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with Sheena Bull

Salt Spring preparedness improving, but be ready to fend for yourself

by Peggy Abrahams

Salt Spring is in better shape now to deal with The Big One than it was just two years ago, according to Allisen Lambert, alternate CRD regional director for Salt Spring, who sits on a five person emergency programme executive committee.

As the Juan de Fuca plate continues to slide under the North American plate, the pressure builds. Eventually, this pressure will cause a subduction earthquake, which could be as high as 9 in magnitude, according to experts. The last subduction earthquake in the area was around 1700. These huge tremblers hit every 200 to 600 years.

In the last two to three years, Salt Spring has received federal funding for emergency preparedness, established a Salt Spring Island emergency plan, and set up an emergency operation center. "We're way ahead of where we were, which was, I would say, ground zero, being able to respond very effectively," said Lambert.

The operation headquarters in a major disaster would be downstairs in the courthouse, where

back-up communications systems, including radios and satellite communications, are in place in case telephone systems crash.

The emergency plan provides procedures to follow in such an event, co-ordinating the resources of the fire department, coast guard, police, ambulance, hospital, and Emergency Social Services (ESS).

If a large quake occurred tomorrow, at least they'd know where to start, said RCMP Sgt. Paul Darbyshire. "I think we have the plan in place to deal with it when it hits, but who knows how structures would hold, and if there'd be slides."

Fire department leads

Referring to the emergency plan, Darbyshire said that on Salt Spring, the fire department would take the lead because it is responsible for the rescue of trapped and injured persons. The RCMP would be responsible for evacuation, traffic control, a temporary morgue, protection of property and the re-allocation of resources, where necessary.

"But we would work as a team. We would be co-ordinating emer-

gency resources together," he said.

No off-Island help

Because of Salt Spring's isolated location, Darbyshire pointed out that "if The Big One struck, here we'd be pretty much on our own for a while."

Fire chief Dave Enfield agreed. "Because of where we are, we're not looking for any help from outside for 72 hours," he projected.

Enfield pointed out the practical realities of dealing with a disaster of such magnitude. With a fire department largely dependent on volunteers, there is not much staff on hand when an emergency strikes.

Enfield said that if The Big One struck, the first concern of fire fighters would be the safety of their own families.

Still, Enfield said the fire department is preparing for the big one. "I've been here for two years, and we've been working on it ever since I've been here. It's an ongoing process, and we meet once a month. We work on one sort of disaster exercise at a time."

Norm Slater is the co-ordinator for the Salt Spring Island Emergency Programme. In the event



IS IT OR ISN'T IT?—GISS staff were unable to say with any certainty whether or not this crack in a wall in the multi-purpose room appeared or perhaps was increased by last week's earthquake.

of a major earthquake, Slater would oversee and co-ordinate the emergency services of all the first responders on the Island at the courthouse operations center. Four deputies and more than 20 volunteers would run communications systems and operations.

"These are people who turn out once a week. Every Wednesday we have an emergency communications meeting and every Saturday we have a training session," Slater said.

Depending on the severity of the situation, Slater would decide whether to call on the ESS to provide

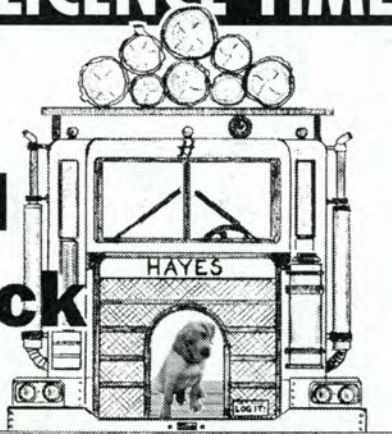
vide victim support. Food, water, housing and clothing would be provided for stranded members of the community.

Individual plans vital

Slater stressed how important it is for residents to make their own emergency plans, and store food, water, first aid and other emergency supplies. "We have an emergency programme and we have a well-trained fire force, but there's no way they're going to do it for us. We have to be prepared ourselves.... The blunt reality is we all have to look after ourselves first."

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During this period the 138-vehicle MV Queen of Tsawwassen will be the replacement vessel. Because the Queen of

Tsawwassen is slightly smaller, some overloads and delays can be expected at peak sailing times. Passengers are advised to plan their travels accordingly. Vehicle reservations are available by calling 1-888-223-3779 toll-free from anywhere in B.C. or 386-3431 in Victoria.

Dock construction continues at Long Harbour, which is closed and out of service until March 15. Regular service from Long Harbour is expected to resume on March 16, in time for spring break.

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Notice is hereby given that at the Annual General Meeting, to be held in April, 2001, two trustees are to be elected to serve for a term of three years each. Nominations of candidates for these positions must be made in writing, duly signed, seconded, with signature of agreement by the nominee, and delivered to the District Office, 761 Upper Ganges Road, at or before 12:00 noon, Thursday the 22nd day of March, 2001.

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Nomination forms are available at the District Office.

Michael Larmour,
Manager

Trial ends, protestors sentenced

by Peggy Abrahams

The trial of nine protestors ended last Thursday, as Justice Peter Lowry handed down sentences ranging from 60 days in prison to six months probation. Eight protestors were charged with criminal contempt of court for breaching an injunction brought by Dorman Timber on behalf of Texada Land Corp. last May, prohibiting the obstruction of its logging operations on Salt Spring.

Rodney McGuckin was handed down a sentence of 60 days in prison. One young offender was given six months probation and was prohibited from attending any logging protest in the province. Jason Flis was given a 30-day prison sentence. Another young offender was sentenced to serve 15 days in prison and six months probation and was prohibited from taking part in any logging protests

in B.C. and a third young offender was sentenced to serve ten days in prison and six months probation. Jonathan Ledrew was given a 15-day prison sentence.

The oldest protestor, 89-year-old Bee Nevill, was given a suspended sentence. Aylwin Catchpole, the last protestor to be arrested for locking down on a logging truck, was sentenced to serve one day in prison, six months probation and 120 hours of community service in next three months. In addition, she was prohibited from engaging in any protest associated against the logging industry in this province.

Defendant Michael Whittenben was acquitted. He had been arrested after crossing the road in front of the logging truck at one of the blockades.

John Davies, lawyer for some of the defendants, said that regardless of the

length of the sentences handed down, the penalties are severe. "The criminal conviction for contempt still stands in the cases of all the defendants, except Michael."

Davies said that McGuckin got the longest sentence because he had said that given the same circumstances, he'd do it again. "The stronger your convictions are, the longer the sentence," said Davies.

According to Annica Burnaby, a Salt Spring resident who attended the trial in support of the accused, as far as the judge was concerned the arrestees brought the court into "disrepute by their reckless behavior." The judge made it very clear that he was not taking into account the defense's position. The defense had tried to argue that the arrestees were doing their duty as citizens to protect the environment

and uphold international laws, Burnaby said.

Davies said: "By this outcome, the court is saying there is no conscience in the justice system. The idea of the public good in not being ruled upon here."

Island battle debuts on tape

There will be two debut screenings of a film documentary regarding residents of Salt Spring who braved logging trucks, faced the threat of prison terms, and loss of personal property in order to stop outside land developers from clear-cutting on the island. The National Film Board of Canada special presentation of *Ah...The Money, The Money, The Money! The Battle For Salt Spring*, will take place at ArtSpring, Sunday, March 25. Showtimes are 1:00 and 4:00 p.m. Admission is free, but tickets are required.

Local resident Mort Ransen, the award-winning director of *Margaret's Museum*, has utilized his expertise to capture the story as it unfolded in his own community. *The Battle For Salt Spring* was produced for the NFB by Gillian Darling Kovanic.

Call ArtSpring Box Office at 537-2102 to secure a seat.

Scholarship available for graduating GISS students

This is Education Week in B.C., so what better time to announce that *the Barnacle Island Journal*, in conjunction with the BC and Yukon Community Newspapers Association (BCYCNA) is offering a \$5,000 scholarship to graduating high school students.

"The community newspaper industry has long supported college students with scholarships and bursaries, however, starting this year we have expanded the program to include a \$5,000 scholarship for a graduating high school student," said Juanita Gibney, President of BCYCNA.

The \$5,000 scholarship will be awarded to the GISS student who writes the best essay about "Why a community newspaper is im-

portant". To enter, students must submit their 500-word essays to *the Barnacle*. A finalist will be chosen from the submissions and the finalist's essay will be forwarded to the BCYCNA where the scholarship winner will be selected.

The \$5,000 scholarship will be awarded to the winner at his or her graduating ceremony.

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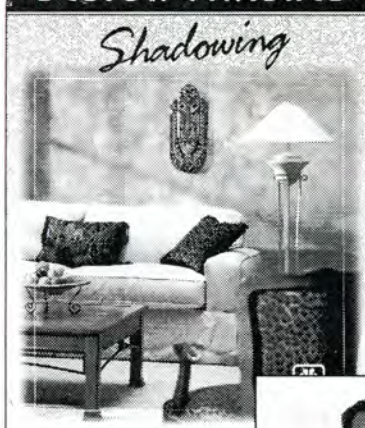
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Financial plan coming

PARC gets committees rolling

by Peggy Abrahams

The Parks, Arts and Recreation Commission (PARC) struck its committees for the year at the monthly public meeting last Monday, and began delegating responsibilities for recently re-prioritized PARC projects, said PARC Commissioner Wayne Fraser.

In addition to the executive committee, there are three other committees: park planning, chaired by Bill Curtin, community relations chaired by Rosemary Trump, and finance, chaired by Alix Granger. In the past, Fraser explained, committees reported to the commission as a whole, and because meetings were only once a month, the process was lengthy.

Fraser said that when the committees meet this week, they'll prioritize an action list and out of that will come task forces and sub-committees.

"Task forces will be established to take care of things we can do immediately, sub-committees will be ongoing. This way, we can get more work done. We're trying to find a way to make things flow more smoothly and happen more quickly, and have a broad community representation," said Fraser.

Since PARC re-prioritized its resources in the fall, the finance committee is now waiting for CRD to review its new financial plan. "We broke down our expenditures into projects. The financial statement is to be reviewed by the CRD in mid-March. Then it will be public," said Fraser.

The public relations committee will be looking at how PARC can better communicate with the public. "We'll be producing a newsletter, and it will include a financial statement so we can share with the community how we are

spending our money," Fraser said.

On the agenda for the planning committee this year is the task of researching the regulatory issues of the Rainbow Road property, which is still in the agricultural land reserve. The Rainbow Road property was purchased by PARC in 1996 as a site for a future recreation facility.

Fraser pointed out that PARC has already completed the boardwalk at Centennial Park, replacing most of the decking and superstructure. He said the Commission is also planning to meet soon with the Rotary Club, to finalize design details for Rotary Park.

PARC discontinues the administration of community recreation classes at the end of this month. In the future, information on recreation classes offered by individual instructors will be listed in the PARC newsletter.

Trust committee gives first reading to bylaw to protect Garry oak meadows

by Michelle Grant

A bylaw to protect sensitive Garry oak meadows on Salt Spring was given first reading at the Islands Trust public meeting Thursday, February 22. Bylaw 365 would amend the Official Community Plan (OCP) to include development permit areas for land where significant stands of Garry oak trees and their associated plant communities have been identified.

The bylaw will now be circulated among various provincial, regional, local and First Nation agencies for comment. Property owners who will be affected by the bylaw will also be notified.

According to Trustee David Borrowman, 15 per cent of B.C.'s endangered species are located within Garry oak habitat.

The meeting also started the ball rolling for two bylaws that involve the relatively new concept of transferring development potential from remote areas to areas with existing roads and services. According to Linda Adams, Regional Planning Co-ordinator, the idea of clustering residences is well developed in the OCP and would mean balancing off density in one neighbourhood with forest land in another.

Bylaw 369 involves the transfer of development potential from one lot in the Mt. Erskine area to a lot on Baker Road which currently

cannot be subdivided. The transfer would allow the six-acre Baker Road lot to be subdivided into two three-acre lots. The property on Mt. Erskine would be reduced from eight to seven lots as a result of the transfer and would include a conservation covenant on one five-acre parcel.

Bylaw 370 would involve the transfer of 15 out of a potential 17 lots from the Mt. Erskine area to a 22-lot subdivision in the Rainbow Road and Wilkie Way area, increasing its potential of three-acre lots to 37. In

return for the transfer, a conservation covenant would be placed on all but 25 acres of the Mt. Erskine parcel where the owners would still retain the right to put up two buildings.

Trustee David Borrowman asked that the bylaw not proceed to further reading until a site plan and a professional assessment of groundwater potability is provided. The Rainbow Road and Wilkie Way development is located above the existing Rainbow Grove subdivision.

Land belonging to the Gulf Islands Seniors Residence Association on Atkins Road received final approval for rezoning as a result of the applicant having complied with all of the Trust's former requirements

Other business included amending the terms of reference for the Salt Spring Island Advisory Design Panel to nine members from eight and the appointment of Gerry Price and Neil Morie to the panel.

Healthy revenue for schools

by Michelle Meeh

School district 64's revenue generation task force has estimated that the district's revenue for the current year, from current initiatives, will exceed \$500,000. This significantly surpasses the goal of \$250,000 to \$300,000, established in the district's "Moving Forward" session held last April.

A larger capacity for adult education, with approved funding for almost 70 full-time students, is one of the factors. The establishment of two more secondary learning centers on Saturna Island and Mayne Island, in addition to the ones already running on Pender and Galiano Islands, is another.

Based on current enrollment for the year, two visitations of students from Kobe and Otani, and the inclusion of summer school for 30 students, is also contributing to boosting the district's revenue. Approximately 100 Japanese students from Kobe, from a variety of grades, will be visiting Salt Spring schools from March 26 to April 6, providing the first culture-sharing

opportunity of this school year.

Another potential revenue generation program that is being studied is an Outdoor Environmental Program, which would operate on a basis similar to the North Shore Environmental School, with outdoor courses offered to off- and on-Island students all year round.

With higher instructional costs this year, and an unusually high level of regular teachers' illnesses and long-term disability leaves, the increased revenue will ensure that the district has a break-even 00/01 school year.

Another highlight of the February school board meeting is the increase in Barb Aunt's assignment to include the chairing of a task force to review support for gifted students. As well, the Gulf Islands school district, as part of the South Vancouver Island school region, will be working with part of that region on an Early Intervention Program that will see two of our primary teachers trained. These teachers will then go on to train all the rest of the district's Kindergarten and Grade 1 teachers.

Accident claims life of Island farmer

by Michelle Grant

Salt Spring lost one of its best loved and most respected citizens in a tragic accident on Sunday. The incident which claimed the life of long-time resident John Stepaniuk occurred mid-afternoon in an isolated area of the Stepaniuk farm in the Mt. Maxwell and Shepherd Hills area. It is believed that the 73-year-old Stepaniuk lost consciousness while driving his one-ton truck across a downward sloping field near the Cranberry Creek outlet. The truck continued to travel downhill until its progress was eventually halted by thick mud and rocks. An intense fire broke out in the cab of the truck. The fire department, ambulance and police were on the scene shortly before 5 p.m. Details of the accident are still being determined through a joint investigation being carried out by the police, fire department and coroner's office. There were no witnesses.

The death of the former

Islands Trustee, sheep farmer and Polish veteran comes as a terrible shock to his family, his neighbours and the community.

"He was a hardworking man and a great friend. He'd rather work for you than for himself," said one neighbour.

"He was a real community-minded man and a champion of the family farm. In my opinion, he was one of the most solid citizens in this community," said John Woodward of the Farmers Institute.

"You could ask John for anything," said farmer Tony Threlfall. "Nothing was beyond the realm of possibility for him to contribute. He was a very, very unselfish man." Only two weeks ago John and his wife Mary hosted a sheep breeders' workshop on site despite the fact they were already into lambing season.

The Stepaniuk farm is one of the few farms in Canada which has been se-



John Stepaniuk

lected to raise the experimental Canadian Arcott sheep. Stepaniuk's death has come at the farm's busiest time with 20 ewes still to lamb. Neighbours and members of the sheep breeding committee have rallied round with offers of

assistance.

Stepaniuk is survived by Mary, his loving wife of 46 years, his five sons Scott (Donna), Ron (Janet), Peter (Susan), David (Sonya) and Alan (Ann Marie) and 11 grandchildren.

Takes a cold dip, but hangs on to fish

Salt Spring RCMP attended at St. Mary Lake in answer to a request for assistance for a man in distress in the water. Upon attendance, RCMP were informed by two local men that upon hearing calls for help, they went out and picked up the man in distress with their pedal boat, dragging him and his canoe to shore. Apparently, in catching a fish, the Salt Spring man's canoe had overturned. Still hanging onto the fish, he stayed with his canoe for approximately half an hour before somebody heard his call. He was taken to Lady Minto Hospital by ambulance, suffering from hypothermia and was later released.

Traffic violations

The 21-year-old Salt Spring male driver of a 1973 International was issued a ticket for speeding in a school zone, with a fine of \$173. A 17-year-old female Salt Spring driver was issued a \$58 fine for failing to produce her driver's licence at a roadside check and a 63-year-old Salt Spring male was issued a \$115 ticket for speeding against a highway sign on Rainbow Road during school hours.

Park eviction

Salt Spring RCMP assisted the CRD Bylaw Enforcement Officer when several youth refused to leave Centennial Park on Friday evening. Upon police attendance, the youths left the location without incident.

Sitting wounded

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Real democracy can get expensive

The Alliance Party, of which our MP, Gary Lunn, is a member, is pushing hard for free votes in the House of Commons.

We think this is a good idea, but we do have reservations.

The current system of party discipline in the House of Commons fosters such absurd behaviour, as was witnessed recently when government members voted down a motion put forward by Alliance leader Stockwell Day, despite the fact that the motion came verbatim from the Liberal's own policy book. Liberal members may have agreed with the content of the motion, but were forced by the party whip to vote against it.

According to the Alliance party, abolishing the party whip would result in a more democratic system, since each Member of Parliament would be free to vote according to his or her conscience—or, even better, according to the will of his or her constituents—rather than having to strictly follow party lines.

But we wonder if Alliance members have thought through this idea's implications to both their workloads and pocketbooks.

Before Gary Lunn can claim to be voting according to the will of his constituents, he must know what that will is. And he must know it better than he can by visiting a few Saanich coffee shops on his weekends back from Ottawa. Polls, referenda and other intense research methods are expensive and time-consuming, but are necessary.

But trying to understand the will of the people is useless unless the people understand the issues. So the first duty of Mr. Lunn is to ensure that his constituents are properly informed on every issue on which he votes. And this means much more than the infrequent and informationally deficient flyers he produces. We suggest weekly newsletters outlining his committee work, reproducing his speeches and votes in the house, and giving sufficient background to the issues so that readers of his newsletter could vote in the Commons in his stead.

If Mr. Lunn really believes in voting according to the will of his constituents, he must make heroic efforts to inform us of the issues and his actions, and he must make equal efforts to fully understand what we want him to do.

It's going to be very expensive and very difficult. But who ever said democracy was easy?

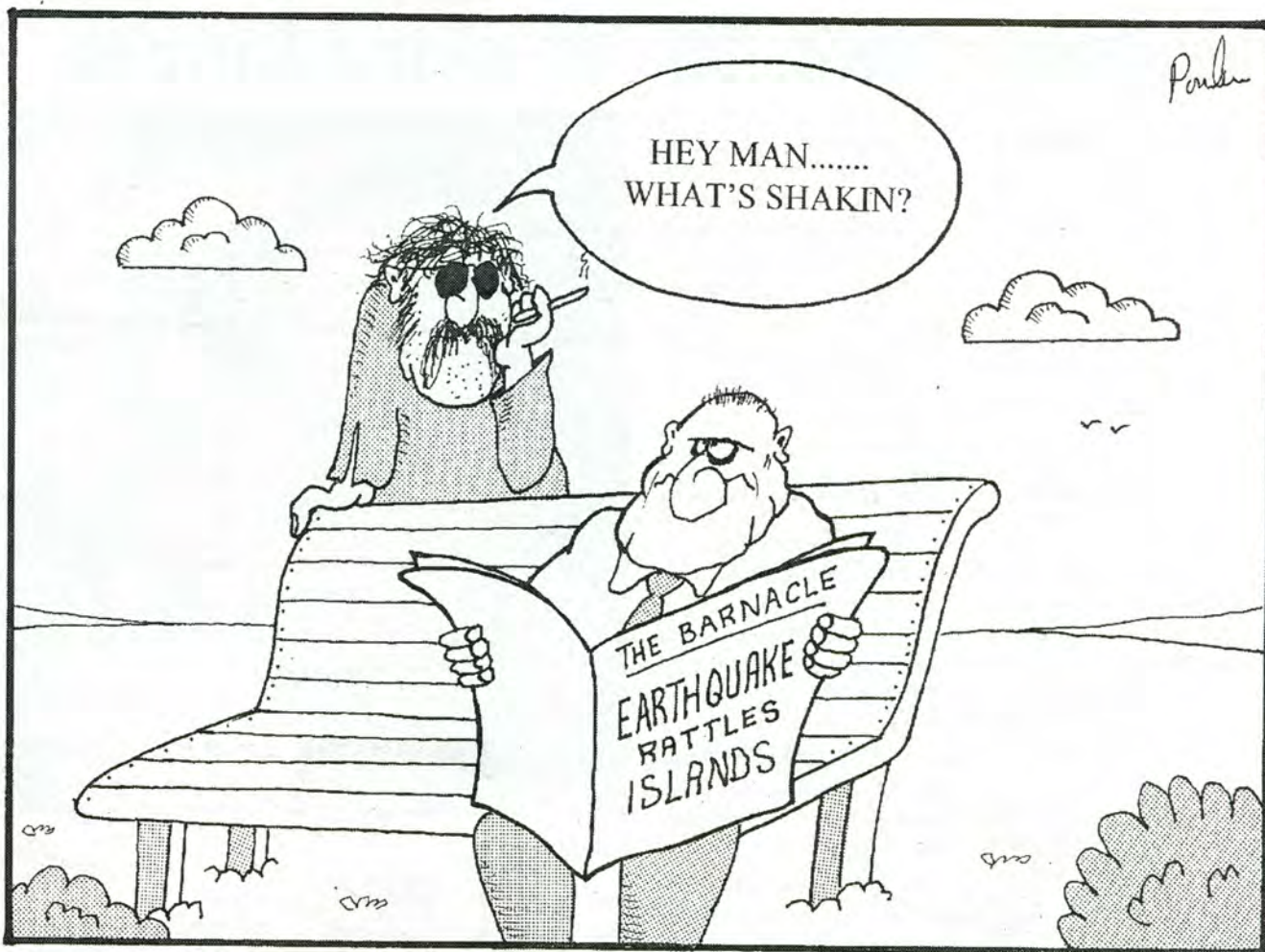
Welcome Anon.

Alert readers will have noticed that we appear to have taken on a new feature writer. Our Island Governance series opener, which ran last week, was written by the very prolific and very well-known Anonymous.

We were simply blown away by the Anonymous portfolio presented to us, and when we saw the entries for Anonymous in the Oxford Book of English Literature, we knew we had found something special.

Unfortunately, Anon. also tends to be rather flighty, appearing and disappearing, and the quality of writing is surprisingly variable.

So the rest of the Island Governance series—which continues next week and every other week for some time to come—will be written by our own Alan Webb.



Greetings future uptopians

The public SSSIC (Sustainable Salt Spring Island Coalition) meeting held recently at the Lion's Hall was a grand success in terms of its attendance, presentations and comments. There was, however, a significant absence of young people.

Current local issues and fundamental social changes were focused on and more clearly realized as being golden opportunities for us, as a community, to use to move forward towards being a self-sustaining, self-governed, interdependent peoplehood rather than being a victimhood of apathy and conforming complacency in which the uniqueness of ourselves and our home here stands to be very rapidly subsumed by the ever-encroaching consumerism rampant in the world at large, which will transform Salt Spring Island into an unrecognizable retirement park for rich folks.

We are a growing majority that has come to reside here with the hope of finding a more fulfilling, peaceful life and one which we will realize once we recognize that such a social condition, although a Gift of Grace for being fortunate enough to end up here, is nonetheless to be earned by us individually through becoming vitally involved in manifesting to ourselves and the community the embodiment of

loving, industrious, healthy living.

What became obvious at this meeting was the awesome and exciting community-building potential and specialist expertise we have amongst us—experience gained in particular professions in authoritarian denial systems, preciously acquired wisdom capable of being applied towards a goal that I am convinced we were destined to fulfill here locally.

Let us focus on the ideal or vision we are pursuing. Let us not be deterred by those who will still cynically see vision and idealism as impractical or airy-fairy. Throughout history (the sad, blood-drenched march of unconsciously aborted civilization), the greatest and wisest of minds, in mystical vision, meditated, and in deep thinking, contemplated a feasible solution to the ongoing social chaos. The Opus Major of their dedicated lives, as immaculate conceptions, from Plato's Republic to Bacon's New Atlantis, from Shangri-La to Utopia—the ideal vision of a social estate in which the perfect harmonious human life is lived—becomes clearer and nearer. When this "edenic" phenomenon is left in the context of a Walt Disney fairy tale, then yes, so-called "practical realism" will cynically chastise out of existence all visionary idealism as

impractical dreams.

However, when we are more astute and awake, the realization of our dream might be closer than we dare think. Over 100 million persons are already, from their perspective, living this free, self-governed, self-sustaining life. UNPO (the Unrepresented Nations and Peoples Organization, www.unpo.org) currently has over 50 member nations, states, or islands that are not victimized and enslaved by external governmental factors. Let's put ourselves on this list and build a true community by daring to define what we want and acting on it.

We locally have been ridiculed for being exotic and erotic libertines, even horny, corny hystericals, but as true Hedonites (Hedone: Greek for Eden), we know where our bliss comes from and where we want it to take us. Our bareback, barebreasted voluptuousness does not come from licentious, indiscriminate, immoral theatrics, it comes from wisdom, the wisdom to know Who and What we are and what we Need and Want.

Let us be self-governed and truly democratic.

Let us build community through communion.

Blessings to all.

RUDY SIEGERS

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Excellent article on Governance

I'd like to offer thanks to the (anonymous) author of the excellent article on Island Governance in the last issue of the Barnacle. Well written and informative.

I'd like to suggest that this could be the model for a series of articles dealing with legal matters in general. The degree of "public ignorance" in this area is lamentable.

You might care to draw your readers' attention to the following website: <http://www.solon.org/?Constitutions/Canada/English/ca.1982.html>, where one can access the real thing.

HAROLD BROCHMANN



PARC fitness class successful

PARC's February 14 Valentine Fitness Class for Heart & Stroke Fund raised \$632. Thanks go out to Thrifty Foods and Ganges Village Market. Thanks also for all the help from Salt Spring Elementary, Tom McKeachie and the fifth graders, and Stacie Kennedy and the third graders.

A total of 63 adults, one class of grade five, and one class of grade three all exercised for heart!

PARC INSTRUCTORS

Health guide costly to B.C.

So, have you read your copy of the BC HealthGuide? Have you seen all the fine advertisements for it in the newspapers?

Isn't this being paid for by a government that is constantly pleading a shortage of funds for health care? This publication cost millions of

dollars, and was published in the US - not in BC. Could they not have used those millions to fund the training of nurses, the hiring of health-care workers, making settlements with physicians and purchasing much-needed equipment?

Remember this when you go the ballots in the forthcoming election!

MUZZ WYATT

Goal's methods are flawed

As a long time member of Planet Earth, I understand the importance of mankind's symbiotic relationship with all other forms of life around us. Especially the trees.

Trees mean so much more to mankind than beautification. They help supply our oxygen we need to sustain life. They supply us with building materials. Not to mention the toiletry resource they provide for homes across the world. It's a valid observation that we need trees.

I can understand the public outrage over the clear-cut logging on Salt Spring and wherever else this method has taken place.

There is a great point of irony which has thus far evaded the public view in this battle between those who choose to value mankind's sacred relationship with nature and those who exploit nature for their own purposes.

From my vantage point, I can see that the decision makers of the logging companies have a goal: Make money. Thus, they turn to the exploitation of these trees because they know that if they do, they'll be able to get more in a shorter period of time, thereby accomplishing their goal faster.

But look at what some of our fellow Salt Springers have done so they could accomplish their goals.

What is their goal? To stop clear cut-logging.

What are they doing to stop it?

They are exploiting their bodies which have been proclaimed as sacred by our Heavenly Father because they know that if they do, they will be able to get more

attention in a shorter period of time, thus accomplishing their goal faster.

As I see it, neither goal in and of itself is bad, evil, or wrong, but the methods used to accomplish these goals have some serious flaws.

I, for one, take the stand that ends do not justify means.

Some may say, "Yes, but the future generations need the trees!"

I wholeheartedly agree. I think the prospect of a future Salt Spring bereft of its natural beauty is awful. I more than fear, though, the reality of a future generation bereft of morals and virtue.

TALMON



A journal as literary as the Barnacle can be found in the most unusual places. Take, for example, Lunenburg, Nova Scotia, located 92 km southwest of Halifax, and is home to Theodore Tugboat (above), the tall ship Bluenose, and a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

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HOROSCOPE FOR THE WEEK

Your constant need to be in control, or to control causes you nothing but frustration and misery. And why? Because at the end of the day you realize you can't control anything. Especially your fear. You're just a said little puppet and your strings are pulled by every movement of your mind. Desire, greed, lust, hate, even love. It keeps you blowing in the wind. Your best recourse may be to do nothing at all. Just be an observer for a moment. Then you might realize that the bus already has a driver, and it's not you. Suddenly, free of that responsibility, you might then start to have a little fun. You might just play dress up and run to the grocery store for some mazola and ice cream. Everything is an adventure. Or it can be. It depends on you and how you approach the day when you open your eyes in the morning. Background and circumstance may influence who you are but you alone are responsible for who you become.

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Future bleak unless autonomy achieved, meeting is told

by Cameron Smith

An Island dominated by extremely wealthy, part-time residents and little or no sense of community is one of the possible futures outlined at an open discussion forum held recently. Rapidly rising land prices and a lack of effective mechanisms to control those prices is leading to Island gentrification and a reduction of community diversity, according to speakers.

About 40 people attended the forum to hear speakers from the Sustainable Salt Spring Island Coalition (SSSIC) and others talk about the future of the Island.

With charts and graphs as visual aids, Eric Booth talked about economic displacement, explaining that under the current bylaws and community plan, there are 4,650 homes on the Island out of a maximum of 6,500. He said that when the maximum number of homes is reached, land prices will rise

beyond the reach of any but the extremely wealthy and lower income families will be forced off the Island.

The problem, he said, is with the Islands Trust and the limited tools with which they have to work in order to try to fulfill their mandate to "preserve and protect" the islands. The use of housing density to control Island population, he continued, is using the wrong tool.

"Here we are preserving and protecting our environment, we're preserving and protecting density, but does that preserve and protect our community? When it becomes a community of only rich people—who are not here year-round—it ceases to be a community."

More charts and diagrams appeared when John Wilcox

got up to say that we're not paying enough attention to on-Island food generation. He said that his mixed-use farm has the potential to support three families, but current and pending legislation is going to reduce his total farming area to about one acre.

The Agricultural Land Reserve and the Islands Trust's land use bylaw, he continued, while designed to protect farm land,

are doing nothing but preserving open space. "You can't force people to farm," he said.

He accused all levels of government of practising "government by generalization", and said we must come up with "some sort of harmony that allows us to farm."

On a more positive note,

both Briony Penn and Romana Fry spoke about the growth across Canada and throughout North America of small, grassroots organizations working to preserve local ecology and communities. Penn said there is a trend to bring control over local ecologies down to the local level, but noted that there is currently no legislative mechanism in place to do that.

"All we have is the Islands Trust Act," she said, "and that's been shown in court to be completely ineffective."

But what has happened in the community regarding the Texada issue, although there is no central organization, no hierarchy, no boss, may turn out to be more effective. It is that sort of decentralized, grassroots model for change that is sweeping society, she said.

Bob McGinn and Eric Booth both talked about Salt Spring as a sovereign nation, comparing this Island to other island nations including the Isle of Mann, Guernsey, and the Cook Islands.

see BLEAK p9

**They're all
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have no taxes for
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Copies of the Proposed Bylaw can be obtained from the Islands Trust Office at Suite 1206 Grace Point Square, Ganges, **after February 28th**. Please note the office hours are 1:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. It can also be read **after February 28th** at the Mary Hawkins Library in Ganges, and will be available soon on the Islands Trust Website: www.islandstrust.bc.ca

Following further public input, a formal Public Hearing will be scheduled.

Please contact the Islands Trust Office at 537-9144 for further information.

Trust committee moves to protect Garry oak meadows

by Michelle Grant

A bylaw to protect sensitive Garry oak meadows on Salt Spring was given first reading at the Islands Trust public meeting Thursday, February 22. Bylaw 365 would amend the Official Community Plan (OCP) to include development permit areas for land where significant stands of Garry oak trees and their associated plant communities have been identified.

The bylaw will now be circulated among various provincial, regional, local and First Nation agencies for comment. Property owners who will be affected by the bylaw will also be notified.

According to Trustee David Borrowman, 15 per cent of B.C.'s endangered species are located within Garry oak habitat.

The meeting also started the ball rolling for two bylaws that involve the relatively new concept of transferring development potential from remote areas to areas with existing roads and services. According to Linda Adams, Regional Planning Co-ordinator, the idea of clustering residences is well developed in the OCP and would mean balancing off density in one neighbourhood with forest land in another.

Bylaw 369 involves the transfer of development potential from one lot in the Mt. Erskine area to a lot on Baker Road which currently cannot be subdivided. The transfer would allow the six-acre Baker Road lot

to be subdivided into two three-acre lots. The property on Mt. Erskine would be reduced from eight to seven lots as a result of the transfer and would include a conservation covenant on one five-acre parcel.

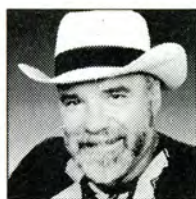
Bylaw 370 would involve the transfer of 15 out of a potential 17 lots from the Mt. Erskine area to a 22-lot subdivision in the Rainbow Road and Wilkie Way area, increasing its potential of three-acre lots to 37. In return for the transfer, a conservation covenant would be placed on all but 25 acres of the Mt. Erskine parcel where the owners would still retain the right to put up two buildings.

Trustee David Borrowman asked that the bylaw not proceed to further reading until a site plan and a professional assessment of groundwater potability is provided. The Rainbow Road and Wilkie Way development is located above the existing Rainbow Grove subdivision.

Land belonging to the Gulf Islands Seniors Residence Association on Atkins Road received final approval for rezoning as a result of the applicant having complied with all of the Trust's former requirements.

Other business included amending the terms of reference for the Salt Spring Island Advisory Design Panel to nine members from eight and the appointment of Gerry Price and Neil Morie to the panel.

South of two borders, down Mexico way



Wit & Whimsy ...

with Arthur Black

shop late one day. It was because of "la serpiente" crossing the road, he

I think it was about mid-January when I finally snapped. Canada had lost its winter wonderland charm. I was fed up with cold snaps, black ice, living under skies of unrelieved battleship gray...

Mostly I was tired of wearing way too many clothes all the time. So I hid myself to the local travel agent murmuring in a broken monotone "Heat!" "Sunshine!", "Flowers!" as they pried my Visa card from my frozen fingers.

My travel agent sent me to Mexico. To a tiny town called... well, I'm not going to say what it's called because it IS still a tiny town, unscarred by Macdonald's, Tim Hortons or billboards shilling for Lotto 649. It is a fishing village and if you get down to the pier early enough in the morning, you could buy your fresh Dorado or sailfish or tuna right off the boat. And yes, there was heat, sunshine and flowers everywhere you looked.

There were other things not customary to the Canuck eye as well. I was about to cool my feet in a small stream one afternoon when a Mexican came toward me wagging his finger. "No! No! Aqui cocodrilos!" he hissed. Cocodrilos? I thought. Huh. Sounds a lot like the English word...

And that's when I looked a little closer at the log I was going to sit down on to take off my socks.

The log was a salt-water crocodile. As long as a Buick.

People here are closer to real life than most Canucks would be comfortable with. A shopkeeper apologized for opening his

explained.

A boa constrictor. Also as long as a Buick.

And then there were the alacranes. My landlady cautioned me to always check my shoes and shake my clothes before I put them on "por los alacranes". Scorpions. Their sting won't kill you, but you'll wish it had.

That said, I must say I never saw a single boa constrictor or scorpion during my stay. But their presence does tilt one toward a... heightened awareness. No bad thing for a visitor benumbed by a Canadian winter.

I made the usual Gringo blunders. Arrived with a suitcase bulging with jackets, sweaters, extra pairs of long pants, woolly socks and shoes. I spent 90 percent of my time wearing the same baggy shorts accessorized by a pair of Canadian Tire plastic thong slippers.

Two great things about southern Mexico: the people are disarmingly friendly; the currency is dead simple. When it comes to converting money all you have to do is move the decimal point one place to the left. A hundred pesos? Ten dollars. Twenty-five pesos? Two and a half bucks. That's two and a half bucks American. To convert to Canadian, you need, as usual, access to Hamurabi's Code.

It was a remarkably indolent vacation I passed down Mexico way, watching the sun go down over the salt-frosted rim of a Margarita glass.

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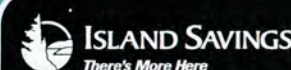
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Bleak *cont'd from p8*

Displaying a long list of island nations, Booth listed similarities and differences between those islands and Salt Spring.

"They're all vacation spots, heavily reliant on tourism," he said. "They all have high literacy rates, are proud of their countries, and they're all recognized for their unique environment and amenities."

Focusing on the differences, he said: "They're all sovereign. They have no taxes for residents and vehicle traffic is restricted to residents only. They have efficient transit systems. They restrict or have banned immigration. And they all receive huge revenue from banking fees."

"We believe it is possible for Salt Spring to become

sovereign."

"The point is that they're there to copy," said McGinn. "They're there to take what information we want from them. A sovereign island off the west coast of Canada would be very strategically placed to do very well."

Further information about SSSIC and their goals can be found on their web site, www.freesaltspring.com.

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Payment on debt announced by Finance Minister, February 2001

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Alternative Sources Part 2:

Elemental energies: sun, water and wind

by Dayle Gaetz

In part 1 of this series we looked at Ray Hill and Donnie MacKenzie's remarkable house where 20 solar panels, backed up by a diesel generator, provide all their electrical needs. Ray made a deliberate choice to remain off the grid, but that is unusual in this province, where electricity remains inexpensive. Most Islanders who power their homes independently of BC Hydro do so because they do not have a choice.

Salt Spring's Susan Berlin is one of these. Susan was a "city person" who moved here 10 years ago and bought property on Musgrave Road. To her dismay, she discovered it would cost about \$250,000 to hook up to BC Hydro from her remote location. So she started shopping for alternatives.

She quickly learned that her house was perfectly situated to take full advantage of the sun's energy. It faces southwest overlooking a natural meadow, so there are no trees to block her sunlight. On sunny summer days, Susan estimates the batteries are fully charged before noon. She has no difficulty running her lights, computer, TV, radio, stereo and washing machine on solar power in summer. And she has only six panels.

A woodstove heats the house while her cookstove and fridge run on propane. Like Ray and Donnie, Susan uses compact fluorescent light bulbs which require only one quarter the electricity of incandescent ones. They are initially expensive, but Susan says that in ten years she "hasn't replaced a bulb yet!" She finds the light comfortable, with "no flicker or blue colour."

Susan uses a propane demand hot water heater, a system growing in popularity because it does not require heating a tank of water. No need to wait, you simply turn on the tap and out it comes, instantly hot, because the heater can be placed close to the fixture.

With solar and propane, Susan has all the power she needs during summer months. But what happens in winter? Even without our usual gloomy, wet weather, the sun is low in the sky and days are short. Solar panels simply are not enough. Luckily, a solution came in the form of a seasonal stream. The water has a 65-foot drop and runs 50 gallons a minute through two inch pipes, enough to keep a micro hydro generator working full time.

Given a suitable amount of flow, or volume of water, and head, or vertical drop, water power spins a small turbine to generate up to 800 watts of DC power. The diverted water is then returned to the stream.

Susan's system balances well between summer and winter and although she does have a backup gas generator, she rarely needs to use it. She describes her way of life as "very satisfying" and feels that she has "become part of the way the environment works" rather than taking from it.

Another Salt Spring household integrates several systems. Although still on the grid, about two years ago Bob and Birgit Bateman decided to make a commitment toward greater independence and to supporting environmentally friendly technologies. They now have 12 solar panels on the roof, a wind mill out front, and a micro hydro generator near the bottom of their property.

Solar power provides much of the electricity for the house, to run lights, computers, stereo and television. The panels face toward the water, an advantage that Steve Jarman, who oversees the system, estimates adds about ten percent more power due to reflected light.

A lone windmill stands on a long pole above the bank, its three blades, like narrow airplane propellers, turn slowly in a light breeze. As the wind picks up and changes direction, the windmill rotates to face it. "One drawback of windmills," Steve points out, "is noise." As if to demonstrate, the blades begin to spin faster, making a high pitched, whirring sound like a rope whipped around at top speed. "In a storm," says Steve, "it begins to positively growl."

Ideally a windmill requires a steady wind of about 25 km/hour to supply 400 watts of electricity. But most places on the coast have unpredictable winds, making this form of renewable energy

less reliable than on the prairies. So, although relatively inexpensive, wind power is not consistent enough to be a primary source of electricity in this area.

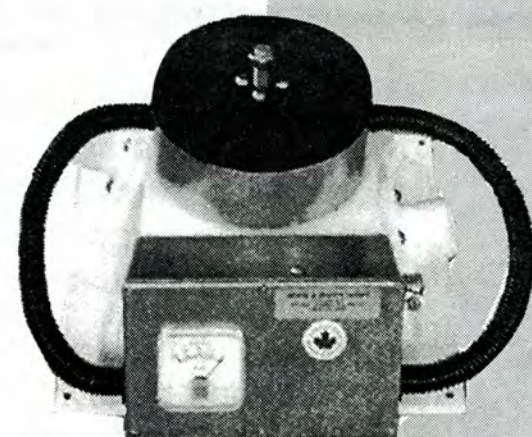
And the micro hydro generator? Well, there just hasn't been enough rain this year. Using water diverted from a drainage ditch down the hillside through a two-inch pipe, the generator worked for about a month, in December, but for the time being at least, sits idle.

Each of the above systems was supplied by Powersource, a Saanich company owned by Mike Cannon, who grew up

on Salt Spring. Mike agrees that while some folks choose solar for power independence, most of the residences using alternative power are on small islands or in remote areas.

Asked if solar is an option for larger, industrial use, he says it is beginning to happen. For example, the Telus building in Vancouver has solar panels on the roof and a demonstration building at U.B.C. has panels inset among its regular windows. But Mike feels that power in British Columbia is still too cheap for most people to seriously consider alternatives.

Not so in Alberta, where energy costs have soared and Powersource's Calgary office is increasingly busy. At a cost of \$10,000-\$20,000 to outfit a home, many Albertans are going at least



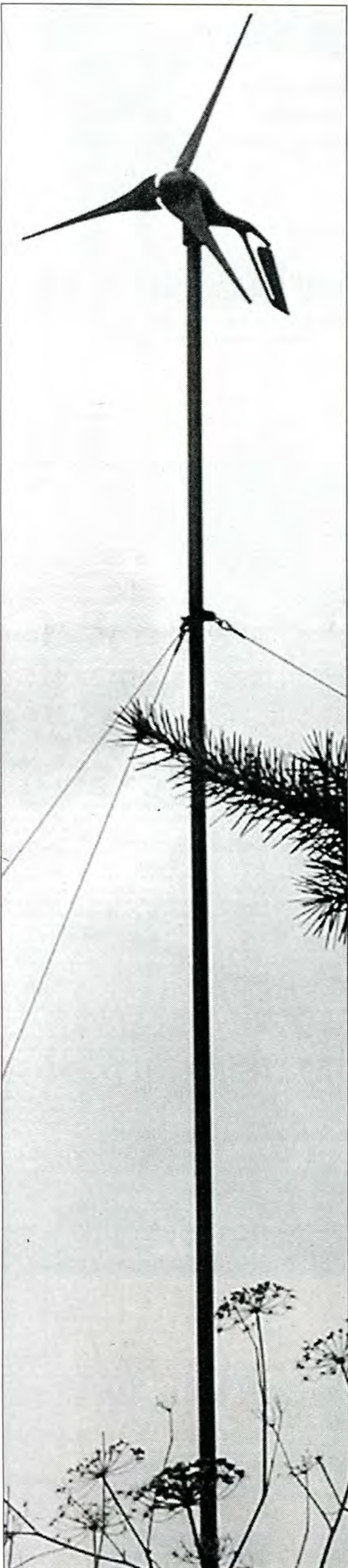
Micro hydro generator

partly solar and, with increased production, the cost is coming down by about five per cent a year. Even so, Mike would like to see more incentives from BC Hydro for all forms of renewable energy.

For their part, according to their "Powering our Future" information, BC Hydro has committed to acquiring up to 10 per cent of their new energy from sources that "fit BC Hydro's green criteria of being renewable, licensable, socially-responsible and having low environmental impacts."

However, with a new natural gas plant soon to come on line near Campbell River, another in the planning stages for Port Alberni, and one being considered for the Duncan area which will include a pipeline to run just south of Salt Spring, BC Hydro is still a long way from planning a "green future" for B.C.

Several other energy options, including hydrogen, biomass, geothermal and tidal, hold promise for future power needs. In coming issues we will take a closer look at some of these.



A windmill stands on the Bateman property, but wind-power is not consistent enough to be a primary source of electricity here.



Turn it into auto fuel

Pine Cone says: Save the broom



*Island Passions ...
with Helani Davison*

'Pine Cone' John has a passion to save the broom. With all the hoopla around the protests to save trees, Pine Cone has a vision to make our tiny perfect Shangri-La self-sufficient using our huge resource of the Scotch broom plant. Protests are negative, he argues, and create division in the community. Change needs to be brought about through positive demonstration. With the fervor of a zealot, Pine Cone is doing his part to use the controversial broom to reach that end.

Several years ago when John Dayton was working on a logging site, he adopted his name of Pine Cone John. "Because I lived in the forest," he explained. "It was a lot better than names they used to give me which are unrepeatable."

"I witnessed an altercation between loggers and protesters and had a divine revelation," reflects Pine Cone. "When a social situation turns to violence, it's time to do something. So I invented the Save the Broom campaign."

It was John's humanitarian beliefs, which started out as a certain silliness, that caused his campaign to grow into something more.

"If I'm going to shoulder a cause,"

says Pine Cone, "it has to be a winner. So I did a lot of research." Most people think of

the broom as a nuisance plant, but the broom plant was brought here by Scottish settlers for a purpose. This yellow-blossomed legume can grow as high as 20 feet with tree-like proportions. According to Pine Cone, it keeps pastures and stream banks intact and puts nitrogen into the soil. They also made brooms out of it.

"It's almost a perfect plant in the right place," he says. "After it has completed its job, it self-destructs."

Broom comes in numerous varieties and has many aesthetic purposes. One could make wreaths from the flexible branches and sell them at the Saturday Market. Perhaps the plant could be woven into artistic baskets. You can also dry it and bundle it for great firestarter. A local farmer keeps sprigs of broom in his truck for a quick sweep when it is necessary. It seems that a little ingenuity can go a long way with the broom.

"But here on the Island it is uncontrollable."

Here's the big news: Pine Cone says that the broom is very oily (about 25%) and can be a significant fuel source, providing 600 pounds of auto fuel in every ton of broom bush. This could make it an ecological treasure, similar to the hemp plant. We could advance Salt Spring self-sufficiency

and provide a positive demonstration to the world.

Our campaigner set about distributing posters for his cause.

"We had a 'Save the Broom' party and 80 people showed up. We bought \$1,000 worth of beer and hired a band. Think of the following the Conservancy would have had if they did that."

"Passion is living to the utmost without damaging the beings around you," says Pine Cone. "Whatever your passion is, make sure it is humanitarian ...and then give it! I'm doing a service to society through my ardour for the broom."

But not everyone feels the same love for the broom. Long-time residents of the island with substantial acreage went ballistic when they got wind of John's campaign. They hate the Scots for bringing the pesky plant here in the first place. It's a controversy.

My mind searched the possibilities. Broom harvesters don't offend anyone. That's true. They help farmers and road people and could create employment. Does this mysterious plant have healing qualities, I wondered? Do birds feed from it? How about starting a Broom Foundation? Maybe we could have Broom Sunday? Should we have a contest to see who could find the most creative use for the broom? But here's the big question... Can you smoke it?



Pine Cone John: Social service through broom ardour

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International Women's Day

Changes explored in poetry, music

It will be an evening of poetry, songs and performances by local women of all ages: "Girlhood to Womanhood—Celebrating the Feminine Cycles of Growth and Maturation" is the theme of this year's annual International Women's Day Celebration. Salt Spring Women Opposed to Violence and Abuse (SWOVA) and The Core Inn invite everyone to The Core Inn Thursday evening, March 8, 7 to 9 p.m.

In exploring the theme, changing from girl to woman, one teenage writer wrote about a celebration that her mother and friends put together for her when she came of age. After bringing her to a friend's house where the group had gathered, her mother showed a picture of her as a little girl and asked: "Has anyone seen this girl?" Everyone answered: "No, no." Nobody had seen this girl...because she was a woman now.

We are always changing and transforming. A woman goes through many stages in her life, from maiden to mother to elder. Each stage of development has a different task to be accomplished, says Wind Hughes in an interview in the book *Daughters of the Moon, Sisters of the Sun*. The job of the young woman is to find herself and her voice. She must come to know her own thoughts, ideas, values and purpose and to generate visions for her life.

It is also a time to be aware of the risks of being young, the danger of becoming self-destructive, of turning a deaf ear to her inner voice, or ignoring the wisdom of her elders. It is a time when mothers, aunts, sisters and other elders

can offer encouragement and support for the young women in transition from girlhood to womanhood.

Many local performers have been lined up for Thursday evening. Jazz vocalist Simone Gratsky will be there, as will Women of Note, a fabulous women's choir. Teenage poet Jackie Tesky will be reading, and Lisa Maxx will sing an original composition called *Womanchild*. Denise McCann will sing her own composition *Soldier in the Army of Love*, and Joanne Bealy will read poems (*Family Snapshot, At the Mercy of Gravity*). Special guest appearance: The Raging Grannies.

Admission is by donation. Coffee, tea and desserts will be available from the Core Inn kitchen. Everyone is welcome.

Tyson, Quartette to play at ArtSpring

Quartette, Canada's foremost women's country group, is on their way to ArtSpring. Their fans will remember the sweet, distinctive harmonies and country-folk melodies sung by Caitlin Hanford, Sylvia Tyson, Colleen Peterson, and Cindy Church, and they will remember, too, that when Peterson became ill, Gwen Swick joined the group—first temporarily and then permanently, with Peterson's blessing, at her death in 1996.

The group's repertoire has become more eclectic over time, from the country-folk they began with to Afro-Caribbean, gospel, bluegrass, and jazz, full of lush harmonies supporting one after another solo performance.

Reviewers have praised Quartette over and over, saying "great group chemistry based on graceful, natural, thrilling harmony singing and equally strong

songs" (*Times Colonist*), "rich vocal blend, ...wonderfully arranged harmonies ...tasty and restrained ...a winner" (*Vancouver Province*), "simple grace rarely found in contemporary music" (*NOW Magazine*), "what really makes it is the beauty of the four singers' voices harmonizing together" (*The Edmonton Journal*), and the *Globe & Mail* reviewed their fourth album, *In the Beauty of the Day*, by saying, in part, that their music includes "classy country and sultry jazz."

Quartette has performed at concerts and festivals across the country, appeared on the CBC special *Adrienne Clarkson Presents*, and now they will be here, at ArtSpring on Thursday, March 15, at 8:00 p.m. This is a show none of us will want to miss. Tickets are available at the ArtSpring box office for \$18. To reserve tickets, call 537-2102.

Women and rhythm celebrated in Fulford

Mother of Pearl, Vancouver's all woman jazz and blues ensemble is coming to Fulford Hall to participate in a cabaret in celebration of women and rhythm.

The unique group consisting of five women playing piano, bass drums, flute and saxophone, with singer Colleen Savage, have had a musical association for several years. With their first CD, titled *Mother of Pearl*, the quintet is developing a strong following. Original compositions will be performed by this unique group.

Show opener Ahava Shira will participate with performance poetry and musical backup by Mahaka, and the women who participated in the Save Salt Spring Calendar will be honoured at the event.

The event starts at 8 p.m., March 9, the day after International Women's Day. Tickets are available at Acoustic Planet or Stuff & Nonsense, \$15 for adults, \$5 for students.

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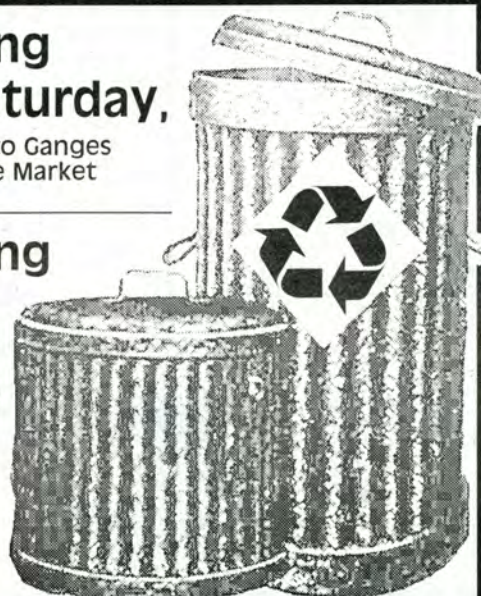
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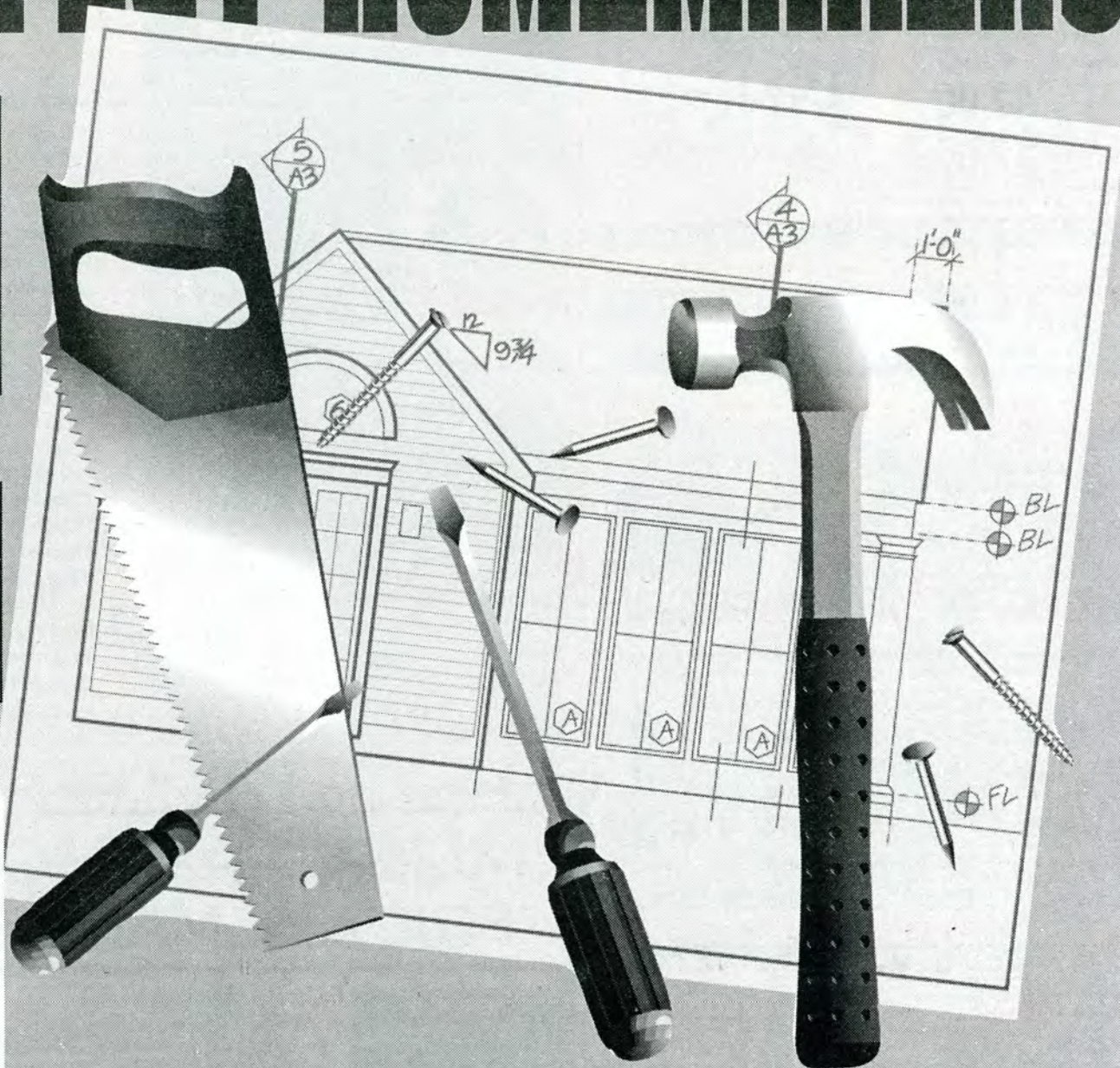
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MARCH 6-18

Desert Island Choices

Reading, music and a visitor—what would you pick if you were stranded on a desert island?



This week's castaway is **Tyler Sayer**, who stars as "Danny" in the GISS production of *Grease* continuing this week at ArtSpring. This is Tyler's first time in a production of this size. The 16-year-old actor has been "having a blast" getting *Grease* ready for Salt Spring audiences. He said "It's been a lot of work, but now it's paying off." Tyler has enjoyed playing the super-egotistical teenager: "He's a really big character. I like the reaction I get because I'm usually not like that. This way I can act big."

When not portraying a T-Bird, Tyler enjoys golfing and snowboarding. With all the rehearsals, though, it's all he can do to get his homework done each night.

The Book: I'd take *The Lord of the Rings* (by J.R.R. Tolkien). I'll need something pretty big to read.

The Disc: I'd take *Gordon, the Barenaked Ladies'* first album. It's got lots of up and down songs on it, lots of fast and slow songs. It's a really good CD.

Fellow castaway: If I was "Danny" that would be easy, but I'm not him.... I'd take *Superwoman*—she'd find me home.



**TUESDAY
MARCH 6**

- Roz & Co. Storytime** for 3-5s. Library. 10:30-11:30am
- Toy Library**
Portlock Park & Beaver Pt. Hall. 9:30-10:30am
- Jill Louise Campbell**
Memories from south of France. 11am-4pm
- Stephanie Denz** At ISCU
- Christine Crombie** Moby's Pub
- James Watt** - cartoonist SS Roasting Co.
- Maureen Garbarino** At Luigi's Pizzeria
- ASA Spring/Flower hanging** ArtSpring lobby
- Karen Reiss** At ISCU
- The Decagogue (10 Commandments)**
Video series. United Church lower hall. 3-5pm
- The Heart Sutra** North-end meditation.
7:30-8:30pm. Call 537-1497 for location.
- Affordable Housing Meeting**
SSI Community Services. 7pm
- Planned Parenthood clinic** Core Inn. 4-6pm
- T.O.P.S. weight loss group**
Call 537-2358 for private location. 7pm
- Nia Fitness Dance** resumes March 13
- Yoga class** SS Centre. 6:30-8pm
- Drop In Floor Hockey** Fulford Hall 6:30-8:30pm
- Flexible Strength** All Saints'. 9-10am
- The Pleasures of Being Single** with Ragnhild Flakstad. Bodyworks Collective. 7-9pm
- Oh Brother, Where Art Thou** Central 7&9:15pm

**WEDNESDAY
MARCH 7**

- Storytime** Fables Cottage. Wed-Fri. 10:30am
- Kindergym** Ages 0-4. Comm. Gospel Chapel. 9-11am
- Music and Munch**
Monik Nordine Sax. trio. All Saints'. 12:10pm
- Wednesday Night Live**
Open Stage hosted by Vaughn Fulford. Moby's Pub. 9pm
- Argentinian Tango practice**
Lions Hall. 7:30-9:30pm
- Spell of the Sensuous** Book study. United Church lower hall. 10-11:30am
- Centering Prayer**
Contemplative Centre. 8am
- Caregivers Support Group**
Seniors' Centre. 11am
- Health products demonstration** Alfresco's. 7-8pm
- Yoga class**
SS Centre. 10am-12pm
- Surfing for Seniors**
Corinternet Café. 1-8pm

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LEGEND

- ★ Special Event
- 🎵 Children
- 🎭 Performing Arts
- 🎵 Music
- 💃 Dance
- 🖼️ Gallery
- 🙏 Interfaith
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- ⊕ Health
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**MONDAY
MARCH 12**

- Caught in the Middle** Parent/children support group. Family Place. 6:30-8pm
- Midnight Café**
Acoustic Jam. Rose's Cafe. 7pm
- Cats Pajamas Dance Class**
Lang Road Studio. 7:30pm
- Argentinian Tango practice**
Lions Hall. 7:30-9:30pm
- Vipassana Meditation**
The Barn. 7:30pm
- How to Talk So Kids Will Listen and Listen So Kids Will Talk**
191 Lakefair Dr. 1:30-3:30pm
- AGM** Fulford Comm. Hall Assn. & South SSI Res. Assn. Fulford Hall. 7:30pm
- Cats Pajamas Feldenkrais Class**
Lang Rd. Studio. 6pm
- Belay Course**
The Wall. Reg.: 537-9971. 6:30-9:30pm
- Yoga class** SS Centre. 9-10:30am
- Jonathan Grant, Island Wildlife Centre, Polar Bear Swim**
SSTV. 7pm
- Life Model Drawing**
United Church. 1-3pm
- Psychic Development group**
Bodyworks Collective. 3:30-5pm
- Fun Darts** Legion. 6:30pm
- Snatch** Central 7pm

**TUESDAY
MARCH 13**

- The Decagogue (10 Commandments)**
Video series. United Church lower hall. 3-5pm
- The Heart Sutra** North-end meditation. 7:30-8:30pm. Call 537-1497 for location.
- An Armchair Walking Tour of Historical Downtown Ganges.**
Bob Rush, SSI Historical Society, Central Hall. 2pm
- Planned Parenthood clinic**
Core Inn. 4-6pm
- Breaking Up is Hard To Do.**
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- T.O.P.S. weight loss group**
Call 537-2358 for private location. 7pm
- Nia Fitness Dance**
All Saints'. 5:15pm
- Yoga class**
SS Centre. 6:30-8pm
- Drop In Floor Hockey**
Fulford Hall 6:30-8:30pm
- Flexible Strength**
All Saints'. 9-10am
- The Pleasures of Being Single** Playback Theatre. Bodyworks Collective. 7-9pm
- The Wedding Planner** Central 7pm
- Snatch** Central 9:15pm

**WEDNESDAY
MARCH 14**

- Drop-in for Parents and Preschoolers.** Coffee, chat, super play. Fulford Hall. 10-Noon
- Storytime**
Fables Cottage. Wed-Fri. 10:30am
- Kindergym** Ages 0-4. Comm. Gospel Chapel. 9-11am
- Zoo Story & Red Coat** Theatre production. Pender Solstice Theatre Society. ArtSpring. 7:30pm
- Argentinian Tango practice**
Lions Hall. 7:30-9:30pm
- Spell of the Sensuous** Book study. United Church lower hall. 10-11:30am
- Centering Prayer**
Contemplative Centre. 8am
- Caregivers Support Group**
Seniors' Centre. 11am
- SD#64 regular meeting.**
SS Middle School. 1pm
- SS Hours Potluck Meeting**
Family Place, Ganges Hill. 6pm
- Health products demonstration**
Alfresco's. 7-8pm
- Spring Healing-Holistic Nutrition**
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Community Calendar

THURSDAY MARCH 8

- ★ **International Women's Day**
"Girlhood to Womanhood": local performers. Core Inn. 7-9pm
- 📅 **Family Walk** Mouat Park. 10am
- 📅 **Storytime Fables Cottage** VV-F10:30am
- 🎵 **Grease** GISS performance at ArtSpring. 7:30pm
- 🎵 **Sing Along Group** Seniors' Bldg. 2pm
- 💃 **Salty Wheels Square Dance** Central Hall. 7-9pm.
- 🧘 **Community Meditation**
Meet at United Church to carpool to private location at 11am.
- 🍲 **Soup's On** Free soup and sandwich. All Saints'. 11:30am-1pm
- 👥 **Community Gathering**
Light meal, discussion, activities. United Church. 5:30-7pm
- 🧶 **SSI Weavers & Spinners Guild** ArtSpring. 10:30-noon
- 🧘 **Yoga class** SS Centre. 4-5:30pm
- 🧘 **Nia Fitness Dance** resumes March 13
- 🧘 **Climbing The Wall**. 6:30-9:30pm
- 🧘 **Flexible Strength** All Saints'. 9-10am
- 🏸 **Badminton Club** GISS gym. 8-10pm
- 📺 **Survivor: Down Under**
Giant screen TV at Talons. 8pm

FRIDAY MARCH 9

- 📅 **Storytime Fables Cottage**. Wed-Fri. 10:30am
- 📅 **Myths & Fairytales** for 7-10's Public Library. 3-4pm
- 📅 **Rugbugger's: Potluck & Support** Family Place. 11:30-1pm
- 🎵 **Music and Me** Parents with tots 0-2 years. Family Place. 9:30-11am. Reg: 537-4416
- 🎵 **Grease** GISS performance at ArtSpring. 7:30pm
- 🎵 **Open Stage** Rose's Cafe. Fulford Harbour. 7pm
- 🎵 **Mother of Pearl**. Jazz cabaret. Fulford Hall. 8pm
- 🎵 **Music-a-thon/Parent Talent Night Cabaret**. Non-stop. S.I.M.S. Gym. 8am-10pm
- 🧘 **The Mirror of Relationships** Dona Bernadette workshop. Lions. 7pm
- 🧶 **SS Potters Guild Meeting** Pat Webber speaks. 425 Stewart Rd. 8:30am. 537-2029
- 🧘 **Climbing The Wall**. 6:30-9:30pm
- 🧘 **Rollerblading to Music** CANCELLED FOR THIS WEEK ONLY
- 🎱 **Black light bowling** King's Lane. 9pm-midnight
- 📅 **The Wedding Planner** Central 7pm
- 📅 **Snatch** Central 9:15pm

SATURDAY MARCH 10

- 🎵 **Grease** GISS performance at ArtSpring. 2pm & 7:30pm
- 🎵 **Barrington Perry** Soft Jazz. Alfresco. 6-9:30pm
- 🎵 **Live Music**. Harbour House Lounge. 7-10pm
- 📅 **Library Book Sale** Library. 10am-1pm
- 📅 **SPCA AGM** Speaker: Craig Naherniak. Lions Hall. 2pm
- 🧘 **"Living Long, Living Strong"** Video launch. GVM parking lot. 10-2pm
- 🧘 **Nia Fitness Dance** resumes March 13
- 🧘 **Yoga class** SS Centre. 9:30-11am. Free.
- 📅 **The Wedding Planner** Central 7pm
- 📅 **Snatch** Central 9:15pm

SUNDAY MARCH 11

- 🎵 **The Other Brothers** Fulford Inn. 6-9pm
- 📅 **Islands in the Salish Sea Community Mapping Project** 16 maps displayed. ArtSpring. 11-3pm
- 🎵 **Choral Evensong** All Saints'. 4pm.
- 📅 **GICAC AGM**. Mahon Hall. 2pm
- 🧘 **Climbing The Wall**. 6:30-9:30pm
- 🏸 **Badminton Club** GISS gym. 8-10pm
- 📅 **The Wedding Planner** Central 7pm

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THURSDAY MARCH 15

- ★ **Open House**. SS Centre School. 6:30-8pm
- 📅 **Family Walk** Mouat Park. 10am
- 📅 **Storytime** Fables Cottage. Wed-Fri. 10:30am
- 🎵 **Sing Along Group** Seniors' Bldg. 2pm
- 🎵 **Quartette** ArtSpring
- 💃 **Salty Wheels Square Dance** Central Hall. 7-9pm.
- 🧘 **Community Meditation** Meet at United Church to carpool to private location at 11am.
- 🍲 **Soup's On** Free soup and sandwich. All Saints'. 11:30am-1pm
- 👥 **Community Gathering** Light meal, discussion, activities. United Church. 5:30-7pm
- 🍳 **Men's Breakfast** Meal and discussion. United Church lower hall. 8-9:30am.
- 🧶 **SSI Weavers & Spinners Guild** ArtSpring. 10:30-noon
- 🧘 **Yoga class** SS Centre. 4-5:30pm
- 🧘 **Nia Fitness Dance** All Saints'. 5:15pm
- 🧘 **Climbing The Wall**. 6:30-9:30pm
- 🧘 **Flexible Strength** All Saints'. 9-10am
- 🏸 **Badminton Club** GISS gym. 8-10pm
- 📺 **Survivor: Down Under**
Giant screen tv at Talons. 8pm
- 🎱 **Bingo** Meaden Hall (Legion). 6:30pm

FRIDAY MARCH 16

- 📅 **Storytime** Fables Cottage. Wed-Fri. 10:30am
- 📅 **Myths & Fairytales** for 7-10's Public Library. 3-4pm
- 📅 **Rugbugger's: Potluck & Support** Family Place. 11:30-1pm
- 🎵 **More Music and Me** Parents with children 2-4 years. Family Place. 9:30-11am. Registration: 537-4416
- 🎵 **Open Stage** Rose's Cafe. Fulford Harbour. 7pm
- 🧘 **Climbing The Wall**. 6:30-9:30pm
- 🧘 **Rollerblading to Music** Fulford Community Hall. 7:30pm
- 🎱 **Black light bowling** King's Lane. 9pm-midnight
- 📅 **Leprechaun Loot** Trivia Challenge. Legion.

SATURDAY MARCH 17

- 🎵 **Sue Newman & Ramesh Meyers** Harbour House Lounge. 9-midnight
- 🎵 **Barrington Perry** Soft Jazz. Alfresco. 6-9:30pm
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Nurse Betty

Flick Pick ...

with Jason Tudor



I remember well the first TV ad for *Nurse Betty*. It showed a film that starred Renee Zellweger as a delusional housewife who travels cross country to meet a beloved soap opera character(!), despite the fact that a couple of wisecracking gangsters—played by Morgan Freeman and Chris Rock—are hot on her tail. I said to myself: "Man, does that look stupid, or what?"

Then I noticed the director: none other than independent film icon Neil Labute—he of the "crowd pleasers" (yeah, that's sarcasm) *In the Company of Men* and *Your Friends & Neighbors*.

However, this was no joke. Intentionally avoiding any critical reviews, I eventually sat down to watch with an open mind.

If there was ever a film that required a second look,

this is it. His earlier films were direct indictments of modern social society, often focusing on the destructive power of the masculine ego.

With *Nurse Betty*, he is not nearly so obvious, choosing instead to take protection behind silly cultural icons like *The Wizard of Oz* and *Roman Holiday*, the Western, and the soap opera. Betty's voyage is delightfully romantic at times, and her pursuers so loveable, that we are taken by surprise when Labute interjects an act of undeniably angry violence. Unlike Quentin Tarantino's *Pulp Fiction*, where this violence is a vehicle for comedy, Labute is aiming to subvert. *Nurse Betty* is a dangerous film, a carefully laid trap with pop culture as the carrot and social comment as the poison. Watch at your own risk.

Rating: 14a

Running time: 1 hr, 50 min

Complex global issues tackled in play

by Helani Davison

The global economic system is like a circus with a lot of glitter and excitement for those with power and money and often hell for many who are behind the scenes. The *Debt Circus*, as introduced by Rohanna Laing, United Church Minister, is about global economics and the need for a sustainable world.

Director Roseanne Leonoff and producer Eileen Wttewaal worked with amateur actors to perform the one-hour paradoxical play "with crazy rules and weird characters," offering answers to big questions through comedy and fun last weekend. The play is adapted from the *Canadian Ecumenical Jubilee Initiative* and *Ten Days For Global Justice*.

The United Church presented the community theatre group in colourful costumes, delivering serious messages with spunky dialogue. The ring-leader, in top hat and cane, encouraged audience participation while an up-beat piano playing in the background emphasized the changing moods. "It's The Greatest Show On Earth" boasted a splashy sign on stage.

The colourful characters included the clown who was both philosopher and stage-hand, Madame Jubilee the fortune-teller, and SAPPO the magician all enacting snappy individual scenes with poignant messages about global disaster. Difficult subjects of racism, pollution, greed, extinction, war, and consumerism were depicted in clever vignettes of circus side show acts. A tight-rope walker balanced global debts and a pyramid of consumption with the oppressed poor countries on the bottom, buckled under the weight of the big guy on top. Clever games of chance depicted the trickery of the powerful money mongers.

An enthusiastic ending involved a mock tug-of-war between the north and south, with the audience pulling together for global justice and winning.



Blair Howard, as the ring-leader, and John Dellow, as the clown philosopher and stage-hand, enact scenes from the paradoxical play, the *Debt Circus*.

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tap into her energy and fun.

Tuesday Storytime for three- to five-year-olds, from 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. will be called "Roz & Co." because she has a great collection of puppets and stuffed animals to share with little ones. Drop-ins are welcome to come anytime during the allotted time. She is looking forward to seeing all sorts of new and old faces.

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Students and parents raise funds rockin' 'round the clock

Many Islanders will undoubtedly enjoy the production of *Grease* currently being staged by our high school students, and if they are true music lovers they will marvel at the pit band which accompanies the actors and singers. These talented musicians are themselves high schoolers and many of them were first introduced to their particular instruments while under the tutelage of Bruce Creswick, band leader extraordinaire of the S.I.M.S. band.

Each year Mr. C, as he is universally referred to by his students, takes another enthusiastic group of grade sixers and drags them into a cohesive group producing sounds that are rec-

ognizable as tunes by their proud families. By the time these students leave grade eight, they are well prepared to move onward and upward and to continue the musical traditions of Salt Spring Island.

Naturally, this takes money. Although students provide their own instruments, there are insufficient funds in our district budget to provide for the big-ticket items such as a piano. Therefore, the students and band parents have organized a non-stop music day for Friday, March 9 at S.I.M.S. where music will flow from 8 a.m. until 10 p.m. The students themselves, including former band students and members of the Island's musical com-

munity, will play throughout the day, non-stop, until 7 p.m. when the stage will become the Parents Talent Night Cabaret.

Word has it the calibre of talent to be displayed that night cannot be described by mere mortals. Bring an extra pair of socks as yours are certain to be blown off by what you will see and hear.

Middle School students are currently collecting pledges for the Music-athon so please be generous when they come to call. Tickets for the cabaret are \$8 for adults and \$4 for students and are available at the S.I.M.S. office and at the door.

Let's keep Salt Spring rocking.

Evensong:

Tradition of choral worship explained

The service of Evensong is another of those creations which is strangely powerful and moving yet no one can quite explain why. Perhaps it is in part because of the time of day when it is said or sung. Perhaps it is because of the simple and straightforward way that it unfolds. The strange fact remains, though, that other services which share these same features simply do not duplicate the total effect.

Technically, it is a conflation of some of the monastic offices which were prayed each day. It was actually used at St. Paul's Cathedral in London as early as 1548, before the first *Book of Common Prayer* was issued in 1549, in which, of course, Evensong is included to be said or sung every day.

It's a framework of responses and canticles (poetic excerpts from scripture) into which are woven psalms and scripture readings. The 150 psalms, which are all printed in the prayer book, are divided up somewhat arbitrarily into 30 days, for both morning and evening prayers, so that the whole body of psalms is read or sung every month. Similarly, virtually the whole Bible is read through in two lessons, one from the Old Testament and one from the New—originally in one year, but more recently in a two-year cycle.

"In choirs and places where they sing"—to quote one of the regulations

(called rubrics because they used to be printed in red ink), an anthem can be sung, along with some hymns.

From the very beginning, church organists and composers have seen Evensong as a wonderful opportunity to set much of the service to music. Over the centuries, many settings of the Canticles *Magnificat* and *Nunc Dimittis* have been composed as well as innumerable examples of Anglican chant—a simple musical shape which enables choir or people to sing the psalms. In most English cathedrals, some parishes, and many college chapels, Evensong is sung every day. In these situations, everything except the scripture readings and some quiet final prayer is sung by the choir congregation—hence the term choral Evensong.

Here on Salt Spring, at All Saints' Church, choral Evensong is sung only once each month, normally on the second Sunday of the month at 4 p.m. Each service expresses a particular theme related to the time of the church year, and the psalms and readings are drawn from those designated in the prayer book. Similarly, suitable and appropriate hymns and anthems are chosen from the incredible repertoire which has been accumulated over the centuries.

The service is sung by the congregation and the regular church choir, aug-

mented by additional singers who particularly enjoy this lovely service. All are welcome to come, whether to participate by listening, or to join in the singing. It happens to be an Anglican service, but you certainly don't need to be an Anglican to enjoy and benefit spiritually from this lovely creation of music and scripture.

Core stage opening again

Performers of all ages are invited to sign up for the next Open Stage at the Core Inn. The doors will open at 6:30 p.m. on March 17, with music starting at 7. Performers can sign up at the Corinternet Café or GISS counselling office by March 16.

There have been five open stages to date; all have been well-attended and enjoyed by performers and audience members. Food and drinks will be served at the concession and donations to help finance future events are appreciated.

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Grease going strong

by Peggy Abrahams

Grease sizzled with energy and talent on Saturday night at ArtSpring. A cast of high school kids from 2001 convincingly entered the skins of high school kids from the 1950s. The choreography and staging was fresh and exciting. And behind the scenes, the outstanding pit band didn't miss a beat. This musical was a perfect vehicle for the first major production of Gulf Islands Secondary School (GISS).

Black leather jackets, tight jeans, and muscle shirts. Hula hoops, saddle shoes, and poodle skirts. All the props were there, and the posturing that goes along with them. From the first scene, the production swept the audience into the upbeat mood, time and rhythm of *Grease*.

The second scene cleverly comprised two scenes in one, as a group of girls and a group of boys shared the stage. The action switched back and forth between the boys and girls. While the boys were the focus, the girls froze their last poses. Then the boys froze during the girls' turn. The scene culminated in the song *Summer Lovin'* in which the lead, Sandy, played by Markiana Jones, and Danny Zuko, played by Tyler Sayer, sang the familiar hit song.

One of the highlights of the performance was the pajama party scene, in which Tegan Adams, in the role of Marty, sings *Freddie My Love*. Adams delivered this song with just the right touch, projecting her voice with clarity and strength, while getting across the cheekiness of her character. The chorus, two lines of girls sitting on the stairways in their nighties, rounded off the number.

John-Michael McColl was hilarious as the

sleazy disc jockey, Vince Fontaine. At first, his voice was heard from the lighting booth, capturing the sound of the 50s whenever the radio was meant to be on. Later at the high school hop, he continued to speak in his broadcaster's voice, nodding and pointing to his fans like a stuck up celebrity.

There were many standout performers in this production, but one who stood out in particular was Sheila Profitt as bad girl Betty Rizzo. Profitt sang three solo songs with power and flair, never straying from her character. She also knows how to move on the stage.

This production of *Grease* even managed to incorporate a joke about GISS into the script. In the midst of dialogue about cheerleaders and lettermen, one of the girls holds up, "a sweatshirt that belongs to a big jock at Gulf Islands Secondary."

The pace never lagged, partly because of quick scene changes, but even more because of the strength of the pit band, directed by GISS music teacher Bruce Smith. Most notably, Roger Guedes on drums, Sandy Curtis and Lee Fairbrother on tenor saxophone, and Ben McLean on piano, made the music play a starring role.

In addition to Smith, GISS students are lucky to have had the experience working with the collaborative talents of drama teacher Christina Pittman, who directed the production, and dance teacher Sonia Langer, the choreographer. *Grease* runs for four more performances, this Thursday through Saturday, so if you haven't gone yet, lace up your saddle shoes and catch the show.

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Armchair tour illustrates the history of Ganges

Long-time Islander Bob Rush will present *An Armchair Walking Tour of Historical Downtown Ganges* at the Salt Spring Historical Society's next meeting on Tuesday, March 13. Many people will remember Bob's popular Ganges walking tours, and this armchair version may be even better.

The presentation will be well illustrated with slides, including pictures of Ganges as it was as long as 90 years ago, and of buildings such as the Ganges Hotel, which no longer exists. Can you guess where it was? Do you know where the Customs Office was? The blacksmith shop? The creamery? When he presents his talk at Central Hall at 2 p.m., Bob will answer all of these questions and more, as well as sharing personal anecdotes of Ganges from his 70-year love

of the village.

Bob Rush was born and raised on Salt Spring Island. He spent his first four school years in the old Ganges Elementary School on Drake Road. Much later, as a professional engineer, Bob was the project engineer for the construction of Gold River and later was responsible for transforming Tahsis from a company town to an incorporated municipality.

Here on Salt Spring, Bob has chaired the organizing committee for three Oldtimers' reunions. Among his many other community involvements, he has chaired the Salt Spring Island Foundation for the last ten years, shepherding the community endowment fund from \$25,000 to about \$600,000 today.

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Gail Trafford photo

Thomas McPhee with his creation Salty Maid, who will grace Rotary Marine Park in Ganges.

Salty Maid, our lady in waiting

by Gail Trafford

The Rotary Club is in the final stages of preparing for the Salty Maid's coming out party early this spring. The imposing bronze sculpture will be erected in the Rotary Marine Park, near Thrifty Foods.

Chosen to represent our Island destination and its surrounding aquatic life, the mermaid will stand overlooking Ganges Harbour. She holds an astrolabe, an ancient navigational aid used to plot a ship's course by measuring the angle of the stars. However, new symbols were chosen for this astrolabe to represent the courses the Salt Spring Island community could choose to chart its future; a nebulous path, travel, security, police, home, power, wind, and fire.

Sculptor Thomas McPhee has overseen the four-year project from its beginning. His conservative estimate is that over 1,000 volunteer hours from more than 60 people have gone into its preparation. These volunteers have included Rotarians and their families, two apprentices, exchange students, school groups, and friends.

McPhee is an internationally known artist who has worked professionally since his first showing in 1969, at Gallery Oliver near Naramata, while he was still in high school. He now attends shows worldwide, his most recent in Basel, Switzerland.

McPhee created the original marquette, or scale model, for the sculpture. Using the marquette as a guide McPhee's apprentice Simon Muscat built an armature, or wood frame. Next a layer of plaster formed the shape of the mermaid.

The work was painstaking and tedious at times but there were some funny moments such as when McPhee spent hours creating the headpiece to fit the sculpture. He removed it temporarily to continue working on his ramp where he could reach the face. He used extreme care. It didn't yet look like much yet, he agreed, but when he asked some student volunteers to move it he was dismayed when they kicked it off the ramp and it smashed into a thousand pieces. That, he said was an indication of the direction of the next four years.

In some ways, the mermaid evolved from happy mistakes. Susan Lercher was working on the front keel and McPhee asked her to add more plaster. While he was busy elsewhere, she kept building and building. It was far more than he intended, but when he saw the result he liked it better than the original design.

When after many, many hours of sanding and working, the molds were made for the casting. A layer of Vaseline, plasticine and rubber covered the plaster mermaid. These were used to cast the maid with cold cast bronze. She will be impervious to acid rain.

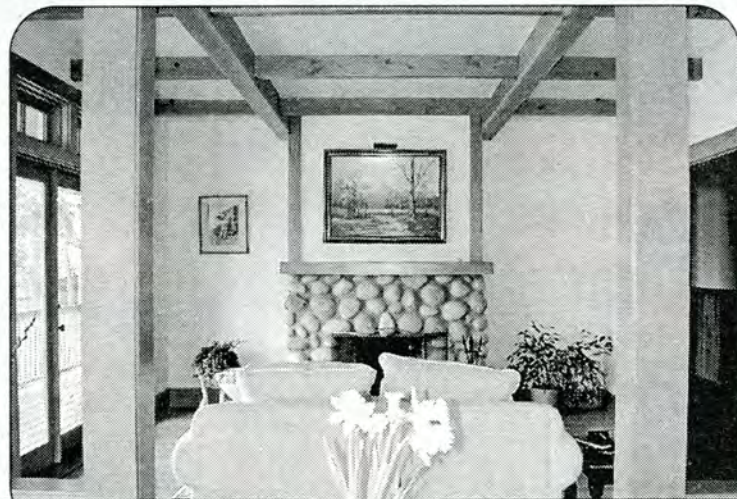
The Rotary Marine Park, the new home of the Salty Maid, was, just nine years ago, derelict land. It was filled, flattened and then decided to the Rotary Club which envisioned it as a European-style plaza, a place where the community could gather with a symbol all would recognize. The club built a dinghy dock and is continuing a paving project around the sculpture's foundation. Interlocking tiles with a fish motif will surround the mermaid and are, in fact, a part of the complete work of art. Now the park is under CRD jurisdiction.

The ongoing sales of tiles at \$40 each, or \$120 for a complete circle, have more than met the expenses of the park project. They have also gone on to support exchange student programs like the one sending Brent Shemilt to Mexico, Billie Woods to Mexico or Argentina, David Fields to Adventures in Technology, a specialized and advanced computer course, Dominique Martin to a Leadership Convention in Tacoma, and Danish student, Rasmus Risgaard to Salt Spring Island for a year.

Locally, the Rotary Club has supported the Food Bank, made donations to the Christmas play, *Scrooge*, and awarded two high school scholarships this year.

The Rotary and their park intend to symbolize their commitment to community. Neville says, "Our Salty Maid represents an incredible amount of dedication by Rotarians to this island. The Maid symbolizes the whole Rotary Marine Park and our commitment to making Salt Spring a better place."

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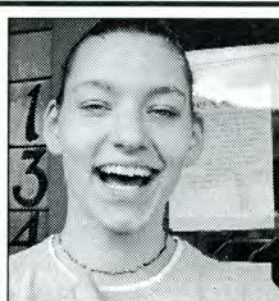
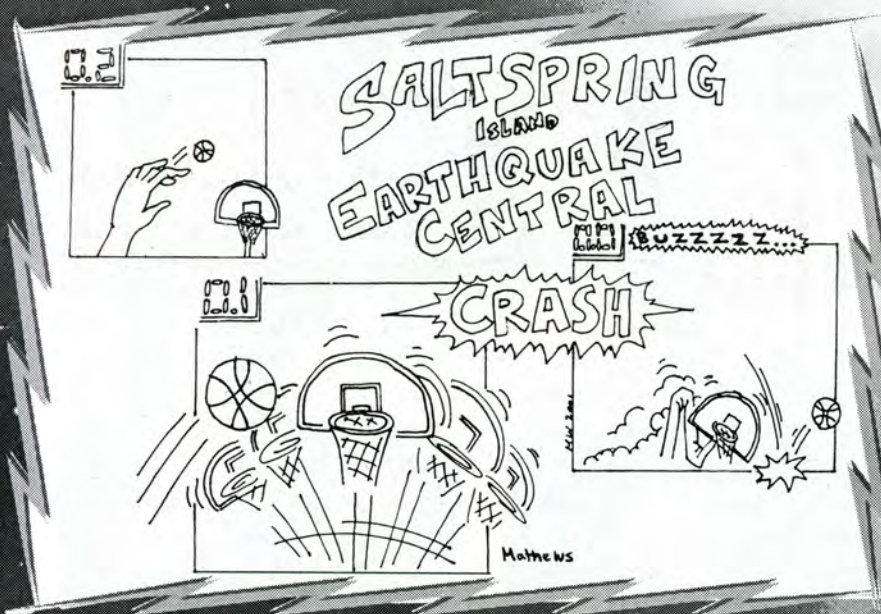
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THEATRE

The Stagecoach Theatre School is rehearsing for their upcoming production "The Selfish Magician", to be performed in mid-April. Written by Margaret Jardine, the play will feature all eight of the school's students, most of whom play two distinct parts each.

Stagecoach was founded by Simon Henson, Margaret Jardine, and Lynda Jensen, and opened its doors in September '99. The three year program consists of two 12-week terms that immerse the participants (ages 12-15) in all aspects of theatre production, including set and costume design & creation, backstage management and lighting, acting, singing and movement. Among the creative contributors to the production are Robbyn Scott (choreography), Deb Toole (Voice), and Ramesh Meyers (musical score).

With all this extraordinary combined talent, this show is sure to delight people of all ages. If you missed Stagecoach's brilliant adaptation of "Alice" last year, be sure not to miss this one!



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We will look at the progression of feelings that start with the initial magical excitement of a new partner and often evolve into a situation where one or both people fall into the role of the victim or the controller. We will discover how each partner acts as a mirror for the other, reflecting back any behaviour that originates from our own unresolved personal issues. This powerful work will help us to better understand ourselves and can empower us to craft a more healthy relationship or to find the courage to leave an unhealthy one. The intent of this workshop is to look at what is reflected in your personal mirror.

Dona Bernadette Vigil is a Nagual Woman trained in the Eagle Knight lineage of Toltec wisdom. The ancient Toltecs were a society of spiritual practitioners, who developed great knowledge in religion, magic and art. Their practice cultivated clarity and self-knowledge and exposed the influences of illusion and limiting belief

systems. From her home in New Mexico, Dona Bernadette has made many visits to Salt Spring Island and supports a well-established local group. She uses humour, piercing insight, and compassion to help each person to find their inner spirit. Her teachings have encouraged many people, through disciplined work, to examine patterns and beliefs in their lives that prevent them from becoming free and fully realized beings.

The weekend activities begin with an introductory discussion Friday evening, March 9, 7 p.m. at the Lions Hall, 103 Bonnet Ave. There will be snacks served and registration for the workshop. Admission is by donation. The workshop will be held in a private home from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, March 10, and from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Sunday March 11. For more information please contact Pamela at 537-8484 or Marguerite at 653-9427.

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Put on by the the University of Victoria's Division of Continuing Studies, the course will be held Saturday mornings from 10 a.m. to noon, March 10 through April 7 at the Salt Spring United Church. The cost is \$74.90. More information can be obtained by calling 250-721-8481.

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1 tbsp fresh rosemary, chopped	

Brown pork in 1 tbsp butter, salt & pepper, roast in oven at 450 until done, about 10 minutes. To make sauce, sauté onions & rosemary in 1 tbsp butter, add stock, vinegar, cranberries and orange zest. Cook to reduce sauce, add pan juices from pork. Slice tenderloin in diagonal medallions, top with sauce.

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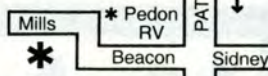
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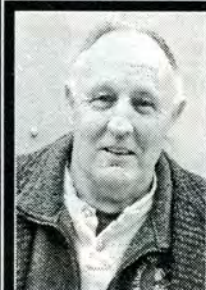
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Who will be the lucky dog?

by Joanne O'Connor

Every year the Capital Regional District offers dog owners an extra incentive to license their canines. Not only does a licensed dog have a greater chance of being returned to its owner if lost, but dog owners within the CRD who license their dog before March 31, 2001, also have a chance to win a unique, hand-crafted doghouse.

For more than 10 years, doghouse themes have been creatively explored by local wood worker Illtyd Perkins, who constructs the houses for the CRD. He has created doghouses fashioned after the Parliament Buildings, a B.C. Ferries ferry, a fire hydrant, a light-house and, last year, the Empress Hotel. This year, one lucky dog owner will win a lawn ornament that is destined to be a conversation piece: a doghouse in the shape of a Hayes Logging Truck.

The dogging truck dog-

house will be on display in Victoria later this month. Wolfgang Brunnwieser, By-law Enforcement and Animal Control Officer, explained that this year's theme is the result of trying to find something unique to build as a doghouse. He candidly admitted, "We're running out of buildings..."

The incentives seem to be working. Brunnwieser related statistics that reflect an increase in dog licensing over the past two years. There have also been fewer dog-related sheep kills, which bodes well for both farmers and pet owners.

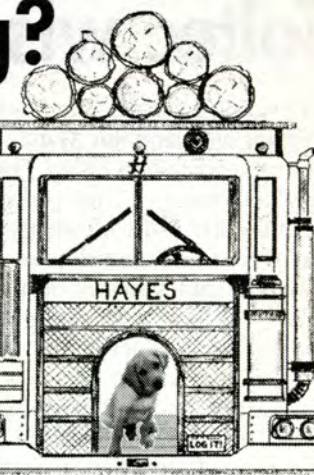
"People have really come around in the last couple years," he said.

The CRD will soon be placing reminder signs for dog owners at each park entrance on Salt Spring. The signs will read, "Control your dog to protect livestock and the environment."

Dog owners who license their pet before March 31

will avoid the \$10 hike in license fees beginning April 1, 2001. The current fee schedule is \$15 for a neutered or spayed dog, and \$25 for a male or female dog. All owners who license their dogs before the end of the month will be entered to win the doghouse or a free Vet Health Checkup.

Licenses are available at six locations on Salt Spring Island: Saltspring Veterinary Services, 321 Le Page; Bow Wow & Co, 326 Lower Ganges Rd; Foxglove Farm



and Garden, 104 Atkins Rd; Gulf Islands Veterinary Clinic, 540 Lower Ganges Rd.; Patterson Market, 2915 Fulford Ganges Rd.; and Salt Spring Insurance, 115 Fulford Ganges Rd.

Hosts required for Japanese students

School District #64 is welcoming 120 students from Kobe, Japan from March 26 to April 6. These students are in grades four through nine and will be hosted by all of the public schools on Salt Spring Island.

We are looking for families who are interested in providing a quality homestay experience for these students.

What is required of a host family?

Host families are not just landlords; rather they are the international student's family while in Canada. Host families are required to provide an individual bed and linens for each of the students they are hosting. Other than that, we ask that you treat the students as if they were your own children, providing them with three nutritious meals per day. Transportation to and from school (if there is not bus space) and the ferry terminals will be necessary.

The district will provide a \$20 per day per student allowance, which is given to the host families upon the completion of the stay.

This is an incredible opportunity for our community and your family. If you are interested, please contact Jane Cameron at 537-1243 home, or 537-9944, extension 218.

March in the Gardens



Life in the garden ... with Joe Clemente

With March finally here, and spring approaching rapidly, many of us gardeners just want to start planting all sorts of things... including marginal plant species. We've been blessed by many spring-like days throughout this past winter, but don't be fooled.

March can sometimes bring some rather unseasonably low minimum temperatures. A very good example was way back at the beginning of March,

1989. The lows dropped to -6.2°C at Victoria's inner harbour, and even slightly colder at the airport. I know many of us declare spring when a few balmy days arrive, but officially March 20 is the big day.

Do, however, take advantage of those nice days in your garden. Continue to lift and divide perennials, and cut back any ornamental grasses you may have. This is a great time to chop back your pampas grass.

While you're out in your garden, you might as well

do some weeding, and mulch with rotted compost. March is also a good time to plant summer flowering bulbs such as montbretia, gladiolas, etc. You can also sow tender annuals indoors.

Head to the nursery and check out the flowering shrubs and trees so you can get an idea what you would like to see growing in your own garden. March is also the time to plant cane fruits, and strawberries, and also don't forget to prune your roses. It won't be long before our daytime temperatures will be up in the warmer double digits.

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Challenge Cup first round

Salt Spring FC 3 Cowichan 0



Sidelines...

with Alan Webb

Salt Spring FC began their defense of the Challenge Cup Sunday with a 3-0 first round victory over fifth division Cowichan at Portlock Park.

In pursuit of retaining the Vancouver Island championship the holders received a favourable draw, meeting first a fifth division side. A win would carry them through to the next round and a likely showdown with third division Bays United.

Ordinarily the best way to prepare for a match against a division five opponent is to double up on your shinpads. There is always a chance the side may be a new up-and-coming team, but the more likely scenario is a rough game against a hard, crudely-skilled team.

Cowichan, sitting third in the league, could have been either. As it happened, they were a bit of both.

FC started confidently, maintaining possession and working Cowichan's defense into their own area. The early build-ups were intricate and when they just failed to produce results their intensity quickly re-won the ball.

The best early chance fell for Josh Byron who just failed to convert a Dion Hackett flick of a long Harrison Jason throw-in in the 10th minute.

Two minutes later Jason and Mark Nordine broke away in tandem behind the visitor's backline. Jason rolled the ball square into the path of the unmarked Nordine and he casually deposited the ball in the lower right corner for a 1-0 lead.

Soon afterward, Jesse Fisher headed a Chris Jason lob to the six yard line straight at Cowichan keeper Larry Squire.

Squire confirmed his status as the visitor's man-of-the-match when he stopped Nordine in close from a Pete Aust cross and then batted away Dave McColl's blistering strike of the rebound.

Already an enormous hole had opened up in midfield and FC were happy to exploit it.

Harrison Jason set up Nordine for a clean shot at goal but the FC striker, while taking the ball well on the volley, couldn't match the power to his coordination and struck it into Squire's chest.

FC were now attacking at will. From deep in their own end Eric Jorgensen began a play which encapsulated their easy dominance. Jorgensen brought the ball out from the back, slipped it inside to Chris Jason who picked out Hackett in space across centre. Hackett charged forward sending the defense back-pedaling before squaring for Byron whose shot sliced achingly close of the top right corner.

The rest of the half was a shooting gallery.

Harrison Jason had one header scooped up by Squire at the right post and then headed firmly over from a McColl cross. Hackett, Byron, and Pat Hayes each had quality chances, and how Jason missed converting a sensational Fisher free-kick will remain one of life's enduring mysteries.

The second half was a reprise of the first.

Byron nearly hit net from

25 yards when his well-struck shot arced narrowly over the bar.

Cowichan was now clearly tiring and increasingly resorting to less artful means of defending.

Hackett made them pay from the penalty spot after he was either cynically or clumsily sandwiched in the box.

Ten minutes into the half FC keeper John McDonald was finally called upon to make a clutch save. He did very well to block a point blank shot and then the Windsor Plywood All-blacks experienced their first and only moment of danger as the ball lay spinning like a globe on the goal line before Kalkin Brousseau hoofed it to safety.

Midway through the half Hackett and a good feed from Fisher discovered a wide seam in Cowichan's defense simultaneously. Hackett's shot was barely saved by Squire but the rebound fell to Byron who dropped for Nordine. His cross was nodded on by Hackett to the far post where Dave McColl met it with a ripping header to the top corner.

A good effort for FC which deserved a greater reward than three goals but then one mustn't be greedy.

Next week, round 2 of the Challenge Cup, away.



Salt Spring FC's Josh Byron picks out an overlapping Mark Nordine in Sunday's 3-0 win over Cowichan in first round Challenge Cup play. Defending champion FC move on to the second round next week at either Lakehill or Oak Bay.

U-18 boys seize Lower Island Cup

by Peggy Abrahams

In a decisive win, Salt Spring's Under 18 boys won the Lower Island Cup on Sunday, defeating Lakehill 2 to 1 at Victoria's Braefoot Park.

Lakehill scored the first goal of the game in the opening minute. Salt Spring's Tyler

Laitinen and Jeremy Morrison also scored goals in the first half.

This Sunday, March 11, Salt Spring goes for the Island Championships when they host Port Alberni at Portlock Park. The game begins at noon. The winner goes on to the Provincial Cup.

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Fri., Mar. 9, 2001
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6. Ottawa.....	570	126
7. Toronto.....	551	123
8. Buffalo.....	549	96
9. Vancouver.....	527	66
10. Atlanta.....	525	101
11. Anaheim.....	523	98
12. Phoenix.....	517	87
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WALFORD - ANN FRANCES, nee Merrick passed away at Salt Spring Islands Lady Minto Hospital on February 27, 2001. Ann is survived by her loving family, Husband Maurice; Daughters, Christine (Tony) and Susan (Doug); Son Jonathan (Kenn); Grandchildren Kevin, Gwyneth and Alistair; as well as many relatives and friends. Memorial Service at Ganges United Church, Saturday, March 10, 2:00 pm. The family is particularly grateful for the wonderful people of Lady Minto Hospital, the kind efficiency of the women from Home Care and Home Support Services and the caring professionalism of Dr. Karen Berg. Haywards Funeral Service 537-1022. 1001


RUBINSKY - ANDREW (ANDRE) IVAN passed away peacefully on February 26, 2001 at Victoria Hospice. Predeceased by his son Yuri (1952-96), he will be deeply missed by his wife Anna, daughter, Kathryn and family, John, Jamie and Christopher Akehurst, as well as many friends and relatives worldwide. Andre will be fondly remembered for his kindness and generosity, his intelligence and wonderful sense of humour, the respect he had for other people and the world in which he lived and for his great love of family and friends. If friends so wish, in lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Adaptive Technology Resource Centre, University of Toronto, 130 St. George St., Ground Floor, Toronto, Ont. M5S 3H1, Attention Iris Neher in order to continue the Web Accessibility for the Disabled Project, begun by Andre's son, Yuri. 1001

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SPCA ANNUAL General Meeting is being held Saturday, March 10th, 2001 at 2:00 p.m. at the Lions Hall, 103 Bonnet Avenue. Guest speaker is Craig Naherniak, BC SPCA Director of Education. All welcome. 1001

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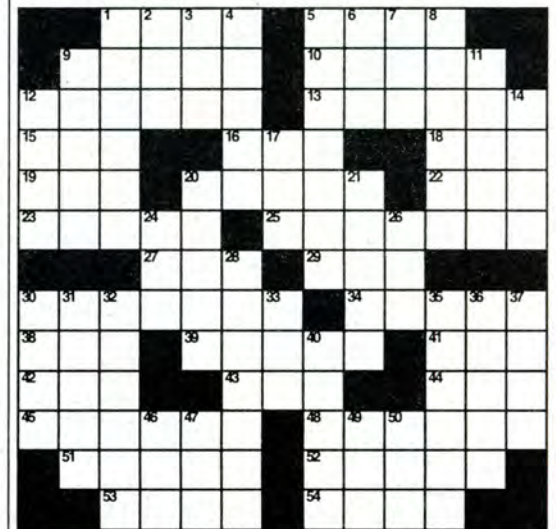
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Canadian Cinemactresses



ACROSS

- 1 Medicine Hat's Faye
- 5 Ailments
- 9 Canadian water craft
- 10 A kind of twang
- 12 Domesticated Llama
- 13 Yellowknife's Margot

DOWN

- 1 Large deer
- 2 Genetic transmitter, abbr.
- 3 Letters on French wine label
- 4 Fungus
- 5 Ink dispenser
- 6 Medieval poem
- 7 Sixties hallucinogen, abbr.
- 8 Make one blue
- 9 Samia's Susan
- 11 Rent
- 12 Portuguese nurses
- 14 Whiskies
- 17 Female Saint, for short
- 20 Concert hall presentation
- 21 Penticton's Alexis

ACROSS

- 15 Tai
- 16 Quiet please
- 18 Hap or Dennis
- 19 Arthur, for short
- 20 Lang and Preminger
- 22 Compass point, abbr.
- 23 Stint
- 25 Furs
- 27 Toronto's Lillie
- 29 Nada
- 30 Vancouver's Yvonne
- 34 Leg bone
- 38 Mil. mailbox
- 39 Discomfit
- 41 Vessel
- 42 A kind of sleep
- 43 Summer, in Saguenay
- 44 Note
- 45 Halifax's Ruby
- 48 A cappella singers
- 51 Tilt
- 52 Spirits
- 53 Home away from home for women, abbr.
- 54 Lady's given name

DOWN

- 24 Business deg.
- 26 Chinese river
- 28 Wild rose country
- 30 Unlit
- 31 Fencing swords
- 32 Pleasing to the eye
- 33 Cereal grain
- 35 Montreal's Genevieve
- 36 Shackles
- 37 Picnic plagues
- 40 Common item?
- 46 Rule
- 47 Enclosed, abbr.
- 49 Distant
- 50 Passaglia, punter

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Aries (Mar 21 - Apr 19) The process restructuring the foundation of your life continues. In this regard you continue to feel rather pioneering and revolutionary. As is the nature of life, on one hand you are at the helm and on the other circumstances are dictating the flow of your decisions. A mixed state of dreamy reflection vies with increasing assertiveness. You are open to the inspiration of friends yet will not tolerate being told or manipulated. Affirm: I am a pioneer expiring a new way to be!

Taurus (Apr 20 - May 20) Learning to express the full measure of your individuality in a responsible way is a key aspect of your destiny. The urge to decipher the exact formula that works for you is strong now. You are a sensual being and dream of being truly met. You are prepared to invest whatever energies you must to achieve this end. Your mind is open and you are also prepared to learn and take any steps necessary. Reflect,

that you can communicate your needs for a greater degree of harmony and union. At worst you feel victimized by circumstances and so feel bitter. At best, you are taking the initiative to inspire others without blame or expectation to follow your lead. The question is how to earn enough respect to be heard? Consider proposing a variety of options rather than getting fixated on any particular idea. This will illustrate your sincerity for unity.

Cancer (Jun 21 - Jul 22) You are rapidly awakening to a more expanded state of awareness. This may include spirituality, metaphysics, relativity theories in modern physics etc. In any case you are in the mood to explore some new tools and approaches. You are ready to give it your all and go the distance. Nothing is as it was and you increasingly do not want it to be. This is a time of healing in all respects. Be true to your feelings, do what you feel you must and trust the process.

Leo (Jul 23 - Aug 22) A passionate embrace of your deeper soul needs continues. This process has been happening on subtle levels for almost a year now. You may feel like you are on the eve of a breakthrough or a breakdown. Things will start flowing more smoothly or at least you will be clearer by late April. In the meantime, look at all the ways things could be worse and be grateful for what you do have going for you. Exercise gratitude and you will feel the power!

Virgo (Aug 23 - Sep 22) The full Moon in Virgo is adorning our sky. You feel activated by circumstances and others. Health is a central theme. You are excited by the stimulation of your expanding awareness. It's as though the universe is summoning you to reach new heights of being. Your envisioning power is increasing as a result. This is the true magic. Breathe into your centre and engage in the flow.

Libra (Sep 23 - Oct 22) Your whole state of health is up for you now. This includes your physical, mental, emotional and spiritual well being. A retreat to a health spa and/or a series of consultations with health care professionals is in order. Consider that your health is the most important aspect of your life. Ask these questions: How is your posture and flexibility? Are your

goals clear or confused? Are you accepting of others or cynical and judgemental? Are you happy? Heal your life!

Scorpio (Oct 23 - Nov 21) A romantic, passionate, playful and ambitious mood is trying to overtake you. Hopefully you are not fighting it. Sometimes the block comes from not having suitable creative outlets. This is a good time to examine your habitual perceptions and self-concepts. It is important that you give to the situation as fully as possible. Know your destination then yield to the flow of the current. The atmosphere is electrifying.

Sagittarius (Nov 22 - Dec 21) Aren't these exciting times? The world whirling through space at 30 kilometres per second has never seemed to be moving so fast. Must be the cars. Sure are a lot of them. Computers are the other reality. Oh 'big' brother! Email is putting the whole world on New York City time. Cellular phones are keeping everyone in touch. Is our whole reality truly a conspiracy of the dark forces? Oh well, engage, redirect, laugh and deploy increased love intentions.

Capricorn (Dec 22 - Jan 19) What's this passionate appetite for life that is growing? Did someone switch on the big fun button? Everyone and everything looks so beautiful. Is it the food or is it the air? Maybe this is the result of the increasing vibrations of light that all the New Agers have been singing about for the past 25 years. Maybe the Sun is actually going through the belt around the great central Sun around which our own Sun orbits, you know, the photon belt. Whatever it is, just have a great time!

Aquarius (Jan 20 - Feb 18) The Metal Snake has been slithering along quite smoothly. But sure enough, the skin is beginning to shed. This can be enjoyable or it could prove to be uncomfortable. The secret it to loosen up and allow your self to moved by the groove. Breathe deep and feel your whole body. Breathe into every muscle and claim your right to receive life fully. Let go easily and joyfully even if it might pinch a bit. Let the past peel away.

Pisces (Feb 19 - Mar 20) Your wings are open wide to incoming inspirations. Like rays of sunlight penetrating every cell of your body, You are cleansed and energized. All you have to do is to sincerely say "Thank You!" and be open to receive. It comes in many forms. It is all around us all of the timelessness. Faith in the process is the source of good attitude. There is always another way. Allow the guiding lights of others to assist you.

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Bicycle as art: the work of sculptor David McCelvey

by Judy Harper

The Dali-esque landscape of the interior of David McCelvey's tiny trailer is strewn with the metal parts of salvaged bicycles which have been taken apart, filed, painted, bent or straightened, shined up, and given a new purpose.

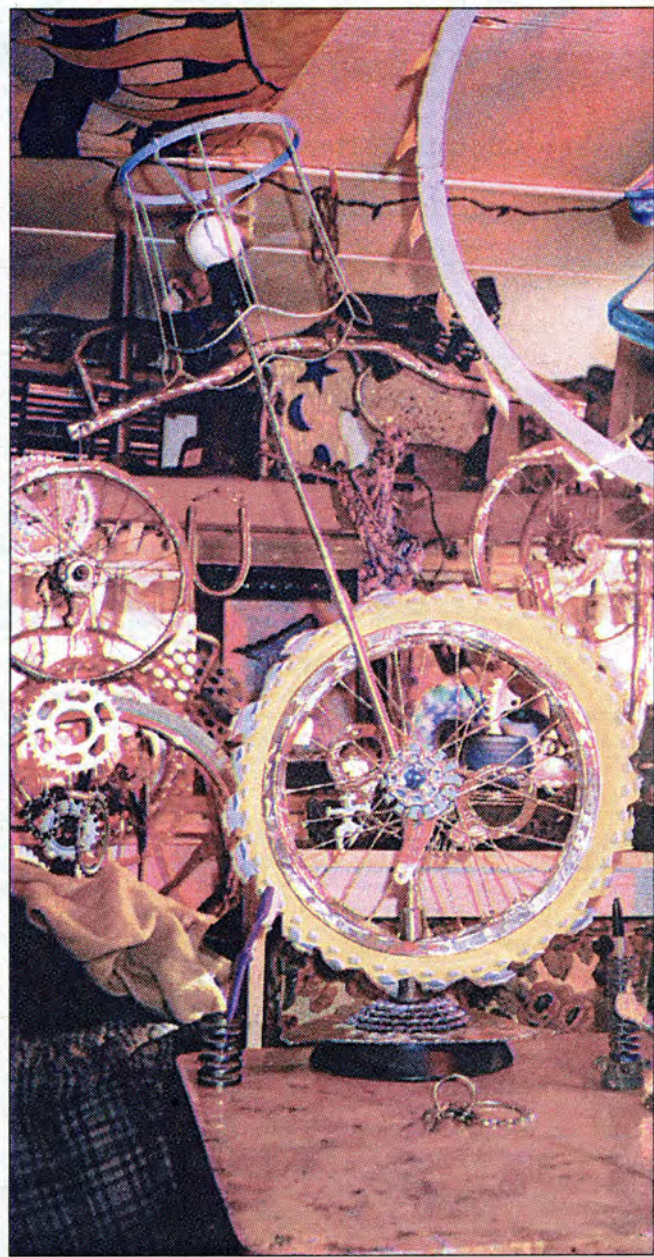
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space is given over to sculpture of one form or another—even the TV and computer bear the colours of David's artistic expression. They hang like mobiles from the ceiling and spill out the door into the yard. David's entire living space is an interactive sculpture. Sometimes the piece is

functional, like the collection of painted gears and silver spokes that culminates in a lamp which turns on at a touch on any part of the structure; or the bird houses fashioned from mountain bike tires, a bike fork, a chain ring and found copper which won an award for best use of recycled materials.

They are capricious, sometimes revealing their purpose in their own time, sometimes content to remain objects of art and whimsy.

Bicycles have been the central theme of David's art since 1997, in part because of their universal appeal and accessibility. He spends long



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David McCelvey definitely brings his work home with him. This is a view of the interior of the bicycle sculptor's home.

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hours in the pursuit of his medium, trekking through recycling depots and dumps, and enjoys this messy quest for rusted and discarded treasure. His creative innovations begin with a fairly standard design approach; a series of thumbnail drawings to explore the possibilities. Sometimes a combination of seemingly unrelated concepts and words defines the resulting sculpture. There's a lot of lateral thinking here; David is one of those rare individuals who use the right and left sides of the brain equally. He has a background in marketing and Urban Land Economics, and excels in math. But he found that a traditional job and lifestyle stifled his creative spontaneity. He keeps his day job in perspective now, and lives among his sculptures.

David moved to Salt Spring Island a year ago from Kelowna, B.C. where he ran a studio gallery named Bikengruvin as a venue for his bicycle art. He raised eyebrows by installing a hot dog stand in front of the gallery which he built from the front end of a Lincoln Continental, complete with working headlights and topped with a picture of

President Lincoln.

His earliest and most abiding influence was his father, a saw filer by trade and a consummate hobbyist, rockhound, and collector of artifacts. His father's constant search for new ways of using old and found materials provided a nurturing environment for David's natural inclinations. Given the tools and absolute freedom of expression, he developed his innovative approach to art early on, and has explored a variety of mediums over the years, including painting and Fimo caricatures. The physical labour involved in installation art, his lasting obsession, satisfies his creative urge and allows him to expend his abundant energy.

David McCelvey's future plans for Bikengruvin include larger and larger pieces of installation art. He envisions his works enhancing parks, buildings and hospital waiting areas—something, he says, to lighten up the mood. He intends to establish an internet gallery for lovers of bicycle art, and eventually a gallery and larger workspace here on Salt Spring. For now, David's wonderful constructions can be seen at his trailer near the Fulford Inn.