Cookies, anyone?

Evelyn Edwards, left, and Allie Ingram sell ies last week to raise money for Project Love outside of — a program that collects funds to purchase School classes decorated and then sold cook-

Auxiliaries say ‘no thanks’ to job and no guns

By SUSAN LUNDY
Driftwood Staff

Former Salt Spring auxiliary police officer Mike Byrne won’t go into the front lines of policing without a gun.

So he and fellow auxiliary constable Ian Lyon have resigned from their posts following an RCMP decision last Wednesday that will prohibit B.C.’s auxiliary constables from carrying firearms.

Auxiliary constable Chuck Hamilton has not made a decision regarding his future with the program.

Byrne, who spent 25 years as a regular RCMP officer, said, “I know of lots of (policing) situations where you might need a firearm.”

He pointed to two recent home invasion-type robberies on Salt Spring that involved guns.

“How would we stop those people? If I was with a member, I’d become a liability. I’d have to sit in the car.”

Salt Spring RCMP Sgt. Paul Durbeyfield said he is disappointed about the decision “because we have lost two of our auxiliaries who have given a lot of their time to the community . . . I’m very sorry to lose them.”

But, he added, “I have to work . . .

Middle school class stranded by snowfall

When snow started to hide the cars outside their chalet on Mount Washington, Jocelyne Bourque and her Grade 7 middle school French Immersion students started to wonder.

When the power died and the roads closed, the wonder turned to worry.

Bourque, 25 students and six parents left Wednesday for a two-day ski trip to Vancouver Island’s premier ski area.

They were supposed to return Friday afternoon. But a four-foot snowfall during 36 hours closed the area off to the outside world.

The Salt Springers were unable to drive out and return home until Saturday evening.

“It started to snow when we were halfway up the mountain and we all thought that we would have great (skiing) conditions,” said Bourque back on the island.

“It wasn’t long before we realized that it wasn’t going to stop.”

The group hit the slopes

Lack of volunteers threatens Sea Capers

Salt Spring is in danger of losing its traditional welcome-to-summer festival — Sea Capers — if no volunteers step forward to take it on.

A committee of about 10 people is needed to organize the two-day June event, says Gail Beattie, who has been involved, along with husband Pat Beattie, for the past few years.

A lack of volunteers has led to burnout for those who have been left with an unwieldy task list.

Unfortunately, no one has showed up for two organizational meetings, including a well-advertised one last fall.

Any individual or group willing to save Sea Capers should call Pat Beattie at 653-9069 as soon as possible.
Ballard named hero of the planet

Geoffrey Ballard

Snowfall: Class stranded at Mt. Washington

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Thursday morning and was welcomed by 10 inches of snow. By the time I got back to the chalet, some of the cars were starting to disappear (under snow)." Bourque said.

"By the afternoon, some of the kids were starting to wonder how they would get home."

The power died at 11:30 a.m. and would not return until Saturday afternoon.

Auxiliaries: Decision prohibits firearms

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"We know we had to make the best of it, and once we did that it wasn't as bad as we thought," said Bourque. "But it was still cold chilli and lasagna Friday night."

Snow provided some insulation, a nearby store had some basic supplies and one of the chalets had a propane stove.

It wasn't the most comfortable night, and a few flurries Saturday morning dampened spirits.

But by the afternoon, plows had cleared the road and Bourque's crew was digging out their cars for the trip home.

They caught the 10 p.m. ferry at Crofton. And they are going back, in March, to get in the day of skiing that was cancelled.

"We're going to have to do it another weekend," said Bourque.

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Wheelhouse gets facelift and new home

The Cy Peck wheelhouse has finally found a home. The wooden structure from the ferry which serviced Salt Spring long ago is being restored by the Salt Spring Harbour Authority and will be used as a waiting area for float plane customers near the Ganges Coast Guard dock.

On Monday the wheelhouse was taken from the Farmers Institute grounds where it has been stored for several years and is now next to the harbour authority office. Harbour manager Bob Morrisette said it took a few phone calls to find out the status of the historic wheelhouse, but when it was determined, the plan began to grow.

"Soon people started coming out of the woodwork who were sad to see it sit at the institute rotting away there," he said. The outside wood is peeling, he said, but "it's really in nice shape inside."

Volunteer labour will be used in the restoration. Attempts to find a permanent place for the Cy Peck wheelhouse have been made at times in the past. John Stepaniuk, longtime islander who well remembers the ferry and its legendary Captain Maude, said more than one place along the Ganges seawalk, Rotary's new marine park and Drummond Park were all investigated in the early '90s when he was an Islands Trust representative.

He said he was "extremely pleased" to see the wheelhouse could finally have a public home.

Vancouver man charged following pub altercation

A Vancouver man has been charged with assault and possession of drugs following an altercation at Moby's Pub Monday night.

Police were called just before midnight to the pub where an intoxicated man refused to leave the premises. An altercation occurred and the 29-year-old man was arrested and placed in cells overnight. Police discovered a quantity of drugs in his possession.

In other police news:

• A 41-year-old Salt Spring resident has been charged with

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assaulting his girlfriend on Valentine's Day.

Police were called to the incident at approximately 1:25 p.m. The man is scheduled to appear in court March 9.

• A collection of tools was taken from a residence on Sun Eagle Drive in a break, enter and theft which occurred February 8. Entry was gained by smashing a window.
Questions remain on builders' program

There are still a few nuts-and-bolts questions surrounding a new builder licensing and mandatory home warranty program set to begin May 1 throughout B.C.

The program will force builders to obtain licenses before they can apply for building permits, and sets province-wide regulations for mandatory home warranties.

And as Salt Spring's senior building inspector Dick Stubbs noted Monday, "There are still a lot of questions about it."

Stubbs said, "Just about everybody recognizes the need for this type of process, but nobody seems happy with how we're getting there..."

Mandatory new home warranties and a licensing of residential builders were key recommendations of the Barrett Commission on condominium construction which held public hearings last year and resulted from the so-called "leaky condo" situation in the Lower Mainland.

Under the program, all residential builders applying for a building permit will be required to have a licence from the Homeowners Protection Office.

Owners, developers — those who build a single, detached home for their own personal use, not more than once every 18 months — are exempt from licensing.

All other builders will have to prove they are licensed prior to obtaining a building permit.

Residential builder licenses will cost $600 for the first year. Annual renewal fees will drop to $500 in subsequent years. An additional $25 per housing unit will be charged as part of the licensing fee.

Also beginning May 1, builders must show that the proposed new home is covered by a third-party home warranty provider authorized by the Financial Institutions Commission (Again, owner-builders are exempt.)

Minimum coverage and standards for home warranties will be set by regulation rather than by the warranty provider.

Minimum coverage includes two years on labour and materials, five years on the building envelope and 10 years on the structure of the house.

Renovator licensing and mandatory third-party warranties on major repairs are expected later in 1999.

But Stubbs, who has several questions about the new regulations, wonders what criteria will be used for licensing builders and who is going to police it.

"They've got a problem with a lack of political clout," he said, "and they be given it a broad brush."

He hopes to have more answers following an information meeting in Victoria next Monday.

Police divvy up funds raised by Full Mountie

A gourmet feast in cells, dished up last month by Salt Spring police officers and local volunteers, has netted three community policing groups here.

Local RCMP Sgt. Paul Darbyshire recently handed over a cheque for $200.53 to the Salt Spring Island Crime Prevention Association (SSCPA).

The same amount, which represents one third of the total raised from the police-initiated Full Mountie raffle, was given to the Salt Spring Community Diversion Program and the Community Police Action Team.

The raffle took place last October. First prize was a gourmet dinner served by police in cells, while second prize was dinner at Golden Island Restaurant, and third prize was a gift certificate to Ganges Village Market.

In other SSCPAs news:

* Only one student responded to a summer work opportunity with the RCMP. However, she did not qualify for the job. The program has therefore been dropped for this year.

* A new series of training sessions are being held for the Salt Spring Community Diversion Program this month, which is expected to result in an additional six to eight volunteers.

* A total of 34 offenders have been recommended to the program.

* Melanie Iwanow, who has been running Salt Spring's victims assistance program since it was launched last year, is now the official paid coordinator.

She is currently reviewing policies, making house calls and getting familiar with her police radio. The program has four volunteers and a new training program is set for April.

Salt Spring farmer John Wilcox shares his rot resistant spud seeds by donation at Seedy Saturday, held at Mahon Hall. The annual seed exchange drew a good crowd of green thumbs, eagerly awaiting spring.

Information on builders' licensing

Island builders, realtors and lawyers specializing in real estate and construction may want to circle one of two dates on their calendars.

On Monday, February 22 in Victoria and Tuesday, March 2 in Nanoaimo, the Homeowner Protection Office is staging free information sessions to inform builders and other construction stakeholders about the new licensing process and mandatory home warranties.

Regulations on builder licensing and mandatory third party home warranties will be in effect on May 1, 1999.

Have we got your number?

The next issue of the SSI Directory is now being produced.

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Discretion and diplomacy; a time to lick wounds in Year of Rabbit

By MIKE LEVIN
Driftwood Staff

The new lunar year begins tomorrow (Thursday) at about 11 a.m.

While the event is recognized and celebrated throughout Asia and the Indian subcontinent, it is pretty well accepted as the Chinese New Year.

The reasons are mainly scientific.

About the middle of the 27th century B.C., Chinese emperor Huang Ti decided the nation's 360-day calendar didn't work to his satisfaction.

The cycle didn't maintain chronological consistency for the phases of the moon or even the day calendar didn't work to his satisfaction.

So the emperor changed the calendar to a 60-year cycle that had five sets of 12 sections, each section having 12 full moons.

It didn't do much good because within the next 100 years, the Babylonian empire disappeared for good.

Science also gave us the western calendar, dispassionately accurate down to the last second, but not as much fun.

Who wouldn't like a lunar zodiac that breaks all humans into one of 12 dozen animal signs, each modeled by that creature's habits and mixed with earth elements to determine whether we'll be superman or superlouse that year. It's actually quite popular in many cultures.

The Psychic Hotline Network makes big bucks advising phone-in clients -- many of whom probably know — on how nature guides them.

Lunar calendars for sale at this time of the year in most street corners in China, Hong Kong and Taiwan will list the dog and don't for each day of the new year.

But mostly it is the year's animal personality which attracts the greatest interest.

Each of the 12 sections is assigned an animal sign. Legend has it they were chosen by Lord Buddha as he was preparing to leave the material world.

Only 12 animals showed up to say goodbye.

Tomorrow renews us to the Year of the Rabbit, last seen in 1987 and a welcome break from the just-finished ferocious Year of the Tiger.

It is a time of discretion and diplomacy as we prepare for the supremely auspicious Year of the Dragon, coming in just 12 months.

This is, according to Chinese horoscopes, a year to "watch out that one doesn't become too indulgent. The influence of the Year of the Rabbit tends to spoil those who like too much comfort and thus impair their effectiveness and sense of duty."

But it's also a time to "go off to some quiet spot to lick our wounds and get some rest after all the battles of the previous year."

Those born during the Year of the Rabbit shouldn't marry those born under the rooster sign: they should make their most important decisions in March.

They are supposed to be lucky, be blessed with longevity and have an almost narcissistic self-assurance.

Albert Einstein and Thailand's beloved King Bhumibol are rabbits but so are Fidel Castro and Joseph Stalin. Go figure.

This year's new babies will have a sweet disposition, be even-tempered and obedient to the wishes of their parents.

Those who celebrate the lunar new year — even though they use the western calendar — know how to do it in style.

The Chinese did not invent gunpowder to poke holes in other people's heads; they wanted to scare away the previous year's demons.

The annual fireworks display in Hong Kong is meant to scatter lingering bad luck, and its scope puts Vancouver's Symphony of Fire to shame.

It is a time for family, especially those who are younger and unmarried and who come clamouring for love. See a minimum miner — a little red envelope containing money that is supposed to purge outstanding debts.

Any Chinese business that doesn't settle its accounts payable before the new year is inviting bad luck.

But mainly Chinese New Year, like the lunar cycle, is a time of renewal.

Which is why the new year's greeting is "A wish for a new start" ("going hey fat choy" in the Cantonese dialect).

And why the ubiquitous sign of new year's prosperity is miniature orange trees, specially bred to produce fruit near the end of each lunar year.

B.C. Tel issues PIN warning

B.C. Tel has a calling card warning following a spate of fraudulent phone calls in Richmond last week.

The phone company is reminding customers not to give out their calling card information to anyone claiming to be from BC Tel security.

The caller claimed someone had been fraudulently using the customer's calling card in Toronto. He then said he needed the calling card number and PIN to cancel the card and prevent further fraud.

The company says people should secure their calling cards and PINs with the same care as credit or bank cards.

Anyone obtaining someone else's calling card number and PIN can use the number to ring up a large bill under the victim's account.

The event has one effect that tends to get overlooked.

More and more it is becoming a dumping-ground pot for interaction between cultures that celebrate it and those that don't, especially those in multicultural countries like Canada.

Ten years ago you'd only get a blank stare in Vancouver, Calgary or Halifax if you asked what festival "going hey fat choy" was associated with.

Today it's almost as well known as Christmas.

In the year 4,636 (our 1999), Emperor Huang Ti wouldn't recognize how his invention is being celebrated.

But he would probably understand why it has survived.
Fundraising planned for Ford Lake wetlands

Salt Spring will soon be fundraising for Ford Lake. Sixty-four acres of wetlands, farmland and forest bordering the lake on the south-central part of the island were secured last month on an interim basis by a group of individuals and the Pacific Estuary Conservation Program (PECP).

While fundraising details have not yet been formulated, local biologist Gavin Johnston said Tuesday that the island groups will be involved in raising the money needed. Johnston stressed the importance of the property’s high conservation values.

“The first time I ever went there, the number of birds and the variety of birds was incredible. I had never seen anything like it on the island.”

The lake provides critical year-round habitats for wading birds, shorebirds and other rare and endangered bird species. Johnston said that approximately 20 hectares of fields along the lakeshore are winter-flooded and merge with the sedge, cattail, bulrush and iris of the lakeshore marshes. Spits, Virginia and Sonora Rains, wood ducks and mallards all nest in the lush vegetation.

Food-fledged grebes, herons and many species of waterfowl use the flooded lowlands and lakeshore throughout the year, he said, and it is also a valuable area for predators such as Peregrine falcons, red-tailed hawks and northern harriers.

Ford Lake lies in the heart of Salt Spring’s largest watershed and is also the source of Fulford Creek, the most important salmon-bearing stream on the island.

“That whole Fulford Valley watershed is tremendously important,” said Johnston.

He said the Salt Spring Island Conservancy was spurred on the acquisition of the property with support from the island’s salmon enhancement society and other groups.

Capital Regional District Regional Parks has also recognized the Ford Lake wetlands as a high priority area of interest for conservation purposes.

The property was acquired for $725,000 through a court-ordered sale.

Johnston said the interim purchase could not have happened without help from the PECP, a partnership between the Canadian Wildlife Service, Department of Fisheries and Oceans, Ministry of Environment, Lands and Parks, the Habitat Conservation Trust Fund, Ducks Unlimited Canada and the Nature Trust of B.C.

Since 1987, the PECP has acquired almost 1,600 hectares of habitat and initiated the conservation designation of more than 45,000 hectares of adjacent intertidal Crown lands.

Enrolment drop predicted

Lower enrolment in Gulf Islands schools this fall is the prediction from school district staff.

Superintendent Andrew Duncan said at the February 10 board meeting that planning and budgets for the 1999/2000 school year are being based on an enrolment of 1,658 students, a figure provided by education ministry estimates.

The school district’s estimate was slightly higher at 1,670, but Duncan said the lower number was preferable.

$400 approved for banner

Education Week March 1-5 will be publicized with a banner in Ganges, although the money is being squeaked out of the only possible cache — school trustees’ expenses.

Cost for the banner is under $400, said trustee Judith Boel of the board’s community relations committee.

“We’re rather be on the conservative side,” he said.

Duncan said it meant Fernwood Elementary School would have one less teacher.

Mayne and Pender schools would lose a fair number of students, but Salt Spring Island Middle School’s population was expected to increase.

Overall, he said, the impact of fewer students would be small.

Last year’s preliminary budget was based on a projected enrolment of 1,727 students.

School briefs

Peter Wigen, elected in the February 6 by-election, who in his campaign expressed strong support for use of volunteers in schools.

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Year 2000 celebration ideas being reviewed

While the rest of the world frets about the widespread failure of computer chips on December 31, Salt Spring Islanders might be turning their clocks back 100 years—voluntarily. That was one of the scenarios put forward at a millennium planning meeting Monday.

Another proposal is to hold professional development seminars for craftspeople and visual and performing artists.

On Monday representatives of the two organizations met and agreed to combine their efforts for one proposal. It would likely take the form of five-day workshops and weekend lectures during the year 2000. However, alliance spokeswoman Marlene Smith says organizational assistance is needed from about 15 people committed to share the responsibility of staging the event.

Given that kind of support, a grant application for funding would be made either to the Canada Council or the federal millennium fund. Smith can be reached at 537-0756.

Called by the Chamber of Commerce millennium committee, Monday's meeting also discussed ideas for celebrating the millennium eve on December 31.

Chamber director Derwin Rokeby-Thomas suggested the island adopt a theme in which time would be turned back 100 years. Visitors could be encouraged to visit the island and leave behind their fears about Y2K—the computer chip millennium bug—and enjoy a holiday season that would feature elements of Salt Spring in 1900.

ArtSpring administrator Jane Corner told the meeting no New Year's Eve events had been booked yet at the arts centre. It was suggested that ArtSpring might be a good location for a community celebration, particularly after midnight. The chamber is considering staging a fireworks display in Ganges at that time.

Anyone with millennium celebration ideas should contact committee chairman Tony Richards at 537-5248.
A wise move

The RCMP has made the best possible choice in its decision not to authorize auxiliary constables to carry firearms.

The issue has been the source of some controversy in British Columbia during the past year, as auxiliaries themselves protected a firearms prohibition by withdrawing their services. Their argument was that if they were to be placed in harm’s way, while dressed in a uniform similar to that worn by full-fledged Mounties, they ought to be able to protect themselves with a firearm.

The argument is a good one, but ignores the special recognition afforded police officers by the public. Police officers are given a degree of authority over their fellow citizens, along with the right to carry arms so they may enforce the laws we make. The public has a right to demand, therefore, a selection procedure and a training regimen rigorous enough to ensure that that police have been equipped with that special authority.

Auxiliaries may well be highly suited for police work, but if they wish to carry guns, they too should be subject to the same requirements as regular members of the police force. In other words, they should join up.

A senior RCMP official acknowledged last week the excellent service that has been provided by auxiliary constables. They deserve that acknowledgment. Their volunteer service has been a tremendous boon to law enforcement efforts on Salt Spring, whose detachment has often found itself short-handed.

We believe the auxiliary program continues to provide much-needed personnel support with its revised role, in which it will assist with crime prevention programs and public safety initiatives.

A questionable decision

We have to wonder about the decision of the Islands Trust to substitute a free-distribution shopper for a community newspaper as the vehicle to carry its advertising. This week the Trust began an advertising campaign with a publication whose main purpose is the distribution of advertising information.

That purpose is what sets apart that publication from this newspaper, whose main purpose is the dissemination of community news and information.

The Driftwood takes that role seriously. With four editorial staff and a roster of community correspondents, we are committed to maintaining our standing as the "newspaper of record."

However, it is advertising revenue that pays the salaries of reporters, including those who cover Islands Trust meetings and issues. Could it be that the Trust would rather not have reporters sniffing around and asking questions? We hope not.
The collective agreement negotiated in 1987 between the Gulf Islands School Board and the Gulf Islands Teachers’ Association (GITA) is a major obstacle to our board’s efforts to achieve a balanced operating budget and long-term fiscal stability.

At the signing of the present collective agreement in 1987, Gulf Islands School District was the only district in province “wealthiest” in the community. Two changes have significantly contributed to the present crisis.

In 1992 the government eliminated the board’s right to levy extra funds through property taxation. This single piece of legislation reduced our school district from a wealthy board with an affordable collective agreement to an impoverished board with an unaffordable collective agreement.

In four years of “provincial bargaining” nothing has been accomplished. Instead, Education Minister Paul Ramsey has said that the government will not fund the entire cost of existing teacher contracts, neither may boards renegotiate these contracts. At the same time, he pressures school districts to balance their budgets or be replaced.

Some facts about the Gulf Islands School District should be considered:
• The district has the lowest secondary school class maximums in British Columbia where secondary school class maximums are 28 pupils in one district, 29 in another.
• A CSS class size maximum of 27 pupils, the second lowest of the 53 school districts in British Columbia where secondary school class maximums are: 28 pupils in one district, 29 pupils in another district, 30 pupils in 52 districts, 31 pupils in two districts.

IN DEPTH

1. In 1987 between the Gulf Islands School Board and the Gulf Islands Teachers’ Association (GITA) was legislated to carry on negotiations. The teachers’ union (BCFTE) didn’t like their proposals and walked away from the table to the government. A deal was secretly negotiated with them.

2. The introduction of the provincial bargaining has nothing been accomplished. Instead, Education Minister Paul Ramsey has said that the government will not fund the entire cost of existing teacher contracts, neither may boards renegotiate these contracts. At the same time, he pressures school districts to balance their budgets or be replaced.

Some facts about the Gulf Islands School District should be considered:
• The district has the lowest and therefore the most expensive class size collective agreement language in British Columbia.
• A comparison of average sizes for elementary classes in British Columbia where secondary school class maximums are 28 pupils in one district, 29 pupils in another district, 30 pupils in 52 districts, 31 pupils in two districts.

In conclusion, if the Gulf Islands School District was able to renegotiate an average elementary class size of 27 pupils and a high school class size maximum of 30, the district would be able to balance its budget, provide a full range of programs and achieve fiscal stability.

KELN LEAN
Former school trustee, Salt Spring
Wilson adds PDA insult to injury

VICTORIA — First he abandoned his supporters; now he is trying to coerce them into following him down the garden path. Taking time out from throwing his weight around the cabinet, Gordon Wilson advised members of the Progressive Democratic Alliance to wind down the party he founded and join him in the NDP.

When he deserted the PDA, he left behind the little matter of $65,000 to $80,000 the party is in debt. If members vote to keep the party going, they'll have to look after that debt. If, however, they come into the welcoming arms of the NDP, Wilson promised that he and a few of his new-found NDP buddies would hold fundraisers to pay off the debt.

This is the man who not so long ago told his supporters that he was a different breed of politician, that his party was one of principles writ-large. No cheap compromises for Gordon Wilson, no sir.

Well, I suppose the compromise wasn't cheap. It came with power, real or perceived, and a fat ministerial salary. He named his price and the NDP bought him. Wilson professes indignation at the suggestion that he's been the man his supporters wrongly believed him to be. Perhaps we should all have known better way back when, as Liberal leader, Wilson made Judi Tybjaj, the woman he had already begun to have an affair with, his second lieutenant. In retrospect, I've got to admit no sane person would do that.

The Wilson-NDP marriage says as much about the NDP as it does about Wilson. On the surface, it makes sense for Glen Clark to lure Wilson into his parlour. More likely than not, the NDP will destroy the one party that would siphon votes from them.

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Requests

I do not know whether Mr. Gary Lundy ever served in one of HM or HMC ships during the war, but he must know that discipline is necessary and orders must be obeyed instantly in the interest of safety. At the same time discipline can be interpreted in different ways. One summer in 1946 the Royal Navy cruiser HMS Sheffield came into Canadian Waters and following the custom of years past its command­ers were asked if they would take some personnel for training. They, of course agreed, and some university cadets were sent.

Then someone — like Gary — started to worry about how they would react to the "strict discipline" of an RN cruiser and they were all asked to submit reports of their experiences. I was delighted with one of those — he wrote that he had enjoyed himself and learned a lot; but what had really impressed him was that hardly any orders were given — only requests. This is normal for RN ships. Orders are reserved for emergen­cies because it makes for a friend­lier atmosphere, though of course "requests" also must be obeyed.

Perhaps our ferries also do this. It seems quite normal for small ships.

Suggestions

Thoughts on our future — what could we change to improve our economic situation?

Suggestions to consider:

• Lighten up, live and let live.
• Out of the Islands Trust and return to the more sane CRD as before.
• Give your money, you may need it.
• Gain control of the highways budget on-island so our crews can do more for our roads. A.S.A.P. please, please, please.
• Insist on lower ferry fares and more service. The higher the fares, the less people that use the service; the less that use the service the higher the fares, until one day when the government will say, "We can't afford this anymore, we'll have to privatize the fleet." This isn't the way to go. Lower the fares significantly and soon enough more riders will come and the extra volume and extra food etc. sold will begin to recoup the losses from lower fares.

Other day therefore there will be no ferry we can afford at all.

• Consider allowing landowners to build a guest cottage where they do not presently meet lot size requirements. It would get a lot of work happening and be of value to the landowner and the community, as certainly new smaller rental units are desirable. For our island workforce this would be more than welcome at this time. Don'tcha think.

DREW CLARKE, Lower Ganges

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GULF ISLANDS DRIFTWOOD
Young entrepreneurs were out in force last week as Fulford Elementary School children sold cookies outside Patterson's Store. Seen here fundraising, from left, are Jesson Motherwell, Dylan Hansberger and Simon Fogarty. The youths were "managing" or perhaps "boying" the stand.

More letters

Vision

Last week we had the privilege of attending a private function at ArtSpring. The setting was elegant, a perfect place for a small dinner party.

The arts centre board and the many volunteers who had the vision and put in the many hours to make this vision come true are to be congratulated.

SUSAN RUSSELL
Baker Road

Dealers

I grow and use garlic. I also sell "a little garlic to friends on occasion." Am I a "garlic dealer?"

ANNRAIO S. WARNER
Lee Road

Root cause

While I agree with much of the view expressed by Hubert Beyer in his February 10 column, I cannot allow one of his assertions to go unchallenged.

He states, "We are not born to violence. The tendency towards violence is almost exclusively the result of learned behaviour." Exactly the opposite is true. We are born to experience feelings engendered in the primitive parts of our brains inherited from our primordial ancestors which, when stimulated, cause the release of hormones to prepare our bodies for "fight or flight."

The learned behaviour is the ability to control this response which has been supposedly rendered inappropriate by civilization and socialization.

That this is so is evidenced by the violence which often results following disinhibition or loss of control due to the misuse of alcohol or drugs.

Thus the root cause of violence would appear to be a failure to learn and develop the ability to control the behaviour resulting from perfectly "normal" feelings — those of anger, fear, etc. experienced by us all in response to stimuli.

It would seem to me to follow that the remedy should lie in education which promotes discipline and self-control as a model for all in recent years. But perhaps satyrasis should be another subject for Capital Comment.

M.W.L. (BILL) DAVIS, Ganges

The health of your body rests on your feet.

OF COURSE, if violence against women is to be the first subject of the proposed public education campaign, there is a certain well-known American who has not exactly exhibited discipline and self-control as a model for all in recent years.

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Herring ghosts. If you look carefully, you have seen them swimming around the lobby of those new luxury hotels next to the Legislature in Victoria. Try one of those hotels with names ending in “e” that got built next to the luxury hotels ending in “e”. I will never work in a roe processing plant or go near a herring in the Strait of Georgia. We have learnt a little from the hauntings that we have in Victoria.

Herring hauntings in luxury hotels are not fun. I got two hauntings for my sins. It starts the moment you walk in and you get a sense of being watched. You look down at the glossy tiles and you see again all those herring eyes looking up at you from a heap so deep that you think you are going to drown in them. Then the smell of rotting herring blows out of the very floor you stand on and on and on until you have to start again with the salt. Everyone at the reception desk turns into ghostly renditions of eagles, gulls and cormorants looking down their beaks at you demanding to know what you did to their herring.

At this point you escape into the powder room only to find the guests have transformed into ghostly harlequins, oldsquaws and goldeneyes muttering on about their share of the catch. Dashing back into the foyer you stop in amazement at the sight of a herring swimming in your hands. The smell of rotting herring turns milky white with the milt of the herring. The Puget Sound herring fishery now employs fewer fishers and gives less income to the fishermen.

What we do know is that small resident populations up and down the island that would have local spawns, e.g., Fulford, are diminishing one by one. Whereas the big migratory spawning populations are recorded as being at historic levels in places like Hornby and Denman islands as so everyone thinks it is fine. Other bits of information tend to be left out. First, the 1998 Strait of Georgia gillnet roe herring fishery was extended from one to three days because of a prevalence of smaller herring that continually worked through the gill net. The target quota could not be caught in the Hornby/Denman area, the southern Gulf Islands area was then opened to fishing. Small fish mean juvenile fish and no more babies. Second, it is not known whether the resident populations have disappeared or joined the migratory stock in order to stay in enough numbers to be safe. They are a schooling fish and will join the crowd so that the so-called high numbers are just amalgamations of smaller resident stocks banding together. The importance of maintaining a diversity of local and migratory stocks is also underestimated. My boyfriend of Jimmy Patterson is because the fishery is largely owned and controlled by two processing companies: B.C. Packers (Galen Weston) and The Canadian Fishing Company, (Jimmy Patterson of Save-on-Foods and just about everything else in B.C.).

The large herring quota set for 1999 (12,000 tonnes) by the Department of Fisheries and Oceans is directly attributable to lobbying pressure by the Weston and Patterson firms, who find the fishery highly profitable due to the high volume. They own most of the licences.

To understand what we are losing, go to Hornby Island next month to catch the herring balls pursued by great herds of seals, sea lions and orcas: the world's largest wintering concentration of harlequins; and the great rafts of scoters and scap, grebes and loons. It is a natural wonder of the world and far better than a superannuated one. Remember, this is the last bastion of the herring. The Puget Sound herring fishery has virtually collapsed and animal populations that follow them around are going. All the eggs are in e basket, as they say, yet we still continue to keep a roe fishery going, owned by a handful of stockbrokers.

So this spring, I am hoping that they'll all get a herring haunting. They are sure to end up in one of those luxury hotels next to the legislature, doing what stockbrokers do best, chatting up the harlequins and ordering drinks from the sharks when suddenly the glossy tiles will turn into the eyes of herring watching them for the moment of understudying.

Tips
Write David Anderson in the House of Commons, Ottawa and lobby that the commercial herring roe fishery get dropped. The Oceans Act requires that a conservation component is included in fisheries management and if ever there was an easy one to implement, this is it.

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My role, as treasurer, was to help raise funds for our project. Apart from the fact that more than half of the buildings were destroyed by arsonists just over 10 years ago, the village project has been rebuilt and is a popular cultural and tourist attraction.

When Pete and I had coffee, he expressed the age-old dilemma of a shortage of operating funds. This was new to me, coming from the insurance industry for the past 11 years. Having been involved in the life insurance industry for the past 11 years and having served on the fundraising committee to build a new, large church in downtown Victoria, I have come to appreciate the value of charitable gifting.

This unique program takes many forms. For example: simple cash gifts; bequests last year. The University of Victoria is an ongoing recipient of bequests in various forms. Within Salt Spring Island, the SPCA, Lady Minto Hospital Foundation, Community Services Society, and similar projects are only a few of the many community-oriented associations who are registered sources and worthy of our support.

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It was increased to 50 per cent, then recently to the very generous 75 per cent limit we enjoy today. Spaces does not allow for greater detail, but from personal experience I know of a Victoria church

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As the scientific and technical apparatus and otherwise informed speculation continue to be dominated by the media, a growing realization has been steadily growing in the public mind that we could indeed soon be in for some real live crisis situations without the benefit of the much sought after "quick fix." At the same time, Y2K is producing the usual yawning indifference, distrust, denial or "business as usual" attitude.

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For months now, we have been presented with information on disaster scenarios. Some staples are: that the possibilities for significant, if not total, breakdowns are real; that all delivery systems and performance systems on which modern technological societies daily depend are computer driven; failure in the delivery systems of vital supplies and services, whether informational, data-based or material are being depicted on a scale of a threat to major inconveniences (chip failures) to total systemic collapse. And as the number of alarming scenarios being envisioned are: failure of the electrical grid, equipment failures in hospitals, air crashes from malfunctioning guidance systems, chaos in the banking and business sectors, snarls and disruptions in trade, commerce and government, and glitches in the vital information on which thousands of organizations depend for their functioning. It is somewhat reassuring to know that at this moment hundreds of thousands of technical experts are working to correct the problem and to reach that stage Y2Kees are not to do.

But the "let the experts do it" attitude, the experts themselves are advising us not to do. Precautionary measures, they warn, need to be exercised by everyone responsible citizen. Elsewhere, the enterprises with an eye for business have been quick to capitalize on pending misfortune and are offering alternate energy solutions and stockpiling capabilities to a vulnerable population at affordable prices.

Commentators have already drawn comparisons to the impending crisis with the sinking of the Titanic in 1912.

The Titanic analogy is fitting but only partially exact. The Y2K phenomenon offers this significant contrast: the reliance on the most recent technology in 1912 was total and absolute. Remember it was said on the maiden voyage out of Belfast that "God Himself could not sink this ship." And with the Y2K "apocalypse row" it is our own heads on our shoulders, we have already come to the realization that state-of-the-art technology can fail.

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- International Guitar Night at ArtSpring, Friday night, 8 p.m.
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- Royal Canadian Legion — Karaoke with Julie, in the lounge, Friday night.
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Grab bag
- Jerry Kozakaponski gives a visual tour of Ellemere Island in a presentation Tuesday at All Saints By-the-Sea, beginning at 7 p.m.

A ‘powerful emotional impact’

By GAIL SJUBERG
Driftwood Staff
When David Berner was first asked to consider playing the part of Shylock in the one-man play of the same name, he couldn’t have known the powerful impact it would have.

Playwright Mark Leiren-Young and director John Juliani had seen Berner “being totally outrageous” at a discussion panel on the state of theatre a few years ago while they were in the process of finding the perfect actor to play Shylock.

“They sort of looked at each other and said ‘there’s our guy’,” Berner told the Driftwood Monday.

And since the summer of 1996 when Shylock debuted as part of the Bard on the Beach festival in Vancouver, Berner has been Shylock at various performances in Vancouver and at the University of Venice in Italy.

Every single night, people have risen to their feet at the play’s end, said Berner.

They have grabbed onto the play from the word “go,” let their laughter fly throughout and they have wept.

“It has this very powerful emotional impact . . . and it sneaks up on you.”

Shylock is about a production of Shakespeare’s Merchant of Venice, which has been branded anti-Semitic and politically incorrect and so is censured by the Broadcasting Corporation of Canada through its run. The play raises questions about the function and responsibility of art, and much more.

(Originally, a proposed run of Shylock in Edmonton did not materialize because the play was considered too controversial.)

Berner has been “totally inspired” by his foray into the world of Shylock.

“The first time I read it I was shaking — literally shaking — I was just so excited,” said Berner.

For an actor, Shylock’s 33-page monologue is an immense mountain to climb.

“Actors are vain people but it would help if someone else had a line once in a while,” he jokes.

Berner’s list of theatre, film and TV setting credits is long and impressive. He took the role of Dave Moss in Glengarry Glen Ross, to Fugin in Oliver! and Fox in Speed-the-Plow on stage, to principal film and TV series roles such as Look Who’s Talking, Comrades of Italy and Victoria’s Sunyata band perform.

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Dean’s timeless paintings suggest ‘nobility is all of us’

By VAUGHN FULFORD
Driftwood Contributor

If artists are the visionaries of our world, then bearing witness to the soulfully allegorical work of Salt Spring artist Diana Dean, now gracing the ample walls of the recently-opened ArtSpring building, is close to a civic responsibility.

With sumptuous, painstaking grace, Dean presents to us a world of wonderful possibilities, a fascinatingly timeless reality in which simple existence becomes the mysterious art form it is meant to be.

It’s not a bad reminder of human potential in a land as ripe with possibility as this. Nor, with the nigh-unendless catalogue of works in the recently-opened ArtSpring building, is Salt Spring close to a civic responsibility.

The show, Brush with Romance, focuses on Dean’s large scale work of the past few years, along with numerous sketches, drawings, and some other works.

There is an intentional timeless quality to the paintings. Dean draws upon a myriad of influences — Renaissance art, modern art, even a feudal nobility — to create a timeless art form.

One comes away ...with a greater awareness of the potential for being human in all of us, of the joy and sorrow ...

She seems to be saying that the nobility is all of us, that true nobility rests within the human, which we are one to another, and it is through such an awareness that we may achieve our own "Renaissance" — an idea probably familiar to many in our community.

Dean’s show is a clarion call for all of us to allow our more gracious, enlightened selves to be — a clarion call with a sense of drama and fun — Da Vinci’s studio of allegorical and or mythic, open to all of us to allow our more gracious, enlightened selves to be — a clarion call with a sense of drama and fun.

Strings will sing Friday at international guitar event

Fans of great music and world-class guitar playing won’t want to miss this first ever battery of guitar talent on Salt Spring and the San Juan Islands.

San Francisco guitarist Gore conceived of "guitar nights" to feature artists such as Alex de Grassi, Martins or work boots remind us of the natural world. The show, Brush with Romance, features artists such as Alex de Grassi, Peppino DiAgostino, Mike Marshall, Pete Finger and many others.

Salt Spring is one stop on the current west coast tour. Gore and Italian guitarist virtuoso Calogero, along with Victoria’s own Sunyata are also performing concerts at the Cowichan Theatre in Duncan.

According to Gerry Kurz of Salt Spring guitar magazine, curating the event, “Gore’s style fuses the imagery of a Michelin Hedges with the dynamics of a Pierre Bensusan and the Latin warmth of a Baden Powell. His Debac CD, Path of Least Resistance, was produced by acclaimed guitarist Peppino DiAgostino and he counts as friends and mentor Alex DeGrassi, who will produce Brian’s next recording.

"Of Gore, Acoustic Guitar magazine stated, "No one but Brian has combined so many diverse style and influences into such a cohesive, emotive guitar style full of wisdom and depth."

Calogero’s background is in the classical guitar, says Kurz, "but his music reflects elements of his Italian homeland, American folk music and jazz, all performed with flawless technique and polish. He’s a popular performer on the European festival circuit."

DeGrassi writes: “Antonio plays with clarity and passion; the subtle intricacy of his music will make you want to listen again.”

Salt Spring is familiar with the Spanish, Flamenco and gypsy-inspired creations of Sunyata, whose members play with an unmatched passion and enthusiasm.

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Endgame is ‘a play for the millennium’

By GAIL SJUBERG
Driftwood Staff

For the actors, Endgame is a ‘play for the millennium,’ says Hylands. “It’s a musical score. You have to do exactly what he says. No less.”

Hylands’ and Nell’s, the “aging progenitors” who forsake their Yale scholarship for life on a Colorado farm with a priest, the inherent intergenerational conflict came across loud and clear. What was perhaps most remarkable about this production of If We Are Women was the relative inexperience of the actors. Except for Cullingham, this was the first dramatic theatre piece for O’Brien, Phillips and Fast. The women’s different desires and visions of happiness were illustrated by the simple statement the three were so used to about what constituted a good relationship.

Endgame

When: February 28, 27, 8 p.m. plus 2 p.m. on the 27th
Where: ArtSpring
Cost: $12 adults; students $6; matinee $10

Saturday night, the island will be buzzing with cultured introspection and speculation about Endgame. Tickets are at Acoustic Planet, Patterson’s, Island Books Plus and the door.

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Play looks at intergenerational conflict

By GAIL SJUBERG
Driftwood Staff

If We Are Women, written by Joanna McClelland Glass and performed at ArtSpring last week, it doesn’t take a student of Beckett to appreciate it, says Hylands.

For the actors, Endgame is a daunting challenge. For O’Brien of the Salt Spring community theatre in.stituted a good relationship.

Endgame has a bit of a daunting reputation and is often produced in gutsy college theatre departments. But one of Hylands’ friends in Los Angeles mounted it in a “hip venue” where he wondered if it would be received, and it was a huge success.

Hylands is hoping for the same response on Salt Spring. One thing is certain: after the play closes next Friday and Saturday evening and for a Saturday matinee.

Endgame also stars Scott Hylands, Vaughn Fulford and Laurie Clarke.

“In the CAN:”

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It didn’t take long to develop an attachment to and understanding of the play’s four female characters, and to appreciate the vast territory of emotions and issues which Glass had sent them to cover.

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Local studio recording trio live at Moby’s

By GAIL SJUBERG

Driftwood Staff

Driftwood is invited to play a part in the creation of a CD release for one of Canada’s pre-eminent jazz artists.

Or at least as many people as can squeeze into Moby’s this Saturday and Sunday night.

That’s when Allowed Sound is recording the Pat Coleman Trio — no stranger to Moby’s Sunday Dinner Jazz audiences — live.

Coleman is a renowned guitarist player who has been compared to his namesake Pat Metheny and Shilo Hick, Alan Moberg and Shilo Zygberg.

In addition to the release process of the Pat Coleman Trio at Moby’s Friday and Saturday nights.

Seeing the great things local musicians are doing has been one of the most rewarding parts of running Allowed Sound.

Meyers compares the process of recording musicians’ songs to artists bringing their pieces of art to the framing studio.

Both want the best presentation of their work.

“It’s very much like a painting,” says Meyers. “You see what they’ve got and highlight it in the most beautiful or powerful fashion.

That’s a lot of what the producing process is.”

Recently Meyers attended a film industry seminar in Vancouver and made contacts for film composition projects.

It offers some enticing possibilities he would like to pursue.

Until then, the Coleman Trio live recording will benefit from Meyers’ energy.

There’s no cover charge (as usual) for the entertainment at Moby’s. “It’s going to be a great event,” he says.

Workshop by award-winning artist will explore various painting types

It’s not often a top-level painter offers a single workshop for artists who want to explore oils or acrylics.

But it’s happening on Salt Spring March 6-7 as the island’s painters’ guild hosts Alan Wylie.

Currently living in Vancouver, the Scotland-born Wylie’s work has been seen in more than 60 solo exhibitions, and in group shows in Canada, the United States and Europe.

He has also created more than 20 murals from Scotland to Arkansas, Baffin Island to Chemainus and points in between.

Last year alone he won four awards: two from the American Watercolour Society, one from the Adirondacks Juried Exhibition in New York and a gold medal from the Federation of Canadian Artists Senior Members Annual Exhibition.

On Salt Spring Wylie’s work is represented by Ewart Gallery of Fine Arts.

Several workshops are still available for the workshop which costs $80 for guild members and $90 for others.

It takes place at Lionel’s hall on Drake Road from 9:30 to 4 p.m. both days.

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2. Notice will consider themselves aggrieved against any appeal made under the Sewage Disposal Regulations may file an appeal under section 5 (3) of the Water Act. Notice of appeal must be delivered to the Board, facsimile, or registered mail to the Chair of the Environmental Appeal Board, Parliament Buildings, Victoria, B.C. V8V 1X4 within thirty (30) days of permit issuance.

Ferry woes lead to late Eaglesmith production

Unlucky travel connections led to a late show at ArtsSpring Sunday night for Fred Eaglesmith and The Flying Squirrel Band and their audience.

Eaglesmith and his band ended up on the last ferry from Swartz Bay to Fisgard — not as planned — which meant they didn’t start playing until about 10:45 p.m.

Opening act Heartbreak Hill, a dynamite bluegrass band from Toronto, did make it to the island on time.

Event sponsor was Longevity John Musical Treats from Duncan. John Fellows said Monday that people who picked up fresh tickets before leaving because they could not wait for Eaglesmith could receive their money back by turning the tickets in to Acoustic Planet Music.

Scheduled as a second concert next week had been considered but could not be arranged.

Eaglesmith may return after his new album comes out in May, said Fellows.

He stressed that Acoustic Planet was only the ticket outlet for the production and not at all responsible for Sunday night’s delay.

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**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 17**

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**7:00 PM**

Patricia Nixon, John Hillerman 2:00 A.M.

**8:00 PM**

Six Million Dollar Man

**9:00 PM**

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**WHAT'S ON TV**

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Death and the Maiden (1993, Drama)

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The Red Tent (1995, Drama)

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 21**

**6:00 PM**

The Three Musketeers (1948, Drama)

**7:00 PM**

Death and the Maiden (1993, Drama)

**8:00 PM**

Black Robe (1991, History) A mother's long lost husband returns to the Recl only for the U.S. Richard Harris, Gary Oldman

**9:00 PM**

Pretty Woman (1990, Romance) An orphan fish plotter who's life is dashed across the path of Blockbuster, George Peppard, Julia Roberts

**10:00 PM**

9 S)0 Border Line (Drama) Attorney who was given life imprisonment after winning his father's case. Part 4

**11:00 PM**

La vraie vie (2000, Drama) Teenager falls in love with his older sister's boyfriend, a part of a family who is split into two parts.

**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 22**

**6:00 PM**

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Fibre group tickled by new spinning mini-mill

Good news doesn't come in a much better package:

We're a new Gulf Islands Spinning Mill arrived on Salt Spring from Prince Edward Island three weeks ago, it brought clean economic development, recognition of Island history and the solution to chronic problems for fibre producers on the island and beyond.

Compared to traditional "big, huge, old" spinning mills, the new arrival is compact, versatile and quick, explains Susan Berlin. "It's exportable, modular, it's small. You can clean it in 10 minutes." Picker, carder and spinners are in modules which can be added or subtracted as needed.

Now set up in a building on the Farmers Institute grounds, the mill can produce rovings, yarns of all kinds and felt — even alpaca felt. The mill was established by the Salt Spring Island Fibre Studios, a local co-op, although the mill itself has a separate board of directors.

As co-op member Berlin explains, members had encountered numerous problems trying to get fleece from island animals made into the products they desire.

Mills couldn't seem to handle varying weights of fibre. The long connection of Salt Spring animals caused more difficulties. The mills themselves. "They were big, huge, old," says Berlin. It took forever to change from processing black to white fleece. The farmer with only a handful of sheep — or llama of any number — was out of luck.

Having a mini-mill on Salt Spring is a major achievement and everyone is invited to celebrate it on Saturday afternoon with an open house at its Rainbow Road home.

One thing that has excited Berlin is that the mill brings to the island an environmentally-friendly "industry" which complements its rural farming history. "It's local economic development and it fits with what's already here." And a half permanent jobs have been created so far, although demand for the mill's services will likely increase as word reaches across the continent. "We know this is what people needed because it's what we needed," says Berlin.

The Gulf Islands Spinning Mill also has been set up as a co-op, and anyone interested is invited to call either Maggie Krieger at 537-9446, or John Fulker at 537-4985.

Fleece to Gold: Barry Larson and Cathy Unruh work at the new Gulf Islands Spinning Mill modular mill which can create wonderful products from animal fleeces. An open house event is set for Saturday afternoon at the Farmers Institute, showcasing new animals, demonstrations, refreshments and more.

Theatre Alive! reading serves up poet ‘sensuously attentive to reality’

One of Canada's most noted poets — Don McKay is reading at All Saints By-the-Sea on Saturday night.

McKay's book Night Field won the Governor-General's award for poetry in 1991. He has been nominated for the honour for both his book called Birding, or desire, and for his most recent work, The Deserted.

The reading, which begins at 8 p.m., is sponsored by Theatre Alive.

McKay, who is the director of creative writing at University of New Brunswick, senior poetry editor at Banff Centre for the Arts and a resource person for the Sage Hill Writing Experience.

McKay's Birding, or desire has become a classic of modern Canadian poetry.

Robert Bringhurst of Books in Canada magazine wrote: "What is lovely in these poems is their side-wise lope — their lithe eccentric movement — their freedom from self-interest, and their sensuous love of the living world in all its intimate, quick detail."

Salt Spring author and poet Brian Brett observes that "McKay is a poet as sensuously attentive to reality as a Japanese gardener to his bonsai garden. Whether describing a hike through the bush or the particularities of daily life, the poems repeatedly surprise us with their way humour, perspective and weathered voice. Often dissolving the boundaries between the self and the world, they show us how to find 'the fine points of translation' between the realm of the human and everything that we routinely perceive as outside of ourselves."

Brett adds that "McKay's abiding interest in birds and the natural environment complements and inspires his writing."

The reading begins at 8 p.m.

All-ages dance is pre-school fundraiser

Little Red Schoolhouse is celebrating community life Saturday night with a three-band dance at Beaver Point Hall.

The fundraiser for the south-end Little Red Schoolhouse is a family-friendly event.

Character-rich "Little Red," located on Beaver Point Hall, is the oldest operating schoolhouse in B.C.

There are currently a few spaces open for three-to-five-year-old children in its preschool program.

Admission is $10 per adult or $15 for a family.

All ages are admitted free.

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Spinning mill open house set

Sheep, goats, llamas and alpacas will be among the hosts of the Gulf Islands Spinning Mill open house on Saturday. "Sheep cookies" will even be on hand to sample.

The open house runs from 1 to 5 p.m. at the Farmers Institute on Rainbow Road.

There will be demonstrations of handspinning as well as the new mini-mill in action making yarn, roving and felt.

Salt Spring Island Fibre Studios will display rovings and yarns made from local sheep, and original patterns and kits.

Farmers will tell stories illustrating the island's long connection with sheep, and free recipes for the cookies will also be available.

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Determined Slashers head to Cup finals

By MIKE LEVIN
Driftwood Staff

It took a shake of their heads at halftime to find some focus for the Salt Spring Slashers. The result was two second-period goals en route to a 3-1 playoff victory over Oak Bay Sunday at GISS.

The win sets the under-19 girls into the finals of the B.C. Cup's lower-island playoffs this weekend at home.

But the victory wasn't easy. The Slashers had two decisive victories over Oak Bay in league play but ran into a motivated opponent Sunday.

The visitors blocked the middle effectively during the first half and kept Salt Spring from its usual game play.

Only Stephanie Collette managed to find a seam in the 10th minute when she took a knock-on header from Tanisha Van Pelt and lobbed a shot over Oak Bay's keeper into the right corner.

The Slashers' league-best defence seemed sluggish as their opponents worked the ball well into Salt Spring's zone.

A seemingly harmless play in the 26th minute put an Oak Bay forward smartly underneath the net with the ball.

The goal tied the match, with the only other good scoring chance coming from Oak Bay with 10 minutes left before the break.

"At the half they all realized they were going to have to play better to get the win," said coach Malcolm Legg. "Even though we carried the play, (Oak Bay) were going to have to play better in the second half and were more willing to take chances. Still it was a tough game, which is what we need right now," said Legg.

The Slashers will host Cordova Bay Sunday at GISS to decide the zone champion and who will move on to the island championships.

SLEIGHT OF FOOT:
Tanisha Van Pelt freezes the Oak Bay defence with some slick footwork during the Salt Spring Slashers' 3-1 playoff victory Sunday at GISS. The local under-19 girls team got two goals from Van Pelt to move on to the zone finals.

Old Boys fly out on top with Hengstler shut-out

Just off a plane from Mexico, Anne Hengstler used his six-foot-three frame in net to blank a determined Duncan squad in the second half as Sea Otter Old Boys emerged with a 1-0 over-30 men's soccer victory Sunday at GISS.

"They were all over us in the second half. Our defence was solid but it was Archie who made some excellent saves," said team captain Chris Cottrell of the makeup game.

Henry Braak prowled the crease in the first half for Salt Spring.

As the clock wore down, Salt Spring sensed victory and took control in their opponents' end.

The locals found three straight corners during a two-minute span; two shots sailed wide and one bounced off the post, but the outcome seemed secure.

The game's prettiest marker came from a Van Pelt-Kate McNair hookup in the 82nd minute. McNair left two Oak Bay defenders on their heels as she dug to Van Pelt who also used a feint of her own to end up unmarked in the crease to score her second of the game.

"I think we responded well in the second half and were more willing to take chances. Still it was a tough game, which is what we need right now," said Legg.

The Slashers will host Cordova Bay Sunday at GISS to decide the zone champion and who will move on to the island championships.
Bruised and disappointed, Scorpions settle for fourth

By MIKE LEVIN

GISS senior boys basketball team it's the one they'll remember for a long time. A wild and woolly 74-62 loss to Reynolds Roadrunners derailed the GISS senior boys basketball team Friday at the south-island AA championships at Reynolds Secondary School in Victoria. It left the Scorpions unconsolled as they split two games the following day and slid into the fourth and final spot at the island playoffs this weekend in Qualicum Beach. The Scorpions opened with a 77-54 win over Lake Cowichan Thursday. Saturday morning they took a 67-54 decision over Chemainus yet were bounced later the same day by Shawnigan 92-78 in the battle for third place. GISS had beaten all three teams in league play, but the playoffs are always a test. The memories of Friday night's battle is likely to stick around for a long time. The bruises from the no-holds-barred encounter will also take time to fade. GISS and Reynolds have a long history in boys basketball, stretching back to the same event last year when GISS laid a three-point overtime loss on the Roadrunners. But this game was at Reynolds' home court, a brick box that never betrays the soft touch from the three-point line. Reynolds found their rhythm and played it as well as they could and got their chopp off. And they did. Reynolds opened quickly with hoops for straight 37-28 at the half. But Reynolds' experience and size became the key through the rest of the game. Despite disciplined ball-handling, that left GISS scrambling much of the time. A 21-fo-28 performance on the foul line, along with GISS's 16 for 31, but this year's Scorpions have created a habit of always finding a way to win. They got their chance with about three minutes remaining. A pressure defence created three straight steals, and the visitors managed to convert all three while cutting the score to 64-60. Jesse McEachern's pair of fast-break free throws gave GISS some hope before the islanders turned the ball over twice in quick succession, allowing Reynolds to get on a 7-2 run and put the game out of reach. Another key to Reynolds' win was its ability to keep GISS top scorer Keans Meyers in check. "There were two and three guys all over you all the time," said Meyers, who was held to three points in the second half and finished with 14. "There was lots of contact before each shot so it was tough to get settled." Meyers exploded for 10 points during the run while McEachern contributed nine. Meyers finished with 24, and Cunliffe added 17. Against Chemainus Saturday morning, Meyers and Cunliffe spent much of the first half on the bench as Wilson worked his offence with other players. The Scorpions went up quickly and held a 30-23 lead at the half. Ironically it was outside and foul shooting, the team's two major weaknesses, that paced the visitors for most of the game. Chemainus made a third-quarter run that cut the score to 46-44 and brought Meyers and Cunliffe back into the hassle and the final 15-point win. Meyers paced all scorers with 15 while co-captain Chris Langdon finally pushed his way inside to contribute 13. Chemainus finished with 11. The fourth-place finish will pit GISS against Qualicum — the province's sixth-ranked squad — as the island playoffs open Thursday. just out of reach: the ball, like his team's 74-62 loss, a few inches too far away as Reynolds' forward Sean Veron gathers in an offensive rebound Friday during the teams' semi-final at the south-island senior boys basketball playoffs at Reynolds Secondary.

Junior boys knocked out of run for provincial basketball play-offs

By MIKE LEVIN

The junior boys basketball Scorpions' run ended one game shy of the provincial playoffs Saturday at the mid-island tournament held Friday and Saturday at GISS. After two straight wins, the locals ran into a determined Chemainus opposition at Reynolds Wednesday afternoon. Earlier they had taken a 90-39 decision over Chemainus on Friday and a 62-50 win over Beaver Creek Saturday morning. The juniors fell into a slump early against Cowichan, the only team they had lost to during the regular season. Big men Alex Vine and Rhys Beasley found the inside blocked and slick shooter Brian Crowe was cold as the Scorpions shot a disappointing two for 16 in the first quarter. Cowichan took advantage of the locals' slump to score six fast-break hoops in the second quarter and held a 30-24 lead at the break. Only McEachern was able to find the range for GISS, hitting three points on tight jumpers, but it was obvious that two games in one day were taking their toll on the locals. In the third quarter both teams picked up the pace, but Cowichan's eight-to-nine performance from the foul line triggered a 16-2 run for the winners, who stretched their advantage to 52-22 with just one quarter to go. "We had a few mental lapses that allowed them to put that run together. It was costly," said coach Tony Mason. "I didn't see much intensity out there today." The final stanza was similar. Cowichan engineered eight straight steals that left the hosts reeling. With just over five minutes remaining, the winners pushed their lead to 63-40 and secured their berth in the provincial championships. Crowe finished with 13 points while Booth added eight and Vine had five. "We lost to a very good team so I can't say I'm disappointed," said Mason. "I told the kids that Chemainus wanted it more." Earlier GISS opened with a decisive win over Chemainus on a 28-5 run in the game's third quarter. Crowe started hot from the floor and finished with a game-high 22. Brandon Wilson added 14. Cowichan took another late surge for the Scorpions to emerge with the win. Leading only four at the half — at 29-25 — the locals started scoring from inside to turn the tide. Crowe again topped all scorers with 17 while Wilson added 16.

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Johnson pair aids third
Slugs win

Some Salt Spring Slugs stayed home Valentine’s Day, playing the role of attentive spouses.
But those who didn’t helped the men’s hockey squad record its third-straight victory with a 3-0 decision over Sidney Blues Sunday at Fuller Lake Arena.
The outcome was a tribute to defense and goaltending, not always the Slugs’ most noteworthy traits.
Blaine Johnson chipped in a pair of goals to put the hosts up 2-0 until late in the third period.
With the Sidney goaltender on the bench for an extra attacker, Salt Spring’s forwards broke out toward the empty net.
Paul Sinclair’s initial shot slid wide before Joe Akerman picked up the rebound off the boards and tucked it in to round out the well-deserved victory.
The Slugs next travel to Sidney on Thursday to take on the league-leading Shoreline Bruins.

Athletes wrestle excellent scores

There were no medals for Salt Spring’s wrestlers at the Vancouver Island Championships in Courtenay over the weekend, but those attending returned with excellent overall records.
The double-knockout event was the final tournament of the season.
Travis Kennedy recorded a 3-2 mark in his 76-kg class, while Oscar Venter also had three wins and Tanya Van Schetsen won one match before being knocked out of the 57-kg event.

The Panthers now move on to face Port Alberni in the championship game.

Kings Lane bowling scores are announced

By RUTH HUME
Driftwood Contributor
Following are high scores in recent bowling league play at Kings Lane Recreation.

Tense shootout secures victory

Fuller Lake Panthers left it until late — very late — before carving out a 6-5 shootout victory over Kerry Lake Islanders in bantam hockey semi-final playoffs Sunday at Fuller Lake Arena.
The Panthers had trouble finding the range through the first two periods of the North Cowichan Hockey League match.
Despite dominating territorial play, Fuller Lake found itself down 3-0 and faced an early exit from the single-elimination format.
But in the third, things changed.
Stuart Sinclair ignited the comeback early in the period with a pretty goal as the Panthers hemmed their opponents into their zone.
Chris Taylor (from Cedar) brought the hosts to within one and Ryan Atzenberger (from Chemainus) evened the count at 3-3 as the clock wound down.
The shootout was a nail-biter.
Both teams tallied on two shots, then missed twice to set up the fifth and final chance.
Fuller Lake goalie Tim Vila (from Duncan) snuffed his shooter and then Atzenberger rippled the cords for the win.
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Making decisions about medical treatment long before a serious illness hampers people's ability to decide in the topic of a speaker at Salt Spring Seniors next Wednesday.

Norma Lorch from the Capital Health Region will make a presentation at 2 p.m., exploring the important issues involved to decide how medical needs should be met.

As a press release from Wellness Programs coordinator Sharon Glover states: "By discussing your wishes in advance with your physician and/or family, you can be sure that if there comes a time when you are unable to indicate your choices, medical staff, family and friends will know what you would have chosen. And you will receive the medical treatment you want."

Yoga, vegetarian food and massage at retreat

Renewal and the rebirth of spring will be examined through Ashtanga yoga at an upcoming retreat for women.

"Our women's yoga retreat is not just about becoming aware of the world within the body, but also the world around us and how both worlds are directly connected," states promotional material.

The retreat, which runs March 5-7 at the Salt Spring Centre — promises, in the words of one past participant, to be "another spiritual weekend."

In addition to practising yoga, participants will have time for journaling their discoveries, and walking along a nature trail or through the Salt Spring Centre's organic garden and orchard.

Ayurvedic Swedan and massage are offered a la carte to all participants, and the retreat also features gourmet vegetarian meals, based on the Centre's best-selling cookbook Salt Spring Island Cooking.

Environmentalist Briony Penn will join the group Saturday night, offering ways to "stay awake and aware of the heart that beats through us and all things."

Through the principles of Ashtanga yoga, Salt Spring teacher Celeste Mallett will lead participants into a new way of looking at ourselves in relation to the rhythm and rebirth of spring."

The retreat will work through the different levels of Ashtanga yoga such as breathing, concentration, meditation and yoga postures. It will help women at all levels of yoga to develop a daily practice of peace, well-being and renewal.

Mallett, who has more than 16 years of teaching experience, said the "spring retreat is designed to guide us through an awareness of our bodies, souls and our world."

Mallett's classical yoga guides are Baba Hari Dass and Sivananada, and her study of the detailed Hymner method contributes to her style of teaching.

A special price of $215 has been set for Salt Spring residents. Further information can be obtained by calling 537-2326.

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Sincerely,
Peter Wigen
Six people will be needed to fill shoes of couple leaving island for England

Pip and Derrick Woodcock have sold their bed and breakfast, the Stonehouse Farm, and plan to spend the next two years in their native England.

The Woodcocks bought land on Saturna Island almost 12 years ago and have been permanent residents here for nine years. During their stay they built a large English-style farmhouse which they named the Stonehouse after the original building that stood here.

The Stonehouse Farm Bed and Breakfast has also become a popular weekly guesthouse under local management.

Both Pip and Derrick have been influential members of the community. They were members of St. Christopher's Church serving in many capacities. Derrick was a member of the Lions Club and helped out with that organization. They supported the Community Club and many different local organizations.

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by Mike Levin

Driftwood Staff

Jerry Kobalenko is happy spending two months on a northern glacier looking for ghosts.

It’s a passion, a luxury and one of the main reasons the 41-year-old photojournalist has explored 5,000 kilometres of Ellesmere Island, Canada’s great Arctic enigma.

It’s also why Kobalenko is sitting in Janis Kraulis’ house in Fulford Harbour, scanning photos and writing chapters for a book on Ellesmere he hopes will “demythify a place the New York Times says has the “highest misery-per-visitor ratio on earth.”

“Ellesmere is full of old explorers and past migrations. There are bullet casings on the ground that were used to execute this guy who stole food 100 years ago,” he says. “It’s not just this unbelievable physical beauty, it’s a living museum.”

Since 1986 Kobalenko has returned most years to the island due north of Hudson’s Bay and closer to Greenland than anywhere else, drawn as much by the mystery as the extreme environment.

He will use these 12-years-worth of experiences as a base for a presentation Tuesday at All Saints By-the-Sea Anglican church.

The event is a fundraising exercise, but also a chance to be escorted through the beauty and adventure of the high Arctic by one of Canada’s top outdoor chroniclers.

Kobalenko will talk about kayaking the fjords in midnight sun and surviving a polar bear attack.

But mostly he wants to explain the technical aspects of travelling in wilderness for months at a time without resupply — how pulling a zodiac-like sled beats carrying a backpack hands down or how one can sit on an iceberg in the middle of a melting fjord and not worry about sinking.

There are also hundreds of photos exposing as stark and altering an environment any on earth, such as 2,200-metre mountains and glaciers that run into the horizon.

Some of his material was used for a similar presentation to London’s Polar Institute and will be included in an April publication of Conde Naste.

“There are so many outdoor-oriented people on Salt Spring that I thought it would be a perfect place to show what Ellesmere is like,” Kobalenko says.

The presentation is being organized by Green Extreme Film Productions, a special-event production company that promotes the physical side of environmental issues.

“Jerry’s work is pretty amazing stuff, as high a level of professionalism as ‘I’ve ever seen,” says Jason Rody, co-director of Green Extreme. “What I particularly like is that he is an author who has moved into the photo realm, not the other way round.”

Green Extreme recently relocated to Salt Spring and will hold a film festival in April with movies that highlight the positive side of extreme outdoor activities.

It has never been easy for Kobalenko to draw a firm line between his work and his life, and when he worked as a senior editor at Outdoor Canada not when he signed up for this April’s hunt for a missing scientist.

He’ll join Polish marine biologist Wojtek Moskal in a 600-mile circumnavigation of Axel Heiburg Island, Ellesmere’s closest neighbour, that will take about two months.

The trek will be the first since 1932 when the RCMP went looking for a missing German geologist named Hans Krueger.

Kobalenko is again after ghosts, spurred on by copies of passionate love letters of Kreuger’s fiance who took her own life over her lover’s disappearance.

But the Toronto native is also no stranger to mainstream publishing. He is the author of Forest Cats of North America and has had his photos appear in National Geographic.

He says his presentation on Ellesmere is “not Canadiana, but literary travel that, like a photograph, edits out the unnecessary.”

Tickets for Kobalenko’s program are $5 and can be obtained at Island Books or at the door. It starts at 7 p.m.
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James Paquet
Solicitor for the Estate of Beverly Joanna Beaudry

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Notice to Creditors of Other Parties Concerned

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James Paquet
Solicitor for the Estate ofJuliana Christina Brown

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Island ‘gearhead’ shifts into recording business

By MIKE LEVIN
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There have been moments when Dave Davies’ family and friends could only shake their heads and watch. Switching from bass guitarist to nut-and-spice salesman seemed a bit out of character.

But when Davies announced in 1981 that he was going to learn computer programming — at home from a book — those around him started scratching their heads. It didn’t matter that within a decade the boy from Whitehorse would be flying around the world in business class selling what he had learned. Davies was definitely tough to figure out.

So it came as no real surprise when in 1997 he suddenly sold off all his software and funnelled the proceeds into a basement full of state-of-the-art audio-visual equipment on Mobrae Avenue.

“I guess it must have freaked people out. I think it did a bit for me,” says Davies. “I didn’t even finish Grade 10, and now this. Every now and then I have to give my head a shake.”

Actually, the story is not as bizarre as it sounds.

The trip from tundra to Salt Spring is about old-style entrepreneurialism, where a sharp and curious mind is forced to feed a family.

It’s about finding a profitable niche, only to discover that niches are simply building blocks for a full life.

And it’s about realizing that four-star travel gets tiring very quickly when your family is growing up 5,000 miles away.

Now more content at 47 than he’s ever been before, Davies is able to indulge an artistic side that he says, “Besides, at this point we saw what was happening in the hospitals here, all the need to. Don’t call me a knob-twirler,” he says. “It isn’t polite.”

“By 1991 — like most male baby-boomers, Davies is never sure about exact dates — GSC created hospital-administration software that would thrust it into the industry’s elite.”

The program started simply by tracking patient registration and expanded to 55 modules covering the entire administration, except payroll.

Lady Minto Hospital was the first customer, but soon Davies was flying to Thailand, Australia and throughout the United States on sales trips. (The program remains the most widely installed in western Canada.)

“Back then none of us knew anything except that professional programming was horribly expensive,” Davies says. “It fascinated me because it was like a puzzle that got easier as you got deeper into it.”

“I found that every time I got to a level where I understood what I was missing (that part) became available.”

“Davies had accumulated some equipment to make hospital training videos, starting with a basic video four-track mixer combination.

“George Martin did the first four Beatles albums on four tracks. He used a razor blade to splice the tapes for good measure,” he says.

But the gearhead was back and the time it was being instructed by a teenage bass guitarist from a Whitehorse rock-and-roll band.

“Things these things are all toys,” Davies says, pointing to a dozen missing boards and video terminals.

“But what they can create is magic.”

Davies has recently engineered and released a CD by local bluesman Gene Grooms and is working on a project with an as-yet-unnamed Juno Award winner.

Davies also has a publishing arm which provides cash flow.

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Lois decided on Rebekah.

“Black sheep of the family,” Davies says. “It was the three that made the most noise.”

The studio was actually spawned in the U.S.

“Davies had accumulated some knowledge of the names of his first three daughters: Genesis (now 18), Sarah (16) and Abigail,” says Davies.

When number four arrived, her dad lobbied for the name Data.

Davies is pushing in other directions.

Davies also has a publishing arm which controls copyrights on songs.

Davies’ epiphany came during a brief stopover at home between sales calls in other parts of the world.

“I saw Genesis looking at college calendars. It was that moment you always hear about, when the big decision cries out ‘What have I done?’” he recalls. “I clearly remember thinking that life was going on and I was really missing something.”

GSC’s profitable hospital software went to the highest bidder within a week for an undisclosed sum.

In less than two decades Davies had gone from twirling augers for mill owners to twirling knobs for Juno-Award winners.

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Islanders look at food and health as they begin Y2K preparations

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It was a small, first step, but an important one. Almost 100 people crowded into Beaver Point Hall Monday night looking for some way to make sense of the problems Salt Spring might face at the turn of the century. With alarm bells starting to sound about the potential technological catastrophe of the Y2K Bug, many residents decided they needed to get organized. They needed a better understanding of what kind of creature needed to get organized.

Daryl Verville, a consultant from the Kootenay region, and Guy Dauncey, a sustainable-community consultant from Victoria, offered overviews on what a community like Salt Spring should be doing to prepare. Both spoke on the island's need to focus on self-sufficiency, but it was Dauncey's organizational abilities that had the greatest effect. By the end of the evening he had created working groups for each of the island's areas, a start at organizing information and setting out objectives. "This is what we are doing in Victoria, organizing neighborhoods into communities to track what needs are if things stop working," said Dauncey, who is well-acquainted with Salt Spring. "If nothing else it creates bonds, where people realize they're not in this thing by themselves anymore."

It's a small but important step because spending a month, or two or three, without electricity is too complex a problem to face right out of the gate — not to mention the staggering challenge of dealing with possible nuclear disasters at Washington State power and military installations. Salt Spring will be able to survive technological decay much easier than the rest of the world, which is why the organizational message from Monday's meeting was so perceptible.

The island needs a group of people who can look at the Y2K problem and use their skills to prepare a plan, probably for a worst-case scenario. "What you need is fear, a healthy fear that will bring out the best in your community," said Verville. The key, of course, is preparation.

Dauncey said that B.C.'s Provincial Emergency Preparedness System has only a 72-hour contingency mandate, similar to an earthquake scenario. That means it will set aside only a three-day supply of materials. He also feels that shortages of staples and supplies will begin to show by August at the latest. "Train yourself to ask tough questions of (authorities). Don't settle for any unsatisfactory answer," Dauncey said. "For example with the hydro people, ask when they will do their compliance tests and what their fix-on-failure plans are. Governments are not able, and often not willing, to give the whole story. And engineers are not great at PR, so you have to get them focussed on the right information." Smoking celebration snuffed

The CRD's plans for a Clean Air Celebration got smoked out. The event was planned by the Tobacco Free Task Force and was to be held last week to recognize regional bars and restaurants which have obeyed the law banning smoking in their establishments. "We wanted to thank those businesses by formally recognizing them," writes task force chairwoman Elizabeth Call. "However a handful of bar owners and patrons who oppose the (non-smoking) law indicated...they planned to attend the event and possibly disrupt it.

Do not take no for an answer.

Preparation centres around three areas: energy, food and health. Dauncey outlined some basic ideas. Alternative energy sources, such as wood stoves and solar and wind generators offer the best alternatives. While costs can be high, they can also be shared by a large population.

A month's supply of food is a good personal objective, although there should be contributions to a neighbourhood pool. Thrifty's is taking a front seat in preparation, and residents should ask for sales of bulk supplies. Prescription drugs are usually distributed with only a 30-day dose. Doctors should be willing to offer a bigger supply.

Within these parameters there are opportunities for self-sufficiency, such as share-holders and an island currency. "And for goodness sake's get independent self-government," Dauncey said. "Nice idea, but a bit ahead of its time."

For now island residents must decide how much preparation the Y2K Bug deserves and what kind of resources to commit to it.