

Upon This Night no stuffy affair — standing ovation deserved

By **ANDREA RABINOVITCH**
Driftwood Contributor

The Salt Spring Singers Concert of Seasonal Music — Upon This Night — was about more than an enjoyable evening of holiday music.

Community and the generosity of performers and audience members sharing ephemeral moments of joy and connection were of equal importance. Director Mitch Howard is to be commended for creating a challenging, varied and knowledgeable program that mixed spoken text, youngsters, solos, a brass section, a variety of languages and cultures into a cohesive whole.

Beautifully accompanied by Jennifer Howard, the casual nature of the performance was belied by the director's tuxedo and tails. On Saturday night the close-to-sold-out crowd could hear the children's Honour Choir warming up backstage. A proud supporter calling up from the audience to a young performer with the response of a red-faced wave indicated straight away that this was not a stuffy affair.

Howard's suggestion that Maureen Gix be given a



"thumbs up" at Thrifty's or elsewhere in town the next day — for making the Honour Choir's costumes — was the clincher.

Opening with a passage from St. Luke 2: 1-14 read by Susan Russell, the three-year-old youth Honour Choir followed, looking spiffy in their jewel-coloured robes. Twenty-eight young ladies and one young gentleman sang three selections with Little Tree by e.e. cummings endearingly read by Danica Lundy and accompanied by her sister Sierra.

Sarah Lundy's reading of Stars by Marjorie Picthall was nicely acted and fervently recited. It's hard to resist such sweet girls with

sparkles on their faces.

The Honour Choir came to life when they sang Mary, Mary by Mary Donnelly and George L.O. Strid. A contemporary song with a rock groove, the children could feel the music in their bodies and so their pitch and rhythm were true. Having fun with the song encouraged the audience to have fun along with them.

Arlo Bryn Thorn's clear solo at the top of Once in Royal David's City (lyrics by Cecil Frances Alexander and music by Henry John Gauntlett) led into the entrance of the 67 Salt Spring Singers.

The excellent acoustics in ArtSpring's theatre ensured a richness of sound that encompasses the thrill of listening to a live choir.

Twelve shorter selections ranging from spirituals to 15th-century carols and Ann Stewart's charming reading of Norma Farber's The Queens Came Late showed us the range of Howard's selections. Gabriel's Message — Basque Carol was a difficult piece that counter-pointed the different sections of the choir to good effect. Rosemary Delisle's lovely soprano voice soared through Maria Wiegenlied's The Virgin's Slumber Song and the Male Chorus' traditional Welsh carol Suo Gan,

UPON THIS NIGHT B2



SINGER SOUNDS: Above, director Mitch Howard leads the Honour Choir, while below, members of the Salt Spring Singers perform at ArtSpring.

Photos by Derrick Lundy



Artwork by Rocio Fonseca

Free festive dinner served on Christmas

The Community Turkey Dinner is all set for Christmas Day again this year.

The annual United Church-sponsored event will take place in the Legion's Meaden Hall between 11:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. Doors will open at 11:30 for music and song.

Dinner will be served at noon.

There is no charge for the meal, which is prepared and cooked by volunteers, and includes a vegetarian version. Food is donated by local individuals and businesses.

Organizer Gary Fletcher says volunteers are welcome to help in the kitchen, or to provide rides to people unable to get to the dinner on their own.

He can be reached at 537-0867.

Anyone wishing a ride can also call Fletcher.

We look forward to serving you in the New Year.

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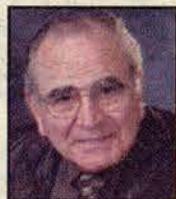
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CHRISTMAS ACTORS:
Fulford Elementary School children took to the stage last Thursday night for their annual Christmas concert. They entertained family and friends as Hawaiian Santas and gumboot dancers, and with a host of Christmas plays and songs.

Photos by Derrick Lundy



Seabiscuit movie gallops to 'genuinely classic' standard

Well-made but ultimately sentimental, Gary Ross' Seabiscuit tells the

amazing story of the titular racing horse who went on to defy all odds. Set in the Depression, the film focusses on the three men responsible for Seabiscuit's success: too-big and too-testy rider Red Pollard (Tobey Maguire), meditative trainer Tom Smith (Chris Cooper), and charismatic owner Charles Howard (Jeff Bridges).

Together they made a horse thought ill-suited for racing a champion for a spiritually exhausted America.

Seabiscuit is definitely what your kids would call "old school" in that it is the kind of film that doesn't get made much anymore. It's heart-tug-

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ging and inspirational, with all sorts of challenges for our heroes to convert into improbable achievements. All the lighting glows, the music swells and considerable time is spent making sure all the props are appropriate (read: obvious to us modernites) for the times.

But this isn't to say that the film isn't entertaining. Ross moves what could be a slow plot along at a quick pace, and we're always engaged with the main characters' dilemmas. The racing scenes are actually really exciting and fairly non-clichéd, as Ross manages to avoid the usual "slo-mo shot as the horses round the bend" look.

And the actors are impeccable. Maguire, best known as the recent Spider-Man, obviously lost a lot of weight for the role. His character is interesting in that he's as frustratingly grumpy as his horse, which makes our choice to cheer for him a little more difficult. Bridges and Cooper as usual are the old pros. Cooper is probably going to get another Oscar nomination for this role.

Speaking of Oscars (and maybe it's a little early) but I wouldn't be surprised to see Seabiscuit pick up quite a few nominations including Best Picture. There aren't a whole lot of films of its ilk nowadays, and there are still a lot of the old guard left around to vote.

Do I think it deserves this much acclaim? On the greater scale of things, no. But as a genuinely classical-type Hollywood film, Seabiscuit fits the bit. So to speak.

Arrive early for ArtSpring Sing-Along

Locals can gather at ArtSpring this Sunday and sing to their heart's content at the sixth annual Christmas Sing-Along.

Event co-organizer Judi Francis warns that people should arrive well in advance of the 2:30 p.m. start time.

"There will no be seating in the aisles," she said. "It's the one event where people line up for an hour ahead."

The afternoon show features four choirs: Indigo, Offspring Singers, Lost Chords and Tuned Air. The choirs are accompa-

nied by a brass ensemble.

Former CBC Radio favourite Arthur Black returns as MC and "Scrooge" is rumoured to be planning an appearance.

ArtSpring executive director Paul Gravett views the event as the year's best performance because audience members can sing carols between performances.

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Macaulay landscapes invite active contemplation

By MITCHELL SHERRIN
Staff Writer

A set of sumptuous oil paintings on display at Moby's Marine Pub grandeur of shadowy shapes and tones of island landscapes with the personal precision of an impressionist reflection. Macaulay agreed during a recent Driftwood interview. "What is a Dwellling?" exhibit by local artist Jamie Callum

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PHILOSOPHICAL LANDSCAPES: Local artist Jamie Callum Macaulay stands beside his painting of the Burgoyne Bluffs at his "What is a Dwellling?" show currently on display at Moby's Marine Pub.

of the western world hun- kering down on this island."

Ambient light quality influences his choice of colours in rendering scenes of local farms, lakes and hillsides, producing a rich but sombre palette.

"I was getting frustrated waiting for Mediterranean sunny days," Macaulay said.

His oil-on-board piece titled Walker Hook shows a stark, slashy out- line of Douglas firs in ed by Macaulay's friend Michael Fardon Lis add further darkness to the paintings, but the effect is also rich and resplendent.

"I see them as the com- pletion of the work. . . . But most of the works on display were actually painted in the spring and fall, he said.

And Stowell Lake clear- ly shows the burnt-caramel grass of late summer with- standing landscape tradi- tion that includes Renaissance painters like Rembrandt, post-impres- sionists like Paul Cézanne and surrealists such as Alberto Giacometti.

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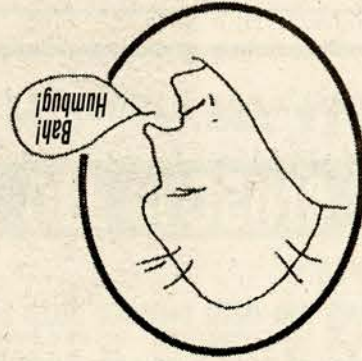
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Johnson publishes her first novel

The Judge and the Barfly, by Mary McCarte Johnson. 216 pp.

By FRANK RICHARDS
Driftwood Contributor

With so sober a title, this book is not readily recognizable as light literature.

It is the tale of a young woman who falls by the wayside and is incarcerated in an Irish convent at the

command of her father.

Nor does the description above readily identify the author as a former resident of the Gulf Islands.

The author was, some years ago, living on South Pender Island with her husband, Charlie Johnson. Having spent considerable time, in the past, writing short stories and poetry, she looked to more demanding

chores and this book is the result.

She is now living in Sidney.

The story depicts Elizabeth as a reluctant nun, mourning the loss of her illegitimate child who has been sent away to be adopted.

In the course of the story she finds escape in music and in helping other victims of the very odd staff.

The story moves to an institutional scene that has changed little in the dozen or so years spent there by Sister Elizabeth.

The convent is destined to develop rapidly when Elizabeth and her cronies get into action.

The book is well-written and keeps its plot developing steadily throughout the tale, with its fast sequences.

Judge and barfly writer recalls poetic battle

By FRANK RICHARDS
Driftwood Contributor

Like I told the writer when I never met her, I was very fond of my wife, even if I said as much in verse.

And it leaves me to revert to prose in any subsequent reflection.

Mind you, the time I never met Mary Johnson was the time she came after me with all poetry guns loaded for my role as Chief Baiter for women's lib.

I had named my late wife, Barbara, "Women's Lib" after numerous harangues identifying me as the ultimate and evil male.

I was in trouble when I wrote of her in my meanderings by that term. And at that time, in the '70s, my name was Mud. And Mud I was until she discovered that the name had taken hold and she was addressed as Women's Lib at social functions.

The pressure was off.

"So you are Women's Lib!"

And she was.

I hasten to explain that we were very happily married to the end of her life.

The label was accepted and peace broke out in the Liberated Household.

So life went on. It was in 1987 when

Mary Johnson broke out in print; poetical print at that. She wrote:

"I thought I would never see
A Lib-baiter quite like thee.
I fear your Libber has found at last
A way to dispose of your macho past
Because from you we hear no sound;
Have you really gone underground?"
What could I do but emulate my critic?
And in verse!

I wrote that Barbara had been in poor health and that I had withheld my darts.

"I do not think I'd ever kick
A loving Libber while she's sick."

Singer graces Moby's with evocative music

Vocalist Anne Schaefer is no stranger to wearing more than one hat at a time.

Schaefer is a songwriter and guitarist who plays folk-jazz.

She comes to Salt Spring for Moby's Sunday Dinner Jazz on Sunday, December 21 at 7 p.m. when she'll be accompanied by jazz musicians Ron Hadley (piano),

Kelby MacNayr (drums) and Scott White (bass).

In a press release, musician Mae Moore describes Schaefer as "one of those rare talents that combines a pure voice with a strong sense of songwriting and an incredible dexterity on the guitar." Loreena McKennitt meets acoustic Jimi Hendrix."

The Moby's concert is part of a larger tour that includes shows in Duncan, Victoria and on Hornby Island. Appearances coincide with the release of the singer's debut CD, which features music by artists Daniel Lapp, Hugh Fraser and Scott White.

Schaefer has gathered musical influences in her

travels, having spent time in Mexico, France and Argentina.

While in Argentina, her trio Schaefer-Solino-Campos became known for its distinctive percussive sound.

Schaefer currently lives in Victoria where she continues to develop her musical career.

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Dervish is recognized worldwide as one of Ireland's leading bands; they lift audiences from their seats with music ranging from high energy tunes to beautifully measured and inspiring songs of life and love.

Coppelia
Friday, Feb. 27, 8:00
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Sunday, January 25, 2:30pm
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Jazz for Lovers
Kate Hammett-Vaughan, Steve Maddock and NiteCap
Sunday, February 15, 2:30pm
There will be romance in the air when Kate Hammett-Vaughan, Steve Maddock and Capilano College's 12-member NiteCap take to the stage in this celebration of love. Kate Hammett-Vaughan, Juno-Award nominee and "one of Canada's most interesting jazz singers" (Globe and Mail), will make you swoon. The perfect date to get you in the mood for love.

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Sunday, March 14, 2:30
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Young writers astound Christmas story judges

The Driftwood and its Christmas story contest judges were absolutely overwhelmed by Gulf Islands Grade 6-8 students at Pender Islands School through 17 classes with high participation rates. The rest of the stories came from individual keen-ers.

With so many entries in every age category — except 14-15-year-olds, where there were none, and 16-year-olds, with two — the Driftwood has awarded cash prizes to first-place winners of each age group.

Those stories appear in this edition of the paper, along with the youngest writers' Driftwood Publishing Ltd.

They are Jim Lightfoot's Grade 4-5 class at Fullford Elementary, Cathy Buttery's Grade 6-8 class at Galiano Community School, Lynne Wells' Grade 4-8 class from Mayne Elementary-Junior and Deborah Nosal's Grade 2-3 class at Salt Spring Elementary.

The increase could be attributed to the Driftwood's offer to donate \$100 to the charity of choice for the class with the highest level of participation from its members. Four classes came through with 100 per cent of students entering stories, and each will receive \$100 cheques from Driftwood Publishing Ltd.

A list of the judges' first, second and occasional winners is in a separate story on this page and depending on available space, more entries may be published in the December 24 edition.

Alex Mitchell, the retired Driftwood columnist who coordinates the judging each year, said the judges were astounded by the amount and quality of writing.



JUDGES' MEETING: Among the story judges meeting recently at Alex Mitchell's Brinkworthy home were Audrey Isaacs, Alex Mitchell, Dan Davies and Jill Wheaton.

ing this time around. Judges were: Betty Poole for the five, six, seven and eight-year-old writers; Victoria Olchowcki for the nine and 10-year-olds; Jill Wheaton for the 11 and 12-year-olds; and Audrey Isaacs for the 13 and 14-year-olds.

• Dan Davies and Don Boys for the 16 and 17-year-old group.

Some judges chose to make overall comments on the stories they read.

"Level of writing was outstanding!" exclaimed Davies of the 38 entries he judged. Isaacs declared of the 12-year-old division: "There were 14 entries in the 12 years old group. I wanted to award 14 first prizes... all 14 stories blew me away — and each merits highest praise for originality and coherence." Isaacs was also impressed with the 13 entries from 13-year-olds, which all came from Pender, Galiano and Mayne Island students.

Mitchell noted that a couple of the judges executed their duties even though they were suffering from the flu.

First place winners can pick up their cheques at the Driftwood office, or request that they be mailed by calling the paper at 537-9933.

The Cat that Climbed the Christmas Tree

BY ADRIENNE AMODEO
Age 10 category
First Place

It was Snuzzle the cat's first Christmas. On Christmas Eve, armloads of boxes were carried into the living room.

Out of tissue and cellophane bags, wonderful shadows. On the highest branch an angel stood in silent watch.

Snuzzle just had to have a closer look. His muscles tensed and his tail twitched. What a climb this would be, right to the very top.

In one quick leap he was on a low branch, nose to nose with an old fuzzy reindeer. He gave a little tap to make the reindeer spin and for good measure he gave a playful growl. The reindeer tossed his head and gave a little snort. Snuzzle was so surprised he almost fell off the branch.

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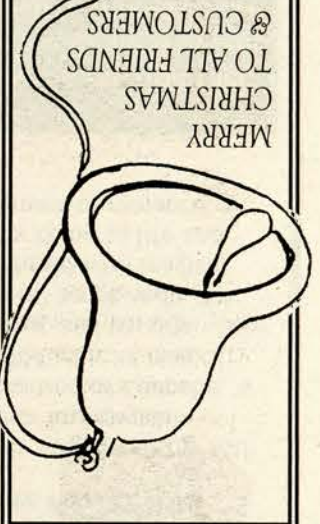
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"Oh yes," said the reindeer. "We only get together once a year, you know."

"This is my first Christmas!" Snuzzle said.

"The soldiers!" The soldiers! "HALT, who goes there?" The mouse ducked into his stocking. Finally he was on the ground.

The next morning his family found him sound asleep on his bed.



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The Cat that Climbed the Christmas Tree

Christmastime! Snuzzle admitted. "Your first!" the old reindeer chuckled. "I've been in this family for many years. In fact, I used to sit right at the top by the Angel herself!"

Chinese ladies and miniature soldiers floated in the half shadows. On the highest branch an angel stood in silent watch.

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My Christmas Eve

By **REBECCA STEEL**
Age 7 category
First place

Once upon a Christmas Eve, Morgen and Gwyny were sleeping over at my house. We decided to stay awake all night, hoping to see Santa. So that's what we did. That night we stayed awake. Just as we were about to give up hope our door opened. The Easter Bunny came in! He said Santa was hibernating!

We said, "We have to put you to bed, please tell us where your house is."

"No," screamed the bunny. "I guess we will have to find it," I said. "We will have to take the bunny with us. Would you come, Easter Bunny?"

"O.K." said the bunny. So we put on our sneakers. My feet still felt cold. I got my sled dog Martin and attached him to my sled. I jumped on my sled. The others jumped on too. So did the bunny.

"Go, Martin!" I shouted. We went over snowdrifts, frozen lakes, around snow-covered trees. When we got hungry, the Easter Bunny

gave us a Mandarin orange each. Once, a polar bear flashed by. We saw the Northern Lights. Then we saw a big tree. I called Martin to a halt. The tree had a sign that said Easter Bunny. We went inside with the bunny and tucked him into bed and gave him his doll. Then he told us where to find Santa and how to wake him up.

So we thanked the Easter Bunny and climbed over to our sled and set off for Santa. We found him in a jiffy. We woke him up.

"My, look at the time," he said in a loud, jolly voice. "You'd better help me deliver your presents."

"Sure," we said. "My, you must be frozen, girls!"

He put on his red velvet suit and his toque and his boots. Then he gave us red velvet nightgowns and boots. We got in his sleigh and we went to deliver the presents around the world. We went to Africa, Asia, New Zealand and all sorts of places.

Then he took us to my house in Canada and we went to bed.



Artwork by Ye ji Koo

Freaky Fox's Big Adventure

By **SAM MILES**
Age 8 category
First place

"EXTRA! EXTRA! READ ALL ABOUT IT! SANTA IS MISSING!"

Freaky Fox grabbed the newspaper and read, "Santa is missing! Help wanted."

After buying the paper, he rushed home to his talking mouse Cedric.

Cedric said, "Can I see the newspaper?"

"Sorry" said Freaky "I'm reading it."

Freaky Fox went to the police station and said:

"I will find Santa Claus!"

So Fox set off to find Santa's workshop in the North Pole. When he found it, he asked the elves:

"What did you see just before Santa went missing?"

"We saw 3 penguins just outside the workshop and then Santa was gone!"

"What did the penguins look like?"

"They wore blue mittens and green scarves," said the elves.

"I know who kidnapped Santa!" said Fox. "It must be the 3 Bad Penguins! I know where their hideout is."

It took 3 days to get there. When he arrived, he walked in slowly and said:

"Hand over Santa!!!" "Never!!!" said the penguins.

"You better hand him over or I'll be forced to fire my net gun!" said Fox.

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Rudolph's Vacation

By **ALLISON WADE**
Age 9 category
First place

The story about Rudolph going to the hospital is not a serious story. It is not even a REALLY serious story. In fact, there is only one word for this story, HUMOROUS.

It all started when Santa, (as always) was getting ready to fly around the world. Unfortunately, during take off Dasher's harness came loose, and he went crashing to the ground.

Then Dancer's harness came off, then Prancer. Then it was Vixen, Donner and Cupid, etc. etc.

When Blitson's harness came loose, Rudolph realized he was the only one holding the sleigh up, and went crashing to the ground. (Trust me, if you had to hold up 1,000,000 pounds of presents, you would go crashing to the

ground as well!) Well the result of the crash was a pair of broken antlers, and boy was Rudolph embarrassed, 'cause having no antlers is like walking into school in nothing but your UNDERWEAR.

So during that time, Rudolph was walking around the hospital with a drape around his head, and a couple bruises. Santa sent him a letter. This is what it said,

"Dear Rudolph: I heard you lost your antlers, and decided to send you these plastic ones as replacements." Yours Truly, Santa.

PS. "I had to use a moose as a replacement for you."

"I really do not think I should wear these," Rudolph said.

"Why not?" Comet said. "After all it's a free country."

"Oh fine then," Rudolph

said, "if you insist." Rudolph put the antlers on. They immediately fell off. "This is hopeless," Rudolph said, trying to fit them on. "These will fit when Jamaica floods. Absolutely H-O-P-E-L-E-S-S."

"Well," Vixen said grinning, "Maybe you should stop T-R-Y-I-N-G to P-U-T them O-N!"

"I have to," Rudolph said, "Otherwise I will look like a girl."

"Oh pull yourself together," Dasher said. "Enjoy having no antlers while it lasts. Think of it as a vacation from flying around the world."

"Well then it's a vacation that's gone wrong," Rudolph said sighing. "My antlers will never grow back."

Well by the time Christmas came around again, Rudolph's horns were indeed growing back

except now he didn't care any more. To tell you the truth, he didn't want to be a reindeer any more. In the meantime he kept sending letters to Santa. This is what one of them said:

"Dear Santa: Those antlers you sent won't fit me, and they're not going to any time soon. From Rudolph."

Then the day came when Santa came to the hospital to get Rudolph back. Unfortunately, Rudolph was a little unhinged and it took them a few years before he got his sanity back. (To this day people still think he is insane, and swear they can hear him laughing hysterically when he comes around their house.)

So the next time Santa comes, be afraid . . . BE VERY AFRAID!!

The Viking

By **NICHOLAS HOWE**
Age 5 category
First place

The Viking cut down his Christmas tree with his axe.

He went to his friend's island on his Viking ship. The Viking arrived at his

friend's island and his friend gave him a treasure chest. They had a party at his friend's island.

He is going back to his house.

He got home and counted his gold.

Santa came to his house and gave him 11 presents. His friend came to visit. The End.

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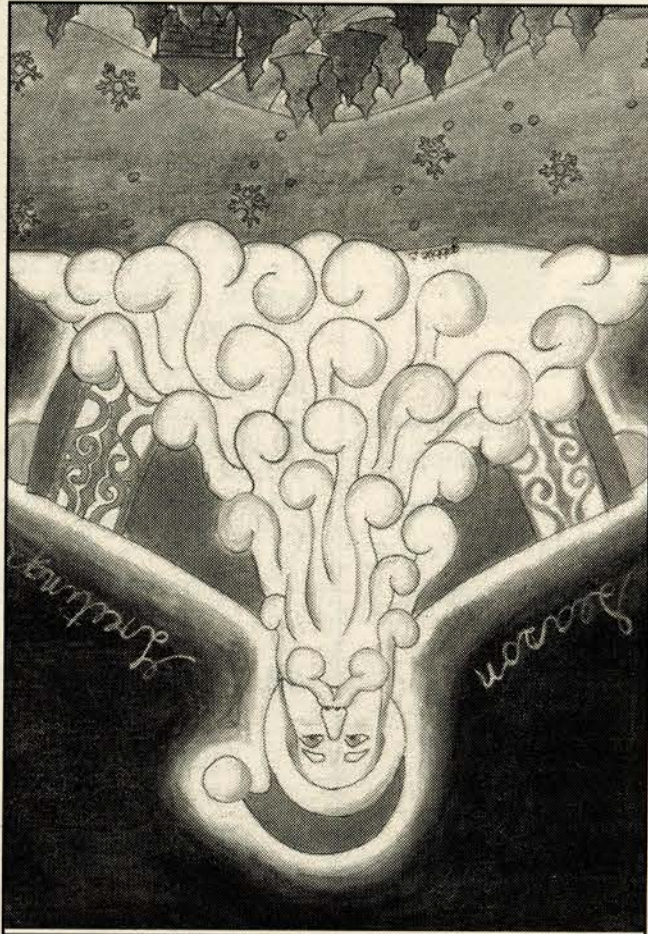
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BY NAHANNI KAY
Age 12 category
First place

I walked solemnly down the empty street. No one lived in this part of town because of the rumours of a ghost.

People think that the ghost is really Taya. She was an eight-year-old girl who played her flute on the streets to help support her poor family. They lived in a tiny cabin beyond the town on the south side.

After a long day in the cold, playing her flute, she started for home. She wandered into the mist, that one Christmas Eve, 100 years ago, and never returned.

Some people claim to hear a flute coming from outside of town every Christmas Eve. Nobody dared to look for the source because they were so scared, not to mention how easy it is to get lost out in that mist. It's weird, actually. No matter what the weather, there's always a

BY ISADORA JENSEN
Age 11 category
First place

The fire danced in time to Anna's thoughts.

"Christmas is tomorrow," she whispered excitedly.

"Not too close to the flame, Anna," Anna's mom Mrs. Lark said.

"Oh."

Anna moved back slightly and Mrs. Lark sat down.

"You know what, Mom?"

"What?" Mrs. Lark said as she sipped coffee.

"I think the true meaning of Christmas is . . ."

Mrs. Lark waited.

"Giving gifts to me," Anna finished.

Mrs. Lark frowned, disappointed that her daughter had no knowledge of the true meaning of Christmas.

Mrs. Lark took a deep breath.

"Anna, darling. You do

BY NAHANNI KAY
Age 12 category
First place

mist at the south end of town.

This Christmas Eve I was going to prove once and for all that there was no ghost at Saffier Town. I passed a large oak tree at the end of the road, and then disappeared into the mist. I walked for a while, unable to see anything. Suddenly the earth below me gave way, I landed hard on a cold, damp floor about five feet down. When I finally figured out what happened to me, I looked around.

It was a circular cave covered with ice. The floor was slippery and huge icicles hung from the low ceiling. The sound of the flute was louder now. Much louder.

I gasped when I saw the huge glowing wall of ice in front of me. It was thick, but transparent. But it wasn't the wall that startled me, it was what lay behind it.

There, playing a small flute, was a young girl looking very pale and cold. She

Taya's Flute

The True Meaning of Christmas

stopped playing the flute and looked up at me not saying anything, but I understood the look in her eyes.

"Help me," they said.

"Help me escape."

"I didn't know what to do. The girl walked up to the wall and placed one hand on the ice, and the other to her heart. I then knew what she wanted me to do. I walked up, placing one hand opposite hers, and the other to my heart. Suddenly, both my hand and my heart felt warm. I felt the warmth of her hand through the ice wall. Slowly, the ice began to melt, until the wall was gone.

The icicles started to fall and the ground shook. I looked to where the girl was, and she said "yes."

When I finished, I looked into the child's eyes, and they said something to me: "Thank you."

I woke up next to the oak tree back on the street and looked around. There was no longer a mist outside the town. I looked down at my hand, and there the couple replied, and there the couple sat drinking their coffee.

"Mom! Dad!" called a voice of paper clasped in her hand.

"My Christmas wish," Anna asked.

"What?" Mrs. Lark asked.

"So, anyway," Mrs. Lark continued, "Christmas, also unlike any other holiday, brings together usually almost all of your family. All fights are forgotten for one day. Cousins see cousins and sisters see brothers. It's a lovely and enchanting thing. The hol-



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hand, and there, clutched between my fingers, was the flute.

This Christmas day, a child was born at the town's local hospital. Maybe it was just coincidence, but the child was given the name Taya. I asked the mother if I could play my flute for her, and she said "yes."

When I finished, I looked into the child's eyes, and they said something to me: "Thank you."

Groovy Guts

BY MONICA GEORGE,
Age 6 category
First place

Once there was a girl named Shelly. She was 7 years old. She lived in a cottage close to a big forest. She had 2 brothers and a little baby sister.

Shelly was very happy for Christmas to come. She made lots of decorations at Fulford School. Shelly told her mom about the decorations and asked if she could hang them on the tree at home.

Her mom said, "You can put your decorations on the tree." Shelly was happy her mom said yes.

The decorations Shelly made was a red present made of clay, a red and white clay snowman and a white clay snowman with a green hat and a blue scarf. She knew her tree will look perfect with them.

Shelly wrote very well a letter to Santa. She asked for a Groovy Girl for her and her little baby sister. She wanted to teach her sister about Christmas morning on Christmas morning she opened her presents and saw her Dad and Mom had given her lots of great presents. But her favourite one was her Groovy Girl from Santa. She went right to work playing Groovy Girls with her little baby sister.

day of all holidays, the holiday to remember."

Mrs. Lark drew a large breath and smiled.

"Oh," Anna said.

"Then she got up and skittered off to her room.

Mr. Lark came through the doorway and sat next to his wife.

"So, any luck explaining Christmas?" he asked.

"I don't know," Mrs. Lark replied, and there the couple sat drinking their coffee.

"Mom! Dad!" called a voice as Anna appeared with a piece of paper clasped in her hand.

Mrs. Lark yawned.

"So, anyway," Mrs. Lark continued, "Christmas, also unlike any other holiday, brings together usually almost all of your family. All fights are forgotten for one day. Cousins see cousins and sisters see brothers. It's a lovely and enchanting thing. The hol-

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A Christmas Present



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By **MELISSA GRIMMER**
Age 13 category
First place

Tasha's aunt was getting worried. She always babysat Tasha on Mondays, to help out Tasha's parents. It was now eight o'clock and her parents were still not home.

Nicole, Tasha's aunt, was starting the decorations for Tasha's first birthday, which was December the 22nd. Just then Nicole heard a knock on the door.

It was the police.
"We are sorry to report but Mr. and Mrs. Down have been killed in a fatal car accident."

When Nicole heard this she started to feel an awful pain in her chest. She started to get all sweaty and turn really pale.

"Maam, are you okay?"
"LOOK AT ME DOES IT LOOK LIKE I'M FINE?!" she yelled.

The police called an ambulance. Tasha came with her. Her aunt ended up dying in the ambulance of a massive heart attack.

They took Tasha into the hospital and let her play with the books and other babies. Then she crawled away and then a boy named Sue saw her and thought she was cute.

His wife Amy had just had a miscarriage so he was still sad about that.

But he played with Tasha for a little while because she was so cute and he thought if he returned her right away she would have to play with the other babies.

Sue had never thought of getting a baby right away after what happened to his wife.

But, after his wife saw Tasha she fell in love with her immediately. When she found out that she was up

for adoption she wanted her even more, but she knew she didn't have the money, so she went home disappointed.

Then the next day Sue went to the bank and got money out of his savings account.

He then went to the hospital and filled out the adoption papers.

He then told them he would be back the next day, which was Christmas Eve.

So on Christmas Eve Sue went back and got Tasha.

He told his wife he had an early Christmas present. He brought Tasha in and when Amy saw her she was so happy she started to jump up and down.

She then took Tasha and looked in her eyes and told her "I love you!"

She wanted to keep Tasha up all night but she knew she couldn't do that because she knew she needed some rest.

They lived happily ever after and at age 21 Tasha had her own child named Nicole.

Christmas's True Meaning

By **ANDREW MCPHEE**
Age 16-17 category
First place

We ran inside shouting with joy!

"It's snowing, it's snowing! The first snowfall is here!"

Mother set several steaming mugs of hot chocolate down in front of us and we gazed at the two white marshmallow icebergs floating around on the surface.

The sweet smell of winter memories wafted through the cabin; and the green winters of England escaped our thoughts.

Soon it would be Christmas!

The tree, standing proudly attached to its roots outside the cabin, was covered in hand-crafted ornaments.

A string of popcorn garland interlaced the branches from top to bottom, and an elegant angel rested on the top.

"This year will be a white Christmas by the looks of this weather," said Father as he staggered through the doorway with an armful of firewood.

"Oh that's splendid, we haven't had snow for years!"

The snow squall lasted well into the night. We fell asleep with sweet strains of Christmas carols floating in our heads.

The next morning we woke up with so much excitement that we couldn't sit still, for it was Christmas Day!

We threw open the curtains and gazed at a green forest.

The Christmas tree was soaked with rain and not a flake of snow was left on the ground.

Our feet dragged along the floor as we went to eat breakfast with Mother and Father.

They looked sadly into our eyes and said,

"We are sorry, but we couldn't afford to buy any presents this year."

We knew that times were difficult, so we shakily smiled back and said, "That's okay, we made something for you, and everyone can share!"

Running to the closet, we dragged out a paper bag and opened it.

We found the wooden box we had put in the bag. Mother and Father opened the box and found a small window manger and a carved wooden baby inside.

They lifted up the box and a piece of paper fell to the floor. I grabbed the piece of paper with excitement because I had not put it there.

The piece of paper read: "It is Christmas Day and no one should be left out."

Go to the Christmas tree and sing to the angel on the top."

We all ran out to the

Christmas tree and stared at the angel.

There was a twinkle in her glass eyes.

We gathered around and started singing Christmas carols.

Slowly it began; flake by flake, snow filled the air.

By the end of We Wish you a Merry Christmas, snow had covered the grass and the little tree sparkled with pride.

We sang for hours and thoroughly enjoyed ourselves.

Father still says he saw the angel smile back at us.

It was not the presents, the food, or even the snow that made that Christmas so special.

It was the love we all shared for one another.

Later that night I picked up the note again, all it said was:

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511	390	NEWS	News: Canada Now	Centennial of Flight		The National/Mag.		Antiques Roadshow		Centennial of Flight		National Business		Antiques Roadshow		Centennial of Flight			
332	381	KIRO	J. Judy	J. Judy	KIRO News		News	News	ET	Access	60 Minutes II	K Queens	Becker	48 Hours	News	Letterm			
331	380	KOMO	Million?	Pyramid	KOMO 4 News		News	News	Fortune	Jeopardy	WifeKids	Relative	Barbara Walters	Primetime Special		News			
438	394	VISION	Twice in a Lifetime	Soul Man	S. Wine	McLeod		360 Vision		Mom P.I.	African	McLeod		360 Vision		Paid			

THIS WEEK'S MOVIES

- WEDNESDAY, DEC 17
- 6:00 PM
- 14 Ron Mann's Grass (2000, Comedy) Traces the history of recreational marijuana use in 20th-century North America. (2h)
- 7:00 PM
- 3 *** Deliver Us From Eva (2002, Comedy/Drama) An uptight woman constantly meddles in the affairs of her sisters and their husbands. Gabrielle Union, Essence Atkins (2h)
- 8:00 PM
- 24 ** Sleeping with the Enemy (1991, Thriller) A woman tries to escape her abusive husband by staging her death & moving to a small town. Julia Roberts, Patrick Bergin (2h)
- 9:00 PM
- 3 Forbidden Fruit (2002, Romance) A woman lures a religious man into a dangerous love triangle that will test his faith. Jake Simons, Nadia Mansouri (1h30)
- 6 * Black Light (1998, Suspense) A blind police psychic tracks down a child killer despite a legion of protestors. Michael Ironside, Tahnee Welch (2h)
- 13 ** Jingle All the Way (1996, Comedy) A father frantically searches for the "hot" Christmas toy to redeem himself with his son. Arnold Schwarzenegger, Sinbad (2h)
- 19 ** Love Leads the Way (1984, Biography) A blind man returns to the U.S. with the first guide dog for the blind. Timothy Bottoms, Eva Marie Saint (1h30)
- 10:00 PM
- 14 ** A Pornographic Affair (1999, Drama) A man and woman agree to meet after answering an ad in the newspaper and begin an affair. Sergi Lopez, Nathalie Baye (1h30)
- 10:30 PM
- 3 * Frost: Portrait of a Vampire (2001, Thriller) A skeptic's world is rocked by the discovery that his best friend is a vampire. Gary Busey, Charles Lister (1h45)
- 11:25 PM
- 2 Kings in Grass Castles (Drama) The saga of an Irish migrant family who emigrate to Australia during the famine years. (2h10)
- 11:30 PM
- 14 **** Private Confessions (1997, True) A woman's revelation about her infidelity leads to her husband's rage and her own delight. Max von Sydow, Pernilla August (2h15)

THURSDAY, DEC 18

- 6:00 PM
- 14 * The Luck of Ginger Coffey (1964, Drama) A lower class, Irish immigrant in Montreal tries to build a better life for his family. Robert Shaw, Mary Ure (1h45)
- 7:00 PM
- 3 ** The Lone Ranger (2002, Western) A man witnesses his brother's death and becomes the Lone Ranger while fighting injustice. Chad Murray, Fay Masterson (1h30)
- 8:00 PM
- 6 Love Music, Loves to Dance (2h)
- 13 ** Scrooged (1988, Fantasy) A callous executive learns the true meaning of Christmas when he is visited by ghosts. Bill Murray, Karen Allen (2h)
- 24 *** Prancer (1989, Family) A girl finds an injured reindeer and decides to nurse it until she can return it to Santa. Sam Elliott, Cloris Leachman (2h)
- 8:30 PM
- 3 ** Punch (2002, Drama) An angry, rebellious teenager enters the unusual world of topless boxing. Michael Riley, Vincent Gale (1h30)
- 9:00 PM
- 19 *** The Homecoming: A Christmas Story (1971, Drama) Set in the 1930s, a poor family from Virginia experiences a crisis on Christmas Eve. Patricia Neal, Richard Thomas (1h35)
- 23 ** Where Angels Go, Trouble Follows (1968, Comedy) Mischief abounds when a young nun takes her convent students to a peace rally. Stella Stevens, Rosalind Russell (2h)
- 10:00 PM
- 14 **** At Play in the Fields of the Lord (1991, Adventure) Two Protestant missionaries travel to the Amazonian jungle to protect a local tribe. Tom Berenger, John Lithgow (3h30)
- 3 ** Femme Fatale (2002, Thriller) A woman's criminal past returns to haunt her as she tries to straighten out her life. Rebecca Romijn-Stamos, Antonio Banderas (2h)
- 11:25 PM
- 2 ** The Wrong Guy (1997, Comedy) After finding his boss dead, a bumbling executive flees to Mexico fearing he'll be blamed. Dave Foley, Jennifer Tilly (2h10)
- FRIDAY, DEC 19
- 6:00 PM
- 14 **** The Christmas Wife (1988, Drama) A widower hires a woman to be his companion for the holidays. Julie Harris, James Eckhouse (1h45)
- 15 **** Battle of Britain (1969, War) A retelling of the WWII aerial combat battle between the Germans and the Royal Air Force. Michael Caine, Laurence Olivier (2h)
- 7:00 PM
- 20 Horatio Hornblower: Duty (2003, Drama)

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333	382	KCPQ	6:00 News		Good Day Live		Sharon Osbourne	Jerry Springer	Maury Povich Show	Starting Over	Jerry Springer	Maury Povich Show							
511	390	NEWS	News	News	News	News	News	News	News	News	News	News	News	News	News	News	Business		
332	381	KIRO	W TH F Early Show		Montel Williams	The Price is Right	Young & Restless	News	Various	As the World Turns	The Guiding Light	J. Brown	Various						
331	380	KOMO	7:00 Morning Am.		Regis & Kelly		The View		KOMO 4 News	All My Children	One Life to Live	General Hospital	Northwest						
438	394	VISION	It's a New Day		Mass	Various	Neon Rider	Youngren	LifeToday	Various	Various	7th Heaven/ Lifetime	Twice in a Lifetime						

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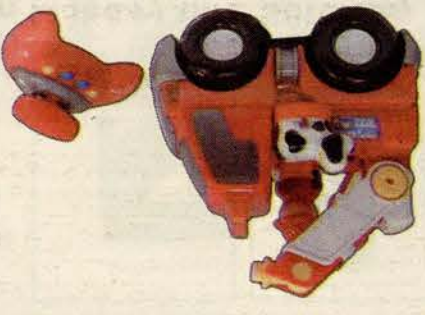
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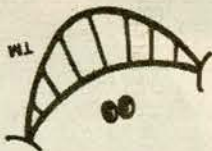
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create havoc with practical jokes. Donald Sutherland, Elliott Gould (2h30)
★ ★ ★ A Very Brady Christmas (1988,Comedy/Drama) The entire Brady family overcomes personal obstacles to spend Christmas together. Florence Henderson, Robert Reed (2h)
7:00 PM
★ ★ ★ Titanic (1997,Drama) Jack and Rose, two young lovers who find one another on the maiden voyage of the Titanic. Leonardo DiCaprio, Kate Winslet (4h)
★ ★ ★ Tears of the Sun (2003,Action) A career soldier is forced to choose between following orders and saving lives. Bruce Willis, Monica Bellucci (2h)
8:00 PM
★ ★ Bowfinger (1999,Comedy) A Hollywood director films an un-cooperative star in an attempt to get his career back. Steve Martin, Eddie Murphy (2h)
★ ★ ★ White Christmas (1954,Musical) A musical group travels to a failing Vermont Inn owned by their former army commander. Danny Kaye, Bing Crosby (2h30)
★ ★ ★ A League of Their Own (1992,Comedy) A women's baseball league is put together during the Second World War. Geena Davis, Tom Hanks (2h30)
9:00 PM
★ ★ ★ Antwone Fisher (2002,Drama) A young Navy man is forced to see a psychiatrist after an outburst against a crewman. Derek Luke, Denzel Washington (2h)
★ ★ ★ National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation (1989,Comedy) A man plays host to numerous dysfunctional relatives during the Christmas holidays. Chevy Chase, Beverly D'Angelo (2h)
★ ★ ★ The Christmas Shoes (2002,Drama) An attorney crosses paths with a boy on Christmas Eve and rediscovers the meaning of life. Rob Lowe, Kimberly Williams (2h)
★ ★ ★ ★ M.A.S.H. (1970,War) A pair of surgeons at a Mobile Army Surgical Hospital create havoc with practical jokes. Donald Sutherland, Elliott Gould (2h30)
★ ★ ★ Twice Upon a Christmas (2001,Family) Bill has proposed and the Morgan children go on a mission to discover Kristin's past. John Dye, Kathy Ireland (1h30)
10:00 PM
★ ★ Family Plot (1976,Thriller) A fake psychic and her taxi driver boyfriend are hired to find a lost heir to a fortune. Karen Black, Bruce Dern (2h30)
10:45 PM
★ ★ Nutcracker: The Motion Picture (1986,Fantasy) A little girl whose extraordinary dream brings her toys and flowers to life at Christmas. Hugh Binyon, Vanessa Sharp (1h25)
11:00 PM
★ ★ ★ Wisegirls (2002,Crime Story) When a waitress witnesses a crime, she is plunged into the scandalous world of the Mafia. Mira Sorvino, Mariah Carey (1h45)
MONDAY, DEC 22
8:00 PM
★ ★ ★ Miracle on 34th Street (1994,Drama) Santa himself tries to instill belief in a skeptical child and her struggling mother. Lord Richard Attenborough, Elizabeth Perkins (2h)
★ ★ Borrowed Hearts: A Holiday Romance (1997,Romance) A struggling single mother agrees to pose as her boss' wife to secure a business deal. Roma Downey, Hector Elizondo (2h)
★ ★ Jack Frost (1999,Fantasy) After his death, a father comes back as a snowman and must put things right with his son. Michael Keaton, Kelly Preston (2h)
★ ★ The Story Lady (1991,Drama) An aging mother avoids being sent to a senior's home by reading children stories on TV. Jessica Tandy, Tandy Cronyn (2h)
8:10 PM
★ ★ ★ Shrek (2001,Dessin animé) Recherchant la tranquillité, l'ogre Shrek tente de secourir la fiancée de Lord Farquaad. Voix de Mike Myers, Eddie Murphy (1h50)
9:00 PM
★ ★ Trapped (2002,Thriller) The parents of a kidnapped girl turn the tables on the kidnapers' foolproof plan. Charlize Theron, Courtney Love (1h45)
★ ★ A Mom for Christmas (1990,Drama) A lonely girl wishes a beautiful department store mannequin to life to replace her mom. Olivia Newton-John, Doug Sheehan (1h30)
10:00 PM
★ ★ ★ Tea for Two (1950,Musical) A jazz singer must answer "no" to every question for 24 hours in order to get \$25,000. Doris Day, Gordon MacRae (2h)
10:45 PM
★ ★ The Sweetest Thing (2002,Comedy) A single woman and her friend set out on a road trip to find a man she met at a club. Cameron Diaz, Christina Applegate (1h30)
11:30 PM
★ ★ The Ghosts of Dickens' Past (1998,Drama) Follows the early life of Charles Dickens and the events that led to his greatest story. Jane Gilchrist, Christopher Heyerdahl (2h)
TUESDAY, DEC 23
7:00 PM
★ ★ ★ It's a Wonderful Life (1946,Drama) An angel shows a suicidal banker how important he has been to the lives of others. James Stewart, Donna Reed (3h)
8:00 PM
★ ★ All I Want for Christmas (1991,Comedy) A divorced couple's two children try to scheme to get them back together for Christmas. Jamey Sheridan, Harley Jane Kozak (2h)
9:00 PM
★ ★ Grizzly Falls (1999,Animated) A young boy kidnapped by a grizzly bear learns a great deal about life in general. Richard Harris, Tom Jackson (2h)
★ ★ Starlight (1995,Sci-Fi) An alien travels to Earth to bring back the man who holds the key to a planets survival. Rae Dawn Chong, Billy Wirth (2h)
★ ★ ★ A Christmas Story (1983,Family) Chronicles a little boy's efforts to receive an air rifle for Christmas in the 1940s. Peter Billingsley, Darren McGavin (1h30)
★ ★ ★ The Princess Bride (1987,Adventure) A beautiful young woman must be rescued from her cruel fiancé by her one true love. Cary Elwes, Mandy Patinkin (2h)
10:00 PM
★ ★ ★ Road to Perdition (2002,Crime Story) Loyalties are put to the test when a hitman's son witnesses what he does for a living. Tom Hanks, Paul Newman (2h)
11:30 PM
★ ★ ★ National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation (1989,Comedy) A man plays host to numerous dysfunctional relatives during the Christmas holidays. Chevy Chase, Beverly D'Angelo (2h)
11:45 PM
★ ★ The Gondoliers (1983,Musical) Two renowned gondoliers are informed that one of them is the true King of Barataria. John Keane, Paul Massel (2h45)

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<p>TUES. December 23 Special Events Christmas With Scrooge. ArtSpring, 2 p.m.</p> <p>Activities Origami Folding Feast. 7 p.m. at StarBooks. Drop-in Floor Hockey. Fulford Hall, 6:30-9 p.m.</p>	<p>MON. December 22 Special Events Christmas With Scrooge. ArtSpring, 7 p.m.</p> <p>Meetings/Talks Toastmasters Public Speaking Meeting, SS Seniors Centre, 7 p.m. Info: Chuck Goruk, 653-2015. SEEDS EcoVillage Meeting, 5:30-7:30 p.m. at StarBooks.</p>	<p>SUN. December 21 Music Anne Schaefer Quartet. 7 p.m., Moby's. Christmas Sing-Along at ArtSpring, 2:30 p.m.</p> <p>Special Events Rattlesia Christmas Handicraft Sale. 12 p.m.-6 p.m., Mahon Hall. Yule Winter Solstice Circle Dance, 7-8:30 p.m., Core Inn upstairs. Santa's Breakfast, 9 a.m., Fulford Hall, Food and Santa gathering, Lions Hall, 1-6 p.m., potluck at 3 p.m. Live Nativity, Centennial Park, 7 p.m.</p>	<p>SAT. December 20 Music Christmas Music Faire. 6 p.m.-1 a.m., Moby's. Closes with The Swells.</p> <p>Special Events Rattlesia Christmas Handicraft Sale, 12 p.m.-7 p.m., Mahon Hall. Yule Feast. Opens at 4 p.m., 6 p.m. potluck at Beaver Point Hall.</p> <p>Christmas With Scrooge. ArtSpring, 7 p.m. Market in Centennial Park.</p>	<p>FRI. December 19 Music Friday Nile Jam. With Daemon and Joy & the Mojo Band. Anise, 9 p.m. KC Kelly, 7-10 p.m., Local Bistro.</p> <p>Meetings SSI Amateur Radio Club Meeting, 10 a.m., govern- ment building.</p> <p>Special Events Christmas With Scrooge. ArtSpring, 7 p.m.</p> <p>Rattlesia Christmas Handicraft Sale, 12 p.m.-7 p.m., Mahon Hall.</p> <p>Family/Youth Games Night. For youth at Core Inn, Fridays, 6-9 p.m.</p>	<p>THURS. December 18 Music SS Elementary School Sings Carols, 1 p.m., outside Moul's.</p> <p>Caribbean Night Live Band, 9 p.m., Anise. ISCU Children's Concert, 10-11:30 a.m.</p> <p>Activities Bingo. At Meaden Hall, 7 p.m. seekers at ArtSpring conference room 7 p.m. Info: 537-1865.</p>	<p>WED. December 17 Music Simply Organic Christmas Event, Barry Valentine organ recital, with vocalists, at All Saints, 10:10 a.m.</p>
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 tation of the famous children's book by Dr. Seuss.

Cat in the Hat — The Return of the King, starts December 26.
 Fullford Filmworks offers water-based adventures in **Pirates of the Caribbean** on Friday, Saturday and Sunday at Fulford Hall, Friday at 7
 p.m.; Saturday and Sunday matinees at 3 p.m.

Cable

SSTV Cable Channel 12 programming runs continuously for 24 hours
 beginning at 3 p.m. Friday, December 19. This week features the Bond
 Family History from Malcolm Bond's presentation to the S.S. Historical
 Society. Bond recalls Jesse Bond's life on the Bullock Estate. Some of
 Jesse's photos help depict the island's early days. The presentation is fol-
 lowed by entertaining highlights from the 2003 Fall Fair.

Exhibitions

Rattlesia Marketplace Christmas Handicraft Sale runs at Mahon
 Hall, Friday, December 19, noon to 7 p.m.; Saturday and Sunday from 10
 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Tori Leslie's work called Celebrating the Solstice shows at Merchant
 Mews 10 a.m.-4 p.m., December 20-22.

Stefanie Denz's paintings and other artists' work shown at August Gallery
 11 a.m.-5 p.m., Thursday to Sunday.

Amber House B&B and Art Gallery, 465 Reynolds Road, holds its first
 public viewing on Saturday, December 20, noon to 4 p.m., with work in
 various media by 12 established island, Vancouver and international artists.
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Adriane Enns' transcendental art is shown at StarBooks through
 December.

Jamie Callum Macaulay shows paintings in an exhibition titled What is
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Stan Lam celebrates return after July accident

By CAREY RUDISILL
Staff Writer

Stan Lam is no stranger to most people on Salt Spring.

The Lam family store — Harbour Food Market — is often just called “Stan’s.”

It’s the store islanders love for its fresh produce, affordable avocados and specialty foods — and Lam’s trademark sense of humour.

It also offers “perks” like the setting aside of a dozen Saturday Globe & Mail editions for residents on “the list.”

But this summer, people talked more about Stan Lam than the store’s services. On July 17, Lam lost his balance coming down the stairs from his home above the store and spent months away from the business he runs with his wife Ying.

Now Stan is back and his son Raymond wants the community to know his father is okay.

At the time of the accident, Raymond came back from Vancouver, where he worked for The JJM Group, to help his mother run the store.

It was tough having people ask about his father on a daily basis, he said.

But he knew that people genuinely cared and noticed his father’s absence.

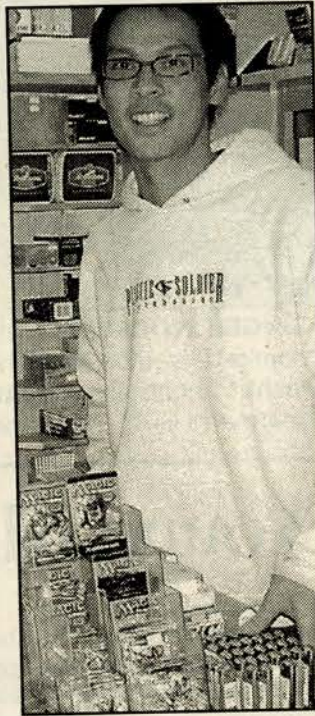
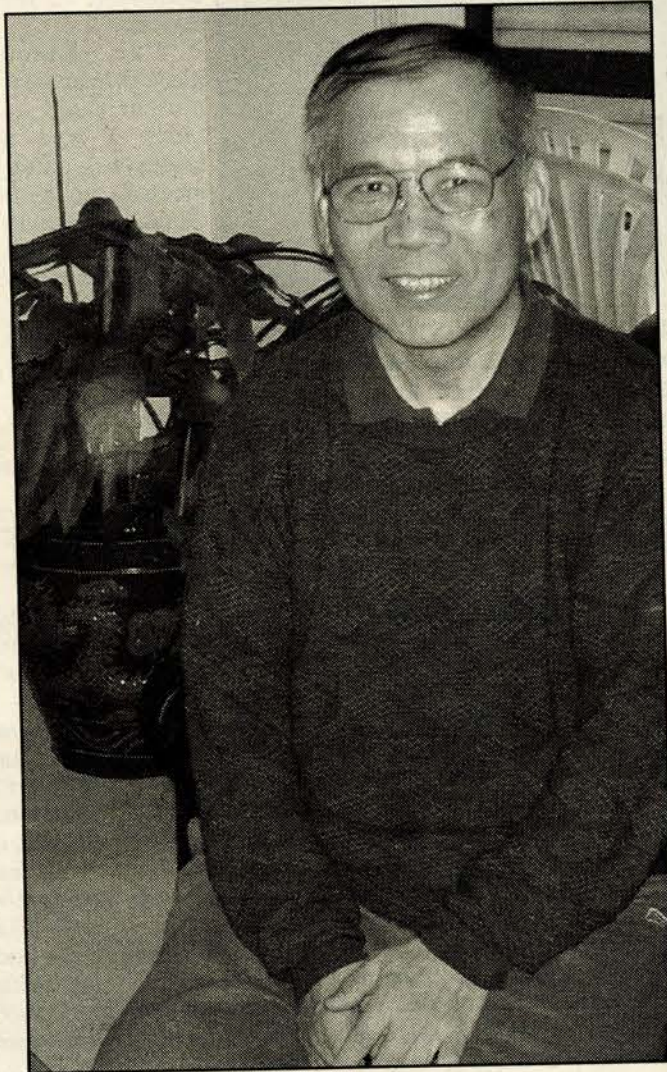
The day of his father’s accident marked only the second time in 20 years the store closed during regular hours. The other occasion was when Raymond’s sister Irene got married.

“My dad’s even open on Christmas Day,” Raymond said.

Lam said he had a bad back before the injury but was scared when doctors at Vancouver’s G.F. Strong Rehabilitational Centre told him he might not walk on his own again.

Lam was transported by ambulance to Lady Minto Hospital on the day of the accident and then transferred by helicopter to Victoria General. After consultation, Victoria doctors sent him to Vancouver for surgery to deal with a spinal cord injury.

Lam spent nine days at Vancouver General Hospital and then moved into G.F. Strong.



GIVING GROCERS: To the left, Stan Lam sits in his home, happy to be back after his July 17 accident. Above, Stan’s son Raymond works at the till after he returned home to help run the store.

Photos by Carey Rudisill

“In the third week [at G.F. Strong], the doctor still scared me. He said ‘Mr. Lam, you may end up going home in a wheelchair.’ But I kept working hard. After the fourth week, I started walking.”

Lam recalls a sign in G.F. Strong’s lobby.

“It said ‘you have to face your life.’”

The words made him think not only about his future but also about his past.

“You think about the value of your life. Your lifestyle changes — it could be 150 per cent.”

What Lam doesn’t talk about is what could have happened if he didn’t push himself to walk again.

In a ward where loggers came in with no legs, he considered himself a lucky man.

“That’s life. You cannot go home and cry now. You just start a new life — face it. I think I’m one of the lucky ones in the very short term. I can do so much. The biggest hassle is that I’m a patient in

my own home.”

Lam said his doctor put events in perspective by telling him he should recover fully within nine months.

He spent nine weeks at G.F. Strong hospital.

Despite the physical challenges he has faced in the past five months, the accident has reinforced Lam’s love of community.

“Local people are really nice, but I never thought about it. So many people ask my kids [about me],” he said.

Lam and his wife Ying and children Eva, Raymond, Irene and Yvonne moved to Salt Spring in 1983 and bought the property from “Robber Bob” Blundell.

Lam said the previous owner’s nickname stemmed from his pricing policies.

“When everyone else closed at 6 p.m., he charged what he wanted.”

One day, when Lam was

working at the Harbour House Hotel, Blundell asked Lam for a favour.

“He said, ‘Stan, will you please take over my store?’ That changed my luck. I’m happy with what I’ve got — a new life to have a corner store.”

At the time, Harbour Food Market was located where Teddy Bear’s Take-out is today. The current building was constructed in 1989.

Lam doesn’t mind the 14- to 16-hour days required to run the business, since he equates the long hours with what the family has accomplished together.

Lam has also passed on his love of community to his children.

When his daughter Irene graduated from Gulf Islands Secondary School in 1992, she had earned \$12,000 in scholarship money for her first year of

university studies.

Lam asked his daughter to consider giving something back to the community by donating a few thousand of those dollars to the ArtSpring project. Irene agreed, although the two kept the donation quiet.

Lam’s journey to becoming a store owner began in Hong Kong, where his parents ran a market. He left Hong Kong at the age of 14 for England. Lam stayed in London for eight years and worked as a waiter at the London Hilton Hotel.

In Christmas 1967, he asked himself what he was doing. Two days later, he was in the Canadian immigration office.

The office called him on December 29, stating Canada needed him.

Lam also worked as a waiter for seven years in the Empress Hotel in Victoria, helped set up the Golden Island restaurant on Salt Spring and worked with the Harbour House Hotel business.

He emphasized the amount of support from family and other community members at the time of the accident and throughout his recovery.

His daughter Eva, who lives in Vancouver, came to see him regularly and his wife Ying came over once or twice a week.

“I always think he’ll be okay, so I don’t worry too much,” she said.

Ying said other friends chipped in to keep the store running during Lam’s

absence, including Pinkie Lee and Rebecca Dixon.

Thankfully, Raymond was able to shift from full-time to part-time work at JJM.

“I worked three days in Vancouver and then four days at the store.”

After three months of commuting, Raymond gave notice at JJM and returned to Salt Spring.

“I kept thinking I had a decision to make but it was a more natural decision to come back,” he said.

He said JJM is a family company and understood his reasons for leaving.

Raymond thanked Dave and Kathy Thomas for their assistance on the day of the accident.

Raymond, Eva and her husband Cedric Ma chartered a helicopter to get them to Salt Spring because the ferries had stopped for the evening, and it landed in the Thomas’ field.

“We were expecting the worst. We knew he fell and wasn’t moving. It was tough not knowing,” he said.

At the time of the accident, Ying was in Toronto at a wedding.

Before the accident, Lam’s doctor had warned him to slow down.

“The doctor said ‘take it easy. Money is not everything.’ But I kept on working.”

It will be some months before Lam is back up to full speed in the store, and until then his “job” will be to recover and enjoy life on Salt Spring.

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Christmas Services for 2003

December 21

4:00 pm Carols & Readings at St. Mary’s

December 24 - Christmas Eve

4:30 pm Holy Eucharist at St. Mary’s

4:00 pm Midnight Mass at All Saints’

December 25 - Christmas Day

10:00 am Holy Eucharist at St. Mark’s

December 28

10:00 am Corporate Eucharist & Baptism at All Saints’

4:30 pm Carols & Readings at All Saints’



Raffle turns gingerbread house into food bank edibles

A group of gingerbread-house-making aficionados — adorned with a mountain of candy — is now on display in the window of the Choices store on McPhillips Avenue, with raffle tickets being sold for \$1 each.

bread people at Christmas time, which turned into a house project first with his partner Gina McMahon, and now with the aid of their friends Ron and Leanne Pachet.

"Each of the four walls has been decorated by one of us and the roof is more of a collaborative effort," explained Harvey. "The house also features several edible stained glass windows."

The delicious creation — adorned with a mountain of candy — is now on display in the window of the Choices store on McPhillips Avenue, with raffle tickets being sold for \$1 each.

Proceeds will benefit the Salt Spring Food Bank.

"Last year we mused over the notion of doing something more with the gingerbread house other than using it as a Christmas decoration in our home. We decided that this year we would raffle it off to a lucky winner in support of the Salt Spring Community



GINGER WORKERS: Gingerbread house construction crew, from left, is: Gina McMahon, Ross Harvey, Ron Pachet, Leanne Pachet and their daughter Hannah Pachet. Ron is holding "Hannah's Hut" for Hannah to decorate and take home.

Society's food bank," said Harvey said he got the gingerbread recipe from his mother at some point. "It's been the one I've been using for years and years... it makes a huge amount of gingerbread." The friends also go "all out" on the decorating end.

"I've baked gingerbread people for years — and Gina and I probably invested a good, whopping \$50 worth of candy into meeting up with Gina, somewhere along the line I started to do a house with her. Every year it's a slightly different worker Mahjor Bains. Raffle draw date is Friday, December 19.

Young island model heads off to Milan

two years with the Coutish agency. Last month, he won seven awards at Faces West 2003, a modelling and talent convention held in Vancouver.

Laura Coutish said Stefancsik is booked to stay in Italy for two months but could be asked to stay longer.

Once there, he will audition to take part in the agency's fashion show.

"It's a good season coming up for men," she said. "[The agency's] men's division is particularly strong. This is a good agency for Greyston."

Stefancsik also received offers from Plywood, for helping him this past year.

LA Models, which is based in Los Angeles and New York, and Karin Models of Paris, New York and Miami.

"There were a lot of possibilities," said Nancy Stefancsik. "This seemed to be the best place."

Laura Coutish said Stefancsik also has a few goals for his time off-island.

"I want to learn Italian," he said. "Career-wise, I want to go as far I can go — like a contract with a designer."

He said he also hopes to pursue acting. Stefancsik thanked his local sponsors, including Jill Louise Campbell, Berkshire Securities Inc., Driftwood Publishing, Thrifty Foods and Windsor go — like a contract with a designer."



Stefancsik came early for Salt Spring model Greyston Stefancsik, whose name is on a Milan agency contract following his performance at a Vancouver convention last month.

On December 28, Stefancsik will board a plane, fly to Europe and then dive head first into the overseas modelling market with the Riccardo Gay agency.

Laura Coutish, of Stefancsik's Victoria-based Barbara Coutish Talent Agency, made the call, telling Stefancsik's mother Nancy to sit down first.

"[Nancy] called him and asked, 'do you want to go to Milan?' and he said 'yeah,'" Coutish said.

Stefancsik has been modelling for

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Stores name season's fave books Brannan, Falardeau honoured at banquet

The Driftwood asked island bookstore owners to recommend some titles for Christmas gift-giving. Following is the third instalment, with submissions from Ken Rouleau of StarBooks, and the staff at Sabine's Fine Used Books.

StarBooks

StarBooks has a diverse assortment of quality used books, including **People Who Make a Difference**, highlighting more than 100 exceptional Canadians in a coffee-table picture book. On the flip-side, **The Friendly Dictatorship** by Jeffrey Simpson address the all-too-familiar politics of Canada, while the "bear of little brain explores ancient mysteries at the turn of the century" in John Williams' **Pooh and the Millennium**, a favourite for young and old alike.

Rupert Sheldrake is the Einstein of our day and his book **The Presence of the Past** is an exploration of the cosmic fields that shape and unite all beings in the Cosmos.

As Solstice nears and the days get longer, green thumbs are twitching and the **Encyclopedia of Organic Gardening** is a great book to get ready for spring.

Coming out of hibernation, **When Elephants Weep** by Masson and McCarthy tells stories of the emotional lives of animals — an ever-favourite among readers.

With the new year approaching we can look to local author Bruce Elkin's **Simplicity and Success** to light our way for the future, or turn to several translations of the always-classic Tao Te Ching.

Mike Nickerson was a

recent guest speaker on Salt Spring, and his **Planning for 7 Generations** is a guide-book for a sustainable future, concise and readable by all.

For the kids we have many **Pooh** and **Seuss** books, as well as a two-volume set of the **World's Treasury of Children's Literature** by Clifton Fadiman.

StarBooks has a vast array of spiritual, astrological and philosophical books, wholistic health, sci-fi, gay literature, fiction and alternative writers.

While looking for that special something, if no titles jump to mind, we offer gift certificates, cards by local artists, specially made **The Four Agreements** posters, and the now-famous **9-11 Deception Dollars**.

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Sabine's Fine Used Books

"Wow! Look at all the Hardy Boys Books!" exclaims a youngster looking up at the second floor mezzanine from the front door of Sabine's Bookshop.

The "golden oldies" are perennial favourites in this shop — the kid section is bursting with the treasured companions of days gone by like the **Hardy Boys** and **Nancy Drew**, the **Bobbsey Twins** and **Cherry Ames**, **Rupert** and his friends, plus many more.

In one special bookcase are the beautiful Victorian and Edwardian illustrated children's books.

"At this time of year especially," comments a staff member, "we sometimes feel that we are selling nostalgia, not just books."

Other beautifully illustrated books are special favourites here. One staff member's passion for nature art has led to expanded sections of wildflower and bird books filled with exquisite watercolour sketches.

"Did you know that Catherine Parr Trail (one of the **Sisters in the Wilderness**, a recent title by Canadian writer Charlotte Gray) wrote a book about Canadian wildflowers and then had it beautifully illustrated in watercolour by her aunt?" she asks. "A copy of the original is out of our reach and that of most people, but sometimes we have a reprint, and we usually have copies of the books written by Trail and her sister Susanna Moodie."

"We love B.C. books," explains another staffer. "A real favourite is **Cougar Annie's Garden**, a riveting tale of a feisty pioneer woman on the outer coast of Vancouver Island, who bounty-hunted cougars as a source of income. She is said to have mail-ordered-in husbands and perhaps even shot one of them."

This beautiful book of B.C. history was self-published by the current keepers of her garden, and immediately won a B.C. book prize."

The mystery book section overflows with past and present mystery writers. The **Moonstone** by Wilkie has been acknowledged as the first true mystery written.

The entire staff agrees it's hard to beat the current best-sellers of Alexander McCall Smith. If you want to read simple, charming and interesting literature, go no further because this series featuring Ma Precious Ramaotswe and her **No. 1 Ladies' Detective Agency** fits the bill. Smith is a

remarkable story teller whose gentle tales of detection set in dusty, sun-baked Botswana provide surprise endings and thought-provoking commentaries about men, women and life in general. Sabine's has copies of the first three books in the series at a discount for Christmas shopping.

Gift suggestions for all budgets are on display on both floors. Special gift packages of books "that tend to go together naturally" have been handpicked as potential presents and arranged throughout the store, and there are plenty of stocking stuffers. A very special touch: a creche of clay figurines made by Salt Spring potter Margaret Priezt, who is also Sabine's mom, lights up the front window.

Brannan, Falardeau honoured at banquet

By AMANDA HOY

Driftwood Contributor
Another year has ended and the Salt Spring Island 4-H Community Club has elected a new executive.

The next time you read a 4-H article, it will be written by Lulu Fulford because she is the new reporter.

Every year in November we elect a new president, vice-president, secretary, treasurer, reporter and safety officer.

On November 28 we ended the year with our annual banquet. At the banquet, many awards and trophies were distributed and all members received their achievement certificates.

There was also a delicious turkey dinner.

4-H REPORT

This year the theme of the banquet was "most impractical clothing." It was a lot of fun.

There are two leaders the club would like to recognize. Sidney Brannan has been a leader for many years and is retiring from 4-H. We would like to thank Sidney for her work and commitment to our club.

Also, we would like to thank Art Falardeau for his work and continued dedication to 4-H.

At the banquet, Art received his five-year award.

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<p>Sherriff Orange Marmalade 750ml 3.29</p> <p>Del Monte Pineapple 398ml tin 88¢</p> <p>Kraft Miracle Whip 1l jar 3.58</p>	<p>Minute Maid Orange Juice 355ml 1.15</p> <p>Swanson TV Dinner All 280-383 g 2/5.00</p> <p>MCCAIN MIXED VEGETABLES 2.29</p> <p>Peas or corn 1kg 2.29</p> <p>ISLAND FARMS ASSORTED FLAVOURS Ice Cream 1.89l 5.49</p>	<p>RED ROSE Tea Bags 144's box 4.95</p> <p>MJB Coffee 300g tin 10.00</p> <p>Post Shreddies 620g box 2.88</p>	
<p>Heinz Ketchup Original 1l Upside down 750ml 2.87</p> <p>Gallo Extra Virgin Olive Oil 500ml tin 3.49</p> <p>Jello Pudding Snacks 4x99g pkg 1.29</p>	<p>KRAFT - ALL VARIETIES PHILADELPHIA Cream Cheese 227g 2.39</p> <p>KRAFT - SHAKER Parmesan Cheese 250g 4.99</p> <p>PARADISE ISLAND Cheddar Cheese 285g 4.99</p> <p>SAVANNA ROAD Coffee Beans 100g 1.69</p> <p>1/4'S OR SOFT Imperial Margarine 3lb ea 2.99</p> <p>UNICO Artichoke Hearts 680ml jar 2.99</p>	<p>Unico Cream Cheese 250g 3.00</p> <p>Unico Tuna 795ml tin 99¢</p> <p>Quaker Instant Oatmeal 288-460g box 3.18</p>	
<p>Campbell's Mushroom Vegetable Chicken Noodle 284ml tin 69¢</p> <p>Campbell's Chunky Soup 540ml tin 1.67</p> <p>Money's Mushrooms All varieties 284ml tin 88¢</p>	<p>DELI CORNED BEEF OR PASTRAMI per 100g 1.29</p> <p>OLD DUTCH POTATO CHIPS 250g bag 3/5.00</p> <p>ISLAND BAKERY BREAD * WHITE * 60% WW 570g loaf 99¢</p> <p>DEMPSTERS CINNAMON RAISIN BREAD 680g loaf 1.99</p> <p>COUNTRY HARVEST * 7 GRAIN * 100% WW 680g loaf 1.97</p> <p>VENICE FIBRE BREAD 454g loaf 1.47</p>	<p>Unico Cream Cheese 250g 99¢</p> <p>Unico Tuna 795ml tin 3.00</p> <p>Quaker Instant Oatmeal 288-460g box 1.49</p>	
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<p>Season's Greetings!</p>			<p>Christie's Snacking Crackers * Rice * Thins 100-250g box 4.00</p> <p>Burton's Digestive * Rich Teas * Snagsacks 250-400g pkg 1.48</p> <p>Peek Freans Biscuits 350g pkg 2/5.00</p>

Porters

Restaurant & Lounge RESERVATIONS : 537-4700
121 Upper Ganges Road (at the Harbour House) *

Porters Christmas Hours
Christmas Eve 11 am - 8pm
Christmas Day 11 am - 2pm
Christmas Dinner 5 pm & 7pm Seatings (Reservations Only)
Boxing Day 11 am - Midnight
New Year's Eve 11 am - Midnight
New Year's Day Closed

Licensed Liquor Store -
Open Daily 9 am - 11 pm
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"If it's happening on Saltspring, it's happening at Porters."



DEADLINE MONDAY 5 PM

Too Late To Classify Deadline: Noon Tuesday

Driftwood Classifieds

Notices

5 BIRTHS

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9 SEASONAL GREETINGS

Joyeux Noel with love Claudia & Andrea

20 COMING EVENTS

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Christmas
with
The Community Gospel Chapel
147 Vesuvius Bay Road
537-2622

We extend an invitation for you to join us at these Christmas activities:
Live Nativity in the Park
Sun Dec 21, 7:00pm at Centennial Park
Hot chocolate and cookies to follow

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service
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26 LEGAL

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RE: THE ESTATE OF RICHARD JOHN JOSEPH DURANTE, DECEASED

Notice is hereby given that creditors and others having claims against the Estate of RICHARD JOHN JOSEPH DURANTE, deceased, late of Salt Spring Island, British Columbia, are hereby required to send them duly verified to the undersigned executor at #1 - 105 Rainbow Road, Salt Spring Island, B. C., V8K 2V5, on or before January 28, 2004, after which date the assets of the said estate will be distributed, having regard only to claims that have been received.

Ian H. Clement, Executor
#1 - 105 Rainbow Road,
Salt Spring Island, BC, V8K 2V5
250-537-5505

29 LOST AND FOUND

FOUND CAT since end of October, long haired, orange & white male. Visits regularly in Malview. 538-0340.

FOUND: WRISTWATCH in good condition, found in woods next to Little Red Preschool. Phone 653-2351 to identify.

LOST: AT STOWEL Lake, Mustang life jacket & laminated wood kayak paddle. 653-9374.

LOST: Black leather gloves around GVM and Fields. Lost last week. 537-9348.

LOST BRAND NEW women's red hooded Mountain Equipment Co-op jacket. Call 538-1732.

FOUND AT Luigi's Pizza house, key on chain. Owner may claim by identifying at Luigi's.

LOST: LARGE silver exercise ball...bounced out of my truck? Dec. 4 p.m. Shannon needs it to teach exercise classes. Help! Thx. 537-2129.

FOUND ON Channel Ridge Trail - pocket compass. 537-9268.

LOST EARRINGS, gold setting, many stones, by small elderly lady - Upper Ganges Rd. or downtown after receiving a lift. Please drop off at Greenwood's office.

32 MEETINGS

SALMON ENHANCEMENT General Meeting, Friday, Dec. 19, 1 - 3 pm, Central Hall. Topics of discussion include water conservation and Duck Creek Project. For more info, call 537-8983.

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379 FREE/RECYCLABLES

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ACROSS

1 Companions of arrows

5 Formerly

9 Mythical bird

12 One of the Greats

13 Office info

14 Film rating

15 Burrard Street locale

17 ___ Royale

18 Up to date

19 York Street locale

21 Slur over

23 Bunsen burner

24 Yelp

25 Sparkles

29 Female ruff

30 Bird dung

31 Scottish river

32 Foretelling

34 ___ Khayyam

35 European freshwater fish

36 Wrap

37 Scarth Street locale

40 Independent TV broadcaster

41 Mineral source

42 Speedometer or thermometer

47 Container

48 Wood sorrels

49 Glow or bud follower

50 Sole

51 Lair

52 Hill dwellers?

DOWN

1 Beverley, to friends

2 Weight unit equalling one ounce

3 Portage Avenue locale

4 Withdraw

5 Flightless bird

6 Gun the motor

7 Refining ore

8 Bloor Street locale

9 Attack

10 Norway's Capital

11 Battle site in Normandy

16 Be indebted

20 Natalie, for short

21 Wild cat

22 Stead

23 African antelope

25 Direction

26 Jasper Avenue locale

27 Actual

28 Parched

30 California fish

33 Gagarin, for one

34 Rideau Street locale

36 Incite a schnauzer

37 Gravure or tiller preceder

38 Ireland

39 Eugene, familiarly

43 ___ Boot

44 Mao or Lenin follower

45 Scrap of food

46 Rural govts.

LET'S EAT WITH LINDA KOROSCIL



Dark Chocolate Bites
1 1/2 lb. Semi-sweet Belgian chocolate, tempered*
1/2 c. dried cranberries, chopped
1/2 c. slivered almonds, toasted
1/4 c. diced candied ginger

Fill chocolate molds half full, then sprinkle with fruit and nuts, chill 15 minutes. Unmold and store. If you prefer, use milk chocolate.

*To temper chocolate: In double boiler over simmering water, stir 1 lb. chopped chocolate until melted or testing to 112-118 degrees. Remove from heat. Add remaining chocolate, stirring until melted, and testing to 88-90 degrees, using right away.

Japanese Fruit Cake

3 c sifted flour
1 1/2 tsp. baking powder
1/2 tsp. baking soda
1/4 tsp. salt
1/2 lb. unsalted butter
1 1/2 c. sugar

4 eggs
1 tsp. vanilla
1 c. buttermilk
1/2 c. chopped almonds
3 tbsps. currants
1 1/2 tsp. cinnamon
1 tsp. allspice
1/2 tsp. cloves

Coconut topping
2 c. unsweetened coconut
3 egg whites, lightly beaten

2 1/4 c. icing sugar
1/2 c. water
1/2 tsp. cream of tartar
1 1/2 tsp. vanilla
3/4 tsp. orange zest

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Grease and flour two 9-inch round cake pans. Sift together dry ingredients. Beat butter with sugar until fluffy, then beat in eggs one at a time. Add vanilla to buttermilk, fold dry ingredients into the batter, alternating with buttermilk.

Pour half the batter into one of the cake pans. Fold the nuts, currants and spices into remaining batter and pour into the other pan. Bake

for 35 minutes.

Cool 15 minutes, then invert cakes onto cooling racks. Cool.

Toast coconut until golden, being careful to not burn — about eight minutes. Cool.

Bring one inch of the water to a simmer. Beat egg whites in stainless steel bowl with icing sugar, cream of tartar and remaining water. Then set bowl over simmering water and beat until fluffy, about seven minutes.

Remove from heat and beat in vanilla and orange zest. Halve each cake with serrated knife.

Set one plain cake layer on a plate and spread with one cup of the icing. Sprinkle with 1/2 c. toasted coconut, then spoon 1/2 c. icing around edges and in centre.

Top with spice cake layer, continue with icing and coconut, ending with all four layers topped with remaining icing and coconut.



GARBAGE DUTY: Among the Salt Spring Middle School students seen out collecting garbage in Ganges on a recent school day were, from left: Josh Kilbourn, Patrick Cwiklinski and Jeddy Bachman.

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