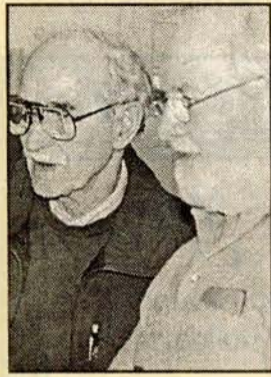


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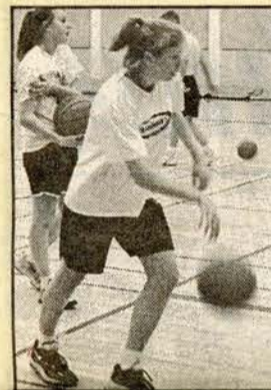
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The force behind the library

A huge group of volunteers drives Salt Spring's Mary Hawkins Library.

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Shaping up for the season

Salt Spring's senior girls basketball team has a few surprises in store for its opponents.

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Weather

If the forecast is right, rain will return today (Wednesday) and continue until Friday. Saturday should be cloudy with a bit of sun. Highs up to 7 C. today, and lows down to 1 C. (Thursday to Saturday).

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Texada protest turns up heat

By TANYA LESTER
Driftwood Staff

"Slow down" is the message environmental activists want to send to Texada Land Corporation (TLC) concerning clearcut logging on Salt Spring Island.

They will say it with their bodies when they block Burgoyne Bay Road and stop a TLC logging truck on its way to the company's unloading site at Burgoyne Bay next Wednesday.

"We want to send the message we have the power to stop clear cutting if we so choose and it's also in support of our love of the trees," said Robert Osborne, the Direct Action Committee (DAC) spokesman. "We want them to slow down so we have more time to do fundraising for the land acquisition."

The January 5 action begins at 8 a.m. and is open to the public.

Murray Reiss, who was

TEXADA ACTION 2

Y2K bug merely a flea?

Mouat's still has a stock of generators, B.C. Hydro stopped manning its Y2K crisis line fulltime in September and the only boost in nationwide security is in Montreal where the army is trying to protect us from Arab terrorists.

The Millennium Bug appears ready to pass into history with the same reviews as a minor earthquake or a bad winter storm. In fact, its major

Y2K PREPARATION 2

1999 in review: airplanes, smoking, an icy dip

January

- Fifty-four people plunged into the four-degree Celsius waters of Vesuvius Bay in the annual Polar Bear Swim, sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce, as about 200 others watched from the beach on a sunny January 1.
- The Capital Regional District's tough new no-smoking bylaw was leaving pub and restaurant owners with unwanted enforcement work. Some pub patrons refused to comply with the 100 per cent ban on smoking in all public buildings.
- Some Salt Spring residents were concerned about proposed B.C.

Parks changes to Ruckle Park, and especially a proposal for a new 10-site campground at Bear Point which was aimed at serving kayakers.

• Two men were killed in the crash of a CD-3 cargo plane on Mayne Island at 6:30 a.m. January 13. No one on the ground was injured.

• Thieves stole \$20,000 worth of cigarettes from Ganges Village Market January 22. Salt Spring RCMP were offering a Crimestoppers award for information leading to an arrest.

• A Salt Spring man was tied up and held at gunpoint in his

Bayview Road home January 29 as drugs, jewellery and \$4,700 in cash were stolen by the perpetrators who were soon apprehended on the Howe Sound Queen as it docked in Crofton.

February

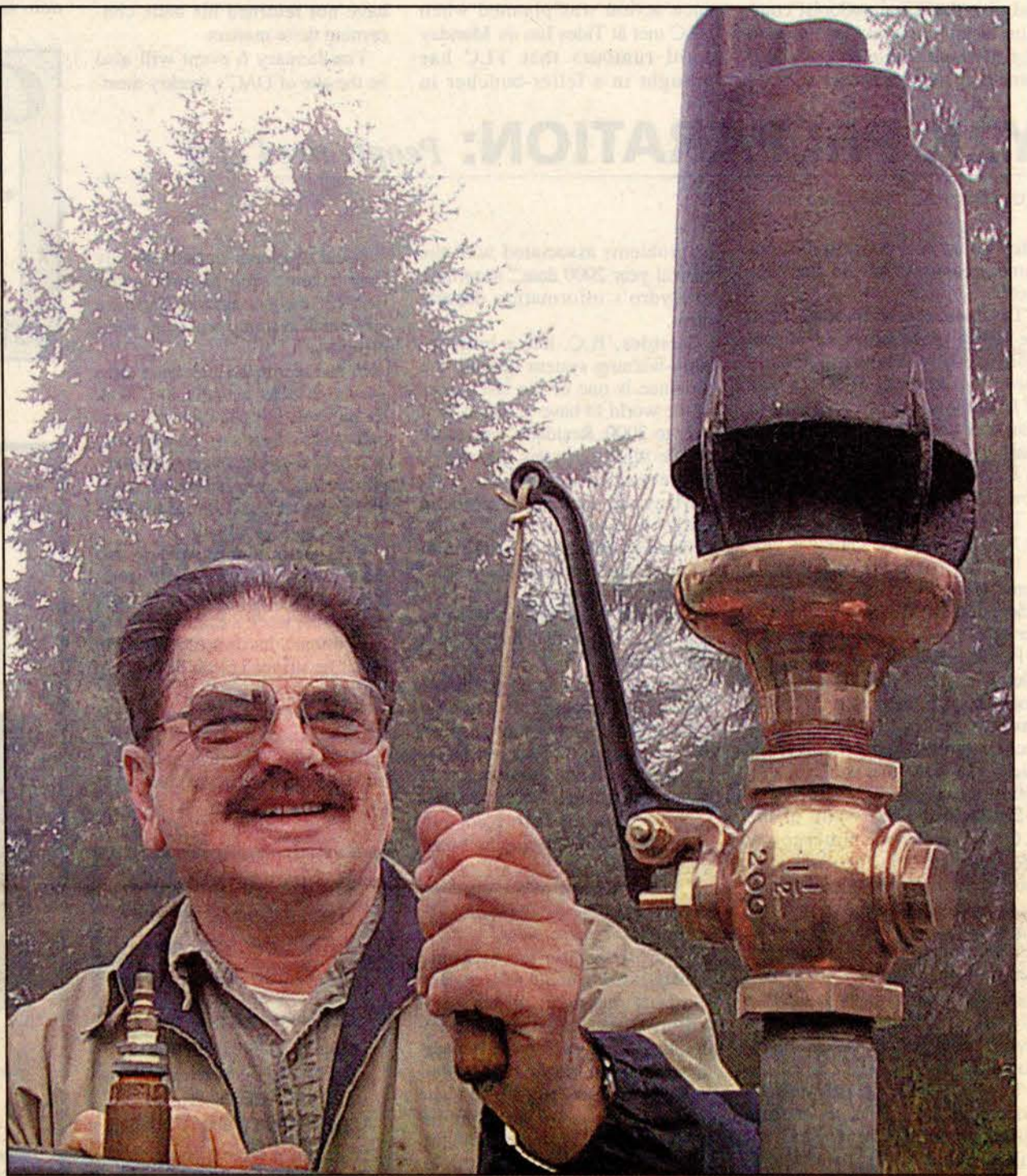
• A February 6 Gulf Islands School Board bi-election was won by 23-year-old university student Peter Wigen, who handily beat out four other candidates for the Salt Spring seat.

• The Gulf Islands endured more than a week of storms which saw B.C. Hydro crews put in multiple

16-hour days trying to restore power to homes and businesses. At one point, three of Salt Spring's four feeder lines were out of commission.

• Almost 100 people attended a meeting held at Beaver Point Hall on how to prepare for potential problems related to the Y2K millennium bug.

• Two auxiliary officers for the Salt Spring RCMP resigned following an RCMP decision that would prohibit auxiliary constables from carrying firearms. A third had not yet made a decision regarding his



WHISTLE BLOWER: With the hours until New Year's Day counting down, Jon Page is waiting until the stroke of midnight to help local residents shake off the last remnants of the 20th

century. With his 1918, five-tone steam whistle spit-polished, Page says the blast could well be heard throughout the Gulf Islands.

Photo by Derrick Lundy

Page's pipes give millennium blast

Jon Page has a special celebration planned for New Year's Eve, and it could involve waking up a few people on Pender Island.

Page found an early-century, five-tone steam whistle at a swap meet recently and plans to let it blow at the stroke of midnight.

It will push 80 gallons of air through a one-and-a-half-inch pipe in 10 seconds.

"On the prairies you can hear the thing for 25 miles so around here it's going to create one hell of an echo," Page said.

"It might wake up a few people over on Pender."

The 30-pound whistle came off the top of an 1918 long-haul CNR steam engine and is a particularly prized antique.

"Whistles are always the first things to go off a (salvaged) engine," Page said.

"They are just one of those things that train people love to have. 'This one is the Wayne Gretzky of whistles. They'll never make things like this again.'"

Page lives on Ganges Hill so the harbour area will get a few blasts of the whistle's range.

one of 15 people who attended a DAC meeting last Monday, believes it is important to stop a logging truck even though this action will minimally affect the TLC operation.

"It is a clear and unambiguous way of standing with others while they're taking dead trees off the island," said Reiss.

"They view it only as a commodity, the land we live on. They need to really slow right down and give the conservationist community time to make an offer to buy the land while there is still something there to conserve."

TEXADA ACTION: Protesters to block trucks

From Page 1

Reiss said his move to the island's south end was partly in response to the Channel Ridge development in the Vesuvius area. He hopes destroying the south end's pristine forest will not meet the same fate.

The non-violent civil disobedience action was planned when DAC met at Tides Inn on Monday amid rumours that TLC has brought in a feller-buncher in

order to log two and a half times more quickly.

According to Osborne, TLC may also plan to move their logging operation from Mount Tuam to Mount Maxwell as was reported by a DAC meeting participant.

Osborne said Texada officials have not returned his calls concerning these matters.

The January 6 event will also be the site of DAC's weekly meet-

ing. It will be followed by a Thursday evening Fulford Hall general meeting in which an overview of the environmentalists' future campaign will be discussed.

Osborne said sign-up sheets for those wanting to participate in the non-violent civil disobedience

training camp on the January 22 weekend will be available at the Fulford Hall meeting.

A rally, for which DAC organizers hope to attract 1,000 people, is set for January 15 at the Burgoyne Bay Road where the January 5 action takes place.

At last Monday's DAC meeting, it was decided to phone everyone listed in the Lion's Club Salt Spring Island directory to publicize the rally.

Y2K PREPARATION: People tired of it

From Page 1

effect could be a boost to the consumer economy that no one predicted.

The most recent findings from the federal government's National Contingency Planning Group shows that as many as 80 per cent of Canadians have withdrawn or plan to withdraw an extra wad of cash from their bank accounts, just in case a computer glitch shuts down our financial systems.

The second biggest reaction will be to make sure the car's gas tank is full (66 per cent) followed by some form of extra stocking of emergency food and supplies (37 per cent).

Perhaps the major question is what Canadians will do with that stock of cash once New Year's is passed: return it to the bank account or buy that DVD player or microwave oven that will probably still be on sale.

But, warns John Webb of the B.C. Provincial Emergency Program (PEP), the fact that provincial services are prepared should not make the public complacent.

"People should be aware that there might be minor problems, some well after January 1. Getting through New Year's Eve will be a pivotal event but not the end of the story," he said.

The PEP will be manned by twice as many staff as usual from Thursday until Sunday, as will utilities like B.C. Hydro and telephone companies, despite extensive testing that found "no errors

or problems associated with the critical year 2000 date," according to Hydro's information department.

Besides, B.C. has a built-in, early-warning system because the province is one of the last places in the world to have its digits turn over to 2000. Residents can watch to see what happens elsewhere before reacting at home.

Many say the biggest problem will be a power drain from demand as millions of people turn on appliances or use phones at or just after midnight.

The effect could be the same sort of surge as that following a major storm.

Information technology experts believe the majority of potential Y2K-related failures could happen during the next 12 months as Canadian computer programs integrate with systems that have never been checked for coding compliance, such as in developing countries.

On Salt Spring public reaction has been similar to the rest of the country.

"I think people are sick and tired of hearing about it," said Ben Martens, manager at Mouat's, which stocks most emergency items. "We've sold more generators than usual but the type of stuff people are picking up are the things they figure they should have anyway for power outages, like little bottles of propane, camping stoves or an extra bucket of kerosene."

Local computer consultants say they haven't seen an anticipated rush of owners anxious to make sure their systems are Y2K compliant.

In fact, computer hardware sales — which offer a major tax break for purchases of compliant systems before New Year's — haven't seen much of a spurt, except in surge protectors, energy-flow moderators that control the amount of electricity to an appliance.

Still, there is no guarantee that the island's banks won't be inundated with clients wanting cash during this week's last few days or that Mouat's hardware department won't be stripped clean of fuel and batteries.

"I can't see any problem right now but you never know," Martens said. "There is always one thing, however small, that can set panic in."

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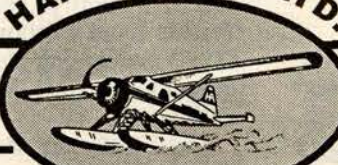
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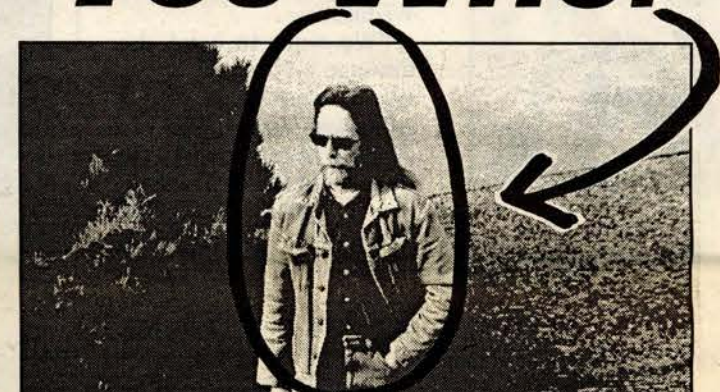
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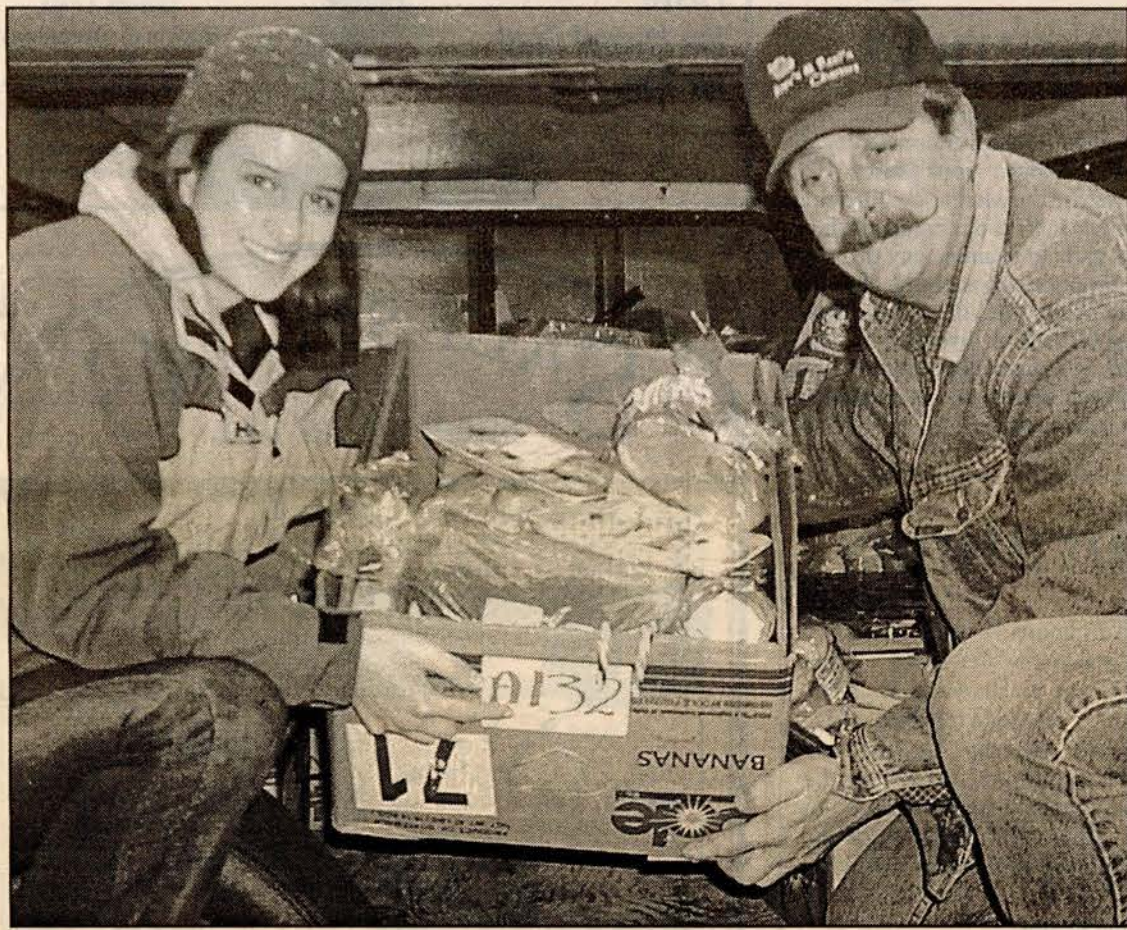
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Taking care of each other

Forty volunteers spent Monday and Tuesday at the Islands Farmers Institute last week selecting food and delivering 170 Christmas hampers to islanders in need. Preparing for a delivery below are Frances Millerd and Hal Keown.

Photos by Derrick Lundy



Fog hasn't slowed ferries

Dense fog throughout the Gulf Islands has not caused delays in ferry sailings.

A spokeswoman from the corporation's reservation system explained Tuesday that some routes have experienced delays late in the day but these have resulted from heavy traffic rather than the weather.

The corporation's plan to have all vessels in berth before midnight on Friday to avoid possible Y2K-related

problems is not likely to affect the Gulf Islands.

Boats are scheduled to stop running by about 11 p.m., with regular service to resume early Saturday morning.

The latest sailing in the region is the 10 p.m. run from Crofton to Vesuvius. Further information on schedules can be obtained from B.C. Ferries' reservations office at 1-888-223-3779.

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- **Health Canada is funding** a research project to explore the claims of the use of marijuana for persons with chronic illnesses like cancer and AIDS. The results could be available next year and *might* result in restricted legal use of the drug in specific cases. We'll keep you posted.
- **Optimism is better than pessimism.** That certainly is true with people who had by-pass surgery. Those who were naturally optimistic, who channeled their energy into things they could control and were accepting of things they couldn't, recovered much better and had less return visits to the hospital.
- **Considering the complexity** of today's medications, it was nice to hear that 86% of women consult a pharmacist before buying a non-prescription medication. Men aren't quite as ready to ask for help. (It must be similar to men not asking for directions when lost.)

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February arts council meeting must follow members' agenda

A January 14 meeting requisitioned by members of the Gulf Islands Community Arts Council (GICAC) won't be taking place as scheduled.

The GICAC board responded to the members' request for the meeting before the December 21 deadline.

According to Societies Act provisions, because it did respond, the board can choose the time and

place of the meeting. If it had not responded, the meeting would have been held January 14 on Salt Spring.

In a letter to the Concerned Members of the GICAC committee, board president Lawrie Neish stated the meeting would take place in February, with the date, time and place announced later.

That meeting must follow the agenda requisitioned by the mem-

bers, which includes a motion to set aside business transacted by the GICAC board from March 1999 onwards, to redefine qualifications for serving on the board of directors and "to examine any decisions or proposals concerning the division of the GICAC and the incurring of debt or divesting of assets and to make any resolutions deemed necessary as a result of this examination."

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Websites for Y2K celebrations

Welcome to my last column of the year — 1999 has been quite a time for computer users.

We have been targeted by pranksters with various viruses, by well-meaning friends with all those "funny" jokes and by spammers with electronic junk mail.

We have also seen the world open up to us, been able to shop to our credit companies' delight, researched anything our hearts desired and wondrously received those first pictures of loved ones' babies, and celebratory and victorious moments.

In the same keystroke our planet became smaller and yet far greater than we could imagine.

As we move into the new year, I encourage you to go beyond your boundaries, explore all there is online and find something that excites you, that enhances your life.

SURF THIS
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We cannot be sure what will happen when the clock strikes midnight on January 1, 2000, so I will recommend this: back-up, back-up, back-up, and then, if you are not out on the town, snuggle up and check out the sites below to see how the

rest of the world is ringing in the new millennium.

Happy 2000 from me to you.

• <http://www.wellington2000.org.nz/> — the site of the first capital city to enter the third millennium.

• <http://www.4themillennium.com/> — list of related links.

• <http://www.countdown2000.com/> — ditto.

• <http://www.fas.org/2000/> — Federation of American Scientists Millennium Monitor.

• http://newyears.earthcam.com/index_flash.html — Webcast of The Century, which I found a link to on: communities.msn.com/Millennium2000.

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NEW YEAR'S CHANGES & CANCELLATIONS

On December 31, 1999, some BC Ferries routes (including the Tsawwassen-Gulf Islands service) will be operating on revised schedules so vessels can be in dock by 11:00 pm for Y2K testing. A number of routes have also cancelled early morning sailings on New Year's Day due to traditionally low demand.

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January 1 Polar Bear Swim set for the brave (and crazy)

For anyone who has ever wanted to join the esteemed ranks of polar bear swimmers, there may never be a more momentous day to take that first dip than January 1, 2000.

The 21st annual Vesuvius Beach Polar Bear Swim is on track again, sponsored by the island's chamber of commerce.

But even for those who choose to not get wet and wild, Vesuvius is the place to be on New Year's morning — first for a pancake breakfast (with sausages, coffee, orange juice and hot chocolate) beginning at 9 a.m. at the Beachcomber Motel, followed by the plunge which takes place at 11 a.m.

Before and after the actual mass dive it's an ideal time to wish friends and neighbours a Happy New Year.

Each year the number of swimmers and spectators seems to grow and, with the addition of music thanks

to Tim O'Connor and John Dolman of Island Star Video, the event feels like a tropical beach party.

O'Connor and Dolman rent the deluxe sound system and charge the chamber of commerce nothing for its use, making it another generous community service Island Star provides.

Janet Stepaniuk is busy gathering prizes for a slate of categories, ranging from youngest and oldest swimmers, best costumes and the person who swims the farthest out in the bay — and more.

The traditional "most endurance" award could be dropped, however, in light of reluctance by two men to come out of the water last year despite vociferous coaxing. (Sid Jones and Michael Wolfe-Milner stayed in the four-degree C. water for more than half an hour!)

This year's costume theme is the much-hyped Y2K Bug, although dressing up in any guise is often just part of the fun for diehard Polar Bear swimmers.

Booth gets committee assignments

Kellie Booth, Salt Spring's Capital Regional District (CRD) director, was named chairman of one standing committee and a member of two others when committee appointments were confirmed December 15.

Her spot on the parks committee will be of particular interest to local residents concerned about protecting private forest reserves.

The CRD has just completed its three-year master plan for regional parks, underpinned by overwhelming public support for a \$6-10 annual levy for parkland acquisition.

The master plan will be passed by the board early next year. It will outline a region-wide system of

parks and trails.

"I think we can expect to see the first acquisitions by the summer," said Booth.

The director will also sit on the health facilities planning committee, responsible for building new facilities and purchasing new equipment.

Expenditures are funded 40 per cent by the CRD and 60 per cent by the province and will focus on the vital need for new long-term care facilities.

"The need for long-term facilities to relieve the stress on acute-care ones is very high throughout the province. But it is a huge problem in the regional district," Booth said. "It is a top priority right now."

Booth will also serve as chairwoman of the general municipal services operations committee, which is in charge of such operations as bylaw enforcement, animal control and other nuts-and-bolts CRD functions.

She will also be the southern Gulf Islands ferry advisor to the B.C. Ferry Corporation.

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Plugged chimney causes grief for local firefighters

It was a quiet Christmas season for Salt Spring's fire department until Monday night when members were called to deal with a serious chimney fire on Demetri Way.

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- Lady Minto Hospital was getting used to its new diagnostic ultrasound machine acquired due to the generosity of a Salt Spring resident. Having the equipment on-island resulted in a big time and travel savings for islanders.

- February rainfall of 277.9 mm (10.94 inches) swamped the previous record set in 1983 and the 20-year average of 118.4 mm (4.66 inches).

March

- Greenwoods volunteer Mona Doerksen was given the Volunteer Award of Honour, co-sponsored by the Alzheimer Society of B.C. and Elderly Services Outreach. It recognizes outstanding contributions provided by a volunteer to persons with dementia or their caregivers in the Capital Region.

- The Salt Spring Community Planning Association asked Attorney General Ujjal Dosanjh to include Salt Spring in a proposed inquiry into high gasoline prices in the province's northeast.

- Longtime Salt Spring farmer Harry Bapty earned a victory against the provincial property assessment authority when his Eleanor Point farm was given total farm status, with a recommendation of a tax refund retroactive to 1984. The Islands Farmers Institute went to bat for Bapty at a March 11 hearing.

- Dave Enfield was chosen new Salt Spring fire chief, replacing the retiring Les Wagg. Enfield was coming to the island from Surrey, where he was a 27-year department veteran and fire captain.

- B.C. Ferries' proposed Option 3, a restructuring of Gulf Islands ferry service, was officially put on hold, while the provincial budget was promising more funds for the debt-ridden corporation.

April

- More than 2,200 names were collected on a petition asking the federal government to allow the former RCMP building on Ganges hill to be used by Salt Spring Community Services and the Salt Spring Historical Society.

- A spate of thefts, totalling \$15,000 in value, prompted residents in the Beddis, Price and Rourke roads area to meet to discuss neighbourhood crime prevention.

- ArtSpring was given its absolutely official opening with a gala weekend April 17-19. Events included a ribbon-cutting by Birgit and Robert Bateman, and three concerts: Bob Leblanc's A Tribute to Broadway, jazz singer Carol Welsman and contralto Maureen Forrester accompanied by Peter

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Tiefenbach on piano.

- Some parents lined up at the middle school as early as 4:30 a.m. April 12 to get their child on the list for September's Grade 6 French Immersion class. By 8 a.m., 45 people had gathered.

- A low-cost seniors' housing complex proposed for land behind Lady Minto Hospital was turned down by the Salt Spring Island Local Trust Committee, being cited as contrary to the official community plan and in Agricultural Land Reserve property.

- A survey commissioned by a committee of the Salt Spring Island Public Library Association showed that islanders were willing to pay up to \$20 per year for slightly improved library services. Survey results also indicated people's satisfaction with the library and areas of suggested improvement.

May

- The Driftwood was named best newspaper in the province (for 3,500-6,500 circulation) with managing editor Susan Lundy earning awards for writing, Derrick Lundy for photography and Lorraine Sullivan in advertising design.

- The Skeena Queen was taken out of service when the second of its four engines was damaged by floating debris, raising questions about how well the vessel would be able to service its Fulford Harbour-Swartz Bay route.

- A counter-petition to block sales of three pieces of property held by the Parks, Arts and Recreation Commission started a process that would become the top referendum issue in November's municipal elections.

- The local library's strategic planning committee released a list of recommendations to help make the facility a modern resource centre. This too would become an election referendum issue.

- A late-night fire that destroyed the attic of the Erck family home brought a huge community response with hundreds of people pitching in to help rebuild the home.

- A hot May long weekend was just what the island's economy needed as sales soared, buoyed by hundreds of visitors attending local entertainment and sporting events.

June

- A 20-year-old Vancouver man

pleaded guilty to a charge of home invasion following a late-May incident on Salt Spring. Kevin Jones was also charged with sexual assault and was eventually handed a 10-year sentence.

- Capital Regional District figures showed that the island's construction industry was its busiest in four years, despite a slow provincial economy.

- Bureaucratic red tape forced judo dojo owner Shawn Adams to halt work on his new facility, although the stop-work order would be rescinded within days.

- A toned-down Sea Capers was held at Drummond Park in Fulford following the near-cancellation of the summer event due to lack of help. The local coast guard unit also hosted Salt Spring Boating Safety Day on June 12 in Ganges.

- Long-time ferry corporation watchdog Neville Atkinson stepped down from his spot as co-chairman of the Southern Gulf Islands Ferry Advisory Committee following a "percep-

tion of conflict of interest."

- An intentionally set fire at the headquarters of the Parks, Arts and Recreation Commission destroyed the Portlock Park building and put future recreational activities on the island on hold.

- A battle that would last five months broke out over gas pricing between the owner of the Gasoline Alley gas station and its Petro-Canada fuel supplier.

July

- Island Garbage Express got the green light to set up a garbage-compaction site on Beddis Road despite strong opposition from local residents.

- A breakdown in negotiations between the Community Services Society and Salt Spring Co-op Preschool over the school's proposed location on the society's property put the school's future in doubt.

- A rapid community response had Portlock Park's Shelby Pool back in operation about one week after a fire destroyed its administrative building.

- School hours on Salt Spring


underwent a drastic change after Gulf Islands school trustees voted to shift attendance time for the next school year to later in the day for high school students and earlier for elementary kids.

- Former island resident Geoffrey Ballard received the Order of Canada for his role in refining the hydrogen fuel cell.


- The Capital Regional District bought the top of Mount Sullivan from Texada Logging to create a

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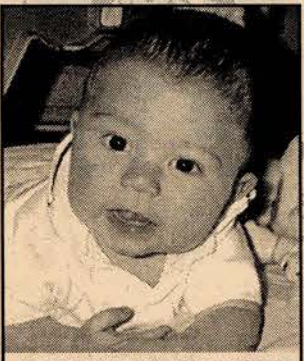
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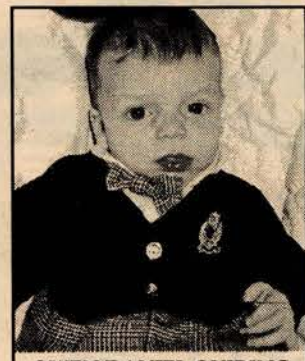
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The lessons of 1999

Ten months ago the world was on the edge of collapse, or so it seemed to computer experts who were forecasting a technological meltdown of huge proportions as the clock passed midnight on December 31.

With only days to go before the Y2K deadline we are much calmer about the possibility of our electronic systems disintegrating into a mass of digital mush (mainly because we believe it won't happen), and the only real question left is what we have learned about our dependence on technology.

As humans, our answer, unfortunately, must inevitably be "not much." We remain almost uncontrollably linked to scientific experiment, whether to computers, genetically engineered food or even animal cloning.

There were many lessons in 1999. Some came with a warning to not make the same mistake twice; others simply showed us weaknesses that may or may not be reconditioned. And yet others were little historical footnotes that rekindled our faith in humanity's good side.

One that mixed all three symptoms was the seeming resurgence of well-informed dissent.

For the first time in many years, civic protest had great effect throughout the world, whether in the bloody trenches of East Timor, the GoreTex-sheathed streets of Seattle's World Trade Organization protests (and an earlier broad-based crushing of the Multilateral Agreement on Investment) or even in the Salt Spring living rooms of park land-referendum opponents.

It taught that the only real effective force for change lies within public hands. Hopefully that lesson will lead to even greater community-generated change where disenfranchised citizens take more control of the decisions affecting their future.

In Canada such a trend could only help solve some of the problems that our elected officials seem totally incapable of solving in our lifetime.

What have we learned from negotiations and relations with First Nations people that only seem to create militant standoffs in Maritimes fisheries, disputes over Mayne Island forests or political rhetoric over controversial treaties?

That lesson remains unlearned, as does the one from Victoria's legislature where a provincial government, and its now-disgraced ex-leader, has been unsupervised for so long it has nearly imploded, taking the province's economic livelihood with it.

If 1999 taught us anything it was about the importance of accountability. We are suffering and will continue to suffer from a woeful ferry system because of a lack of accountability.

An even-larger problem is brewing if we continue to ignore the unchecked growth of transnational corporations, whose power is becoming huge indeed. This lesson is not about the value of business growth; rather it is about what kind of economic growth we want and who it should benefit.

Our home islands are a classic example. Now virtually dependent on tourism for continued livelihood, the Gulf Islands must decide what kind of growth they want, knowing that immigration is inevitable and industry is only a band-aid solution.

Other lessons can be gleaned by looking at our selves and communities over the past year.

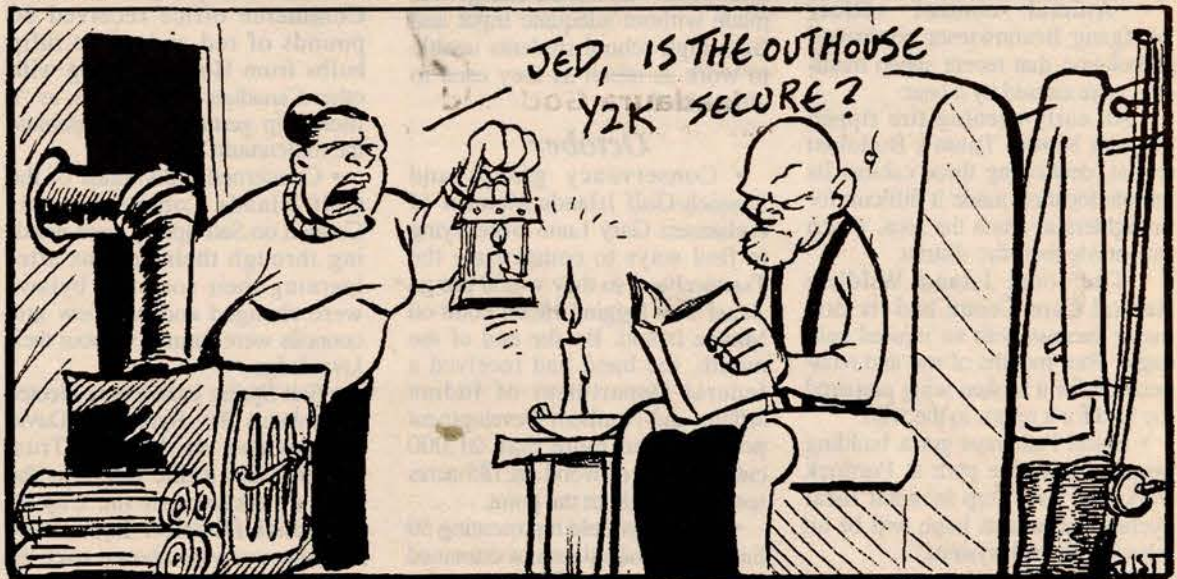
Volunteerism continued to swell locally as islanders reached out to each other and offered their services in a whole realm of activities — far too many to list. Lots of these volunteers give of their time freely and quietly, asking for nothing — not even acknowledgment — in return. This is, indeed, an example of true giving.

Many, many sources fed Salt Spring's food bank this holiday season. And while it is sad that the number of needy food hamper recipients has grown, it is heartening to see the island rallying to fill and deliver 170 baskets. Others, like the Christmas-light-show family of Hal and Donna Keown, have collected food with the sole purpose of replenishing the food bank after hamper deliveries.

The good feeling that comes with giving hopefully remains warm inside us well past the season, inspiring us to continue giving in "the Christmas way." And as we discover the joy that is associated with giving, we can perhaps learn at the same time to live with less.

For the past 12 months, as we have considered the possible ramifications of a Y2K meltdown, we have had the opportunity to look at what life would be like without all the comforts that come with our rich, technological society.

It has offered us a chance to reflect on what is really important in our lives, and to learn the most important lesson of all. We can survive without our computers, microwaves and fancy cars, but a life without the warmth of family and friendship and community is a cold one indeed.



Population should be at root of GM food debate

By KEITH MCLEAN

The Vancouver Sun on December 14 and 17, 1999 presents a debate about Genetically Modified (GM) food.

We read that a supporter of GM food, biologist Zamir Punja, charges that critics of GM food are well organized and well funded, and have their own economic agenda.

Surely this ignores the fact that the multinational food industry is well organized, has profit potential which generates funds, and an economic agenda to sell its products, and is therefore motivated to ignore dangers of its products.

This is an answer to David Suzuki's half truth in the debate. He said it is dangerous to release GM foods into the environment and our stomachs because such a release is irreversible and there has been insufficient time for long-term problems to be discovered.

Suzuki's half truth is that he ignores, as the David Suzuki Foundation has done consistently for years, the environmental problems that population growth makes inevitable.

The pressure to use GM foods is a perfect illustration of Thomas Malthus' statement that food production increases geometrically, but population increases exponentially.

As the population doubled from mid-century until now we should have increased sustainable food production.

But we over-fished the oceans and reduced the ability of land to grow food (through paving, depleting, eroding, and polluting the topsoil).

Thus today we are less able to produce food by traditional methods than we were in 1950. Yet the world's appetite has doubled.



"The end of 1999 provides an excellent time to talk about population because on October 12 the world's population passed six billion."

Because we are pressured to use GM food, it is easy to slip into the practice of doing so, especially when powerful food producers profit from it.

The divisiveness of the fact that environmental degradation is caused by population growth discourages organizations dependent on public donations from mentioning over-population.

Thus, in a capitalistic society the David Suzuki Foundation and Sierra Club are forced to ignore population issues.

The end of 1999 provides an excellent time to talk about population because on October 12 the world's population passed six billion.

It is estimated that the results of population-growth momentum will take the world to about nine billion before it stops growing.

Virtually all scientists say if we gradually reduce or reverse this growth it would be easier to stop global warming and species extinction.

1999 also allowed an attack against a powerful organization aiding population growth — the Vatican.

Everyone agrees that lowering birth rates requires making contraceptives available, but the Pope has banned them.

By calling for the revocation of the Vatican's special status at the United Nations, Catholics For a Free Choice gave us an opportunity, by siding with them, to attack the Vatican without attacking the Church as a whole.

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regional park. The sale would become an oasis from logging later in the year when Texada sold the rest of its holdings to a pair of Vancouver developers.

• The "gar war" at Gasoline Alley's fuel station brought into focus pricing structures that showed Salt Spring pays up to 15 per cent more than anywhere else in the province.

• The Lady Minto Foundation got a \$20,000 boost from its annual golf tournament and Phantom Ball. Proceeds were used to acquire vital equipment.

August

• Ongoing and unresolved problems with the Skeena Queen's engines forced B.C. Ferries to drop the number of runs on the Fulford-Swartz route from 10 to eight a day.

• Animal control officer Wolfgang Brunnwieser confirmed speculation that recent sheep maulings were caused by a bear.

• An early-evening fire ripped through Mount Tuam's Buddhist retreat, destroying three cabins. Its remote location made it difficult for firefighters to reach the area, which sat outside their fire district.

• The local Island Wildlife Natural Care Centre had its first major success with an injured bald eagle. Four months of rest and recuperation for a broken wing prepared the bird for a return to the wild.

• Island Pathways got a building permit for a bike path at Portlock Park, the first step in what local cycling enthusiasts hope will be an island-wide path system.

• A huge lightning storm spooked 21 island dogs from their homes, although all were back home safe and sound within a couple of days.

September

• Patrons of Bedwell Harbour Marina and Resort on Pender Island saw more than seaside scenery during lunch when a 116-foot vessel caused two bizarre accidents. The converted tugboat from Washington was heading to the Canadian Customs dock when it failed to stop and went right through it. Having cleared customs, the boat was put into reverse and then sheered off one of the marina's docks.

• Salt Spring Parks, Arts and Recreation Commission (PARC) voted to rescind its July motion to take a tax increase to the public in the November referendum. PARC decided instead to offer a referendum choice on whether to go ahead with the sale of 10 pieces of property to fund land purchases for a recreational facility.

• The appearance of blue-green algae in Cusheon Lake prompted the Capital Health Region (CHR) to issue a warning to local residents against contact of any kind with the

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lake's water. By the end of the month, the lake water had been given a clean bill of health after being tested at the University of Alberta.

• A sunny weekend brought out 8,200 to the Salt Spring Fall Fair, up from 7,500 in 1998, with more people coming from off-island than in previous years.

• As students headed back to school, there was mixed reaction to the change in school hours. Since the change was announced in June, there had been outrage from parents who scrambled to make new after-school care arrangements, from those who felt the change was made without adequate input and from high school students unable to work as much as they used to after school.

October

• Conservancy groups and Saanich-Gulf Islands Member of Parliament Gary Lunn were trying to find ways to compensate the Tsartlip band so they would not go ahead with logging Helen Point on Mayne Island. By the end of the month, the band had received a federal Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development permit to cut more than 21,000 cubic metres of wood on 185 acres spread throughout the point.

• Over 70 people representing 50 Salt Spring Island groups crammed into the West Coast Bullit, a marine eco-tourism boat, to view marine life 36 to 50 feet under the ocean's surface near Prevost Island.

• B.C. Hydro announced its proposal to construct a natural gas pipeline from Sumas, Washington to its Centra Gas distribution system south of Duncan in partnership with American company Williams Inc.

• Christine Bender of the CHR announced that Cusheon Lake would be part of a pilot project conducted next summer for a portable kit to test blue-green algae for toxins. She made the announcement at a Cusheon Lake Water Stewardship Committee panel discussion attended by 60 people.

November

• In the biggest land sale ever recorded on Salt Spring Island, Texada Land Corporation sold its entire island inventory to Vancouver-based developers Derek Trethewey and Rob MacDonald. The 4,500 acres stretch from Mount Maxwell through the Burgoyne and Fulford valleys and up to Mount Tuam. The developers also bought about 1,500 acres near

Horne Lake on Vancouver Island. They began logging a slope beside Mount Tuam later in the month, which met with community protest.

• The findings of a coroner's inquest at Meaden Hall ruled that Kelowna Flightcraft pilots Leon Guenard and John Walker died accidentally when their 45-year-old DC-3 aircraft crashed near Mount Parke on Mayne Island in January.

• Salt Spring's Richard Murakami bought the Lower Ganges Road government building for \$685,000 following eight weeks of negotiations.

• The Salt Spring Chamber of Commerce office received 80 pounds of red-and-white tulip bulbs from Holland, along with other Canadian communities, as "a friendship gesture and to celebrate the millennium."

• Concerned individuals of the Gulf Islands Community Arts Council on Salt Spring were weeding through their options after learning their society's bylaws were changed and two new arts councils were formed without their knowledge.

• Salt Spring Islanders re-elected incumbents Bev Byron and David Borrowman as Islands Trust trustees; and Kellie Booth as the island's director of the Capital Regional District. Byron and Borrowman were chosen over the third candidate, Tom Pickett. Booth beat out Dietrich Luth. Voters gave a big thumbs-down to selling developer-dedicated parkland and gave the nod to accepting federal government money to keep Fernwood Dock alive. The library-tax referendum was close, with 1,671 voting for putting library operation on the tax rolls, compared to 1,472 against.

December

• Salt Spring Island and southern Vancouver Island are "overdue" for a severe earthquake that could register 9.5 on the Richter scale, CHR emergency services coordinator John Hill told an emergency pre-

paredness meeting.

On December 11 at 4:53 a.m. Salt Springers experienced a quake measuring 4 on the Richter scale.

• Texada officials met with 200 islanders concerned about the company's logging and development plans for 4,500 south-end acres. Texada planning consultant Michael Rosen and forester Julian Dunster explained the company would continue to log for three to five years. Later in the month, Texada director Rob MacDonald told the Driftwood the company had no residential or commercial development plans, as feared by some islanders.

• Salt Spring got an early Christmas present from B.C. Ferries when the corporation lengthened the schedule on its Fulford Harbour-Swartz Bay route.

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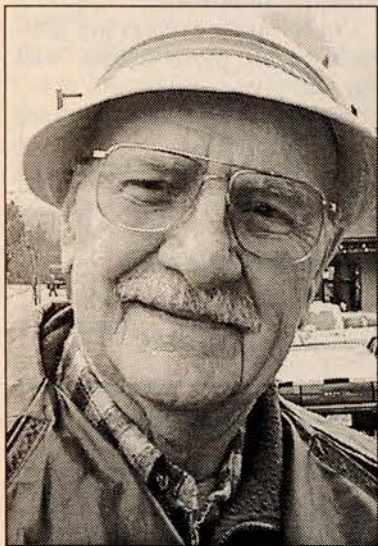
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We asked: *What was your best memory of 1999?*



Jack Stibbards

Being on Salt Spring Island.



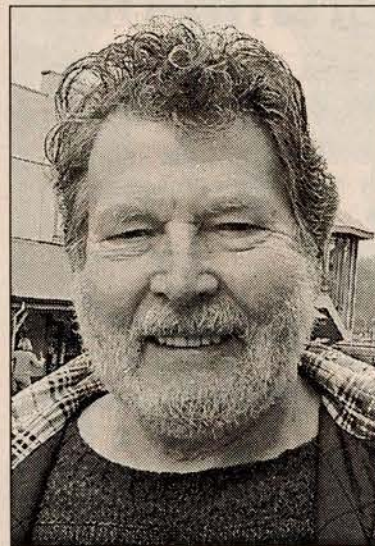
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One of my best moments of 1999 was when one of my projects was finally completed.



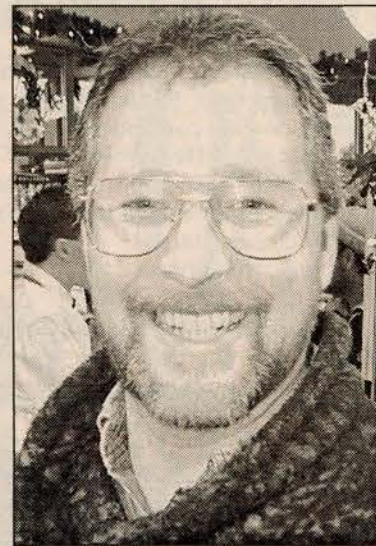
Kim Young

When my friend Tracey and I had our first annual girls weekend away in the big city.



Gerry Kreutzer

I survived!



Hamish Savage

Marrying my wife Renee, and having my whole family together.

Letters to the Editor

Single second

No doubt we all await the midnight hour when, at the stroke of 12 on December 31, we enter the year 2000.

Time seems to be the beat or music, if you will, that the peoples of all nations of the earth dance to in life.

Time and tide have waited for no person I have met yet but we have learned a lot about how to manage our lives so that rather than against us, time and tides can work for us.

The process requires that you are in harmony and then like magic, things begin to go right.

Time seems endless and inexhaustible and I suppose it is but we are not.

While we are here we all do our best to make use of time each and every day.

Rarely does time itself stand out and present itself in a fashion other than that which it always does, one second after another.

Perhaps it is only people and their interpretations that make one

second different than another but for exactly one second at the stroke of 12 on December 31, 1999, all peoples of all nations on earth will be in harmony as we collectively wish for a happy, healthy and prosperous year 2000 for ourselves and us all.

The one memorable phrase from the 20th century that I will be carrying forward to the year 2000 as my millennium resolution? "Be most excellent to everyone!"

If ever a single second in time could make a difference in the world, this is it.

How incredible it could be if only we could all remain tuned in to that resonant harmonic called love.

Given that we all like to be treated well, with respect, kindness and understanding, it is not inconceivable that we may all finally see the enduring wisdom of doing unto others as we would have them do unto us.

Random acts of kindness are seldom unwelcome. Sometimes

we do have a chance to change our world but it takes an event of monumental or perceived monumental proportions to make us all think about it at the same time.

December 31 at midnight is our chance to clear our minds of the past and enter into the world's greatest era.

It is my millennium wish that this one second of international harmony and goodwill, this global hope for mankind, will be the chord that sustains us for the next thousand years and beyond.

Let us be most excellent to each other.

Peace and good wishes to all.

DREW CLARKE,
Salt Spring

Glowing

I was interested to read Tanya Lester's December 15 critique of the recent Salt Spring Singers' concert, but her misquote of the text to the Messiah aria, sung by Don Fisher, was rather strange.

I attended a well-known English Choir School, where the door to the magnificent music library was held open by a large chunk of rock, which was later discovered to be a piece of the Elgin Marbles — but that's another story.

One of the most highly-prized volumes in this library was the autograph of Handel's Messiah, so I have been acquainted with this work, and sung in it, on and off, for 70 years, and to my certain knowledge the words to the opening aria start: "Ev'ry valley shall be exalted, and ev'ry mountain and hill made low . . ." — a far cry, indeed, from the mountains not only preceding the valleys, but being said to "glow," no less.

I hesitate to say that it is, perhaps, someone's face that should be glowing?

C.H. VANE-HUNT,
Sharp Road

Changed lines

Upon reading the December 15

issue of the Driftwood I was astounded to learn that some lyrics of Handel's Messiah have been changed.

For some 50 years that I've heard as well as sung these pieces I believed that the words were "Every valley shall be exalted and every valley and hill made low." Stating that "every valley may glow" certainly allowed for descriptive praise for what I'm sure was a wonderful performance.

However, I pass this along for your information and, I expect, your desire for accuracy.

One often "hears" other than what truly "is."

For myself, for years I believed that a choir I heard on the radio was known as The Missouri Sinners; when in actual fact it was from the Missouri Synod.

JOYCE KALLWEIT,
Mayne Island

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Concerned members have Salt Spring-centric view

By **JOHN CARLTON**

Considering the vituperative and nonsensical action that is taking place within and around the Gulf Islands Community Arts Council (GICAC), it may be time for a little reality check.

The furor that is raging is due to the other (Outer) Islands having the temerity to object to the wild imbalance of disbursement of funds over the years, and to suggest that they may be better off forming their own arts council.

As such, they would raise their own money, fund their own programs and, here is the issue that has the heavens in uproar, receive what is rightly theirs in a dispersal of the assets of the GICAC.

The main reason that the arts council has any assets to disperse at all is the sagacity and hard work over many years of Lawrie Neish. This is the same man whom, reportedly, the outraged group of "concerned members" suggested be lynched at a recent meeting. Yes, lynched, along with Mary Koroscil, another tireless worker for the GICAC.

The solution proposed is very simple and very fair. Salt Spring keeps the main asset, the house in Ganges, and the new Trincomali Arts Council holds the mortgage



and at a better rate than that available from the banks. The world revolves pretty much as it always did, and despite the screams of outrage, it is not the greatest travesty of justice since the Salem witch trials, although there are similarities in the process of the "concerned members."

The "Salt Spring-centric" view of the universe as expressed by these "concerned members" is that the Outer Islands are no more than a fringing reef to protect them from the south-east gales. As far as they are concerned, the Outer Islands artisans, performers and craftspeople can vanish into the mist, never to be heard from again, but not one penny of their money can they take with them from Salt Spring's sacred shores.

Well, guys, bad news. The house in Ganges is not entirely yours. It is the property of all of the GICAC. Follow carefully now while I spell it out: Gulf Islands (plural) Community Arts Council. It will come as an obvi-

ous surprise to the outraged "members" that there is more than one "Gulf Island" and that the other dots on your fringing reef have a claim to the assets.

The "concerned members" are so hell bent on their campaign of spite and vitriol that they have forgotten, or are ignoring, the fact that it is the products of the Outer Islands that have been hugely contributory to the success of ArtCraft, the GICAC's biggest money spinner.

The money for the theatre groups and the expensive performing productions comes not just from ticket sales and Lawrie's years of unpaid and unthanked work in setting up for you and taking down, but largely from ArtCraft. Last year 16 per cent of participants at ArtCraft were from the outer reef and they earned 26 per cent of the gross.

In return for this, of the \$155,000 earned by the whole archipelago at ArtCraft for cultural facilities since 1981, only North Pender has received anything at all.

The rest of the Outer Islands' cultural facilities have received nothing, nada, zip, zero. The rest has gone to Salt Spring, and this is how these "concerned

members" obviously believe the universe should continue to unfold. A detailed breakdown of these disbursements has been made available, but has been stonily ignored as irrelevant to the greater joy of crucifying Lawrie.

These "members" are also terribly concerned with democracy, yet they demand that all meetings be held on Salt Spring, where they can of course be mercilessly stacked. Their refusal to leave the sacred shores to go to an awful place like Galiano is adamant. The fact is, however, that you cannot get to Salt Spring from anywhere on the reef, attend a meeting, and get home the same night. Don't believe me? Check the ferry schedule yourselves. Galiano is possible, and this is why it is used for meetings.

How many of these desperately concerned "members" made the effort to come to a recent meeting that was not on the sacred shores? Why, again, it was none, nada, zip, zero.

This, by the way, despite a specific request from the office of the Registrar of Societies that if they were that worried they should so attend.

Many of these "members" are

in fact not members, and many more were not at the time that the bifurcation of the GICAC was happening. The recent drive to whip up support emanates from a core of hysterics who quite simply want Lawrie Neish's head on a plate.

Their campaign is vituperative, deceitful and misrepresentative. They are quite prepared to initiate a cat-fight that will leave the most successful and prosperous arts council in B.C. with nothing but legal bills and ill feeling.

The communities have grown to the point that it is time for a dividing of the arts councils.

The Outer Islands artisans will continue to support and thereby help fund ArtCraft, and the assets will get honestly and fairly disbursed.

It will not happen, however, while the real issues are drowned by the, in my opinion, strident fury of a group whose legitimacy is highly questionable, and whose bottom line is self interest and character assassination.

The actions of these "members" bring no credit to themselves, the GICAC, or your community on Salt Spring.

The writer lives on Pender Island.

Family fiasco kills Gordo leadership bid

VICTORIA — Gordon Wilson should resign from the NDP leadership race, but whether or not he does, there are now only three bonafide contenders for the job.

Wilson is effectively out of the race, even if he stays in, because his last shred of credibility has been destroyed by the nuthouse of a blended family he's in.

The sheen started coming off the brash young Liberal leader's armour long ago.

Already unhappy about his autocratic leadership style, his caucus found a welcome opportunity to dump him over his relationship with Judy Tyabji.

Never lacking in dramatic flair, Wilson and Tyabji attributed his fall to the dark and reactionary forces of the Fraser Institute and former Social Credit power brokers who couldn't abide by his visionary leadership.

Fact is Wilson had become damaged goods and jeopardized the Liberals' credibility in the public eye. People were laughing at the Liberal leader, far more devastating than loathing.

As leader of the Progressive Democratic Alliance, which he formed, Wilson appeared to be repairing his somewhat tattered image. He found people who believed that he offered a different approach to the governance of this province.

Alas, opportunism knocks only once, and for Wilson it did in the crass form of a job offer — a cabinet position in the NDP government. He jumped at the offer, ditching not only his fledgling party but all the people who had believed in him.

His new status didn't keep Wilson from sliding further towards political disaster. First there were revelations of financial problems and now, topping it all, the sexual abuse scandal involving one of Tyabji's daughters and one of Wilson's sons.

Nothing has been proven, mind you, and no charges have been laid, but the RCMP are investigating.

Under these circumstances, you'd think that Wilson and Tyabji would quietly await the outcome of the investigation.

Not Tyabji. She called a press conference, telling reporters that her former husband was refusing to let her children spend Christmas with the Wilsons.

As for the sexual abuse allegations — the court was told that, according to the girl, Wilson's son "touched me in a bad place" — Tyabji said there may have been some inadvertent touching when the girl slept in the same bed with Wilson's son.

What planet is this woman from? Who in his right mind would let a 20-year-old man sleep in the same bed as a young girl?

Here I would like to express my admiration for Patrick Dohm, associate chief justice of British Columbia's Supreme Court.

In a no-nonsense ruling, he allowed Tyabji's children to spend Christmas with her and the Wilsons, but imposed some strict conditions. Wilson's son isn't allowed to be alone with the girl and he isn't allowed to stay overnight.

But by far the most astounding condition is that Tyabji is not to make any further public utterances about her children. No more press conferences. No more chats with columnists.

"The parents will cease all discussion of the matter with anyone, including members of the media," Judge Dohm said. "These are private matters. They are not to be discussed publicly when you involve children of this age. If there is any further discussion in the press or elsewhere, I'll know where to look."

That judge deserves a medal. When Tyabji was still an MLA, I told her on numerous occasions that discretion was the better part of valour.

Actually I told her she should shut up once in a while, but lacking a judicial enforcement mechanism, I didn't get very far.

Now that Judge Dohm has laid down the law, Tyabji will finally have to shut up, albeit too late to do Wilson's leadership aspirations any good.

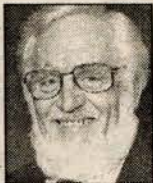
If Wilson was damaged goods before, he's now the latest addition to the political scrap heap.

My advice is: drop out, Gordo, before you get further humiliated.

Beyer can be reached at: e-mail — hubert@coolcom.com; tel — (250) 381-6900; web — <http://www.hubertbeyer.com/>

CAPITAL COMMENT

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More letters

Unhappy life

Just a quick note to the punks who smashed the windows in my car on Christmas Eve.

I was wondering if destroying other people's property gives you a satisfying and fulfilled feeling (especially at this time of year)?

If so I think you may be in for a very unhappy life.

JOHN STEELE,
Lakefair Drive

P.S. You may want to get your mommy or daddy to read this to you as it's quite obvious that your intelligence level is not that high yet!

Gratitude

Thank you for the nice write-up about me, Madeleine Neault. (Driftwood, December 22.)

Actually, it is the little people of Salt Spring, those who can't afford \$30 a month for the kids of the third world and buy those socks, who are the sponsors of those three little girls.

I'm only the reclamer and the recycler.

Of what use would those socks

be if they were not needed and remained in boxes?

I'm trying to express my gratitude to all those people who buy and give.

Without their help, my idea would be useless.

Thank you all and see you next December. Take care. God bless.

MADELEINE NEAULT,
Ganges

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Gary flees island

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Todd will be on hand on a first come first serve basis. (no appointments).

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Christmas eyes

Young Jonah Baker enjoys the happenings at Fulford Hall, while awaiting the arrival of Old Saint Nick. Jacquie Byron is happy to show the bright-eyed youngster the sights.

Photo by Derrick Lundy



More letters

No splinter group

Whether or not upwards of 70 very concerned people, who met twice within 16 days to express their concerns over the affairs of the Gulf Islands Community Arts Council (GICAC) can rightly be called a "splinter group," as they were in an Island Tides article, is debatable.

What is not debatable are the erroneous impressions that can be gleaned from that column as to the issues at stake.

At no time have the ordinary members of the GICAC been privy to the momentous decisions and issues reported in the column. Salt Spring Islanders at the two meetings noted have been dismayed at the suggestion, when made, that we want a separation. They have never discussed it. It is not the case. Indeed, many on Salt Spring have seen far too many efforts recently aimed at dividing and conquering the southern Gulf Islands to let such a claim pass unchallenged.

Let it therefore be understood from the outset that the cause for concern wafting from the length and breadth of the Salt Spring arts community has nothing to do with the issues in that Island Tides column.

It has everything to do with the unconstitutional way in which these serious issues were dealt with at any annual general meeting in March 1999, notice of which was not disseminated in the necessary way. Without proper notice and without a quorum, these decisions cannot stand — a matter acknowledged by authorities in Victoria, who have frozen them until we can guarantee a legally correct document. This is what has aroused our concern, nothing more, nothing less.

It may very well be that the decisions made at that quiet March

meeting will be endorsed by the membership. That is why the members of the concerned members committee have requisitioned the Registrar of Societies for the extraordinary general meeting to be held on Salt Spring Island on January 14, 2000, at 7:30 p.m., in Mahon Hall.

Two southern Gulf Islands representatives attended the December 16 meeting, led by Galiano's Keith Holmes. People should check with him, or Ray Lindsay of Saturna, the other attendee, for a sense of the Salt Spring gathering — and please come to the next meeting. Salt Springers will bend over backwards to make it as easy as possible for Outer Gulf Islanders to attend on January 14, 2000.

KENNETH S. MACKENZIE,
Castle Cross Road

Give gift

The group that met at the December 16 community meeting to discuss how to end massive clearcutting on lands such as the Texada property agreed by consensus:

- Empower the Islands Trust to regulate logging on private lands throughout the islands;
- Consider elimination of the FLR (Forest Land Reserve), which is under provincial jurisdiction;
- Call for a temporary moratorium on the ongoing clearcut logging (averaging between two and five acres per day in the Mount Tuam area), and an emergency session of the Trust and provincial government to deal with this issue.

To assist this process or to voice your opinion:

Call toll-free: Environment Minister Joan Sawicki, Forestry Minister Dave Zirnheldt, our MLA Murray Coell, 1-800-667-9188, and David Essig, chairman of the Trust.

This is a critical issue on many of the islands and clearcutting is a

contributing factor to climate change.

With your democratic input, we can give ourselves another gift this holiday.

SUE HISCOCKS,
Fulford

Omission

To many are owed the great pleasures experienced by the packed house at the ArtSpring community carol sing on December 22, but one name was inadvertently left off the long list: The Driftwood.

Rarely has there been such robustly seasonal singing as that with which the audience treated the performers on that occasion, and without the Driftwood's generous contribution of 200 songbooks, few of us would have made it beyond the first verses.

Hearty thanks to the Driftwood not only for those words, but for donating the ad which helped to fill the seats.

It looks like another annual event has arrived in our town. Watch for it in December 2000. And may that event be but the best in a very good year.

RICHARD MOSES,
ArtSpring Board

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Grade 11

Cam Beals, Rhys Beasley, Luke Bradley-Richmond, Ken Brobbel, Kachina Brown, Cynthia Cameron, Ashley Carter, Shasta Coffey, Tim Courtier, Jessica Courtier, David Cunliffe, Elsie Cunningham, David Field, Trinity Forbes, Amy Grayer, Chris Haigh, Mikaela Heydemann, Emily Hickford, Carolyn Hull, Lael Johnson, Jennifer Keating, Tyler Laitinen, Amy Little, Jessica Lowes, Tierra Machell, Natalie North, Sheila Profitt, Scott Richardson, Naomi Rittberg, Solana Rompre, Clare Rustad, Heidi Scott, Kathryn Simpson, Lynette Theunisz, Tanya Van Schetsen, Korena Vine, Daniel Wood, Joshua Wood, Billie Woods.

Grade 10

Duncan Abbott, Tegan Adams, Phillip Albert, Rory Allen, Wil Atkins, Callianne Bachman, Andrea Bartle, Eric Beamish, Andra Bergsma, Blake Bettiss, Alistair Brogan, Gwyneth Brogan, Caroline Buttery, Tangle Caron, Elyse Cleland, Tyler Cocker, Lindsey Cocking,

Megan Colgan, Gisele Contant, Micheala Cunningham, Adam Davies, Joshua Dunn, Mischa Fisher, Maude Gagnon, Alex Gay, April Goebel, Jim Goldie, Margaux Henneberry, Dylan Hume, Kristin Hunsberger, Ayla Klein-Stimpson, Alexandra Kuric, Brian Kwong, Kecia Laitenen, Christopher Landmark, Adrian Leitch, Jessica Letour, Raizy Marmorstein, Dominic Martin, John-Michael McColl, Kate McLaren, Kadek Okuda, Kevin Ostapowich, Melanie Richards, Geoff Roop, Amber Seguin, Tristan Sharp, Asher Squire, Veronique St. Pierre, Asya Stam, Naomi Tweddle, Jill Walker, Elfie Weir, Hartley Wilson, Thea Wood.

Grade 9

Lindsey Adams, Sheila Ball, Ceara Brazier, Amy Burgess, Melanie Callas, Brit Christianson, Emily Clark, Charlotte Curtis, Jennifer Danyliw, Sarah Elliott, Lee Fairbrother, Kirstin Flannagan, Evan Hardy, Melanie Hull, Katie Jones, Rande Kanne, Sada Keel, Christine Kelly, Laurin Kelsey, Braden Kirkby, Jocelyn Langdon, Megan Lapaire, Adam Lee, Megan Leitch, Joshua Leslie, Jessica Mack, Susan Mailey, Soma Mallard, Cory Marshall, Benjamin McLean, Emily McDougall, Andrew McKeachie, Jessica McMahon, Claire Miller, Jeffrey Millerd, Pippa Millerd, Melanie Moore, Tina Nowak, Christina Penhale, Chelsea Peterson, Mary Regan, Laura Richardson, Harley Rustad, Mik Sheehan, Kylarra Simmers, Cambria Simons, Shannon Smith, Jenny Steele, Greyston Stefancsik, Casey Stepaniuk, Jessica Strange,

Jennifer Sturgeon, Michelle Sullivan, Danika Surm, Cara Temmel, Laurel Temmel, Sasha Trueit, Nikki Tweddle, Stewart Webb, Aubrey Zacharias.

The following students earned all "A" grades.

Grade 9

Melanie Callas, Britt Christianson, Kristin Flannagan, Sada Keel, Laurin Kelsey, Jessica Mack, Benjamin McLean, Danika Surm, Laurel Temmel.

Grade 10

Andrea Bartle, Andra Bergsma, Tyler Cocker, Adam Davies, Mischa Fisher, Adrian Leitch, Jessica Letour, John-Michael McColl, Kate McLean, Melanie Richards, Tristan Sharp, Asya Stam, Naomi Tweddle, Elfi Weir.

Grade 11

Clare Rustad, Kathryn Simpson.

Grade 12

Rose Atkins, Caitlin Brownrigg, Gemma D'Attilio, Jesse Guy, Johanna Havelaar, Laura Temmel, Annette Wright.



Roots
Mathew Ripley, left, and Tristan Harron perch atop a living root system on the "woodland trail" at Salt Spring Centre.

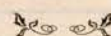
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All the best for 2000.

Jim & Tess

HOROSCOPES

Aries March 21-April 20

It's been a pretty good year for you and your family. However, you may find a problem headed your way. You need to face it as a family rather than as individuals. You'll accomplish a lot more together than you will alone.

Taurus April 21-May 21

A new year and a new you is about to emerge. Set some goals and stick to them. Be open to suggestions from a relative. He/she has faced some of the same problems you are facing now, and his/her advice will be valuable to you.

Gemini May 22-June 21

Are you anywhere near fulfilling your 1999 resolutions? Where did you put that list? Sounds like it's time for you to forget about those resolutions and set some for next year. First learn to manage your time, then set priorities and follow through.

Cancer June 22-July 22

It's the end of the year again, and your finances are not improving. You need to get your spending under control now before you get any further in the hole. Your sense of humor is not going to carry you through this situation.

Leo July 23-August 23

Resolve to laugh more next year. Laughter has been lacking in your life, and it shows in the way you deal with problems, work, home, family and friends. A little laughter can brighten your day and help you face more with a better attitude.

Virgo August 24-September 22

Don't get down on yourself because you didn't accomplish the goals you set for 1999. Some of them are long-term, so you need to take your time and do them right. Stay focused on the fact that you did accomplish some of your goals.

Libra September 23-October 23

Friendly social gatherings and happy times are what this week is all about. Social gatherings sometimes pose romantic possibilities or even the chance of new career opportunities. So keep your eyes, ears and heart open.

Scorpio October 24-November 22

Patience and understanding are lacking in your life. It's time for a change. Otherwise, you'll be facing problems with friends, family and coworkers. Maybe you should seek the advice of a counselor to help you.

Sagittarius November 23-December 21

A friend may seem like he/she has answers to your financial problems, but beware! Interpretation of events or situations may come back to haunt you. Turn to a professional for the real story; don't depend on someone who really doesn't know.

Capricorn December 22-January 20

Get all your little jobs done so you can enjoy holiday fun. It's the end of the year, you've worked hard all year, and you need to take some time to enjoy yourself. It's important that you don't get worked up about things you can't control.

Aquarius January 21-February 18

Focus on upcoming plans to make your week a success. Hearing from a long-distance friend will result in good memories. Plan a get-together with him/her—relieve stress and laugh a little. You'll be amazed at how good you feel.

Pisces February 19-March 20

Break away from old routines. Start a new life of healthy living, and reduce all the stress around you. You may find strong personal relationships bring new and wonderful opportunities, so don't close any doors.



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 - To be eligible to attend, a Proposal Package must be purchased prior to the site meeting. Only those registered at the site meeting may submit a Proposal.

The deadline for submitting sealed Proposals to the below mentioned office is 4:30 pm (local time), February 11, 2000.

Each Proposal Package may be purchased for \$53.50 (GST included) non-refundable fee or viewed free of charge at the office indicated below. The fee must be in the form of cash, certified cheque, money order or bank draft payable to Ministry of Finance and Corporate Relations. To obtain more information about this opportunity and receive copies of the Proposal Package contact.

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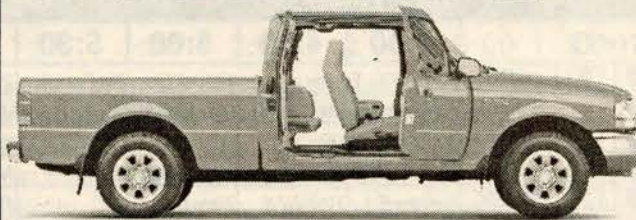
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11	5	KNOW	Mechanic	Magic Bs	Allan	Pacific	BC Yachts and Yards	Pool Rapid	Rider	Seasons of the Eider	Legacy of Terror	Village of Widows					
13	13	CKVU	Rosie O'Donnell	The Young & Restless	News	E.T.	Simpsons	Canada's Brain Drain	The Outer Limits	SportPage	News						
14		BRAVO	Videos	Sp. Art	Author! Author! (1982)	Al Pacino.	Supply and Demand I	NYPD Blue	Homicide: Life on St	Swept Away...By An Unusual Destiny in..							
15	35	CMT	3:00 Millennium Countdown	Millennium Countdown	Millennium Countdown												
16	38	TLC	How'd They Do That?	Extreme Machines	Secrets of Forensic	Med.Det	Med.Det	Extreme Machines	Secrets of Forensic	Med.Det	Med.Det	How'd They Do That?					
17	32	CNN	3:30\$line	Crossfire	The World Today	Larry King Live	CNN NewsStand	SrtsT.	Moneyline	Larry King Live	CNN NewsStand	SrtsT.	Moneyline				
19		FAM	Pumbaa	Hercules	Doug	Disney	Clarissa	Microsoap	Gargoyles	Are You	Just in Time	:25 Brink! (1998)	:05 A.Dark?	Gargoyles			
20	31	A&E	Law Order	Biography	Investigative Reports	American Justice	Law & Order	Biography	Investigative Reports	American Justice							
21	15	TSN	1:30Footbll	Sprtsdsk	Football Washington vs Kansas State	Sprtsdsk	WCW Nitro	Sportsdesk									
22	19	NET	Skiing	Miller TV	SurfPlan.	Grizzlies	Rewind	S.Central	Hockey Philadelphia Flyers vs Vancouver Canucks	NHL	Sports Central	Soccer Chels./Shel.					
23	17	KSTW	Sabrina.	Disney	J. Judy	J. Judy	D.Carey	Frasier	D.Carey	Seinfeld	Roswell: The Aliens Attack	Steve Flynn.	M.A.S.H.	M.A.S.H.	Frasier	Home I.	
24	12	KVOS	Paid Prog.	Fr.Prince	Star Trek: Next Gen.	Fam.Feud	Blind Date	Touched By An Angel	Babylon V	Seinfeld	NwsRadio	Cheers	M.A.S.H.				
25	34	KCPQ	Beast Wr	Digmon	Simpsons	3rd Rock	Friends	3rd Rock	Friends	Simpsons	Nine Months (1995)	Hugh Grant.	Reports	:35MadYou	:05 Star Trek: Voyager		
26	20	NEWS	Report	Century	P. Wallin	CSpin	The National	Images 20th Century	Report	Century	National	CSpin	P. Wallin	NewsWorld	National	Venture	
27	11	KIRO	J. Mills	Inside Ed.	KIRO News	News	News	E.T.	Real TV	Cosby	K Queens	The Kennedy Center Honors	News	:35	The		
28		VISION	All Creatures G&S	Wnd.Yrs	Cosby	L. House Prairie	Skylight	Faith	Hall..jah	TenderS.	Operation Smile	Spiritual	Skylight	100 Huntley Street			

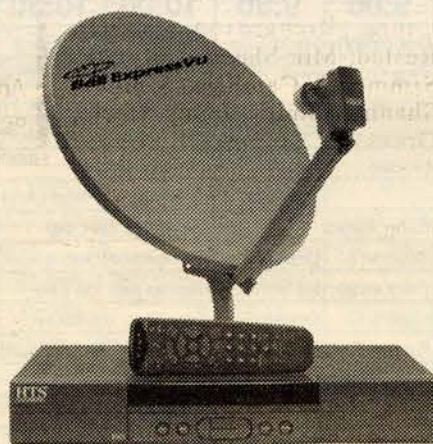
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S	O	4:00	4:30	5:00	5:30	6:00	6:30	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
2	2	CBC	Degrassi	Degrassi	Simpsons	Jonovision	Broadcast One	CBC Thursday	CBC Thursday	The National	News	Movie					
3		SUPER	Simon Birch (1998)	Oliver Platt.	The Rugrats Movie	Reel Ent	Inherit the Wind (1960)	Spencer Tracy.	The Godson	Kevin Hamilton McDonald.							
4	4	KOMO	Rosie O'Donnell	KOMO News	News	News	Fortune	Jeopardy	Line?	Line?	More Bloopers	20/20 Downtown	News	:35	News		
5	16	KING	Oprah Winfrey Show	KING News	News	News	Magazine	Hollyw'dS.	Friends	Jesse	Frasier	Ravin'Mad	E.R.	News	:35	The	
6	7	CHEK	Inside Ed.	Hollyw'd	CHEK News	News	Ch. Heart	Hollyw'dS.	Raym'nd	The Birdcage (1996)	Robin Williams.	News	News				
7	14	VTV	3rd Rock	Friends	News	D.Carey	Magician	Magician	Double Exposure	Every Woman's Dream (1993)	Jeff Pahey.	News	Fashion				
8	8	BCTV	Oprah Winfrey Show	News	Canada	News	Fortune	Jeopardy	Will Grace	The Birdcage (1996)	Robin Williams.	News	News				
9	9	KCTS	Zoom	DragonT.	Arthur	Business	News	Travels in	Keeping	Anyplace Wild	Mystery! Dalgliesh	Y2K WinterDisconnect	Red Dwarf	Wrld News			
10	23	SRC	Mécanix	Sur piste	Watatatow	Les	Ce soir	Bogus (1996)	Whoopi Goldberg.	Revue de l'année	Téléjournal/Point	Sports	La Peste				
11	5	KNOW	Mechanic	Magic Bs	Who's Counting	TotemTk	Gardener	StreetAngl	Imprint	Decades of Steam	Ecce Homo	Enigmatico					
13	13	CKVU	Rosie O'Donnell	The Young & Restless	News	E.T.	Simpsons	Friends	Jesse	Frasier	Ravin'Mad	PSI Factor Chronicle	SportPage	News			
14		BRAVO	Videos	Authors	Book TV	Motifs	Sherlock Holmes' Smarter Br..	:40 News	NYPD Blue	Homicide: Life on St	The Great Gatsby (1974)	Robert Redford.					
15	35	CMT	3:00 Millennium Countdown	Millennium Countdown	Millennium Countdown												
16	38	TLC	How'd They Do That?	Extreme Disasters	48 hours	Save Our Streets	Extreme Disasters	48 hours	Save Our Streets	How'd They Do That?							
17	32	CNN	3:30\$line	Crossfire	The World Today	Larry King Live	CNN NewsStand	SrtsT.	Moneyline	Larry King Live	CNN NewsStand	SrtsT.	Moneyline				
19		FAM	Pumbaa	Hercules	Doug	Disney	ShrunkKid	:45..Angels	:05 Dinosaurs	A.Dark?	Breaking Free	Jeremy London.	:45 Toothless (1997)	Kirstie Alley.	:10 A.Dark?	:35 Gargoy.	
20	31	A&E	Law & Order	Biography	Investigative Reports	American Justice	Law & Order	Biography	Investigative Reports	American Justice							
21	15	TSN	That's	Off the Record	NBA Paint	Basketball San Antonio vs Vancouver	NBA	Sportsdesk	Motor '00	Rinksde2k	NBA Paint	Sportsdesk					
22	19	NET	Racing '99	Motorola	Invert	NBA Act	Fantasy	S.Central	Top 50 Athletes	Sports Central	Hardcore Football	Sports Central	GoIn' Deep				
23	17	KSTW	Sabrina.	Disney	J. Judy	J. Judy	D.Carey	Frasier	D.Carey	Seinfeld	WWF Smackdown!	M.A.S.H.	M.A.S.H.	Frasier	Home I.		
24	12	KVOS	The Nanny	Full House	Star Trek: Next Gen.	Fam.Feud	Blind Date	Touched By An Angel	Hercules: Legendary	Xena: Princess	Seinfeld	NwsRadio	Cheers Pt.	M.A.S.H.			
25	34	KCPQ	Beast Wr	Digmon	Simpsons	3rd Rock	Friends	3rd Rock	Friends	Simpsons	Wolf (1994)	Jack Nicholson.	Reports	:35MadYou	:05 Star Trek: Voyager		
26	20	NEWS	Report	Century	P. Wallin	CSpin	The National	Images 20th Century	Report	Century	National	CSpin	P. Wallin	NewsWorld	National	MarketP	
27	11	KIRO	J. Mills	Inside Ed.	KIRO News	News	News	E.T.	Real TV	Greatest Sports Mom	48 Hours						

S - SALT SPRING ISLAND		O - OUTER ISLANDS		SUNDAY DAYTIME JANUARY 2														
S	O	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	Raccoons	Garden.	Coronation Street			Edward and Sophie	Man Alive	The Great	Pamela Wallin	Company	Fashion	Sunday Encore				
3		SUPER	7:00 You've Got Mail	Ms. Bear (1997) Ed Begley Jr..			The Truman Show (1998) Jim Carrey.			Extraordinary Visitor			The Rugrats Movie					
4	4	KOMO	KOMO News		This Week w/Sam			Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Disney's One Saturday Morning			How That	Magazine	Areté Awards			
5	16	KING	Weekend News		Weekend News			Meet the Press			Golf Williams World Challenge			Brian Boitano Holiday	Skating Spectacular	City Guys	City Guys	
6	7	CHEK	Ernest Angley		Key David	Golf World	Sanjha Punjab		Is Written	JVImpe	TBA	Makin' 8	Fishing	Paid Prog.	HomeCh'k	Adventures of Pino..		
7	14	VTV	Katie	Roadcrew	Nature Nut	Why?	Worldvision		Pacific	Macl. TV	Vicki Gabereau	Hockey Vancouver vs Calgary NHL			Mason Lee: On Edge			
8	8	BCTV	BCTV Sunday Morning			News			Robert Schuller	Worldvision		News	David	Pet Guys	Worldvision			
9	9	KCTS	Wish Park	DragonT.	Arthur	Zoboo..	Newton's	In the Mix	Sewing	Kaye	Great Performances			Swing It!	Jack	Garden	Woodshop	
10	23	SRC	Souris des	Pumbaa	.05Animan.	Doug	Le Jour du Seigneur		Presse	Médias	Le Midi	La semaine verte	..regard	Scully	5e symphonie de Gustav Mahler			
11	5	KNOW	Magic Bs	Sci Squad	Kratt's C.	The	Snow Cat	Router	The Heart of Business			Dotto's Data Café	Glob.Fam.	Ecce Homo	Night Sw.	Classic Theatre		
13	13	CKVU	Bugs Bunny & Tweety		G. Turner	NFL Blast	Football NFL						Game On	Score Golf	Pinky	Men Black	Mechanic	Real Kids
14		BRAVO	7:00 It's	.45 News	Singin' in the Rain			.45 News	Seven Brides for Seven Broth..			.45 News	The Ed	Dame	IAS	ABBA		
15	35	CMT	CMT's Top 10 CD's			Top 99 of '99						Top 99 of '99						
16	38	TLC	Bob Vila	Bob Vila	Home	Home	How. 2.	How. 2.	Bob Vila	Bob Vila	Extreme Machines		Too Extreme	Extreme Disasters		Paramedics		
17	32	CNN	6:00 MillenniumCvr		Late Edition			Millennium 2000 Coverage			Millennium 2000 Coverage			2000Cover	Both Sides	Millennium Coverage		
19		FAM	Mad Libs	Microsoap	Clarissa	Blossom	Fam. Frd	Computer Who Wore Tennis ..			Coyote Summer Adam Beach.		.35 Bill Nye	The Great	Darkwing	Aladdin	Pumbaa	
20	31	A&E	House Beautiful		The Road to Rapture						The Unexplained	Justice	Mackenna's Gold (1969) Gregory Peck.			Cadillac Man		
21	15	TSN	NFL Countdown			Bowling Men's 10 Pin			Golf Williams World Tour			Sailing 2000 America's Cup Challenge			ESPNMag	Sprtsdsk		
22		NET	NFL This Morning		Ironman Series		Ice Time	Figure Skating NHK Trophy		Rugby			Skiing	PGA Tour in Review	S.Central			
23	17	KSTW	Doug	Disney	Sabrina,	Disney	Home I.	In House	Home I.	Home I.	Cat Ballou (1965) Jane Fonda.		Backbeat (1994) Stephen Dorff.					
24	12	KVOS	DayDisc.	Paid Prog.	Robert Schuller			Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	David	Columbo					
25	34	KCPQ	FOX News		NFL Sunday			The Little Princess (1939) Shirley Temple.			Star Trek: DSN		Football New York Giants vs Dallas Cowboys NFL					
26	20	NEWS	7:00 20th Century		Newsworld/Moral Div			Foreign Assignment		Antiques Roadshow			2000 Today		Newsworld	Moral Div	BBC News	Assignmnt
27	11	KIRO	7:00 Sunday	Seahawks	The NFL Today			Football Seattle Seahawks vs New York Jets NFL			Football NFL							
28		VISION	R.Martin	Ben.Hinn	Creflo	Key David	Copelnd	Arm.God	Refl. Islam	The Hour of Power	Life in Wrld	The People's Church	700 Club	Food Life	JVImpe	Faithville		

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S - SALT SPRING ISLAND		O - OUTER ISLANDS		SUNDAY EVENING JANUARY 2														
S	O	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	Reflect	Reflect	Eddie (1996) Whoopi Goldberg.			Good for a Cowboy			Anne of Green Gables Pt. 1 of 2 (cont'd Jan 3)			CBC News	Undercur	Reflect		
3		SUPER	Anastasia (1997) Meg Ryan.			You've Got Mail (1998) Meg Ryan.			The Siege (1998) Denzel Washington.			He Got Game (1998) Denzel Washington.						
4	4	KOMO	KOMO News		Football Tostitos Fiesta Bowl Nebraska vs Tennessee NCAA			KOMO News			Best Commercials	Angels	News	.35 Ebert				
5	16	KING	Bob Vila	M. Stewart	KING News		News	Backroads	Dateline NBC	Third Watch		The Saint (1997) Val Kilmer.			News	SportMach		
6	7	CHEK	3:00 The Adventures		News			News	My Life as a Dog	Felicity		Milgaard (1999) Ian Tracey.			News	Club 54		
7	14	VTV	The Return		Double Exposure			News	MasonLee	Earth: Final Conflict		Third Watch		The Saint (1997) Val Kilmer.			Forever Knight	
8	8	BCTV	Dragonheart (1996) Dennis Quaid.			News			Felicity	Touched By An Angel			Milgaard (1999) Ian Tracey.			News	News	
9	9	KCTS	Workshop	About	Old House	Hometime	All Creatures G&S		Ballykissangel	Nature		Mobil Masterpiece Theatre					Red Green	Time Go
10	23	SRC	De bouche à oreille		Les filles de Caleb			Journal	Découverte	2001: l'odyssée de l'espace (1968) Keir Dullea.			.05 Journal	.40 Idées	.15 Sports	.40 Bienve		
11	5	KNOW	3:00 Classic Theatre		Heartbeat: Series			T-Tubbies	Art Attack	Kratt's C.	Spill Milk	Holy Russia	Write Icon / .25 The Champagne Safari			Art of Compassion		
13	13	CKVU	Odd Man..	Behind Sc.	Entertain. Tonight		News			60 Minutes		Simpsons	Simpsons	X-Files		The Outer Limits	SportPage	Hitchcock
14		BRAVO	Art Mind	Living Art	Appointment with Art			Gone With the Wind (1939) Vivien Leigh.			.45 News	Excalibur (1981) Nigel Terry.						
15	35	CMT	3:00 Top 99 of '99			Chevy Top 20 Countdown			Austin City Limits			CMT's Top 10 CD's	CMT After Hours					
16	38	TLC	Trauma - Life&Death		UndercoverStings			Legendary Heists		The Ultimate Ten		UndercoverStings	Legendary Heists		The Ultimate Ten	Speed Demons		
17	32	CNN	3:00 MillenniumCvr		The World Today			Moneyline		Millennium 2000 Coverage			Millennium 2000 Coverage					
19		FAM	Goof Trp	Gargoyles	Ripley's	Sherlock	So Weird	Mentors	Disney Presents		Address Unknown Kyle Howard.			.35 The Love Bug (1969) Dean Jones.	Movie			
20	31	A&E	3:00 Cadillac Man			Biography			Biography			Biography						
21	15	TSN	Sumo	NFL Primetime	Football Tostitos Fiesta Bowl			Sportsdesk			Last	Billiards	Rally	Sportsdesk				
22	19	NET	S.Central	Hockey Detroit Red Wings vs Pittsburgh Penguins NHL			S.Central	Figure Skating Starskates Goes Country			Sports Central		WWF Heat					
23	17	KSTW	The Commitments (1991) Robert Arkins.			Fear of a Black Hat (1993) Larry B.Scott.			Love and a .45 (1994) Gil Bellows.		Home I.	Home I.	Wild Things					
24	12	KVOS	Gary	Taxi	Murphy B.	Roseanne	Star Trek: Next Gen.		Seinfeld	Blind Date	To Serve and Protect		Where the Hell's That Gold? (1988) Willie Nelson.					
25	34	KCPQ	Paid Prog.	America's	Buffy the Vampire Slayer			Funniest	King of Hill	Simpsons	Simpsons	X-Files		Reports	.35 Q It Up	.05 X-Files		
26	20	NEWS	Images of the Twentieth Century			Sun. Reprt	One /One	Pamela Wallin		Antiques Roadshow		Sun. Reprt	Moral Div	Foreign Assignment	Images 20th Century			
27	11	KIRO	Post Game Show	News	CBS News	News	60 Minutes		Touched By An Angel		Beyond Prairie: The True Story of Laura..			News	.35 Relic			
28		VISION	Youngren	Sea Sea	Gospel	Muslims in the Mill.	World	DayDisc.	D'pLife	Sing Again	Songs	B. Gerard Ministies	Catch Fire	Door Hope	John Hagee Today			

S - SALT SPRING ISLAND		O - OUTER ISLANDS		MONDAY EVENING JANUARY 3														
S	O	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	Degrassi	Degrassi	Simpsons	St. Cent	Broadcast One		Classic Comics!			Anne of Green Gables Pt. 2 of 2 (from Jan 2)			National	News	.55 Omerta	
3		SUPER	3:30 Shooting Fish			At First Sight (1998) Val Kilmer.			Living Out Loud (1998) Holly Hunter.			Palmetto (1998) Woody Harrelson.						
4	4	KOMO	Rosie O'Donnell	KOMO News			Football San Francisco 49ers vs Atlanta Falcons NFL			News	News	20/20 Monday		News	.35 News			
5	16	KING	Oprah Winfrey Show		KING News			News	News	Magazine	Hollyw'dS.	S. Susan	S. Susan	'Til There Was You Jeanne Tripplehorn.			News	.35 The
6	7	CHEK	Inside Ed.	Hollyw'd	News			News	Ch. Heart	Hollyw'dS.	K Queens	L. Man	Raymond	Becker	K Queens	Becker	News	News
7	14	VTV	3rd Rock	Friends	News	D.Carey	News		Frasier	Friends	Melanie Doane	Sports N.		Comedy N	20/20 Monday		News	Media TV
8	8	BCTV	Oprah Winfrey Show		News			Canada	News	Fortune	Jeopardy	S. Susan	S. Susan	Power Play (1998) Michael Riley.			News	News
9	9	KCTS	Zoom	DragonT.	Arthur	Business	News		Travels in	Digital Duo	Anyplace Wild			The American Experience				
10	23	SRC	Art Attack	Olympia	Watatatow	Les	Mr. Bean	Ce soir en	Virginie	La société des poètes disparus (1989) Robin Williams.			Jour/Point	Sports	Le péniche du bo..			
11	5	KNOW	Mechanic	Magic Bs	Readers..	Allan	M. Sisters	Snow Cat	Foodstuff	Childcare	McGill Mahler	WheNotes		Footnotes	In Darkest Hollywood	Dotto's	Gregg	
13	13	CKVU	Rosie O'Donnell		The Young & Restless			News	E.T.	Simpsons	70's Show	3rd Rock	Dawson's Creek		Great Adventures		SportPage	News
14		BRAVO	Videos	Art Mind	Foot Notes			Lord of the Dance		Decision Time		NYPD Blue		Homicide: Life on St		Moon Over Miami Don Ameche.		.45S.Lake
15	35	CMT	CMT Hot 1's		ScreenR.	Goldrush	Top 12 Choice		CMT Songbook		ScreenR.	Ind. Scene	Top 12 Choice		CMT After Hours			
16	38	TLC	48 hours		Paramedics			Police Force		Police Force		Paramedics		Police Force		48 hours		
17	32	CNN	3:00 MillenniumCvr		The World Today			Larry King Live	Millennium 2000 Coverage			Moneyline	Larry King Live	Millennium 2000 Coverage				
19		FAM	Pumbaa	Hercules	Doug	Disney	ShrunkKid	.45..Angels	.05 Dinosrs	A.Dark?	Hot Lead and Cold Feet		Herbie Goes Bananas		.05 A.Dark?	Gargoyles		
20	31	A&E	Magnum, P.I.		Biography			Investigative Reports		City Confidential		Law & Order		Biography		Investigative Reports		City Confidential
21	15	TSN	Hockey	Sailing 2000 America's Challenger	WWF Raw is War			Sportsdesk			WWF Raw is War			Sportsdesk				
22	19	NET	PGA Tour in Review		GameNat'	WWF Heat	S.Central	CoolShot	H. News	Soccer Sheffield Wednesday vs Arsenal EPL		Sports Central		H. News	CoolShot			
23	17	KSTW	Sabrina,	Disney	J. Judy	J. Judy	D.Carey	Frasier	D.Carey	Seinfeld	Moesha	Parkers	GrownUp	Mal & Ed	M.A.S.H.	M.A.S.H.	Frasier	Home I.
24	12	KVOS	The Nanny Full House		Star Trek: Next Gen.			Fam.Feud	Blind Date	Home I.	Mad You	Writer's Block (1991) Morgan Fairchild.		Seinfeld	NwsRadio	Cheers		M.A.S.H.
25	34	KCPQ	Sherlock	Digmon	Simpsons	3rd Rock	Friends	3rd Rock	Friends	Simpsons	70's Show	70's Show	Ally McBeal	Reports		.35MadYou	.05 Star Trek: Voyager	
26	20	NEWS	Report	One /One	P. Wallin	CSpin	The National		Passion. Eye		Report	One /One	National	CSpin	P. Wallin	\$ Show	National	Century
27	11	KIRO	J. Mills	Inside Ed.	KIRO News		News	News	E.T.	Real TV	K Queens	L. Man	Raymond	Becker	Ladies' Home Journal		News	Letterman
28		VISION	All Creatures G&S		Wnd.Yrs	Cosby	Little House Prairie		Skylight	Spirit Con.	Highway	Joy Music	L'Or des Anges		Moral Div.	Skylight	100 Huntley Street	

Table with columns for S, O, Time, and Channel. Rows include programs like 'Degrassi', 'Simpsons', 'Olympians', 'MarketP', 'Venture', 'Life and Times of..', 'The National', 'Blade', 'KOMO', 'KING', 'CHEK', 'VTV', 'BCTV', 'KCTS', 'SRC', 'KNOW', 'CKVU', 'BRAVO', 'CMT', 'TLC', 'CNN', 'FAM', 'A&E', 'TSN', 'NET', 'KSTW', 'KVOS', 'KCPQ', 'NEWS', 'KIRO', 'VISION'.

Table with columns for S, O, Time, and Channel. Rows include programs like 'CBC Playground', 'SneakP'k', 'Various Movies', 'Good Morning', 'Martha Stewart Living', 'Later Today / Stewart', 'Leeza Gibbons Show', 'News', 'Charles', 'All My Children', 'One Life to Live /2000', 'General Hospital', 'Northwest Afternoon'.

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WEDNESDAY, DEC 29 6:00 PM
3 Just the Ticket (1999,Drama) A ticket scalper wants to make one last deal on the Pope's visit and then quit. Andy Garcia, Andie MacDowell 8:00 PM
4 The Mighty (1998,Drama) Two boys find solace in their lives by traveling to fairytale lands together. Sharon Stone, Elden Henson 9:00 PM
19 Just in Time (1997,Drama) Life not easy for family since loss of mother and wife. Mark Moses, Rebecca Chambers 9:45 PM
23(17) Roswell: The Aliens Attack (1999,Sci-Fi) Steve Flynn, Kate Greenhouse 10:00 PM
25(34) *** Nine Months (1995,Comedy) An unplanned pregnancy turns a couple's life upside down. Hugh Grant, Julianne Moore 9:00 PM
6(7) Stephen King's Storm of the Century (1999,Horror) Tale of one small town's struggle for survival during the worst snow storm. Tim Daly, Debrah Farentino 11:55 PM
8 Beyond the Prairie: Story of Laura Ingalls Wilder (Biography) Story of Laura Ingalls Wilder as she leaves home to become a wife and mother. Richard Thomas, Lindsay Crouse 9:25 PM
19 Brink! (1998,Drama) An inline skater deserts his friends to join up with a sponsored team. 10:00 PM
14 **** Swept Away...By An Unusual Destiny in the Blue Sea of August (1975,Psycho-Drama) Rude woman and employee become castaways. Giancarlo Giannini, Mariangela Melato 8:00 PM
3 Sphere (1998,Sci-Fi) A team of scientists investigate a mind-altering sphere on the ocean floor. Dustin Hoffman, Sharon Stone 11:55 PM
2(2) *** The City of Lost Children (1995,Drama) Krank, who cannot dream, kidnaps young children to steal their dreams. Ron Perlman, Judith Vittet

a wolf begins to develop lupine qualities and act like a wolf. Jack Nicholson, Michelle Pfeiffer 8:30 PM
3(7)(8)(8) *** The Birdcage (1996,Comedy) A gay father "plays straight" for one night with his son's fiancée's family. Robin Williams, Gene Hackman 9:45 PM
7(14) Every Woman's Dream (1993,Drama) A man's marriages and money-making schemes suddenly sour. Jeff Pakey, Delane Matthews 9:45 PM
19 Toothless (1997,Comedy) A dentist is sent back to Earth to make amends as the Tooth Fairy. Kirstie Alley, Lynn Redgrave 10:00 PM
14 *** The Great Gatsby (1974,Drama) The story of a boy who uses wealth to win the love of his sweetheart. Robert Redford, Mia Farrow 11:45 PM
3 The Godson (1998,Comedy) A man sends his son to mob university to brush up on his skills. Kevin Hamilton McDonald, Rodney Dangerfield 11:55 PM
2(2) La Florida (1993,Comedy) To fulfill his dreams of running motel, a man and his family move to Florida. Jason Blitzer, Raymond Bouchard 10:00 PM
FRIDAY, DEC 31 6:00 PM
3 Jack Frost (1999,Fantasy) A father has a final chance to put things right with his son after he is killed. Michael Keaton, Kelly Preston 7:00 PM
7(14) *** Back to the Future (1985,Comedy) A teenager takes a time machine back in time to 1955 and meets his parents. Michael J. Fox, Christopher Lloyd 8:00 PM
19 *** Big (1988,Comedy) A boy awakens as a full-grown man, but he's not ready to confront the world. Tom Hanks, Elizabeth Perkins 23(17) Dying to Live (Drama) Jonathan Frakes 24(12) *** Black Sunday (1977,Action) Terrorists plan to hijack the Goodyear blimp and send it plunging. Robert Shaw, Bruce Dern 25(34) *** Star Trek: Generations (1994,Sci-Fi) Captain Picard needs the help of Captain Kirk to stop a dangerous madman. Patrick Stewart, William Shatner 8:30 PM
3 In Dreams (1999,Thriller) A woman realizes that she has a psychic connection to a disturbed serial killer. Annette Bening, Aidan Quinn 9:00 PM
6(7) Stephen King's Storm of the Century (1999,Horror) Tale of one small town's struggle for survival during the worst snow storm. Tim Daly, Debrah Farentino 9:30 PM
23(32) *** Wolf (1994,Thriller) A man is stalked by a werewolf. Michael Biehn, Michael Paré 10:00 PM

TV MOVIES
Two people travel to the future and are confronted with one's future family. Michael J. Fox, Christopher Lloyd 9:45 PM
19 *** Adventures in Babysitting (1987,Comedy) Babysitter takes kids on wild adventure in Chicago. Elizabeth Shue, Maia Brewton 11:00 PM
24(12) *** Planes, Trains and Automobiles (1987,Comedy) A businessman trying to get home encounters numerous disasters. Steve Martin, John Candy 11:30 PM
19 Apollo 11 (1996,Docu-Drama) America's historic first landing on the Moon and the lives of the astronauts. Xander Berkeley, Wendie Malick 11:45 PM
14 The Seven Minutes (1971,Drama) A ghost-writer comes forth when her book is blamed for a young girl's rape. Wayne Maunder, Philip Carey 8:00 PM
SATURDAY, JAN 1 6:00 PM
3 Star Trek: Insurrection (1998,Sci-Fi) The crew fight the Federation in the relocation of a peaceful race. Patrick Stewart, Jonathan Frakes 8:00 PM
3 Psycho (1998,Thriller) A woman comes in contact with a strange hotel manager while on the run. Vince Vaughn, Anne Heche 9:15 PM
5(16) *** Jurassic Park (1993,Sci-Fi) Genetically re-created dinosaurs break out of captivity and chase visitors. Sam Neill, Laura Dern 19 *** Superman II (1980,Sci-Fi) Superman must stop Lex Luthor from setting off a bomb at the San Andreas fault. Christopher Reeve, Gene Hackman 23(17) *** Noises Off (1992,Comedy) The trials and misadventures of a producer and a troupe of comedians. Michael Caine, Carol Burnett 24(12) *** The Poseidon Adventure (1972,Adventure) A ship full of passengers cling to life after their ocean liner is capsized. Carol Lynley, Stella Stevens 27(11) *** The Bodyguard (1992,Drama) A singer falls in love with her bodyguard while being stalked by a fan. Kevin Costner, Whitney Houston 9:00 PM
7(14) *** Goldeneye (1996,Action) Bond finds himself pitted against an old ally with nuclear weapons. Pierce Brosnan, Dame Judi Dench 9:15 PM
14 *** Goodfellas (1990,Crime Story) True story of mobster Henry Hill and his decision to testify against friends. Robert De Niro, Joe Pesci 10:00 PM

tries to cut a deal to save a man from the death penalty. Vince Vaughn, Anne Heche 10:30 PM
19 *** Superman II (1980,Sci-Fi) Three Kryptonian villains come to earth to seek out their arch enemy. Christopher Reeve, Margot Kidder 10:30 PM
SUNDAY, JAN 2 6:00 PM
3 You've Got Mail (1998,Romance) Two anonymous e-mail pals are brought together by fate. Meg Ryan, Tom Hanks 14 ***** Gone With the Wind (1939,Romance) Life in the South during the American Civil War and its repercussion on society. Vivien Leigh, Clark Gable 23(17) *** Fear of a Black Hat (1993,Musical) Nifty burlesque about rude, crude gangsta rappers. Larry B.Scott, Christopher Lawrence 8:00 PM
3 The Siege (1998,Action) N.Y.C. is the target of terrorist attacks after a religious leader is abducted. Denzel Washington, Annette Bening 19 Address Unknown (1995,Drama) 15 year old Matt Kester receives a letter from his dead father. Kyle Howard, Jona Stewart 23(17) *** Love and a .45 (1994,Crime Story) Criminal and his fiancée are on the run to Mexico from gangsters. Gil Bellows, Renee Zellweger 9:00 PM
5(16) 7(14) *** The Saint (1997,Suspense) A master of disguise falls for a scientist while trying to steal a formula. Val Kilmer, Elisabeth Shue 6(7)(8) Milgaard (1999,True) Based on the story of David Milgaard, who was wrongfully imprisoned for years. Ian Tracey, Gabrielle Rose 24(12) *** Where the Hell's That Gold? (1988,Comedy) A pair of rough-riding rascals are robbed of their gold and want revenge. Willie Nelson, Jack Elam 27(11) Beyond the Prairie: The True Story of Laura Ingalls Wilder (1999,Drama) A woman leaves the security of her family to begin a new life as a wife. Richard Thomas, Lindsay Crouse 9:35 PM
14 *** The Love Bug (1969,Comedy) Race-track driver acquires foreign car, but doesn't realize that "bug" is human Dean Jones, Michele Lee 10:00 PM
14 *** Excalibur (1981,Fantasy) The history of King Arthur from his conception through to the fall of Camelot. Nigel Terry, Nicol Williamson 6 He Got Game (1998,Drama) A prisoner is released to convince his son to accept a basketball scholarship. Denzel Washington, Ray Allen 11:30 PM
19 *** A Woman Rebels (1936,Drama) A high-spirited young woman fights for women's rights in the

MONDAY, JAN 3 8:00 PM
3 Living Out Loud (1998,Drama) A recently divorced nurse learns to come to grips with her lonely new existence. Holly Hunter, Danny DeVito 19 *** Hot Lead and Cold Feet (1978,Western) Twin brothers compete in a contest for possession of a rickety cow-town. Jim Dale, Patrick McGeehan 23(12) *** Writer's Block (1991,Horror) A novelist's fictitious creature comes to life and starts killing people. Morgan Fairchild, Joe Regalbuto 9:00 PM
5(16) *** 'Til There Was You (1997,Romance) Two people are meant for each other but keep falling into no win affairs. Jeanne Tripplehorn, Dylan McDermott 6(8) Power Play (1998,Sport) A sports agent returns to Hamilton to join a struggling hockey team. Michael Riley, Gordon Pinsent 19 *** Herbie Goes Bananas (1980,Comedy) In Rio De Janeiro, Herbie gets involved in a plot to steal gold and a bullfight. Harvey Korman, Cloris Leachman 10:00 PM
19 *** Moon Over Miami (1941,Musical) Three friends head to Miami in hopes of finding rich husbands. Don Ameche, Betty Grable 6 Palmetto (1998,Suspense) A journalist is drawn into a kidnapping scam where he is set to take the fall. Woody Harrelson, Elisabeth Shue 9:00 PM
TUESDAY, JAN 4 6:00 PM
3 The Mighty (1998,Drama) Two boys find solace in their lives by traveling to fairytale lands together. Sharon Stone, Elden Henson 14 Red Hot (1994,Musical) Kids face opposition when they discover rock'n'roll. Balthazaar Gertty, Carlo Gugino 8:00 PM
3 Requiem for Murder (1998,Suspense) An obsessed fan starts to serially kill a radio personality's competition. Christopher Heyerdahl, Molly Ringwald 19 *** Thumbelina (1993,Animated) Thumbelina is kidnapped by a toad who tries to force her to marry him. Jodi Benson, Carol Channing 23(34) *** Mrs. Doubtfire (1993,Comedy) A man dresses up like a woman to become his children's nanny. Robin Williams, Sally Field 9:30 PM
19 The Thirteenth Year (1999,Comedy) A boy discovers that he is son of a mermaid and is transforming into a "merboy". Dave Coulier, Chez Starbuck 10:00 PM
14 *** Show Boat (1951,Musical) When a gambler leaves his pregnant wife, she must make a living in a cabaret. Ava Gardner, Kathryn Grayson 6(8) Blade (1998,Musical) A half-human, half-werewolf



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Excitement rises as over 300 buy baby Taylor tickets

Is it the high number of musicians on Salt Spring or do people just love "free stuff"? Jordy Sharpe of Acoustic Planet Music isn't sure, but the store has been overwhelmed by the widespread interest and number of

entries in its Win a Baby Taylor contest. More than 300 people have entered, Sharpe said Tuesday, and many have since come into the store asking when the draw will be.

"People are pretty excited," said Sharpe. The draw takes place December 31 at noon. The high number of entries is even more remarkable considering that people were asked to write

down a musical jingle as part of their entry. Sharpe said about 80 per cent of entrants supplied jingles. Some were written right on the

spot, while others composed them at home. The coveted "baby" is a three-quarter-size guitar, perfect for kids or use as a travelling instrument.

Christmas sing-along needs to become annual tradition

By GAIL SJUBERG
Driftwood Staff

By the time you read this the sounds of Christmas will have faded and all ears will instead be tuned to the momentous new year. But just last Wednesday a full house at ArtSpring was in the thick of the season with a creative and casual concert and sing-along. It's a gem of an idea. Groups on stage sing a few pieces, then the audience takes its turn, kept on track by the ever-charming host Deb Toole and a group of five musicians: Simon Millerd, Gary Dunn, Bo Curtis, Mitch Howard and Richard Moses.

While a chance to sing Christmas carols was an irresistible draw to the evening, I really appreciated the chance to hear different groups — The Lost Chords and United Church choirs and Cantus early music singers were all new to my ears.

It was also a time for exposure to out-of-the-ordinary carols, such as the African Noel performed by Women of Note (who were depleted in number due to illness but pulled off some difficult a cappella work nonetheless.)

The Fernwood Elementary Ensemble kicked off the evening with a trio of songs, even combining stomping feet, fancy footwork

and put-on cranky faces as they boomed "Bah Humbug!" in one song. Shirley Bunyan's seniors' choir — The Lost Chord — and Cantus in particular appeared to be having as much fun as the kids — and us.

"It's a gem of an idea — groups on stage sing a few pieces, then the audience takes its turn."

It struck me that most of these groups probably aren't used to performing in front of 250 people, all applauding with vigor (although The Lost Chords did perform at a major seniors choir festival in Kamloops this year).

Mary Williamson and Betty Rothwell would be definite exceptions to the small-audience rule. Singer Rothwell filled the hall with sound and feeling, and Williamson had everyone laughing with her Christmas story jokes. (My favourite was "if the three wise men were women they would have been on time because they would have

stopped and asked for directions.") A major force behind the evening was pianist Shirley Bunyan, who accompanied several groups. She also directs both The Lost Chords and United Church choirs.

The audience got to sing a number of well-known carols, and a huge throng joined the choral singers and soloists on stage to belt out the Hallelujah Chorus. Luckily the Salt Spring Singers' director Wendy Milton and accompanist Paul Verville were there to lead the charge.

Another thing about this event: it reminded me of how the ArtSpring facility has been used by almost everyone and for everything in its first year, and that it sometimes feels like a giant community living room.

Toole thanked Jane Forner and Paul Gravett for their organizational work through ArtSpring, and Richard Moses for initiating the sing-along idea last year.

Besides the audience and singers, others also benefitted from the evening. Admission was a donation of food or funds to the Salt Spring food bank.

Orchestra presents best hits

Following a quick ferry ride and short drive, Salt Springers can enjoy the Victoria Symphony Orchestra's Greatest Hits from the Millennium at the Cowichan Theatre.

Conductor Peter McCoppin will lead the orchestra through a varied

musical evening that also features the St. Christopher Choir from Christ Church Cathedral.

Tickets for the event, which takes place at 8 p.m. on January 15, are \$17.50 for adults and \$9 for students. They can be obtained by calling 250-748-7529.



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Polar Bear Swim at Vesuvius on New Year's Day

Family
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• **Vesuvius Beach Polar Bear Swim** — Pancake breakfast at Beachcomber Motel, 9-10:45 a.m.; take the plunge at 11 a.m.; prizes; hot chocolate on the beach. Sponsored by the Salt Spring Island Chamber of Commerce. **Saturday, January 1.**

Ongoing

- **Story Time at the Library** — with Jean Voaden, every Monday from 10-10:30 a.m., for kids aged 2-4 and their parents, **except for January 2.**
- **West of the Moon** — Story time with Susan every Thursday morning 10-11 a.m.
- **Fairy tales and myths with Shauna Grylls**, at Mary Hawkins Library every Thursday from 3-4 p.m.
- **Family Place** — is closed until Monday, January 10.

• **Michael McPherson exhibition of photographs** from the Cabo desert printed on brilliant watercolour paper at his gallery at 131 McPhillips Avenue, runs daily except Sunday from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

• New paintings by **Susan Pratt** are on display at Barb's Buns.

• **Bill Rhodes** sculpture — local crows, flying fish and roosters — at Moby's through December.

• **Landscapes of Desire** — paintings by **Stefanie Denz** — are on display at Bristol Cutter on Lower Ganges Road.

• **Margaret Briggs'** paintings are at Sweet Arts Cafe.

• Work by painter **Margaret McKenzie** is at Roasting Co. in Ganges.

• Quilts by **Donna Johnstone** are hanging at Island Savings Credit Union.

Etc.
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Music
Music

• **Millennium Eve Seers' Gala** — at Treasured Spirit Metaphysical Books and Gifts, a smorgasbord of quickie predictions from tarot card readings to astrology to teacup readings, **Thursday and Friday, December 30-31, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.**

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• **New Year's Day Y2K Survivors' Brunch**, Rose's Cafe, **Saturday, January 1, 10:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.**

• **Murray Anderson and Bonnie Sprinkle**, Wheelhouse Room, Harbour House Hotel, seafood and prime rib buffet, **Friday, December 31, 6:30 p.m.**

• **Karaoke with Julie Bedford**, Harbour House Lounge, with sandwich buffet, **Friday, December 31, 7 p.m.**

• **The Grames Brothers** perform at Moby's for New Year's Eve, **Friday, December 31, 9:30 p.m. to 2 a.m.**, with dinner from 5 to 11 p.m.

• **Rainshadow**, an Afro-Latin rock band, brings in the new year at the Fulford Inn until 3 a.m., **Friday, December 31.**

• **Lisa Maxx** sings at Talons, four-course dinner, **Friday, December 31.**

• **Barrington Perry** plays piano at Alfresco Restaurant, **Friday, December 31, 5-9 p.m.** Reservations: 537-5979.

• **Y2K Bug Boogie**, Fulford Hall, fashion parade, decorating contest, potluck finger food, music, **Friday, December 31, 8 p.m.**

• **New Year's Eve Potluck Party** — Salt Spring United Church, music from the decades, **Friday, December 31, 9 p.m.** Games and activities for children. Fireworks at midnight. Call 537-5812 to reserve a spot.

Ongoing

- **Rose's Seaside Cafe** — **Friday Night Live!** Open stage with hosts Jack and Lefty. Music starts around 7:30 p.m.
- **Alfresco Restaurant** — Barrington Perry plays piano every **Saturday** evening starting at 6 p.m.
- **Harbour House Bistro** — Murray Anderson on the piano every **Saturday and Sunday** for your dining pleasure at lunch or dinner.
- **Fulford Inn** — Buck and Dave Roland, every **Sunday** from 4 to 7 p.m.
- **Midnight Mondays Cafe** — at Rose's in Fulford. The cafe is open until midnight every **Monday** for an after-hours acoustic jam session with all musicians (and audience members) welcome.



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Salt Spring's cinema will be open and showing movies Sunday to Tuesday, January 2 to 4. Unfortunately, holiday schedules prevented the Cinema from booking the movies prior to the Driftwood's press time. Movie information will be available at 537-4656.



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"Season's Greetings!"

Take Smith with you — former islander releases second book

By **FRANK RICHARDS**
Driftwood Contributor

"Take Me With You," by Bryan Smith. Gordon M. Smart Publications. 125 pp.

Once I went that way. Any reminiscence of my era is, in part, my tale. A story of a youth spent, even partially, in the inter-war period is descriptive of my day at a younger age and is, therefore, a tale of common memories and, to a lesser degree, common experiences. That becomes the keynote of Bryan Smith's story for me.

Here is another man who was born at the close of the First World War and looks back over a well-spent life.

As far as personal experiences are concerned, I am out of my depth.

While Smith was enjoying the sands of Malta I was glued to English soil. While he battled with quavers and semi-quavers I concentrated on theory and practice of riding motorcycles.

And speaking of London between wars, I was in London twice before the second war, in both cases to collect a used vehicle.

Despite this disparity of memories, I can place myself quite readily in the Smith shoes during the time when we were going our separate ways. He writes of a land and an era we enjoyed in common.

In truth I have rather more in common with the writer. We both found our way to the islands after the war and lived on Salt Spring Island. And, finally, when Bryan invites the reader to accompany him in his tale of travelling, he invites the reader to see the Island of Malta as he saw it and lived it. I was not there. In fact, I was nowhere of importance pre-war or during the days of battle.

It was only long after the war that I found Malta. I was a tourist; he had been a resident and more than a resident. The island was the desk at which he sat to learn to be

an adult. Nevertheless, I can share his affection for the war-torn target of Middle Eastern battle.

For a time Bryan was writing for the Driftwood. Those were the years before he pulled up stakes and took up residence in my old stamping ground of Sidney, where he continued his routine of pianist and entertainer.

The former Salt Spring Islander has already looked back into the depths of memory with his first book, "Go to Sleep Smiling."

He smiled his way through peace, war and theatre and then offered this, his second book, to explain how he came to be.

The order is out of kilter, but that will be corrected when he gets around his third book to explain how he came to be where he was when he didn't write it in time to be Book Two instead of Book Three.

Maybe it will be entitled "Wake up Laughing." As he undoubtedly will.

Course dedicated self-growth

By **TANYA LESTER**
Driftwood Staff

Innocent. Orphan. Warrior. Caregiver. Seeker. Destroyer. Lover. Creator. Ruler. Magician. Sage. Fool.

You can find them in tarot card decks. Carl Jung became famous because of them. The ancient Greek gods and goddesses personified them. They are the stuff of myths and dreams. But where is their source?

"These people do live in there (inside each one of us)," said actor Yvonne Adalian, who will be offering a course called Acting Out Your Archetypes beginning January 16.

The course is based on a workbook called Awakening the Heroes Within by Carol Pearson, which Adalian compares to Julie Cameron's The Artist's Way. It will include acting, journaling and possibly poetry writing and collage.

It is for those who are interested in self-growth through self-discovery. According to Adalian, it is about having the courage to go forward on the journey through life.

Each one of these archetypes has a gift to offer the participant and a shadow or negative side as well. There is a quest or a role to act out in order to explore the nature of each particular character.

Although facilitating the course is a "maiden voyage" for Adalian, she has experienced the consciousness of this life journey often in her acting career, most recently when she played the crone Baba Yaga in the pantomime Sleeping Beauty and the Eight Dwarves. Adalian feels the exploration of the different sides of herself has made her more tolerant and able to take a more holistic approach to life.

The course is open to people of all ages. To register, contact Parks and Rec at 537-4448.

ArtSpring board seeks nominations

Among those steering ArtSpring into the first part of the 21st century will be some new faces, according to the board's nominating committee chair Bob Weeden.

Weeden said three Salt Spring residents with no experience on the board are willing to let their names stand for election at the January 20 annual general meeting.

The 11 board positions could be filled by a fourth person who is also considering making the board commitment.

Weeden did indicate that he would like to see others nominated in order for an election to be held. "It gives people a choice," said Weeden.

Those leaving the board at the end of their two-year office is Pat Fraser, who served as president, and directors Raymonde Vachon and Phyllis Bolton. Director Chris Chapman has also decided to focus on other interests.

Weeden, Beth Cherneff and Richard Moses have agreed to sit for another term while Bill Curtin, Joan Farlinger, Vaughn Fulford and Victoria Olchowecki continue,

being half way through their two-year time allotment.

All ArtSpring members are eligible to vote in the event of an election including islanders who become members between now and January 20.

Anyone interested in putting his or her name forward to sit on the board should contact Weeden at 537-5403. For a membership, contact ArtSpring at 537-2125.

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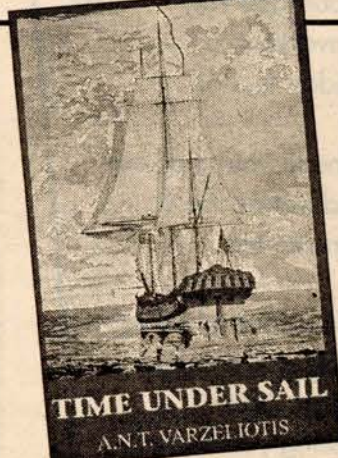
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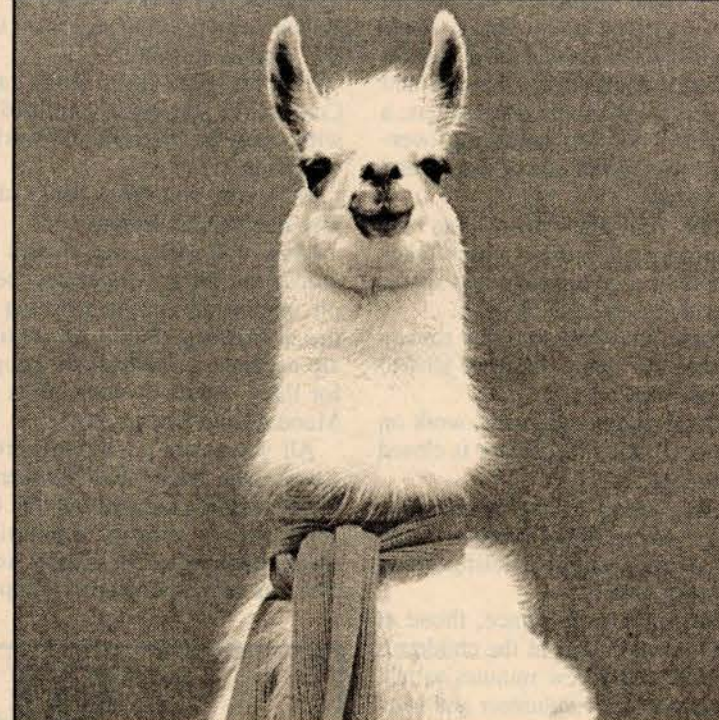


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WEB VOLUNTEER: George Cooke (left) gives Stan Tweddle some pointers on how to use the World Wide Web. Cooke is one of three volunteers giving free Internet lessons at Mary Hawkins Memorial Library. More than 140 people help run Canada's largest volunteer library.

Photo by Gail Sjuberg

Huge group of volunteers drives island's Mary Hawkins library

By GAIL SJUBERG
Driftwood Staff

As the largest volunteer library in Canada, Mary Hawkins Memorial Library is still unique — even if it no longer has a bathtub.

When Norma Keech first became a volunteer at the library in February of 1976, it indeed had a bathtub — not that it was crucial to library operations, mind you — fines were a penny a day and it took two people to run the place at one time.

"Two people did it all," she said, "then it got too busy."

That's when the position still known as "third person" — the shift supervisor — was created.

Mary Hawkins now uses the services of about 140 volunteers. It's the biggest volunteer library in the country.

Elma Rubright, who coordinates the shelf monitors, starts to list off the various positions volunteers fill: shelvers, desk clerks, shelf monitors (in charge of a certain section), book buyers, binders and repairers, carpenters, cataloguers, a person who calls regarding overdue books, book sale operators and the board.

The library even has an ambiance committee which takes care of special displays, and spares provide essential back-up.

Rubright soon realizes there's simply too many different jobs to list them all.

Many people, she adds, work on Sundays when the library is closed and quiet.

On a recent Friday morning the place was a virtual beehive, made busier by a board meeting being held downstairs.

But despite the pace, those at work upstairs and in the children's section took a few minutes to talk about why they volunteer and what they do.

Beryl Scott combined her love of books with a history of volunteerism.

"I enjoyed volunteering over the years because I like to be part of the community, so it was an obvious choice."

She works at the check-out desk three hours per week.

"We really enjoy working with the people we do, and that more than anything keeps us at the job — like any job."

Every day proves different.

"Some days can be quite frantic and some can be quite slow," said Scott.

Janet Reid, who recently began working as a shelper, agrees. "The day after the holiday, I was run ragged."

A regular library user, Reid decided to help out when she

found herself with a bit of extra time on her hands.

Kim Hunter is another new volunteer, having moved to Salt Spring from North Vancouver. She now operates a three-day-per-week Waldorf preschool from her home.

Like Scott, Hunter likes to connect with the community wherever she lives.

Hunter's six-year-old daughter Kaya also spends Friday mornings at the library, and often helps her mother by, for example, finding damaged books.

"She can go through the children's section like only a child can do," noted Hunter.

George Cooke's volunteer job doesn't require him to touch any books. In a fairly recent development, he gives free lessons on how to use the internet.

"It's a program that was started to try to introduce people to use these machines," explained Cooke as he helped Stan Tweddle negotiate the B.C. Ferries website.

The lessons' main aim, said Cooke, is to get people comfortable with using the internet and world-wide web.

Pat Byrne and Toby Fouks also give free internet lessons.

More volunteers can always be used at the library. Right now people who would enjoy working in the downstairs children's section are needed, as are back-up people for the 4-7 p.m. evening shifts on Mondays and Wednesdays.

All volunteers get training from Keech, who is the "chief librarian."

She is quick to point out that the lofty title is simply "a position forced upon us by the Library Act." She has no responsibility for per-

sonnel, but opens and distributes the mail, and is "theoretically responsible for the appearance of the library."

Her main duty, though, is to do the introductory training for volunteers, which generally takes place when the library is closed.

Keech took a library services course which qualifies her to be a community librarian. She said there are also five or six retired professional librarians among the volunteers.

The entire collection was also catalogued on computer by volunteers when the library became computerized about three years ago.

"Many of us had never touched a computer before," recalls Keech, and some volunteers stipulate that they still don't want to touch them!

People can pretty well get as much training as they would like in their areas of interest, said Keech.

Jill Evans is the volunteer coordinator who has the big task of ensuring all the positions are filled.

With Salt Spring voters deciding to put the library on the tax rolls for the first time, some people in the community have wondered about the future of Mary Hawkins as a volunteer-run institution.

Board chairwoman Grace Byrne stresses that "the board has no intention of getting rid of any volunteers or of hiring full or part time people there."

Although the library will have more money for its operations, "There is no money to pay people," she said.

Besides, said Byrne, "The volunteers are what make the library and we'd be lost without them."

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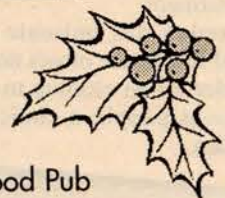
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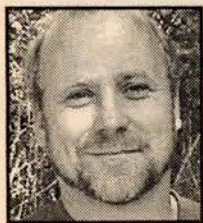
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Rookie team no obstacle — coach

There will be no surprise about Kellie Booth's game strategy this season.

In fact, the coach of the senior girls basketball Scorpions is hoping to lay a few surprises on opponents who expect to roll over the mainly rookie team.

It has already happened once, when the Gulf Islands Secondary School (GISS) team snuck past a veteran Reynolds squad by five points in an early-season tournament.

"I think we have greater room to improve than last year but I am so optimistic about what we've done so far," Booth said. "We'll open some eyes again."

With only three of five starters named — Annette Wright, Jenn Keating and Clare Rustad — and only five returnees, the Scorpions are not touted for a repeat trip to the provincial championships.

But with an all-star pivot in Wright and an easy victory over league opponent Chemainus, no one is predicting where the squad will finish.

"Obviously the offence will revolve around Annette so we'll pound the ball inside but I'm also more excited about our outside shooting this year," Booth said.

Veterans Cynthia Cameron and Christy Robley will be joined by newcomers Emily Bond, Kat Helliwell, Mikaela Heydemann, Heidi Scott, Layla Sneade, Amanda Sadler, Nova Chamberlin and Thai exchange student Kim Satawanakoon.

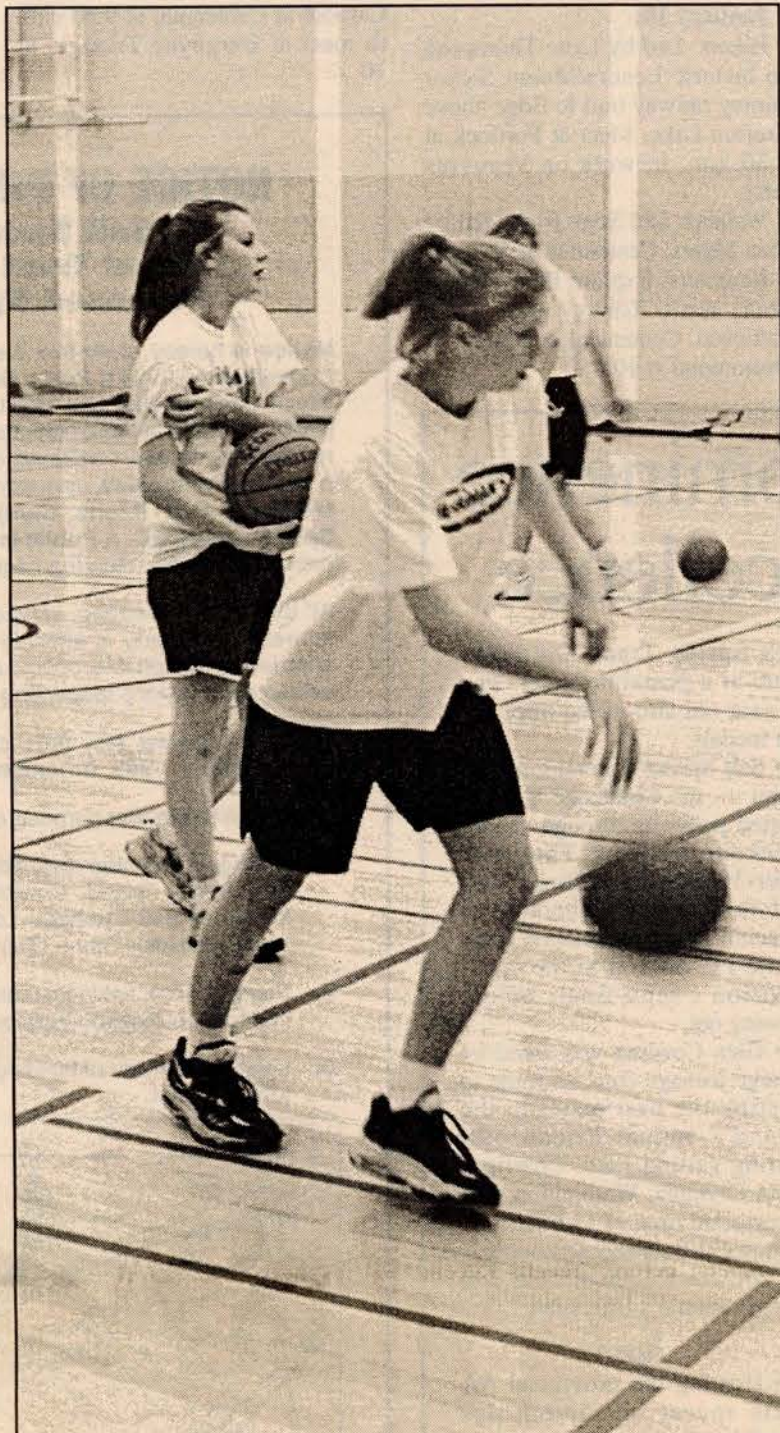
Scott has shown a lot of promise but will be lost to the team in late January when she takes up an exchange position to Quebec.

Booth is looking to Bond and Helliwell to step up.

"They both have the mental toughness to play at this level. Like most of the team they are in good shape and that is a big part of the battle," she said.

With a 2-1 record before the holidays, GISS returns to the court January 5 for a home contest against Frances Kelsey, another league opponent.

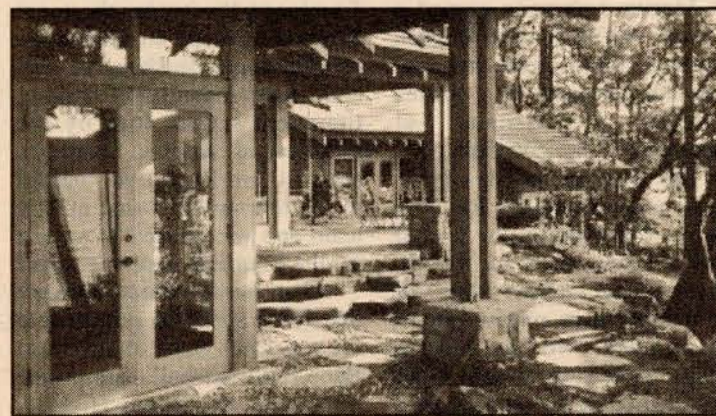
They then host an eight-team tournament January 14-15.



WARMING UP: With no games during the holidays, the senior girls basketball Scorpions were kept busy with practices by coach Kellie Booth. Here Clare Rustad (with ball) and Emily Bond work through some layup drills. Rustad is also the island's top female soccer player.

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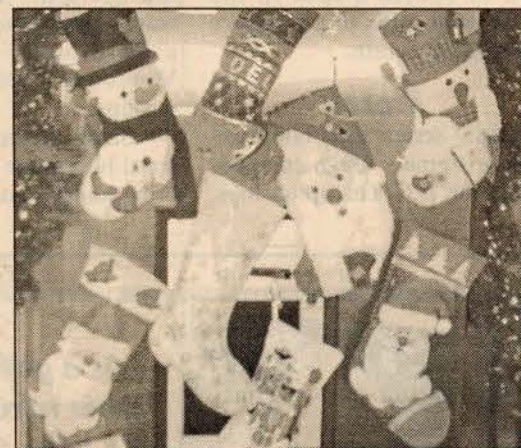
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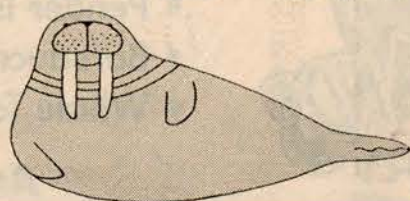
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Trail and nature club's January schedule released

Following is the January schedule of activities for the Salt Spring Trail and Nature Club.

Those who have not yet received memberships may do so by sending a cheque for \$17 to the Trail and Nature Club, P.O. Box 203, Salt Spring Island, B.C. V8K 2V9.

The annual general meeting will be on January 27, 7:30 p.m. at the United Church. Annual potluck dinner will be February 10, Meaden Hall. Details later.

January 4:

Hikers will go with Fred Powell to old cabin and lookouts on Hope

Hill. Carpool at Centennial, 9:30 a.m., Drummond at 10.

Walkers: Led by Nancy Braithwaite through Peter Arnell Park. Meet Centennial at 10 a.m., Arnell Park at 10:20.

Ramblers: Ganges Harbour spit and farmyard, led by Joan Lott. Centennial at 10 a.m.

January 11:

Hikers go with Brian Radford for great views from Mount Maxwell. Meet Centennial at 10.

Walkers: Bud Williams leads to King Road, Eagle Way area. Meet Centennial at 10 a.m. or Beaver Point Hall at 10:30.

Ramblers: Trek through reservation land from Menhinick Drive, led by Ann Gosse. Centennial at 10 a.m., Beaver Point Hall 10:30.

January 18:

Hikers: Led by Lynn Thompson on historic Lenora/Mount Sicker mining railway trail to ridge above Crofton Lake. Meet at Portlock at 9:30 a.m. to walk on Vesuvius ferry.

Walkers: Old Scott Road, led by Joan Myers. Centennial at 10 a.m.

Ramblers: Explore Forest Ridge area with Chris and Dick Pattinson. Centennial at 10 a.m. or Drummond at 10:15.

January 25:

Hikers: through ravines, creeks and old growth forest on Mount Sullivan with Claude Gamache. Carpool at Centennial at 9:30 a.m. to meet at Burgoyne Triangle at 10.

Walkers: Bill Earl to Quarry Drive, Mobrae area. Meet Centennial at 10 a.m.

Ramblers: Isabella Road area led by Harold Page. Meet Centennial at 10 a.m. or Drummond at 10:15.

Two reach national prominence in year of sporting excellence

By MIKE LEVIN
Driftwood Staff
First of Two Parts

For the second year in a row, Salt Spring's name made the country's sports pages as a pair of the island's young ladies rose to national prominence. And there was no lack of personal bests among the championships won by local athletes, especially in soccer, judo and swimming. Here is a recap of the previous year's first six months of major sporting accomplishments by local athletes.

January

• Sophia Haase and Gavin Hamilton remained alternates for B.C.'s Canada Winter Games judo team following a Christmas training camp in Burnaby. The sideline spot was not one Haase would accept for long.

• The senior boys basketball Scorpions won its own Scorpions Classic tournament for the first time in the school's history.

February

• Haase, still only 14 years old, finally emerged as B.C.'s top female judoist by winning the junior women's section of an international tournament in Kamloops and with it earning a berth in the Canadian judo championships.

• In the finals of the B.C. Cup lower-island playoffs against Cordova Bay on Salt Spring, the Bank of Montreal Slashers suffered through wild, windy weather and a heartbreaking 1-0 loss. It was the team's only loss of the entire season.

• A tough 74-62 loss to power rival Reynolds in south-island basketball playoffs was the root of a fall to fourth place for GISS' senior boys basketball Scorpions. The team still managed to secure a spot in the island championships, where they finished fourth.

March

• GISS' senior girls hoopsters found extremely tough competition at the B.C. championships,

returning with a 14th-place finish and a 1-3 record against the province's best. The island team played most of its games in Kamloops' 8,000-seat Coliseum.

• Haase left for Quebec City to compete in the national judo championships. Last-minute financial support from local groups helped the 14-year-old to focus solely on the sport. During the three days of competition she finished with a 1-2 record and in fifth place overall.

• The high school's cross-country teams shone after several years off the competitive circuit. The bantam boys team took the gold medal at the Vancouver Island championships while the bantam girls finished sixth. The junior boys team finished third.

April

• Track-and-field standouts Kelly Kerr and April Goebel opened their seasons on a high note, combining for eight gold medals and six silvers at the Sidney competition.

• Marius Lohmann earned a berth on B.C.'s Western Canada Summer Games team by winning his category at a games selection tournament at Vancouver's Capilano College.

• The Slashers took a solid 3-0 win over Campbell River to secure the Vancouver Island Cup, a tournament for youth-soccer league winners. Many of the players were playing themselves back into shape for a senior girls high school team that was undefeated and set for a host berth in the provincial championships.

May

• GISS' junior girls soccer team kept up the island's winning tradition by winning the mid-island championships. In the island-wide event, the team finished sixth. The junior boys team rounded out its season with a fifth-place finish at the Vancouver Island championships.

• Sarah Proctor posted a personal best in the 1,500-metres to bring home a gold medal for the

Salt Spring Track and Field Club at a Nanaimo meet. The 11-year-old also added three silver medals.

• Salt Spring's premier soccer event — the Challenge Cup — drifted perfectly through superb weekend weather. The local over-30 Old Boys fared well before losing in a shootout to Lakehill in the consolation final, while FC made it to the open-division's semi-finals before bowing out.

• Glen Cowling was aided by a large teenage crew en route to posting the best result in the island's annual Round Salt Spring sailing race. Cowling, from Olympia, Washington, had a corrected time of 19 hours, six minutes and six seconds in his J-35 to take a four-minute win over Nanaimo's Bill Allan.

June

• Hosting the provincial AA girls soccer championships taxed local soccer fields. While event title was taken by Kamloops Westsyde, the local Scorpions put on an impressive performance, finishing in seventh place overall and missing the event's final four by the slimmest of margins. Scorpions striker Clare Rustad was named to the tournament's first all-star team and was invited to try out for the Canadian under-21 squad.

• Cam Beals suffered through one bloop single to ruin his bid for a perfect game as the local Babe Ruth baseball team posted a 12-0 win over Duncan Tigers.

• Mayne Island athlete Tyler Cocker started to peak in a superb track-and-field season by tying the province's age-group pole-vault record at 3.2 metres during the Vancouver Island Championships in Nanaimo.

• Akerman's Re/Max bambino baseball team brought home the Stuart Channel League Championship for the second year in a row with three straight wins, including a final victory over Ladysmith Sox.

Gord Akerman and Kelly Portingale were both named to the tournament's all-star team.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Salt Spring Island Local Trust Committee Proposed Bylaw No.357

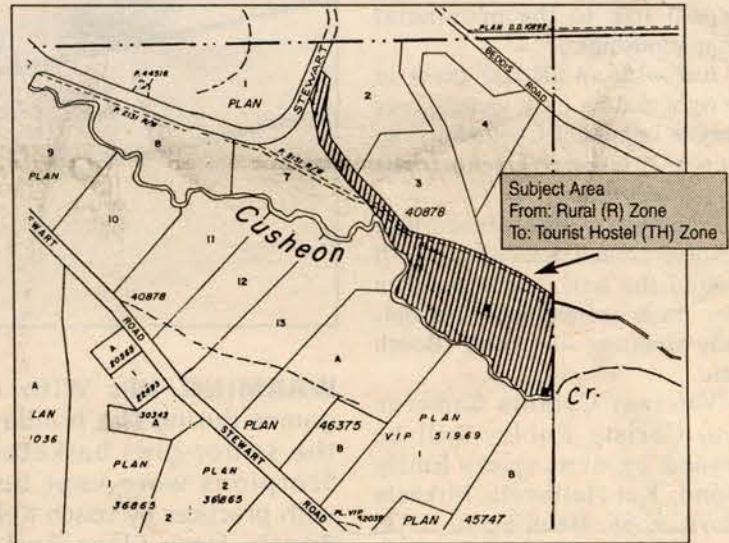
Notice is hereby given that the Salt Spring Island Local Trust Committee will hold a Public Hearing on proposed Salt Spring Island Zoning Bylaw No. 357, for the purposes of allowing the public to make representations to the Local Trust Committee respecting matters contained in the proposed Bylaw, at 7:30 p.m., on Wednesday, January 12, 2000, in the Hart Bradley Memorial Hall (Lions Club), 103 Bonnet Avenue, Salt Spring Island, BC. A Public Information Session will be held prior to the Public Hearing beginning at 7:00 p.m.

At the Public Meeting, all persons who believe that their interest in property is affected by the proposed bylaw will be afforded a reasonable opportunity to be heard, or to present written submissions respecting matters contained therein.

Proposed Bylaw No. 357, cited as "Zoning Bylaw, Salt Spring Island, 1985, Amendment No. 2, 1999".

In general terms, the purpose of the proposed Bylaw is to:

1. Change the zoning classification of Lot 6, Section 77, South Salt Spring Island, Cowichan District, Plan 40878, also known as 640 Cusheon Lake Road, from Rural Zone (R) to Tourist Hostel Zone (TH) as shown in the following plan.
2. Place specific zoning conditions on the property to manage impacts on neighbouring properties.
3. Limit the number of buildings and total floor area dedicated to the Hostel.



Enquiries concerning the proposed Bylaw may be directed to the Islands Trust, located at 1206-115 Fulford-Ganges Road, Salt Spring Island, BC, V8K 2T9. Copies of the proposed Bylaw, and any reports that may be considered by the Local Trust Committee in respect to the proposed Bylaw, are available for inspection at the above-noted address during the hours of 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday to Friday inclusive, commencing Tuesday, January 04, 2000, and continuing up to and including Wednesday, January 12, 2000. The proposed Bylaw may also be accessed via the internet at: <http://www.islandstrust.bc.ca>

For the convenience of the public only, and not to satisfy Section 892(2)(e) of the *Municipal Act*, copies of the proposed Bylaw may be inspected at the Victoria Office of the Islands Trust, #200-1627 Fort Street, Victoria, BC, between the hours of 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday to Friday inclusive, commencing Tuesday, January 04, 2000, and continuing up to and including Wednesday, January 12, 2000.

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Larry Foden was narrator, his voice good, his diction clear. Frequent scene changes called for a simple set. It was that, but it still managed to convey the "cookie box" image of Victorian London. Intriguing and a real scene setter were the rounded windows over the doorway to Marley and Scrooge's establishment, used late in the production by Scrooge when calling to the boy in the street.

Ebenezer Scrooge was played authoritatively by Rene Mahlow, veteran of many Galiano Players performances and an asset in every production. Initially mean and miserly, he became generous and even playful after the ghosts' revelations — a transformation indeed. Keith Holmes played Bob Cratchit. His scene with his family — (Therin Gower, Stevie Robinson, Mandela Harris-Stefanyk and Dalhi Gonthier) was tender and believable.

The two maids, Mrs. Didler (Annie Nichols) and Ida (Dasa Kurilova) added much laughter. The ghosts — Les Laronde, Kendall Kyle and Kris Jones — were all one expects from Dickensian ghosts. Kyle, the Ghost of Christmas Present, appeared in red with a twinkling headdress. Her throne was located on the hall's new "inner" stage. This area was utilized effectively a second time when we saw Ebenezer's tomb. Gerry Hopson made a good Jacob Marley,

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Morriss Rees an excellent Collector.

Others in the cast were Dima Kazak (Scrooge's nephew), Samantha Crew (his youthful love) and Oliver Schnaare (the boy who fetched the turkey for the Cratchits). Bara Fallows and Diane Laronde's costumes were excellent, and David Clothier's lighting was effective.

Some very professional photographs of the cast (the work of Helen Schnaare) were displayed near the ticket sales table.

Ken Pattison was director, Margaret Howell and Sue Evans producers. Joe Pigeon and Ron Tyler were important backstage. Tish Saunders was responsible for publicity and artwork, Kim Lenglet set construction.

With the production over, it is hoped all involved were able to enjoy the holidays. They certainly "set the stage" for others to do so.

A century ago

With a new century about to dawn, it might be interesting to look back and consider how things were on North Galiano in December 1899. Almost nothing is left now which stood here at that time. Porlier Pass Light Station had not then been established, though it was built only two years into the new century.

John Peter (Sete-who-latza) and his family lived on the reserve at Porlier Pass. Peter had worked for Governor James Douglas in Victoria before coming here. He lived well into the 20th century, dying in 1945. At his death he was thought to have been 107.

The Shaw family had established a farm beside the little cove which still carries their name. They were still to do much clearing of the for-

est, as farming and fruit growing was and continued to be their livelihood. Shortly after the turn of the century their son John was made North Galiano's first postmaster. He would have travelled a rough trail the three miles from his home to Retreat Cove where the post office was located.

A bit further up this trail — at what is now Spotlight Cove — the Warnock family had established themselves. A creek entered the cove providing fresh water, just as one did at Shaw's landing. To provide for his large family, James Warnock, who had been a construction worker on the Canadian Pacific Railway, got work at mills in the Chemainus-Duncan area and travelled there from his home on North Galiano by rowboat.

Shortly after the turn of the century, Warnock sold the southern corner of his holding to a shipbuilder named Volmer. About 1901, it was Volmer who was to prepare the native Indian dugout canoe (the Tillicum) for its historic trip from Victoria to London by way of the Pacific, Indian and Atlantic oceans.

New Year

The island's population always burgeons just before New Year's Day as islanders return from family gatherings and weekenders arrive to finish the Christmas holidays at their cottages.

Most of this larger population will celebrate the new year (and the arrival of the new century) at private parties. There is an alternative, however — a party at the South Hall.

It is advertised as starting at 9 p.m. with a dress code favouring "the outrageously elegant and the brilliantly artful." A mask is optional. Fabulous entertainment is scheduled along with live and D.J. music.

A buffet and a glass of champagne is promised — all this for a \$10 fee.

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Dressed for the holidays

Margo Casper adds a little colour to the pre-Christmas shopping dash as she dons a colourful and seasonally appropriate hat and necklace. She was recently spotted in Ganges.

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6 DEATHS

THOMAS, MARION, passed away peacefully in her sleep at Lady Minto Hospital. No service by request. In lieu of flowers donations can be made to Lady Minto Hospital Foundation. Haywards Funeral Service, 537-1022.

BORROWMAN, Roy. Died peacefully in the arms of his loving family, on December 21, at Lady Minto Hospital. His prairie childhood was grounded in the Weyburn of W.O. Mitchell. Roy taught school, and in 1931 married Dorothy, his wife for 57 years, until her death in 1989. After war service, achieving the rank of Captain, he took up residence in Regina, and began his true life's work, in the postwar government of Tommy Douglas. He rose through many civil service positions, retiring in 1974 as Clerk of the Executive Council. Also during this period, he served on the Principal's staff of the University of Regina. In 1988 Roy and Dorothy moved to Salt Spring. Although late in life, he attracted the respect and affection of a wide circle of islanders who responded to his simple graces: generosity, humour, dignity, and a love of music. These served him well at Greenwoods, where he lived out his last days, and where he was befriended by all. Last October, Roy's entire family gathered for a wonderful celebration of his 90th birthday. Roy is survived by daughter Judy of Halifax, her husband Ralph Gorby, and grandchildren, Karen and David. He will be sorely missed by son David, and by Nicola Wheston, of Salt Spring. Wider afield, Roy is mourned by Doug and Sue Macdonald of Calgary, and Grace and Senator Uthan Noel of Carriacou, Grenada, who Roy befriended many years ago, and by a legacy of good friends in many corners of the country. A memorial service will be held at Ganges United Church, Salt Spring, on Wednesday December 29 at 2 PM.

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A. SPENCER MARR

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him a little while.*

Love always - Isobel, Sandra, John, David, Ken, Cheryl and Kevin

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20 COMING EVENTS

S.P.C.A. HAS an open house every Sunday from 2 - 4pm. We are located behind the Gulf Island Veterinary Clinic on Sharp Rd. or call for appointments. 537-2123.

FOR A complete calendar of coming events check the Driftwood Community Calendar, in our office in the Upper Ganges Centre, 328 Lower Ganges Road, or on our website at <http://www.gulfislands.net>. Use the calendar for event planning, to make sure your date doesn't conflict with someone else's.

SOUP'S ON at All Saints by-the-Sea every Tuesday, 11:30am - 1pm. Free soup and sandwich for those in need.

BOTTLE DRIVE, Saturday, Jan. 8. Save your bottles, support the First Ganges Scouts. Information: Ted Baker, 653-4430.

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS tree recycling/shredding on January 8, 10 till 3 at the Legion with thanks to Ian Hayes, Golden Ash Tree Care. Sponsored by First Ganges Scouts.

RECYCLE YOUR Christmas tree until January 15 at the Recycle Depot, 349 Rainbow Rd.

WATERCOLOUR & ACRYLIC classes starting in January. Sign up now. All levels. Call Val Konig, 537-9531.

PHLYING PHISH Hemp Co. sale, 30% off all children's Nepalese wool sweaters, 35% off all shorts through January 4. Closed January 1. Closed for the winter beginning January 5. The Phlying Phish wishes everyone on Salt Spring a very happy new year. Thank you for making our first year so successful. We're on the dock in Fulford. 653-4345.

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ISLANDS TRUST

SALT SPRING ISLAND LOCAL TRUST COMMITTEE NOTICE OF MEETING

The Salt Spring Island Local Trust Committee will be meeting to consider various matters of general business, such as applications received, bylaw reviews and meeting notes. The Agenda will also include consideration of Second and Third Readings of Bylaw No. 357 (SSI Hostel), and adoption of Bylaw No. 358 (Local Trustee Committee Development Procedures Bylaw).

DATE: Thursday, January 13, 2000
TIME: 1:00 p.m.
PLACE: Hart Bradley Memorial Hall (Lions Club) 103 Bonnet Avenue, Ganges

The Public is invited to attend, and will be provided an opportunity to speak to the Local Trust Committee on any matters of interest. For information about the agenda, please call the Islands Trust at 537-9144.

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21st Annual New Year's Day Polar Bear Swim at Vesuvius Beach

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PANCAKE BREAKFAST at Beachcomber Motel begins at 9am.

Sponsored by Salt Spring Island Chamber of Commerce.



LEGION PIPE BAND ROBERT BURNS NIGHT

Saturday, January 29, Meaden Hall, 6:30 pm
Tickets \$20 from et cetera, band members and Legion bar.
Music by Triskele and Band.

Our office will be **CLOSED** Fri., Dec. 31
Happy New Year!

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26 LEGALS

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British Columbia Assets And Land Corporation

ADVERTISING FORMAT (FORM 1) LAND ACT
NOTICE OF INTENTION TO APPLY FOR A DISPOSITION OF CROWN LAND

Take notice that Steve Bastable of 3012 West 12th Ave., Vancouver, B.C. occupation Financier, intends to make application to British Columbia Assets and Land Corporation's regional office in Nanaimo, B.C. for a Private Moorage Facility of land generally situated at Bedwell Harbour, North Pender Island, B.C., and more specifically described below:

Commencing at a post planted 46.33 metres north west of the southeast corner of the foreshore fronting lot 8, section 6 Pender Island, Cowichan District plan 1084, thence 50 metres north/east: thence 12 metres north/west: thence 50 metres south/east: thence 12 metres south/east and containing .06 ha, more or less.

The purpose for which the land is required is Private Moorage Facility.

File No. 1409159 Dated December 20, 1999
Signed: Steve Bastable

Comments regarding this application may be made to British Columbia Assets and Land Corporation, 2080-A Labieux Road, Nanaimo, British Columbia. V9T 6J9, telephone (250) 751-3100. Consideration will be given to comments received within 30 days from the publication. Responses to this advertisement will be considered part of the public record.

29 LOST AND FOUND

LOST: GREY tabby cat, neutered female. White chest and paws. Mt. Belcher Hts. area. Could be going back to Beaver Pt. Rd. 653-9881.

LOST CAT. Large tabby, green eyes, shy. Missing since early December from St. Mary's Lake. 537-8444.

34 NOTICES/PERSONAL

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35 NOTICES/COMMERCIAL

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MOBY'S

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New Year's Day Brunch 11am - 3pm

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WANTED: NANNY/MOTHER'S Help, 30 to 40 hrs. per week. Duties: child care, light housekeeping, laundry. Must be over 21. N/S. Driver/basic first aid. Apply to Dept. S, c/o Driftwood, 328 Lower Ganges Rd., Salt Spring Island, B.C. V8K 2V3.

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117 COMMUNITY SERVICES

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DRESSINGS FREE to cancer patients by the Order of the Eastern Star. Contact Ida McManus, 537-5423.

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FRASER'S THIMBLE FARMS



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351 MISC. WANTED

BOOKS - QUALITY used books & collections purchased by The Haunted Bookshop, 9807 Third Street, Sidney. Call 250-656-8805.

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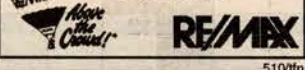
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• 1 bdrm in Ganges, ocean-front, 5 appl, f.place, south facing, cat ok, N/S, \$665 util incl.

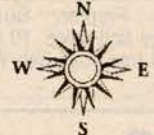
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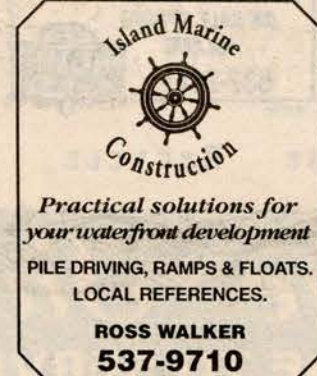
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THE BRITISH COLUMBIA and Yukon Community Newspapers Association would like to wish you a happy and safe holiday season and a great New Year.

LARGE, ROBERT John
 (age 61) peacefully at home surrounded by his loving family on December 28, after a short, but brave battle with cancer. Rob was a dynamic spirit who loved to compete. He set a courageous, caring example in his life overcoming significant adversity and illness. He touched many lives, with his simple wisdom and selfless giving. He will be deeply missed by his family members - mother, sons, daughters, grandchildren, brothers and others as well as his many friends. His family takes comfort that Rob has now joined his loving wife Claudette. Special thanks to Rob's medical team including Hospice, Palliative Response, and in particular Dr. Kenneth McLeod. A celebration of Rob's life, with reception, will be held Saturday, January 1, 2000 at 2:00 p.m. at The Victoria Truth Centre, #1201 Fort Street, Victoria. Flowers kindly declined in favour of contributions to Friends of Schizophrenia, 941 Kings, Victoria, V8T 1W7.

TOO LATE TO CLASSIFY

BAR FRIDGES, TV's VCR's, wood stoves, single beds and frames, row boat, kitchen fan, cabinets and counters. Nancy 537-9510

CASH REWARD for girl's soccer jersey, white with blue stripes, lost on Rainbow Road. 537-9863.

WANTED: FIREWOOD logs (will compensate owner). Will also deal with your windfalls and danger trees. Konig & Son Firewood, 537-9531.

NEW YEAR'S babysitting. Couple with 2 kids willing to babysit on New Year's at our house. 7pm - 11am, \$150 per child. Including munchies, drinks, movies, video games & breakfast. Ph. 537-9536.

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WANTED: COUCH, hide-a-bed, office chair, VCR, lamps, shelving units, pots, cutlery, kitchen utensils. 537-5646.

MOVING SALE: all items in apt. must go, Friday, December 31, 12 noon - 4 pm. 1-274 Park Drive.

SHARE TWO bedroom apartment in Ganges with female + cat, \$360 all incl. huge garden. 537-9976, 3 pm. - 7 pm.

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Best wishes in 2000!

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- ACROSS**
- Incline
 - Sheepish reply
 - Discontinue
 - Town southeast of Oklahoma City
 - Maintained
 - Open
 - Mediterranean, e.g.
 - "_____ misty..." (2 wds.)
 - Product
 - Type of chop
 - Lie down
 - Pernicious
 - Parks and Convoy
 - Tartness
 - Gannon University's locale
 - Drill insert
 - "As _____ as a painted ship..." (Coleridge)
 - Hotter under the collar
 - Do a double take, perhaps
 - Good-luck animal
 - Holds tightly
 - Gave the boot
 - Deceit
 - Hence
 - Make _____ while the sun shines
 - Feminine suffix
 - Run easily
 - Rile
 - Blender setting
 - Of course!
 - Opposite of SSW
- DOWN**
- Entry on a to-do list
 - Thinker's reward
 - Carson's predecessor
 - Generate
 - Orangutan, e.g.
 - What opposites do
 - One-liner
 - Night _____ Night (Reagan film)
 - March date
 - Scholarly volume
 - Toys with tails
 - Make changes
 - Bush or Clinton
 - Filaments
 - Actress Benaderet
 - White-tailed bird
 - Finagle
 - Ration one's rations
 - Scene of the Judgment of Paris
 - Doter's treatment: abbr.
 - "_____ Do I Marvel" (Cullen)
 - Monstrous
 - Puck
 - Say "up and at 'em!"
 - Spectacular successes
 - Became bigger
 - Baseballer Babe
 - Italian wine city
 - Get through the cracks
 - The _____ Man
 - Realize
 - Jerry Van _____
 - Gardener's tool

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Fog warning

A carpet of fog coats the view in a Christmas season photograph taken from the top of Mount Maxwell. The lower parts of the Gulf Islands were shrouded in fog for most of the holiday weekend, forcing drivers and ferry captains to take extra care.

Photo by Derrick Lundy

Brand new, 1965 Renault wagon offered for \$100 down payment

Thirty-five years ago

• The 1965 Renault R4 was advertised by Dolphin Motors in Victoria. The new car was selling for \$1,695, or \$100 down and \$14 per week.

• Christmas Eve was celebrated on Salt Spring with an outdoor carol sing around a Christmas tree on the causeway in Ganges. Singing at the annual event, which was organized by the Lions Club, was led by Ted Jansch. Mrs. T. Earwalker accompanied the singing on the piano.

Twenty-five years ago

• The first official meeting of the Islands Trust was set for early in the new year in Victoria. On Salt Spring, trustees Johnny Stepaniuk and Mike Larmour would call a public consultation meeting the week before to learn what islanders expected of them.

• A large representation from Salt Spring attended the Ice Capades in Victoria. The Driftwood story listed the names of all those who attended.

• One single water district to embrace all of Salt Spring and operated by the Capital Regional District was proposed by speakers George Heinekey (regional director) and Jim Wilkinson (a trustee of North Salt Spring Waterworks District) at a Chamber of Commerce meeting.

Twenty years ago

• A home on Morningside Drive was washed into Fulford Harbour when the bank it was standing on gave way due to abnormally high levels of rain. The house was unoccupied at the time and the owner, a Victoria resident, was not available for comment.

• The first motion proposed by Salt Spring's new regional director called for suspension of building and plumbing permits in Ganges until a sewer system was installed. Director Yvette Valcourt moved that permits be held in abeyance in the interests of health.

Fifteen years ago

• The ambulance crew on Salt Spring would be offering rides home for people partying on New Year's Eve.

• A Salt Spring man took second in an open sheep shearing contest in Edmonton. Matt Robley sheared three sheep at the contest, averag-

DOWN THE YEARS

ing 61 seconds per sheep. Judges considered the time taken to shear the animal, the way in which the shearer presented and handled the sheep, and looked for a minimum number of cuts or wounds on the skin.

Ten years ago

• More than 40,000 Christmas cards had been sent to Jarrod Booth through a campaign launched a month earlier by a fellow Salt Spring resident. More cards were needed to have Jarrod — a young cancer victim — reach

his goal of entering the Guinness World Book of Records.

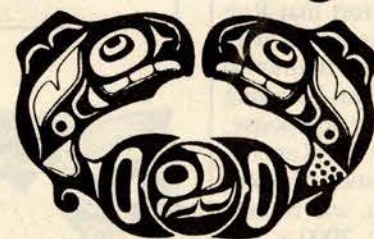
Five years ago

• The Salt Spring Public Library Association planned to ask members to voluntarily pay a \$10 user fee after new legislation prohibited the library from charging residents for basic library services.

• The cost of bringing the world closer to youngsters and youngsters closer to the world would cost a bundle.

Implementing new computer technology throughout the Gulf Islands School District was estimated to cost more than \$2.2 million throughout the next decade, and as much as \$360,000 annually to maintain.

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Countdown to Y2K



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Enquiry BC operators will be available to answer questions about Y2K and essential services during the New Year's weekend.

Enquiry BC:

In Vancouver 660-2421 In Victoria 387-6121

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For information on provincial readiness check our web site at <http://www.y2k.gov.bc.ca>

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