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SPORTS PARENTS

By
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Staff Writer

Photo by Derrick Lundy

On almost every weekend between early fall and late spring, anyone driving by Portlock Park or the high school is bound to notice a busy hive of activity on the sports fields..

Swarms of kids run around chasing soccer balls while parents huddle on the sidelines cheering for junior athletes.

They're out there in the murky drizzle, frosty finger-chilling mornings and even on those clear blue days perfect for gardening, sailing, kayaking or a lovely game of golf.

Parents on Salt Spring seem particularly dedicated to supporting their children's physical, emotional and social development through participation in a wide range of sports, not to mention support for music and the performing arts.

"No 10-year-old ever got himself outfitted, signed himself up and got himself to the ball park," said parent Ron Stepaniuk.

Ron and Janet Stepaniuk share a blended

family of six sports-oriented children: Casey (aged 17), Jim (aged 15), Jesse (aged 15), Stephen (aged 14) Kaiti (aged 12) and Danielle (aged 10).

All six kids play basketball, two play volleyball, one plays baseball and all but one play soccer.

"My favourite saying is: 'One day when I have a life,'" Janet smiles.

But it's obvious Janet holds no resentment for all she's put into supporting her children's enthusiasm for sports.

"You only have your kids for 18 years. Sometimes that feels like a long time. But it goes by quickly. It's my responsibility as a parent to keep them happy and healthy."

Janet and Ron both came from sport backgrounds themselves.

As a kid, Janet played basketball, soccer and baseball. And even though she's a busy parent, she still finds time to play soccer with the Salt Spring Dragons.

Ron also played baseball, soccer and other sports in school. But the two feel they grew up in a different era when parents weren't so closely

involved in children's sports.

"Nowadays you see these committed, involved parents who never miss a mini game," Ron said.

That level of support requires a lot of work, they note.

"It takes a strong 50-50 partnership. If you're not both committed, you'll never pull it off," Ron said.

As a result, Janet works longer hours to help pay the extra costs associated with travel. Ron, who also works full-time, shares more domestic chores around the house and the kids are encouraged to take on their own share of the work.

"I usually spend my Friday nights getting soccer gear together for five kids," Ron laughed. "We get up and go seven days a week... There's no sleeping in; no laying around. We don't generally do that. There's something going on all the time."

But they both enjoy being out on the field.

"If I had the money, I'd just stay out there all the time," said Ron.

"It would never occur to me to be somewhere else. The fact that it's raining is irrelevant," Janet said.

And the kids notice whether or not parents are paying attention to their games, she said. "When they do something right, they want you to see."

There's a common bond shared between dedicated sports parents, she added. "Team weekends are just as much fun for parents as the kids."

Ron pointed out that the time spent together with the kids is the main advantage of being involved with sports.

"It opens communication. That's a real bonus."

Another family dedicated to supporting sport interests is guided by parents Jim and Judy Raddysch.

They encourage their children Meredith (aged 10) and Isaac (12) to play basketball and soccer. The kids also participate in track and field, gymnastics (a gymnastics-dance-acrobatics hybrid) and the Stingrays swim club.

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Both kids have a background as nationally ranked, top-notch BMX racers and they are avid surfers, kayakers, hikers and skiers.

"I consider myself to be fairly selfish," Jim laughed. "I want my kids to play soccer to have the stamina for long hikes," he said.

As measure of a kayaking day's success, Jim described how the kids had paddled out to Chocolate Island and back without any whining or complaining and he wasn't forced to tow anyone home.

He also said family support and years of involvement with ski teams has helped the kids become accomplished downhill racers.

"We realized while they were young that if we do our waiting now, while they get a handle, that means we'll be able to ski black diamond runs together down the road," Jim said.

But since Jim and Judy are both such active people themselves, it was a foregone conclusion their children would also be avid sports enthusiasts.

"We've taken the philosophy that kids need to try a lot of different things," Judy said.

Since the Raddysh family moved from Galiano to Salt Spring two years ago, possibilities for different activities have really blossomed, she said.

"When we lived on Galiano, we heard constantly that there's nothing to do. That's true if the parents are not committed."

So when the Raddysh family lived on Galiano, they maintained their interest in BMX racing and Jim even built a track on the island.

Once they moved to Salt Spring, Jim and Judy recognized that soccer was big on the island and enrolled their kids.

"The dedication of coaches who teach our children is overwhelming," Jim said.

Judy described an example of inspired coaching by Chad Little at Isaac's game in Victoria Saturday.

"The kids were just drenched. It was freezing cold and he tells them 'This is the best game you've ever played against this team,' and they went out and scored," Judy said.

"Without the coaches, our job would be 100 times harder," Jim added.

Though the two are pretty busy with their own careers, Jim and Judy do what they can to help out with local teams. Both volunteer as drivers, Judy coaches Tsunami basketball at Salt Spring Island Middle School and Jim holds an executive position with the track and field club.

"If no one steps forward, we will," Judy said.

Judy remembered a recent field-side chat with fellow soccer mom Karen Brown.

"We were talking about people who do some amazing things with their lives. 'Where are they now,' Karen said. We were looking around the soccer field and I realized this is what we chose to do."

Karen works as the learning assistance teacher at Fulford School where Judy is principal.

"It's great having someone like Judy as principal because she understands and knows about my commitments as a parent," Karen said.

Karen and Don Brown (who plays soccer with the Old Boys) also support three athletes.

Kevan (aged 8) plays soccer; Avery (12) plays soccer and basketball; and Mark (16) plays soccer, volleyball and participates in cross-country events.

The kids also ski, take music lessons and race with the sailing club.

"I don't think it's unusual on the island. There's a lot of families involved in many sports," Don said.

"We're pretty grateful for the people who are really involved, like Brenda (Akerman, Avery's soccer coach). We do a little, like driving. Some of the coaches don't even have kids on the teams, like Malcolm Bond."

Between practices, games, school and work, the Browns have learned to master complicated logistics to accommodate schedules.

"Tuesdays are particularly difficult. Mark leaves school early on the 2 p.m. ferry to train with Yuri (Vasilevsky) in Victoria. We have to get Avery to basketball, Kevan to piano and Mark returns on the 7 p.m. ferry. Dave and I try to



At top: Judy, Jim and Meredith Raddysh with exchange student Jung Hyun. Below: Don, Kevan, Mark, Avery and Karen Brown.

Photos by Mitchell Sherrin



meet in town (after Don gets home from work in Sidney) to leave a vehicle so Mark can drive home after his volleyball practice that ends at 10 p.m.," Karen said.

Schedules are much easier now that Mark has his driver's licence, she added.

"Karen actually considered moving us closer to town to help with driving," Don smiled.

During the interview at the Brown residence, Avery, Mark and Don continuously bounce a soccer ball around the living room.

"In hindsight, a house with a big cement basement would have been great," Karen laughed.

When asked if the family ever feels overloaded by such a busy schedule, Karen and Don look puzzled.

"We do it because we enjoy it as well," Don said.

"I could watch any game. To me the enjoyment is increased that much more when our own kids are playing," he said.

"There's a huge pride thing when they play their best and do well," Karen added.

"These are the things I'm going to remember about these guys growing up... I'm not sure what we're going to do when they're grown up and moved away from home," Karen said.

"You can still come watch us play," Kevan suggested.

Farmers meet tonight

The annual general meeting of the Islands Farmers Institute will take place tonight (Tuesday) at the institute building on Rainbow Road.

The meeting begins at 7:30 p.m. and features guest speaker Brent Warner from the provincial agriculture ministry.

Officer elections will also take place.

An incorrect date appeared in one of the ads for the event in last week's Driftwood.

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VISIONS OF BASEBALL:

Parents and their young baseball players were out in force Saturday, preparing for the season by dropping by a Ganges Village Market sign-up table. Players here, from left, are: Evan Mann, Amanda Sykes, Katie Haydon, Nic Snetsinger, and Brianna Bourdin.

Photo by Derrick Lundy



24 years in the sports 'business'

And Brenda and Pat Akerman love the 'work'

By PIRJO RAITIS
Staff Writer

For more than 24 years, Brenda and Patrick Akerman have been coaching island kids in basketball, soccer, baseball, and track and field — not just because their own kids are into sports, but because they love doing it.

The Akermans have four children of their own, ranging in age from 12 to 29. They are grandparents of three kids and they haven't slowed down or even considered not being involved in sports.

"We've coached so much together, we support each other and it is a nice balance for the kids to have both a male and a female coach," said Brenda.

Brenda spends a minimum of five hours a week coaching her daughter Jenny's soccer team; three times a week she teaches step aerobics; and she works in Pat's real estate office. That's just right now.

"I teach aerobics for my sanity," she said jokingly. "I don't want to know how much time I put into it. It doesn't really matter."

Brenda said she believes sports are crucial to a child's overall development.

"I believe kids do better in school, they have more energy and it is a stress reliever. They can get back into the classroom and concentrate on academics."

She said if they keep busy they have no time to get into trouble.

Last Sunday, Brenda was at the soccer field coaching the Royals.

While her team didn't win the game, Brenda was there encouraging and praising the young 12 and 13-year-olds. The pride she felt shone through her and right back onto the young players.

"You have to get out there and have fun. You have to treat the kids fairly. They all have different athletic ability but they're all the same. If

you give them respect, they give you respect."

Brenda said parent volunteers also play a large role and she is grateful and fortunate for all they do.

All year long the Akermans coach and support kids. Track and field is just about to start, gymnastics is ongoing and then there is basketball.

With so many of the games off-island, the Akermans spend a lot of time travelling. Hopping onto a ferry every second weekend will be a way of life for the Akermans until the end of June, but they wouldn't change a thing. If they're not coaching they're watching.

Last year Patrick helped coach basketball, soccer and baseball.

With their son Gordie playing off-island for the Nanaimo Premiere Team, Brenda said Patrick does more driving.

Patrick also plays hockey with the Slugs.

So what will the Akerman

coaching duo do when their kids no longer need coaching?

"I've got no time to think about it, but I do have grand-kids," said Brenda. "I might want to travel a bit. We're lucky because we do it together and balance off each other, and the biggest reason — the kids are fun."

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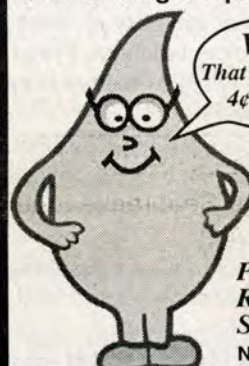
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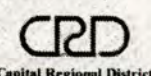
BC Ferries requests that citizens, groups and organizations interested in representing their communities on the Southern Gulf Islands Ferry Advisory Committee write to the Islands Trust office at the address below, advising of their interest in being members of the committee and outlining their previous experience in serving in voluntary and interest based activities. A total of 10 persons will be appointed to the Committee to represent Saturna, Galiano, Mayne, and North and South Pender Islands. The Committee will meet a minimum of two times each year.

Once the Southern Gulf Islands Ferry Advisory Committee is formed, two members will be chosen by the Committee to represent the Committee on the Coastal Council to BC Ferries. The Coastal Council is made up of representatives of each of the 12 Ferry Advisory Committees and its mandate is to advise BC Ferries on interdependent ferry service and policy issues. The Coastal Council meets up to four times each year.

There is no remuneration paid for service on the Ferry Advisory Committee. However, BC Ferries pays approved expenses incurred by members participating on the Committee.

Interested citizens, groups and organizations are requested to express their interest in writing, by March 15, 2002.

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Be careful of assumptions...



*Isle Say! ...
with John Pottinger*

As my faithful readers know, I seldom respond to letters to the editor.

Most often, I feel it's not fair to the letter writer for me to use my column to respond to criticism. It's also not fair to other readers, because it would mean too many of my columns would be devoted to debating other points of view, something I'd much rather do in person.

Writing a column like "Isle Say" means I expect criticism. Those of you who know me know that I not only enjoy criticism, I cultivate it. When I express a point of view that's provocative, I hope I'm going to stir somebody to write a response.

Knowing how passionate islanders can be, I also expect and receive insults. That's part of the game and I don't mind it.

Having said that, there are rare occasions when I can't leave a criticism unanswered. Usually that happens when a response to my column is both deceptive and insulting. Like the letter John Baxter wrote responding to my column about the Liberals ripping up contracts.

Mr Baxter accuses me of ranting, and worse, "propagating the Big Lie."

He accuses me of "journalism" because of my "sensational style, with many clichés, and the mindless, anti-union, anti-NDP rhetoric."

I re-read that column in case my memory of what I wrote was a little off (as my memory can be). Now, I've got to tell you, John, that was no rant. Oh, I've written some rants in my time, so I know what a rant is.

Here's what I think happened, John. I think I pushed a couple of your "hot buttons." In doing so, I may have inadvertently caused you to become disoriented and lose any sense of what you were reading.

So, instead of looking at the specifics of what I was saying — about both the NDP and the Liberals — you decided I was "anti-union" and "anti-NDP."

I hope you're sitting down, John, 'cause I've got some shocking news for you. I spent 28 years as an active union member. (As a matter of fact, though retired from that life, I still keep up my "associate" membership.)

Know what else? I spent 20 of those years in elected union positions, including sitting on the board of directors of one of Canada's most high-profile unions at a time when that union was considered one of the strongest — and most radical — unions in the country.

Sometimes, John, we successfully negotiated agreements with governments. Other times, we weren't successful at the bargaining table, so we went on strike. Sometimes those strikes were legal, but, dare I say it, John, sometimes they weren't.

Yes, I admit it, I even led some of my colleagues (or "brothers and sisters" as the politically correct left would have it) in illegal actions.

So you see, John, years before I was threatened and sued by the good old boys of Texada, I'd been threatened, sued, disciplined and suspended by my employer (which was the government) many times over many years.

I can tell you with certainty that whatever theories you might have about my political leanings are incorrect. And that's the point, you see. People who are entrenched in a specific political view of the world — be they socialist, conservative, libertarian or frisbeetarian — seem unable to accept that some of us take positions based on issues rather than dogma.

With regard to our disagreement over how much pay a member of the Hospital Employees Union gets on lay-off, I bet I know who you called to clarify my figures.

The union, right? I'm sure the figures you quoted for "severance pay" are correct, but you and I both know they don't tell the whole story, because that's not all that an employee is entitled to on lay-off.

You've either been duped by the union, or you're trying to dupe the readers of your letter. Either way, Mr. Baxter, you have no more of an "informed opinion" than I do.

I'm still surprised when someone who lives on Salt Spring — where the backgrounds or "previous lives" of islanders are a constant source of surprise — makes baseless assumptions about someone else.

Those who do usually end up watching, red-faced, as their assumptions are blown away in the wind.

The Scrotum Dialogues

The Vagina Monologues



Stitch in time saves at least 9

By TERRI GILHAM

Friends For Cats Foundation, which is endeavouring to reduce the homeless and feral cat population on Salt Spring, reminds people that right now is the perfect time to spay or neuter any cat.

This includes all those stray, homeless, outdoor and barn cats that you've been noticing, feeding, and meaning to do something about. Kittens as young as five months can conceive and can conceive again when their litters are only two weeks old. Please call us if you need help with trapping and neutering any outdoor cats.

There is no time to wait. There are no homes for all of these little ones. Even if you can find homes for kittens you have allowed to happen, what about their offspring, and so on? According to the Feral Cat Coalition, a pair of breeding cats can exponentially produce 420,000 cats over seven years. Quite a family tree! Of course, many of these don't survive, but you get the idea. The only way to make a difference is to stop the reproduction of those cats that are here now.

It is understandable that some people might think that allowing their cat to have kittens would be educational and entertaining. Kittens are so cute! This is a temporary thrill for you, but — you are responsible for not only finding homes for those kittens, but for making sure that they all get spayed and neutered — even though your cat was not! Get your cat spayed now (it's cheaper than buying kitten food!).

And, by the way, consider that every home you find for a new kitten is one less home for a cat or kitten that is already here.

Many people think it is okay to leave their male cat unaltered because it is more "natural" for them. Wrong. Both males and females need to be neutered. Otherwise, while you may not have to deal with any kittens, your "tom" will be

after your neighbour's cat and any unsprayed females he can smell in his area. He will probably be fighting and yowling, too. Neutering males is a simple, inexpensive procedure, and it is the responsible thing to do.

Another problem that is solvable is the abandoning or dumping of cats that people can no longer care for. The erroneous assumption is that these cats are able to fend for themselves. This is not true. These are domestic dependent animals who don't know how to survive. They attempt to find food and shelter, but often end up cold and starving, unless they are lucky enough to find a kind caregiver. They become traumatized by their experiences and mistrustful "feral" cats. Please NEVER abandon any cat for any reason. Call us. We will try to help.

Compounding this problem is the fact that most abandoned animals are not spayed or neutered. The multiple litters of kittens born to these cats are unlikely to be handled by humans. They, too, are destined to become feral breeders as the cycle continues.

If you see a hungry cat hanging around, put out food and water. If it seems frightened, talk gently but do not attempt to touch the cat. Make enquiries in your neighbourhood, put up posters and put a free found ad in the papers. It may be someone's missing pet. If you get no response, please call us. We will help you trap the cat and get it neutered.

Friends For Cats has successfully trapped and neutered many cats, and fostered and socialized many kittens during this past year. We have supported those caring for colonies and been repeatedly told by these caregivers that the neutering has made a great deal of difference in the cats' behaviour. The animals are quieter, friendlier "homebodies" — no more aggressive, territori-

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Friends For Cats Foundation is in the process of becoming a registered charity. Our members work as unpaid volunteers. We receive no money other than donations, and all of it is used for the animals. The cats we help are ones that people like you call us about. They may be strays, or problem 'tomcats', or moms with a litter, or it may be that you are already looking after an outdoor group that has found you, and you need some help. We will always do what we can. We help cats that are not helped by any other group on this island.

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Friends For Cats can be reached at 537-5631 (Lyn), or 537-1595 (Terri), or at friendsforcats@hotmail.com.

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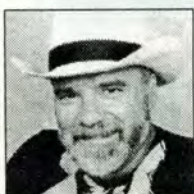
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Wit & Whimsy ... with Arthur Black

I don't remember much about World War II, but I do recall seeing a famous recruitment poster designed to shame backsliders, pacifists, and other dedicated non-combatants into signing up for active duty.

It showed a middle-aged man with a toddler on his knee who was looking up and asking "What did you do in the war, Daddy?"

I never had to worry about being shamed by that poster because I never had a war. I was born during the wind-down of World War II; I was a pimply adolescent at the outbreak of the Korean conflict and I was too long in the tooth by the time Canuck peace-keeping duties in Cyprus, Gaza, Somalia, Bosnia and Croatia came along.

So, no war stories. But if I had to, I could always impress an inquisitive tot with "Well, sonny — I ran with the bulls. Twice."

It's true. Way back when I was young and none too bright I spent a couple of years in Spain. One July day I found myself in the town of Pamplona where natives practise a centuries-old custom called "el encierro."

I'd heard of el encierro, vaguely. I knew that, once a year, Pamplonians celebrated La Fiesta de San Fermín — a six-day festival which included daily bullfights. And I knew that as part of the celebrations, people jumped in front of the fighting bulls and ran with them to the bullring.

Seemed like a good idea at the time.

Well, I said I was young and none too bright.

And so I found myself, one morning at dawn, groggy with rioja and standing in a plaza with a number of young, agitated and none-too-bright-looking people like myself. A distant cannon sounded.

The people around me leapt up like shotgunned hares and began streaking towards the only opening in the plaza. I decided to follow them.

The cannonade meant that the bulls had been released and were on their way to the bullring.

They would follow a twisting lane through the streets of Pamplona on which all the sidestreets had been barricaded off. The only thing between the bulls and the bullring was — well, me, actually. Me and the rest of the motley crew that was loping erratically towards the relative safety of the bullring.

One thing I didn't understand about the running of the bulls was how fast they can run. Spanish fighting bulls are not the lethargic slabs of beef you see standing like monoliths in Canadian pastures. They're more like giant cats. In his book *Death In The Afternoon*, Hemingway claims that, in a 30-yard dash, fighting bulls can outrun a horse.

I was loping towards the bullring in an easy jog when I noticed that (a) people were beginning to pass me and (b) as they looked back, their focus was getting shorter. More than slightly winded, I glanced back over my own shoulder.

And saw a gutter-to-gutter wall of very sharp horns coming toward me.

I immediately hit warp speed, but knew I couldn't keep it up for long. I decided to climb over one of the barricades along the side. The barricades were manned by members of the Guardia Civil — Spanish cops in those funny three-cornered patent leather hats. A chap running ahead of me had come to the same conclusion I had and leapt on the barricade, placing his hands on the top in order to vault over.

The Guardia Civil looking over the barricade used his police baton to play a brief Gene Krupa solo on the guy's knuckles. The man dropped back into the race.

When I could literally hear the bulls huffing and galumphing behind me, I panicked, veered to my right and slammed my body into a stone wall, hiding behind a drainpipe.

Hey — when you're scared, you'd be amazed how thin you can make yourself.

All in all, it was a pretty humiliating experience. I returned to Pamplona the next year, rested, fit, abstaining from rioja and determined to salvage my honour.

When the cannon fired I was off like Donovan Bailey. I led the pack.

Then I left the pack behind me. I got to the bull ring in such short time that the crowd waiting there whistled at my appearance, amazed that a mere turista could cover the ground that fast.

I thought.

Turned out that in Spain, whistles are a sign of derision. The Spanish crowd was acknowledging my cowardice.

So, knowing what I know now, would I ever consider running with the bulls one last time?

Actually, I think I'd rather fight a war.

Dénouement

To reason with an empty heart will need an empty head.
—Richard Cruickshanks

Deserve care

I am a home care worker employed by Home Support Services.

It is not just the quality of home care but the actual delivery of service that is threatened by cutbacks and privatization by the Campbell government.

A client said to me, "When you walk through that door you bring much more than yourself."

The health and well-being of clients cared for at home depends on quality care. These people need trained, trustworthy people.

Many clients are isolated and lonely. I've gone to homes where the client is sitting in front of a digital clock watching the time, waiting for me to arrive. The home care worker might be the only person they see all day. They wait all day for that person to come. These people need care and they also need companionship.

Most clients are vulnerable. They're frail. Some of the senses, such as hearing and sight, are usually diminished. I've gone to homes where the client is blind and they shout out, "Who's there?" when they hear the door open. These people need someone who knows them personally, who knows the house and is trained to

give proper care.

Home care is deeply appreciated by clients and their families. I've had clients who say "thank you" when I put on one sock and "thank you" when I put on the other sock.

I meet clients who are very courageous and independent. They are intelligent enough and sufficiently self-aware to realize how important home care is.

A society that is reluctant to care for its elderly is less human, less compassionate and is not worthy of respect. We are all diminished if we refuse good care for our elderly.

SANDI JOHNSON,
Salt Spring

Festival thanks

Expressing our thanks to you is only mildly descriptive of our appreciation for your cooperation in publicizing Our Island, Our World, the recent video festival.

Readers found the background articles informative. Carrying so much detail in the Barnacle centre-fold gave attendees a good idea in advance of their preference among the films. The majority of them did indeed bring along the schedule from the Barnacle to guide their viewing.

Festival-goers found the blend of the films, Seedy Saturday, Michael Ablemen's

presentation, the SWOVA Youth Team's mini-festival and the volunteer group displays a harmonious and meaningful combination.

Please accept sincere and enthusiastic thanks from the organizing committee.

MAGGIE SCHUBART,
Our Island, Our World,
committee member

Enough eros

I don't consider myself a prude but I am sick and tired of reading about "erotica" and "vagina shows."

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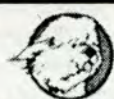
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The Shipping News — Annie Proulx's Pulitzer Prize-winning novel about a New York widower and single dad who resettles in Newfoundland. Kevin Spacey is the widower and Julianne Moore is his wife.

Canada's own Gordon Pinsent steals the show as Spacey's co-worker. Great performances by all! "One of the finest films of the year!" exclaimed Marke Andrews of The Vancouver Sun.

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Exhibitions

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Jannette Perry shows Fantastic Realism paintings at Starbooks.

Stefanie Denz shows work in a Moby's Pub exhibit titled Making Moves. Through February.

Paul Bryans' paintings are at Anise Restaurant.

Deborah Gainer shows paintings, felts and installations at Island Savings Credit Union.

Holger Hermann's photographs are at the Salt Spring Roasting Company in Ganges.

Joe Benge shares a selection of black and white photos at Luigi's Pizzeria through the months of January and February.

Laura Keil has a bread and baking tray installation and felt work show at Barb's Buns.

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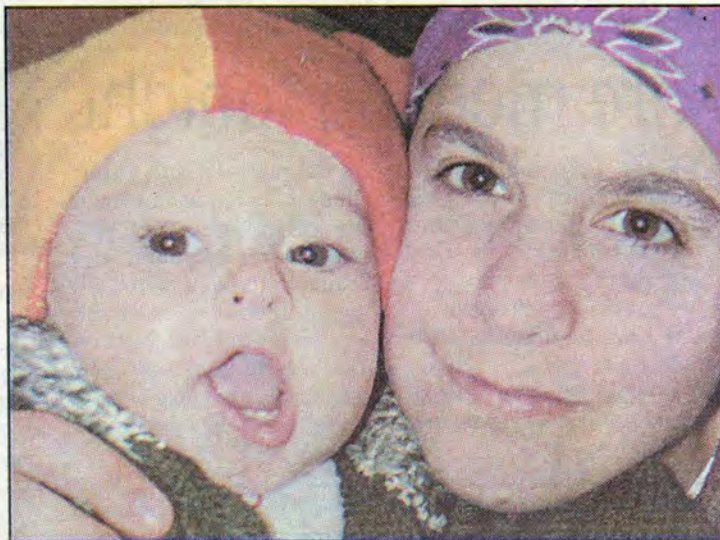


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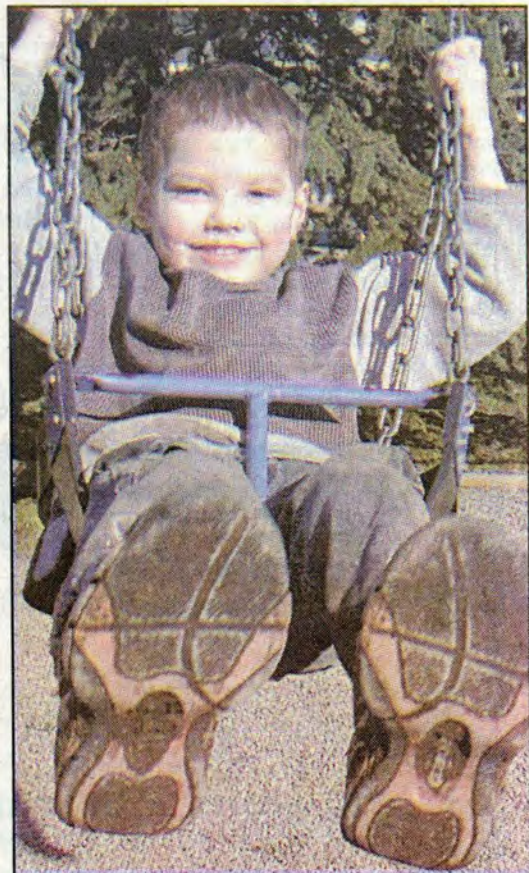
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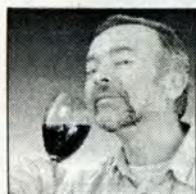
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Scotch tasting draws happy crowd



*Wine Files ...
with Steve Coopman*

Thunderbird Gallery was filled to capacity with malt whisky lovers at the fifth annual Salt Spring scotch tasting last month.

Sampled whisky came from three different regions in Scotland: Speyside, Highland and Islay. The tasting notes provided reminded everyone to keep in mind the eight aromatic groups found in Scotch whisky: cereal (malt, yeast); fruity (citrus/fresh fruit, dried fruit); floral (fragrant, leafy, hay-like); peaty (medicinal, smoky); feinty (honey, leather, tobacco); sulphury (vegetative, rubber, sand); woody (new/old wood, vanilla, toasty); winey (sherry, nutty).

The following is a report on what was observed. You'll

notice that as the night wore on the observations became less and less precise. I wonder why?

- Tamdhu, eight-year-old Speyside single malt whisky (\$39.95). A very light nose with some caramel and butter. The taste is quite mild with slight honey taste and a light smoke, peat finish. Milder with a dash of water. A good sipping Scotch.

- Glenfiddich, Solera Reserve, 15-year-old Speyside single malt (\$62.95). A fairly light nose, quite sweet with a touch of sherry, and some smoke. The taste is well balanced with honey sweetness but with an underlying metallic quality and some chemical flavour in the finish. Not improved with water added. Everyone was

disappointed.

- Glenrothes, 11-year-old Speyside single malt (\$89.75). A lovely complex nose with honey, sherry, vanilla, and yeast all evident. The taste is ultra smooth, beautiful mouth-feel, with smoke, peat, some citric, honey and butter. The finish is dry and lingering and flavourful. Adding some water softens the flavours, but what's the point? McYummy.

- Glendronach, Sherry cask 15-year-old Eastern Highland single malt (\$57.95). Aging in the sherry cask gives this whisky a dark amber colour. The nose is intensely sherried, with butter and smoke. The taste is luscious, with some sweetness, iodine, smoke and peat. Nice dry finish. With water the flavours are muted but still very pleasant.

- McClelland's single malt from the island of Islay (\$37.95). A new arrival at our BCL and selling well appar-

ently. There was no indication of age on this bottle but I suspect it is no more than an eight-year-old whisky. The nose right away establishes the Islay heritage — it is huge and peaty, intensely smoky with iodine, tar and leather. The taste reflects the nose with tar, peat, earth, iodine and slight licorice. The flavours are in no way balanced and the finish is quite harsh. Adding water to this one is almost necessary in order to taste the flavours, but the water doesn't improve the balance.

- Bowmore, 12-year-old Islay single malt (\$55.95). A smooth but powerful nose with peat, smoke, honey and vanilla. The taste is full-bodied, and balanced with smoke and peat, licorice, butter, and floral top-notes. Good dry finish. More flavourful with a little water.

Top Scotch of the evening was Glenrothes closely followed by Glendronach. Cheers!

Fire meeting tonight

Salt Spring Fire Department is holding an informative evening at our fire hall tonight (Tuesday) regarding infant safety.

The evening will entail:

- how to manage your baby choking;
- what steps to take to have emergency workers respond;
- what correct information to relay to a 911 dispatcher;
- infant Car Seat Information;
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With our little ones, choking is also a great threat many parents face. Most choking injuries happen to babies under age two. Prepare and educate yourself with what to do in an emergency involving your baby. Did you know that hundreds of Canadians die each year after choking on food? With proper training we can reduce that number.

The evening will be held

on February 19 with a start time of 7 p.m. at our main fire hall in Ganges. The program is free of charge and available to any new or old parent, brother or sister and any potential babysitters. Feel free to bring your baby and enjoy an evening of great skills that can be used in your home!

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with Linda Koroscil

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- 1 cinnamon stick
- 2 cardamoms
- 2 onions, chopped
- 3 green chiles, chopped

- 2 tsp. minced garlic
- 2 tsp. minced garlic
- 1 whole dried chile
- 1 clove
- 2-1/4 lb. boneless, skinless chicken breasts
- 1/4 tsp. nutmeg
- 1/4 tsp. mace
- Soak poppy seeds in 1/2 c. water for 1 hour. Drain and grind seeds to a paste. Sauté the garlic, ginger, whole chile and clove. Add chicken, turn until meat is almost dry, then add yogurt, stirring slowly so as not to curdle. Add the ground spice paste, nutmeg and mace. Add 1-1/2 c. hot water and simmer until chicken is done. Taste for salt. Serve with jasmine steamed rice. Make this according to your heat tolerance — I like it hot!

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ART CLASSES starting in March - "Furniture Painting", Wed March 20, 6:30-9:30pm, 6 sessions, \$200. "Mad Hats-Hand Felted", March 16 & 17, \$190. "Intro to Felt Making", March 23, \$70. Ulrike's Studio call for info 537-1723

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29 LOST AND FOUND

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BAG MISSING, Lions Building: Monday morning between 8:30-9 am, a black and purple sports bag was taken from the front door of the Lions Building. This bag was in transit from household to household. It belongs to a 16 year old girl and it had all her clothes, shoes, and makeup in it. Please, please return it to the Lions Building. It is everything she owns and values. You can drop it off at the Lions Building anytime day or night, no questions asked, but please drop it off.

FOUND: LONG haired white female cat, on Booth Canal and a ginger & white short hair on Beaver Point Road. Please contact the S.P.C.A. 537-2123

34 NOTICES

COLLEGE PENSION plan changed; unfair two tier system implemented. More information, memberships: CIRABC meeting, Unitarian Church, 49th & Oak, Vancouver, 1:30 pm February 22. Contacts: www.cirabc.ca; anvil@telus.net; (250) 491-0929.

34 NOTICES

ROLL ENDS are available at the Driftwood/Barnacle office on a first-come, first-serve basis only. We make every effort to obtain a constant supply from the printers due to their popularity. Although we don't charge for them, we would appreciate a donation to the charity of your choice into the cans provided at the front desk. This month's recipients are Salt Spring Food Bank and the Community Services Building Renovation Fund. Thank you.

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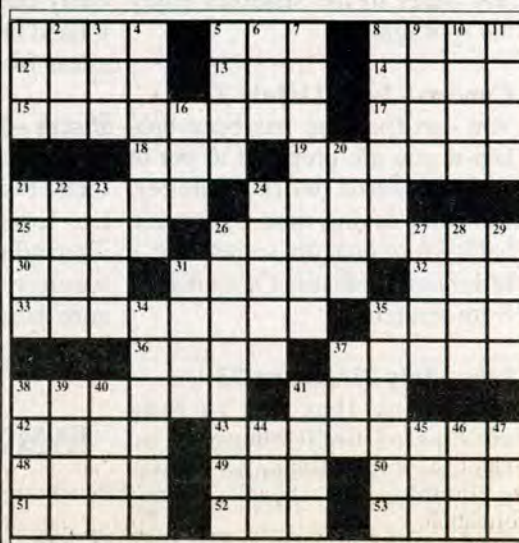
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- Angers
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- Hawaiian wind
- Turf
- Dekes
- Cape Breton's Trail
- Helsinki native
- Cards
- Growing feathers
- Nucleic acid, abbr.
- Works
- Sticky stuff
- Objected
- Equestrian sport
- A smaller amount
- Prince Edward Island's Blue Drive
- Yukon's Highway
- Gumbo
- Mislaid
- Yukon's South Highway
- Fencing sword
- Geological time
- Body part
- Scorch
- Resort
- EU money

DOWN

- Treasure Island author's monogram
- Water, in Rouyn
- Sea eagle
- Riata
- Surrounded by
- Sought office
- Alberta's Parkway
- Newfoundland's Trail
- Do the laundry
- Erupt
- Film ratings, abbr.
- Sweltering
- Terminates
- Process wool
- Skin infection
- Ray
- Pests
- Abandons
- Gouzenko or Stravinsky
- contendere
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- Journey
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Aries – March 21/April 20
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Taurus – April 21/May 21
Don't take anything too personally in the next couple of days, Taurus. It is not worth the headache it could cause. Focus on work and you'll make it through the week.

Gemini – May 22/June 21
Sometimes the most unselfish act involves letting others do things for you, Gemini. Stand back and let someone who usually hides in the shadows enjoy the spotlight.

Cancer – June 22/July 22
You can fix what has been broken if you are prepared to put in a little hard work, Cancer. Consider saving time by scaling back your goal to something a little more realistic. Or start over from scratch.

Leo – July 23/August 23
Something that you've long anticipated finally happens on Monday, Leo. Recognize the difference between a real commitment and a shallow promise made in a moment of joy.

VIRGO – Aug 24/Sept 22
If you point out what people are doing right at work rather than how they are messing up, the team will become more efficient. You'll benefit most from this situation.

Libra – Sept 23/Oct 23
The world becomes an easy place in which to live this week, Libra. Throw aside your inhibitions and bask in your good fortune. Enjoy some moments of indulgence.

Scorpio – Oct 24/Nov 22
Believe it or not, you do have a choice in the way you react to the way someone thinks, even your boss, Scorpio. Don't let their sour mood ruin your day.

Sagittarius – Nov 23/Dec 21
Someone has been singing your praises, Sagittarius — unbeknownst to you. They're letting people know how well you've done your job and how no one could have done it better than you. Enjoy the compliments.

Capricorn – Dec 22/Jan 20
You may not think of yourself as harsh, Capricorn, but there are some things that you just can't tolerate. Ease up on the people around you. Realize that everyone has their quirks.

Aquarius – Jan 21/Feb 18
Right now you are in a good position to make a connection with someone who had previously been an adversary. Extend a hand and put aside your differences for a change.

Pisces – Feb 19/March 20
If you don't gather up all of your facts, Pisces, someone could end up looking like a fool on Thursday. It could be you! Review your work and make sure there are no errors.

FAMOUS BIRTHDAYS

FEBRUARY 24
Barry Bostwick, Actor

FEBRUARY 25
Sally Jessy Raphael, TV Hostess

FEBRUARY 26
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look for our NEW 12 page colour flyer!
- **This special 12 page flyer will be in the Barnacle every Tuesday. The "sale days" will be the same as always ...Wednesday through Monday.**

How will this affect you...our valued customer? Very simply, you will receive even more! And...

Yes every *Monday will be double coupon value day!

Yes every *Tuesday will be 10% off! (*same restrictions will apply).

And of course our great friendly, fast service will continue.



VILLAGE MARKET



If you have a product or special request, please speak to one of our knowledgeable staff members and we will do everything we can to get it for you.

You can depend on us to remain extremely competitive to ensure the lowest possible price!

Here is why we have changed the format for our value-packed 12 page flyers...

We have always been a member of the Island Independent Group Wholesale. This group also service 7 other stores on Vancouver Island, the Food Country Stores, the Country Grocers and the Lake Cowichan Village Market. In the past we have shared quantity purchases to always give you the lowest possible prices.

Recently the manufacturers have increased the minimum shipments dramatically, making it very difficult for one store to achieve these minimum levels. So we have become an even stronger member of this buying group.

What this means to you is better variety and selection, better fresh produce and even better value.

In the beginning we expect to experience a few "out of stocks" while the Island Independent Group gets accustomed to the specialty items that are unique to our market.

Ganges Village Market is still very much a LOCAL INDEPENDENT food store and proud of it! We believe very strongly in supporting this special community we are fortunate to live in. Over the past 17 years we have been able to contribute well over \$1,000,000 back into our community.