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Nurses overtime ban extended indefinitely

by Michelle Grant

B.C.'s ailing health care system has kept itself going in past years by regular injections of overtime. Remove the overtime and the system crumbles. An estimated 700 surgeries in B.C. had been cancelled by Saturday following last Thursday's nursing overtime ban. However, the figure is not a true one, according to Debra McPherson, B.C. Nurses Union President, who says surgeries are routinely cancelled even without an overtime ban as a result of the critical nursing

While the overtime ban is not an action last week by refusing to use

issue on Salt Spring, hospital surgeries, with the exception of two minor ones, were cancelled last week. According to Lady Minto nurse and strategic worker Pat Peterson, "One thing the ban on non-nursing duties has done is make management acutely aware of just how much non-nursing work we do." No one knows if the distribution of work will change when the ban is lifted," Michelle Muir, Lady Minto nurse and local union representative said, but "we're very hopeful."

Community nurses waged their own

their personal vehicles to carry out their work over two days. The first day, one local nurse chose to carry out her calls on foot in spite of offers from her clients to run her around. Another nurse was given the use of a fleet car which was reassigned for the day. Community nurses receive \$.38 a kilometre, a figure which doesn't come close to reimbursing them for their expenses. but a new proposal has been suggested that would give them a stipend of \$15 a day for every day they work in addition to a mileage allowance of \$.44 cents per kilometre for all business mileage.

Nurses walk to home care patients

by Helani Davison

Nurses Maureen Gix and Sharon Armstrong, community nurses doing home nursing care, walked to see their patients last week in response to their provincewide ban on nurses using their own vehicles. "Part of our job action this week is to withdraw our vehicles," said Sharon Armstrong, "because throughout the province all nurses drive their own vehicles." Fleet vehicles are available to only two home-care nurses on Salt Spring, leaving two regular, part-time nurses without vehicles as well as

casual care nurses. "The issue is we were getting 38 cents per kilometer and have been offered a one cent increase to 39 cents." Armstrong continued, "Math tells us that we are already subsidizing our employer at \$4,540 per year." Management at Lady Minto Hospital site chose to re-assign the Capital Health Region vehicle driven by the long term care case manager to nursing staff. This left the long term case management worker without a vehicle, and unable to see



Nurses Maureen Gix and Sharon Armstrong walking to work

Georgia Strait gasline update

On April 24th, The Georgia Strait Crossing (GSX) Project filed an application with the National Energy Board (NEB) for approval to construct and operate a natural gas transmission pipeline.

The service is intended to provide natural gas transportation service from the market hub near Sumas, Washington to Vancouver

Island to meet natural gas fuel demands of new electrical generation facilities on Vancouver Island.

The proposed GSX Canada Pipeline includes a 44-kilometre marine segment from the Canada-U.S. border in Boundary Pass, east of Saturna Island, to a landing point on Vancouver Island just south of Boatswain Bank, between Cowichan Bay and Mill Bay. From there, the pipeline would travel 16 kilometres inland to an interconnection point with the existing Centra Gas Transmission system, just northwest of Shawnigan Lake.

Subject to regulatory approval, the GSX Project is scheduled to begin installing facilities in the fall of 2002, targeting an in-service date of late fall, 2003.

An application is also being filed with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, the NEB's U.S. counterpart, for approval of the U.S. segments of the GSX Project.

The application will be available for public review the internet (www.gsxreg.com) or at the Mary Hawkins Memorial Library.



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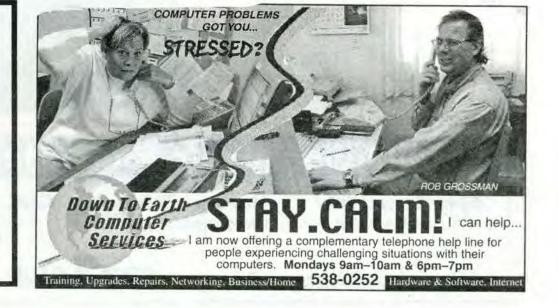
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Q&A up close with the candidates



Murray Coell, Liberal



Andrew Lewis, Green



Paul Sam, NDP



Christina Racki, Marijuana

by Pat Burkette

Last week, The Barnacle asked the candidates for Saanich North and the Islands the following ques-

Health care...over the past few years, British Columbians have watched a health care crisis develop. How will you deal with B.C. nurses' current overtime ban, and ongoing problems like insufficient staffing, bed closures, and cancelled surgeries?

Murray Coell, Liberal Party (incumbent) --

The nursing crisis is the result of 10 years of poor management. We don't have enough doctors and nurses. We would double the number of nurses being trained and develop Health Sciences Centers at UBC, UVic, and the University of the North to train more doctors and nurses. We would develop a 10-year plan and increase long-term beds, which have been in steady decline.

Andrew Lewis, Green Party --

I support the nurses 100% on the overtime ban. The systemic problems in health care can't be resolved overnight. We need to restore funding, especially for frontline workers like nurses. We need 5,000 beds right now and a further 5,000 beds in 5 years. We have to get out of crisis mode and move toward a health system rather than a sickness system.

Christina Racki, Marijuana Party --

Our health care system is sadly lacking. If we have

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only one system of health care, I don't think they should strike, but the nurses also shouldn't have to work overtime. More money and open research for other systems is needed.

Paul Sam, New Democrat -We have to stay at the table and iron the issues out with the nurses. We need to look after the priority patient list immediately. We should be seriously looking at bringing in professionals from other provinces and countries in the short term. In the long term we have to make education accessible, keeping the lowest tuition rate in Canada and creating more spaces.

Water issues ... water quality and supply is of concern for all British Columbians, and especially for those living in the Gulf Islands. What will you do to protect our drinking water?

Murray Coell --

For the past 6 years, BC Liberals called for a Drinking Water Protection Act. We supported the new legislation and are going to work with communities to make the act work. The regulations will be very important.

Andrew Lewis --

We need a Clean Drinking Water Act, as a basic human right for all British Columbians. I support the purchase of private land in our watersheds to protect our water sources. We need to study sources of phosphorus-loading in our drinking water lakes.

Christina Racki --Any industry that's dam-

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aging water tables should be forced to clean up that damage. Putting more fluoride and chlorine in isn't a solution.

Paul Sam --

We have to make sure the legislation (Water Protection Act) is followed through. For example, with Maxwell Lake, we have to stay at the table and make sure we iron it out. We need to provide more information on the new Act and put more pressure on individual owners.

BC Ferries...cost overruns, a fast ferry fiasco, an aging fleet, rising fare prices, and constantly changing schedules have made BC Ferries the target of anger and frustration. What will you do to make BC Ferries work?

Murray Coell --We need to return to the days where people were proud of the ferry system. \$463 million was wasted on the fast ferries. We want BC Ferry Corporation to be run professionally as a Crown Corporation. It has been used as a political tool rather than a serv-

Andrew Lewis --We should come back to local decision making re: BC Ferries. Green Party policy is to build a double ender ferry every 2 years. Ferry system should be kept in public hands. Service should be integrated with public transit. We need fare incentives to encourage foot and bicycle traffic.

Christina Racki --

They're a private corporation with funding from government. We depend on their services, so whatever it takes, the government should do it. The ferries cause pollution, and are not cost efficient now. Money would be freed up for ferries if we opened more possibilities for the hemp industry. If cannabis was legalized, we would get tourist dollars. Tourists want BC Bud.

Paul Sam --

Ensure that the government maintains control of the system. If it's privatized, rates will go up. If a legislative change is needed, put it out on the floor and get the minister involved. There have been mistakes in the past, but I'm not here to deal with that. My focus is on today.

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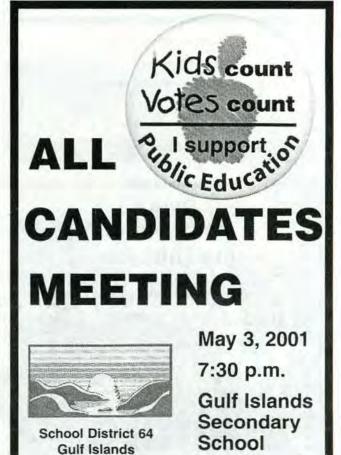
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CHR, Trust wrangle over LUB

By Pat Burkette

The Islands Trust and the Capital Health Region (CHR) squared off on the septic field last Thursday, when Capital Health Region (CHR) Chief Environmental Health Officer Gary Gibson, and CHR Land Use Consultant Erwin Dyck, attended the Local Trust Committee meeting to discuss septic setbacks.

Islands Trust Trustee David Borrowman took exception to CHR legal opinion that CHR personnel could not enforce Land Use Bylaw 355's increased septic setbacks. Noting that the Trust had obtained a legal opinion supporting the new setbacks Borrowman said, "Our lawyer can piss further than your lawyer, hopefully not in the watershed."

Gibson said he did not object to the increased septic setbacks listed in section 451 of bylaw 355 (60 metres from lakes and water bodies leading into lakes) but was "legally unable to abide by these regulations." He said the CHR, "must issue a permit in accordance with provincial sewage disposal regulations." He noted that the "Islands Trust cannot dictate requirements for health issues," and added, "These setbacks are unnecessary and may create hardship for Salt Spring residents." Gibson said the CHR "would like to work together on a scientific and informed approach."

Gibson said he felt that new septic systems would be most affected by the 60 metre setback, yet were of less concern than existing systems. He said new systems, "can be installed to preclude concerns about nutrient loading" and are "state of the art." Gibson also questioned allowing the same setback for agricultural waste, such as open manure piles, as for underground septic systems in which waste is filtered.

Regarding septic setbacks, Gibson concluded, "bylaw 355 is a bylaw turned backward." Dyck noted that a 60 meter setback isn't a panacea and "doesn't include a determination of risks." He said that on some properties, a setback of 60 metres might put a sewage disposal field into a more environmentally sensitive area than a 30 metre setback would.

Gibson recommended an environmental assessment of St. Mary Lake. He also recommended a mandatory operation and maintenance programme for existing sewage disposal systems in environmentally sensitive areas like St. Mary Lake. Dyck explained that under such a system, "all property owners would be forced to have a system assessment."

Speaking to the issue of human activity in the St. Mary Lake basin, audience member Ron Hawkins addressed by-law 355's permitted increase in dwelling size for bed and breakfasts and home-based businesses. Trustee Bev Byron admitted that the permitted limit of three bedrooms hadn't changed, but there, "could be more beds in the bedrooms." She added, "Wiping out home-based businesses doesn't solve all our problems with the lake." She echoed Gibson's St. Mary Lake study recommendation, with a supplementary focus on businesses permitted in watersheds.

NSSWD AGM tackles water preservation

by Pat Burkette

North Salt Spring Waterworks Chairman Bob Brawn praised retiring General Manager Mike Larmour for past achievements and discussed pending water use and quality issues at the District's Annual General Meeting (AGM) last Tuesday. Brawn said that during Larmour's 33 years of service, "Mike has never been afraid to challenge those who threaten our water supply, but always diplomatically." Approximately 85 people attended the meeting.

Brawn presented the year 2000 Trustees Report, detailing revenues of \$874,097, operating expenses of \$401,546, and administrative expenses of \$129,521. He listed projects completed or in progress in 2000, such as pump and filter upgrading on St. Mary Lake, then moved on to issues involving Texada Land Corporation.

Referring to the District's options for the purchase of 270 acres of secondary Maxwell Lake watershed from Texada, Brawn explained the land could be purchased in a logged state, including two existing houses, for about \$650,000, or for about \$1,850,000 with standing

timber. The District must inform Texada of its decision by May 1, 2001. Brawn said Texada might extend the deadline by between 30 to 60 days for purchase of the standing timber. The District "supports the acquisition of these watershed properties to provide long term protection of Maxwell Lake," Brawn said. But he added, "We need provincial government help to buy the standing timber," noting availability of money from the new \$20 million Biodiversity Fund is unclear.

Addressing tree preservation in the secondary (Rippon Creek) watershed, John Baxter noted, "The cost of borrowing 1 million eight, for 1800 ratepayers, is \$91.60 a year, amortized over 25 years, at 8 per cent interest." Brawn said, "Some ratepayers have said they don't want to pay for the standing timber."

Water quality issues, related to funding, human activity and logging, were addressed by Trustee Bob Watson and Larmour. Watson said, "A water treatment plan on St. Mary Lake is more important," noting diversion of Rippon Creek into Maxwell Lake is ten to 15 years

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Water concerns spill over into AAC meeting

By Michelle Grant

It's not what you say, it's what you don't say that can make the difference, or so Agricultural Advisory Committee (AAC) members learned in last Thursday's meeting with the Islands Trust. AAC members wanted to clarify where in Land

Use Bylaw 355 it says farmers in the Agricultural Land Reserve can farm to three metres (or ten feet) from the natural boundary of a water body as outlined in the Official Commu-

nity Plan. It doesn't, but as Linda Adams, Manager, Trust Area Programmes explains, "The bylaw doesn't state all the things you can do. Nowhere does it say, you can plough fields, clear brush . . . but you can." Adams went on to say, however, that if what you do at the end of the day destroys fish habitat, you could be charged under the Fisheries Act.

Another cause of concern was whether dugout ponds are included in the LUB's definition of a water body

"I have a situation right now where I've dug a pond to encourage livestock not to use the lake [St. Mary], says Ken Byron. Adams response was, "If this is a pond you dug, it wouldn't be included here." While members were relieved to hear that, they recommend-

"New people come who are not familiar with the land. You have to regulate for the worse case scenario"

> ed that the definition of water body be clarified as regards size and duration, including a specific exclusion of dugout ponds.

> The discussion of ponds and lake setbacks led to some finger pointing over the declining state of St. Mary Lake. Residential and resort development along the shoreline and the extensive Channel Ridge developments in the Highland Water and Sewer District came in for criticism, as did North Salt Spring Waterworks for allowing a hiking

trail through the 100 acres of watershed property given to them by Channel Ridge developers. Anger was also expressed over recent incidents of herbicide spraying taking place in the Fulford Valley. "Swat teams on Lee's Hill using agent orange [Roundup]. That's unheard

> of on Salt Spring," says George Laundry, whose family has farmed in the Fulford Valley for the last 130 years. "You can't stay on your farm any more and be left alone. Urban-

ites come and love to fertilize their land. That's your source of phosphorous in the lakes."

Adams pointed out that lakeside resorts fall under

two Development Permit areas, which restrict the amount of expansion that can take place.

"New people come who are not familiar with the land. You have to regulate for the worse case scenario," says Trustee Borrowman.

Members also wanted to know how the newly proposed draft Garry oak bylaw would affect farmers.

The meeting closed with observer John Woodward of the Farmer's Institute reading from a letter given to the Trust in February where he expressed concerns that the new bylaw was not in compliance with the spirit of the OCP. Woodward urged the Trust to respect the wishes of the

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down the road. Larmour said logging in a watershed results in a different pattern of runoff, silt in the water, and nutrient release (primarily phosphates). He noted Provincial Limnologist Rick Nordine felt nutrient level increase would be "modest" after logging. Andrea Collins asked, "Doesn't it make sense to protect the water before you have to treat it?" Tom Cossett said, "There's a lot worse things in the watershed than logging, and that's human activities." It was finally agreed that all District members should be polled to ask, "Would

you be in favor of us surveying our members on the question of acquiring the standing timber?

Larmour summed up the importance of growth issues for NSS-WD. He said the District has been "experiencing growth in the range of three to four per cent a year." He noted the main growth is in Ganges, in the commercial and institutional areas; and that in the future, "St Mary Lake will serve most of the growth."

Bob Brawn and Denis Russell were re-elected as trustees for three year terms. Trevor Hutton takes over new general

NDP pizza poll

The NDP pizza poll was by invitation only: pizza and wine for a \$1.50 donation. The posted pizza varieties were "Full of baloney" (Unity), "Same old, same old" (Liberal), "Mary Jane's grassy delight" (Marijuana), "Green eggs and ham" (Green), and "Wholesome, balanced, and new delicious" (NDP). A sign annouced that "like other polls, this one is biased and unscientific." The Wholesome pizza won by an overwhelming majority.



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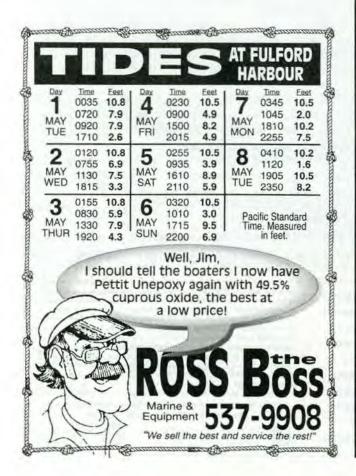
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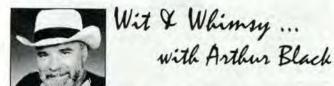
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Juliana Borges, only 22 years old and by all accounts, stunningly, supernaturally beautiful. So beautiful that she's been chosen as Miss Brazil. There are 170 million people in Brazil and half of them are women. Juliana Borges has been judged the comeliest of them

And to what does this statuesque, willowy siren owe her great good fortune? To fabulous genes? A perfect diet? Pure, dumb luck?

Nope, nope and nope.

Miss Brazil owes her title to her personal plastic surgeon. In her 22 years on the planet, Miss Brazil has been under the knife no fewer than 23 times. She has plumped her breasts up with silicone. She has had fat vacuumed off her thighs. She has had her ears sculpted, her nose bobbed, her cheeks and jaws padded out with sundry inert materials and she has seen to it that various birthmark-type anomalies have been sandblasted to smithereens.

"Plastic surgery made me more beautiful," says Juliana. "It gave me the confidence in myself and the perfect measurements that won me this title.

"It's a sad tune, but not a new one. Pamela Anderson used plastic surgery to give herself a bust line like the prow of a Chris Craft. Joan Rivers, the wisecracking talk show harpy, gleefully spent hundreds of thousands of dollars over the past few decades fending off Father Time by having herself nipped, tucked, padded, abraded and otherwise surgically shored up. To me, she looks like an X-ray of the Walking Undead but she seems happy with the ersatz apparition she sees in the mirror each morning.

Whatever works, I guess. Juliana Borges, along with her resident silicone hummocks and blobs, will be representing her country at the Miss Universe pageant shortly, and nobody seems to be unduly upset about it.

Call me old-fashioned, but I would have thought a contest dedicated to seeking out feminine pulchritude would have specified that it be natural, not plas-

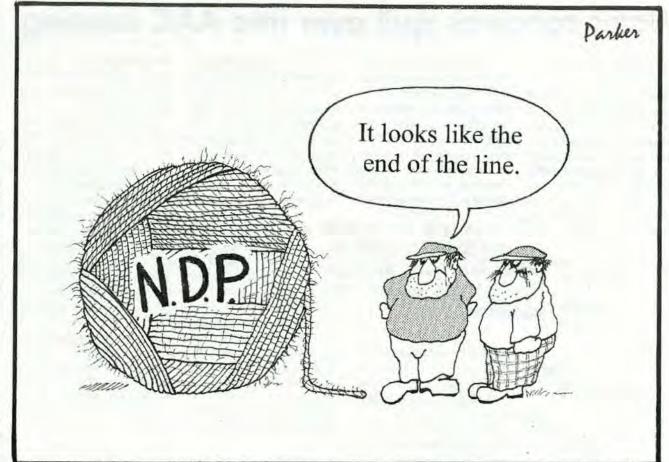
Funny things happen when people resort to selfsculpturing. Michael Jackson used to have a pretty normal looking nose. Now, after umpteen rhinoplasties, he has little more than two blowholes in the middle of his face. And then there's the case of the French performance artist who calls herself Orlan. Mademoiselle Orlan is currently in the final stages of a ten-year work in progress that she calls The Reincarnation of St. Orlan.

What she is doing is-and I wish I was making this up-having a team of plastic surgeons construct the largest nose her face can support while she delivers lectures.

According to a report in The Chronicle of Higher Education, Mlle. Orlan is off to Japan where, next year she will lecture on post-modern philosophical theory while surgeons install the largest honker her face can handle.

Ah, beauty. Voltaire once said: "Ask a toad and he will tell you that beauty is a female with two great round eyes in a tiny head, a large flat mouth, a yellow belly and a brown spotted back."

I dunno. Next to Mlle Orlan, that sounds pretty hot



Everybody seems to have known the results of the coming election long before it was even called. The polls forecast the percentages, the media talk about "when" the Liberals get elected, various people are trying to achieve this or that "before the government changes." I know it sounds naive but I believe in democracy, in elections, in individuals making their own decisions, and I believe that we do not know the outcome of an election until after the ballots are counted.

Our faith in polls is disturbing. Polls involve small numbers of people (800 is high) and usually their percentages are construed from only the decided voters. They are based on statistical probability but how much of it is a self fulfilling prophecy? We are usually told that the poll is accurate 18 or 19 times out of twenty with some low margin of error. I prefer to believe in the inaccuracy, in the error—and in the individual.

But it is not just the polls, people might say, it is the present government. They have blown it: the fast ferry fiasco, Glenn Clark's shady dealings, high taxes and the economy, etc. It is time to show our disap-

proval, it is time for a change. But in showing our disapproval we would be voting against what so many of us seem to believe in. A change could be more than we bargained for. Look east to what is happening with the FTAA where the democratically elected government is limiting the democratic rights of the electorate, even of parliament. Look south to what Bush has already accomplished in the short time that he has been in office. Some people will always vote for a party which is right of centreand make no mistake, Gordon Campbell's Liberals are right of centre (not to be confused with Trudeau and the "just society"). I am not addressing these people. I am addressing everyone else and I am urging them to vote NDP.

For a number of reasons I no longer hold a membership in the NDP party but will continue to vote for them while they remain the party that most clearly reflects concern and supports rights for all individuals within a just society, that puts services, the environment, and a sustainable economy BEFORE the selective rights of those who can afford to pay or where profits take precedent over people, laws of indi-

vidual countries, and the planet. And I will continue to vote for the NDP while they not only reflect these values but remain the only viable party in terms of the possibility of forming a government or an effective opposition.

In the U.S., it had initially been re-

freshing to see the support that Nader and the Green Party received but, ironically, it delivered Bush instead of Gore to the American people. There are many committed people actively engaged in defending human (and non-human) rights, in empowering the powerless, in protecting the environment, in resisting measures which would limit our democratic and civil rights. They are tirelessly politically active but it seems to me that many are disenchanted with party politics (and who can blame them). But it does matter who forms the government. Look to the east. Look to the south. Ujjal Dosanjh's government would be very different from Cordon Campbell's and we cannot afford not to give a new NDP government another chance. The election is still in the future: it is not a done deal.

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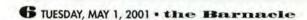
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A nurse responds

I am responding to the article of April 24, "Lady Minto cancels surgeries due to nurses' job action."

While it may be said that it is no longer business as usual at Lady Minto Hospital, nurses are continuing to provide nursing care. The pressure on management may be growing as the job action continues but it is the numerous non-nursing duties that so often take up valuable nursing time that are now keeping management and other excluded staff very busy. Those non-nursing duties may be essential to the operation of a hospital but do not require the skill or education of a nurse to do them. Those duties include such things as clerical duties, housekeeping duties, and equipment-cleaning duties. The cancellation of surgeries and endoscopies relates to the cleaning of the operating rooms and equipment that does not require nursing education or nursing skills. Nurses are more than willing to provide expert nursing care to the clients/patients and continue to do so. It has been a decision made by management to discontinue these services.

It this not a good indication that nurses are undervalued and their skills ineffectively utilized at a time when nurses are in short supply? Nurses are skilled professionals, capable and well educated to assess, treat, support, and advocate for clients/patients. As nurses, we want to put our focus back into nursing. We want to provide quality patient/client care.

British Columbia's nurses are in a dispute with our employer, Health Employers Association of B.C. This employer obviously does not recognize the value of nurses who provide health care to British Columbians. Nurses are not asking for a \$60 an hour wage settlement as was previously quoted in the

Dénouement

I was always in the company of God even when it was a Devil of a job.

-Richard Cruickshanks

newspaper, but rather increases in wages that will attract and retain nurses in B.C. Nurses are no longer willing to subsidize the health care system in B.C. by accepting inadequate remuneration for the knowledge and skills they possess and use in their work, and the miles they drive in personal vehicles to provide care "closer to home."

I urge everyone to review B.C.'s Nursing Shortage: Crisis and Solution, a fact sheet published by the B.C. Nurses Union and available from nurses in your community at your local health unit and at a variety of sites in the community. Also be assured that essential and emergency nursing service will continue during our dispute.

SHARON ARMSTRONG, R.N.

Level playing field

Multinational corporations want to level the international playing field for trade without mentioning that there are two distinct but opposite ways of doing this:

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The playing field can be levelled by insisting that countries without these protections institute them.

The multinational corporations have ben muddying the waters by denying the existence of this second option, intentionally or otherwise. By using the misnomer of "Free Trade" they obscure their intentions of removing possible barriers to profit posed by the protection of people and the environment.

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The 7th Generation Initiative aims to establish indicators to monitor the social, environmental, and economic well-being of people, communities, and ecosystems in Canada. We offer at no cost, a "Discussion Kit" with suggestions for starting a discussion about what we value and how we might measure related circumstances. Feedback from such discussions is a first step toward identifying appropriate indicators. We also have a legislative framework for establishing the indicator set and their regular publication through the office of the Auditor General. The Canada Well-Being Measurement

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MIKE NICKERSON COORDINATOR, 7TH GENERATION INITIATIVE

Sin of Omission

Perhaps it was just another oversight, but the Islands Trust planners did not properly inform the public that AT&T has applied to erect a 13.8 meter cellphone tower on top of Mt.Tuam. The public was invited to speak up on this matter, but has only until May 7, courtesy of the Trust's method of communicating this information to the public via a pitsy bulletin board in an office that is closed for half the day. Almost three weeks have already quietly slipped by.

The proposed tower will support four antennae and a microwave dish. More blinking red lights, more health risks. The structure will be on Transport Canada property, which already hosts towers for PacificCircuit, Telus, and Motorola, as well as hosting an airplane beacon. These have all become established, and fait accompli, unbeknownst to us, thanks to the largesse of Industry Canada.

We are all supposed to be thrilled to pieces that it meets the APC criteria of being in excess of 500 meters from any facility for use of continuous human activity. Big deal.

Imagine throwing a handful of various sized pebbles



A journal as literary as the Barnacle can be found in the most unusual places. Take, for example, Dronninglund, Denmark, population 15,000.

into a swimming pool. The waves from each stone crash together, forming new waves. This is what happens when a mixture of microwave signals is thrown into the same airspace. To quote an expert in this field, "yes indeed, the waves DO mix, and when the different waves marry, so to speak, the hideous honeymoon takes place in peoples' immune systems." One in two people develops cancer

or dismay us any more.

Obviously, the APC did not anticipate the possibility of having a Cellphone Zone, which borders the Ecological Reserve, Rural and Public Recreation area, Uplands & Forest.

As it now stands, there is but one week left to air your views on this subject. Where we go is entirely up to you.

GEOFF AND ENID TURNER

For the record...

and it doesn't seem to shock

•Sincere apologies to the Rotary Club for our notice last week giving the wrong date for the unveiling of the Kneeling Mermaid, in Rotary Marine Park. The sculpture was unveiled Saturday. Volunteers contributed 4,000 hours toward the project. The artwork was designed by Thomas McPhee.

 Singing group Women of Tone was not mentioned in last week's story on Earth Day because of a hyperactive delete button. Writer Helani Davison had written that the group sang in ethereal harmony.



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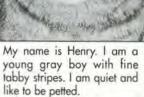


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New technology for SS Aquafarm

by Judy Harper

The Salt Spring Aquafarm (SSA) is one of four aquaculture pilot projects approved in October 2000 to apply and test innovative aquaculture technologies and/or husbandry practices, including closed containment systems, to reduce the number of escapes the industry has been plagued with since its beginning in the late '70s. The site on Myer Road, considered a "flagship" site by its mother company, Marine Harvest of Canada, in Nanaimo, has been under re-construction for several months now, and the secrecy surrounding the operation has been the source of some concern for environmentalists. The aquaculture industry is plagued by historical allegations of disease transfer from farm to wild fish, reports of genetic modification, detrimental effects on other sea life, environmental pollution, and careless use of antibiotics and even toxins.

Rusty Smith, production manager at Salt Spring Aquafarm said, "Genetic modification is not an issue in Canada; the fish farm industry will not go that way." He stated that modern fish farming has suffered from the carelessness of early enterprises, and farms whose standards were not sufficiently high, and that all aquaculture has subsequently been "tarred with the same brush."

There are industry-wide guidelines now in place, instituted and enforced by the BCSFA (BC Salmon Farmer's Association), and the farm will soon be compliant with environmental standards world-wide, according to the ISO (International Standards Organization) code of practice. The sea surrounding the pens is sampled regulary by divers to a depth of 100 metres, and 100 metres in all directions. A new predator net surrounds the farm (installed at a cost of \$65,000), and a bird net will be installed, eliminating the need to shoot predators."

Linda Sams, Senior Aquaculture Biologist at Marine Harvest, who visited the Salt Spring site last Thursday to review modifactions, said, "In my professional opinion,

we are not seeing disease transfer."

The Aquafarm is installing a new closed containment system, an experimental alternative to open-net cages which will reduce predator interaction and subsequent loss of stock, and eliminate the problem of escapees. The site is also experimenting with alternative non-fish based sources of protein such as corn, wheat and canola imported from South America where background levels of PCBs and other toxins are low.

Regarding the use of antibiotics, Sams said, "It's our target to decrease antibiotic use through the practice of good husbandry. Some of our pens have gone straight through without a single treatment, and we always allow 120 days withdrawal before harvest. There are no hormones or pesticides in use at our farms. We (Marine Harvest) chose Salt Spring for our "best farm" experiment specifically because it is easily accessible to environmentalists, is a "transparent" location, open to the public." She explained that the work on the site is being conducted in secrecy because it is cutting edge technology that Marine Harvest is protecting from the prying eyes of competitors.

The other three Green Technology Pilot Projects approved by B.C. Ministries of the Environment and Fisheries are Totem Oysters, located in Jervis Inlet, Heritage Aquaculture and Homalco Band near Campbell River, and Kitasoo-Xiaxias First Nation & Marine Harvest (Nutreco) in Jackson Passage. All four projects were selected from a number of submissions in response to a B.C.

government request for proposals. They represent a total industry investment of \$9.7 million. The Jervis Inlet and Campbell River sites are experimenting with a waste recovery program, which may be implemented on the Aquafarm in the future. The Jervis Inlet site will use only Pacific species, while the Salt Spring site brood stock is Atlantic salmon, the smolts obtained from Heritage Hatchery in Campbell River. The Jackson Passage site is using 100 per cent female stocks to prevent reproduction in the event of escapes.

A report written for the Department of Fisheries by EVS Consultants in August, 2000 said, "Fisheries knows nothing about the broader long-term effects of aquaculture on the marine eco-system. "The reported numbers of escapes vary wildly. In an article written for Common Ground in March 2001, researcher Alexandra Morton wrote, "This summer I contacted about a third of the B.C. commercial fishing fleet. 'Any vessels that have caught Atlantic salmon, would you please come back to Blackfish Sound.' The radio lit up with voices–10,256 Atlantic Salmon had been caught!" A BCSFA report written for Marine Harvest of Canada stated, "More recently, 64,000 Atlantic salmon were reported escaped in 1994 in B.C. The provincial Ministry of Environment, Lands and Parks conducted extensive surveys in more than 30 individual streams on our coast and found only two Atlantic salmon."

Andy Thomson, Program Head of the Atlantic Salmon Watch Program for the Department of Fisheries and Oceans said there were 70,809 escapes in 1994, and no escapes to date this year. In the intervening years, the numbers vary from 18,114 in 1997 to 88,814 in 1998, based on the number of storms and types of containment used. Andy said, "The industry has learned a lot in the past 20 years. As to the purported aggressiveness of Atlantic salmon, this is a misnomer. On the contrary, they have been found to be more docile than their Pacific counterparts. There is no scientific evidence that farm salmon pass disease on the wild fish."

Treaty Talk

Joy and Bob Newall of Nanoose will speak on First Nations treaty negotiations, Friday, May 4 at the United Church at 7:30 p.m. The Newalls have been part of the South Island Regional Advisory Committee (SIR-AC) for the past four years. When treaty negotiations began among Canada, British Columbia, and South Vancouver Island First Nations, communities became involved as participants in order to keep the process as transparent as possible. Treaty talks are always open to the public, with advance notices appearing in local newspapers. Leaders of community interests and businesses were invited to attend separate committee meetings of negotiators for both Canada and British Columbia. Out of this, the South Island Regional Advisory Committee (SIRAC) was formed. It is the SIR-AC's responsibility to monitor "justice" for the people of the First Nations, not only in process, but in language and intent. The Newalls have an interesting story to tell about this process and there will be time for questions.



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seating



The Rotary Club unveiled the newly installed statue, Kneeling Mermaid, at the refurbished Rotary Marine Park on Saturday. Left to right, Tom McPhee, the artist who designed the mermaid, John Neville, Rotary Club president, Bob Lovely, District Gov ernor from Olympia Washington, and Martin Hoogerdyk, incoming Rotary president.

Burn regulations now in effect

A burn permit is required from the Salt Spring Island Fire Department from now until October 15. At the Fire Hall, before you are issued a permit, you will be asked to read the regulations governing open burning and agree to them.

The following materials may not be burned at any time: tires, plastics, drywall, demolition waste, domestic waste, paint, special waste, tar paper, treated lumber, railway ties, manure, rubber, asphalt, asphalt products, fuel

and lubricant containers, and biomedical

waste.

Information on disposing of these kinds of waste is available at the BC Recycling Hot Line at 1-800-667-4321. Daily updates on the venting index are provided at 1-800-663-

If burning is the only viable option, remember to burn efficiently; light a quick-burning, hot fire that produces a minimum amount of smoke. Don't starve the fire of oxygen or burn wet material, and keep a water hose at close hand.

Do the candidates know their ABCs?

The Gulf Islands Board of School Trustees and other members of the educational community plan to ask tough questions at The All Candidates Meeting this Thursday, May 3. May McKen-zie, Board Chair, said, "As members of the Educational community, we want to make sure that whoever is elected MLA is well-versed on the issues . . . we have been systematically lobbying the Ministry of Education for a funding formula that fits our unique situation here in the Gulf Islands. We also have annual strategic planning sessions with all of our education partners to look at the best ways to help all of our children learn and mature to their fullest potential in spite of funding limits."

School Board trustee Judith Boel said, "People involved in education work on these issues on a day-to-day basis. The provincial election is an opportunity to discuss these matters with the wider community. Children are our future. Whether or not you have kids in the school system, I hope to see you at the All Candidates Meeting."

Trustees, provincially, have identified three key issues to raise with candidates:

1. Achievement: School Boards are asking, "How would you improve student achievement in public education?"

2. Building for the future: "How would you ensure adequate, equitable, and predictable funding for public education?" and, "How would you enable school boards to respond to unique local circum-

3. Community involvement: "How would you work with school boards to involve communities in supporting public education and improving student achievement?"

Come to Gulf Islands Secondary School Multi-Purpose Room Thursday, May 3, at 7:30 p.m. to hear what the candidates have to say on this, and other, issues.



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Biologist conducts Salt Spring's first creel survey



Tina Younker

By Georgette Pauker

Julian Sturhahn, head of the Strait of Georgia creel programmes, and Tina Younker, biological observer and creel surveyor from the Pacific Biological Station in Nanaimo, visited Salt Spring Island last week. They wanted to know where sport fishers tend to bring in their catch. Sturhahn decided that Salt Spring Marina was the most popular destination. Younker set up her five-month creel survey at the marina, where

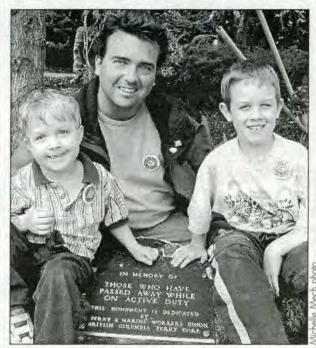
she will be stationed until the first of October, equipped with charts that she will fill out as she interviews each sport fisher who docks a boat there. Participating in the interview is voluntary and no names will be attached to the results.

Younker explained, "Creel surveys have been done since 1980 throughout the Strait of Georgia and beyond, in places like Sechelt, Nanaimo, and Ladysmith. This is the first time it will be done on Salt Spring Island." Creel is derived from krel, meaning, "wicker basket used to keep the catch." Younkers will compile a tally of the catch, tracking each species of fish and how they were caught; trolling, mooching, jigging, trapping, diving, or fly-fishing. All types of shellfish, clams, oysters, mussels, scallops, crab, prawns, shrimp, octopus, and squid will be counted. She will ask if seals were present and if they interfered in any way with the catch. Time and weather will also be correlated into

The cost of conducting creel surveys is funded by the Department of Fisheries and Oceans. The Salt Spring Island creel survey will be done again next year as long as the government continues to provide funding. Younker will correlate her data and submit it to the Pacific Biological Station in Nanaimo where it will be used to, "gain general knowledge, to calculate the population of ground fish or rock fish or salmon in this area, to generate a catch estimate, and to monitor the health of populations and the ecosystem."

Similar studies to the Salt Spring creel survey are conducted along the west coast of Vancouver Island and from Sechelt to Powell River. Younker noted, "creel surveys in the Victoria area where sports fishing is more popular are done daily throughout the entire year."

Younker said she is delighted to have this job on Salt Spring Island, especially since she just completed her degree April 20. She can be found on the wharf or outside the Info Booth at Salt Spring Marina five days a week including weekends.



Mike Davis and his sons Grayson and Jacob at a BC Ferries memorial service for workers at long Harbour ferry terminal last Saturday. The service was organized by BC Ferries workers and management as part of the International Day of Mourning for Workers. When Davis was 13, his father died in a construction accident; he spoke movingly about the loss to his family. An estimated 100 people attended the service. The speakers included union officials, Captain Trafford Taylor, and deckhands Nina Trantor, Shop Steward, and Mike Davies, of the Provincial Safety Committee.

MLA Disclosure Forms now on internet

It is now possible to see the Conflict of Interest Form filed with the government by your local MLA, listing financial holdings and income sources. This information is maintained in the Legislative Clerk's office in Victoria, but until now was not on the internet.

The new website, www.geocities.com/selkirkinfo, provides information shown nowhere else on the internet.

Spring Garden Club sale May 5

Salt Spring Island Garden Club's large membership has many varied activities over the course of the year. One of their major fundraisers is the biannual plant sale.

Members collect and donate plants from their own gardens for the sale. In addition, a number of local nurseries bring a good selection of their stock for sale. These sales are very well attended and sell out quickly.

This year the spring sale is being held on Saturday, May 5, 1 p.m., at the Farmers Institute. The club tries to have boxes on hand for purchases, but experienced shoppers will bring their own and line up early.

Everyone is welcome. For further information, phone Helen Varzeliotis at 537-9305.

NSSWD to buy land

The North Salt Spring Waterworks District has decided to purchase 270 acres of Lake Maxwell's watershed from Texada Land Corporation, Mike Larmour, NSS-WD general manager announced Monday, his last day with the District. NSSWD has made an offer to Texada, but Larmour declined to release the figure. "The offer hasn't been accepted at this point," he said.

Larmour said the NSSWD intends to purchase the property after it is logged. The property is mostly in the secondary watershed, but includes a little bit of primary watershed at the west end of the lake, Larmour said. He said the NSSWD is continuing its fundraising effort to purchase the land. "We're hoping the government will come through in that regard.

"It's a huge step for the District to make a decision to buy the watershed. It'll be a big step toward protection (of the water source)" he added.

Police Report

by Georgette Pauker

The Salt Spring RCMP received several reports of vandalism along Sunset Drive and Mountain Park Road last weekend. Vandals removed several signs and damaged private property including gates, garbage cans, and newspaper boxes. One ruined sign is valued at more than \$1,000 and the total damage is estimated to exceed \$3,000. RCMP reported that some residents heard noises in the night, but did not investigate until the next morning. RCMP Sgt. Paul Darbyshire asked that anyone with knowledge of the incidents contact the RCMP at 537-5555 or Crime Stoppers at (250) 386-8477.

The RCMP issued a number of traffic tickets in the last week. During the weekend, RCMP issued violation tickets to two males, aged 19 and 22, for having open liquor in their vehicles. A 24-year old received a \$575 ticket for driving without insurance. In another incident, an 18-year old was issued a \$115 speeding ticket. A 22-year old male was issued a \$173 ticket for driving without consideration after spinning his tires excessively on three occasions. The RCMP also assisted the provincial vehicle inspector at a roadside inspection, at which a 47 year old male was issued a \$86 ticket for removing the license plates from his commercial vehicle, a \$575 ticket for expired insurance, and another \$58 ticket for failing to produce his driver's license.

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Young brothers Johnny & Jerald hang over Diane Andrews' fence

Salt Spring Island... a veritable melting pot when it comes to our wide and varied population of livestock. Among the favourites is a little known and historically significant breed of horse with an amazing survival story, which flourishes today with the help of some of our Salt Spring neighbours. The breed is the Canadian Horse.

Black or bay, with a long wavy mane, even temperament and regal gait, these beautiful horses have captured the hearts of many. Horse lovers in British Columbia have been part of the new effort to save the Canadian from extinction. The first Canadians were brought to B.C. about 15 years ago and since then, their numbers have grown. At present, there are close to 3,000 Canadian Horses across Canada. More than 20 Canadian Horses reside on Salt Spring Island, and at least six farms are actively involved in breeding and/or training.

Diane Andrews, who trains Canadians here, radiates joy as she talks about her horses. She quit her day job last year to focus on her passion for training and working with horses.

Andrews' background is

tied to these horses. Her grandmother used a four-horse team for farming in Manitoba and Andrews had always been curious to learn what kind of horses they were. After years of riding, training, and learning about horse breeds, Andrews met a delightful horse called Contessa in 1998. Unacquainted with the Canadian

breed, and immediately

drawn to the kind-eyed

horse, Andrews set to work

researching the breed. Using old photos and her new-found knowledge, she identified her grandmother's horses as Canadians. As Andrews discovered the history of this hard-working heritage breed and the link to her past, she felt an even stronger connection with the breed. "Meeting [Contessa] was like stepping back into a magical era where horses were the main mode of transportation," Andrews explained.

The Canadian Horse traces its lineage back over three centuries in Canada to its origins in the royal stables of France. Although renowned for stamina and reproductive prowess, the Canadian Horse has come perilously close to extinction many times.

l am Canadian

Story and photos by Joanne O'Connor

In 1665,
Louis XIV gifted his New France colony with a shipment of horses chosen from among the best in his stables. These sturdy little horses, which came to be known as Canadians, were greatly prized by the colonists for all manner of uses.

Only the fittest horses survived the harsh winters in their new homeland. Records show that the Canadian Horse demonstrated

a mazing stamina
and was capable
of far heavier work
than a horse twice its
weight. The Canadian was
used for clearing land, farming, riding, driving, and racing.

The breed flourished. By 1706, there were 1,875 Canadian Horses in New France, and in 1720 their numbers had risen to 5,275. But the Canadian Horse soon became the victim of politics. The change in the governing culture of Cana-

da, from French to English saw many Habitants move west. Others sold their horses in the United States. The drain on horse stocks caused by the Civil War also succeeded in diminishing the breed. By 1885 these and other cir-

cumstances had forced the Canadian Horse to the brink of extinction.

Fortunately, the Canadian possessed some loyal friends who vowed to preserve it. In 1886, a group of people united to produce the first stud book. Nine years later, the Canadian Horse Breeders Association was formed.

Within the first two decades of the 20th century, government interest was awakened, and breeding programmes and a more detailed stud book were established. This period produced many fine specimens of Canadians. At the onset of WW II, the government breeding farm was closed, and the horses sold. The Quebec Department of Agriculture purchased 15 horses for a research station, and the Canadian Horse was bred towards achieving a larger and more docile animal. Since agricultural methods had moved away from equine power in favour of machines, the horses were trained for riding and driving.

In 1981, the research station shut down, and the remaining 44 horses were auctioned off. During the last three years of the station's existence, training programmes had ceased and the horses were being used for studies in the fields of artificial insemination and nutrition. Once again, the fate of the gentle Canadian Horse lay in the hands of private breeders.

Andrews was the only person in her family who shared her grandmother's love of horses. "I grew up in suburbia. It was terrible," Andrews lamented, "I always wanted to live on a farm." She spent her weekends and summers on a farm in Cordova Bay, riding and attending several shows in her teens. Andrews moved to SSI ten years ago, realizing a life-long dream. "A big part of it was to raise horses and train," she said.

A Canadian Horse will always have a distinctive



Rebecca Smith's Ladybank at three weeks old

name. The name indicates

first the farm of origin, then

the sire and finally the

horse's own name. For ex-

ample: Caribo Maximillian

Gusto. Gusto is of one of An-

drew's horses. The year of

birth is also designated by

the first letter of the horse's

own name. Horses born this

year will have names beginning with the letter L, and next year, M. This alphabetic cycle helps identify the horse's age. Islander Rebecca Smith just welcomed two fillies to her fold. Smith, who keeps several Belgian horses as well, has owned Canadians for almost two years. She too commented on the even temperament of her horses. This benevolent nature is demonstrated by her filly Lochannie, who behaves like a friendly dog. Margaret Byron owns a smaller Canadian mare and

her yearling colt. Standing about 14 hands, the mare is ideal for a smaller rider. Byron, who also raises rare Barbados Black Bellied sheep said, "I like the rare breed aspect." Another owner, Edie Fishlock, remembers how well the Canadian horse performed at the Battle of the Breeds, held in Alberta, nine years ago. She said that while the Thoroughbreds were dancing in their stalls, the Canadians were mellow and unfazed. Fishlock received her Canadian as a birthday present from her husband two years ago. The horse was bought out from Quebec with another horse named Forrest. Her horse was called Gump. Fishlock couldn't quite reconcile herself to the name, so she changed it to Garron, which translates appropriately to: small sturdy horse. Fishlock said, "He's every-

should be."

Several Canadians from
Salt Spring will participate in
the annual Canadian Horse
Show during the Nanaimo
Exhibition in August, as well
as the Fall Fair.

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Gusto with owner Diane Andrews





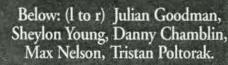


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Seizing every opportunity to get involved in activities that enhance the well-being of her peers, this co-facilitator of the "Nights Alive" youth programme and co-founder of the GISS cheerleader team is loaded

with energy. Megan, who works parttime, con-tributes ideas and donates time organizing dances and fundraisers in her leadership class, counsels peers, and is co-editor of the yearbook.





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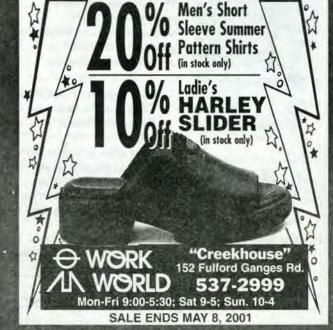
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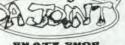
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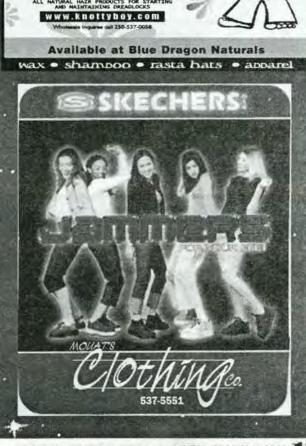
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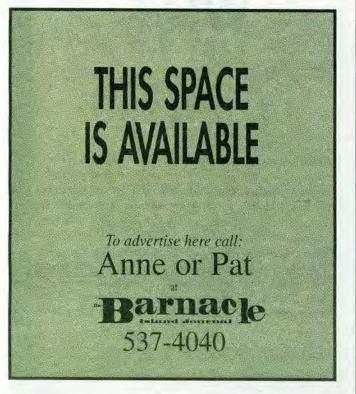
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CASTAWAY

What book, companion and other thing would you want with you if you were stranded on a desert island?



This week's castaway is Pat O'Neill has lived on Salt Spring for 6 years. She came to the island because most of her children were living here. She is 'officially retired' but finds herself busier than ever with community involvement. Pat is president of the Salt Spring NDP club, is involved with the

Community Justice program, volunteers at the legion and is president of the ladies auxiliary there, works on the Community Kitchens program, and cooks once a month at the seniors luncheon. She also recently ran as the NDP Federal candidate.

Book: The Collection of Shakespear. As a child I was in bed for 6 months with rheumatic fever and read the Lamb's version of Shakespear. Through this he became a

Fellow castaway: Kim, my daughter, because she has such an excellent knowledge of how to grow things and she is also a really nice person.

Special Thing: One of the new wind-up radios (Baygen) so that I would still be able to listen to CBC.

OMATION

TUESDAY

Storytime for Little Ones Jean Voaden. Public Library. Tuesdays 10-10:30am

Beate Dentz Luigi's Pizzeria. Ongoing

> Diana Dean Island Savings. Ongoing

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ArtSpring. Ongiong Louise Goodman

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Call 537-1497 for location. Planned Parenthood clinic Core Inn. 4-6pm. 537-8786

Prenatal Class CHR Health Unit. 7-9pm

T.O.P.S. weight loss group Call 537-2358 for location. 7pm

Drop-in Floor Hockey Fulford Hall 6:30-8:30pm

WEDNESDAY MAY 2

Drop-in for Parents and Preschoolers

Coffee, chat, supervised play. Fulford Hall. 10am-12pm Storytime Fables Cottage.

10:30am Kindergym 0-4 yrs. Comm. Gospel Chapel. 9-1 I am

Music and Munch Celebration of Spring. 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

Centering Prayer Contemplative Centre. 8am

Caregivers Support Group Seniors' Centre. Ham Foot & Mouth Disease seni-

mar. Dr. Claus Andress. Farmer's Inst. upstairs. 7pm

Potluck, organic mktg, perm culture design Island Natural Growers. 5:30pm

Surfing for Seniors Corinternet Café, 1-8pm



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Performing Arts

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MONDAY LEGEND MAY 7 Special Event

Parent Support Circle For parents w/chil. 0-12 yrs. Call 653-4411 for location. 9:30-11am

Cats Pajamas Dance Class Lang Road Studio. 7:30pm

Argentinian Tango practice Lions Hall. 7:30-9:30pm

Vipassana Meditation The Barn. 7:30pm

Revolutionary water Free demo & testing. Alfresco's. 7pm

Nia Fitness Classes All Saints. M&W 10:30am

Cats Pajamas Feldenkrais Class Lang Rd. Studio. 6pm **Move Into Fitness**

Easy start. Meaden Hall. 9-10am Yoga class SS Centre. 9-10:30am Drop-in Step/Stretch

All Saints. M-W-F 9-10am Fury for the Sound: The Women at Clayoquot

SS Cable 12.7pm

Tsurphu: Home of the Karmapas SS Cable 12.8pm

Life Model Drawing United Church. 1-3pm

Fun Darts Legion. 6:30pm

TUESDAY MAY 8

Students On Ice GISS Multipurpose. 7pm

North End Toy Library Portlock Park portable. Everyone Tuesday thru June 19. 9:30-10:30am

Storytime for Little Ones Public Library. Tuesdays 10-10:30am

Seniors' Chorfest 2001 Cmty Gospel Church. Workshops 9-4 daily May 8-10, concert GISS May 10.

The Heart Sutra North-end meditation. 7:30-8:30pm. Call 537-1497

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Drop-in Floor Hockey Fulford Hall 6:30-8:30pm Flexible Strength All Saints'. 9-10am

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Centering Prayer Contemplative Centre. 8am

Caregivers Support Group Seniors' Centre. I Iam SS Hours Potluck Meeting

Family Place, Ganges Hill. 6pm Nia Fitness Classes

All Saints. M&W 10:30am **Move Into Fitness**

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Drop-in Step/Stretch All Saints. M-W-F 9-10am

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MAY 3

Family Walk Mouat Park. 10am Storytime Fables Cottage. 10:30am Robin Hood Fulford Elementary. May 3,4.

Sing Along Group Seniors' Bldg. 2pm

Salty Wheels Square Dance Central Hall. 7-9pm.

Soup's On Free soup and sandwich. All Saints'. 11:30am-

Men's Breakfast Meal and discussion. United Church lower hall. 8-9:30am.

SSI Weavers & Spinners Guild ArtSpring. 10:30-noon

SSI Breastfeeding Support Group Family Place. 2pm Survivor: Down Under

Giant screen tv at Talons. 8pm Psychic Development group Bodyworks Collective. 3:30-

Bingo Meaden Hall. 6:30pm

MAY 4

National Scrapbook Week. Workshops May 4-6. 537-4889 Open Garden

Iris and Rhodos. Fri. & Sat. in May

SIRAC. J&B Newall United Church, 7:30pm

Survival in H20 Lions Hall. 7:30pm

Storytime Fables Cottage. 10:30am

Myths & Fairytales For 7-10's. Public Library. 3-4pm

Rughuggers Potluck & support. Family Place. 11:30-1pm

Topic of Cancer The Geezers. May 4&5. ArtSpring.

Robin Hood Fulford El., May 3,4,7pm Open Stage

Rose's Cafe.7pm

Island Rhythm drum Group Beaver Pt Hall. 8pm

Rollerblading to Music Fulford Cmty Hall. 7:30pm

Black light bowling Kings Lane Rec. Ctr. 9pm-midnight

SATURDAY MAY 5

Ist Ann. Party Fables Cottage, 1-3pm SSI Garden Club Plant Salt Farmer's

Institute. Ipm Scrapbook Week. Workshops May 4-6.

Open Garden Iris and Rhodos. Fri. & Sat. in May Actor's Bootcamp

Core Inn. May, 5,6,12. 10-5 Topic of Cancer The Geezers. May 4&5.

ArtSpring. 8pm **Barrington Perry** Alfresco. 6-9:30pm Live Music Harbour

House Lounge. 7-10p Cinco de Mayo Mahon Hall. 9pm-1am

World Develop. Tea All Saints'. 2-4pm Library Book Sale Library. 10am-1pm

Library Book Sale Library. 10am-1pm Texas Scramble Golf Tourney SSI Golf/Ctry Club. Noon

SUNDAY MAY 6

Scrapbook Week. Workshops May 4-6.

SPCA Rabbit Sunday Behind GI Vet Clinic. 2-4pm Actor's Bootcamp

Core Inn. May, 5,6,12,10-5 Mary's Matinee.

ArtSpring. 2-4pm The Other Bros Fulford Inn. 6-9pm **Psychic Sunday** Bodyworks

Collective. 1-5pm Climbing The Wall. 6:30-9:30pm

Following the Wave Workshop in yoga with Monica Voss. May 4,5,6 **Badminton Club** GISS gym. 8-10pm

Newcomers Sunday Morning Walk Meet at buoy in Centennial Park I lam.

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Salty Wheels Square Dance Central Hall. 7-9pm.

Soup's On Free soup and sandwich, All Saints', 11:30-1pm

SSI Weavers & Spinners Guild ArtSpring: 10:30-noon Yoga class SS Centre. 4-5:30p

Nia Fitness Dance All Saints'. 5:15pm **Badminton Club** GISS gym. 8-10pm

Movements of Dance Fulford Hall. Every Thurs. 10-11:15am. Flexible Strength All Saints'. 9-10am

Survivor: Down Under Giant screen tv at Talons. 8pm

Psychic Development group

FRIDAY

Lions Hall. 7:30pm

Open Garden Iris and Rhodos. Fri. & Sat. in May

Storytime Fables. 10:30am Myths & Fairytales

For 7-10's. Public Library. 3-4pm Rughuggers Potluck & support. Family Place. 11:30-1pm

Open Stage Rose's Cafe. Fulford Harbour. 7pm

Salt Spring Singers Spring Classics - Shubert. ArtSpring. 8pm

SS Potters Guild Meeting Judy Weeden talks on photographing pottery. 125 Primrose Lane. 8:30am

Nia Fitness Classes The Barn, 9:30am

Climbing The Wall. 6:30-9:30pm

Move Into Fitness Easy start. Meaden Hall. 9-10am Drop-in Step/Stretch All Saints. M-W-F 9-10am

Black light bowling Kings Lane

SATURDAY **MAY 12**

Open Garden Iris and Rhodos. Fri. & Sat.

Actor's Bootcamp Core Inn. May, 5,6,12. 10-5

Sue Newman & Ramesh Meyers Harbour House Lounge. 9pm-midnight

Barrington Perry Soft Jazz. Alfresco. 6-9:30pm

Salt Spring Singers Spring Classics - Shubert. ArtSpring. 8pm Live Music Harbour House Lounge, 7-10pm

Library Book Sale Library. 10am-1pm Nia Master Class

The Barn. 190 Reynolds. 10am-Noon Yoga class SS Centre. 9:30-1 lam. Free.

Library Book Sale Library. 10am-1pm

SUNDAY **MAY 13**

Mother's Day Breakfast Meaden Hall. 9-11am

Salt Spring Singers Spring Classics-2pm Shubert. ArtSpring. The Other **Brothers** Fulford Inn. 6-9pm Choral

Evensong All Saints. 4pm

Climbing The Wall. 6:30-9:30pm Badminton Club GISS gym. 8-10pm

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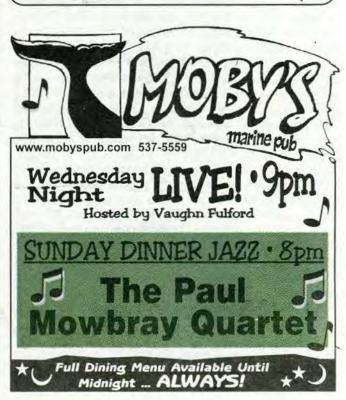
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Croupier



Flick Pick ... with Jason Tudor

Croupier is a small-budget British film that was released in 1998 to glow-

ing reviews but never made more than a token appearance in North American theatres. Why, I don't understand. While it is a sombre film if there ever was one, it has also an interesting and powerful combination of themes that have been popular of late: identity, dualism, and morality. Croupier tells the story of Jack Manfred (Clive Owen). Jack wants to be a novelist, but out of necessity ends up taking a job as a croupier. He's done this job before, and soon enough is again revelling in the atmosphere: dealing cards, being wary of cheaters, and watching punters lose their money. Jack is a complicated man, a contradiction in philosophies. Asked if he believes in astrology, he replies "No. But then, I'm a Gemini, and Geminis don't believe in astrology." On the one hand he wants to be a risk taker/novelist, on the other he just wants to stay on the margins where it's safe, and watch others win and lose. When a mysterious and beautiful women (Alex Kingston) gives him a way to cheat the system, Jack must make a critical decision with sanity-shattering consequences. I've said more about the character of Jack than the actual plot of the film because Croupier is above all a personality study. Jack comments on himself from a narrator's standpoint, sometimes giving us accurate peeks into his eager brain, sometimes ironically unaware of his own faults and misguided intuitions. It gets interesting when Jack starts writing a semi-autobiography about Jake and we're not sure who's who. The narrator corrects Jack/Jake's speech... begging the question of who is telling the story of the croupier.

Rating: 14a Running Time: I hr 34 min



Fisher sings classic themes

by Pat Burkette

A man who can make a Salt Spring audience sing choruses of, "the bonny bonny broom" must have something going for him. Scottish folk singer Archie Fisher did that, and more, in a fine performance at ArtSpring Saturday night.

Fisher welcomed the audience with, "I've come a long way to be here." Dressed simply, in blue jeans and a khaki shirt, colors of earth and sky, he began the set with Eulogy for the Borderlands, a 1900s era song about his home turf of Scotland. But I got more of a feel for the man and the place from some of other songs in the set. Horses loom large in Fisher's legend. A song about Fisher's return home from a rodeo near Toronto with, "Ontario dust on my boots," reminded me of a traditional cowboy song. Another song described Fisher's ride to the neighborhood pub astride Tequila Sunrise, his 24 year old horse. Fisher and Sunny waited out a sudden storm under some trees. When the sky cleared Fisher tried, unsuccessfully, to ride under the rainbow.

Fisher found inspiration in Annie Prouls's The Shipping News. In the book, Prouls wrote, "There are four women in every man's heart." When Fisher wrote and asked if the statement was a true proverb, Proulx replied, "It is now because I wrote it." Fisher sang about the maid in the meadow, the demon lover, the stout-hearted woman, and the tall quiet woman. Fisher noted that in English love songs, there are happy endings, but in Scottish love songs, love is unrequited.

Although Fisher might best be seen in a Scottish pub, his relaxed, intimate performance wasn't hampered by the larger ArtSpring venue. As a true balladeer, he has a way of singing right to you. telling style.

A song written by young songwriter Lorraine Jordon was more in the protest tradition of folk music. Jordon's subject was the Highland clearances, what Fisher described as a "kind of ethnic cleansing in Scotland." When he sang the line, "Blow the winds of free-dom over me," I couldn't help thinking of Bob Dylan's, Blowin' in the Wind, for me a stronger song. Fisher sang a ballad about the Hebrides, and a Basque lullaby with some evocative Spanish style guitar overtones. He encouraged the audience to sing along throughout the second set's songs, including one about the dreaded broom, often mentioned in Scottish songs. Fisher said you should never cut broom. If you dry it and throw it on the fire it sends out hallucinogenic smoke.

To close, Fisher sang The Parting Glass and said, "I'd like to take you all to the borders some day." He already had.

Open mike at Inn

by Judy Harper

The Fulford Inn is announcing the start up of an open stage night beginning Saturday May 5, from 9 p.m. until midnight. Local musician Denny James will be hosting the night, which will run on alternate Saturdays. He said he hopes to draw from the wealth of talented musicians in the south end, but everyone is welcome to step up to the

James said, "It's been a long time 'hummin', but finally Salt Spring musicians have a south end location to sing out. There are so many talented musicians on the island and so few venues to play. I think it's just great that there's another opportunity for entertainers to showcase their talents. And let's not forget the talent yet to be discovered."

If you are interested in performing, call the Fulford Inn at 653-4432 to reserve a time slot. Book early as space is limited.

Salsa Saturday night

Julio Cabrera and Banda is the "Santana of Salsa" Tequila will bring Mahon Hall to life with the Sounds of Salsa this Saturday night, April 28. Cabrera first performed on Salt Spring at the old Off Centre Stage Theatre behind Dagwoods diner in the mid-1980s. Banda Tequila

that Cabrera has created since that time.

The celebration begins at 8:30 p.m. Tickets are \$10, available in advance at et cetera to those 19 years of age and older. The Flying Burritos, will be providing Mexican

Spring at Music and Munch

Members of the Anglican Parish take the stage for tomorrow's Music and Munch programme, with the sound of the pipe organ, lilting English folk songs, and the joy of

Barry Valentine, Alan Robertson, Gale Hingston, and Lottie Devindisch enjoyed working together so much during the Easter festivities at All Saints' that they hope to engage the lunchtime audience in a recital of a more secular nature.

All have appeared before in Music and Munch, as well as various other productions, from the medieval mystery play, The Creation, to the more recent Dance and De-

Adding to the celebration will be pianist Jennifer Howard and Trumpeter Simon Millerd, who have delighted Music and Munch audiences as a duo in previous recitals. Simon is a member of Young Jazz Players and Jennifer is accompanist to Salt Spring Singers.

Music is always free and begins at 12:10 p.m. followed by a delicious munch for \$4.75, at All Saints' May 2.

Mary's legacy...

by Helani Davison

Mary's Matinee will appear at Art-Spring on May 6 at 2 p.m. This is the second annual variety show benefiting the Mary Williamson Scholarship for the Performing Arts and Journalism. The fund-raiser variety show will have something to appeal to everyone with comedy, participation in either field during their song, dance, and a gospel quartet. The show includes a line-up of well-known names such as Arvid Chalmers, Susheela, Shilo Zylbergold, and many others who are volunteering their talents to the cause. There will be special performances by the students of Gulf Islands Secondary School. The goal is to raise funds for a \$1,000 scholarship to be awarded to a grade 12 graduating student from School District 64. The student chosen will be pursuing his or her education in a performing arts or journalism program

anywhere in the world that's recognized by the B.C. Ministry of Education. The scholarship is not necessarily awarded by academic achievement. The student must have clearly demonstrated keen interest, skill, ability, and enthusiasm in the performing arts or journalism through high school years. The choice is not necessarily based on need, but will be a deciding factor if all other aspects are

Mary Williamson, who died last March, was a popular personality and resident of Salt Spring since 1970. She was known and loved for her charm and commitment to the performing arts. A humourist, activist, mother, and friend who submerged herself in the community, Williamson was a woman well-loved and respected for her courage and commitment.



Jude Law, Ed Harris, and Joseph Fiennes star in a saga of two snipers during the Battle of Stalingrad during Second World War. The action is intense and realistic.



Fri., May 4 • 9:15 p.m. Sat., May 5 • 9:15 p.m. Mon., May 7 • 7:00 p.m. Tues., May 8 • 9:15 p.m.

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Celtic Festival a roaring success



Heather Saunders and Georgina Nicoll in back, and in front, Nicole Barrett Jenny Joy and Marissa Vachon, of the Vancouver Island group, The Island Girls, at last weekend's Celtic Festival.

by Mike Price

The Islands Celtic Music Festival, to give it its full title, is a low-key, informal affair. Begun 17 years ago on Hornby Island, it now rotates between that island, Gabriola and, whenever someone feels inspired to organize it, Salt Spring. This year Harry Warner, well-known local musician, farmer, and activist, did the honours, and last weekend Beaver Point Hall resounded to the rhythms of reels, jigs, strathspeys and hornpipes. Musicians from all over B.C. and as far afield as Seattle and Alberta, came to perform; others just came to watch, listen, and learn.

The festival began, as usual, with a song circle on Friday evening, open to all com-ers. On Saturday, workshops on everything from piano accompaniments for Celtic music to how to build your own bagpipes using plastic water pipe and plumbing fittings alternated with open stage performances in the main hall. Railway Avenue, an accordion-and-fiddle band from Courtenay, harpist Taegan, and the local Celtic band Triskele gave lively performances. Informal jam sessions came together in the Fireplace Room and, when the sun came out (which it did, occasionally) outside on the lawn.

The Saturday evening concert was the only part of the proceedings that wasn't free (\$10.00 at the door). Space precludes giving everyone a mention, but accomplished performances from the Hornby Fiddle Ensemble and Seamless (pronounced, in the Gaelic way, Shameless) stood out, as did spirited renditions of tra- the place of its birth. See you there!

ditional and contemporary tunes by Jeremy Walsh (with incredible fiddling from partner Carly) the Brown family, and Gan Ainm (Gaelic for No Name).

Surprise sensation of the weekend, though, were the Island Girls; five young women, average age 13, from Courtenay and Campbell River who played a mix of traditional and original tunes and songs on fiddle, piano, dulcimer, recorder, and guitars. Beautifully blended young voices and creative arrangements—and lively stepdancing from diminutive but energetic Nicole Barret, age 13-deserved and received enthusiastic applause from a sell-out audience (about 100). A little more polish and confidence, and we'll be hearing a lot more from these accomplished young musicians. As MC Harry Warner said, "It's great to see young people coming along to keep the tradition alive."

More workshops and performances were originally scheduled for Sunday but instead, a monumental spontaneous jam session developed, with piano, fiddles, pennywhistles, accordion and guitars filling the Fireplace Room to the doors. Early in the afternoon the festival gradually wound down as participants prepared to return to real life, Monday mornings, mortgages, and paycheques, but with fond memories to sustain them through the coming weeks. "Ah, that was grand, so it was!," said one anonymous participant as he left carrying a fiddle case.

Next year the Festival returns to Hornby,

Vortex show features Gordon Caruso

Friday, Vortex Gallery will present a solo exhibition of new work by Gordon Caruso.

The pieces incorporate collage and mixed media on wood supports in a personal manner of expressionism, which has become Caruso's signature. The skeleton of the supports is in a cross format, allowing the negative surrounding space to read as part of the composition. Over this, torn bits of newspaper, magazine pages, and corrugat-

ed cardboard are applied. In many of the works there is a further application of arbutus twigs and moldings before the actual acrylic painting is begun. The spectator is left with signs of arrows, crosses, heart shapes, and marks. The codes and symbols are more emotionally experienced than intellectually analyzed.

The opening reception is Friday, May 4, 6 to 9 p.m. The artist will be in attendance.

Hobbit enchants at ArtSpring

by Gail Trafford

It must have been a daunting task to adapt The Hobbit for the stage but Phoenix Elementary School brought it to life at Art-Spring Theatre last weekend, to the cheers of an appreciative audience. From the delightful singing and dancing of the Little Hobbits and Elf Dancers to the clear, strong voice of Partice Bowler, who took centre stage as Bilbo, the story and the characters kept the audience smiling.

Kyla McColm slithered and hissed her way into the character of Gollum while Roshann Cornwall stood tall and steadfast in the role of Gandalf. The spiders wove a frightful web that could have been responsible for nasty nightmares. In fact all the characters were entertaining and enchanting.

The costumes ran the gamut from an elaborate and breathtaking dragon to sweet elementary style kittens and hobbits. The set and lighting allowed for frequent and simple scene changes that kept the fantasy alive and

Whether singing, or playing their recorders the troupe captured the spirit of The Hobbit and brought the story to life. Thanks to Myranda O'Bryne and Sue Newman for their musical expertise.

The play was a huge project and as the audience left the theatre many people marveled their appreciation at the size of the task and the level of the performance. As for me, I think it's time to pick up another copy of The Hobbit. It's been a long time and the play awakened many fond memories.

Salt Spring Singers sing classics

by Helani Davison

The 70-member community choir, Salt-Spring Singers, will present Spring Classics, their 26th annual Spring Concert at ArtSpring next week.

Directed by Bruce Smith, head of music at Gulf Islands Secondary School, with accompanist Jennifer Howard, the performance promises an exciting and eclectic repertoire. An unusual balance of male and female vocalists will create a rich sound with a strong bass component.

The first half of the performance will feature works arranged and written by John Rutter, John Blackwood, Michael McGlynn, Oscar Peterson, and Andre Thomas. This will be followed by five Madrigals from Byrd and Palestrina performed by Cantus Early Music Singers from Fulford.

The second half includes The Angelicus Chamber Ensemble, led by Jean Knight, performing a Mozart quartet with soloist David Ashton. This will be followed by the choir's major work, the lyrically stunning Schubert Mass in G Major, accompanied

Performances are May 11 and 12 at 8 p.m. and on Mothers' Day, May 13 at 2 p.m. Tickets are available at the ArtSpring box office at 537-2102. Adult tickets are \$10 and students are \$5

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Hole in the wall for Allison Crowe

by Gail Trafford

Allison Crowe almost literally brought the house down this weekend. Her Saturday night concert at Talons was so popular that not only did she need to book a second concert Sunday night but, in honour of her loyal audience, Talons cut out most of the wall that divided the restaurant into two rooms. As a result every patron in the house was able to see and hear Crowe and her trio.

A young singer on the move, the Nanaimo native began her rise to popularity on Salt Spring Island. Her first Island performance was at the Core Inn Canada Day event when she was 17 years old, and she went on to win the 1998 Island Songbird Talent competition on Vancouver Island. Last fall Crowe opened at ArtSpring for Tara MacLean, and then packed Talons for her own concert. This year, at the grand

old age of 19, Crowe has developed a growing local fan club that just couldn't wait to hear her sing and refused to let her leave the stage without an encore.

Crowe's trio, David Baird on the upright and electric bass, and Kevin Clevette on drums, were impressive musicians who complemented Crowe's keyboarding and strong, passionate voice. The group has a unique and powerful style led by Crowe.

Opening for Crowe was Camille Miller, a singer-songwriter with a clear smooth voice and acoustic guitar. Miller is another young musician on her way to the top. She recently returned from a tour to the Middle East that inspired at least one of the songs she shared. Her performance featured some of her original works including I Love You and She Knows, the cover song of her soon-to-be-released second CD.

Salt Spring, according to event co-ordinator Adrian du Plessis, is a music-loving community that supports its artists. What a great start for these young performers.

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Thanks to volunteers – Left to right, Christina Anderson, Karen Hildred, Ragnhild Flakstad, Gwen McClung, Bob McClung, Bob Appleton, Angela Anderson and Elizabeth Anderson, were among some 50 volunteers and staff at the Community Services Society (CSS) annual volunteer appreciation lunch at the Harbour House last week. CSS has close to 80 volunteers helping with programmes like the climbing wall, the food bank, Christmas hampers, Santa's Workshop, Family Place and victim's assistance, said CSS administrator Anne Williams. "None of these programmes would happen without volunteers," she said.

Wellness Fair opportunities

by Dayle Gaetz

Remember that New Year's Resolution? Weren't you planning to exercise more, eat right, take better care of yourself? Well now, check out the calendar—exactly four months have gone by. How's it going so far?

If you are even now clinging to the smallest shred of hope that you might still follow through on your promises before 2002, then mark Saturday, May 5 on your calendar while you have it handy. That's the day of the Wellness Fair at Gulf Islands Secondary School.

Organizer and geriatric nurse, Vicki Tyner, sees the fair as "a community event, promoting health." It is an opportunity for practitioners and entrepreneurs involved in every aspect of health care to show what they're about. Tyner says participants run the gamut "from psychic to optometrist" but admits she doesn't know exactly what every one of them has to offer. She can hardly wait to find out, though. Tyner has been on the Island only since last fall, but being involved in the Wellness Fair, she has met "so many interesting people, people who really believe in what they're doing."

Several Wellness Fairs have taken place over recent years and, at last count, 53 exhibitors were signed up for this one. Tyner expects more will trickle in over the next few days. Each will have an eight-by-six-foot spot, and most will use a table to exhibit their wares. Tyner, along with husband Bill, will bring rocking chairs instead, in keeping with their private retirement home, Eden Lodge.

In addition to experts in nutrition, fitness, and dance there will be representatives from Alzeimers and Cancer Support groups. Aroma Crystal Therapy and Essential Oils will be seen alongside Salt Spring Medical Supplies and Pharmasave. In short, whether it's traditional western medicine or alternative practices you're looking for, the Wellness Fair is a perfect place to discover exactly what's available.

Doors open at 10 a.m.and close at 4 p.m. with demonstrations every half hour from 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.. Admission is free, nothing is for sale, and no money will change hands. However, the Dry Grad Committee will be cooking up some healthy food in the cafeteria in hope of raising money for their upcoming grad party.

Tyner points out that, with the Garden Show happening the same day just down the road, folks can take in both events.

Sailing Club takes new tack

by Joanne O'Connor

Juniors in the Salt Spring Sailing Club are gearing up to participate in regattas for the first time this year. With the help of Fleet Captain Dingy, Martin Hoogerdyk, the Junior Programme is enjoying a renewed focus.

Taking part in regattas will "give the kids a new experience," Hoogerdyk explained. Junior sailors will be billeted to host club families, thereby reducing the cost of travelling off-Island and enabling the SSI crew to make new friends as well.

The first Regatta is scheduled in Victoria, but the Juniors may travel as far as Comox.

Hoogerdyk explained that the volunteers are crucial to the Junior Program. Every year the Club hosts the Summer Sailing School. There are four, two-week courses open to all members of the community.

Volunteer supervisors monitor young sailors in Ganges Harbour.

The Junior Program enjoys self sufficient funding apart from the SSI Sailing Club. The Programme received a grant from the Federal Government last year which helped furnish a new safety boat and maintain the fleet of Lasers and Laser IIs.

This year Andrea Bartell, from SSI, will be a new instructor . Hoogerdyk said that instructors usually come from Victoria because many juniors leave SSI before certified. The ultimate goal is to have instructors for all programs from SSI.

Junior members, aged 13 to 18, learn etiquette and knot tying as well as valuable sailing skills. The SSI Sailing Club plans to host its own regatta next year. "We're very excited about it," said Hoogerdyk.

Growers' hold first potluck

Here's the schedule for the first of a summer series of garden tours and potluck suppers planned by the Island Natural Growers, the first of which is planned for Wednesday, May 2.

At 5:30 p.m., park on the road at the entrance to the Scott home at 118 Andrews, off Dimitri. Jim Proctor will give an introduction to permaculture design for this newly acquired property. Bring your shovel and implements and help start a new garden.

At 7 p.m. supper will be served.

At 8 p.m. Nairn Howe, a Salt Spring resident, will talk about her farm in Alberta, where she raises 2,500 head of cattle and is approaching organic status. She is a vigorous advocate for organic methods. She will also talk about the Growing Global conference in Edmonton, where the focus was on marketing organics, and soil improvements, with a section on beef, and another on herbs.

Anyone who is interested in hosting one of these events is welcome to phone Harry Burton, or reach him by email at burtonh@saltspring.com.





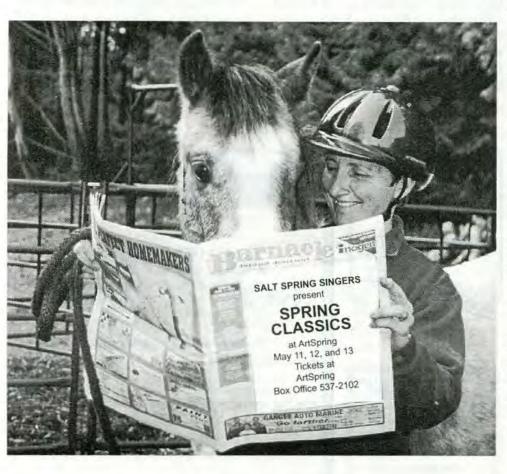
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The glorious gum tree



Life in the garden ... May, or June so the plant will have time to get settled in before winter. Gum trees can be kept pruned

plant a eucalyptus tree.

For those of you who are unfamiliar with this species, also called the gum tree, here is the information you need to grow one in

your own garden.

There are hundreds of species of eucalyptus, and in some areas of southern California certain varieties, such as blue gums, have naturalized. Here on the southwest coast of B.C. any eucalyptus tree that is grown to maturity is classed as a prized ornamental, without a doubt. There are some very large old specimens right here on Salt Spring, and they are beauties to brag about. They will not naturalize in our growing zone, but they will grow fast. Eucalyptus is a great species for Salt Spring and the other southern Gulf Islands, because they are so drought tolerant. At least, the species that we grow here

Over the past decade I've grown hundreds of eucalyptus from seed, and today these trees are quite large specimens. I now can collect seed from my own specimens. The hardiest eucalyptus species for our area are natives of very high elevations in Australia or Tasmania, and many have proved themselves in our worst winters.

The best time to plant a gum tree is April,

trees can be kept pruned back severely, providing

This is the season to the pruning is carried out in the spring. When purchasing a Eucalyptus, big is not better, and my advice is to choose smaller trees of one-gallon size, and under. They seem to establish a root system better than larger, root-bound specimens. The fastest growth I've seen on our coast is over two metres a year in height. These trees are highly ornamental, and their grey leaves and peeling bark add to their beauty. These hardy ones we grow here flower as well, but the flowers are small and white. They love to be planted in well-drained soil and full sun.

> Here are some to look for it you are searching for one of the hardy types.

E. gunni, E. perriniana, E. pauciflora, E.

archeri, and E. neglecta.

These species are tough cookies, but not all I have listed are that common in the local nursery trade. Some may have to be grown from seed. The species with asterisks are more commonly found in garden centres. There is a very nice grove of them growing at Foxglove. There are several species of eucalyptus growing at Grace Point and a couple of them at Centennial Park in Ganges, as well. Always remember, though, when our worst winters do occur, even the hardiest of these trees are put to the test in



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Aquatic insects focus of first lecture by noted entomologist

by Judy Harper

A bug may be an insect, but not all insects are bugs says John Flannagan, a retired entomologist who has spent his working life researching insects of all

He says the reference to all species of insects as bugs is a North American peculiarity, not used in Europe. Flannagan's career in entomology began at the University of Glasgow in Scotland, then continued in Manitoba, where he spent 30 years at the Department of Fisheries and Oceans at the Freshwater Institute in Winnipeg, the centre for freshwater research in Canada. At the same time, he was adjunct Professor of Entomology at the University of Manitoba.

You might say he knows his insects, aquatic or terrestrial, bug or otherwise. His area of specialization is the mayfly. It turns out that pesky minute creature has some fascinating stories to tell. Did you know that in some species the male has a lifespan of 36 hours while females live for only minutes-just long enough to create new little mayflies? Or that the bodies of dead mayflies can pile up to six feet deep on the beaches of Lake Winnipeg?

Flannagan's expertise in entomology has brought him to the attention of educators and the Canadian Federation of University Women. Several times a

year he finds himself lecturing various age groups at the local schools or heading up a group of young people as they explore local ponds

and streams.

This year, The Salt Spring Island Conservancy Educational Committee requested he conduct lectures and a field trip as part of its summer informational programme schedule. The first lecture, Survival In Water, will cover the life of aquatic insects, comparing their needs with those of terrestrial insects in terms of food, transport, and adaptations to their environ-

Because some insects need high levels of oxygen in the water to survive, the presence or absence of certain species is an accurate indicator of pollution levels.

The second lecture will evolve from the first, according to the group's interest, but will further compare the environmental adaptations of the land versus later species. Following that, and armed with their "key" the participants will take a field trip to explore their newly acquired knowledge of entomology.

Andrea Rankin, spokesperson for the SSI Conservancy Educational Committee says that Flannagan's lectures will kick off this year's summer programme, which will deal mainly with issues surrounding water, conservation measures, alternate methods of collection, pollution controls and other areas of concern to the public.

Flannagan's first lecture is Friday, May 4 at 7:30 p.m. at the Lions Hall, the second will be on Friday, May 11, same time, same place. Admission for Conservancy members is \$6 each lecture, or \$10 for both. For nonmembers, the cost is \$7 per lecture or \$12 for two. You must have attended at least one lecture to participate in the free field trip on Saturday May 12.



April Steel and Anna Haltrecht paint a door at Mahon Hall, as part of a community spruce up effort on Sunday, organized by the Gulf Islands Community Arts Council. The effort was sponsored by the B.C. Arts Council as part of Arts and Culture week

World Development fundraising tea

by Gail Trafford

World Development Tea volunteers will follow an Island tradition on Saturday, May 5 with a fund raising tea at All Saints-by-the-Sea. Between 2 and 4 p.m., the public is invited to come and enjoy a cup of tea, home baking, and a chance to find some particularly lovely gifts and plants. Ad-

mission is by donation.

The World Development Tea had modest beginnings over 30 years ago in the homes of Anglican churchwomen who wanted to raise money for church projects in developing countries. Over the years, the tea grew to include women from other congregations. Now women from the local Anglican, United, and Roman Catholic churches sponsor the event. Girl Guides volunteer their time to pour tea and clear the tables. The event has become so popular it now fills the auditorium of All Saints' bythe-Sea but the group is not exclusive; more volunteers are welcome.

Carol Williams, the president of the World Development Committee, has been participating in the tea for eight years. She is amazed at the working model of the group. Women from different churches who don't necessarily even know one another meet for one hour, a month before the tea, and

then go on to fulfill their obligations. They don't meet again until the day of the sale. Everyone knows what to do and the tea works wonderfully.

During the year the women save treasures, gifts that are lovely but impractical for them or that do not suit their particular taste. Some Islanders create hand made gifts throughout the year with the tea in mind. The most valuable items are reserved for a silent auction. A wide selection of plants from Thrifty Foods, Ganges Village Market, Foxglove Farm and Garden, and other donors will be on sale at reasonable

The tea commonly nets close to \$3,000 but not until after the tea do the women know which charities will be the recipients. Applications are welcome for

The projects funded must be self-sustaining and work to improve health, living conditions, or education in a developing community. A preference is given to small grassroots projects that might not be funded by larger groups. Interviews will be conducted and letters of request will be reviewed on June 3, at 3 p.m. at Ganges United Church. For more information contact Carol Williams at the United Church 537-5812.

Seniors encourage younger members to join group

by Frank Sullivan

The Salt Spring Seniors Services Society is taking the first vigorous step into a new year with an invitation to younger Islanders to share fun and assistance with its more than 500 members.

Actual planning for the coming year will begin after the new board and council convene in May, said Bev Cartwright, returned by acclamation as president during the annual meeting on April 25.

Other officers, also returned unopposed, include Vice-President Jim Spencer, Treasurer Bryan Dawson, Secretary Betty Poole, and Members-at-Large Edna Gatt, Norma Benay, and Shirley Bunyan.

"If we lose a member, it's through death. All our volunteers are seniors, and last year we had 31 members die.

Younger members are needed to bolster the work of some 200 volunteers, said Cartwright in an interview after the meeting.

"A lot of our members are in their 80s, and we need younger people to carry on the programmes."

The call for younger members was made also by former president Dan Davies in his call for nominations.

Among the programmes and services are:

- · a drop-in centre with library and resource room providing information on virtually any topic of interest to seniors
- peer support, including visits to shut-ins, referrals

for grief counselling, medical help, and finding trades- people

- drivers who take members to medical appointments and shopping
- · helpers for income tax preparation
- Thursday luncheon (so popular it has a waiting list)
- · games, such as chess and mah-jong
- art classes and instruction in computer operation
- speakers on a variety of subjects.

In her president's report Cartwright acknowledged Bob Appleton, librarian and Keeper of our Memory Book, who received the Valued Elder Award in 2000 from the Centre on Aging at the University of Victoria.

Treasurer Dawson presented his financial report showing total assets of \$341,563 after expenses.

The society's largest expenditure, \$18,300, was for the Wellness Programme under co-ordinator Sharon Glover.

Among other expenses, ground rental for the society building accounted for \$3,000, the drivers programme \$3,919, maintenance and utilities \$6,270.

The society is self-supporting through donations and through the fund-raising efforts of Betty Poole.

Comedian George Burns, who lived past his 100th birthday, once said: "You can't help getting older, but you don't have to be old." The members of Salt Spring Seniors Services Society are vibrant proof.

Choices Programme golfs for summer camp

The Choices Day Programme for developmentally challenged adults hopes to take their clients to camp for one week this summer. The camp has 15 staff members providing round-the-clock care and activity supervision for 16 campers at George Pringle Memorial Camp, on Shawni-

In the past few years, Choices has struggled to make this camp happen, since their budgets do not allocate funds for camp purposes. As part of their fundraising efforts they are . 1 holding their fourth annual golf tournament, the Nine Hole Texas Scramble, on Saturday, May 5, at the Salt Spring Golf and Country Club. Tee off is at 12 noon.

Choices is asking for support in the form of donations of items or gift certificates suitable as prizes for the tournament or for a Mother's Day basket they will raffle off on

To register, sign up by May 2 at the Golf Pro Shop or visit Choices Monday to Friday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. For information, call Choices at 537-1115.









THE LATEST ...

The Nights Alive program successfully hosted an action movie night at GISS on April 19th. Many thanks go out to Mr. Astil for his time, energy, and the use of his projection equipment. Also thanks to the evening janitorial staff for their cooperation and assistance. If you haven't heard already, BC Youth Week is from May 5-11. This week is dedicated to all youth: a celebration of their contributions in our community. To kick off Youth Week a vintage police car will be at GISS on May 3rd for viewing. Any students interested in learning car restoration can contact Jessica for details. This project is made possible through the generosity of an anonymous car donor and the RCMP. Friday, May 4th is our next three on three-basketball tournament. It only costs a loonie to sign up and the event is also open to SIMS students. Our next KGB is on Friday, may 18th. Watch for sign-up sheets and

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So, how much does one need? A minimum of five servings a day. A serving is equivalent to one cup of fresh, frozen or canned vegetables or fruit, of one medium sized vegetable or fruit, of one cup of salad, or one-half cup juice.

And is raw better than cooked? Not necessarily. Many phytochemicals are heat stable and are not significantly lost by cooking. In fact, the availability and levels of some of the phytochemicals may actually be increased during cooking. For example, the level of injoles (an anticarcinogen) in broccoli is higher in the cooked form than in the raw form. Lycopenes in tomatoes are more available to the body when the tomato is cooked in a small amount of fat. On the other hand, the best way to eat garlic is raw, since garlic's delicate active ingredients can be destroyed by drying, aging, deodorizing, and cooking.

And no, there is not a pill or powder that can truly replace consumption of the real thing. The safety and efficacy of consuming supplements containing concentrated extracts of fruits and vegetables is unknown. Ditto for supplements containing a few key phytochemicals. Plant foods contain hundreds of phytochemicals, many of which act together to exert health benefits. At this point, consuming the whole food is the only reliable way to go.

Farmers Institute addresses foot and mouth disease

The Farmers Institute and the Sheepbreeder's Committee are responding to the questions raised over the recent outbreaks of Foot and Mouth Disease in Europe by cohosting a seminar on the disease. Tourist season is beginning; local farmers will want to be aware of situations that could put their animals at risk and what precautions they should take.

Well-known local veterinarian, Dr. Clause Andress, will be the guest speaker. Dr. Andress has traveled extensively in the U.K. and Europe and has first hand knowledge of the current situation. Dr. Andress is a specialist in infectious diseases and is well-qualified to discuss all aspects of Food and Mouth Disease, both factual and perceived.

The meeting will be held Wednesday, May 2, at 7 p.m. in the Farmers Institute upstairs meeting room. The Institute urges all farmers to attend this timely seminar. Non-members are welcome. The event is free to members, with a modest \$2 charge to non-members.

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110 • DEATHS

SLINGSBY, DAVID L. 1916-2001. A long time member of Royal Canadian Legion (Branch 92) Pacific Command. David passed away peacefully at home early on April 24th. He is survived by his devoted wife, Gladys, and his four children: Terry of Cranbrook, Gail of Port Coquitlam, Patrick (Marlien) of Nanaimo and Linda (Rob) of Sooke, 7 grandchildren and 4 great grandchil-dren. No service by request. In lieu of flowers donations to the Cancer Society would be greatly appreciated. 1801

WIEBE, JOHN JOHN born April 22, 1925 passed away suddenly of congestive heart failure on April 24, 2001 at Salt Spring Island, British Spring Island, British Columbia. He is survived by his loving wife Helen; his son John Richard Wiebe (Angela) his stepchildren John Stanley Birmingham (Dorothy); Patircia Harry Campbell (John); Steven Birmingham (Lilian); eight grandchildren Ben, Elizabeth, Cheryl, Richard, Ian, Cameron, Tiana and Kiri; sis-ters Sue Nichel, Hilda Driedger, and Tina Wiebe; brothers Henry, Neil, Abram, Hilda Wiebe; Paul, and Dan; and many other relatives and friends. Predeceased by his sister Anne Wiebe. John emigrated from the Ukraine to Canada at the age of four and moved at age eleven to Agazzi, BC where his family ran a farm. At age 24 John moved to Northern British Columbia to work as a surveyor of the Alaskan Hwy. Later he opened Wiebe's Wilderness Lodge at Muncho Lake, BC, where he met and married Helen. Later, having lived in St. Augustine, Florida and North Carolina, John and Helen moved to Salt Spring Island in 1987. They opened SS Island Gems and Art where John received a great deal of pleasure from his work and made new and wonderful friends. John touched the hearts and lives of many of his friends and customers. A memorial service will be held 2pm, Saturday, May 5, 2001 at Central Hall. In lieu of flowers donations may be made in John's memory to Lady Minto Hospital. "I saw you in my dreams last night; You appeared to me saying every-thing was alright; I took your hand and began to cry; And made up excuses about not saying goodbye; You said Dear, don't waste your on me. This is the way that it has to be. I'm up in Heaven with the Lord above, and each day I send to you my love."
John will be sadly missed. 1801

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SSI CONSERVANCY presents "Waterworld" with entomologist John Flannigan, May 4-Survival in H2O; May 11-Aquatic Insects. Both 7:30 Lions Hall. May 12 Field trip for participants. 2 sessions \$10.00 members of SS Conservacy \$12.00 non-members. Call 653-9292 for info.

ANNUAL General Meeting of the Bessie Dane Foundation will be held at 7:30 p.m., Wednesday, May 9, 2001 in the meeting room at SS Seniors for Seniors.

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TEACHER ON ICE: Bo curtis, a science teacher from GISS will be speaking to interested students, parents, and other members of the community about his exciting trip to the Antarctica he took last December with "Students on Ice" Tuesday May 8th 7 pm GISS Multipurpose area. 1801

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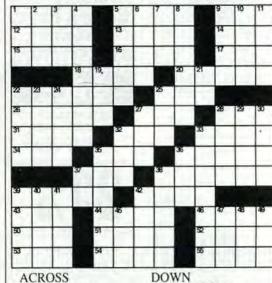
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1 Sailing vessel 5 Gripe

9 Prov. of 22 Across, abbr.

12 Sensors?

13 Crucifix inscription 14 Scottish river

15 Invitation to scratch 16 Christmas

17 Metal source 18 Imperial weight

measure 20 Premier of 50 Across 22 Premier of 9 Across

25 Cousin, for short 26 Ordinary

27 Prov. of 8 Down

28 Humbug 31 ____ Astor

32 Gratuity

33 Uncommon 34 Imitate

35 Office necessity 36 Premier of 46

Across 37 Bigwig, for short 38 Bedouin transports 39 Premier of 44 Across

42 Arm bone 43 Consume 44 Domain of 39

Across, abbr. 46 Domain of 36

Across, abbr. 50 Prov. of 20 Across

51 Lascivious look 52 Popular cookie

53 Small integer 54 Prov. of 33 Down 55 Vin, in Victoria

Prov. of 5 Down Tell on

3 Tolkien monster 4 Place to butt out? 5 Premier of 1 Down

6 Tummy settling salt 7 Before (poetic) 8 Premier of 27 Across

9 Aroma 10 Filippo ____ 11 Adolescent , Saint

19 Hydrocarbon 21 Wizard's domain

22 A kind of hoop 23 Soonest, for short

24 Uncouth 25 Limit 27 Shuffle

28 Movie title

29 Plant part 30 Egg providers

32 Draw upon 33 Premier of 54 Across

35 Some exams 36 Soak up sun

37 Roman 6 38 Premier of British

Columbia, once 39 Vegas action

40 A kind of tennis

41 Cigar or flannel fol-

lower 42 Plains Indians 45 Greensward

47 Day of the week, abbr.

48 Cohen, to some 49 Ms Deer

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150 • MEETINGS

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HOROSCOPES

For the week, by Michael O'Connor Ph: 1-877-352-2936

Tip of the week:

Jupiter and Pluto are forming their third and final opposition (180 degrees) with one another this week. With Jupiter in Gemini and Pluto in Sagittarius, the balancing act required is linked to priorities. Short term desires verses long term needs is the basic theme Each end of the spectrum has their place. This will result in a lot of contemplation and dis-cussion. With the pace of change moving so quickly, it could prove difficult to make good choices. This is one of those times where we all do well to think and feel things out carefully. A pushy and impatient attitude will prove costly in the course of time. A complete sharing of insights and opinions is ideal now. Sometimes it is best to act spontaneously, but this is not one of those times. Creative solutions can be achieved when all parties

are sincerely committed. Aries (Mar 21 - Apr 20)

The process of building a new foundation in your life continues. With so many options to choose from you are challenged to prioritize. A part of you is ready to plunge into the unknown and you feel that others should act boldly as well. Yet, elements of doubt are causing you to hesitate. What you think vies with what you feel. This is a good to make a flexible plan. A lot of communications will keep you busy. Investigate your options before you commit.

Taurus (Apr 21 - May 20)

The concept of emotional intelligence has gained popularity in the past few years and is an ideal focus for you now. Instinct and intuition have been delegated to the sidelines while reason and logic predominate thus the global ecological crisis. The balance is the eternal challenge. The question is which way do you lean more, to logic or instinct? Feelings can be disruptive, yet ignoring them can be disastrous. Summon the wisdom and courage to be honest.

Gemini (May 21 - Jun 20)

Waves of increased responsibility and maturity are washing in now. At best this is making you feel stronger and more decisive. At worst, you feel depressed and weighted by unforeseen challenges and responsibilities. Relationship harmony is a core theme. This implies the discipline required for cultivating talents. Activities with friends new and old will attention. certain respects you want it all and friends reminding you

about what is fair.

Cancer (June 21 - Jul 21) Concerted efforts to create a greater degree of balance in your life continue. This requires investing your time and energy intelligently. It also implies becoming free of limiting beliefs and values. This is a subtle and tricky process. Yet, recognition is the first step. Honest self-reflection is the call. Consider that everything you learned to be truth is actually very much opinion. We don't so much live in the world as we live in our mind. Learn to change your mind-set.

Leo (Jul 22 - Aug 22)

Flexing your leadership muscles is gaining some attention now. While you are determined to make some key decisions and actions, you remain open to spontaneity. In some respects you are eager to new horizons. Yet, when Mars turns retrograde next week you may begin to feel a little less assertive. Certain relationship patterns must die, but not nec essarily therelationship itself. More, variety, excitement and passion is the simple

call. Negotiate! Virgo (Aug 22 - Sep 23)

The search for self continues. You yearn to express yourself in a more authentic and practical manner. To this end you are searching within and without, high and low for insight and guidance. Remember that regardless of the knowledge you gain, you still have to take action. While mind power ismagic, activation is the key. Start by flirting with the possi-bilities. Resist the temptation to enter into things too quickly now. Allow time for people and situations to reveal themselves gradually

Libra (Sep 23 - Oct 21)

A sharing of resources, talents and minds is in focus now. In certain respects you feel pushy about your views. Consider that there is always another way. While you are eager to forge ahead, new information coming soon will change your attitude. Allow the time to gather more informationbefore your proceed with important decisions. Do state your views as fully as you deem necessary. Your willingness to listen and experiment with approaches now is ideal.

Scorpio (Oct 22 - Nov 20)

The process of negotiating for a bigger and better deal continues. While dealing with others is likely also assess the degree

and impact of inherited limiting beliefs and self-concepts. The world in changing and things are no longer as they were. Opportunities abound. Of course, to benefit from the system you have to plug into it. Be willing to give to the process with your heart and mind. This implies your concern that everyone benefits from the

Sagittarius (Nov 21 - Dec 20)

Many old perceptions and attitudes have been slowly but surely dissolving over the past couple of years. While this process continues, arechallenged to learn and implement some new angles of approach. The desire for justice and equality are priorities Consider that whatever is happening in your world right now, logic aside, you are at cause. This might taste like a bitter pill, but if swallowed will change your life for he better forever.

Capricorn (DEC 21 - Jan 19)

The time has come to make some key investments into the quality of your lifestyle. This may well include education. Since you are the artist, investigate a variety of options and create a synthesis all your own. The search for these options will continue for a few months so take your time. A constructively critical approach is probably required to help you to decipher where changes are needed most. Let effectiveness be the measure of truth.

Aquarius (Jan 20 - Feb 19)

Along with the birds, you are in the mood to secure your nest. Yet, you are determined to do materials approaches that will stand the test of time. From experience you have a clearer idea of what does not work. Be grateful for that so that your good attitude guides you to people and experiences more suited to who you are and where you are at now. Your willingness to explore new perspectives is key. Stay alert to the same old in a modified package.

Pisces (Feb 19 - Mar 20)

A time of movement and change is upon you. The desire for a more complete appraisal and grasp of latent gifts is growing stronger. It is likely that you are off to a favorable start. This trend will continue through next year yet take action now. Start by clearly outlining your key objectives. Believe in the power of recording and so objectifying your intentions. The world awaits a fuller display of your creative genius. Keep your fans happy. CALL MICHAEL O'CONNOR: ASTROLOGICAL CONSULTATIONS - IN PERSON OR BY PHONE CATES CALL1-250-352-2936

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CONGRATULATIONS!

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on Salt Spring. WELL DONE VIV!

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170 • NOTICES - BUSINESS

PUBLIC NOTICE

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190 • THANKS

THE SLINGSBY family wish to extend their sincere thanks and gratitude to all those in the home-support network and the medical profession who cared for and attended to David. A special thanks to Mary for all her care and assistance and to Nick and Diane and neighbours who were always there when needed.

190 • THANKS

THANK YOU to all our friends and acquaintances for their kind concern following Aran's recent accident, Special recent accident, Special thanks to Dr. Woodley, 1st Responders, EMS and our coworkers for their care and gen-erosity and to Aran's friends for their continuing support. Pat, Mike & Aran Antonik.



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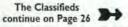
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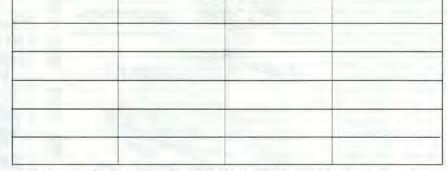
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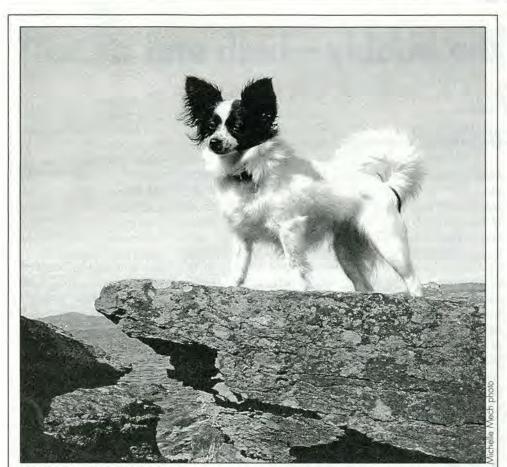
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Hart Memorial Disk Golf

On Saturday May 12 2001, the S.S.I. Disc Golf Association (SSIDGA), together with Parks and Recreation is hosting its "Third Annual Hart Memorial Disc Golf Tournament," in Mouat Park. Disc Golf is relatively new to Salt Spring (October '98), however it has definitely caught the attention of young and old alike.

There are several categories: Novice (no experience / under 1 year of play / all ages), Masters (40+), Women (all ages), Amateur (over 1 year of play / par score) Advanced (over 1 year of play / under par score) and Open (prodivision). Registration begins at 9:30 am and Start Time is at 10:30 sharp.

An Awards ceremony will be held afterwards (around 5:00 pm). It is our goal to get the community of Salt Spring involved in this all-ages event / tournament.

The course is dedicated to the late Paul Hart, an important member of the Island's artistic community. Josh and Jeremiah Hart, his sons, designed the disc golf course. We are expecting over 70 players to participate, so start practicing! We look forward to seeing you at the course on Saturday, May 12.

Interested in playing, volunteering, helping at our workbees or supporting this event? Please contact Dean Crouse at 537-1009.

SIMS cross country season ends with Island Champion

The Salt Spring Island Middle School (SIMS) cross country team was small, but powerful. At the Island Championships in Comox, Sarah Proctor competed up one grade level in the grade 8 division, placing first and winning the Island Championship in that age category. Britta Rustad missed third place by a fraction of a second and placed fourth in the grade 8 girls divi-

At the Mid Island Meet, Britta Rustad won the grade 8 girls division, Sarah Proctor won the seventh in the midget grade 7 division and boys.

Jimmy Dawson placed

Local athletes win triathlon

Salt Spring residents Bruce Grey and John Nilssen won a triathlon on Galiano Island last Sunday. Grey, owner of Salt Spring Kayaking, ran the five-kilometre run, and paddled the three-kilometre kayak portion of the race. Nilssen, a member of the Salt Spring Coast Guard, cycled the 20 kilometre bike section.

The open triathlon had no age classes. About 70 athletes from the mainland, Gulf Islands, and Vancouver Island participated.

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Ross Bright, Christopher Howe, Kelsey West, Jordan Lee, Brad Cronin (in back), Emma Shedlock, and Kate Hosie were among 35 performers, students of nine Island teachers, who played in the Salt Spring Music Guild's Fourth Annual Concert of Young Performers at ArtSpring last Sunday.

A toast to the bubbly—high end or not?

Wine Files ... with Steve Coopman

pagne. Just the name summons up a smile, doesn't it? It is the wine of celebration, and the wine for lovers. Most importantly it is the wine for all occasions. Hey, it's the only wine I can think of to drink with breakfast! So, where do all those bubbles come from? Without getting into too much detail, here is the process for a classic champagne. First, you make a still white wine made from three

Cham- kinds of grapes: chardonnay, pinot noir, and pinot meunier. (You'll notice that two of these are red grape varieties.) Then, after the wine has fermented, you add some more yeast and let it ferment again in the bottle and don't let the Co2 that is a by-product of the fermentation process escape. A lot of pressure develops in the bottle so you need heavier glass and special corks. The yeast from this second fermentation leaves a sediment

have to get out, so-o-o, you slowly tilt the bottle to allow the sediment to collect in the neck of the bottle, then you dunk the bottle into a freezing brine solution, you pull the cork and out pops a frozen plug of wine and sediment but none of the gas. Now the only thing left to do is top up the bottle with a little reserve wine and the amount of sugar you need to reach whatever degree of dryness you desire and then recork the bottle and let it sit in the cellar. Voila! With this Method Champenoise when the cork sighs out of the bottle at that special moment the bubbles will be fairly small, not too obtrusive, and will last a very long time.

At a champagne tasting held on March 31 at the Thunderbird Gallery we sampled six different wines ranging in price from \$11.95 to \$56.95. Standouts were Sumac Ridge Steller's Jay Brut, 1996, Okanagan, \$21.95; and Roederer Estate L'Ermitage Brut, 1993, California Anderson Valley, \$56.95. Both of these wines were vintage champagnes, (most champagne is a blend from a number of different years). The Steller's Jay had small, long-lasting bubbles, it had a complex nose with very evident blackberry, flo-

in the bottle which you ral and yeasty notes. The taste was clean, complex, and had a lovely long finish. The comment from the table was, "Boy, this wine just keeps puttin' out." The L'Ermitage again had small long lasting bubbles. On the nose the wine yielded strong butter, mineral and yeast with organic overtones. The taste was wonderfully smooth, with good earth, and a magnificent honey finish. Both these wines are ready for drinking now but will continue to age well for 5 to 10 years.

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If champagne is your preferred drink and you're looking for great value then pick up a bottle of Seaview Brut, Australia, 1999. At \$13.95 this is a fabulous wine. The best deal at the BCL at the moment is Castillo de Liria, Spain, 1999. I can't believe this wine is only \$6.85. A red wine made from Bobal and Tempranillo grapes, it is medium-bodied but full flavoured and very smooth. I hope they will be getting this into our Ganges store soon. Buy a case for the BBQ season.

The next Thunderbird Gallery wine tasting will be May 26th, featuring the wines of Spain. Call 537-1144.

Cheers!





