert Saturday, December 19. Here they meet, see them.

PET FOR Sale. 10 month, intelligent tre-blue Heeler pup. To loving, active home only. \$350 firm. 2 medium sized bird cages, \$20 & \$40. message 537-9466.

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YAMAHA PIANO, (PF85), electric, weighted keys, \$850. Bauhaus couch, cream coloured, \$225, both in excellent condition. 653-9550.

WANTED TO buy single bed and queen-size mattress. Both in excellent condition. Phone 537-8728.

WANTED: HOT Tub cover, (square). Excellent condition. 537-0717.

SOUTH ENDER'S Merry Monday. Come join us for caroling and hot chocolate in Patterson's parking lot. 7 p.m. Monday, December 21.

GOOD STEEL Bathtub, blue, \$50. New white toilet, never used. \$50. 537-1990 or 537-2358.

CHRISTMAS TOYS - Seven different used pirate and town Lego sets with instructions priced \$15 - 55 (2/3 off new price). Phone 537-5056.

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MISC. FOR Sale. Antique Oak Hutch, \$200. Lightweight folding wheelchair \$500. 2 pair, aluminum 5 spoke mags & tires \$200 ea/pair. 2 medium bird cages \$20 & \$40. Weight set, \$20. message 537-9466.

NEW ARRIVAL of different velvet, rayon and silk scarves in beautiful colours and patterns. Body Affairs by Angelika, Mouat's Mall. 537-8911.

FOR ONE week we will have a surprise 50% off table. Wednesday, December 16th to Tuesday, December 22nd. Different items added daily. You never know what you might find at a great price! Thank you for shopping at West of the Moon. 537-1966.

FOR SALE. Washer/Dryer. \$550. 537-5067.

NOT JUST another South End Pot Shop. Terra Bella has world class teas and silver hand crafted jewelry. Lots of small stocking stuffers too. Right beside Stuff & Nonsense in Fulford Harbour. Christmas hours. 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. daily. 653-2024.

HARBOUR HOUSE presents CD release party for Gene Grooms in the New Wheelhouse Room, Friday, December 18th 8:00 p.m. Tickets \$5 per person. A non smoking event.

DON'T WAIT. Protect your valuable Electronics with a surge or spike protector before the damage happens, many models, priced from \$9.99. Radio Shack. 537-4522.

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A GREAT family gift package! Complete surround sound home theatre system. 6 speakers and surround sound amplifier for \$690, regular \$990. Q.S.I. Electronics.

HOME FOR X-MAS (or later). Cozy cottage on shared property. Wood & electric heat. Seeking quiet mature tenant(s). N/S. Long term. 537-1968.

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THE FOLLOWING is a message of clarification and of good cheer: During the period December 21 - January 4, 1999, the law office of Ian H. Clement will be closed on account of staff holidays. From now until the end of January, we are endeavoring to scale back operations somewhat, and would be grateful if any new business were to be put over to February, 1999. In the meantime, we all join in wishing you the very best for the holiday season and the year to come.

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Just a reminder of our upcoming deadlines

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Trust Council debates jurisdiction over ocean

For the second meeting in a row, the Trust faced the question of whether it had jurisdiction over aquatic species.

In a motion to protect herring by banning their harvest for four years in Georgia Strait, the issue didn't even get to a vote.

It is obvious trustees are far from sure about the ramifications of trying to extend their rule-making into the water.

Trustees say they will invite Fisheries Minister David Anderson to their next meeting to discuss just how far their fisheries jurisdiction reaches.

With a wary eye on the Year-2000 computer software problem, the Trust's administrators assured trustees that the

Y2K bug would not infect the government's operations.

The manager of administrative services, Doug Levell, explained that all applications are now compliant with the computer software's new numbering abilities, except for the accounting system which will be replaced in April 1999.

The Islands Trust has received approval from the Sunshine Coast Regional District to start a pilot project for its Natural Area Protection Tax-Incentive program on Gambier Island.

When, and if, the Trust is able to include the proposal on the B.C. Legislature's spring agenda, the Gambier Island project will go ahead.

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New convenience store opened in Ganges

Thirty-five years ago

Ganges got a new convenience store when a couple from Vancouver opened the Harbour Grocery and Confectionery on Fulford-Ganges Road.

Locals became suspicious when they started receiving sets of greeting cards for sale through the mail, similar in style to those from non-profit organizations such as Christmas Seals. An investigation by the Chamber of Commerce found that the company soliciting sales — Rehandart — was actually a business, not a charity organization.

Thirty years ago

Demetri Stevens won top prize in the International Order of the Daughters of the Empire essay contest with his work on the war between rival Indian bands that was waged on Salt Spring. Stevens wrote primarily about one particular battle in Fulford Harbour between Haida and Saanich warriors.

A new animal-pound district was set up to control wandering animals, but the jurisdiction would only run along both sides of Fulford-Ganges Road.

Twenty-five years ago

Ganges administrators were preparing for a public hearing about a sewer system to be installed in the village. The main contention was a report by Vancouver's Society For Pollution and Environmental Control that said the harbour was too turgid to accept effluent.

The weather warmed enough to turn recent snow into rain. The official report pegged precipitation at twice the normal amount.

Twenty years ago

For the first time since the inception of the Islands Trust, locally elected members selected their own chairman. Bowen Island's John Rich took the honours.

The B.C. Ministry of Recreation and Conservation confiscated the Cudmore Rock, named after its discoverer Gordon Cudmore, from the man's property for safekeeping. The rock was important because of an ancient petroglyph on its surface.

Fifteen years ago

The Salt Spring Parks and Recreation Commission voted a resounding no to funding an outdoor swimming pool in Mouat Park. A potential bill between \$650,000 and \$800,000 for the facility was the main reason for the rejection.

The Gulf Islands School District searched its budget for the funds to computerize its operations. The decision to turn the district electronic would end up costing the board more than \$35,000, plus another \$5,000 for annual maintenance.

Ten years ago

The Islands Trust started down a path that it hoped would end in all Salt Spring Crown land ending up under Trust control. A large majority of local residents were in favour of the plan to acquire about 1,900 acres from the government.

Arthur Black's first column appeared in the Driftwood, marking a move that would bring the syndicated columnist to live on Salt Spring.

DOWN THE YEARS



SLEEPY TOWN: This aerial photo of downtown Ganges by A.M. Sharp appeared on the cover of the Driftwood thirty years ago, 1968.

Five years ago

The local gift-buying season started and local craftspeople were well involved.

The regular fairs around the island kicked off, and included sales that would benefit such causes as Friends of Clayoquot Sound and local musical societies.

A special feeling for country music on Salt Spring had an unexpected result when line dancers from the island returned from a national competition in Victoria with half a dozen medals.

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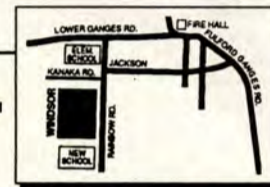
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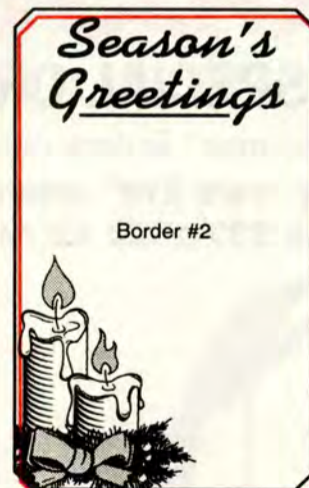
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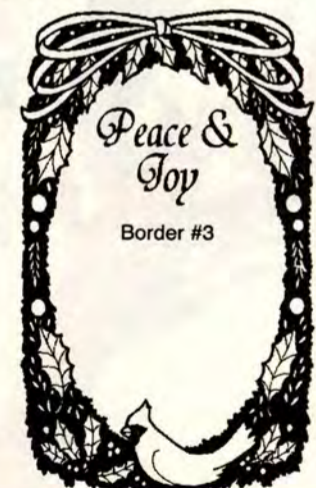
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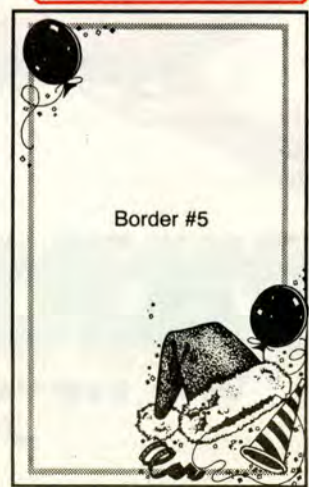
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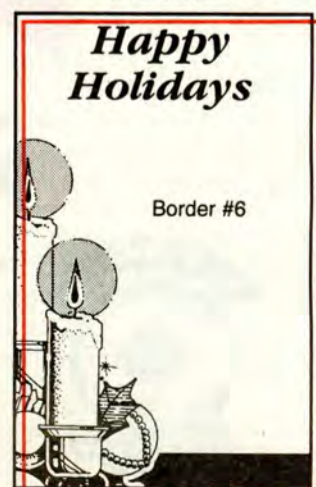
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P	S	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30	12:00	12:30	1:00	1:30	2:00	2:30	3:00	3:30	
2	2	CBC	6:30News	CBC Playground		Playgrd	Dressup	Playgrd	Raccoons	Midday		Pamela Wallin	E.N.G.		Various		Urban P	
4	4	KOMO	7:00Good Morning Am.	Live Regis & Kathie		The View		News	Charles	All My Children		One Life to Live		General Hospital		Northwest Afternoon		
5	11	KNOW	Art Attack	T-Tubbies	Various	Various	Various	Various	Various	Various	Various	Various	Various	Various	Various	Various	Various	
7	6	CHEK	6:30Canada AM	The People's Court		The Price is Right		CityLine		News		CHEK	House	Another World		Various	Inside Ed.	
8	8	BCTV	7:10Canada AM	Hollyw'dS.	Ch. Heart	Various	Various	Highlander: Series		News		Another World		B & B	House	The Roseanne Show		
9	9	KCTS	Arthur	Barney	Arthur	Sesame Street	C. Couch	Mr Rogers	Noddy	Tots TV	Rainbow	Dudley D.	Puzzle Pl.	Kidsongs	Wimzie	Barney	C. Couch	
11	27	KIRO	CBS This Morning		Sally Jessy Raphael		The Price is Right		The Young & Restless		News	B & B	As the World Turns		The Guiding Light		Montel Williams	
12	24	KVOS	Sc'byDoo	Ducktales	Match G.	Various	Various	Various	Sally Jessy Raphael	Jenny Jones		Maury Povich Show		Donny and Marie		Various	Fr.Prince	
13	13	CKVU	Various	Carebears	100 Huntley Street		It's a New Day		Various	Dinner?	Mechanic	Ready Not	Bynon		General Hospital		Days of Our Lives	
14	7	VTV	6:00News	DiniClassics / Regis &		The View		Gabereau		Camilla Scott		Dini Petty		Leeza Gibbons Show		Montel Williams		
15	21	TSN	Sportsdesk	Off Record Gallagher		Workout	Various	Bowling / Billiards		Various	Various	Various		F Dave Hodge Spec.		Off Record	Sprtsdsk	
16	5	KING	7:00Today Show	M. Stewart	Martha St.	Sunset Beach		Days of Our Lives		News		Another World		Leeza Gibbons Show		The Roseanne Show		
20	23	KSTW	Who Boss	Three's Co	Cosby	Cheers	Perry Mason	In Heat of Night		The People's Court		NwsRadio	The Nanny	Extra	Cosby	Tex Avery	Poke'Mon	
21		YTV	Various	Rupert	Various	Various	Various	Ban.PJs	Dudley D.	Dragons	B.Bunny	C. Couch	Various	Various	Rupert	Uh Oh!	Poke'Mon	
23	10	SRC	7:30Variées	Variées	Le Midi	Belle époque/C.Vent	H. fantast.	La vraie vie		..Quimzie	Variées	Variées	Variées	Variées	Emploi	Variées	Ce soir	
30		TNN	Dallas	Creative Living		The Waltons		Country Hits		Crook and Chase		Club Dance		The Dukes of Hazzard				
31	20	A&E	Murder She Wrote	Northern Exposure		Law & Order		Various		Quincy M.E. / Cosby		The Equalizer		Murder She Wrote				
33		SHOW	Adrenaline Junkies	Degrassi	Degrassi	A Country Practice		Various		Water Rats		B Stallion	Katts Dog	Tarzan	Bradbury	Party of Five		
34	25	KCPQ	Beast War	Dudley R.	Cops	L.A.P.D.	Judge Joe	Judge Joe	Forgive or Forget	Grace Fire	Match G.	Various Movies				Various	Various	
38	16	TLC	Various	Various	Slice Life	Slice Life	Reunion	Reunion	Baby St.	Baby St.	Wedding	Wedding	Home S.	Home S.	Hometime	Hometime	Bob Vila	Bob Vila
39		DISC	Explore Your World	@discovery.ca		Various	Can. Park	Various	TH Trails	Explore Your World		Thrills and Spills		Beyond 2000		Power Hour		
43		HIST	Combat	Rat Patrol		20th Cent.	Various	Great War		Yesterday	Various	Yesterday	Wish Me Luck		Combat		Way Were	Rat Patrol
44		LIFE	Various	Images	Living	Crafts	Dinner?	Various	M. Stewart	Living	Crafts	Jennings	Renovator	Workshop	Extra	Images	Various	Various
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2	2	CBC	Road to Avonlea	Jonovision	Simpsons	Broadcast One		From Us to You		ForgetToy	Mr. Bean	Ted's Christmas		The National		News	Movie	
4	4	KOMO	Rosie O'Donnell	KOMO News		News	News	Fortune	Jeopardy	Dharma &	2 Guys...	Drew C.	Line?	20/20 Wednesday		News	:35News	
5	11	KNOW	Kratt's C.	Magic Bs	English	Japanese	Tale of Emperors		Harvest	Earth Gard	Studio BC		BC's Fast Ferries		Christmas in Vienna		The Human Race	
7	6	CHEK	David Letterman	News	News	News	News	Love. C.	Hollyw'dS.	Due South		Felicity		W-FIVE		News	:40Club 54	
8	8	BCTV	Oprah Winfrey Show	News	Canada	News	News	Fortune	Jeopardy	The Nanny/Maggie		To Have and to Hold		Highlander: Series		News	News Spt	
9	9	KCTS	Kratt's C.	Wishbone	Arthur	Business	News	Ask the Governor		John Glenn		The Kennedy Center Presents		Russell 98	Newsroom	Wrld News		
11	27	KIRO	Inside Ed.	Hard Copy	KIRO News		News	News	E.T.	Real TV	The Nanny/Maggie	To Have and to Hold		Chicago Hope		News	Letterman	
12	24	KVOS	Lois, Clark Superman	Touched By An Angel		The Nanny	Home I.	Howie Mandel Show		Star Trek: Voyager		Star Trek: DSN		First Wave		Cheers	M.A.S.H.	
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14	7	VTV	Ellen	Friends	News	Drew C.	News	Frasier	Friends	Love Boat: Next Wave		Drew C.	Line?	Law & Order		News	Ooh La La	
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20	23	KSTW	CADream	Saved Bell	Home I.	The Nanny	Home I.	M.A.S.H.	Frasier	Seinfeld	Seven Days		Star Trek: Voyager		M.A.S.H.	Cheers	Frasier	NwsRadio
21		YTV	Doug	Animan.	Rugrats	Pinky	Santa Calls	Dot & Spot	Santa Claus is Coming		Gsebmps	Addams	BreakHigh	Student	Odyssey	Ocean Girl	Af. Dark	
23	10	SRC	Virginie	Tintin	Le volcan tranquille	Enjeux	Téléjournal/Point		Ce soir	Sports /	:50Vues d'ici	:10Off Air						
30		TNN	The Waltons		Glen Campbell	Prime Time Country		Miracle on Hwy 31	Dallas		The Dukes of Hazzard		Prime Time Country		Glen Campbell			
31	20	A&E	Law & Order		Biography	American Justice		Sherlock Holmes Myst	Law & Order		Biography		American Justice		Sherlock Holmes Myst			
33		SHOW	Forever Knight	Counterstrike		Matrix		Grievous Bodily Harm (1988) John Waters.		Just One Night (1993) Craig Adams.		:10Just One Night						
34	25	KCPQ	P Rangers Knights	Judge J.	Judge J.	Simpsons	Friends	Friends	Simpsons	Beverly Hills 90210		Party of Five		Reports	Mad You	:05Star Trek: DSN		
38	16	TLC	Code 3	Super Structures		Super Structures		Super Structures		Super Structures		Super Structures		Super Structures		Bob Vila	Bob Vila	
39		DISC	@discovery.ca	Profiles of Nature		Wings		Oceans of Mystery		@discovery.ca	Profiles of Nature		Wings		Oceans of Mystery			
43		HIST	20th Cent.	Yesterday	Ecce Homo		The Wooden Horse		Patrick Waddington.	20th Cent.	Yesterday	The Wooden Horse		Patrick Waddington.		20th Cent.	Yesterday	
44		LIFE	Tourist	Gr'nthmb	Outback	J. Hanna	M. Stewart	Foodess.	Burt Wolf	Dinner?	Outback	Homes	M. Stewart	Trendspot.	Lifestyles Rich Fam	Extra	Dinner?	
51		NET	Edge	Snowbrd FIS World	F.League	S.Central	Last Word	Hardcore Football		Rewind	Soccer Teams TBA EPL		S.Central	S.Central	Last Word			

P - PENDER ISLAND		S - SALT SPRING ISLAND		THURSDAY EVENING DECEMBER 17														
P	S	4:00	4:30	5:00	5:30	6:00	6:30	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30	
2	2	CBC	Road to Avonlea	Jonovision	Simpsons	Broadcast One		The Canadian Brass	A Christmas Story (1983) Peter Billingsley.					The National	News	Movie		
4	4	KOMO	Rosie O'Donnell	KOMO News		News	News	Fortune	Jeopardy	Vengeance Unlimited	I Love Trouble (1994)			Nick Nolte.	News	:35	News	
5	11	KNOW	Kratt's C. Magic Bs	Destinos	Destinos	Studio BC		C. Rider	M.Animals	Tale of Emperors	Heart of Business			The Human Race	The Last Streetfighter			
7	6	CHEK	David Letterman	News	News	News		Love. C.	Hollyw'dS.	Ally McBeal	L.A. Doctors			E.R.	News	:40	Club 54	
8	8	BCTV	Oprah Winfrey Show	News	Canada	News		Fortune	Jeopardy	Trapped in Paradise (1994) Nicolas Cage.			E.R.	News	News	Spt		
9	9	KCTS	Kratt's C. Chanukah	Arthur	Business	News		Bill Nye	Time Go	Monty Roberts	Mystery!						WrlD News	
11	27	KIRO	Inside Ed. Hard Copy	KIRO News		News	News	E.T.	Real TV	Promised Land	Diagnosis Murder			48 Hours	News	Letterman		
12	24	KVOS	Lois, Clark Superman	Touched By An Angel	The Nanny	Home I.		Howie Mandel Show	Hercules	Xena: Princess			Seinfeld	Mad You	Cheers	M.A.S.H.		
13	13	CKVU	Rosie O'Donnell	The Young & Restless	News			E.T.	Simpsons	Friends	Jesse	Frasier		Bob&Marg	Traders	SportPage	News	
14	7	VTV	Ellen	Friends	News	Drew C.	News	Hockey Vancouver vs Colorado NHL			Gabereau Special			News	Dream S.			
15	21	TSN	Hockey	Boxing Johnson vs Cole			Gallagher	Dave Hodge Spec.	Sportsdesk		Dave Hodge Spec.			Motoring	Fishing	Sportsdesk		
16	5	KING	Oprah Winfrey Show	KING News		News	News	Magazine	Hollyw'dS.	Friends	Jesse	Frasier		Veronica	E.R.	News	:35	Tonight
20	23	KSTW	CADream	Saved Bell	Home I.	The Nanny	Home I.	M.A.S.H.	Frasier	Seinfeld	Out There (1995) Bill Campbell.			M.A.S.H.	Cheers	Frasier	NwsRadio	
21		YTV	Doug	Animan.	Rugrats	Pinky		Santa Calls	Chris Tree	DrumBoy	Chipmunks	Gsebmps	Addams	BreakHigh	Student	Warp	Ocean Girl	Af. Dark
23	10	SRC	Virginie Gars, fille	Homme et hockey	Soir d'hiver			Téléjournal/Point	Ce soir	Sports	:20Coeur de mélisse (1992) Patrick Bergin.					:40	Off Air	
30		TNN	The Waltons	Martina McBride	Prime Time Country			Today's Country	Dallas	The Dukes of Hazzard			Prime Time Country	Today's Country				
31	20	A&E	Law & Order	Biography	The Unexplained			Sherlock Holmes	Law & Order	Biography			The Unexplained			Sherlock Holmes		
33		SHOW	Forever Knight	Destiny Ridge	Lonesome Dove	White Nights (1985) Mikhail Baryshnikov.			Blonde Dolly (1987) Hilde Van Mieghem.									
34	25	KCPQ	P Rangers	Knights	Judge J.	Judge J.	Simpsons	Friends	Friends	Simpsons	Christmas Moments	FOX Files Magazine		Reports	Mad You	:05	Stargate: S-G1	
38	16	TLC	Code 3		Twister		Twister	Tornado Hurr. Flood	Twister	Twister			Tornado Hurr. Flood	Bob Vila	Bob Vila			
39		DISC	@discovery.ca	Hid. WrlD.	Trails	Movie M.	Horses	Men at Work	@discovery.ca	Hid. WrlD.	Trails	Movie M.	Horses	Men at Work				
43		HIST	20th Cent. Yesterday	Mansions	Hist.Land	Net Worth			20th Cent. Yesterday	Net Worth			Adv. of 20th Century					
44		LIFE	Homes	Homes	Nat. Geo.	Inferno	M. Stewart	Tourist	Lighten Up	Dinner?	Nat. Geo.	Tourist	M. Stewart	Gr'nthmb	Lifestyles Rich Fam	Extra	Dinner?	
51		NET	3:30Racing	GameNat.	Skiing	F.League	S.Central	Last Word	Hockey Vancouver vs Colorado NHL			S.Central	S.Central	Fantasy	Last Word			

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2	2	CBC	Road to Avonlea	Jonovision	Simpsons	Broadcast One		Christmas	Christmas	Grinch	Mole's	Mickey's Christmas		The National	News	:55	Fabul's	
4	4	KOMO	Rosie O'Donnell	KOMO News		News	News	Fortune	Jeopardy	2 of a Kind	Boy World	Sabrina	Brother's	20/20 Friday	News	:35	News	
5	11	KNOW	Kratt's C. Magic Bs	Destinations		Heartbeat		Fat Ladies	Wine	Plotlands			Detectives Special			The Vicar of Dibley		
7	6	CHEK	David Letterman	News	News	News		Love. C.	Hollyw'dS.	Trapped in Paradise (1994) Nicolas Cage.			Nikita	News	:40	Club 54		
8	8	BCTV	Oprah Winfrey Show	News	Canada	News		Fortune	Jeopardy	Ebbie (Mrs. Scrooge) (1995) Susan Lucci.			Nash Bridges	News	News	Spt		
9	9	KCTS	Kratt's C. Wishbone	Arthur	Business	News		Bill Nye	Wall \$treet	Serious \$\$	Wash. Wk	Antiques Roadshow		A Patch of Blue Sidney Poitier. :45				
11	27	KIRO	Inside Ed. Hard Copy	KIRO News		News	News	E.T.	Real TV	Mickey's Christmas	Kids Say	Candid C.	Nash Bridges		News	Letterman		
12	24	KVOS	Lois, Clark Superman	Touched By An Angel	The Nanny	Home I.		Howie Mandel Show	Max Dugan Returns (1983) Marsha Mason.	Seinfeld	Mad You	Cheers			M.A.S.H.			
13	13	CKVU	Rosie O'Donnell	The Young & Restless	News			E.T.	Simpsons	Dawson's Creek	Millennium	20/20 Friday		SportPage	News			
14	7	VTV	Ellen	Friends	News	Drew C.	News	Frasier	Friends	Hook (1991) Robin Williams.			News	J. Byrnes				
15	21	TSN	Hockey	STIHL	Boxing Corrales vs St. Clair			Gallagher	Sportsdesk	Skysurf '98	Air Show '98	Sea Show	NHLPA	Sportsdesk				
16	5	KING	Oprah Winfrey Show	KING News		News	News	Magazine	Hollyw'dS.	Discover Stars Ice			Christmas Wash.	News	:35	Tonight		
20	23	KSTW	CADream	Saved Bell	Home I.	The Nanny	Home I.	M.A.S.H.	Frasier	Seinfeld	Legacy	Love Boat: Next Wave		M.A.S.H.	Cheers	Frasier	NwsRadio	
21		YTV	Doug	Animan.	Rugrats	Pinky		Santa Calls	Bears	ToonXmas	Night Christmas	YTV's Hit List		BreakHigh	Student	Ocean Girl	Af. Dark	
23	10	SRC	Juste pour fêter	Futures stars	Zone libre			Téléjournal/Point	Ce soir	Sports	:50	Tel est pris qui croyait prendre :55			Off Air			
30		TNN	The Waltons	The Waltons Pt. 2 of 2	The Waltons			The Waltons	The Waltons	The Waltons	The Waltons	The Waltons		The Waltons	The Waltons			
31	20	A&E	Law & Order	Biography	L.A. Detectives	Midsomer Murders		Law & Order	Biography	L.A. Detectives			Midsomer Murders					
33		SHOW	Forever Knight	Friday 13th: Series	Welcome to Paradox	Oz		:10Ugly, Dirty and Bad (1976) Francesco Anniballi. :40			Oz	Movie						
34	25	KCPQ	P Rangers	Knights	Judge J.	Judge J.	Simpsons	Friends	Friends	Simpsons	Brimstone	Millennium	Reports	Mad You	:05	The Outer Limits		
38	16	TLC	Code 3		Gunfighters of West	Gunfighters of West	Gunfighters of West	Gunfighters of West	Gunfighters of West	Gunfighters of West	Gunfighters of West	Gunfighters of West	Gunfighters of West	Gunfighters of West	Bob Vila	Bob Vila		
39		DISC	@discovery.ca	Nature Stories	Travelers	Planet Discovery		@discovery.ca	Nature Stories	Planet Discovery								
43		HIST	20th Cent. Yesterday	Testament	Inn of the Sixth Happiness (1958) Ingrid Bergman.			Inn of the Sixth Happiness (1958) Ingrid Bergman.										
44		LIFE	Trendspot.	Homes	Wild Nat.	Outback	M. Stewart	Gr'nthmb	Urban P	Dinner?	Eros	M. Stewart	Foodess.	Lifestyles Rich Fam	Extra	Dinner?		
51		NET	1:30Hockey	Ski Report	Edge	F.League	S.Central	Last Word	Goin' Deep	Snowbrd FIS World	Boxing Card TBA	S.Central	S.Central	Last Word				

P - PENDER ISLAND		S - SALT SPRING ISLAND		SATURDAY DAYTIME DECEMBER 19														
P	S	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30	12:00	12:30	1:00	1:30	2:00	2:30	3:00	3:30	
2	2	CBC	6:30Playgrd	Spill Milk	CoolShot	St. Cent	Gardener	Cottage	Urban P	FoodShw	Bowling 5 Pin		Figure Skating The Ultimate Four			Report	Hockey	
4	4	KOMO	7:30One Sat. Morning		How That	Nick News	101 Dalm	Win Pooh	Squigglev.	Real Life	Branded	Golf 2000	Golf Wendy's Three-Tour Challenge					
5	11	KNOW	Magic Bs	Kratt's C.	Art Attack	T-Tubbies	White Out	Quilting	From Palace to Prairie	A Cut Above		African Discovery	Digital D.	Dotto's	C. Rider	Ent.Asia		
7	6	CHEK	Home Chk	Get Up	House	House	Punjabi Profile	Worldvision	TuTu Main	Road	Fish Can.	Travel	Wine	Gold Trails Brdertown Buzzzone				
8	8	BCTV	7:00BCTV Saturday Morning News		Investors on Line	Movie S.	House	News	Pocketful of Miracles (1961) Glenn Ford.									
9	9	KCTS	Wimzie	Barney	Arthur	C. Couch	T. House	Handyma'	Kaye Quilt	Sewing	JoyPaint	Eyewitn'ss	Outdoors	British Rail Journey	In Kitchen	Cucina A.	Cooking	
11	27	KIRO	7:00KIRO News	NFLToday	Football New York vs Buffalo NFL							Basketball Illinois vs Kansas NCAA			D Bunnies	Rhino J.H.		
12	24	KVOS	Life Louie	Bill Nye	W. Melon	Mummies	Drg.Ball	Drg.Ball	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	The Big Bus (1976) Joseph Bologna.			
13	13	CKVU	Godzilla	Eerie	Real Kids	Student	Ready Not	Hang Time	One World	Malibu	Mechanic	Addams	Real Kids	Eerie	Adventures of Sinbad	Hercules		
14	7	VTV	7:30One Sat. Morning		Master C	Win Pooh	Why?	Nature Nut	Little Hobo	Wedding	Eagle C.	Fisherman	WrlDvision	Fashion	Music	Robin Hood		
15	21	TSN	Sprtsdsk	NFL Count	TSN Sportsdesk Extra	Golf 1998 JVC Women's Skins Game			Football Tampa vs Washington NFL									
16	5	KING	King Weekend Morning News		Ins.Stuff	Saved Bell	College Bowl Preview	The Christmas Angels	Golf Lexus Challenge			Hang Time	One World					
20	23	KSTW	Viper		Wild Things	HappyDay	Kids	The Making Of	Follow That Bird (1985) Paul Bartel.			A Christmas Reunion James Coburn.						
21		YTV	7:30Anast.	Romuald	CrkdTree	Santa	Doug	Arnold	Rugrats	Rocko's	Muppet Christmas	YTV's Hit List	ToonXmas	Charlie B.	Flintstone Christmas			
23	10	SRC	..Croisé	Cln destn	Le Midi	Les chevaux de Noël Daniel J. Travanti.			Parents...	Accent	Franc jeu	Hockey New Jersey vs Montréal LNH						
30		TNN	Shooter	Fishing	Fishing	Outdoors	Mesquite Rodeo	Motor T.	Hot Rod	Inside Nascar	Auto Racing North Carolina Sweet Potato 400			Mechanic				
31	20	A&E	Biography Internat.	The American Film Institute Salute To	The New Explorers			Investigative Reports			American Justice	City Confidential						
33		SHOW	7.Christmas Martian	HardyB.	N.Drew	Robocop	Number One (1984) Bob Geldof.			Red Dwarf	Friday 13th: Series							
34	25	KCPQ	Godzilla	Hercules	DonkeyK	DonkeyK	Mad Jack	Oggy	Click	Peer P.	Videos	NFL Pre	Football Tampa vs Washington NFL					
38	16	TLC	Hometime	Hometime	Bob Vila	Bob Vila	Men Tool	Men Tool	Home S.	Home S.	Hometime	Hometime	Bob Vila	Bob Vila	Ghosts of Ireland	Pirates!		
39		DISC	Dotto's	Connect.	Forbidden Places	Men at Work	Discover Magazine	Cosmic	Dang.Sea	Thrills and Spills	Exhibit A	ChmpWild	Space					
43		HIST	7:00History Presents	The Great War	The Great Escape (1963) Steve McQueen.			Yesterday	Rat Patrol	Peter the Great			Ecce Homo					
44		LIFE	Pet Proj.	Doctor	Pet Friend	Life Pet	Workshop	Workshop	Inferno	Tourist	Pet Friend	Outback	Wild Nat.	Inferno	J. Hanna	Nat. Geo.	Outdoors	Tourist
51		NET	7Soccer Tms TBA EPL	Soccer Teams TBA EPL			S.Central	S.Central	GameNat.	Racing Motorola Cup	Ski Report	Skiing FIS Alpine World	Skiing FIS Alpine World					

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2	2	CBC	Hockey <i>New York vs Toronto</i> NHL					Hockey <i>Nashville vs Vancouver</i> NHL				Hockeytk	Booked on Sat. Night	R. Hood			
4	4	KOMO	Branded	Dragnet	KOMO News	News	News	Fortune	Jeopardy	Home Videos	Fantasy Island	Cupid	News	:35Polterg.			
5	11	KNOW	Pick Day	Baker's	Fat Ladies	Wine	T-Tubbies	Kratt's C.	Magic Bs	Wishbone	Heartbeat	Ruth Rendell	Christmas in Vienna	Detectives	Special		
7	6	CHEK	Soulmates	Snowflake	Nanaimo..	Wknd Ed.	News	Wings of Gold	Am. Most Wanted	Borrowed Hearts: A Holiday Romance				News	Night Man		
8	8	BCTV	Travel	House	Style Men	Golf World	News	Fortune	Jeopardy!	B.Stallion	Life Dog	Am. Most Wanted	Nikita	News	News Spt		
9	9	KCTS	Cooking	Best Kerr	Food	Cooking	Lawrence Welk Show	Nature	Nature	Daphne & Eleanor	Monty Python	Wegman's World					
11	27	KIRO	Bill Nye	Animal	KIRO News	News	News	Entertain. Week	Early Edition	Martial Law	Walker, Texas Ranger	News	W. Moon				
12	24	KVOS	Lois, Clark	Superman	Viper	Roseanne	Home I.	Touched By An Angel	Trading Places (1983)			Eddie Murphy.	Mad You	Cheers	M.A.S.H.		
13	13	CKVU	Xena: Princess	Sliders	News	News	DoubleEx.	Addams	Addams	Cartier	Hockey <i>Canada vs Russia</i>	The Outer Limits					
14	7	VTV	3:00Robin Hood	Siskel &..	Ent.Now	News	DoubleEx.	The Muppet Christmas Carol			Police Academy	FX: The Series	Forever Knight				
15	21	TSN	Sprtsdsk	Golf <i>1998 JVC Women's Skins Game</i>					Sportsdesk	Golf <i>Wendy's Three Tour Challenge</i> PGA	Sportsdesk						
16	5	KING	J. Hanna	Seahawks	KING News	News	News	Wings of Gold	It's a Wonderful Life (1946) James Stewart.							News	AlmstLive
20	23	KSTW	Men Don't Leave (1990) Jessica Lange.		Extra Weekend	Home I.	Seinfeld	National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation			M.A.S.H.	Cheers	Star Trek: Voyager				
21		YTV	Annie's..	Yogi Ch..	Nick&Noel	Christmas	Santa Calls	Charlie	Muppet Christmas	Santa Claus Is Coming		Addams	Buffy Vampire Slayer	Boy World	Ocean Girl		
23	10	SRC	Journal	Sports / :55	Le meurtre de l'Orient-Express			:25Chapeau melon	:25...des apparences	:25Off Air							
30		TNN	Wk in Country Music	Opry Bck.	Grnd Opry	Statler Brothers Shw	E. Arnold Christmas	Opry Bck.	Grnd Opry	Statler Brothers Shw	E. Arnold Christmas	Wk in Country Music					
31	20	A&E	Mysteries of the Bible	Biography: This Week	The Cater Street Hangman			Treasure	Biography: This Week	The Cater Street Hangman							
33		SHOW	OFDC Calling Card Short Films			Once a Thief	Prime Suspect	Miller's Crossing (1990) Gabriel Byrne.			Movie	Prime Suspect					
34	25	KCPQ	Figure Skating	Grand Slam Tournament		Star Trek: DSN	E.R.	Cops	Cops	Am. Most Wanted	Reports	Friends	Mad TV				
38	16	TLC	3:00Pirates!	Wedding	Wedding	The Biology of Love	Language of Sexes	Wedding	Wedding	The Biology of Love	Language of Sexes	Extreme Machines					
39		DISC	Illusions	Horses	Animal of the Week	Untamed Amazonia	Kitchen	Harr'wsm.	Connect.	Exhibit A	Animal of the Week	Untamed Amazonia	Kitchen	Harr'wsm.			
43		HIST	Yesterday	The Untouchables	Hist Bites	Battle of Britain (1969) Michael Caine.			Battle of Britain (1969) Michael Caine.								
44		LIFE	Inferno	Outback	Wild Nat.	Pet Friend	J. Hanna	Outdoors	Nat. Geo.	Inferno	Eros	Outback	J. Hanna	Lifestyles Rich Fam	Pet Proj.	Doctor	
51		NET	Soccer <i>Teams TBA</i> EPL			S.Central	Bobsleigh	<i>World Cup</i>	Ice Time	Figure Skating <i>Trophee Lalique</i>			S.Central	S.Central	Fox News		

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2	2	CBC	Cottage	Gardener	Coronation Street				Hockey <i>Dallas vs Ottawa</i> NHL				TBA	Man Alive	FoodShw			
4	4	KOMO	Ed Hume	Garden	KOMO News Sunday Morning				This Week	TrueColor	Golf <i>Wendy's Three-Tour Challenge</i>				College Bowl Preview			
5	11	KNOW	Magic Bs	Kratt's C.	Art Attack	T-Tubbies	Business	Sewing	Ecology	Falconry	Mind Busi.	Americas	Hi-Tech C.	Eyewitn'ss	Plotlands			
7	6	CHEK	Ernest Angley	Key David	T. Winter	Sanja Punjab	Is Written	Van Impe	Travel	Golf World	Makin' 8	Biker TV	Outdoor	Puzzle Cib	A Christmas Carol			
8	8	BCTV	BCTV Sunday Morning News				Robert Schuller	Worldvision	News	T. Winter	Pet Guys	Car Guys	Road	EyeS'rgery	Movie			
9	9	KCTS	Barney	Arthur	Newton's	Eddie File	Kratt's C.	Firing Line	M. Group	Brown	Serious \$\$	Firing Line	Special Debate	Garden	Woodshop			
11	27	KIRO	M Warriors	W. Moon	The NFL Today	Football <i>Indianapolis vs Seattle</i> NFL				Skiing <i>ChevyTrck Celeb</i>	Old House	Old House	Face Nat.					
12	24	KVOS	Discovery	Ministry	Robert Schuller	Paid Programming	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	B. Bunny	Fr.Prince	
13	13	CKVU	Pinky	Men Black	Animorphs	NFL Blast	Football <i>Teams TBA</i> NFL				Game On	Computer	PSI Factor Chronicle	Santa Claus Parade				
14	7	VTV	Worldvision	Music	Fashion	Media TV	Movie TV	Pacific	Macl. TV	Sunday Edition	MasonLee	First Story	Making Seventh Fire	In the Frame				
15	21	TSN	Sunday NFL Countdown				Golf <i>JVC Women's Skins Game</i>				Golf <i>Wendy's Three Tour Challenge</i> PGA	Cheerlead.	Sprtsdsk					
16	5	KING	7:00King Weekend Morning News				Meet the Press	City Guys	Hang Time	Snowbrd	<i>U.S. G.Prix</i>	Golf <i>Lexus Challenge</i>	The Year in Sports					
20	23	KSTW	Beetleborg	Inc. Hulk	X-Men	Spiderman	Honey, I Shrunk Kids	Party of Five	A Holiday to Remember Connie Sellecca.			To My Daughter (1990) George Coe.						
21		YTV	Peter Pan	Annie	Flintstones	PinkPant.	Tom Thumb	First Snow	CrkdTree	Bump in the Night	Boy World	Animan.	WhatMess	Yogi's First Christmas				
23	10	SRC	Scully	Médias	Le Midi	La semaine verte	..regard	De bouche à oreille	Horizons	Branché	Course destination	Ce soir	Découvert					
30		TNN	Raceday	NHRA	Shadet..	Trucks..	Race of the Week	Class. Car	Motor T.	Hot Rod	Nascar G	NHRA	The Dukes of Hazzard	Ducks	Buckmast.			
31	20	A&E	Biography: This Week	City Confidential	Greystoke: Legend of Tarzan: Lord of Apes			Stand By Me (1986) Wil Wheaton.			Justice	The Unexplained						
33		SHOW	7:Ugly Duckling's Wish			Tek War	Sweating Bullets	An Unsuitable Job for a Woman			Bradbury	Kurt Vonn.	Spender	Friday 13th: Series				
34	25	KCPQ	Fox News Sunday				Football <i>San Francisco vs New England</i> NFL				:15Football <i>Philadelphia vs Dallas</i> NFL							
38	16	TLC	Bob Vila	Bob Vila	Home S.	Home S.	The Operation	The Operation	The Operation	The Operation	The Operation	The Operation	Climate Chaos					
39		DISC	Nature Stories	Kid@disc.	Tails	Movie M.	Beyond 2000	Illusions	Oceans of Mystery	Christmas Showcase	Showcase	Showcase	Wings					
43		HIST	CNN Cold War	The Untouchables	Peter and Paul Pt. 1 of 2 (cont'd next)			Peter and Paul Anthony Hopkins. <i>Pt. 2 of 2</i>			The Untouchables	Yesterday	Hist Bites					
44		LIFE	Lighten Up	Health	Jennings	Jennings	Living	Images	Crafts	Crafts	Homes	Renovator	Homes	Gr'nthmb	M. Stewart	M. Stewart	Extra	
51		NET	S.Central	S.Central	Soccer <i>Teams TBA</i> IL				Ice Time	Figure Skating <i>Trophee Lalique</i>			Skiing <i>FIS Alpine World</i>	S.Central	H. News			

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2	2	CBC	Alive!	Health Sh.	One Magic Christmas Mary Steenburgen.			Emily New Moon	Miracle on 34th Street				CBC News	Undercur	CBC News	Bowling			
4	4	KOMO	PSI Factor Chronicle	News	ABC News	Town Meeting	The Baby-Sitters Club Larisa Oleynik.				20/20 Sunday	The Practice	News	Siskel &..					
5	11	KNOW	3:00Plotlands	Heartbeat	Art Attack	Kratt's C.	Eyewitn'ss	Creatures	Hamish Macbeth 3	Kavanagh Q.C.	Pacific	Studio BC							
7	6	CHEK	A Christmas Carol		Nanaimo..	Wknd Ed.	News	Stargate: S-G1	Sense and Sensibility (1995) Emma Thompson.				News	Hollywd B.					
8	8	BCTV	3:30 <i>Little Women (1994)</i> Winona Ryder.	News	Felicity	Touched By An Angel	Borrowed Hearts: A Holiday Romance				News	News Spt							
9	9	KCTS	3:30Amer. Woodshop	Old House	Hometime	All Creatures G&S	Ballykissangel	Nature	Mobil Masterpiece Theatre				Red Green	Faith					
11	27	KIRO	Post-Game Show	News	Eve. News	News	60 Minutes	Touched By An Angel	Borrowed Hearts: A Holiday Romance				News	:35Scenes					
12	24	KVOS	Fishing	Computer	Star Trek	Touched By An Angel	Roseanne	Seinfeld	To Serve and Protect	Gorillas in the Mist (1988) Sigourney Weaver.				Paid Prog.					
13	13	CKVU	Sara Betts	100 Hunt.	Entertain. Week	News	60 Minutes	Simpsons	70's Show	X-Files	The Practice	SportPage	Country						
14	7	VTV	3:00In the Frame	Seventh Heaven	News	MasonLee	DoubleEx.	Playhouse	Charmed	Life With Mikey (1993) Michael J. Fox.				Forever Knight					
15	21	TSN	Superbts	NFL Prime	:15Football <i>Jacksonville vs Minnesota</i> NFL				Sportsdesk	Dog Show	<i>98 Silver B.</i>	Bloopers	Sportsdesk						
16	5	KING	Bob Vila	M. Stewart	KING News	News	Backroads	Dateline NBC	Sense and Sensibility (1995) Emma Thompson.				News	SportMach					
20	23	KSTW	The Father Clements Story				Snowbound (1997) Neil Patrick Harris.				Santa Claus: The Movie Burgess Meredith.				M.A.S.H.	Cheers	Viper		
21		YTV	3:00Yogi's Christmas	RedShoes	Bobby's	Santa Calls	First Snow	Charlie B.	Miracle on 34th Street				Str. Eric	Addams	Jake and the Kid				
23	10	SRC	3:30Découv	Vie artiste	Les Beaux Dimanches	Les Beaux Dimanches	Pacifiq.	Journal	Suspect #1			Sports / :25Cinéma			:15Off Air				
30		TNN	Outdoors	Shooter	Legends	Outdoors	Mesquite Rodeo	Hunting	Outdoors	Nascar G	Class. Car	Auto Racing	<i>RAM Tough 200</i> NASCAR	Motor T.	Hot Rod				
31	20	A&E	Ancient Mysteries	Biography	Hitman Hart: Wrestling	With Shadows	America's Castles	Biography	Hitman Hart: Wrestling	With Shadows									
33		SHOW	Medicine River (1992) Tom Jackson.			Due South	Pie in the Sky	In Custody (1993) Om Puri.			:40Pie in the Sky	Movie							
34	25	KCPQ	1:15Footb'll	Videos	Stargate: S-G1	E.R.	World's Funniest	Simpsons	70's Show	X-Files	Reports / :25Q It Up	X-Files							
38	16	TLC	How'd They Do That?	World War III	Final Battle			World War III	Final Battle			Med. Det	Warning						
39		DISC	Sunday@discovery.ca	Discovery's Showcase	Discovery's Showcase	Forbidden Places	Sunday@discovery.ca	Discovery's Showcase	Discovery's Showcase	Discovery's Showcase	Discovery's Showcase	Discovery's Showcase	Forbidden Places						
43		HIST	The Canadians	Reilly, Ace of Spies	Peter the Great	Reilly, Ace of Spies	Peter the Great												
44		LIFE	Trendspot.	Foodess.	Gr'nthmb	Homes	Life Special Presents	Trendspot.	Homes	Gr'nthmb	Foodess.	Life Special Presents	Lifestyles Rich Fam	M. Stewart	Homes				
51		NET	Hockey <i>Moncton vs Victoriaville</i> CHL				Sports Central	Goin' Deep	Skiing	Skiing <i>FIS Alpine World</i>	S.Central	S.Central	Fox News						

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WHAT'S ON TV MOVIES

WEDNESDAY, DEC 16

6:00 PM (4) *** The Wooden Horse (1950,War) Story of three British prisoners-of-war determined to escape from a Nazi camp. Patrick Waddington, Russel Walters 7:00 PM (3) *** Grievous Bodily Harm (1988,Mystery) Reporter is hounded by policeman as he investigates a series of killings. John Waters, Bruno Lawrence 7:30 PM (2) Santa Claus is Coming to Town (1970,Children) Story of young Kris Kringle, who grew up to be Santa Claus. Fred Astaire, Mickey Rooney 9:00 PM (3) Just One Night (1993,Drama) In the 1950's, three adventuresome 16-year-olds set out to lose their virginity. Craig Adams, Martin Sacks (4) *** The Wooden Horse (1950,War) Patrick Waddington, Russel Walters 11:10 PM (3) Just One Night (1993,Drama) Craig Adams, Martin Sacks 11:55 PM (2) *** Just for You (1952,Musical) An errant father learns to pay attention to his growing children. Bing Crosby, Jane Wyman THURSDAY, DEC 17 6:00 PM (4) Net Worth 7:00 PM (3) *** White Nights (1985,Dance) Russian ballet dancer who defects to the West but is trapped in Russia. Mikhail Baryshnikov, Gregory Hines 8:00 PM (2) *** A Christmas Story (1983,Family) A little boy's efforts to receive an air rifle for Christmas and his adventures. Peter Billingsley, Darren McGavin (8) *** Trapped in Paradise (1994,Comedy) Three brothers travel to Paradise, Pennsylvania to rob a bank. Nicolas Cage, Jon Lovitz (20) Out There (1995,Drama) A photographer discovers a 25-year-old roll of film with astounding

ing photographs. Bill Campbell, Wendy Schaal 9:00 PM (4) *** I Love Trouble (1994>Action) Two competing reporters investigate a story filled with corporate espionage. Nick Nolte, Julia Roberts (4) Net Worth 10:00 PM (3) Blonde Dolly (1987,Romance) A call girl leading a double-life becomes involved with a diplomat. Hilde Van Mieghem, Peter Tuinman 11:55 PM (2) *** The Adjuster (1991,Drama) An insurance adjuster and his wife, a censor who scans pornographic films. Elias Koteas, Mury Chaykin FRIDAY, DEC 18 6:00 PM (4) Inn of the Sixth Happiness (1958,True) An English servant realizes her dream of becoming a missionary in China. Ingrid Bergman, Curt Jurgens 8:00 PM (7) *** Trapped in Paradise (1994,Comedy) Three brothers travel to Paradise, Pennsylvania to rob a bank. Nicolas Cage, Jon Lovitz (8) *** Ebbie (Mrs. Scrooge) (1995,Drama) Elizabeth Scrooge has lost sight of the important things in life. Susan Lucci, Wendy Crewson (12) *** Max Dugan Returns (1983,Comedy) A long absent father tries to make amends to his daughter. Marsha Mason, Jason Robards (14) *** Hook (1991,Fantasy) Peter Pan's kids are kidnapped by Hook and brought to Neverland. Robin Williams, Dustin Hoffman 8:10 PM (3) Ugly, Dirty and Bad (1976,Crime Story) Father comes into a substantial sum of money and becomes target. Francesco Anniballi, Maria Bosco 9:30 PM (4) Inn of the Sixth Happiness (1958,True) Ingrid Bergman, Curt Jurgens 10:00 PM (9) *** A Patch of Blue (1965,Drama) The story of a blind white girl falls who in love with

a black man. Sidney Poitier, Elizabeth Hartman 11:50 PM (3) Ugly, Dirty and Bad (1976,Crime Story) Francesco Anniballi, Maria Bosco SATURDAY, DEC 19 6:00 PM (4) *** Battle of Britain (1969,War) A retelling of the WWII aerial combat battle between the Germans and the Royal Air Force. Michael Caine, Laurence Olivier 7:00 PM (14) *** The Muppet Christmas Carol (1992,Musical) Ebenezer Scrooge's encounters with the various Ghosts of Christmas. Michael Caine, The Muppets 8:00 PM (12) *** Trading Places (1983,Comedy) Two men wager that intelligence is more important than heredity. Eddie Murphy, Dan Aykroyd (16) *** It's a Wonderful Life (1946,Drama) An angel shows banker what life would be like if he had not been born. James Stewart, Donna Reed (20) *** National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation (1989,Comedy) A man treats his family to a traditional Christmas but runs into trouble. Chevy Chase, Juliette Lewis 8:05 PM (3) *** Miller's Crossing (1990,Crime Story) A gangster loves a woman whose brother he is supposed to murder. Gabriel Byrne, Marcia Gay Harden 8:30 PM (2) Santa Claus is Coming to Town (1970,Children) Story of young Kris Kringle, who grew up to be Santa Claus. Fred Astaire, Mickey Rooney 9:00 PM (7) *** Borrowed Hearts: A Holiday Romance (1997,Fantasy) A struggling single mother agrees to pose as her boss' wife to impress someone. Roma Downey, Hector Elizondo (4) *** Battle of Britain (1969,War) Michael Caine, Laurence Olivier 10:40 PM (3) OFDC Calling Card Short Films

(1998,Drama) Conflict arises between a farmer and his son over a horse the boy has found. Robin Dunne, David Fox SUNDAY, DEC 20 6:00 PM (20) *** Snowbound (1997,True) Stuck in a snow storm, a couple and their baby manage to survive for 8 days. Neil Patrick Harris, Kill Williams 7:00 PM (4) *** The Baby-Sitters Club (1995,Comedy) A group of seven young adolescent girls open a summer day-care camp. Larisa Oleyink, Ellen Burstyn 8:00 PM (2) *** Miracle on 34th Street (1994,Drama) Santa tries to instill belief in a skeptical child and her struggling mother. Richard Attenborough, Elizabeth Perkins (7) *** Sense and Sensibility (1995,Romance) Contrasting sisters encounter episodes of broken hearts in Victorian England. Emma Thompson, Kate Winslet (20) *** Santa Claus: The Movie (1985,Family) The tale of the woodcutter who became the world's most beloved legend. Burgess Meredith, Dudley Moore (3) *** In Custody (1993,Drama) Teacher is assigned to do magazine article on his idol, an Urdu author. Om Puri, Shashi Kapoor (8) *** Borrowed Hearts: A Holiday Romance (1997,Fantasy) A struggling single mother agrees to pose as her boss' wife to impress someone. Roma Downey, Hector Elizondo (12) *** Gorillas in the Mist (1988,Biography) See the life of Dian Fossey, an animal rights activist and expert on gorillas. Sigourney Weaver, Ian Cuthbertson (14) *** Life With Mikey (1993,Comedy) A former child star living as a Hollywood agent transforms a street urchin. Michael J. Fox, Christina Vidal 11:40 PM (3) *** In Custody (1993,Drama) Om Puri, Shashi Kapoor

MONDAY, DEC 21 7:00 PM (3) Happy Together (1997,Drama) Chinese same-sex couple searching for the meaning of life in Argentina. Leslie Cheung, Tony Leung Chiu-Wai 8:00 PM (12) *** Hoosiers (1986,Drama) A famous coach gets a chance to bring a team to the state championships. Gene Hackman, Barbara Hershey 9:10 PM (3) *** Fallen Angels (1995,Drama) Killer embarks on a hit, but must overcome his affections for his partner. Leon Lai Ming, Takeshi Kaneshiro 11:15 PM (3) *** Fallen Angels (1995,Drama) 11:55 PM (2) *** Doctor Zhivago (1965,War) Zhivago's life and passionate affair unfolds against a chaotic background. Omar Sharif, Julie Christie TUESDAY, DEC 22 7:00 PM (3) *** Especially on Sunday (1992,Drama) Love triangle explodes when each of them find passion. Omella Muti, Bruno Ganz 9:00 PM (7) *** Home for Christmas (1990,Drama) Six year old Amanda asks Santa to bring her a grandfather for Christmas. Mickey Rooney, Simon Richards (11) *** I'll Be Home for Christmas (1997,Drama) A doctor goes to his home town and is reunited with his highschool sweetheart. Ann Jillian, Jack Palance (3) *** Montreal Vu Par (1992,Drama) Collection of six different sketches by renowned Canadian filmmakers. 11:40 PM (3) *** Montreal Vu Par (1992,Drama) 11:55 PM (2) *** The Canterville Ghost (1944,Comedy) A 17th century ghost is spell-bound until a descendent performs a good deed. Charles Laughton, Margaret O'Brien

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