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## Ferry committee withdraws its service

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Driftwood Staff

Members of the Southern Gulf Islands Ferry Advisory Committee withdrew their services Friday until the provincial government takes action to resolve their concerns, including rolling back the ferry fare increases announced November 14.

The decision was the climax of an unhappy meeting at which committee members complained about the fare increases and the reception by minister responsible Dan Miller at a December 3

meeting with advisory group representatives.

Walking out of the meeting was raised at the beginning of the session by North Pender member Graham Leggett, who pointed out the government was not represented on the committee despite a request that it have someone present.

However, Salt Spring representative Neville Atkinson felt the provincial government is paying attention to the issue, which turned into a political hot potato with the increase in ferry fares.

"They have been drawn, albeit kicking and screaming, into the process," he said.

Salt Spring's Drew Thorburn said islanders plan to keep up the pressure on the government with plans for more demonstrations, which may include a one-hour disruption of ferry service escalating to a full day stoppage throughout the coast.

Protests are having an effect, noted Patrick Brown of South Pender. "If you have a government which governs by watching TV, on the evening news we (the

December 9 demonstration) were the lead story on three out of four stations."

Dave Birchall, a Galiano representative who attended a meeting with Dan Miller after the demonstration, said the minister publicly acknowledged that the ferry system had to be subsidized by government. Miller also apologized for his behaviour at the December 3 meeting with representatives from the advisory committees, Birchall said.

Brown said there are now suggestions from the premier's

office that the government is going to take some steps to soothe the furor over ferries, which could include a fare roll-back and a commitment for an ongoing subsidy of B.C. Ferries.

"This seems a very funny way to have to train a government but there we are," he concluded.

Salt Spring representative Ken Lee felt the advisory committee members should keep the pressure on by walking out of the process.

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## Abduction attempt false

A reported attempted abduction of an 11-year-old girl in the Vesuvius area Monday morning turned out to be a false alarm.

However, schools reacted quickly to the situation, sending out immediate warnings to parents via phone and written notices.

Initial reports indicated a 35- to 45-year-old man attempted to entice a girl into his vehicle at approximately 8:30 a.m.

The girl, standing on the side of the road where a school bus had just picked up some other children, was waiting for a ride from a parent.

Police located the suspect vehicle and discovered the man had stopped to advise the child she had missed the school bus.

The driver's side window was closed so police suspect the girl did not hear the man's words clearly. Police said the man, who was trying to be helpful, was distressed over the incident.

However, the girl reacted correctly by fleeing from the vehicle, noted RCMP Const. Gerard Choquette.



Fair fairies

Portraying the sugar plum fairies in Fulford Elementary School's presentation of *The Nutcracker* last Thursday were, from left, Heather Fisher, Jenny Afford and Britta Rustad.

Photo by Valorie Lennox

## Real estate superintendent halts Village Resort sales

Salt Spring Island Village Resort has been ordered by the B.C. superintendent of real estate to cease all marketing of units as of December 5.

The temporary cease selling order prohibits all sales or advertising of units for 15 days.

A hearing will be held tomorrow (Thursday) to see if the order to cease selling should be extended.

Salt Spring Island Village Resort is currently creating a controversial 123-unit strata title resort development on Bullock Lake.

Deputy Superintendent of

Real Estate Adrienne Murray said the order was issued after the superintendent's office realized that developer Brian Hauff did not have sufficient financing in place.

The office had been told all financing was in place but then learned it was not.

"On a scale of one to 10, it's about a five or six in terms of seriousness," Murray said. The rules exist to protect the public and are meant to be enforced, she added.

Under the Real Estate Act, the sale of strata title lots before financing has been obtained is strictly regulated.

Sales can only occur for a maximum of six months, and allow no more than 10 per cent of the purchase price to be paid as a deposit.

It also requires that deposits be held in a trust account and returned in full, with interest, if the purchaser terminates the purchase agreement.

Sale of the lots will not be allowed until Salt Spring Island Village Resort comes into compliance with those regulations, Murray said. However, she expected the resort will be back in business within a week.

Hauff could not be reached for comment.

## Ministry gives grant

Volunteers who have been struggling to keep Salt Spring Island's transition house open received a welcome gift last week with an \$80,000 one-time grant from the provincial Ministry of Women's Equality.

"It's such a relief," said Kerry Chalmers, chairwoman of the Gulf Island Women's Resource Network. "It gives us some financial stability."

In a letter to Chalmers, Minister of Women's Equality Sue Hammell acknowledged the work done by the volunteers to serve women and children on Salt Spring and in the surrounding area.

"It's been an ongoing crisis ... to keep the doors open," Chalmers said Monday.

Opened in June 1995 in a house donated for the purpose,

the facility has served women and children from throughout the Gulf Islands.

However, it has never received ongoing core funding from the ministry so has survived thanks to volunteer work, some government grants and local fundraising.

The Gulf Island Women's Resource Network still hopes to obtain ongoing operating funds from the ministry when it is possible under the provincial budget. Hammell's letter does not make any commitment to fund the transition house next year.

Until ongoing funding is obtained, Chalmers said, local fundraising efforts will have to continue in order to ensure a safe haven is maintained on the island for women and children escaping abusive relationships.

# Ferries, corporation working to launch ferry cost changes

Family fares, reduced fares for high occupancy vehicles and lower ticket prices for off-peak under-utilized sailings are some of the ideas being considered by the provincial government and B.C. Ferries to ease the bite of fare increases announced November 14.

"It just takes time to get them set up," said caucus communications director Chris Gainor Tuesday. B.C. Ferries and the minister responsible for ferries, Dan Miller, are working together on changes.

The most significant change in the province's position was made in November, along with the fare

increases, Gainor noted. The government has committed to an ongoing subsidy for the ferry system, although the amount will not be known until the provincial budget is released in March.

"I think the idea that ferries be self-sustaining is history," Gainor said.

The fare increases sparked protests from throughout the coastal region and the premier's office is keeping an eye on the situation, Gainor observed. The premier's principal secretary, Adrian Dix, sat in on a meeting between Miller and a group of protesters December 9 at the legislature. Dix then called some of those involved

with the protests, assuring them that changes were being made.

Comox MLA Evelyn Gillespie and North Island MLA Glenn Robertson also brought their constituents' concerns to caucus and to Miller.

In a letter to Miller, both stated "these tariff increases are having a detrimental effect on the Islanders in our constituencies. The stability of our Island communities is at stake and many individuals, families and businesses have approached both of us to express their deep concern at their continued ability to live and work on their Island homes due to the significant impact of the increases."

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# Fulford Harbour 'tea party' planned as ferry fare protest

A "tea party" protest will be held Friday afternoon in Fulford over B.C. Ferries fare increases.

Islanders are invited to join the protest, which is timed to meet the 1:15 p.m. ferry from Swartz Bay.

Dubbed the "Fulford Harbour tea party," the protest will include the dumping of symbolic tea into the harbour to illustrate opposi-

tion to the government's arbitrary imposition of fare increases.

Among those expected to attend are Salt Spring Raging Grannies, folk singer Valdy, artist Robert Bateman and MLA Gordon Wilson, leader of the Progressive Democratic Alliance. Organizers hope Saanich North and the Islands MLA Murray Coell will also attend.

All islanders are urged to attend and to bring signs expressing their feelings about the fare increase.

The protest is being planned by Salt Spring members of the Southern Gulf Islands Ferry Advisory Committee, the Salt Spring Advisory Transportation Committee and the Salt Spring Chamber of Commerce.

## FERRY GROUP: Demands action

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Brown noted the advisory committee for Denman and Hornby islands had decided to suspend their participation in the process as a protest gesture.

B.C. Ferries manager of planning services Ian Curtin said the Gulf Islands committee is at a critical juncture, unlike some of the other committees.

Ferries assistant vice-president Jeannette McKay said she would hate to see the process derailed by the political events of the past few weeks.

Trustees agree to listen to the staff analysis of the various route options before voting on whether to suspend the committee.

Following the staff presentation, B.C. Ferries employees withdrew from the meeting. Approximately a third of the islanders on the committee also left to catch ferries home.

The remaining island represen-

tatives then unanimously approved a motion stating that the government had destroyed the credibility of the advisory committee process and that the committee could not proceed with the process "until such time as the government makes a significant move on the issues presented ... on December 3."

Committee members also refined the actions they felt are required to provide a sound basis for future management of the ferry corporation. Their recommendations included:

- a total rollback of the November 14 fare increase and a fare freeze pending discussions with stakeholders;
- affirmation of government responsibility to provide fair and continuing ferry access to communities;
- adequate government funding for B.C. Ferries for at least five years;

• management of ferries by ferry executives guided by the board of directors, who will be predominantly drawn from qualified stakeholders;

• continuation of advisory committees throughout the coast to give users influence on the operation and planning of the ferry corporation;

• management of B.C. Ferries with a five-year business plan and a 10-year capital plan with provision to finance capital expenditures, backed by the provincial government;

- fares to be set by the board of directors;
- the provincial auditor will do an independent audit of the ferry corporation; and
- the board will convene a high-level advisory group involving users, management, union and the government to set terms of reference for the audit and review the results.

## Weather

Wednesday: A few showers. 80 per cent chance of precipita-

tion. High 9.

Thursday: Cloudy with sunny periods; slight chance of showers. 30 per cent chance of precipitation. Low 0, high 7.

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periods. Low -1, high 7.

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**IN THE SPOTLIGHT:** Ganges RCMP Const. Myles Hall approaches vehicle stopped at a Saturday night roadblock outside the Harbour House Hotel. Local police plan to hold numerous roadblocks during the Christmas CounterAttack campaign which runs until January 3.

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## Youth apprehended for two early morning B&E attempts

A 14-year-old Salt Spring youth has been apprehended following two attempted break-ins at Robinson Road homes early Saturday morning.

At approximately 5:10 a.m. a Robinson Road resident was awakened by breaking glass. The culprit had apparently smashed a window beside a door and entered the house. He was scared off when a female resident shouted at him.

The woman called 911 and police were investigating, a second 911 call alerted them to another break-and-enter attempt at a neighbour's house, three doors down the road.

At approximately 5:55 a.m., a second Robinson Road resident heard a noise on his deck. Upon investigating, he found a youth had broken into his home.

The suspect, who had a large, light-coloured dog with him, fled into the surrounding bushes.

Although police attended the scene immediately and launched a search, they were unable to locate the suspect, who may have had accomplices with him.

Police say that further inquiries over the following two days led to the apprehension of one 14-year-old.

Break-and-enter charges are pending against the youth and the matter is still under police investigation.

In other police news:

• Some 260 vehicles were checked for drinking drivers this week as

## RCMP REPORT

Ganges RCMP members conducted CounterAttack roadblocks.

Three 24-hour driving suspensions were issued as a result of the roadblocks which will continue at least until January 3.

Local police now have three trained breathalyzer technicians, allowing them to step-up their investigation of drunk drivers.

• Two vehicles sustained some \$6,000 worth of damage in a collision at the intersection of Fulford-Ganges and Alders roads at approximately 2 p.m. Saturday.

No injuries or charges resulted from the accident which took place after a 35-year-old Victoria driver rear-ended a vehicle driven by a 46-year-old island man.

• Thirteen bottles of liquor were seized from a vehicle checked by police at the intersection of Park Drive and Lower Ganges Road just before 1 a.m. November 6.

All three occupants of the vehicle were under the legal drinking age and a 17-year-old was charged with being a minor in possession of alcohol.

• Two 13-year-old males were caught shoplifting at Thrifty Foods last Thursday. Police were called to the grocery store at approximately 2


p.m.

• A one-person kayak has been recovered and turned in to the Ganges RCMP detachment.

The kayak was found November 29 on a beach at St. Mary Lake near Langs Road. The owner should contact Ganges RCMP to identify and claim the kayak.


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• **Dry skin isn't helped by soaking in a tub.** It actually robs the skin of valuable moisturizing oils. Keep baths and showers short. Keep the water temperature warm, not hot. Use bath oil in the bath and a moisturizer afterwards to keep the skin from becoming too dry during the long winters.

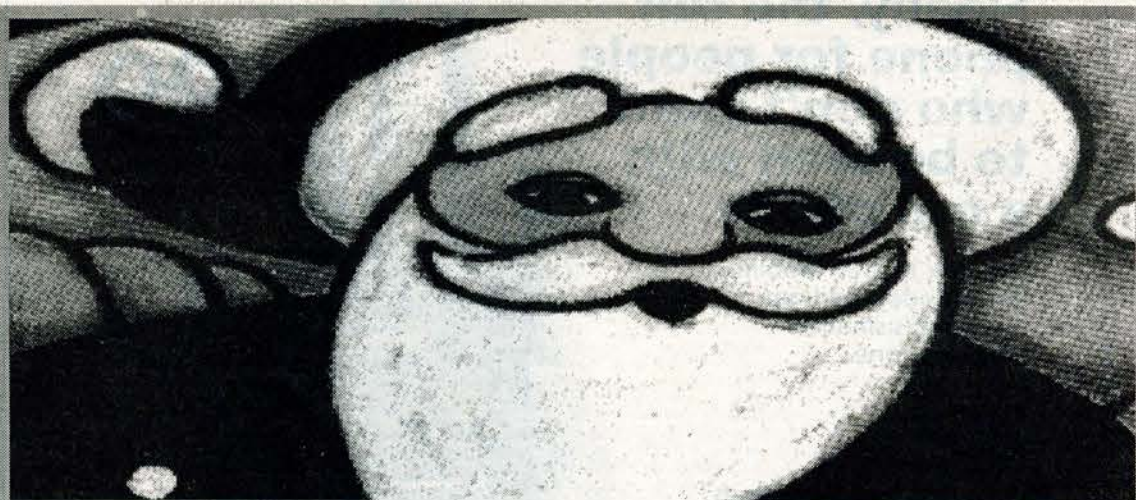
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• **There is a tendency for some people to overindulge in the food and beverage department** during the holiday season. Try alternating every alcoholic drink with a soft drink or fruit juice. (By the way, the best cure for a hangover is not to get one.)

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Wally Brown poses on the tower while fellow volunteers Hal Fryer, left, and Norm Slater look up at the antennas it supports outside the Salt Spring Emergency Program's headquarters in the provincial government building in Ganges. The new tower was erected last week to improve radio communications during emergencies.

Photo by Tony Richards

## Islands Trust wants community management of islands' forests

Looking from island waters to island mountain tops, Trust Council members approved measures at their December quarterly meeting to help preserve both environments.

Noting that the provincial government is now examining regulation of Forest Land Reserve properties and private forest lands as well as development of community forests, trustees agreed to ask the provincial government to consider the needs of Trust islands when developing its community forest regulations.

Trustees would like to see legislation in the Islands Trust Act which would allow for community management of island forests. They also agreed special regulations are required under the Forest Practices Code to deal with logging on Trust islands.

Trustees then endorsed a staff recommendation that the Trust and Trust Fund Board develop an action plan to establish a network of marine protect-

ed areas among the Trust islands.

The recommendation followed a marine protected areas workshop held on Salt Spring November 28 and 29. The workshop was co-hosted by the Trust Fund Board and the Canadian Parks and Wilderness Society.

The proposed action plan includes establishing a steering committee which includes First Nations, fishermen, the Department of Fisheries and Oceans, Parks Canada, the Canadian Wildlife Service, local conservancies, the Vancouver Aquarium, the Canadian Parks and Wilderness Society and the Marine Life Sanctuary Society. This committee will develop ways to share information between the groups and seek ways to establish marine protected areas.

A workshop on the issue is to be held next June with designation of specific areas targeted for the following June.

## Telephone book collection contest set

A bonus has been added to this year's 1997 phone book recycling program.

B.C. Telephone and the Capital Regional District have added a contest to the program.

The three non-profit organizations which collect the most telephone books per member will receive an additional payment per book.

To determine the winners, the number of 1997 B.C. Telephone books collected will be divided

by the total number of members in the participating organization.

Once the 1998 telephone books are issued by B.C. Tel, non-profit groups are invited to collect the 1997 books and turn them into the CRD. Each group receives 20 cents for each B.C. Telephone phone book collected.

All participating groups can

enter the contest. The group collecting the most phone books per member will receive a bonus of 15 cents per book collected, for a total of 35 cents per book.

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- Dispose of tree when needles start to fall off.
- Keep candles away from children, pets and flammable materials.
- Keep poinsettias and holiday potpourri away from children and pets, as they may be hazardous if ingested.
- Christmas wrapping and decorations can be highly combustible and should be kept away from heat sources.
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Photo by Derrick Lundy

**Ganges crosswalk care needed**

Travel Shop owner Marguerite Lee is seeing too many close calls on Ganges roads these days. Of particular concern is the new crosswalk at the intersection of Rainbow and Lower Ganges roads. Lee knows of several instances where drivers have not heeded the crosswalk, which is especially dangerous on dark or rainy nights. Employees of Mouat-owned buildings in the village park their vehicles in a lot on Rainbow

Road, walk to work in the morning and back again each day. "There's been instances where you have to run for your life," she reported. Schoolchildren are also regular users of the new crosswalk. Another critical spot is the crosswalk at the Chamber of Commerce. At both spots, she suggests, drivers might be deceived by the left-hand turn lanes, believing cars are stopped in order to turn left.

Frequently they are stopped while allowing a pedestrian to cross the road. Pedestrians also need to have consideration for motorists, she added. Many do not give vehicle drivers enough time to brake before stepping onto the road in front of the vehicle. Lee urges everyone to slow down through Ganges, before a serious incident takes place or — "heaven forbid" — a traffic light is deemed necessary.

**Groups debate fire responsibility**

A fire in Salt Spring Island Middle School during an evening recreation commission program has raised the thorny issue of whether the school district or the commission was responsible for the damage. The fire occurred in a basement change room and caused \$2,000 to \$3,000 damage.

"It was an act of arson and the school could have gone up," secretary-treasurer Rod Scotvold said at a December 3 school board meeting. The person suspected of starting the fire was not involved in the PARC program but was able to gain access to the school because the building was open for the program, Scotvold said.

He said the issue of responsibility for such incidents will be raised at a joint use committee meeting between the district and the commission. He also noted the middle school requires a \$50,000 upgrade of its fire alarm system which will be done once the province approves the capital expenditure.

**Post office packed**

Local postal workers are as busy as elves trying to clear the backlog of undelivered mail and get outgoing mail on its way following the end of the two-week postal strike. Although the post offices on Salt Spring continued operating and couriers delivered local mail, no mail came onto the island or left the island during the strike. Now that mail service has resumed, postmistress Lynda Traer said, staff is dealing with the delayed mail coming onto the island as well as islanders trying to send out Christmas mail. Deadlines to send parcels or letters to western Europe and all European countries have already passed. Monday was the deadline for airmail to reach U.S. destinations, Traer said. Nor is there any guarantee that packages or letters mailed at this point will reach destinations in provinces other than B.C. before Christmas. Those sending parcels or letters to others in B.C. can probably still ensure delivery in time for Christmas if they mail soon or use airmail or express post.

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# Ferry options examined — current system deemed best

What we have is the best we're going to get in ferry service.

That's B.C. Ferries' position following a detailed analysis of the options proposed by the Southern Gulf Islands Ferry Advisory Committee following almost three years of deliberation.

Jeannette McKay, assistant vice-president for south operations and customer service, outlined B.C. Ferries' position Friday at an advisory committee meeting.

"B.C. Ferries' recommendation for the future direction for ferry service is the '97/98 configuration," McKay said.

She pointed out the option allowed on-time performance, minimized economic impact on the southern Gulf Islands, came second in providing customer service and was the least expensive of all the proposed options.

Although the current service scored best economically, McKay said, it still does not help balance the ferry corporation's books, so some other measures must be developed to lower costs and increase revenue.

Some of the ideas which could be considered are alternate crew schedules or reduced shifts on the

Long Harbour to Tsawwassen route, contracting out service to Saturna, directing traffic away from peak sailings through variable pricing and incentives for off-peak travel, increasing fares and/or finding other ways to increase revenue such as larger gift shops or advertising in terminals.

The B.C. Ferries recommendation would keep the Long Harbour terminal open and reduce the need for expansion of the Fulford terminal.

"I see this as an emerging recommendation," McKay told the committee, adding that she welcomed comment from committee members.

Salt Spring representative Ken Lee said he would like another review of the Village Bay hub options without the additional cost of a new Century-class vessel like the Skeena Queen added to those options.

The analysis showed those options offered the best overall service but were also among the most expensive.

Lee maintained one reason for the high cost was the inclusion of the Skeena Queen. "You shove the Skeena Queen in, we're screwed," he said.

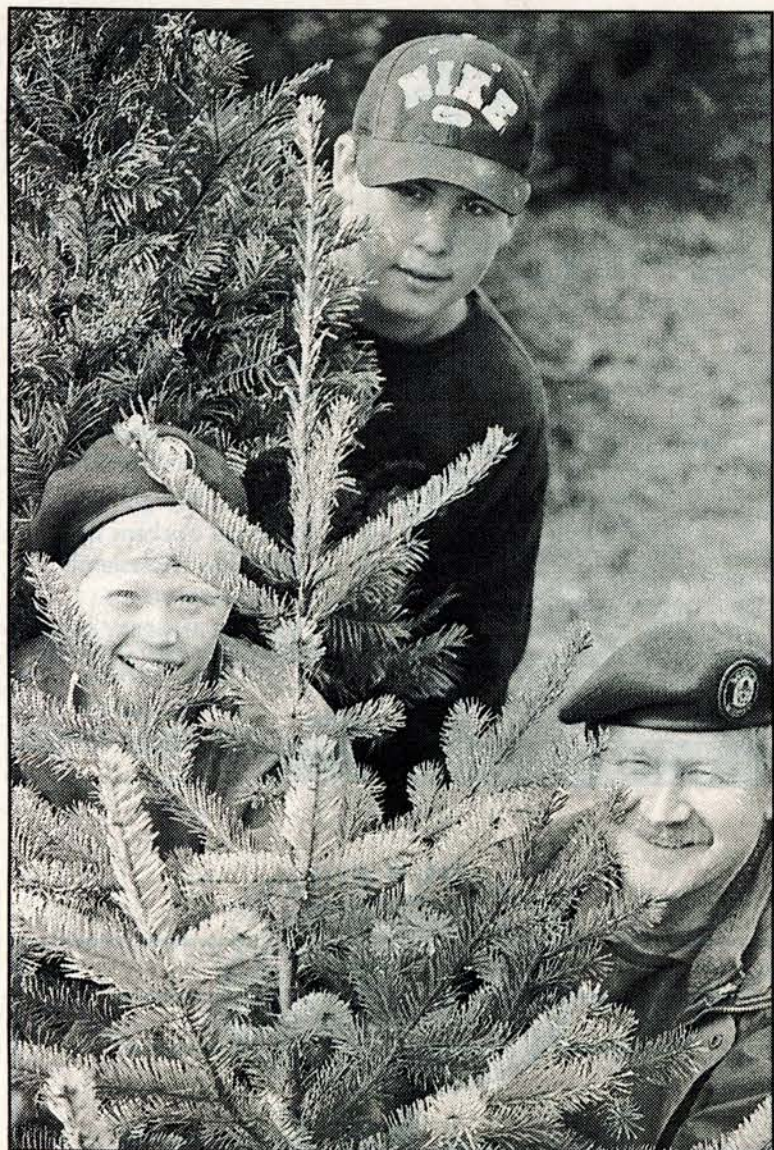
The analysis showed a Century-class vessel would be required to carry the traffic on the Fulford-Swartz Bay route, B.C. Ferries staff pointed out.

Salt Spring ferry worker Kerry Butler said McKay's recommendation does not resolve the problems of the Long Harbour-Tsawwassen route (Route 9). He suggested rebuilding the Long Harbour dock so the ferry can carry more commercial traffic, routing the commercial traffic away from the Fulford-Swartz Bay route.

He also suggested offering mid-week specials to boost traffic on Route 9.

Mayne Island representative Barry Wilks asked if costs could be cut by home-porting the vessel serving the Gulf Islands route on Mayne instead of at Swartz Bay. Staff noted employees had asked that home ports not be changed.

B.C. Ferries manager of planning services Ian Curtin suggested committee members review all the options for a further discussion at a meeting in January, leading to open houses on the islands and a decision in March.



### Tree scouts

Members of the Salt Spring Scouts organization, from left, Devon Banman, Hartley Wilson and Menno Banman, sell Christmas trees from behind the Legion on Blain Road. The three were spotted there on Saturday.

Photo by Derrick Lundy

## Board elects chairwoman

Mayne trustee May McKenzie was elected school board chairwoman at a December 3 school board meeting. Outgoing chairman Charles Hingston did not seek re-election.

Vice-chairwoman is Salt Spring trustee Judith Boel.

Galiano trustee Bonnie MacGillivray will be the board representative to the B.C. School Trustees Association and Pender trustee Russ Searle will represent the board on the B.C. Provincial School Employees Association.

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# Islands Trustees lambaste ferry corporation heads

By VALORIE LENNOX  
Driftwood Staff

Tough questions were put to B.C. Ferries brass December 5 by Islands Trust Council members critical of fare increases and reduced service to Trust area islands.

Trustees had expected to meet new B.C. Ferries president Tom Ward at their quarterly Trust council meeting in Victoria but Ward missed his helijet connection. Instead, trustees fired their questions at Jeanette McKay, assistant vice-president for the southern region; Glen Brown, chief financial officer; Mike Carter, senior vice-president for operations and customer service; and Comox MLA Evelyn Gillespie, who also sits on the B.C. Ferries board of directors.

Carter said the November 14 fare increases will reduce B.C. Ferries' anticipated \$30 to \$40 million operating loss by \$10 million this year. Carter said B.C. Ferries is also coping with a reduced provincial government subsidy, increased responsibility for capital costs and replacing or upgrading an aging ferry fleet.

Although traffic on Gulf Islands routes has increased, Carter said, traffic on the major routes has dropped.

Trustees involved in transportation advisory committees expressed frustration at the increases imposed despite the objections of the committees which are working with B.C. Ferries on future options for ferry service.

Gabriola trustee Gail Lund quoted three different figures on ferry corporation losses and said the government is making decisions regardless of community input or economic justification. For example, she said, the Gabriola route only needed a three per cent fare increase to break even and was hit with a 43 per cent increase.

Lund called for an audit of B.C. Ferries books and a comparison of provincial subsidies for highways and public transit.

Citing heavy subsidies given by the province to support public transit, South Pender trustee John Rumble asked how B.C. Ferries could be subsidized as an extension of B.C.'s highways and transportation system.

Gillespie said the cost of highways is covered by gas taxes and licence fees while transit is supported as part of a public policy to reduce use of private vehicles and vehicle emissions. "I would support a subsidy related to people willing to carpool," Gillespie said.

Saturna trustee John Money said an estimated \$50 million of the fuel taxes which support highways is from fuel used by boaters and should support the ferry system. Also cited was the \$3.8 million paid annually in fuel taxes by B.C. Ferries itself.

Kim Benson of Gambier said smaller routes are being blamed for B.C. Ferries' losses yet the majority of the deficit is caused by the capital cost of new ferries and terminal upgrades. She also questioned the corporation's overhead costs and pointed out that island residents pay property taxes but receive few provincial services other than the ferries.

Brown said the two new Spirit-class ferries cost \$200 million and the upgrade of the Tsawwassen and the Swartz Bay terminals cost \$100 million. Last year \$10 million was

cut from B.C. Ferries' overhead, he said.

Decisions by the ferry corporation have an overall impact on island economies, Salt Spring trustee David Borrowman noted. He asked if all implications were considered when the fare increase was approved, pointing out that Crown corporations are required to consider economic, social and environmental implications of decisions.

As an example he pointed out

the Skeena Queen is considered successful by B.C. Ferries since the new ferry has cut operating costs on the Fulford-Swartz Bay route. Yet the larger ferry has a negative impact on Fulford village, which is not equipped to handle the increased traffic.

Although fares had also been increased eight months before the November 14 jump, Carter said there had not been a fare increase for almost two years.

Gillespie said cabinet decided to

increase fares, based on the financial position of B.C. Ferries. Action had to be taken so the ferry system could continue to operate, she said.

Bowen trustee Tracy Chambers remarked that the provincial government, not the B.C. Ferries management or board of directors, appeared to be operating the ferry system.

George Buyver from Hornby felt interference from the provincial government was hampering B.C. Ferries management. Due to fare

increases, fewer people will ride the ferries so revenues will drop.

"I think you're not going to see your \$5 million," he said.

Borrowman said islanders never asked for the new ships and improved terminals created by B.C. Ferries. "We didn't ask for the Skeena Queen."

"B.C. Ferries insists on putting itself in the Cadillac," Saturna trustee Bill Sheffield said, adding that residents just want reliable, basic, affordable service.



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## B.C. Ferries: time to focus on subsidy

As the protests continue against B.C. Ferries and the provincial government for the latest round of fare increases, islanders would do well to reconsider their strategy.

On November 14, the minister responsible for B.C. Ferries, Dan Miller, coupled his announcement of fare increases with an admission that the ferry system would receive ongoing financial support from the provincial government.

Perhaps the government figured that linking the two would make it easier for ferry users to swallow the fare increases, like coating a bitter pill with jam.

But it didn't work. Instead of the jam covering the pill, the bitter overwhelmed the sweet.

Protests over fare increases flared in island communities and the government's significant change of direction on ferry subsidies was lost in the smoke.

While we can sympathize with demands for fare rollbacks, we don't feel that is where protesters should put their considerable energy.

Perhaps the government did arbitrarily impose a fare increase, ignoring the objections of advisory committee members. Or perhaps the increases would have been even larger had it not been for the input of the advisory committees, which pointed out the impact of fare increases on island communities.

The actual increases were generally between 50 cents and \$1 per trip. It is only because some fares are low that the percentage of the increase ranged up to more than 40 per cent on some routes.

But it is not the current increase which islanders should be battling. It is the prospect of an escalating series of increases in the future. And to prevent that they need to put pressure on the government to uphold Miller's promise of ongoing subsidization of ferry fares.

Island economies can probably withstand the extra 50 cents to \$1 per trip imposed in November. What island economies will not be able to withstand is the ongoing series of increases required for the ferry fleet to cover its operating costs, as was being proposed a few short months ago by B.C. Ferries.

At that point we recall advisory committee members asking why the government was hanging island communities out to dry and not recognizing its responsibility to support the ferry system as part of the province's transportation network.

The sequel has been official recognition by the government that the ferry system is indeed part of that network. The province has given up on expecting the ferries to pay their own way and will be subsidizing the service.

To us, that sounds like a significant change. The basic battle is won. Ferries are part of the highway system, although the government still shies away from admitting that particular point of view.

So why are shots still being fired?

In part, it may be because Miller's abrasive approach has not endeared him to the islanders who have met with him over the ferry issue. Miller may have been holding an olive branch but he wielded it like a club.

Also, a fare increase is an immediate, in-your-pocket issue that is easily understood by ferry users and that fits well into four-word protest signs and 30-second news clips.

Subsidization of ferry routes as determined by the next government budget isn't nearly as neat to package.

But it is the most important offer the government can make.

The big question now concerns the level of that subsidy. What is a fair and reasonable amount for provincial taxpayers to provide in support of ferry service? Judging by other subsidized transportation systems in B.C., there is no ready formula, only a mish-mash of different figures based on nothing more than historical practice.

Islanders should direct their efforts at establishing a fair subsidy level and then push the government to adopt it.

## Land use and banks

Banks should not control land use. But that is exactly what has happened in the case of Sea Change Seafoods' application for commercial zoning. The Salt Spring Island firm initially asked for 10 per cent site coverage, which is all it needed for its proposed building. But the company's banker wanted 30 per cent coverage on the property. So that is how the rezoning was drafted.

Neighbours are understandably nervous about the potential for future development on a commercial lot zoned for 30 per cent site coverage.

It's a conflict which could have been avoided had a financial institution demonstrated more community awareness and flexibility.



### Full moon rising

An almost-full moon is seen rising over Pender Prevost Island Friday just past the tip of Peile Point on

Photo by Derrick Lundy

## 'Truly astonishing' ferry group is ready-made board in waiting

By DAVID BORROWMAN

B.C. Ferries stakeholders are poised to achieve some remarkable successes.

Whether they actually do so is of vital importance to Salt Spring Island. In my view, they deserve our strongest support.

Three years ago, the B.C. Ferry Corporation (BCFC) undertook to develop a 10-year plan, in consultation with volunteer stakeholders drawn from communities up and down the islands and the coast. Kathy Scarfo took the lead from Salt Spring and has now left her mantle to Drew Thorburn, Neville Atkinson and Ken Lee, as well as Glenn Champion, who lives in Vancouver and represents non-resident islanders.

BCFC was facing losses, an imperative from the province to break even on operating costs and the assumption of about \$800 million in debt. The latter came about when the cabinet moved shipbuilding costs from the provincial books onto the ferry corporation.

In time, the stakeholders learned that BCFC is a corporation like no other. Although it has a "board" of appointees, cabinet is the real board of BCFC. Capital spending is not a function of corporate requirements: it is a function of provincial industrial and labour policy which, too conveniently by half, can be paid for by BCFC rather than provincial taxes.

They also learned that the corporation itself is bloated and rudderless, a relic of days when any job at any cost could be found for friends of government. For their part, the stakeholders were given tea and sandwiches out of the \$49.9 million administrative budget, and regarded with the same enthusiasm as visiting puppies: tolerable up to a point, but best if they go home early.

But the stakeholders persisted and became a major embarrassment to both government and BCFC. They took the corporation at its word and set about giving a genuine voice to islanders in the affairs of BCFC. The indolent retirees and superannuated hippies turned out to be astute businessmen and women in disguise.

They did appalling things, like examining the books closely and objecting when they were patently lied to.



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They began to state, ever so politely at first, and then with greater stridency, that the emperor has no clothes. They came up with imaginative ways of improving service and cutting costs at the same time. They began to win. The corporation tried

to disband them. They stayed in place, and invited BCFC back to the table. It came.

Last Friday, I had the gratifying experience of watching Drew Thorburn, Neville Atkinson and Ken Lee at the stakeholders meeting with BCFC in Sidney. The latest route options favoured by BCFC now show that they no longer want to close Long Harbour. Nor do they want to create a Swartz Bay horror, oops, hub, for the southern islands.

And there is something truly remarkable in the figures BCFC presented to explain the costs of the various route options. Arguably, using BCFC's own arithmetic, the best option for the southern islands is a five-ferry service, involving two vessels based at Long Harbour, leading to improved service among the islands. It's a pretty fair guess that the economic benefits to the region and the province would easily offset investment in such a service.

This is, of course, what the stakeholders have been saying all along. The stakeholders still have much work to do. It may be that service through Long Harbour can be improved so much that Fulford need

not be expanded. We could revert to the Bowen Queen on that route. Personally, I favour turning the Skeena into a floating hockey rink.

Here is a prescription for government and the corporation: Restore the principle that ferries are part of the highway system. Decouple BCFC from cabinet. Then retire the current board with our thanks.

There is a ready-made board in waiting in the form of the stakeholders. This truly-astonishing group of people knows more about the corporation than BCFC does, and they have a healthy economic future for the islands and the province clearly in their sights.

The writer is a member of the Salt Spring Island Local Trust Committee.

**This truly-astonishing group of people knows more about the corporation than BCFC does...**



# SALT SPRING SAYS

## We Asked: Has your Christmas spending changed?



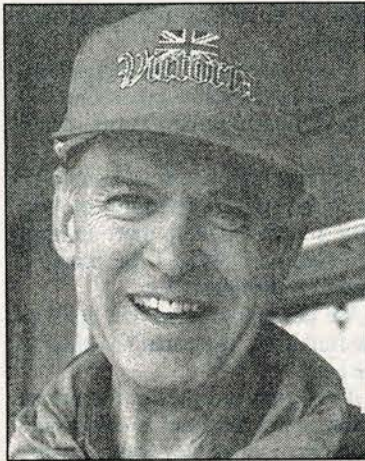
**Cheryl Murray**

No it hasn't. I'm always really cautious. I'm a bargain hunter.



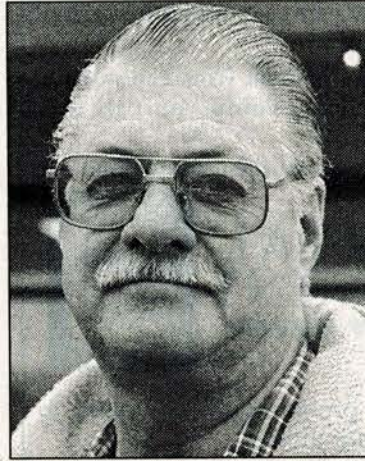
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I have changed. I just send cheques to my kids.



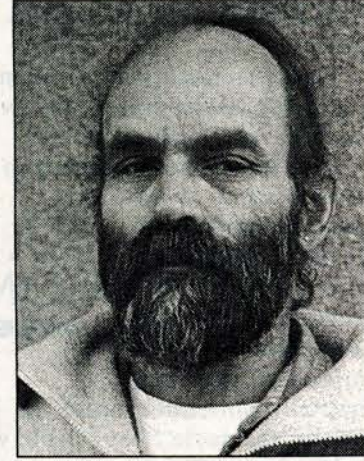
**Brian Uncles**

I'm saving my money to make a take-over bid for B.C. Ferries.



**Roy Hamilton**

No, we haven't changed, same number of people.



**Lane Gromme**

A little bit. We just haven't spent as much money as we normally do.

## Letters to the Editor

### Buy-out

I get it — the Islands Trust Council wants to use property taxpayers' money to buy property taxpayers out, until there is no occupied property left on the Gulf Islands. (Trustees seek power to buy land with taxes, December 10 Driftwood.)

**MICHAEL FRIEDMAN,**  
Sky Valley Road

### Farewell, my friend

It was time for her to go.

She had been my friend, my best buddy and bodyguard for the past nine years. But her suffering was getting worse and it was time to end it.

Miika, my German shepherd, was sent on her way to the land of peace with tender care, love and compassion.

Our everlasting gratitude goes to Dr. Derrick Milton, Barbara Hack, Dr. Norine Jeramia and the whole staff of the veterinary clinic who helped us through months of hard times.

But ... there's a dog somewhere who needs me as much as I need him (or her), and someday we shall meet when the time is right.

**ILME IVAND MANG,**  
Vesuvius

### Blaming game

In the December 3 Capital Comment by Hubert Beyer, Greenpeace gets blamed for lost forest jobs in B.C.

Blaming always keeps the ball rolling. As long as we can blame each other, nobody has to take responsibility.

Maybe Hubert Beyer can blame Greenpeace for the massive unemployment at the east coast fisheries, too? Didn't we hear Greenpeace bellyaching about over-fishing some years ago? They probably scared the cod away.

Anyway Hubert, apart from blaming, aren't we together in this one? You and I and our children and our grandchildren and everybody else as well.

We either have a healthy, ecologically-responsible, sustainable forest industry (in many parts of Europe clear-cutting isn't even allowed anymore) or we'll soon have no forest industry, no trees, no jobs, no wildlife, no salmon, no tourists, no money and no future.

**JAN VAN STOLK,**  
South Ridge Road

### Poetry spice

I have a proposal for you: poetry.

I think that it would be a great idea to have a section in your newspaper where writers of all ages could have their latest work published.

Knowing for a fact that this island is just crawling with poets and poetesses who would jump at the chance of seeing their poetry in print. I think that it would be a good project and would really spice up the Driftwood.

**LEAH MCCOLM,**  
Sharp Road

### Get involved

This is in regards to a story that was written in the Times Colonist on December 9.

It was to do with a child being bullied at a school in Victoria. I feel for the child who was bullied, as now she will no longer feel safe where she spends eight hours of her day.

I myself am a parent with a child who was assessed as having Attention Deficit Disorder (ADD) with hyperactivity. These children should not be labelled as ADD. They are children who learn at a

slower rate.

We are what makes our children. We should be giving them understanding, love, praise, giving, respect. We are what we teach our children in our own homes.

Our child is also a very small child, due to medical problems. Our child is a target for being bullied and when cornered our child reacts, not always in a nice way. It's like a cat being cornered by a dog — trapped.

Most schools want to put children on Ritlin to control the child while they are in school hours. I refused, due to multiple side effects which occur later on in their life as adults. This drug can lead to dependence or addiction and it can also cause severe psychotic episodes. Most common side effects in children are loss of appetite, stomach pains, weight loss, sleeping difficulty and abnormal heart rhythms. Do we really want to start our children on drugs?

Last week's Driftwood describes more cutbacks in our school funding. The headline says the school

district could see a \$1.5 million budget shortfall. The school board and Ministry of Education don't realize how much time is needed for these children.

I believe that if it was one of the Ministry of Education employee's children, guaranteed the money would be there for their children. I would like them to be where we parents are, dealing with our children with learning challenges.

Another thing: get involved with your children. As you can see, the Ministry of Education doesn't want to help. So be there to support your child, whether it be in bad times or good times.

I close by saying I hope the Ministry of Education takes a hard look at our schools.

**DARLENE VALCOURT,**  
Salt Spring Island

### Delightful

I would very much like to thank Briony Penn for her delightful and original version of The Twelve Days

of Christmas, and for the talented and life-like art work which accompanied the words.

Notes from Wrangellia is a most refreshing and educational look at nature, especially on Salt Spring, and Briony has a wonderful way with words.

I am so glad she has joined the Driftwood team.

**NANCY HOLCROFT,**  
Westcott Road

### Not rhetorical

While pleased to see my letter published today under the title "Explain hike," nowhere in the paper can I find your explanation of your 25 per cent price increase.

My question was not rhetorical but is your title an imperative? Are your readers, rather than you, to come up with reasons for such an increase?

**ELSPETH THOMSON,**  
Salt Spring

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## Crisis line 'politics of exclusion' necessary

By **PETER BENNETT**

As a physician in the community for the last 10 years who has attended the physical and emotional battering of women and children, I was deeply disturbed by the attitude of Tom Vikander in his letter to the editor on December 10.

What underlies the opinions of Mr. Vikander is a theme of anger, mistrust and misogyny which should be publicly exposed and confronted as the territory of social misanthropes.

Mr. Vikander undervalues the importance of the crisis line as an important (underfunded and understaffed) community resource by throwing out non sequiturs concerning whether or not this crisis line should be manned equally by men and women.

The Gulf Islands Women's Resource Network's policy of determining optimum candidates for answering the crisis line does not defy logic. Candidates need to be able to fill the needs of those using it.

The crisis line service typically is used by single women, mothers with children and suicidal patients. To fit the demographic needs of the most common caller to the crisis line, a battered woman, the Gulf Islands Women's Resource Network has established credible criteria,



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ethics and agendas in their "policies of exclusion." Statistically, this crisis line is concerned with serving the needs of battered women and children.

A battered woman is the victim of physical (and psychological) violence inflicted by her husband or boyfriend. Wife beating, an ages-old form of domestic violence that may stem in part from regarding the wife as a piece of property, often occurs along with another form of domestic battering, child abuse.

According to the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, 90 per cent of abuse in adults is inflicted on women. The full extent of such abuse is not known, but spouse abuse happens in all classes of society. Experts estimate that three to four million women in the United States are beaten by spouses, and more than 1,000 are slain annually.

With greater recognition of wife assault as a social problem have come new approaches to helping the battered women. Support groups have proliferated, as have shelters for battered

women and their young children. In the 1980s, studies convinced many law-enforcement officials that police action reduces family assaults. Numerous jurisdictions now require arrests in cases of probable wife beating, whether or not the victim is willing to sign a complaint.

The extent of violence in our society needs to be confronted in the home and at schools. If we think that we are insulated to these trends on Salt Spring Island, everyone needs to be better informed about how our society is changing. The "mainland" trends outside of our island are gradually becoming part of our community unless the community does something about it. "Diffusion" and "osmosis" are laws of physical chemistry and biochemistry which describe how violence becomes accepted in society. The pressure of these outside social trends are changing Salt Spring Island.

Statistics about violence are taking disturbing trends which should alarm all members of society. National survey data indicate that, compared to the general population, youths from 12 to 17 years of age suffer more than twice as much violent crime, including physical assaults and robbery. More than half of all sexual assault victims reported to police are under 18

years old. Moreover, 16 and 17-year-olds in the United States get murdered at a rate of 15.2 per 100,000, around 50 per cent higher than the overall rate. The official homicide rate for children under age five approaches that for the general population. Many infant homicides, in particular, are probably recorded as cases of sudden infant death syndrome or accidents. The roughly one million official cases of child neglect recorded by law enforcement and social agencies each year falls short of the actual number.

Equally disturbing is the rate of child abuse in the home. Approximately 12 per cent of children encounter severe physical abuse by their parents or caretakers. Such incidents necessitate emergency room treatment or produce physical and emotional bruises or scars.

Mr. Vikander's cockiness to throw rocks at a group — the Gulf Islands Women's Resource Network — who is offering assistance to victims for the above-mentioned social problems needs to be challenged by everyone. This is an important step in our refusal to ignore the acceptance of violence by modern society.

*The writer is a naturopathic physician on Salt Spring Island.*

# It's show time in B.C. with 'crazy' recall

**VICTORIA** — The lunatics have at last taken over the asylum.

That statement may be open to criticism from the political correctness police, but what else would you call the current recall circus?

In a never-ending quest to redefine the boundaries of frivolity and entertainment that is B.C. politics, some agitated citizens of Lala Land are grimly determined to take the nation's collective mind off its problems by providing a public spectacle Shaw Cable would die for. Move over Toontown, we got recall.

The effort to unseat two central B.C. MLAs started a week ago. The grimly determined citizens have a total of 60 days to kick Helmut Giesbrecht, NDP, Skeena and Paul Ramsey, NDP, Prince George, out of office. To succeed, they must collect the signatures of 40 per cent of the voters eligible to vote in the last provincial election.

In both cases, roughly 8,000 signatures are needed. Those figures are only a couple of hundred shy of the total number of people who voted against the two MLAs. The task is formidable, but our grimly determined citizens are giving it all they've got.

And just when you thought the show had reached its highest-possible ratings, John How of Terrace introduced a new twist to the plot by filing a second petition to recall Giesbrecht.

How is no admirer of the recall legislation, which is exactly why he entered the fray. His only reason for filing the petition is to disrupt the process, to derail the real recall campaign.

You see, the recall legislation is not only stupid, it's full of holes. First, it didn't take How very long to figure out that the legislation doesn't say only one petition can be filed to recall an MLA.

How says all he wants to do is highlight "rather a shoddy piece of legislation." He doesn't, of course, intend to collect any signatures, not, I suppose, until it becomes apparent that the real petition might succeed. If that's the case, he will probably try to split the recall vote by collecting some signatures himself.

How's action had a second major effect. To defend himself against the first petition, Giesbrecht, according to the legislation, could only spend about \$29,000. With the second petition on the scene, he appears to be able to double that amount.

That loophole could also be used by people wanting to unseat an MLA by filing any number of petitions, each one of them entitled to the same spending limit, but collecting signatures for only one petition.

All of which has Lorne Sexton, the grimly determined leader of the forces wanting to oust Giesbrecht, in a bit of a flap. He says he is going to check with his lawyer to see whether anything can be done if people in the riding are being confused by the two petitions.

No law against checking with lawyers, but I suspect if the Recall and Initiative Act is worded so badly that any number of petitions can be filed to get rid of an MLA, it won't contain safeguards against confusion.

And now, in the spirit of this NDP government's love for gambling, it's time to enter the recall pools. Let's wager some serious dough on this show.

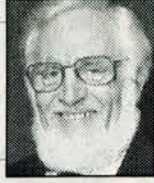
I'm not giving any odds, but my money is on Giesbrecht and Ramsey keeping their seats. The whole thing is so ludicrous that the grimly determined citizens will have a rough time collecting the necessary number of signatures.

But succeed or fail, the show will have lived up to Canada's expectations of B.C. politics: the crazier, the better.

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## CAPITAL COMMENT

HUBERT BEYER



# More letters

## Grinch Karma

Last Christmas we put our lights up on our house as usual for this time of year. We decided that some lights in the fir tree might look nice as well.

So up they went. Two nights later, several bulbs were taken out and others were broken right in the string.

My first notion was to write a letter to the editor, expressing my dismay. I gave it a little more thought and figured, "What's the point, it won't get the lights back."

We decided to move the lights to the fruit trees. They aren't as close to the road.

This year we thought a pretty string across the front laurels would look nice ... so up they went. I wasn't out for more than an hour when I came home to find the entire two sets had vanished from the laurels. I found them three driveways up ... smashed, torn apart and abandoned.

What was your point, Grinch? What possible enjoyment can you get from destroying other people's things? These lights are put out for the neighbours and the passersby (including you) to enjoy as part of this festive season. I'm sure whoever you are you are old enough to know better.

The only comfort I have in this case is in knowing that you will eventually learn the meaning of karma!

Oh yeah, and may you have a very Merry Christmas!  
**PAULINE BATH,**  
Maliview Drive

## Goodbye, Marion

The Core Inn board members, volunteers and especially the users are extremely sad to bid farewell to Marion Selfridge, our coordinator over the last year.

Marion was able to encourage the volunteers and to develop our contacts in the community and what we have learned is how important it is to the Core Inn Youth Project to have regular open hours and a variety of programs available.

Marion's management over the summer when we were even able to

add two students to our staff has given the Core Inn greater credibility as a youth centre. Marion showed us and the users of the Core Inn what the centre could become and we are anxious to carry on the good work in the coming year.

Our good wishes go with Marion as she goes to her new position in Victoria. She has given unstinting support to the Core Inn and the young people who use it. She has been wonderfully warm, reliable and disciplined, and we know that the whole community will miss her very much.

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# Ferry is our road, but fare is an overload

By ROSS MCKINNON

As one of the ones who rides the boat,  
And wonder if ever it will stay afloat

In a sea of red, of pinkish hue,  
What's B.C. Ferries ever to do?

The prices are up and the service is too,  
But both are too high to serve but a few.

On Pender Island, where we all dwell  
We have ferries many and stories to tell.

We were served by the Cumberland in adequate fashion,  
In the mornings she'd leave, sometimes with her ration

Of overloads she left, alone on the shore  
But they just had to wait but an hour more,

For her to come back with the first crowd of the day,  
And she'd sail back and clear the way

For the rest of the day, and she made her pay.

But since the new sched for the winter came out,  
Our happy little world has been tossed about

By too many boats, four alone in the morn,  
Half of them sailing with the crew forlorn

Because of the lack of cars on the deck  
We seem to have ferries at our call and our beck.

And we now have to pay our fares with a cheque.

Which brings up the next point, dealing with money  
And the shortfall that exists, no, it's not funny

Our fares they have risen to an intolerable high  
On the Gulf Islands we're just like the guy

On the highway in Atlin or Golden or Terrace

We're hurtin' for money and doing our best  
To stay ahead of the game and go do our job

But it's plain not fair, at least for this mob  
That the guys in the other towns drive on the roads

Which we help to pay for, we all share the loads  
Through our taxes and such, we all pay the Queen,

But we get it in the ear, the guys who must use the marine.

It's "user-pay" theory, but only for us,  
We who are stuck, without even a bus.

With no alternate source of off-island or land  
BCFC now is sticking out a bigger hand,

And going in our pockets (by 30 per cent)  
On a book of tickets, that's now more than my rent.

If we go in to work every day, as we must,  
Soon we'll all be so poor the island will go bust.

No I diverge, it's not as bad as that,  
But the merchants and commuters aren't fat.

We try like everyone to spread it around,  
But we seem to pay more if we're not working the ground.

The highways can plow and move lots of snow,  
It doesn't cost more to the ordinary Joe

Who lives in Terrace or Atlin or Golden  
But for us on the water, we're really beholden

To the ferry corp and all of its crew,  
To do the right thing and get us all through

And safe to our homes, back to our starting  
Without all of our money soon departing.

As to solution, I fear I have failed  
Because of the difficulty of who to mail.

It's not only the strike that is giving me grief,  
But I don't get a terrible sense of relief

When I look at the manning of the ferry corp  
And the top-heavy offices of Rue de Fort.

And I visit the office on serene Salt Spring  
Set to serve one boat, it's a laughable thing.

Who do I bitch to? Who do I mail?  
And if I bitch too much am I thrown in ferry corp jail?

You guys do some good things, please don't think I know,  
It's just that the bad things are so bad that they show.

I know it's no fun creating a sched,  
And trying to keep boats afloat in your head,

But sometimes it's easier with the status quo  
And letting the new and bigger boats go.

I know it's not related, but bitch on I must,  
With the Skeena Queen, I think it's a bust.

For though it's on time and it's good on cost,  
It's cost us a community, a true sense of loss.

It's big and it's shiny and it goes pretty fast,  
But my hearing and stomach and friends they won't last.

Because of the lounges and noise on the boat  
We can't talk and foment rebellion afloat.

Wait, now I see it, a true sense of plan  
The ferry corp finally has it well in hand.

For if we can't plan and talk and bitch  
Then we can't get together and give you our pitch.

It's divide and conquer all over again,  
We're doomed on the water, so it may as well end

In a ferry blockade as they did on Bowen  
Although with our luck the wind will be blowin'

And the ferries won't sail,

And we'll probably all end up in jail.

But I diverge from the topic on hand  
Please consider the plight of those off of land.

We choose to live here, of course that's all true,  
I presume it's the same for Atlin and you.

If we didn't live here, we'd all have our cars  
On the highway and drive for hours and hours,

And use up the taxes that we all pay  
To upkeep the roads and the right of way.

The sea is our road, your boat is our car  
Without it we can't get anywhere too far.

We both need each other, we both have a sense  
That without your salary you can't pay your rents.

But neither can we unless we can go  
Off of the island to make some dough

So don't make it too tough for we commuters few  
Or you never know what we are likely to do.

*The writer is a Pender Island resident.*



**Waiting for Santa**

A Santa-cap clad Connor Budd takes a fistful of father Nick Budd's hair as the two wait to visit Santa at Fulford Hall's Breakfast with Santa.

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# Island Trustees prioritize '98-'99 budget wish list

Islands Trustees were invited to spend the Christmas season making out their wish lists of what they'd like the taxpayer Santa to fund for the 1998-99 Trust budget.

At the December quarterly meeting in Victoria, trustees went over a list of possible programs prioritized by staff. Each trustee was asked to assign his or her own priorities to the list and send the results to staff and financial planning committee chairman David Borrowman.

Four items were proposed to be added to the Trust base budget. Included was funding for the geographic information systems, contract help for local planning, a legal fund to support bylaw enforcement and contract

help with personnel and payroll.

Thirteen other possible Trust programs were listed by staff. At the top of the list were completing official community plan and land use bylaw reviews, followed by planning for the smaller islands and adding technical support to the application processing office in preparation for the Islands Trust eventually taking responsibility for subdivision approvals from the Ministry of Transportation and Highways.

The next level of priority was given to such projects as a study of hazardous lands in the Trust area, clerical assistance for local planning staff, another planner, Trust Fund Board programs, secretarial and clerical

assistance for the Trust Fund Board, an expansion or relocation of the Ganges Trust office and contract assistance for bylaw enforcement.

Provincial funding is anticipated for a study into local governments on Trust islands and contingency funds were proposed for a program on community-managed forests.

None of the proposed programs had price tags attached. Bowen trustee Tracy Chambers said costs were deliberately omitted from the list so trustees would consider the value of each of the programs. "Let's figure out what is important to us and then look at the money," she said.

Galiano trustee Debbie

Holmes wondered how big a wish list trustees could consider given the impact on taxes.

"This helps to decide where we draw the line," Trust chairman David Essig said. Once the lists from all the trustees are received and results tabulated, Essig said, "Let's see if we're all singing from the same hymn book."

Borrowman reported the Trust may be looking at a surplus of \$40,000 to \$60,000 from the 1997-98 budget. How to deal with the surplus should be discussed at the March Trust Council meeting, which will be held on Salt Spring.

Trustees will also set the Trust budget for 1998-99 at the March meeting.

## Trust wants greater subdivision control

Steps towards greater Islands Trust control over subdivision approvals were backed by trustees at their quarterly meeting December 5 in Victoria.

Trustees agreed that information be prepared for new staff and trustees outlining the subdivision approval process; that a model bylaw be drafted on protective covenants; that local Trust committees review the role and membership of advisory committees once a year and that the Trust Fund Board staff meet with the provincial subdivision approving officers to explain the role and mandate of the board.

Trustees also agreed a letter of understanding between the Trust and the subdivision approving officer should be revised to recognize that the Trust can require an applicant to provide or pay for consultants to do site assessments and prepare covenants; to ensure the Trust can request a public meeting on significant subdivision approvals; and to establish that the provincial approving officer will consider protective covenants.

### TRUST BRIEFS

Also at the Trust meeting:

- Trustees agreed to an identification of Crown lands on the islands and development of a plan to hasten transfer of those lands to the Trust or Trust Fund Board. Chairman David Essig said provincial Minister of Municipal Affairs Michael Farnworth had offered to help draft legislation which would make it possible for the Trust Fund Board to take over Crown lands.

- Trustees amended the Trust legal advice policy to ensure that legal advice is given within the context of the preserve and protect mandate of the Trust. They also agreed to review their current legal contract and to invite expressions of interest in the work from other legal firms, after finding the contract had not been reviewed since 1992.

- The next Islands Trust Council meeting will be March 5 to 7 on Salt Spring Island.

## CRD holds inaugural meeting

There was no changing of the guard or any other positions at the inaugural meeting of the Capital Regional District board December 3.

Victoria alderman Geoff Young

was re-elected chairman and Outer Islands director Jacques Campbell was re-elected as vice-chairman.

The first business meeting of the board will be held today.


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# Chemistry students sniff out crime culprit

Students at Salt Spring Island Middle School turned into forensic detectives last Wednesday as they examined evidence to solve a crime staged by Grade 8 teacher Deborah Miller with the help of the local RCMP.

Miller's class had been studying chemistry when she came up with the crime-solving scenario to give the students an application for their research skills. Students each received "evidence" collected from the scene of the crime along with clues from each of five suspects.

To solve the crime, the students were required to perform scientific tests on the evidence and seek matches between items found at the crime scene and those from the suspects.

Evidence included hairs, pieces of plant material, fabric and a note written with a black pen, Miller said.

Most of the students correctly identified the culprit responsible for the crime, she added.

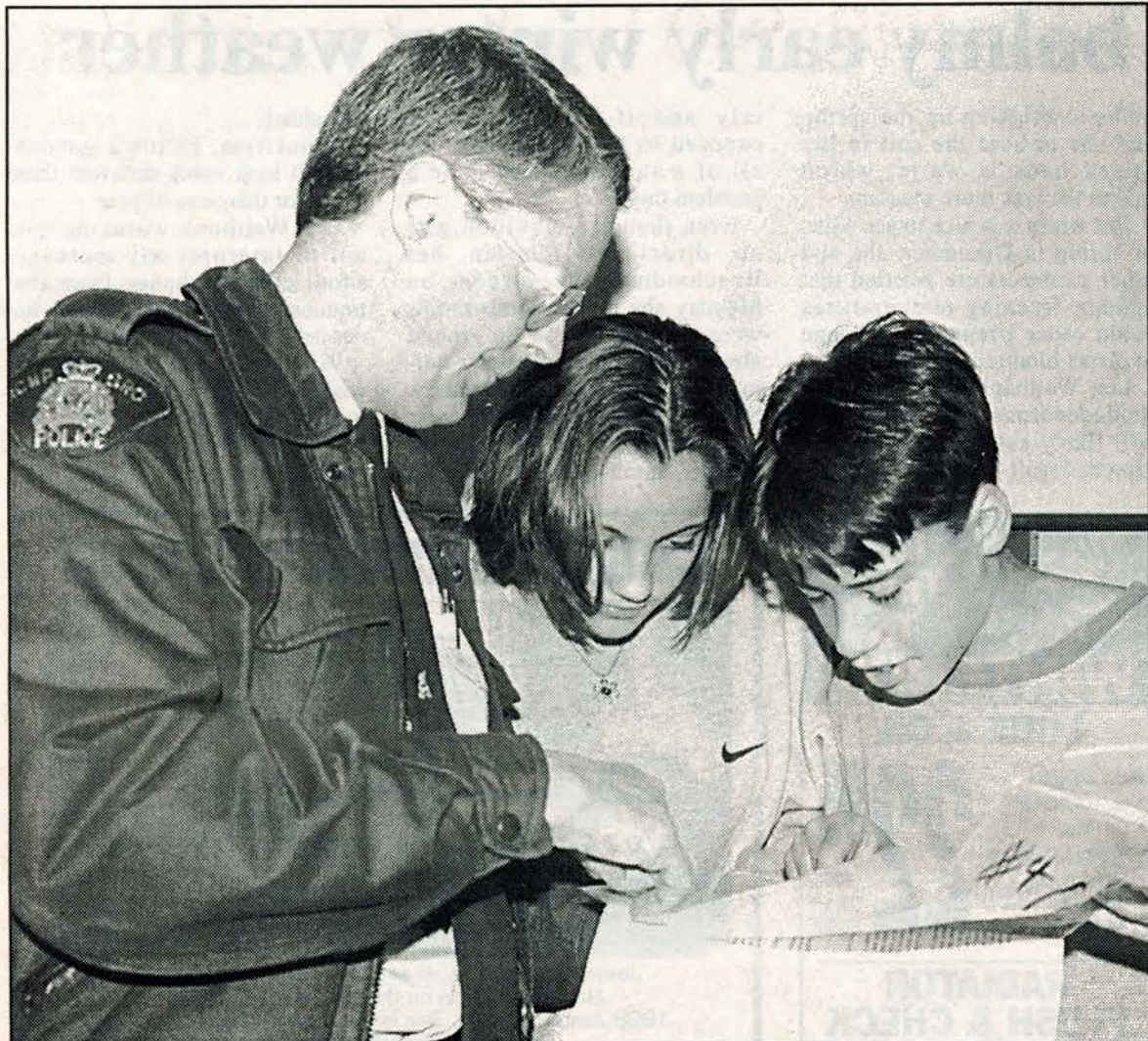
Another school-wide project which grew out of Miller's class was the collection of paper and pencils for students in Cuba.

Miller said students were working on "ambassador projects" which required them to choose a country and research it as if they were a diplomat to that country. Two of the students, Conor Walsh and Orion Marcano, chose Cuba.

When the B.C. Teachers Federation (BCTF) organized a campaign to collect paper and pencils for Cuba, Miller passed the information onto Walsh and Marcano.

The two students, assisted by Miller and Louise Henson, organized a campaign to collect donations. On Friday two large boxes filled with notebooks and pencils were sent to the BCTF office in Vancouver to be included in a province-wide shipment to Cuba.

Robert Owen of A.C.E. Courier donated the cost of taking the boxes to Vancouver, Miller added.



**GETTING A CLUE:** Checking out the evidence displayed by RCMP auxiliary constable Chuck Hamilton are, from left, students Christine Anderson and Orion Marcano. Grade 8 students in Deborah Miller's class at Salt Spring Island Middle School combined chemistry with crime-busting last Wednesday. Photo by Valerie Lennox

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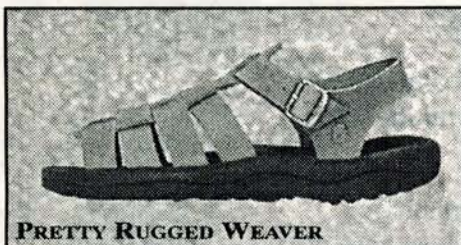
During Island Star Video's second

annual Food For Films food bank drive, the company's two Ganges stores collected eight large boxes of non-perishable goods plus \$300 for the Salt Spring Food Bank. The company expressed thanks to all its customers who made donations December 9.

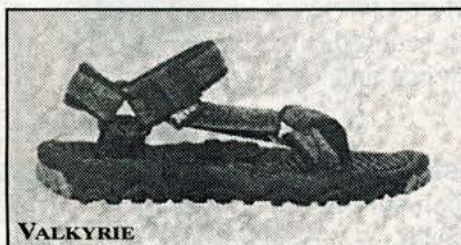
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# Flowers blooming in balmy early winter weather

Roses, rhododendrons and nasturtiums in bloom. The last raspberries picked in mid-November. Joe Clemente's bananas still growing.

These are a handful of the horticultural oddities found on Salt Spring during the balmy early winter this year.

"We've just finished the tomatoes out of the unheated greenhouse," reported Main Street gardener Rose Fewings Monday. She and husband Ray also snacked on some raspberries on November 17 and have "a few roses gallantly blooming."

Len and Rosemary Wallbank's rhododendrons have started to flower, which Rosemary says is

"totally out of whack," plus nasturtiums still sporting colour in a spot near their house.

Clemente, who works at Foxglove Farm and Garden Supplies, says his beloved banana trees continue to grow since there has been killing frost to halt them.

Foxglove has also been selling lots of plants and bulbs. "It's a good time to do planting," says Clemente.

In the Grace Point residential complex, he has seen California lilac and Mexican orange trees starting to bloom, and roses in various places on the island.

The weather has allowed JoAnne Moger to keep planting

bulbs to brighten up the spring and she notices the soil in her raised beds is warm, which makes the task more pleasant.

But while it is nice to see signs of spring in December, she and other gardeners are worried that sudden freezing temperatures could cause irreparable damage to plants blooming early.

Len Wallbank also notes that rhododendrons and other plants will likely suffer "because new growth hasn't hardened off prop-

erly and if new growth is exposed to freezing conditions all of a sudden, there'll be a problem there."

Even though Dee Fitton gets no direct sunlight in her Beachside Drive garden, on Monday she noticed bulb shoots were peeking out of the ground already, when they wouldn't normally be seen until late January. She estimates spring flowers from bulbs could be found in warmer, south-facing gardens on

the island.

Otherwise, Fitton's garden doesn't look much different than usual for this time of year.

Len Wallbank warns people not to interpret any message about climate change from the unusually warm fall, which he describes as an "aberration."

What they should really be worried about, if they grow tomatoes, is how to battle the blight problem, which he has read is here to stay.



**BLOOMIN' WINTER:** Lassi Dodds looks at roses growing near her house on Rainbow Road. Extra sunshine and warmer temperatures have let some Salt Spring plants keep on growing or encouraged an early start to next year's growth.

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**AWARD-WINNING CHEFS:** Student chefs, from left, Corry Schwagly, Leah McColm, Candace Buckler, Jonah Marshall and Joshua Marshall with one of their award-winning gingerbread creations.

Photo by Tony Richards

## Gingerbread chefs win silver

Five Gulf Islands students are experts when it comes to construction and design — of gingerbread, that is.

Entries by Leah McColm and Candace Buckler, Corry Schwagly, and Jonah and Joshua Marshall each won silver medals at an annual gingerbread competition held last week in Surrey.

The students, who are enrolled in the cafeteria program at Gulf Islands Secondary School, took three gingerbread projects to North Surrey Secondary, where they competed against nearly 400 other entries.

Out of 50 points, the Marshall brothers scored 44, Schwagly 43 and McColm/Buckler 41. In addition, the Marshalls earned

highest male aggregate in the 16th annual competition.

Entries are judged on the basis of creativity, originality, workmanship, appearance and the best use of gingerbread.

Jonah and Joshua Marshall plan to raffle their creation, with proceeds from ticket sales going to the purchase of the McFadden Creek heronry.

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A New Year's Eve celebration will be the first in a series of five-course dinners presented by Seacourt Oceanfront Restaurant chef Larry Lee and wine consultant Steve Coopman.

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evening.

Coopman will host the evenings, introducing the wine and food, highlighting the flavours with brief explanations, making toasts, and keeping the evening moving in tune with the theme.

First in the series is planned for New Year's Eve.

A Year to Celebrate will be a salute to 1997 and a welcome to

1998. The evening will begin and end with champagne.

Cost of A Year to Celebrate, which includes a five-course gourmet dinner with appropriate wines, plus music by Anthony Prosk, is \$98 per couple (plus tax and gratuity), for a maximum 20 couples.

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# Christmas stories reveal Salt Spring's past

As part of Tuned Air's production of The Christmas Concert, memories of winters and Christmas concerts past were collected by Barbara Woodley in interviews with longtime Salt Spring residents.

The following are among several stories written up by Woodley's husband Gregg Wiltshire, with the first anecdote written by Charles Horel. They provide an intimate glimpse into island history.

## CHRISTMAS ON SALT SPRING 65 YEARS AGO

I was eleven years old when we had our Christmas Concert for 1932 in the Little Divide Schoolhouse and I will tell you some of it that I can still remember.

We had a Christmas tree that filled one corner of the classroom and we had decorated it with silver bells and chains we made from cigarette foil. We had no electricity in those days but we had little clip-on candle holders which were clipped to the branches and the small candles lit up, sending great volumes of sweet-smelling fumes from the hot fir needles. We had to have a couple of the bigger boys constantly on guard to prevent a full-scale Christmas tree fire.

The children put on some entertainment with dances and short skits and some recitations. A few of the adults helped provide part of the entertainment.

A very cheerful elderly English lady was announced as representing the Imperial Order of the Daughters of the Empire. She was wearing a round steel helmet and a gas mask, together with a plummy British accent. She said she would sing us that fine old English ballad Mad Dogs and Englishmen Go Out In The Midday Sun. She was very enthusiastic. She commenced beating time with both hands to get us to sing along with her.

One of the main events of the evening was an auction of cakes put up by the ladies whose names were concealed in the wrapping. The gentleman who bid the highest on any cake became the dinner partner of the lady who cooked it. One nicely-wrapped package turned out to be a short section of 2x10 planking submitted by a local logger.



**MEMORIES:** John Beardsell tells a story about young Johnny Bennett in last week's Tuned Air production.

Photo by Derrick Lundy

## A LIFE LONG FRIEND

It's not there any more, but the memories born in that gathering place still comfort many.

On one particular winter evening, some eighty years ago, the desks, chairs and benches of the old school house, the one across from the beloved Burgoyne United Church, were pushed off to the perimeter in preparation for the arrival of a very special guest.

It was a blustery and cold winter night. The old schoolhouse was bulging with farmers and their children who had turned out from all over the valley. It was a night so special, nothing, not even a chilling winter storm, could keep these islanders away.

Grandparents, parents and children, excited children all balled up with anticipation, eagerly awaited the magical moment. Suddenly, to the surprise of everyone, the sash window immediately beside four-year-old Bob Akerman yawned open and Santa Claus leaned in, greeting everyone with a hearty, "Ho Ho Ho." Squeals and screams filled that already crowded schoolhouse when Santa climbed in with a grain sack full of presents in his left hand and a teddy bear, with an intelligent face, clutched tight in his right.

Young Bob was stunned. He was standing right there, shoulder to shoulder with Santa himself, and his huge sack of presents.

What was funny though was that Bob didn't react much. He couldn't. It wasn't that Bob didn't notice the huge sack of presents, it was just that he couldn't take his eyes off the teddy bear squeezed in Santa's big right hand. All Bob could think was that some lucky kid was going to go home with that bear. He so wished it would be him.

Santa swung his sack of presents to the worn plank floor. Bob's gaze never wavered from that teddy bear. As suddenly as Santa arrived, he pushed that little bear into Bob's hands. Santa couldn't have known the depth of the friendship he was initiating at that moment. That teddy bear became Bob's best friend that stormy winter night. Today, some eighty years later, the two of them are still inseparable.

This story was supplied by Bob Akerman. Ron Lee played Santa Claus that year, approximately 1912.

## I WANT TO PLAY TOO

It was 1928 when Johnny Bennett's sister June started school at the Little Divide Schoolhouse.

Johnny was just four years old at the time. The usual level of excitement Johnny and his sister reached in anticipation of upcoming Christmas concerts was surpassed this year.

As she was now in school, June was constantly bringing home new information on how the planning for the upcoming concert was going and who was doing what. And this year, for the first time, June wouldn't be sitting in the audience beside her little

brother. She would be up on stage, playing out her part in the concert.

Fall blended into winter. Preparation gave way to performance. Just as in the years prior, the annual Christmas concert of 1928 was fabulous. All the children who had a part to play performed to the best of their ability, and with the close of the concert came June's turn.

June and all the other girls were dressed up all in white, looking like little angels. Each of them cradled a polished candle holder in their cupped hands. The warm light of the candle's flame rippled over their faces. They looked so angelic. Ever so carefully they moved across the stage singing Good Night Ladies in soft little voices.

The audience was moved. And so was four-year-old Johnny. He jumped out of his seat, right in the middle of the procession and yelled out into the stillness of the room, "I want a little light too!"

Before Johnny's voice had faded into the air, Johnny joined in and walked out of the concert with all the other angels.

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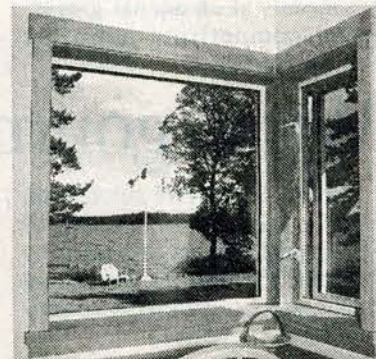


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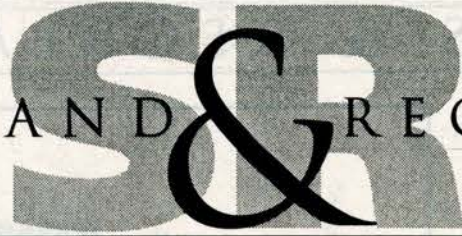
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# SPORTS AND RECREATION



## Thwarted

Under-13 Salt Spring soccer player Tyler Woolley boots the ball but his attempt to score against Gorge is thwarted by the opposition goalie. The two teams tied 3-3 in soccer action Saturday at Portlock Park. Photo by Derrick Lundy

## Slashers dominate agonized Oak Bay

By MALCOLM LEGG  
Driftwood Contributor  
*Bank of Montreal Slashers 7, Oak Bay 0*

The Bank of Montreal Slashers finished the fall segment of their soccer schedule the same way they began — with a big victory.

This time the Slashers' victim was Oak Bay by a 7-0 score.

The local girls under-17 squad opened the 1997-98 campaign with a 6-0 win over this same Oak Bay squad back in September. Since that time they have been tearing through opponents just like the villain has torn through victims in the movie *Scream 2*.

Over this period of time the Slashers have won an unbelievable 14 games while losing one and one tie. The girls have scored an incredible 63 goals, conceding only eight goals and racking up 11 shut-outs. To top it all off, the girls won the Richmond Tourney, have defeated two under-19 teams and clinched the top berth in the B.C. Cup playdowns which start in February.

Yes! It truly is an amazing feat by a group of dedicated and talented athletes and one knows the sky is their only limit for the remainder of the season.

Last weekend against Oak Bay was another clinic in Slasher strength as the Salt Spring girls dominated for what must have been an agonizing 90 minutes for Oak Bay.

Their domination over many opponents comes from their tremen-

dous depth of talent which was readily evident last Sunday.

In their previous game the K-twins, Kate McNair and Kyla Dares, had spearheaded the Slasher onslaught, and although Dares did score once, the girls found many other sources and methods to "bang the ball in the old onion bag."

Tanisha Van Pelt and Launi Legg both scored twice while Molly Lynesford and Stephanie Collette bagged singles in the seven-goal outburst.

What was really pleasing was the variation of methods of scoring that came from the squad. Scoring twice off comers, once from a free-kick and another from a throw-in showed how the team has learned from practice that goals can come from anywhere.

But the Slashers' success is not only due to their goal-scorers, as their supporting cast is critical in gaining every point this season.

Leah Martin, Shayla Moulton, Corry Schwagly, Alex Howard and Joelle Morrison in midfield are the diggers and scrappers that create the great chances for the glory of scoring.

Heidi Straarup, Jenny Kerr, Hannah Smith, Maia Vaillancourt, Robin Morris and Ruth Singbeil are the bricks and mortar of the team's defence, a defence that rarely allows opponents a sniff around their goal-mouth.

And credit of course goes to our goalies Vaillancourt, Lynesford and Lisa Baker who spend a lot of time

being cold but always make the big save when it is needed.

As the Slashers go into the Christmas break there can be no doubt that every player has contributed to the team's success.

Ah, but what about '98? Hopefully Santa Claus will bring the girls a trip to the coastal championships and a chance at the provincials because this writer feels the team can carry its winning ways all the way to the season's end.

## Top bowlers score

Following are high scores in bowling league play at Kings Lane Recreation last week.

Monday Special Olympics: Stuart Elliot 174, Gloria Dale 175.

Circus league: Tony Farr 261, Ron Cunningham 233, Ben Cooper 200, Sam Cochrane 212, 202, Bunny Cooper 228, 276/632.

Tuesday morning seniors: Madalene Jory 243, Audrey Illingworth 231, Cliff Jory 221, Ken Robinson 223, Gordon Parsons 210, 204, Bev Brown 221.

Tuesday afternoon seniors: Dan Davies 220, Doris Redquest 249, Vanda Winstone 251/613.

Tuesday business women's league: Audrey Denton 251, 244.

Wednesday Special Olympics: Gloria Dale 172.

## HIGH ROLLERS

Wednesday ladies: Deb Hamilton 207, Margaret Baker 303/667.

Golf ladies: Maddy Cooper 227, Shirley Parsons 220, Ruby Webster 245, 216/605, Mildred Guernsey 217.

Friday afternoon seniors: Wynn Edward 202, Ken Robinson 221, Madalene Jory 221, Margaret Baker 234.

Children's leagues: Jesse Hume 106, Nolan Severight 79, 75, Zander Ritson 128, 103, Liz Wiebe 122, Kaitlan Theile 78, 86, Edward Ritson 103, 138, Kailee Budd 88, Rosie Hamilton 81, David Piperno 192, 129, Justine Watkins 87, Nicholas Watkins 84, 77, Patrick Buitenwerf 91, 109.

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The purpose of these three reports is to enable completion of the Vancouver Island Land-Use Plan by translating the principles announced in the land-use decision into management objectives and strategies, and by identifying outstanding issues and areas for more detailed planning.

Public input is encouraged on a range of recommendations in the reports, including:

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# Slugs see success in hockey loss, tie

By ANDY NAUMANN  
and JIM BLACK  
Driftwood Contributors

Only in Slug land can a weekend which saw the boys lose one game and tie another be considered a success, but that is how it goes when you use Slug thought.

The first match was versus the Sooke Hawkes, a team which the Slugs haven't played in years. The reason we haven't indulged the Hawkes is that we got tired of being led like lambs to slaughter, so we scratched them from our schedule.

The only thing to happen over that period of time was that we got older and slower and the Hawkes got even better. We found out through the hockey grapevine that the Hawkes defeated the Chemainus Sharks 15-3 two weeks ago.

This would be the same Sharks team which beat the Slugs last week by a score of 6-3. So, using higher math (everyone in the van had to take their shoes off to figure this one out), the Sharks outscored us by 100 per cent and the Hawkes outscored them by five times, so that meant that we would lose by ... We had to stop at this point as our netminder Derek Topping was beginning to whimper uncontrollably. The one bright spot on the evening was that we had one thing going in our favour.

The game started off well for the boys as they opened the scoring on the second shift with Crash Schure roofing his own rebound after Andy Naumann and Paddy Akerman set him up. This was an amazing confidence booster for the lads and they started feeling like their old selves, at which point the Hawkes tied it up.

Undeterred, the Slugs went back at it, taking the play to the Hawkes, which paid off when Danny Akerman out-hustled the opposition to the puck in their corner and fed a perfect pass to Todd McIntyre out in the slot. Mac knew that this was the only Christmas present he was likely to get from Danny Akerman, so he didn't waste it, beating the netminder with a hard wrist shot.

It was about this time that reality began to set in. The Hawkes turned it up a notch and pumped in three quick goals as the Slugs looked on. It wasn't as though we weren't trying. Paddy Akerman cranked one off the post, but the

## SLUG TRAIL

Hawkes were getting all the lucky bounces.

The Slugs didn't fold their tent, however, they kept on digging away at it and it paid off with just seconds left in the period. Paddy Akerman fed a breakaway pass to Schure who flew in to the Hawkes zone and ripped a shot past the netminder.

This seemed to give the boys a lift going into the second period. McIntyre set up in the slot again and buried his second of the night on a virtual carbon copy of his first goal. The Hawkes seeing this decided to do the same thing they did the last time Mac scored: they added three more goals. The first was an unusual affair. With the face-off deep in their zone the Hawkes centreman won the draw back to his defenceman who lifted the puck high in the air, over everyone's head. While everyone stood around watching this, a Hawkes winger streaked past our defencemen and onto a breakaway. Topping made a valiant effort on the play but the winger managed to sneak it past him. This play so unnerved the Slugs that the Hawkes added two more quick ones before we got back on track.

The Slugs settled down going into the final period and it paid off quickly. First McIntyre repaid Danny Akerman with a perfect pass into the slot. Danny Akerman then used his shiny new skates to temporarily blind the goalie as he slid the puck past him. The Hawkes added yet another before Schure rounded out the scoring in the game, getting his third of the night, deflecting a shot off the defenceman's skate and into the net.

All in all the boys figured that we came out of this pretty well considering we thought the outcome might look more like the score from a Vancouver Grizzlies game, at least on one side.

The second game resulted in a tie with the Sidney Blues, but you will have to wait until next week's Driftwood to read all about it.

Considering that we expected to be blown out of the water by Sooke but only lost by a pair and then tied with another good club, it could be considered a successful weekend, if you use Slug thought.



### Christmas cruising

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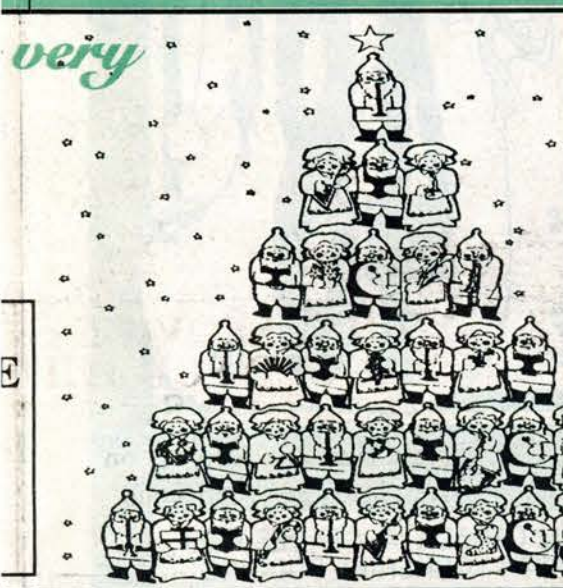
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## Fulford school students perform Nutcracker to packed auditorium

By VALORIE LENNOX  
Driftwood Staff

"An expression of community" best describes Fulford Elementary School's production of The Nutcracker, performed Thursday night at Fulford Hall.

First, the hall was packed, with every seat and almost every square inch of floor crammed with spectators.

Second, the list of volunteers on the production team filled the back page of the program.

Third, the performance recognized a community tragedy, dedicated to the memory of Jesse Hughes, the seven-year-old Fulford student who passed away suddenly on December 6.

The show opened with a touching tribute to Jesse by staff and students. Students filed into the darkened hall in a silent ring of light around the audience, each student carrying a gel-wrapped flashlight which cast a coloured circle onto the hall ceiling.

School principal Barb Aust told the audience it was hard for everyone to come in and feel joyful "without acknowledging that one of our circle is missing." Following a moment of silence, the inspirational words to In a Circle of Light were projected onto the wall and everyone was invited to join in the song.

The Nutcracker performance, adapted from the Christmas ballet and designed to involve all the students in the school, was a mix of familiar tinkling music, songs ably performed by a choir and clever costumes.

Sarah Proctor as Marie and Elizabeth Cronin as Fritz did a fine job as squabbling siblings, playing off Brittanie O'Donnell as the mother and Noah McColl

as the father, Madeleine McPherson and Paris Haase as the grandparents and Evan Mann as Judge Drosselmeier.

All student performers carried off their roles, and Misha Meagley's delightfully-fierce portrayal of the wooden nutcracker was a highlight of the play.

Cats Ferron Bourdin, Danielle Viozzi, Ruby Arnold, Brettney Savin and Sarah Howe carried off a charming recitation of the Night Before Christmas as a bridge between scenes and also handled some of the scene changes.

As members of the conflicting mouse and soldier armies, the

est, what the kindergarten class may have lacked in coordination was overshadowed by a heady dose of cute.

The Russian bakers, Grades 1/2, kicked through the Russian dance music to the singing of the choir, using rolling pins, mixing spoons and bowls as props. Next up were the candy flutes, Grades 2/3, in seasonal red and white stripes.

Venturing into the "brown sugar desert," Marie and the prince were entertained by what might be termed the desert rockers and the whirling dervishes, otherwise known as Grade 3/4 students suitably mysterious in desert robes, who re-created the sinuous grace of Eastern dance to percussion instruments.

Another delightful example of clever costuming showed up in the Chinese tea dancers, Grades 1/2 students clad as tea bags complete with dangling tags. The final stop on Marie's tour of Candyland took her to a garden where the Grades 4/5 students swirled to the music of the Waltz of the Flowers.

The play wound up back in Marie's living room, as she wakes from her wonderful Christmas Eve dream to discover the nutcracker is again a wooden doll.

After their bows to enthusiastic applause, students pulled directors Diane Tremblay, Melissa Fisher, Dianne Andrews and Louise Doucet on stage to receive bouquets of flowers.

Aust outlined the massive support from staff and community which had gone into the production and schools superintendent Andrew Duncan paid tribute to Aust's leadership.

**The Nutcracker performance ... was a mix of familiar tinkling music, songs ably performed by a choir and clever costumes.**

Grade 4/5 students in Jim Lightfoot's class filled the stage with action, although the close quarters required them to rein in their battle instincts.

The mice's best moment was undoubtedly their joint admission to mouse king Addi Perkins that none were willing to lay down their lives while the soldiers managed a fine coordinated march across the stage.

Fortunately the corpses cleared themselves off stage after the battle, leaving the scene clear for the prettily-sleeping Marie to wake up and discover a human-sized prince, Adrian Cocking, was waiting to guide her into Candyland.

A variety of cute and talented performers inhabited the magical kingdom. As the Candyland for-

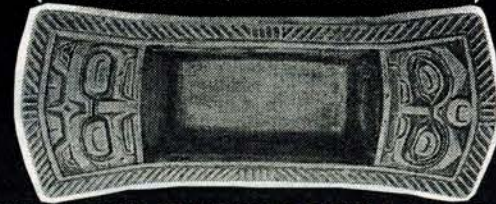


**DOUBLE DUTY:** Marie, played by Sarah Proctor, is flanked by two versions of the Nutcracker from Fulford Elementary School's production of the musical play last Thursday. To the left is the Nutcracker-as-prince, played by Adrian Cocking and the other is Misha Meagley, who played the wooden toy version of the nutcracker.

Photo by Valorie Lennox

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- **Children's Christmas Concert** — Second annual concert on Thursday, December 18, 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at Island Savings Credit Union. Please join us and listen to music by our elementary and middle school students.
- **Harbour House Wheelhouse Pub** — Rock with the Gene Grooms Band on Friday and Saturday, December 19 and 20.
- **Fulford Inn** — Live entertainment on Friday and Saturday, December 19 and 20.
- **Moby's Marine Pub** — Moby's Musical Craft Faire hosted by The Barley Bros. Saturday, December 20, 3 to 10 p.m. Local bands. CDs available. All-day continuous music!
- **Alfresco Restaurant** — Barrington Perry plays piano every Saturday evening starting at 6:30 p.m.
- **Hastings House** — Valdy performs light-hearted cocktail music on Saturday, December 20.
- **Moby's Marine Pub** — Sunday Dinner Jazz with the Lloyd English Quartet, December 21, 7 p.m.
- **Fulford Carol Sing** — Sunday, December 21, 6:30 p.m., Patterson's parking lot. Bring your Driftwood songbooks and cups for good cheer!
- **A South End Christmas** — Enjoy music and carols with island performers at St. Mary's in Fulford Harbour on Sunday, December 21, 4 p.m.
- **Salt Spring Roasting Co.** — Sunday Brunch Music Menu music from noon to 3 p.m. every Sunday.
- **Community Carol Singing** — Community carol singing with a reading at historic St. Mark's, Central. Monday, December 22, 7 p.m.
- **Salt Spring Roasting Co.** — Every Tuesday evening is the Celtic Music Circle from 6:30 to 9 p.m.
- **Hastings House** — Simone



**WHAT'S ON**

Grasky performs mellow jazz before dinner on Wednesday, December 24.

• **Vesuvius Inn** — Simone Inertia and the Procrastinators, Tuesday, December 23, 7:30 p.m.

**Cinema**

• **Wings of a Dove** — Helena Bonham Carter stars in this perfectly presented period romance. The Henry James novel of a young heiress who must choose between love and her place in society is brought to the screen with passion. Playing Friday and Saturday, December 19 and 20, at 7 p.m., and Sunday and Tuesday, December 21 and 23, at 4 p.m. 1 hour, 40 minutes. Rated 14A, nudity, suggestive scenes. Cinema Central.

• **Devil's Advocate** — Al Pacino is electrifying in this super natural thriller. As a Manhattan lawyer (Satan himself) he tries to corrupt an ambitious young southern lawyer played by Keanu Reeves. Playing Friday, Saturday and Tuesday, December 19, 20 and 23, at 9 p.m., and Sunday and Monday, December 21 and 22, at 7:30 p.m. 2 hours, 20 minutes. Rated 18A. Cinema Central.

• **Fairy Tale — A True Story** — An enchanting family film about two girls who produce photos of the fairies that frolic in their garden. The year is 1917, and Britain's war worn public is captivated by the media and this proof of magic. Playing Saturday, December 20 at 4 p.m.; Sunday, December 21 at 2 p.m.; Monday, December 22 at 4 p.m.; and Tuesday, December 23 at 7 p.m. 1 hour, 30 minutes. Rated General. Cinema Central.

**Stage**

• **Christmas with Scrooge** — A

musical play based on Charles Dickens' A Christmas Carol. Friday, December 19 at 7 p.m.; Saturday, December 20 at 7 p.m.; and Sunday, December 21 at 2 and 7 p.m., at Mahon Hall. Tickets \$7 adults, \$3 kids under 12, available at et cetera. Opening night special \$1 off all tickets.

**Family**

• **Family Winter Festival** — Salt Spring Centre School's Family Winter Festival, Saturday, December 20, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., 355 Blackburn Road. Make crafts, visit with friends, listen to Salt Spring's homegrown music, join the hayride. Entry is a food donation for the food bank.

• **Breakfast with Santa** —

Pancake breakfast, face painting, music and games at Mulligan's (Salt Spring Golf and Country Club). Sunday, December 21, 10:30 a.m. Call 537-1760 for details.

• **The Whole Family Christmas Pageant** — Sunday, December 21, 9:30 a.m., at All Saints By-the-Sea Anglican Church.

• **Pre-School Storytime** — Mary Hawkins Library, every Monday at 10 a.m. The more the merrier!

• **Storytime at West of the Moon** — Every Tuesday morning. Ages 2 to 3, 9:30 to 10 a.m.; ages 3 to 5, 10 to 10:30 a.m. Join us!

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**Community TV**

- **Wednesday, December 17** — 1 p.m., Cable in the Classroom: Booker T. Worm — "It's all about reading." 7:30 p.m., Isle of Views
- **Sunday, December 21** — 6 p.m., Talk Around the Rock 7:45 p.m., Satsang with Gangaji
- **Wednesday, December 24** — 7 p.m., Tuned Air Christmas Special

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**Christmas horns**  
Muriel Hale, right, and Bob Cleall were joined by Ted Hickford (not shown) in entertaining the children and adults who clustered around the Christmas Ship Santa at the middle school on Saturday night. Photo by Derrick Lundy

## Children's crafts, food, music set for Centre School festival

Craft-making for kids, hot cider, soup, music and a chance to share the season with friends will occur this Saturday as Salt Spring Centre doors open on a winter festival.

Organized by Salt Spring Centre School parents, the event promises to be a craft fair with a twist: instead of buying crafts made by others, children can make their own creations.

Craft stations for children will be offered at a minimal cost — likely 50 cents or \$1. Children can also join a hayride around the Salt Spring Centre grounds, or visit the Centre School's famous pocket lady, who hands out gifts from her many pockets.

"It's not a fundraiser," notes festival organizer Gail Bryn-Jones, "It's for sharing the season with community."

Admission to the event, which runs from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., will

be by donation to the food bank.

Children attending the crafts stations will make a variety of items including wrapping paper, Christmas crackers, puppets, candles, stained glass tissue art, and ornaments.

Other crafts include beading, cookie and candle decorating, book-making and the creation of gingerbread picture frames.

The kitchen will serve two lunch entrées, plus hot and cold drinks and tea and coffee from the Salt Spring Roasting Company.

Musical entertainment by local artists will take place throughout the day.

There will also be two sale displays. Usborne Book representa-

tive Holly Clermont will sell off her entire book stock at the festival, and the Centre school will be selling "make your own t-shirt" kits.

Because Salt Spring Centre was unavailable to use for the annual joint school-Centre craft fair, school parents decided to eliminate the commercial aspect of craft fairs and offer a community-building, child-centred event.

The festival is a winter celebration, rather than a Christmas celebration in recognition of those who do not celebrate Christmas.

However, a dinner, carol sing and visit from Father Christmas for school families will follow the winter festival.

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| 1. My Best Friend's Wedding ...(-) | 6. Romy & Michele's High School ...(-) |
| 2. George of the Jungle ...(-)     | 7. The Fifth Element ...(-)            |
| 3. Men in Black ...(-)             | 8. Austin Powers ...(-)                |
| 4. Face Off ...(-)                 | 9. Trial and Error ...(-)              |
| 5. Con Air ...(-)                  | 10. Speed 2 ...(-)                     |

(Dash (-) indicates last week's position)

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Three Lives of Karen	Spawn
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Stay for the Fire was recorded for the Western Canada Wilderness Committee's Carmannah Valley effort entitled Sounds of Our Voices, and since the hallmark of folk music is social consciousness, this is an appropriate beginning to our bard's musical adventures.

In addressing politicians he asks, "When your kids have kids and they hear what you did will they think the world of you?"

Scruffy Dudes is a story about the misadventures of Willie Nelson and Waylon Jennings at the Point Grey Golf Course in Vancouver, and it is the kind of catchy tune you'll find yourself singing all the time.

The clerk at Point Grey says, "You scruffy dudes don't belong on our fairway," and Valdy warns us to be "careful when dealing with

strangers; you don't know what angels are hiding within."

She's in Love with the Boy encapsulates the classic in-law relationship. Dad is mad when his daughter comes home late from her date, and when he goes to take a strip off the boy ("when it comes to brains he got the short end of the stick,") mom steps in to save the day. Hey, "she looks at him the way that I still look at you," and remember you used to be "a 10-cent ploughboy without a row to hoe. She's in love with the boy and even if she has to run away she's going to marry that boy some day."

The next track is Wedding Waits. It sounds as if it were written to be performed at a wedding service, and if it hasn't already it will be. After two quick verses it breaks into the old Italian favourite It's Amore, and at that moment my friend who prefers hard rock with ample distortion nearly fell off his chair, but you may choose to sing along.

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Get a Haircut Dad ought to please the masses. It was aired on CBC Radio the day that Valdy and Bill Henderson premiered their Goofer's Pig Farm song at the Salt Spring Folk Club's Jez Lowe concert. Valdy tickles the funny bone with a too-true tale of the endless struggle for understanding between parents and teens.

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All this and much more on Smorgasbard. If you have a taste for Canadian folk music, this feast is for you.

# 'Pop-Impressionism' on new Prosk CD

The Gulf Islands and the bodies of water that connect them have been borrowed as titles of musical pieces on Anthony Prosk's just-released CD.

Gulf Islands Suite is Prosk's third album, which also includes 16 photographs of Gulf Islands vistas by Salt Spring photographer Michael McPherson.

Prosk has been a resident of Salt Spring Island since 1980, but relocated to Mayne Island last year to research and create Gulf Islands Suite.

"I thought it would be a good idea to get the feel of all the islands before writing music about them," said Prosk.

Prosk earned Bachelor's degrees in music and education from the University of Lethbridge before embarking on a 12-year career teaching band, choral and general music in the public school system, much of it on Salt Spring. For the past six years Prosk has taught Mathematics to grades 9-11 students at Gulf Islands Secondary School (GISS).

The music on Gulf Islands Suite is all instrumental in a style Prosk calls "pop-Impressionism," which includes aspects of world-music, jazz, romanticism, improvisation and

"new age" blended with an impressionist sonic palette and set in neo-classic forms. The album was put together at Polytone Studios, Prosk's home studio on Mayne Island, and features Prosk as flutist, instrumentalist, producer and co-conceiver-arranger-orchestrator.

"I've had the idea of writing a suite about the Gulf Islands for some time now and was drawing on my Romantic music inclination and love of the Impressionists as a source of inspiration," explained Prosk.

"But the real impetus came one day while I was listening to some hip-hop music. They were interspersing riffs sampled from different jazz greats into their songs and hearing this I had the idea of sampling musical excerpts by Romantic and Impressionist composers and writing them into the music."

This became one of the elements of Gulf Islands Suite, along with a revolutionary process called wind-generated synthesis. This uses a wind instrument to control synthesizers or special effects units to add colour textures such as digital delay, echo, pitch-shifting or flanging to the

flute. Prosk hired two of his former GISS students to assist on the project. Alexander Hoeschmann was the recording engineer, played some of the backing instruments and co-created the music with Prosk.

After graduating from GISS in 1985, Hoeschmann earned a Bachelor of Music degree from Simon Fraser University, then a Bachelor of Science degree from UBC where he is currently enrolled in the medical program. Another of Prosk's former students, Dan Miller, did the design and layout of the cover and photo collection at his North Vancouver cyber business called Nervecenter.


The CD was re-mixed by Greg Pauker at Sculptor Studios on Salt Spring.

Gulf Islands Suite is available at The Music Emporium and Stuff 'n' Nonsense on Salt Spring; on Pender at the Galloping Moon Gallery and Hope Bay Store; on Galiano at Ixchel Craft Shop; and on Mayne at the Island Cottage and the Mayne Open Market.

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# Florence Cook Reid finds niche in written word

By GAIL SJUBERG  
Driftwood Staff

Writers often tell tales about the torrents of rejection slips that soaked them before they found the shelter of their name in published print.

Not Florence Cook Reid, however. When she sent her manuscripts into the publishing whirlpool in 1989, she had a more unusual experience.

While living in Victoria, she submitted three separate articles to Focus on Women, Monday Magazine and Readers' Digest, then promptly cast their fate from her mind.

One day she was ready to leave her apartment for a doctor's appointment when the telephone rang. The caller was Sid Tafler from Monday Magazine informing her he wanted to publish her humorous piece on the subject of house plants.

When Reid came home later, there was a message from a person at Focus on Women. They too planned to publish her submission, which she recalls was about a day of shopping at Hillside.

Later that day she received another phone call, this time from the Readers' Digest office in Montreal, which had also accepted her short piece.

"It was very heady stuff," recalls Reid.

Perhaps the most astonishing part of it, though, is that she was 65 years old at the time and had only started to seriously write. Her starting point was an ability to spot the humour in just about everything.

"Even rotten things, once you get away from the moment, can be very funny," she says. "If you can only wait, there isn't anything that couldn't be funny."

Reid then found herself filling a regular bi-monthly space in the Victoria Times-Colonist, which spurred remarkable feedback.

"People wrote to me, people phoned me. I was just stunned."

But Reid says the most rewarding part of her writing career has been the past four years spent on Salt Spring Island, where she joined Readers' Theatre and began writing plays for the group.

At some point she felt convinced she couldn't write fiction, but put together a one-act play when she wanted to contribute something besides her university texts for the group to read. In 1995 she also won first prize in a Focus on Women fiction contest for her short story Lucy Kills a Seagull.

Thoughts about "theatre of the absurd" evolved into a funny play about an English drama club located in an 11th-century church.

Next came Dancing With Helen of Troy, which explored the subject of two seniors dating, and how the widowed man's daughter feels about it. A showing at Seniors for Seniors raised more than \$200, and Readers' Theatre was then asked to do a performance for the Golden Hands Activities group.

"Broadway couldn't have been more exciting," Reid jokes.

The fourth play, which Readers' Theatre recently performed, was The Scattering of Rosa Monday. It propelled Reid to call upon her research skills, which even took her to the garden of rose experts Len and Rosemary Wallbank. The ashes of Rosa Monday (a reference to Rosa Mundi, or "rose of the world") are the object of scattering.

Murray Shoolbraid played the bereaved husband; Richard Moses was the Cockney brother-in-law; Reid was his wife; and Devon Metcalfe performed as a snooty woman.

Moses, who is another of the writers in Readers' Theatre, says Reid has "an amazing verbal facility." He called The Scattering of Rosa Monday Reid's "Opus I."

He describes her as "a fascinating person," with "a remarkable knack for character and dialogue."

Humour has always warmed the veins of Reid's writing, but it wasn't until The Scattering of Rosa Monday that she realized the "tremendous thrill" she got from seeing people laugh because her words and voice had made them laugh.

It's really a form of power, she observes. "It's a power in the best way because there's no force, no violence."

Now Reid has so many ideas it is difficult for her to decide what to work on next. She has a novel half-written and more plays brewing.

Currently she is involved with publicity for Cinderella and the Three Bears, a pantomime written by Shoolbraid which runs January 8-11.

While Reid consummated her relationship with words and theatre rather late in life, the flirtation period was lengthy.

She always loved writing in school in England, and remembers the excitement when teachers distributed the list of essay topics, and that first day of a new school year.

"I loved it when after summer holidays they handed out the new pencil and the new notebook."

As a "war bride" who came to Ottawa with her Canadian husband, Reid's letters back home became her outlet for writing. Then as a mother of two girls, Jane and Alexandra, she spent hours reading with them, playing imagination games, and choreographing scenes and dances.

The dramatics continued with Alexandra's two girls, Katie and Amy Fischer, with activities like meetings of the Pig Hill Gang on the girls' family farm outside Ottawa.

It shouldn't be presumptuous to say Reid tackles everything with enthusiasm.

In 1969, with only British elementary education behind her, Reid began attending Carleton University on a part-time basis. English literature, history and art history consumed her, and she graduated with distinction in 1980.

"I loved every minute," she said. "I was just like a child being read to for the first time."

Reid wasn't a young woman when she explored yet another creative passion in her life: the practice and teaching of the Margaret Morris Method, an exercise/dance program originating in Britain that helped treat the arthritis she has lived with since early adulthood.

From age 53 to 63 she taught Margaret Morris Method. Even after moving to Victoria in 1985, she could be seen in leotards and tights toting her giant ghetto blaster to classes at the Victoria YMCA.

"I didn't get a chance to grow old," she says.

Reid isn't getting a chance on Salt Spring, either, the "mecca for creativity" that has spawned her a new life writing fiction.

"I've never seen so much talent in such a tiny space," she

says.

Although her daughters were already living on Salt Spring when she moved here, it wasn't Reid's intention to reside in the same community. Now she feels so attached to the island she believes she would stay even if

her family members left.

Readers' Theatre has become another kind of family for Reid, and the wider community a further extension still. She loves going to town every day and chatting with people she knows in the stores, at Roasting

Company or wherever she happens to meet them.

On Salt Spring she has found stimulating conversation with bright, quick-witted people, and a liberal exchange of caring.

"I love being here ..." she concludes. "I love my day."



**READERS WRITER:** Florence Cook Reid's first humour pieces were published in 1989, but it wasn't until moving to Salt Spring four years

ago and joining Readers' Theatre that she found her true love in fiction and especially play writing.

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# 'Ambitious' Singers concert entertains enthusiastic crowds

By TONY RICHARDS  
Driftwood Staff

The Salt Spring Singers were hard on their audience Sunday afternoon for much of the first half of their 24th annual Christmas concert. The audience wasn't allowed to clap.

We sat on our hands through 12 movements of Vivaldi's Gloria, marvelling at the sounds of a small orchestra, two guest soloists and, of course, the Singers themselves.

For many, this writer included, the Christmas season begins with the annual presentations by Salt Spring's community choirs, the Singers and Tuned Air. The music of the Christmas season is not that of the suburban malls or the radio stations, it is the live, professional performances by amateur choral groups in places such as All Saints-by-the-Sea.

Do we appreciate the contribution these groups make to our community? You bet. The Singers offered four performances of this year's production, entitled Gloria, and all were sold out weeks in

advance.

Tuned Air, meanwhile, performed its Christmas Concert four times, and each one was sold out.

Gloria was the centrepiece of the Singers' concert this year, making it one of the most ambitious that I can recall. Guest musicians from both Victoria and Salt Spring, and soloists Mary Anne

would note was in the program. I found the first half preferable by far to the second, which was punctuated by too many of the carols one expects to hear on the radio. (Frosty the Snowman was an exception, it having been performed by young volunteers from the audience.)

A saving in the second part was the invitation to the audience to participate. To sing is nearly as uplifting as it is to listen to fine voices.

Or fine, recycled euphoniums. That's what guest musician Derrick Milton used to play Santa Clause Blues, and though he had some difficulties with a few low notes, the tune — along with facial contortions courtesy of director Lloyd English — added to the fun of the afternoon.

And fun it was. The Singers continue to find a great deal of joy in what they do: their ready smiles are evidence of that, and the sentiment is contagious.

The Singers have sung; the Christmas season has indeed arrived.

**The Singers continue to find a great deal of joy in what they do: their ready smiles are evidence of that...**

Barcellona, Betty Rothwell and Michael Collins, combined with the Singers to present a moving performance.

Evidently, we chose a poor time to go. The Sunday matinee, a reliable source indicated later, was not without its flaws. While I felt the Singers weren't as tight as I'd come to expect, significant flaws went unnoticed where I was sitting.

Indeed, the only shortcoming I

## Pantomime: fun project, good cause

Islanders will be laughing their socks off at the craziness in Cinderella and the Three Bears, a pantomime theatre production set for Salt Spring in January.

"It's just wacky," says the show's director Michael Armstrong. "Nothing is too big."

Armstrong, who has been working in professional theatre since leaving Salt Spring five years ago, and has 27 years experience in the field, says his job is to pump up the cast of 25 actors for what he calls "very, very broad comedy."

This is not Tennessee Williams, he jokes. He has told the cast that nothing they try will be "too big" for this production, and they spent the first two rehearsals doing nothing but theatre sports.

"It's an excuse for us all to get up and be kids again."

Cinderella and the Three Bears is written by the highly-creative Murray Shoolbraid, who also wrote some original songs and gave new lyrics to well-known

tunes. It is basically a "mish-mash of several different fairy tales," says Armstrong, but everything else is a secret.

Sue Newman and Lottie Devendisch are in charge of getting people dancing with panache, and Shoolbraid is also musical director. Simon Henson is stage manager and set designer.

Armstrong said the group's first run-through Sunday was successful, noting there has been "great enthusiasm from all the people in the cast."

Volunteers are also "stepping forward all over the place to help out with this" because they know it is a fun project and a benefit for the Core Inn.

"It's a great cause," says Armstrong, adding that a lack of facilities for youth has always been a problem on the island.

Island theatre buffs will remember Armstrong from his years with Salt Spring Players (including his direction of The Wizard of

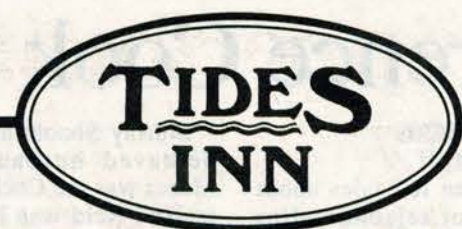
Oz 12 years ago) and Off Centre Stage.

He is excited to be involved in the show, especially since he can focus all his energy on directing. Jeanne Pascale is producing the show.

"Jeanne is a tremendous producer, out there all the time doing stuff."

Before pantomime evolved to its late-19th century form, which most people are familiar with, mime was also an important element of acting in the open-air theatres of ancient Greece and Rome, where people could see more easily than they could hear. In a similar vein, great efforts are being made to ensure everyone can see the action when Cinderella and the Three Bears runs at the Activity Centre January 8 through 11.

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# Choir performance brings island history to life

By **SUSAN LUNDY** and **GAIL SJUBERG**  
Driftwood Staff

A combination of magnificent music and humour-spiced drama opened a schoolroom door last week, casting a light on Salt Spring's Christmas history.

The youthful tones of the Fernwood Elementary School Choir joined the masterful voices of Tuned Air to present The Christmas Concert ... "a pageant from a one-room schoolhouse" at the Activity Centre from December 10-13.

The result was a polished celebration of Christmas that used song and narratives to dramatize Christmas pageant memories of old-time islanders. The presentation, which received sponsorship from Mouat's, also featured a silent rendition of the nativity story performed by Fernwood students.

It was an excellent evening, but as we enjoyed a beer at Moby's Pub afterwards, we explored our slightly deflated feelings. (People should be warned that in tandem we are ruthless overanalyzers.)

Certainly, no part of the presentation itself could be criticized.

Both choirs performed well, the music was well-chosen, the soloists and accompanying musicians exceptional, and the children sweet. Costumed dramatists performed their parts with enthusiasm and talent. The concept was imaginative and the narratives well written. The schoolhouse set designed by Don Zacharias was unbelievably authentic, complete with a layer of crusty "snow" on the entrance door roof.

Ultimately, we decided, the curious thread of disappointment came from the juxtaposition of modern-day, practiced perfection with the warmth, amateur flavour and community involvement of old-time pageants the 1990s event intended to celebrate.

One of the set decisions expresses the "problem." When the Fernwood choir sang its pieces, three large, wood-frame windows were trundled on stage on a squeaky overhead track to separate the youngsters from the Tuned Air choir. Not only was the process distracting, it created more separations when connection was what we craved.

Although the 1990s production blazed with glorious sound and visual treats, it served as a reminder of what the community has lost. Unlike the audiences at old-time Christmas pageants, we were not part of the production. We didn't

know all the children performing before us, nor did we lift our voices together to sing well-loved Christmas songs.

But the evening contained many highlights, and it was especially wonderful to see adults and children sharing the stage. We noted how the experience will serve to build this community for years to come.

The 40 children in the Fernwood choir sang, recited narratives and acted out the Christmas story, stealing the hearts of many concert-goers who applauded the youngsters with enthusiasm. Their voices, with crystal-clear enunciation, echo in memory today.

Most stories of island pioneers were presented by Tuned Air choir members, who delivered their lines with ease and poise as they recounted the memories of Salt Spring Christmases past.

Especially memorable were the expressive performances of Bo Curtis, recalling a Bob Akerman story in A Lifelong Friend, and Minzie Anderson's impersonation in The Letter. The cumulative effect of these stories was wonderful, bringing the island's history alive for everyone who could hear this "kitchen table" kind of storytelling.

Among Tuned Air's selections, especially moving was For Unto Us a Child Is Born — can the Christmas season be complete without a live performance of something from Handel's Messiah?

Unfortunately, infamous Activity Centre acoustics and poor seating for a few audience members resulted in a slight overpowering of some vocal soloists by the musicians.

However, guest soloist Don Fisher was heard clearly by all as his elegant voice carried us through a moving version of O Holy Night and again in Pánis Angelicus.

What really worked in this evening was having the five children who opened the show with short memories of island pioneers conclude the show with their own winter memories. Anna Hosie, Natalia Day, Adam Ruddell, Brad Cronin and Sara Mackay told us how much fun they had in last year's snow, about the orange buoy in Cusheon Lake that looked like a monster when it froze in the ice, family togetherness when the power went out and a father's challenge to roll in the snow for one minute in a bathing suit after a hot bath.

These are the kinds of memories that will hopefully be preserved for future generations of Salt Spring Islanders.



**Christmas pageant**  
Children from the Fernwood Elementary School choir, above, and Tuned Air members joined to present The Christmas Concert ... "a pageant from a one-room schoolhouse," at the Activity Centre for four performances last week. The performance included song, dramatized narratives and a silent rendition of the nativity story.

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## Christmas hamper program helps islanders in need

By **SUSAN LUNDY**  
Driftwood Staff

Despite a devastating fall four years ago that changed their lives forever, a Salt Spring family says strong community support helps them through the holidays.

Brien and Angela Anderson and their two children, aged four and 18 months, are one of over 130 island families who receive Christmas food hampers and gifts from Santa's Workshop.

The hamper "really helps out through the two-week holiday time, when we normally can't afford anything extra" says Angela. "It takes the stress off me and I can enjoy it."

The Andersons' world changed four years ago when Brien, then a roofer, fell from a 30-foot roof in Channel Ridge. He broke his back

in three places and suffered a major head injury.

"He's not supposed to be alive," Angela says. "And he wasn't supposed to be able to walk again."

But Brien has defied the odds on both accounts. He is now attending Camosun College, studying to be a mechanical engineer, and aiming to rejoin the work force.

But in the meantime, the Andersons live on a meagre Workers' Compensation Board payment of \$1,500 a month. Although Angela is trained as a hairdresser and occasionally works from her home, she is busy with her young children and unable to make a regular income.

Christmas typically involves lots of handmade gifts, says Angela. This year she was able to

buy a sewing machine for \$15 from the Lions Club garage sale and made stockings and tree ornaments.

And the Andersons received a huge Christmas bonus this weekend when the family won a fully-decorated tree from Christmas Ship organizers.

This will be the second year the Andersons receive a Christmas hamper. And although the Salt Spring Community Services Society organizes distribution of the hampers, individuals throughout the island contribute money and food items to the program.

Angela was surprised at the amount of food items in the hamper they received last year.

"There was shortbread and stuffing mix and candy canes; vegetables, like carrots and pota-

toes, and a bag full of toys for the kids. It was wonderful."

Normally, Angela says, "We tell the kids that Santa brings one special gift. And then we try and fill the stockings as well."

Gifts for the children from Santa's Workshop included pop-up toys for the then-six-month-old, and dolls, dresses and a doll high chair for the older Anderson child.

There were also a couple of clothing sets for the baby and new socks for both children.

Angela, who volunteers with the Community Services Society, was able to tell the Driftwood that 150 hours of work was directed to

the hamper program last year. Volunteers delivered hampers to 130 families, and handed out toys to 128 children.

"We have had so much community support," says Angela, noting that her church — the Community Gospel Chapel — and funds raised by island firefighters have helped them over the past four years.

Angela says both her family and Brien's have also extended immeasurable aid.

But Christmas trimmings aside, Angela says: "I'd trade all the money and presents in the world ... nothing compares to having my husband home for Christmas."

## Church women's 'development tea' sends funds to Chinese organization

Each spring women of the Anglican, Roman Catholic and United churches on Salt Spring put on a tea to help raise funds for world development.

This past year, of the more than \$3,000 raised, \$1,000 was sent to the Amity Foundation, a Chinese voluntary organization which promotes health, education, social services and rural development.

The Amity Foundation has grown from a very small office with few staff members in 1985 into a powerful though still small venture of 25 people, funding projects worth \$4 million US a year.

Recently Amity began an innovative community-based rehabilitation program in selected villages. According to Gus Wttewaall of Salt Spring, who along with wife Eileen has taught in the Amity educational program, the program assists deaf, mute and blind people in learning the basic skills for their daily lives, and then how to participate in society and develop their own sources of income.

Wttewaall says the amazing thing is that this has been achieved with minimal input. "While Canadian social workers spend several years in university, Amity has approached the desperate situations in remote areas by training housewives, market vendors and other locals with six-week courses in social work."

These then become field workers for the project, visiting their clients by bicycle. Wttewaall says all those trained are assigned within their own townships so that they become very effective and efficient by

working with their own cultural and linguistic group.

He points out how this is an example of Amity taking the initiative in getting money and know-how from the international Christian community, adapting it to the Chinese context and then promoting it nationwide so that it gains visibility.

In the training of village health workers, Amity is now active in eight different provinces in western China, training thousands of village health workers every year. This improves grassroots medical care in the poor areas, particularly

those inhabited by the national minorities.

Another contribution of Amity to the social development of China is its support for local churches which have started small projects such as kindergartens, clinics and old people's homes.

These are only a few samples of the wide work the Amity Foundation is involved in to help develop China.

Next May the Wttewaalls are leading a tour to China and expect one of the Amity staff to be their national guide and show some of the group's work.

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## OF THESE DATES

**DEC. 14:** Jeff Lederman, SS Wildlife Rehabilitator, reading from his book "Cries of the Wild", Island Books Plus, 104 McPhillips, 2pm.

**DEC. 17:** SS Seniors' Christmas Party, Meaden Hall, 2pm.

**DEC. 19, 20, 21:** "Christmas with Scrooge" Mahon Hall, 7pm Fri. Sat. Sun/matinee 2pm Sun.

### EVERY WEDNESDAY

- Seniors & Alzheimers support group, Seniors for Seniors bldg, 11am
- Archery Shooting, SSI Rod & Gun Club, 7pm.
- Stamp Collectors all ages, Seniors For Seniors, 10am.
- Cancer Support Group, Croftonbrook 10am-12 noon (every 3rd Wed.)
- Core-Inn Committee Meetings, Core-Inn on McPhillips, 4:30-6pm.
- Special Olympics Bowling, Bowling Alley, 10am-11am.
- O.A.P.O. Loonie tea & video, Lower Central Hall, 1:30 (except 2nd Wed.)
- Therapeutic Touch Practitioners group, Seniors for Seniors, 7pm (every 1st Wed.)
- Drop in centre for people with mental health concerns, basement of SSI Community Centre, 3:30-5:30pm.
- SSI Painters' Guild meetings, Hart Bradley Hall, 9:30-noon

### EVERY THURSDAY

- Parkinsons Support Gr., Croftonbrook, 2pm (second Thurs. of the mo.)
- Luncheon, Seniors for Seniors, 12 noon.
- Chess Club, Seniors for Seniors Bldg., 7pm.
- Reading Club for 7-12 year olds, Library, 1:30-2:30, July 10-Aug. 14.
- Scottish Country Dancers, Anglican Church Hall, 6pm.
- SSI Weavers' Guild, Baptist Church, 10:30-1:00

### EVERY FRIDAY

- Fulford OAP #170, bingo 2:00pm.
- Games afternoon, Seniors for Seniors, 1:30pm, Mah Jongg 12:30pm.
- Drop in centre for people with mental health concerns, basement of SSI Community Centre, 3:30-5:30pm.
- A Course in Miracles, study group, 552 Rainbow Rd. #A, 10-11:30.

### EVERY SATURDAY

- Book Sale, downstairs at library, 10am-12:30pm.

### EVERY MONDAY

- Free blood pressure clinic, Seniors for Seniors 10-12noon (last Mon. ea. mo.)
- Adult 22 rifle shooting, SSI Rod & Gun Club, 7-9pm.
- Taoist Tai Chi, for Seniors, Lower Central Hall, 10am.
- OAPO #32 carpet bowling, Lower Central Hall, 1:30pm.
- Reader's Theatre, Croftonbrook Hall, 10am
- Spanish conversation group, Seniors for Seniors, 10am-noon (not last Monday of the mo.)
- SS Weavers & Spinner, @ Farmers' Ins. to use the library, 10:30am (every 2nd Thurs.)
- SSI Buddhist meditation group, 135 McPhillips Ave., 7:30pm.
- Bandemonium, Meaden Hall, the Legion, 7-9pm.
- Hand gun, SSI Rod & Gun Club, 7pm
- Carpet bowling, OAP Fulford hall, 2pm.
- Drop in centre for people with mental health concerns, basement of SSI Community Centre, 3:30-5:30pm.
- Authumn session, Reader's Theatre, Croftonbrook Hall, 10-12.
- Children's storytime, Mary Hawkins Library, 10am.
- Drawing class, library, 1:15-3:15.
- Health & nutrition for families, Family Place 9:30-12pm (3rd Mon. ea mo.)

### EVERY TUESDAY

- Duplicate Bridge, Meaden Hall at the Legion, 7pm.
- Seniors choir practices, Seniors for Seniors, 10:30am.
- Target Archery, Fulford Hall, 4:30-6. Archery lessons 3:30-4:30.
- Adult small bore, SSI Rod & Gun Club, 7-9pm
- Planned Parenthood Clinic, SS Health Unit behind Lady Minto Hosp. 4:30-6:30pm.
- French conversation, Croftonbrook, 10:15am - 11:45am.

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# The laughs were free but auction raises \$4,500 for Rotary projects

Everything but videos were on offer at the first annual Rotary charity auction held December 6 at Lions Hall.

The event began with a smorgasbord of six different types of chili, salads and dessert. A cash bar primed the curious and bolstered the timid for the action to come.

Auctioneers David Phillips and Rotarian Roland Hanoski started the auction immediately after the plates were cleared away. They wound up their willing audience with an offering of 68 items.

Original paintings and a Robert Bateman print quickly fell under the hammer, along with 3-D cameras, computer software, designer furniture, jewellery and appli-

ances of every type. The bidding was fast and furious, raising over \$4,500 for the completion and start-up of Rotary projects. The laughs, and there were many, cost nothing.

"The support of the community for this, our first auction was terrific," said auctioneer Hanoski. "Without the foundation provided by our local merchants who donated many of the items, the evening would have been a non-event."

He advised that plans are already under way for next year's auction which will be held in the fall.

Salt Spring Island Rotary is part of Rotary International, a worldwide service organization

dedicated to the provision of humanitarian services, high ethical standards in all vocations and the active pursuit of goodwill and peace in the world.

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**Morning with Santa**  
Pancake lovers and Santa seekers flocked to Fulford Hall Sunday morning for the annual Breakfast with Santa. Seen here are, above, elves Cara Temmel (top) and Daniella Viozzi with Saint Nick, volunteer pancake maker Gayle Meek, and six-month-old Liam Sinclair with Heather Adshead.

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# Fiddlers entertain Galiano audience

Their energy and youthful exuberance conquered all.

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The group, based in Calgary, includes musicians from Saskatchewan, Manitoba and Idaho. Action is a byword with this group, and constant movement — audience participation was encouraged!

They played arrangements of familiar tunes — new ones and old. Among them was a spirited arrangement of the old favourite Ghost Riders in the Sky. Director Marshall's Mountain Spring offered a gentle contrast.

The fiddlers were on the final leg of a six-week tour, from Florida to Port Alberni, with four concerts left to give over three days: Friday (Galiano), Saturday (Pender and Saturna) and Sunday (Mayne). By this time they will be back in Calgary where the taping of a video is planned. Then after two months vacation the musicians are off to Europe for more concerting. They wouldn't have it any other way.

Local concert organizers were delighted with their 12 guests, which included a sound mixer and a house mother. To show their appreciation, all in the audience rose to their feet at the conclusion of the concert. This brought an encore.

Fiddlers GF liked Galiano, our quaint little hall and their audience. The after-the-performance potluck supper in a private home appealed to the visitors.

### Helping others

"T" is the season to be jolly," goes the carol. So it was in the South Hall on December 6 when the Galiano Ladies Service Guild held its annual Christmas Fest, their main fundraiser of the year.

Sparkling treasures from the used goods tables, crafts, jewel-coloured jams and jellies, mouth-watering homemade candies and, to satisfy winter-sharpened appetites, an excellent luncheon including two soups served with sourdough rolls and a dessert of strawberry shortcake with whipped cream were available.

## GALIANO NOTES

WITH ALISTAIR ROSS



It seems very clear why total sales were up. Another money-earner was the raffle. One of the winners was the group's hard-working fest convener Audrey Simas.

At this time of year the service guild's sole objective — helping others — is realized. Donations were recently made to help build a handicapped washroom at the Galiano Hall, to establish a library section at the school in memory of recently-deceased Barbara Landmark, and at the Health Care Centre, contributions were made towards home support training for two volunteers, Kathy Sharp and Shirley Hutton. The group gives gifts to Galianoites in Lady Minto Hospital from time to time and also to Greenwoods Intermediate Care patients. Individual gifts and day-to-day care are offered to the frail and elderly on Galiano.

Off-island contributions went to Queen Alexandria Solarium for sick children, to Transition House for battered women and to the Salvation Army.

### Kiwi recipes

One wouldn't have expected it, but 1997 was a good year for growing kiwi fruit — it was at North Galiano's Bodega Resort at any rate.

Owner Steve Oscko planted his vines some 10 years ago. They have grown magnificently in their well-drained yet moist, sunny, south-west cliff edge location. This year's mild autumn has allowed the fruit to mature slowly on the vines — and they were plentiful. Over the last week or so they were picked and are now ripening for use.

Neighbours, recipients of this bounty, are hunting for recipes. A jam which includes limes and white rum in its ingredients has been tried with success, and we have a recipe for kiwi salsa. Our cooks have long used them on fruit plates and in jellied and fruit salads, where they add so much colour. Other recipes using kiwi fruit would be appreciated. Send your recipes to Barbara Geary or Dorothy Ross, R.R. 2, Galiano, V0N 1P0, or phone Dorothy at 539-2294.

# Time of year to allow oneself to receive gifts unconditionally

Affirmation — a statement of intent.

I suggest taking a few seconds throughout the day to focus on ourselves, look in a mirror or simply gaze into space and say these powerful words with all the determination you can muster at that moment: I allow myself to receive!

Why this affirmation now? Well, we are at that time of the year again for giving and receiving. Christmas is about this yet often we find through our old mental programming that we have a difficult time accepting — not only presents but the emotions that go with them.

When a gift is given to us it is not only from the person but from the universe — all is made possible from another level. Quite often our response to a gesture is "you shouldn't have done that." These are words that immediately take away the warm feelings of the moment. Accept with love as it is given, unconditionally.

On my weekly radio show I feature popular books and awareness tapes. I would like to share these with you and hopefully give some suggestions for Christmas gifts.

### Books:

- Simple Abundance, Sarah Breathman
- Talking to Heaven, James Van Praagh
- Twin Souls, Patricia Joudry
- Manifest Your Destiny, Wayne Dyer

### Awareness tapes:

- Healing Journeys, David Large
- Conversations with God, Neall Walsh
- Living Beyond Miracles, Wayne Dyer and Deepak Chopra
- You Can Heal Your Life, Louise Hay

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<p>IVORY Liquid Detergent 828ml <b>2.79</b></p>	<p>POST Cranberry Almond Crunch 348g <b>2.88</b></p>	<p>BARI Ricotta Cheese 500g <b>2.39</b></p>
<p>SUNLIGHT Powder Detergent 8L <b>4.98</b></p>	<p>KRAFT Miracle Whip 1L <b>3.59</b></p>	<p>GREEN GIANT, FROZEN International Veg. 500g <b>1.88</b></p>
<p>GIFT BOXED CHOCOLATES 20% OFF REG. PRICE</p>		<p>KELLOGG'S, FROZEN Waffles 312g <b>1.69</b></p>
		<p>NIAGARA, FROZEN Orange Juice <b>.79</b></p>
		<p>DELNORE, FROZEN Small Peas 1kg <b>2.39</b></p>

## Christmas for the Island

A SOUTH END CHRISTMAS

St. Mary's, Fulford Harbour  
December 21 at 4 pm  
Christmas Carols & Music  
with Beaver Point Singers, The Earthquakes,  
Peeter Prince, Women of Note and Valdy

A COMMUNITY CAROL SING

"St. Mark's on-the-Hill"  
Central  
December 22 at 7 pm



**Deadline: 2 p.m. Monday**

# Driftwood Classifieds

## RATES

### Regular Classifieds

20 words or less  
**\$8.50**  
Additional words  
**25¢ each**  
**3 for 2**  
Run your ad for 2 weeks and get a third week FREE!  
Private party, merchandise ads only.  
*Sorry, no refunds, no changes.*

**Discount Thursday:**  
20% off Regular  
Classifieds placed in person on Thursday (cash or direct debit only, please)

**Too late to classify**  
20 words or less  
**\$10.50**  
Additional words  
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May only be placed between 2 p.m. Monday and noon Tuesday preceding publication

### Display Classifieds

**\$10.75 per column inch** (minimum size one inch)  
Border: Add \$2  
Frequency discounts available

### Network Classifieds

Your ad runs in 100 community newspapers in B.C. and Yukon  
25 words or less  
**\$290**

## DEADLINE

**2 p.m. Monday**

## PAYMENT

- We can accept payment by cash, direct debit, Mastercard or Visa.
- Classifieds are prepaid unless you have an advertising account.

## PLACING AN AD

- In person at our office at 328 Lower Ganges Road, Ganges
- By telephone, 250-537-9933, or fax, 250-537-2613
- By email to driftwood@gulfislands.com
- By post to Driftwood, 328 Lower Ganges Road, Salt Spring Island, B.C. V8K 2V3.

## CATEGORIES

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## Announcements

### 5 BIRTHS

WOODLEY/HARDMAN - Born to Glenda, Paul, and big sister Grace on November 30, 1997 a beautiful girl, Olivia Verchere Hardman, 6 lb, 4 oz in Victoria, BC. Eighth grandchild for Glenn and Linda Woodley. Great grand-daughter to Ada Woodley and Sarah Verchere. Thanks to Auntie Babs, Dr. Boughen and LDR staff at VGH.

### 6 DEATHS

MOWBRAY, FREDERICK: passed away quietly on December 9, 1997. He leaves his wife Doris, daughter Elaine (Bob), two grandsons, Jeff and Greg, one sister Margaret. A private celebration of life will be held in Ontario. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to a charity of your choice. Haywards Ganges in care of arrangements.

### 8 CARDS OF THANKS

BOB SIMONS update - Bob is still in the intensive care unit at Vancouver General. He is in stable condition and (we hope) starting his recovery from his as yet undiagnosed illness. The tremendous support of the community has helped us all at this time. We thank you all from the bottom of our hearts. Bob's Family.

WE WANT to say thank you to the staff at Ganges Village Market, the Fire Department, the Ambulance crew, and the medical staff at Lady Minto Hospital. Your help and kindness was appreciated and not soon forgotten. Merry Christmas and God Bless. From the McCully family.

## Transition House ~ News ~

Although we still have not received case funding, we have received one time assistance to help in the operation of the TRANSITION HOUSE!

THE GULF ISLANDS WOMEN'S RESOURCE NETWORK would like to thank Sue Hammell and her staff at the Ministry of Women's Equality as well as our MLA Murray Coell for their hard work and support.

The Board would also like to thank the men, women, various churches and service clubs for your generous donations of money, time and encouragement. This on-going support from the community is pulling us through.

May this Holiday Season be one of peace, joy and friendship for all.  
Kerry Chalmers, Chair,  
Gulf Islands Women's Resource Network.

## Transformational Healing Arts Centre

Registered Massage Therapy

Stewart Katz, R.M.T. and Doris Neufeld, R.M.T. would like to thank you, the community of Salt Spring, for your warmth and support in welcoming us to the island in the past year.

You've really made us feel at home!

Have a joyous holiday season!

#201 Lancer Building  
537-9362

### 8 CARDS OF THANKS

*Tuned Air extends heartfelt thanks to*



- ~ our elders, for the gift of their memories,
- ~ the children, for their boundless enthusiasm,
- ~ the designers and musicians, for images and instrumentation,
- ~ the businesses, who helped to shoulder the load,
- ~ and the many skilled individuals, for their hours of hard work.

Finally, thank you to our audiences, who made it all so worthwhile!

~ Merry Christmas!

## Season's Greetings and Thank You

to  
**GVM for your Save a Tape program**

**THRIFTY'S for your Community Chest**

Your donations and community spirit are very much appreciated by all of us at

**SSI HOME SUPPORT SERVICES SOCIETY'S MEALS ON WHEELS PROGRAM**

### 9 SEASONAL GREETINGS

LADY MINTO HOSPITAL AUXILIARY SOCIETY

Christmas Greetings and special thanks to all members and volunteers who so generously give of their time to help patients in the Hospital, Extended Care and Greenwoods. Thanks also to the volunteers who keep the Hospital showcase filled with attractive knitting, sewing and crafts, and to those looking after Hospital flowers.

The hard working team who tend the Thrift Store deserve special greetings and thanks, as do our friends who donate merchandise, as well as the customers that buy.

The Thrift Store will be open until 4:00pm Saturday, December 20, 1997, then closed until 10:00am Monday, January 5, 1998.

A prosperous 1998 to all.

Reduce Reuse Recycle

### 8 CARDS OF THANKS

Heartfelt thanks to **Mary Rockliffe** for giving our children the gift of music. Thank you **Bruce Ruddell** for welcoming our Fernwood Choir into Tuned Air and all the helpful parents who made the show run smoothly. "The Christmas Concert" was a memorable offering to the community.  
**Merry Christmas everyone!**

### 10 CELEBRATIONS



It took so long,  
To look so good.  
**Happy 40th Laura!**

### 11 COMING EVENTS

PLANNING AN event? Check the Community Calendar for a schedule of community events and avoid double-booking. Located at the Driftwood Office, 328 Lower Ganges Rd.

CAROLE MATTHEWS Psychic taking appointments month of December, 537-2031. Join Carole on the Messenger Files radio show, AM 900, Saturday, 7 - 9 p.m. Call 1-888-594-8255.

**T'ai Chi**  
T'ai Chi Classes  
BEGINNERS & ON-GOING  
Thurs. 9:30-10:30 am.  
at Central Hall  
Thurs. 7-8pm SS Elem. School Orca Room  
**1ST CLASS FREE**  
For more info, call Tao at **537-4487**

Heart of Salt Spring Island  
A community and economic development co-operative

Membership blitz continues  
Tues. to Sat. 10am - 3pm  
Between Love My Kitchen and the Fat Rascal

Our goal is to provide service for community investment, funding circles to aid with business and employment, networking of skills and services tracked with our local currency ♥'s and work towards equity based co-op housing and much more.

How about sponsoring a membership as a special gift, solstice, Christmas, New Year's?

Info 537-8008, 537-5737



The Salt Spring Island OCP bylaw has now received First Reading. Public Hearings regarding the OCP are planned for February, 1998. Copies of the Plan can be picked up at the Islands Trust Office in Grace Point Square, or read at the public library

### 11 COMING EVENTS

Connie Addario,  
Stephen Berry  
and  
**SALTSPRING BOX COMPANY**  
Present

A TWO DAY SALE  
This weekend:  
Sat. December 20  
and  
Sun. December 21

Featuring:  
Fine wooden boxes  
priced from \$5 to \$50  
10am - 5pm  
at our workshop  
156 Alders Rd.  
(behind the ambulance station)

**Special Christmas Present idea from Parks & Recreation!**

Punch Cards or books of 10 for any of our fitness classes, \$35 each.

- Pump Primers with Catherine
- Step 'n' Strength with Brenda
- Prime Time with Rosemary & Ila-Mae
- Step 'n' Tone with Damaris
- Total Body Conditioning with Betty-Lou

ALL CLASSES START THE FIRST WEEK IN JANUARY.

Watch for our brochure in the mail or  
Call the PARC Office at 537-4448 for more information.



Will have a few openings in January. SSSC is a small, creative independent school which teaches the BC curriculum in multi-grade classes of 12. The school welcomes family input and participation, teaches problem-solving skills, and includes enrichment courses in hte arts, french and computer technology. Call Mitch Howard, Administrator, or office manager Leah Young at 537-9130.

## Market in the Park

Seasonal Permit Holders must renew as of Wed. Jan. 7/98, and before Jan. 31/98. Previous Day Vendors with seniority may apply as of Feb. 2/98 to Feb. 27/98 for space, if available. Must apply in person at the Parks, Arts & Rec, Portlock Park Office.

ADVERTISING DOESN'T COST - IT PAYS!  
Call Jeff or Damaris  
**537-9933**

If you're buying selling or treling it pays to spread the word!

### 11 COMING EVENTS

**Breakfast with Santa**  
at  
**Mulligan's**  
(Salt Spring Golf & Country Club)  
This Sunday  
Dec. 21, 10am  
• Pancake Breakfast  
• Face Painting  
• Music & Games  
Call 537-1760 for details

## Smoke Free BINGO

THURSDAY, DEC. 18,  
Meaden Hall, Legion  
Early Bird 7 pm.  
Doors open 6:30 pm.  
• Bonanza • Odd/Even  
Sponsored by:  
Hospital Foundation for purchase of hospital equipment.  
Min. age - 19yrs.

## Christmas with SCROOGE

By Virginia & Ray Newman  
(with apologies to Mr. Dickens)  
IT'S A PLAY!  
IT'S A MUSICAL!  
IT'S A PARTY!  
Fri. Dec. 19 ~ 7pm  
Sat. Dec. 20 ~ 7pm  
Sun. Dec. 21 ~ 2pm & 7pm

MAHON HALL  
Tickets at et cetera  
\$3 kids under 12, \$7 adults  
OPENING NIGHT SPECIAL:  
\$1 OFF ALL TICKETS  
Please bring a donation of food to the Community Centre.  
STARTS FRIDAY!  
Sponsored by V&R Productions

## STOCKING STUFFERS

**Cinderella**  
And the  
**Three Bears**

A Hilarious Musical Pantomime  
Activity Centre  
Evenings: Thursday January 8th 8pm  
Friday January 9th 8pm  
Matinee: Saturday January 10th 2pm  
Sunday January 11th 2pm  
BOOK EARLY / LIMITED SEATING

Tickets from:  
Island Books  
New Wave Laundry  
Salt Spring Dairy  
Patterson's  
Adults \$10 Children \$5  
All proceeds to benefit the Core Inn

## A SUBSCRIPTION TO DRIFTWOOD CAN SAVE YOU

\$\$\$\$\$\$  
Call and find out how!  
Mon.-Fri. 8-5  
**537-9933**

**11 COMING EVENTS**



**NORTH END GOES AEROBIC!**

Run Jump Smile Hop  
Box Stretch Laugh  
Step Pump Cheer  
Sweat Skip Kick Play

All under one roof in  
Gasoline Alley!  
Wall to Wall Mirrors!  
Sprung Floor!  
The Best Instructors!  
The Best Sound!  
The Best Prices!

Everyone Welcome!

Look for Grand  
Opening January 11  
for information, prices and  
schedule phone or visit

North End Fitness  
**537-5217**



**FULFORD CAROL SING**

Sunday, Dec. 21  
6:30pm

Patterson's Parking Lot

Bring Driftwood Songbook  
and cups for good cheer!

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**SSI United Church**  
(111 Hereford Ave.)  
invites you to their  
**CHRISTMAS SERVICES**

Wed. Dec. 24  
Christmas Eve  
Candlelight Service  
of Lessons & Carols  
7:00pm

Thursday Dec. 25  
Christmas Day  
Service with Holy  
Communion  
10:00am

Sunday Dec. 28  
Sunday Service  
10:00am

Sun. Jan. 4  
Epiphany Service  
10:00am

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Getting Started in Genealogy  
**Your Family Roots**

3 courses start late January,  
8 sessions each, Mon. or  
Thurs. eves. or Thurs.  
afternoons (max. 10  
participants) \$150.

Or try the  
introductory  
seminar at Lions  
Centre, 9:30-3:30,  
Saturday, 17 Jan.  
only \$30.

Great Gift!!

for information and  
registration:  
Wilfred H. Allan  
Genealogical Services  
537-8854 fax: 537-8983  
godot@saltspring.com

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**14 COMMUNITY SERVICES**

CRISIS LINE for Salt Spring -  
toll-free 1-888-324-3299.

DRESSINGS FREE to cancer  
patients by the Order of the  
Eastern Star. Contact Dee  
Roberts, 653-4655.

FAMILIES OF Schizophrenics  
meet in homes for mutual support.  
Call 537-9237 or 537-5264.

OVEREATERS ANONYMOUS  
- Are you having a problem  
controlling your eating? If you're  
interested in helping yourself,  
we're interested in helping you.  
Info. call 537-5607.

NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS -  
Meetings 8 p.m. Thursday, in  
back of cetera building, off  
Rainbow Road.



The aims and objectives of the  
LADY MINTO GULF ISLANDS  
HOSPITAL FOUNDATION are  
to raise funds which will be  
used to expand and enhance  
the delivery of medical care by  
the Hospital to Gulf Islands  
residents. You can help the  
Foundation attain these goals  
by a gift of funds, real or  
personal property, memorial  
bequests, endowments, life  
insurance or securities.

All donations will be recog-  
nized in the Hospital and  
receipts for Income Tax pur-  
poses will be issued.

Please help YOUR Hospital so  
it can help YOU.  
135 Crofton Rd.  
Salt Spring Island,  
V8K 1T1  
537-5545

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**ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS SERVICES MEETINGS**

Salt Spring 537-2270

Galiano 539-2222

Pender 629-6946

Women's only -

Thursday nights 5:15 p.m.  
Please call 537-1733 or 537-2993.

Alanon/Alateen -

A program for family and  
friends of alcoholics.

For further information call  
653-4288 or 653-2030.

Overeaters Anonymous

Are you having a problem con-  
trolling your eating? If you're  
interested in helping yourself,  
we're interested in helping you.  
Info.....537-5607

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**17 EDUCATION**

COUNSELLOR TRAINING  
Institute of Canada offers on-  
campus and correspondence  
courses toward a Diploma in  
Counselling Practice, to begin  
this month. Free catalogue, call  
24hrs 1-800-665-7044.

A NEW Career? Trained apart-  
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needed - all areas. We can train  
you right now! Free job place-  
ment assistance. For informa-  
tion/brochure call 681-5456, 1-  
800-665-8339.

**23 IN MEMORIAM**

**Hayward's Funeral Service**

320 Upper Ganges Rd.  
Serving the Gulf Islands  
Since 1867

Marge & Scotty Dickson  
Don Goodman (Goody)  
Licensed Funeral Directors

We honour all Memorial  
Society Contracts

**24 hr. service**  
**537-1022**

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for only \$290. (up to 25 words),  
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GULF ISLANDS  
DRIFTWOOD  
537-9933 FAX 537-2613

**29 LOST AND FOUND**

FOUND TUESDAY on  
Vesuvius Bay Road a large  
black bag. Owner may claim at  
the Driftwood office.

FOUND CHILD'S ring in G.V.M.  
parking lot, Friday, December  
12. Owner may claim at The  
Driftwood.

LOST: LADIES ring, Ruby &  
Diamonds, great sentimental  
value. Reward. 653-9652.

FOUND: CORDLESS phone,  
Panasonic, Phone 537-4889.

**30 MARRIAGES**

NANCY CAMERON, daughter  
of Mrs. Anna Cameron and the  
late Roy Cameron, and Paul  
Mowbray, son of Dr. and Mrs.  
Mowbray were married  
November 30, 1997. The cere-  
mony took place in the  
Mowbray's home with Elizabeth  
Andersen officiating. Christina  
Ross and Tom Graham acted  
as attendants. Very special  
guests were Nancy's children:  
Kate, Jana, Ryan and her  
grandson Solomon, her mother  
Anna from Carstairs, Alberta,  
and sister Millie of Calgary.  
Friend Peter Allan took the  
photographs. Following the cere-  
mony, Jane Becklake and Shilo  
Zylbergold hosted a reception,  
with the help of many friends,  
at their home on Goodall Road.

**34 NOTICES/PERSONAL**

SCHOOL IN MELAQUE,  
Mexico. Kate Holmes will teach  
students wishing to keep up  
with core subjects. November -  
April. Info: 604-274-7213.

WANTED: RIDE from Central to  
Ganges, 5:30 am. January 5 -  
March 31. 537-1184.

**35 NOTICES/COMMERCIAL**

FOOD BANK donations are  
being accepted at the  
Driftwood.

**Salt Spring Island Water**

Holiday Delivery  
Schedule  
Tues. Dec. 23 & Dec. 30

Thursday Deliveries  
Changed to  
Fri. Dec. 26 & Jan. 02

Company Coming?  
Need Extra Water?  
Call 537-9826  
Prior to delivery date

**Barb's Buns**

Barb's fruity nutty  
boozy cakes are  
available for the  
Holiday Season.

Mon - Sat 6am - 5:30pm  
537-4491

"Creekside on McPhillips"

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**MOBY'S CHRISTMAS HOURS**

Dec. 24 Christmas Eve  
Closed at 5pm

DEC. 25 Christmas Day Closed

DEC. 26 Boxing Day Closed

DEC. 31 New Year's Eve  
Dinner 5 - 11pm  
Dancing 9pm - 2am

JAN. 1/98 New Year's Day  
Brunch 11am - 3pm

JAN. 1/98 New Year's Day  
11am - midnight



FIND WHAT YOU'RE  
LOOKING FOR IN THE  
DRIFTWOOD CLASSIFIEDS

**35 NOTICES/COMMERCIAL**

**NEW SERVICE**

Will pick up and  
drop off recycling.  
Weekly/Monthly  
Flexible Rates  
Special discounts available  
**537-4474**

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**ATTENTION LAND OWNERS**

- Contract Felling & Skidding
- Forest Management
- Competitive rates
- Prompt payment
- Local References
- Fully insured

**TIGHTLINE LOGGING**

Jack 537-9327  
Ryan 653-9372

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**The Holidays approach**

Do you need help?  
• At parties  
• Cleaning the house  
• In the yard  
Call when you need us.  
**537-8800**

**Pre-Christmas Sale on now**

Up to  
**50%**  
off

**MOUATS CLOTHING CO.**

Shop this Sunday  
9:30 - 5:30

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**CHRISTMAS HOURS**

Open:  
Mon. Dec. 22 / 9:30 - 5:30  
Tues. Dec. 23 / 9:30 - 5:30  
Wed. Dec. 24 / 9:30 - 5:30

Closed:  
December 25 & 26

Open:  
Sat. Dec. 27 / 9:30 - 5:30

128 Lower Ganges Rd.  
(across from Tourist Info Centre)  
537-5844

Reduce Reuse Recycle

**35 NOTICES/COMMERCIAL**

**waterfront gallery**

Excellence in Island Crafts  
**CHRISTMAS**  
is here!



It is never too late to find the Right Gift

Merry Christmas from all of us!

next to the Post Office  
open Mon-Sat from 10 to 5  
Sun from 12 to 5  
537-4525



THE ISLANDS TRUST  
OFFICE, 1206 Grace  
Point Square, Ganges, will  
be closed 12:00 noon  
December 24 and will  
reopen  
January 5/98 at 8:30am.  
Merry Christmas  
from all of us!

**40 PERSONALS**

MATCHMAKER'S IS local, fun,  
low-priced and has all ages.  
Meet someone special.  
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free 1-888-368-3373.

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**42 TRAVEL**

WESTERN BUDGET Motel,  
2679 Hwy 97, Kelowna B.C.  
Pay with this ad until January  
31, 1998. Rooms single \$20.,  
Double \$25., no GST or PST!  
(250)763-2484.

Call us first at  
**THE TRAVEL SHOP**  
**537-9911**  
M-F 9 am-4:30 • Sat 9 am.-2

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**UNIGLOBE Travel**

156 Fulford Ganges Rd.  
(in Creekside)  
**537-5523**

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**Employment**

**50 BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES**

GOVERNMENT FUNDS.  
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government grants and loans.  
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81% profit for you or your min-  
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Market. Complete training and  
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Call Jeff or Damaris  
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business. Part-time or Full-time  
installing on-site, continuous  
concrete, landscape edging,  
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Moooo-ve inon this proven cash  
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INCREASE YOUR 1998  
Income! Invest in a prime loca-  
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20% return on investment guar-  
anteed. Financing available.  
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Standard. Occupational Scuba  
Courses: New legislation took  
effect 01/01/97 which requires  
trade certification for com-  
mercial scuba. We offer: Working  
Diver's Upgrade & Basic  
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888-356-2288. Nordlys Diving  
Ltd.

**55 HELP WANTED**

LOSE WEIGHT fast and safely.  
Make a head start on New  
Year's. Call Geoff, 537-1456 or  
1-801-323-1703.

EXPERIENCED LEGAL secre-  
tary required in the New Year.  
Reply in writing with resume to  
Dept. M, c/o The Driftwood,  
328 Lower Ganges Road, Salt  
Spring Island, V8K 2V3.

WANTED: NORTH End family  
requires sleep over babysitting  
January 5 - March 31 occasion-  
ally to cover 5:30 - 7:00 am.  
Separate room, TV, washroom.  
537-1184.

WINDSOR PLYWOOD, Salt  
Spring needs one person to fill  
a yard work, truck driving and  
customer service position  
immediately. We are willing to  
train but we are looking for  
someone with these qualifica-  
tions and characteristics: expe-  
rience driving 3-ton single axle  
trucks and forklifts, retail &/or  
practical lumber and hardware  
knowledge, outgoing personal-  
ity, physically fit (heavy work is  
involved), and reliability. Please  
respond in person with hand-  
written cover letter outlining  
reasons for wanting the job,  
wage expectations, and resume  
with references to Ken Marr at  
166 Rainbow Road, between  
1:30 and 4:30 Wednesday -  
Friday this week.

MORLEY MULDOON Transport  
Ltd requires qualified journeymen  
heavy duty mechanic  
a.s.a.p. Excellent wages for  
right individual, good working  
conditions, benefits and sched-  
uled times off. Full-time employ-  
ment. Must be a team person  
willing to expand with this com-  
pany. Fax resume with refer-  
ences 1-403-842-6511 or call 1-  
403-842-2222/1-900-463-2232.

CHRISTMAS HELP wanted  
now! Energetic, fun loving  
employee with computer skills  
urgently wanted for very hectic  
business office. If you want to  
gain more office & computer  
experience then come in and  
see us. Help is required now. If  
all works out well, this could  
turn into a permanent position.  
For appointment call 537-1909  
or 537-1153.

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required for relief work with bed  
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COMPANY DRIVERS. Calgary  
based, full-time & benefits.  
Require: Class 1 licence with 2  
years highway experience.  
Submit your resume & abstract  
Today! Westcan Bulk Transport  
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403-236-8905, Phone: 1-403-  
279-5506, 1-800-661-8432.

**SSI Employment Services 537-4662**

Are you unemployed? We have  
a variety of programs available to  
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**540 WANTED/RENTALS**

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**DEATHS**

**GALE: ARTHUR** Leake, born March 6, 1926 and died December 16, 1997, at Victoria General Hospital after a brief illness. He will be lovingly remembered as a wonderful husband, father and friend by his wife Sylvia; children Derek, Dee and Rupert; daughter-in-law Cathy; and grandchildren Emma, Jenny and Tristan, and by many relatives and friends. Arthur served proudly as an officer in the Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry for 28 years, retiring with the rank of Major. He served extensively overseas including Korea and several U.N. peacekeeping missions. For the last 20 years he has lived on Salt Spring Island with his family, and has served the community. A memorial service will be held at St. Mark's Church on Salt Spring at 2:00 p.m. on December 20. No flowers by request. Donations may be made to the Canadian Cancer Society.

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**FOOD BANK** donations are being accepted at the Driftwood.

**CHRISTMAS PRESENT** idea from Parks & Recreation! Punch cards or books of 10 for any of our fitness classes, \$35 each: Pump Primers, Step N Strength, Prime Time, Step N Tone, Total Body Conditioning. All classes start the first week in January. Call the P.A.R.C. office at 537-4448 for more information.

**BOTTLE DRIVE** for SSI Daycare. Please save your holiday returnable cans and bottles and bring them to SSI Daycare, across from GVM. Our children say "Thank You!"

**A SOUTH end Christmas** with local performers at St. Mary's Church, Fulford Harbour on Sunday, December 21 at 4 pm. A Community Christmas Carol Sing at St. Mark's, Central on Monday, December 22 at 7 pm.

**CHRISTMAS WORSHIP** at the Island Anglican Churches: December 24 - St. Mary's, Fulford Harbour at 6 pm; All Saints' by-the-Sea at 8 pm; St. Mark's, Central at 11 pm. December 25 - All Saints' by-the-Sea at 10 am.

**CONTRARY** to popular belief Wednesday - Sunday. Noon - 11 pm the Vesuvius Pub is open!!!

**SUZANNE AMBERS** would like to thank all of her clients for their patronage by offering her facial deep pore cleanse and head, neck and shoulder massage, with aromatic hot towels. This treatment takes about 45 minutes, and is \$30.00. Christmas gift certificates available. Rituals Esthetique. 537-0753.

**EAGERLY AWAITED:** Embe Bakery's Stollen for Christmas. Phone ahead for your order for Christmas. 537-5611.

**GAIL SIBLEY** thanks those who purchased her hand painted tiles this year. Gail is now accepting portrait commissions. 537-0838. Happy Holidays!

**FOR SALE: 1972 VW Van**, pop top, camperized, good mechanical condition, good tires. \$2100 obo. 653-9729.

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**MOVING SALE.** Custom built, solid walnut wall unit. Treadmill, new \$550, asking \$199. Table, stool, lamps, kayaks. 653-9803.

**LOST CAT:** Reid, Charlesworth, Fulford-Ganges, Beddis, Devine area; small, female, spayed black cat with white mustache, white bib, white feet. Phone 537-2781.

**CHECK OUT** our gift boxes filled with the best of truffles and chocolates starting at \$2.00 - at Embe Bakery of course! 537-5611.

**FOUND: A PAIR** of sunglasses on bench in front of Jill Louise Campbell Studio. To claim call 653-4795.

**ISLAND BOOKS Plus** will be open until 8:00 p.m. from December 17 to December 24. We will be closed Christmas Day but will be open Boxing Day. Come in and choose from our vast range of calendars. 537-2812.

**VELVET, POLAR** fleece, tapestry and wool hats by Angelika are available at Waterfront Gallery. The Sophisticated Cow and from my studio by appointment. Gift certificates. Telephone 653-9668.

**TAMS, TOQUES, scarves, blankets** and rugs by Karen Mazzei available at Naikai Gallery, Grace Point Square.

**COW PIES** for Christmas? 14 oz of our best chocolate fudge gift boxed to look like... you know, at Embe Bakery. 537-5611.

**PHARMASAVE: OPEN** tonight until 9 p.m. for all your last minute shopping. P.S. We're a week early!

**WANTED USED** fire bricks, cheap, or trade for wood windows. 537-5719.

**FOR SALE.** 6 person Hot Tub with cover. Chain Saws, burn barrels, aluminum down spouts. Fridge, dryers, stoves, freezer. Salt Spring Salvage. 401 Robinson Road. 537-0695.

**TRISKELE CELTIC** Band playing Moby's Saturday, 5 - 6 p.m. Cassettes make excellent stocking stuffers! Wishing you Happy Solstice; Merry Christmas!

**BOAT STOVE**, Dickenson Antartic, for sale \$700. 537-5337.

**HOUSE TO Share.** Fantastic view. Available January 1. Near town, N/S, N/P. Al/ Steven. 537-0024.

**JUDITH & JULIE** of Skin Sensations would like to offer you and yours a special Christmas treat. A half day spa which includes: spa manicure, spa pedicure, a deep cleansing facial and your choice of Bodywork plus a light lunch, all for the incredibly low price of \$99.95. Book early, offer ends December 24, 1997. Gift certificates are available. Drop in and see us - we have lots of great gift ideas! Skin Sensations, Monday - Wednesday, 10:30 - 5, Thursday & Friday, noon - 7, Saturdays, 10:30 - 4 p.m., earlier or later by appointment. 537-8807, 2102 Grace Point Square.

**PIANO FOR Christmas** present? Reg \$1200. On Sale \$890. \$190. down, \$47. a month. Ken Ackerman Piano Service. 537-4533.

**HEART MEMBERSHIP** Drive continues Tuesday to Saturday 10 - 3 across from Petro-Can. Info 537-8008 or 537-5737. Check Coming Events.

**ROLLERBLADES FOR Christmas** - Bauer, size 5, as new with "Rollerblade" knee and wrist pads, \$275 new, \$125 special. 653-4855.

**CHRISTMAS SALE** - Starts today! All Christmas merchandise 40% off. Plus... Boxed Cards 1/2 price at Salty Shop. Open this Sunday, 9:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.

**1 BEDROOM, NEAR** new cottage, long term, \$600 plus utilities. 653-4500.

**CINEMA CENTRAL** wishes you a Merry Holiday! We've added extra matinees this week and for your last minute stocking stuffers, we have gift certificates available at Island Books Plus! All the best - Cinema Central.

More too lates on page 38.

**TOO LATE TO CLASSIFY**

ONE BEDROOM ground level suite, \$500/ month, hydro included. North End. Suitable for single or quiet couple. References, long lease. 537-2638. COMPANY COMING? Sofa bed in excellent shape. \$300. 537-5657.

SMALL CABIN available long term, suits single, N/S, cat OK. \$425. 537-1968.

FREE MILK for a year! Save receipts, earn free milk! All in-store & gas purchases qualify! Free Pizza! Redeem gas receipts for free Gourmet Pizza! Visit store for details and free receipt saver envelope! Offers end February 28, 1998. Sergeant's Mercantile, 321 Fernwood Road.

NORTH EAST area. Spacious, 1 bedroom flat, furnished, hot tub, inclusive. \$700. per month. 538-0004 message.

MISSING, MUCH-LOVED orange & white cat, North End Road, & Margolin. Please call. 537-4357.

WANTED: CHILD'S Guitar or Ukelele, also Batman figure in good condition. Nancy 653-2304.

RENTAL: JANUARY 1, sweet A-frame, North End, Outhouse, \$400/month. 537-1677. Wanted: Pool table, drum set, keyboard, child's guitar. 537-1677.

SAVE 20%! EVERYTHING in the store is on sale between 5 pm and 8 pm tonight only (Wednesday, December 17) at Love My Kitchen, and we're giving away flavoured hot chocolate and coffee mixes to tuck into your Christmas Stocking. 140 Fulford Ganges Rd. Open Sunday 11 - 4 through the Christmas Season. Monday - Friday, 9:30 - 5 pm. 537-5882.

LOOKING FOR ride to Mexico, will share expenses. Respond before December 20. 653-9688.

CATS, DOGS, flowers, even whales! Great gift selection of beautiful cotton/grain heating packs, \$16 each. 25% to S.P.C.A. 537-5198.

4-SALE, THREE beautifully framed Norman Rockwell prints. Limited editions: "Tiny Tim", "Breaking Home Ties", "Marbles Champ". Serious enquiries only. 537-1677.

FULFORD SCHOOL would like to thank the community for its support of The Nutcracker production and for the most generous donations to the Food Bank at the concert.

EXPERIENCED HELP required for reformatting a book, David. 537-2097.

FREEBIE - QUEEN size waterbed bag. 537-5159.

MAC PROGRAMMER. Must have C+ or Frontier programming experience on Macintosh. Post-secondary programming education a necessity. Experience w/SQL an asset. 250-537-4312, fax 250-537-4353, e-mail: ccsmith@pinc.com.

DREAM CATCHERS' -Aroma- Crystal-Therapy is open every day till Christmas. Weekdays 10 - 4 p.m. Weekends 10 - 2 p.m. or phone 537-9211. See you at our studio, just 5 minutes north of Ganges at 333 Stark Rd.



**Natural art**

The twisted, rolling grooves of this Vesuvius Beach juniper tree provide a visual delight for anyone examining its lines.

Photo by Derrick Lundy

**No improvement seen in Bob Simons' condition**

No diagnosis has been made in the mysterious illness which has afflicted popular Salt Spring resident Bob Simons, who is in the neurological ward at Vancouver General Hospital.

Simons is out of intensive care but his condition has not improved, reported Mary Williamson, who spoke to Simons' sister-in-law Tuesday morning. Simons was less responsive to a physiotherapy session this week, Williamson added.

Simons has now been in hospital for eight weeks. None of the tests has identified his life-threatening illness.

Williamson hopes Simons' previously healthy lifestyle will give him the reserves to overcome the

disease. A trust fund has been set up to assist his family at Island Savings Credit Union. Entitled the Bicycle Bob fund, the account number is 1191972.

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The restrictions will limit vehicles to 100%, 70% or 50% of legal axle weight, as allowed under the regulations pursuant to the *Commercial Transportation Act*. All term Overload Permits will be invalid for the duration of the restrictions. The public, and trucking and transportation companies, should govern themselves accordingly.

Your cooperation in adhering to the above regulations will be appreciated.

B. Barker, A/Regional Manager  
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# ISLANDER OF THE WEEK



Familiar island faces Stan and Ying Lam currently run Harbour Low Cost, but have been involved in numerous Salt Spring ventures since moving here in 1982, including Golden Island Restaurant and the Harbour House Hotel. The parents of three daughters and a son, both of the Lams were born in Hong Kong.

Photo by Derrick Lundy

## Red Cross requests gift of blood

The Canadian Red Cross is asking everyone to take time to give the gift of life this Christmas.

The holiday season poses the greatest need for blood, but it is also when people are too busy to donate.

Gulf Islands residents would be welcomed at Sidney and Saanich-area clinics from December 22 to 31. The schedule is as follows.

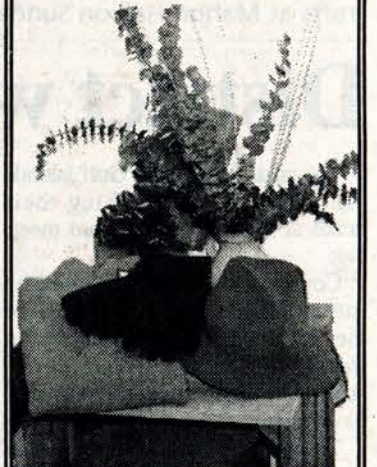
- December 22, Cedar Hill Rec Centre, from 2 to 8 p.m.
- December 23, Commonwealth Pool, 2:30 to 8 p.m.
- December 24, Red Cross House, 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
- December 29, Gordon Head Rec Centre, 1 to 7 p.m.
- December 30, Sanscha Hall, 2:30 to 8 p.m.
- December 31, Red Cross House, 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Contact the Red Cross at 250-382-2213 for more information.

## RECYCLING DEPOT HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

PLEASE NOTE: the depot is always closed Sundays and Mondays. As well, it will be closed: Dec. 24th, 25th, 26th & 27th. We will be closed Jan. 1st also. The depot staff wish you all happy and safe holidays.

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## Young Saturna 'Grinch' steals hearts of island

Almost 100 people crowded into the Community Hall Friday night to watch Saturna's stalwart seven little schoolchildren fend off the Grinch.

And what a reception they got from the audience! At the end of the play the crowd rose to its feet in a standing ovation.

This was the smallest and youngest cast in memory to put on the school Christmas concert, but the little group kept the audience's rapt attention for almost three quarters of an hour.

Nine-year-olds Jason Shlogl and Brett Jones (the Grinch and his dog Max) were two of the oldest performers and their antics kept the people giggling and tittering throughout the play. The story was ably narrated by Brienne Jones, who is only in Grade 3.

Little Billy Lou Who (Sheldon Nicodemus), a kindergarten student, would have been the youngest player except his little brother Keenan joined the cast during final rehearsals. Raeanne House and Alexia Danyliw kept Whoville humming and organized. All of the players were stars of the show.

Following the play Santa arrived with toys for all the children. Then when the youngsters had posed for pictures with Santa and opened their new

### SATURNA NOTES

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treasures, everyone enjoyed refreshments provided by the Parents Advisory Council and the Women's Club.

Santa couldn't stay away from Saturna this weekend. He was back Saturday morning on the Santa Ship. A good crowd turned out to meet the old elf and the wharf was festive with music, cheer and hot chocolate thanks to the parents group. Thanks to the Lions Club for being Santa's helpers for both visits.

### Memory

This is the time of year for nostalgia and on Tuesday night memory was the topic of discussion.

Twenty-eight people attended the seminar on the Nature of Human Memory led by Dr. Michael Masson of the University of Victoria Speakers Bureau. He presented quizzes and tests to demonstrate some of the quirks of human memory.

A section of his discussion about memory and aging drew a great deal of discussion from the crowd. However, relief was the key word as he showed that although memory does weaken in

the later years there is not very much loss on average.

### Christmas time

The lights are shining outside St. Christopher's Church as the life-sized wooden figures portray the nativity scene.

The figures were displayed for many years on Narvaez Bay Road and were a gift to the church from Marjorie Davidson when she retired from the island. Now the Sunday school children put up the display every year for the community to enjoy at Christmas time.

• Next Sunday everyone is invited to a traditional carol service beginning at 2 p.m. and on Christmas Eve the congregation will meet at the old church at Winter Cove at 1 p.m. for a Christmas service.

• The Candlelight Dinner was a resounding success again this year thanks to the ad hoc group of volunteers that seems to appear every year. The traditional turkey dinner was enjoyed by a full house. Afterwards, Marion Publicover and Neal MacDonald led everyone in Christmas carols.

The group sang Saturna's newest carol and so, by popular demand, here are the words to Saturna's version of the 12 Days of Christmas as sung by the children at their Christmas concert.

"On the first day of Christmas Saturna sent to me a raccoon in a fir tree. On the second day of Christmas Saturna sent to me two pig barbecues, three wild turkeys, four cawing crows, five official meetings, six gumboots leaking, seven committees forming, eight deer a pruning, nine children dancing, 10 ferries delaying, 11 fares increasing, 12 dogs a drooling."

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**Crafty shoppers**

Shoppers enjoy a "last minute" chance to purchase some of Salt Spring's many handmade crafts at Mahon Hall on Sunday. The hall hosted the annual Last Minute Christmas Craft Fair throughout the weekend. Photo by Derrick Lundy

**District won't call 'lice police'**

The issue of lice had Gulf Islands school trustees scratching their heads at a December 3 board meeting.

Concern over lice was raised by trustee Jane Parlee, who suggested the board strengthen its policy on lice so students do not return to school until all the nits and eggs have been eliminated.

"It's really causing people a lot of distress," she said.

Trustee Charles Hingston said the board had debated the current policy at length. He noted lice are not a health hazard and can infect the cleanest of heads.

Most schools apply the current policy in a way that best reflects the needs of the school, he said. "We can't bring in the lice police."

Trustee Bonnie MacGillivray said she understood some new species of lice are resistant to the usual treatments and are much more difficult to eliminate.

**High winds knock out power**

Power was knocked out in part of Ganges and the mid- to south island for 27 minutes Monday after a branch fell across B.C. Hydro wires just north of Kitchen Road.

Blown by the wind, the branch fell across all three top wires on Fulford-Ganges Road, knocking out service to approximately 1,400 customers.

The power went out at approximately 2 p.m. and was restored by 2:27 p.m., said Murray Smith, B.C. Hydro manager for the Gulf Islands.

In other school board news:  
 • Enrolment in district schools for the coming year has been confirmed by the Ministry of Education as the equivalent of 1,740 full-time students. The enrolment figure determines the amount of funding received by the district.  
 • Parents of students at Phoenix School have leapt in to support the school after a review of the school's viability was raised at a school board meeting earlier this year.

Parlee confirmed the alternate program for home-schooled students was not in danger of being closed.

Superintendent Andrew Duncan said increased participation by parents in school activities had resolved the major concern, which was that the alternate program had begun to

resemble a conventional school.  
 • Issues raised by Galiano parents at last month's school board meeting turned up on December's agenda.

Chairman May McKenzie reported that the district's programs committee considered a brief from parents suggesting different options for Grade 8 students from Galiano. Staff have been directed to gather demographic information and parent advisory councils on Mayne and Saturna are being invited to comment by the February board meeting.

Secretary-treasurer Rod Scotvold reported overcrowding on the Monday and Friday runs b

the water taxi to Galiano has been resolved by using two boats, and that work is under way to reduce noise on the Scholarship.

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**Coast guard warns against red flare use**

Setting off flares over land can put seagoing boats at risk, Ganges Coast Guard officer-in-charge Dave Howell warns.

On December 8 someone set off a red flare from the hill overlooking Ganges Harbour. Fortunately, Howell said, one boat was able to see the angle of the flare clearly enough to establish it was on land and not on water.

Otherwise, a red flare signals a vessel in trouble and a search would have been launched, Howell said.

"A red flare is considered a distress May Day."

Even though the person setting off the flare probably felt it was clearly over land, Howell said, in the islands it is not always easy to determine where a flare originated.

If resources are committed to a non-existent emergency, Howell said, a real emergency will not have all available resources and people's lives will be at risk.

For example, at approximately the same time as the flare was set off from Ganges hill, the coast guard and water taxi were cooperating to keep the 27-foot Ghostbuster, a log salvage and commercial dive boat, from drifting onto the rocks on the north shore of Ganges Harbour.

"We really don't want people setting off red flares," he concluded.

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