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A Christmas tradition on Salt Spring

Scrooge landed at
Mahon Hall last week
with all the
Christmas trimmings.

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A bounty of choirs and song

Islanders flocked to
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for the annual
Christmas sing-along.

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Weather

Weather forecasts for
the upcoming week
include a little of
everything — expect
some sun, clouds and
rain. Highs up to 9 C
and lows down to 3 C.

'Hulks' in the harbour upset locals

By **PIRJO RAITIS**
Staff Writer

Overpowering and ugly is
the way one Salt Spring
Island resident described the
derelict tanker in Ganges
Harbour.

Gwen Althouse stood
before the Islands Trust
trustees at the public meet-
ing on December 20 to
express concerns over
Ganges Marina's plans to
create a floating breakwater
from an ex-tanker.

"On behalf of others I
want to make a statement
objecting to the way things
have happened in the mari-
na," said Althouse. "I want
to make sure things are done
right ... and to make sure
no temporary work permits
are issued today."

She expressed concerns
about the tanker being badly
placed and creating an eye-
sore as well as a safety haz-
ard for others using the har-
bour.

Husband Jack Althouse
said that he could not imag-
ine anyone in any communi-
ty wanting "that thing" in
their harbour.

"A breakwater is neces-
sary, but not that incredible
hulk," he said.

The only person at the
public meeting speaking in
favour of the tanker hull was
Erling Jorgensen.

"I like the barge," he said.
Jorgensen said the marina

would have been totally
destroyed during the last
storms which blew into the
harbour if it was not for the
tanker being where it was.

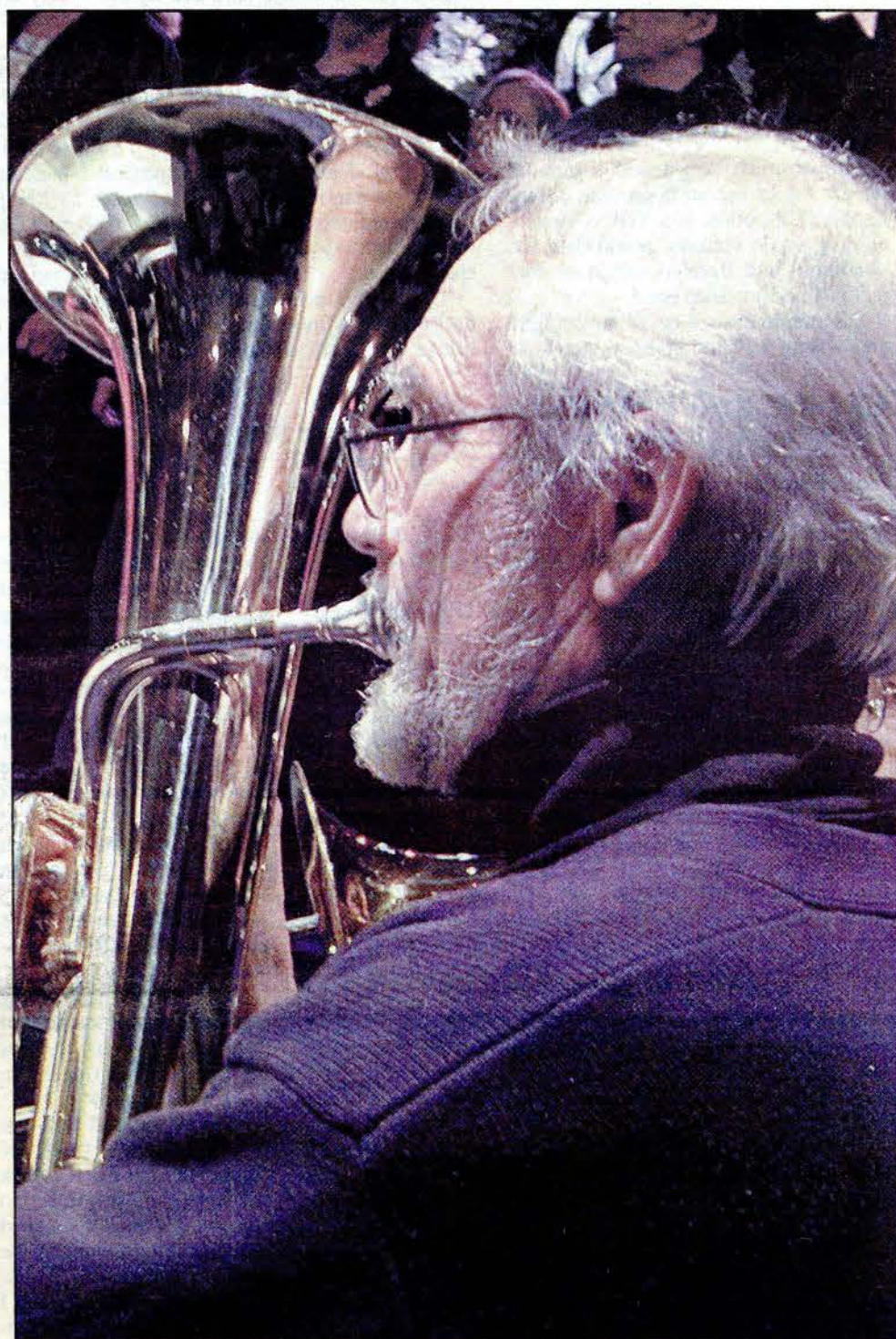
David Borrowman said
that nobody can fail to
understand the necessity of
protecting the marina. He
said the owners had permits
since 1994 to build a break-
water but the issue facing
the Trust was that the vessel
hull was out of conformity
and not provisioned in the
permit.

A development permit
was issued to Ganges
Marina in 1996 for a floating
breakwater, but the tanker
hull was a substantial
change to the permit and in
violation of local Islands
Trust bylaws.

Meetings regarding the
violations have been held
between the Trust and mari-
na owner Rick Barbieri. A
letter was hand-delivered to
the Trust on December 20
stating the marina owners
were not prepared to remove
the hull but were interested
in applying for a temporary
use permit (TUP).

Trust regional planning
coordinator John Gauld said
the Trust does not have per-
mission to move on the
application as the hull is out-
side the marina's water lease
area and the Trust's zoning

HARBOUR HULKS 2



BIG BRASSY SOUND: Gary Dunn plays the baritone at ArtSpring's annual sing-along event last Friday night. Dunn was part of a brass quartet which accompanied the audience in the singing of numerous Christmas carols.

Photo by Derrick Lundy

Christmas sales boom

By **MITCHELL SHERRIN**
Staff Writer

Despite media predictions
of low sales this Christmas,
the spending spirit of Salt
Spring shoppers kept the
island's retail economy flow-
ing this month.

Mary Small of Harlan's
Chocolates was so busy pro-
viding highly sought-after
goods during the pre-
Christmas rush, she could
barely take time to talk to a
reporter.

When asked if she'd
noticed any purchasing
trends this year, she
answered: "Yes, they're buy-
ing chocolate; lots of it," and
she promptly hung up the

phone.

Lyle Brown at the Great
Canadian Dollar Store also
reported "screamingly busy"
business.

"It's definitely up from last
year. We're definitely filling
a need," he said.

He feels his business has
improved in response to cus-
tomer demand.

"It's inevitable we'll get
better. People are wanting to
save more."

Brown believes shoppers
this year are buying more lit-
tle things instead of big tick-
et items.

"In tough economic times,
people want value for their
dollar," he said.

"We're really happy with
the support locals are giving
us," said Mouat's general
manager Kevin Bell last
week. "The whole year has
been terrific."

He credited company sales
figures to a strategy of pro-
viding items that customers
want.

"We try to stay in tune with
islanders' needs," Bell
said.

"There's no sense having
something on the shelves
that I want to sell but nobody
wants to buy."

Ganges Garment
Company owner Doug

BUSINESS 2

Wright report — Trust speaks out

The Wright report on the B.C. Ferries Corporation,
released on December 17, has Islands Trust chair
David Essig opposing many of its recommendations.

"We thought the report would be about Fast Cats
and a specialized business plan of where the ferry cor-
poration should be heading," said Essig at a public
meeting of the Salt Spring Local Trust Committee
December 20. "There are four particular issues of
interest to people of island communities. A lot of com-
munities will be impacted by: the establishment of
fixed links (bridges); the establishment of fixed links
in the southern Gulf Islands; the re-establishment of
routes (privatization); and the outright elimination of
routes."

Essig said he was writing a letter to Transportation

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HARBOUR HULKS: 'Time bomb ticking'

From Page 1

bylaws. It is under the jurisdiction of B.C. Assets and Lands, he said.

The issue will be brought up again at the Trust committee's next meeting scheduled for January 24.

"There are a whole lot of issues to be sorted out," said Borrowman. "I'm concerned this will trickle into the future without an end date and we need to have an enforcement option open to use on January 24. The Trust will be seeking advice from their legal experts as to their options for enforcement of violations."

The committee passed a motion which would see staff provide advice on the TUP option. If a TUP is considered, it would include an end date and conditions and Barbieri would be subject to a performance bond.

Discussion ensued on what was right and wrong with other breakwaters in

the harbour, and even more specifically the meaning of the word "boat."

"All you have to do is go to Moby's and see a breakwater which is properly engineered," said architectural designer Bob Hassell. "This isn't rocket science, boys, it's an easy thing to do. There is a huge loophole in the land use bylaw. The definition of "boat" is not defined and it can mean any old piece of junk. Historically harbours have tended to be ignored, nobody speaks for the harbour ... the time bomb is ticking. It's time to plug those loopholes."

"We need all of the information before we can make a decision," said Trust committee chair David Essig. "At the moment we don't know who is in charge."

Close on the heels of the tanker hull issue was the two-storey floating house currently situated at Ganges

Marina for repairs.

Peter Orel, speaking for Ganges Marina, said the floating house was bought by a company in Vancouver and employees at the marina were doing the repairs.

"We're doing the repairs and once they are done, it will be leaving," said Orel. "We took a contract out to do repairs to keep the workers at the marina working."

Borrowman said Trust bylaws did allow for marine repairs, but he wanted some idea of the time-frame to complete the repair work.

"Hopefully before boating season," said Orel.

The committee passed two motions, one directing staff to seek legal advice for the quickest possible remedy; and to access the land use bylaws for a definition of the term "boat."

BUSINESS: 'Cocooning year'

From Page 1

Mitchell said his business has remained consistently strong compared to last year.

"I think more people are spending on-island which helps island businesses, but I think it also shows people are finding what they need here," Mitchell said.

Brian Gooding of Work World has also found business is at about the same level as last year.

"All of our stuff is standard, basic products — like shirts and pants — that keep moving," said Gooding.

While Salt Spring Books co-owner Adina Hildebrandt feels that business has remained consistent from last year, she has also noticed shopping trends that seem to reflect world events.

"People have been buying more spiritual books this year. There has also been a lot of interest in social sciences and politics," she said.

She's also heard more talk about shoppers consciously buying gifts on-island.

"We're finding people are buying more traditional items, said Ganges Village Market manager Mike Tyson.

"Customers are relating back to traditional Christmases and purchasing basic items like ingredients to make their own stuffing," he said.

Thrifty Foods manager Dan Lee believes sales figures look the same as last year, but there appears to be less panic in purchases.

"When the weather forecast is good, there's no urgency and people shop more leisurely."

He also suggested weather might play a factor in unusually high floral and plant sales this Christmas. But he was baffled by a jump in variety cheese sales.

"I don't know if people are feeling cheesy or what."

There's been no rhyme or reason to shopping patterns, said Salt Spring Soapworks owner Linda Quiring.

"It's been up, down and sideways," she said.

"Guys are coming in and spending a lot for gift baskets."

But Quiring noted it has been difficult to keep smaller items in stock too.

"They're flying out the door," she said.

"When times are tough, I

guess people quit buying cameras and start buying soap."

Linda O'Connor, co-owner of wearEverywear and La Lingerie, said sales of evening wear have been down from last year but business has still been going strong.

"With the millennium parties, evening-wear was very popular last year," she said.

Business hasn't suffered though; she's just found that customers have been looking for different products.

"This has been more of a pyjama cozy kind of Christmas. It's been a cocooning year, especially after September 11."

Carin Perrins, West of the Moon toy store owner, believes shoppers want to escape from economic and geo-political uncertainty.

"Sales on luxury items and toys have been up because people don't want to think about serious things," she said.

Shoppers have been

scooping up train sets, collectable dolls, electronic "spy toys" and traditional standbys, such as wooden blocks and "magnetic poetry."

Stone Walrus gallery owners Don and Nora Dietlein said they get the bulk of their sales from tourists during the summer but they're still "keeping busy."

Nora noted that tourism traffic definitely declined in September and October.

"But I don't think that's affecting Christmas business, though," she said.

Gallery owner Judy Mitchell also commented that her Grace Point business has not been contingent on Christmas shoppers.

"I'm so pleased with the level of support from the community but I don't think it's been related to Christmas. I think it's related to the quality of work by the artists," she said.

"Given the time of year, I would have expected ho-hum sales but it's been wonderful."

FOR THE RECORD

• Contrary to information contained in last week's Driftwood, the charming children sitting with pre-school raffle winner Richard Hayden were not his offspring.

In fact, Todd and Kim McIntyre are the proud parents of pre-school attendees past, present and future: Brenna, Charlotte and Darby.

The Driftwood-Barnacle managing editor humbly apologizes for the error, which was not made by the photographer (who happens to be her husband, making for an unhappy household when such errors occur).

• Readers should also note that a winning piece of artwork submitted without a name, and published on Page B1 of last week's Driftwood, was created by Meaghan Toole.



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Subdivision request includes big 'GIFT'

A rezoning proposal to subdivide a Norton Road property and give a substantial benefit to the Gulf Islands Families Together Society (GIFTS) received its first public glance at the last Salt Spring Advisory Planning Commission (APC) meeting.

Property owners Norm and Diane Elliott have applied to the Salt Spring Local Trust Committee to create four lots from a 4.8-acre (12-acre) property and rezone it from Agricultural 1 to Residential 8.

One lot would be donated to GIFTS, a non-profit group dedicated to assisting developmentally-challenged individuals and their families, along with a \$50,000 donation towards construction of a residence.

As the Elliotts told the Driftwood, they want to see their 35-year-old son Stuart, who has lived with them all of his life, have some independence and be well-cared-for in their senior years. The single detached dwelling would provide housing for up to four people, who would be aided by a caregiver.

The Elliotts plan to build a home for themselves on the largest of the four lots formed by the subdivision.

Louise Doucet, of GIFTS, said the society is pleased with the Elliotts' offer, as secure housing is definitely needed by some of its members.

"As parents... you want to ensure your children are safe and secure even after your passing," said Doucet. "The society will ensure

[Stuart's] housing needs will be taken care of."

Tom O'Connor, a project planner representing the Elliotts, said the land and cash donation is estimated at \$200,000, and that housing of this type is a desirable community amenity in the island's official community plan (OCP).

A five per cent parkland dedication would also be made.

While zoned for agricultural use, the property is not currently farmed, and falls into the Rural Neighbourhoods designation of the OCP.

A Trust staff report has determined the plan is consistent with OCP policies and recommends the rezoning become a bylaw for public hearing, with a few conditions attached.

Conditions include registration of a housing agreement on the parcel owned by GIFTS, and creation of a site development plan "to minimize development impacts upon the natural environment and showing existing vegetation, natural features, gradients, building sites, private sewage disposal facilities and areas of tree preservation."

The site development plan condition was not met with favourably by O'Connor at the December 13 APC meeting.

He noted the proposal was a simple subdivision and that such a plan would cost thousands of dollars.

The local Trust committee will consider the application at a future meeting.



BIG HAIR CUT: April Richer is feeling light-headed after Linda Chapman at Harbour Hair snipped off four years worth of her hair. Richer is selling her golden locks to a company in Scotland, and expects to make between \$1,000 and \$1,500.

Photo by Derrick Lundy

A note to readers

Readers of this issue of the Driftwood should note that, due to holiday deadlines, the paper was completed on Sunday, December 23.

Any news items which may have occurred following that time will not be found in these pages of the Driftwood.

REPORT REACTION

From Page 1

Minister Judith Reid outlining the Islands Trust's position.

"I want to make it clear to minister Reid that any changes Mr. Wright proposes for small and fragile communities will have enormous impacts," said Essig.

He said the Trust's mandate is not just the protection of the flora and fauna but the protection of "our communities."

"I am advocating on behalf of our communities. If [the government] is intent on pursuing those recommendations, we would advocate to the limits of our strength as trustees. The last

thing I want to see is these decisions made in private."

With the report now a public document, Essig said, it gives people the opportunity to lobby the provincial government.

He added that if islands became municipalities they would be a "full-service regional government" and as such would have the financial authority to oversee their own transportation.

"We could integrate our communities through a transit system," said Essig.

"Islands Trust does not support any [fixed] links, and we are quite forthright in our opposition," said Essig.

He ended his statement

by saying the issue would be at the top of the agenda for Islands Trust, and its members would give the public a chance to be represented to the provincial government "when the time comes."

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Pharmasave Pharmacist

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• Herbal note: when taking garlic to ward off colds, fresh garlic appears to be best. The dose is from 4 to 8 cloves per day. To minimize lingering mouth odor, chop it up finely and put it at the back of your tongue and swallow with juice or water. It seems that any antibacterial or antiviral activity is highest in the fresh garlic.

• Vitamin B-12 injection is often given to the elderly to treat anemia. It's important to keep B-12 levels normal. Any B-12 your body doesn't absorb is eliminated to the urine unless there is underlying kidney disease. Only vitamins A, D and K can build up to toxic levels.

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Trust refuses variance on oversized Long Harbour float

By PIRJO RAITIS
Staff Writer

An application for a development variance permit to regularize a 114.45-square-metre (1,232-square-foot) private float met with a thumbs down from the Salt Spring Local Trust Committee last Thursday.

Long Harbour Road residents Derek Hill and Betsy Johnstone were requesting a variance on their floating dock which contravenes Land Use Bylaw (LUB) #355. The Hill/Johnstone float is much larger than the maximum 35 square metres set in the bylaw.

In fact, the float had not been in compliance since 1994. Regulations at that time

stipulated that floats could not exceed a width of 2.4 metres (eight feet) and could not hold buildings or structures. The Hill/Johnstone wharf, ramp and float constructed in 1994 covered an area of 61.3 square metres (220 square feet), was 3.65 metres (12-feet) wide and included a building.

Trust members outlined the chronology of the float.

In June 1998, the new Salt Spring Official Community Plan (OCP) stated that any additions to a dock larger than 35 square metres would require a development permit.

In June 2001, the owner installed additional pilings, removed the float structure

from 1994 and replaced it with a new structure that is 4.7-metres (15.4 feet) wide by 26.8 metres (88 feet) long, covering 125.9 square metres (450 square feet).

The structure uses the former Long Harbour ferry terminal ramp, converted into a float/barge through the addition of flotation materials.

In June 2001, the new LUB was adopted. It zoned this foreshore area as Shoreline S6 and set the maximum size of a float used for non-commercial boat moorage at 35 square metres (125 square feet).

Hill took the position that the float is also a licensed barge that can be detached

from the pilings and used as a vessel, and is therefore not subject to land use bylaw regulation.

Nine letters were received by the Trust from neighbours who approved of the barge over the log breakwater previously in place.

Two letters of opposition were received.

Letters in favour basically said, "the old breakwater wasn't the most beautiful thing in the world." Those opposed felt that "allowing or ignoring a variance from the rules of this magnitude leaves the door wide open to other variances which may be of greater consequences to a neighbourhood, and perhaps

to the island in general," and that registering the barge as a boat "doesn't change it into a boat."

In the end, trustees Bev Byron and David Borrowman refused the requested development variance permit to increase the float area, but did allow for the float area to be increased to 40.9 square metres (146 square feet). A slightly larger float size was allowed so the owner could utilize the

pilings already in place.

Borrowman and Byron said they did not want to be inconsistent and set a precedent but felt the variance was minor and in keeping with the purpose and intent of the OCP and LUB.

Hill said based on the committee's decision, he would resurrect the floating breakwater.

Staff was also directed to provide information on the status of the floating breakwater.

Grants help GSX panel participation

Several Gulf Islands groups are among those granted funding and "intervenor status" in the joint review panel of the proposed GSX natural gas pipeline project.

According to a press release from the Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency, several groups will divvy up the \$100,000 made available by the federal government to aid public participation in formal oral hearings set for June.

Groups receiving a chunk of the federal funding pie are: Pender Islands GSX Coalition, Islands Trust, Vancouver Island Pipeline Landowners Association, Cowichan Tribes, Society Promoting Environmental Conservation, GSX Concerned Citizens Coalition, and the Sencot'en Alliance.

A "combined allocation" was awarded to the Saturna Community Club, Pender Islands Conservancy Association, Salt Spring Island Conservancy, Canadian Parks and Wilderness Society, Georgia Strait Alliance and Saanich Inlet Protection Society.

The Islands Trust has received \$4,000 to assist with its research and associated costs for participating in the hearing, said Linda Adams,

manager of Trust area programs.

She said the Trust has also asked the joint review panel to consider a pre-hearing conference to discuss marine impacts of the pipeline project which will carry natural gas across Georgia Strait for electricity creation on Vancouver Island.

Less formal public consultation sessions are also scheduled for January in several south-coast communities, including Salt Spring and Saturna.

Individuals and groups can address the three-member joint review panel at its January public consultation sessions. Each person will have a 10-minute time limit and must register in advance by calling 1-800-899-1265, send a fax to (403) 292-5503 or send an e-mail to secretary@neb-one.gc.ca. Some last-minute registrations may also be taken an hour before the meeting.

Salt Spring's session is at the Harbour House Hotel at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, January 16. Saturna Community Hall will host the panel on Friday, January 18 at the same time.

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Teachers' job action set to escalate

Phase I of teachers' job action may have caused minimal ruffles, but its escalation in January might not have the same result.

When Gulf Islands students return to the books January 7, extra-curricular activities won't be part of their school day. Elaine Jacobson, president of the Gulf Islands Teachers' Association, said she was not surprised by a December 19 Labour Relations Board (LRB) ruling that found withdrawing voluntary services for extra-curricular activities was not considered an essential service.

Under legislation passed by the provincial government,

each stage of job action by the B.C. Teachers' Federation must be deemed non-essential by the LRB before it can be proceed.

"The exceptions they've set are activities that have to do with students' grades and assignments. They are part of a teaching assignment," said Jacobson.

Local teachers will have a special general meeting on January 10 to iron out questions and concerns.

B.C. teachers have been withholding non-teaching-related services such as report card writing, meeting attendance and non-instructional supervisory duties since early November.

Heath care cuts concern islanders

By MITCHELL SHERRIN
Staff Writer

Local health practitioners are baffled by "short-sighted" cuts to Pharmacare and Medical Services Plan (MSP) Supplementary Benefits programs.

"Their thinking is so narrow-minded and short-term," said registered massage therapist Mardon Dary. "It's going backwards in our health care system."

After January 1, only British Columbians who qualify for MSP premium assistance will continue to receive benefits for physiotherapy, massage therapy, naturopathy, chiropractic treatments and or non-surgical podiatry services.

Even those who qualify for premium assistance will see reductions from the current 12 visits to 10 per year.

"Americans are in awe of our system that covers part of physiotherapy and massage," Dary said. "I don't want to treat only wealthy people."

She believes that the low-income families with net incomes above \$20,000 a year will be hurt most by the B.C. Liberal cuts.

"The working-class people are the people who are already suffering to get by. If they can't afford preventative treatments, it will result in way more surgeries which are a hundred times more expensive."

Dary also pointed out that family practitioners will be unable to fill the gap left by reduced supplemental care.

"The average doctor's appointment is 15 minutes. Patients won't have time to talk about injury prevention and rehabilitation. Doctors don't have time for that."

She noted that during a half-hour massage, patients get time to discuss lifestyle health effects. While Dary is not concerned about the impact on her practice, she is concerned for newly graduated massage therapists who have gone to expensive schools in order to become registered so they can qualify for MSP funding.

Salt Spring physiotherapist Michelle Nadon believes the cuts might take the pressure off her busy practice. Traditionally she's been required to see a high volume of patients as a result of a low fee schedule from MSP.

"The fee schedule has been inadequate and that effects the level of care," Nadon said.

Now that MSP won't pro-

vide benefits, she thinks the B.C. Physiotherapy Association might be able to implement a new fee schedule that will allow her to provide more time with each patient.

She also expects that private health care will pay for more of her clientele.

"Our association is telling us that 60 per cent of people have extended health care," she said.

The B.C. Liberals might say supplemental cuts will save \$68 million, but "the health care system will be taxed in different ways," Nadon said. "When people don't have access to supplementary methods, they will see doctors or receive pharmaceutical treatments."

She believes many people will do without care or try to make do with less.

"I wonder if they are really going to save money," said acupuncturist Dr. Ronald Puhky. "People have a tendency to spend more on the expensive part of the system."

Puhky pointed out that while MSP premium assistance accounts for 28 per cent of British Columbians, there is still a large number of people who are not covered but can't afford treatment.

"A patient who can't afford massage could end up going to an orthopedic surgeon. Is that really going to be cheaper?"

Puhky said as an acupuncturist and physician he will not be affected by cuts to supplementary benefits because acupuncture is not covered by MSP.

He believes cuts might even provide a boost in business for private insurance companies who will have to pick up the slack from the budget-conscious B.C. Liberals.

"It's short-sighted for the

amount of money they're saving," said naturopathic physician Dr. Charles Alsberg.

Alsberg also believes that many people won't be able to afford care and delay "hands-on care" until symptoms force them to see their physicians for what results in more expensive treatments.

He noted that he sees a lot of elderly patients and he is even more concerned about the "changes" to Pharmacare.

"The government said they wouldn't cut Pharmacare so they euphemistically called it a change," Alsberg said wryly.

Seniors who qualify for MSP premium assistance will be asked to pay \$10 per prescription, to a maximum of \$200 each year. While seniors who do not qualify for assistance will be asked to pay \$25 per prescription, up to \$275 per year.

Families and individuals under 65 will pay for the first \$800 in prescription drug costs if they qualify for assistance, or \$1,000 if they do not qualify.

Pharmacist Sandy Nelson said many people have approached her at the Pharmasave where she works to express concern and ask questions about Pharmacare changes.

"People are very concerned, especially the seniors on fixed incomes," she said. "I would like to be more re-assuring but the Ministry [of Health Services] didn't send us any more information than I've read in the newspapers," Nelson said.

"From our standpoint as pharmacists, we're concerned some people won't be able to afford medications, like heart medications, and will do without."

She said it isn't uncommon for elderly people to have a

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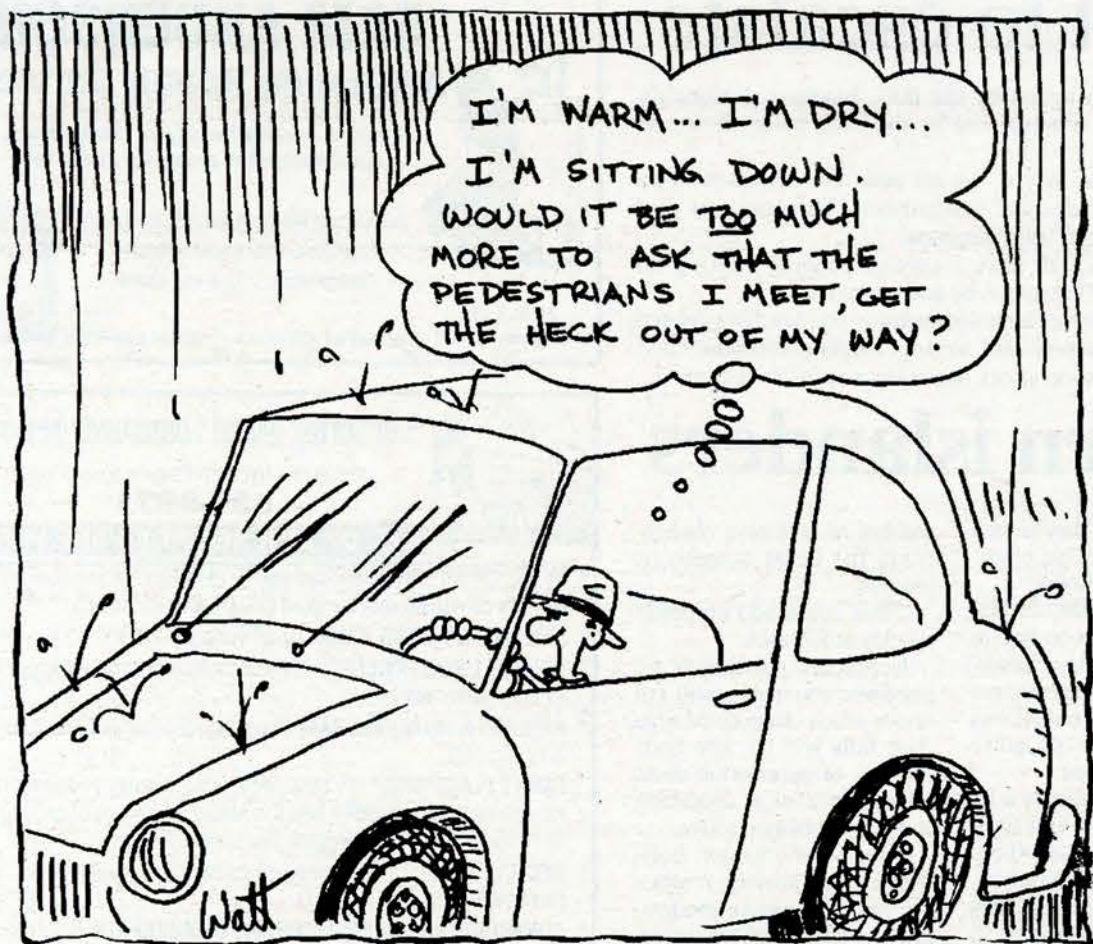
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Ferry report heralds change

There will be a significant change in the delivery of ferry service in 2002 if the newly released Wright report is any indication.

The provincially commissioned study of B.C.'s ferry service has made some recommendations that a government with conservative values, no cash and lots of political capital will find hard to ignore.

The hardest for government, and among the most important, is one that makes more sense than most: create some distance between the ferry corporation's decision-making process and the influence of government.

It is an obvious recommendation in light of the fast-ferry project, though the history of B.C. Ferries is one of government intervention for the sake of matters unrelated to the business of operating a marine transportation system.

But the report's greatest accomplishment is drawing together and presenting the financial and other information that suggests B.C. Ferries will not have the resources necessary to keep pace with its capital requirements.

Simply put, revenues and subsidies will be insufficient to purchase new vessels and maintain terminal facilities over the next 15 years.

Islanders are well aware of existing shortcomings with regard to the corporation's fleet. What they must come to grips with is that there will be huge costs in addressing those shortcomings.

The Wright report proposes an examination of fixed links to replace costly routes, and urges that some commercialization might be appropriate.

The cost of the union contract and the inflexibility it creates are also singled out. Closer to home, the report questions the sense of offering commuter discounts on routes that do not come close to breaking even on operations.

All these issues touch on matters that are extremely sensitive among the various stakeholders. All are going to spark outrage and opposition of varying degrees.

But all must come under scrutiny.

Islanders would be well advised to prepare for the coming debate.

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Health costs will rise after cuts to supplemental services

By LIBBY BARLOW

The cutting or delisting of so-called "supplemental" health services is an ill-conceived and shortsighted stop-gap measure that will only result in increasing, not decreasing, costs to the system.

These services combined represent less than one per cent of the total B.C. health care budget.

With respect to chiropractic services, numerous independent studies over the past 10 or so years have concluded that chiropractic care is the most effective and cost-effective means of managing what the World Health Organization has termed an epidemic — that is, disability from low back pain.

It should be considered that acute spinal pain (back and neck) and primary headache are the second and third most common

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symptoms (after respiratory disorders) for which patients seek health care services. It is this group which represents the majority of patients seen in a chiropractic practice, but even so studies indicate only 10 per cent of this population seeks chiropractic care.

This lack of utilization has huge costs — so much so that University of Ottawa health economics professor Dr. Pran Manga states in his 1998 report that "doubling the proportion of the Ontario public who visit chiropractors for these problems from 10 to 20 per cent will lead to direct annual savings of \$348

million to the Ontario health care system, indirect savings of \$1.85 billion per year."

But here in B.C. we have a government restricting poor and low-income people from utilizing chiropractic and other supplemental benefits. Being allotted a combined limit of 10 visits in total is woefully insufficient. And again, health care costs will increase as once these people have exhausted their 10-visit limit they will have no option but to go to their medical doctor or the hospital emergency department.

As Manga reports, "Payments to chiropractors for services they provide is 80 per cent or more of the total cost of care. For physician management of low-back pain, the proportions are virtually reversed. Prescription drugs, laboratory tests, referrals to specialists, and hospital in-patient care

leads to a four or five-fold increase in total health care costs of the physician's own billings for medical services."

The B.C. government is also using the rationale that as the Canada Health Act did not include "supplemental services" it is justified in restricting access to these services. Such an argument ignores the fact that public attitudes towards their health care and the means by which they choose to look after their health have dramatically shifted in the last 40 or 50 years.

A 1998 article in the Journal of the American Medical Association illustrated that people are turning to alternative or complementary health practitioners in record numbers. As such, publicly funded health services should reflect this reality and not try to turn the clock

back.

Persisting in calling these services "supplemental" serves to marginalize and discredit them whereas in fact they are integral to many people's health and well-being. It is inappropriate that those who do have the means dutifully pay their MSP premiums and then have to pay again if they choose to deal with their health issues via a "supplementary" practitioner who is not covered under the health plan.

Obviously we need to deal with ever-escalating health care costs, but solutions need to address the source of such costs, the trends in public attitudes towards health and its attainment and, above all, be imaginative in scope and implementation.

The writer is a Salt Spring doctor of chiropractic.

It's so easy to miss the point when you suspect the motives of someone trying to make one.

Having spent a good part of the past 20 years writing news stories about local government, I've often found myself with a point to make. And so an opinion piece generally followed.

Today, other, more talented reporters cover the stories, but I still like to express an opinion. That is only because I usually have one, mind you. It is not because I believe in my own unwavering ability to get it 100 per cent right all of the time.

Last week it was suggested we might butt out of the incorporation debate and future efforts to inform the public. The restructure study committee, it was implied, might be better able to handle the role of fostering constructive debate.

Now I believe the committee

has done a stellar job of putting together a thorough report on the implications of municipal incorporation for Salt Spring. But I don't believe in letting any committee take charge of ensuring the public is given unbiased and objective information on any subject.

Newspapers are frequently guilty of bias and lack of objectivity but in my experience most are attempting to cover stories with a minimum of either. Any creature of government — which is what the restructure committee is — is automatically, to my mind, suspect.

A recent point we were trying to

TONY RICHARDS



make — obviously without success — was that something is seriously amiss when the delivery of a local government function costs twice as much as it would under incorporation.

We must seriously consider a change in local government given that large sums of money are now being spent — apparently unnecessarily — on planning.

Incorporation might not be the answer, but it's the only other

option on the table that we know of. The status quo is unacceptable.

But can we even begin to debate the issue if we distrust the motives of those who are prepared to speak out?

Someone whose motives I've never questioned has left me with doubts after she divulged some personal information last week. Anne Humphries, a fine woman with whom I agree on virtually nothing with the exception that we must look after Mahon Hall, let it be known that restructure committee chairman David Wood has "a gorgeous body." The rumour-mongers are asking, "How does she know?"

It should be noted that

Humphries has been advocating some kind of protest against Ganges Marina's new breakwater.

"The incredible hulk," as it has come to be known, has sullied the view for some and eased financial worries for others, notably marina owner Rick Barbieri, who felt his investment deserved better protection than the mess of debris that constituted the previous and ineffective breakwater.

Many local businesses rely on the success of the marina, not to bring hundreds more boats to Ganges, but to handle the existing marine traffic.

Then there are those who are indifferent to the whole affair. Put a ferris wheel on it, said one. Build affordable housing units below decks, said another.

The debate — biased and subjective — continues.

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ing that the Trust is obligated to ensure that each lot has potable water. Why, then, is this situation allowed to continue? When will it be addressed?

At minimum, we are asking that the Trust consider nothing further from this developer until residents of Phase I Rainbow Grove have potable water, as the bylaws demand.

On a less urgent matter, but still important from a long-range planning point of view, we fear that the subdivision plan being considered will result in yet another dead-end road with private trails and prohibited access, and yet another heritage trail system eliminated.

We ask that our planners hold a vision of a network of trails and greenways across Salt Spring Island — linking parks and providing recreation opportunities. The emergency road from Wilkie Way should be a dedicated public trail — Mount Belcher could eventually be linked with both Mount Erskine Park and Mouat Park. Trails on Mount Belcher are presently used in this way by hikers and mountain bikers.

In considering, planning or approving any development to this property, the Trust presides over a final opportunity to secure this trail system for public use.

**CAFFYN KELLEY and
MEARNIE SUMMERS,**
Madrone Road

Treaty process

I agree with the opinion John Helme expressed in last week's View Point, that we can be proud of the movement to facilitate restitution towards Canada's aboriginal peoples.

However, Helme's statement that the treaty process involves "land claims totalling over 108 per cent of British Columbia's surface area" is simply not true.

A public education document from B.C. Ministry of Aboriginal Affairs states: "How much land is involved? When all treaties have been signed, the amount of land held by First Nations in the province will be about five per cent of British Columbia, a figure proportionate to their populations."

The same document also states: "Private property is not on the table. The province will not expropriate or interfere with privately owned lands."

The B.C. Treaty Commission, founded in 1992 and supported by the First Nations Summit, is reconciling the interests of First Nations, Canada and B.C. by establishing new relationships based on mutual trust, respect and understanding through political negotiations.

In my opinion, Premier Gordon Campbell would be wise to shelve his plans for a referendum and allow the B.C. Treaty Commission to get on with their task.

SUSAN MONAGHAN,
Head Street

No fait accompli

The ambience and value of our life on Salt Spring Island is partly due to the delightful view down Ganges Harbour.

This has been diminished by the recent positioning of the 325 X 50-foot ex-tanker "breakwater" across the harbour. We are, therefore, pleased to understand that this action is in permit and positioning violations and will presumably be corrected.

Our greater concern, however, is for the structures that could be erected upon the 16,000-square foot deck of the breakwater. Any added height above the tanker's decking, including that of the bow, would be in direct detriment to our view and outlook, besides being unsightly to the point of ugliness.

Now a floating row of two-storey houses has been barged into the Ganges Marina. They dominate the harbour as a broken down and disreputable eyesore. What is going on?

Surely the barge and the floating houses are not permitted by the

Trust's own zoning bylaws. The Trust has the power and authority to have the marina cease, desist and rectify. Will they use it on our behalf to immediately put to rights this unacceptable situation?

May the residents of Salt Spring Island please hear from the Trust publicly without delay and before irreversible decisions are made in this matter.

As stakeholders, we wish to be part of the resolution to the problem that has been allowed by the Trust to be put in place, and not just frustrated bystanders to a fait accompli.

MICHAEL WHEATON,
Ganges

Another sacred view

I am responding to Jeff Lederman's All Life is Sacred letter last week.

Not many I suppose can disagree with his statement All Life is Sacred.

Still it behooves us to deal with certain realities that Jeff and other opponents to hunting or animal killing don't want to look at.

Perhaps Jeff is unaware of the fact that years ago there were hundreds of predators roaming these fair islands. The cougar, bear and wolves have all been removed, so what now is keeping the deer population in balance (culled)?

Road kills? I don't think so, although some 6,000 road kills are reported in B.C. every year.

Jeff is partly correct in his assessment of today's hunting practices. Healthy, prime breeding animals are killed, which may harm the overall health of the herd, but killing the stupid, the unwary or the slow will not. That's what the wild predators' job was, along with taking out the sick and old. Unchecked breeding does as much harm as foolish hunting.

Jeff talks about habitat destruction making the deer more visible. Well, OK now, where are these animals supposed to live and what are they going to eat? More land is taken out of reach of the deer every year because land is being

fenced to protect crops and gardens, land is cleared for housing and roads for the many new drivers. Whether they are aware or not will make little difference if the deer population is too dense.

I guess it's better in Jeff's eyes to let them starve. This is somehow kinder, more compassionate. Doesn't sound to me like life is sacred in this view of the world. Jeff wants to know how many deer there used to be but the better question is how many more people are using how much more of the land that deer once had free access to.

The answer, Jeff, is "lots and lots." And the human population is still growing.

Life is sacred. Of this truth I too am certain but that belief does not exclude killing because, as the wild laws of nature have shown us, it is proper and harmonious. The taking of life can also be a sacred thing as shown in the beauty of natural hunters in the wild. And Jeff, I hate to let you in on this truth, but human beings are part of that natural world and hunting is as natural for us as it is for all other predators.

Perhaps you are right, Jeff — most everyone agrees with you — it's time to stop killing all life as a solution to human-created problems.

I do not agree because I see a bigger sacred picture and human hunting can be part of accepting responsibility for this world we are creating. The world is not always a pretty place.

Killing is a reality and is part of the sacred beauty of living. Just take time to watch the falcon's magnificent stoop that breaks the dove's back; or listen to the song of hunting wolves gathering at the kill. Just take time to listen to the joy of sharing food at the feasting tables around the world and maybe you'll get the drift of all life is sacred, even in the death of animals.

TIMOTHY HUME,
Salt Spring

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Treaties — must be a win-win situation for everyone

By **EILEEN WTEWALL**

Present-day treaty-making in Canada is based on the understanding that everyone is here to stay.

This was the central message delivered by Robert Morales on December 11 at Lions Hall.

In a wide-ranging presentation, the chief negotiator of the Hul'qumi'num Treaty Group representing six band councils on Vancouver, Kuper and Valdez islands, emphasized that treaties must be win-win solutions for all parties.

They must be the result of aboriginal and non-aboriginal people working together to explore new and creative options of land management and governance.

And while the challenges of settling the land issue are great, Morales made it clear that First Nations are not seeking control over any individually-held private lands.

Morales used overhead maps and charts to cover the historical background and present concerns of treaty talks, fielding numerous questions from the 50 or so people who turned out on the cool, wet evening.

Regarding the provincial government's planned referendum

on treaty principles, Morales explained that most of the 16



proposed questions simply restate existing government policy.

Two questions, however, he felt were ambiguous and open to interpretation, in the crucial areas of land settlements and self-government.

The major challenge for negotiating treaty lands in our area is a critical shortage of Crown lands. A surprise to many in the audience was a map showing a block of land on Vancouver Island, from Campbell River to Victoria, ceded to 19th-century coal baron Robert Dunsmuir in return for building the E&N railroad.

As part of B.C.'s entry into Confederation, two million acres were alienated from the Crown — the homeland of thousands of aboriginal people.

As private land, these lands have subsequently been sold and resold over the years and 56 per cent is now corporately owned, mainly by TimberWest and

Weyerhaeuser lumber companies.

While the rest of B.C. is still mainly Crown land, the original E&N lands are only 13 per cent owned by the Crown, parts having reverted for non-payment of taxes. Within that area, only 1.8 per cent is Reserve land.

With so little Crown land available, the Hul'qumi'num Treaty Group is of necessity seeking not only Crown land but also corporate private lands where there is a willing buyer and willing seller.

The concern for an adequate land base is crucial to aboriginal peoples, in order that they may become self-sufficient and escape from being wards of the government.

For them, settlement lands are to be fairly negotiated with all those concerned; where co-managed land use can be as important as land ownership.

Morales identified self-government as the other major issue for First Nations.

Under Colonial policies, aboriginal peoples were totally controlled. The Indian Act included assimilation policies through residential schools and the banning of cultural practices, including the period between 1927 and 1951 when it was ille-

gal to pursue land claims, and aboriginals could not train as lawyers.

Post-colonial policies continue to ignore aboriginal rights to land and the inherent right to govern themselves under Section 35 of the Canadian Constitution.

According to Morales, current policies for health, education, social welfare, housing and governance are made by bureaucrats who see First Nations as a minority interest in the political process.

These policies continue to result in further alienation of land, with no sharing of the wealth of the land's resources and little concern for the loss of languages and cultural practices.

Morales laid out in stark detail how the devastating loss of identity and the denial of rights as independent peoples has resulted in impoverished, demoralized communities, with a disproportionate number in jails, into substance abuse and suicide.

Morales, a lawyer who has practised in Duncan for over 12 years serving First Nations communities, explained what governance means to them. In 1982, the Delgamuukw decision clarified aboriginal people's constitutional right to govern themselves.

However, the proposed Question 9 on the referendum asks if the province should "negotiate aboriginal government with the characteristics and legal status of local government."

This form of government, by itself, will likely be rejected by First Nations. Just ask the Islands Trust or those looking at municipal incorporation for Salt Spring about how much power a local government has when those powers are delegated by the provincial government.

While the challenges of post-treaty governance are daunting, Morales is confident in the ability of First Nations to fulfil the promise of their inherent rights through ongoing work, intensive research and fuller cooperation between aboriginal groups.

It will take time for First Nations to implement jurisdictions over a wide range of functions, to define citizenship, the relations to local, provincial and federal governments, and financing as a functioning part of responsible governing.

Morales' visit was coordinated by Salt Spring Islanders for Justice and Reconciliation.

The writer is a Salt Spring resident.

Garden project

Community gardens are more relevant for more reasons than ever before.

Vancouver Island has less than three days of food stored at any one time. Food sustainability on an island improves local health and the economy.

As Jessie Anderson wrote in the Women's Institute WI Network News, November/December 2001 issue, availability of local seeds is imperative, and local farmers with crops to sell must receive a decent return for their investment in land, machinery and labour.

As Anderson stated, "The public must be willing to buy local produce to support their own community."

The southern Gulf Islands are particularly lucky to have seed saver Margaret Grimmer with Gulf Islands Seeds on Pender Island; Dan Jason of Salt Spring Seeds; and now West Coast Seeds has moved to Ladner, just over the big water.

Community gardens have a long history. Unfortunately the Victory Gardens in once-great Britain and U.S.A. coincided with the release of chemical pesticides and fertilizers to the ruination of large tracts of beautiful arable lands. We now know better.

Growing an Organic Child is a community natural foods group in Calgary encouraging kids to healthy starts. It is a great inexpensive project is to get your children involved in planting their own organic gardens.

Young mother Sanae Kikuchi moved to Pender Island with her son Kenta and husband Arthur for precisely that reason.

"If we do not grow our own food when it is possible to do so, we become a parasite community or society which will have to accept the quantity and quality of food available and pay the price demanded," says Anderson in the WI article.

The Pender Island Women's Institute would like to work with those interested in establishing a community garden project with rentable organic plots. Please call Margaret Adamson on Pender at 629-3506 to leave your name and number.

PAMELA BROOKS,
Pender Island

Moral

In the latest issue of the Driftwood, two Pender-related articles caught our attention.

On page A18, there was a report by Kae Charman on the December 8 Trust meeting. The report was factual and fair.

More letters

We want to comment on one item: The reference to the statement by "the owner of an adjacent property" (Bylaw 137). This lady, who is our neighbour, has been on a personal vendetta against us regarding our application to the Trust.

We have demonstrated to the public, clearly and factually, that our proposed subdivision will have absolutely no effect on any person on the island. It must be noted, that the neighbour's reference to "personal difficulties between partners of the property" is totally without foundation.

We only bring up this item because of the other article on Page A19, where the same writer reports on the Christmas concert. The item which caught our eye was a reference to the final speech by the husband of the above-referenced lady and therefore also our neighbour. He said that we should be grateful this season and try to reach out to help our neighbours. I would encourage him to communicate these comments and sentiments to his wife.

By coincidence these two items appeared side by side. There must be a moral somewhere.

GRETE and KURT HELIN,
Pender Island

Dark times

I really enjoyed reading the letter from John Lammers in the December

20 edition.

I really pray that we will not have to relive these dark years. My father's birth home in Chieti, Italy was bombed by accident by a German pilot who confused a silly chariot for a tanker.

I felt very sad and angry when I heard "George the Second" on CBC compare the war against terrorism with hunting rabbits in Texas. Such a huge vessel navigated with such poor instruments. If you are at sea shooting on all the iceberg's tips, how foolish do you have to be to think that it could make sailing more safe?

(It is 10,000 times easier

to protect freedom of speech than to lose it for two months and then try to get it back.) I am scared of this monopoly game taking place south of the border and I hope that a gentler and wiser approach will take place soon.

We are all sitting frozen by the media's frightening us with terror threats while losing our collective strength. How amazingly convenient to poison journalism with Anthrax to make sure that the media work so well side by side with the army's agenda, thus preventing protest against this form of cruelty against our neighbours.

CHRISTIAN PAUL-TATONETTI,
Salt Spring

The Night Before CHRISTMAS

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2	2	CBC	CBC4Kids	Simpsons	SmartAsk	News	News	Shrinkage	Figure Skating	The World Ice Challenge	CBCNws	Extraordinary Visitor							
3	3	MC	Don't Go Breaking My	Bad Money	Graham Greene	Sunshine	(1999) Ralph Fiennes												
4	4	NewVI	Movie TV	Star Trek: Voyager	VI Land News	Seinfeld	Simpsons	Talk TV	Dead Man's Gun	First Wave	News	Movie TV							
5	16	KING	Oprah Winfrey	KING News	News	News	Magazine	Squares	Friends	Schwartz	WillGrace	JustShoot	E.R.						
6	7	CH	Days of Our Lives	CH News	News	Go! Mag.	Wheel	Jeopardy	Friends	Schwartz	Doc	Largo Winch	SprtPage	CH News					
7	14	CTVBC	Rosie O'Donnell	CTV News at Five	News	News	Little Men	Rita MacNeil: Celtic	CSI: Crime Scene	E.R.									
8	8	GBLBC	Oprah Winfrey	News	National	News	ET	Friends	Survivor 3: Africa	WillGrace	JustShoot	Andromeda	News						
9	9	KCTS	Zoom	Sagwa	Arthur	Business	News	TravelEur	R. People	Antiques UK	Women in News	In the Life	RedDwarf	News					
10	23	SRC	Looping	Zack	Mr. Bean	Parleurs	Ce soir	Heidi Noley Thorton	1/2 (suite 28 dec)	Revue de l'année	Journal	...George	25 Sports	Cinéma					
11	5	KNOW	Wishbone	MagicBus	Art Attack	Kratts' C	Planet.Ed	EntreAsia	S. Space	HealthH.	CanParks	Hist.Land	Time on Earth	IceTime for Old Guys	H.Team	Imprint			
12	13	CKVU	Star Trek: DSN	Spin City	Seinfeld	News	BlindDate	5thWheel	Highlander: Raven	Surviving Gilligan's Island: The Incre.	Spin City	News							
13	13	BRAVO	Videos	Book TV	Writing...	Presumed Innocent	(1990) Harrison Ford		NYPD Blue	Homicide: Life on St	Hopscotch	(1980) Walter Matthau							
15	35	CMT	Showcase	Shania Twain	Country Music Awards				One/One	One/One	Showcase	Paul Brandt							
16	38	TLC	48 Hours	Medical Detectives	Sports Disasters II	Motorcycle M.			Medical Detectives	Sports Disasters II	Motorcycle M.								
19		FAM	Buzz	PepperA.	Tarzan	Recess	Stevens	Jackson	Jersey	ALF	ShrunkK.	45...Dark?	The Doctor	William Hurt	55 Paradise	Melanie Griffith			
20	31	A&E	Law & Order	Biography	Pride and Prejudice	1/3 (cont'd Dec 28)			Law & Order	Biography	Pride and Prejudice	1/3 (cont'd Dec 28)							
21	15	TSN	..Hockey	Cheerleader Cal.	NBA T.n.	Basketball NBA Utah Jazz vs Portland Trail Blazers			Sportscentre	Motor '02	SnowTrax	..Hockey	Sportscentre						
22	19	SNP	SportCnt.	Hockey NHL New York Islanders vs Ottawa Senators					Sports Central	Canucks	CoolShot	GottaSee	Sports Central						
23	17	KSTW	Tarzan	Recess	Sabrina	Homelmp	D.Carey	Frasier	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	WWF Smackdown!		NewsRad	M.A.S.H.	Spin City	Spin City			
24	12	KVOS	Homelmp	Tell Truth	FamFeud	CrdShark	Elimidate	Rendez...	St.Smarts	Ch. Heart	Cahill, U.S. Marshal	John Wayne	MDAbout	S. Susan	Cheers	M.A.S.H.			
25	34	KCPQ	F.House	Fresh P.	3rd Rock	Simpsons	Simpsons	King Hill	Friends	Friends	Nine Months	(1995) Hugh Grant	Q13 News at Ten	Star Trek: Voyager					
26	20	NEWS	Witness	Life and Times of...	News	Culture	Witness		Life and Times of...	CBC News	Witness	The National							
27	11	KIRO	JdgeJudy	JdgeJudy	KIRO News	News	News	ET	Access	Survivor 3: Africa	CSI: Crime Scene	The Agency	News	Lettermn					
28	4	KOMO	Rosie O'Donnell	KOMO 4 News	News	News	Wheel	Jeopardy	Line?	Line?	..Be a Millionaire?	Primetime Thursday	News	Nightline					
29		VISION	Cosby	Sing	Ballykissangel	VisionTV: InDepth	Main St.	Prayer	VisionTV: InDepth	Ballykissangel	In Dulci Jubilo	100 Huntley Street							

THIS WEEK'S MOVIES

THURSDAY, DEC 27

- 6:00 PM
20 (31) Pride and Prejudice (1995, Romance) The Bennetts want their daughters to marry men like Mr. Bingley and Mr. Darcy. Jennifer Ehle, Colin Firth (2h)
- 7:00 PM
3 Sunshine (1999) In a time of revolution, in a family torn by tradition, one man was consumed by love. Ralph Fiennes, Rosemary Harris (3h)
- 8:00 PM
23 (12) ★★ Cahill, U.S. Marshal (1973, Western) A marshal must regain his sons' trust in order to save them from a life of crime. John Wayne, George Kennedy (2h)
- 8:30 PM
23 (34) ★★ Nine Months (1995, Comedy) An unplanned pregnancy turns a couple's life upside down. Hugh Grant, Julianne Moore (2h)
- 9:00 PM
13 (13) Surviving Gilligan's Island: The Incredibly True Story of the Longest Three-Hour Tour in History (2001, True) A look at a show that became a cultural phenomenon with little known facts and insights. Bob Denver, Dawn Wells (2h)
- 9:30 PM
19 ★★ The Doctor (1991, Drama) A surgeon is diagnosed with throat cancer and learns what it is like to be a patient. William Hurt, Elizabeth Perkins (1h55)
- 10:00 PM
13 ★★ Hopscotch (1980, Spy) A bitter former CIA agent writes a book to expose the agency's dirty procedures. Walter Matthau, Glenda Jackson (2h)
- 10:30 PM
20 (31) Pride and Prejudice (1995, Romance) The Bennetts want their daughters to marry men like Mr. Bingley and Mr. Darcy. Jennifer Ehle, Colin Firth (2h)
- 10:55 PM
3 Traffic (2000, Drama) A newly appointed U.S. drug czar tries to put a stop to America's continuing drug problem. Michael Douglas, Catherine Zeta-Jones (2h30)

FRIDAY, DEC 28

- 6:00 PM
20 (31) Pride and Prejudice (1995, Romance) Jane is desolate to discover that Mr. Bingley is leaving for London. Jennifer Ehle, Colin Firth (2h)
- 7:00 PM
3 Beer Money (2001, Comedy) Three slackers find a creature from another planet in the woods and decide to sell it. Mark-Paul Gosselaar, Mercedes McNab (2h)
- 8:00 PM
13 (13) 23 (34) ★★ Big (1988, Comedy) A boy awakens as a full-grown man, but he's not ready to confront world of "real" adults. Tom Hanks, Elizabeth Perkins (2h)
- 8:30 PM
23 (17) ★★ Dark City (1998, Sci-Fi) A man struggles with memories of his past, including a wife he cannot remember. William Hurt, Kiefer Sutherland (2h)
- 9:00 PM
23 (12) The Power Within (1995, Adventure) A teenager finds himself with unimaginable powers when he is given a mystical ring. Ted Jan Roberts, Karen Valetine (2h)
- 9:45 PM
13 The Sex Thief (1973, Drama) An inspector and an insurance investigator both have a major stake in revealing a thief. David Warbeck, Diane Keen (1h45)
- 10:00 PM
20 (31) Pride and Prejudice (1995, Romance) Jane is desolate to discover that Mr. Bingley is leaving for London. Jennifer Ehle, Colin Firth (2h)
- 10:30 PM
2 (2) ★★ Arsenic and Old Lace (1944, Mystery) Two sweet old women try to keep their numerous murders a secret. Cary Grant, Josephine Hull (2h)
- 11:30 PM
14 Au Pair Girls (1979, Drama) Live-in

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2	2	CBC	Get Set For Life		Get Set For Life				Various	R.Green	Road to Avonlea	Various	Neighbor	Coronat'n	Various				
3	3	MC	Various Movies		Various Movies				Various Movies		Various Movies		Various Movies						
4	4	NewVI	MediaTV	Next TV	Regis & Kelly	Media TV	Health	CityLine/TU Shad..	All My Children	Earth: Final Conflict	Walker, TR	Iyanla							
5	16	KING	TU Roses Parade	Today	Football	M. Stewart Living	Ananda Lewis Show	News	Days of Lives/ Boitano	Passions	Iyanla								
6	7	CH	Various	Carebear	Various	Various	Price Right/ SallyJessy	Y& Restless/ Ananda	News	B. Health	Travel	JdgeJudy/ Squares	Boitano/SallyJessy						
7	14	CTVBC	7:00 Canada AM				View/TU Talk TV	Vicki Gabereau	Various	B & B	Various	TU B & B	G.Hospital/ Talk TV	Various					
8	8	GBLBC	7:00 Big and Hair	100 Huntley Street			Worldvision	Various	News / TU Bynon	Wonderful People	Passions/TU Oprah	M Divas on Ice/Y & R							
9	9	KCTS	Sagwa	Zoboo...	Caillou	DragonT.	Barney	Various	TU Amato	Mr.Roger	Various	ReadRain	Caillou	Jay Jay	Various	B. Lions	Various	DragonT.	
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11	5	KNOW	Various	BlueClue	Various	Various	Various	Dudley	Various	Various	Various	Various	Various	Various	Various	Various	Various		
12	13	CKVU	RogerR.	Body	Origin Art	Various	Mauri Povich Show	First Wave	The Lost World	Various Movies									
13	13	BRAVO	Various	Various	Various	Movie	The New Avengers	Various Movies	Various	F. 45News	Various	Squirrel	M News	Various					
15	35	CMT	Various	Various	Various	Various	One/One	Showcase/ SteveEarle	Various	Various	One/One	Showcase/ CMT Hits	Various	Various	Various	Gergory			
16	38	TLC	Various	Various	Various	Makeover	Various	DateStory	Various	BabySt.	Various	Wedding	Various	Various	Various	Various			
19		FAM	Various	45 Elmo	05 Pooh	Various	25WPooh	45OutBox	10Dcktale	Various	Various	Various	05 Pooh	Various	Various	50OutBox	15Dcktale	35Houndz	
20	31	A&E	Magnum.P.I./Law&Ord	Various	NewsRad	Magnum.P.I./Law&Ord	Various	Various	Various	Various	Various	Various	Various	Various	Various	Various	NewsRad		
21	15	TSN	Sprtscent	P.Game	Various	Various	P.Game	TU Football	W Hockey	P.Game	Various	Football	Various	w WWF	OffRecrd	Sprtscent			
22	19	SNP	SportCnt.	SportCnt.	SportCnt.	SportCnt.	SportCnt.	SportCnt.	SportCnt.	Various	Various	Fishing	Various	BowFlex	Various	Various	Various	Various	
23	17	KSTW	Screen Gems	Seventh Heaven	CrossOv.	CrossOv.	JudgeJoe	JudgeJoe	The People's Court	Divorce	Divorce	Ricki Lake	Sabrina	Buzz					
24	12	KVOS	Various	Scoby	Various	Various	The People's Court	Judge Greg Mathis	Ricki Lake	Jenny Jones	Montel Williams	Diagnosis Murder							
25	34	KCPQ	TU Football	Ok!..Ark.	M.Povich/ Other Half	Jerry Springer/ Maury	SallyJ.	Fresh P.	Maury Povich Show	Paid	Various	Various	Various	Various	Various	Various	Digmon		
26	20	NEWS	Various	Various	Various	HotType	Assignmt	Team5th Estate	Various	Various	Various	Various	News	Various	News	News			
27	11	KIRO	Early Show/TU Parade	Justice	Attorney	Various	CmeRose	Various	TU B & B	Various	B & B	As the World Turns	The Guiding Light	Montel Williams					
28	4	KOMO	TU Roses Parade	Regis & Kelly	View/TU Football	News	P.Charles	All My Children	One Life	Football	General Hospital	Northwest							
29		VISION	New Day	New Day	Various	Various	Various	Religion	Youngren	Robison	100 Huntley Street	Q.Study	WndYear	Little House Prairie	Road to Avonlea				

YOUR WEEKLY PULL-OUT TV GUIDE

Polar swim Tuesday

Polar bear swim fans can set their sights on a 1 p.m. dip on New Year's Day.

Sign-in begins at 12:30 at Vesuvius Beach, and this year's costume theme is Disney.

The usual bundle of prizes for costumes and extraordinary feats of bravery in various age categories will be dispersed after the swim.

Donuts and hot chocolate will also be sold to spectators and swimmers.

The event is sponsored by the Salt Spring Chamber of Commerce.



MOMS: Mother and daughter enjoy singing by Salt Spring Elementary School students in Ganges recently as they each clutch their "babies."

Photo by Derrick Lundy

BC FERRIES Schedule

Salt Spring Island

VESUVIUS BAY - CROFTON

CROSSING TIME: 20 MINUTES

YEAR-ROUND SCHEDULE

LEAVE VESUVIUS BAY

• 7:00 am	u 4:00 pm
x 8:00 am	5:00 pm
9:00 am	6:00 pm
10:00 am	7:00 pm
11:30 am	8:30 pm
n 12:30 pm	9:30 pm
1:30 pm	+10:30 pm
3:00 pm	

CHRISTMAS DAY & NEW YEARS DAY

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As a reminder, due to traditionally low demand on Christmas Day & New Year's Day, service will start at 10am from Vesuvius & finish with the last departure from Crofton at 6:30pm.

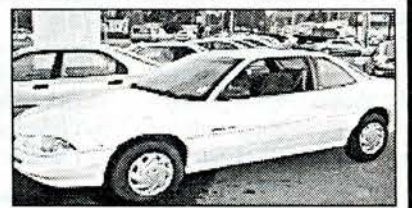
LEAVE CROFTON

* 7:30 am	4:30 pm
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# 9:30 am	6:30 pm
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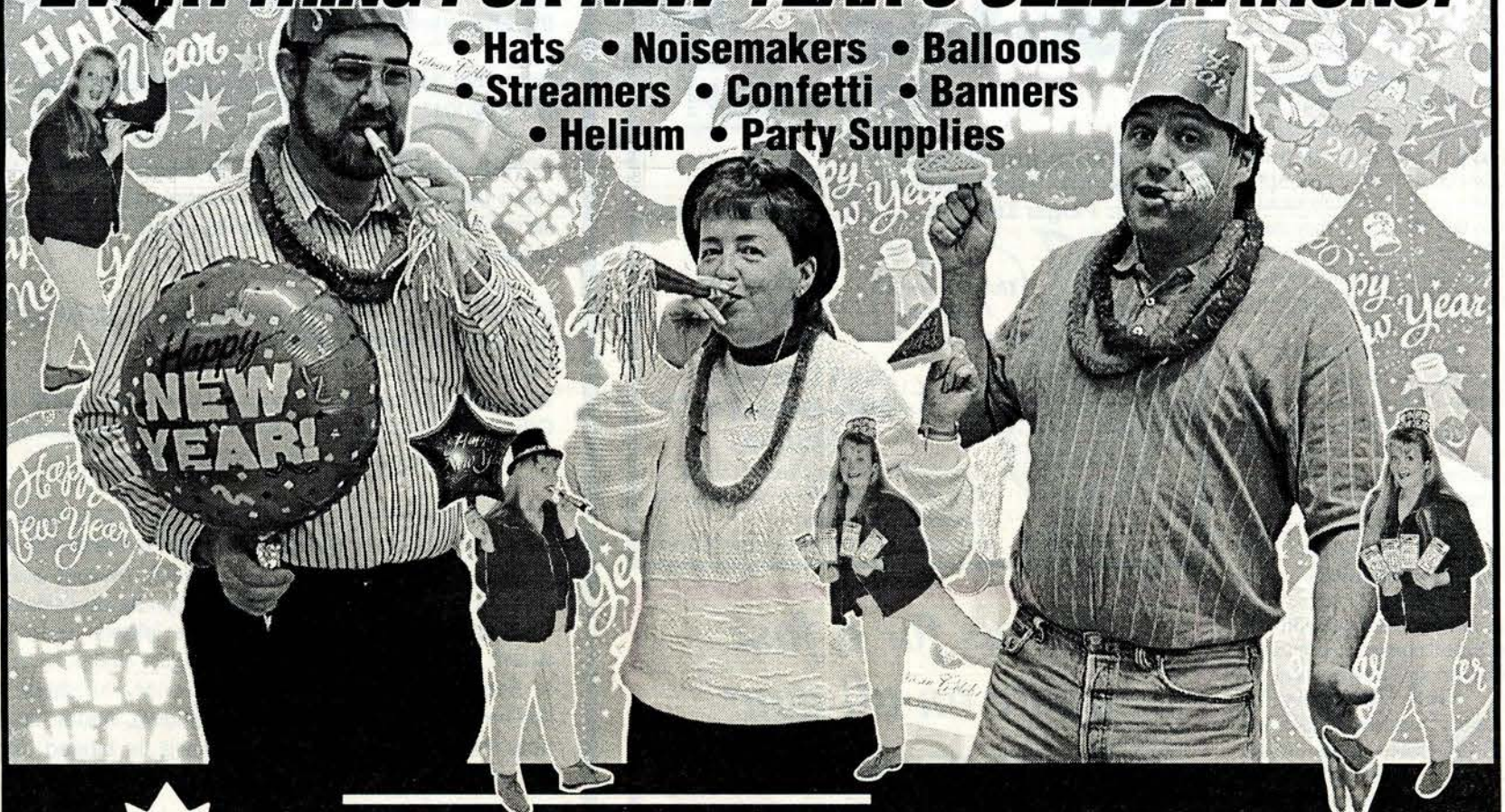
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The library now has 15 copies of the executive summary of the **Incorporation Report**, which, like other books, can be borrowed for up to three weeks. There are also copies of the full report available in the library.

Here are some of the books recently acquired by our library. The reviews have been provided by Garth Hendren and Jill Wheaton.

New in non-fiction

Jacqueline Barnitz's book **Twentieth-Century Art of Latin America** is a lucidly written text that bridges the gap between textbook and a general interest survey with panache.

• In **Farther Than Any Man: The life of James Cook**, Martin Dugard presents Cook as a complex man of tremendous ambition, intellect and hardheadedness, a man marked for greatness and tragedy.

• In **Somewhere for Me**, Meryle Secrest paints both a lively portrait of American musical theatre and a revealing portrait of one of its greatest figures — Richard Rodgers, a brilliant, passionate, moody and mercurial artist.

• **The Aztec Treasure House** by Evan Connell charts advances that have been made in anthropology, archaeology, astronomy and linguistics in the last 500 years. Connell writes about the eccentrics, dreamers, scientists, cranks and geniuses who have filled these centuries with great discoveries and fascinating insights into our world.

• In **Bubblegum Music is the Naked Truth**, Kim Cooper and David Smay quote extensively from the producers, artists and impresarios of Bubblegum music, who talk about why they make disposable music for the pre-pubescent crowd and explain in great detail the pursuit of the perfect pop song.

• **Tibetan Buddhism**, by the 12th Tai Situpa abbot of Sherab Ling Monastery, contains the most basic principles of Tibetan Buddhism explained in common-sense terms and examples.

John Snelling has completely revised and updated **The Buddhist Handbook**, his comprehensive survey of Buddhism's many traditions and their contemporary exponents throughout the world.

• **Arctic Crossing** by Jonathan Waterman describes a 2,200-mile journey across the roof of North America from Inuit communities in Alaska to Nunavut, Canada's new self-governed territory. As one would expect, Waterman struggles against freezing conditions, mosquitoes, aggressive bears and stormy seas, but his wide-ranging knowledge and scholarship make this an arresting story about a part of the world that is little known and even less understood.

• In **Depression Is a Choice: Winning the Fight Without Drugs**, A. B. Curtiss takes the available research on depression and the brain and makes a convincing case that just as individuals who are depressed reside in their depression, to the point where it becomes their focus, that focus can be turned on its head and into a determination to find our way out.

• **The Woman's Hands-on Home Repair Guide**, by Lyn Herrick, offers basic fix-it rules, along with step-by-step instructions for the repair and renovation of the things that can, and will, go wrong in and around your house. Although

Library offers winter reading material

LIBRARY SHELF

it is sexist, it will be useful to both men and women.

• Why does God exist? is the question that Karen Armstrong asks in **The Quest for God**. Armstrong takes a historical perspective from the time of Abraham to the present and looks at how the three dominant monotheistic religions — Judaism, Christianity and Islam — have shaped and altered the conception of God.

New in fiction

The following titles are all by Canadian Authors.

The late L.R. Wright's last

book, **Menace**, is set in Gibsons, B.C. like her previous mysteries and presents another chilling story.

• Richard B. Wright of Ontario won this year's Governor General's award for his novel **Clara Callan**, a tale set in the late 1930s which follows the lives of two sisters in a small Ontario town.

• Quilters looking for inspiration and unique projects need look no further than **Japanese Inspirations**, which offers 18 projects combining the traditional fabrics and motifs of the East with the ease and versatility of Western techniques.

• **Sweeter Than All the World** by Rudy Wiebe is a story of Mennonites, which

takes us from 16th-century Holland to 19th-century Russia, through World War II, to Paraguay and finally to Canada. Wiebe is the winner of two Governor General's awards.

• Another new novel dealing with a Russian Mennonite

community, **The Russlander** by Sandra Birdsell, portrays the legacy that a group of Mennonites brought with them to Canada. The book has a cast of unforgettable characters.

• **Losing It** by Ottawa's Alan Cumyn is a clever blend of darkness and

humour with beautifully drawn characters.

• **Hippolyte's Island** by Barbara Hodgson, a story of adventure and love, is richly illustrated with pages from Hippolyte's travel journals.

• Timothy Findley's latest book, **Spadework**, is another winner. This time Findley sets the stage in Stratford, Ontario, and intrigue, passion and ambition wait in the wings.



ISLANDS TRUST

ISLANDS TRUST MAYNE ISLAND LOCAL TRUST COMMITTEE NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Written submissions may be delivered to:

- the office of the Islands Trust by mail at #200 - 1627 Fort Street, Victoria, B.C. V8R 1H8, or by Fax (250) 405-5155, prior to 4:30 p.m. Friday, January 11, 2002; and
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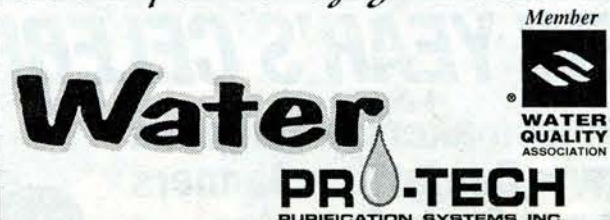


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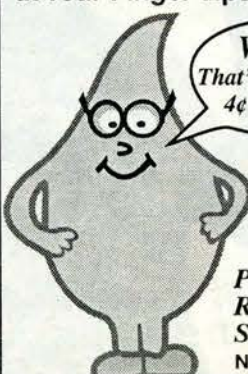
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Kind Telus man connected to island

A thoughtful Telus employee who arranged a private flight for a family to bring their badly injured son from Victoria to their home in Toronto has long-standing connections to Salt Spring.

Bob Hope is well known on the island as a soccer referee, referee instructor and community benefactor. He's refereed the Salt Spring Soccer tournament almost every May for the past 17 years.

(He missed last year).

He's received considerable attention over the last week after he requested the loan of a corporate jet to fly beating victim Nicholas Chow Johnson home to Toronto.

Johnson had been beaten into a coma on October 20 by a group of youths in Esquimalt.

When asked what prompted Hope to help Johnson's family, he said:

"Here's a kid that did no wrong and these idiots beat him up and left him for dead, so to speak . . . and then the plight of the dad losing his job and the mother quitting her job to come out to care for him; I was disgusted by what happened. It was a blight on the community. I thought if we could do something to help, that might restore our community image."

As far as making a request to borrow the jet from Telus, Hope said he simply had to make an e-mail to CEO Darren Entwistle.

"They like to see they're in touch with their employees," Hope noted.

"I told them I'm retiring and I've never expected anything, but I'll ask for this request."

Entwistle responded that the jet was scheduled to fly east on December 19 and the corporation would be happy to help the Chow-Johnson family.

The only problem was bed availability at the Toronto Rehabilitation Institute.

"Once [social worker Sandy Fulton] got him a bed, we knew the flight could be used."

Hope said he was never looking for any personal media attention in the matter.

"The most important thing is that Telus was excellent in their generosity."

He drew attention to Entwistle and flight operations manager Mike Timberley for insuring the plan proceeded successfully.

On Friday, Hope retired after 37 years with the

communications corporation.

During his tenure, Hope worked as president of Telus Community

Connections and helped provide funds for the Island Pathways trail alongside Portlock Park and an eagle aviary at the Island Wildlife Natural Care Centre.

"If I can see when somebody needs help, we put together an idea and go with it."

Now he's thinking about soccer a little more. He plans to referee the Salt Spring tournament again in May and he might even return before then to teach another referee clinic.

We can only hope.



PRETTY AS A . . . POT-HOLE? Yes, this lovely scenic photograph is actually a reflection captured in one of Salt Spring's myriad potholes.

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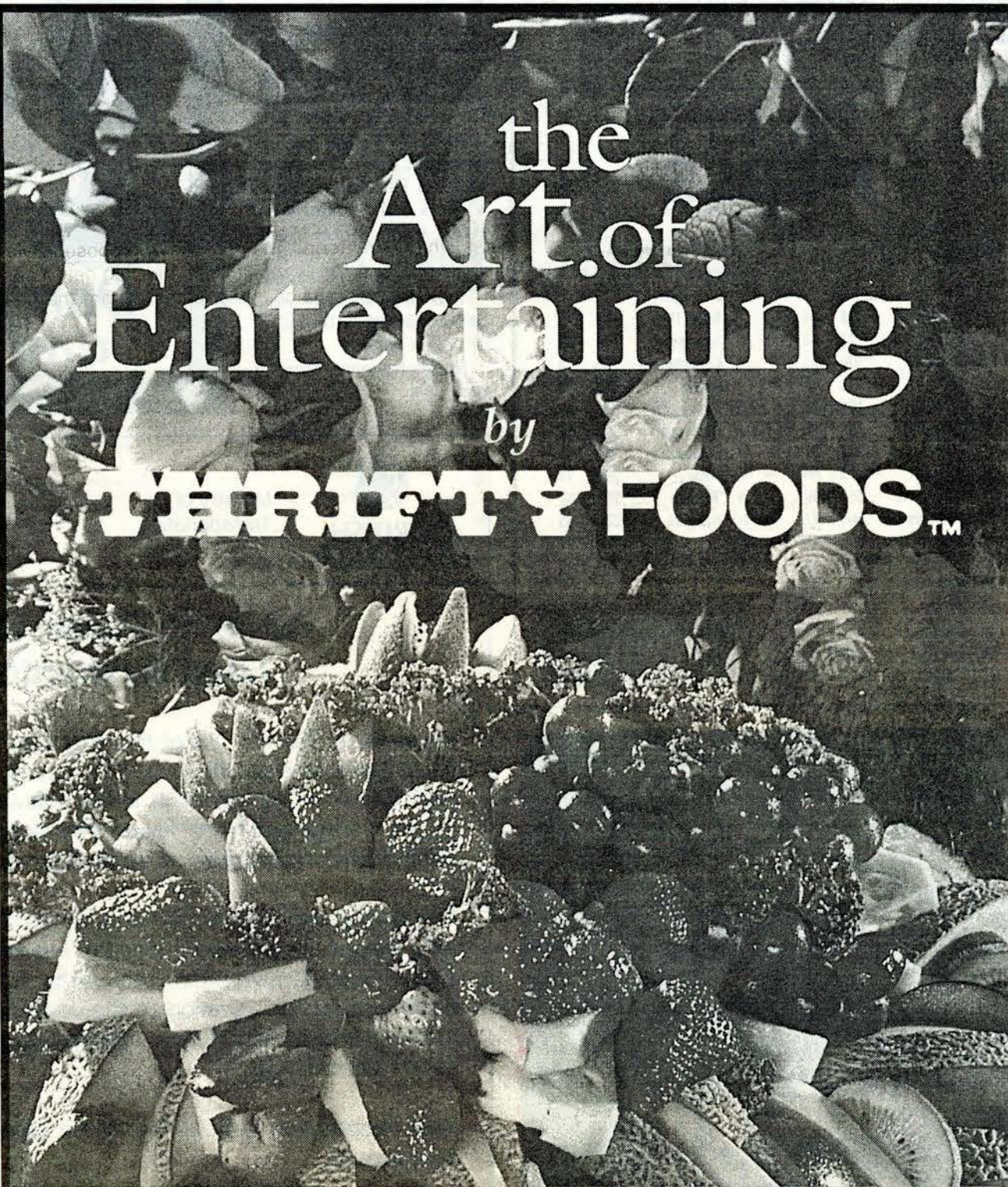
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Nature schedule released

Dry off after a Polar Bear swim and start the year on your feet with a ramble, walk or hike. Meet at Centennial Park at 1 p.m. Tuesday, January 1. Bring water and a snack, wear good boots and adequate clothing.

Mark your calendars for the annual general meeting and exceptional potluck on Thursday, January 24. Please bring your specialty at 6 p.m. to Meaden Hall.

Following dinner, an important financial matter will be voted on at the AGM. Be there! Also please note that membership fees (\$17 each) for 2002 are now due.

The January schedule follows.

Ramblers

January 8: Paul Ranney will lead an off-island ramble along the Victoria West waterfront, gravitating towards Spinnakers for lunch. Happy New Year! Meet opposite the Fulford Inn at 9:15 to carpool to the 10 a.m. ferry.

January 15: A ramble around Arnell Park with Joan Lott leading is on the agenda. Meet at Centennial at 10 a.m.

January 22: Now that things have quietened down

around the Burgoyne Valley, Harold Page will lead a ramble along Burgoyne Bay Road. Meet at Centennial at 10 a.m.; catch up with the leader at Drummond Park at 10:20.

January 29: Jack and Betty Sharp will lead the group in Ruckle Park over the Bear Point trail. Meet at Centennial at 10 a.m.; Beaver Point Hall at 10:20.

Walkers

January 8: Walkers can ease back into their Tuesday routine with a walk on the Duck Creek Trail and vicinity, finishing very close to the Vesuvius Pub (for lunch there if you so desire). Norma Eves in charge. Meet at Portlock at 10 a.m.

January 15: Off-island walk north of Ladysmith out to Dodds Narrows with Frank Monaghan. Meet at Portlock at 9 a.m. for 10 a.m. Vesuvius ferry.

January 22: Betty Ball leads walkers on her favourite Mount Belcher trails. Meet at ArtSpring at 10 a.m.

January 29: Walkers will take the Lee Armand Trail on Mount Maxwell with Alan Robertson struggling to stay in the lead. Be forewarned, some sections are

fairly steep, but we shall take a civilized approach to them. Meet at ArtSpring at 10 a.m.

Hikers

January 8: Stride along the Safford Trail on a moderate to strenuous hike with Peter Lamb and Jean Gelwicks. See a pristine bay and many Garry oaks in all their glory. Carpool from ArtSpring at 9:45 a.m. to depart from the Burgoyne Triangle at 10.

January 15: Hop over a twig or two on Channel Ridge with Alan Clews. Carpool from Portlock Park at 10 a.m. to hike from Broadwell at Tern.

January 22: Drift off to Dodds Narrows for views of sea lions and a ripping good tide.

Our packs should be light, say Brian and Marjie Radford, because we'll tie up to a pub for lunch. Carpool from Portlock Park at 8:30 a.m. to catch the 9 a.m. Vesuvius ferry.

January 29: Rustle around Ruckle Park as we re-visit this treasured area on a drier (we hope) day with Bill Harrington. Carpool from ArtSpring at 9:45 a.m. to hike from Beaver Point Hall at 10:15.

BRIDGE TRICKS

By CONHOR VANE-HUNT
Driftwood Contributor

You've noticed, maybe, that every time the Lotto prize goes above two million dollars, the lottery corporation wastes our money on totally unnecessary advertising, proclaiming: big . . . big . . . BIG, ad nauseam, with pictures of giant beach balls, elephants, etc.

It's enough to make one sick — or is it envious: since the odds, I believe, are about 14,000,000:1 against, and those of us who buy tickets need no encouragement to do so.

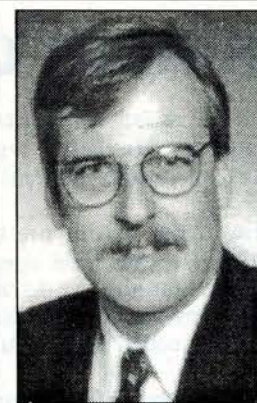
Well, the point of this is to draw your attention to something big . . . big . . . BIG that has very limited pecuniary reward but is worthy of your attention: that is a very high bridge score as achieved by Brent Vickers and Bill Buckler on December 10.

Finishing second were Ian Thomas and Conhor Vane-Hunt. In a tie for third place were Irene Hawksworth and Yvonne Sollitt with Jean Elder and Lynn Thorburn.

On the last game of the year played on December 17 (only a very few diehards like your results-provider would want to play on Christmas Eve!), Vickers and Buckler were first once more, and Hawksworth, playing with Ron Dickson, was second.

This time all pairs were encompassed within a 4-1/2 point spread.

Happy holidays, see you next year!



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Don't Drink and Drive

Disc golfer busts ankle but plays on

Disc golf doubles champion Gary Railer showed the kind of spirit and determination Thursday that's helped him to win three tournaments in the last few months.

After a fall off a log that broke his ankle, the 58-year-old disc duffer took a brief break before he walked on to finish his game at Moutat Park.

"At first I had excruciating pain. I thought I was going to barf. But I sat for a few minutes and after that I started walking and it felt better."

Moreover, he aced the first hole he played after the injury, course signature hole #13.

"It was a straight shot that just touched the tiny tree to the right of the pin and it went in."

With a bit more jump in his step, the master player went on to finish his round — but declined an offer from friends to play a subsequent round of doubles.

He went to Lady Minto Hospital Friday where he received a cast and a six-week rest order.

"I guess that means I'll miss the Duck Golf tourney on Boxing Day. It's hard to throw with a crutch under one arm."

Railer has racked up \$88 in three doubles tourney wins since October.

"I had good partners," he said.

Now Railer is sporting a "Grinch-green" cast just in time for Christmas.

"But I'm not Grinchy," he said.

SPORTS POOLS

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

1	Vancouver	328	84
2	Atlanta	323	82
3	St. Louis	300	81
4	Boston	292	57
5	Anaheim	286	80
6	Pittsburgh	282	66
7	Washington	282	57
8	Toronto	273	69
9	Edmonton	267	59
10	Islanders	266	71
11	Phoenix	266	53
12	Colorado	263	72
13	New Jersey	261	54
14	Dallas	254	62
15	Ottawa	253	51
16	San Jose	248	43
17	Philadelphia	217	36


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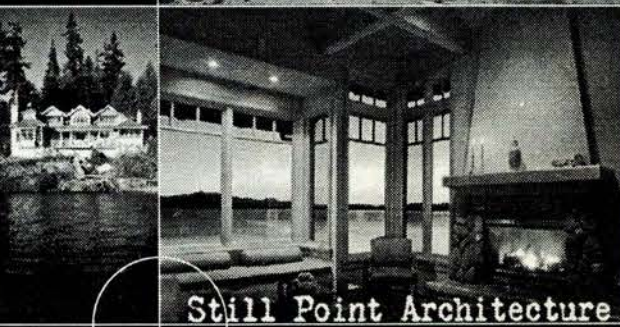
Next meeting: Fri. Jan. 4,
5 p.m. sharp.

1	Marx Bros 1	330	76
2	Islanders	326	87
3	Greenwoods	325	68
4	Dallas	318	75
5	Vancouver	311	69
6	Ice Dogs	311	66
7	Seniorita's	303	65
8	Nads	299	71
9	Toronto	298	67
10	Rangers	289	65
11	Los Angeles	282	67

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Your cooperation in adhering to the above regulations will be appreciated.

Brian Barker
Manager, Regional Operations & Maintenance
Vancouver Island Region

December 2001

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2	2	CBC	Road to Avonlea	The Parent Trap (1998)	Lindsay Lohan.					Arts Awards Gala				News	The Bells of St. Mary's				
3		MC	3:15 My Dog Skip	Coyote Ugly (2000)	Piper Perabo.					Dracula 2000 (2000)	Gerard Butler.			Unbreakable	Bruce Willis.				
4		NewVI	Farscape	Buffy Vampire	News	Speaker's	Journey to...			Seventh Heaven				Coming of Age (1993)	Marion Gilsenan.	News	Is. Under		
5	16	KING	Bob Vila Backroad	KING News	News	News	Lost			Law & Order: C.I.	UC: Undercover			News	35 Sports				
6	7	CH	3:00 Festival On Ice	CH News	Ins.Ent.	Go! Mag.	60 Minutes			Yes, Dear	Stargate: S-G1	UC: Undercover	SprtPage	JR Digs					
7	14	CTVBC	@discovery.ca	Off the Record	News	Mason L.	Degrassi 21C			The Sign of Four (2001)	Matt Frewer.	W-FIVE	News	News					
8		GBLBC	Queen of Swords	Simpsons	Global	News	Blackly	B. Sound		Simpsons	Malcolm	X-Files	The Practice	News	Inside Ed.				
9	9	KCTS	Workshop Handym...	OldHouse	Hmetime	All Creatures Great	Ballykissangel	Nature		Stage on Screen				R.Green	BurnAllen				
10	23	SRC	3:00 Cyrano de Bergerac	4&demi...	Journal	Découverte		Orchestre Métropol.		Décodeur	Journal	Sports / 55A	L'ombre de Sh...						
11	5	KNOW	Wishbone	MagicBus	Art Attack	Kratts' C	Heartbeat			Citizen Kane (1941)	Orson Welles.	Masterworks		Hist.Land	The Edge				
12	13	CKVU	3:30 Electric Circus	Relic Hunter	News			Fashion	Movie TV	BlindDate	Eraser (1996)	Arnold Schwarzenegger.		Sex TV	NewMus.				
13		BRAVO	ArtsMinds	Visual Art	Visual Arts	Grease (1978)	John Travolta.			Dirty Dancing (1987)	Patrick Swayze.	On Moonlight Bay	Doris Day.	Movie					
14	35	CMT	Showcase	Pure Country (1992)	George Strait.			Austin	Oh Susanna	Pure Country (1992)	George Strait.			Countdn					
15	38	TLC	Junkyard Wars	Dangerous Pursuits	Best of Worst Driver	Sports Disasters II			Dangerous Pursuits	Sports Disasters II	Best of Worst Driver	Medical Detectives							
16		FAM	1:55 ProudF / 40Week...	05Stanley	Otter	1:55Frankl.	1:40 L. Lulu	05Houndz	Heartbeat	Big Break	45...Dark?			Forever Young	Mel Gibson.	Bad News Bears Go to Ja...			
17	31	A&E	100 Centre Street	Nero Wolfe	City Confidential					Law & Order	Nero Wolfe	City Confidential							
18	15	TSN	Profile	NFL Primetime	Football NFL	Washington Redskins vs New Orleans Saints	Sportscentre			NFL Primetime		Hockey	Sportscentre						
19		SNP	WWF Heat	Snowboarding FIS	GottaSee	SportCn.	Curling M&M Meat Shops Skins			Sports Central				Sports Central					
20	17	KSTW	Losin' It (1983)	Tom Cruise.	Enterprise					Stargate: S-G1	Thelma and Louise (1991)	Susan Sarandon.	M.A.S.H.	The Practice					
21	12	KVOS	TwilightZ	TwilightZ	Queen of Jungle	Seventh Heaven	Serve & Protect			Superman II (1980)	Christopher Reeve.	NewsRad	Cheers	M.A.S.H.					
22	34	KCPQ	3:00 Barb Wire	Simpsons	3rd Rock	Simpsons	Friends	Futurama	King Hill	Simpsons	Malcolm	X-Files	Q13News	35 Q It Up	X-Files				
23	20	NEWS	Antiques UK	Rough Cuts	News	One/One	The Passionate Eye			News	One/One	Antiques UK	Hail and Farewell						
24	11	KIRO	Post Game Show	News	News	News	60 Minutes			Eraser (1996)	Arnold Schwarzenegger.	News	35 Sports						
25	4	KOMO	Hazelton	Garden	KOMO 4 News	News	News	Jack (1996)	Robin Williams.	Alias	The Practice	News	35 Ebert						
26		VISION	Discovery	DeepLife	Sing	Songs	Cornerstone	SimpleW.	D.Hope	Youngren	Power	Is Written	Kingdom	P.Focus	Cantatas	Becoming	Sufism		

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3		MC	3:15 Anti Trust	The Family Man (1979)	Edward Asner.			My Generation		The Claim (2000)	Peter Mullan.			Quills					
4		NewVI	Movie TV	Star Trek: Voyager	VI Land News			Seinfeld	Simpsons	V.I.P.	First Knight (1995)	Sean Connery.		Jay Leno					
5	16	KING	Oprah Winfrey	KING News	News	News	Magazine	Squares	The Weakest Link	Third Watch	Crossing Jordan	News	New Year						
6	7	CH	3:00 Brian Boitano	CH News	News	Go! Mag.	Wheel	Jeopardy	K Queens/Yes, Dear	Stargate: S-G1	Crossing Jordan	SprtPage	CH News						
7	14	CTVBC	Rosie O'Donnell	CTV News at Five	News			Little Men	Mysterious Ways	Never Been Kissed	Drew Barrymore.	News	News						
8		GBLBC	3:00 Divas on Ice	News	National	News		ET	Bob/Marg	Boston Public	Raymond	Becker	The Outer Limits	News					
9	9	KCTS	Zoom	Sagwa	Arthur	Business	News	Rick Steves' Europe	Antiques Roadshow	Crucible of the Millennium									
10	23	SRC	Looping	Zack	Le manoir	Parleurs	Ce soir	Mtl 2001	Cirque du Soleil présente Dralion	Infoman 2001	Journal	Voeux...	Fureur Jour de l'an						
11	5	KNOW	Wishbone	MagicBus	Art Attack	Kratts' C	Moving	Foodstuff	FatLadies	Ladies	The Vicar of Dibley	05 New Years	Irish Music						
12	13	CKVU	Star Trek: DSN	Spin City	Seinfeld	News	Fashion	BlindDate	5thWheel	12 Monkeys (1995)	Bruce Willis.			Spin City	NewMus.				
13		BRAVO	Videos	Muscle It	Appointment Dance	The Full Monty		45 News	NYPD Blue										
14	35	CMT	Top 100 of 2001					Top 100 of 2001											
15	38	TLC	Seeing is Believing	Seeing is Believing	Seeing is Believing	Seeing is Believing													
16		FAM	Buzz	PepperA.	Tarzan	Recess	Stevens	Jackson	Rudolph's New Year	ShrunkK.	45...Dark?								
17	31	A&E	Magnum, P.I. 2/2	Law & Order	Law & Order	Law & Order	Law & Order	Law & Order	Law & Order	Law & Order	Law & Order	Law & Order	Law & Order	Law & Order	Law & Order	Law & Order	Law & Order	Law & Order	Law & Order
18	15	TSN	1-Football	Classic Boxing	WWF	WWF Raw is War													
19		SNP	3:00 Curling	M&M Meat Shops Skins	HockeyN.	SportCn.	Hockey NHL Philadelphia Flyers vs Vancouver Canucks			Sports Central	Sports Central								
20	17	KSTW	Tarzan	Recess	Sabrina	HomeImp	D.Carey	Frasier	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Hughleys	One/One	Parkers	Girlfriend	NewsRad	M.A.S.H.	Spin City	Spin City	Spin City
21	12	KVOS	HomeImp	Tell Truth	FamFeud	CardShrk	Eliminate	Rendez...	St.Smarts	Ch. Heart	Blazing Saddles (1974)	Gene Wilder.	Close Encounters of the Third Kind						
22	34	KCPQ	City Guys	Fresh P.	3rd Rock	Simpsons	Simpsons	King Hill	Friends	Friends	Boston Public	Ally McBeal	Q13 News at Ten	New Year's					
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25	4	KOMO	Rosie O'Donnell	KOMO 4 News	News	News	America 2002												
26		VISION	By Way of the Stars	By Way of the Stars	By Way of the Stars	By Way of the Stars	By Way of the Stars	By Way of the Stars	By Way of the Stars	By Way of the Stars	By Way of the Stars	By Way of the Stars	By Way of the Stars	By Way of the Stars	By Way of the Stars	By Way of the Stars	By Way of the Stars	By Way of the Stars	By Way of the Stars

Dorothy Malone (1h45)

MONDAY, DEC 31

6:00 PM

14 ★★ The Full Monty (1997,Comedy)
Steel workers decide to take off their clothes to earn some extra cash. Robert Carlyle, Mark Addy (1h45)

8:00 PM

13 (13) ★★ 12 Monkeys (1995,Sci-Fi) A man is sent back in time to stop a virus from killing millions of people. Bruce Willis, Brad Pitt (3h)

23 (12) ★★ Blazing Saddles

(1974,Western) Thugs are hired to chase the residents out of a town with a black sheriff. Gene Wilder, Cleavon Little (2h)

9:00 PM

4 ★★ First Knight (1995,Adventure)

A love triangle forms between the Queen Guinevere, King Arthur and Lancelot, a knight. Sean Connery, Richard Gere (2h35)

7 (14) ★★ Never Been Kissed

(1999,Romance) A journalist poses as a high school student in order to investigate teen culture. Drew Barrymore, Molly Shannon (2h)

13 ★★ Honey, I Shrunk the Kids

(1989,Comedy) An inventor accidentally shrinks his kids along with the neighbor's kids. Rick Moranis, Amy O'Neill (1h35)

9:30 PM

3 The Claim (2000,Western) A man sells his wife and daughter for the claim to a gold mine. Peter Mullan, Milla Jovovich (2h)

10:00 PM

13 ★★ Flesh Gordon (1974,Comedy) A superhero tries to save Earth from the evil Emperor Wang's sex ray and more. Suzanne Fields, John Hoyt (1h45)

23 (12) ★★ Close Encounters of the Third Kind (1977,Sci-Fi) A line worker tries desperately to understand his close encounter with a UFO. Richard Dreyfuss, Teri Garr (3h)

10:30 PM

2 (2) ★★ Breakfast at Tiffany's

(1961,Drama) A free-spirited woman pursues an exotic and unconventional social life in New York City. Audrey Hepburn, George Peppard (3h)

10:35 PM

19 ★★ Adventures in Babysitting (1987,Comedy) A babysitter takes the kids she is caring for on a wild adventure in Chicago. Elizabeth Shue, Maia Brewton (1h40)

11:30 PM

3 Quills (2000,Drama) The life of scandalous 18th century erotic writer Marquis de Sade. Geoffrey Rush, Kate Winslett (2h15)

11:45 PM

14 ★ Shock Treatment (1981,Musical)

Rocky Horror Picture Show follow-up sees Brad and Janet's world get wackier. Jessica Harper, Cliff De Young (1h45)

TUESDAY, JAN 1

6:00 PM

13 ★★ Jailhouse Rock (1957,Musical) A man in jail for manslaughter learns to sing and play the guitar, and becomes a success. Elvis Presley, Judy Tyler (2h)

7:00 PM

3 You Can Count on Me (2000,Drama) A single mother's life is thrown into turmoil when her struggling brother returns to town. Matthew Broderick, Mark Ruffalo (2h)

8:00 PM

2 (2) Nicholas Nickleby (2000) Young Nicholas struggles to protect his family from his wealthy, cruel and vengeful uncle. James D'Arcy, Charles Dance (2h)

13 (13) ★★ L.A. Confidential

(1997,Suspense) Three police officers search for the truth in puzzling multiple murder in 1950s LA. Kevin Spacey, Kim Basinger (3h)

9:00 PM

3 ★★ American Beauty

(1999,Drama) A man quits his job, smokes drugs, ignores his wife and flirts with his daughter's friend. Kevin Spacey, Annette Bening (2h)

19 ★★ Cool Runnings (1993,Comedy) A Jamaican bobsled team is formed to compete in the 1988 winter Olympics. John Candy, Leon Robinson (1h40)

10:00 PM

13 ★★ Follow that Dream

(1961,Musical) An innocent country boy's family moves to the Florida Coast to set up a homestead. Elvis Presley, Anne Helm (2h)

10:30 PM

2 (2) ★★ Breakfast at Tiffany's

(1961,Drama) A free-spirited woman pursues an exotic and unconventional social life in New York City. Audrey Hepburn, George Peppard (2h)

10 (23) ★★ Hello Dolly! (1969,Musical) Veuve affriolante se met en frais de conquérir un riche marchand. Michael Crawford, Barbara Streisand (2h25)

10:40 PM

19 ★★ Victor/Victoria

(1982,Musical) A struggling singer in 1930s Paris poses as a female impersonator. Julie Andrews, James Garner (2h15)

11:00 PM

3 Vertical Limit (2000,Action) A climber must rescue his sister on top of K2, one of the world's biggest mountains. Chris O'Donnell, Robin Tunney (2h15)

WEDNESDAY, JAN 2

6:00 PM

14 ★★ Wisecracks (1992,Comedy) A showcase for some of the most interesting female comics. Whoopi Goldberg, Phyllis Diller (1h45)

7:00 PM

3 Four Days (1999,Crime Story) When a petty thief is killed committing a robbery, his young son is introduced to crime. Anne-Marie Cadieux, Lolita Davidovich (1h30)

8:00 PM

2 (2) Nicholas Nickleby (2000) Young Nicholas struggles to protect his family from his wealthy, cruel and vengeful uncle. James D'Arcy, Charles Dance (2h)

8:30 PM

3 Felicia's Journey (1999,Suspense) A British caterer may have sinister motives when he befriends a young pregnant woman. Bob Hoskins, Arsinee Khanjian (2h)

9:00 PM

6 (7) An American Affair

(1998,Suspense) A crooked district attorney juggles two women while vying to become senator. Corbin Bernsen, Rob Stewart (2h)

13 (13) ★★ Breakdown

(1997,Suspense) A man's wife vanishes after their car breaks down in the middle of nowhere. Kurt Russell, Kathleen Quinlan (2h)

19 ★★ Turner & Hooch (1989,Comedy) A compulsively neat investigator is forced to team up with a drooling dog. Tom Hanks, Mare Winningham (1h35)

23 ★★ Beguiled (1971,Drama) A wounded Union soldier takes refuge in a boarding school for girls. Clint Eastwood, Geraldine Page (2h)

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2	2	CBC	Noah's Ark (1999) Jon Voight.				News	Mr. Bean	Story of Mr. Bean		Nicholas Nickleby 1/2 (cont'd Jan 2)			News	Breakfast at Tiffany's														
3		MC	3:15 Bicentennial Man			Movies	Six Feet Under		You Can Count on Me			American Beauty (1999) Kevin Spacey.			Vertical Limit														
4		NewVI	Best of Movie Television				News	Careers	Seinfeld	Simpsons	Buffy Vampire		Roswell	The Lost World		News	Jay Leno												
5	16	KING	Oprah Winfrey		KING News		News	News	Magazine	Squares	Fear Factor		Frasier	Scrubs	Dateline NBC		News	Jay Leno											
6	7	CH	Days of Our Lives		CH News		News	Go! Mag.	Wheel	Jeopardy	JAG		The Guardian		Dateline NBC		SprtPage	CH News											
7	14	CTVBC	Rosie O'Donnell		The Chatroom		News		Little Men		Jann Arden: Live		Mysterious Ways		Cold Embrace		News	News											
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14		BRAVO	Videos		The Mamas and the Papas		Jailhouse Rock (1957) Elvis Presley.			NYPD Blue		Homicide: Life on St		Follow that Dream (1961) Elvis Presley															
15	35	CMT	Canadian Country Music Awards				Eric Clapton		Blues Alive		Showcase		Terri Clark: Real		Showcase		Roots 'N Roll												
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High school scholarship made in Asproloupou's memory

A new scholarship for Gulf Islands Secondary School (GISS) cafeteria program graduates has been created in memory of Bouzouki restaurant founder and trades education advocate Steve Asproloupou.

"It's with great pride that we announce the establishment of an annual award," said Dino Asproloupou, son of the local restaurateur.

Steve moved to Salt Spring with his wife Georgia in 1994 and they quickly developed a strong reputation for their Greek cuisine and hospitality at Bouzouki Greek Café.

Seven years later, they sold the

Grace Point Square restaurant and went on the holiday of their dreams, visiting family and friends in Africa and Greece. They had not seen some of the people in over 40 years.

Shortly after returning to his home on Salt Spring, Steve unexpectedly died of a heart attack on November 25, 2001.

"Steve was a strong advocate for education and the trades," said Dino.

Bouzouki Greek Café provided work experience for GISS students and hired cooking teacher Al Irving's top talent, said Dino.

"Work experience students came in different shapes and sizes."

He noted that some students who did not excel in academic programs needed flexible hands-on experience that would help to build confidence and self-esteem.

On the other side of the coin, students with a flair and desire for cooking could learn a great deal from Steve's extensive culinary skills.

"Dad was a fantastic butcher by trade, with 25 to 30 years of experience," Dino said.

Steve helped students work on their cutting techniques and gave them experience with real-life restaurant pressures.

"If anyone is going to have a career in cooking they have to be

familiar with pressure," Dino said.

Given Steve's love and support for post-secondary training, the Asproloupou family, under the guidance of Irving and counsellor Maggie Allison at GISS, established a \$200 scholarship to be awarded to an outstanding graduate of the cafeteria program each year.

Award selection criteria stipulates candidates must be graduating students pursuing post-secondary studies (or apprenticeship) in areas related to cooking, culinary arts, hospitality or food services.

Candidates must also display a history of community involvement

and service on Salt Spring and demonstrate financial need.

According to Irving, 18 cafeteria graduates have gone on to formal post-secondary training in the cooking and hospitality fields.

"The Asproloupou family recognizes that tuition continues to be a barrier to accessible education, and we hope that this award will make it easier for students to pursue their dreams in culinary arts," Dino said.

He hopes interested parties will help support the scholarship fund by making donations to the Steve Asproloupou Memorial Award (Island Savings Credit Union account #1505668).

Many regularly-scheduled Salt Spring activities listed in What's On cease during the Christmas season. Be sure to call event organizers before heading out the door!

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music

Saturday, December 29, 2001
Pianist Murray Anderson At the Harbour House Bistro during lunch or dinner.

Sunday, December 30, 2001

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

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

Monday, December 31, 2001

Escape Goats This bluesy band plays at the Fulford Inn from 9 p.m. to 2 a.m. Special menu and party favours!

The Big-Tones Play for the New Year's Bash at Moby's. Dinner from 5-11 p.m.; dancing from 9:30-2:30. Champagne, party favours and no cover!

Argentinian Tango See Wednesday listings.

New Year's Eve Dance Swing Shift Band plays at Meaden Hall, 8:30 p.m. Tickets \$25, including hot snacks and glass of champagne, are on sale at the Legion bar.

Wednesday, January 2, 2002

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

cinema

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

The Man Who Wasn't There — This is a tale of passion, crime and punishment presented in black and white and starring Billy Bob Thornton. Directed by the Coen brothers. Also starring

Frances McDormand (who won an Academy Award for Best Actress for the Coens' movie Fargo) and James Gandolfini. The Man Who Wasn't There won best director award (in a tie) at the 2001 Cannes Film Fest.

arts & crafts

Tamara MacDonald is hanging multimedia works at Barb's Buns.

Lise Partridge shows Ship Shapes — paintings of different historical ships — at Moby's through December.

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

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

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

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

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

galleries

J. Mitchell Gallery has re-opened in a new location at 1105 Grace Point Square, joining Thunderbird, Naikai and Vortex galleries in the complex.

Diana Dean is exhibiting new work in Victoria at the prestigious Winchester Galleries at 1010 Broad Street through December 22.

cable

Salt Spring TV, Cable 12 runs its 24-hour continuous broadcast from Friday, December 28 at 3 p.m. to Saturday, December 29, 3 p.m.

Taku River Stories: Part five of a five-part series. Last summer, Salt Spring filmmaker Peter Prince explored the

Taku wilderness with his camera for the National Geographic Channel. Join him and National Geo reporter Tom Forman on a river rafting adventure down the vast, unspoiled Taku River Valley. This week's episode looks at the history of Juneau, a town of 30,000 people, and how the goldmining boom at the turn of the century paved the streets of what has become a great neighbourhood.

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

Scrooge — The Charles Dickens classic tells the tale of a greedy miser of money, haunted by ghosts who inspire him to believe in the spirit of giving. It was adapted for the stage, produced and directed by Sue, Virginia and the late Ray Newman. Performed at ArtSpring (so it's not this year's version) with a huge cast of local characters dressed in colourful period costumes. Wow! Produced by Peter Prince for Island VideoWorks.

activities
Thursday, December 27, 2001
Corinternet Café Runs 1 to 8 p.m. Internet access charges are \$2 per half hour for adults, and \$1 per half hour for youth and seniors.
Survivor! Watch the show every Thursday at The Legion, 8 p.m. Sponsored by Island Star Video. Prizes!
Community Meditation Led by guest speakers each Thursday at SS United Church, upper hall, 11:15 a.m. to 12:30

p.m.

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

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

Friday, December 28, 2001

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

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

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

Rollerblading to Music For children and adults runs every Friday at Fulford Hall, 7:30-9 p.m.

Corinternet Café Runs noon to 5 p.m.

Saturday, December 29, 2001

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

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

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

Corinternet Café Runs noon to 5 p.m.

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

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

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

Sunday, December 30, 2001

Corinternet Café Runs noon to 5 p.m.

Monday, December 31, 2001
Reader's Theatre Meets every Monday at Croftonbrook from 10 a.m.

to noon. Info: Murray, 537-5432.

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

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

Alfresco's New Year's Eve Dinner Special entrees, and Barrington Perry on piano, from 5 p.m. Call 537-5979 for reservations.

New Year's Eve Buffet At the Harbour House from 9 p.m., with Murray Anderson entertaining on piano. Phone 537-4700 for reservations.

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

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

Tuesday, January 1, 2002

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

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

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

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

Vesuvius Beach Polar Bear Swim The annual dip at the beach takes place at 1 p.m., with registration beginning at 12:30. Costume theme is Disney. Prizes, hot chocolate and donuts!

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

Wednesday, January 2, 2002

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

Corinternet Café Runs 1 to 8 p.m. Internet access charges are \$2 per half

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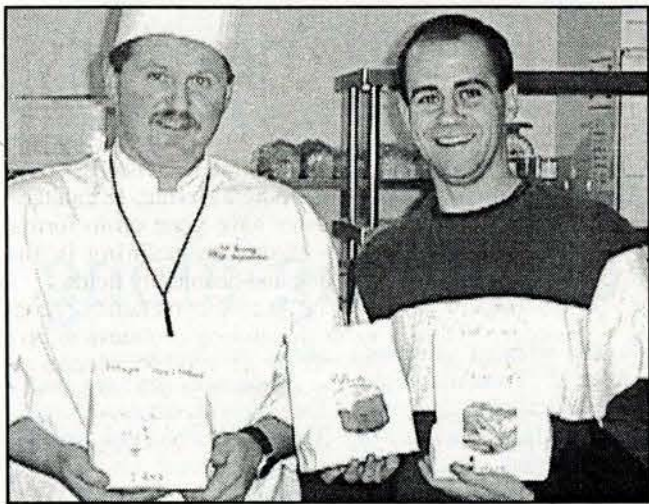
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SCHOLARSHIP: High school chef-teacher Al Irving is seen with Dino Asproloupou, who has created a scholarship for cafeteria program graduates in memory of his father, Steve Asproloupou. Photo contributed

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hour for adults, and \$1 per half hour for youth and seniors.

Cribbage Wednesdays at the Legion, 8 p.m.

Thursday, January 3, 2002

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

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

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

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

families

Thursday, December 27, 2001

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

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

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

Family Place Drop-in See Wednesday listing.

Friday, December 28, 2001

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

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

South End Toy Library Meets every

third Friday at Beaver Point Hall, 9:30-10:30 a.m. Info: Janice, 653-4411.

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

Saturday, December 29, 2001
Kids' Toonie Bowling For ages 5-10, runs at Kings Lane Recreation every Saturday from 10 a.m. to noon.

Monday, December 31, 2001
Family Place Drop-in See Wednesday listing.

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

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

Tuesday, January 1, 2002

Family Place Drop-in See Wednesday listing.

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

Wednesday, January 2, 2002

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

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

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

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Friday, December 28, 2001

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

seniors

Monday, December 31, 2001

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

Wednesday, January 2, 2002

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

health

Thursday, December 27, 2001

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

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

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

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

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

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

Friday, December 28, 2001

Belly-dance Classes With Birgit Wolf every other Friday at the Core Inn, 6:30-8. Info: 538-0097.

Move Into Fitness classes See Wednesday listings.

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

Saturday, December 29, 2001

Nia Fitness Dance Classes At All Saints, 9:30 a.m.

Sunday, December 30, 2001

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

Monday, December 31, 2001

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

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

Dance and Feldenkrais Classes Anna Haltetrecht leads classes Mondays at Cats Pajamas Studio.

Feldenkrais: Awareness Through Movement, runs at 6 p.m. followed by dance at 7:30. Info: 537-5681.

Move Into Fitness classes See Wednesday listings.

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

Tai chi/Qigong See Wednesday listings.

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

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

Tuesday, January 1, 2002

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

Nia Fitness Dance See Thursday listing.

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

Flexible Strength Classes See Thursday listings.

Wednesday, January 2, 2002

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

Move Into Fitness classes At

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

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

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

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

Judo See Monday listing.

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Thursday, January 3, 2002

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ArtSpring bursts with sound at annual carol sing-along

By GAIL SJUBERG
Staff Writer

When people line up an hour in advance of an event start-time, you know it's amassed broad appeal.

That's what happened Friday at ArtSpring for the third annual Christmas Sing-along, where people were invited to sip a sampling of island choirs, sing popular Christmas carols and enjoy hot apple cider and treats, all without opening their wallets. A food bank donation was the advertised "admission."

This was the deal: the choirs performed a couple of well-prepared seasonal songs and, while switching places backstage, the audience sang a few verses of traditional carols from the official Driftwood-Barnacle songbook. It's an unprecedented feat in terms of getting as many bodies as possible on and off the stage while maintaining a reasonable flow.

As a mini choral festival, the program variety was as rich as your average Yuletide feast.

Within two hours we heard six choirs as well as Scott Hylands reading 'Twas the Night Before Christmas, plus the sound of our collective voices sending carols in the other direction.

The sing-along is comfortably fanfare-free, and Arthur Black was a charming master of ceremonies who had obviously agreed to help at somewhat of a last minute. (Black is another high-profile islander who so liberally shares himself with his community.)

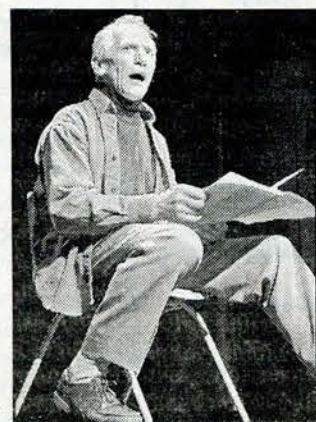
The Fernwood Elementary School Choir was the first ensemble on stage, singing Be Our Guest with custom-made lyrics reflecting the ArtSpring appearance, and Music in the Air, under the direction of teacher Mary Rockliffe and accompanied by Shirley Bunyan.

(Bunyan, one of the main sing-along organizers, also led and accompanied the United Church choir and the Lost Chords seniors' ensemble, making her integral to the happening.)

With coordinated, snazzy neck scarves and bright young faces grabbing our attention even before the cherub-like singing, the Fernwood choir also injected some fancy choreography into their show. The exuberant, bouncing response of one little boy wearing a green elf-like hat in the audience expressed the thrills caused by this young group.

While the audience sang O Little Town of Bethlehem, Tuned Air slipped on stage to first sing Christmas Lullaby, woven beautifully with Bo Curtis' ringing, soaring flute notes.

With several new faces among the tried and true,



SINGING ALONG: Above, The Lost Chords entertain a packed ArtSpring with two selections, while at left, actor Scott Hylands enthralled with his reading of 'Twas the Night Before Christmas.

Photos by Derrick Lundy

ter, and a Serbo-Croatian carol let loose a trickle of shivers with its liquid harmonies.

The audience's singing of the First Noel seemed robust enough until some of the powerhouse voices of the United Church Choir began filing on stage and inflating the corners of the hall with sound.

The uplifting Advent Prayer, and alternating Away in a Manger and Amazing Grace themes of their second piece, stamped the evening with as much emphasis as the singers' black and red dress.

Following intermission, The Lost Chords (average age 78, as MC Black revealed) chose two selec-

tions that made us all want to sing along. They were All the Stars Shone Down, which had such an infectious tune it was hard to not join in, and the equally addictive spiritual Go Tell It On the Mountain.

The scintillating voice of soloist Sam Peebles stopped us in our tracks, however. Wow!

(Driftwood-Barnacle editor Susan Lundy and I decided the seniors' choir is the one we'd most like to join — they look like they have more fun than any group on the island.)

Actor Scott Hylands — who Black called "a one-man cultural institution" —

followed with an animated reading of 'Twas the Night Before Christmas. Hylands gave the classic tale extra spit and polish, and I especially relished the robust voice of Santa conjuring his reindeer.

An audience singing of Rudolf the Red-Nosed Reindeer appropriately ensued, with energetic threads of the alternate version with echoes flying in all directions.

Santa hats and red reindeer antlers dominated the headgear of the Salt Spring Honour Choir — or rather half of that group — with several members in the Scrooge show, on holidays or at other festive events. Despite their diminished ranks, the young singers' voices flourished as they sang 'Tis the Season, easily nailing the spirit of the sing-

along and Christmas.

As the audience sang Hark the Herald Angels Sing, Tuned Air returned to the stage to lead us in the Hallelujah Chorus of Handel's Messiah.

Being able to dust off my high school score of The Messiah and belt out the alto line of the glorious piece was worth a big chunk of the admission I would have paid if there was one.

ArtSpring was flush with smiles on December 21, and I don't know how it could have been otherwise. In three short years of official existence, the ArtSpring-sponsored sing-along has become a fits-like-a-glove Christmas tradition.

Thanks to Bunyan, Richard Moses and the ArtSpring board, staff and volunteers for supporting the event with such enthusiasm.

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No Bah Humbug here: Scrooge a smash

By **PIRJO RAITIS**
Staff Writer

What would Christmas be like if we had never heard of Charles Dickens' Scrooge?

Ebenezer Scrooge, Bob Cratchit, Tiny Tim, the ghosts of Christmas and the entire contingent of characters created by Dickens are as familiar to us as the Grinch is to some of the younger set.

The Newman family's production of A Christmas with Scrooge is a fair take on Dickens' Christmas classic.

Last Friday night this entourage of Newman family actors, singers and friends took the stage at Mahon Hall for another performance of a Salt Spring Island classic.

Sitting in the chairs on the floor of Mahon Hall I was transported back to a time and place when microphones, taped music and slick commercial presentations were not the order of the day. The large paned windows, wooden floor and seasonal greenery all lent an air to the production which can't easily be recreated in larger venues. The hall suited the production perfectly and as I sat there I realized that I could have been doing the same thing over 100 years ago.

Accompanying the dozens of voices on stage was a single piano played by Virginia Newman. It worked, though I would have preferred to have had the piano further from the stage so as not to overpower the sometimes tiny voices on stage.

The actors began the performance outside beside a roaring fire in the parking lot, setting the mood for what would come. Much of the cast entered the hall from the aisles, thereby creating a feeling for the audience of being directly involved in the performance. It was an intimate affair and at times felt as though the audience was also part of the cast.

Eric Booth's Scrooge, my favourite mean and nasty character, was a treasure. The way to judge an actor is if you can see no resemblance to the person you see on the street. If I hadn't known it was Booth behind the makeup I probably would never have guessed. He played a perfect Scrooge, all the way from the miserly old cur to the reformed, giddy, on-his-toes fatherly figure. To put an original spin on a character we all know is difficult and Booth did it.

I got a good chuckle out of the lyrics to Bah!



IN CHARACTER: Warming up outside prior to Friay's show are Scrooge cast members: Korena Vine, Martin Thorn and Gail Bryn-Jones. Photo by Pirjo Raitis

Humbug! Words like, waste of good business "Merry Interruptions, Merry time," were appropriate, Intrusions and Christmas is a imaginative and humorous.

It was obvious that for some of the thinner voices, microphones would have helped, but nonetheless the Fezziwig Daughters — Metta McLeod, Patrice Bowler and Elsbet Krayenhoff — put some power into their songs and were able to project to the end of the hall. Their clear voices were a pleasure to listen to.

Arlo Bryn-Thorn as the Boy Scrooge drew a hearty round of applause for his singing of Silent Night

A guest appearance by Debbi Toole was a surprise, to me at least. She sang O Holy Night (Cantique de Noel) and it was truly "goosebump" music.

Tradition is a good thing, and Christmas with Scrooge has become an island tradition. Even if you have seen it every year since it first took to the stage, it would still be a wonderful way to begin the holiday season.

The story itself is especial-

ly pertinent now, when people are perhaps realizing what is important and meaningful in their lives. It does reflect the true meaning of Christmas as friends and acquaintances gather to show support for a family that gives its all just to entertain you and I.

Cast members may not all be relatives, but it is evident in this production that they have come together as a theatre family.



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Public Consultation Sessions January 11 to 18, 2002

BACKGROUND

The National Energy Board has received an application from Georgia Strait Crossing Pipeline Limited to construct and operate the GSX Canada Pipeline. A three-member independent Joint Review Panel has been established by the federal Minister of the Environment and the National Energy Board to consider this pipeline proposal. The Panel will make recommendations to the Minister regarding environmental assessment matters and make decisions concerning the public convenience and necessity for this pipeline proposal.

PUBLIC CONSULTATION SESSIONS

The Joint Review Panel will be holding public consultation sessions to hear comments from the public on which issues the Panel should consider during the hearing process and what further information should be obtained from the applicant. To allow the Panel to hear from as many people as possible, you will have 10 minutes to complete your oral presentation. The Panel will also receive your comments in writing.

If you wish to present comments to the Panel or participate in the January 12 workshop, you should register with the Panel Secretary by January 7, 2002. To register, please call the Panel at 1-800-899-1265, send a fax to (403) 292-5503 or an e-mail to secretary@neb-one.gc.ca. Panel staff will be on hand one hour before each session to explain the procedures, to answer questions and to accept last minute registration requests.

TIME AND LOCATION

- 1. Vancouver**
Friday, January 11, 2002, 9:30 a.m.
Renaissance Vancouver Hotel, 1133 West Hastings Street, Vancouver, B.C.
- 2. Sidney**
Saturday, January 12, 2002, 1:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. (Workshop)
Mary Winspear Community Cultural Centre @SANCHA
2243 Beacon Avenue, Sidney, B.C.
- 3. Cobble Hill - Monday, January 14, 2002**
9:30 a.m., 2:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. (three sessions)
Arbutus Ridge Golf and Country Club
3515 Telegraph Road, Cobble Hill, B.C.
- 4. Salt Spring Island**
Wednesday, January 16, 2002, 7:00 p.m.
Harbour House Hotel, 121 Upper Ganges Road, Salt Spring Island, B.C.
- 5. Victoria**
Thursday, January 17, 2002, 2:00 p.m.
Delta Victoria Ocean Pointe, 45 Songhees Road, Victoria, B.C.
- 6. Saturna Island**
Friday, January 18, 2002, 7:00 p.m.
Saturna Community Hall, Saturna Island, B.C.

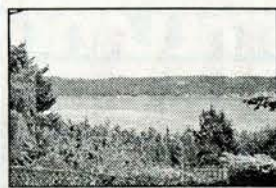
FIRST NATIONS SESSIONS

The Panel will also hold sessions regarding First Nations issues on Saturday, 12 January 2002, 9:00 a.m. at the Mary Winspear Community Cultural Centre @SANCHA, 2243 Beacon Avenue, Sidney, B.C. and on Tuesday, 15 January 2002, 2:00 p.m. at the Comiakken Room, Quw'utsun' Cultural Centre, 200 Cowichan Way, Duncan, B.C. All interested persons are welcome to attend.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

For further information, please contact Mr. Guy C. Hamel, Regulatory Officer, at 1-800-899-1265 or secretary@neb-one.gc.ca (e-mail). Details on all consultation sessions, including the January 12 workshop, will be available on-line at www.neb-one.gc.ca (click on "Regulatory Update" and then on "GSX Canada Pipeline Project") and at www.ceaa-acee.gc.ca.

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PENDERS EDITION

NEWS FROM NORTH AND SOUTH PENDER ISLANDS

Children shine in celebration

By KAE CHARMAN
Staff Writer

Pender's School gymnasium was packed last Thursday afternoon with proud parents and friends as students and faculty presented their Winter Celebration Christmas Concert.

Extra chairs were brought in to accommodate the unexpected overload.

Principal David Nickoli, looking very dashing in a suit and tie, welcomed the audience and introduced the production. Each class prepared a segment and Christmas carols were sung in between. Mike Miles running the hi-tech computer projection of carol lyrics and Judy Neil at the piano.

On behalf of the School District 64 board and his family, trustee Russ Searle extended seasonal greetings, and the pageant was underway.

In the opening act Mrs. Claus, with the help of the elves, was in the kitchen baking cookies, 12,000 of them to be exact, and that's a lot of cookies! They decided to hide all the cookies unless Santa agreed to take Mrs. Claus along on the sleigh ride. With Mary Reher leading on guitar, the group of tiny singers sang the song of "No more oatmeal, no more raisin, no more chocolate chip."

MacKenzie Dine, dressed in long red velvet robe and king's crown, recited the poem, The Chatelaine. "Drink, fair lady, and thou shalt be mine."

Jillian Swan and Silvey Mundy narrated Twas The Night Before Christmas, while the action of the story was played out on stage, including the sleeping children, the mice that were stirring, the reindeer and, of course, Santa himself coming down the chimney to stuff stockings. In the end, they all shouted, "Merry Christmas to all, and to all a good night."

The ukulele group was led by Claude Kennedy and spread across the entire stage. Seventeen players, plus Mr. Kennedy's uke, plucked and strummed Ode to Joy, the Purchelli Canon, and sang loud and clear on So This Is Christmas, joined by Ricci and Natasha O'Reilly on guitar and bass.

With flutophones, tone chimes and shakers, the Grade 5-6 class sang I Heard The Bells on Christmas Day, The Prince of Glory and I Saw Mommy Kissing Santa Claus, cleverly bouncing up and down a hidden staircase.

While Walking In A Winter Wonderland played behind, Nadia Nowak, Mel Kirkby, Laura Biagioni and Jessy Burgess danced their own choreographed piece that was whittled down to fit the small stage.

Grade 7/8 students organized a fashion show to mark this winter's celebration. With running commentary in both French and English, fashions from everyday to evening wear were featured. Snowboarding and skateboarding outfits, punky-prepster attire with slashed sleeves and safety pin accessories, impossibly high patent leather platform shoes, shredded jeans and t-shirts, camouflage prints, dance outfits and beach wear were paraded across the stage.

Laura Biagioni and Nadia Nowak sang Silver Bells and O Holy Night a capella, identically dressed in dark purple spaghetti-strapped sparkly dresses and bare feet.

Joyce Davis coaxed Santa down the chimney with a toned-down version of her outrageously sensual rendition of Eartha Kitt's Santa Baby, joined by the O'Reillys on guitar, bass and keyboard. "Be doo, be doo, I want a yacht. That's not a lot."

And finally, Santa's elves carried in boxes of gifts as Mr. Claus himself sat in attendance to hand out the goodies.

It was a pageant to remember with several video cameras recording the event. The entire student body and faculty took part and the Pender community can be proud of this last performance before Christmas break.



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By PAMELA BROOKS
Staff Writer

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Apologies to Carole Couchman at That "Little" Coffee Place. The shop will be closed December 25 through 28, and January 1, not the advertised dates.

Rob Storrie's sixth fleet were both beached last week in the winter storms.

Get well wishes to Don Grimmer. He suffered a stroke a few weeks ago. He's well enough, however,

to drag a mucky old bicycle from the woods onto Margaret's clean art room floor.

Thank you, Jacquie Main, for organizing a friendly solstice celebration.

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6 DEATHS

ALAN GREY, beloved brother of Bruce, and son of Janette and Douglas, died suddenly at sunny Cayoos Creek, Pemberton, on Thursday, December 20, while enjoying cross-country skiing with a friend. Alan taught at Pemberton Secondary School, was a very well-known figure in the ski scene at Whistler, and prominent in the administration of the Whistler Off-Road Bike Association, as well as being often seen competing in mountain-bike races. He loved the Salt Spring scene, kayaking and bike-riding with his many friends.

8 CARD OF THANKS

ISLAND SAVINGS would like to thank Ganges Village Market and Embe Bakery for once again sponsoring the annual Children's Christmas Choirs. The lovely music provided by the children was enjoyed by all.

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Photos by Derrick Lundy

Thinking about injuries in the Head Smashed In Inn

On a recent hockey junket to southern Alberta, I found myself

(appropriately for a hockey tournament) in the community of Head Smashed In Buffalo Jump. That night, I slept fitfully at the Head Smashed In Inn, no doubt apprehensive about having to play a team called Head Smashed In. This is one team that does not need a nickname (though "Senators" comes to mind). In fact, I had nothing to fear as I was more at risk of head injury driving to the rink than I was actually playing the game. Of all head injuries only 10 per cent are a result of recreational activity (attending NY Ranger home games excluded). Falls account for 21 per cent, violence (attending NY Ranger home games included) for 12 per cent and a whopping 50 per cent from motor vehicle accidents.

The brain sloshes happily about inside the human skull, bathed in a fluid called CSF.

It spends most of its day snapping off synaptic signals, controlling bodily functions and playing condescending mind games with the kidneys. "Hey kiddies, hurry up and piddle so we can go to the Stones concert tonight and . . . oh wait . . . ha . . . kidney Stones!"

When the head receives a sudden jolt, the skull comes to an abrupt stop. The brain, which should have been watching the road rather than analyzing its emotional response to

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the blonde hitchhiker, actually smacks into the inside wall of the skull. This causes a stunning (concussion), bruising (contusion), bleeding (bleeding), or a sudden decrease of intellect (urge to play hockey).

"Hey brainiac," tease the kidneys, "keep your eye on the road or urine trouble."

1. Concussion

Having your brain smacked and swollen may lead to confusion, loss of consciousness and memory loss, rendering you prime prime minister material.

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2. Bleeding

A leaking blood vessel inside the skull is an emergency. When the brain sloshes about the skull after a collision it may shear a vein, allowing a slow leak, or it may

shear an artery leading to a more drastic bleed. The skull is rigid but the brain is soft. As pressure increases inside the skull, the brain gets compressed even to the point of being forced down your neck!

A visit to the doctor will prompt ol' sawbones to grab an instrument called an "eye looker-inner." He will place this to his eye and then thrust his face so close to yours you'll be able to trade eyelash lice. This prompts an intense giggle reflex in the patient who will snort and struggle not to breathe. Besides checking to make sure the pupils are equal, the doctor is actually shining the light into the back of the eye.

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2. Unremitting headache that doesn't clear with Tylenol.
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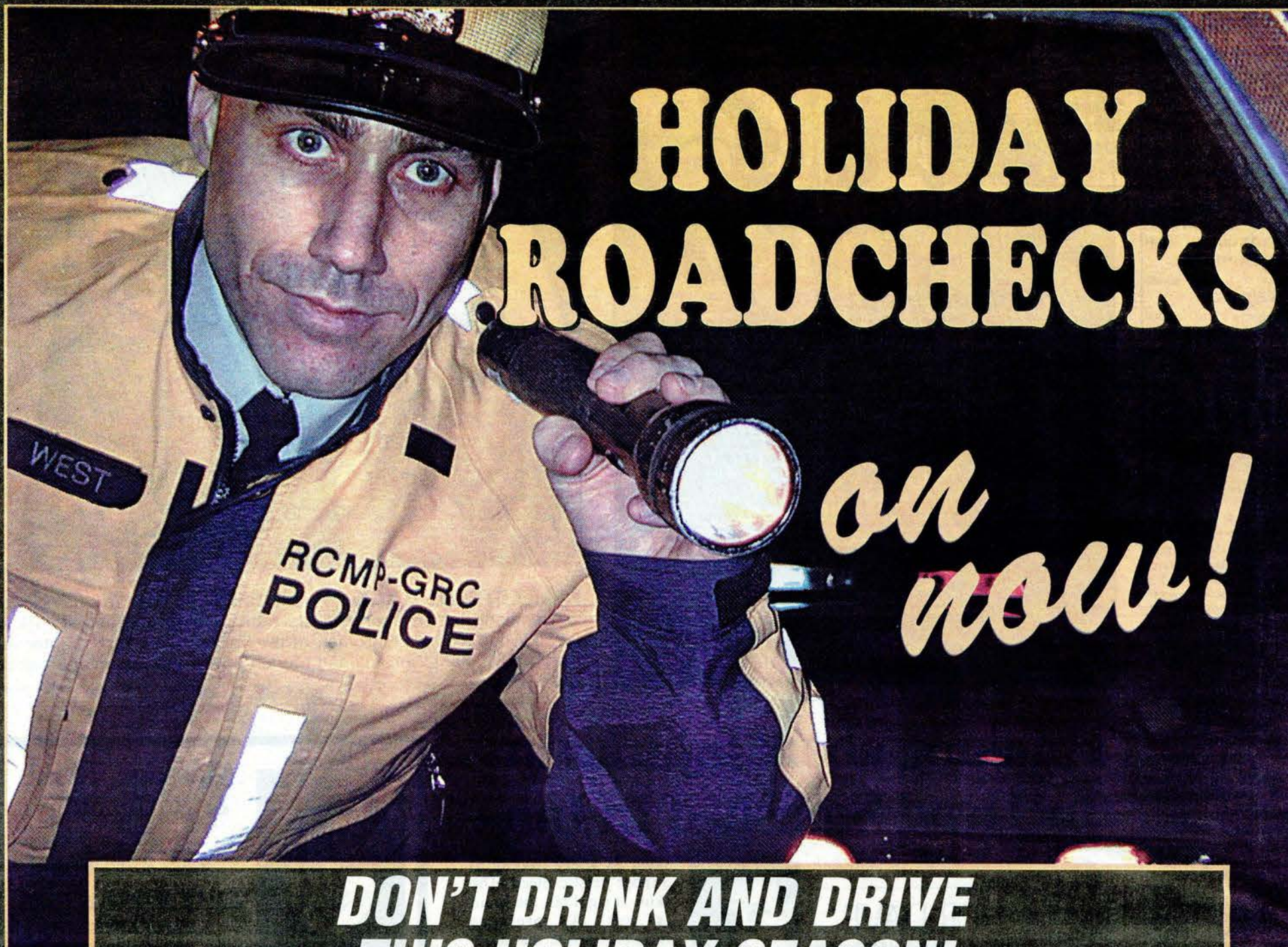
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