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Weather

Heavy rain is forecast right through the weekend with a few sunny breaks Friday. Highs up to 9 C (Sunday), lows down to -3 C (Friday).



CHRISTMAS SHIP HELPERS: Peter Clarke and Arletta Stephens apply the whipping cream to the hot chocolate as they offer up a warm winter treat to the many islanders who turned out Saturday

night to welcome Santa and the annual visit by the Bellingham Lions' Christmas Ship. More photos, Page A5.

Photo by Derrick Lundy

Death stuns island

By MITCHELL SHERRIN
Staff Writer

Salt Spring received a heavy blow last week when 36-year-old James Wilkinson suffered a massive stroke and fell into a coma December 5.

Wilkinson was found unconscious in his truck on Reynolds Road shortly after 11 a.m. last Wednesday.

By Friday, doctors had determined Wilkinson had suffered a brain death and he was taken off life-support.

The talented comedian, musician, actor and disc-golfer was known throughout the island as a friendly soul who aimed to make others laugh.

"In our little place he was a national treasure," said Arvid Chalmers, whose friendship with Wilkinson stretched over 14 years when they first met in a support group.

"It's the biggest hole . . . everyone is so devastated," he said.

The two pranksters developed an inseparable bond over the years as comrades, comedians and musicians.

"He was a very present guy. He lived in the 'now' and the 'now' was so pleasant with him around," said Chalmers.

"I could count on him for everything; I just had to supply him with food and laundry. He'd come over to play music and I'd have to do his sheets," Chalmers smiled.

He remembered one Hysterical Society performance when Wilkinson impersonated Dr. Jim Buchan who was sitting in the audience. Buchan and Wilkinson maintained a mimicking dialogue that had the crowd howling with laughter.

"He did Buchan better than Buchan does Buchan. I haven't laughed so hard in all my life; now it's in the streets of my memories," he said.

Chalmers described the delightful gems Wilkinson would leave for telephone answering machine messages.

"It's a joy to get a message

Incorporation question set for June

By GAIL SJUBERG
Staff Writer

Salt Spring voters won't be marking their ballots for or against island incorporation as soon as predicted, but a referendum will be held in June of next year.

With a handful of monetary factors still squirming in an unknown zone, the provincial government has advised waiting a few extra months before Salt Spring takes the vote.

Judy Norget, vice-chair of the local government restructure committee overseeing the study and referendum process, said much

more information will be available by the end of March.

It includes: impacts of the Community Charter proposal and rising rural tax rates; the amount of unpaid property taxes a new island municipality would be liable for; and new Capital Regional District and Islands Trust tax rates.

Even figures from the 2001 census — which determine the per capita grant received from the provincial government — would help paint a more accurate financial picture

for voters.

"The committee agreed it was important that the community base its decision on the most up-to-date and realistic information possible," said Norget.

Derek Trimmer, local government expert with the Ministry of Community, Aboriginal and Women's Services, attended both the December 4 Ganges public meeting on incorporation and one with the restructure committee on the 6th.

Norget said Trimmer persuaded the committee to hold the referendum in June rather than March or

April.

An updated report with new figures to consider will be produced by committee consultant Tom Reid in May, she said.

If a referendum was successful, voting for councillors and a mayor would occur in November when municipal elections take place province-wide.

A Fulford Hall public meeting held last Wednesday saw more than 100 residents turn out to ask questions of committee members and consultant

INCORPORATION 2

Texada land in the bag; time to party

With two years of hard labour over, it's time to kick up the community's collective heels and celebrate new Salt Spring parkland and the protection of the Maxwell Lake watershed.

Events run Sunday, December 16

from 1 to 9 p.m., beginning with three guided walks through some of the newly acquired 660 hectares (1,643 acres) of land centred in Burgoyne Bay.

Nina Raginsky is leading an easy 45-

minute ramble through Burgoyne Valley to the bay, and asks people to either car-pool from ArtSpring at 12:30 p.m. or meet at the Burgoyne Triangle at 1 p.m.

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INCORPORATION

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Reid. Like the Ganges meeting the previous evening, residents raised a number of pertinent issues, and the vast majority indicated they wanted a referendum. (Two raised hands expressed opposition to the idea.)

Fulford Waterworks District resident Roberta Shapiro asked if water districts would be taken over by a municipality. Reid said improvement districts would eventually come under municipal government management, with the assets and liabilities remaining within the district, but maintenance taken over and charged back to property owners in those districts.

Dietrich Luth wondered about the method of a mayor being determined, suggesting it be better if elected councillors make the choice. He was told a mayor must be elected on a separate ballot.

A municipality's financial and regulatory relationship with the Islands Trust was also raised by a few people at the meeting.

Bob Holt asked how the Islands Trust would deal with the loss of tax revenue from Salt Spring, saying he was concerned that body would compensate by hiking its property tax levy throughout the islands.

Salt Spring trustee Bev Byron acknowledged the impact had been considered and a "transition report" commissioned on the topic of incorporation generally.

"Yes, it will make a very big difference to the Islands Trust and they don't have any answers yet," she said.

(In the Island Municipality Transition Strategy report, gradual tax

increases are presented as an option.) More than one person had questions about the capital and maintenance costs of roads, with John Ellacott wondering if the island could incorporate without taking on responsibility for roads. (The answer was no.)

Restructure committee member Richard Kerr said the provincial government had agreed to cover road maintenance services (estimated at \$750,000 per annum and not including capital improvements) for the first five years of incorporation. That meant a municipality could put that "saved" money into a capital fund for structural road improvements.

Reid clarified that the amount islanders pay in rural taxes to the province for roads and policing costs "are more or less in balance" — and island residents are certainly not subsidizing other communities.

The full Salt Spring Local Government Restructure Study is available for viewing at the library, or online at: www.saltspring.com incorporation, along with other related documents.

Norget told Fulford's meeting that several people had said the committee's "Considerations" list — which was available at the meeting and is also on the website — helped more than anything to answer their questions.

With the referendum date still six months away and more information needed from the provincial government before financial choices are crystal clear, this round of incorporation discussions — first initiated three years ago — will have to simmer a little longer before reaching a full boil.



FLOWER POWER: Ralph Miller surrounds himself in colour as he sells wreaths — created by Sarah Gadon — at the Fulford Hall Christmas Craft Fair.

Photo by Derrick Lundy

PARTY: This Sunday

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Jean Gelwicks and Peter Lamb will lead a walk along the Safford Trail on the north shore of Burgoyne Bay starting from the log dump at 1 p.m. People should meet at the Burgoyne dock parking lot for that outing.

Linda Quiring and Charles Kahn will lead an easy hike through the lower reaches of Mount Sullivan through a hidden grotto, huge cedars and waterfalls. Meeting spot is the triangle at 1 p.m.

Fulford Hall will open at 2 p.m. — after Santa's Breakfast for island families has been completed — and is the gathering spot for music, food, speeches and skits.

Arvid Chalmers is MC for the day.

Speeches — which organizers promise will be individually short — are set to run between 3 and 4 p.m. Scheduled to speak are federal Environment Minister David Anderson, provincial Minister of Water, Land and Air Protection Joyce Murray, MLA Murray Coell and MP Gary Lunn, regional director Kellie Booth, Salt Spring trustee David Borrowman, Briony Penn, and representatives of the Salt Spring Water Preservation Society, North Salt Spring Waterworks District, Salt Spring Island Conservancy, the Nature Trust of B.C. and The Land Conservancy of B.C.

Musical entertainers include Jack 'n Lefty, Alan Moberg, Rosehip Jam, The Barley Brothers, MCIQ Rapper, ESP, Tom Hooper, Burgoyne Bay Blues Band, with Terry Warbey and friends leading a Celtic dance from 8 to 9 p.m.

Free sandwiches, muffins, juice, tea and coffee will be available, and people are also asked to bring food for a potluck.

Purchase of the property from Texada Land Corporation occurred November 30 following a feverish campaign by the Salt Spring Appeal fund of The Land Conservancy to raise the last \$350,000 needed for the \$15.9-million deal.

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WILKINSON: 'A national treasure'

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from him anytime because it's like a two-and-a-half minute open-mike."

Chalmers found an answering machine message Wednesday delivered by Wilkinson only minutes before he was found comatose in his truck.

Recounting the message, Chalmers shook his head wistfully:

"Hey Harvey (Arvid), as soon as the phone started ringing I knew you wouldn't be home . . . I was thinking about how Rose said it's hard for you and I to go into town together; now I know what it means. I'm just happy to say hi to people and you're trying to make five grand off of them, but I'll see you later."

Chalmers noted that Wilkinson was on his way to meet a friend for a game of disc golf at Mouat Park when he was overtaken by the stroke.

"We have to take our lessons from James and live the life we want to live right now," Chalmers said.

Recounting a tale of when Wilkinson first arrived on Salt Spring 18 years ago from London, Ontario, Chalmers said:

"His brother Dave took him to the top of Mount Maxwell and James said, 'I'm home,' and never left . . . He arrived as a young man and left as a young man."

Wilkinson's girlfriend Rose Graham said, "Making people laugh and entertaining people, that was his gift for sure . . . He'd want to be remembered for that . . . He just wanted to be loved."

She remembered how he wooed her seven years ago through constant meetings on the ferry between Vancouver and the island.

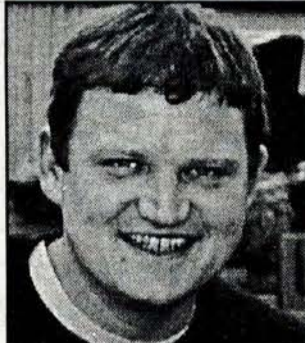
"One time he came up to me and pulled out his wallet. He showed me every little piece of paper in his wallet, telling me a story about each photo and receipt."

After a few more mutual ferry crossings, she went to watch him perform at an open-stage night in Fulford.

"We knew from then on



THE FACES OF JAMES: Seen with Rose Graham, above, James Wilkinson's many expressions were well-known on Salt Spring.



that that was it," Graham said.

In addition to Wilkinson's gregarious charm and off-beat humour, she commented on his sensitivity.

"We would stay up and talk — he could talk — and he liked to cry . . . He was so sensitive; he liked to be respected."

She described one of his many personal rituals.

"Every night we had to lock eyes before he could turn off the lights," she said.

"Whatever he did, he did all the way . . . He had an addictive personality but he was addictive to have around."

Wilkinson had quit smoking cigarettes three months ago and had quit alcohol 14 years ago, she said.

Graham described how the two would scarp and fight but he always returned to make her laugh.

"He would sit and talk with my mother for hours about conspiracy theories. He was really into it. 'Oh yeah, that's the way it is,' he'd say."

Graham noted that Wilkinson was an amazing father figure to his 12-year-old god-daughter, Freya Blanshard.

"One thing I heard from her mother Morgana Braveraven was that he was more of a father to Freya than her biological father," Graham said.

"He just always strove to be really good at whatever he did."

Graham and Wilkinson had

looking at two pictures of him smiling, the happy boy. I'm gonna miss him so much," Morris said.

"He was difficult to live with but it was so rewarding."

Morris remembers that James loved watching movies; his recent fave being South Park.

"He made amazing popcorn with butter, yeast and salt. We all miss it here because no one else can make it like him."

Morris also noted that Wilkinson loved his three cats Mellow, Yoda and Whisper.

"Mellow is 17; we actually picked her up on Reynolds Road where we're living now. We thought we were coming here for her to die but here she is."

Wilkinson's brother David said one of James' wishes was to be an organ donor and the transplant team was thrilled to find a donor in such excellent shape.

"Effectively, our loss is a huge Christmas hamper to many homes across this country," said James' brother David.

"It also needs to be said that every day we get out of bed, it's a cherished thing; that was important to James."

He mused that it seemed fitting for James to pass on in the same week as gentle Beatle George Harrison.

Even now, the organs of this well-loved Salt Spring performer offer new hopes of life to troubled souls across Canada. It can only be hoped that each recipient will also receive a tiny fraction of his boundless warmth and good humour.

James is survived by his brothers John, David, Robert and Ted, along with his mother Ellen Henry and his countless friends.

Beaver Point Hall will host a memorial and wake 3 p.m. Friday.

The wake will include a potluck dinner, dancing and story-telling.

People should bring food and drink to share, James Wilkinson memorabilia, musical instruments and their dancing shoes.

planned to move in together in January.

"Everything was coming together for James," said Wilkinson's housemate Liam Morris.

Morris had recently celebrated a 10-year anniversary as Wilkinson's on-and-off room-mate.

"He showed up with a gift at work. Things like that were important to him. Most people wouldn't think of that, especially men," Morris said.

He noted that the two didn't need to do anything to enjoy spending time together.

"We just hung out. We weren't much for adventures any more; that's all in the past."

Morris reminisced over life with James in a cockroach-infested Vancouver dive.

"He called them cucarachas," Morris laughed. "As I'm sitting here, I'm

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Vesuvius dock work postponed

Contrary to a previous announcement, the Vesuvius Bay dock will remain open throughout the month of December.

B.C. Ferry Corporation (BCFC) had announced last week that the Vesuvius dock would be closed December 11 to replace a floating lead.

The postponement is due to an

unforeseen mechanical problem with floating lead installation equipment, said BCFC communications officer Stephen Nussbaum.

"The floating lead floats on pontoons as a guiding apparatus used to lead the ship into the dock," explained BCFC marine superintendent (inter-islands south) Trafford Taylor.

The new ferry docking guide was built elsewhere but equipment needed to position the floats in place is not currently functioning. Dock renovations will be rescheduled early in 2002, once repairs are completed.

"We don't want to make an impact on service during a busy time of year," said Taylor.

'Winds of change' mean financial stress for Trust

By GAIL SJUBERG
Driftwood Staff

Salt Spring's upcoming incorporation referendum whistled through the Islands Trust Council meeting in Victoria last week as a mere breeze in the winds of change facing the Trust in the next year.

But the suddenness of its announcement did catch trustees by surprise.

"We had no idea until last week this was moving at such a pace," said Trust chairman David Essig after vice-chair Kim Benson raised the issue with some concern.

While a Salt Spring incorporation referendum has now been proposed for June, rather than the March-April time frame Essig and Benson were informed about, it was a reminder that if Salt Spring and other islands take Bowen's path and become municipalities, the Trust will face huge financial challenges.

An October 2000 report called the Island Municipality Transition Strategy estimated that Salt Spring incorporation in 2002 would cause a net revenue loss of \$469,000 by 2005, when a Salt Spring municipality would no longer be required to use and pay for Trust planning services.

Requiring more immediate thought between now and council's next meeting on Gabriola Island in March is if the Liberal government's pending cost-cutting spree will nick the Trust and how an anticipated \$167,000 shortfall in the Trust's proposed 2002-03 "base budget" will be covered.

Coming months will also see Trust personnel focus on providing input to the GSX natural gas pipeline public hearing, consider taking on subdivision approval authority for Agricultural Land Reserve lands, and learn what effects the province's proposed "Community Charter" may have.

At the close of the two-day meeting Friday, Trust chairman David Essig paid heed to the climate of change by noting, "We on the executive committee have never seen so

many externalities coming at us."

Trust staff and council dealt with one of those Friday: a request made by Bowen Island Municipality (BIM) for early termination of its planning services contract with the Trust. A compromise position was taken at Friday's meeting, with the Trust agreeing to give Bowen \$40,000 to offset costs of hiring its own planner next year, rather than cancelling their agreement one year earlier than scheduled, as requested by BIM.

(Bowen is obligated to pay the Trust \$350,671 per annum for local planning services it receives until December 2002; an incorporated Salt Spring would face the same kind of agreement, but at \$848,000 for the first three years.)

Another inter-governmental wrangle with the Capital Health Region (CHR), which boiled over on Salt Spring earlier this year, is also hopefully on the road to resolution.

Wayne Quinn, Trust director of local planning services, reported that CHR-Trust staff meetings aim to find agreement over the agencies' differing setback requirements for septic systems. A change in provincial legislation on the topic is also being contemplated.

While this year's budget is only about \$30,000 overspent to date — and mainly caused by court cases on Pender, Salt Spring and Denman islands — more budgetary challenges are in the offing for next year.

Doug Levell, director of administrative services, said the \$30,000 problem would be monitored and could likely be handled in the last few months of the fiscal year ending March 31, 2002.

For consideration at the March council meeting, when the 2002/03 budget will be determined, is how to absorb union staff raises of 3.5 per cent in the coming year, estimated to cost an extra \$119,700.

A \$3,992,997 base budget has been proposed, with a two to three per cent property

tax increase envisioned to help cover the revenue shortfall.

Also at the March meeting, council will consider a proposal from Salt Spring trustee David Borrowman that current fees for various Trust applications and permits be lowered — and quite dramatically in some instances.

The Trust has consistently been over-optimistic in forecasting the amount of money it can generate from user fees, said Borrowman.

Options include lowering fees by up to 50 per cent; relating fees to the value of a project instead of a set scale; and allowing local Trust committees to waive fees in whole or in part.

A Trust-wide bylaw that raised fees to reflect the actual cost of processing applications was hammered out a few years ago.

However, as revealed at various council meetings, the user-pay, higher-fees concept had not been embraced by all island communities.

Lasqueti's Trust committee has still not passed the bylaw, Borrowman later told the Driftwood. He pointed to a situation on that island where a property owner wants to undertake a "perfectly natural rezoning" but she would have to pay \$6,000 in fees to realize a \$10,000 benefit.

Salt Spring trustee Bev Byron spoke against the fee-lowering proposal and its timing, suggesting stable budget figures are needed for the monetary discussion in March.

"If we have less fee revenue, taxes are going to rise, and I'm against that," she said.

Despite challenges facing the Islands Trust in the coming year, optimism pervaded trustees' evaluation of their meeting and the future.

"The only thing we can be certain of is that change will take place, and we must adapt to the change," said Mayne trustee Richard Tamboline, who also bears a heavy mantle as chair of Trust Council's finance planning committee. "We have a great future and it's really what we make it."

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SHIP SHAPE SANTA: Children of all ages welcomed Santa and the annual Christmas Ship to Ganges Saturday evening. At right, he gives a special greeting to one island youngster, while above, Tanner Smith waits his turn to greet Santa with one of the Christmas Ship clowns.

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Pipeline panel here January 16

Salt Spring residents and groups wanting to give their input to the GSX natural gas pipeline proposal should buckle down with their homework for a January 16 public hearing date.

In a roster of various dates and deadlines punctuating a complicated process, the January 16 meeting is crucial. That's when the three-person Joint Review Panel comes to the island to hear what people think the panel should consider in making its decision about the pipeline and to discuss additional information about the project.

The 60-kilometre pipeline would run from the Canada-U.S. border in Boundary Pass and cross Georgia Strait south of Saturna, Pender and Salt Spring islands, connecting to an existing Centra Gas pipeline near Shawnigan Lake.

Public hearings are also set for Vancouver, January 11; Sidney, January 12; Cobble Hill, January 14; Duncan (for First Nations

interests), January 15; Victoria, January 17; Saturna, January 18.

A preliminary "list of issues" has been identified by the Joint Review Panel.

It includes "the economical feasibility of the pipeline; potential environmental and socio-economic effects of the project; the potential impact on landowners and communities affected by the route; appropriateness of the routing and location of the proposed facilities, land requirements and land rights acquisition process; safety and design of the proposed facilities; the reasonableness of the proposed tolling methodology; and the terms and conditions to be included in any certificate which may be granted."

A detailed list of issues is available through the National Energy Board's website at www.neb-one.gc.ca.

A more formal oral hearing on the GSX pipeline is set for June 2002. That's when parties approved for

"intervenor status" give input to the panel. The Islands Trust has applied for and is expected to receive such status. Trust chairman David Essig will speak on behalf of the Trust at the hearing, emphasizing the provincial significance of the Trust area and the potential impacts of the pipeline on the environmental, social and economic interests of the southern Gulf Islands.

"We want to be sure the panel understands the reasons why the province designated this special area for protection," said Essig in a press release Tuesday.

Written comments on the proposal can be sent at any time to secretary Michel Mantha, Joint Review Panel, GSX Canada Pipeline Project, 444 Seventh Avenue SW, Calgary, Alberta T2P 0X8. The fax number is (403) 292-5503.

As raised by Galiano Trust Committee member Debbie Holmes at Trust Council in Victoria Friday, Gulf Islands residents now

need to turn their attention not only to the pipeline but to rumours of B.C. Hydro considering a co-generation plant, which would burn natural gas to make electricity, in a location between Crofton and Nanaimo.

Hydro has decided to look for another location since a rezoning bid for a Port Alberni co-gen plant failed after local residents expressed concerns about pollution effects of the plant. A similar Campbell River plant has been plagued with operational problems.

More information — including the complete list of issues being considered by the panel — is available through the National Energy Board's website or by phoning Guy Hamel, 1-800-899-1265.

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Owner responsible for sunken boat

A boat sunk while tied to the Vesuvius government dock during stormy weather on December 2.

The bow was still sticking out of the water on Wednesday, December 5 until the owner retrieved the aluminum boat.

Debris, gasoline and five or six barrels had already floated away from the sunken vessel, said Vesuvius Inn owner Shelley Vermeulen.

She described the commercial craft as looking like a prawn or crab boat.

While Ganges Coast Guard officials reported receiving no calls about a sunken

boat, Navigational Waters Branch superintendent Bob Gowe said the owner was responsible for a timely removal of the vessel.

"The coast guard has a mandate to respond to calls about safety of life, hazards to navigation and ship source pollution," Gowe said.

Had the coast guard been notified before the vessel was removed, he would have sent local officers to investigate the scene for safety and pollution hazards, he said.

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So what about Trust taxes?

An important question remains unanswered after two meetings held last week on the future of local government on Salt Spring. The question touches upon a subject that will be crucial in the final decision on incorporation of Salt Spring as a municipality.

What will happen to our Islands Trust taxes in light of that agency's loss of a large chunk of Salt Spring taxation revenue?

According to a study commissioned last year by the Trust, the revenue shortfall would exceed \$400,000 annually. That's the difference between what taxpayers are charged for planning services and the actual cost of delivering them. Given that the Trust has been overcharging Salt Spring for planning for many years, what assurance do we have that we will not be charged a new levy to replace that lost revenue? None, so far.

The study, prepared by a consultant, blithely suggests raising the tax levy without any mention of providing a service in exchange. In a perfect world, a perfect government would roundly reject any such recommendation as utterly unacceptable.

Unfortunately, our world is far from perfect.

The principle of a federation of Trust islands used to be held up as the ideal for which we paid extra taxes. Perhaps there was a time when such a principle made sense. It helped that few taxpayers were aware of the extent to which they supported that principle with their wallets.

Today we doubt Salt Spring taxpayers are going to see any sense in forking out nearly half a million dollars a year out of the goodness of their hearts to maintain an office full of bureaucrats in Victoria, whose purpose when it comes to governing Salt Spring will seem rather vague and pointless.

But a definitive answer on this issue must be forthcoming. Before we vote on incorporation, we must have a reasonable understanding of who's going to tax us, how much they're going to tax us and for what purpose.

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Now is time to speak up and ask First Nations questions

By JOHN HELME

I am a British Columbian-born Canadian citizen writing to you in regard to the future of the proposed land treaty resolutions within my home province.

I would like to express both my support and fears that concern my family and friends, as well as some ideas that may make this transition for the average British Columbian that much easier to accept and understand.

I believe as Canadians we can be proud of the movement to facilitate the process of restitution towards the aboriginal peoples of our nation. It cannot make right the injustices our forefathers created but it shows we as a people have at least some sense of compassion and responsibility to our own heritage.

VIEW POINT

Finding our way to agreement on these matters will allow us to move forward with dignity, a proud heritage and a sense of unity that we strive for. At the very least, it will possibly lay out a blueprint for other countries to respect and adopt.

My concerns include the land claims at present totalling over 108 per cent of British Columbia's surface area. As a fourth-generation Canadian I have to ask myself, "What space remains for my children's future within this potential framework?"

I have raised my family to enjoy and respect this wonderful province of ours through hiking, fishing and outdoor recreations. I mourn the fact that my son may not be able to take his own child to the very lake we fished upon as some of these wilderness areas are closed at present to non-aboriginal peoples. This we view as a great loss of a personal right and freedom shared by all British Columbians prior to now.

One concept the government and First Nations could look to adopt is what I have termed as "heritage wilderness;" that is for every acre relinquished by treaty accords, 50 per cent would be set aside for use of park and recreation for the use of all British Columbians and visitors alike. This solution offers many advantages for all, such as employ-

ment of band members in the operations of these wilderness reserves, thus lending to the fertile history the aboriginal people have known as keepers of the land.

Non-aboriginals will not lose but gain in new recreational areas opened up to the public, and gain new respect for the First Nations' ecological approach to this problem. Think of how attractive our province would be to tourists worldwide if 40 to 50 per cent of British Columbia was parkland with an opportunity to share that through the eyes of First Nations guides and caretakers. Our children will be proud to be part of a place that others worldwide would admire for our eco-effort and recreational facilities offered.

In light of the upcoming referen-

dum I feel it is time for those with fears and lack of knowledge of this process to speak their minds and ask those questions pertaining to the cultural and economic consequences of the treaties.

The First Nations people have an opportunity to ease this transition as well as the fears of non-aboriginals. This could be by assuring them as well as their children that their needs will not take away any of these rights and freedoms all Canadians deserve.

"Heritage wilderness" is only one idea we need now to contribute. Please write to the provincial government so we don't have another "neverendum" on our hands.

The writer is a Salt Spring resident.

Long live Liz Nickson and her right to express opinion

Bravo, Liz Nickson!

I enjoy a column that incites readers to anger, vitriol, high blood pressure, anxiety, fear and loathing, and elicits calls to curb freedom of contrary expressions. Nickson did that with yet another piece of writing on Salt Spring Island, this time in her weekly National Post column.

The island writer has "trashed" the Texada land deal with "cheap crap" lamenting the loss of private property rights in British Columbia, and particularly on Salt Spring. Her focus is primarily on the Islands Trust's land use bylaw but it's her criticism of the government's funding of the Texada purchase that will likely rankle the most.

Nickson rightly points out how ludicrous it is that a bankrupt provincial government can spend

millions of dollars on a parkland purchase during a health care crisis.

Her observations on freedom-restricting bylaws are equally deserving of editorial space and should be read by anyone with an interest in local affairs.

Now Nickson might be completely off-base with her conclusions, wildly inaccurate in some of her statements, overly shrill in her criticism and downright opinionated in everything she writes but she pens a good column that raises important questions. And if she has pissed people off in the process, that's too bad.

There will always be differing viewpoints. Long may they be

TONY RICHARDS



heard, and with the tolerance they deserve.

I'm always bothered by false rumours, errors in fact, inaccurate gossip and outright lies. My upbringing has a lot to do with it, but so does spending many years in a business that seeks to promote truth and understanding.

Our purchase in October of the Barnacle Island Journal has produced some interesting reaction, as well as one particular story that has done the

rounds a few times since.

No, we are not selling, nor are we for sale.

Well, under the right circumstances that might not be true. At nine o'clock on a Sunday night, after spending a weekend in the office unsuccessfully attempting to persuade a computer to do our bidding, I might be talked into a fire sale price. But I wouldn't sign until Monday, by which time common sense ought to have prevailed.

British Columbia media baron David Black has bought this newspaper several times over the years, and last week he did so again, according to many reports. I would like to know how much he paid, and whether it will leave me anything to play with after the mortgage has been paid off.

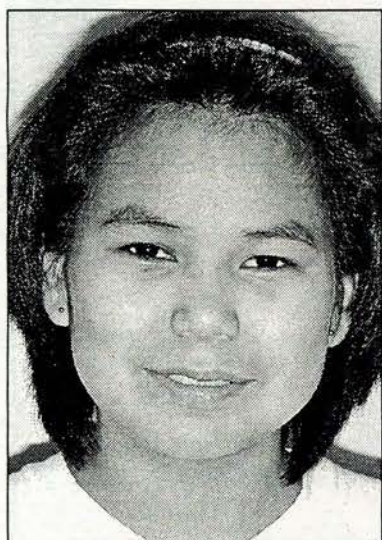
I know I would have a life after, but would I have a job? These questions and more are on my mind and the originator of the news of the pending sale might do me a favour and find the answers.

Driftwood Publishing Ltd. purchased the Barnacle purely for economic reasons. In the long term the Driftwood could not successfully compete against a free-distribution paper without reinventing itself. And having completed the purchase it makes little sense to shut down a business with a solid revenue and customer base.

If there's a buyer out there for this new media conglomerate of ours, I suggest they show me the money, plenty of money. Meanwhile, that damn computer still needs to be fixed.

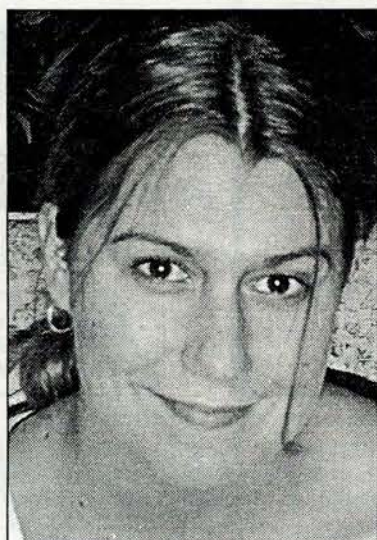
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We asked: What is the best Christmas craft fair present?



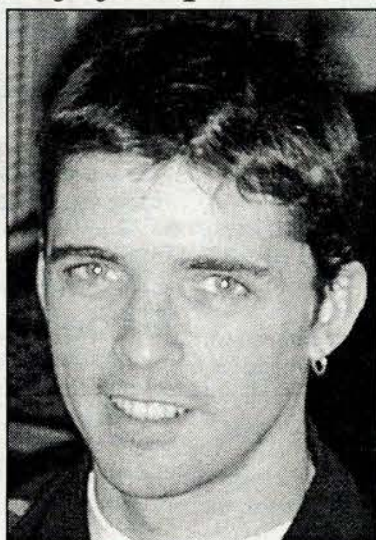
Keri Wilson

Chocolate!



Leslie Cline

I bought my mom some pretty raku pottery.



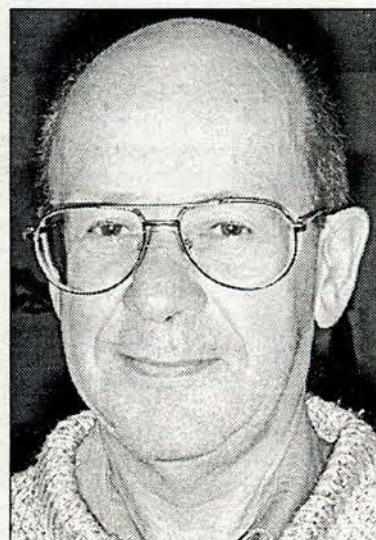
Steve Neimann

For my wife, silver jewellery. For my one-year-old, a hand-made blanket.



Margaret Carter

Anything from such an artistic community makes a wonderful gift.



Don Carter

I came to Salt Spring to get away from the shopping hordes, so I'd have to say the exit to the craft fair.

Letters to the Editor

Eyesore

The barge that now dominates Ganges Harbour is an outrageous eyesore and a menace to navigation.

"Decking it out pretty nice" (Driftwood, November 29) with tacky murals, hot tubs and mini-golf will only add insult to injury.

Surely, under the OCP and the new LUB regulations, the Islands Trust has all the tools it needs to have it removed — not tarted up — removed! But will they? Before a deal is struck, islanders who enjoy our beautiful harbour should make their feelings heard.

BOB HASSELL,
Nose Point Road

Incensed

This letter is to the fools who voted Liberal in the provincial election.

I can only hope that you are one of those affected by some of this government's deplorable cuts. Maybe one of your children or spouses is making \$6 per hour because you are one of the 11,000 government workers whose job was axed.

I really hope you have lost your logging industry job, for this is a crime against nature. The 30,000 forest workers out of work deserve the current government. But I find it hard to believe environmentalists voted Liberal for it was apparent by the severe cuts to the environment ministry that the government has no concern for our flora, fauna or species at risk.

Again the truly poor, the single parent, has been burdened by only being allowed one year of welfare subsidy to do the most important job of all, raising children.

Better yet, maybe you are one of the B&B operators who voted Liberal, and who worked hard and saved to establish your business only to have the tourism ministry change the regulations so you can no longer break even at best.

One thing for sure, I know you are the one who is happy paying the tax that lets the Liberals collect the \$6,000 pay raise they gave themselves the first week in office so that they could destroy your lives with such impunity.

If you are not incensed by this government's record, then you must be the one per cent of the wealthy receiving all the tax breaks the Liberal government gave you so that they could kiss your pompous butt.

STAN WHARRY,
Salt Spring

Arsenic water

This is in response to "No road extension" and "Rainbow Grove," both letters to the editor in the November 29 issue.

I find it quite amazing that Phase II of Juniper Place could be considered before Phase I has met with subdivision and development requirements as outlined in the Islands Trust bylaws.

The residents of Rainbow Grove are still in litigation. They do not have safe drinking water. Their water is still contaminated with

arsenic, among other harmful contaminants. Their problem has not been resolved, yet the developers plan to continue as though this problem does not exist.

If anyone out there in our community is not happy with this situation, there are two things you can do to help.

1. Call the Islands Trust, find out when Bylaw 370 is being heard, be there and voice your displeasure.

2. Contribute to the "Rainbow Grove" trust account at Island Savings to help defray legal costs to the residents in litigation.

PAT HAFTING,
Salt Spring

Liberal assaults

The school library books disaster described by Mona Fertig in last week's View Point is only one in a series of assaults the current government (elected by a minority of voters) has committed upon education, health and social services.

Do these people read? Have they, or any of their family members, ever suffered from mental health problems? Have they, or any members of their families, had to live with mental, physical or learning disabilities that require support?

My initial response to these questions is "no," but on second thought, I believe they have serious moral and responsibility deficiencies, given their decisions in many areas. One can only hope that they will receive a "wake-up call" and see life as it is for many of our residents.

Thank you for providing this

forum.
JUDY BOYLAN,
Salt Spring

Military logic

So Canada is considering sending ground troops to Afghanistan. If this war on terrorism is not just a war on Islam, does this mean that if Irish terrorists are being funded by Americans, Canada will join a British invasion of the United States?

BRIAN SMALLSHAW,
Bay Ridge Place

Extra fee

Power outages don't happen very often, thank goodness, so in the last storm I got down the oil lamps and thought I should get some more oil, just in case.

On buying the new jug, I was charged another \$1.60 as an environmental fee, I was told.

Upon calling the 1-800 number, the person said the \$1.60 was so I could return any unused oil to the recycle depot.

Why would I return it? It was to fill my oil lamps.

It cost \$10 for the oil, plus the \$1.60 environmental fee. I can buy a lot of candles for that price.

I can see it charged on paint, since you always get some paint left over, but not lamp oil.

JOAN BUCKLEY,
Mount Maxwell

Santa list

I have been very good this year and have written this letter to Santa, asking for the following

things.

"Please note the size and colour and bring lots . . . Of love, warmth and happiness for our children and youth; health and respect for our island pioneer families; for abundant crops and markets for our farming families; for glorious muses for our musicians and artists; for crowded, happy and prosperous times in our halls, churches, restaurants, shops, galleries and healing spaces; for protection from greed, violence and opportunism; for clean, clear water; for refuge for all creatures who grace our fields, forests and coves; for joy and company for our elders; for warmth and food for those who hunger; for safe nests and fishing grounds for our herons; for a habitat free of the GSX; for our endangered areas and sea beds.

"Please take the hunters from our orchards, fields and paths. Please ask Mr. bin Laden to remove his aircraft carrier from our harbour and please free all from fear, addiction and oppression of any kind.

"Please could you give back our Mahon Hall for community use, restored and surrounded by a verdant green where we can gather and enjoy.

"Please crown Arvid as our king and please blow all the leaves off David Wood's gorgeous body. Merry Christmas, Santa, and thank you."

ANNE HUMPHRIES,
Haamea Bay

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Horses happy and healthy in the 'warm' outdoors

By **LORI SKRIP**

Firstly, as an introduction, Sabir Springs Farm has recently relocated from Alberta to Salt Spring Island.

A major reason for the move is to enjoy a much more temperate climate. Sabir Springs Farm is a high-quality, warmblood breeding business. My name is Lori Skrip and with my son come 13 horses (five more expected next spring!), my two mini dachshunds, a rescued cat, a rescued retriever and a rescued greyhound. I am a horse-woman and animal lover, and have been for over 20 years.

It has come to my attention that the local SPCA has received a number of calls from concerned and/or prying, and obviously un-



educated, passersby on Cusheon Lake Road regarding the care of our horses, specifically their stabling arrangement.

First of all, a horse's natural environment is, of course, the wide-open spaces. Before man, horses did not build themselves barns with stalls with the relative size of our closets to spend eight to 12 hours a night in. Thus, nature provides a healthy coat to accommodate somewhat colder temperatures during several months of the year.

Let me assure you all, my horses are very much enjoying the warmest place in Canada when compared to their previous home where temperatures can easily reach -30° Celsius. And by the way, even then all faired just fine.

Barns are built for the convenience of humans, not for the betterment of these beautiful creatures. Any vet can tell you about the negative effects that can occur when we confine horses to small quarters indoors. Effects range from bad habits developed due to boredom, to serious health problems.

My horses are my life, and no expense is spared to ensure they have the best nutrition, regular wormings, regular vaccinations, the safest home and the highest

quality veterinary care available. If you were to contact some of the most well-respected warmblood breeders in North America you would find that their mare bands and babies also amazingly survive "outdoors"!!

Out of the millions of domestic horses throughout the world, you need to know that the majority of them live a perfectly healthy and long existence outside. Not every horse owner has their own acreage complete with a barn. Not every horse owner can afford the significantly higher board prices for indoor accommodations for their four-legged partner.

Guess what? The horses are okay, and further, I would bet that a great number of other horses

right here on Salt Spring don't retire to a barn each night!

My farrier (who has been in the profession for over 30 years) once told me that if he were to come back as a horse in another life, he'd like to be one of mine!

I hope this letter will serve to resolve the misconceptions that a number of you have. If not, I would be more than happy to welcome you to the farm for an educational tour, and you will see for yourself that your energies would be better served in helping the many unfortunate, abused and neglected animals that live in our communities and are truly in need of your concern.

The writer is a Salt Spring resident.

Global police

Have we forgotten the horrendous tally of people who were killed or "disappeared" over the last five decades as a result of U.S. foreign policy?

These unilateral military actions were called out by multinational corporations when they felt their supply of cheap labour/cheap resources were threatened.

For too long the U.S. has seen itself as a global police force in the service of the swollen corporate economy which now endangers the planet itself.

Left-wing political parties, socialist and/or cooperative movements by exploited workers, growth of labour or environmental activism — all these challenge foreign control over the price of oil, bananas, aluminum, rubber, wood, etc. And, of course, wages and working conditions.

Here's the list:

- Chile — CIA-backed coup which ousted Allende and his democratically-elected government, resulting in 30,000 deaths.

- El Salvador — U.S.-backed death squads killed 75,000 people.

- Nicaragua — U.S.-sponsored contras made war against another democratically-elected government . . . 30,000 died.

- Guatemala — 1954 CIA-sponsored coup left 150,000 killed while 50,000 "disappeared."

- Iraq — UNICEF figures one million Iraqis died in bombings, plus 5,000 per month more due to U.S. sanctions.

- Vietnam — The war to keep communism from spreading in Asia, two million dead.

- Hiroshima/Nagasaki — 200,000 killed by the brand-new weapon of mass destruction.

And which governments have the U.S. leaders and their partners approved of, even backed? Saudi Arabia, Egypt, apartheid South

More letters

Africa, Indonesia under Suharto, Marcos' regime in the Philippines, Israeli occupations in Lebanon, Golan Heights and Palestinian territories.

Many Americans have struggled to overcome the power of their war-loving military industrial complex, only to be called "reds" or traitors. Of course, Americans also need some type of proportional representation to achieve a more democratic government: legislative seats in proportion to votes cast.

I loved the comment by Studs Terkel that what the U.S. needs is a second party. **VIRGINIA NEWMAN,** Salt Spring

Culture

I embrace the referendum on treaty negotiations and wholeheartedly involve myself in the protection of native Canadian aboriginal culture.

I encourage the aboriginals to participate in the evolution of the Canadian future.

The stronger and more dynamically involved Canadian native aboriginals, the more able Canadian culture and heritage can hold ground amongst the natives of the globe.

As a country we cannot be described in terms of a single culture such as British, American, European, Asian, or Middle Eastern, even though many Canadians have direct ancestry from these nationally-defined bodies. What makes us unique is our native aboriginal culture and the integration of specific skills in the building of a country from a largely uninhabited area of North American continent. From here we have progressed as the interface of our multicultural nature leads us through the social creative process. If we do not support, uphold and

respect the native origins of our country, we are walking on shallow air, rather than solid ground, as individuals and as a collective.

Those who are native-born Canadians can more readily understand the importance of a strong, secure and protected cultural identity from which to continue as we interact with natives of other countries who have an advantage of ancient history in the refinement of their cultural repertoire.

The contribution that aboriginal culture has made to the concept of being Canadian needs to be recognized and I encourage native aboriginals to continue to be active and strong participants in the Canadian process.

DANA PENNINGTON, Salt Spring

Poppy fund

I would like to extend to all the members of the Salt Spring Community our great appreciation for their participation in this year's poppy campaign.

Without a doubt, this was the most successful campaign we have ever held. Members of the community gave most generously and also attended in great number our Remembrance Day ceremonies at Centennial Park on November 11.

I would also like to clarify the purpose for which money is collected: without exception, all money collected in the Poppy Campaign is used to help veterans and their families. It is true that the Legion has throughout the year contributed to various and sundry groups, especially youth-oriented groups. None of these funds, however, come from the poppy campaign.

In order for the Legion to continue to contribute to those many needy groups on the island, we need you as a

community to support your local branch, whether by attending some of the many social events, or helping organize things — from summer barbecues, to dart and cribbage tournaments, to Trivia evenings, to name but a few.

Thank you for your support and we look forward to seeing you in the Legion.

RON SEYMOUR, Chair, 2001 Poppy Campaign

Generous

Christmas greetings and special thanks to all Lady Minto Hospital Auxiliary volunteers who give so generously of their time to help residents and patients at Greenwoods, Extended Care and the hospital.

We also wish to acknowledge the work of the talented members who keep the hospital showcase filled with attractive knitting, sewing and crafts, the plants healthy and green, magazines within easy reach and, finally, the work of those who contribute to the smooth operation of the Thrift Shop.

Without the donations and the support of our customers, we would be unable to fulfill our mandate to purchase special equipment for Lady Minto Hospital and Greenwoods. Thank you for helping us to attain our goals.

The Thrift Shop will be closed from December 22 to January 2. During this period it would be greatly appreciated if donations were not left outside the building. Thank you for your co-operation.

Wishing you all a happy holiday and a prosperous 2002.

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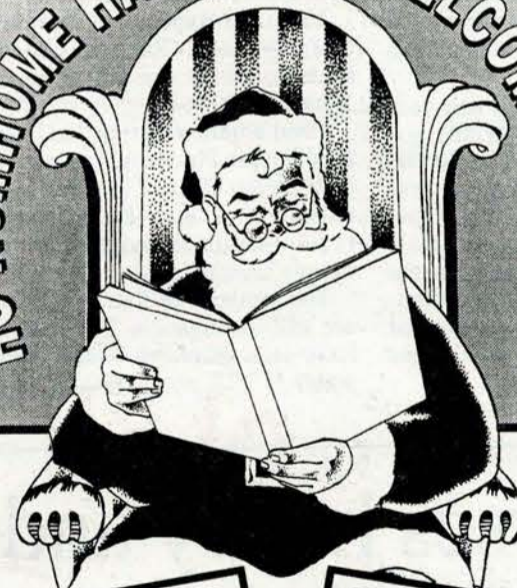
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BIG BONUS: Jed Wilson hands a cheque to Phoenix High teacher Dean Crouse as students strive to get a piece of the action. Photo by Mitchell Sherrin

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Foundation benefits school

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Phoenix Alternative High School received a cheque for £2,500 (\$5,800) from the Barcapel Foundation of Glasgow last Thursday.

Salt Spring resident Jed Wilson sits on the Barcapel board of directors and pulled a small coup to convince the Scottish foundation to donate approximately \$22,000 to the

Salt Spring Cooperative Preschool last year.

Wilson also collected £2,500 for Salt Spring dancer Brad Magnus, who hopes to perform for the Crown prince of Japan.

"They get hundreds and thousands of appeals each year," he said.

Wilson focussed on the foundation's mandate to help disadvantaged and talented youth, citing minimal government assistance, outdated equipment and the need to send students off-island to the

Gulf Islands Film and Television School on Galiano.

"You guys are the perfect example of talented youth," Wilson said at a small ceremony to mark the gift Thursday.

"If they had the right equipment, these kids could do good things toward their careers."

Teacher Dean Crouse had a meeting with students on how to spend the windfall. They plan to upgrade their computer system and purchase a commercial-quality digital camera with the funds.

Corporation plans \$900,000 office expansion next spring

By MITCHELL SHERRIN
Staff Writer

The B.C. Ferry Corporation (BCFC) is planning to relocate its inter-island south administrative offices from Fulford to Long Harbour in the spring.

"The key point is to make it a more efficient operation," said BCFC terminal operations manager Steve Clapton.

B.C. Ferries currently administers southern Gulf Islands terminal operations, human resources and crew coordination services at its Long Harbour offices.

The new plan is to relocate engineering and operations staff from Fulford to an additional office at Long Harbour.

The ferry corporation aims to save money through the \$900,000 office expansion and related renovations.

Changes will include upgrades to meet building

standards for sewage, electrical and seismic regulations.

Clapton estimates the two-to three-month project will begin in April or May.

"By the time we're finished, we'll be doubling the office size," he said.

The combined offices will be able to share clerical support and resources. And B.C. Ferries will also save the expense of leasing the Fulford property, said Clapton.

"I'd say in about 10 years we'll have our money back (in savings from the office relocation)," noted inter-islands south marine superintendent Trafford Taylor.

"The Long Harbour building needed work anyway," Taylor said.

He pointed to heating costs, duplication of services and infrastructure redundancy as areas where BCFC can save money with

the office relocation plan.

"There's a whole bunch of things in the mix," he said.


One of the chief assets of office relocation will be the improved logistics of centralizing all BCFC inter-islands managers.

"When it comes to problem solving, we can just walk across the hall," Taylor said.

The office combination will also provide a single point of contact for stakeholders, he said.

Taylor indicated offices on Salt Spring coordinate all terminals, vessels and crew from Snug Cove to Gabriola Island, Thetis Island, Kuper Island, Crofton and Chemainus, along with the Gulf Islands a little closer to home.

"Don't get me wrong, I'd love to stay here [in Fulford]. This is a beautiful office," he said.



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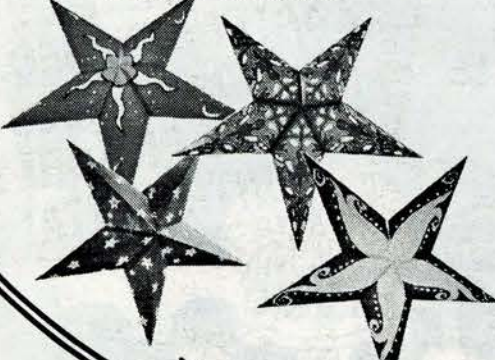
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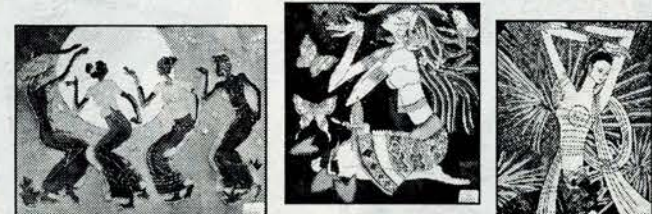
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Trust evicts 'mortgage helping' tenants from illegal suite

By **PIRJO RAITTS**
Staff Writer

The Islands Trust does not want people to think they are on a witch hunt, but Bev Sage isn't so sure. What she does know is that "someone" is on a witch hunt.

Sage has been forced to evict two low-wage earners from a two-bedroom suite in her home on 11.5 acres in the Fulford Valley. She says the Trust's bylaw enforcement officer is going around the island enforcing the bylaws as they relate to illegal suites.

"The enforcement officer says I have 30 days to evict those tenants. Where will they go? It's so sad and it's going on and on and on," said Sage.

She said she had rented her suite to the tenants as a mortgage helper.

"I have a huge mortgage and this has taken away my income," she said. "That is wrong. They arrive unannounced, go through the house

and give you a 30-day warning. It's scary. They don't tell you they are coming."

Bylaw enforcement officer Watson Smith is currently away from his office until early January, but Doug Levell, director of administrative services for the Islands Trust, spoke on behalf of the Trust.

When asked if there was a movement afoot to evict tenants from illegal suites and cottages, Levell said the whole procedure is driven by formal complaints.

He said there was a movement to get people to conform to local zoning bylaws, but they were not kicking people out.

"The Islands Trust can't do that, only the landlord can do it. They are obliged to evict tenants from illegal suites," said Levell.

Landlords can choose to legally conform and comply with the bylaws. Most actions taken to shut down illegal suites and cottages are

complaint-based, said Levell.

"We do the research based on complaints. It can be a complaint from anybody. We have no resources to be proactive, but we will go find bylaw violations on the island."

He said if an illegal suite or cottage was in an area zoned for single family homes only, the property owner would have to apply to the Islands Trust for a rezoning.

Levell stated that any consideration for rezoning amendments depended on the property zoning, the current status of the property, and what the owner saw as the potential remedy.

Sage's property is zoned Agricultural and part of the property is in the Agricultural Land Reserve (ALR). Accessory uses are permitted within the zoning designation, but any secondary suite, mobile home or farm workers' dwelling must be approved by the

B.C. Land Reserve Commission (LRC).

John Gauld, regional planning coordinator for the Islands Trust, said the Trust has no jurisdiction over land in the ALR and any applications made to the LRC must go through the Salt Spring Local Trust Committee.

He said the Trust has four letters on file relating to Sage's illegal suite, the first one dated February of this year. The bylaw enforcement officer last visited Sage's property on October 10 and the tenants had not at that point been evicted by Sage.

"We've shown patience and flexibility," he said.

He could not say or even guess at how many illegal suites were on the island.

The new land use bylaw (#355) describes specific ways in which property owners can make those illegal suites and cottages legal.

Bylaw 355 states: "Those wishing to use a seasonal cottage on Salt Spring Island as a legal full-time residential dwelling unit may apply for a zoning amendment specific to their property. Policies in the Salt Spring Island Official Community Plan indicate such use can be considered subject to available water supplies and neighbourhood consultation."

It states in Bylaw 355 that unless specified, no more than one dwelling unit is permitted per lot.

"Those wishing to have a legal secondary suite in a house on Salt Spring Island may apply for a zoning amendment specific to their property to allow the construction of a two-family dwelling. Provisions in the OCP recognize the value of secondary suites in order to provide affordable housing and to provide for those who need in-home care."

Bus shelters handed back to neighbours

By **PIRJO RAITTS**
Staff Writer

It's the neighbours who are going to have to figure out how to handle the issue of bus shelters on Gulf Islands roadsides.

School District 64 has basically washed its hands of the issue, leaving it to the Islands Trust and the Ministry of Transportation (MOT) to sort out.

A December 4 meeting between residents and representatives of the school district, MOT and Islands Trust sought some resolution of the controversy which arose when the status of new shelters on Beddis and Cusheon Lake roads was questioned in October.

Scattered around the Gulf Islands are 15 school bus shelters, with 10 of those on Salt Spring. Some people are concerned about the liability issue, while others say there is no liability issue. What it all boils down to is that some of the shelters will have to be moved off the MOT's right-of-way and onto private property. Neither the MOT nor the school district wants to con-

tend with maintenance or liability.

Homeowners or the community will have to be responsible for any maintenance and liability pertaining to the shelters, and they will have to contact MOT for access permits. The shelters will also have to be insured and maintained by an "acceptable" agency. School district secretary-treasurer Rod Scotvold said the district is not considered such an agency, although the District Parents Advisory Council is.

MOT and the Islands Trust will determine the status of the various shelters and advise people. The school district will work with the Islands Trust to determine the exact locations of the bus shelters.

"They must be aware of the conditions they will have to deal with. It's a neighbour-to-neighbour community issue," said Scotvold. "Shelters on private property are not an issue and there is no immediate pressure to dismantle any shelters. It will be done in a measured and reasonable way."

Fire chief nixes logs

The Salt Spring Fire Department has received a number of inquiries about the effectiveness of the "Chimney Sweeping Log" advertised on TV.

"Firstly, this product is advertised for chimneys only. They are not meant to be used in air-tight type stoves," said Salt Spring fire chief Dave Enfield. The fire department does not recommend special logs or powders for cleaning chimneys. The best way to clean a chimney is still the old way, pulling a proper-sized brush through the flue, he said.

The provincial fire commissioner's office also warns some products may damage a chimney lining.

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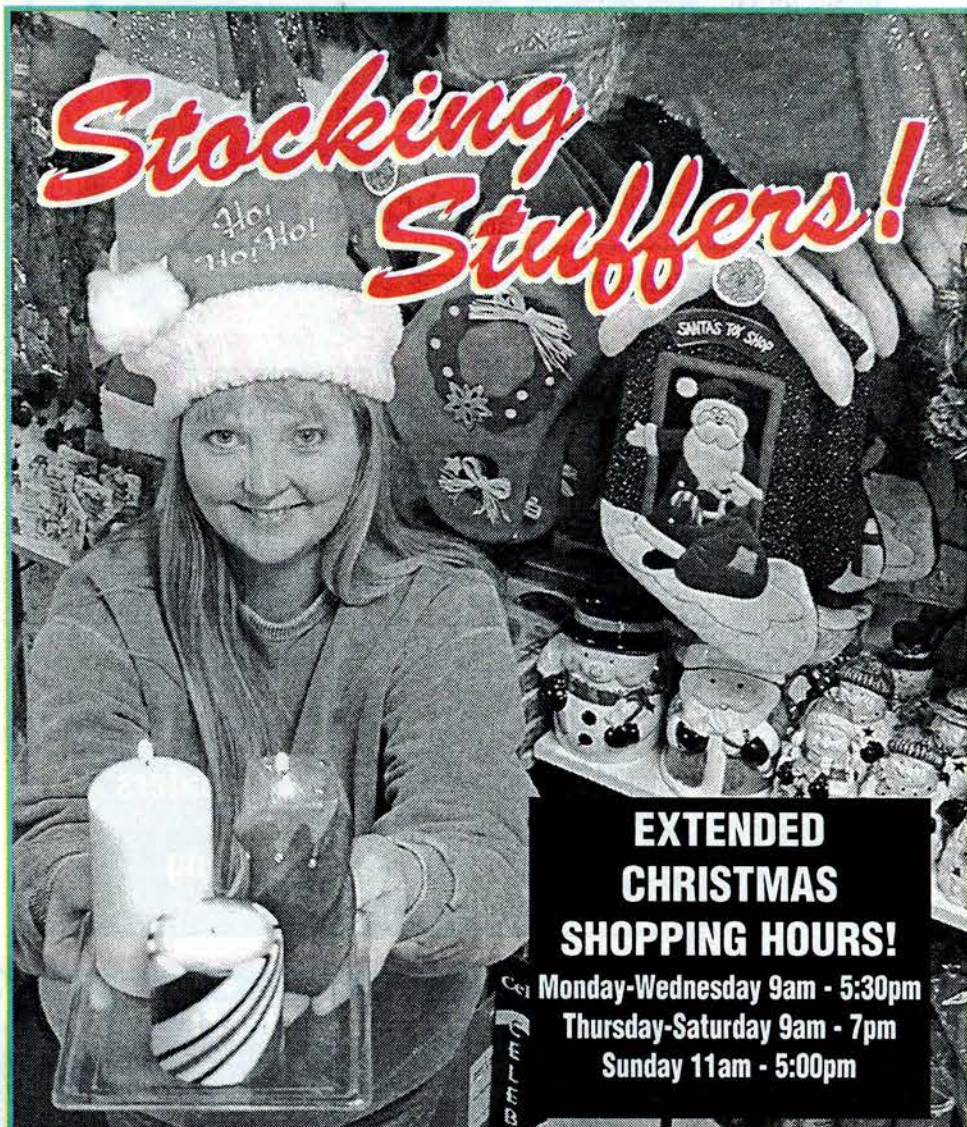
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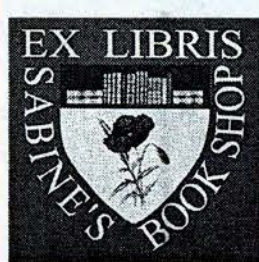
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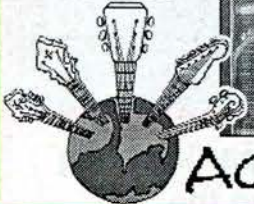
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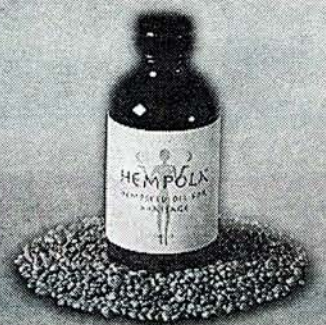
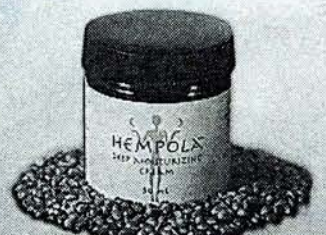
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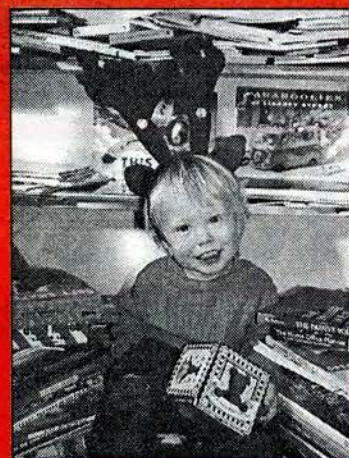
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Rain makes interesting puddle play

• Salt Spring's U11 girls dominated a slip-sliding soccer game in the rain against Lakehill at the high school field Saturday, grabbing a well-deserved 2-0 win.

Players were amused by the puddle-filled field which resulted in mud-splattered jerseys and a soccer ball that often became trapped in water.

Emily Rothwell knocked in the ball for the first goal on a Meredith Raddysh pass sent straight across the net early in the first half.

Solid play on the forward line by Lisa Meyers and Brittney Oswell kept up the pressure and opened several scoring opportunities for Salt Spring.

Keeper Olivia Morgan made some great saves in goal, and Paisley Mackie poured on the speed in several defensive plays.

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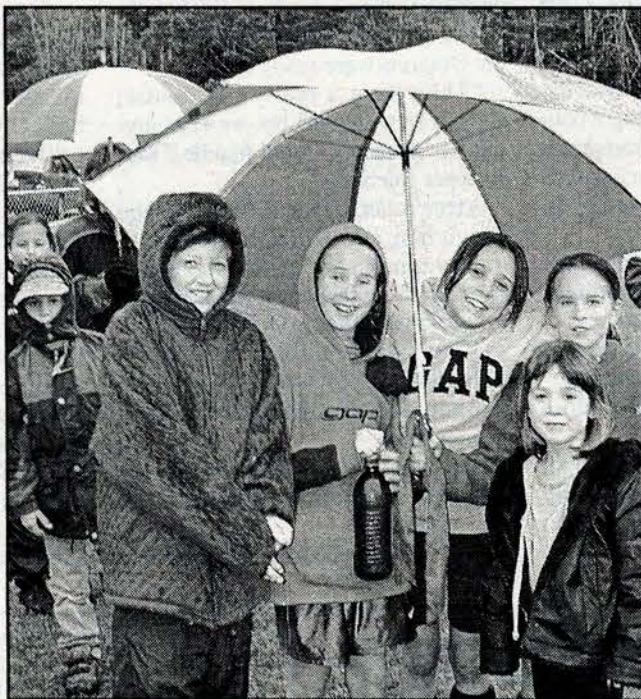
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in the second half, when Raddysh scored on a Danica Lundy assist.

• Saturday saw the U12 Salt Spring Stars play an interesting game of "aqua-soccer" as they braved torrential rains in Sooke.

One notable play saw Jasper Snow-Rosen lining up to shoot into the opponent's goal, having the ball land directly in a deep puddle in front of the net, and finally diving into the puddle himself, still "swinging," report coaches.

The final score was 7-0 for Salt Spring, with Jordan Girard coming up with four of those goals, and Jeff Pringle, Matt Miller and Wil Cornwall supplying the remaining three.



WET WATCH: Players and spectators bundled up and crowded under umbrellas at a soccer game on Salt Spring Saturday morning. Photo by Derrick Lundy

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FC hangs tight to lead

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Cowichan lurks just two points behind FC as the only serious rivals able to unseat Salt Spring from first place in men's Division 3 soccer.

Televised by Duncan cable, the game started with high tempo and maintained dramatic tension throughout the match, reported striker Kevin Luke.

The first meaningful scoring opportunity fell to FC after a period of intense pressure around Cowichan's penalty area.

A blocked shot from Rhys Beasley enabled a

fierce rebound by Zoltan Kodaly, but the keeper managed to turn the ball around the post.

The following corner kick offered the ball to Dion Hackett but his header flashed just over the bar.

Other FC scoring chances in the first half included a free kick fired just over the net by Luke and a high-lob header by Tom McColm off another FC corner kick.

A solid Salt Spring defence restricted Cowichan to two shots in the first half: one that hit the bar after a save by Jono McDonald, and a header off the resulting corner kick that slid past the far post.

In the second half, Colin McDougall left the Cowichan keeper gaping

with a 30-yard shot off the bar, and followed up with a sharp header, which gave the Bridge Pub goalie a chance to shine.

McDonald picked up his 10th shut-out for the season after Cowichan's offence challenged the Salt Spring keeper with a corner kick that hit the wood-work and a formidable free-kick that he tipped over the bar.

For the last play of the match, FC left Cowichan with a rocket to remember from a shot by Corbin Scott, who picked up the play after a superb build-up from Jesse Fisher.

Salt Spring will take on Victoria Scottish after the Christmas break with a 2:15 p.m. kick-off at Portlock Park on January 13.

Executive announced

A new board in the Salt Spring Sailing Club is looking forward to promoting a love of water within the community.

Recent annual general meeting elections seated Jim Ganderton as commodore, Michael Byrne as vice commodore and Brian Swinburne as rear commodore.

A host of new fleet captains will assume command with Kevin Vine, racing; Tony Burrige, cruising; and Martin Hoogerdyk, dinghy. Doc Paynter sits as wharfinger, Jean-Paul Krauss as treasurer, Fulvio Limongelli as secretary and Jennifer Barrio as staff captain. The past commodore is John Farquharson.

At the club meeting, "members voted unanimously to dedicate significant funds to The Land Conservancy... to purchase lands for the enjoyment of all residents," said Ganderton.

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During Sunday's tournament, players gathered once in silence and once in an "ohm" chant to reflect on the well-loved player.

"This one's for James," said organizer Dean Crouse.

Several players spoke about Wilkinson as a friend, musician, actor and comedian throughout the day.

A 30-foot putt through branches on the final hole secured a win for Crouse in the advanced division. He scored a 93 (15 under par) to nudge ahead of Mitchell Sherrin, who placed second with a 94.

Many competitors suffered from water hazards in the match.

"The creek was swollen with discs," remarked one player.

Master Derrick Lundy won his division with a 99 and split the ace-pot with a side-arm smash on the 13th pin. Fritz Arnold breezed into second place with a 104, perhaps due to his charcoal hand-warmer.

Bryden Smith knocked himself out of the amateurs with a nifty 99 and newcomer Mike McCormick pulled a 103 for second place. Third place amateur Dennis Murray (112) collected a big grin with an ace on number 10.

Veteran Tanya Van Ginkel swept the novices with a 120, followed by Brook Holdack who nabbed second with a 125.

Sunday's doubles tourney saw playoff action between duos Crouse and Shelley Mahoney against Eric Donnelly and Michael Lees after they tied with 41s (13 under par).

Donnelly sent an arcing drive within seven feet of the pin for an easy finish while Crouse and Mahoney fell short in long-putts.

Crouse had another bid for a doubles win Saturday when teamed with Sherrin in the choose-your-own partner event.

By the ninth hole, the two had fallen three strokes behind Andrew Ross-Collins and Jed Wilson (who had flicked a skip-ace on the fourth pin). But the teaching team had a run of birds through the back nine to tie 41 with the disc-dabblers.

Putting from the same spot Wilkinson had secured a doubles win last Sunday (when Wilkinson and Sherrin scored -20 for 23 holes, including a dramatic five-hole play-off), Crouse and Sherrin choked their throws to hand over the win.

Weekly doubles drop-in tournaments continue Saturdays at 2:30 p.m.

Disc golfers take note: Salt Spring will host approximately 50 top-rated off-island players Boxing Day for the annual Duck Golf winter tournament series.

Good passing, teamwork add up to 2-0 victory for Dragons squad

The Dragons stirred up their line to stomp on Cowichan with a 2-0 match under perfect skies at the Gulf Islands Secondary School field Sunday.

"We played really well, especially [considering] we were missing a couple of key defenders. We were short on subs and we had a game cancelled last week," said back-up goalie Jo O'Connor.

Usually a striker, O'Connor stepped into the net at the last minute to manage a shut-out performance.

An "excellent job" by Salt Spring defence kept the job "pretty mellow," though there were a couple of close calls, she said.

One attack in the first half caught O'Connor in a head-to-head with Cowichan's offence as she went to retrieve the ball.

"I rushed her but she belted the ball when she was a foot away. It just deflected off my shin."

The first half ended scoreless but the Dragons were ready to strike.

"They have a really big goalie; she's a bit awkward but we kept giving her shots she could handle," said sweeper Sue King.

After a scramble in front of the Cowichan net, Lorraine Kopetzki took a quick shot to the short side from up close inside the six-yard box to break the score open.

King swapped roles from goal-defender to goal-scorer when she nabbed the second point with a penalty shot.

She fired a free kick from the 18-yard box that curled smack into the top corner.

Late in the second, Cowichan had

a good chance after a shot on O'Connor offered a rebound.

"I got my hands on it but it was available for the rebound. A girl came in to take the shot; I dove and missed but luckily it went off the bar," O'Connor said.

"We were feeling lucky the goal post was on our side," said King.

Defenders Mardon Dary and Jeanie Gray (normally a striker) maintained consistent and solid play to keep the Dragon zone clear.

"It was a great all 'round game with good passing and teamwork. Every game the team just keeps getting better," said King.

The Dragons face Gordon Head at Lambrick Park in Saanich next Sunday for their last game before the Christmas break.

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SIMS volleyball girls shine at off-island tournaments

Two Salt Spring Island Middle School (SIMS) Tsunami volleyball teams went off-island to vie in tournaments last week.

The Grade 7 girls swept a four-team tournament at George Bonner Middle School December 3.

"They all wanted to be there and they all wanted to play," said co-coach Karen Hosie.

She said the girls exemplified an amazing level of play with skill, athletic ability and determination.

Coaches Hosie and Daphne Taylor also commended the girls for great team spirit and listening skills.

"After our sixth game we told the girls 'You stunk in that game; let's throw that out the door and go back out there and play.' They played the next three games great," Hosie said.

The Tsunami girls won seven out of eight round-robin games to go on for the championship round.

Hosie noted points were only awarded on serves for round-robin games but rally points were tallied for championship matches.

"In rally-point, a point is awarded every time the ball touches the ground. The score went up quite quickly," she said.

Bonner picked up 12-9 in the first few exchanges but Tsunami remained settled and focussed to convert the score into a 25-13 victory.

"There were no stars on the team, everybody worked together," said Hosie.

"Our kids are consistent players," she said.

The Grade 8 girls travelled to Mount Prevost for a December 5 tourney to pull off a third-place finish.

"In general the team was hungry and tired by the end of it. But they were relentless; they just kept going and going," said coach Tiffany Whiteman.

She noted the Salt Spring team showed great spirit by making up their own cheers and maintaining good sportsmanship.

"They all took turns rotating our mascot dog Yoda around the gym," she laughed.

The girls displayed wonderful teamwork and many players showed signs of strong improvement by the end of the tournament, Whiteman said.

"Who thought they would have pulled together such a great team?" she said.



CHAMPS: Members of the middle school's Grade 7 volleyball team finished on top at a December 3 tournament.

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Golf Ladies: Chris Locke, 213.

Tuesday a.m.: Jim Glenn, 233; Margaret Baker, 234; John Pringle, 209.

Tuesday p.m.: Gwen McLung, 200; Clara Hicks, 237.

Special Olympics, December 2: Mahjor Bains, 172, 147, 149; Gloria Dale, 147, 186; Terry Swing, 169; Becky Clair, 140; Sharon Way, 183.

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| 3.Ed Shaske | 172 | 217 | 389 | 47 | 30.Sheldon Rompain | 160 | 196 | 356 | 42 |
| 4.Rainer Funk | 175 | 212 | 387 | 47 | 31.Mike Panes | 153 | 202 | 355 | 55 |
| 5.Jordan Morrison | 169 | 215 | 384 | 50 | 32.Joelle Morrison | 146 | 207 | 353 | 44 |
| 6.Margot Ventor | 159 | 224 | 383 | 49 | 33.Norma Newton | 151 | 200 | 351 | 34 |
| 7.Chris Jason | 168 | 215 | 383 | 55 | 34.John Bateman | 152 | 199 | 351 | 35 |
| 8.Josh Brown | 153 | 228 | 381 | 52 | 35.Sharon Garcia | 146 | 203 | 349 | 40 |
| 9.Terry Striger | 170 | 211 | 381 | 48 | 36.Pete Spencer | 134 | 215 | 349 | 39 |
| 10.Izabella Baker | 162 | 214 | 376 | 44 | 37.Evan Eyles | 158 | 191 | 349 | 41 |
| 11.Jack Matthes | 163 | 212 | 375 | 35 | 38.Jennifer Steele | 140 | 208 | 348 | 41 |
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| 14.Norm Forsyth | 145 | 225 | 370 | 45 | 41.Daemon Baker | 142 | 202 | 344 | 54 |
| 15.Lester Clare | 170 | 198 | 368 | 40 | 42.Doug Grams | 152 | 192 | 344 | 50 |
| 16.Joy Williams | 148 | 220 | 368 | 45 | 43.Dennis J. Anderson | 141 | 203 | 344 | 44 |
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| 20.Mary-Anne Legg | 152 | 214 | 366 | 56 | 47.Matrea Baker | 129 | 212 | 341 | 34 |
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| 22.Jim Goldie | 145 | 215 | 360 | 42 | 49.Tixie Van Heest | 152 | 188 | 340 | 35 |
| 23.Glen Speed | 151 | 209 | 360 | 43 | 50.Jessi Grams | 144 | 196 | 340 | 46 |
| 24.Casey Steele | 164 | 196 | 360 | 54 | 51.Cathy Stringer | 147 | 193 | 340 | 42 |
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| 59.Bob Byron | 148 | 186 | 334 | 39 |
| 60.John Cherniwchan | 132 | 202 | 334 | 38 |
| 61.Jeremy Morrison | 125 | 209 | 334 | 32 |
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NEWS FROM NORTH AND SOUTH PENDER ISLANDS

Subdivision requests on table at Trust meeting

By **KAE CHARMAN**
Staff Writer

In a marathon of mini meetings, the North Pender Island Trust Committee presided over subdivision requests, bylaw amendment applications and a parkland donation at a Saturday information/public hearing/town hall meeting. It began at 10 a.m. with a presentation by the owners of the Tyndalwood subdivision on Hooson Road.

Bill and Sharon Grenier, owners of the property known as Tyndalwood, were on hand to answer questions about their proposed subdivision. In exchange for the creation of four more lots in the 22-lot subdivision on lands formerly known as Site 6, the Greniers intend to donate 44 hectares (93.3 acres), including the peak at Mount Menzies, to the Islands Trust Fund as parkland.

The 44-hectare piece was previously deemed "common property" to owners of the bare land strata properties in the subdivision. Approval from the Islands Trust would dedicate the parkland for public use and allow for free-hold strata ownership on the remainder of the parcel. All

Islands Trust land Use bylaws would still apply to these parcels.

Differences between bare land and free-hold strata title are minimal, but according to Bill Grenier, free-hold title would be more attractive to buyers. He explained that development would still be controlled in terms of building architecture, including minimum house size and conformity to topographical features. The difference would be that potential buyers would be allowed to see development guidelines before purchasing, whereas previously they were asked to submit building plans for approval in advance.

Concern over water resources on neighbouring properties was expressed.

Though most of the wells on each lot generate one to two gallons of water per minute, there is at least one well in excess of 50 gallons and it was requested that consideration be given to supplying the entire subdivision from this one high-producing well.

Trustee Em Round said the impact on neighbouring wells would not be clear until every well was in use and he

reminded the public that the hydrant in the subdivision would remain accessible to the North and South Pender fire departments.

Not one of Tyndalwood's 22 lots have sold yet. Although the Greniers have owned the property for more than 23 years, strata-title was not registered until 1995.

Carolyn Stewart, coordinator for the Islands Trust Fund, assured those attending that the Trust Fund's first priority would be protection of existing features. She said a management plan would be developed, hopefully within six months of acquisition and with public consultation. Park trails already in place would be maintained or developed for low-impact recreational access. Stewart assured that the second step would be to seek a local management team, such as the Pender Island Parks Commission.

Concern was expressed in removing 44 hectares from the island's tax base, but Bill Grenier could not estimate the amount of money involved.

Stewart explained that the Trust did not give grants in lieu of taxes when they acquired a piece of property.

Historically, the parcel in

question was rumoured to have belonged to a Japanese family before the time of internment of Canadian/Japanese people. Through research, Grenier intends to locate the name of the family and, if found to be true, name the park after the family and dedicate a plaque in their honour.

The Trust committee felt that general approval was received from members of the public who were present and the Tyndalwood application would be added to the Trust's program.

Bylaws 134, 135, 136 and 137 were also heard throughout the day in public hearings. Most were read through as a matter of protocol with no public objection, having already gone through extensive public process.

However, Bylaw 137 covering the Helin/Lalonde Scarff Road subdivision raised some hackles at the meeting. While some members of the public spoke in favour of the subdivision which would divide a

5.6-hectare (14-acre) parcel into two of equal size, one for each of the two parties currently in residence, the owner of an adjacent property expressed dismay that the community was being asked to take responsibility for personal difficulties between partners of the property. She requested that a third-party covenant be instituted and an easement trail dedicated to provide public access to parkland behind.

Other members of the public felt the subdivision would set a precedent, potentially affecting many properties by "breaking the 10-acre rule."

Others objected to this inference, thinking the community "small-minded" to attempt to extract a price from a situation that had nothing to do with flagrant flaunting of the bylaws, but was simply the result of an unworkable agreement between two parties.

Discussion of these bylaw amendments was closed after each public hearing.

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Air bag saves driver's life

By **PAMELA BROOKS**
Staff Writer

Ethel Pearson's car flew off the sharp curve of Einah's Hill this week. It was the most badly smashed vehicle Chris Vernon of Pro Stock Auto had ever seen. Ethel's car air bag saved her life.

She has a few small cuts on her hands from the broken windshield. Her reading glasses remained intact in the glove compartment but the car had crashed among densely packed trees, shrubs and bushes and into Earl's field. Ethel was smiling with life at the library on Friday morning, with Sandy in his truck.

Earl Hastings and Val Melville returned from a cruise through the Panama Canal. Val said it was a very lovely, lazy way to holiday. She particularly enjoyed their stop at Costa Rica.

Monday, December 3, the Pender Island Chamber of Commerce Christmas Party

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hosted about 50 people at the Legion Hall. Goodies galore and a circle of laughter ensued as each participant displayed the exchange gift they received.

Friendly neighbours Arthur, Sanae and Kenta Kikuchi have personalized their Port Washington Home. Sanae has chosen a soft yellow with bright pink for the front porch.

Pender Pure water is now available at Pender Lumber. Customers can refill their own clean bottles with Ultra-Pure reverse osmosis local water.

There are two Wein fami-

ly babies to be born next year. Donny and Robin expect their baby in early February; Deborah and Tod Bullard expect their first baby next July. Maybe it's something in the water? Good wishes with the happy expansion of the family.

Pierre of Pistou Grill hosted the media celebrity Jurgen Gothe with an art food presentation designed to harmonize with the fine wines. Twenty-two lucky people imbibed and savoured the flavoured senses on Friday, December 7.

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Choir event puts Pender in the mood for Christmas

By **KAE CHARMAN**
Staff Writer

Pender Choir members, under the direction of Zorah Staar and joined by many talented members from our community, put a seasonal smile on everyone in the packed house in Home for the Holidays, a Christmas concert and variety show on Saturday.

The Community Hall was decorated to fit the mood, with graceful bows of forest greenery, candles, poinsettias and a magnificent lighted wreath on the wall behind the stage.

In bright colours, Santa hats, baubles and bangles, performers filed in while Staar tickled the keyboard to Hallelu, Hallelu. Emcees Brent Marsden and Lynne Wells kept the evening light-hearted and jovial with antics, introductions and appreciation.

Beginning with White Christmas, led by Susan Trice, audience members became part of the show with participatory singing. Thanks go to Island Tides for the loan of song sheets. Between Trice and Ann Hekkanen, sing-alongs were skillfully led and interspersed throughout the program.

Wells read an excerpt from an Elizabeth Bowen piece to introduce Kelly Dine and Jacquie Dandeneau singing the title song Home for the Holidays in perfect two-part harmony. The words were changed to personalize it to our islands.

O Holy Night was sung a capella by Nadia Nowak and Laura Biagioni, and received wild applause. Susan Trice played Coventry Carol and the Spanish song, El Noy de la Mare (The Mother's Child) on classical guitar. Both were gentle tunes, lovingly played and expertly performed.

In A Little One Like You, a song written for this concert, Zorah Staar brought the results of the events of September 11 into perspective as she sang: "Those who hurt, and those who fall, could love be bigger than it all?"

Under the direction of Betty Newell, a small group sang the heart-warming Christmas song written by the late Peter Adamson, O Holy Child of Mary Born. Dedicated to his widow Margaret, this piece brought tears to many and was beautifully sung by Phil Newell, Celeste Varley, Helen Allison, Phyllis Johnston, Shirley Lepers, Karen Gagnier, Albert Smith, Walt McAuley, Louise Baird, Doreen Williams, Brent Marsden and Lance Butler.

Nadia Funk, another young performer we've seen progress over the years, played O Little Town of Bethlehem on piano with ease and confidence. She was followed by Catherine Searle and Amy McCaughan, who sang an a cappella version of I Wonder as I Wander.

Carmen Hazell brought the heat of Hawaii to our hall as she performed in sparkling tinsel, Melikalikimaka, which means Merry Christmas in Hawaiian. Accompanied by Ed Weber, this duo lifted spirits and caused smiles, espe-

cially when Hazell danced the hula. The audience clearly loved this twosome.

Seven drummers drumming began the second half of the concert. With djembes all in a row Ginny Neale, Jo Atkins, John Eckfeldt, Sharon Slaney, Anne Quitzau, Doreen Williams and Linda Wolfe led a wild call-and-response Nigerian song called Ara Mi Le, which means "my whole self is well, very, very well on this earth." Their rhythms built to a frenzied pitch, then smoothed out for a tender ending response.

Pat Haugh sang the beautiful Huron Carol while playing folk guitar. Soft and warm, her style soothed cranky babies in the audience.

Kathy McIntyre sang Joni Mitchell's "I wish I had a river, I could skate away on," her voice filling the hall in full, rich tones, her guitar gently cradled against the rich red velvet of her dress.

And in her debut as a bass player, Natasha O'Reilly joined mom and dad, EunHee and Ricci, for two pieces of music. The first was an original tune called O 911 WTC, followed by John Lennon's So This Is Christmas, written more than 35 years ago. The hatchling bass player grooved into a fine slide up the fret board at the end of each piece. Nice effect, Natasha.

Leise Rieselt der Schnee, the only song written by Eduard Ebel in the late 1800s, was sung by Marie Krahn and Ann Hekkanen, who also played piano, while Ursula Poepel played the wooden recorder.

Then, dazzling in a skin-tight black velvet dress trimmed in tinsel like a Christmas tree, Joyce Davis sang the bluesy Santa Baby, originally recorded by Ertha Kitt in the 1950s. She was joined by the O'Reillys.

"Slip a sable under the tree for me, I've been an awful good girl. Santa baby, hurry down the chimney tonight." She made every Santa in the audience want to hurry down the chimney.

In a medley based on I Saw Three Ships, Pat Smith on vocals, penny whistle and hammer dulcimer, Jasmine Dine on vocals and violin and Catherine Searle on hand drum, this trio delighted the senses, adding a Celtic dimension to a classic carol. Searle, only one week into the art of hand-drumming, kept a steady beat throughout.

Sweet Little Jesus Boy, a quiet southern spiritual, was colourfully performed by George Ravenscroft. Given a clean bill of health after recent medical problems, Ravenscroft's deep voice was as strong as ever. His poignant performance brought clarity of mind and peace in the soul.

In a final speech, Marsden reminded us that we are fairly isolated on these islands, and encouraged us to be grateful this holiday season and to try to reach out to help our neighbours. He hoped that our thoughts and prayers were with those people in the world who did not have a warm bed to go home to, neither hot chocolate nor glass of wine.

To end the night, all sang

Silent Night as the chorus filed out, leaving only Staar playing on keyboard and Jasmine Dine stroking the last notes on her violin.

An excellent performance by all, including the audience, and a tribute to Staar, who pulled the whole thing together after many choir members took sabbatical this session, leaving few lower voices to hold down the bottom end.

Jim Pugh handled sound, Colin McLarty kept the lights shining, choir members baked magnificent goodies (served with spiced hot apple juice) for intermission, and Staar acknowledged those fledgling performers who had the courage to get up on stage even though their knees were



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6 DEATHS

JAMES MARTIN WILKINSON, originally from London, Ontario, spent the last half of his short, wondrous life (the past 18 years) happily surrounded and embraced by friends and fellow artisans as a resident of Salt Spring Island, B.C. The youngest of Donald and Ellen's five boys, James passed away on Friday, December 7, 2001, in Victoria, B.C. as a result of a sudden, unexpected illness. James was much-loved for his humour, his talent as an actor and musician, his always happy disposition, and his ability to share and spread love so generously. He was faithful, joyful and triumphant throughout his life, meeting all challenges with a shrug of optimism. His innocent naivete made him a person of incomparable decency and kindness. James shared many years with his love, Rose Graham, and was a special friend and the beloved Godfather of Fraea. James was a cherished uncle to Sean, Mariah, Sarah, Ryan, Stephanie, Rebecca, Blair and Simone. He will be sadly missed by these children, and many other people from coast-to-coast who appreciated his entertaining wit and passion for living. The youngest of five boys, James was predeceased by his loving father Donald in 1995, and is sadly missed but happily celebrated by his mother Ellen and her husband Wayne of London, Ont.; brother John and wife Christine of Stratford, Ont.; brother David and wife Katie of Esquimalt, B.C.; brother Robert and wife Joanne of Burlington, Ont.; his closest-in-age brother Thomas (Ted) of Maple Ridge, B.C.; and many other members of the Wilkinson and CoDyre families across Canada. In tribute to and in celebration of his life, James will be remembered at an "open microphone/potluck" event to be held at the Beaver Point Hall on Salt Spring Island on Friday, December 14, beginning at 3 pm and continuing until ...!?!? As an expression of gratitude and celebration for James, please join us on Salt Spring on Friday, and/or contribute to the Heart and Stroke Foundation.

ANNE DEWAR BOYD. The family of Mrs. Anne Boyd regrets to announce the death of their mother on December 8, 2001 at Lady Minto Hospital. She was predeceased by her husband Dr W.J. Boyd of Winnipeg, Manitoba. Surviving are three children William Dewar (Sandra) of Winnipeg, Barre Chura (John) of Dauphin, Manitoba and Nancy Hardy (Michael) of Salt Spring Island and their families. Also surviving are the four sons of Dr. Boyd, W. Thomas (Diane) of Vancouver, R. Jamie MD (Karin), J.D. (Sherry) and R. Bruce MD (Karen MD) all of Winnipeg, Manitoba and their families. She was also predeceased by her son Daniel Dewar but is survived by his son Michael of Red Deer, Alberta. Also predeceased by her first husband William Dewar. Anne spent 20 years as an employee of Sears, the last eight as a training supervisor during which she traveled all the provinces of Alberta, Saskatchewan, and the North West Territories. She also spent 11 years as a volunteer for the Museum of Man & Nature Winnipeg, Manitoba. A private family farewell will be held at her request. In lieu of flowers donations can be sent to the Lady Minto Hospital fund, 135 Crofton Road, Salt Spring Island, BC V8K 1T1. Hayward's Funeral Service.

6 DEATHS

CONSTANCE ADAIR passed away peacefully on December 5, 2001 at Lady Minto Hospital. She will be sadly missed by her husband Jack, sister Bev Arnold, son Carman Adair, nieces and nephews: Greg, Nancy, Scott, Rachal and other family members. A graveside service was held on Saturday, December 8, 2001. Hayward's Funeral Service.

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I WISH to sincerely thank Dr. Karen Berg and the nurses and staff of Lady Minto Hospital for their excellent care of my wife, Constance. Also, thank you to our many friends for their help. -Jack Adair.

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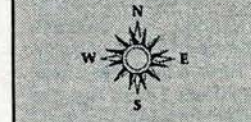
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CHRISTMAS KISS: Mellisa Poulsen snuggles up to Santa, giving him a big kiss, as Ganges Village Market welcomed the big guy and free photos Saturday. Photo by Derrick Lundy

SPORTS POOLS

DAGWOOD'S POOL

Next meeting: Wed. Jan. 2, 7 p.m sharp at Dagwoods.

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|-----------------|-----|----|
| 1 Vancouver | 273 | 29 |
| 2 Atlanta | 269 | 28 |
| 3 Pittsburgh | 248 | 32 |
| 4 Washington | 243 | 18 |
| 5 Boston | 243 | 8 |
| 6 St. Louis | 240 | 21 |
| 7 Anaheim | 235 | 29 |
| 8 New Jersey | 232 | 25 |
| 9 Phoenix | 230 | 17 |
| 10 Edmonton | 226 | 18 |
| 11 Toronto | 224 | 20 |
| 12 Colorado | 219 | 28 |
| 13 Islanders | 219 | 24 |
| 14 Ottawa | 215 | 13 |
| 15 San Jose | 214 | 9 |
| 16 Dallas | 213 | 21 |
| 17 Philidelphia | 191 | 10 |

GOLF COURSE POOL

Next meeting: Fri. Jan. 4, 5 p.m sharp.

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| 1 Marx Bros | 1 | 278 | 24 |
| 2 Ice Dogs | | 273 | 28 |
| 3 Islanders | | 272 | 33 |
| 4 Vancouver | | 268 | 26 |
| 5 Dallas | | 265 | 22 |
| 6 Greenwood | | 259 | 13 |
| 7 Senorita's | | 257 | 19 |
| 8 Toronto | | 250 | 19 |
| 9 Nads | | 246 | 18 |
| 10 Rangers | | 243 | 19 |
| 11 Los Angeles | | 237 | 22 |

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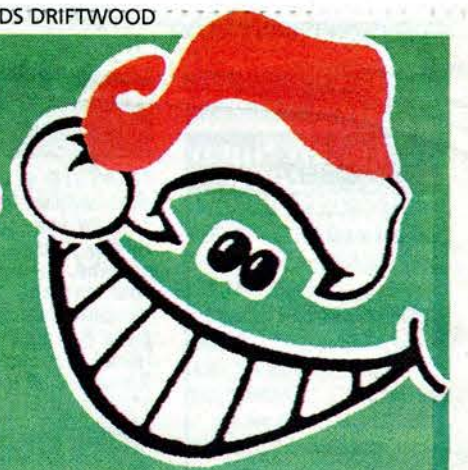
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| 1st Day (Dec. 13th) |Pedicure | \$85 = 37 |
| 2nd Day (Dec. 14th) |Massage | \$79 = 53 |
| 3rd Day (Dec. 15th) |Chocolate Salt Glow | \$89 = 26 |
| 4th Day (Dec. 16th) |Energizing Back | \$89 = 59 |
| 5th Day (Dec. 17th) |Spa Special | \$119 = 79 |
| 6th Day (Dec. 18th) |Manicure | \$50 = 33 |
| 7th Day (Dec. 19th) |Chocolate Decadence | \$119 = 79 |
| 8th Day (Dec. 20th) |Be Good To Your Feet | \$119 = 79 |
| 9th Day (Dec. 21st) |Face & Body | \$129 = 86 |
| 10th Day (Dec. 22nd) |Tip to Toe | \$189 = 106 |
| 11th Day (Dec. 23rd) |Healing Herbal Wrap | \$159 = 106 |
| 12th Day (Dec. 24th) |Rejuvenator | \$199 = 133 |

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 Display - Noon Thursday, Dec. 20
 Classified - 5 pm. Friday, Dec. 21
 Too late - noon Monday, Dec. 24
 Publication: 8:30 am Thursday, Dec. 27

DRIFTWOOD CLASSIFIEDS: In person: 328 Lower Ganges Rd.

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