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*Frank Worsley,
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Royal Canadian
Legion Branch 92,
Salt Spring Island.
(See story p23)*

Alan Fairlie photo



Shelter for stranded Islanders

Locals now have more options when left stranded on the big Island. The Victoria Human Exchange Society (VHES), Salt Spring Island Branch, has a new house in Sidney for short-term guests and a women's house in Victoria Women's House in Victoria where vacancies can be

utilized by stranded Gulf Islanders.

These two new shelters are in addition to Grandma's House and Charlie Pyott House, which the society has sponsored for many years.

These shelters provide emergency short-term housing for local

people and off-Islanders and, until earlier this year, some longer term housing for seniors (at Charlie Pyott House).

The society shelters have been supported largely by churches and businesses on the Island, an "exchange of life's gifts" which makes it possible to offer the service.

Patients or relatives who have to be on the Vancouver Island side of the water for early morning surgery at one of the hospitals, may find that the VHES accommodation answers their need.

More information may be obtained by paging Patricia at 1-800-691-9366.

VOTE NO TO THE SALE OF COMMUNITY PARKS

We gave six acres for a park believing that the Parks, Arts and Recreation Commission would preserve its rustic charm. What a disappointment to find they're just merchants in the real estate business.

Bob Unger, Forest Ridge Park Dedicator



Selling park land is like selling your children's inheritance.

Would you do that?

Dr. Bristol Foster, Biologist



Salt Spring has a tradition of successful fundraising to get the facilities we want. The Heronry, CORE Inn, Portlock Park, Mill Farm, Artspring, and Mahon, Beaver Point, Central and Fulford community halls are some examples.

Voting no does not mean no to recreation facilities

Protect Our Parks Committee



These parcels are community nature parks. Some have beautiful natural features and others need restoration work. People could get together to clear the broom, plant trees and put up bird nesting boxes. It would be a great community builder.

Fiona Flook, President, Salt Spring Island Conservancy



Less than one per cent of the land base in the Georgia Basin is protected. Every square metre of park land in the gulf islands is valuable in this unique and endangered ecosystem.

Briony Penn, Ph.D. Geography



Selling parks is a backward step both philosophically and ecologically. Even the small green spaces are needed as corridors between the larger protected areas.

Birgit and Robert Bateman, Conservationists

Photos by Jonathan Grant

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Listening for fog horns



In the catbird seat ...
with Shelagh Plunkett

Fog horns. Having grown up on the West Coast, the sound of fog horns is firmly embedded in my personal psychological landscape (soundscape?). Signaling danger and safety simultaneously, I interpret their sound as reassuring: Beyond all this murkiness is something solid, a guide.

Fog horns and fog can be both real and metaphorical. On this Island we are experiencing both these days—real fog smothers the valley outside my window, at night the car headlights illuminate only a nebulous white wall and metaphorical fog fills the political landscape of our current times.

A lot of promises are being made these days. A lot of accusations, too. At the Barnacle letters related to the election, the candidates, the referendum are filling both time and space. Most of those letters seek to establish clarity—to act as guides—within the cacophony of opinion. But, others seem only designed to thicken the gloom or enhance the fog. Some are outright libelous.

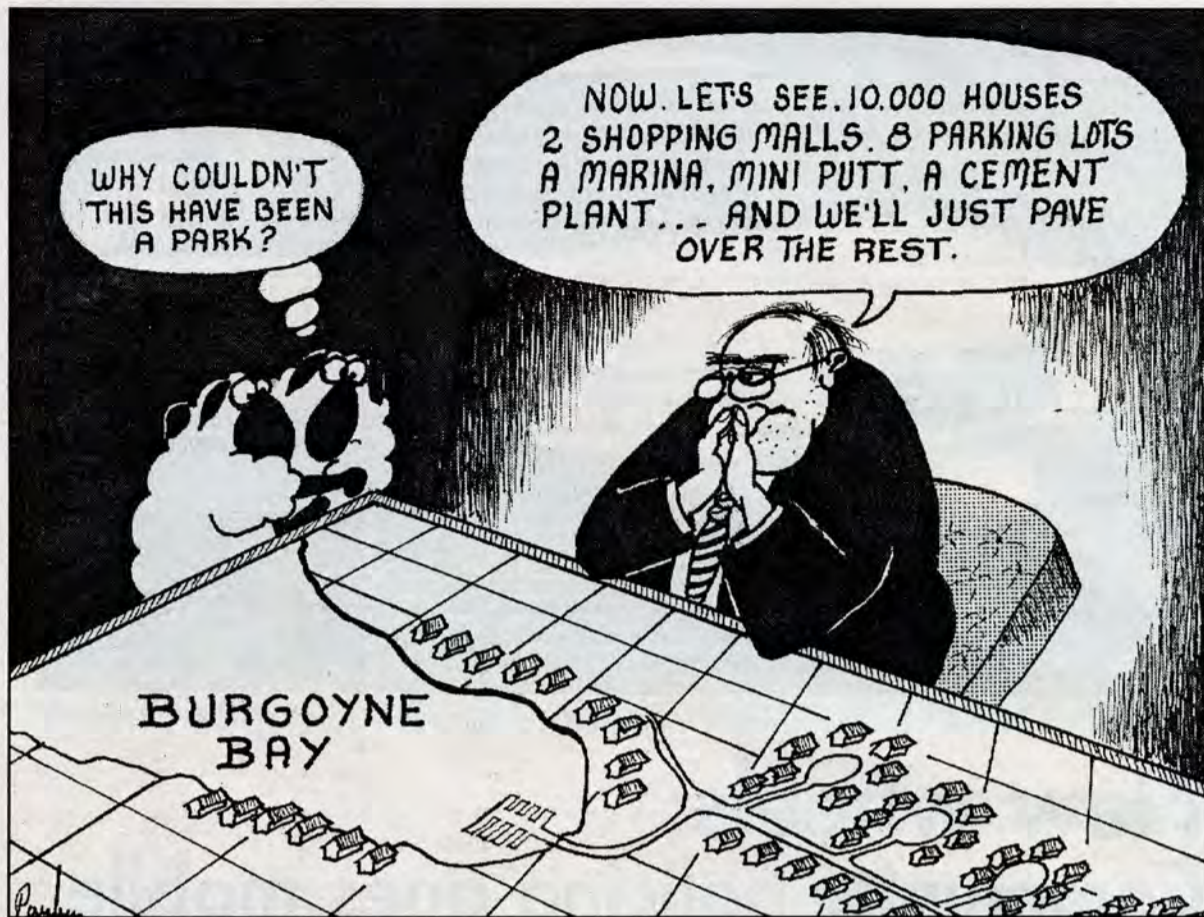
I have said that as the editor of the Barnacle I will make every effort to print the truth and that I will not bend to outside attempts to censor the journal. It may sound like a grandiose promise but, in fact, it's just the way things ought to be. However, getting at the truth often takes time and those who might wish to manipulate know that as well as those who in good faith try to provide beacons. Anonymous missives slipped through the door—even when press clippings relating to the letter writer's comments are attached—don't carry a lot of credibility. Legitimate questions when presented out of context or in an inflammatory manner seldom warrant being repeated in print. Timing, they say, is everything and, in both these examples, plays a big role. Tossing around accusa-

tions—be they based in truth or not—at the eleventh hour is manipulative. Things get even murkier when efforts are made to impede attempts to “get it from the horse's mouth.” If there's simply no time to investigate, the matter has to be dropped for the time being. It would be profoundly irresponsible to do anything else—irresponsible, unethical and illegal.

Yes indeed, the fog is pretty thick out there today. And, as it thickens around us we listen harder for the reassuring horns. Is there solidity out there and, if so, where is it.

Now, there may be a lot about Canadian libel law that I don't like, but my opinion isn't worth diddley when the crunch comes. And, when the crunch comes, our libel laws do provide a bit of a beacon. Civil libel laws in this country are not as clear and simple as they seem—precedent setting cases have mucked up the apparent transparency a bit—but in essence the message is short and sharp: Don't be nasty. And, unlike the U.S., in Canada that applies to statements of fact as well as those that might be fiction. In other words—whether it's true or not you can't print it if the intent is to malign. So far so good. The tricky bit is determining whether or not an accusation is maliciously motivated. But, as they say, let your heart be your guide. If it feels nasty it probably is. That doesn't mean we can't ask tough questions and demand answers, nor that the press can't chase down unsavory truths and print them in all their colours. It just means we have to be very very clear about our reasons for doing so. And, if we don't have time to determine the truth or the motivation behind an accusation, we can't print it...regardless of what's slipped under our door.

So, that's where we stand. Tough questions will be asked and answers expected but, all in good time.



Come out, come out where ever you are

Like Macavity, our Regional Director is nowhere to be found! She doesn't run a regular monthly column in the papers. She doesn't work from a downtown office. When one phones her at home, her answering service takes many of our questions. She doesn't appear to have an alternate director to attend board meetings in Victoria or anyone to represent her at on-Island functions. To my knowledge there have been no handouts, or advertisements in the last few papers, except for a mention of her name generously included by that intrepid mountaineer David Borrowman.

If you were not at the last All Candidates Meeting, one would have little idea of her platform. I am sure that it is not arrogance on her part but I get the strong impression that she really doesn't care what the public thinks.

I have met Kellie only once. I would give her an "A" for a pleasant personality but a low score for accountability and accessibility. What are the qualities you are looking for in the next Regional Director?

DAVID MASSY

Re: A clear choice

The 1993 to 1996 period under the CRD regional directorship of Deitrich Luth was a period of great turmoil on Salt Spring. Remember the embarrassing national TV clips of our leader running (and driving

wildly) away from the media?

It seems that Dietrich Luth has not changed a bit in three years. At the Monday, November 8 All Candidates Meeting, Luth recommended that residents put Fernwood dock at risk, potentially losing \$173,000 of grant money and vote "No" to the Fernwood dock referendum...he says we should sue the federal government. Acrimony and divisiveness divide and conquer.

The past three-year term under Kellie Booth has seen cooperation and credibility brought back to the office of the Capital Regional District. Other than the recent PARC referendum, which seems to be proving to be confusing to the public, Kellie's accomplishments have been many. The PARC referendum is simply attempting to obtain accurate feedback from the majority on another non-tax alternative.

I sincerely hope everyone votes on voting day. I also hope the voters will clearly review the legacy of each of the candidates and put an "X" beside the name of the only one that honestly warrants another term.

W. L. NEISH

Did they or didn't they?

During the All Candidates meeting of November 8, I asked the question of the Trust members David Borrowman and Bev Byron, if they had engaged in an oath of secrecy with the purchasers of Texada Logging properties. David Borrowman went into a long dissertation about the progression of the

meetings with the Texada Logging people. But, unless I am mistaken, he did not answer my question.

I would insist that either these two admit or deny the existence of such an event, or resign.

This is not an accusation but a question that must be answered.

LEROY JENSEN

Missing persons!

Of the 6500 Salt Spring residents eligible to vote three years ago more than 3000 did not vote.

Surely we owe it to ourselves, and our families, friends and neighbours, to participate in the decisions that affect us all. I realize this year's crop of referendums is confusing, but surely we can spare some time to evaluate them and make our decisions as best we can. Certainly we can be sure that some of the more "knee jerk" anti-s will do their best to sink all initiatives and we should be sure we understand the pros and cons and then VOTE.

M.B. MACLEAN

A possible lifeline

Here's another reason to vote "Yes" for the small craft harbours in the upcoming referendum. I remember talking to my friend Christina after the great snowstorm of 1996, and she pointed out how the Fernwood dock was a lifeline for the people of the North End Road, Maliview, and Fernwood areas. We were cut off by road, but the dock was there for any emergency. It was

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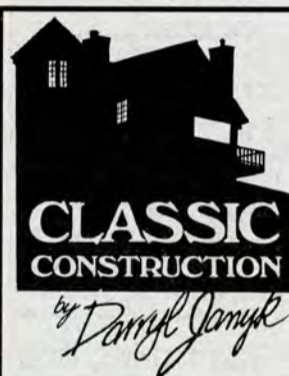


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good to just think of this—that we had an escape route, or a place to get emergency supplies, if it was necessary. Please vote for preserving the dock; it's a relief just to know it is there.

L. MCNICH

Mandate met by Fernwood group

Following the All Candidates Meetings last week, two questions have arisen concerning matters surrounding Fernwood dock, one regarding a perceived lack of public inclusion in the discussions and the other concerning a private group's acquisition of this dock.

During the summer of 1996 I became aware of the federal government's intention to tear down Fernwood dock. I was determined to gain information from this community regarding its feelings about this dock and circulated a petition to save the dock if that was possible. I received in excess of 350 signatures on the petition from people who want the dock saved. I then made some inquiries of Transport Canada and arranged a public meeting in the fall of 1996 to get details of the divestiture process. The meeting was very well attended—at least 50 community members were there along with Martin Swan of Transport Canada.

Following this public meeting, the Fernwood Working Group was formed. We felt the very positive petition had given us a clear mandate to work toward saving the dock and adopted the community's man-

date for ourselves. The second public meeting was in the summer of 1997, again well-attended by members of this community, Transport Canada personnel and Terence Weicker, a business consultant.

Subsequently, the Fernwood Working Group provided information to the media advising the community where the negotiations stood. Meanwhile, we (the group) were working toward fulfilling the public's mandate to save the dock.

At the very first meeting in the fall of 1996, one of the people in attendance, Doug Rajala, of the Harbour Commission, clearly stated that the Commission had no interest in the dock as it did not produce any revenue. Transport Canada further advised that the acquisition of this dock is not in the commission's mandate and a change in the legislature where two levels of government are concerned must occur first, before the Harbour Commission can acquire the dock.

On Saturday, November 20 voters will provide a consensus of their feelings for Fernwood dock one way or the other, as a result of their vote.

It is obvious the Fernwood Working Group has met and surpassed this community's mandate to attempt to save Fernwood dock if possible and I think it can be shown the Fernwood Working Group has included the public in the process and protected the public interest, to the very best of our ability.

MARILYN MARSHALL

Question confusion clarified

We are writing as neighbours to urge residents of Salt Spring to vote "YES" to the referendum question regarding the Fernwood dock. We have been told by some of you who voted in the Advance Poll that they did not understand the question, and that it seemed to be asking for more funds for seaplane docks.

The question is on "A BYLAW TO ESTABLISH A LOCAL SERVICE WITHIN THE SALT SPRING ISLAND ELECTORAL AREA FOR THE PURPOSE OF ESTAB-

LISHING, ACQUIRING AND OPERATING SMALL CRAFT HARBOUR FACILITIES." Voting "YES" to this bylaw will assure that the Fernwood dock will continue to serve residents and visitors at no additional cost to Salt Spring taxpayers.

The Fernwood dock has provided recreation and access to the outer islands for ninety-one years. In the case of a major fire or earthquake, it would be the only escape from the east side of Salt Spring. No other dock exists on the Trincomali side.

Like many of our neighbours on Galiano, Reid and Wallace Islands, we use the Fernwood dock for

access to Salt Spring. We bank there, buy groceries and other goods, and visit friends and relatives. These islands were historically connected by water; Fernwood enables that tradition to continue.

The CRD has arranged to have the dock transferred from the federal government at no cost. Indeed, the Department of Transport has provided a divestiture fund of \$173,000 that will upgrade the dock and maintain it for many years to come. No property taxes will go to this initiative. If you vote "no" in the referendum, you will have a barrier

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A journal as literary as *the Barnacle* is bound to appear in the most unusual places. Take Hawaii, for instance, population: 1,134,800..

TIDE TABLES
AT FULFORD HARBOUR
Pacific Standard Time.
Measured in feet.

Day	Time	Feet
16	0330	3.9
	1155	10.8
NOV	1935	7.2
TU	2135	7.2
17	0430	4.6
	1235	10.8
NOV	1945	6.6
WE	2350	7.2
18	0535	5.2
	1305	10.8
NOV	2005	5.6
TH		
19	0130	7.9
	0640	5.6
NOV	1335	10.8
FR	2025	4.6
20	0250	8.5
	0740	6.2
NOV	1405	10.8
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21	0355	9.5
	0835	6.9
NOV	1430	10.8
SU	2130	2.3
22	0455	10.2
	0925	7.9
NOV	1500	11.2
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803	Vanc. Airport	12:15pm	Ganges & Montague	12:40pm	daily
805 [†]	Vanc. Airport	3:30pm	Ganges & Montague	3:55pm	daily
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802	Ganges & Montague	8:10am	Vanc. Airport	8:40am	daily
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If you vote YES on the library referendum, your taxes will increase. Is this increase necessary? Would you be willing to pay a little more (perhaps \$20 a year) for a membership in the Library Association and avoid a tax assessment that, over the years, would only increase? A further bonus would be that no additional cost of collection is incurred, and the library board would have to be responsive and responsible to the community since you could withdraw your financial support. As has been demonstrated by the great contribution of our volunteers, this type of contribution should give us both pride and satisfaction.

Another option toward avoiding taxes could be to demand that the library live within its means. Most public libraries spend 10 to 20 per cent of their budgets on book purchases. Because of the support of the volunteers, approximately 50 per cent of the Mary Hawkins Library budget goes to new acquisitions. Surely this percentage could be lowered slightly and the necessity of a tax increase avoided.

A budget has already been drafted to satisfactorily run the library should the referendum fail. This has been one well-kept secret. Another is that this library is relatively rich, with almost \$80,000 kept in a reserve fund. Why are taxes necessary?

What's wrong with our library? Judged on the basis of its use, very little. Certainly the recent survey indicated many possible changes, but never mentioned the costs of implementation, both monetary and personnel costs. Instead of forging ahead on the road to a big city and/or academic library, could we not take little steps towards those features the community would consider a priority, as our resources allow?

The Mary Hawkins Library is alive and well. It does not need to be "fixed" with government interference!

G. KREUTZER

Library position explained

Several points of confusion have

arisen concerning the library and the forthcoming referendum. Let me try to clarify some of them. The first regards the library's reserve or building fund. Carefully built up over the years against the need for emergency maintenance or other requirements of an aging building (such as a roof that even now needs attention), it exists as a repair and rescue fund, which, if used to replace regular income to any extent, would quickly disappear. The fund is reported on regularly at library board meetings and in the annual audits, and in no way negates the need for a stable and ongoing source of operating revenue.

A Community Access Program (CAP) grant was awarded to the library just this month, but has little to do with the library's own computer program. Along with in-kind contributions from the library and other community organizations, it is specifically earmarked for the establishment of a Community World Wide Web Site, centred in the library, and open without charge to all residents of Salt Spring for training and use of the Internet. We are just getting up to speed on the project, and, on reading the contract, reasoned that we should perhaps hold off signing it until we knew for certain we would have adequate and stable resources to underwrite the project. We must remember, too, that a grant is only a one-time gift of money for a very specific reason. CAP grant funds may not, for example, be used for operating expenses, books, etc., and would never replace stable and ongoing operating revenue.

The Library Board is attempting to be both precautionary and cautious, much, as, I think, any business would be: to run a tight ship and provide services which are of demonstrated need and importance to the community.

In the matter of accountability to the public, after a successful referendum, we feel that when every resident on the Island will automatically have become a member of the Salt Spring Island Public Library Association, will own shares in the library, and be able to vote at gener-

al meetings, we'd better ruddy well keep our socks pulled up: the library constituency would suddenly be five times what it is now. I call that accountability.

The question of supporting the library through slightly higher association memberships has been actively discussed as an alternative to a small tax levy. But, as any charitable organization will tell you, there is something inherently unstable about depending on donations for operating funds. Times can turn bad, jobs are lost, people move away. Our volunteers love the library and do their utmost to make it the best anywhere, but to ask them to raise money in their spare time would seem unreasonable. It is, after all, the stability and regularity of funding that enables long range planning and efficient operation.

As far as spiraling taxation on the island, let's be very clear: the 4.6 cents per \$1000 rate to be set by bylaw 2725 on November 20th will remain exactly 4.6 cents per \$1000 forever, or until it is changed by a subsequent referendum.


Does a failed referendum budget exist? Of course. No secret there. Wouldn't you be curious about how you would run your business if you might suddenly lose 75 per cent (\$81,800) of your projected income (\$109,600)? Even with a giant push for membership contributions (\$20,000?), and \$8,000 in further donations, without local tax support (\$55,000) or the provincial grant (\$26,800), the library would quietly subside back into the 70s on a budget of around \$50,000.

Do we want a big city or academic library on Salt Spring? Of course not! It's neither necessary nor possible. But an autonomous, volunteer-staffed, up-to-date recreational reading and information centre that is both affordable and appropriate to the size of this community? You bet!

Thanks to everyone for your interest in things library. We don't want to make it different—just better.

RICHARD MOSES
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YOUR VIEW

For the record: PARC presents its side

Opponents to the land sale referendum in recent columns, advertisements and letters attempt through misinformation to discredit PARC for asking the voters a legitimate question.

The object of the referenda process is simply to provide direction by the voters to the elected officials. A majority "yes" vote to the PARC question will authorize the CRD, through appropriate community consultation, to sell up to 10 small lots (up to thirteen acres total) and use the money to acquire other useful parkland.

With a majority "no" vote to the sale/exchange question on November 20, 1999, PARC would likely request a tax referendum in the year 2000 to support the purchase of this same land, rather than sell the parcels. You will decide the direction.

Recent public claims made by CRD candidate Dietrich Luth and resident Bev Unger are erroneous and irresponsible. PARC is NOT in "financial trouble...indebted beyond its ability to pay". There is NO "high handed wheeling and dealing".

What are the facts:

PARC operates a balanced budget every year. It's the law.

PARC financial statements are always available for public scrutiny. Regular PARC meetings are open to the public and the media are encouraged, and usually do, attend.

PARC acquired 3 lots near GISS for \$787,250. Debt on these lots is \$460,000. Rental revenue from these properties covers the debt load.

The acquired lots could be sold generating a substantial cash surplus at any time, should the debt not be repaid by the required 2005 deadline.

25 broadly based task force members recommended the purchase of the land after two years of hard committee work.

The OCP supports land for future recreation facilities at this GISS location.

Purchase of the land was widely reported by the press.

PARC is committed to green space. Park acreage has increased during the past seven years from 55 to 244 acres. This increase is all in the nature park category such as Dunbabin, Duck Creek, Fern Creek, Churchill Road, Quarry Drive and many more.

There has been no increase in athletic or facility based land since 1977, yet the population has increased by over 300%.

The random survey in 1998 clearly supports a future indoor recreation facility. It was the #1 choice by a majority of Islanders.

Commissioners recommended the land sale/exchange question because available tax dollars are so scarce.

PARC is not promoting a "yes" or "no" vote. We are attempting through a democratic process to achieve a significant identified community goal—ensuring land is set aside for future indoor recreation facilities. Vote as you will, based on merit and fact. PARC will follow your direction. The decision you make will assist us in determining how we will proceed in providing a balanced vision of green space and recreation space to fulfil the wishes of our diverse and growing community.

This referendum question is not about building a pool, a rink, or any other specific facility. Those are questions for another day. We are not attempting to force "Vancouver" goals on our rural community. In the future, you will decide what, if any, facilities this community would build, and at what price we can afford them.

Please vote on November 20, 1999.

MALCOLM LEGG
PARC Chairperson

Doubly concerned

There are two issues that cause me concern in the upcoming election, and both are related to referenda.

I would love to see an indoor recreational facility on Salt Spring and I am ready to support a referendum that asks me to "cough up" to pay for land and facilities. I am also ready to pay a reasonable amount for operating expenses once we have the facility. What I cannot support is selling neighbourhood green spaces to pay for the land. Fortunately the two are not on one ballot. So, for this round my vote is "no".

The library referendum also worries me, not because I am not willing to pay my share, but because the policy of this library association is to deny work to qualified younger librarians in favour of volunteers. As it stands, there is no work for a librarian who might wish to live on Salt Spring. So, I will vote "yes" but with a heavy heart. Thank heavens the ferries are not run by volunteers, or the schools, or the hospitals.

IRENE WRIGHT

You decide

We indicated as a community that we wanted to acquire property for a future indoor recreation facility. We now have to decide how to pay for that land. The business plan is clear. There are two simple choices:

1. Rationalize and lighten the inventory. Own the future site debt free. No tax increase.
2. Maintain current inventory and

raise taxes (about \$20 per average household for 10 years) to acquire the property.

In either case, what follows is the same. The community then decides what to build, saves for it, creates partnerships for it, finds new ways to achieve it—or taxes. When it's decided how, we can then choose when or even IF. Simple. You decide and PARC will continue to carry out your wishes. The process is fair, open and very democratic. I look forward to the results of our next community decision on Saturday, November 20. You decide.

BILL CURTIN

Generating heat

We don't yet know the registered name of the corporation which has taken control of the Texada lands at the south end, that wants to turn our natural heritage into quick cash and Burgoyne Bay into another Whistler Village. The name of the company doesn't matter, nor that of the men who met with our Islands Trust under an agreement of silence. We know the name and face of their master well, for it is greed.

All of us who challenge the assumed right of developers to run roughshod over this island, its people and its future—whether we're organized as this or that group, a coalition, or as individuals—in taking action we embody resistance to that greed. To witness this resistance gives me hope, for where there

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Election interview

Kellie Booth speaks with Peggy Abrahams

What do you consider to be the most significant achievements of your past term as CRD Director and why?

Kellie Booth: I believe my most significant achievements over the past three years have resulted from my efforts to put the "C" back in the CRD for the Salt Spring Electoral Area; the "C" being credibility.

A legacy of conflict had existed between the CRD and the Islands Trust prior to my current term. Together with the current Trustees, we re-established solid communication between our agencies. Regular public joint meetings are held between local Trustees and myself to address ongoing and emergent community issues.

Following up on my 1996 election platform promise, I was successful in acquiring Ministry of Municipal Affairs funding for a local government restructure study for Salt Spring Island. This important study is now occurring, with the support of the Islands Trust.

I successfully assisted the Ganges RCMP and the local Community Policing Committee in having provincial court services return to Salt Spring. This initiative was successful because co-operative, constructive and relevant dialogue took place between local representatives and the Attorney General's Ministry.

I urged the CRD Parks Committee to recommend that the CRD acquire the 462-acre parcel on Mount Sullivan, from Texada Logging, as a Regional Park. I was pleased that the CRD Board acted on this recommendation, and approved recent purchase of this property.

Working with the first-responder groups, the Emergency Program Executive Committee applied for and received federal government funding for the development and adoption of an initial emergency plan for our community. The final draft of the Plan is currently under production and should be in the hands of first responders soon. One copy will be made available to the library for the general public's interest by the end of 1999.

I have also supported the new PARC Community Nominating Process for selecting volunteer Commission members. This differs from previous, arbitrary designations in that it now involves public advertising which enables a spectrum of our community to put their name forward. The CRD Board now appoints Commission members in accordance with nominations submitted by a broadly based community committee made up of representatives from local non-profit, and non-partisan groups.

I instituted an annual review of grant applications with the Island's Trustees, the only other elected officials available to assist.

Now, rather than indiscriminate granting of tax dollars on a unilateral basis by a CRD Director,



Kellie Booth

there is a formal process for vetting and approving allocation of substantial tax dollars (approximately \$40,000) annually. After funds have been granted, there is a requirement for groups to provide a summary accounting for the funds.

What issues are foremost in your mind these days?

Kellie Booth: The completion of the local government study currently in process and implementation of any recommendations generated by the study; implementation of the new Saltspring Emergency Plan; restoration, maintenance and improvement of BC Ferry Service and a review of local transportation issues for our community (Should the community decide to move to municipal government in the spring, leadership pertaining to this issue would be assumed by the new municipal council) acting on the direction that will be provided by the electorate through the upcoming three referendum questions (Fernwood Dock, Library Funding and PARC Exchange of Land).

How open are you to community based decision making?

Kellie Booth: My track record on this question speaks for itself.

The regular joint public meetings with the Islands Trust; the PARC Community Nominating Committee for choosing new Commissioners; the formation of a Local Government Restructure Group; and the new Saltspring Island Transfer Station Regulation Committee are a few examples of just how supportive I am of including the community in an advisory capacity. I feel fortunate in having been assisted during the past three years by so many interested and knowledgeable volunteer members of the Salt Spring community.

How accessible are you to your constituents?

Kellie Booth: I regularly respond to mail, phone calls, faxes and e-mail to my home office from constituents on every conceivable issue, weekdays, weekends and evenings.

Advertised public meetings held once every two months also allow constituents to discuss

emergent issues with me.

Do you feel you have the time necessary to dedicate to the office of CRD?

Kellie Booth: The community can expect that I will perform my duties as well as I have in the three-year term I have been there. I've always attended meetings regularly and in instances when I could not attend, I have sent my alternate.

What is your position on the current PARC plan to sell parkland?

Kellie Booth: I believe that this proposal, recommended in the PARC Master Plan and adopted in the Islands Trust Official Community Plan, needs the intense scrutiny of a public referendum. Selling some of the parcels is simply a first option for the community to consider in order to achieve one of its already stated goals, namely, ensuring land is set aside for future recreation facilities.

Should land dedicated to PARC (CRD) be sold on the open real estate market?

Kellie Booth: The Municipal Act enables communities to sell parcels that it deems appropriate. In some circumstances, the community may decide, through this legislation, to sell/exchange land for land that will better meet its needs. It is the electorate that will ultimately decide if land dedicated to PARC (CRD) should be sold on the open real estate market. Land that was dedicated to the CRD prior to 1991 had very limited, if any, review by local authorities to assess whether, in fact, it met the needs of the island community. In some cases, the land received had never been seen by anyone other than the developer required to dedicate it, and was accepted at a distance on behalf of the community by a Ministry of Transportation & Highways official in Nanaimo who had only seen the property on a map. It is my belief that land which subsequently has been obtained after consultation with PARC should never be sold, and should be designated as "Public and Recreation" in its zoning.

Some people say there are alternatives to selling these parks—or exchanging them for other lands—with a goal to ultimately building recreational facilities. Are these alternatives, such as grants, things you would explore or re-visit if the referendum doesn't pass?

Kellie Booth: I would expect the Commission would reexamine these possibilities if the referendum doesn't pass. Possibilities would include an increase in taxes.

How do you respond to the public perception that Byron, Borrowman and Booth are a platform? Are you a platform?

Kellie Booth: No. I have no idea where this perception came from.

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Salt Spring Hours Barter Bank has chosen its look. The winning "dollar" design was created by Jack Mersereau, chosen from a total of 10 entries (mostly from children). Mersereau won 10 Salt Spring Hours for his winning design.

The bills will hit the street at the next Salt Spring Hours' potluck to be held December 6, at 6 pm at the Lions Hart Bradley Hall. Baron Fowler, one of the founders of the Salt Spring Hours system, said the December D-Day (distribution day) was chosen to give Mother Tongue Press



One Quarter Hour Note winning design created by Jack Mersereau.

time to print the first run of bills. The winning design, shown above, features computer generated hour glasses on one side and a scene of Mount Maxwell on the reverse. The Salt Spring Barter Bank now has 24 members.

Community forms Texada land watchdog group

About 80 Salt Spring residents met Thursday night at Fulford Hall to discuss plans to monitor, assess and control the environmental impact of logging and development on the newly acquired Texada lands.

An eight-person panel updated community members on a variety

of issues that have been considered to date, including eco-forestry, legal issues, archaeological impact, sensitive eco-system, and tenants' concerns. Task forces have been formed to conduct fact-finding research on these issues, and report back to an executive strategic planning committee.

As one panel member explained, "This is not just a forestry issue. This is not just a development issue. These things overlap."

In addition to emphasizing environmental concerns, speakers discussed the importance of protecting a number of archaeological see *Texada p10*



Jeff Outerbridge photo

Safe and warm: The new owners of Texada lands in the Burgoyne valley have had a gazebo bus shelter built near the foot of Lee's Hill. "The new owners thought it would be nice if the kids waiting for the school bus could get out of the weather. Many of our tenants have children who stand there every morning," said Brent Kapler, on-island representative of the new owners. "We've all got kids. I'd like mine to be treated this way, to have a dry place to hang out and wait for the bus." The gazebo is being built by local carpenter Lorne Martin who's been out there pounding nails in all weather. The building is expected to be finished by Wednesday, November 17.

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sites on the Texada lands. According to Briony Penn, member of the South West Partnership, "The law says you cannot disturb archaeological sites. An archaeological assessment is required for any area of large development where impact on a heritage site is anticipated."

Preliminary draft guidelines for community oversight of the lands were outlined. Among issues addressed in the guidelines: ensuring maximum protection of eco-sensitive areas and scenic value; that tenants not be displaced; that archaeological assessments are conducted; and maximum community employment be ensured.

News of the sale of 4,600 acres of land on Saltspring to Vancouver developers Derek Trethewey and Rob McDonald took many islanders by surprise early this month. In response to community concerns, the new owners deferred plans for immediate logging of a site near of Lees Hill. Instead they indicated they would begin logging on Mount Tuam.

Meeting chair Susan Berlin said the group will hold regular Town Hall meetings to pool community resources and ratify strategic plans.

A web site for the exchange of information, ideas and concerns regarding the recent sale of Texada's land holdings on the Island has been launched. "Love Our Island," a group of residents interested in finding out the intentions of the land's new owners will be posting information on the site set up by Harry Warner. During a Thursday, November 11, meeting, the group formed a number of ad hoc committees which will be exploring a wide range of issues related to the sale of the 4,200 acres on Salt Spring. The web site is found at: <http://saltspring.com/annraoi/Loveourisland.html>.



Learning the rudiments of "human tracking" during last weekend's Salt Spring hosted SAR training event.

Peter Clarke photo

SAR: learning how to find lost people in the woods

If you were ever going to get lost in the woods or wander off into the hills of Salt Spring, two weekends ago would have been a relatively good time to do it as scores of "human trackers" congregated on the island to hone their skills.

The event, which included two days and one night of intensive training for both veteran trackers and their greener colleagues, drew teams of Search and Rescue (SAR) volunteers from as far afield as Port Hardy and the rest of Vancouver island, to our neighboring Gulf Islands.

Tracking—learning to identify, record and translate the most miniscule of clues left in

the wake of a lost or fleeing quarry—is just one of the skills that these people use and are constantly upgrading in their work as volunteer Search and Rescue specialists. Rope work, high bank work, first aid, advance rescue techniques—it's all part of the SAR package.

The province's SAR groups exist only through donations from the public and money raised in their communities. There is no funding available—from any level of government—for the training, equipment or time needed to maintain the high level of competence required to do the job.

The Salt Spring unit has approximately 30 members and

welcomes newcomers to the fold. Male, female, young—not so young—there are no qualifications required except an eagerness to become a useful part of this vital organization.

Interested? You need only follow the trail to the high school where twice a month qualified trainers from the Salt Spring Unit conduct an ongoing course called GSAR (Ground Search And Rescue).

"We teach everything from map-and-compass, knots, rescue work, the stretchers, first aid, radio, avalanche and swift water techniques," Salt Spring unit leader Chuck Hamilton said.

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Heard any good books lately?



Wit & Whimsy ...

with Arthur Black

Many years ago the media guru Marshall McLuhan said something typically cryptic that translated as "books are dead."

I laughed and laughed. The book? Dead? What an idiot.

I had a garage sale last Saturday and now I'm wondering if McLuhan wasn't on to something.

You see, I've had this set of Encyclopedia Americana that I've been lugging around for the past quarter of a century. Thirty-six volumes. I've moved house a half-dozen times in those 25 years and each time I've lovingly packed up my encyclopedias and risked a hernia getting them to my next destination. There I would once again, lovingly unpack them and set them up in their own bookcase.

I carried those books with me like a beloved pet. I dusted them. I displayed them proudly. What I didn't do is read them.

Not for at least the past five years, anyway. I'm on the Internet now, which is a whole lot faster and more in depth than my Encyclopedias were. Besides, the fact that I'd had them for twenty-five years meant that—while they still contained a galaxy of knowledge—they weren't terribly current.

So, with great reluctance I packed them into three cardboard boxes and consigned them to the Garage Sale.

I wasn't expecting to make a lot of money out of them even though I paid a bundle for those books

when they were new. I just hoped they would go to a good home—somewhere that kids could paw through them and discover the delights of reading without having to go to a library.

What the hell, I thought, it's a garage sale. I'll let them go for twenty-five bucks.

Garage sales are a full-contact sport where I live. The early birds showed up at dawn and by 9am bargain hunters were swarming down the driveway and fingering the goods. In the first hour we had lots of folks and they bought all matter of gew gaws and junk that's been cluttering up my house for too long. But nobody so much as glanced at the Encyclopedias.

It wasn't that they were illiterate—they gobbled up all the paperbacks I had on sale. Maybe—incredible as it seems—twenty-five bucks is too much to ask, I thought. I got out the magic marker and slashed the price to ten dollars.

"Ten dollars for 36 hard-cover volumes containing more knowledge than anyone could expect to accumulate in a lifetime," I muttered. "Somebody's going to get a bargain."

Two hours later I slashed the price to \$8:00. Then \$5:00.

By the end of the day all we had left for sale was one wonky floor lamp, an inflatable kid's swimming pool that needed work; and a couple of shirts too ugly even for bargain hunters.

And oh yes—36 volumes of the Encyclopedia

Americana—even though I had scrawled FREE TO A GOOD HOME!—where the price tag used to be.

Nobody wanted my Encyclopedias—even as a gift. I couldn't believe it. So I loaded them into the back of my car and took them down to the local Thrift Shop. I'd just unloaded the second box when I spotted the sign by the shop door. It read: "Please note that we cannot accept ripped or torn clothing, broken furniture or sets of Encyclopedias."

Grubby paperbacks by John Grisham or Danielle Steele they'll take. Dog-eared copies of classic Greek or Roman poets they can use, but beautifully bound sets of Encyclopedias? Sorry.

Wasn't long after that I came across an item in the paper headlined: ENCYCLOPEDIA BRITANNICA GOES ONLINE FOR FREE. The story explained that the company, which has been producing the books since 1768, realized that it was becoming a dinosaur in the computer age. So they plopped all of their accumulated information—44 million words, 33,000 pages—up on their website: free. They figure they'll make money by selling advertising and seeking sponsorship.

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Good news for our forests, I guess—but I still don't think McLuhan was right. Books aren't dead—dead things decay.

And my 36-volume edition of Encyclopedia Americana show no signs of that. Unfortunately.

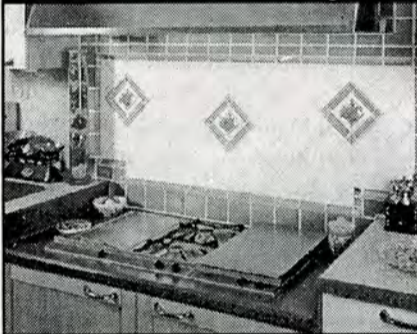
Just another Y2K article

We're not supposed to talk about it anymore—this Y2K thing—and I know that. It's as if the authorities that first brought up the possibility of millennium mayhem are now sorry they said anything in the first place. Well, maybe they shouldn't have, but they did, and at our house we listened and took the situation very, very, seriously indeed.

Preparations:

- Game Boy Batteries (2 times AA)
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Music scene

Blues scene plus a dash of latino salsa and side dish of mediaeval songsters

by Elizabeth Courtney

There are times you have to pinch yourself to remember this is just a little island we're living on. I'm looking at a week of music to warm the cockles of the most hardened urbanite heart, so if you're any kind of blues fan, you won't be spending much time at home next week. Never mind if it rains all day, your nights will be well taken care of.

November 19 and 20 Tim Hearsey will be bringing his band to play at Moby's. Followers of the blues rock scene in Vancouver know Hearsey as one of the top six string slingers in the metropolis. A review in the Georgia Straight says: "Hearsey's earthy vocals bring to mind Peter Green, but it's his riveting guitar work that steals the show throughout." On his most recent CD, *Close Calls*, Hearsey tears up the frets on 10 originals and a slowed-down, funky up version of Jimi Hendrix's *Freedom*, delves into Jeff Beck-style blues metal and delivers a mean slide-infested 12-bar boogie, finishing up with a casual, rural blues number.

After a couple of nights with one of Vancouver's most respected writer/guitarists, Moby's offers its stage to Victoria native, Kelby MacNayr on Sunday 21st. MacNayr, a percussionist, has explored a variety of genres and traditions, including jazz, classical, folk and "world music", studying with Salvador Ferrera's, Barry Elmes, Abraham K Adzenyah, Dave Holland and Kenny Wheeler. For the past few years his primary focus has been Jazz and he's performed with Hugh Fraser, Ingrid Jensen and Ian McDougall. On Sunday, he'll be playing with the rest of his trio, Ron Hadley and Joey Smith.

Monday night at the Folk Club is a chance to go home to the roots of it all when the three grand old men of acoustic blues come to the Fulford Hall. Mose Scarlett, Jackie Washington and Ken Whiteley are musical legends in their own right, but since they first put their musical friendship onto CD with their Juno-winning *Where Old Friends Meet*, followed by their three disk collection of vintage American songs, *Three by Three, Old Friends Meet Again*, it's the alchemy of their collaboration that makes an evening with them something you'll likely never forget.

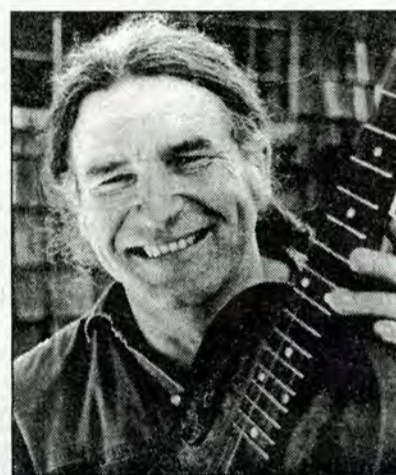
Scarlett is internationally known for his unbelievably smooth baritone, Whiteley for his extraordinary versatility on almost a dozen instruments, while Washington, 80 years old this year, has so much music history in his bones (Ellington, Joni Mitchell and Gordon Lightfoot to scratch the surface) it would be a crime to miss him. To say nothing of his uncanny ability to make the place jump in his lazy, inimitable manner.

While those three could be my personal event of the year, we're still only half way through the week. Friday November 26th, two of Canada's best loved home-grown musicians give us *Two Views of the Blues* at Harbour House. Ken Hamm once wanted to be a cultural anthropologist; in a sense that's just what he became, using his gifted finger-picking to interpret the history of blues in numbers by Leadbelly, Mississippi John Hurt, Charlie Patton, Willie Dixon, Muddy Waters and Robert Johnson as well as Dylan on his release this year of 20 classics (*Galvanized*). For the last twenty years he has had an extensive solo touring career and is most appreciated by his loyal West Coast fans for his original material reflecting his experiences of local rural life.

If Big Dave McLean is slightly less well known, it's not because of his impressive reputation among those that have heard him, but because as a devoted family man he chooses to spend a lot of his time at his home in Winnipeg. Even so, he has shared the stage with many blues legends including Muddy Waters, Bukka White, Sonny Terry and Brownie McGee, John Hammond and others too numerous to mention. A real musician's musician, Dave McLean has been singing and playing the blues for three decades. His CD output has been very modest, but nevertheless award winning-in 1995 he was a Juno award judge in the blues/gospel category. He says: "I love those old Delta guys who made their music with one voice, one guitar, and one foot stomping on the floor. That's very special music and I love to do it. At the same time, I love the way a band can get people moving." To see and hear these two old pros in action should make quite a special evening.



If the blues is not your thing, how about a little Latin salsa at the Fulford Inn? Julio Cabrera, Victoria's beloved blind musician from Mexico will be delivering the full range of romantic, danceable, Argentinean to Cuban repertoire he is famous for with his band, Tequila on November 26 and 27 at 9pm.



From top: Big Dave McLean, Ken Hamm and Three Old Friends, Mose Scarlett, Jackie Washington and Ken Whiteley.

Or for a family atmosphere with music in an intimate setting where you can hear every word, try Songtree/Quatro on Saturday, Nov. 20 at Rose's Café. Songtree, a folk duo featuring vocals, guitar, and hand percussion, and Quatro, an a capella quartet, are establishing a growing reputation for their fine collection of songs from the 14th to the 20th century. The arrangements are original, the harmonies are beautiful, the tunes are mostly traditional. According to their promo you will hear medieval, renaissance, Celtic, English and North American styles and be moved through a wide range of emotions and stories.

Songtree is Barbara Jackson and Earle Peach; Quatro adds Jennifer West and Eliot Dainow. Admission is by donation.



Sleeping Beauty and the Eight Dwarves Pantomime in Progress

by Maggie Warbey

Though traditional British pantomime is hardly new to Salt Spring Island audiences, this one is something quite different. A collaborative effort between Murray Shoolbraid and Susheela Myers, *Sleeping Beauty and the Eight Dwarves* is set to open at ArtSpring on Thursday, November 25. Over the past year, Susheela has worked closely with Murray to revise and refocus the script, which was inspired by the Russian mythology surrounding Baba Yaga, the wild and evil witch-goddess-woman. Susheela grew intrigued by the stories and fairy tales about Baba Yaga as she spent time researching the character.

The result is a storyline based on the narrative of the archetypal creative witch-goddess with her magical powers, intertwined with western European fairy tales. The story includes all the elements of a good old fairy tale: a beautiful, but bewitched, princess who awakens from a charmed sleep; a handsome prince who comes to rescue the Princess, but who must overcome obstacles to prove the purity and depth of his love; a King who is loathe to give away his daughter (and who wouldn't be after she has slept for 100 years), so sets three impossible tasks for the lovesick Prince; the evil enchantress, whose whole purpose in life is to trick and entrap the hero; and, of course, a happily ever after ending. As in all good British pantomime, *Sleeping Beauty and the Eight Dwarves* is a pastiche of beloved, well-known fairy stories: a mixture of familiar,



Yvonne Adalian and Amber Rockcliffe in *Sleeping Beauty and the Eight Dwarves*.

and not so familiar, magical tales that seem to be part of everyone's childhood experience.

The story, as all good stories, is a quest for transformation and the understanding that all that is, IS: not good, not bad, just IS. Here's a theme that seems especially apt as we reach the end of the millennium and move into the Age of Aquarius.

The cast of 40 includes some of Salt Spring's best loved performers: Shilo Zylbergold as the King's anthropomorphic throne is destined to be remembered for some time. Yvonne Adalian, who started her theatre career in pantomime on the English stage, is Baba Yaga. Her first role was as principal boy and she has acted her way up through the traditional pantomime characters. She says that she is thrilled to get the chance to end her pantomime career at the top. The character of Baba Yaga is supported by three priestesses, played by Yogesha Bennun, Alli Hames

and, in her stage debut, lighting artist, Liz Martin. The cast also includes Arvid Chalmers, Amber Rockcliffe and Kayla Schmah among many, many more. According to the director, Susheela, the actors have been, "rehearsing since the beginning of time." "There have been many original shows developed and staged on Salt Spring," she adds. "This one is no exception to the rules: people come together from all walks and roads of life to do lots of work and to work hard to present an amazing evening of magical theatre for everyone."

This show is a family tradition for the holiday season. *Sleeping Beauty and the Eight Dwarves* is on stage at ArtSpring, November 25, 26, 27 and December 2, 3, 4. Show time is 8pm each night, with a 1pm matinee on Saturday November 27 and December 4. Tickets are \$12 for adults and \$8 for children and are available at the ArtSpring Box Office and Acoustic Planet.

Isle of Views.com interview

Paul Marciano and the King of Stampazonia

Isle of Views: As a visiting dignitary with diplomatic immunity, what do you think about the way local government is run on Salt Spring Island and do you have any advice?

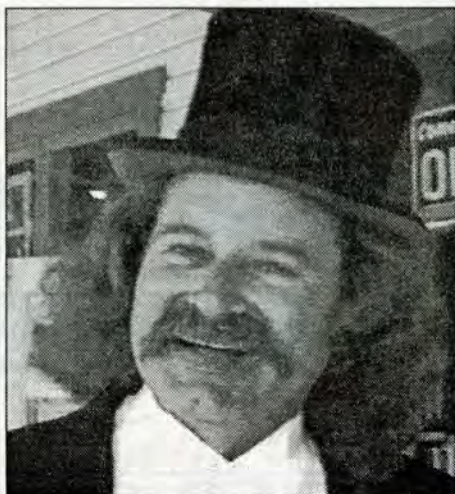
King of Stampazonia: It seems that getting things done here is quite complicated, too many cooks and all that. I'm a bit confused as to who is actually in charge. You seem to have forsaken the idea of leadership and so it's hard for me to give advice because I don't understand your system of government. The fact is, it's much too complicated for a simple king like myself.

IOV: Your cyber-country of Stampazonia seems conveniently unaffected by our so-called 'real' problems and even the laws of physics don't seem to apply. How do you deal with such unlimited possibilities on a daily basis?

King: The citizens of Stampazonia are only limited by their imagination. Those who lack imagination become bored and click elsewhere. While things are always greater than we imagine and almost never as bad as we imagine, it is important to understand that almost everything is imagined one way or another.

IOV: Rumour has it that everyone in Stampazonia can transform at will into any other form, fly like a bird or become a fish? How on earth do you keep an accurate account of who is who or what is what?

King: I don't worry about such matters. In Stampazonia the individual citizen transforms by simply adjusting his or her attitude and altitude. For those of you interested we provide a virtual reality "dreamulation" of Stampazonia where one can live many lifetimes



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Target Theatre transforms for Greenwoods

by Rob McMahon

Target Theatre, a Victoria-based Transformational Theatre group, is holding an interactive and educational event for the benefit of Greenwoods on Thursday, November 25 at 2pm at the Lions Club. The performance piece, entitled *The Best of Intentions*, concerns the communication between family caregivers and professional care workers who look after people with long term disabilities, said facilitator, director, and "joker," Kate Wilkinson. Admission is open to the general public, by donation, and the proceeds will go to the Greenwoods facility.

Transformational Theatre is a type of performance that uses theatre as an educational tool to facilitate social and personal transformation. The technique, then called "Theatre of the Oppressed," was developed 40 years ago in Brazil by Augusto Boal as a method for people to address and deal with the political oppression present in the country at that time. Boal used Transformational Theatre to initiate action against the country's oppressive government, forcing audience members to consider the basis of their victimization on a personal

level. Through first addressing and coming to grips with their own feelings of helplessness in the face of an oppressive dictatorship, the audience is then placed in scenarios that allow them to become involved in the drama taking place before their eyes, essentially pushing them to act and make a difference. In a typical presentation, a scenario is played out to a nightmarish extreme until an audience member "freezes" the scene, takes the place of the submissive actor and formulates the solution to the problem inherent in the scene.

The performance at Greenwoods uses the methods of Transformational Theatre to facilitate communication between two groups often in conflict, home support care-givers and professional care-workers. The show, which is being put on by Salt Spring's Caregivers Support Group, is a benefit for the caregivers of people with a long-term disability ("unsung heroes," said Wilkinson) such as Alzheimer's or Parkinson's disease.

The play is designed not only to create a greater understanding between the two groups of care-givers, but also to raise the public's consciousness about what these indi-

viduals do. The work consists of a set series of scenes (one of which concerns a woman at home with a patient, and the other in an institutional setting like Greenwoods), and addresses issues of "placement and how to promote communication between the two groups [of care-givers]," said Wilkinson.

Target Theatre, which consists of eight actors, each 60 years of age and older, has performed in Victoria, Vancouver and Alberta. The group began 13 years ago as a drama class for seniors, and has evolved into an active theatre company whose mission is to act as an "advocate for the elderly within our communities."

The group attempts to break down the stereotypes surrounding aging and usefulness, and "lighten the burden of loneliness and fear surrounding aging."

They have recently returned from Edmonton, where they put on an event for the caregivers support group located there. The group was awarded the Gold Medal at the first cultural component of the Senior's Games, and has been featured in both local and national press, and on television and radio. As well as deal-

see Target p15



Kyla McCollm, Halley Gilson and Patrice Bowler in *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*.

Phoenix School

Charlie and the Chocolate Factory

by Michelle Mech

Phoenix School has oiled all their gears to present *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory* this Wednesday and Thursday at ArtSpring. The whole school is involved in the play, as well as parents, grandparents and family friends who have provided tremendous support and assistance.

Crista Campbell, the Phoenix teacher who has managed public relations and advertising, said that in a structured way the students (kindergarten to Grade 7) are included in every single facet of the musical: writing songs, advertising and ticket sales,

makeup and costume design, stage management, and set and prop design and building.

Teacher Rineke Janker is the producer and she, along with parents Mike Krayenhoff, Sue Newman and Wendy Gilson have combined efforts in directing the musical. All of the songs from the movie will be performed plus an additional two, with lyrics written by the students and music composed by Virginia Newman (grandparent). The show starts at 7pm. Tickets are \$5 for adults and \$3 for children and will be available at the door.

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Target Transforms

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ing with problematic communication between caregivers, Target has addressed the issues of dealing with aggressive behavior in patients with a long-term disability, elder abuse, end-of-life decision making, and human rights in long-term care. Wilkinson, who has recently moved to Salt

Spring, was the Artistic Director of Target Theatre from 1994-98, and currently facilitates for conferences that the group is involved in. She has worked as a theatre director, producer, and arts animator for over 20 years, and has taught acting to seniors, teens, opera singers, and would-be film

actors for the past 6 years. She established the current acting program at the Victoria Motion Picture School, and is now working as an acting instructor and Staging Director at the Victoria Conservatory of Music's Opera Studio Program. She also teaches the drama component of the

Victoria Conservatory of Music and Camosun College's singer's diploma program. She is currently planning a workshop for the New Year with Sharon Marmorstein entitled *Play Groups for Grown Girls: Self Discovery and Transformational Theatre*.

Working for the Whole Community

ADMINISTRATIVE EXPERIENCE

As CRD Director, I was instrumental in completing the **Mill Farm negotiations**, which were bureaucratically and legally complex. Many people worked very hard to save that property and I was glad to lend my help so that this huge community effort was rewarded. This experience with **land management** issues will prove useful in dealing with the ownership changes of the **Texada lands**.

At the Board I also **cooperated successfully** with the other directors to obtain their necessary assent to our joining the **Regional Park System**. That resulted in a **\$500,000 grant** coming to the Island.

I served for three years on the **Capital Regional Housing Corporation**. Presently, I serve on four committees including the **Executive Finance Committee** at the **Greenwoods Board** and am the alternate delegate to the **Southern Gulf Islands Health Advisory Council**.

COMMUNITY CONCERNS

HOUSING

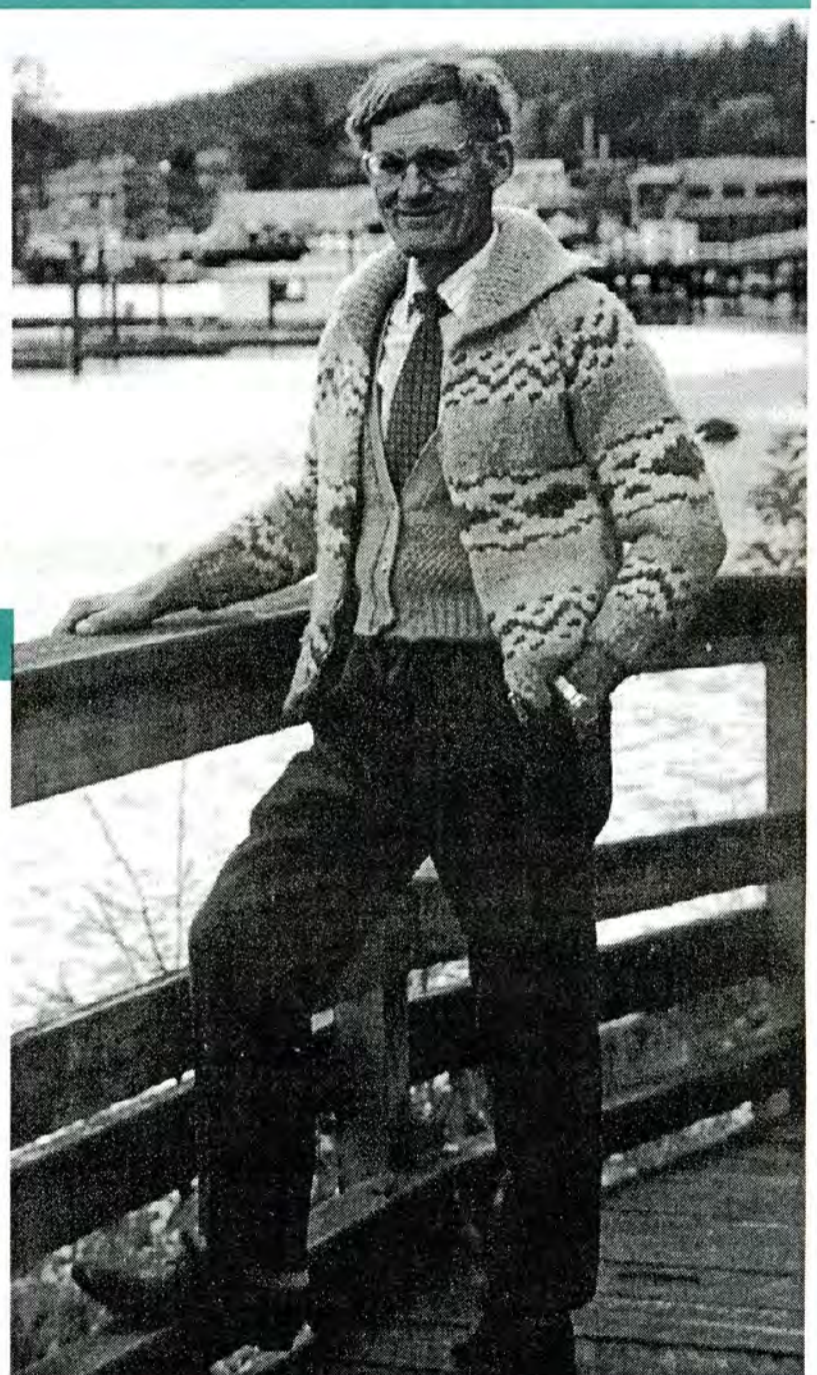
I will **work with the Trust** to identify suitable properties to be developed for more **affordable and seniors' housing**. We can utilize the resources of CMHC and other private and public corporations to facilitate these needed projects.

HEALTH

Based on demographic projections **there is still an awful lot of work ahead of us in this health care area**. For example, according to local doctors, serious stresses are being reported by aging baby boomers who now have responsibility for the care of one or two parents. We need to plan for a variety of **assisted-living situations locally** so that people aren't forced to leave the island.

RECREATION

We need to restore PARC elections, and establish a business plan for the budget. **We can achieve our recreational goals and still keep neighbourhood parks**. Community involvement is necessary every step of the way.



OPEN GOVERNMENT

We have had little or no information on the three referendum issues until now. I will ask the papers for **regular columns** to **keep islanders informed** of regional and local affairs on an ongoing basis as well as hold **public meetings** so that people aren't forced into making quick decisions on complex issues. I will hold **regular office hours** in wheelchair accessible premises to be available to individuals as well as groups.

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Desert Island Choices

This week's castaway is **Don Monteith**, owner of Nikkai






Gallery. A heavy equipment operator from rural S. Ontario, he came for a two day trip to Salt Spring seven and a half years ago and never left. Grace Point Square was being built at the time, so he signed a five year lease and that was that. He is currently producing the Sleeping Beauty pantomime at ArtSpring.

The Book: "The History of The World could I take all four volumes? I'm really interested in life, history—the whole damn thing. I'm a fact and knowledge junkie."







The Disc: "Braveheart. The soundtrack, by James Horner. I can listen to it for days at a time. I could have sold 500 copies of it myself. The pipes are like the pipes in Riverdance—not heavy duty bagpipes. I love that mournful, peaceful sound."

Fellow castaway: "Isaac Asimov. I have almost everything he's written—350 books. Not only science fiction, but science for the layman. Exploring the Earth and the Cosmos—everyone should read that. It's the most lent book in my collection. Ever since I was a little boy I wanted to live on a desert island, so I guess that's why I'm here."

TUESDAY
NOVEMBER 16

-  **Lorne Shantz** watercolours at Sweet Arts Café through November
- Shari McDonald** Photographs, Moby's through November
- Portraits by Stefanie Denz** Barb's Buns. Till Dec. 12
-  **Volleyball Free** drop-in at GISS & Fulford Elementary. 7:30-10pm. Info: 537-4448
- Flexible Strength** Drop-in. All Saints' 9-10am. Info: 537-4448
-  **CHR Flu and pneumococcal shots** SSI Health Unit. 9:30-1:30 pm. Call 538-4880 for appt.

WEDNESDAY
NOVEMBER 17

-  **Advance Voting.** School District Office. 8am-8pm
-  **Wednesday Night Live** Open Stage at Moby's Pub. 9pm
-  **Charlie and The Chocolate Factory.** Family theatre ArtSpring 7pm Info: 537-1156
-  **Centering Prayer.** Contemplative Centre, 181 F-G Rd.. 7:30am. Info: 537-1657
-  **SSI Garden Club AGM.** Harbour House 5-8pm. Tickets 537-4263
-  **Step into Shape** Drop-in. All Saints' 9-10am. Info: 537-4448
- Seniors in Motion** Drop-in. Mahon Hall 9-10am. Info: 537-4448
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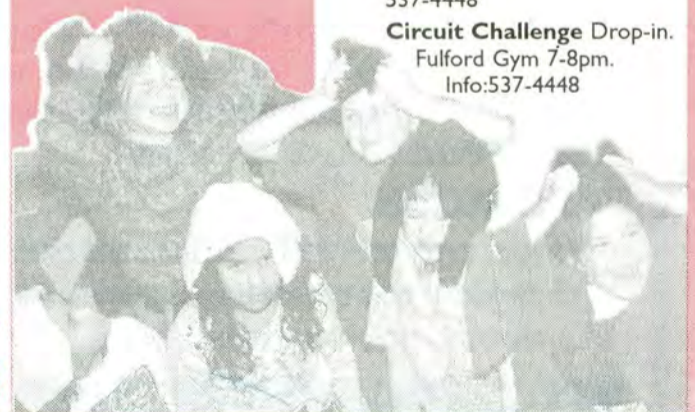
MONDAY
NOVEMBER 22

-  **Kabir Helminski "Living Presence" study group.** Contemplative Centre, 181 F-G Rd, 10-Noon. Info: 537-1657.
-  **Lady Minto Auxiliary Society.** General meeting. Lions Club 2pm
-  **SS Folk Club.** Blues with Mose Scarlett, Jackie Washington and Ken Whitely. Doors open 7pm.
-  **Step into Shape** Drop-in. All Saints' 9-10am. Info: 537-4448
- Seniors in Motion** Drop-in. Mahon Hall 9-10am. Info: 537-4448
- Circuit Challenge** Drop-in. Fulford Gym 7-8pm. Info: 537-4448
-  **Grey Owl Cinema** Central. 7:30pm




Charlie and The Chocolate Factory.
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TUESDAY
NOVEMBER 23

-  **Volleyball Free** drop-in at GISS & Fulford Elementary. 7:30-10pm. Info: 537-4448
- Flexible Strength** Drop-in. All Saints' 9-10am. Info: 537-4448
-  **Guinevere Cinema** Central. 6:45pm
- Grey Owl Cinema** Central. 9pm



WEDNESDAY
NOVEMBER 24

-  **Centering Prayer.** Contemplative Centre, 181 F-G Rd.. 7:30am. Info: 537-1657.
-  **Depression in the Elderly.** Nancy Luthwaite, therapist and J. Maude, nurse. SS Seniors Society, 2pm.
-  **Step into Shape** Drop-in. All Saints' 9-10am. Info: 537-4448
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National Home Fire Safety Week

Calendar

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**THURSDAY
NOVEMBER 18**

- ★ **Storytime at the Moon.** West of the Moon. 10am
- ★ **Scholastic Book Fair.** Fernwood School library. 8:30-3pm
- ★ **Charlie and The Chocolate Factory.** Family theatre ArtSpring 7pm Info:537-1156
- ★ **Sing Along Group** Seniors' Bldg. 2pm
- ★ **Harbour Nights** Open Stage at Harbour House 7pm Sign up, 537-4700
- ★ **Tango practice/lessons** 104 Lang Rd. 7:30-9:30pm. Info: 537-2707
- ★ **Salty Wheels Square Dancing** Location varies, 537-4855 or 653-9346
- ★ **Men's Breakfast.** Guest Speaker and discussion. United Church 8am 537-5812
- ★ **Healing Through Visualization.** Community meditation with Maureen Jarvis. United Church. 11:15am-12:30pm
- ★ **Celebrating World Religions:** Yoga. Talk and light meal. United Church 5-7pm Info: 537-5812
- ★ **Wisdom Talking Circle.** United Church. 7:30-9:30pm
- ★ **Texada Land Public Meeting.** Fulford Hall. 7pm
- ★ **Flexible Strength** Drop-in. All Saints' 9-10am. Info: 537-4448

**FRIDAY
NOVEMBER 19**

- ★ **Unicef Sale of Cards and Gifts.** Bank of Montreal. 10am-3pm
- ★ **Scholastic Book Fair.** Fernwood School library. 8:30-3pm
- ★ **Open Stage.** Every Friday at Rose's Cafe in Fulford Harbour. 7pm
- ★ **One World Family Celebration.** Music, dance, theatre. Mahon Hall. 7pm
- ★ **Tim Hearsey Band.** Rhythm & Blues. Moby's Pub
- ★ **Western Feng Shui.** w/Rhea Peake. 7pm. Rose's Cafe. 7-10pm.
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- ★ **Grey Owl Cinema** Central. 6:45pm
- ★ **Guinevere Cinema** Central. 9:15pm

**SATURDAY
NOVEMBER 20**

- ★ **Voting Day.** GISS, Central Hall and Fulford Hall. 8am-8pm
- ★ **Lady Minto Auxiliary Society.** Thrift Store Christmas Sale. Lions Hall. 10am-3pm
- ★ **Christmas Bazaar.** Crafts. All Saints' hall. 10am-1pm
- ★ **NDP Bazaar.** United Church. 9am-2pm
- ★ **Cast Me Off.** ArtSpring. 8pm
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- ★ **Cinema Central** Closed.

**SUNDAY
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- ★ **Galleyjam Fulford Inn.** Brian (Buck) McDonald & Randy Miller. 4-7pm.
- ★ **Kelby MacNayr Trio.** Jazz. Moby's Pub
- ★ **Taizé Meditation** to simple chants. United Church sanctuary. 7.30-8.30pm Info:537-5812
- ★ **GLOSSI Event & Project Planning.** SS Seniors Centre, 2pm. Info: 537-7773.
- ★ **Guinevere Cinema** Central. 7:30pm

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**THURSDAY
NOVEMBER 25**

- ★ **Storytime at the Moon.** West of the Moon. 10am
- ★ **Target Theatre.** Benefit performance for Greenwoods. Lions Club. 2pm
- ★ **Sleeping Beauty and the Eight Dwarves.** Pantomime. ArtSpring 8pm
- ★ **Sing Along Group** Seniors' Bldg. 2pm
- ★ **Harbour Nights** Open Stage at Harbour House 7pm Sign up, 537-4700
- ★ **Tango practice/lessons** 104 Lang Rd. 7:30-9:30pm. Info: 537-2707
- ★ **Salty Wheels Square Dancing** Location varies, 537-4855 or 653-9346
- ★ **Deepening Through Story.** Community meditation with Lee Evans. United Church. 11:15am-12:30pm
- ★ **Celebrating World Religions:** Sikhism. Talk and light meal. United Church 5-7pm Info: 537-5812
- ★ **Flexible Strength** Drop-in. All Saints' 9-10am. Info: 537-4448

**FRIDAY
NOVEMBER 26**

- ★ **Unicef Sale of Cards and Gifts.** CIBC. 10am-3pm
- ★ **Women's Winter Eve.** Pharmasave downtown. 6-7:30pm and 7:30-9pm.
- ★ **Slides of Indonesia.** Island Pathways. Lions Club. 7pm
- ★ **Sleeping Beauty and the Eight Dwarves.** Pantomime. ArtSpring 8pm
- ★ **Cosmic Café.** Entertainment, spirituality and food. United Church. 7:30-9:30pm
- ★ **Julio Cabrera's Band Tequila.** Fulford Inn. 9pm
- ★ **Open Stage.** Every Friday at Rose's Cafe in Fulford Harbour. 7pm
- ★ **Two Views of the Blues.** Ken Hamm and Dave McLean. Harbour House. Doors open at 8pm.
- ★ **Step into Shape** Drop-in. All Saints' 9-10am.
- ★ **Seniors in Motion** Drop-in. Mahon Hall 9-10am.

**SATURDAY
NOVEMBER 27**

- ★ **8th Annual Home-Based Business Faire.** Meaden Hall. 10am-3pm. Info: 537-4560
- ★ **GLOSSI Games Night.** Board and card games. 8pm. Info: 537-7773
- ★ **Back to Basics.** Crafts and baked goods sale. Central Hall. 9am-3pm
- ★ **Sleeping Beauty and the Eight Dwarves.** Pantomime. ArtSpring 2pm and 8pm
- ★ **Julio Cabrera's Band Tequila.** Fulford Inn. 9pm
- ★ **Emergency Preparedness.** Public forum. All Saints. 10am-1pm

**SUNDAY
NOVEMBER 28**

- ★ **Galleyjam Fulford Inn.** Brian (Buck) McDonald & Randy Miller. 4-7pm.
- ★ **Salt Spring Stompers.** Big Band. Moby's Pub. 8pm.
- ★ **Graffiti Theatre.** Free workshops. ArtSpring. Res. & info: 653-2442, 653-0033.
- ★ **Julio Cabrera.** Fulford Inn. Nov. 26, 27

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Mona and her husband, Peter Haase, started the writer's retreat on Salt Spring about three years ago, around the same time as they began their private literary press. For a while they had rented out the cute and cozy 600 square foot cottage on their property to regular tourists, but ran into a lot of problems. So they decided, writers being

such upstanding, trustworthy, serious sort of folk, they would redesign the cottage to suit writers' needs and rent only to writers.

An Apple computer sits on a long desk just inside the door, at right angles to two old-fashioned, manual typewriters. Poetry and photographs of writers

decorate the walls and a comfy window seat invites long daydreams from which new stories unfold. A complete kitchen and bathroom provide the necessities and upstairs is a tiny loft bedroom that makes you want to curl up and begin to dream.

For Mona, the concept of accommodating writers' peculiarities is not a new one. Back in



Mona Fertig and Peter Haase's writer's retreat cottage.

1978 she started "The Literary Storefront" in Vancouver's Gastown. As the first literary centre in Canada, it provided workshops, open readings, a library and a meeting place for its members. Many of the photos on the cottage walls today are of well known and lesser known writers who visited the centre.

During this past summer, the cottage was always occupied. Novelists, essayists, journalists and poets have spent time there, soaking up creative juices that must be oozing out of the walls by now. The majority of visitors are women, who perhaps find it

more difficult than their male counterparts to shut the door on family responsibilities in order to pursue something as intangible as an idea.

Most writers stay a week and while some treat the cottage "like a nest" and rarely emerge, others work for half days and spend time exploring the island. Some like to socialize in the evenings, other prefer to work.

An interesting byproduct of a visit by illustrator and writer H. Werner Zimmermann, was the opportunity for Mona and Peter's son, Paris, to be involved in the full-colour illustrations. Zimmermann was working on his drawings for Frieda Wishinsky's Governor General's Award nominated story, *Each One Special*. When he needed a model for the boy, Ben, Paris perfectly filled the bill.

Not only did Paris sit for Zimmermann to sketch, but he created figures in clay, just as Ben does in the story.

The story itself is modelled on the author's father, a master pastry chef who became a sculptor. It's a touching story about friendship and inspiration—the same sort of spirit that keeps sculptors sculpting, painters painting and writers writing, whether they work around a busy schedule or are able to find themselves a quiet retreat.



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Christmas fairs pop up all over Island as December looms

By Rob McMahon

Continuing on the subject of this year's Christmas Craft Fairs, there are four more to add to last week's list (and an updated version of the Fulford Hall show). There WILL, in fact, be a Last Minute Craft Show (back by popular demand), and fairs will be held at All Saints, Central Hall, the United Church, ArtSpring, and Mahon Hall. This week's crop of shows runs from the last week of November to the last week before Christmas day.

The Back to Basics Show will be held at the Central Hall, and is being put on by Salt Spring's Pentecostal Assembly. The event is on Saturday, November 27, and will last from 9am to 3pm. Handbaked goods, jams and jellies, as well as Christmas crafts, such as handmade slippers, will be on sale. Refreshments will be available, and the show will feature music. The Back to Basics Show stems from a "Friday night get-together" tradition held by the women of the church.

The Last Minute Craft Show will hold its 10th annual event at ArtSpring, on the weekend of December 17 to 19. The event

begins at 11 am on all three days, and ends at 7 pm on Friday and Saturday, and 4 pm on Sunday. The Last Minute Show features 30 Island artists and artisans who often aren't able to enter into other Salt Spring craft shows, largely because they participate in off-island fairs for much of the month. Each Last Minute Show proves to be a unique event, with its highly decorated stalls, live entertainment, and refreshments. The event will feature Christmas goodies and hand-crafts, (many of which can be custom made), as well as CDs and tapes by Island performers, and a display of local writers' works. The show is a benefit for the "Off-Center Stage Society," a local drama group that produced the popular performances of *The Lion in Winter* and *Showtime With Sondheim*. The event is coinciding with this year's production of the *Scrooge Show*, and seasonal ambience will be enhanced by a specially decorated room of Christmas trees, each of which will be sponsored by a local business.

The Fulford Hall Christmas Show will be held the same week

as the **Beaver Point Hall's Show** from December 3 to 5. Fulford's 10th annual show will begin with a seafood or vegetarian lasagna dinner on Friday night. Approximately 60 vendors are selling wares from decorated stalls at the event, and a desert area featuring tea, coffee, mulled apple juice, and a variety of goodies is planned upstairs. A variety of local musicians will be on hand to entertain.

The Fulford Hall Christmas Fair is the Hall's second biggest fundraising event every year. The proceeds of this year's fair will go to the purchasing fund for the land that the Hall is situated on; \$8,000 has already been raised for this cause through previous

fundraising efforts.

The Fulford Hall is extremely community orientated; of the events held at the Hall, 80 per cent are held rent free. The organizers of this year's fair had a "great response from the community" concerning the formulation of the event, a "big push" to bring in a large number of people in order to raise enough money to purchase the land underneath and around the Hall.

The All Saints Christmas Bazaar, another Island tradition, is on November 20, from 10am to 2pm. This year's Bazaar will feature a quiche and salad lunch from 11:30-1pm for \$4.50. The event features crafts of all varieties; knit-

ted works, woodwork pieces, dried flowers, second-hand books, and "new-to-you" objects. A raffle for a homemade quilt (made by the Anglican Quilters) will be drawn at the bazaar. The proceeds for both the raffle and the bazaar are being used to pay off the church's building debt, (All Saints Church moved into its present location four years ago, and recently underwent further expansion), and various Island charities, including the Food Bank and Our House (a community housing project).

Salt Spring's NDP group is also holding a **Bazaar and Craft Sale** at the United Church. The sale is on November 20, and will run from 9am to 2pm.

Learn the basics of acting, lighting and design

A day of free theatre workshops will take place at ArtSpring, Sunday, November 28. Presented by Graffiti Theatre, there will be two workshops, one focusing on acting and the other on technical skills. Tony Bancroft and Mike Taugher, theatre professionals from Malaspina College in Nanaimo will conduct

the workshops.

The acting workshop will be divided into two sessions and will cover improvisation, sense memory, mime and theatre games to develop imagination and concentration as well as the playing of objectives. In the afternoon there will be a read through and discussion of *The*

Visit by Friedrich Durrenmatt, the play that Graffiti is planning to produce in the spring. This play has a large cast so there will be lots of opportunity for everyone to read.

The technical workshop will give an overall approach to lighting and set design. Set
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The King of Stampazonia: the Isle of Views interview *cont'd. from p13*

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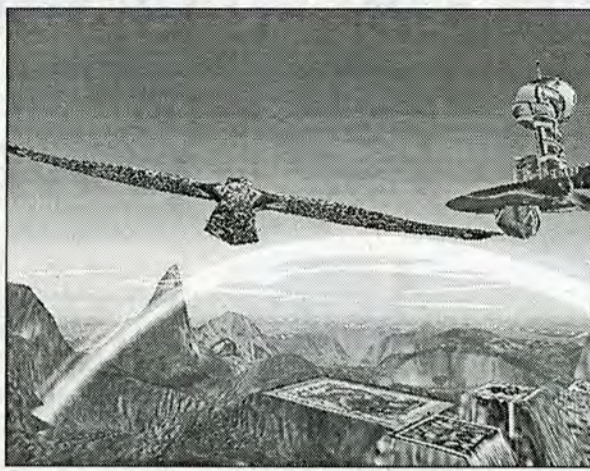
IOV: Is there any way that you can imagine solving the complex problems of our world using the wisdom and flexibility found in your world?

King: From my brief observations of your society, it seems to me that most of the problems are the result of a perceived lack of abundance. In Stampazonia, instead of arguing about land use, we simply create more dream-time and the land appears. If I want to create something specific in Stampazonia, I don't need to

get a building permit; I simply ask my Wizard Deluxe if such a thing is possible, cross his palm with silver, and it's done! In his off-hours, the Wizard is actually our resident Dreamscaper and it is through his Dreamscaping that our land has grown and flourished far and wide.

IOV: Can anyone immigrate to Stampazonia?

King: Yes, there is plenty of room for all. Simply type in www.stampazonia.com into any of this world's internet browsers, click your heels three times and say "there is no place like Stampazonia" and press enter. You're there and the best part is, there are no ferry lineups to get to



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IOV: What are the requirements of citizenship?

King: That is also simple. While everyone is invited to visit Stampazonia, we have released a special Citizenship password found within the inside cover of our promotional Stamp Odyssey Topical Album which you can find just west of the moon or at your local book or toy store (plug,

plug) but remember it doesn't work if you just copy it down without buying our stamp album.

IOV: Do you have any final thoughts on Salt Spring's up-and-coming political elections?

King: Perhaps instead of Directors and Trustees, etc., you should select one King for life who is allowed to appoint one Wizard. Then, what needs to be done will be done and the citizens can get back to enjoying their lives instead of worrying about elections every few years. But this is not for me to say, so if you'll excuse me, I do have some royal business to attend to. I hope to see you all Stampazonia.calm!

IOV: Salt Spring Isle of Views was happy that the King of Stampazonia was able to grant us such an insightful perspective on our local political landscape. We hope everyone will check out Stampazonia.com and leave the King a message in his on-line guestbook!

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Parody...lots: ten years young

by Peggy Abrahams

Paradise Lots played to a practically full house Saturday night, and it's easy to see why the homegrown musical comedy is an island institution. The challenge presented to me, a relative newcomer of nine months: would I be able to catch the "in" jokes, many of them references to matters of local significance before my time here?

Well luckily for the audience, and even the newly initiated to life on Salt Spring, Paradise Lots incorporates three universal themes. 1. Good versus evil: local inhabitants try to preserve idyllic lifestyle when greedy developer enters the scene with visions of clearcuts, blacktops and condominiums. 2. Boy meets girl: burnt out Toronto businessman comes to island to unwind for a few days, ends up staying with plans to become a developer, meets local girl and is converted to the simple island way. 3. sex, drugs and rollicking good music: key thematic ingredients that everyone can understand plentifully punctuate the script.

Besides, you don't have to be here long to be familiar with the cornerstones of island life at which Paradise Lots pokes fun: pot farming, holistic healing, recycled relationships, ferry schedules and foghorns, to name a few.

This was impeccable timing to stage a production of Paradise Lots. As it turned out, many of the jokes were newly added to this updated version, incorporating the flavor of the current

political campaign, and recent Taxeda lands sale.

This production even features a cameo appearance by a local political candidate. The wheeling dealing realtor, Milt, is showing a display condo to Frank, the visitor from Toronto, when he notices a sleeping form bundled up on the couch. He wakes the sleeper, "Shouldn't you be running for something, Dietrich?" From under the covers, Dietrich Luth jumps off the couch and dashes off the stage.

Other references to the election are woven into the dialogue, like "You look at the Islands Trust right now and the only thing not sitting on a fence is Pickett." And, "Borrowman, Byron and Booth, all running on the same platform. If they're elected they can open a B&B&B."

At a parody of an Islands Trust meeting, a proposal to turn the Taxeda lands into Disney Northwest is placed in the inactive file when there's no public input.

As Frank (Sid Filkow) is seduced by an island life of tofu, meetings of the Island Trust, and Rita (played by Laurie Clark), he sheds his Toronto business suit and dons T-shirt, shorts and sandals. Near the end, in expressing Frank's new-found passion for island life, Filkow deftly executes an exuberant little jig.

Shilo Zylbergold is hilarious as Wally, the jack of all trades islander, and Susheela perfectly personifies the flower child. The clever and witty musical comedy was directed by April Curtis,

who also sparkles as Fanny, Frank's wife. The songs succinctly complement the drama, particularly the finale with the refrain, "If you love the island please don't come, there's no more room for anyone," sung to a West Indian rhythm.

Scene changes were seamless, largely due to clever staging and Reid Collins, who adroitly entered and exited the stage to provide scene transitions on piano. Props and some of the portable sets, like a backdrop of Centennial Park for the Saturday market painted by Sharada Filkow, were expertly manipulated by the actors.

Paradise Lots, lots of parody. Perhaps the most pointed parody is that of the slimy realtor, played by real life realtor Chalmers, who in each scene appears in a more outrageous pair of electric bright colored polyester pants. As one realtor in the audience remarked to me at intermission, someone had said to her, "You realtors have to be pretty thick skinned." It's a tribute to the Salt Spring Hysterical Society that everyone is laughing so hard at a parody of everyone and everything to do with island life.

With its slapstick, double entendre, tie-dyed props and polyester pants, Paradise Lots may be ten years old, but it is fresh and new. And, I may be a newcomer, but I laughed very hard. If anything did go over my head, it doesn't matter, because I wouldn't know anyway. Who cares, I'm a tenant on Paradise Lots now.

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with Joe Clemente

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Let's eat ...

with Linda Koroscil

My grandfather, Raffles Purdy, was born in Somerset, England, one of 10 children, in 1861. They were a family of stone and wood carvers, but my grandfather never fancied himself chipping away at a bit of stone so he took up teaching instead. He instructed in London until 1882 when he decided to join his sister Emily and her husband, Sam Beddis, who had emigrated previously to Nebraska. Apparently there was a terrible head lice problem in the British schools and he got tired of scrubbing himself with carbolic acid soap! He told my mother of big signs posted everywhere in London advising people to, "Come to the new land, just tickle the soil with the spade, it smiles with the harvest."

In Nebraska they had wonderful crops, a potato as big as a man's head. Unfortunately one year there was a terrible locust plague, seven miles wide, so they packed up and came to Canada, and in July of 1884, arrived in Victoria. From there my grandfather purchased a sailing sloop for \$300. My mother has the bill of sale proudly mounted on the dining room wall.

They set out with an iron stove on board along with all their worldly possessions. There were four Beddis boys, the oldest

being 11 years. A little girl, one year, my Auntie Decie. They landed on Beddis Beach, as it is known today, a lovely stretch of white clamshells. My mother remembers Lionel, then four, saying he would never forget that day, for as soon as they came ashore, he went to sit on a log, but unknowingly sat on a wasp's nest! They pitched a tent, where they slept until November. Most of the cooking was done on open fires, until they installed the iron stove in their first log house which was built with the help of other pioneers. Around that time my grandfather was asked if he would teach school for the handsome sum of \$50/month. It was difficult to keep female teachers as they were in great demand by the single men! There were 12 white families on Salt Spring and several black settlers who had been encouraged by Gov. Douglas to settle here. My grandfather found room at Steven's Boarding House, which is still standing today and was eventually the private residence of my Auntie Margaret Cunningham and my Uncle Guy. I have many fond childhood memories of watching my aunt cooking away on her wood stove, kids playing everywhere.

Tune in next week for the continuing saga of how my grandfather met his bride!

Steamed Cranberry Pudding

- 2 1/4 C. flour
- 1 C. dark brown sugar
- 1 C. fresh whole wheat bread crumbs
- 1 tsp. baking powder
- 1/2 tsp. salt
- 1/2 tsp. cinnamon
- 1/2 tsp. nutmeg
- 1/2 tsp. ginger
- 1 C. butter
- 1 apple, peeled & chopped fine
- 2 eggs
- 1 C. cranberries, chopped
- 1/2 C. dark raisins
- 3/4 C. half & half
- 1/4 C. molasses

Heavily grease 2 1/2 qt. bowl. Line with foil or parchment paper. Combine first 7 ingredients. Cut butter into flour mixture. Stir in apple, eggs, cranberries, raisins, half and half, and molasses. Spoon into prepared bowl, cover with greased foil. Place bowl on trivet, add water to come halfway up bowl, simmer 3 1/2 hrs. until skewer comes out clean. Wrap well and keep chilled till Christmas. You can fortify with brandy if you like!

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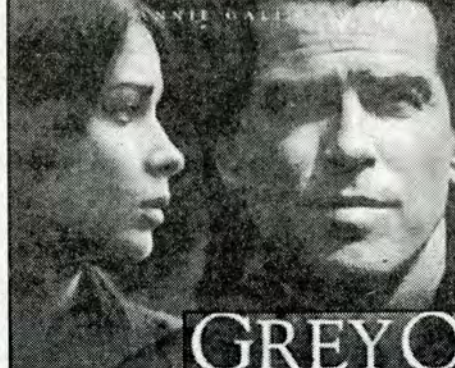
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Frank Worsley—Peacekeeper



Seniors Scene ...

with Alan Fairlie

A standard fixture around the Legion (Branch 92) for the past nine years has been Frank Worsley. He has gone through all the committee positions and was President in 1995. Once again, he was in evidence last Thursday at Remembrance Day ceremonies.

Frank was born in 1932 and educated in Halifax, N.S., and during World War II he remembers going down to Camp Hill Military hospital and help "piggyback" legless veterans-carrying them on his back! He remembers also the great explosion of 1943, when the magazine blew up.

In 1952, Frank joined The Royal Highland Regiment (RHR)-the Black Watch at Debert, Nova Scotia and was soon posted on peacekeeping duties in Hanover, Germany. In September 1955, he joined the Third Artillery Regiment at Shilo, Manitoba and later served in the First, Second and Fourth over the next 22 years.

His total service was 25 years, four months. He retired in 1977, as a Master Corporal and Drill Sergeant.

Frank had married Barbara, of Truro N.S., on 17 November 1955, so tomorrow (Nov 17) is their 44th wedding anniversary! They have six children; five daughters and a son. None have entered military service. They live in Brandon, Aylmer, Ont. and Bonn, Germany.

The Worsleys moved to Salt Spring in 1990 to look after parents and Frank joined the Legion here. He is one of several veterans including, Betty Galt who visit Lady Minto and Greenwoods with a colour party (flags) around Remembrance Day each year. But this will be his last November 11 on the Island. Frank and Barbara are selling their home and moving back to Brandon, to be with their daughters families. They will surely be missed.

War and Remembrance

When World War II started

on September 1, 1939 I was 12 years old and living in Toronto. In the next five years my "military" service was limited to playing clarinet in the Upper Canada College Cadet Band, which pushed out my upper front teeth. So I soon switched to trombone—and pushed them back in again! Then I went into the Signal Unit and waved flags. Also, I joined the Civilian Defense Committee (C.D.C.) as a "dispatch rider." We were issued helmets and a wonderful sweatshirt with a big green crest of Toronto on the front that said "No. 11 Police Division, Dispatch Rider." How proud we were!

How exciting it was to ride around town during the "Blackouts", but I had one injury. My bike wheel caught in the street car tracks on St. Clair Avenue West and I took a tumble, putting a big dent in my helmet!

Victory in Europe came on May 8, 1945, just 20 days before my 18th birthday! I have been grateful ever since and have made it a point to shake the hands of veterans and thank them for what they did for all of us!

Moments of real quality and skill



Soccer Kicks ...

with Alan Webb

Salt Spring Riptide coaches Ranier Funk and Damien Brazier echoed one another in the wake of their team's 4-0 U-12 silver win over Gorge Saturday at Portlock Park - "This was our worst game of the season"

It seems a harsh assessment of a comprehensive win, but one which bears little reflection on their own side and speaks to the wide gulf in ability between the two teams. The Riptide are a team in need of a challenge and Gorge were simply not up to providing one.

Nevertheless, the homeside supplied moments of real quality and skill.

Chad Cottrell hit the crossbar with the match only minutes old and shortly thereafter Alex McLaren and Kevin Brazier combined to free Remy Dakin who calmly one-timed the goalkeeper between the wickets for a one nil lead.

McLaren and Brazier dominated midfield in a style reminiscent of former Scotland players Gary McCallister and Gordon Strachan.

The former uses his height to survey the field, reads the play intelligently, uses his support well and is not afraid to shoot from distance.

The latter runs well with the ball at his feet, gives defenders a look-in and then leaves them

staring at empty green space.

In the second half Gorge found this combination insoluble. Every desperate clearance was charged down in midfield and turned into another attack.

One example of many led to Salt Spring's second goal.

Gorge's goalkeeper Jeff Campbell punted the ball to midfield where McLaren one-timed it wide to Julian Goodman. Goodman squared to the edge of the box for Cottrell who made space running across the area and then hit a drive just inside the post.

Brazier put the game beyond doubt with a delicate chip from wide on the left and then McLaren cleverly lobbed the last defender to send his midfield partner through to score again.

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this initiative. If you vote "no" in the referendum, you will have a barrier where once a lovely long dock stood, and \$173,000 of federal money will go to some other community. Please vote "YES" to the "Small Craft Harbour Facilities" bylaw 2730 to save the Fernwood dock.

ROBIN & JILLIAN
RIDINGTON

**Retreat Island
A dilemma**

I dislike feeling jammed and that is exactly what PARC is doing to me. There are two things clear to me:

I will vote against the sale of the park lands.

I support the concept of a recreational facility.

Park lands: It is inconceivable that the commission would even consider selling them after the reception they got over the proposed sale of three of them, such an act of defiance probably only delays finding a financial solution, and is irresponsible. That irresponsibility is compounded by the possible illegality of the proposal, and then multiplied again by the disregard for the neighbourhoods involved.

Cash in lieu of future land acquisition: While I strongly oppose the sale of the dedicated neighbourhood parks because they are already there in good faith, I would not be opposed to taking cash in lieu of a

per cent of dedicated park land in developments of larger lot sizes; but not smaller scale developments. I realize there may be some legal questions to be addressed there, but somehow, I would hope a window of time can be created or a window of dollar amount to facilitate acquiring the funding for land acquisition.

Land purchases: I think all future purchases should be put on hold—when one looks at the current staggering debt it is again inconceivable that PARC would launch on even more purchases. Furthermore, we should not discuss land purchase in isolation—it must be put in the philosophical context and in the context of the facilities we currently have: ArtSpring=arts=visual+performing; school gymnasiums=sports=clubs+teams=individual+groups; outdoors=hiking+orienteering+kayaking; rental and commercial facilities=bowling+target sports=archery. And, then in the context of what we may want or need: pool=free+clubs+teams=all ages; ice surface=figure skating+hockey+curling?=kids+adults.

Whatever we do, I am a supporter of having it as near to the schools as possible so classes, clubs and teams can access the facilities. I expect funding could be made available (School Board) so Fulford and Fernwood can also benefit.

We can't wait for another generation to go by; we do need to bite the bullet. I was recently at a large gath-

ering of seniors at the Oak Bay Recreation Centre as they ate cake and celebrated two birthdays (80 and 83) after swimming. I must admit, I thought of Salt Spring Island.

To fund this may take grants, fund raising and, yes, taxes. We don't need a large or splashy facility—like the one rejected many years ago. We need a basic and functional one that can be gussied up at a later date if we so choose.

"No" to the park sale. "Yes" to recreation. Let's see some new proposals.

RITA CUMMING

**Tax roll no solution
for library**

The present Board of the Mary Hawkins Library wants to replace the voluntary Library Association membership fees with a tax, which is basically a fee you will be forced to pay. They did not want the "trouble" of collecting money from library users, preferring instead to have the CRD collect their monies "for free." Going on the tax roll means an abolition of any accountability to the public, as has been repeatedly demonstrated at federal, provincial and local levels. It is considered as a foot in the door. Any further changes in the tax status will only be based on how much more you will pay. Remember, taxes are permanent.

The possibility of supporting the

library through slightly higher association memberships was never raised on the recent survey. Instead, this survey was structured to be a marketing exercise. The question of voluntary contributions instead of a tax was not asked, as the results may not have been what the questioners/library board wanted to hear. Instead, the survey created expectations for which this island has only limited resources. To seek tax support, the survey was structured to create need.

In creating a library plan for the future, our library was compared with the Whistler Library. Since Whistler went on the tax roll, their budget increased four-fold and librarians became professional spenders, generating ever-increasing needs for more money.

If the referendum passes, many volunteers will probably resign, necessitating either replacement volunteers (very difficult to find in the past months) or eventually paid staff. The current projected tax rate cannot cover the costs of paid staff and the services offered to the community in the recent strategic plan. The upward spiral of taxation on this island will continue.

ELIZABETH GEROW

Ad info insufficient

The library referendum advertisement published last week provides insufficient information for an intelligent vote and raises a number of questions.

1. The 1999 budget is given as \$82,300 of which \$24,000 came from temporary grants. What is the source of the remaining \$58,000? Lois Slotten's letter to the Driftwood editor last week suggests that it was primarily donations. Could that source produce a greater amount? The Referendum advertisement states that, "82 per cent of those questioned would be willing to provide tax support of up to \$20 a year." That suggests that it could, for surely those willing to pay \$20 in taxes would prefer to donate directly instead, thereby getting an income tax deduction for doing so. Why is not this avenue being explored aggressively?

2. For what purpose is the Community Access Program grant? If it is earmarked for computers and their associated costs, then it is certain that the effect of such a grant will be to reduce the ability of the library to continue to operate with volunteers. That alone will have significant and negative impact on the use of budgetary funds for acquisitions, proudly stated to be 48.6 per cent of the 1999 budget. Yes, indeed, why all these computers? Instead of a sales pitch, I would like to see a statement of their impact on the library, both financial and operational.

3. There is an inherent contradiction in the referendum advertisement. The proposed tax rate, intended to produce \$55,000 is set

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Insufficient cont'd. from p24 at a level essentially to replace the current donations, in order to qualify for the provincial grant. Clearly that can only maintain the present level of service. Yet, the advertisement states that a "successful referendum...will make possible many more enhancements." Are there to be no costs associated with these many more enhancement?

With a successful referendum, one can only conclude that whatever these enhancements are and whatever the tax rate initially set, it is inevitable that the library will move in a direction that includes: decreased donations, decreased volunteer support, increased operational costs, consequent tax increases and, sooner rather than later, toward paid staff—to "the usual expenditure for staff...from 65 per cent to 75 per cent of the annual budget"—and to an "average expenditure for books ... of only 14 per cent of the budget." Is that what the population truly wants?

Surely it would be prudent to delay a tax route decision that will prove to be irreversible and will likely not have the promised effect. To think that \$4.60 per \$100,000 of assessment will enhance the facility is to live in dreamland.

NANCY JAMES

That Tree Jerk Reaction

When you make a big move on the Island and buy up big chunks of the land, that primest of all Salt Spring commodities...it costs. You have to pay for it quick. This causes what can be called: "THAT TREE JERK REACTION." You have to jerk as many trees off the landscape, as possible, as quick as you can in order to pay for the place. (I bought the left overs once, a stump farm.)

When you live here on Salt Spring and love the Islands primest amenity, "The Community" (including the landscape), you're concerned when you hear that the woods will come down, no matter for farming. This

causes what's known as "THAT TREE JERK REACTION." You gather together en mass, you stop that crawling DS, you make sure the forest continues to stand.

But who can be right on this thing? The Province says "ALR land." So, how do you farm without clearing the trees? The people say, "whoa, wait a minute, we can't even use what we've got." (At least, the little guy can't. Just try it with prices and bylaws in place.) Where the Islands Trust can draft a new bylaw (355) which refuses to recognize any affordable sharing of farm property and will recognize nothing other than a clear cut, for farm use, how can we justify or expect a new owner to otherwise "steward" the land?

Trust Council Bylaw 42 (not Local Council 355) does actually call for the eco-agro-forestry use of farm land. Botanical forest products (other than mere fibre from lone Douglas Fir) can be a part of the farm operation. Not so, according to our Local Trust Committee's draft 355 (or according to BC Assessment come to that.) No, to make use of farm land it all has to be cleared off and fenced. You must chop down the forest for that. Either we make way for appropriate community economic development on this Island or we will continue to face the type of walled off fortress-like confrontation we now see building around the Texada holding turnover.

Our inability to act for diversity, does threaten to jerk us around. More than the trees will spin off of this mess. We could have co-housing on farm land, botanical forest product income for farmers (wild-crafting), cottage economy forestry, local lumber production, biodiversity as opposed to clear cuts, as well as more wealth generated by such a land sale for both sides of the Tree Jerk Reaction.

Would this not be better than that which is bound to ensue with the mono-focus, fir forest, clear cut. Common sense will never come, so long as our local Trust Committee continues to ignore our OCP, Trust Council Bylaw 42, and the ALC / Trust Protocol, when refusing to

take prime responsibility for land use decisions that encourage ecological agro-forestry at home. Land Use Bylaw 355 can't do it!

What we need on Salt Spring, is an Agro-Forestry Plan, a Farm Charter, a bylaw that we ourselves create, to ensure that a proactive appropriate level of cottage economy eco-agro-forestry takes place here on this Island for the benefit of all in our community.

Currently, if we do want to shut logging down, it's up to us to buy back the development rights and timber values that we would shut down, in order to save what we want in it's place. That is, unless the company concerned invites ethical investment partnering, for appropriate local economic development, to begin on ITS property base.

JOHN WILCOX

Thanks to performers

I want to thank some outstanding young adults for their performances in *Gratitude*, November 3, at ArtSpring.

Randy Miller's original and inspiring song, *7th Wave*, performed by The Rounders and the Roundetts, had tears springing forth throughout the audience for its tribute to the Merchant Marines. The song tells the story of Frank Nobile, introduced by Trish, his daughter.

From the Eidophusikon Performance Dance Theatre, best wishes and congratulations to all of you. You did a great job! But, most of all, our deepest thanks to the Royal Canadian Legion Pipers who came and played for the audience.

BARRY & VALERIE

MCDONALD


PS: Did anyone find a beany baby calico cat backstage? One of our performers is sorely missing it.

Generating cont'd. from p7 is resistance, there is life and spirit.

Oh, and one last thing. Perhaps someone should tell these developer folks one of the basic laws of nature: if you try to pass a force through resistance, you generate heat.

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THE LIBRARY REFERENDUM

What's it all about? And eleven more vital questions.

1. Why a referendum?

It is the policy of the Provincial Library Services Branch, since 1997, that our Provincial library grant of approximately \$26,800 must be at least matched by the local municipality. Before that time, this per capita grant came automatically. Salt Spring Island has no local municipality to provide those matching funds. The alternative is to ask permission from the voters to add a small amount to their annual property taxes (in this case \$4.60 per \$100,000 of assessed valuation) to provide those matching funds and to support services that the community and the Library Board feel are needed and appropriate. The referendum is simply a way of seeking that permission. (Salt Spring's is the only public library in the province not receiving regular tax support. In a recent survey, however, 82% of those questioned said they would be willing to provide tax support of up to \$20.00 a year for library services.)

2. How much will it cost me?

The average property assessment on Salt Spring is about \$215,000. At \$4.60 per \$100,000, the average homeowner would pay about \$10.00 annually to support the library, a rate fixed by the bylaw being presented.

3. Why can't the library just continue to charge \$10 to join?

Actually, the library has not charged a membership fee for almost four years, ever since the Province declared such fees illegal, though many users still agree to make a \$10 (or more) contribution each year, resulting, in a 1998 total of \$19,650. To ask more users to contribute, or current supporters to give more, is a possibility, but one with some uncertainty attached. The library, like any other educational or social service agency, requires regular and dependable revenue to continue its operations.

4. How much will the library receive from local tax support?

About \$55,000 a year, or roughly \$5.50 per person. In addition, the Provincial per capita grant, available only if this referendum is passed, would provide about \$26,800. It is felt, however, that membership contributions would decrease considerably.

(Local tax support for libraries across the Province in 1998 averaged \$26.87 per person.)

5. What is the library's budget now?

The 1999 budget is \$82,300.

(\$24,000 of this was provided by the CRD and the Province as one-time only bridging grants. Should the referendum fail, the 2000 budget would be not more than \$58,000.)

6. How much of that goes for books and other materials?

In 1999, \$40,000 or 48.6% of the budget. After a successful referendum, this figure would rise to \$50,000.

(The average library expenditure for books in B.C. is only 14% of the total budget.)

7. How much money goes for staff?

None. The Mary Hawkins Memorial Library is, and will continue to be, a volunteer organization. If our library had hired and paid the existing staff of skilled and dedicated volunteers at even minimum wage, the cost would have been about \$108,200 this year: 56.8% of a much larger 1999 budget.

(The usual expenditure for staff in libraries is anywhere from 65% to 75% of the annual budget.)

8. Why all these computers?

All thriving, growing communities need an appropriate, up-to-date library at a reasonable cost, and all modern libraries offer electronic as well as print access to information. The Salt Spring Library, now forty years old, is simply growing, entering the computer age, providing on-line access to the smallest fact in the Encyclopedia Britannica and to the entire world of Internet knowledge. Library use by the community is rising steadily (100,000 items borrowed last year), bringing an increasing number and variety of demands for current information from our buying committees and Interlibrary loan department. But even the newest print source is out of date even before it goes on the shelf. Electronic access is virtually instant and the many users now enrolled in our Internet classes prove the worth of these on-line resources. In the near future, cardholders will also be able to examine hundreds of periodicals directly from home through the library's home page.

9. What about library membership?

Every property owner or renter, i.e., every resident on Salt Spring Island, will, after a successful referendum, automatically become a member of the Salt Spring Island Public Library Association and will be entitled to vote at general meetings. As at present, library user cards will be available without charge to any resident of Salt Spring, though a "non-resident" fee will continue to be charged those who live off the Island, or visit here.

(The library will, of course, continue to be managed by its own Board, staff and membership.)

10. Will library improvements depend upon the referendum?

Not entirely. Since the community survey last Spring the library has already increased its opening hours, expanded children's activities and borrowing privileges, begun free Internet lessons for users, applied for and received a major Community Access Program (CAP) grant from the Federal Government, and begun an evaluation of its reference and popular non-fiction collections. None of these, however, required additional funding from the library's very tight 1999 budget. A successful referendum, while in no way altering the essence of the library, will make possible many more enhancements. Should the referendum fail, however, the library would lose not only the proposed local tax support, but the \$26,800 Salt Spring residents have already paid in Provincial taxes for library services. This would force, for example, at least a 50% reduction in the book and materials budgets.

11. How can I find out more about the library and its needs?

In the library, at the information desk, you will find several copies of a document called "THE MARY HAWKINS MEMORIAL LIBRARY - in the 21st Century, a strategic proposal", prepared by a committee of the Library Board and completed in May of this year. You may borrow a copy or consult it there. Further questions may be addressed to Board Vice-Chair Richard Moses or any member of the Board.

12. How does this referendum work?

When you go to a polling station on November 20 to vote for the CRD Director, the Islands Trustees, etc., you will also be asked to vote on the question of tax support for the library. The question itself will appear long and rather technical, but in essence it simply asks whether or not you are in favour of a tax increase of \$4.60 per \$100,000 (4.6 cents per \$1000) of assessed property valuation to support library operations. Just vote YES (of course!).

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The Wilds of BC



Isle Say! ...

with John Pottinger

On an isolated lake, deep in the Cariboo Mountains, I have a little cabin. A ten-hour drive from the lower mainland, it's a simple log cabin hidden in the wilderness. Every year, in late fall or early winter, I drive up to close it down 'til spring. I make sure all is well and take care of some minor repairs.

Last year I was later than usual, and didn't make the trip 'til mid December. I needed to replace a broken shutter on one window, and put a snowcap on the chimney. The roof is metal and steeply pitched: both factors that aid in the easy sloughing off of snow in winter. The problem is that anybody trying to climb the roof to carry out repairs (like installing a chimney cap) is also easily sloughed off. But there was already a foot of snow on the ground and if I didn't get a cap on that chimney the snow would get in and rust out my flue. But I'd forgotten to bring the new chimney cap. No matter: In such isolated places one learns to make do, so I would just make one, using an upside down gold pan and duct tape.

I have a jumbo-sized fear of heights and no sense of balance whatsoever, so I knew I was going to slide down the roof and fall off the edge. The only solution was to be prepared for it, so I made a landing spot. I shovelled snow into nice deep piles beneath the most likely spots for me to fall off. It worked like a charm. Twice in an hour, the silence of the winter forest was broken by a "thump thump thump, ssswwiiiiisssshhhh... plopp," as I slid down the roof and over the

side. Both times I landed in my nicely prepared piles of snow. (It took me a while to climb out the first time, 'cause I'd fallen in headfirst. But the chimney had a new cap!)

The next morning dawned clear and cold, the only noise a gentle moaning of the ice on the lake. I stood outside—quiet, peaceful and alone. As I raised my axe to begin chopping firewood, I was startled by a deep menacing growl behind me. I turned slowly around, and the hair stood straight up on the back of my neck. Standing just twenty feet away—between me and the edge of the frozen lake—was a huge gray wolf. To say I was scared spitless is both an understatement and a spelling error. I stood for a few seconds, frozen in time with the axe over my head, before I heard the other noise. It was a gentle "swish, swish, swish, which I thought was my knees shaking, then I realised it was coming from way out on the frozen lake. Just coming into view around a bend, was an apparition on skis: A multi-coloured, wild-haired, full-bearded hermit from some hidden place up the valley, skiing to who-knows-where. He looked in my direction and yelled, "Get the #%\$&° over here!" I glanced back at the wolf, which was also looking at the wild man on skis. Just as I began to wonder why a wolf would be wearing a red bandana around its neck, its tail started to wag and it trotted off toward the hermit.

Ten minutes later I could still hear him yelling at his dog as they disappeared around the next bend. It was time for me to clean myself up and head back to civilization.

Basics of acting *cont'd. from p19*

design will include ideas on how to develop designs for the stage dealing with physical and budget limitations, making colour choices and creating a unified design. Lighting design will cover the basics of lighting mechanics and equipment, planning a design, building cues and operating a lighting design console.

Both workshops will take place at ArtSpring. Everyone is welcome, experience is not necessary—we are inviting anyone with an interest in theatre, on or off stage. Although the workshops are free we are asking for a \$10 commitment fee which will reserve your space (limited to 20 for the acting and 15 for the technical. Please call Mandy at 653-2442 or Yvonne at 653-0033 to register.

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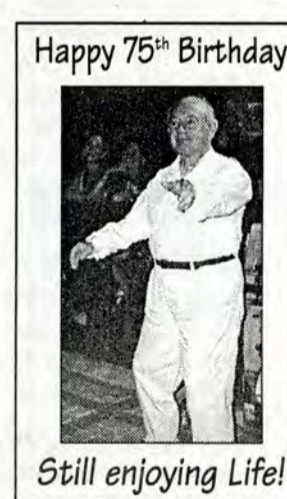


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Just another Y2K article *cont'd. from p11*

full days of hardship and deprivation.

-We had an electrician come around and set up our house so that when the power goes out, the lights go off! It cost quite a bit to have this done, but she did the job quickly and I feel confident that when or if there is a power outage, our lights will go off as a signal.

-We've set up a small Yamaha generator outside our bedroom window with an extension cord running through the cat door to our electric tooth brush charger on my bedside table.

-We also have Barnacle columnist John Pottinger's phone number written with a broad felt pen on our fridge door so that we can take advantage of his close, personal, relationship with BC Ferries management and get the latest on the boats.

-I've adapted our eaves trough gutters to run into our toilet tanks so that we can go to the bathroom in a rainstorm.

-I've also painted in large fluorescent letters on our roof: IF YOU CAN SEE THIS WE STILL HAVE A ROOF. This is to help the Y2K Reconnaissance teams that will be flying around checking for houses without roofs.

A little foresight: after a lot of checking and months of tests,

the only thing we found in the house that wasn't Y2K compliant was the electric can opener, so I've taken all the lids off our canned emergency food before hand...it's just good old-fashioned common sense.

Here are some things that could go screwy

A lot of "best before" dates on perishable foods, like milk for example, won't recognize the year 2000 and will default to "best before 1900." Check your stock and remove anything with these flawed dates on them. One hundred year old cottage cheese in a bowl on New Year's day is not a pretty thought.

Many of those greeting cards that play music or squeak out a lovely message when opened are going to crash at midnight on December 31. No one really knows what these cards are going to say come midnight on that fateful day, but the possibilities are frightening: "Happy Birthday Mum, you look like hell," or "We're so sorry to hear about your wedding—our thoughts are with you both during this difficult time," may not be your intended sentiments. Open and test all cards now!

I know the bank machines are going to work—I truly believe that—but are the bank machine

doors going to work? I haven't heard a peep on that one.

Some time-release medications are going to encounter problems and won't work after midnight on December 31. There is a way to override the clocks in the "tiny time capsules"—it's done in the manual mode—and if you want to give me a call I can give you the schematics on that. To do the job you will need a sharp razor blade; 33 feet of six volt wire cut into 1/1235 inch lengths; a very small vise; a 12 inch hack saw blade; and an electron microscope. (It doesn't matter if you don't have a really good electron microscope—any old one will do.)

Other unforeseen problems will become evident: the lazy boy in front of the TV, as well as the sheets on the 'guys' side of the bed will cease to function properly. These items are most likely thoroughly embedded with chips.

I'm not sure why we think that this Y2K is such a big deal. After all, Mother Nature does this every year, shuts everything down for a season: the grass stops growing, the birds stop chirping, the sun deserts us and the natural world we live in seems to come to a grinding halt. We call this catastrophe "winter."

Election Front *cont'd. from p3*

During the question period on this issue, many people expressed dissatisfaction with the manner in which the Commission had handled this situation. Several people expressed the opinion that PARC should not have got itself into this financial situation in the first place, and the sale of parks was not an appropriate way of rectifying the problem.

The Fernwood Dock issue was outlined by Peter Lake, who along with others in the community, has spent the last three years negotiating with the Federal Government in an attempt to save the dock. Those in attendance generally expressed appreciation of the group's efforts and plan.

The Library Referendum question was the subject of only one comment, which related to a fear of opening the door to costly expansion, but the questioner seemed satisfied with

assurances that this was not going to happen.

The majority of the evening's questions centered on PARC issues, with many people expressing concern about the lack of accountability of PARC commissioners under the present system.

Tuesday night's meeting at Fulford was a little more in the traditional Salt Spring style, with a larger, noisier crowd. But even that meeting was a long way removed from the meetings of three years ago, when emotionally charged crowds turned out to question the many candidates that were running for office on that occasion.

Perhaps the citizens of Salt Spring are tired of meetings. Perhaps many are generally satisfied with the work of their Trustees and Director. Perhaps they're mellowing. The reasons may be more apparent after Saturday's elections.

Bowling Banter

with Ruth Hume

50+ League: (come on come all!!)

Tuesday morning: Madalene Jory-228, Rita Brown-201, Ken Robinson-247, 207/600, John Richardson-220, Audrey Illingworth-217.

Friday morning: Ken Robinson-237, 249/619, Edie Gear-200, Margaret Baker-222, 245/661, 201, 208, Madalene Jory-221.

Golf Ladies: Lorraine Toller-216, 224, 252, Mary Campbell-238, Josie Aleksich-234.

Loonie Tunes: Lance Leask-218, 255/671, John Sutherland-254, 229/674, Linda Schwagly-217.

Circus: Lance Leask-217, Amin Athanasious-224 Gwyn Strike-210.

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2 St. Louis	151	46	11 Buffalo.....	130	39
3 Edmonton....	146	36	12 Washington	122	33
4 Ottawa.....	142	35	13 Philadelphia....	119	37
5 San Jose.....	138	43	14 Boston.....	118	37
6 Phoenix.....	137	45	15 Anaheim.....	118	24
7 Vancouver....	136	39	16 Islanders.....	114	31
8 Pittsburgh....	136	35	17 Toronto.....	111	34
9 Atlanta.....	135	43			

GOLF COURSE POOL Next meeting: Fri., Dec. 10, 5:00 pm sharp.

	Total Points	This Week		Total Points	This Week
1 Ane'jo	170	44	9 Buffalo.....	138	43
2 Edmonton....	160	42	10 Bandido.....	134	39
3 Dallas.....	150	47	11 Ice Dogs.....	131	39
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10 PARKS - could have already been for recent changes to the municipal act, requiring public notification. Vote No!

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