

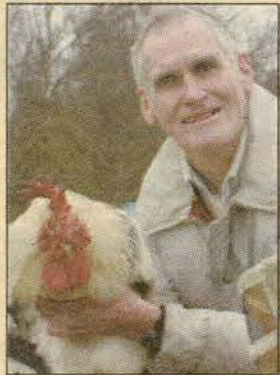
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Motorists rescued from wires tangle

By MITCHELL SHERRIN
 Staff Writer

While thousands of Gulf Islanders suffered the inconvenience of electrical outages after a fierce windstorm hit the south coast last Thursday night, two women received a major fright when they drove their vehicle into downed power lines on Channel Ridge Drive.

But the retired island driver wasn't overly concerned about her safety since a number of rescuers responded promptly and displayed calm professionalism.

"I was just impressed that everyone did what they should always do. They did the helping thing," Elizabeth Pellett said.

She had been driving a

scenic route home with her beagle Pekoe and visiting friend Linda Heller (of Lompoc, California) when they rounded a corner on Channel Ridge Drive and spotted a tree across power lines at 10:30 a.m. Friday.

"It happened so suddenly," she said.

Unbeknownst to Pellett, wires dangled parallel to the side of the road over 50 metres in advance of the fallen tree and her vehicle was caught in the lines before she could brake.

"We could hear raking at the side of the car and we stopped."

Fortunately, both a cyclist and motorist in a pick-up truck arrived almost immedi-

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Islanders weather Thursday storm

By MITCHELL SHERRIN
 Staff Writer

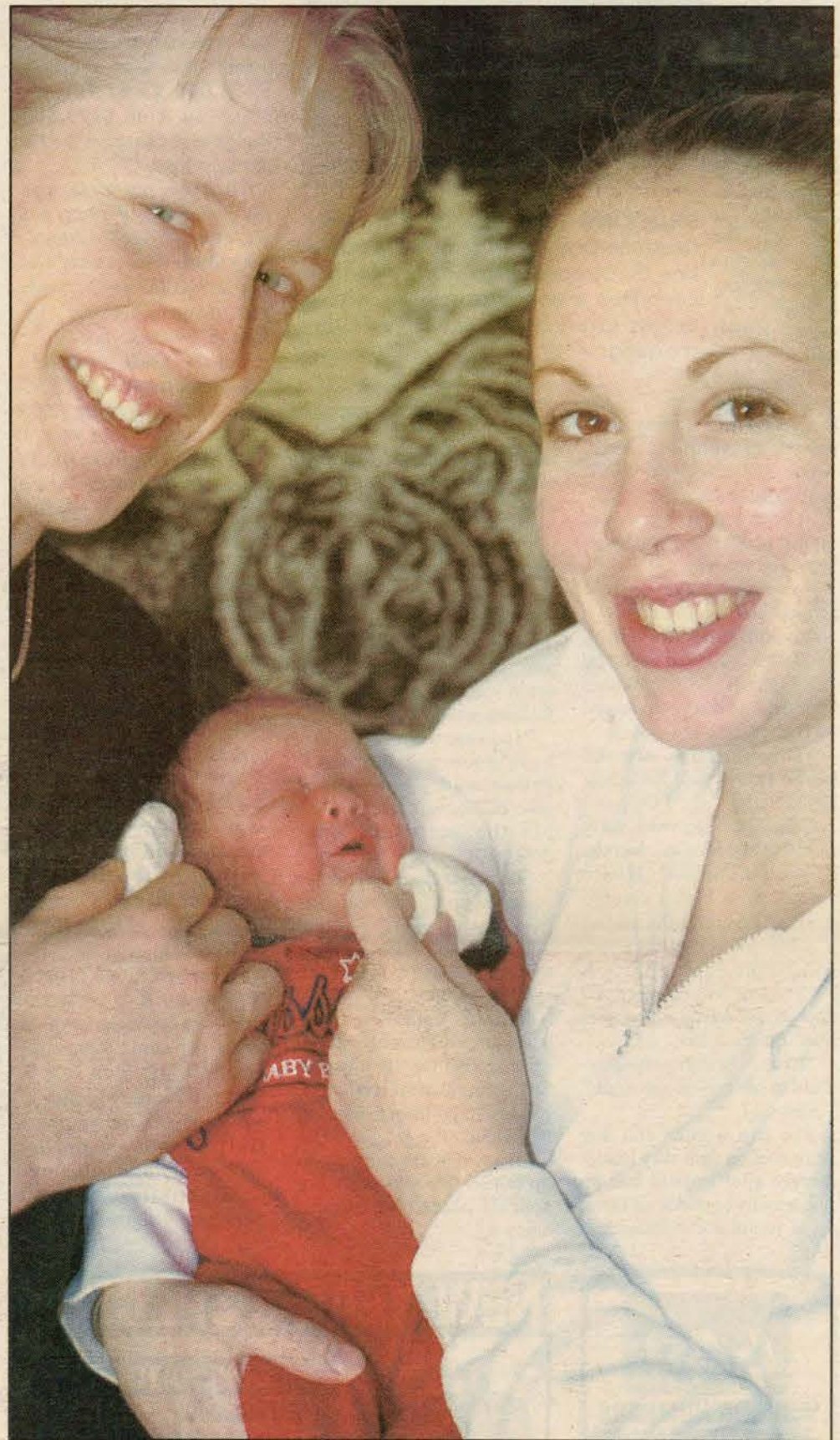
Storms last Thursday night and Friday morning kicked up a ruckus and left thousands of Gulf Islanders without electricity as trees crashed through power lines.

While a few individuals had troublesome moments, Salt Spring Fire Department, Canadian Coast Guard and Gulf Islands Water Taxi crews made efficient lifesaving rescues, B.C. Ferries sailings were not significantly delayed and Hydro crews restored power to most homes within a short period of time.

Firefighters attended one frightening scene where two women were trapped in a vehicle snagged under power lines at Channel Ridge Friday (see related page 1 story) and another Isle View Drive home where lines came down around a house, confining occupants indoors.

But all people involved at the downed power-line incidents remained safe because they stayed put until B.C. Hydro workers cleared the sites of trouble, said firefighter Jamie Holmes.

STORM 3



FIRST BABE: Salt Spring's New Year's baby arrived within the first week of 2003 as Kamryn Mackenzie Little was born to parents Aaron Little and Robin Morris at 4:48 p.m. Monday, January 6.

Photo by Derrick Lundy

Wayward sea-faring sauna prompts mysteries

By MITCHELL SHERRIN
 Staff Writer

A floating sauna built to warm Polar Bear swimmers left Salt Spring during high tides and blustery winds Thursday and might enter history books as the first official sauna shipping hazard.

"It was last seen entering commercial traffic lanes north-bound in Houston

Passage," said Ganges Spring Coast Guard officer-in-charge Ian Kyle.

Vesuvius Bay resident Ann Taylor was one of the last islanders to see the vessel before its impromptu departure.

"Where else but on Salt Spring could a sauna be seen floating into shipping lanes?" she asked.

Taylor first spotted the sauna underneath the ferry dock around 9 a.m. Thursday.

"A deckhand or officer with a nudging pole moved it enough to clear the slip way. It could have gone underneath the propellers," she said.

"The last we saw, it was heading toward Tent Island.

It made a very pretty picture of an igloo with a chimney floating north west."

Crew members aboard the Howe Sound Queen made no complaint about the vessel blocking their path, said B.C. Ferries communications officer Stephen Nussbaum.

"They do remember seeing it heading on its way," he added.

The floating sauna was built to fulfill a dream by Salt Spring roofer, welder and kinetic sculptor Wayne Simons, said assistant sauna builder Robb Zuk.

"It's always been his dream to build a floating sauna for the Polar Bear Swim," Zuk said.

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ately to offer assistance.

"It was a totally unexpected and new situation."

By coincidence, a volunteer firefighter was one of the first people on the scene. He encouraged the two women to stay in the vehicle.

"At the far side of the tree, a man waved to stay where we were," Pellett said.

She also saw someone in a yellow jacket using a cell phone to summon help, which made her feel confident about rescue.

"There's nothing to get excited about when you know help is on the way."

Fire chief Dave Enfield arrived almost immediately, along with other firefighters and police, who offered Pellett and Heller reassurance until the line could be cleared by B.C. Hydro.

"The linesmen are the heroes today," said firefighter Dale Lundy.

Called back to work early from his vacation on account of the storm, B.C. Hydro worker Don Fisher cleared the line promptly after scaling a utility pole to attach a secondary wire.

"The line was de-energized but we still have to treat it as live," Fisher noted.

"I was tremendously interested to see how it was done," Pellett said.

The two women and dog were sent on their way immediately after Enfield had an opportunity to check on them.

"If you're not in immediate



SHOCKING EXPERIENCE: B.C. Hydro linesman Don Fisher removes a power line that trapped two women in their car after a windstorm blew a tree across Channel Ridge Drive Friday morning.

Photo by Mitchell Sherrin

danger and you are trapped by downed power lines, we always recommend that you stay in your house or vehicle," said firefighter Jamie Holmes.

The women did the best thing they could do to remain safe, he said.

Electricity radiates in rings and the difference in amperage between ring spaces is what causes the danger, Holmes noted.

"It was wonderful to have everyone helping," Pellett said. "You should give all those helping people the accolades they deserve."

She was making a butternut squash soup to celebrate their good fortune Friday afternoon when the RCMP called to make sure the women were still feeling fine.

Pellett's Channel Ridge adventure was part of a scenic drive around the north end of Salt Spring that she commonly takes to go from Ganges to Maliview.

"It's a tremendous way to go home. We live in such a special place. We should enjoy it."

Property assessments up all over the Gulf Islands

Gulf Islands property assessments followed an ascending region-wide trend with an 11.3 per cent increase in the assessment roll issued last week.

A "typical" Salt Spring non-waterfront residential home was assessed at \$215,000 as of July 1, 2002, up from \$195,800 the year before — a 9.8 per cent hike.

Thirteen per cent was the more likely jump for waterfront residences, with B.C. Assessment citing \$434,000 as the typical assessed value, up from \$384,000.

Total Gulf Islands assessment roll was \$2.95 billion, compared to \$2.65 billion the previous year.

"This growth reflects increases to market values for many properties but also includes subdivisions, rezonings and new construction," said area assessor Brian Hawkins.

One group of Salt Spring property owners, who battled B.C. Assessment figures last year to gain a one-year reprieve pending a more thorough review, didn't have enough information as of Tuesday about what they might face this year.

Doug Mitchell of the Channel Ridge Owners Association said preliminary information suggested Channel Ridge property owners had received increases ranging from 15 to 60 per cent. A meeting on the topic was scheduled for Tuesday night.

Valuations for southern Gulf Islands properties also rose, but remained substantially below the Salt Spring figures.

A typical Galiano waterfront residence was valued at \$324,800 (up from \$310,000 in 2001), while a Saturna non-waterfront home edged up by \$1,100 to \$95,100.

However, owners of waterfront homes on Pender and Mayne islands saw the greatest increases — in the 23 per cent range — in the Gulf Islands.

Assessments of any B.C. property can be viewed by address either at the Government Agent's Office in Ganges or online

through www.bcassessment.bc.ca

Anyone who believes their property assessment does not reflect market value as of July 1, 2002 or that the information on their assessment notice is incorrect should contact B.C. Assessment in Victoria at (250) 479-7131 or 1-800-990-1159.

Assessments can be appealed if a written request for a review is delivered to the assessment office (or post-marked) by January 31.

FOR THE RECORD

A young disc golfer was incorrectly identified from disc golf tournament in last week's Driftwood. Silas Flynn (not Donnelly) won a trophy for most improved score between two rounds.

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Firefighters manned all three island stations from 1 to 4 a.m. Friday in case of emergency, said fire chief Dave Enfield.

"I got the first call at 12:57 p.m. that the pager system was down."

He also activated the emergency operations centre but fortunately the firefighters received few distress calls.

The Rescue Coordination Centre tasked Gulf Islands Water Taxi to perform a medical evacuation of a man with acute appendicitis from Pender Island 9 p.m. January 2.

"A helicopter tried to make a few passes but the weather was too rough," said water taxi owner Jack Hughes.

While crews aboard the Ganges Hawk also found the weather too nasty, they returned to harbour to take the Scholarship instead. The larger vessel had just completed a life-raft inspection that precluded it from earlier rescue attempts, Hughes said.

"There was 120-kilometre winds at Roberts Bank [near Tsawwassen] that toppled a coal conveyor crane that night."

The Scholarship returned to Ganges at 11 p.m. where

STORM: High winds strike islands

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ambulance staff met the Pender man and took him to Lady Minto Hospital for an emergency appendectomy, Hughes said.

Salt Spring Coast Guard crews were also tasked to investigate two overturned kayaks seen drifting around Boat Nook off Thieves Bay at North Pender Thursday afternoon.

Assistance by a circling Harbour Air float plane didn't spot anyone from above and a detailed search of the boats revealed that they were padlocked together, which assured rescuers that no kayakers were lost.

Coast guard crews also recovered a swamped 20-foot aluminum boat and a 26-foot sailboat that ran aground in Long Harbour January 2.

And they found two more Livingston dinghies and another kayak in Haro Strait near the U.S. border on Friday.

"We find everything out there and nothing has a name on it," Kyle said.

He recommends that people put their name, tele-



Hairstylist Bevan Wrate won't be able to use these scissors and a comb to trim the branches of a tree which fell in his yard during the storm last week.

Photo by Derrick Lundy

phone number and address on boats, personal flotation devices and other nautical equipment to assist recovery efforts.

"If you're going to spend \$6,000-7,000 on a kayak, buy a felt pen," said Kyle.

"Putting a B.C. driver's licence number on things will get it to people anywhere in the province. If people did that, we could return almost all the stuff that gets lost. . . . We could save the government a million dollars [in search and recovery time] if we could get people to do that."

As it stands, marine debris from boaters is still spread all over the place, he said.

"You've got to tie it down if it's going to be there when you get back."

People who dragged their small boats above the high-tide line will likely be surprised to find that the high-tide line has changed, he added.

Salt Spring roads still remained above the high-tide line Friday. All roads were intact except for locations where trees had cut

power lines and the site of a small mudslide on Cranberry Road, said JJM region general manager Richie Harold.

JJM road maintenance crews were still performing a general clean-up of culverts and clearing roadsides of branches and limbs Monday, Harold said.

"All in all, it wasn't bad. Just a lot of inconvenience and power outages."

Any disturbance that caused breakages in power lines would be redirected to B.C. Hydro, whose staff cut associated trees and clear the roadways, he said.

Galiano, Mayne, Saturna and the Pender islands were left in the dark just after 3 a.m. Friday, which affected 3,900 households.

The windstorm also

caused outages throughout Salt Spring.

B.C. Hydro crews worked throughout Friday and Saturday to restore power.

Vancouver Island also saw outages affecting 40,000 households.

Ferries in the southern Gulf Islands region saw only one 20-minute delay to the Queen of Nanaimo leaving Tsawwassen for Long Harbour (route 9) Thursday night.

While the south coast was lashed with rain, Port Alberni received the lion's share of precipitation (45.8 millimetres in 24 hours). But then winds died and clouds dissipated as temperatures soared above seasonal highs Saturday, Sunday, Monday and Tuesday.

The weather is now expected to remain warm and dry throughout the rest of the week with highs of eight degrees Celsius.

SAUNA: Last seen heading northwest

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"He asked if I wanted to help and we went in a couple of days before New Year's in dry suits to collect logs for the raft. Wayne welded up a 45-gallon drum 'Frankenstein' stove, quick and dirty, and welded on legs. He also built beautiful arbutus railings and we set up a plastic dome over the top."

Zuk stayed in the sauna overnight to keep the stove warm before the swim January 1.

In addition to completing a Polar Bear dip, entrants to the "Chamber of Secrets" sauna had to tell a personal secret to their steaming compatriots as an admission price, Zuk noted.

Zuk was distressed to learn that the sauna had wandered away Thursday morning.

"I thought it was terrible but Wayne was more fatalistic and happy about it. 'That's just the way it is,' he said."

The two sauna enthusiasts had arranged to meet at 10 a.m. Thursday to dismantle the Chamber of Secrets but Zuk was paged to respond to a coast guard auxiliary call and missed Simons efforts to recover the vessel.

"Wayne and Paul went out

in a canoe just north of Vesuvius and they could see the sauna coming."

They launched their canoe to meet the structure but Simons lost his paddles in the storm and the would-be sauna rescuers were forced to propel themselves with tree branches and a broom, Zuk said.

"They got out to it and tried to tow it back, but they didn't have a chance against a 20-knot wind."

The boaters swamped the canoe on the return voyage and had to cast the sauna loose once again.

"He was a little bit shaken. Coming back, the waves were too much for the canoe, let alone if you had paddles."

Undaunted, Simons intended to pursue the sauna in his powerboat but foul weather prohibited the plan until the vessel was lost.

"It has no commercial value but we didn't want it to be causing damage," Zuk said.

He received a fair bit of teasing from fellow coast guard members for his involvement with the wayward sauna. Simons has also been an auxiliary member, Zuk said.

"They're not letting me

forget that one. As long as they're teasing you, you're still okay. Once they stop teasing, then you're in trouble."

Though Zuk was not present when Simons tied up the sauna raft Wednesday, he believes Simons left the vessel secure.

On his searches of the beach and raft Thursday, Simons wasn't able to find the new double-braid rope he used to anchor the sauna.

"He was fond of that particular piece of 100-foot rope."

Zuk indicated that the sauna builders would be happy to dismantle the sauna if they could find it. But he believes it probably broke up in the storm Thursday night.

"If it breaks up and sinks peacefully or ends up on a beach without causing problems, that would be okay."

Overall, Zuk was still left with a positive experience after his involvement in the project.

"The value of dreams is quite wonderful; as long as there isn't too high a price to pay."

Having invested a few days work in the Chamber of Secrets, Zuk is enthusiastic

about joining Simons for future adventures.

"It's also inspired me to think of a few projects of my own."

As for Simons himself, he has been unavailable for comment since Friday. Perhaps he's still pursuing the sauna as it makes a northern odyssey through Georgia Strait.



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Islanders choose early first night

By MITCHELL SHERRIN
Staff Writer

Islanders welcomed in the new year in a new way with First Night celebrations in Ganges December 31.

But even those hipsters attending the gala festivities in town were still able to get a good night's sleep before the next day's Polar Bear Swim.

Approximately 200 people gathered in the parking lot area beside Mouat's Trading Company on New Year's Eve and listened to entertainment provided by Valdy and humourist master of ceremonies Arthur Black.

"In true Salt Spring fashion, midnight came at 11:30 p.m.," laughed Chamber of Commerce vice-president Doug Mitchell. "Our timing was a little off."

After Valdy and Black

packed up to ring in the new year at home, islanders trundled off as well.

"I think it could turn into an annual event. It's a nice thing where the community could get together," Mitchell said.

One of the big hits of the evening was flashing strobe lights sold by the Chamber of Commerce as a fundraiser for the new firehall clock, which was unveiled for the celebration.

"The flashers raised \$250. We need \$1,500 more to finish paying for the clock. That will need to come from fundraising, or someone will have to come forward to help out," Mitchell said.

The gathered audience also assisted judges in determining the winner of a chili cook-off by tasting samples from eight pots of chili and

selecting a people's choice winner with an informal applause meter.

Judges Linda Koroscil, Pat Robertson and Steve Lynch chose a tantalizing chili produced by the chef at an award-winning local newspaper.

"They were all very good. To me, some just needed to be cooked longer. It makes the flavours blend better and it cooks the beans better," said Robertson.

"You want to talk about heartburn?" fellow judge Koroscil laughed. "One was the best baked beans I've tasted in my life. If it was a baked beans contest, they would have won... You've got to get the cumin in there."

The Chamber of Commerce also sponsored the annual Vesuvius Beach

Polar Bear Swim with a number of donated prizes on New Year's Day.

A crowd of 30 swimmers (many in costume) took the icy plunge under rain and winds while 75 onlookers cheered from a narrow stretch of beach.

A few bathers even enjoyed a special treat provided by a few inventive islanders. A floating sauna, dubbed the Chamber of Secrets, was constructed for the event by Wayne Simons and Robb Zuk. (See related story.)

"A good time was had by all, even in the rain," said Mitchell.

With a little luck, the First Night event will return next year and islanders might even be able to stay up till midnight to welcome 2004.

Hospital campaign achieves 77 per cent of goal

Latest tallies show the Lady Minto Hospital Foundation's Do You Care fundraising campaign has burst the half-million mark.

With more than \$530,000 of the \$650,000 needed for the foundation's contribution now in hand, foundation president Wendy Shea said community support has been overwhelming.

She noted that aside from a \$25,000 anonymous donation, there have also been several in the \$1,000 range to join the numerous smaller contributions — "and it all adds up."

The foundation's \$650,000 will be added to Vancouver Island Health

Authority and Capital Regional District funds to complete the \$1.8-million operating room expansion and palliative care suite.

"We used 'Do You Care?' as our campaign slogan, and our community has answered loud and clear that the answer is 'yes,'" said Shea.

"The notes which donors have enclosed with their contributions have been so supportive and encouraging."

Donations are still being received and meetings are scheduled with the architects and user groups to finalize plans for construction, which is expected to begin later this spring.

Shea said another positive aspect to the campaign is that community members will soon see the results of their generosity.

"The community is going to see this happen right before their eyes because it will happen very quickly," said Shea. "By the time summer rolls around they will actually see something being built there."

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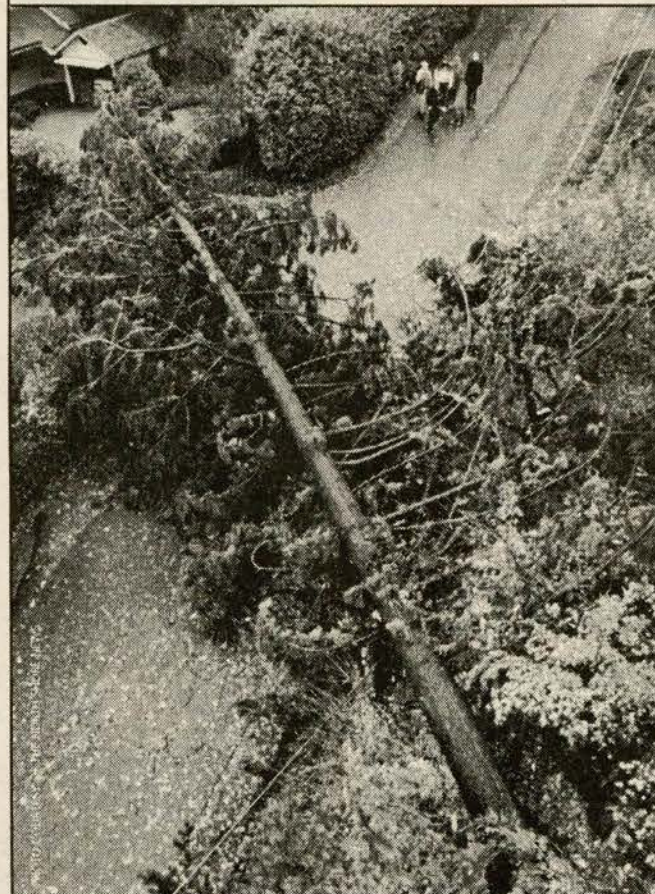
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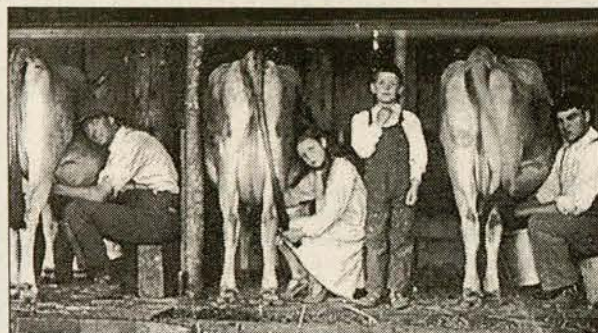
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Gas station stories differ

A rocky Ganges business relationship appears destined to maintain its volatile tone through the final six months of a lease agreement.

The lease between Petro-Canada and Gasoline Alley property owner Spencehill Holdings Ltd. expires in June, but spokesmen for the two companies have different visions of the future.

Petro-Canada's rural retail territory manager Karl Fandrich said Monday that his company intends to remain at the Gasoline Alley site, despite reports to the contrary.

"That would be rumour," he said in response to stories that Petro-Canada would be leaving.

"We're working with the current owner right now," he said. "Our intention is to stay there."

However, Spencehill Holdings spokesman Harry Smith told the Driftwood, "Their lease expires on June 15, 2003 and they will not be there. It will not be renewed with Petro-Canada."

The Spencehill-Petro-Canada lease period has been peppered with difficulties, including messy legal action in 1999 which Justice R. Dean Wilson said was "getting as bad as a domestic quarrel."

Last summer Spencehill also complained to various authorities that Petro-Canada had violated its lease conditions and had dragged its feet on having an oil-water separator installed in accordance with a B.C. Fire Code order.

The installation was completed last fall.

At the time, Fandrich told the Driftwood "at least half" of Smith's allegations concerned items that "were either within his control or his responsibility."



SEA SAUNA: The Chamber of Secrets sauna — built by Wayne Simons and Robb Zuk — set up at the annual Polar Bear Swim was last seen heading north-west. (See story, Page 1).

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Salt Spring RCMP investigated reports of items stolen from a number of parked vehicles during the late hours of New Year's Eve or early New Year's Day.

Thefts from vehicles occurred on Cranberry Road, Beddis Road, Lee Ann Road and Douglas Road. They appear to be related to the break in of a Douglas Road suite, said police.

Residents are asked to lock parked vehicles and remove items of value such as briefcases.

Anyone with information about vehicle break-ins is requested to call local RCMP at 537-5555.

In other police news:

- Police are seeking information about a hit and run accident on Nose Point

RCMP REPORT

Road between 11 and 11:40 a.m. December 23. The owner of the damaged vehicle was hiking in the area and returned after 40 minutes to find a large dent in the box of his pickup truck.

• A Salt Spring man was arrested for impaired driving noon Monday after police received a complaint call. The man will appear in court to answer the charge on February 11.

• Police had only a few calls related to the stormy weather on Thursday and Friday. Salt Spring RCMP assisted the Outer Gulf Islands detachment due to the lack of power and tele-

phone service on Pender Island and referred several calls to B.C. Hydro and Telus because of downed lines and fallen trees.

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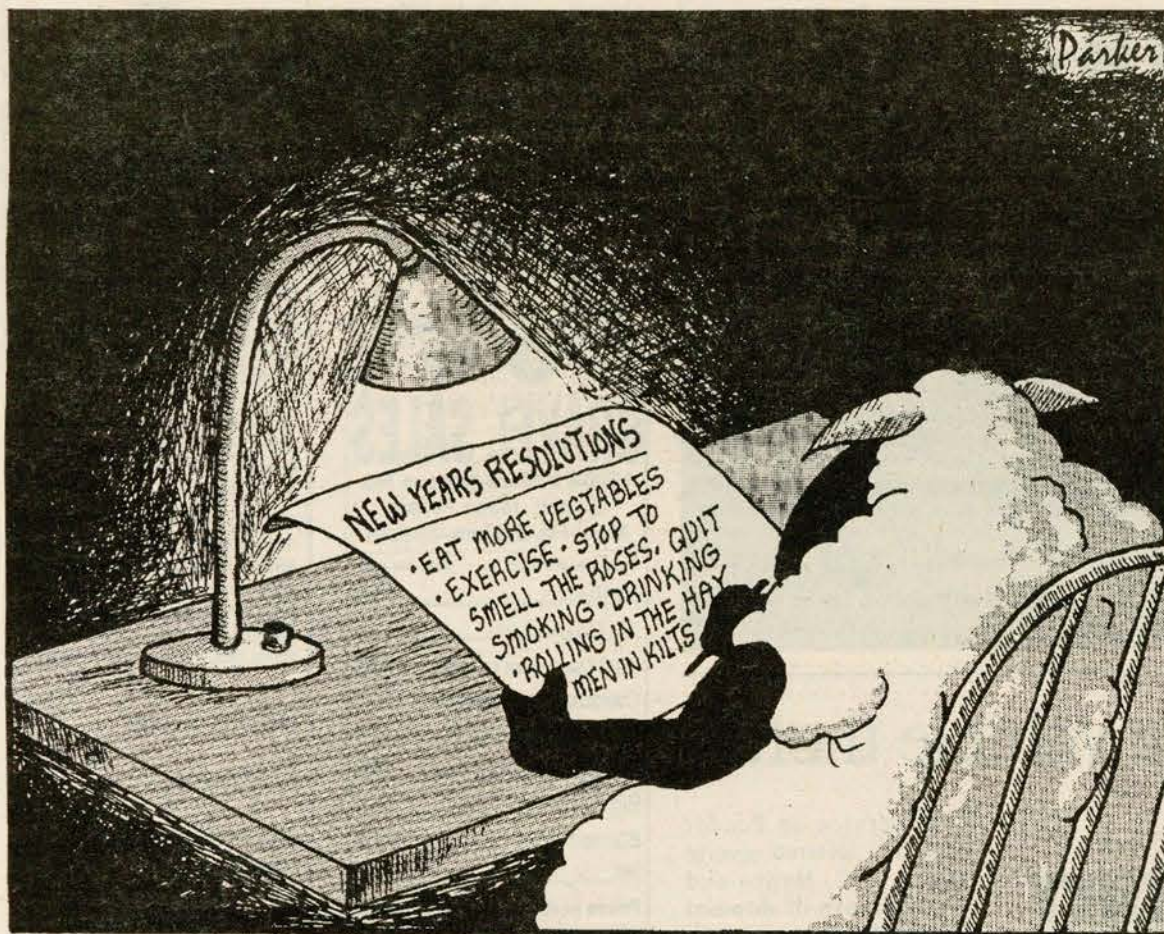
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Seeking sustainability

Exciting is not a word one would normally associate with meetings of the Islands Trust Council. But it is a word that one might be tempted to use to describe an initiative that was discussed during the council's meeting in December.

Trustees gave staff direction to develop a model process and outline for an "island sustainability strategy" that would examine some key issues facing the Trust islands.

It might be considered a bit of a stretch in the mandate to have the Trust take a close look at the drivers of the local economy. But the preservation and protection of the islands can only be carried out in one of two ways: remove all the people from the islands, or set the stage so as to allow the people to pursue activities that contribute to the economic health of their communities, for a healthy economic climate will in turn support sustainability.

So what are the issues that require examination?

We suggest that the most important, particularly for Salt Spring, is the makeup of the economy. Tourism is obviously the chief component, but no one has a firm idea of its value. What is the direct contribution it makes to the local economy in terms of revenue and employment?

How much do visitors spend? How long do they stay? How do they get here? Where do they come from?

The answers to those questions and more would give us valuable data for determining the importance of tourism and gauging what the future might hold in store.

Some other elements of the local economy are very closely linked to the tourist industry, in that they represent attractions themselves and rely on tourism for their revenues. One that has grown in recent years is value-added agriculture. Others are of a cultural nature, such as the production of arts and crafts.

The number of people engaged in all these activities, along with data on the revenues they generate, would form an essential part of a sustainability study.

The study itself represents an opportunity for the Trust to gather the information necessary for making the right decisions on land use and planning. That would be an improvement over past practice, and an exciting one indeed.

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Letters to the Editor

Weary of support

Thanks to John Pottinger for reminding everyone that he supports the Salt Spring Island Monetary Foundation. (January 1 Isle Say column.)

A few more weeks of his support, however, and he just may, single handedly, do irreparable damage to a fundraising project and local currency system that has incredible potential to benefit our community.

I find John's character assassination of our treasurer, Bill Krebs, indefensible.

I have known Bill for 25 years and if there was even a shred of

evidence that he has acted in an improper manner inside or outside the monetary foundation, I would have accepted his resignation immediately after the Vancouver Sun article.

In my experience, Bill has always acted with the highest integrity.

He and his wife have repeatedly made anonymous donations to our community, and he has been extremely generous and helpful to the foundation.

He has taken a board of directors that was essentially operating by the seat of its pants and proceeded to make sure that everything we did follows proper accounting principles, is completely above board, transparent

and highly professional.

Because of the effects John's accusations have had on Bill's personal life, and because of his concern for the well-being of the foundation, I may not be able to continue to refuse his resignation.

If this happens, Salt Spring and the foundation will be the losers in this whole affair.

Growing weary of John's support . . .
BOB MCGINN,
 President, Salt Spring Island Monetary Foundation

Exceptional

The Christmas hamper project was concluded successfully again this year thanks to the generosity of this exceptional community

and to a great volunteer effort.

Many thanks to the individuals who sorted donated food, helped set up and pack the hampers and deliver them around the island. Thanks as well to the Scouts, Brownies and Cubs, Robert of Ace Courier and the Legion for use of Meaden Hall.

This year we were happily overwhelmed by donated food from our schools and churches as well as from numerous drop boxes around town.

Food drives by the ambulance staff, hospital union and the ArtSpring Sing-along helped out, along with generous donations of money by numerous individuals and groups.

Donated Salt Spring Island

Roasting Co. coffee, Barb's bread, Deb's tofu, Harlan's chocolates, local apples and festive baked goodies were most appreciated.

Last but not least, a special thanks to Thrifty Foods for its year-round support of the food bank.

Dan Lee tells me that our local store has the highest level of contributions of all Thrifty stores with the "add \$2 to my grocery bill" coupon campaign. So on Salt Spring, the spirit of Christmas giving continues year-round.

Thank you one and all.
SHEILA SAYER,
 Volunteer coordinator,
 Christmas hamper project

It's a brand new year, so I've decided to take a break from "holding people's feet to the fire" (or "stirring it up" as others call it).

I'm going to lighten things up by taking a peek at what's going to transpire in the years to come.

Like Johnny Carson in years past, I donned my fortune teller persona — along with my magic turban — and stared into the smoggy mists of our future. Here, in the random order in which they popped into my so-called mind, are my predictions:

- A part-time gardener on Salt Spring becomes rich and famous after being credited with discovering the healing powers of broom. In May of 2003, during a heated argument concerning a missing stash, Mr. Ralu Chanter inserts a broom bush into a co-worker. Within days, this former friend no longer shows any symptoms of a previously

Seen in the stars for Salt Spring

incurable degenerative eye disease. Mr. Chanter quickly becomes overwhelmed with clients for his "procedure" and in a matter of months has graduated from a tent in the Saturday Market to a Sunday Morning TV Show from Tacoma.

- In June of 2003, Jean Chretien announces that he's reconsidered his pre-retirement retirement announcement. He tells Canadians he's going to stay on for another 12 years. Paul Martin disappears from public life. He's occasionally spotted in Thrifty's and rumours persist that he lives on Beddis Road.

- In September of 2005, Alberta votes to separate from Canada. The resulting transportation and trade problems for B.C. create a stronger separatist movement.

- In August of 2007, B.C. votes to secede from what's left of Canada.

- In April of 2010, Vancouver Island and the Gulf Islands separate from B.C., due to irreconcilable differences over ferry schedules.

- In February of 2013, the Gulf Islands secede from the Republic of Vancouver Island, citing irreconcilable differences over ferry schedules.

- In October 2014, Salt Spring separates from the UIW (United Islands of Wrangellia). Within months, civil unrest is at a fever pitch. Chaos reigns when Prime Minister Luth's government is

ISLE SAY!
 WITH JOHN POTTINGER



forced to resign over the design of the new Salt Spring Currency. The south end wants the \$5 bill to carry a portrait of Olympic Gold Medal winner and Canadian women's soccer team captain Clare Rustad.

The north end wants the bill to carry a picture of the award-winning community shopping mall/theatre/pool/arena/condo/mini-golf complex at Channel Ridge. Northenders start refusing to let southenders ride the island's new water-powered buses. When a respected group of elders from the south

end — calling themselves the Ranting Sages — are attacked at the new Saturday Market grounds at Central, near the edge of Ganges, the south end can take no more. By a vote of 3,618 to 162, the south end votes to secede from The Sovereign State of Salt Spring/Saltspring.

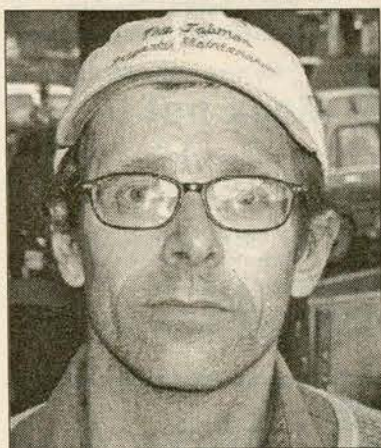
- Early in 2016, after less than two years of relative peace and economic prosperity (all forms of cannabis cultivation, consumption and sale have been legal since Salt Spring/Saltspring's first Constitution), cracks appear in the unity of the young Republic of South Salt Spring. The trendy and fast-growing resort community of Musgrave Quay is demanding a four-lane road and better ferry service; after all, the Regional District of Beaver

Point just finished a new highway to Ruckle Park. The park, with its amusement centre, rides and daily historical reenactments, is drawing so many American, Canadian, British Columbian and other foreign tourists that an airport is planned for the old Everlasting Summer property.

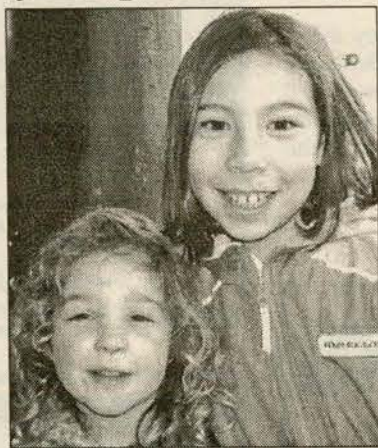
- In July of 2017, on Canada's 150th birthday, the Canadian government announces that the federal gun registry is complete. The final cost of \$5.6 billion works out to approximately \$20,000 per firearm (currently equivalent to 950 South Salt Spring Dollars, or \$360 US). When asked to comment on the fact that seven registered firearms were used in crimes in Canada in 2016, compared to 23,652 crimes being committed with unregistered firearms, Chretien stated, "It just shows we still have a lot of work to do."

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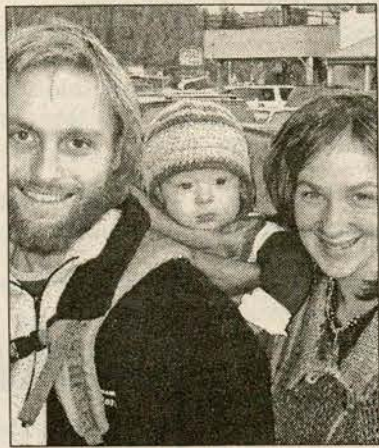
We asked: *What's your prediction for 2003?*



Brad White
I'll make lots of money.



Eartha Linnell (right) with Hana
I think I'll get some of that jelly stuff from the toy store next year some time.



Pamela Robinson (right) with Kyle Hawkley and Chyme Blue
My prediction is that George Bush's cover will be blown.



Sandie Ferguson
Holmleigh Farm that helps youth is going to prosper and help open people's eyes (HOPE). Fundraising HOPE bracelets and anklets will come out in the summer.



Jennifer Silverman (right) with Sarah Jane Redmond
I predict Vancouver will get the Olympics.

Letters to the Editor

Resign now

Further to John Pottinger's column of January 1 and William Krebs' letter to the editor the previous week, I am significantly uninterested in learning more about Krebs and/or his past promotions.

I would like Krebs to stand down. Krebs' letter does not appear to express an interest in the well-being of the Salt Spring Dollars; rather it displays an extensive amount of "ego."

If Krebs is as interested in our community as Bob McGinn has been convinced, I believe Krebs would resign, whether or not the recent accusations made against him are accurate.

Krebs — show strength of character and disassociate yourself from the Salt Spring Island Monetary Foundation.
ANGELA KIRK WIEBE,
Ganges

Reminder

We want to remind our fellow Salt Springers how fortunate we are to have the medical facilities that exist on our wonderful island.

Not only do we have a hospital that is close by, well run, and small enough to offer the kind of personalized care not found in big city hospitals, but we have pro-

fessional, experienced and communicative doctors, highly trained and caring nursing staff, and maintenance staff able to keep their sense of humour even in light of the dreaded Norwalk virus!

Denis and I wish to remind everyone of the current campaign by the Hospital Foundation to raise money to offer our medical staff and especially our citizens better facilities, which will help to attract and maintain a high calibre of personnel. If you have not already done so, please join us and make your contribution now to the foundation's campaign. No matter how little or how much, every dollar contributed will make a difference.

SUSAN and DENIS RUSSELL,
Baker Road

Right time

This being the time to make resolutions, I'd like to make a suggestion.

The hospital auxiliary is in need of volunteers, especially with our expansion. There are many areas where one could volunteer — the Thrift Store, extended care or the hospital.

Many jobs can be done at home, such as knitting or crocheting for the show-

case at the hospital.

Please take the time to resolve to help the community and the hospital. The rewards are endless.

Sonja Baker handles memberships and can be reached at 653-4430.

Thank you for your gift of time.

VICKI MILLER,
Auxiliary volunteer

Care thanks

I'd like to express my family's gratitude to the many people who eased my mother's suffering before her death last week.

At the risk of missing someone, I'd like to thank Doreen Davidson of the Red Cross, Kristi Spencer of Lifeline, rehabilitation therapist Lesley Nuk, nurse Nancy Wood and especially Dr. David Woodley, as well as Dr. Crossland, Dr. Ryan, and nurses Bill, Stephen and Jo at Lady Minto Hospital in the final hours. Please excuse any misspellings, missed last names or omissions.

I cannot say enough about the care and attention we receive from people on the island and especially in our wonderful hospital. Thank you all very, very much.

CHARLES KAHN,
Channel Ridge Drive

Clarity, please

In the January 1 column of Isle Say, Mr. Pottinger made several statements that I feel compelled to respond to.

Sea Breeze is involved in building wind farms in B.C., a concept supported by dozens of environmental groups, from the Suzuki Foundation to the Sierra Club. Mr. Pottinger reported that a statement that we are allied with B.C. Hydro, made in the Salt Spring Island Monetary Foundation's annual report, is "a load of crap." In our first application for the necessary research funding we did indeed partner with Powertech Labs Inc., a wholly owned subsidiary of B.C. Hydro.

Second, on the issue of our parent company, Powerhouse, a publicly listed company on the TSX, trying to dam various rivers in the interior against public opposition, I would suggest that Mr. Pottinger doesn't understand the environmental assessment process (EAP) in this province.

While Powerhouse started its life as a junior mining company, it was later bought by a group of people who wanted to do something about the environment. One of the many ways that are currently proposed to generate electrici-

ty in a green fashion is "run of river" hydro. All three of Powerhouse's proposed projects are run of river. The "dam" at Christina Lake is actually an inflatable rubber weir six-feet-high which can be deflated at any time so that DFO-established water levels are maintained in the downstream. It is considerably less of an environmental concern than the original dam which was installed in 1897.

Has there been public opposition to Powerhouse's efforts? Well, yes, of course. That's why we go to public meetings and explain what we want to do. The public responds with approval or criticism. If necessary, we revise our plans to meet the stated objections. Sometimes huge corporations can work in an environment where the split in public opinion is 49-51 per cent, however, as a small company, we prefer not to work in environments where the split is that close. Powerhouse's other two projects are still in the public consultation portion of the environmental assessment's "pre-application" process.

The tone of Mr. Pottinger's column is one of vague accusations of something sinister without defining exactly what that sinister element is. He speaks of "certain companies

and individuals." We'd like to know who he's talking about. Clarity, especially in accusations, is a mark of people who have nothing to hide and no hidden agendas.

We're straight up about who we are and what we're doing. To our knowledge, Mr. Pottinger has never once contacted our offices for information. At the very least, Mr. Pottinger owes us some clarification or an apology.

TONY DUGGLEBY,
President,
Sea Breeze Energy Inc.

Wiser

It seems wiser to schedule local town hall meetings before the quarterly Trust Council meetings rather than after. (Kimberly Lineger's January 1 trustee report.)

This would offer direction to trustees and provide a basis for common issues to be considered by all island trustees.

In the past, islanders working with planners have looked at many issues; in the annual Trust budget this March, funding incentives and demonstration projects could actually make an affordable, sustainable future "a reality" for all of us. We've come a long way.

SUE HISCOCKS,
Salt Spring

Ultimate island time unit unfolds 'next year'

"Island time" is one of the reasons I moved here, and I love it. Even knowing what it really means, I still love it. You either have the nerves for it, or you don't.

I had the misguided notion, over the decades I've been visiting here, that it meant simplifying things and slowing down, taking time to smell the wild roses. This can be one result of "island time," but it's not the definition and meaning of the term. It's taken me three seasons of trying to make a piece of property minimally functional to get a firm, clear fix on "island time."

The definition is easy: it means next week, always next week. That's when everything gets

done here, guaranteed.

The meaning is the interesting part, because there-

in lies the adjustment required to live here and love it. "Island time" is not like mañana, which is tomorrow, and tomorrow never comes. Mañana societies are all in banana belts, where what doesn't get done doesn't matter, because you can sleep on the beach and eat fruit from trees year round. Mañana is a polite way of saying nothing doing, doing nothing, forget it.

Island time isn't a casual shirking of responsibility. It's an explanation.

SPRINGBOARD BY BRENDA GUALED



It's shorthand for saying that I've got a dozen pressing things to do, and when I get these three things finished, the other stuff in hand, that fixed, and all my ducks in a row, I'll be right there. Next week, for sure.

Island time happens because island people get busy, very busy. They're doing a patchwork of jobs, covering a lot of ground to make ends meet here. I've learned this particularly well from well-diviner and driller Albert Kaye.

People who buy property with a working well are shortchanging themselves. They've missed getting to know island time by experiencing it from the ground up, literally.

I met Albert in August, when skies were as blue and bright as his dancing eyes. He's a charmer of the old school, a Salt Spring-born boy, a salt-of-the-earth man now retired from various logging and resource-based jobs. He's sussed out more than 3,000 Gulf Islands wells over the last 40-plus years. After he located my well site, he said he'd start drilling... well, next week, of course.

It's been a rip-roaring year for property develop-

ment, which means he's had his rig here and there, all over the place. Friday came and went, but he'd be there next Monday, don't worry. Another Friday rolled around, and another and another. Family visited him, a part needed replacing, his pick-up broke down, his rig was stuck on Pender....

September disappeared, one "island time" unit after the other.

October rolled around and so did — hold your breath — his drill rig, an amazing great beast of a thing, yay! After only half-a-dozen delays that took next week and next and next, the well was in, a 175-foot beauty. The pump'd be in as soon as he was paid thus far. I delivered the cheque

pronto, so water would be running... yeah, next week.

November. December. A lot of island time has passed, and the well's still not connected to anything. I'm pretty sure that if I was in a tearing rush or a snit about the job he'd have finished it long ago. He's reading me right. He knows I have faith, that I've got the nerves for this place.

I've got the funny bone too. "Next week" has finally turned into the ultimate in "island time" — next year. I love it. I'm not fussing about the well at all, because I know exactly when the job will be finished, guaranteed.

b_gualed@yahoo.ca

More letters

Cat got tongue?

I am shocked that the directors of the Salt Spring Island Monetary Foundation have still not:

1) sent out a public letter to the citizens of Salt Spring, stating what action they are going to take to dispel the fears, quandaries and doubt steaming around the foundation;

2) had an audit;

3) accepted the resignation of directors Eric Booth and Bill Krebs.

I will settle for no less. There is no excuse for the lack of accountability. The directors have been very successful in publicizing and promoting SS Dollars.

It's hard to believe the cat's got their tongue.

MONA FERTIG,
Salt Spring

Inspiring

Happy new year!
I am writing to express my respect for something I saw at Beaver Point Hall on New Year's.

There were many beautiful people having fun and dancing all night, but the most impressive thing I saw was the fire dancers.

A few children supervised by their father put on a show for the crowd which had assembled.

These children appeared to be between the ages of three to eight, or close to those ages.

The skill and courage exhibited by these youngsters was inspiring for all present.

So if you are lucky enough to experience them for yourself, I encourage you to offer them your support.

I have no doubt that these kids will go very far, bringing joy from their very entertaining fire dance. Peace.

ADRIEN KAISER,
Mountain Road

'Bully pulpit'

Regarding John Pottinger's column of January 1, what's Santa delivering — a stocking full of hubris?

I know nothing about Salt Spring Dollars, except that in all cases the purchase of them has been voluntary, and I don't know William Krebs from a can of corn.

But I do know that a columnist has no business ordering people to "read carefully — very carefully" and then proceed in a process of denunciation by association.

No doubt Pottinger is plundering the Vancouver Sun columnist David Baines' research on this matter.

But even Baines, a true master of uncovering untoward financial activities, is respectful of his position relative to his readers and the object of his research.

While Pottinger's belligerent style may be fuelled by the smug confidence of knowing of matters he thinks the people mentioned don't know he knows, the disclosures are pretty thin on facts and rich with threats.

"Skies sinking," "blame allocated," "messes made;" the content revealed does not justify this florid and inflammatory rhetoric.

Pottinger has not disclosed that this Salt Spring Dollars thing has harmed anyone, defrauded the public or resulted in disappointed expectations from those who have voluntarily chosen to purchase same.

Finally, a comment particularly relevant in a little community where the content of one's character has a meaning and value much greater than in the anonymity of the metropol.

To threaten this Krebs fellow with the knowledge of undisclosed but dreadful

information is truly a tawdry technique.

If what Pottinger has to say about Krebs can't be said, or said in this column, he has no business lecturing him to "fold."

A columnist has every right to be opinionated, but with this there is the responsibility to disclose what you know and the conclusions that might be reasonably drawn from such.

Telling people to "listen up" and to "fold" because of what you know is just plain arrogant. The columnist's valued space in the newspaper does not give licence for "bully pulpit" journalism.

BRIAN HAYWARD,
Salt Spring

Vortex farewell

How sad the Vortex Gallery is closing. It provided a beautiful and amazing space, especially during its time at Grace Point Square, for contemporary art.

Under the ongoing guidance of the artists Kathy and Deon Venter, an array of on and off-island artists enlarged my experience of painting and sculpture.

I'll miss being able to take my visitors to see the Vortex shows, even though they never bought anything,

sad to say.

This note is to say thank you to Kathy and Deon and their business partners and to wish them and all their artists great success in the future.

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Salt Spring Island
VESUVIUS BAY - CROFTON

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YEAR-ROUND SCHEDULE

LEAVE VESUVIUS BAY		LEAVE CROFTON	
• 7:00 am	u 4:00 pm	* 7:30 am	4:30 pm
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1:30 pm	+10:30 pm	2:15 pm	+11:00 pm
3:00 pm		3:30 pm	

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2:00 pm	3:00 pm
4:00 pm	5:00 pm
6:00 pm	7:00 pm
8:00 pm	9:00 pm

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483	541	FAM	15 Tarzan	Weekend	10Recess	McGuire	Amanda	All That		Stevens	Jackson	Boy MW	Dark?	The Doctor (1991)		William Hurt.	Nowhere Man		
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511	390	NEWS	Can. Now	Health	Counterspin	The National/Mag.	Antiques UK	Counterspin		National	BusNews	Antiques UK		Counterspin					
332	381	KIRO	J. Judy	J. Judy	KIRO News	News	News	ET	Access	Star Search (P)		60 Minutes II		48 Hours		News	Letterman		
331	380	KOMO	Million?	Pyramid	KOMO 4 News	News	News	Wheel	Jeopardy	WifeKids	G. Lopez	The Bachelorette		Celebrity Mole (P)		News	Nightline		
438	394	VISION	Neon Rider		National Film Board	McLeod		Credo	J. Vanier	National Film Board	McLeod	Your Music Zone		NorthR.		NorthR.			

THIS WEEK'S MOVIES

WEDNESDAY, JAN 8

6:00 PM
13 Miracles in Memphis: Elvis Grattan 2 (1999, Musical) A French-Canadian Elvis impersonator rises from the dead and finds himself on stage. *Julien Poulin, Yves Trudel (2h)*

7:00 PM
3 * In Country (1989, Drama)** A traumatized Vietnam veteran and his niece try to come to terms with war and death. *Bruce Willis, Emily Lloyd (2h)*

8:00 PM
4 25 * Austin Powers: The Spy Who Shagged Me (1999, Comedy)** A groovy spy travels back in time to stop his arch nemesis from taking over the world. *Mike Myers, Heather Graham (2h)*

23 Hologram Man (1994, Action) A terrorist's mind and soul take to the streets as a holographic image. *Joe Lara, Evan Lurie (2h)*

9:00 PM
3 The Big Time (2001, Drama) A network president's new wife discovers an opportunity in the burgeoning landscape of TV. *Molly Ringwald, Christopher Lloyd (1h30)*

19 * The Doctor (1991, Drama)** A surgeon learns what it is like to be a patient when he is diagnosed with throat cancer. *William Hurt, Elizabeth Perkins (2h)*

10:00 PM
13 * Jerusalem (1996, Religious) A group of pilgrims decide to abandon their native Sweden to emigrate to Palestine. *Maria Bonnevie, Ulf Friberg (3h)*

10:30 PM
3 * The Affair of the Necklace (2001, Drama) In pre-revolutionary France, an aristocratic woman decides to steal a priceless necklace. *Hilary Swank, Christopher Walken (2h)*

THURSDAY, JAN 9

6:00 PM
13 The Prince and the Pauper (2001, Family) A young British prince convinces a poor boy to trade places to see how each other lives. *Robert Timmins, Jonathan Timmins (2h)*

20 ** Columbo: Murder With Too Many Notes (1998, Mystery) A legendary film composer kills his apprentice before he can reveal a secret. *Peter Falk, Billy Connolly (2h)*

29 ** We the Jury (1996, Drama) Sensational trial of a popular television talk show host accused of murdering her husband. *Kelly McGillis, Christopher Plummer (2h)*

7:00 PM
3 Treed Murray (2001, Drama) After an executive accidentally kills a mugger, he seeks refuge in a large tree. *Aaron Ashmore, David Hewlett (1h30)*

8:00 PM
13 28 Snow Day (2000, Family) After a snow storm, a group of students hi-jack a plow to keep the school closed. *Chevy Chase, Chris Elliott (2h)*

20 * The Amorous Adventures of Moll Flanders (1965, Comedy)** A poverty-stricken orphan girl rises to the top of society by surrendering her virtue. *Kim Novak, Claire Uffland (2h)*

8:30 PM
3 * Sidewalks of New York (2001, Comedy/Drama) A documentary cameraman chronicles the love lives of six lonely people in New York City. *Edward Burns, Heather Graham (1h45)*

9:00 PM
4 Mesmer (1994, Drama) The intriguing story Mesmer, the 18th-century physician who used hypnosis to heal. *Alan Rickman, Amanda Ooms (2h)*

19 * A Ring of Endless Light (2002, Children)** A fifteen-year-old girl befriends a pod of dolphins at a marine research center. *Mischa Barton, James Whitmore (1h30)*

29 ** We the Jury (1996, Drama) Sensational trial of a popular television talk show host accused of murdering her husband. *Kelly McGillis, Christopher Plummer (2h)*

10:00 PM
14 ** She Devil (1989, Comedy) A disgruntled housewife exacts revenge on her philandering husband by ruining his life. *Roseanne, Meryl Streep (2h)*

20 ** Columbo: Murder With Too Many Notes (1998, Mystery) A legendary film composer kills his apprentice before he can reveal a secret. *Peter Falk, Billy Connolly (2h)*

10:15 PM
3 * Croupier (1998, Crime Story)** A would-be writer reluctantly takes a job at a casino against his girlfriend's wishes. *Clive Owen, Kate Hardy (1h45)*

11:55 PM
10 Sirènes (1974, Comédie) Un pasteur est chargé de convaincre un peintre de retirer sa toile d'une exposition. *Hugh Grant, Sam Neil (2h5)*

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242	359	CITY	6:00 Breakfast TV			Star Trek: DSN		Relic Hunter		CityLine		Cooks		Various	Movies		Media TV	DataC.	
454	523	BRAVO	Various			Road to Avonlea		Law & Order		Various		Various	Various	Book TV		Various	Various	Videos	Avonlea
472	583	CMT	Heart and Home					HotWire	Heart and Home					Power Trip					
436	560	TLC	Personal	Personal	Makeover	Makeover	DatingSt	DatingSt		Wedding	BabyStry	BabyStry		Trading Spaces		While You Were Out	Various	Various	
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24		KVOS	Various	Ricky	Paid	Various	The People's Court			Judge Greg Mathis	Various	TH Paid	Seventh Heaven	Montel Williams	Diagnosis	Murder			
333	382	KCPQ	6:00 News			Good Day Live		Jerry Springer		Jenny Jones		Maury Povich Show	Beyond	Justice	Jerry Springer	Jenny Jones			
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332	381	KIRO	The Early Show		Life Moments		The Price is Right			Young & Restless	News	Bold & B.		As the World Turns		The Guiding Light	Montel Williams		
331	380	KOMO	7:00 Morning Am.			Regis & Kelly		The View		News	P.Charles	All My Children		One Life to Live		General Hospital	Northwest		
438	394	VISION	It's a New Day		Mass	Various	Neon Rider			Youngren	Robison	Various		Q.Study	Various	Little House/ Music	Twice in a Lifetime		

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Table with columns for time slots (4:00-11:30) and channels (S, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, 9, 10, 11, 13, 14, 15, 16, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 29). Rows list programs like 'The War Bride', 'Seinfeld', 'Frasier', 'Magazine Squares', etc.

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FRIDAY, JAN 10 6:00 PM 13 *** The Trouble with Girls (1969, Musical) The manager of a traveling theatre group falls in love with a player and solves a murder. Elvis Presley, Marilyn Manson (2h) 6:30 PM 14 ** A Pornographic Affair (1999, Drama) A man and woman agree to meet after answering an ad in the newspaper and begin an affair. Sergi Lopez, Nathalie Baye (1h30) 7:30 PM 19 ** Made in America (1993, Comedy) A teenage girl discovers that her sperm bank father is an obnoxious, white, car dealer. Whoopi Goldberg, Ted Danson (1h30) 8:00 PM 3 ** Orange County (2001, Comedy) When there is a mix-up his a transcript, a student plots to get into Stanford on his own. Jack Black, Colin Hanks (1h30) 11 ** The Prime of Miss Jean Brodie (1969, Drama) The story of an eccentric, romantic and possibly lunatic Edinburgh teacher in the 1930s. Maggie Smith, Robert Stephens (2h) 23 To Be Announced (2h) 24 ** Perry Mason: Case of the Glass Coffin (1991, Mystery) A showman is accused of murder when his illusion results in the death of his assistant. Raymond Burr, Barbara Hale (2h) 9:00 PM 13 ** Hope Floats (1998, Romance) A woman, dumped by her husband, returns to her hometown and rekindles hope. Sandra Bullock, Harry Connick, Jr. (2h) 19 ** Blame It on the Bellboy (1991, Comedy) A bellboy at a hotel in Venice, Italy, switches itinerary envelopes for three guests. Dudley Moore, Bronson Pinchot (1h35) 9:30 PM 3 ** The Shipping News (2001, Drama) A struggling reporter moves to Newfoundland after his wife is killed in a car accident. Kevin Spacey, Julianne Moore (2h) 9:45 PM 14 Motor Psycho (1965) A veterinarian and a widow get revenge on the motorcycle gang that has terrorized them. Alex Rocco, Haji (1h30) 10:00 PM 15 *** The Trouble with Girls (1969, Musical) The manager of a traveling theatre group falls in love with a player and solves a murder. Elvis Presley, Marilyn Manson (2h) 10:35 PM 19 *** Tough Guys (1986, Comedy) Two aging ex-cons try to come to terms with modern life after 30 years in prison. Burt Lancaster, Kirk Douglas (1h40) 11:15 PM 14 The War Zone (1999, Drama) A teenager discovers that his sister is having sexual relations with their father. Freddie Cunliffe, Lara Belmont (2h) 11:30 PM 3 *** Ghost World (2001, Comedy) After high school, End finds a kindred spirit in a musically obsessed middle-aged man. Thora Birch, Scarlett Johansson (2h) 11:55 PM 10 Une pour toutes (1999, Comédie) Des jeunes femmes jouent la comédie en voulant séduire des hommes riches. Marianne Denicourt, Anne Parillaud (2h35) SATURDAY, JAN 11 7:00 PM 3 Lord of the Rings: The Fellowship of the Ring (2001, Fantasy) A hobbit embarks on an epic quest to destroy an ancient ring that was entrusted to him. Elijah Wood, Viggo Mortensen (3h) 8:00 PM 8 ** All Around the Town (2002, Suspense) A prosecutor takes a close look at a pretty student when a professor is murdered. Ryan Scott, Nastassja Kinski (2h) 23 * With Friends Like These (1990, Drama) Three ordinary people, traveling on a crowded bus, share an extraordinary experience. Mark Ruel, Beth Lachance (2h) 24 ** Weekend at Bernie's (1989, Comedy) Two friends' dream weekend gets off to a bad start when their host/boss turns up dead. Andrew McCarthy, Jonathan Silverman (2h) 23 ** Enemy of the State (1998, Action) A lawyer becomes the target of a corrupt politician when he receives evidence to a crime. Will Smith, Gene Hackman (3h) 9:00 PM 6 ** The Avro Arrow (1996, Drama) The story of the fighter-interceptor jet Canada designed and built during the Cold War. Dan Aykroyd, Ron White (2h) 9 ** Swing Time (1935, Musical) After a man gets cold feet, he calls off his wedding and falls in love with another woman. Fred Astaire, Ginger Rogers (1h30) 13 A Girl is a Girl (1999, Comedy) Though a man has no trouble meeting women, he cannot seem to find the woman of his dreams. Andrew McIntyre, Paige Morrison (2h) 19 *** The Freshman (1990, Comedy) An awkward and naive student leaves his Vermont home to study film at New York University. Marlon Brando, Matthew Broderick (1h40) 9:15 PM 14 ** Singles (1992, Comedy) Six Seattle twenty-somethings share their dreams, music and a common apartment courtyard. Bridget Fonda, Matt Dillon (2h) 10:00 PM 13 ** The Business of Strangers (2001, Drama) Two businesswomen get carried away with a revenge plot against an accused rapist. 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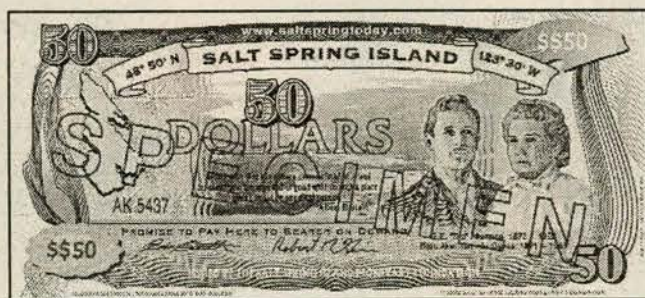
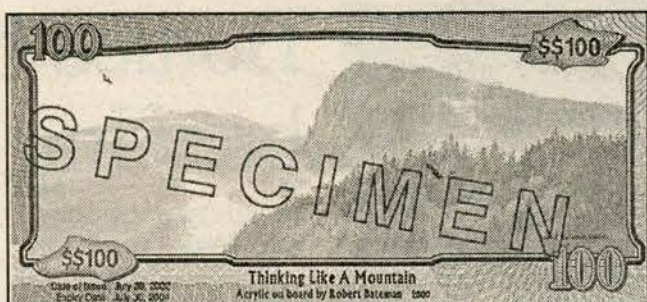
Dollars launched

The official launch of \$50 and \$100 Salt Spring Dollars was set to run at ArtSpring amid a gala event last night (Tuesday) after the Driftwood went to press.

Included in the slate of guest speakers were scientist David Suzuki, federal Environment Minister David Anderson and artist Robert Bateman.

Bateman's *Thinking Like a Mountain* painting is featured on the \$100 edition of Salt Spring currency, while *Feeding the Swans* by island artist Carol Evans is on the \$50.

Historical photographs on the reverse side of the bills feature the Murakami and Akerman families, which were also scheduled to be represented at last night's event.



IN CIRCULATION: A photo of island pioneer Kimiko Okano Murakami graces the front of the Salt Spring Dollars' \$100 bill, left, while Robert Bateman's painting of Mount Maxwell is on the back. At right, the \$50 bill features Fulford settlers Ted Akerman and Ellen Gyves Akerman, and Carol Evans' Fulford Harbour watercolour called *Feeding the Swans* on the other side.

Hubble Space Telescope discoveries update slated

Islanders can experience "breathtaking" glimpses of distant galaxies and newly found planets as Ray Villard returns to Salt Spring with an update on the Hubble Space Telescope's latest discoveries.

Following a sold-out event in 2000, Villard returns to the island on Monday, January 13 for a presentation at Community Gospel Chapel (147 Vesuvius Bay Road) called *Expanding Our Universe II*.

It begins at 7 p.m. Since its launch into outer space and astronomical history, the Hubble Space Telescope has undergone a

series of upgrades. In March 2002, astronauts of the space shuttle Columbia completed the biggest and most recent overhaul.

Among the many upgrades was the installation of the new advanced camera for surveys, which has resulted in "breathtaking photos of distant galaxies and glimpses at newly discovered planets orbiting other stars," notes press material.

Villard, who is public information manager for the Space Telescope Science Institute at John Hopkins University, is first unveiling these exciting discoveries at

the American Astronomical Society conference in Seattle before coming to Salt Spring.

Villard has specialized in communicating astronomy to the general public for the past 25 years. Responsible for disseminating news about the most recent discoveries made with the Hubble Space Telescope, Villard has received several NASA service awards for his contribution to the telescope project.

Tickets for *Expanding Our Universe II* are \$12 for adults and \$8 for students. They are available at ArtSpring's box office (537-2102) or at the door.

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The scope of work consists of a two-storey addition of approximately 190 sq. meters to expand the operating suite and post anesthetic recovery area over a shelled space in the lower level. The project includes renovation of adjacent space within the active Hospital and relocation or replacement of the hospital's mechanical and electrical systems. Construction will be non-combustible, comprised of concrete and steel with interior partitions of steel studs and drywall. Construction will be done in at least three phases to minimize the impact on hospital operations, which will continue throughout the duration of the project. The architectural and engineering design and tender documentation is currently in progress for tendering early in February 03 and a construction start mid March 03.

The criteria for selection of suitable general contractors will be based on the following:

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4. Only experienced general contractors with good references and required outlined experience need to apply. The Project Steering Committee retains the right to reject any contractor applicant for prequalification with or without cause. Reference checks will be kept confidential and will not be reviewed or discussed with contractors applying for prequalification. The selection of prequalified contractors will be final and will not be subject to further discussion and debate.
5. All contractors submitting a request for prequalification consent to allow the Project Steering Committee and their representatives and consultants to check and verify the information provided in the submission. Any submission may not necessarily be accepted.

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LAST MINUTE OF 2002: A fiddler at Moby's Pub sets the pace as the countdown to midnight occurs during New Year's Eve celebrations last Tuesday night in Ganges.

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Can't see the forest for the trees

Old-growth adj. (of a tree, forest, etc.) mature, never felled.

Canadian Oxford Dictionary

Moron n. (informal) a very stupid or foolish person.

Ibid
Can I propose a moratorium on the use of the two words cited above?

"Old-growth" because it has been so over-used we can no longer be sure exactly what it means, and "moron" because it is too precious to be squandered by mere functionaries in the Prime Minister's office.

For readers who have spent the last couple of months living under a bushel basket, I should explain that Francoise Ducros, a flak for Prime Minister Jean Chretien, recently created a modest international diplomatic flutter of dismay by referring to U.S. President George Bush as "a moron."

And for readers who don't normally take the New York Times with their morning coffee, I should explain that Gordon Campbell, the current premier of British Columbia, recently enlightened the NYT readership by informing them, in a letter to the editor, and I quote:

"There is more old-growth forest in British Columbia now than 100 years ago, amounting to 62 million acres. That total is projected to increase in the century ahead."

(Where's Francoise Ducros when you really need her?)

Mister Campbell's assertion came as quite a surprise to many of us who had assumed that old-growth forest was a pretty finite resource, on account of they weren't making any more of it. How do you increase a commodity

that, by definition, was created centuries ago?
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Rogers if you can borrow his Time Machine?

Leaving aside the dubious fact-checking standards of the folks at the New York Times, a lot of Canadians began to wonder what they were smoking down at the Premier's office.

From here, it smells an awful lot like prime B.C. Bud.

But there's something about a forest that seems to bring out the Homer Simpson in politicians. It was another myopic B.C. premier, the unforgettable Bill Vander Zalm, who once suggested brightly, "Let's cut down the trees and create jobs."

That's right up there with Dan Quayle's mystifying observation: "Voters are like trees, if you're trying to build a forest. If you have more trees than you have forests, then at that

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point the pollsters will probably say 'you win.'"

And Dan Quayle was hand-picked to be a heart-beat away from the U.S. Presidency by guess who?

Dubya's daddy — George Herbert Walker Bush.

Then of course there's Ronald Reagan.

The 40th president of the United States was never likely to be mistaken for a Rhodes scholar at the best of times, but he saved some of his most magnificent malapropisms for observations involving trees.

Such as: "If you've seen one redwood tree, you've seen 'em all."

And: "Eighty percent of pollution comes not from chimneys and automobiles, but from plants and trees."

Say what you will about Chretien, he never said anything that stupid about

trees — in either official language.

Or if he did, nobody understood him.

Which brings us to the man whom Chretien faint-heartedly defended as "not a moron" — the current resident of the Oval Office.

Here are some of Dubya's pronouncements on the environment.

"Natural gas is hemispheric. I like to call it hemispheric in nature because it is a product that we can find in our neighborhoods." — Austin, Texas, Dec. 20, 2000.

"I know the human being and fish can co-exist peacefully." — Saginaw, Mich., Sept. 29, 2000.

"It isn't pollution that's harming our environment, it's the impurities in our air and water that are doing it." — Portland, Ore., Oct. 31, 2000.

Francoise Ducros' epithet for President Bush has been called a lot of things — rude, impolitic, disgraceful, outrageous.

But have you noticed how nobody's arguing that she's wrong?

Bottled beer now brewing on island

By MITCHELL SHERRIN
Staff Writer

Salt Spring's own locally crafted beer should be hopping into bottles later in the new year once labels arrive at Gulf Islands Brewery (GIB).

"Given that 70 per cent of all beer consumed comes from a bottle, this will open up a fairly substantial market for us," said GIB president and brewmaster Murray Hunter.

The local brewery already produces about 40,000 litres of beer to sell at pub taps and through "keggies" each year.

With the latest developments, partners Hunter and Bob Ellison are hoping for a 20 per cent increase in production with their bottled product.

"We're just waiting for the labels. Our intention is to service the local market."

Once they receive new labels near the end of January, they will begin hand-bottling 650-millilitre servings of Pender Porter, Mayne Sail Ale and Salt Spring Golden Ale.

The brewery also produces Saturna Island Ale, Heatherdale Ale for Butchart Gardens, Whale Tail Ale for Moby's Marine Pub and seasonal specialty runs.

Since they acquired a small-scale, hand-bottling system, Hunter doesn't expect to hire staff to help with bottling or labelling.

"It will be one bottle at a time. But it's worth it to service our customers," Hunter said.

He expects GIB will remain a fairly small operation.

"We have one eighth of one per cent of the total beer market in B.C.," he said.

Craft brewery production of small operations like GIB accounts for five per cent of beer sales in the province. But Bear (now owned by Big Rock), Granville Island and Vancouver Island breweries control 70 per cent of the craft brewery market, he noted.

"To be a craft brewery, you can't produce more than 750 million litres per year. We'll never get that big."

They plan to sell their glass-bottled product to local cold beer and wine stores and the government liquor store,

he said.

But Hunter is concerned about provincial government plans to leave the liquor retail, distribution and warehouse business.

He noted that small breweries in the province already suffer from unfair trade practices that could extend to privately-owned liquor stores.

Breweries are required to not offer incentives as part of their licensing agreements. But larger breweries already offer incentives to liquor establishments that make it difficult for smaller producers to compete.

Even though the B.C. Liquor Licensing Board indicated it would pursue offenders, few people report on unfair trade practices.

"The customer won't report it because they're getting a benefit. If you report on a competitor, you can get 'black-balled.' And you don't want to report a customer," Hunter said.

A natural extension of current unfair trade practices would be for breweries to offer bonus cases to private liquor stores as an incentive to carry their products.

Since private stores have a limited amount of shelf space, smaller outfits could get bumped off the inventory, he noted.

"Most of the time if someone goes into a store and asks for a product and it's not available, they will get a different product instead of leaving," Hunter said.

And all the craft breweries make quality products, he said.

"We're happy to compete on a level playing field. If we don't make it because of other factors, that's not fair."

Government liquor stores are not vulnerable to the same market pressures and have much larger retail spaces to supply a variety of products, Hunter said.

But he also expects that Salt Spring businesses and residents will continue to support GIB beers.

"It's appreciated. Generally the market is looking for our products, which makes it easier to carry them."

And since the local brews will soon be found in convenient bottles, they'll be even easier to carry.

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Bee Man Dave Harris prefers 'different' to 'eccentric'

I had intended to write about The Bee Man of Salt Spring.

No — that's not altogether right.

I had stopped to buy some honey at a roadside stand on the road to Fulford, and encountered the bee man — who thereupon became a candidate for "Island Character of the Month."

I parked my car in the driveway of the small house where the honey stand was located, maneuvering carefully to avoid assorted lifeless Buicks at their resting places throughout the yard. The surroundings were a monument to recycling — a one-man salvage depot not listed on the House and Garden Tour.

At that moment a 60ish, almost-handsome man appeared: the property owner Dave Harris, a former math and science teacher, bee keeper, orchardist, sheep farmer, thinker, collector, raconteur.

He is voluble, thoughts racing ahead like a runaway train, and I struggle to follow the route. Within a half hour I knew a great deal about the history of Salt Spring Island, his philosophical take on many subjects, his concerns about island politics and, most importantly, I learned something about his native roots by way of disconnected snippets of information.

Curiosity went into overdrive. He often referred to his Uncle Bob, whose grandmother was Tuwa'H Wiyea, daughter of a Cowichan chieftain. Ergo, great-grandmother of Dave.

If I was interested in island history, he said, having already given me a beginners' course, I must meet Uncle Bob. For that matter, we could walk the short distance now to the log house — the one with the museum alongside. If I wished, that is. I did.

Bob Akerman greeted us cordially at the door.

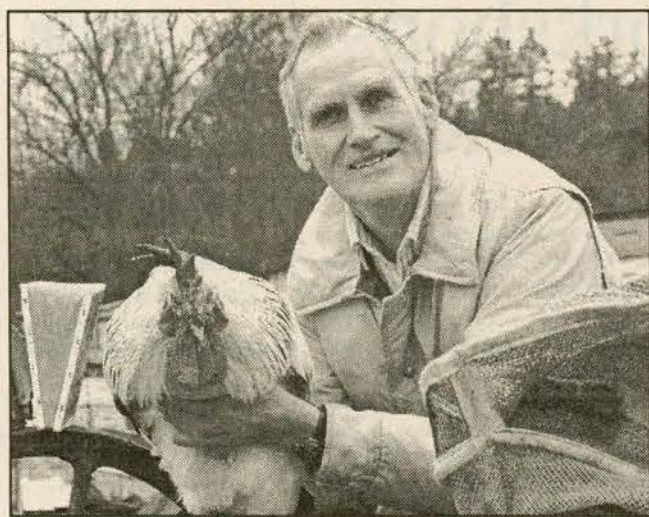
"We're the last of the island Indians," he announced, with a nod to his nephew.

I looked at the fair-skinned, blue-eyed pair before me.

"Come on. I'll show you around my museum." I followed him through the door, Dave bringing up the rear.

It's an impressive display, made memorable by the stories of the curator's native heritage. I was intrigued that this man appears to have so effortlessly bridged the chasm between First Nations and whites. His nephew looked on with obvious pride.

A week later I resumed my inquisition of Dave, arriving at his house, as pre-arranged. Several chickens stopped foraging to eye me suspiciously as I rang the bell. A cat jumped down from the hood of a parked truck. The door was opened by an attractive woman, Angela Wiebe, Dave's partner, I quickly learned.



Dave Harris with 'Tye Domi'

Photo by Derrick Lundy

Dave appeared from the kitchen, smiled amiably and shook my hand.

Sumo wrestlers, I expect, have the same handshake. This man is strong.

Facts: He was born in 1939 at St. Joseph's Hospital in Victoria. The doctor's fees were paid in apples. This wasn't unusual at that time, Dave reported. Like most islanders, his father farmed, grew a small orchard, did odd jobs. Few Salt Spring inhabitants had any money and bartering was a necessary and sensible way of life.

That changed with the war. Dave, along with his two sisters and brother, moved with their parents to Victoria, where his father was employed in the burgeoning shipyards.

At war's end the family returned briefly to Salt Spring. There was little here in the way of work, and so it was back to Victoria. Eventually Dave was enrolled in the Christian Brothers St. Louis College. This prompted him to ruminate on today's school curriculum, which he finds wanting. (I think it was at this point that he asked me if I had read Gray's Elegy. I confessed that I had not, whereupon he recited the entire poem, then returned seamlessly to our original conversation.)

THROUGH MY EYES WITH PAT GOULD



University of Victoria followed for a B.Sc., then UBC for a teacher's certificate, then 26 years as a math and science teacher in Victoria, Quesnel and Langley, after which he retired gratefully to Salt Spring to pursue a lifestyle that clearly suits him: four-mile walks daily, timber salvaging, sheep tending, honey purveying, orchard maintaining and recycling, recycling. Collected timber is loaded onto his flat-bed truck, dumped in the yard, then cut up, reloaded and ultimately sold as firewood. (He does this without help, and even demonstrated how he can pick up 120 pounds of cut tree, hoist it onto the truck and live to repeat the exercise.) He scours the roadside on his walks to and from Fulford to buy the daily newspapers, and unfailingly retrieves a sufficient number of discarded bottles and pop cans to offset the papers' cost. The vast pile of discards are, in time, sorted and driven to the liquor store or bottle depot, the refunds for same a triumph of simple recycling smarts.

He is by turns fervent, opinionated, funny, outspoken, radical. Throw in out-

rageous and you begin to get the picture. He is incensed by careless waste, idling cars, Tilley hats, smoking, Chretien, Iraq, environmentalists who drive their cars three blocks to a protest gathering, island newcomers who complain about the lack of amenities, government interference, pomposity, the CBC — that's for starters. His heroes are Tiger Williams, Lord Tennyson, Edmund Hillary and Winston Churchill.

A dissertation on honey bees segued into Longfellow's Hiawatha (here he recites) and how civilization revolves around bees. Did I know that Egyptian Pharaohs were coated with a layer of "sacred" honey before being entombed? I did not.

That somehow led to land claims, which he calls "rubbish." (Interesting, from a one-eighth Indian.) "You can't rewrite history," he says, shortly, returning to "Hiawatha." Had I read it? I lied.

Angela worried that he wasn't showing his humanitarian side — that I wouldn't know of the countless friendships cemented because of the simple honey stand; the spontaneous tours he conducts for anyone interested in bee hives or orchards or sheep; or the former mathematics students who return to gossip about baseball's legendary Joe DiMaggio.

"Would you mind if I called you eccentric?" I asked him.

Dave thought about this for a moment. The scholarly mind pondered the word and judged it ambivalent. "You might just say I'm 'different,'" he replied.

That you are, Bee Man. Here's to "difference."

Oh — if he brings up the Rubaiyat of Omar Khayyam — just say you've read it.

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Elkin, Campbell, Dwyer workshops part of ongoing CED project series

Local business owners can take advantage of expertise offered by islanders Bruce Elkin, Duart Campbell and Janet Dwyer at three free Community Economic Development (CED) Project workshops this month.

Turning Resolutions into Reality, outlined in a January 1 Driftwood article by workshop leader Bruce Elkin, takes place at Lions Hall on

Tuesday, January 14 from 7 to 9 p.m.

On January 21, Campbell will cover the basics of marketing. In Marketing For the Fun of It, Campbell will review some basic marketing concepts and talk about good luck, hard work, design and the desired response. The workshop runs at Lions Hall from 7-9 p.m.

On January 30, professional photographer Dwyer

will show artists and craftspeople how to document their work. For three hours — from 7-10 p.m. — participants will learn how to take more professional shots for juried shows, galleries, brochures, publications and Internet use.

This workshop also takes place at Lions Hall.

Pre-register for the workshops by calling the CED Project office at 537-4219,

fax 537-4276 or e-mail to cedproject@saltspring.com.

Marion Markus will also hold a five-week bookkeeping and record-keeping course beginning on February 5.

Since the summer, the CED Project team has been bringing a series of free workshops to small business owners and managers. More are scheduled until March, when the project ends.

Marketing through websites on tap

A free mid-month workshop will show participants how any website can be made into an effective marketing tool.

"One of the best checks you can give your site is to look at it yourself with the jaded eye of a shopper," says presenter Michael Linehan. "Do the headlines and copy grab your attention and keep your interest? Does the site give you a feeling of 'I want to buy that?'"

Linehan says the work-

shop will benefit anyone with a business or not-for-profit organization.

It will cover site content, architecture, navigation, information logistics, headlines and page optimization.

Linehan will show how copy must be written to fulfill the purpose of a website, how it must be designed for browsing and skimming, and how the location of keywords and headlines is important.

He will also cover what browsers look for and how

to write keywords to maximize placement.

"Almost any site can be greatly improved and its reach on the web enormously extended," says Linehan. "Most business owners and web designers are simply unaware of most of the potential marketing methods and channels — not surprising as this is a whole new field that is still being born."

Linehan adds that people often get caught up with the word "web" and its associa-

tion with hyperlinks, up-to-the-minute technology and graphical displays. But the fundamentals of marketing all still apply.

"Before your site is anything else, your site must be an effective marketing tool."

Linehan is a marketing consultant who has specialized for five years in the field of web marketing.

Pre-registration at 537-2228 is required for the workshop, which runs January 22, 7-9 p.m. at ArtSpring.

Sacred elements revealed in Wiccan event

An upcoming workshop will give islanders a chance to explore the practices and sacred elements of the Wiccan "Reclaiming" tradition.

Teacher Sage Goode from Vancouver is a priestess in the Reclaiming tradition of witchcraft who leads workshops and events throughout North America.

She will lead Elements of Magic at Beaver Point Hall from January 17 to 19.

According to a press release, "Participants will learn to ground and centre, cast a circle, call the directions (elements) and invoke the 'mysterious ones' (goddess and god in their many forms).

"Everyone will have an opportunity to sense and move energy, which is at the heart of all change and magical transformation."

As the release explains, "The values of the Reclaiming tradition stem from

the understanding that the earth is alive and all of life is sacred and interconnected.

"Witches see the goddess as immanent in the earth's cycles of birth, growth, death, decay and regeneration. Their practice arises from a deep spiritual commitment to the earth, to healing and to the linking of magic with political action."

For more information or to register, call Kisae Petersen at 653-9491.

South-end drop-in welcomes families

The South-end Drop-in for parents and pre-schoolers is resuming its Tuesday gatherings on January 14.

Running for almost two years at Fulford Hall, the drop-in meets every Tuesday from 10 a.m. to noon.

Members of St. Mary's Anglican Church Guild provide refreshments and help supervise the children so that parents can relax and chat over a cup of coffee or tea.

"Parents who attend regularly are delighted that there is ample space in the hall for the children to release their energy, particularly on cold, wet, wintry days," notes a press release.

A range of quieter activities is also offered.

There is no charge for the drop-in gatherings, but any donation is welcomed to help cover hall rental.

At the last session before Christmas, the group sang carols, enjoyed

Christmas baking and listened to the Christmas story told by Nancy Wigen.

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TAKING THE PLUNGE: About 30 brave people kicked off 2003 with a plunge into the brine at Vesuvius Beach New Year's Day in the annual Polar Bear Swim. Seen clockwise from top: swimmers hurry into the water; another swimmer hurries out; Katy Haydon dresses as Harry Potter; jelly-fish Tracy Gillender keeps out of the rain; swimmers hurry back out of the water.

Seniors need drivers

Help is needed to replenish the volunteer drivers list at Salt Spring Seniors Services Society.

"It is not difficult to appreciate that every so often our list of drivers becomes depleted," said driving program coordinator John Mowbray in a press release, "and this is the situation we face going into 2003."

The Seniors Services Society aims to provide transportation for island residents who, for various reasons, find themselves stuck at home, explained Mowbray.

The drivers program is not aimed at the "down and out" and is not limited to health-oriented appointments, except for off-island drives, and passengers and drivers do not have to be of "senior" age.

Volunteers will not be overly tasked, said Mowbray.

"At the drivers desk we recognize that there will be limitations on the times people can be available and a sheet is kept on each driver to avoid unreasonable requests."

Anyone interested in becoming a volunteer driver can call 537-4604 or drop in to the Salt Spring Seniors building across from Ganges Village Market, preferably between 10 a.m. and noon on week days.

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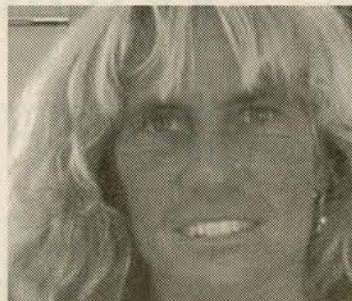
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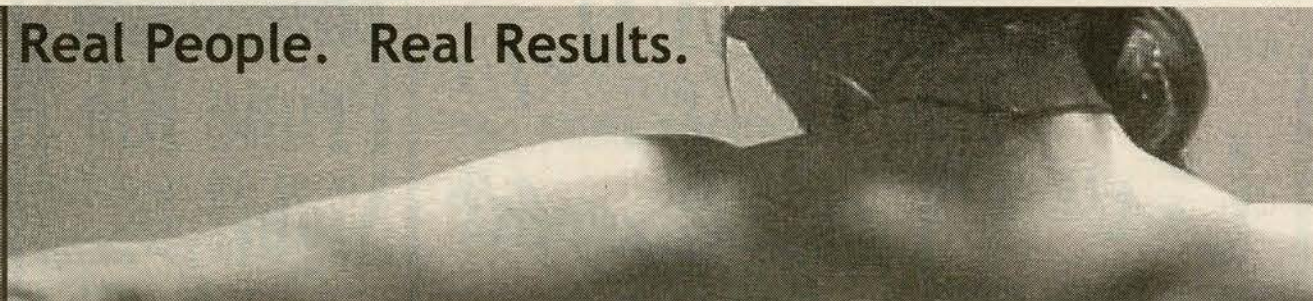
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QUEEN OF SONG: Sarah Morris of The Escapegoats belts out the tunes at the Fulford Inn as the band sets the pace for a New Year's Eve celebration.

Photo by Derrick Lundy

Hot musical duo drops by Friday

A musical duo whose songs serve up a "compelling blend of harmony and heartfelt lyrics" land on Salt Spring this Friday night for a concert at The Inner Garage.

John and Michele Law, an Ontario couple who lived on Salt Spring before embarking on various tours, play at the intimate south end venue beginning at 8 p.m.

Tickets are available through a \$12 donation at Acoustic Planet Music.

According to press information, the husband-and-wife team's songs "paint a masterpiece of love, loss, hope and loneliness: a real sound and a compelling blend of harmony and heartfelt lyrics that builds bridges from country to bluegrass to folk."

In September, the Laws released an "eagerly awaited follow-up" to their debut recording "Estimated Time of Revival."

"Released on Fred Eaglesmith's AML Records Label, 'Two' is full of songs from the heart, for the heart and about the heart," the press release says.

"You can't help but get caught up in the singing. Their voices sound like the male and female version of one voice. And you can't ignore that these are two solid songwriters with the ability to write in just about any style then stamp it with the sound that has now become recognizable as The Laws."

John and Michele began song writing together in 1997, performing together in 2000, and haven't looked back. They are quickly building a huge fan base at home in Canada, the United States and Australia.



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Aniston is great in Good Girl movie

In The Good Girl, Jennifer Aniston takes a role far outside

of her usual bubbly "Rachel" persona from TV's Friends.

She plays Justine, a 30-year-old Texan who works days at the cosmetics counter of a low-end department store. At night, she comes home to a husband (John C. Reilly) who is constantly high and has little time for her needs. Seeking some kind of escape, Amy begins an affair with co-worker Holden. Initially,

everything is wonderful, but eventually Amy comes to the realization that Holden may not be what she needs either. It is then that the woman who lives her life by default must finally make a choice.

The Good Girl is deceptively simple as a story, but conceptually complex as a film. A delicate blend of independent realism and mainstream humour, it offers easy answers with one hand

and then pulls them away from the other.

Frequently, Justine will get herself into some kind of bind and we expect her to come up with some great plan. But this movie never gives us the pleasure of completely being on her side; she does mean, selfish things, even when those around her are trying their best to help out. At the same time, you recognize the virtually unwinnable situation she's in, and feel as if you'd like to see her triumphant in the end.

As a result, The Good Girl can be the cinematic equivalent of a bumpy ride.

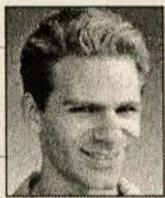
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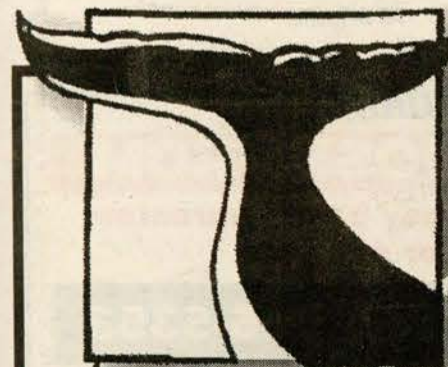
however, particularly for Aniston's performance.

It's almost impossible to see any elements of spoiled, spinny Rachel in Justine, and even harder to believe this is the woman loved so dearly by Brad Pitt. But Aniston manages to pull off this prematurely dowdy, always depressed character as if we hadn't been watching her for the better part of a decade on some silly sitcom. It's really a magnificent effort, one that I hope will lead to more serious roles in the future.

If Gwyneth and Julia can have Oscars, there's no reason why Jennifer shouldn't too. She is very much the good girl.

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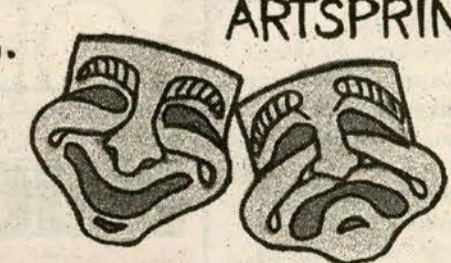
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Mishra and Zonka bring raga magic to ArtSpring

Islanders can feast on traditional Indian classical music at a Monday night concert at ArtSpring.

Salt Spring musician Christian Tatonetti has organized the evening which features sitar player Deobrat Mishra and Marco Zonka on tabla.

Music begins at 8 p.m. According to press material, Mishra was born into the renowned musical family of the Benares Gharana tradition. He is the son of the world famous sitar player Pandit Shivnath Mishra, and both Mishras have performed for enthusiastic audiences on Salt Spring in the past few years.

In December of 2000, Deobrat Mishra received a Jewel of Sound award — which is the Indian equivalent to a Grammy.

The Mishras are based in Varanasi (also known as Benares), which is the most important of the seven holy

cities of the Hindu religion and the spiritual centre of traditional music and culture.

Describing a Mishras concert in an Ascent magazine article, Sarah Trueman wrote, "I felt like a witness to a world evolving through sound. I wasn't alone in this — the musicians seemed as astonished as I was by the form their song was taking. I was certain that Sarasvati graced us with her presence. I could feel her clarity in the room. Closing my eyes for a moment, I imagined the raga as a seed. I wondered what the seed would grow into. I allowed myself to be taken on a journey into the unknown reaches of the raga. At one point, I started laughing for no particular reasons, suddenly aware that emotions are indeed vibrations . . ."

Zonka began studying tabla in 1977 with the late Ustad Allah Rakha at the Indian Cultural Arts

Ashram in San Francisco. He continued studies of Indian vocal and instrumental music with Ustad Ali Akbar Khan at the Ali Akbar College of music in San Rafael, and with resident tabla maestros Zakir Hussain and Swapan Chaudury.

Zonka plays and performs numerous finger drumming styles, including tabla, tar, bendir, dhumbek and udu drums. He also composes and performs original vocal and percussion music, and has recording credits on RCA, Shanachi and many small independent recording labels.

"He's toured a lot with the Mishras for the past four years but never played on Salt Spring," said Tatonetti.

Tickets for the January 13 event are \$15 for adults, \$12 for students and \$7 for children under 12.



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'All-directions' exhibition calling for youth art entries

Young Gulf Islands artists are invited to rev up their creative engines before making tracks to Artfully Off in all Directions.

ArtSpring is hosting the February 3-11 exhibit of artwork by islanders aged 18 years and under, and is now making the call for submissions of drawings, paintings, clay or wood pieces.

Exhibition theme is Artfully Off in All Directions, in keeping with the spirit of Lorne Elliott's CBC comedy show Madly Off in All Directions. On February 4 at ArtSpring, Elliott is performing his show called Cabin Fever 2003.

"Young artists are invited to share their enthusiasm and sense of fun — in whatever direction their creativity takes them," notes a press release.

Thunderbird Gallery and

the Salt Spring Island Painters' Guild are sponsoring the exhibition.

Submission forms with further details are available at Thunderbird Gallery in Grace Point Square, at ArtSpring or by contacting Margaret Threlfall at 537-4535, or Susan Pratt at 653-9807.

Submissions must be returned to Thunderbird Gallery or ArtSpring by Saturday, February 1.

No fees are attached to either submissions or admission to the exhibition. A reception to meet the artists will be held at 3 p.m. on February 8 in the ArtSpring gallery.

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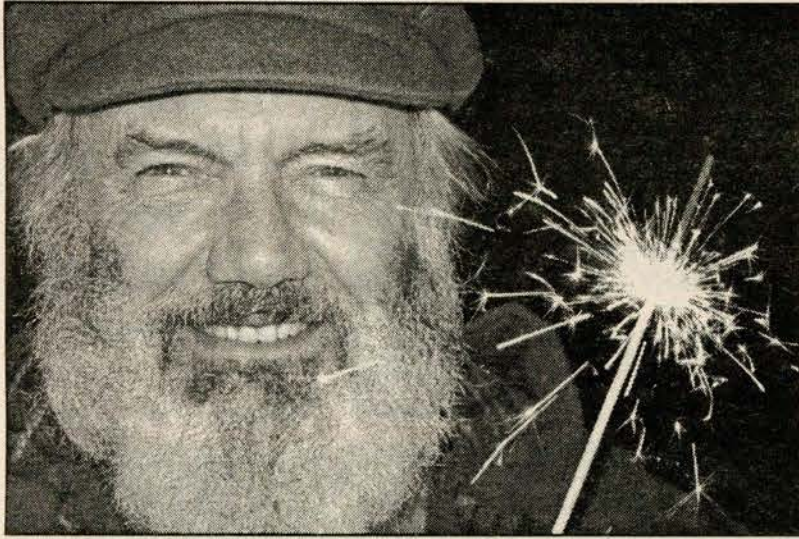
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For the second year, members of the United Church worked with people in the community to serve a free Christmas dinner, on Christmas Day, to 115 people.

Surplus food was given to Sandie Ferguson's folks, and \$500 left over after expenses was donated to the Food Bank.

We are now discussing how to organize a bigger and better event for Christmas 2003!

Thanks again to everyone for donating food, money, time and talent!



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Celebration

Salt Spring honoured the end of 2002 and welcomed the start of 2003 at various venues across the island last Tuesday night. Seen here, clockwise from top left, Tom Varzeliotis with a sparkler at First Night celebrations in Ganges; Arnie and Julia Heengstleer tangoing at Mahon Hall; Swing Shift setting the beat Meaden Hall; Fred Williamson in Ganges; and Kerry Narbett and Leanne Myrdal at Moby's Pub.



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15 *** 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 (2h)
16 *** Terminal Justice (1995, Sci-Fi) A criminal mastermind teams with a scientific genius to create a race of deadly assassins. Lorenzo Lamas, Chris Sarandon (2h)
17 *** 101 Dalmatians (1997, Family) Cruella DeVil and her henchmen kidnap a litter of Dalmatian pups to make a fur coat. Glenn Close, Jeff Daniels (2h)
18 *** John Q (2002, Drama) A man takes a hospital hostage when his son is denied care due to a lack of insurance. Denzel Washington, Gabriela Oltean (2h)
19 *** Message in a Bottle (1999, Romance) A touching letter in a bottle leads a divorced woman to its author and to real love. Kevin Costner, Robin Wright Penn (3h)
20 *** Silent Hunter (1994, Action) An officer teams up with a sheriff to track down the outlaws who murdered his family. Miles O'Keefe, Peter Colvey (2h)
21 *** Excalibur (1981, Fantasy) The history of King Arthur, from his conception and birth to the fall of Camelot. Nigel Terry, Helen Mirren (2h30)
22 *** The Pelican Brief (1993, Action) A law student stumbles onto a conspiracy theory to assassinate two Supreme Court Justices. Julia Roberts, Denzel Washington (2h30)
23 The Replacements (2000, Comedy) Replacements are brought in to substitute for a team of striking football players. Gene Hackman, Keanu Reeves (2h30)
24 *** Slackers (2001, Comedy) After a geek catches slackers cheating, he bribes them to help him with his dream girl. Devon Sawa, Jason Schwartzman (1h30)
25 *** Gandhi (1982, Biography) Gandhi's efforts to establish independence for India through non-violent resistance. Ben Kingsley, Candice Bergen (3h5)
26 *** 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 (2h)
27 Live from Baghdad (2002, Drama) A CNN producer recounts the stress of covering the Gulf War live from a Baghdad hotel. Michael Keaton, Jeffrey Wright (1h45)
28 *** The Verdict (1982, Drama) An alcoholic attorney is given a malpractice case as a last chance at redemption. Paul Newman, James Mason (2h30)
29 *** Spartacus (1960, Drama) La révolte des esclaves contre Rome dirigée par Spartacus. Kirk Douglas, Jean Simmons (3h15)

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12 *** The Wizard of Oz (1939, Fantasy) A tornado carries a young girl to a magical land where she encounters witches and wonders. Judy Garland, Frank Morgan (2h)
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14 *** Tango Bar (1988, Musical) The lives of two tango dancers are torn apart by a violent revolution in Argentina. Raul Julia, Valeria Lynch (1h45)
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WED. Jan. 8	THURS. Jan. 9	FRI. Jan. 10	SAT. Jan. 11	SUN. Jan. 12	MON. Jan. 13	TUES. Jan. 14
Special Events SS Historical Society. Don Small talk on CPR Motor Princess/Pender Queen. Central Hall, 2 p.m.	Activities Karate for Teens & Adults. Wednesdays and Thursdays, Beaver Point Hall, 4:30-5:30. Brenda, 653-0072.	Music The Laws. John and Michele concert at Inner Garage, 8 p.m. Call Acoustic Planet, 537-9668. Elissa Poole & Colin Tilney. Baroque flute and harpsichord. ArtSpring, 8 p.m. Free pre-concert chat with George Ehring, 7 p.m. Acoustic Jam Nite. Fridays at Anise Restaurant, 9 p.m.	Special Events Town Hall Meeting. Salt Spring Island Local Trust Committee public meeting. Lions Hall, 1 p.m.	Special Events Spoken Word Open Mic. Anise Restaurant, 8 p.m. Sundays. Call 537-1097 to participate.	Special Events Expanding our Universe. Hubble Telescope presentation with Ray Villard. Community Gospel Chapel, 7 p.m. Tix through ArtSpring.	Meetings SS Minor Baseball Association. AGM at Portlock Park, 7 p.m.
Meetings SSPLASH20. Monthly meeting at Portlock Park portable, 7:30 p.m.				Music Roy Reynolds Trio. Moby's Sunday Dinner Jazz, 7 p.m.	Meetings GLOSSI AGM. Gays and Lesbians of SSI, Core Inn, 7 p.m.	Workshops Turning Resolutions Into Reality. Free CED workshop with Bruce Elkin. Lions Hall, 7 p.m. Register at 537-4219.
Music 'Simply Organic' Recital of popular organ music followed by coffee and muffins. All Saints, 10:10 a.m. Wednesday Night LIVE! Open stage at Moby's, 9 p.m.		Activities Life Drawing. Fridays at SS United Church, 1-3 p.m. Roller-blading to Music. Fridays at Fulford Hall, 7:30-9 p.m.	Next Wed. Jan. 15 Sunset Spotlight. Island musicians perform at Vesuvius Pub. 8-11 p.m. 'Simply Organic'. Popular organ music recital, followed by muffin and coffee. Mixed Levels Yoga. With Cathy Valentine at ArtSpring, 5:30-7 p.m. Karate for Kids 6-12. Wednesdays, Beaver Point Hall, 3:15-4:15. Brenda, 653-0072. Karate for Teens & Adults. Wednesdays and Thursdays, Beaver Point Hall, 4:30-5:30. Brenda, 653-0072.		Music Deobrat Mishra & Marco Zonka. Sitar and tabla Indian classical music at ArtSpring, 8 p.m.	Family South-end Drop-in. For parents and preschoolers. Fulford Hall Tuesdays, 10-noon.
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Frida — Salma Hayek stars in this Julie Taymor film about the famed Mexican painter and her colourful, tragic life.

Cable TV
 Salt Spring TV, Cable 12 — Runs continuously for 24 hours from Tuesday, January 14, 3 p.m. — Naidine Sims: Stark Family History. A recent presentation of the Salt Spring Historical Society to a full house at Central Hall. Naidine recounts the history of her family during the island's early days, including the remarkable stories of her great grandmother, Sylvia Stark, and the hardships endured by Salt Spring's first black settlers. Archival photos give us glimpses into the past. Produced by Peter Prince.

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 Judy Harper's work is now showing at Island Savings.
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WET AND WETTER: A group of golf enthusiasts gather under an umbrella to illustrate the point: it was wet. Only 13 turned out for an annual New Year's Day scramble at the Salt Spring Golf and Country Club.

Photo by Derrick Lundy

Determined golfers take in annual event

A few golfers braved wind and rain for a New Year's Day scramble at the Salt Spring Golf and Country Club but the real highlight of the event was a cozy luncheon buffet indoors.

Three teams totalling 13 players gathered to play in a scramble format.

But only two holes were playable on the course due to poor weather, said pro shop manager Steven Marleau.

Marleau was on the winning team with Marie Hopkins, Jim Bradford and Gord Speed.

"We won with a par and a birdie," he laughed.

The New Year's Day scramble was the first event marking the 75th anniversary year for the island golf club.

"The highlight was that 55 people came out for lunch," Marleau said.

While the golf club won't be celebrating opening day until the end of March, the course is still open and determined golfers are out playing, he noted.

"They put on their rubber boots with spikes and away they go."

May marathon aims to raise funds for Salt Spring's indoor pool group

Organizers are planning a local half-marathon just in time to capitalize on the New Year's resolutions of goodie-gorged athletes.

"We would like to get 300 participants," said running event organizer Ben Cooper.

Along with fellow organizer Rick Laing, he is planning to launch a half-marathon (21.1 kilometres), a 10-km race and a one-km "fun-run" event for May 25.

Both organizers have a fair bit of experience running in marathons, but organizing one will be a new adventure, Cooper said.

"We will need a number of volunteers."

But they're already off to a speedy start, arranging ribbons, brochures and a website.

They hope islanders will take the race challenge and contribute to the fundraiser for the Salt Spring indoor pool society (SSPLASH20).

Brochures will be available mid-January and the new website (www.splash.org) for information and registration should be up and running next week, Cooper said.

He would like to find volunteers to distribute posters

in February and organize T-shirts for the runners.

They will also need a number of volunteers on the race day.

"We're also hoping to get more corporate sponsors for draw prizes at the end of the run."

The half-marathon course is mapped to depart north east from Fernwood School, head south along Walker's Hook Road, west on Stark Road to North End Road, around North Beach Road and back to the school.

A 10-km route will go out and back along Walker's Hook Road.

Competitors will be able to race in a number of categories divided by 10-year age markers (e.g. those aged 21-30 and 31-40).

And Cooper is curious to see if potential runners might want to participate in a running clinic.

He also volunteered to submit training program articles for the Driftwood starting closer to the event.

Anyone interested in joining a running clinic or volunteering to help is welcome to call Cooper (537-1951) or Laing (537-9572).

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4.Baker Brent	222	305	527	57	29.Miles Mike	218	275	493	44
5.Tamboline Philip	207	308	515	48	30.Haston Mark	195	297	492	58
6.Byron Seth	207	305	512	48	31.Grams Doug	204	287	491	35
7.Redden Charlene	226	283	509	53	32.Moser John	210	281	491	51
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20.Garner Dag	213	289	502	54	45.Buckley Jim	193	289	482	55
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22.Forsyth Deb	195	305	500	44	47.Speed Glenn	241	239	480	35
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25.Byron Nicola	207	290	497	57	50.Lynch Steve	190	287	477	58
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Born 8:16 a.m. Monday, Dec. 23, 2002 at home, 8 lbs. 5 oz., 19.5 inches long. Parents Pat Reynolds and Kylarra Simmers would like to thank Maggie, Cindy and Randy for their help and support.

6 DEATHS

KAHN, ANITA, was born April 12, 1919, in Montreal, where she lived her entire life until last October when she moved to Salt Spring so that she could be with her family and be able to "walk down to the Pacific Ocean". Anita died peacefully on Thursday, January 2, at Lady Minto Hospital after a long struggle with cancer of which she was unaware until December. Anita will be sorely missed by Gerald, her husband of 63 years; son Charles (Judy Norget); grandson Ben; granddaughter Clea; brother Sidney Sanders (Baëla); sister-in-law Annette Rubin; Maureen Kahn; as well as many nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends. The people who knew Anita will remember her as a caring person, who to a fault put others before herself, never forgetting to acknowledge lifetime milestones like birthdays and anniversaries and always keeping in touch with everyone she knew through cards and letters. They will remember her as an accomplished artist, whose work is represented in prestigious galleries and private collections. They will also remember her as someone who suffered more than she should have, but who still maintained her interest in all aspects of life, providing a personal clipping service that shared her diverse interests with friends and relatives. "There are very few people in my life who have not been touched by hers in some way; through a story or an anecdote, a voice on the other side of the telephone, a lunch or coffee at her house, a gift of her artwork. She was a tiny woman with incredible vitality. A life force in her own right. A dynamic, crazy, passionate and powerful woman who did not know her own strength. She was an artist. A dreamer. A philosopher. A closet politician. An adoring mother and grandmother." (Clea Kahn). Anita's family would like to especially thank Dr. David Woodley, whose care for and interest in Anita were very much appreciated. They would also like to thank all of the many care workers in our very caring community, including the doctors, nurses, and staff of Lady Minto Hospital and the Red Cross. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in Anita's name to the Lady Minto Hospital Foundation, the Red Cross, or Medecins sans Frontieres (Doctors without Borders). Hayward's Funeral Service.

6 DEATHS

WALKER; BERTHA Patricia (nee Ridland) of Ganges, formerly of West Vancouver passed away at Lady Minto E.C.U. on Monday, December 30, 2002. Bertha was born in Victoria on August 19, 1914. She is predeceased by her parents Lilius and Arthur Ridland and her brother Arthur Ridland. Bertha is survived by her husband Cedric, her daughter Diana Lance and husband Clive of Lot et Garonne, France, her grandson Paul Rothery, wife Maybeth and daughters Lauren and Madison of San Diego and by her stepson John Walker, wife Carol, children Jessica and Ross of Nanaimo and Jason of Edmonton. Bertha was an accomplished gardener and bridge player. She curled, played golf and spent many years boating along coastal B.C. She will be laid to rest near her parents at Royal Oak. A memorial service will be held at St. Mark's Anglican Church on Salt Spring Island, Friday, January 10 at 2:00 p.m.

CANNON, WILLIAM R. (Bill) passed away peacefully on Dec. 21. Born in Summerside, P.E.I. 1911. Survived by children Roger (Hilda), John (Mitzie), Alan, and Ruth (Hal). Also survived by his wife Audrey, children Michael (Rosemary), Robert (Jennifer) and Patricia, fifteen grandchildren and six great grandchildren. No service by request. Donations may be made to Lady Minto Hospital.

DORFMAN, WILLIAM ARON, born August 27, 1914 passed away peacefully at St. Mary's Hospital, Montreal, January 5, 2003. After immigrating to Canada from Russia with his family, at the age of 5, Mr. Dorfman resided in Montreal until his death. In 1940 he enlisted in the Black Watch Infantry Division of the Canadian Armed Forces. Subsequent to his discharge, he was employed by CN until he left to go into the jewelry business. His father, Aaron, wife, Goldie, mother, Adela, and sister, Hilda predeceased him. He is survived by his daughters, Dr. Sheila (Justice Marshall) Rothstein, Ottawa, Ont. and Dr. Arona Kagnoff (James) Henderson, Salt Spring Island, BC, sister, Ruth Yaphe, Israel, grandchildren Ronald, Douglas, Robert Rothstein, Dr. Tracey (Dr. Andrew) Rosenberg and Alisa (Gregory) Frederick, Alana Silverman and great-grandsons Conor, Cameron David Frederick. Funeral service to be held at Paperman Funeral Chapel, Montreal, Jan 9, 2003 with interment to follow. Donations may be made to the Canadian Heart and Stroke Foundation.

HAYWARD'S FUNERAL SERVICE GANGES

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6 DEATHS

CARTWRIGHT John Laurence 1930 - 2002

John died suddenly at his Ghost River home on December 30th at the age of 72. He is survived by his wife Aileen and his children; Robert (Sharon), Gillian (Bart), Philippa (John), Judith (Rob), Peter (Caroline), Andrea (Phil), Alison (Les) and his sister Pat Cartwright of Richmond BC.

One of John's greatest joys was watching his 14 grandchildren grow. Kristen, Andrew, David, Peter, Jonathan, Michael, Anna, Spencer, Mia, Sarah, Max, Jake, Christopher and Ben will always have wonderful memories of their Granddad.

John was born and raised on Salt Spring Island. He served with the R.C.M.P. in Saskatchewan and then moved to Calgary in 1952 where he worked for Equifax. When he retired in 1985, he started a new career with Opportunity 45. It was in this year that he fulfilled his dream of living in the country. Country life for John was sometimes quiet, but more often than not, he was surrounded by family and friends - and friends of friends. He leaves a large void in the lives of those who knew him.

Big man, big family, big heart.

Memorial services were held at the Cochrane Alliance Church, Cochrane, Alberta on Saturday January 4th, 2003. In lieu of flowers donations can be made to a local Food Bank.

Arrangements in care of Lawrence (Larry) Slywka of Slywka's - Cochrane Country Funeral Home of Calgary and Cochrane, Alberta.

Telephone: 403-932-1039

8 CARD OF THANKS

Nick Langford and Ellie Parks

married and celebrated at The Barn on December 28th 2002. Many thanks to those who contributed to our joyful occasion; Liz Anderson, Stuff and Nonsense, Partytime Rentals, Embe Bakery, Foxglove, Gulf Islands Brewery.

Special thanks to Thomas Robson for the delicious Thai banquet, Lisa and Jennifer of Stowel Lake Farm and Gary and Blye for the fabulous fruit-sicles, they were a big hit!

What a party! Our heartfelt thanks to our loved ones whose happiness for us created such a joyful celebration.

10 CELEBRATIONS

Happy Birthday Groovy Mover, Love Lisa, Juliana, Lucina, Johnny

HAPPY 25TH Anniversary Arleen & Paul Sadler A Never-Ending Love! xoxo - your kids.

20 COMING EVENTS

KARATE @ Beaver Pt Hall - kids, teens, adults, after school classes (eve poss if requested). 3rd deg. black belt. Brenda 653-4608 or 653-0072.

JEWELLRY CLASSES, Jan. & Mar., Andrea 537-2866.

20 COMING EVENTS

EXERCISING JOY: Morning fitness classes for self awareness & self defense @ Beaver Pt Hall Brenda 653-4608 or 653-0072.

EMBRACING THE CRONE: Rite of passage for women over 40, extracting the true essence from your storm, Jan 17 - 19. Yogesha 537-0081.

ART CLASSES in watercolour or acrylics in small group setting. Jan. - Mar. Beginner - Advanced call Val Konig 537-9531.

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.

THE LAWS, Back on Salt Spring for a special performance, Friday, January 10 at the Inner Garage. 8:00 p.m. reservations & info at Acoustic Planet. 537-9668.

ARTFULLY OFF in All Directions. An exhibit of art by young Salt Spring Island artists. February 3 - 11, 2003 at Artspring. Application forms can be picked up at Thunderbird Gallery or Artspring. Deadline for submissions, February 1, 2003. Call Margaret at 537-4535 or Susan at 653-9807 for more information.

MAKE A buffalo Native American hand drum and drumstick. Saturday, Jan. 25. Cost \$190, materials incl. Call Dave to book a spot. 538-1970.

Ashtanga Yoga with Cynthia Bennett
Starting Sat Jan 11th
Beginners Class 8:15 a.m.
Ongoing Class 10:00 a.m.

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20 COMING EVENTS

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- what is it?
- how to identify it
- how you can help

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Silent & Invisible - What's Age Got To Do With It?

Cosponsored by: Community Response Network Gulf Islands Women's Resource Network

Mon. Jan 20 - 2 p.m.
at Salt Spring Seniors Services Society (across from GVM)
All Welcome

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Monday, January 13th 8 p.m.

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Burns Night

Presented by the Royal Canadian Legion Pipe Band

Saturday Jan 25th Meaden Hall

Bar 5:30 p.m. Dinner 6:45 p.m.

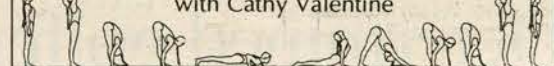
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29 LOST AND FOUND

FOUND: GAGGLE of 8 domestic geese. Apparently raised on prunes & bran, currently creating havoc between 521 & 601 Isabella Point Rd. Please retrieve them as soon as possible or find them all dressed for dinner at the local food bank!

LOST: BLACK long haired cat, white socks and belly, pink nose, very long tail. Very affectionate, may answer to Tooyey. Please call 538-0041.

FOUND: GREEN plastic garden shed roof, found on beach at Moby's. Owner can pick up from the beach in front of Moby's.

FOUND KEYS on Sharp Road in December. Owner may claim at the Driftwood.

26 LEGAL

NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND OTHERS

Re: THE ESTATE OF THOMAS HAMILTON HOLTBY, DECEASED

Notice is hereby given that creditors and others having claims against the Estate of THOMAS HAMILTON HOLTBY, deceased, late of Salt Spring Island, British Columbia, are hereby required to send them duly verified to the undersigned executor at 133 Langley Road, Salt Spring Island, B.C. V8K 1K9, on or before Feb. 8, 2003, after which date the assets of the said estate will be distributed having regard only to claims that have been received.

DONALD L. WATT
Executor

DRIFTWOOD CLASSIFIEDS DEADLINE: MONDAY 5PM

26 LEGAL

Notice to Creditors and Others

Re: Estate of JOHANN OLAF BAUMGARTNER, aka OLAF BAUMGARTNER, and JOHANN BAUMGARTNER, Deceased

Notice is hereby given that creditors and others having claims against the Estate of JOHANN OLAF BAUMGARTNER, deceased, late of Salt Spring Island, British Columbia, are hereby required to send them duly verified to the personal representative at c/o #1-105 Rainbow Road, Salt Spring Island, B.C., V8K 2V5, on or before February 19, 2003, after which date the assets of the said estate will be subject to distribution, having regard only to claims that have been received.

EVA-MARIA THEREN, Administratrix by her solicitor, IAN H. CLEMENT #1-105 Rainbow Road, Salt Spring Island, B.C. V8K 2V5

250-537-5505



Land Act:

Notice of Intention to Apply for a Disposition of Crown Land

Take notice that Murray L. Vasilev and Sharon E. Vasilev of North Pender Island, B.C., have made application to the Land and Water British Columbia Inc. (LWBC), Vancouver Island Region, Land Management Office, for a License - License of Occupation for the purposes of a Residential - Private Moorage situated on Provincial Crown land located at North Pender Island, Cowichan District.

The Lands File Number is 1412098.

Written comments regarding this application should be directed to the Senior Land Officer at 501-345 Wallace Street, Nanaimo, BC, V9R 5B6. Comments will be received by LWBC until February 8, 2003. LWBC may not be able to consider comments received after this date.

Be advised that any response to this advertisement will be considered part of the public record. Any concerns regarding the release of your comments, contact the FOI Advisor at Land and Water British Columbia Inc.'s regional office.



29 LOST AND FOUND

FOUND KEYS on beach between Baker & Quarry. Owner may claim at the Driftwood.

LOST: MOORAGE bouy from end of Long Harbour "Wimland" 537-9277.

32 MEETINGS

MEETING: BOARD of Directors of Central Community Hall, Tuesday January 21st, 7:00 pm. Public welcome.

SALT SPRING Minor Baseball, Annual General Election Meeting, Tuesday, January 14, Portlock portable. 7 p.m. Please come out and join.

GLOSSI AGM. Gays and lesbians of Salt Spring Island Annual General Meeting is at the Core Inn, 134 McPhillips, 7 p.m. Monday, January 13. All members and friends are invited for tea, discussion of society business, election of officers.

Trail & Nature Club

A.G.M.

23 January 2003 Meaden Hall 5:30p.m.

Pot Luck

2 motions re finances

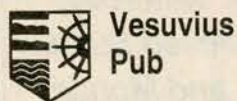
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NOTICE OF TOWN HALL MEETING

The Spring Island Local Trust Committee will be meeting to receive submissions from the community concerning various land use matters.

DATE: Saturday, January 11th, 2003

TIME: 1:00 P.M.

PLACE: Hart Bradley Memorial Hall (Lions Club) 103 Bonnet Ave., Ganges

Those who wish to present a more formal petition, or make a delegation to the Committee as an Agenda item, must advise Islands Trust staff in advance of the meeting so that they can be added to the Agenda. For information about the Agenda, please call Islands Trust at 537-9144.

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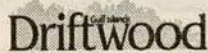
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410 REAL ESTATE FOR SALE

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510 COMMERCIAL SPACE

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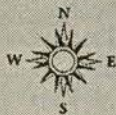
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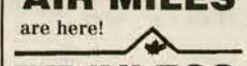
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THIS WEEK'S HOROSCOPE



Tip of the Week:
The current Astrological weather is worthy of mention now. Three planets are currently retrograde. These are Mercury, Jupiter and Saturn. Mercury is in the sign of Capricorn, Saturn is in Mercury's sign, Gemini and Jupiter is in the Sun's sign, Leo. Mercury is the planet that governs thinking processes, information exchange and communications of all kinds. Jupiter governs higher-minded activities such as philosophy, law, religion, ethics, culture and travel. Saturn governs over structures, organizations, governments, and the enforcement of law and order according to the philosophy, religion, ethics and culture of any given society. So, Saturn upholds, Jupiter idealizes and Mercury communicates. When a planet is retrograde the ability to be here now is compromised. This can have its advantages, though is a process better experienced from time to time rather than as a constant as it jeopardizes the joy and power of the present moment - the here and now. The sign placement of a retrograde planet further reveals the opportunities and/or challenges of that planet. When retrograde in Capricorn, Mercury tends towards serious, heavy and sober thinking and communication processes. When Saturn is retrograde in Gemini the tendency is towards worry and difficulty thinking and communicating clearly. That Mercury is in Capricorn - Saturn's sign and Saturn is in Gemini - Mercury's sign they are in "Mutual Reception", which serves to alleviate the whole situation. The general result is that thought processes and communications will be quite sober and serious with practicality and reality measures in mind yet with enough flow to get things done, provided there is ample focus and cooperation. Jupiter is the wild card in this trio. Due to the fact that it is in Leo - a fixed sign and in challenging aspect to both Neptune and the asteroid goddess Juno, there stands to be stubbornness and conflict especially in marital or common law relationships. When retrograde in Leo, Jupiter tends towards prideful resistance to seeing another's point of view and is reluctant to take advice of any kind. Neptune's aspect to Jupiter is at best philosophical, mystical, theoretical and risky and at worst dreamy, escapist, idealistic and unrealistic. Since "the planets incline but do not compel", we can choose to recognize these influences and work with them accordingly. How these influences will affect any given individual specifically depends upon how they are "aspected" or relate to the birth chart of the individual in question.

Aries (Mar 21 - Apr 20)
Practical concerns and considerations continue to gain the bulk of your attention. You are sensitive to what others think of you generally and especially about what you say. You want to be real and honest with others yet, not harsh or unfeeling. You can have both if you simply focus - sensitively honest. Others may want the same in relationship to you. Are you respectful of their insights and perspectives or are you resistant to advise and/or defensive? Be strong by being open and willing vs. closed and willful. Meanwhile, artistic and cultural interests are beginning to gain your attention. Play along, receptively.

Taurus (Apr 21 - May 20)
Thoughts and reflections about your current standing and reputation in the world are in the spotlight. It is likely that you are having difficulty seeing things as clearly as you would like. Your thought processes may be out of pro-

portion. For example, you may be seeing minor issues as large and large issues as minor. The conflict is deepened by desires to break free and expand vs. protecting what is familiar and secure. The solution is to question what security truly means to you. In as much as you have put possessions before people you may feel guilty and confused. Solution: slowly, surely and openly reassess your priorities.

Gemini (May 21 - Jun 20)
Focus upon the subtler aspects of your life is underway. This includes your inner feelings, thoughts and your overall psychological health. As this is the time of the year traditionally reserved for going within, do so. The goal is to observe without judgement - to simply see things as they are. Joint finances or ventures may be an issue. In any case, some kind of regeneration is the call. Perhaps this means more rest. Or, it could imply that you need to get clear with certain people - you especially - or that you need to clear the old to make way for the new. Renew and clear to be ready for the rest of the year!

Cancer (Jun 21 - Jul 21)
The focus continues on relationship fronts. Your old self and style and progressively dissolving. This is like a shedding of skins where the inner you remains, but the old ways are shed. This process has been underway for over two years! This will definitely prove to be a marked year of change and new beginnings. Expect to be awakened to a whole host of new insights and realizations. Fortifying the quality of your interactions is a part of the current script. Sincere efforts to see your self clearly will be rewarded. Exercise gratitude for the abundance you do have and celebrate the success of others. Rejoice!

Leo (Jul 22 - Aug 22)
Tending to your personal health and that of your daily routine continues. Bringing more color and creative expression into your life is the call now. Let the light shine where it is dark. Clear or move anything that is blocking the light whether it is that of the sun or simple light bulbs, and brighten your world with décor that uplifts. There are many books written on the therapeutic benefits of light and color and the opposite when these are lacking. Be fully present and patient with the process. Projecting your mind into the ideal future will only make you impatient in the moment and miss it altogether. Lights!

Virgo (Aug 22 - Sep 23)
You are currently in a creative leadership cycle. If this does not seem obvious look a little closer. It can come in one of many forms. Maybe you simply feel moved to cast off personal restrictions and follow the spirit wherever it leads. Whatever routes you are taking, awaken to this process. It will soon reveal itself as a desire to beautify, uplift and/or renovate close to home. Changes are brewing on the horizon so try to be aware of what they may be before you over invest into something that may get left behind. Proceed slowly now and outline your intentions. Explore the possibilities!

Libra (Sep 23 - Oct 21)
Taking charge close to home continues as a central theme. This may imply making room for more love in your life. This may come in the form of a new person but it could also imply a new attitude. Travel urges are also growing steadily. Are you ready for some adventure? Consider the possibilities and invite a friend or two to dream and plan with you. You may not be in the mood to tend to the details now so invite someone who is. Freedom is a keyword in this process.

You are in a good position to have it but it could take a while to achieve it more fully. Reach for your star!

Scorpio (Oct 22 - Nov 20)
You are the mood to get a firm grip on things. This includes what you want and desire and perhaps who. Learning how to think, feel and act more cooperatively is a part of the ongoing plot these days. More knowledge, education or training is likely possibilities for the foreseeable future. This is a good time to consider such directions and their implications. Striking a balance between who you feel you are and what you sense that others want you to be is a key sub theme. Restrictions in your outer environment should be seen as your own projections. "Free your mind and the rest will follow!"

Sagittarius (Nov 21 - Dec 20)
Improving and refining your overall foundation continues. This includes your values and attitude towards your self, others and life in general. Cynicism is a sure sign of subconscious anger. Worse yet, it will backfire on you as energy goes where attention goes. Be as patient as you can now, though you are on the verge of some pioneering initiatives. The secret is to believe in your self. Everyday is a new day and you are very resourceful. Allow your inner wisdom to see you through this potential dry spell. Be at peace and trust that you will be tall in the saddle again very soon. Easy does it!

Capricorn (Dec 21 - Jan 19)
You have already begun to take strides in new directions and the year has just begun! Some of these include opening your heart to new people and possibilities. This will take some courage and fortunately that is on the way as well. If you find that you have been pre-occupied with the details then take this recognition as a sign to ease up. Avoid making assumptions about what others want and need. Be willing to give to situations but ask before you proceed where others are concerned. Some inner work to prepare for new commitments is a part of your job now. Make way for your inner authority!

Aquarius (Jan 20 - Feb 19)
Your retreat and rest time is almost over. If you have not taken advantage of it then this is your final chance. Relax and restore your vitality, you will soon need it. Intend to connect with your spirit - the "I" that has a mind, emotions and a body that we tend to call my.... Science has, at worst, led the masses to believe that there is no soul. That is simply the erroneous belief of science. All this nonsense will soon change and you are destined to be one of the leaders. Are you ready for such a task? Exercise your ability to simply witness without judgement all that you think and feel. This is the doorway you seek.

Pisces (Feb 19 - Mar 20)
The process of connecting with your sense of individuality continues as a central theme. This can be done actively or passively as you wish. It is there no matter how you approach it. Trust that you are unique and special no matter how different you may seem to others. Fear is often accompanied by judgment and reaction. The norm is always on the cutting edge of change. Just look at an old magazine. You are ahead of your time in this regard. Forgive others for being anchored in fear simply by allowing yourself to be you. Meanwhile be open to learning and/or teaching new skills.

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WATER HAZARD: Barry Kazakoff is captured in reflection as he plays golf with his dad during the holiday season. Photo by Derrick Lundy

Disc team ties record

The dynamic duo of Ted Hickford and Ryan Hudson bashed local competition with a stunning 37 (17 under par) to tie the course record in a doubles disc golf tournament at Mouat Park Sunday.

In addition to a nest of birdies, Hudson hit an ace on hole number seven to deflate any remaining hopes held by fellow competitors. "We started off hot and fell apart after we birdied the first five holes," said Gary Railer.

Each noted for a string of previous wins, Hudson and Hickford tied the record previously set by players Derrick Lundy and Michael

Lees, said tourney observer Scott Chapman.

"They both blew an easy putt on number 13, which would have given them an 18," Chapman said.

Doubles partners at Sunday's event were paired based on best and worst drives at the first hole, which led Chapman to suggest random lots as a better way to choose pairings.

"Not to suggest that they don't have integrity but you know what disc golfers are like."

Local disc golfers meet regularly Sundays at 11 a.m. to play in the doubles tourneys.

Soccer back this Saturday

While favourable weather forecasts should allow eager soccer enthusiasts to finally see local teams play on island this weekend, tots and minis (U10 and younger) will have to wait until January 18 to start their games.

Weather and fields permitting, both Salt Spring FC (Division 2) and the local Division 6 men's team are scheduled to play at 2:15 p.m. Sunday.

Number one-ranked FC (8 wins, 1 loss, 2 ties) will play Vantreights at Portlock Park and Div. 6 (ranked

third with 8-2-1) will play Sooke at the lower high school field.

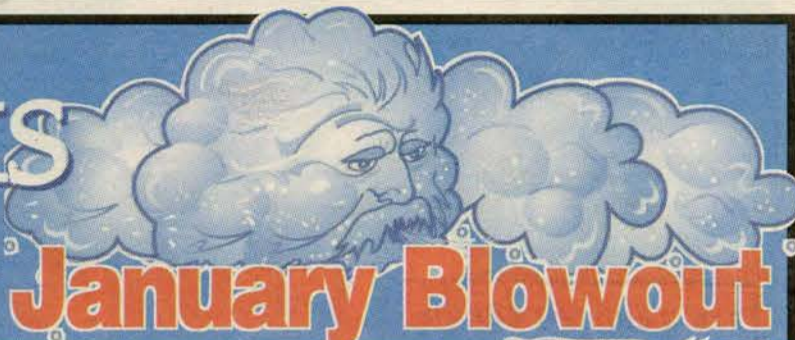
The Salt Spring Dragons women's team (ranked third in division three with five wins and two losses) is scheduled to play Cowichan on island.

The Dragons usually play home games at 12:30 p.m. Sundays on the lower high school field but fields and times are not yet confirmed.

Third place-ranked Old Boys (5-5-2) are scheduled to head off-island to play Gordon Head at Tyndall Field noon Sunday.

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Pool cash raised

A team of hardy pool society members transformed their strokes and whip kicks into much-needed funds at the annual January 1 Polar Bear Swim.

Six individuals who collected per-second pledges hauled in more than \$2,000 for SSPLASH20 — the not-for-profit group fundraising for an indoor pool on Salt Spring.

"It was even better than I thought," said SSPLASH president and lead fundraiser Kathy Page.

Page kept swimming in the pouring rain for five minutes and 45 seconds, earning about \$1,200 of the total.

Alora Griffin, Kim McIntyre, Dave Phillips, Jayne Winter and Judith Beaglehole also collected pledges for SSPLASH20.

The popular community event was hampered this year by a lack of tangible beach area, due in part to recent storm-delivered debris.

"We were all kind of quivering on these logs waiting to get in," said Page.

If conditions had been better, a SSPLASH20 member would have addressed the crowd, she said.

Page thanked the Salt Spring Chamber of Commerce for sponsoring the event.

"We all enjoyed it a lot and felt a warm glow afterwards," added Page, "but I must say our feeling that we need an indoor pool has only been strengthened by this experience."

Except for the January 8 meeting falling on the second Wednesday of this month, SSPLASH20 meets on the first Wednesday each month at the Portlock Park portable at 7:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome to attend the meetings.