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INSIDE

With a theme based on agriculture, Our Island, Our World film festival takes place this weekend. A wealth of video offerings run Saturday and Sunday at Gulf Islands Secondary School. For program and schedule information, grab the top right corner of Page 5 and pull out a four-page section.

Looking to a sustainable Salt Spring

BY GAIL SJUBERG
STAFF WRITER

We've all thought about coping in the event of an island-isolating disaster — the "big snow" of 1996 gave us a bitter taste of the possibility.

And if ferries ceased to run or the whole region's transportation system was crushed by an earthquake, how long could Salt Spring Islanders last before reaching the bottom of the barrel food-wise?

Assuming most islanders have some vittles in their cupboards, freezers and pantries, the situation shouldn't be immediately dire. But except for those with gardens or a back-40 cow or goat, the word "fresh" wouldn't be on anyone's menu for awhile.

Mike Tyson of Ganges Village Market thinks the dairy and vegetable departments of the supermarket he manages would look pretty bare within a few days.

GVM would be "cleaned out" of fresh milk quickly, he predicts, although powdered milk or soya milk products would provide an option.

The main factor would be ensuring people didn't panic and buy more than their share, and per-person limits would likely be set.

"If everyone acted responsibly, you'd have three to four days," Tyson says.

We'd be better off when it comes to eating our daily bread, he says, due to the various island bakeries.

Ramona Scott, manager of The Growing Circle Co-op, which is keenly interested in

local food production, agrees three days is about the limit for the co-op's fresh food supply.

Michelle Grant, co-chair of Salt Springers for Safe Food, did a quick assessment of her own household food supply last Friday to see what would be on the table if off-island suppliers were cut off.

She found a month's worth of potatoes and onions; a week's worth of other vegetables; six weeks of fresh, canned and frozen fruit; three weeks of lentils and beans; and a two to three-month supply of meat — assuming the freezer could be kept running if power supply was an issue. Grant could also make her own bread for about one month.

Deb Lauzon of Soya Nova Tofu would survive for quite some time with her stock of

seven tons of soya beans, which translates into 28,000 pounds of tofu.

Lauzon isn't worried about her own food supply, but feels others should take heed.

"As islanders, we should be concerned and know what we do have."

Some people involved in agriculture on Salt Spring are looking well beyond their own cupboards towards real food self-sufficiency when our lives would not depend on ferry-transported food.

The non-genetically-modified soybeans Soya Nova Tofu uses aren't grown on Salt Spring — although they sure could be, says Scott.

"We should be able to grow soybeans for here."

SALT SPRING'S FOOD SUPPLY CONT'D ON P2

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'Hope and empowerment' in Mozambique at heart of film

By **PIRJO RAITIS**
Staff Writer

One of the video offerings at the annual Salt Spring Island video festival, *Our Island, Our World*, is called *The Journey to Kapasseni*.

It tells the story of hope and empowerment for an isolated village in Mozambique through the efforts of a Victoria couple, Joseph and Perpetua Alfazema.

Mozambique is a small

African country sandwiched in between South Africa and Tanzania. In 1994 it was ranked as one of the poorest countries in the world. The country had been hard hit by a prolonged civil war, severe drought, large-scale migration by whites, and economic dependence on South Africa.

Mozambique became independent from Portugal in 1975 and the ruling party formally abandoned Marxism in 1989. In 1992 a UN-negotiated peace agreement with rebel forces finally ended the fighting.

The country is slightly smaller than twice the size of California and has a population of 19.3 million, with 70 per cent living below the poverty line. Schools are a luxury with only 42 per cent of the population over 15 able to read and write. Of

those who are literate, 58 per cent are male and 27 per cent female.

Early in the 1980s, Joseph and Perpetua Alfazema fled from the village of Kapasseni and came as refugees to Canada. The young couple settled in Victoria and eventually had three children. As hospital workers, the Alfazemas found a new life and prosperity in Canada.

After 10 years, the Alfazemas took a journey home. What they saw was over 200 village children who could not attend even the most rudimentary school because there wasn't one. The people in the village were demoralized and impoverished after so many years of civil war and unrest.

When the Alfazemas returned to Victoria, they knew they had to do some-

thing for their village, and helping it build a school seemed an appropriate choice. Joseph is part of an African choral group and so decided to hold a benefit concert to help buy the materials.

He and another choral group conductor then set about organizing a concert, and a Victoria cathedral was given to them free of charge.

They wondered if anyone would come and thought the whole thing might be a bust, but were surprised and elated by the overwhelming response — the cathedral was full to overflowing.

They raised \$15,000, and went about purchasing picks and shovels and building materials for the new school. An amateur photographer volunteered to video tape the sequence of events.

Mozambique has over 30,000 kilometres of highways, but only 5,685 of them are paved. After innumerable hours on mud paths in a beat-up old truck, the supplies reached the village.

The school they built bears no resemblance to schools in North America.

It is a simple structure built with poles and a roof, but it so impressed the villagers and boosted their morale that they built another school.

Joseph and Perpetua Alfazema will be on hand after the video screening on Saturday, February 9 to meet people and answer questions. For the exact time of the screening of *Journey to Kapasseni*, refer to the film festival pull-out insert in this week's edition of the *Barnacle*.

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Salt Spring's food supply *cont'd from p1*

Salt Spring grows an estimated three per cent of its food, according to Sheri Berkowitz of Island Natural Growers.

"It's just a drop in the bucket compared to what is being brought over on the ferries," says Dan Jason, owner of Salt Spring Seeds and proponent of the brand new Three Farm Apprenticeship School.

That three per cent figure could easily be boosted from mere snack to gastronomic levels.

According to Berkowitz, Scott and Jason, the potential bounty is huge.

"I think we could grow all our own food," asserts Jason. "There's no reason to be buying stuff from so far away."

The island has combined assets few Canadian communities can claim: land, climate, expertise, desire and market demand.

One fact that jumps out at Scott in analyzing consumer trends from The Growing Circle's first operating year is that "local sells."

As Scott says, "People come in and if they see 'local' on a produce item they'll buy local over price distinction and even over certified

organic."

"Everyone I know is selling everything they produce," says Berkowitz, who runs a small organic beef farm with husband Jim Proctor.

More root vegetables, chickens and lettuce could easily be grown, she suggests.

Scott sees a huge demand for juice carrots, broccoli and lettuce.

As part of Three Farm Apprenticeship School spearheaded by Jason and Michael Nickels, Stowel Lake farm will help please lettuce-hungry co-op members this year.

"I'm totally getting into [island food self-sufficiency] now," says Jason. "The thing is to just do it."

In the coming season he will do "some very serious growing" in different spots on the island.

Then there's the potential for year-round market gardeners to keep islanders satiated and their own cash-flow trickling.

"We can do quite well with cloches and greenhouses," says Scott, referring to the island's mild climate. If a few more producers concentrated on winter gardening using those methods, a big niche could be filled.

Dried fruits and a local brand of fruit leather are two other products Scott mentioned as being relatively easy to create on the island.

Berkowitz says it's "amazing" how much is already grown and processed on Salt Spring, and credits that partly to people who move here — with or without previous farming experience — and then pursue some kind of agricultural specialty.

One problem is that many consumers who prize local and organic food grow it themselves in summer months, so demand decreases when the goods are most plentiful.

On Salt Spring that is partly off-set by tourists hungry for fresh island produce, and restaurants with the same values.

A larger obstacle to full-blown self-sufficiency is the price of land on Salt Spring.

"That's a really hard thing here," says Scott. "If you have to buy the land, it's pretty difficult."

But matching enthusiastic potential farmers with people who own cultivatable, unused land is another Growing Circle initiative.

Despite existing enthusi-

asm for both growing and consuming local food, market demand has a long way to grow before island self-sufficiency is anything but a vision.

Berkowitz says inflating that three per cent figure still depends on many more people changing their buying habits to valuing truly fresh taste, knowing one's food grower and how products are grown, and the efficiency and environmental good sense of buying food that doesn't need a passport to get from field to fork.

"It's both the growers and the public who work together," says Berkowitz.

The Growing Circle has about 60 Salt Spring growers on its roster of nearly 500 members and is linking their interests with market demand to help them earn as much money as possible.

"We're really talking about having people thinking quite big," says Scott. "I think there's a real chance for us to have a profitable group of growers and for them to make a living at it."

"I just see the next 10 years blooming with this kind of potential," says Berkowitz.

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A QUIET REVOLUTION

Challenging islanders to seek self-sufficiency

By MITCHELL SHERRIN
Staff Writer

Recent Salt Spring transplant Michael Ableman hopes to stir up a lively discussion about sustainable food production with his multi-media presentation, *The Quiet Revolution*.

"The ultimate intent is to challenge Salt Spring to become more self-sufficient," Ableman said during an interview Sunday.

Over the past two decades Ableman managed Fairview Gardens, a 12.5 acre organic farm surrounded by strip malls and convenience stores near Santa Barbara, California.

While Ableman struggled against the culture clash of farming organically within suburban sprawl, he learned to adapt the role of the farm into a centre for community education, and created a national model for urban agriculture and farmland preservation.

In between farm chores, Ableman travelled around North America as a public speaker, photographed and studied farming techniques on five continents and authored two books: *From the Good Earth* (1993) and *On Good Land* (1998).

"It's really good to give eaters a better sense of context about what is involved with growing food in a careful sustainable fashion - and honour the people who are doing that," he said.

Ableman plans to present slides, show a short film about his work and discuss agricultural issues.

John de Graaf's film, *Beyond Organic*, examines Ableman's successful efforts to diversify his farm, open it to educational tours and defend it against angry neighbours, hostile public officials and eager developers.

"I had a tough choice. I could hold up and act as if I was under attack from an alien force or redirect, integrate, educate and support the community. In hindsight it was probably the right decision."

In addition to describing his work in California and abroad, Ableman hopes to create a dialogue over topics such as local food production and sustainable self-reliant communities.

"Part of a healthy community is the ability to discuss issues. I don't want to preach to the choir."

Ableman feels quite strongly about promoting organic foods and advocates increased payment to producers.

"Growers need to produce local food for local consumption and they need to be hon-



Michael Ableman at his island home

Photo by Mitchell Sherrin

oured with a decent wage," he said.

Without factoring labour costs, selling eggs at \$3.50 per dozen barely allows him to break even when organic feed and bedding expenses are calculated over a chicken's lifespan.

"Should it be my responsibility to subsidize your eggs?" he asked.

"In the U.S. and Canada only 14 per cent of each dollar is spent on food. That's the lowest average in the world — yet that low food cost is a complete illusion."

Ableman pointed to correla-

tions between cancer and poor diets, catastrophic topsoil loss, industrial farm pollution and the social effects of cheap migrant labour as the true costs of cheap food.

He believes Salt Spring holds promise as a community that can provide for its own food requirements in a way that is still respectful to farmers.

"What excites me is that the raw geography of being on an island makes you more self-reliant and community reliant."

Island farmers could grow an even greater variety of

fruits and vegetables than are currently available, he said.

For Ableman, food is only a starting point to look at self-sufficiency in other areas of the community.

"Salt Spring with less cars would be a paradise."

But before Ableman tackles transportation and energy issues, he plans to start with food systems and build from there.

"Eating a vine-ripened tomato or strawberry — instead of one shipped 2000 miles — is not just about ecological or social concerns, it tastes really good."

The stomach is the key to a society's heart, he argues.

"Give them a taste of something tree- or vine-ripened and they will want to know more about where it was grown."

People get a sense there is something they can do when they are shown a working farm or ecoforestry site, he said.

"Salt Spring has the potential to become a positive model in a time when positive models are truly needed."

Ableman presents *The Quiet Revolution* at Gulf Islands Secondary School 7:30 p.m. Saturday, February 9.

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'Good guys' are guilty by complicity



*Isle Say! ...
with John Pottinger*

Why are we engaged in a "war on terrorism"? I guess most people would say it's to preserve and protect our way of life. Personally, I don't like the phrase "preserve and protect". It sounds too much like the Islands Trust's mandate. If I thought that we were going to be as successful in the fight against terrorism as the Trust has been in protecting the unique environment and culture of the Gulf Islands, I'd urge George Dubya to surrender.

Where was I? Oh yeah, the war on terrorism. If I've got it right, we (Canada, I mean) are part of a coalition of nations that are waging war on those whose stated purpose is to destroy democracy. And they have, in fact mercilessly killed thousands of innocent people, in all parts of the world. Over the past several years, El Quaeda, the Taliban, and their philosophical cousins, have hijacked planes and shot the passengers, blown up buildings, machine-gunned civilians and, of course, incinerated thousands more on September 11th. So you don't have to convince me that these folks are bad dudes. We need to find them, root them out, and destroy them; along with their infrastructure. That's what war is.

But even war has rules. At least it's supposed to. And if anybody is going to obey the rules of war, it should be the good guys, right? The Geneva Convention is a document, signed by Canada and the US, which delineates some of the rules of war, including how prisoners are to be treated. Some people (like George Dubya and the rest of the American administration) have suggested that the people they've captured in this war are not "prisoners of war" according to the Geneva Convention.

The Convention gives a lengthy definition of what constitutes an "official" prisoner of war. Most experts say that the fighters captured by US — and Canadian — troops, fall under the definition given. So what about the American position? The Geneva Convention also says this: "Should any doubt arise as to whether persons, having committed a belligerent act and having fallen into the hands of the enemy, belong to any of the categories enumerated in Article 4, such persons shall enjoy the protection of the present Convention until such time as their status has been determined by a competent tribunal."

What that means to me — and to most experts in international law — is that any "fighters" captured during a war fall under the protection of the Convention.

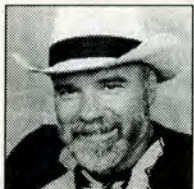
Here's what it says about the prisoners that we (Canada) captured and turned over to the U.S.: "Prisoners of war may only be transferred by the Detaining Power to a Power which is a party to the Convention and after the Detaining Power has satisfied itself of the willingness and ability of such Transferee Power to apply the Convention. When prisoners of war are transferred under such circumstances, responsibility for the application of the Convention rests on the Power accepting them while they are in its custody. Nevertheless if that Power fails to carry out the provisions of the Convention in any important respect, the Power by whom the prisoners of war were transferred shall, upon being notified by the Protecting Power, take effective measures to correct the situation or shall request the return of the prisoners of war. Such requests must be complied with."

Guess what. That means that we (Canada) are committing a violation of the Geneva Convention. It's not sufficient (or in any way acceptable) for us to say we don't care what the U.S. does with its prisoners. Why? 'Cause we're supposed to be the good guys. If we're engaged in this war for the stated purpose of protecting democracy, how in blazes can we justify treating prisoners in a manner inconsistent with human rights?

The Americans admit they're not treating these prisoners as required under the Convention. They're depriving them of a whole host of things the convention requires, and are even considering conducting trials in a manner that the Convention does not permit. Our complicity makes us just as guilty. In the days of the Wild West we'd have been "strung up" as accomplices. Mind you, George Dubya is from Texas, so maybe we're still part of the Wild West.



And now for the weather



*Wit & Whimsy ...
with Arthur Black*

Tonight's forecast: Dark. Continued mostly dark with scattered light by midmorn-
ing. — George Carlin.

Have you noticed a difference in the weather forecasts this winter?

They're warmer — and it's not because of global warming. This is a case of simple human tinkering. The meteorological mullahs at Environment Canada have decided to revise our wind-chill readings upward.

They felt our old way of determining wind-chill — based on measurements of heat flowing through a beaker of water 10 metres above sea level — was largely meaningless for human beings, who, unlike beakers of water, usually have blood streams and relatively constant body temperatures.

The experts revised the scale and made subsequent wind-chill readings that were much less harrowing.

So far so good. But in their clinical trials, the experts conducted tests on a mere dozen Torontonians.

Torontonians???

Pardon me for asking — I realize it's the centre of the universe and everything — but since when did Torontonians know anything about extreme weather?

I was in Thunder Bay when Toronto's slapstick

mayor, Mel Lastman, asked Ottawa to send in the army to deal with a snowfall that would have barely made the news in the rest of the country.

There were localized patches of ice fog in Thunder Bay the day that story made the news. Caused, I suspect, by a spontaneous outbreak of widespread laughter.

You can't decide the Canadian wind-chill factor by holding up a thermometer at the corner of Bay and Bloor. This is a vast country — with icebergs off Newfoundland, palm trees in Victoria, and every conceivable variation in between.

Besides, each person is different when it comes to feeling wind-chill.

Pierre Berton (born in the Yukon) has the pain threshold of a muskox. He once passed a kidney stone during a live radio broadcast and never batted an eye. He could probably sunbathe nude on the worst winter day Toronto has ever known.

I, on the other hand, have been known to whimper and bleat over a paper cut. Despite many winters in northwestern Ontario, and several forays to places like Yellowknife and Whitehorse, I continue to exhibit the winter resistance of a Monarch butterfly. My wind-chill sensitivity does not belong on the same planet as Mister

Berton's, let alone the same scale.

The other great truth is that weather forecasts, by whatever mea-

sure or formula arrived at, seldom have much to do with the microclimate actually swirling around your head at any given time. The weather forecast I listen to predicted rain for yesterday. It was dry as a bone. They called for sunshine today. I'm writing this by flashlight.

Reminds me of the story of the Indians on a remote reserve in Alberta who asked their new chief to foretell the coming winter — would it be long or short? Cold or warm?

Now this chief was a modern Indian. He had a university degree and spoke several languages. But over the years of getting his education, he had lost touch with the old ways and traditional secrets of his people. When he looked up at the sky he couldn't tell any more about the coming weather than you or I.

Still, he was a new chief, and he wanted to inspire confidence, so to be on the safe side he told the tribe that the coming winter would be a cold one, and they should gather extra firewood to be prepared.

But he was also a practical man. A few weeks after his prediction, he called up Environment Canada.

"Is this going to be a cold winter?" he asked. The meteorologist responded that it looked like it was going to be a cold one, indeed. The chief

went back to his people and told them to gather even more firewood.

Several weeks later, the chief called again. Again the weather office confirmed that they were in for a very cold winter. Back he went to the reserve and urged his people to stockpile even more wood. Two weeks later he called the weatherman one more time. "Are you absolutely certain it's going to be an extremely cold winter?" he asked.

"No doubt about it," said the meteorologist. "It's shaping up to be one of the worst winters on record."

"How can you be so sure?" asked the chief.

"Well, for one thing," said the meteorologist, "the Indians are collecting firewood like crazy."

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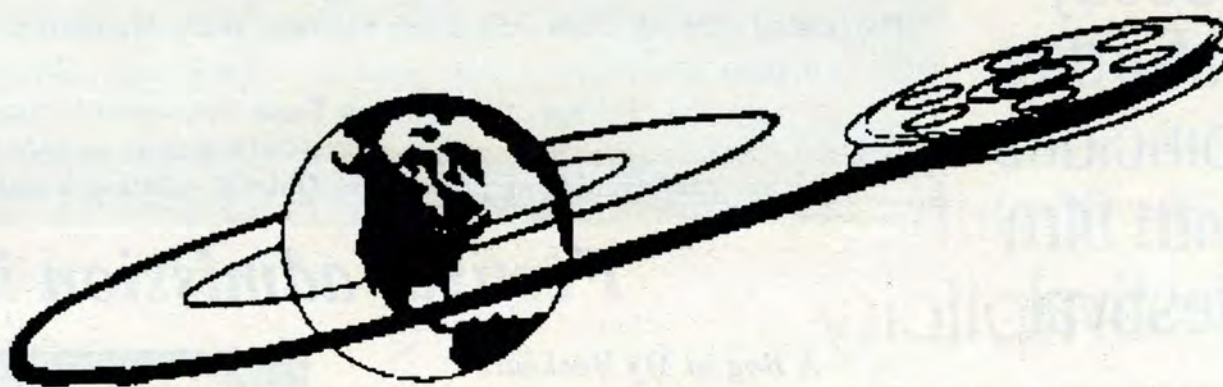
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Our Island, Our World Film Festival

February 9 & 10 at GISS

It's film festival time again on Salt Spring Island!

This year we emphasize agriculture with 'Seedy Saturday' and a great selection of films and presentations.

The SWOVA Youth Team will host 'Bridging the Gap,' an afternoon of films and workshops dedicated to challenging assumptions of what it means to be a guy or a girl.

As in previous festivals, volunteer organizations will be featured on Sunday with colorful displays and valuable information.

For details and to view our program visit:
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Saturday Evening Feature

7:30 pm at GISS

The Quiet Revolution

A presentation by farmer, author and photographer **Michael Ableman**,

featuring 'Beyond Organic': **John**

DeGraaf's award-winning PBS film based on Ableman's book. Narrated by **Meryl Streep**.

Admission is by donation.

The schedule at a glance

Saturday, February 9:

Multipurpose Room

10 am - 3 pm 'Seedy Saturday'

7:30 pm The Quiet Revolution Beyond Organic

Drama Room

10 am Global Banquet: Politics of Food

11:10 The Genetic Takeover

12:20 Seeds of Diversity

12:55 Reinventing the World: Cultivating Change

2:05 Journey to Kapasseni

3:35 The Water is Ours

4:30 A Crack in the Pavement

Room 212/214

10 am Growing Up in the Streets

11:15 Rhythm of the Streets

12:30 Go Geronimo

SWOVA Youth Team Program

1 pm Killing Us Softly 3

2:15 What A Girl Wants

3:45 Tough Guise

Room 205

10 am Guftago, Afghanistan

11:10 Good Kurds, Bad Kurds

12:50 Nazinga Game Reserve

1:35 A Bog in my Backyard

2:35 T-shirt Travels

3:50 Journey to Justice

Room 207

11:30 Drought Tolerant Plants for Our Climate

1:15 Thinking Ahead: Preventing Pest Problems

2:15 Outstanding In Her Field

Sunday, February 10

Multipurpose Room

10 am - 5 pm 'Celebration of Community' Booths

Drama Room

10 am Sixteen Decisions

11:15 The Ad and the Ego

12:35 Ryan's Well

1:45 Hidden Wars of Desert Storm

3:10 Voices of Ayacucho

4:20 Suits & Savages

Room 212/214

10 am Paying the Price: Children of Iraq

11:35 The Hidden Story: Columbia's Dirty War

12:25 SOA - Guns & Greed

2:05 Poverty Outlaw

3:25 Water, Water Everywhere

4:10 Raiz Forte: Landless Workers Movement in Brazil

Room 205

10 am Polar Bear Safari

11:20 Cloning, Inc.

1:20 The Man We Call Juan Carlos

2:35 I was Born a Black Woman

3:40 In the Light of Reverence

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Seedy Saturday coincides with film festival

If last year's overlapping of Seedy Saturday and Our Island, Our World film festival had you frantically running between the Farmers Institute and the high school — relax!

This year the two events will happen under one roof. Along with the usual gardening delights, this co-mingling will allow Seedy Saturday attendees to take in films on agriculture.

Everyone is welcome to this annual seed exchange to swap or buy their favourite seeds. How does it work?

People bring in their clean open-pollinated seeds, preferably sorted into small packages and labelled with variety and year saved. Volunteers can help with the sorting and placing of seeds into sampler-sized envelopes, which can be exchanged or picked up for a cash donation.

Seedy Saturday also offers up a good dose of education. Information tables will be set up to help people learn about seed saving, native plant species and organic gardening, with Master Gardeners on hand to answer specific gardening questions.

Talks will be given by our local experts, including Brian Hutchings of Cusheon Creek Nursery on Drought Tolerant Plants For Our Climate, Terry Klokeid on Seeds of Diversity, and Linda Gilkeson on Thinking Ahead: Preventing Pest Problems Now Using Integrated Pest Management.

Salt Spring's Seedy Saturday is sponsored by Island Natural Growers. Admission is by donation and money raised will be used to sponsor a delegate from a developing country to attend the IFOAM organic world congress, being held this year in Victoria.

More information about the IFOAM conference will be available at Seedy Saturday, February 9, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at GISS.

Highlights for Saturday, February 9

The festival starts at 10 am with 'Seedy Saturday' in the Multipurpose room and international films running continuously in three venues. Films and presentations focussing on agriculture are featured in the Drama Room and in Room 207.

'Bridging the Gap', our Youth Team mini-festival, starts at 1 pm in Room 212/214.

Lunch and snacks are available in the cafeteria.

Saturday evening we present The Quiet Revolution, a multi-media presentation by Michael Ableman.

Festival admission is by donation

A Bog in My Backyard

40 min. MB 2000, Director: Mary Bissell

The fate of Burns Bog in Delta, B.C., is under debate in view of a proposal for development. Bissell explores the clash between developers and conservationists in this wryly humorous and thought-provoking documentary.

A Crack in the Pavement: Growing Dreams

20 min., NFB 2000, Directors: Jane Churchill & Gwynne Basen

Canadian students transform paved and fenced school yards by planning and caring for gardens which in turn transform students.

Beyond Organic

33 min., Bullfrog Films, Director: John de Graff, Narrated: Meryl Streep

Award-winning film tells the story of a farm and its long battle to survive in the face of rapid suburban development. Draws a sharp contrast between community supported agriculture and conventional farming. Inspiring!

Cloning, Inc.

70 min. Director

An illuminating discussion of the dangers of 'backdoor eugenics' being used to remove unwanted human characteristics.

Drought Tolerant Plants for Our Climate

30 min., Presenter: Brian Hutchings

Brian, of Cusheon Creek Nursery, shares his knowledge of plant material best adapted to our growing conditions.

The Global Banquet: Politics of Food

50 min., MWP 2001, Directors: John Ankele & Anne Macksoud

Explores the politics of global food security, threatened by the policies and practices of giant international food producers, trade and financial institutions, as well as governments.

Go Geronimo

25 min.

A Californian community designs an innovative ride-share program to meet its community needs. This may a starting point for addressing Salt Spring's transportation problems. Check it out!

Good Kurds, Bad Kurds

79 min., ACCESS 2000,

Director/Producer: Kevin McKiernan

Many Awards including Best Documentary, Atlanta Film and Video Festival; Human Rights Prize. Santa Barbara International Film Festival Pulitzer Prize nominee, Kevin McKiernan, documents a campaign of ethnic cleansing by the Turkish military using US-made weapons.



Growing Up in the Streets 12 years later

53 min., MC 2001, Filmmakers: Luc Cote and Robbie Hart

Two Canadian filmmakers return to Cusco, Peru, to learn what has happened to four street kids whose early stories they had put on film 12 years before. A testament to the strength of people, no matter how disadvantaged.

Guftugo: Dialogue with villagers of Bazarak, Afghanistan

45 min., 2001 Director: Maliha Zulfacar

Based upon Zulfacar's visit to an Afghan village under the control of the Northern Alliance in the summer of 2000. Included is an interview with the Northern Alliance leader, Ahmad Shah Massoud, who was murdered during a television interview just two days before September 11, 2001

Hidden Wars of Desert Storm

64 min., FWP 2000, Directors: Audrey Brohy and Gerard Ungerman

A dynamic expose about what really went on in Iraq, both before and after the Gulf War. Includes the history of oil and arms deals in the region. Based upon newly released documents.

(I Was Born a Black Woman) Nasci Mulher Negra

44 min., GE 2000, Producer: Kit Miller

Recounts the remarkable life of the first Afro-Brazilian woman to be elected to Brazil's senate. Filled with Afro-Brazilian music, poetry and dance, this film weaves a dynamic tale of black Brazil and one woman's victory over racism.

Journey to Kapasseni, A Refugee's Gift

60 min., MC 2000, Director: Bill Weaver, Producer: Shivon Robinsong,

Camera: Ben Fox

Two refugees, Joseph and Perpetua Alfazema, from Mozambique, now living in Victoria, BC, return to their war-torn village to build a school. A joyful and music-filled journey. We are pleased to have the Alfazema family join us to present the film.

Journey to Justice

47 min.,

NFB 2000,

Director:

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In the Light of Reverence

73 min., MC 2001, Director: Chris McLeod, Narration: Peter Coyote & Cardinal, Honorable Mention, Co

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Killing Us Softly 3

Advertising's Image of Women

34 min., MEF, Featuring Jean Kilbourne

With wit and warmth, Kilbourne uses ads and commercials to critique advertising's image of women. She invites viewers to see familiar images in a new way, that empowers them to take action

Nazinga Game Reserve

25 min., NFB 1998,

Director: Andrew Gardner

A son of Canadian missionaries to Mozambique grows up there determined to protect permanent and sustainable animal life. Uplifting.

Outstanding in Her Field

23 min.

This film is by and about women farmers. Made in Victoria several years ago, it received a prize for the best documentary at the Victoria video festival.

Paying the Price,

Killing the Children of Iraq

75 min., BF 2000, Filmmaker: John

UN-approved sanctions and US-led action against Iraq continue to cause the deaths of over 4,000 children each month (some very disturbing scenes).

Polar Bear Safari

50 min., MV 2000,

Director: Josh Freed

As the Inuit guide and the trophy hunter set off across the tundra, we watch an ancient tradition adapt itself to the modern reality of the Polar Bear Safari. An emotion-packed journey which raises many questions about the nature of development.



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Teen films: 'touching, relevant'

Teens are invited to examine media images of gender roles in an interactive presentation during the Our Island, Our World Film Festival on Saturday.

"It's teen-oriented. The workshops are planned by teens and the films are oriented to teenage life. We think it'll be helpful, touching and relevant," said co-organizer Rachel Copping.

The afternoon presentation includes three short films and facilitated discussions that aim to break down media stereotypes.

Copping believes it's important to analyze media influences on personal goals.

"They tell us a falseness of what we should be. If we all have these basically unattainable goals, we're always going to be unhappy," she said.

Copping and fellow teen organizers Becki Acheson, Jocelyn Langdon, Brooke Shergold and Gary Lucich are Youth Team members of the Salt Spring Women Opposed to Violence and Abuse (SWOVA) Community Development and Research Society.

Youth Team meetings have helped local teens question media stereotypes and forge their own identities, Copping said.

"It drops down the facade. You can drop everything. The meetings give you a different outlook and give you support," said Langdon.

Lucich said the group won't promote easy answers to problems posed by simplistic media images during their workshops.

"We're not going to tell them how to be. We're bringing these videos and facilitating discussions to ask them, 'Now what do you think,'" he said.

Lucich compared the mini-festival to ad-busting exercises.

"In ad-busting you take ads and you make a mockery of them to show how ludicrous they are."

The teen film festival title itself, Bridging the Gap, draws attention to the



FILM FEAST: SWOVA Youth Team members and adult facilitators prepare for Bridging the Gap, a collection of films and workshops that question gender role models in the media. Clockwise from left are: Rachel Copping, Jocelyn Langdon, Greg Taylor, Ahava Shira and Gary Lucich (sporting a mohawk).

Photo by Mitchell Sherrin

myths and stereotypes associated with commercial media, said Youth Team facilitator Ahava Shira.

"It questions how do we find that place of being comfortable with ourselves? And it relates to the Gap store, one of the major purveyors of slim images of people."

Each of three films presented by the Youth Team explores a different facet of gender identity.

Tough Guise examines the socialization of violence in masculinity through pop culture images of male role models. What a Girl Wants juxtaposes footage culled from TV broadcasting against interviews with teenage girls. And Killing Us Softly 3 uses commercials to critique advertising's image of women.

Youth Team members believe teens are most at-risk for pop culture socialization.

"The sooner they can brand you, the sooner they

can cultivate you as a life-long consumer," said facilitator Greg Watson.

"It's important to let people know the media isn't the be-all and end-all of what you should be," Copping said.

These teens want to encourage their peers to go to the festival and question false or shallow role models.

"We're going to change the world from the bottom up. That's our objective," said Lucich.

At first he laughed at the cliché of a small group changing the world, but then suddenly Lucich became serious.

"If what we do here stops one incident of harassment, abuse, bullying, rape, suicide or neglect, then it's been worthwhile."

Bridging the Gap films and workshops will be conducted at Gulf Islands Secondary School on February 9 from 1-5 p.m.

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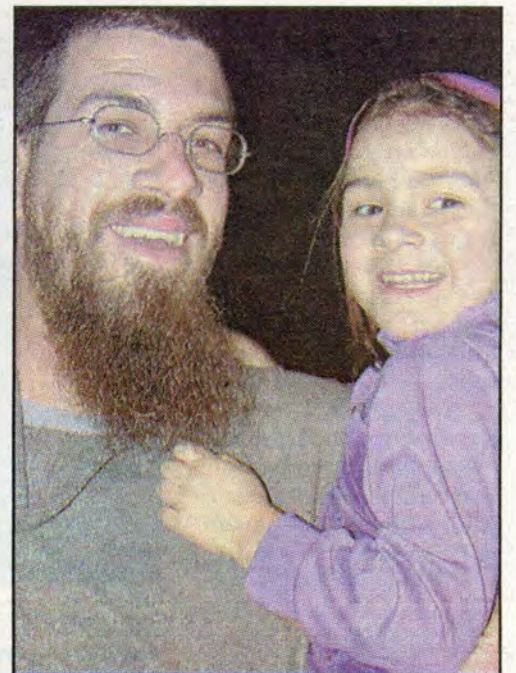
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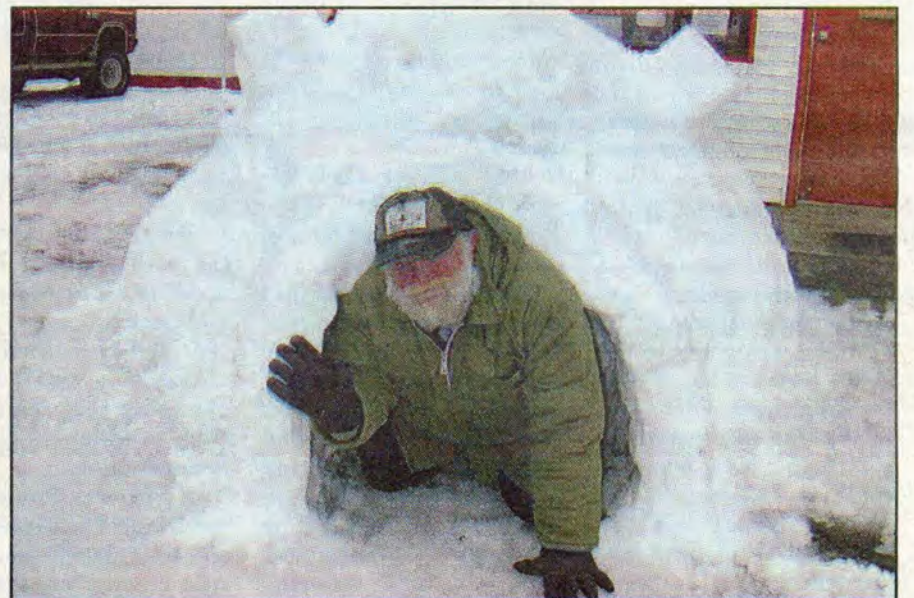
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Seen here, clockwise from top left, are: Daniel Irving enjoying the snow; high school students in a "walk-out;" Cam Piney with Myshila Luna; Rick Saunders in an "igloo;" roller bladers at Fulford Hall; Janice Finnemore and Marie Tiege serving apple crisp at a Fulford Hall Robbie Burns celebration; Ron and Nancy Holcroft; dancers enjoying some Scottish dancing; Charles Hingston with his son Adrian sharing verse and song at Fulford Hall event; open stage at the Legion.



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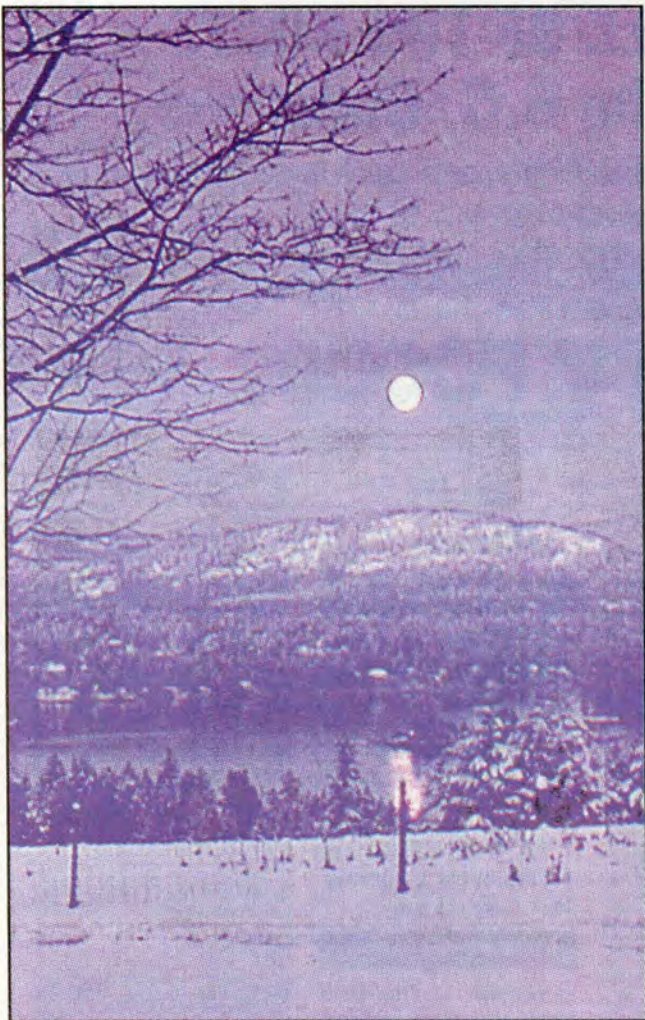
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Treaty videos tonight

Two videos highlighting past and current issues in the treaty negotiation process are set to air at Salt Spring United Church tonight (Tuesday).

Salt Spring Islanders for Justice and Reconciliation is sponsoring the showing of Sacred Land, Scarred Land, and Unfinished Business.

The 17-minute Sacred Land, Scarred Land visits four communities: the Lubicon in Alberta, the Embera Katio in Columbia, the Nuer in Sudan, and people of Marinduque in the Philippines. All four communities are struggling to maintain land rights, livelihood and culture, which are under threat from outside interests.

Unfinished Business is a 15-minute video with Dr. Paul Tennant of UBC explaining the history and significance of treaty-making in Canada.

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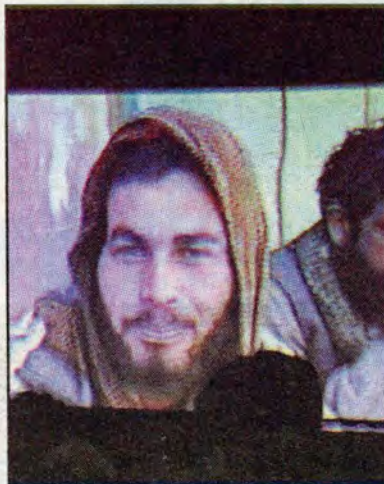
There will be time for a 15 to 20-minute discussion following the documentary.

The film is based on Afghan-American sociologist Maliha Zulfacar's visit to an Afghan village under the control of the Northern Alliance in the summer of 2000.

Included are conversations with villagers, internally displaced refugees, Taliban prisoners of war and an interview with the Northern Alliance leader, Ahmad Shah Massoud, who was murdered during a television interview just two days before September 11, 2001.

"Guftugo" (the word means dialogue) conveys a moving picture of life among displaced people in a country racked by eight years of civil war after the defeat of the Soviet occupiers and before the events of last September.

Guftugo was produced, directed and edited by Zulfacar, who teaches at California Polytechnic State University.



It was made as a tool to develop a bridge between North America and the ordinary people of a village, to raise funds to assist in the rebuilding of the village's schools, and to provide vocational training for widows, youth and men disabled by the war.

The film was shown last month by the Salt Spring chapter of the Voice of Women.



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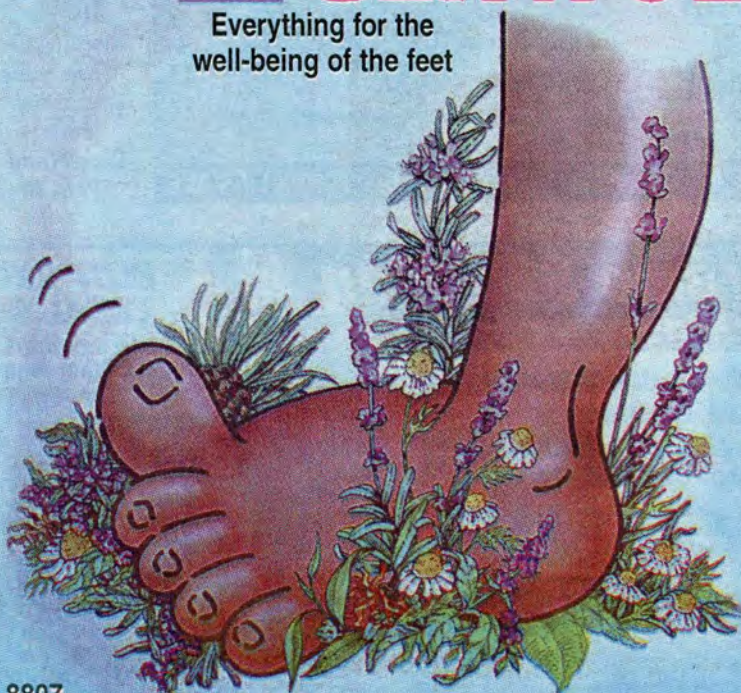
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Highlights of Sunday, February 10

The festival starts at 10 am.

The 'Celebration of Community' in the Multipurpose room hosts 20 of our island community organizations.

International films are playing continuously in three venues. Lunch and tasty snacks are available in the cafeteria.

The festival winds up at 5 p.m.



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Poverty Outlaw

60 min., SP 1998,

Producers: Peter Kinoy and Pamela Yates

Impoverished women in a large US city organize themselves to gain food, housing and clothing, and find they are 'outlaws'. This film is a must for anyone interested in poverty, women's issues, and community organizing. Inspiring!

Raiz Forte (Strong Roots)The Landless Workers' Movement in Brazil

41 min., GE 2001, Directors: Aline Sasahara and Maria Luisa Mendoca

Pedro, Antonio, and Luis joined Brazil's Landless Workers' Movement (MST) in search of a piece of land, dignity in their lives, and justice in their society in spite of owner and government opposition. Inspiring examples of the power of real grassroots development.

Re-inventing the World:

cultivating change

50 min., APL 2000, Directors: David Springbett & Heather MacAndrew

Demonstrates that growing food can be a revolutionary activity when it is done in urban centers.

Rhythm of the Streets

56 min., RWP 2001,

Director: Bill Moore-Kilgannon

Calgary youth visit Managua, Nicaragua to learn how street kids are being rehabilitated through programs in the visual and dramatic arts.

Ryan's Well

50 min., MC 2001,

Director: Lalita Krishna

A 7-year old Canadian boy determines to have a village well dug in Uganda, and achieves his goal. A moving and heart-warming film.



Seeds of Diversity

35 min. presented by Dr. Terry Klokeid

Seeds of Diversity Canada is the national non-profit organization that helps gardeners all across the country exchange seeds with each other. This presentation is customized for local and current circumstances: Save seeds to help save our planet!

Sixteen Decisions

52 min, 2000, Houston Worldfest; Bronze Award, Women's Issues, Filmmaker: Gayle Ferraro



The Grameen Bank in Bangladesh provides small loans to groups of women which for them become life transforming. Through the sixteen decisions, the social charter of the Grameen Bank, poor women are examining key issues such as dowry, birth control, education and housing.

SOA: Guns and Greed

20 min., MWP 2000,

Director: Robert Richter

The US army School of Americas (SOA), has trained more than 60,000 Latin American soldiers in commando tactics, psychological warfare and military intelligence to terrorize their own people who serve labour and human rights issues. The growing movement to close the SOA is highlighted by powerful statements from those involved in nonviolent protests.

Suits and Savages (Why the World Bank Won't Save the World)

38 min., CC 2000, Directors: Dylan

Howitt & Zoe Young

Forest people of India resist an international 'greening' program, financed by the World Bank, which seeks to evict them from their land.

The Ad and the Ego

57 min. 1996, Director: Harold Boihem

A comprehensive examination of advertising's impact on our culture of consumerism by creating a "psychology of need". Ads will never look the same.

The Hidden Story, Confronting Colombia's Dirty War

29 min., KAIROS 2001

Analyzes the roles of the U.S. 'Plan Columbia' and the so-called 'war on drugs' in the present conflict. Based on interviews with courageous women and men trying to find a way to peace.

The Genetic Takeover

52 min., NFB 1999, Directors: Karl Parent & Louise Vandellac

In just a few short years, genetically modified plants have become part of our daily diet and are already found in 75% of processed foods. This documentary exposes the unfair treatment of Dr. Pusztai, a scientist whose studies show reason for serious concern about GMOs.

The Man We Called Juan Carlos

53 min., APL 2000, Filmmakers: Heather MacAndrew & David Springbett, Original music: Bruce Cockburn

A Mayan farmer and his community, assisted by foreign aid workers, improve their land and food production. Demounced as 'communism', the people organize to defend their land.

The Water is Ours, Damn It!

33 min., IMRE 2000,

Director: Sheila Franklin



Demonstrations by residents of Cochabamba, Bolivia, overturn their government's permission to an international company to privatize the city's water supply. Inspiring.

Thinking Ahead: Preventing Pest Problems Now Using IPM

45 min. Presenter: Linda Gilkeson

Linda will discuss the use of Integrated Pest Management (IPM) in the context of our local growing conditions.

Tough Guise

57 min., CN, Director: Sut Jhally

Describes the narrowing confines of masculinity using imagery from popular culture. Jackson Katz, a former football player, has a gift for applying insights about gender and power to the real life experiences of boys and men.

T-Shirt Travels

57 min., MC 2001, Director: Shantha Bloemen

Weaving the personal into an analysis of globalization, this is an engaging investigation into the economic and social impact of marketing second-hand North American clothing (pop culture T-shirts) in Zambia. Exceptional soundtrack and beautiful cinematography.

Voices of Ayacucho, Peru

52 min., APC 1998, Director: Tony Papa, Nominated for five Leo Awards

The story of a people's determination to survive the brutal years of the Shining Path guerilla uprising. Poetry, music and tapestries contribute to the healing process.

Water, Water Everywhere?

24 min., SFU 2001

The debate over public vs. private ownership of water resources came to a head in Vancouver in 2001, as it has in other cities and countries. (See 'The Water is Ours, Damn it!')

What A Girl Wants

38 minutes, 2000 MEF Producer: Elizabeth Massie

Young women discuss their dreams and aspirations, and how they are affected by the media's narrow definition of what it means to be a girl.

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Categories of films/presentations

Human Interest

- Go Geronimo
- Growing up in the Streets
- I Was Born a Black Woman
- Journey to Kapasseni
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- Ryan's Well
- Rhythm of the Streets
- T-shirt Travels

Human Rights

- Journey to Justice
- Poverty Outlaw
- Raiz Forte: The Landless Workers
- Suits and Savages
- The Man We Called Juan Carlos
- The Water is Ours, Damn It!
- Water, Water, Everywhere?

Social Issues

- A Bog in my Back Yard
- Cloning, Inc.
- In the Light of Reverence
- Killing Us Softly 3
- Polar Bear Safari
- Sixteen Decisions
- The Ad and the Ego
- Tough Guise
- What A Girl Wants

Bitter Fruit of Warfare

- Good Kurds, Bad Kurds
- Hidden Wars of Desert Storm
- Paying the Price: killing the children of Iraq
- SOA: Guns and Greed
- The Hidden Story: Columbia's dirty war
- Voices of Ayacucho

Food Security/Agriculture

- A Crack in the Pavement
- Beyond Organic
- Drought Tolerant Plants for Our Climate
- Global Banquet: politics of food
- Outstanding In her Field
- Reinventing the World: cultivating change
- Seeds of Diversity.
- The Genetic Takeover
- Thinking Ahead: Preventing Pest Problems Now Using IPM

Celebration of Community

A Celebration of Community takes place Sunday, February 10, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the Multipurpose Room.

In this event, a variety of volun-

teer organizations will be featured with colourful displays and valuable information.

This is a chance to meet wonderful people, learn more about

the many active groups on the island, and check out volunteer opportunities!

Following is a list of groups participating in the event:

Alzheimer's Support Group
Community Justice
Go Saltspring
Island Pathways
KAIROS
Mayan Project

Ometepe Coffee
Raging Grannies
Rotary Club
Special Olympics
SS for Safe Food
SS Aboriginal Justice Org.

SSI Recycling Centre
SSI Water Preservation
University Women
Voice of Women
SWOVA



Parental guidance needed

The following films at this weekend's festival are considered unsuitable for young children:

- Good Kurds, Bad Kurds
- Hidden Wars of Desert Storm
- Paying the Price: killing the children of Iraq
- Poverty Outlaw
- The Hidden Story: Columbia's dirty war
- The Landless Workers' Movement in Brazil
- The Man We Called Juan Carlos
- SOA: Guns and Greed
- Tough Guise

The Alfazemas — Joseph, Perpetua, Maza, Rafael and Sara — who live in Victoria, helped build a school in Mozambique. The family is the subject of the film *Journey to Kapasseni, A Refugee's Gift*, which runs Saturday at 2:05 p.m. in the drama room at Gulf Islands Secondary School. The Alfazemas will be on hand to discuss it.

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830 Cars, Service	860 Vehicles Wanted

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20 COMING EVENTS

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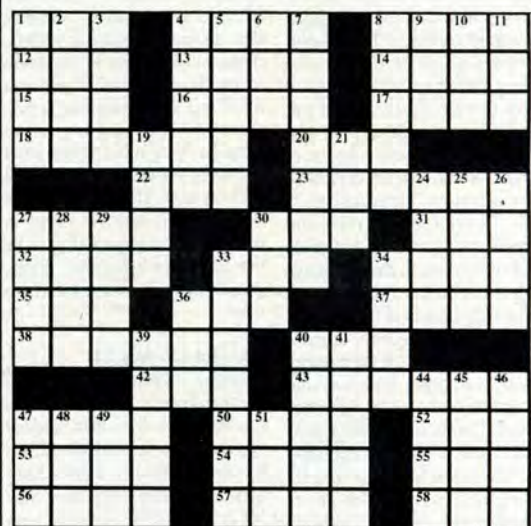
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- 15 Le Jeune
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- 17 Hooked on
- 18 Arctic dweller
- 20 Denial
- 22 Certain grads
- 23 Infant
- 27 Competent
- 30 Lip
- 31 Cuckoo
- 32 Cajole
- 33 Alberta gold?
- 34 Leave out
- 35 Endangered tree
- 36 Muck
- 37 Tardy
- 38 With Frost, popular poet
- 40 Japanese sash
- 42 Cleopatra pal
- 43 With frost, a garden favourite
- 47 Russian ruler
- 50 Asian water bottle
- 52 Wood sorrel
- 53 With frost, a high-way hazard
- 54 Guinness or Baldwin
- 55 Hockeyist Bobby
- 56 Confederate
- 57 Jerk
- 58 Payable

DOWN

- 1 Yarn
- 2 Woe is me
- 3 Mr Frost?
- 4 With frost, arctic subsoil
- 5 Word of farewell
- 6 Mental acuity
- 7 Labeller
- 8 A frost of little consequence
- 9 Charged atom
- 10 Revolver
- 11 Marquee letters
- 19 Wild goat
- 21 Electrical unit
- 24 Avatar
- 25 Item
- 26 With frost, a nip on the cheek
- 27 Oner
- 28 Philippine knife
- 29 Young Shropshire
- 30 Get free of
- 33 Best
- 34 Chickpea stew
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- 39 With frost, winter harbinger
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Tip of the week:

Aquarius symbolizes the ideals of individual self-expression and concern for the welfare of all people regardless of individual differences. If this statement seems contradictory or paradoxical that is because that is also the nature of Aquarius. In these respects Aquarius is also associated with the ideals and the process linked to the realization of true democracy. The revolutionary function of Uranus - the ruling planet of Aquarius is to break through structures and patterns that have outlived their usefulness in the grand scheme of things and must be replaced with more inclusive ideas and realities. The non-conformist and rebellious aspect of Aquarius helps to remind us that excessive and/or unconscious conformity that which society at large generally values is the very attitude that is at the root of depression, apathy, escapism, addiction and all associated issues. In other words, 'familiarity breeds contempt' and if change, rebellion and revolution were not aspects of reality we would never progress and evolve. So thank the misfits, eccentrics, rebels, inventive geniuses, revolutionaries, bohemians and so-called fringe dwellers who keep the pace of revolution alive and well. Without them power would become fixed and corruption absolute.

Aries (Mar 21 - Apr 20)

A creative pioneering and revolutionary mood continues and will go up in volume this week as The Sun aligns with Uranus. You feel moved to bring your dreams down from on high in your mind into reality. You have had to re-evaluate a number of decisions over the past few weeks, thanks to Mercury retrograde. This flip-flopping of energies will subside this week and you will be able to make decisions with more confidence. Take independent initiative on behalf of others.

Taurus (Apr 21 - May 20)

You are in the mood to take a new lead and do something completely different from your routine of late. The decision may come so suddenly that even you may be surprised. It is the time to activate some dreams that have been floating in your mind. It may take some courage and a bold attitude to get started. Take an exploratory approach. Opportunity is knocking now-calling for decision. Be happy just with getting started. Join forces with others of like interest as necessary.

Gemini (May 21 - Jun 20)

You are awakening to whole new aspects of reality that previously seemed hidden. You feel liberated with this awareness. You also feel determined to do something with these new insights. In certain respects, however, you may feel like escaping and/or denying the implications altogether. It is important that you accept the truth of this awareness. Be willing to communicate openly about any fears you may have. Avoid judging any one and exercise acceptance. Sometimes it just is what it is and no one is to blame.

Cancer (Jun 21 - Jul 21)

As old realities and perspectives steadily dissolve you are afforded the opportunity to break free of certain limiting beliefs. Since we don't live in the world so much as we live in our own mind and our experience is personal and relative it is good to keep an open mind about what we deem reality. This is the call for you now. The more you can see your self and the world in new ways the more you will be free from past beliefs and priorities. As the wise folk say, be here now!

Leo (Jul 22 - Aug 22)

Changes on relationship fronts are the obvious focus now. You desire more freedom and/or appreciation of individuality. Remember that this goes both ways. Promises given now may not be realized so don't rely on words too much. Stay focused yet flexible. Often we achieve our objectives in ways no one could predict. Push as necessary for what you want yet avoid pushing others beyond their will or capacity. Forgive others for where they are limited. Magic begins in an open heart.

Virgo (Aug 23 - Sep 22)

Changes in your daily routine are in focus now. These include taking a leap of faith. More power, authority and responsibility in the world is a part of the scenario. You will be challenged to take a constructively critical and flexible approach. Fortunately, you will feel able to do just that even though you will probably want to proceed with caution. You are being pushed to reveal a fuller measure of your power potential. Accept that this is your destiny and follow through.

Libra (Sep 22 - Oct 22)

Connecting with your unique mode of creative expression is the call now. You have special attributes to share and the time has come to begin, at least. More knowledge and/or instruction may be required. Be willing to be guided and inspired as necessary. Exercise patience with your progress. It is likely that it will take a couple of years to really see the first flowers that will eventually bear fruit. Be happy with germinating seeds for now. Begin now!

Scorpio (Oct 22 - Nov 22)

Getting in touch with what makes you unique and special continues. You are determined and willing to do whatever it takes to realize dreams. Be willing to share your visions and be open to working with one or more other. Begin now and trust that your confidence will be especially high in March. Do any necessary research, make all necessary plans and phone calls and get organized. This is the break you have been waiting for. Opportunity favours those who are prepared.

Sagittarius (Nov 22 - Dec 21)

Awakening to new modes of communication and knowledge is in focus now. You are committed to refining your whole approach. You may yet feel a little confused and cautious, but this will subside within the month. Take a playful and/or sporty approach and make your intentions clear. Write them down and tell someone you trust, yet avoid sharing your dreams with anyone who might have reason to deter you. Allow yourself to focus on more than one project at a time. Have fun!

Capricorn (Dec 22 - Jan 19)

Changes in your overall attitude are affecting your values and vice versa. You want more freedom and power and while this includes money there is much more involved. Merging your assets, resources, time and efforts with others is key. In a more simple sense it is important that you clarify your visions and what you want in general. Expect that there will be changes within you and close to home as a consequence of this energy stream. Be patient with others, they will come through soon.

Aquarius (Jan 20 - Feb 19)

A revolutionary cry for more freedom continues to be sounded from the depths of your soul. You want to have new experiences and your patience is growing thin. Fortunately, you are in a rebellious and determined mood. This will help you to break through any resistance from within or without. You have the right to be who you are as an individual. Do not allow the fears or limitations of others, even those you love and who love you to stand in the way. Imagine the realization of all your dreams with all your senses.

Pisces (Feb 20 - Mar 20)

Many dreams continue to flow through your mind. You are eager to manifest them into reality. Some of these are simply states of heart, mind and being rather than things and events. Peace and happiness is the mark of true success beyond all else and in the end these are personal experiences. Still, you are ambitious to express and achieve new levels on both inner and outer levels. Be willing to identify and illustrate what you want. Write down your dreams or make a collage. Just do this and the magic will begin to work.

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The video, called Go Geronimo, will be shown at 12:30 p.m. on Saturday, February 9, at GISS as part of the Our Island, Our World film festival.

A group of islanders is interested in setting up a similar system here and so far

the response has been enthusiastic. We'd like to know what you think, so come and see the video, join the discussion afterwards, or drop by our table at the film festival's volunteer day on February 10.

MAGGIE ZIEGLER,
Isle View Drive

Ferries helpful

It's a pleasure to have an opportunity to "accentuate the positive."

Recently my husband required an extensive surgical procedure to be performed on the mainland. We were worried about making ferry connections as we had hoped to take the 12 noon ferry from Fulford but had to connect with the 1 p.m. sailing

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