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Another year welcomed

Islanders partied, danced and socialized at numerous island hot spots as 2001 turned into 2002. See photos:

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Disc golfers take to the 'greens'

Seventy-six disc golfing enthusiasts landed at Mouat Park on Boxing Day for an annual tournament.

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Weather

Heavy rains are forecast between today (Thursday) and Saturday, with showers predicted for Sunday and Monday. Highs up to 9 C (Sunday); lows down to 2 C (Thursday).

50 start year with chilly ocean dip



IN AND A QUICK OUT: Jill Hickford, right, is among the swimmers in the annual New Year's Day Polar Bear Swim at Vesuvius Beach to make a quick exit from the chilly waters. More Photos, Page 3.

Photo by Derrick Lundy

The first day of 2002 proved a chilling experience for about 50 brave Salt Spring souls who took the Polar Bear plunge on New Year's Day.

It was no Mickey Mouse event, even though the Disney costume theme meant several mouse-like characters were checking out the water temperature.

Rain continued to pelt down as spectators and swimmers alike waited for the 1 p.m. start time. Hot chocolate and donuts were available for fuelling up the swimmers and pacifying those who couldn't envision dunking themselves into the icy waters of Vesuvius Beach.

There was some speculation that the waters at the southern end of the island were warmer, but it was probably just a rumour being passed on by those who drove all the way to the north end of the island to watch.

MC Shilo Zylbergold kept everyone entertained with his running repartee, wise cracks and bonhomie. The registration actually began once those daring to take the plunge were in the water.

This year's theme was Disney and the swimmers didn't disappoint with their costumes. There were more Miceys and Minnies than any other Disney characters and one enterprising woman used balloons for Mickey Mouse ears. A group of Aladdins, a thonged mud man

ANNUAL SWIM 3

Island man says talk bridge now

By MITCHELL SHERRIN
Staff Writer

It might take a deft step to walk the razor's edge of controversy, but one islander is willing to discuss the option of building a bridge between Salt Spring and Vancouver Island.

"We need to be brave enough to look at the possibilities while we still have the power to choose," said local hairdresser Bevan Wrate.

He's conducted an informal poll of his 300-500 clients and found that 50 per cent are in favour of considering a bridge proposal.

"I'm not a bridge advocate but I think we need to look at where we'll be in 10

years. We need to consider the health, prosperity and welfare of the island's economy," Wrate said.

"Salt Spring residents must pay thousands of dollars every year to maintain the ferry links to Vancouver Island."

Everyone is disappointed by B.C. Ferry Corporation mismanagement and islanders receive a very small return from their investment, he said.

"What if B.C. Ferries announced a major change? That could wipe out a major part of the business community."

Wrate suggested that a massive rate hike or reduction

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LOOKING BACK: 2001

News highlights of the year 2001

January

• Fire victim Jim Scott said he was amazed by community response following a Christmas Eve fire that destroyed his rental home in Vesuvius. Scott narrowly escaped with his life in the fire. "I intend to use whatever time is left for me, which I regard as a gift," he said.

• The Salt Spring Parks, Arts and Recreation Commission (PARC) was beginning to feel the heat from its decision to withdraw as the umbrella group for community leisure programs. PARC announced in December that it would no longer handle registration for courses and programs. People turned out to a January 29 meeting to express their concerns.

• Personnel from the North Salt Spring Waterworks District were set to discuss purchase of the Ripon Creek watershed

with Texada Land Corporation president Rob Macdonald.

• The purchase of the first non-watershed Texada land occurred when the Nature Trust of B.C. bought some 32 hectares (80 acres) of land immediately below an ecological reserve on the south side of Mount Maxwell.

• Local naturalist Briony Penn bared all in Vancouver on January 22 as she rode a horse down Howe Street. "Lady Godiva" was escorted by other bare-breasted placard carrying supporters. Penn mounted a last-ditch effort to put an end to the logging on Salt Spring Island by Texada Land Corporation. Noon-hour traffic was effectively halted along the busy downtown street.

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Ferry union has 'big problem' with Wright Report

The B.C. Ferry and Marine Workers' Union is cautioning the provincial government to tread carefully as it considers suggestions put forward in the Wright Report, a review of the B.C. Ferry Corporation and alternative uses for the Fast Ferries.

"The report contains a number of suggestions that, if implemented, would mark a dramatic change in a critical transportation infrastructure that has been central to the B.C. economy since 1960," said union presi-

dent Trevor Oram.

"There is no question that there needs to be full and informed public debate on this issue before any significant changes are made. I hope and expect Premier Campbell will commit his government to ensuring this takes place."

Wright's report recommends increased ferry fares, reduced service levels, fixed links (bridges and tunnels) within the Gulf Islands, alterations to the collective bargaining agree-

ment with B.C. Ferries employees and privatization of some routes.

"Privatizing ferry service is about off-loading responsibility, unsustainable fare increases, poor service and tearing up contracts with workers," Oram said.

"We have a big problem with that."

Oram said that B.C. Ferries was created by W.A.C. Bennett in response to turbulent private-sector labour relations and the need to deliver a safe, dependable ferry service.

"A stable working relationship between the union and the B.C. Ferry Corporation has existed for almost a quarter of a century and the need for safe, dependable service continues," he said.

"It would be shameful if all that work was thrown away in favour of a lesser service."

Oram will meet with MLAs and other affected stakeholders in the coming weeks to discuss the Wright Report and issues on safety of an aging fleet.

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tion in service would have an immediate impact on Salt Spring's tourism industry.

"Potential tourists might decide to go to Tofino instead. We don't have a monopoly on beauty," he said.

He believes one bad season could be enough to push a lot of businesses out of financial viability and that since many businesses on the island are interconnected, this could be catastrophic.

Wrate suggests islanders should gather more information about bridge possibilities, discuss options and hold back from making decisions.

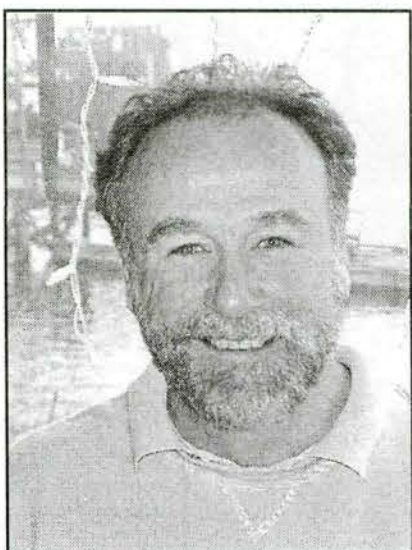
He recognizes there are many different viewpoints on the issue.

"Some people are dragging the past behind them while others are pulling on the future," Wrate said.

"Salt Spring is different for every person who lives here. Some people say 'You knew what you were getting into when you moved here. If you didn't like it why did you come?' We moved here for the pristine beauty 12 years ago but our three teenage daughters thought they'd died and gone to hell."

There were just barely enough services on the island then to maintain an adequate lifestyle for young people on the island, he said.

"We need a good mix," said Wrate.



Bevan Wrate

Photo by Mitchell Sherrin

"There's an underlying feeling among some people that the island will sink under the weight of development."

But Wrate knows a number of islanders who are looking at moving away because Salt Spring doesn't have enough services.

Older people are feeling more vulnerable to medical needs and younger families want access to facilities such

as pools and ice rinks not available on the island.

"As much as we love it, we don't want to feel so isolated."

Wrate believes it would be feasible to build a toll bridge in Sansum Narrows.

"A professional baseball player could probably get a throw a good way across there."

His father was a highways engineer in Alberta who would think nothing of building such a small span.

"If you could take one of those fast ferries and put it on end, we could have a bridge with a restaurant and still have ferry service for the die-hards," he grinned.

Wrate pointed out that a toll bridge would save on infrastructure costs as islanders could capitalize on assets such as hospitals, pools and ice-rinks in neighbouring communities.

He believes that Salt Spring could still maintain its unique charm with a toll bridge.

"I would love to see the island develop in a positive way," he said.

He likened islanders to modern pioneers who endure hardship to live amid natural beauty.

"This is wilderness and it can be hard to make a go of it here," he said.

"It would be nice if we weren't penalized for leaving."

Vesuvius dock closes; Cumberland in for refit

B.C. Ferries Corporation (BCFC) has announced that Vesuvius Bay dock will be closed Tuesday, January 8 between 9:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. to replace a floating lead.

Service will resume with the 4:30 p.m. sailing from Crofton and the 5 p.m. sailing from Vesuvius.

"B.C. Ferries appreciates the patience and understanding of our customers as we work to maintain our dock structures," 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 dock renovation was postponed from December 11 after mechanical problems with installation equipment.

In other Gulf Islands ferry news, the Queen of Cumberland is out of service and in refit for the next month. It will be replaced by the smaller Bowen Queen, so travellers are advised that some overloads may be expected on peak sailings.

Anticipated return date of the Cumberland is February 1.

B.C. Ferries announced the January 2 refit date late last Friday.

FOR THE RECORD

• Incorrect conversions from square metres to square feet plagued a December 27 story on an oversized Long

Harbour float. Square metre figures were correctly stated but their square feet counterparts were smaller than indicated. The wharf, ramp and float in question is 1,355 square feet in size (not 450 as stated). The Salt Spring Local Trust Committee authorized a

float area of 440 square feet, not 146 square feet.

• Local physiotherapist Michelle Nadon was misrepresented in a December 27 article about health care cuts.

The article reported Nadon was required to see a high volume of patients as a

result of a low Medical Services Plan fee schedule.

What Nadon said was that B.C. physiotherapists have traditionally been required to see a high volume of patients due to the low fee schedule. She only sees two patients per hour.

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A NEW YEAR'S DAY TRADITION:

Spectators and swimmers alike had a chance at being soaked to the skin Tuesday as the annual Polar Bear Swim got under way at Vesuvius Beach in the pouring rain. Disney was the theme. Seen here, clockwise from top, are: Katy Haydon as Minnie Mouse; Muriel McCormack also as Minnie Mouse; Wayne Simons, pouring warm mud on himself as Shrek; youths costumed with Aladdin in mind; and Sarah and Rebekah Davies, dressed as characters from Alice and Wonderland.

Derrick Lundy photos



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(Shrek), some fairies and perhaps even Snow White all strode, ran or inched their way into the frigid water.

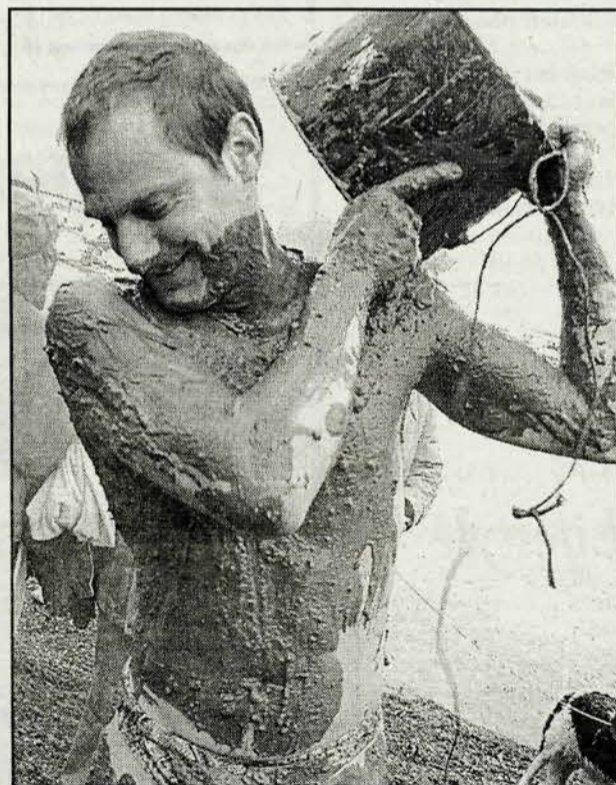
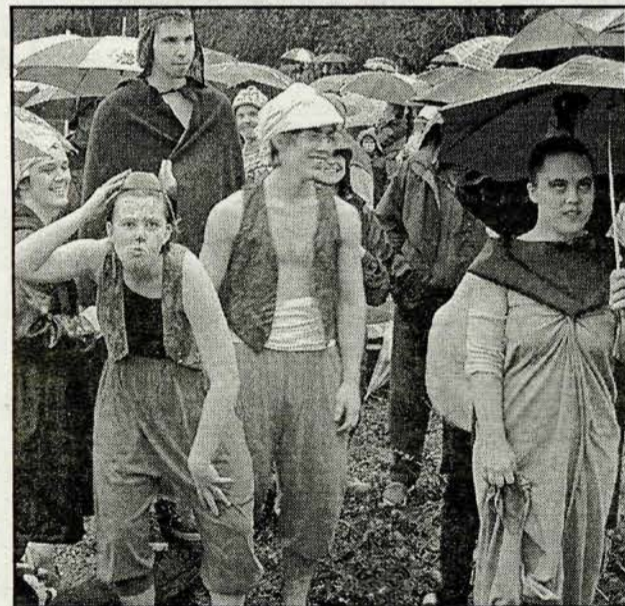
Elizabeth Cronin, 13, took her first Polar Bear swim Tuesday. When asked why she did it, she said, "I don't know why, just for fun. I thought it might be fun and I always said I would do it."

Sponsored by the Salt Spring Island Chamber of Commerce, the annual event drew about 300 adults, kids and dogs onto the beach at Vesuvius.

Prizes, donated by island businesses, were awarded in various categories. Nancy Wigen, 67, was recognized as having taken the plunge for the 13th time.

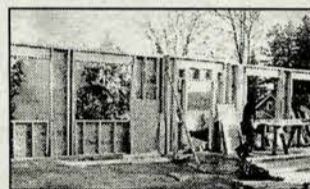
One prize-winner was shocked by his award, however. John Herbert, age 42, earned honours for "oldest male swimmer," suggesting the business of finding winners among a chaotic sea of flailing bodies is not exactly scientific, especially when a formal registration process is not used.

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FISH FOR DINNER? Andy Grigg, left, and Tyver Smith gear up for a spot of holiday fishing at St. Mary Lake. They were spotted there last weekend.

Photo by Derrick Lundy

10 'sustainability indicators' selected for Trust initiative

Trust area islands will be put under the data-detecting microscope following a Trust Council agreement on how to measure its progress in helping foster sustainable communities.

While trustees were unable to agree on what should be measured when they met in Victoria last month, they later chose 10 "sustainability indicators" from a suggested list of 18 presented by Trust staff.

Linda Adams, manager of Trust area programs, will now compile data for the islands showing the area of land with protected status; water levels in groundwater observations wells; tree cover; protected streams; length of roads compared to land area and

population; number and tax classification of land titles; population growth; participation in local elections; crime rate; and designated scenic and historic roads.

Called the Measuring Our Progress initiative of the Sustaining the Islands program, trustees approved the project at their September council meeting.

Council chairman David Essig called it "the first step in helping our island communities be more aware of sustainability in the Trust area. We can only achieve our mandate if we all work together and this program will provide good information to let us know how we are doing."

Adams said more than 90 indicators were suggested by members of the public, trustees, the Trust Fund Board, Trust staff and other agencies after being requested in September.

She also looked at material from other groups' indicator studies and talked to staff handling similar projects in other communities.

Adams chose potential indicators based on their relationship to the Islands Trust Policy Statement; availability and cost of data; its measurability; potential to affect local government issues; and how it balances between environmental, economic and social factors.

More time for waterworks petition

Trustees of the Beddis Waterworks District (BWD) are waiting to hear from nine overseas and American property owners to determine the outcome of a petition process commenced with meetings in November.

BWD board chairman Don Stevens said because the tallies appear to be close at this point, trustees want to give the people more

time to return their petition forms.

If the petition passes, the BWD would ask the Capital Regional District to take over operation of its water system and apply for a federal-provincial infrastructure grant to help defray costs of installing an ozone disinfection system. Increased parcel taxes would also help pay for the new water treatment system.

Drinkers, accidents keep local police on their toes

Most complaints dealt with by local RCMP over the past week were alcohol-related, and police issued several 24-hour suspensions.

Early Sunday morning two males were apprehended when a number of vehicles were checked after departing the Talons parking lot in Gasoline Alley.

A 22-year-old male driver of a 1979 Chev van, and a 27-year-old male in a 1993 black Toyota 4x4 were issued 24-hour prohibitions from driving.

Earlier on the weekend, at 7:55 p.m. Saturday, three people suffered non-life-

RCMP REPORT

threatening injuries when their 1997 Toyota Corolla lost control rounding the corner at St. Paul's Church in Fulford Harbour.

A 20-year-old Salt Spring male driver spun his vehicle sideways and landed between two trees.

The vehicle was stopped by rocks and debris at a sharp angle over a steep embankment on the ocean side.

Speed does not appear to

have been a factor, said police. The vehicle was towed from the scene.

Last Thursday a 16-year-old youth was arrested at the request of the Nanaimo RCMP detachment.

He was found to be in possession of his mother's vehicle, which was taken without her consent. He was released on a promise to appear in Nanaimo Court in February.

Salt Spring Island RCMP remind residents and visitors to use caution and appoint designated drivers or use taxi services if they are drinking.

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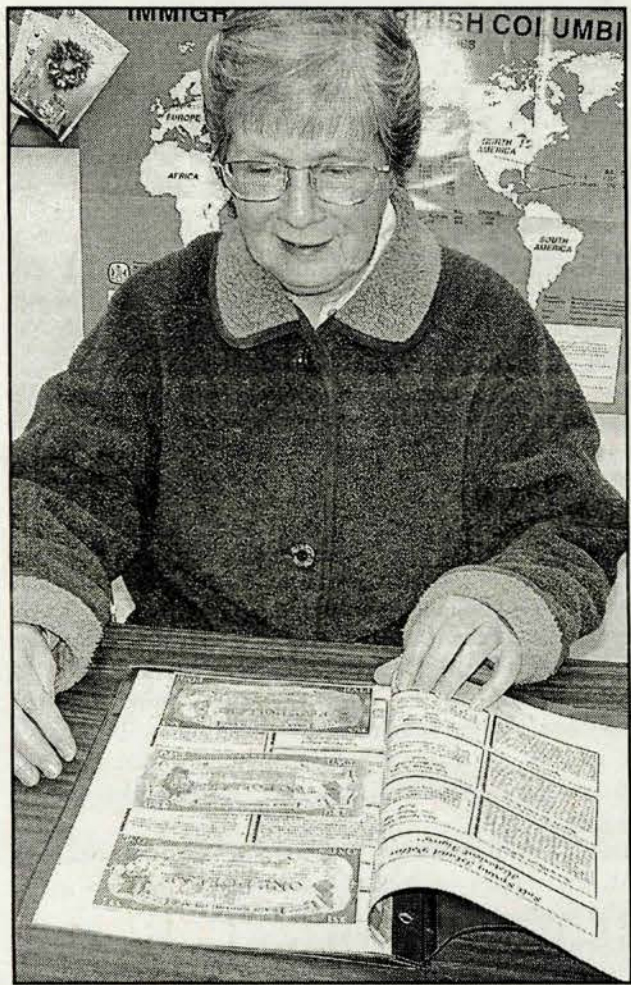
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THE BUCK IS HERE: Mary Davidson, manager of the Salt Spring Island Historical Society Archives, looks over a set of uncirculated first-issue Salt Spring Island dollars. The \$1, \$2, and \$5 denomination bills were presented to the archives by Bob McGinn. McGinn expects the \$10 and \$20 denominations to be out by the end of January.

Photo by Pirjo Raits

Archives now open Thursday mornings

First the Driftwood bid goodbye to traditional Wednesdays, and now the Salt Spring Archives is doing the same.

Archivist Mary Davidson said the archives will be open Thursday mornings from 10 through 11:30, rather than the long-standing Wednesday slot.

With the change of Salt Spring Historical Society monthly meeting from Tuesdays to Wednesdays, which was initiated in the fall, it was felt the archives should be open on a different day of the week.

People can still access the archives, located in the Windfall Room of the public library, before 10 a.m. on Thursdays by making an appointment with Davidson at 653-4357.

Davidson also released

two other bits of news. With aid of a grant from the Salt Spring Foundation, the archives' photographic collection is being put into order and stored for optimal preservation.

A website is also due for release in February or March, thanks to the hard work of Frank Neumann.

Look for news about the Islands Trust's first Community Stewardship Awards Program to hit the streets this month.

Nominations will be accepted for individuals, schools or classrooms, community and non-profit groups or business entities that have "demonstrated efforts to enhance a community in the Trust area in a manner consistent with the mandate of the Islands Trust."

Deadline for nominations will be April 1, 2002. More details are on the horizon.

Also arising from the December quarterly meeting of Islands Trust Council in Victoria were the following items.

- Some \$40,000 will be saved this budget year through the Islands Trust reducing its Victoria office space. Trustees accepted staff recommendations to spend \$15,000 of that total on an "office space planning study" and other minor office requirements this year, and to put the remaining \$25,000 into a capital reserve fund for future office needs.

Not everyone was comfortable with allocating the funds that way, however.

Hornby trustee Ron Emerson said, "If we've realized some savings we should pass those onto our constituents."

- Salt Spring trustee Bev Byron passed around a plaque made in honour of long-time trustee John Stepaniuk, who died suddenly in early March. Council had decided at a previous meeting that Stepaniuk should be formally acknowledged in some way.

- Council approved some Trust Policy Statement editing done "for clarity of language" and to recognize Bowen Island's municipal status within the Trust.

Formal public notification of document changes is required and will be forth-

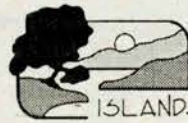
coming.

TRUST BRIEFS

the first map in the Salish Seas community mapping project created by a First Nations member.

Herb Rice of Kuper Island's Penelakut band has carved and painted a "map" depicting how his island

came to exist. The map exhibit consisting of artistic representations from 17 islands completed a successful show in November, said Dunster, and heads next to Bowen Island on January 12.



ISLANDS TRUST

ISLANDS TRUST MAYNE ISLAND LOCAL TRUST COMMITTEE NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE is hereby given that the Mayne Island Local Trust Committee will be holding a Public Hearing on the following proposed Bylaws:

Bylaw No. 116 cited as "Mayne Island Land Use Bylaw, 1996, Amendment No. 2, 2001"

Bylaw No. 118 cited as "Mayne Island Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 86, 1994, Amendment No. 2, 2001";

For the purpose of allowing the public to make representations to the Local Trust Committee respecting matters contained in the proposed bylaws, commencing at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, January 12, 2002, at the Agricultural Hall, Mayne Island, BC. The Public Hearing will be preceded by a community information meeting commencing at 11:00 am at the same location.

At the Public Hearing the public, including all persons who believe that their interest in property is affected by the proposed bylaws, shall be afforded a reasonable opportunity to be heard in person, by a representative, or by written submission respecting matters contained in the proposed bylaws, at the above time and place.

Bylaw No. 116 - cited as "Mayne Island Land Use Bylaw, 1996, Amendment No. 2, 2001"

In general terms, the purpose of proposed Bylaw No. 116 is to amend the Land Use Bylaw regulations affecting definitions, accessory buildings, elevation above floodplain, setbacks from the sea and legal descriptions of property.

Bylaw No. 118 - cited as "Mayne Island Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 86, 1994, Amendment No. 2, 2001"

In general terms, the purpose of proposed Bylaw No. 118 is to amend the Official Community Plan to include policies permitting amenity rezoning, density transfer and conservation zoning.

All persons concerned should inspect the proposed bylaws to satisfy themselves as to how their lands may be affected by the proposed regulations. A copy of the proposed bylaws and relevant background documents in respect of the proposed bylaws that may be considered by the Local Trust Committee may be inspected at the Islands Trust Office, #200 - 1627 Fort Street, Victoria, B.C. between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday to Friday, inclusive, excluding statutory holidays, commencing, Monday, December 10, 2001 up to and including, Friday, January 11, 2002. Please note that the Islands Trust office will be closed from December 24, 2001 through January 1, 2002.

For the convenience of public only and not to satisfy Section 892(2)(e) of the Local Government Act, additional copies of the proposed bylaws may be inspected at the Fernhill Centre, Trading Post, Agricultural Hall and Advisory Planning Commission Notice Board on Mayne Island.

Written submissions may be delivered to:

1. the office of the Islands Trust by mail at #200 - 1627 Fort Street, Victoria, B.C. V8R 1H8, or by Fax (250) 405-5155, prior to 4:30 p.m. Friday, January 11, 2002; and
2. after 4:30 p.m. Friday, January 11, 2002, by delivery to the Local Trust Committee at the Public Hearing starting at 2:00 p.m., Saturday, January 12, 2002 until the close of the hearing.

Inquiries regarding the proposed bylaws may be directed to the Islands Trust Office, Mayne Island Planner, at (250) 405-5159, or for Toll Free access, request a transfer via Enquiry BC: In Vancouver 660-2421 and elsewhere in BC 1-800-663-7867.

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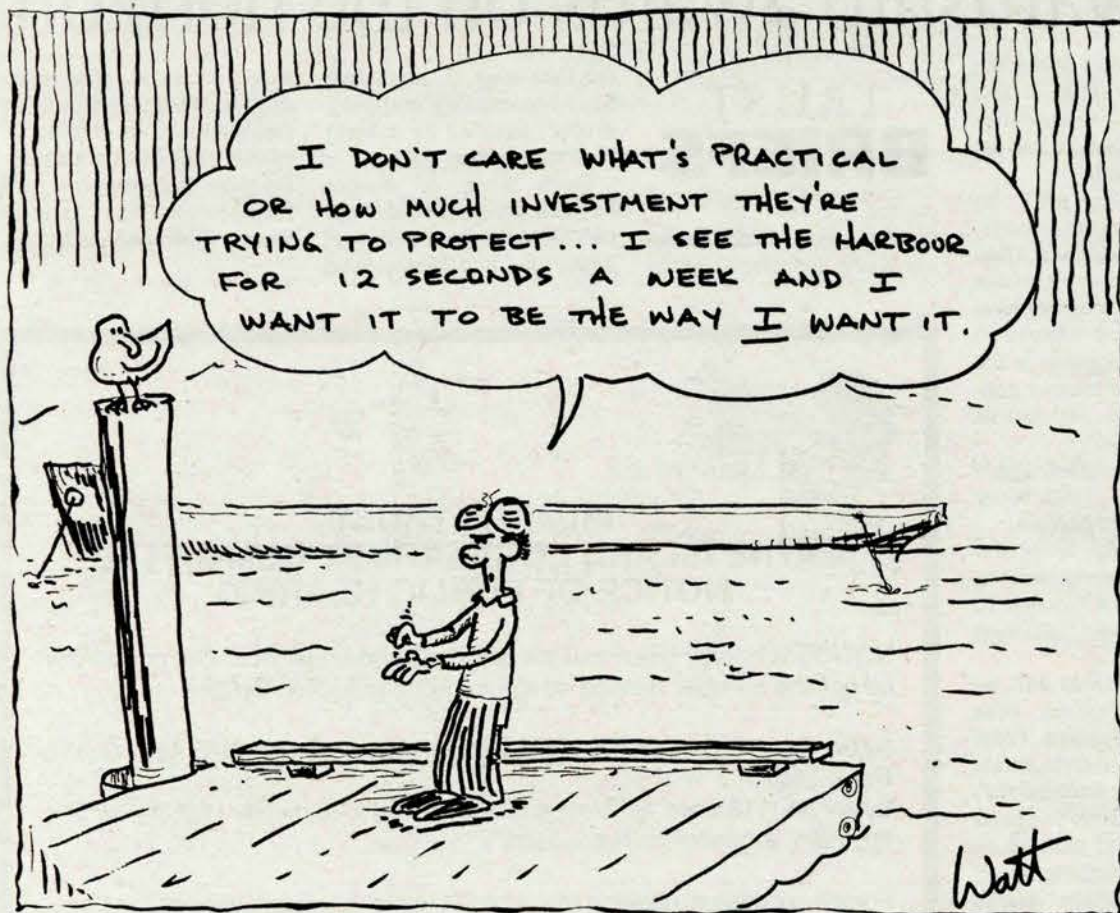
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New approach needed as we reflect on past year

By TREVOR SEWELL

As we end another year and reflect on a rather annus horribilus, Queen Elizabeth suggests we find comfort in our community and our religions.

I would like to suggest an alternative view.

Some say it has been a new world since the tragic events of September 11,

I think it is just the same old world that we have woken up to, but some of us are now seeing it through different glasses.

Maybe 9/11 was our wake-up call to help us question our arrogant beliefs and behaviours.

We thought we were immortal, not vulnerable to attack in our home fortress, and we felt no responsibility for the consequences of our actions around the world.

Some people have used the post-September period to review their belief system and make some serious changes to their lives. I offer congratulations.

Others have reacted in the same old way — taken cover and hidden away from a more uncertain world or after a brief mourning period (and spending, spending), returned to normal life (spending, spending) as encouraged by our leaders.

All this whilst being inundated by the ever-louder angry cry for an unlimited war against terrorism and revenge.

But I say that normal isn't going to work any more.

Keep on doing the same old things (like anger, war and revenge) and all you get is the same old result (an ever-increasingly violent world).

VIEW POINT

Maybe we need a new approach.

Stop following our leaders blindly and listen to our hearts instead.

Stop looking outward for

"... (risk) a new outlook, new behaviour and (be) prepared to be vulnerable and give up our self-focussed materialistic views."

answers and comfort through materialism and look inwards instead.

Re-connect to our souls and spirits. Feel connected to our world and the beauty of nature. Realize we do have a choice about how we respond to world events.

Live a life of risks and no regrets.

And as a Palestinian (or maybe Israeli, or maybe both) girl said recently: the only way we are ever going to live in peace is if we start to get to know each other!

So I challenge everyone to take a small step to a better

world.

Smile at a stranger. Make friends with someone you don't know, better still, someone from another culture; even better, your enemy.

Gain a better understanding of another country, culture, religion.

Feel and share the pain of innocent victims of terrorism, wars, politics and natural disasters around the world.

Grief is OK.

Stop accepting what the media and politicians feed us and go challenge it or go find out the truth for yourselves.

Use the wonders of modern technology like the internet to get re-connected to the world.

I think we only have a chance of finding peace if we can find the answers to the question "why do they hate us?"

It's a very poignant question that was asked in the days after 9/11 but now seems to have been forgotten and lost amongst the loud shouts of war and revenge and "let's get back to normal."

It's a question we will only answer by risking a new outlook, new behaviour and being prepared to be vulnerable and give up our self-focussed materialistic views.

But despite the gloomy state of affairs, don't forget that the waves do still roll in, the stars still do come out and silence does still exist somewhere close by.

Find it and follow your hearts.

The writer is a new resident of Salt Spring.

Barge or boat, hulk or horror?

As local authorities sift through the bylaws in search of a definition for the word boat, Salt Spring Islanders continue to debate the merits of the new addition to Ganges Harbour, the appropriately named "incredible hulk."

It is incredible for its sheer size and appearance. At 325 feet in length, it is an imposing hulk. That is why it has quickly become a sore point for many of those who live on Ganges Harbour and must look at the former tanker, now a breakwater for Ganges Marina.

It is a sore point for another reason: its placement is seen as a flaunting of the rules and yet another indication that those rules have no value because they are so rarely enforced.

In recent years there has been a steadily growing disillusionment with the Islands Trust, though not with what it stands for. Many islanders looked to the Trust for leadership when the Texada Land Corporation began a massive logging operation. They looked in vain, for the Trust is a bureaucracy designed to regulate land use, not provide political leadership on issues of the day.

Other, smaller issues have met with the similar results, and through it all the matter of bylaw enforcement has left many wondering why we have bylaws in the first place.

As a result, a growing number of islanders have come to develop varying degrees of disrespect for the Trust. If asked, many would probably agree they have essentially withdrawn their consent to be governed by it. The situation thus created is neither healthy nor acceptable, but that is of little consolation to the new breakwater's objectors, nor to those who would appreciate a clear understanding of what is allowed and what is not.

Meanwhile, the breakwater does have its merits.

Plans for a breakwater have been in place for a number of years, but cost has been prohibitive. The choice of employing an old tanker for the purpose was the most cost-effective for marina owners, who were faced with the necessity of protecting an investment whose security was subject to the whims of weather.

However, that investment matters a great deal to more than just the marina itself. For several months of the year, marine traffic in Ganges Harbour is an important element of the local economic engine. And the fuel dock and moorage space provided by the marina are essential to that marine traffic.

Like it or not, the island needs the marina's facilities, which must include a breakwater of some kind.

Perhaps the most effective solution would be the construction of a rip-rap breakwater, similar to that which protects the public floats at Centennial Park, across the mouth of the harbour, near Grace Islet. It could offer protection to a much greater area of the harbour than that occupied by Ganges Marina. But the likelihood of such a proposal gaining financial support from government, let alone the blessing of environmentalists, is slim to say the least.

The best solution to the current impasse, therefore, would be to find the means to accommodate both the tanker and those whose views are obstructed by it. Can it be painted to relieve concerns over visual pollution? Can it be re-shaped, as in cutting off the bow as once suggested by the marina owner, and floated lower in the water to make it less imposing?

These and any other possible options need to be explored with the goal of finding a solution in the best interests of the community. While Islands Trust staff are engaged in coming up with the definition of a boat, its political arm might show a bit of leadership, something that would serve us all well at this point.

Insanity and fun

Why would dozens of otherwise sane people congregate on a beach to peel off their clothes on a wintry January day, and then rush headlong into the frigid waters of the ocean?

That is undoubtedly the question on the minds of many of those whose sanity has been certified by their having stood on said beach, fully clothed, to observe the antics of their crazy neighbours.

Unfortunately, there is no easy answer.

For several years we have pondered this question. Some of us on the Driftwood editorial staff have even gone so far as to try it ourselves in our never-ending quest for truth and understanding. Enlightenment, though, has eluded us so far. We remain as puzzled as anyone over the curious attraction of a cold swim on a blustery day in January.

However, that said, we wouldn't miss it for the world.

It says a lot about the event that onlookers outnumber swimmers by at least three to one. Thankfully, it says a lot too about the prevailing level of sanity among islanders. But it says a lot more about our enjoyment of social, community events.

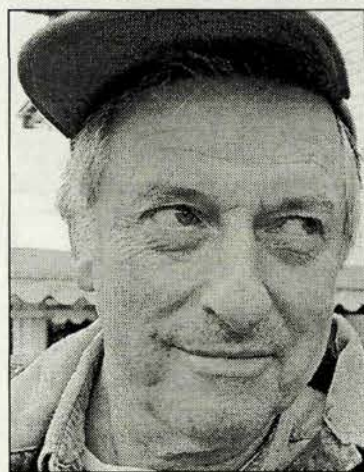
In a word, the New Year's Day Polar Bear Swim is crazy.

But in another word, it is also fun.

We look forward to observing next year's event, fully clothed, warm and dry.

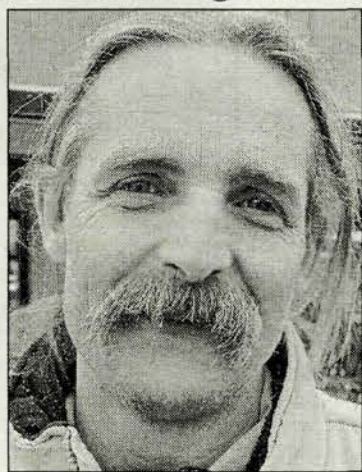
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We asked: *What creative things should Salt Spring do with the barge in Ganges Harbour?*



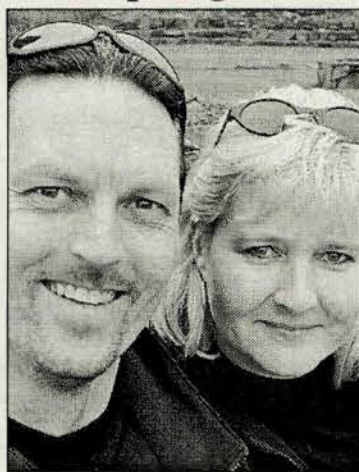
Ray Fraser

I don't think they need to do anything if they have an old-fashioned south-easter — haven't seen one of them for 20-plus years. It would be a big kindling mess.



Morgan Smith

Paint it all kinds of colours. It's better than the last one they had there.



Chris and Sue MacKenzie

Make it as invisible as possible.



Danny Chamblin

Make it a skateboard park.



Vohn Rosang

It would be neat to have a little colourful garden on it. It is serving a purpose.

Letters to the Editor

Bridge not new

As a youngster growing up on Salt Spring in the early 1960s, I remember a fellow by the name of Young who circulated a petition for a fixed link between Isabella Point and the point of land extending from Swartz Bay.

I believe he owned what was the Gulf station in Ganges (Gasoline Alley now). This idea had been banded around for years before the B.C. Ferries came into being. Some say it's too costly or not feasible, the waters are far too rough in the strait, there's too much shipping traffic and on and on it goes.

I am sure that your newspaper archives will produce some articles to show that this is not a new idea. **J. ANDERSON, (BUIENWERF), Campbell River**

Ferry Tales

Re the Fred Wright report on page A2, December 20 issue.

I read the first paragraph with some dismay: higher fares, reduced service, privatization and even bridges if B.C. Ferries accepts the recommendations of Mr. Wright.

I moved to Salt Spring because it is an island and any mention of bridges is odious to say the least.

I also believe the ferry system should be considered a continuation of our highway system and monies allotted accordingly. For instance and for comparison, what is the final figure on the Vancouver Island Highway improvement — four billion, six billion, eight billion dollars or more? The island highway is never crowded when I drive it and I can only assume it may be built to handle traffic in 2040?

Mr. Wright says it will take \$1.1 billion over the next 15 years to replace our ferry fleet. I believe \$1.1 billion divided by 15 is \$74 million a year. So build them where you want to, but build them for \$74 million or less a year.

I won't mention "free trade" or any other controversial aspects but get the best ferries for the best price. (Remember Fast Cats?) Remember, value for money!

I will not make any comment on the ferry workers and split shifts except to say why would anyone

want to work a very long day to get in one normal eight-hour shift? This is disruptive and creates more stress on ferry workers than necessary. I worked a four-day, 10-hour shift before I retired and that was reasonable and acceptable to a man raising four children.

Any further attempts to "sell" bridges to us islanders should, by necessity, include the costs of such structures. Also, what will the toll be? What will the upkeep be? And will there be a diner halfway across so I can get a cup of coffee? (Only fooling.)

The large ferries bound to Victoria from Vancouver have diners and that is fine. But, one does not expect to eat on a two-hour air flight so I do not need to eat on a one-and-a-half to two-hour ferry ride. Discontinue the food service on ferries where it is not cost effective.

I certainly do not have all the answers but I do have some plain, simple questions that need to be addressed.

DON MADSEN,
Brinkworthy Place

Scapegoats

It always comes down to the same bottom line with humans and the environment: let's kill some animals to straighten out our mess.

We hear fisherman screaming that the mismanaged fish stocks will never recover unless we shoot the seals.

Now we have Bristol Foster (in the December 20 Driftwood letters section) telling us that in order to save the Garry oaks we have to shoot the deer.

How many of you were led to believe that all we had to do was donate enough money to buy back the lands from Texada and all would be well on Salt Spring?

For over a year I read newspaper articles, saw television coverage, read brochures and even received a telephone solicitation about the need to give what we could to protect our island. I never heard or read any mention of fencing the woods and shooting the deer. I guess I didn't read the fine print somewhere along the line. I can't help wondering how short the

fundraising efforts would have fallen if we were aware that phase two was to exterminate the deer.

A common or abundant species is no less valuable and has no less right to life than any other species. The time is long overdue for humans to realize that when it comes to managing the environment we are clueless. The time has also come for us to stop making animals the scapegoats every time, just because it's expeditious or it's cheap or we just aren't smart enough to come up with anything better.

I can only hope that this is just the distasteful opinion of one man and not the long-range plan of some committee that actually believes they have the right to carry out such an ugly act in the name of saving the environment.

If slaughtering animals is the only way to save the Garry oaks, then maybe we're just too late to save them.

JEFF LEDERMAN,
Island Wildlife Natural Care Centre

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Full equality for all is paramount in treaty talks

By D.G. HOWELL

In response to John Helme's View Point from December 13, I also have some concerns regarding the native treaty issue.

I am afraid that most people are very uninformed as to the potential disasters caused by the way negotiations are currently being conducted by our federal and provincial governments.

These discussions must be rooted in the present. They must not be construed to be a form of compensation, or guilt, of things in days gone by. We in the present had no say in what went on in the past. We are responsible for the present and will justly be judged on what we do today.

I am not in the least bit ashamed or guilty of anything that has been done in the past by our various forms of government. That is not to say that I am in agreement with the way all things went down. Certainly we must endeavor to alter things that we feel are not just to any of our citizens based on today's standards.

I am all for a final settling with our Canadian aboriginal people. I believe this should be in the form of some land and money.

However, at the end of this agreement any special laws written for natives must be abandoned.



Once the agreement has been made we need to know that there is one type of citizen in this country. It is a Canadian.

We currently live under a system whereby there are laws which discriminate amongst citizens based on one's race. I believe that this is wrong. There are benefits for natives that do not apply to other citizens. There are also areas where natives are made to feel less than equal.

We must end our apartheid system. All citizens of this country should be equal under the law with all of the benefits of citizenship and all of the responsibilities. Anything less, no matter how well intentioned, will lead to people being treated as less than equals in some areas. We certainly don't have to look very hard to see where certain native groups have not been treated as equals. I am also afraid that there are many examples of non-native peoples not being given benefits that natives receive.

There have been proposals made regarding fishing rights that

would virtually eliminate salmon fishing rights to non-native people. This will affect commercial and sports fishing. It would also guarantee certain base-line catch limits to native fisheries ("compensable licences"). What this amounts to is in years of low salmon returns, when the native fishery is unable to catch is allotted amount due to the poor return, then the government (taxpayer) is to subsidize the natives in the dollar value of the catch that wasn't there! The native fisherman gets full payment in dollars for fish that weren't caught and for time that wasn't spent fishing! I don't buy it. I don't agree that all of the salmon should go to the native people or that all of the rights to hunt game should go to the native people. I also don't feel that the native people as a group should have the right to manage vast areas of public land.

I do believe that the natives should get an equitable settlement in land. This is land that they have and currently use as well as land that can be demonstrated as being historically important to them. They should also be given a generous pay-out. This should go to each individual, not to a band leader. The natives would be able to pool these funds and use them

to invest in businesses, etc. Once these settlements have been made, there should be no more treaty money, no Indian Affairs department, no special treatment based on the fact that one is a native or a non-native.

They will have their band or municipal governments like all other communities and be responsible for them. Should they choose to sell or purchase more land, they as citizens would have the right to do so. They would have all the responsibilities that all citizens do regarding taxes, etc. They would also have all the benefits of citizenship in the areas of schools, medical plans, OAP and social assistance. Should there be a special problem in their community then they could expect the same help that any community could expect from both the provincial and federal governments.

We are very fortunate to live in a part of the world where we have ample land and a democracy that can work for all. I think our country 50 years ago may not have been ready to accept native peoples as equals. There are many examples which bear this out. However, in the current times we live in, the native people have demonstrated their ability to become full-time partners in this

country. They deserve the right to that partnership.

However, apartheid laws, or laws that pertain only to certain groups of people based on their religion, race or ethnic background must be ended. We don't have to look too hard to see where those types of laws lead us. Even when passed with the best of intentions, by their very nature they make one group of people second-class citizens. I don't want that.

I encourage you all to become as informed on these matters as possible, and to write to your MLA and MP advising them how you feel about this issue. What comes out of these agreements will affect every citizen of this land.

Ask yourself, does any citizen in this country deserve to be treated differently or with more or less benefits and respect, than another citizen, based on their race, religion or ethnic background? Speak out now! Once treaties are signed into law it will be extremely hard to change them.

Anything less than full equality will eventually hurt all citizens, and some obviously more than others.

The writer is a Salt Spring resident.

Expect assessment increases for waterfront and SSI homes

Most Gulf Islands property owners will see little change in the figures when they receive their 2002 assessment notices in the mail this week — unless they live on Salt Spring or some parts of Saturna Island.

Figures from B.C. Assessment show only the slightest increases or decreases from last year in both waterfront and non-waterfront properties on Galiano, Mayne and Pender islands.

Salt Spring properties, however, posted an average 8.2 per cent increase for non-waterfront parcels, and 8.8 per cent for those classed as waterfront.

The average waterfront property on Salt Spring was assessed at \$498,000 on July 1, 2001, up from \$458,000 in 2000.

Average non-waterfront parcel assessment is \$193,400, up from \$178,700 the year before.

Non-waterfront Saturna properties also saw a 7.6 per cent rise in average valuation from \$72,300 to \$77,800, but only a \$900 rise in the waterfront tabulation to \$257,400.

Assessment figures set the average Pender waterfront property at \$246,500, down \$400 from last year. Non-waterfront properties came in at \$157,200, down from \$158,000 in 2000.

"If any property owners feel their property assessment does not reflect market value as of July 1, 2001, or the information contained on their assessment notice is incorrect, they are encouraged to contact B.C. Assessment directly," advised area assessor Dave Hitchcock in a press release.

(Toll-free phone number is 1-800-990-1159; Victoria line is 250-479-7131; or fax 479-1849.)

If concerns persist after talking to a staff person, people can request an independent review of their assessment from the Property Assessment Review Panel.

Deadline for a written review request is January 31.

Taxing authorities such as the Capital Regional District collect a certain amount of money per \$100,000 of assessed property value, so a higher assessment figure translates into more expensive property taxes when bills are issued in the spring.

Anyone not receiving a notice in the mail by January 15 should also contact the Victoria office of B.C. Assessment.

People wishing to receive next year's notices electronically can register to do so at Canada Post's "epost" website: www.epost.ca.

More letters

Supply water

Re: Mel Topping's Rainbow Road Subdivision (Phase 1) and plans for Phase 2 with Parks, O'Connor & Parks Investments.

We wish to be on record as requesting of the Islands Trust and any other body that has power in this particular case that Phase 2 of Mr. Topping's subdivision not be allowed to proceed until those people in Phase 1 with arsenic problems are either bought out or given a permanent supply of potable water.

It is our understanding that the Islands Trust has subdivision bylaws that make a potable water supply a given, but it's very obvious in this case that something has gone terribly wrong. It's also a very sad reflection on our bylaws or lack of the enforcement of same that island citizens have to go to court, lose their savings and more, to do what should have been done in the first place to protect them.

As well, Mr. Topping's proposed subdivision (Phase 2) should not be allowed to proceed until the residents of the area have guarantees that the road systems work as the majority wish.

We will be watching our papers for the good news that Mr. Topping either supplies a good and permanent source of potable water for every household in his subdivisions or, at the very least, buys them out and reimburses them the money they paid out in legal expenses to fight this unfair and unnecessary battle.

JOHN and ROSEMARY BAXTER, Salt Spring

Still fresh

The Christmas with Scrooge run ended yester-

day and I have been dawdling over my morning coffee, watching the birds at the frosty feeder and thinking about all the people who made the play such a joy — Eric Booth first, of course. He was superb . . . I couldn't have acted the part better myself!

The rest of the cast and the technical crew, from big roles to small, are like pieces in a mosaic; the picture would not be so beautiful if any of the pieces were missing. I sit there at the piano, delighting in every scene of this familiar but still-fresh play.

What a sweet story it is to see goodness and love triumph over greed and selfishness. I will always believe that it is both possible and necessary to create the conditions that will enable all people to love their sisters and brothers — everywhere.

VIRGINIA NEWMAN, Salt Spring

P.S. Sue has been the real power source of the Newman Family and Friends Productions over the last two years.

Ferries appreciated

On Saturday night, I received an emergency telephone call and had to race to Vancouver.

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The Howe Sound Queen crew provided priority loading, unloading and directions to Duke Point. The Duke Point terminal manager and booth operator were waiting for me when I arrived with a ticket already prepared. They also provid-

ed free access to a telephone and only my late arrival stymied their further efforts to help.

The chief steward's office on the Queen of New Westminster continued this trend and radioed an urgent message to the mainland.

While we islanders love to complain about our ferries, I met only real, caring people who did their very best to help me.

This letter is to say thank you to all of them. I really appreciated all their hard work on my behalf.

CRAIG SHERIDAN, Old Scott Road

Alive and well

On behalf of Santa (Bob Appleton) and myself (the Chief Elf), I would like to acknowledge all those whose efforts helped to make Santa's Workshop a huge success again this Christmas.

All the places that served as drop off centres for toys:

Mouats, Pharmasaves, North Salt Spring Waterworks, United Church, Liquor Store, Britney Powers and the high school students, Wildlife Society, motorcycle enthusiasts, Ganges Village Market, Farmers' Institute and Barry for loaning us the tables with which we sorted and stored the toys on, and anybody else I may have inadvertently missed.

A special thank you to Vicki at the CIBC and her girls for the "Angel Tree," to my helpers Trish and Jody who came through for me at the last minute and my husband, Glen, my trusty "sleigh driver and hauler of toys."

As a result, again this year we were able to provide a Merry Christmas to many children who might not have had one otherwise. The Christmas spirit is still alive and well on Salt Spring Island and our thanks to all.

JUDY WILLET, Salt Spring

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2	2	CBC	Hockey NHL Toronto Maple Leafs vs Boston Bruins					News	News	To Be Announced				News	News	Chariots of Fire	
3		MC	3:30 Varian's War William Hurt. We All Fall Down					Fever (1999) Teri Hatcher.		45 End of Days Arnold Schwarzenegger.				45 Tumbleweeds			
4		NewVI	Movie TV Star Trek: Voyager	VI Land News				Seinfeld	Simpsons	Talk TV		Dead Man's Gun	First Wave		News	Jay Leno	
5	16	KING	Oprah Winfrey	KING News	News	News	Magazine	Squares	Friends	Schwartz	WillGrace	JustShoot	E.R.		News	Jay Leno	
6	7	CH	Days of Our Lives	CH News	News	News	Go! Mag.	Wheel	Jeopardy	Schwartz	Doc	Largo Winch	SprtPage	CH News			
7	14	CTVBC	Rosie O'Donnell	CTV News at Five	News			Little Men		Rita MacNeil	CSI: Crime Scene	E.R.		News	News		
8	8	GBLBC	Oprah Winfrey	News	National	News		ET	Friends	Survivor 3: Africa	WillGrace	JustShoot	Andromeda	News			
9	9	KCTS	Zoom	Sagwa	Arthur	Business	News	TravelEur	Connects	Antiques UK	Frontline		Islam: Empire Faith	RedDwarf	News		
10	23	SRC	Looping	Zack	Le manoir	Parleurs	Ce soir	ClanDest.	Les Boys II (1998)	Rémi Girard.			Cinéma	Journal	Vestiaire des Boys	Cinéma	
11	5	KNOW	MagicBus	Mechanic	Art Attack	Kratts' C	Planet.Ed	EntreAsia	S. Space	HilthHome	Creatures	Hist.Land	With Glowing Hearts	Waters Cambodia	Sacred Journey		
13	13	CKVU	Star Trek: DSN	Spin City	Seinfeld	News		BlindDate	5thWheel	Highlander: Raven			Robocop: Melt Down	Page Fletcher.	Spin City	News	
14		BRAVO	Videos	Book TV	Writing..	Affliction (1997)	Nick Nolte.		45 News	NYPD Blue	Homicide: Life on St		84 Charing Cross Road		Movie		
15	35	CMT	CMT Prime	Shania Twain	Top 12 Choice	CMT Prime				Shania Twain	CMT Prime		Top 12 Choice	CMT After Hours			
16	38	TLC	Mind of Con Men	Med. Det.	Med. Det.	Ancient Ancestors	Pyramid of Doom	Med. Det.	Med. Det.	Ancient Ancestors	Pyramid of Doom	Mind of Con Men					
19		FAM	Buzz	PeppAnn	Tarzan	Recess	Stevens	Jackson	Jersey	ALF	ShrunK.	45 ..Dark?	D3: The Mighty Ducks	45 Made in America			
20	31	A&E	Law & Order	Biography	Victoria & Albert 1/2 (cont'd Jan 10)					Law & Order	Biography		Victoria & Albert 1/2 (cont'd Jan 10)				
21	15	TSN	..Hockey	Cheer'd.	Football	Rose Bowl	NCAA Miami Hurricanes vs Nebraska			Sportscentre	Motor '02	Bodybuild	..Hockey	Sportscentre			
22	19	SNP	WorldSprt	Outdoor	NHLPA	CoolShot	Canucks	SportCnt.	Hockey NHL	Montreal Canadiens vs Vancouver Canucks			Sports Central	Sports Central			
23	17	KSTW	Tarzan	Recess	Sabrina	Homelmp	D.Carey	Frasier	Seinfeld	WWF Smackdown!			N.Radio	M.A.S.H.	Spin City	Spin City	
24	12	KVOS	Homelmp	Tell Truth	Fm.Feud	CardShrk	Eliminate	Rendez...	St.Smarts	Ch. Heart	Cobra (1986)	Sylvester Stallone.	MdAbout	S. Susan	Cheers	M.A.S.H.	
25	34	KCPQ	City Guys	Fresh P.	3rd Rock	Simpsons	Simpsons	King Hill	Friends	Friends	Mrs. Doubtfire (1993)	Robin Williams.	Q13News	Star Trek: Voyager			
26	20	NEWS	Pierre Trudeau	Too Colourful	CBC News	CBC News	Life and Times of...			Pierre Trudeau	CBC News		Pierre Trudeau	Too Colourful			
27	11	KIRO	J.Judy	J.Judy	KIRO News	News	News	ET	Access	Survivor 3: Africa	CSI: Crime Scene	The Agency	News	Letterm'n			
28	4	KOMO	Rosie O'Donnell	Football	Rose Bowl	NCAA Miami Hurricanes vs Nebraska				KOMO 4 News			Wheel	Jeopardy	News	Nightline	
29		VISION	Cosby	G'dnight	Ballykissangel	VisionTV: Indepth	Main St.	Prayer	VisionTV: Indepth	Ballykissangel	Religion	Lucio	100 Huntley Street				

THIS WEEK'S MOVIES

- THURSDAY, JAN 3
- 6:00 PM
20 (31) Victoria & Albert (2001, Romance)
 Story of great love affair between Queen Elizabeth and German-born husband Prince Albert. Victoria Hamilton, Jonathan Firth (2h)
- 7:00 PM
3 Fever (1999, Suspense) When an artist is implicated in a string of murders, he is pushed to the edge of sanity. Teri Hatcher, Henry Thomas (1h45)
- 8:00 PM
23 (12) ★ Cobra (1986, Action) A street-tough, big-city cop is assigned to track down and capture a serial killer. Sylvester Stallone, Brigitte Nielsen (2h)
- 8:45 PM
3 End of Days (1999, Action) A NY body-guard must protect an innocent woman from becoming Satan's bride. Arnold Schwarzenegger, Gabriel Byrne (2h)
- 9:00 PM
13 (13) Robocop: Melt Down (2000) Cable is transformed into a robot by The Trust and is programmed to destroy Robocop. Page Fletcher, Maurice Dean Wint (2h)
- 9:45 PM
19 ★★ D3: The Mighty Ducks (1996, Comedy) Hockey players get a scholarship and must face the snobby varsity team. Emilio Estevez, Jeffrey Nordling (1h45)
- 10:00 PM
14 ★★ 84 Charing Cross Road (1986, Drama) Chronicles the growing friendship between a feisty NYC woman and a British bookseller. Anne Bancroft, Anthony Hopkins (1h45)
- 10:45 PM
20 (31) Victoria & Albert (2001, Romance)
 Story of great love affair between Queen Elizabeth and German-born husband Prince Albert. Victoria Hamilton, Jonathan Firth (2h)
- 10:45 PM
19 ★★ Made in America (1993, Comedy) A teenage girl discovers that her sperm bank father is an obnoxious, rural car dealer. Whoopi Goldberg, Ted Danson (1h30)
- 11:00 PM
3 ★★ Tumbleweeds (1999, Drama) A mother with a heart of gold tries to raise her daughter the best way she knows how. Janet McTeer, Jay O. Sanders (1h45)
- 11:00 PM
2 (2) ★★ Chariots of Fire (1981, Sport)
 Two very different men are trained to represent their country in the 1924 Olympics. Ben Cross, Ian Charleson (2h)
- 11:45 PM
14 ★★ All That Heaven Allows (1955, Drama) A widow enters into a relationship with a younger man but is pressured to end it. Rock Hudson, Jane Wyman (1h45)

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S	O	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30	12:00	12:30	1:00	1:30	2:00	2:30	3:00	3:30
2	2	CBC	Get Set For Life			Get Set For Life				This Hour	R.Green	Road to Avonlea	Gardener	Neighb'rs	Coronat'n	Emmerd.	
3		MC	Various Movies	TU Top 3	Various Movies			Various Movies		Various Movies			Various Movies	Various	Movie		
4		NewVI	7:00 New Day	Regis & Kelly	Media TV	Health	CityLine		All My Children	Earth: Final Conflict	Walker, TR	Iyanla					
5	16	KING	7:00 Today Show	Today Show	M. Stewart	Living	Ananda Lewis	Show	News	Days of Our Lives	Passions	Iyanla					
6	7	CH	Mechanic	Carebear	The Price is Right		Young & Restless	News	Various	Various	Various	Squares					
7	14	CTVBC	6:30 Canada AM		The View		Vicki Gabereau	Various	B & B	E.R.	General Hospital	Various	Various				
8	8	GBLBC	6:00 News	100 Huntley Street	Worldvision		Bynon	News		As the World Turns	Passions	Young & Restless					
9	9	KCTS	Sagwa	Zoboo...	Caillou	DragonT.	Barney	Sesame Street	Rogers	Various	ReadRain	Caillou	Jay Jay	Zoboo...	Bet. Lions	Clifford	DragonT.
10	23	SRC	7:30 Matin Express	3 mousquetaires	C'est simple comme bonjour	Variées	...midi	Parleurs	Liza	Mon ange	Variées	Tweenies					
11	5	KNOW	Sagwa	BlueClue	Various	Maisy	Various	Dudley	Various	Various	Various	Various	Various	Various	Various	Various	Various
13	13	CKVU	RogerR.	Body	Various	Various	CityLine/ Maury	Various	Star TV	S.Trek/ Lost World	Various	Various	Various	Various	Star TV		
14		BRAVO	Various	Various	Various	The New Avengers	Various			Various	Various	Book TV	Various	Various			
15	35	CMT	Top 12 Choice	Heart and Home					Heart and Home			CMT Hits		Rock N' Country			
16	38	TLC	Various	Various	Makeover	Makeover	DateStory/ DateStory	BabySt.	BabySt.	Wedding	Wedding	Trading Spaces	Various	Various	Various		
19		FAM	Various	45 Elmo	05 Pooh	Various	W.Pooh	45OutBox	10Dcktale	35Houndz	Various	05 Elmo	05 Pooh	Various	W.Pooh	15Dcktale	35Houndz
20	31	A&E	Magnum, P.I.	N. Court	N.Radio	Law & Order	Murder One	L.A. Law	Murder She Wrote	Magnum, P.I.	N. Court	N.Radio					
21	15	TSN	Sportscentre	OffRec.	Workout	Various	Various	P. Game	Various	Formula1	Various	Various	Various	Various	Various	Various	Sprtscnt
22	19	SNP	SportCnt.	SportCnt.	SportCnt.	SportCnt.	SportCnt.	SportCnt.	SportCnt.	Fishing	Various	Various	Various	Various	Various	Various	Various
23	17	KSTW	Screen Gems	Seventh Heaven	CrossOv.	CrossOv.	JudgeJoe	JudgeJoe	The People's Court	Divorce	Divorce	Various	Sabrina	Sabrina	Buzz		
24	12	KVOS	Melodies	Scoby	Paid	Paid	The People's Court	Judge Greg Mathis	Ricki Lake	Jenny Jones	Montel Williams	Diagnosis	Murder				
25	34	KCPQ	6:00 News	Maury Povich Show	Jerry Springer	Sally Jessy Raphael	Maury Povich Show	Paid	W Paid	Sally Jessy Raphael	Jenny Jones						
26	20	NEWS	Various	Various	Sports J.	News	Culture	Counterspin/ ..of Style	Various	Team	Various	News	Various	Various	News		
27	11	KIRO	The Early Show	Justice	Various	The Price is Right	Young & Restless	News	B & B	As the World Turns	The Guiding Light	Montel Williams					
28	4	KOMO	7:00 Morning Am.	Regis & Kelly	The View	News	P.Charles	All My Children	One Life to Live	General Hospital	Northwest						
29		VISION	New Day	New Day	Mass	Various	Various	TH Lucio	Youngren	Robison	100 Huntley Street	Q.Study	Wnd.Year	Little House Prairie	Road to Avonlea		

YOUR WEEKLY PULL-OUT TV GUIDE

Table with columns for S, O, Time, and Channel. Title: S - SALT SPRING ISLAND O - OUTER ISLANDS FRIDAY EVENING JANUARY 4. Includes programs like Simpsons, News, Red Green Show, and Spitting Heirs.

travels to New Orleans to track down his partner's killer. Richard Gere, Kim Basinger (2h) 10:30 PM
19 *** Strange Brew (1983,Comedy) Two brothers battle with a brewmaster who is trying to take over the world. Rick Moranis, Dave Thomas (1h30) 10:45 PM
3 * Fight Club (1999,Psycho-Drama) A man finds release through fistfights that evolve into a philosophical movement. Brad Pitt, Edward Norton (2h45) 11:00 PM
2 (2) *** Spitting Heirs (1993,Comedy) The real heir to a lordship plots to murder the man who stole his title. Rick Moranis, Eric Idle (2h) 11:30 PM
14 *** Staircase (1969,Comedy/Drama) Two homosexuals, who have been together for thirty years, become grumpy. Sir Rex Harrison, Richard Burton (2h)

SATURDAY, JAN 5

7:00 PM
2 (2) *** The Pelican Brief (1993,Action) When a law student stumbles onto a conspiracy theory, her life is endangered. Julia Roberts, Denzel Washington (3h)
3 The Pledge (2001,Drama) A cop in the process of retiring vows to catch the brutal killer of a young girl. Jack Nicholson, Benicio Del Toro (2h15) 8:00 PM
5 (16) *** Goldeneye (1996,Action) Bond finds himself pitted against an old ally with nuclear weapons. Pierce Brosnan, Dame Judi Dench (3h)
8 (8) Faith and Fortune: The Reichmann Story (2000,Docu-Drama) The tale of a dynasty that rose from poverty to staggering wealth and how it was all lost. (2h)
13 (13) (23) (4) *** G.I. Jane (1997,Drama) A tough woman fights to become the first female Navy S.E.A.L. trainee. Demi Moore, Viggo Mortensen (3h)
23 (17) * Slaughter of the Innocents (1993,Suspense) An FBI agent is assigned to investigate a case where serial killer is murdering children. Scott Glenn, Henry V. Brown (2h)
24 (12) *** The Brother From Another Planet (1984,Sci-Fi) A visitor from another planet seeks asylum on Earth from bounty hunters. Joe Morton, Steve James (2h) 9:00 PM
6 (7) ** Sliding Doors (1998,Drama) Explores what happens to one woman in two different parallel lives. Gwyneth Paltrow, John Hannah (2h)
19 Zenon: The Zequel (2001,Sci-Fi) Plank assigns Zenon to the most boring job in the world, working in the Alien Patrol room. Kirsten Storms, Shadia Simmons (1h30) 9:15 PM
3 Dracula 2000 (2000,Thriller) Dracula awakens in the 21st Century and travels to New Orleans. Gerard Butler, Christopher Plummer (1h45) 9:45 PM
14 *** Backbeat (1993,Docu-Drama) Story of the man who deserted the Beatles for a career in art and the woman he loved. Stephen Dorff, Sheryl Lee (2h) 10:00 PM
2 (2) *** The Great Santini (1979,Drama) A marine pilot alienates his family through his harsh discipline. Robert Duvall, Blythe Danner (2h)
9 (9) *** High Sierra (1941,Crime Story) An ex-con pulls his last robbery and must run from the police when it falls apart. Humphrey Bogart, Ida Lupino (2h) 10:30 PM
19 ** Clue (1985,Mystery) A group of familiar characters gathered for a murderous night in Victorian mansion. Tim Curry, Colleen Camp (1h35) 11:00 PM
3 The Whole Nine Yards (2000,Comedy) A dentist discovers his conniving wife wants him dead after a hit man moves in next door. Bruce Willis, Matthew Perry (1h45) 11:45 PM
14 ** Decline and Fall of a Bird Watcher (1969,Comedy) A hapless young man who is constantly running into trouble. Robin Phillips, Genevieve Page (2h15)

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SUNDAY, JAN 6
6:00 PM
14 **** The Great Escape (1963,War) During WWII, POWs escape a camp through laboriously excavated tunnels. Steve McQueen, James Garner (3h)
20 (31) *** Every Time We Say Good-Bye (1986,Drama) An American pilot in WWII Jerusalem falls in love with a young Jewish girl. Tom Hanks, Benedict Taylor (2h) 7:00 PM
2 (2) *** My Favorite Martian (1999,Comedy) After a reporter stumbles onto a spaceship, he plunges into an endless series of problems. Christopher Lloyd, Jeff Daniels (2h)
23 (4) **** Dr. Dolittle (1998,Comedy) When a man's ability to talk to animals is unleashed, his colleagues think he's gone mad. Eddie Murphy, Oliver Platt (2h)
3 The Wedding Planner (2001,Romance) A workaholic wedding planner falls for an engaged doctor she was hired to help. Jennifer Lopez, Matthew McConaughey (2h) 8:00 PM
4 ** Message in a Bottle (1999,Romance) A touching letter in a bottle leads a divorced woman to its author and true love. Kevin Costner, Robin Wright Penn (2h30)
7 (14) The Royal Scandal (2001) A London photographer is mysteriously murdered and all his plates & prints are stolen. Matt Frewer, Kenneth Walsh (2h)
23 (17) *** A Cry in the Dark (1988,True) The true story of an Australian woman accused of murdering her baby. Meryl Streep, Sam Neill (2h30)
24 (12) *** Good Morning Babylon (1987,History) Two Italian brothers who emigrated to America are caught up in World War I. Vincent Spano, Greta Scacchi (2h) 9:00 PM
3 Where the Heart Is (2000,Comedy) A young woman gives birth in Wal-Mart and is taken in by the quirky community. Natalie Portman, Ashley Judd (2h)
13 (13) (27) (11) *** Entrapment (1999,Suspense) A high class burglar and an insurance agent team up for the biggest heist of their lives. Sean Connery, Catherine Zeta-Jones (2h)
14 **** Escape From Alcatraz (1979,True) The true story of the 1962 escape by Frank Morris from Alcatraz. Clint Eastwood, Patrick McGoohan (2h15)
19 ** Stop! Or My Mom Will Shoot (1992,Comedy) A mother and son team up in an effort to eradicate crime from the streets of Los Angeles. Sylvester Stallone, Estelle Getty (1h30) 9:05 PM
15 (35) *** Jailhouse Rock (1957,Musical) A man in jail for manslaughter learns to sing and play the guitar, and becomes a success. Elvis Presley, Judy Tyler (1h55) 10:00 PM

Table with columns for S, O, Time, and Channel. Title: S - SALT SPRING ISLAND O - OUTER ISLANDS SUNDAY DAYTIME JANUARY 6. Includes programs like WhizChef, The Third Miracle, and The Elton Gonzalez Story.

LOOKING BACK: 2001

February

• One-fifth of Texada Land Corporation's holdings on Salt Spring Island — some 1,000 prime acres — were sheltered from chainsaws, feller-bunchers and loggers until late March, as negotiations rolled forward to create parkland on Salt Spring Island.

THE YEAR IN REVIEW

• Eleven individuals arrested for impeding Texada logging operations through blockading and locking down to logging trucks faced contempt of court charges in Victoria Supreme Court. Following an emotionally-charged 10-day trial in Victoria Supreme Court, Justice Peter Lowry handed down jail sentences ranging from one day to two months to seven of nine arrestees. One young man was acquitted and charges against 88-year-old Janet "B" Nevill were also dismissed.

• Four homeowners with arsenic-contaminated water in the Rainbow Grove subdivision were suing a spate of companies, individuals, and government departments. Peter McKenzie, Jean Stewart, Caroline Burch and Sandra (Jesse) Bellamy filed statements of claim in the Duncan registry of the B.C. Supreme Court February 13 asking for damages resulting from their purchase of property from developers Salt Spring Lands Ltd. and Parks, O'Connor & Parks Investments Limited. The purchasers said they were not given information from a 1997 hydrogeology report prior to their property transactions.

• For the second year in a row, the Scorpions boys basketball team earned a spot at the provincial AA championships. The hot Gulf Islands Secondary School team earned the number two spot at the Ladysmith tournament by winning their first two games and losing only by six points to arch-rival Lambrick Park.

• The Salt Spring Local Trust Committee passed first reading of Land Use Bylaw 355 despite an on-the-spot poll which showed no one wanted it to take place.

"Nothing is cast in stone after first reading," said committee chairman David Essig. "The idea is to get the bylaw out into the community all at once."

• A February 28 earthquake measuring 6.8 on the Richter scale had computer monitors dancing and people talking.

March

• Family and friends were grieving the sudden death of

John Stepaniuk, age 73, a long-time and well-loved island man.

• The musical Grease blasted onto the stage drawing cheering, enthusiastic audiences to ArtSpring. The production was mounted by Gulf Islands Secondary School.

• Islands Trust Council members sharpened their pencils and got a little more from island taxpayers. A 3.97 per cent property tax increase was the result.

• Genie award-winning island filmmaker Mort Ransen debuted his film called "Ah ...The Money, The Money, The Money! The Battle for Salt Spring" at ArtSpring. Tickets for the two showings were free and all snapped up well in advance. The 50-minute film was written, narrated by Ransen, and contained dynamic footage of blockades, meetings and protests, plus interviews with islanders.

• A March 31 announcement by government heavies of \$20 million for acquisitions of land on islands such as Salt Spring, Valdes and Galiano had islanders hopeful that coveted Texada lands in Burgoyne Bay might yet be saved.

• The Islands Farmers Institute (IFI) rejected a draft proposal from the Gulf Islands School Board in negotiations for management of Mahon Hall. IFI members were upset with the terms and tenor of the document given to them by the school board.

April

• The Geezers (Arvid Chalmers and Sid Filkow) launched themselves and a freezer into Ganges Harbour on April 8. The stunt occurred as the comedy duo prepared to take its show called The Topic of Cancer on the road to Niagara Falls and Hamilton, Ontario. The home-grown show had garnered national attention and the Geezers were getting requests to stage it in all parts of the country.

• Les Clare returned home to Salt Spring Island feeling lucky and thankful after spending nine months in Vancouver in hospital and rehabilitation. The 39-year-old carpenter had fallen 25 feet to the ground while working on a residential construction job. He broke his neck, suffered damage to his spinal cord, severely broke both arms, dislocated a hip and separated both shoulders.

• Gulf Islands Secondary School student Megan Leitch qualified for national judo championships taking place in Kamloops. Leitch, 14, earned the spot by winning three gold medals and a silver at four provincial judo meets.

• Local nurses joined others across the province vot-

ing 96 per cent in favour of implementing job action to back contract demands. The B.C. Nurses' Union said a major wage increase was needed to bolster the number of nurses practising in the province. Health Sciences Association members also voted to use job action in negotiations with the Health Employers Association of B.C.

• Physical transformation of a once-lonely patch of dirt between Ganges Harbour and Thrifty Foods occurred April 28 with the long-anticipated unveiling of the bronze mermaid statue created by sculptor Tom McPhee. Local Rotary Club members and McPhee had worked on the project for four years.

May

• Saanich-Gulf Islands MP Gary Lunn made national news headlines by urging the resignation of Canadian Alliance leader Stockwell Day. Lunn said he could no longer "in good conscience . . . continue to support the idea that I think Mr. Day would make a good prime minister or Leader of the Official Opposition."

• Murray Coell topped Saanich North and the Islands polls in a near-Liberal sweep in a May 16 provincial election. The Liberals won 77 of 79 seats. Green Party candidate Andrew Lewis, a Salt Spring resident, came in second spot with 25.2 per cent of votes. That figure was second among Green candidates in the province, while his vote total was the highest.

• Salt Spring FC won the Challenge Cup at the annual May long weekend soccer tourney.

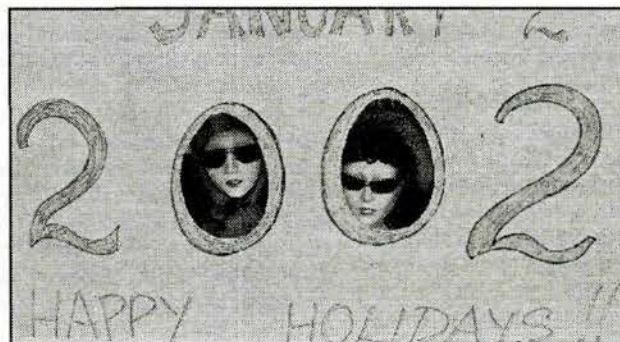
• CBC Radio One did a live, province-wide broadcast from ArtSpring on May 21.

• Controversy followed new Land Use Bylaw #355 through its May 23 public hearing and receipt of second and third readings by the Salt Spring Local Trust Committee. Requests for withdrawal of the bylaw from members of the farming community and concerns about drinking water quality protection from others dogged the bylaw, which was three years in the making, to its end.

June

• The Gulf Islands Secondary graduating class of 2001 numbered 120 students, including 86-year-old Roy Lamont, who returned to finish his high school education after a 70-year hiatus. Expanded adult education opportunities made it possible for more 19-plus-aged people to graduate or upgrade their education in the Gulf Islands this year.

LOOKING BACK 12



HERE'S LOOKING AT YOU: The Hospital Auxiliary Thrift Shop sported this unique sign throughout the holidays, indicating a re-opening date of January 2.

Photo by Derrick Lundy



ISLANDS TRUST GALIANO ISLAND LOCAL TRUST COMMITTEE NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

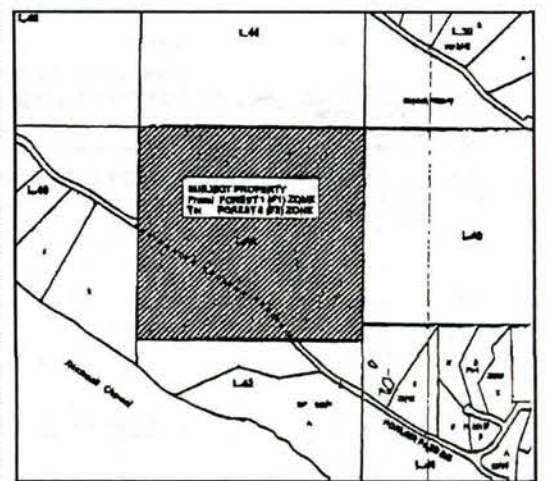
NOTICE is hereby given that Galiano Island Local Trust Committee will hold a public hearing on Proposed Bylaw No. 147 cited as "Galiano Island Land Use Bylaw No. 127, 1999, Amendment No. 1, 2001; for the purpose of allowing the public to make representations to the Local Trust Committee respecting matters contained in the proposed bylaw at 3:00 p.m., Thursday, January 17, 2002 at the South Community Hall, 141 Sturdies Bay Road, Galiano Island.

At the public hearing all persons who believe that their interest in property is affected by the proposed bylaw shall be afforded a reasonable opportunity to be heard or to present written submissions respecting matters contained in the proposed bylaw.

Bylaw No. 147 n cited as "Galiano Island Land Use Bylaw No. 127, 1999, Amendment No. 1, 2001"

In general terms, the purpose of Proposed Bylaw No. 147 is to rezone District Lot 44, Galiano Island, Cowichan District, as shown on the map below, from Forest 1 Zone to Forest 3 (F3) Zone to permit the subdivision of three lots not less than 20 hectares in area with one dwelling accessory to timber production and harvesting permitted on each lot. As well as timber production and harvesting, the F3 zone also permits accessory forestry uses including sawmilling and planing of timber harvested on the same lot.

A copy of the proposed bylaw and any background material that may be considered by the Trust Committee in respect of the proposed bylaw may be inspected at the Islands Trust Office, #200 - 1627 Fort Street, Victoria, B.C. between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday to Friday, inclusive, excluding statutory holidays, commencing Thursday, January 3, 2002.



For the convenience of the public only, and not to satisfy Section 892(2)(e) of the Local Government Act, additional copies of the proposed bylaw may be inspected at various Notice Boards on Galiano Island, B.C., commencing Thursday, January 3, 2002.

Written submissions may be delivered to:

1. the office of the Islands Trust by mail at the #200 - 1627 Fort Street, Victoria, B.C. V8R 1H8, or by Fax (250) 405-5155, prior to 4:30 p.m., Wednesday, January 16, 2002;
2. after 4:30 p.m., Wednesday, January 16, 2002, to the Trust Committee at the Public Hearing at 3:00 p.m., Thursday, January 17, 2002.

Inquiries regarding the proposed bylaw may be directed to the Islands Trust Office, Planner, at (250) 405-5158 or, for Toll Free access, request a transfer via Enquiry BC: In Vancouver 660-2421 and elsewhere in BC 1-800-663-7867.

NO REPRESENTATIONS WILL BE RECEIVED BY THE GALIANO ISLAND LOCAL TRUST COMMITTEE AFTER THE CONCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC HEARING.

Kathy Jones
Deputy Secretary

LOOKING BACK: 2001

• An American-based auction company was invited by Ron Spencer and Chris Gosset to try selling the view lots in their Mount Tuam subdivision. Two lots were sold by the National Auction Group of Alabama when the process was halted by the landowners.

• Saanich North and the Islands MLA Murray Coell was sworn in as minister of human resources, one of 28 cabinet ministers in the new Liberal government cabinet.

• Tragedy struck the island as Jeanine LeMarchant died in a June 6 house fire on Victoria Street. Her husband, Rob LeMarchant, escaped with his life but was badly burned.

THE YEAR IN REVIEW

• A medium-sized bear was spotted on three different occasions — twice in the Isle View Drive area and at Ruckle Park.

• Nursing and hospital services were down to bare bones "essential service" levels in the Gulf Islands June 19 as health-care unions responded to the provincial government's plan to impose a 60-day job action ban.

• Islanders "vented" over ferry service and schedules at a June 19 meeting of the Southern Gulf Islands Ferry Advisory Committee. Poor connections to the Lower Mainland, the reduced number of sailings between Fulford and Swartz Bay, and a need to extend the summer schedule between Long Harbour and Tsawwassen were among issues raised.

• A community party at Burgoyne Bay June 21 celebrated the preservation of Canada's largest intact Garry oak woodland. The \$3.5-million deal saw the Nature Trust of B.C. purchase the 250-hectare (620-acre) parcel Burgoyne-area parcel from Texada Land

Corporation with funding from Forest Renewal B.C.

July

• Canada Day was celebrated in style on Salt Spring with food and festivities at the Legion, Centennial Park, ArtSpring and the traditional fireworks in Ganges Harbour.

• Several local business owners reported having trouble finding employees during the summer and had even advertised in the Lower Mainland and Vancouver Island for help.

• A proposed amendment to the General Operating and Flight Rules administered by Transport Canada gave hope to opponents of a Fulford Valley aerodrome that their concerns might be heard. Current regulations did not give local or provincial authorities any jurisdiction over aerodromes.

• More than \$3,200 was raised for the Rob LeMarchant trust fund through a weekend-long bowlathon sponsored by Kings Lane Recreation.

• Salt Spring real estate companies had clocked the busiest six-month period in six years, with some reporting increases in home sales of 52 per cent over the same January-through-June period in 2000, and a doubling of land sales.

• Health Sciences Association (HSA) union members, who provide x-ray, ultrasound, laboratory, physiotherapy and related services, defied a 60-day cooling off period and refused to work July 23-24.

• Neighbours concerned about an expansion of activities at the Fraser gravel pit near Lee's Hill voiced their opinions to the Salt Spring Local Trust Committee, which was poised to issue a

temporary use permit to allow rock-crushing on the site.

• Indications that the provincial government and Texada Land Corporation were getting closer to finalizing the sale and purchase of Burgoyne Bay lands came in an unusual form: eviction notices to 11 families renting homes from Texada. Company president Rob Macdonald said the notices were issued because the province was demanding vacant possession of the property it wished to buy.

• "Outer" was out and "southern" was in following Capital Regional District approval of a name change for Electoral Area G, formerly known as the Outer Gulf Islands, to the Southern Gulf Islands.

August

• The Capital Regional District board voted to approve a \$1.8-million expansion of Lady Minto Hospital. The project would see a new wing added to the rear of the building for a new operating room.

• North Salt Spring Waterworks District (NSSWD) ratepayers approved paying a little extra to help purchase the Maxwell Lake secondary watershed from Texada Land Corporation. A counterpetition process saw only three opposition forms submitted, while 150 were needed to force a referendum on the topic. It was the second time in less than a year that NSSWD ratepayers had pitched in for watershed land purchases.

• Canadian Food Inspection Agency personnel were on Salt Spring investigating reports of "shell egg offences." CFIA inspector Bob Wilson was ensuring

that eggs at retail outlets were being handled, graded and packaged according to federal regulations.

• A Driftwood survey of tourists undertaken at Long Harbour indicated the overwhelming majority were going home happy and planned to return for another visit in future.

• A record number — 13 — of Gulf Islands Secondary School graduates earned provincial scholarships based on exams taken in June.

• The first Real Food Faire celebrated the bounty of Salt Spring farmers and fresh foods of Salt Spring. Displays, talks and discussion circles formed the day-long event at Fulford Hall.

September

• Salt Spring residents were shocked by a catastrophic attack on the World Trade Centre September 11. Over 800 students and teachers from Salt Spring schools gathered in mourning for a flag-raising ceremony at Gulf Islands Secondary School September 14 and hundreds of islanders also congregated at Centennial Park September 23 to share prayers, grief and hope at the New York Memorial for Peace.

• Saanich-Gulf Islands MP Gary Lunn joined with 11 other Canadian Alliance MPs to form the Democratic Representative Caucus as a new opposition coalition with the Progressive Conservative Party.

• Salt Spring Parks, Arts and Recreation Commission was denied a final occupancy permit for a caretaker's cottage built at Mouat Park in 1998. The cottage was inadvertently built on a

Ministry of Transportation right-of-way.

• The Fulford Valley airstrip was sold and closed. Three Salt Spring families,

the Alkoffs, Frys and Puhkys, joined together as partners to purchase the contentious airstrip and preserve the 42-hectare property as farmland.

• Four hundred islanders raised \$25,000 for cancer research in the annual Terry Fox Run on Salt Spring.

• Hundreds of islanders gathered at the Community

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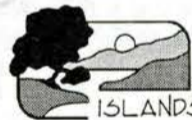
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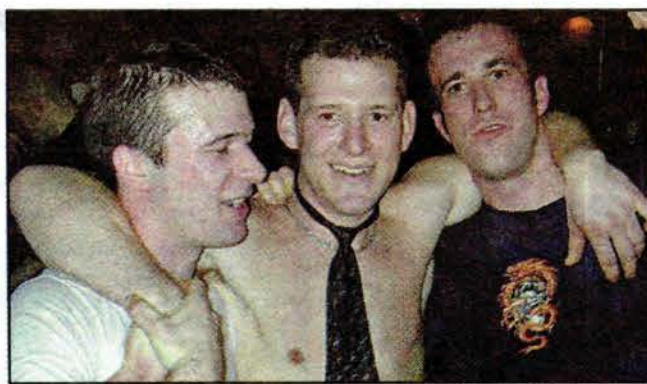
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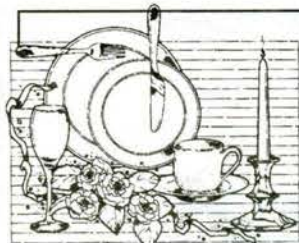
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Friends put it all together in the studio

By **PIRJO RAITIS**
Staff Writer

After seven days and seven nights, Dave Davies finally called it a wrap.

Davies, the CEO of his own recording studio, GSC Incorporated, spent a week recording three albums for Brent Streeper.

"This was phenomenal in itself," said Davies. "I have never approached this with any other artist, we just kept laying it down."

Streeper, a former Salt Spring Island resident now based in Houston, Texas, came to Davies' recording studio because the two of them work so well together. Davies co-wrote the lyrics of some original songs with Streeper while Streeper did the music.

"It's all of him, his voice and the piano," said Davies. "It works because we are friends and we can put in 16 hours without fighting."

Brent Streeper is a crooner in the style of Frank Sinatra. In fact, said Davies, Streeper was one of the very few people who Sinatra would allow to sing when he was in the room.

"He (Sinatra) would even let him sing the Italian National Anthem, 'I Did It My Way,'" said Davies.

Now in his early 40s, Streeper has had a long career in music. He was the house pianist at Sonny Bono's nightclub in Palm Springs. He played for Vic Damone and Dianne Carroll and, of course, Frank Sinatra. He has played easy-listening music non-stop for 25 years, six nights a week. Two previous albums Streeper recorded have sold over 10,000 copies each and there are no more around.

"It's about time he recorded," said Davies. "I've used him on a lot of projects around here."

On these three new albums, the duo recorded some of Kelly Burk's origi-



Brent Streeper

nal music along with favourites such as Georgia, Moon River, selections from the Phantom of the Opera, and some original songs.

Streeper left the island a year and a half ago for the opportunities that Texas offered.

As a pianist there just weren't the venues or the gigs on the island.

The three albums recorded by Davies are totally local productions marketed through GSC Incorporated and the internet at www.salt-springmusic.com.

Recording albums locally is cost effective, said Davies. If artists record in Nashville, they are looking at a minimum cost of \$32,000 for albums using session artists and mastered there. A good, releasable CD produced on Salt Spring costs in the neighbourhood of \$5,000, depending on the variables

associated with the production. Davies is in a position to do all of the graphics and promotional material, and can also produce videos.

Davies will not be burning mountains of CDs at once, but instead will burn them as the market demands. It's an option he may offer to other musicians as well.

Davies has the capacity to record unlimited tracks on his nine computers and out-board audio gear. He doesn't hire out the studio for others to record in but rather carefully picks the artists he wants to represent on his independent label.

Davies spouts off names like country singer Kelly Burk, Marcelle Nokony, Gene Grooms and Gene Hardy. His goal is to get six to 10 artists in his stable to make it a well-rounded label.

"I just like it all," said Davies.

He is set to record a children's album with Hannah Kahane in the spring, he's involved in doing a rock opera and his blues buddies are recording an album.

The whole music industry is in a state of flux, said Davies, with free music on the internet and scads of independent labels.

About one-third of the new albums being produced are on independent labels, he said.

"There is a whole wall of music coming at you, but it's tough to market and hard to distribute."

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Members of Swing Shift Band prepare to herald in the new year at a Meaden Hall dance on New Year's Eve.

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4		NewVI	Farscape	Buffy Vampire				News	Enviro TV	Roundtable	Message in a Bottle (1999) Kevin Costner		Star TV	News	Is. Under					
5	16	KING	Bob Vila	Backroad	KING News	News	News	Dateline NBC	The Weakest Link	Law & Order: C.I.	UC: Undercover	News	35 Sports							
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8	8	GBLBC	PSI Factor	Simpsons	Global	News	News	Blackfly	King Hill	Simpsons/Malcolm	X-Files	The Practice	News	Inside Ed.						
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12	13	CKVU	3:30 Electric Circus	Relic Hunter	News	News	News	Fashion	Movie TV	BlindDate	5thWheel	Entrapment (1999) Sean Connery	Sex TV	N.usic						
13	14	BRAVO	ArtsMinds	Visual Art	Appt. Visual Arts	The Great Escape (1963) Steve McQueen														
14	35	CMT	05 Jailhouse Rock (1957) Elvis Presley	This is Elvis																
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16	19	FAM	15 Proud F	Weekend	05 Stanley	Otter	Franklin	40 L. Lulu	05 Houndz	Heartbeat	Big Break	45...Dark?	Stop! Or My Mom Will Shoot	The Railway Children						
17	31	A&E	2:30 Home Alone	Law & Order	Every Time We Say Good-Bye	Travels With Harry	Law & Order	Every Time We Say Good-Bye												
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21	12	KVOS	TwilightZ	Paid	Queen of Jungle	Seventh Heaven	Serve & Protect	Good Morning Babylon	Vincent Spano	MdAbout	N.radio	Cheers	M.A.S.H.							
22	34	KCPQ	3 Another 48 Hours	Simpsons	3rd Rock	Simpsons	Friends	Futurama	King Hill	Simpsons/Malcolm	X-Files	Q13News	35 Q It Up	X-Files						
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25	4	KOMO	The Bravest	KOMO 4 News	News	News	Dr. Dolittle (1998) Eddie Murphy	Alias	The Practice	News	35 Ebert									
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(1986, Drama) An American pilot in WWII Jerusalem falls in love with a young Jewish girl. Tom Hanks, Benedict Taylor (2h30)
10:30 PM
2 (2) ★★ Sabrina (1954, Romance) A tycoon romances the chauffeur's daughter to get her out of his playboy brother's way. Humphrey Bogart, Audrey Hepburn (2h)
11:00 PM
13 ★★ The Railway Children (1972, History) Three youngsters face poverty after their father is arrested and imprisoned. Dinah Sheridan, Bernard Cribbins (1h50)
11:00 PM
3 ★★ Mystery, Alaska (1999, Sport) An Alaskan amateur hockey team accepts a challenge to play against the New York Rangers. Russell Crowe, Hank Azaria (2h)
11:15 PM
13 ★★ Dark Journey (1937, War) A secret agent is involved with the head of the German intelligence. Conrad Veidt, Vivian Leigh (30m)
11:45 PM
13 Tarnished Angels (1958, Drama) A trick pariah has men head-over-heels, except the one she loves. Rock Hudson, Dorothy Malone (1h)
MONDAY, JAN 7
6:00 PM
13 ★★ Fast Forward (1985, Drama) Eight teenagers crash New York City in search of their big break. John Scott Clough, Don Franklin (2h)
7:00 PM
3 Fearless (1999, Action) A stuntman travels to New Zealand to join his sister and her extreme-sports friends. Kavan Smith, Belinda Waymouth (1h30)
8:00 PM
23 (12) ★★ Far From Home (1989, Mystery) Unexplainable events begin to parallel past crimes in a trailer park in the desert. Drew Barrymore, Matt Frewer (2h)
8:30 PM
3 ★★ Boys Don't Cry (1999, True) A woman lives part of her life as a man searching for love as well as identity. Hilary Swank, Peter Sarsgaard (2h)
9:00 PM
13 (13) ★★ Fear (1996, Suspense) A teenager's new boyfriend's passion turns into obsession and her life into a nightmare. Reese Witherspoon, Mark Wahlberg (2h)
10:00 PM
13 ★★ King Kong (1976, Fantasy) A gorilla is found and brought to Manhattan where unpleasant consequences ensue. Jessica Lange, Jeff Bridges (2h15)
10:00 PM
14 Vincent and Theo (1990, Biography) The brilliant painter Vincent Van Gogh and his brother, a struggling gallery owner. Tim Roth, Paul Rhys (2h30)
10:30 PM
3 Driftwood (1996) A young man washes up on a beach and the woman who finds him decides to keep him. James Spader, Anne Brochet (1h45)
TUESDAY, JAN 8
6:00 PM
14 Genghis Blues (1999, Musical) Documents blues great Paul Pena's remarkable journey to the Asian Republic of Tuva. (1h45)
8:30 PM
3 Bringing Out the Dead (1999, Action) Three days in the life of an ambulance driver could cause collapse or redemption. Nicholas Cage, Patricia Arquette (2h)
9:00 PM
13 (13) Stork Derby (2001, True) Man left a million dollars to the woman who would have the most babies in next 10 years. Megan Follows, Terry Simpson (2h)
10:00 PM
19 ★★ Stella (1990, Drama) An independent woman finds herself pregnant by a handsome doctor. Bette Midler, John Goodman (1h50)
10:00 PM
14 ★★ Bert Rigby, You're a Fool (1989, Musical) A starstruck British coal miner goes to Hollywood singing old showtunes. Robert Lindsay, Robbie Coltrane (1h45)
10:30 PM
3 The Cradle Will Rock (1999, True) Film director Orson Welles tries to stage a musical but runs into complications. Hank Azaria, Ruben Blades (2h15)
10:50 PM
19 ★★ The Year of Living Dangerously (1983, Adventure) An Australian journalist becomes intimately involved with a British official in Indonesia. Mel Gibson, Sigourney Weaver (1h50)
11:30 PM
2 (2) The Blonde Bombshell (Biography) The life of the British screen legend Diana Dors from her school days until the end. (2h)
11:45 PM
14 Chou Chou (1995, Docu-Drama) Private life of great French composer Claude Debussy. Francois Marthuret, Pascale Rocard (1h45)
WEDNESDAY, JAN 9
6:00 PM
14 Elvis Gratton 2 (1999, Musical) A French-Canadian impersonator rises from the dead and finds himself in the spotlight. Julien Poulin, Yves Trudel (2h)
7:00 PM
3 ★ Eye of the Beholder (1999, Suspense) A government surveillance expert becomes obsessed with a sexy female serial killer. Ewan McGregor, Ashley Judd (2h)
9:00 PM
3 ★ Down to You (1999, Romance) A man finds the girl of his dreams only to discover that she is not ready for commitment. Freddie Prinze Jr., Julia Stiles (1h30)
6 (7) The Ultimate Weapon (1997, Action) A mission becomes personal when a double-crossed mercenary's daughter is kidnapped. Hulk Hogan, Daniel Pilon (2h)
10:00 PM
19 ★★ The Wizard (1989, Comedy) A boy travels to California with his autistic brother to enter a video game competition. Fred Savage, Beau Bridges (1h35)
10:30 PM
29 ★★ Harvey (1950, Comedy) A woman is mistakenly committed and it is up to her brother to get her released. Mary Chase, James Stewart (2h)
10:00 PM
14 In the Presence of a Clown (1998, Drama) A pair of psychiatric patients attempt to produce a film project, "the living talkie." (2h15)
10:30 PM
3 The Spreading Ground (Thriller) Captain Neimen bribes the mafia to find and execute the killer of five little girls. Dennis Hopper, Leslie Hope (1h45)
10:35 PM
19 ★★ Teen Wolf (1985, Comedy) A teenager is shocked when he realizes he can transform himself into a werewolf. Michael J. Fox, Lorie Griffin (1h30)
11:30 PM
2 (2) ★★ Il Postino (1994, Drama) A naive postman befriends a communist poet and learns to woo a beautiful villager. Massimo Troisi, Philippe Noiret (2h)

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Hip and hopping, Talons opens doors on new venue

Talons Nightclub opened last Saturday night with little fanfare and a lot of people.

When I arrived at 10 p.m., the place was hopping and it wasn't long before a crowd was lined up to get in.

The club, which seats 100 patrons, proved popular for islanders between the ages of 19 and 30.

It's not that some patrons weren't older than that, but the crowd appeared to be one that

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would probably love raves, the new disco beat and world beat music.

The ambiance of the club is modern, clean and minimalist, and it works.

Cosmopolitan and sleek, the club will give locals and tourists a place to dance and socialize.

The dance floor is huge and

easily accommodated all those who chose to groove to the steady drum beat on Saturday.

It will be interesting to see how the crowd may change depending on the live bands the management brings in.

There are comfortable couches and chairs for those who choose to lounge about and just listen to the music, watch the dancers and visit with friends.

A pool table on one side of the venue will likely prove a popular draw for those who don't necessarily want to dance.

One patron commented that it

was nice to be at a non-smoking nightclub. Smokers were herded outdoors into a corral and allowed to puff out there.

Another made the comment that it was "the best thing that's happened to Salt Spring in a long time."

All in all, I think the new Talons will definitely fill a niche on the island as a place where young adults can meet and hang.

Another good idea is to have the place open once a month or so to youths under 19.

They also need a place where they can dance to their favourite

music and feel like a part of the larger community. Just a thought.

Speaking of dance, those who are into dance and movement will have a chance to watch The Moods of Love, a traditional Bharata Matyam performance on January 16 at ArtSpring.

The dancers, called Devadasis, danced for the gods/goddesses of the Hindu temples as part of the devotional ritual.

It is one of the eight styles of Indian Classical Dance, and has been referred to as the practice of love. Watch for more details in the Barnacle.

Enjoy lunch every Thursday at noon at Salt Spring Seniors, followed by a sing-along at 2pm. Info 537-4604

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music

Friday, January 4, 2002

Karaoke at the HMS Ganges Lounge.

Saturday, January 5, 2002

Pianist Murray Anderson At the Harbour House Bistro during lunch or dinner.

Sunday, January 6, 2002

Murray Anderson Pianist Murray Anderson performs at lunch or dinner at the Harbour House Bistro.

The Other Brothers At the Fulford Inn every Sunday from 6 to 9 p.m.

Moby's Sunday Dinner Jazz features Sunyata, 7 p.m.

Monday, January 7, 2002

Argentinian Tango See Wednesday listings.

Wednesday, January 9, 2002

Wednesday Night LIVE! Open stage at Moby's, hosted by Charles Wilton, begins at 9 p.m.

Argentinian Tango The group meets at Lions Hall from 7:30-9:30 p.m. \$3 per person. Info: 537-2707.

cinema

Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone — Final week! J.K. Rowling's first book about a young wizard comes to life starring Daniel Radcliffe, Robbie Coltrane, Richard Harris and Maggie Smith. Richly textured and beautifully acted, director Chris Columbus pulls off the hard task of adapting this monstrously popular children's serial to the screen with integrity and respect for the source material. A great movie and a must see for everyone!

A Time for Drunken Horses — When the youngest boy of a destitute Iranian Kurdish family suffers from a terminal illness, his siblings struggle to pay for a life-saving operation. A harrowing tale of child labour, poverty and desperation. Directed by Baham Ghobadi and based on his childhood expe-

riences. Winner of the Camera d'Or at the 2000 Cannes festival.

arts & crafts

Jack Avison's paintings are on display at the Salt Spring Roasting Company in Ganges.

Images Habitees is the photo collage on canvas exhibit by Rachel Vadeboncoeur at Island Savings Credit Union.

Adrien Town is exhibiting a range of paintings at Luigi's Pizzeria.

Diana Dean's work can be viewed at The Bodyworks Collective in between client sessions from noon to 4 p.m. daily or by arrangement.

Salt Spring Painters' Guild meets Wednesdays at Lions Hall, from 9:30 to noon, unless workshop schedule requires different times.

Salt Spring Island Weavers and Spinners Guild meets Thursdays at ArtSpring from 10:30 to noon, offering programs, workshops, study groups, equipment rentals, library and problem solving. Info: Pat Davidson, 653-4750.

cable

Salt Spring TV, Cable 12 runs its 24-hour continuous broadcast from **Friday, January 4** at 3 p.m. to **Saturday, January 5**, 3 p.m.

South End History — Recently at Central Hall, the Salt Spring Historical Society gathered together old-time south-enders from Fulford, Beaver Point and Isabella Point to reflect on their memories of the early days. The capacity audience was treated to remarkable tales from a panel of storytellers that included Lotus and Gwen Ruckle, George Maude, Bruce Patterson, Gladys (Patterson) Campbell and Jackie (Twa) Severn. A variety of rare archival photos were displayed at the event and are accompanied here with music. Produced by Peter Prince for Salt Spring TV.

The Burgoyne Valley — The beauty, the history, the ecological and cultural diversity of the Burgoyne Bay area is legend. What were once known as the Texada lands are now B.C. parklands for all to enjoy in perpetuity. Saving these lands from development was a grand achievement in 2001 for our little community. In gratitude to all the partners that made it happen, here is, once more, the short documentary that pays homage to this special place. Produced by Peter Prince for Island VideoWorks.

Salt Spring Island Reflections — A short collage of precious island moments recorded over the past five years and including snippets of interviews with island oldtimers such as Bob Akerman, Lotus Ruckle, Val Gyves and Cecil Beech. Produced by Peter Prince for Island VideoWorks.

Taku River Stories — Last summer Salt Spring filmmaker Peter Prince explored the Taku wilderness with his camera for the National Geographic Channel. Join him and National Geo reporter Tom Forman on a river-rafting adventure down the vast, unspoiled Taku River Valley. By special request from numerous viewers who missed parts of this series, here are all five parts of the Taku River Stories assembled together.

activities

Thursday, January 3, 2002

Salty Wheels Square Dance Club Meets at Central Hall on Thursdays from 7-9 p.m. For info, call Angela Thomas, 653-9346.

Survivor! Watch the show every Thursday at The Legion, 8 p.m. Sponsored by Island Star Video. Prizes!

Soup's On! Free warm meal offered at All Saints church every Thursday, 11:30-1 p.m.

Community Meditation Led by guest speakers each Thursday at SS United Church, upper hall, 11:15 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Corinternet Café Runs 1 to 8 p.m. Internet access charges are \$2 per half hour for adults, and \$1 per half hour for

youth and seniors.

Friday, January 4, 2002

Meat draws At the Legion every Friday at 5 p.m.

Vigil for Peace Meets every Friday in Centennial Park at noon. Bring a candle.

Capoeira Classes Learn the Brazilian martial art and dance at Mahon Hall on Fridays, 6:30-8 p.m. Info: Shai, 653-4258.

Corinternet Café Runs noon to 5 p.m.

Saturday, January 5, 2002

Corinternet Café Runs noon to 5 p.m.

Salt Spring Chess Club Meets at the Core Inn Saturdays from noon to 3 p.m. Players of all abilities and ages welcome!

Capoeira Classes Learn the Brazilian martial art and dance at Mahon Hall on Saturdays, 2-4 p.m. Info: Shai, 653-4258.

Saturday Book Sale At the Salt Spring Public Library every Saturday, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Meat draws At the Legion every Saturday at 5 p.m.

Salt Spring SPCA Open house every Saturday below the vet clinic from 2 to 4 p.m.

Miracle Healing Group Meets Saturdays at the Bodyworks Collective, 4 p.m.

Sunday, January 6, 2002

Corinternet Café Runs noon to 5 p.m.

Monday, January 7, 2002

Fun Darts Mondays at the Legion, 7:30 p.m.

Scottish Country Dance classes At All Saints Mondays, 6 p.m. First two classes free for newcomers. Info: 537-9387.

Life Drawing Takes place Mondays at Salt Spring United Church, upper level, 1-3 p.m.

Reader's Theatre Meets every Monday at Croftonbrook from 10 a.m. to noon. Info: Murray, 537-5432.

Vipassana Meditation Mondays at the Barn on Reynolds Road, 7:30-9 p.m.

Tuesday, January 8, 2002

Chess Club Meets every Tuesday at Salt Spring Seniors, 7 p.m. Players of all ages and abilities welcome.

North End Meditation The Heart Sutra is a weekly Buddhist meditation group hosted by the Yeshe Khorlo Society, students of HH Gangteng Rinpoche. Meets Tuesdays, 7:30-8:30. Info: Rory Kyle, 537-1497.

Corinternet Café Runs 1 to 8 p.m. See Wednesday listings for details.

Outhouse League Darts Tuesdays at the Legion, 7:30 p.m.

Drop-in Floor Hockey Play the game on foot at Fulford Hall every Tuesday, 6:30 p.m. \$3.50. Info: Normand, 653-9358.

Wednesday, January 9, 2002

Peace Vigil Silent Prayer and Candle Lighting at SS United Church sanctuary, every Wednesday at 4:30 p.m.

Salt Spring Historical Society Bob McWhirter will speak on the B.C. Provincial Police force. Central Hall, 2 p.m. All welcome.

Cribbage Wednesdays at the Legion, 8 p.m.

Corinternet Cafe Runs 1 to 8 p.m. Internet access charges are \$2 per half hour for adults, and \$1 per half hour for youth and seniors.

Thursday, January 10, 2002

Community Meditation Led by guest speakers each Thursday at SS United Church, upper hall, 11:15 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Soup's On! Free warm meal offered at All Saints church every Thursday, 11:30-1 p.m.

Survivor! Watch the show every Thursday at The Legion, 8 p.m. Sponsored by Island Star Video. Prizes!

Corinternet Café Runs 1 to 8 p.m. Internet access charges are \$2 per half hour for adults, and \$1 per half hour for youth and seniors.

Salty Wheels Square Dance Club Meets at Central Hall on Thursdays from 7-9 p.m. For info, call Angela Thomas, 653-9346.

Salt Spring Island Newcomers Group dinner and meeting, Harbour House, Blue Room, 6 p.m. Call Rita 538-0101 or Mary 538-0082 to RSVP by January 8.

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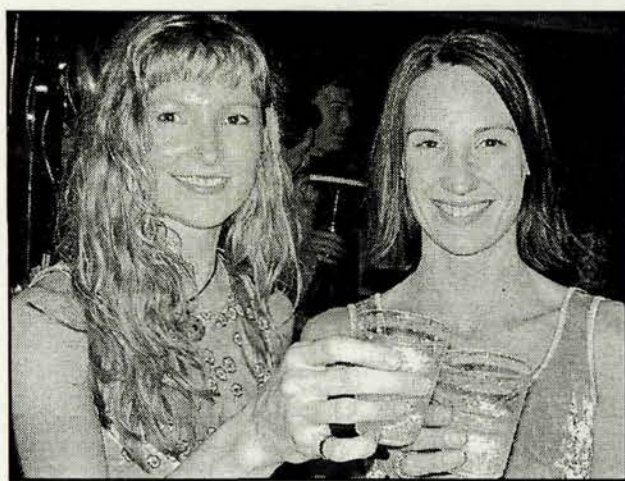
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CHEERS: Talons waitress Justine Bryant, left, and co-owner Josselin Johnson pause to "clink" their glasses in celebration during the new nightclub's first week.

Photo by Derrick Lundy

Video company announces trends

Video trends and trivia are the focus of the recently-released 2001 Rogers Video Rewind Report.

Rogers Video, the largest Canadian-owned and operated video specialty retailer, keeps close tabs on the likes and dislikes of viewers, and tells all in the report.

The company recently issued a press release giving a peek at the year 2001 in "rewind."

- most popular actor: Tom Hanks;
- most popular actress: Julia Roberts;
- top three renters: Meet the Parents, Castaway, What Women Want;
- top three sellers: Shrek, Gladiator, How The Grinch Stole Christmas (Jim Carrey);
- most popular theatrical movie

release of 2001: Harry Potter and The Philosopher's Stone;

- most popular movie release of all time: Titanic;
- most popular movie classic: Gone With The Wind;
- in the family, who decides on the movie: women, 55 per cent; men, 30 per cent; children 15 per cent;
- movie rentals per family per week with children — 1.8; per family with children under 12 — 2.3;
- average yearly amount Canadian households spent on videos: \$92;
- Canadian households with a VCR (2000) — 90 per cent; (2001) — 93 per cent (10 million households);
- Canadian households with a DVD player (2000) — 10 per cent; (2001) —

24 per cent (2.5 million households);

- most popular DVD for sale — Shrek; most popular DVD for rent — Unbreakable;
- top three video game rentals: N64 — Mario Party 3, Paper Mario, The World Is Not Enough; Playstation — Driver 2, Tony Hawk's Pro Skater 2, Simpsons Wrestling; Playstation 2 — Gran Turismo 3, Metal Gear Solid 2: Son's of Liberty, NHL 2002; Game Cube — Rogue Leader, Luigi's Mansion, Super Monkey Ball;
- percentage of adults that play video games — 20.

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meetings

Wednesday, January 9, 2002
Gulf Islands School Board Meets at the school board office in Ganges, 1 p.m. Public welcome!

families

Thursday, January 3, 2002
Storytime at Fables Cottage From 10:30-11:30 a.m.

Bellytalk at Rughuggers Informal discussion group for pregnant women and new moms is at Family Place, 2-4 p.m.

Family Place Drop-in See Wednesday listing.

Walk in Mouat Park For parents and children under 6. Each Thursday at 10 a.m., rain or shine. Sponsored by Family Place.

Friday, January 4, 2002
Fairy Tales & Myths Storytelling with Shauna Grylls at the library. A chance to explore wonder and curiosity in myths and tales. For ages 4 and up. Every Friday, 3-4 p.m.

Storytime at Fables Cottage From 10:30 to 11:30 a.m.

Roller Blading to Music At Fulford Hall every Friday, 7:30-9 p.m. \$2 per child, \$4 adults and \$10 (max) for families.

Kindergym See Wednesday listings.

Saturday, January 5, 2002
Kids' Toonie Bowling For ages 5-10, runs at Kings Lane Recreation every Saturday from 10 a.m. to noon.

Monday, January 7, 2002
Parent Support Circles Every Monday. Call Janice at 653-4411 or Barb at 537-5828 for info.

Family Place Drop-in See Wednesday listing.

Roz & Co. Reading hour for kids at Mary Hawkins Library, 11 a.m. to noon every Monday.

Tuesday, January 8, 2002
Family Place Drop-in See Wednesday listing.

Drop-in for Parents & Preschoolers At Fulford Hall every Tuesday, 10 a.m. to noon.

Wednesday, January 9, 2002
Storytime at Fables Cottage From 10:30 to 11:30 a.m.

Kindergym Wednesdays and Fridays at Community Gospel Chapel, 147 Vesuvius Bay Road, 9-11 a.m. Large motor play, circle time with songs and storytelling. Coffee & tea provided, with potluck once a month. \$2 suggested donation. Info: Angela, 537-2437.

Family Place Drop-in Open from 9:30-noon. Info: 537-9176.

Thursday, January 10, 2002
Bellytalk at Rughuggers Informal discussion group for pregnant women and new moms is at Family Place, 2-4 p.m.

Family Place Drop-in See Wednesday listing.

Storytime at Fables Cottage From 10:30-11:30 a.m.

Friday, January 4, 2002
Cosmic Bowling At Kings Lane Recreation on Friday nights, 9 p.m. to midnight. Bring your own CDs. Food and drinks available. Book a lane by calling 537-2054.

Seniors

Thursday, January 3, 2002
Seniors Sing-along An informal gathering of people who love to sing meets at Salt Spring Seniors every Thursday, 2 p.m.

Thursday Lunch A delicious meal is served every Thursday at noon at Salt Spring Seniors.

Monday, January 7, 2002

Seniors Yoga with Celeste At Salt Spring Centre, 11 a.m. to noon.

Wednesday, January 9, 2002
Move Into Fitness Ideal for seniors. At Meaden Hall from 9-10 a.m. with Rosemary Trump or Ila-Mae Dickson. \$4 drop-in; \$40 for books of 10.

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Thursday Lunch A delicious meal is served every Thursday at noon at Salt Spring Seniors.

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health

Thursday, January 3, 2002
Mixed Levels Yoga With Laura at Salt Spring Centre, 4-5:30 p.m.

Nia Fitness Dance A fun, energizing, low-impact workout for all fitness levels runs at All Saints By-the-Sea, 5:15 p.m. Info: Leslie, 537-0884.

Spin Cycle Classes At North End Fitness, 12:30 and 5:30 p.m.

Tai Chi Ch'uan Ongoing class for all levels every Thursday at Cedar Lane Studio, 7-9 p.m. Info: 537-5667.

Flexible Strength Classes With Betty-Lou Lake at All Saints from 8:45-9:45 a.m. Drop-in \$6, or 10 classes for \$40.

Body Ball Classes BYOB and meet at All Saints with Betty-Lou Lake on Thursdays from 10-11 a.m. \$6 drop-in or 6 classes for \$30.

Friday, January 4, 2002
Move Into Fitness classes See Wednesday listings.

Spin Cycle Classes At North End Fitness at 9:45 a.m.

Saturday, January 5, 2002
Nia Fitness Dance Classes At All Saints, 9:30 a.m.

Sunday, January 6, 2002
Free Intro to Yoga At Salt Spring Centre, 9:30-11 a.m.

Monday, January 7, 2002
Yoga with Celeste Mixed Levels class at Salt Spring Centre, 9-10:30 a.m.

Tai Chi Ch'uan Ongoing Monday classes for all levels at The Barn, 1:30-3:30 p.m. Info: Osman, 537-5667.

Taoist Tai Chi Classes Mondays at All Saints By-the-Sea, Ganges, 7-8 p.m.; seniors classes from 10-11 a.m. Call David or Tina, 537-1871.

Spin Cycle Classes At North End Fitness, 9:45 a.m.

Move Into Fitness classes See Wednesday listings.

Dance and Feldenkrais Classes Anna Haltrecht leads classes Mondays at Cats Pajamas Studio. Feldenkrais: Awareness Through Movement, runs at 6 p.m. followed by dance at 7:30. Info: 537-5681.

Judo Every Monday and Wednesday for kids 6-12 at the Dojo, 4:30-6 p.m.; 12-92 years, 7:30-9. Info: 537-4942.

Tai chi/Qigong See Wednesday listings.

Tuesday, January 8, 2002
Nia Fitness Dance See Thursday listing.

Spin Cycle Classes At North End Fitness, 12:30 and 5:30 p.m.

Flexible Strength Classes See Thursday listings.

Level 1-2 Yoga With Kishori at Salt Spring Centre, 6:30-8 p.m.

Wednesday, January 9, 2002
Judo See Monday listing.

Salt Spring Cancer Support Group Meets every Wednesday at Al Fresco Restaurant, except for the third Wednesday of each month when it gathers at Croftonbrook. Info: 653-4524.

Intro to Yoga With Celeste at Salt Spring Centre, 6:45-8 p.m.

Spin Cycle Classes At North End Fitness, 9:45 a.m.

Move Into Fitness classes At Meaden Hall from 9-10 a.m. A low-impact workout, an easy start, includes a long warm-up, walking cardio, toning and stretching. \$4 drop-in, or \$40 for book of 10.

Tai chi/Qigong Traditional Yang-style tai chi/qigong practice. Zong He academy holds classes for children, teens, adults and seniors. All levels. At All Saints By-the-Sea on Mondays and Wednesdays, 5:15-6:45 p.m. Info: Bob Fenske, 537-5135.

Taoist Tai Chi Classes are on Wednesdays at All Saints, 7-8 p.m.; seniors classes from 10-11 a.m. Call David or Tina, 537-1871.

Thursday, January 10, 2002

Tai Chi Ch'uan Ongoing class for all levels every Thursday at Cedar Lane Studio, 7-9 p.m. Info: 537-5667.

Spin Cycle Classes At North End Fitness, 12:30 and 5:30 p.m.

Mixed Levels Yoga With Laura at Salt Spring Centre, 4-5:30 p.m.

Body Ball Classes BYOB and meet at All Saints with Betty-Lou Lake on Thursdays from 10-11 a.m. \$6 drop-in or 6 classes for \$30.

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The next race is the Central Saanich Pioneer eight-kilometre run on Sunday, January 13.

Laing noted there are draw prizes, free soup, snacks and drinks after each run.

Top male and female finishers in five age categories also receive ribbons.

"Improving your own personal best times, keeping fit and socializing in a positive sport are reasons people go to these runs," said Laing.

Many participants are first-timers and speed is not important, he said.

"I enjoy the egalitarian nature of running a race — I've competed against Simon Whitfield, Jon Brown and the wonderful Kenyan runners... They were definitely ahead of me but we started together and shared the same experience," Laing said.

A fledgling Salt Spring Running Club meets at Portlock Park 4 p.m. Wednesdays and plans to hold some Sunday runs in the New Year.

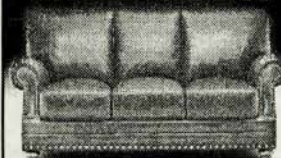
For more information about the Salt Spring running club or the Vancouver Island Race Series, call Laing (537-9542 evenings) or check the website: www.pih.ca.



SMOOTH MOVES: Seen doing their thing at the skateboard park in Ganges on Sunday were, clockwise from top left: Brandon Luyendyk; Jason Curtis and Leon Sturgeon.

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80. Jade Baker	173	266	439	29
81. Jeremy Morrison	171	267	438	25
82. Hank Doerksen	167	270	437	30
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Local disc players take on pros at annual tourney

Local disc golfers made a strong showing against some of the top players in the province for the Fourth Annual Boxing Day Classic tournament.

Gulf Islanders Seth Burton, Dave Walsh, Alex Fraser and Brook Holdack topped their divisions to win trophies, prizes and cash.

A record total of 76 players descended on Mout Park from Vancouver, Victoria, Cortez Island and even Phoenix, Arizona to challenge local players for glory in the Duck Golf Winter Series event.

Jas Bul of Vancouver nabbed top score in the 36-hole tourney with an 85 (23 under par).

Going into the second round, Bul only held an eight under par, which put him in the middle of the Open Pro Division pack. But he screamed through the last 18 holes with a 39 (15 under par) and picked up an ace on hole #5 to win \$179.30, plus a disc and trophy.

Vancouver disc veterans Dave Knudsen (87) and Dave Ross (88) followed close on Bul's heels to earn \$70 and \$45 respectively.

While Victoria brewer Clayton Beddington picked up \$30 with a score of 90 to win fourth place out of the 10 top-ranked competitors.

Victoria player George White (Canadian Champions Advanced Division winner in Edmonton last August) may not have scored in the top five with a 94, but he won \$74.30 with an ace on #8.

Pender Islander Alex Fraser coolly played a 91 to win \$94.80 in the Masters division (over 40-year-olds) while Salt Spring's Ted Hickford collected \$65 with a second-place score of 92.

Both local players scored ahead of 2001 Canadian Masters champion Peter Lizotte of Vancouver and 2001 B.C. Masters champion Steve Mawdsley of Cortez Island, who tied at 94.

Lizotte (last year's Boxing Day Masters winner) won \$46.80 after the third-place play-off, while Mawdsley pulled in \$31.20 to help recoup his ferry fares.

Salt Spring Master Derrick Lundy won \$23.40 with a fifth-place finish and 100 score against the 12 opponents.

Maintaining a lead through both rounds, Salt Spring knife-maker Seth Burton cut a clean 91 to win



DISC CRAZY: Seventy-six disc golf players from as far away as Cortez Island and Arizona landed on Salt Spring for an annual Boxing Day Tournament last week.

Photo by Derrick Lundy

\$109.20 against 20 competitors in the Advanced Division.

Battling against bogies, Mitchell Sherrin pulled in \$75.30 with a 95 to win second place, while Jeff Bosdet of Victoria walked away with \$137.30 after he aced hole #8 to cap off a third-place (96) finish.

Victoria's Skye Beddington beat tourney organizer Dean Crouse in a play-off for fourth and fifth places after they tied at 98. But Crouse collected more cash by acing hole #4 (\$116.30) against Beddington's \$50.40.

Todd Orlaw of Pender Island placed sixth with a 99 to win \$33.60, while Eric Donnelly of Salt Spring won back his entry fee (\$25.20) with a seventh place 100 and Victoria's Jason Popejoy picked up \$21 with an eighth place 101.

Local Dave Walsh beat 20 players to win \$81.90, a Duck Golf trophy and disc with a 100 in the Amateur Division.

After a 101 play-off for second place, local player Eric Vanderwekken beat Colin Than of Vancouver to win \$56.20.

Islander Tony Graham

also won a play-off for fourth after he tied Salt Spring's Nic Futter at 102. Graham pocketed \$112.10 between his placing and an ace on #14 while Futter won \$35.

Other local player results saw Jacob Burton (103) take sixth to win \$25.20, Dennis Murray (104) placing seventh to win \$18.70 and Mike McCormick (106) winning \$31.05 after he aced signature hole #13 to add to an eighth-place finish.

Visiting players dominated the seven women competitors. Alice Crawford of Phoenix (via Vancouver) won the play-off after a 108 tie against Vancouver's Denise O'Donnell. Crawford won \$52.50 along with a trophy and disc while O'Donnell earned \$31.

Victoria's Lisa Pennington took third place with a 109

to win \$24.

Local Brook Holdack nabbed a personal best (115) to place first against two players in the Novice Division. She won \$30, a trophy, disc and T-shirt.

Solo Junior player A.J. Ritchie scored a 136 and won a trophy, disc and his \$5 entry fee.

Organizer Dean Crouse offered a huge thank-you to his wife Heidi and daughter Braiden for assisting with registration and cash-outs to make this year's Boxing Day event such a stellar success.

Coming events in the nine Duck Golf Winter Tournament series include Jericho Park, Vancouver (February 23); Golf Island Park, Pender Island (March 1); and the series finale at Bowen Park, Nanaimo (April 13).

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Chicken owner upset over attack by visiting dog

By **KAE CHARMAN**
Staff Writer

Ann Hekkanen was blissfully playing piano last Thursday afternoon, but when she went outside to feed her horse at about 4:20 p.m. she saw something alarming.

It was a long-haired German Shepherd with Henrietta — one of her chickens — in its mouth.

She shouted, and the canine immediately dropped the chicken and headed back to where it was staying, in the yard of next-door neighbour John Henshaw.

Hekkanen said the dog appeared to be running sideways, as if trailing a rope from its collar.

The dog's owner, Janice Allen, had apparently gone to pick some-

one up at the ferry terminal and had left the dog tied in Henshaw's yard. Shortly after, the dog must have broken loose and headed next door.

Hekkanen noticed a large amount of chicken feathers scattered about and the one from the dog's mouth was badly tattered and huddled under a bush. With her partner Steve Payerle, Hekkanen took the still-alive but badly-battered chicken to the veterinarian on North Pender where the fowl was put down.

This is the third attack on Hekkanen's happy hens.

"The first time it was a little border collie staying at Henshaw's that got into the chickens," said

Hekkanen. "The owner took the dog up to another property on the hill and it ran back and killed my chickens."

"What can you say to impress on people?" asked Hekkanen. "How can you say to the owner, look — smarten up!"

"We could have shot the dog," said Hekkanen. "We have a gun, but you don't want to keep a loaded gun around."

Hekkanen said Henrietta was a beautiful chicken and both she and Payerle were very sad to lose it. Only two little ones remain in her flock.

"We're out of egg production since the last attack of 15 chickens," she said.

Payerle and Hekkanen were not at home during the last attack and are not sure what perpetrator was responsible for that incident.

"It's the violation of it," said Hekkanen. "We've spent a lot of time [on the chickens] and enjoyed them."

She wants justice and in her view that means dispatching the dog.

Henshaw reported that the dog in question is back in Sidney and the owner had no intention of putting the dog down.

"I don't know what the status is when a dog kills a couple of chickens. But (the dog) won't be back on island again, that's for sure," he said.

The owner and neighbours were

apologetic and agreed to pay the vet bill.

CRD bylaw enforcement officer Garret Legault could not be reached for comment.

Hekkanen wants to hear other people's experiences with dog attacks on farm animals and can be reached at 629-6030.

Two of the times her chickens were attacked have been by visiting dogs.

Hekkanen said people come from the city and think they can let their dogs run loose. But visitors forget the natural tendencies of dogs. "It's not the dog's fault," said Hekkanen, "it's thoughtless owners."

Rest in peace, Henrietta.

Kims open Medicine Beach grocery

By **PAMELA BROOKS**
Staff Writer

Welcome to our new shopkeepers — **Young Kim** and **Sue Kim** from Korea and **Ucluelet**, who opened up a grocery store next to That "Little" Coffee Place near Medicine Beach. They have two daughters — **Mirine**, aged 7, and **Belim**, aged 6. **Alex Lee** from A & T Store will help the Kim family establish a good business.

Twenty-five years ago **Bob Allison**, **Dinty Moore** and **Dick Tallman**, with **Doug Harker** conducting, began the Christmas Eve carol-singing-at-the-Care-Tree tradition.

This year, **Andrea** and **David Spalding** played auto harp and penny whistle, **Patricia Barnes** sang, **Ann Quitzau** played harmonica, **Roger Stribley** was on the big bass drum, **Mary Reher** on flute and **Kathy Curtis** and her clarinet, with children playing rhythm instruments. The starry, chilly night was perfect for the many participants and

PENDER SNIPPETS

singers.

Welcome to new residents of Port Washington. **Kate and Bruce Waygood** bought the Robertson house. They live in Saskatoon and thoroughly enjoyed the beautiful weather and carol singing while on Pender.

There's a lot of sticky fingers on Pender this week. Lanterns for the New Year's festival needed repairs, replacement or creation — such an important way to welcome the new year.

A sleazy Port Washington mink murdered three Silybum Berry Farm hens, then did the same with Judy Miles' pet hens at Southridge Farms Country Store.

Lucky for us, renowned mathematician, **Verena Huber-Dyson** is moving back to South Pender Island. Her home will be at the end of Gowlland Point near to her dear friends.

The Pender Island Youth Sports Association is delighted that the Nu-To-Yu donated 50 per cent of the \$3,000 cost of a new set of aluminum soccer goal posts. The posts were made in Sidney, delivered and assembled ready for the new season to begin early next year. **Chuck Burgess** said they'll last a lifetime. Parents of sporting youth prepared the paperwork and raised funds over the past three years to enable our children to play exhibition games with Vancouver Island teams. After affiliation, it's possible to buy insurance to cover the youngsters while travelling and playing.

Penny Tomlin and **Wally Skillen** are the proud parents of two Peregrine falcons born in a nest in the cliff below their Sahhali Serenity Resort.

Last summer a police helicopter hovered at their cliffside. Penny thought they were looking for illegal plants thought to grow on the Gulf Islands. Instead, a few days later, eight people

arrived at their home from the Fish and Wildlife Branch in Nanaimo to let Penny and Wally know they would soon be the proud parents of rare, endangered birds. Only 12 nests are known to be on the B.C. coast, south of Port Alberni.

In July, two eggs hatched. Fish and Wildlife people scaled the cliff, banded and tagged the baby birds and later, sent a remarkable photograph of the progeny to Sahhali Serenity. The photograph is proudly displayed in the lobby, available to anyone who would like to see a close-up picture of these beautiful birds.

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Former Olympic rower among developers at Poets Cove Resort

Poet's Cove Seaside Resort is now striding on the road to its summer of 2003 completion date.

The redevelopment of Bedwell Harbour Resort on South Pender Island is proceeding following receipt of its development permit from the South Pender Local Trust Committee.

Former Olympic rower **Silken Laumann**, who has vacationed on Pender with her young family in the past, is one of the developers.

Bill James, managing partner of Poets Cove Seaside Resort, said, "It was a natural choice for both of us to join forces in developing an eco-based active marine resort of the highest quality."

According to a press release, demolition has already started and residents can expect to see the new marine centre and show cottages as early as next spring.

At ground level the marine centre will consist of a new outdoor pool, whirlpool, showers and washrooms. Level two will offer a grocery store and cappuccino bar. The upper level will provide a meeting and club room for small

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At the December quarterly meeting of Islands Trust Council in Victoria, South Pender trustee **John Henshaw** praised Trust staff efforts on the development permit.

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M Tu W Th	3:15 pm	non-stop	3:55 pm
M Tu W Th	5:30 pm	non-stop	6:10 pm
M Tu W Th	7:20 pm	1 stop Galiano	9:35 pm
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F	7:10 pm	non-stop	7:50 pm
F	8:55 pm	non-stop	9:35 pm
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Sa	12:15 am	non-stop	1:00 pm
Sa	5:30 pm	non-stop	6:10 pm
Sa	7:10 pm	2 stops Mayne, Galiano	9:35 pm
Sa	8:05 pm	non-stop	10:00 pm
Sun	8:40 am	non-stop	9:20 am
Sun	12:30 pm	non-stop	1:10 pm
Sun & Hol M	5:35 pm	non-stop	6:15 pm
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Notices

6 DEATHS

ALAN BROWN, at the Cornwall General Hospital, Ontario on Tuesday, December 25, 2001. Alan P. Brown of Sandfield Place, Cornwall, age 90 years. Beloved husband of Alice Brown. Dear father of Dee Crawford of Ottawa, Pat Durin (Tony) of Green Valley, Ontario and Phil Brown of Barrie, Ontario. Also survived by eight grandchildren. A Memorial Service will be held in St. Andrew's United Church, Williamstown, Ontario on Saturday, December 29, 2001 at 2pm. Reverend Gary Stokes officiating. If so desired memorial donations may be made to the C.N.I.B. or the Salvation Army. Funeral arrangements in care of Munro & Morris Funeral Homes Inc. Oak Street, Lancaster, Ontario (1-613) 347-3629.

JEAN NELSON, nee Brackett, born Pender Island 1905, predeceased by her husband George, passed away on December 20, 2001. Lived on Churchill Road, Ganges, from 1930-1975. Sons Ted and Gordon Nelson. A memorial Service to be held at First Memorial on Falaise Drive, Victoria, January 5, 2002 at 2pm. No flowers by request.

WILLEM KRAYENHOFF died peacefully at home in the midst of his family on Dec 26, 2001. In lieu of flowers please make a donation to the local branch of the Planned Parent Association.

RODNEY PRINGLE passed away peacefully in Victoria Hospice on December 25, 2001 at the age of 75 years. He was predeceased by his first wife Gladys. He leaves to cherish his memory his loving family, his wife Julie of 11 years, five sons and their wives: Jim and Linda, Dave and JoAnne, John and Andrea, Tom and Cindy, and Rob and Gerri; three stepchildren Sherri and Barry, Lisa, and Mike and Lara, and 20 grandchildren. Rob grew up mostly in Kamloops and after graduating from U.B.C. he worked there for the B.C. Forest Service until he moved to Salt Spring. For over 35 years he was an active, valued and respected member of the business and greater community of Salt Spring. In retirement he enjoyed family and friends and traveling with Julie in their motorhome to Mexico in the Winter and Lac le Jeune in the Spring and Fall. In the Summer he enjoyed visiting and swimming with his family at the family's waterfront home, of which he was very proud. Rod was a strong family man in his quiet way and will be greatly missed by his family and friends. A memorial service to celebrate Rod's life was held Saturday, December 29, 2001 at 2:00 p.m. at the Community Gospel Church, 147 Vesuvius Bay Road, Salt Spring Island. Reception followed. Private family interment of ashes. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to the Victoria Hospice Society.

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British Columbia and Yukon Division
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204 - 780 Tolmie Ave.
Victoria, B.C., V8X 3W4
1-800-663-7892

6 DEATHS

BRUCE ROBINSON
Born: January 18, 1928
Died: Christmas morning
December 25th, 2001

Survived by his loving wife of 49 years. Colleen: his children Cathie, Susan and Bruce and their families; his sisters Edith, Joan and Joyce and their families. There will be no service by request. The family will be hosting a celebration of his life to be announced in January. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Lady Minto Hospital. Heartfelt gratitude is extended to Doctors Woodley and Crossland, the Home Care nurses and the nursing staff at Lady Minto. Your love, respect and care were deeply appreciated. The following poem was in the card he was to receive from his nine-year-old granddaughter. Unfortunately he did not get a chance to read it but we read it out loud today and we think he probably heard it!

Dear Grandpa,
I hope this Christmas
Is the best you've ever had,
Because to spend it with you
Makes me so glad!

This year for Christmas
I want you to see,
The treasure in my heart
That is for you, just from me.

I'm going to bring it right to you
Just like a little dove
Because this Christmas time
I'm giving you LOVE.

Love,
Sean Elizabeth

ALAN RAY SLATTERY

Ray died peacefully December 25th, 2001 at Lady Minto Hospital on Salt Spring Island; he was 93 years old. He was predeceased by his loving wife Edna, devoted daughter Bev Williams, and only grandson David. He is survived by his granddaughters Laurie Taylor, Sandy (Harold) Harkema, Rhonda (Daryl) Little, great-grandchildren Jason, Adam, Ryan, Jacquie, Ray, Val, Jessica, Adriane, Hayley and several great-great-grandchildren, and his sister Eva Yurebek of California, and many other family members in the United States and Canada.

Ray was born May 5th, 1908 in Bournemouth, England. He lived most of his life in Vancouver where he was very involved in many organizations. Ray moved to Salt Spring Island in 1991. He was a member of the Royal Canadian Air Force from 1941 to 1945, worked for the Vancouver City Police for 35 years, then worked for the Dental Board of British Columbia for a further 12 years.

Ray was a bright star in all our lives. A rare soul that did and said only good wonderful things. He made us smile with his wit, compassion, and consideration for others. Ray made this world a better place to live. We will miss you dearly; never will you be forgotten. Your vision makes me smile, and fills me with warmth, and happiness.

8 CARD OF THANKS

THE FAMILY of Ray Slattery would like to thank all the staff of both Lady Minto Hospital and Greenwoods for the care and compassion you have shown our Grandfather Ray, and ourselves over the past few months. Grandpa asked us to make sure we thanked you all.

20 COMING EVENTS

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

WINTER YOGA AT:

The Salt Spring Centre
starting January 14th

Monday
9am - 10:30 am
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11am - 12pm -
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Tuesday
6:30pm - 8pm
Level 1 & 2 - Kishori
Monday & Tuesday
classes - Drop in \$10

Saturday
9:30am - 11am
Pattibha Jois Ashtanga
Yoga - Cynthia
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9:30am - 11am
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SSC Staff
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20 COMING EVENTS

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Royal Canadian Legion
THURSDAY, January 3rd
7:00pm
Early Birds - 6:30pm
Sponsored by
Ladies Auxiliary
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All proceeds to bursaries for
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LEGION PIPE BAND

ROBERT BURNS NIGHT
Saturday, January 19th
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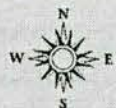
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Bob Akerman is turning 90 years old on January 7 and his family is marking the occasion with an informal open house on Sunday, January 6.

"It's an interesting date," said Darlene O'Donnell, Akerman's daughter. "It is the same date an open house was held at the old house on

Blackburn Lake in 1912, the date of dad's birth. It had snowed 16 inches and all of the 'elite' of Salt Spring were invited."

O'Donnell says her father is in "very good health" and is looking forward to seeing family and friends on Sunday from 12 to 4 p.m. at 2501 Fulford-Ganges Road.

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SCORPIONS: Some of the members of the Gulf Islands Secondary School Class of 2001 stand with a new mural in the high school gym. The Class had money left over from grad celebrations and sponsored the creation of this "Scorpions" mural, which was completed over the Christmas break.

Photo by Derrick Lundy

LOOKING BACK: 2001

THE YEAR IN REVIEW

Gospel Church to remember beloved kindergarten teacher Maria McKeachie who died of cancer on September 24.

• The Salt Spring Island Conservancy hosted a guided tour of the history of evolution with the outdoor show, A Walk Through Time ... From Stardust To Us.

October

• Vehicle ferry service was suspended between Fulford Harbour and Swartz Bay October 1 after two engines failed on the Skeena Queen. The Bowen Queen provided service on the Fulford run for the month of October and B.C. Ferries negotiated with engine manufacturer Mitsubishi to replace the Skeena's high-speed diesels with medium-speed engines.

• On-island private transfer stations received regulation through Capital Regional District Bylaw 2810. The bylaw outlined procedures private individuals or companies must take to get a licence to operate a transfer station on the island, fees, fines and bylaw enforcement procedures.

• A group of Salt Spring actors played roles of victims and terrorists trying to find a common ground to show the cultural differences that separate western attitudes from those in the Middle East in a mock restorative justice hearing October 4.

• The Queen of Nanaimo was evacuated and quarantined October 15 after an Anthrax scare on the Long Harbour ferry. The incident joined a rash of similar cases throughout the world following discoveries of Anthrax in the U.S.

• Two newly erected bus shelters on Salt Spring drew unwanted attention from the Ministry of Transportation that resulted in relocation and removal of several shelters from highways right-of-ways on the Gulf Islands.

• Unionized teachers

across the province voted in favour of a strike October 18. Phase I of job action saw teachers maintain all classroom and extracurricular services to students but withdraw from activities such as attending staff or committee meetings, non-instructional supervision of students, doing report cards or administering district or ministry tests.

• A cougar sighting on October 28 put an early Halloween fright into a hiker on lower Mount Belcher. Local RCMP and CRD animal control officers investigated the sighting but recommended islanders shouldn't get too excited since the cougar would likely swim back across Samsun Narrows.

• A public Georgia Strait Crossing pipeline hearing October 30 gave a hint of an impending battle over the environmentally contentious natural gas pipeline project.

November

• Driftwood Publishing purchased the Barnacle Island Journal November 1. Ownership of the Barnacle transferred almost three years to the day after the newspaper was launched by former Driftwood employees Jeff Outerbridge and Damaris Rumsby.

• As a \$15.9-million deal between Texada Land Corporation and the provincial government drew to a close, Salt Spring fundraisers quickly raised the final \$350,000 needed to cement the 665-hectare (1,642-acre) November 30 parkland purchase.

• Salt Spring and Victoria-area celebrities, actors, environmentalists and businessmen agreed to bare all in the Hunks for Habitat fundraiser of the Salt Spring Appeal of The Land Conservancy of B.C.

The Hunks raised over \$37,000 towards the Texada land purchase.

• Police searched Salt Spring for three suspects after Fulford resident Charlie Ward was shot at his home November 15. The 30-year-old shooting victim was transported to Victoria and Vancouver to recover from a paralyzing shot. While Ganges RCMP reported they did not know the motive for the attack, a small marijuana growing operation was found at Ward's home.

• Rebel Saanich-Gulf Islands MP Gary Lunn returned to the Canadian Alliance Party November 15 after a six-month hiatus from the opposition caucus. On returning to the Canadian Alliance, Lunn reported it was time to build unity from within the party.

• A Mayne Island family survived a traumatic shock when a car-deck ramp on the Queen of Cumberland collapsed and crushed their van November 22. No one was injured in the mechanical mishap but many Gulf Islands passengers suffered inconvenience and travel delays after the ferry was docked, leaving 27 vehicles stranded on the upper car-deck.

December

• Islanders made an informal vote in favour of holding a referendum on incorporation at information meetings December 4 and 5.

Salt Spring residents questioned elected officials consultants and Local Government Restructure Committee members about the implications of forming a municipality. The committee reported later in the month that a referendum would likely be held in June 2002.

• A 325 by 50-foot ext-tanker hull appeared in Ganges Harbour as a proposed breakwater for Ganges Marina. Local residents objected to the derelict tanker as an eye-sore and the marina's breakwater plans were deemed to be in violation of Islands Trust and B.C. Assets and Land Corporation rules.

• Islanders gathered at Beaver Point Hall December 14 to remember comedian, musician and actor James Wilkinson who died of a stroke unexpectedly on December 5 at age 36.

• Texada land activists celebrated the formation of new parkland and the protection of the Maxwell Lake watershed at an all-day party December 16.

• Gulf Islands residents learned they could face higher fares, reduced service, privatization or even bridges if the Ministry of Transportation adopts recommendations from a report on B.C. Ferries by investment banker Fred Wright.

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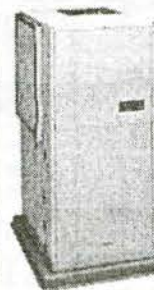
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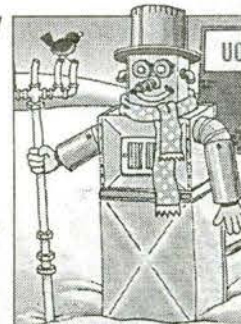
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