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Weather

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Driftwood

LTC eyes fish farm

By GAIL SJUBERG
Staff Writer

The internationally controversial topic of aquaculture will surface at the Lions Hall this Saturday afternoon when the Salt Spring Local Trust Committee (LTC) considers a proposed sablefish hatchery on Walker Hook agricultural property.

Trust planner John Gauld said the LTC is a referral agency for both a subdivision application made to the Ministry of Transportation and a Land Reserve Commission proposal that would facilitate a fish hatchery for sablefish — also known as black cod. The plan sees a long-term lease of the land from Walker Hook property owner Henry Caldwell to Parksville-based Gidon Minkoff and Sablefin Hatcheries Inc., which is spearheading the project.

Salt Spring's Paul Simpson, of Island Sea

FISH FARM 2



ON THE BALL: Salt Spring Div. 6 men's team player Tyler Sayer, left, battles an Esquimalt man for the ball in soccer action Sunday at Portlock Park. The local squad won the game 3-0. For the full story and other sports details, see Page 23.

Fire department primed for brand new pumper

By MITCHELL SHERRIN
Staff Writer

The Salt Spring Fire Department is aiming to purchase a new \$670,000 fire truck in order to improve island service levels, replace two aging vehicles and remain in compliance with a number of safety regulations.

"Over the past five years, we've had to do a fair bit of upgrading to meet Workers' Compensation Board (WCB) standards and National Fire Protection

Association (NFPA) standards," said Salt Spring Fire Protection District chair Ben Martens.

"Our department has to carry so much more equipment now that they do a lot more types of responses. We used to do 200 calls a year. Now we are doing 500 per year."

Under the New Fire Truck Borrowing Bylaw, the local fire protection district proposes to borrow \$670,000, which will cost landowners \$13.44 each over the next 15

years.

Martens pointed out that previous debts totalling \$9.24 per landowner will expire over that same period and gradually reduce expenses for the new truck.

The primary need for a new fire truck is an aging mini-pumper stationed at Central Firehall that no longer meets NFPA standards, has braking problems and carries insufficient equipment to meet the needs of islanders, he said.

FIRE TRUCK 4

Stats show decline in criminal activity

Even a casual glance at a thick sheaf of local RCMP year-end reports would suggest that crime has been going out of style on Salt Spring over the past five years.

"It seems like criminal matters, vandalism and mischief are declining, which in my opinion is a beginning of a measurement for community programs such as SWOVA, Victims Services and CPAT (Community Police Action Team)," said Salt Spring detachment commander Sgt. Mike Giles.

"It's hard for these programs to get funding because their contribution is immeasurable. I'm saying their contribution is measurable."

Looking at figures from the past five years, Giles points to a decline in willful damage cases from 130 in 1998 to 97 in 1999 as an example.

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FISH FARM

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Farms Ltd., said Minkoff is known internationally for his work and that agencies such as the Vancouver Aquarium and National Research Council were connected to the plan.

Gauld said the on-land black cod hatchery proposed for Caldwell's Agricultural Land Reserve property is defined by the provincial government as an agricultural use.

Barb Wright, public affairs officer with the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food (MAFF), said a licence to operate the hatchery was granted by MAFF to Sablefin Hatcheries Inc. last June.

Wright noted that a waste management permit from the Ministry of Water, Land and Air Protection is also needed.

Like all fish farm-related enterprises these days, the project must also deal with public relations hurdles.

Chris Acheson, who is both president of the Canadian Sablefish Association (CSA) and a Salt Spring resident, will be addressing the LTC about the hatchery on Saturday.

He thinks Salt Spring Islanders should consider if they want their island known as the home of a major experimental fish hatchery. His association feels the millions of fish that will be raised from the hatchery stock could lead to eventual elimination of the wild sablefish stock in the North Pacific.

"The whole issue of aquaculture is not being handled properly in B.C.," he said Monday. "You can't have two of the same stock in the same environment. The one that is doctored is going to prevail over the one that is

not doctored."

Acheson said the CSA wants appropriate studies done on the effects of farming sablefish before it proceeds in any location and feels operations should be confined to land.

In addition to the CSA's concerns, the Seattle-based Fishing Vessel Owners' Association Incorporated, has also expressed opposition to the proposed Salt Spring hatchery via a letter sent last week to the Islands Trust.

"Our organization is deeply concerned about the growing problems aquaculture is creating for established fishing industries and communities in both countries. We oppose the establishment of a sablefish hatchery on Salt Spring Island and hope that the Islands Trust will take every precaution to ensure that the wild sablefish resource and traditional commercial fisheries are not threatened."

Saturday's LTC business meeting starts at 1 p.m., beginning with an open town hall session where members of the public can speak with trustees and staff about any issue of concern.



Steve Philip's real vessel

Wrong boat, owner

FOR THE RECORD

• Wrong information given to the Driftwood resulted in a surprise for Steve Phillip's whose vessel Morena was not actually featured on the front of last week's Driftwood. In fact, the boat was Joe Adams' Remora.

Phillips enclosed a photo of his converted fishing boat, which is currently for sale in the Driftwood classifieds.

• "It wasn't Rainbow Towing!"

That's the word on an item in last week's police report on Page 26 of the Driftwood. The article described an incident where a travel trailer broke free

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Skua aids woman

Ganges Coast Guard crews performed a medical evacuation for a woman with a badly injured hand Saturday.

Rescuers aboard the Skua went to Conover Cove on Wallace Island at 9 p.m. to find a woman who had crushed her hand in a folding chair.

"It had collapsed on her hand and took the knuckles down to the bone," said officer-in-charge John Nilssen. "It was pretty ugly."

Coast guard crew members took the woman to Fernwood dock where she was met by an ambulance and taken to Lady Minto Hospital.

In other coast guard news, there has been no further sightings of a floating sauna that escaped from Vesuvius Beach during a storm January 2.

"It looks like it's gone into the Bermuda Triangle," Nilssen said. "It's probably a good thing."



PEACE MARCH: Salt Spring's Margaret Spencer is seen with other peace walk demonstrators who marched to the legislature in Victoria on Saturday. Numerous islanders, including a full contingent of Raging Grannies, attended the event. Photo by Louise Nye

Pipeline hearing: run next month?

A February 24 start date for the National Energy Board (NEB) hearing on a proposed Georgia Strait natural gas pipeline was set last week, but whether it will actually proceed is still up in the air.

The day after the hearing was announced, B.C. Hydro said it was not pursuing B.C. Utilities Commission approval for the Vancouver Island Generation Project, which is the gas-fired co-generation plant proposed for Duke Point near Nanaimo.

The Duke Point plant is tied to the GSX natural gas pipeline since it would consume a significant part of the gas transported by the pipeline across Georgia Strait.

"This delay is required to allow assessment of some opportunities involving customer generation that have recently been brought to B.C. Hydro's attention," said

Bev Van Ruyven, B.C. Hydro's senior vice-president of distribution, on January 15.

In light of that change in plans, the NEB Joint Review Panel asked GSX to confirm whether the February 24 hearing should proceed, since GSX used the Duke Point plant as one reason the pipeline was needed. The NEB gave GSX until Tuesday afternoon to respond.

Ted Olynyk, GSX project manager, told the Driftwood Tuesday he had not yet seen the GSX response and that the fate of the hearing would be up to the NEB.

If it proceeds, some 56 intervenors are registered to speak to the NEB hearing. Expected to run in the Victoria area, the process could take up to four weeks.



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POLICE STATS: Numbers down

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These numbers correspond directly to the beginning of CPAT's work on the island, he noted.

As resources were pulled away from CPAT in 2000, the numbers of willful damage cases climbed back to 172. But then cases dropped again to 84 for 2002 as CPAT was better able to assist the community.

"The numbers tell the tale. We're pleased to see some of the numbers are distinctly down."

Islanders have seen a steady decline of assaults, from 71 cases in 1998 to 48 in 2002, which shows another encouraging trend. And property offences (including thefts, frauds and B&Es) also displayed a marked decline from 344 cases in 1998 to 170 in 2002.

Within the category of property offences, cases of theft under \$5,000 for 2002 (a total of 114) were almost half the number reported in 1998 (207).

But while some figures have shown encouraging drops, others have remained consistent.

Total drug offences hovered between 30-55 cases each year, with 42 cases in

2002. Liquor Act offences meandered between a high of 154 in 1998 to a low of 106 in 1999, with 144 reported for 2002. And police response to traffic accidents has continued to average about 230 cases per year.

Surprisingly, moving traffic violations showed a statistical anomaly with approximately 335 cases per year except in 1999 where only 153 cases were noted and in 2000 where 195 of those violations received attention.

Major crime investigations have continued to remain so infrequent that trends are difficult to measure. In 2002, there were no attempted murders, only one case of robbery, two assaults with weapons and four cases of sexual assault.

Even impaired driving cases were seen in relatively few numbers — 32 for 2002.

The bulk of the statistics

pertained to general matters of public assistance, such as investigating reports of suspicious persons, false alarms and abandoned 911 calls.

Overall, Salt Spring RCMP responded to more than 1,900 complaints, traffic violations and assistance calls last year.

"Our focus will continue to be oriented toward making more in-roads with youth," said Giles. "It's clear that to continue to see the trends we see with statistics, we need to focus on youth. That's where we need to gain ground."

Recent integration of volunteers, probation officers and social workers into a cohesive system has made a huge difference for youth justice, he said.

"I see more and more involvement from volunteer groups in the community," he noted, summarizing figures from the year-end report. "Things are good."

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The Salt Spring Fire Department responded to another chimney fire at 7:30 p.m. on January 15.

Fortunately, the fire was reported promptly and fire-fighters were able to control the blaze right away.

But the fire department cautions wood-burning residents to reduce the threat of chimney fires.

The fire department also asks home owners to ensure that all homes have adequate signage to meet bylaw requirements.

"We keep having a problem with finding addresses," said firefighter Arjuna George. "Seconds count when you're trying to save lives."

A clearly labelled address should include eight-centimetre (three-inch) high numbers on a contrasting background that is readily visible at eye level in both directions, he noted.

Motorists slip on slick roads

Salt Spring RCMP attended three minor vehicle accidents Monday and are urging drivers to slow down during weather conditions that cause slippery road surfaces and poor visibility.

One accident Monday saw relatively minor damage and no injuries when a vehicle was struck from behind while preparing to turn left down Atkins Road off Fulford-Ganges Road.

Another accident Monday afternoon saw the driver of a GMC Jimmy fail to make the 90-degree turn on Kings Lane and skid into the side of a JJM Maintenance dump truck heading in the opposite direction. Neither driver sustained injury, but the GMC was towed from the scene after it struck the dump truck near the fuel tank.

A third accident at 1:30 p.m. Monday saw the driver of a GMC pick-up strike a 2001

RCMP REPORT

Kia in the right rear after failing to observe the stop sign in the school zone at the intersection of Fernwood and North End roads. No injuries were reported.

In other police news:

• An islander arrived home at 7:30 p.m. January 15 to observe two unknown persons wearing dark clothing inside their residence.

Upon the resident's return, the two uninvited guests jumped out of a window and ran off on foot.

Police are still investigating this occurrence and seek assistance from the community with any related information.

• A male youth received an \$86 fine after police observed him riding on a moving vehicle by standing on the bumper

in the early evening of January 15.

• Foot patrols at Centennial Park resulted in a female youth receiving a \$115 ticket for consuming liquor in a public place at 8:30 p.m. Friday.

• A Salt Spring resident received a 24-hour driving suspension after police observed the islander exhibiting signs of impairment getting ready to drive on Hereford Avenue early Saturday morning.

• Another driver received a 24-hour driving suspension at 6 p.m. Sunday after police found him in his vehicle with open liquor. His vehicle was also towed from the scene when further investigation revealed his licence plates were improperly documented.

• A Victoria resident also received a 24-hour driving prohibition after the motorist failed a roadside screening test at 12:30 a.m. Sunday.

FIRE TRUCK: New pumper needed

From Page 1

"The mini-pumper at one hall is 10 years old and it's too light to carry the equipment required for WCB regulations," Martens said. "It keeps burning the brakes out."

And since the fire truck is prone to become easily overloaded, firefighters are reluctant to rely on it.

"The vehicle has become a hazard," he said.

In a report to the provincial government, the fire district also expressed concern about the amount of time the fire truck was out of service for repairs.

A larger pumper with more equipment, greater carrying capacity and forceful pumps will allow the department to better serve islanders, he said.

Purchasing a new fire truck will also allow the department to shift another 17-year-old tanker into reserve status.

"With new housing developments coming in, they are getting further and further out," Martens noted.

Larger homes are also being constructed on the island, which would require more water in the event of a fire.

Another concern is that water districts are not required to supply water for fire protection and it's not readily available at every site.

"We have to be able to carry water into those areas."

If the existing mini-

pumper has two hoses connected with water flow of 125 gallons per minute, its 200-gallon tank can only supply water for less than two minutes, noted fire chief Dave Enfield.

"Even for a structure fire in Ganges, we have to wait for the pumper to come from Fulford. Central would be closer with better coverage."

The department is looking at pumpers that carry a 1,250-gallon-per-minute pump, approximately 600 gallons of water, 2,000 feet of hose in the bay and another 700 feet of attack fire hose.

A new full-sized pumper would also carry all the equipment required for rescue operations, large diameter hoses and a sufficient number of self-contained breathing apparatus packs.

"Currently, we have to bring the mini up from the south end to the north end for rescues or structure fires. There's not enough rescue equipment to spread around three trucks," Enfield said.

Though the department

purchased a new "bare bones" tanker for \$300,000 in 1999, that vehicle serves a different purpose, he noted.

A tanker has a smaller pump but carries more water. It serves as a tender to assist firefighters and doesn't meet NFPA requirements as an attack pumper, Enfield said.

"People expect that this equipment is here for insurance purposes."

There are currently three mini-pumpers, three tankers and two pumpers serving Ganges, Central and Fulford firehalls.

With the new pumper purchase, Central's mini-pumper could be sold to a smaller community or private industry.

"We actually had an offer from Norske Skog in Crofton last year."

Though the Crofton pulp mill needed a vehicle by December, Enfield has been assured that the department should have no difficulty finding another buyer.

But they still have to wait until the end of February before completion of a

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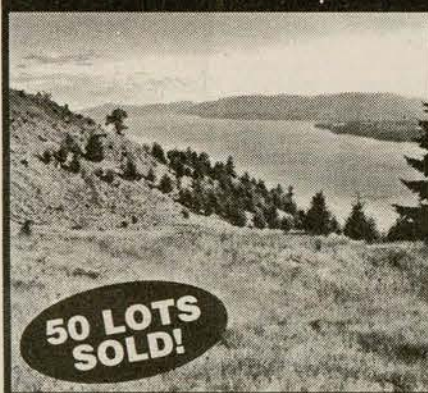


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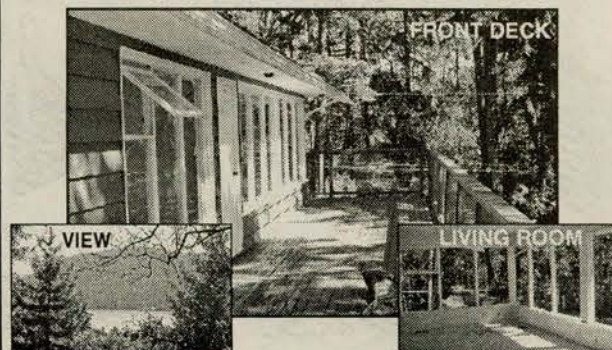
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The Salt Spring Island Ferry Advisory Committee is holding a meeting as noted above. Members of the public are welcome to attend.

The Salt Spring Island Ferry Advisory Committee is appointed by local governments to advise BC Ferries on local ferry issues. The committee also advises the Corporation periodically on broader policy and service issues.

The purpose of this meeting is to present the results of the Government's Core Services Review of BC Ferries followed by a question and answer period.

The following persons may be contacted as members of your ferry advisory committee:

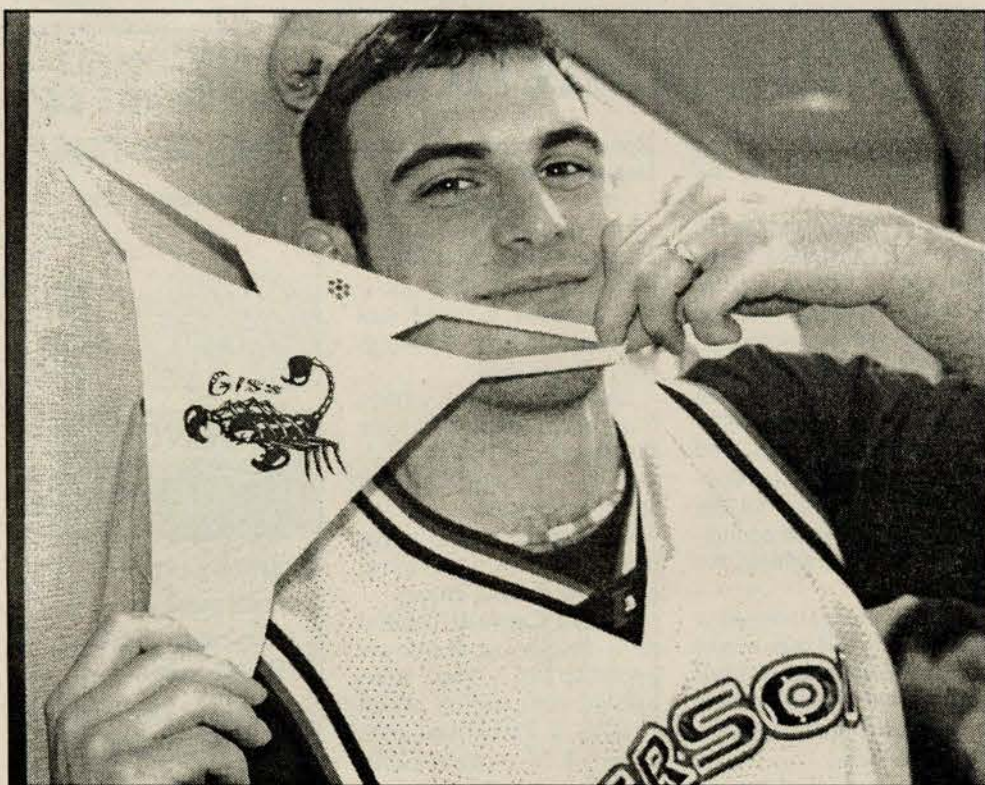
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HIGH SCHOOL WEAR: Chris Voller checks out the latest in Scorpion-wear at Gulf Islands Secondary School. Various clothing items with the school's sports logo (designed by Laurin Kelsey) are now available for sale. A new line of Grad Clothing is also in the works with a different Kelsey-designed scorpion.

Photo by Derrick Lundy

Budget, septic inspections and recycling on CRD plate

Salt Spring property owners are facing an estimated 4.42 per cent increase in Capital Regional District (CRD) taxes based on preliminary budget numbers for 2003-04.

At their January 15 meeting, regional directors reviewed the latest figures in the region-wide \$132,583,425 budget.

For an average-assessed Salt Spring property, the increase would amount to just under \$12.

Another proposed CRD program with financial impact for taxpayers would address drinking water quality and related health concerns by monitoring all property owners' septic fields.

If implemented, the program would see regular inspections done by Vancouver Island Health Authority officers.

Initial cost estimates are

\$1 million per year.

Salt Spring regional director Gary Holman said some concerns were expressed about the cost, and the idea has been sent back to its originating committee for review and further refinement. The program would likely not come into effect until mid-2004 at the earliest.

As discussed so far, each electoral area and municipality would be able to opt in or not.

"I feel it's something we should seriously consider on Salt Spring," said Holman.

Also being examined at the committee level for a possible future change is how recycling is handled on Salt Spring.

Holman said the CRD is looking at making the service consistent region-wide, with closing the Salt Spring recycling depot and replac-

ing it with a blue-box pick-up system being one possible option.

The current policy of free drop-off service for businesses could also change, said Holman.

"They are examining the policy of free drop-off for the commercial sector," he said, "which is not the case in the rest of the CRD."

Recycling services is one topic that will be tackled by a solid waste and recycling committee the CRD plans to form on the island. Holman said anyone interested in serving on the committee should watch for future advertisements.

Holman also said he will submit a regional director's report to the Driftwood in the next few weeks.

New tank at former RCMP station

Replacement of a heating oil tank at the former RCMP station on Ganges hill last week fuelled public speculation about the site.

While First Nations groups have indicated an interest in the property, it still belongs to the federal government, which hired Pottinger Gaherty Environmental Consultants Ltd. to do the tank replacement.

"We were taking out an underground storage tank that no longer met fuel code requirements," said Jennifer Mayberry of Pottinger Gaherty. "We do an awful lot of it. It's a pretty standard operation."

Mayberry estimates the tank was in place since the late 1950s. Old underground tanks are often found to be leaking, she said, but that was not the case on the Ganges hill site.

She also said that while on Salt Spring she observed "quite a few other tanks that need to be replaced," including ones held up on 2X4s when they should be on cement pads.

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Fisherman grow-op nets custodial sentence

A local fisherman has been confined to his boat and home after he pleaded guilty to marijuana cultivation at Ganges Provincial Court on January 14.

Judge Keith Bracken ordered islander Geoffrey Townsend to serve a six-month custodial sentence at his home and place of work after he admitted to unlawful production of a controlled substance.

Court heard that local police discovered 40 marijuana plants outside Townsend's house on Rainbow Road when they offered assistance to a Capital Regional District bylaw enforcement officer who was investigating a sheep kill on September 21.

The marijuana plants, each approximately one metre tall, were growing in an exposed greenhouse without sides or roof, said federal Crown prosecutor Robert Whittome.

Whittome asked the judge to confine Townsend to his home and work for six months, with the usual terms of random police visits, no alcohol consumption, urine analysis on demand and a 10-year firearms prohibition.

Townsend noted that he works as a commercial fisherman and asked the judge

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to reconsider banning drinks from the home-confinement sentence.

"I like to sit down and have a beer after a hard day's work," he said.

Bracken reminded Townsend that a custodial sentence is a form of jail sentencing and alcohol would not be permitted accordingly.

But the judge ruled that the fisherman could continue working on boats as long as he remained within B.C. territorial waters.

"Don't replace your evening beer with a marijuana cigarette," advised Bracken.

Any positive use of marijuana would result in a breach of custodial terms that would see home and boat confinement replaced by a prison sentence.

In other court news:

- A motorist with three prior drinking and driving convictions received a \$1,000 fine and a two-year driving prohibition after pleading guilty to another impaired driving charge.

Court heard that Phillip Kitchen had blood alcohol

levels of 300-330 milligrams after he was stopped by police on Fulford-Ganges Road just before midnight November 23.

"These are very high readings," provincial Crown prosecutor Barb Pente noted.

The arresting officer reported that Kitchen had a strong odour of liquor, flushed face, soiled clothes, sagging knees and uncertain balance, Pente said.

Police also discovered that the 38-year-old roofer was an unlicensed driver and impounded his vehicle for 30 days.

Defense counsel James Pasuta asked for time to pay the \$1,000 fine since Kitchen won't be working again until March.

The judge consented, but offered Kitchen a stern warning against drinking and driving in the future.

"If you read the papers, you will know what the public thinks of this behaviour," Bracken said.

- A Salt Spring man received six months probation and 50 hours of community work after he pleaded guilty to taking a vehicle without permission.

Court heard that police found Colin Ward in a damaged pick-up truck after they responded to reports of a

vehicle in the ditch along Cusheon Lake Road on April 13.

Though Ward was found extremely intoxicated in the passenger seat of the truck, he claimed that the vehicle driver had left the scene.

But his employer reported the truck stolen from the Ganges Marina, where the man had been working. And even though Ward had driven the truck earlier in the day, he did not have permission to take the vehicle for personal use.

Though Pente sought a \$200 fine and criminal record, Ward asked to have the criminal record waived so he could still visit his son in the U.S.

Offering a conditional discharge with probation, Bracken noted that Ward's previous impaired-driving conviction was a far more serious offence.

"But if you comply with those conditions, there will be no criminal record."

- A 74-year-old islander pleaded guilty to driving without due consideration to others and received a \$500 fine after he admitted to drinking and driving.

Court heard that police found Donald Layard driving 25 kilometres per hour erratically on North End

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NMCA scoop on Galiano meeting agenda

Gulf Islanders can learn more about Parks Canada's proposed National Marine Conservation Area (NMCA) for the Strait of Georgia at a public meeting on Galiano early next month.

Set for Tuesday, February 4, from 7 to 10 p.m. in South Galiano Hall, it will feature Bill Henwood of Parks Canada presenting information and answering audience questions about the proposed conservation area.

All members of the public are invited to attend.

The Galiano Island Marine Stewardship Advisory Committee, which was established last year by the Galiano Local Trust Committee to identify marine stewardship actions for residents, is sponsoring the meeting.

According to a press release from the Islands Trust, "NMCAs are established to show how protection and conservation practices can be harmonized with resource use in marine ecosystems. They

are managed for sustainable use, with different types of management in different zones. NMCAs are protected from such activities as ocean dump-

ing, undersea mining and oil and gas exploration and development.

"Fishing activities are permitted but are managed to ensure conservation of

the area's ecosystem."

More information about NMCAs is available at the Parks Canada website: www2.parksCanada.gc.ca/nmca/nmca/program.htm.

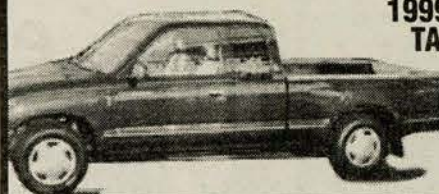
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Southern Gulf Islands Ferry Advisory Committee

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Meeting Room 4

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The following persons may be contacted as members of your ferry advisory committee:

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Students to audit energy use

A group of high school students will be shedding some light on elementary school energy use following a B.C. Hydro-sponsored workshop last week.

As part of their participation in the Power Smart Students program, the high school team will audit three Salt Spring elementary schools to find ways of saving energy.

According to a B.C. Hydro press release, results will be presented to the school board and other community groups.

Open to students in grades 10-12, the two-year, province-wide program provides technical training, presentation, campaign management and energy analysis skills development.

Over 200 B.C. high school students will be involved in the program, which ultimately aims to save school districts money through the reduction of electricity.

One of the first orientation and technical training workshops was held at Gulf Islands Secondary School last Friday.

According to Hydro, the



ENERGIZED: Clockwise from left Dave Henshall (facilities manager); Kevin Lee, Brodie McAstocker, teacher Larry Nelson, Hydro's Mary Ferguson and Rusty Savage pause during a day-long Hydro workshop at the high school.

Photo by Derrick Lundy

workshop featured:

- an introduction on how schools use and can save energy;
- education on energy conservation and Power Smart;
- instruction on how to

conduct energy reviews in elementary schools using online energy simulation tools;

- training on how to conduct walk-through audits focussing on lighting, heat-

ing, air conditioning and ventilation systems.

Hydro hopes that following the elementary school audits, the community will act on the high school team's recommendations for energy savings.

Minor league organizers take strike one

Organizers for Salt Spring Minor League Baseball are concerned there could be no season this spring if volunteers don't step forward soon to help out with registration and other executive tasks.

"It will be three strikes and we won't have a season. We've already had the first strike when nobody showed up for the annual general meeting," said vice-president Bill Miles.

He noted that when only five people attended a January 14 meeting, two executive members indicated they wanted to resign, which leaves the club with insufficient resources to organize games.

"If nobody shows up for the next meeting, that means no registration and no registration means no baseball."

Miles is particularly frustrated because Salt Spring minor baseball served 200 children last year with strong support by coaches, parents and local businesses.

"Businesses have been fantastic stepping up to help out. Parents step up to coach year after year . . . We just need people to step up and commit to half a dozen meetings a year."

In addition to registration, the club needs at least two new executive members and four other bodies to handle minor jobs like team photographs and organizing a year-end hot dog party.

"When some people hear the term 'executive' they think, 'I don't have any credentials,' but it just takes some time."

Miles said that if parents are already overworked and overwhelmed, perhaps grandparents could fill the necessary jobs.

"So many seniors could have a really good time with this."

He recognized that it may be difficult to think of baseball while the fields are wet

and soggy, but registration can't wait till the last minute due to insurance requirements.

"I always think of that

movie Field of Dreams and I'd hate to see those kids have no field to have a dream on."

The next Salt Spring

Minor League Baseball meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. on Tuesday, January 28 at the Portlock Park portable.

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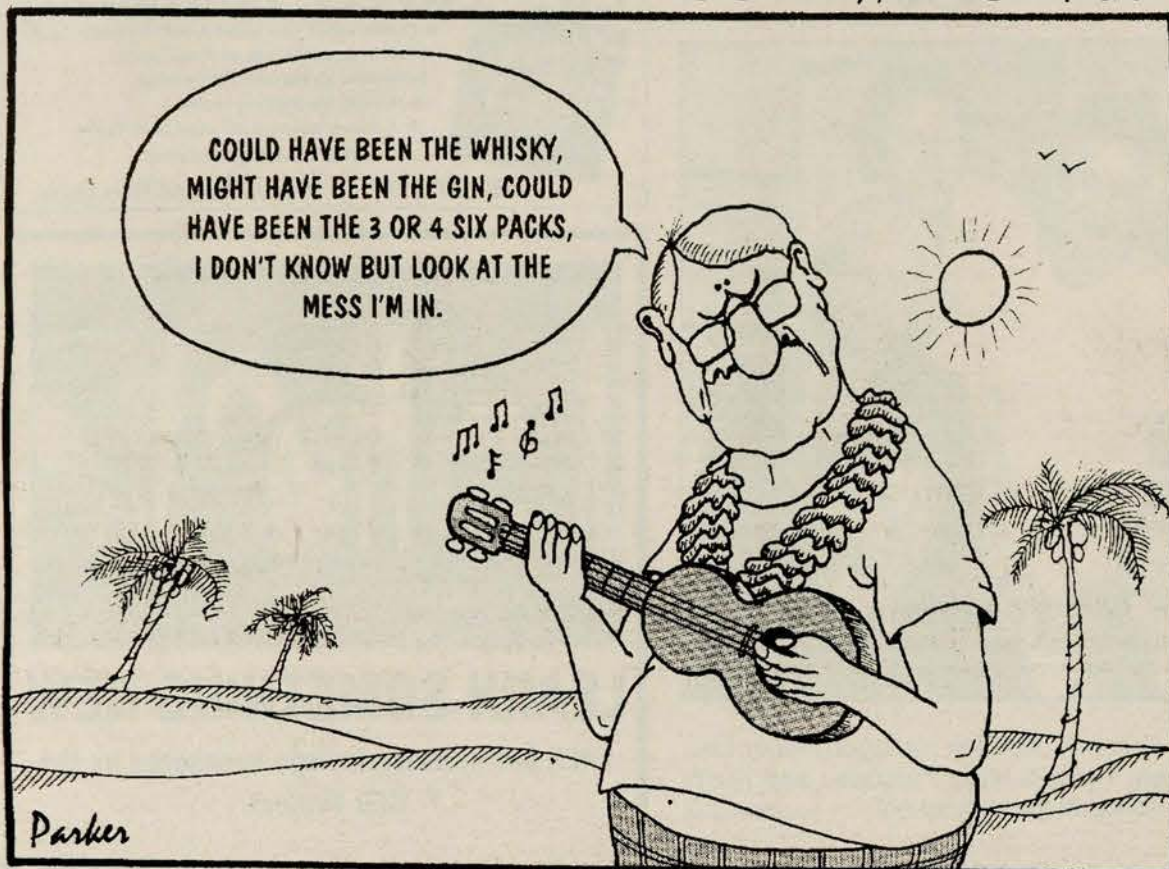
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Tug-of-war at Cusheon Lake

Salt Spring Island governance could be depicted as a host of interests ranged about the perimeter of a large, round table, each tugging away at the little bit of power which lies at the centre.

Such a picture comes to mind when considering the plight of the Cusheon Lake stewardship committee, a group of Cusheon Lake residents who share concerns about the quality of the lake water. They drink it, after all, and would prefer to minimize the impact of human development around the lake so as to afford some protection for the water.

The committee is tugging from one side of the table these days, while the Salt Spring Parks, Arts and Recreation Commission is pulling from the other.

Who's to win the tug-of-war?

If it keeps up, surely not the citizens of Salt Spring.

There will always be a range of interests struggling to have their way. Some will benefit only minorities; others will offer something for the greater good. Unfortunately, no one is in a position to decide who ought to win the tug-of-war and then effect the desired result. All we as island citizens can do is put our faith in mankind's innate goodness and hope the greater good is served.

Given adequate communication between the opposing tug-of-war teams, chances are good that a satisfactory solution can be found. In the case of Cusheon Lake, both sides have laudable goals which will provide public benefit. There is the small matter of balance to be settled, as in how much recreation can take place without compromising water quality. But such matters are commonplace in these times, and we must get used to striking such a balance through compromise.

It is therefore in the best interests of all parties that tomorrow night's meeting on the subject of the future of a parcel of Crown land in the Cusheon Lake watershed be seen as an important one. Denied the opportunity to have an open dialogue with PARC at a recent PARC meeting, the stewardship committee has called its own and asked for broad participation.

It is an opportunity for some spirited debate. Representatives of PARC should be there to participate.

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Keep public agenda in vacation rentals resolution

By MURRAY REISS, JUDI STEVENSON, ELIZABETH WHITE, PEARL GRAY

Our new trustees, Kimberly Lineger and Eric Booth, are probably (and properly) basking in the warmth of positive headlines and a healthy feeling for having initiated "public participation" in local government.

Following their lead, we would like to suggest an approach to solving the thorny issue of vacation rentals that would involve as many islanders as possible.

We believe strongly that the local Trust committee (LTC) should seize the vacation rentals issue, take it out of the hands of interest groups, and place it squarely on the public agenda. With due respect to ASTAR and the Chamber of Commerce, this is

VIEW POINT

a whole-community issue and not the preserve of those who see benefits in the commercialization of island homes.

We understand that ASTAR will seek a moratorium on enforcement of the vacation rental bylaws at the LTC public meeting on January 25. This, in our view, is the wrong approach. A moratorium would or could have the effect of taking this issue off the table, allowing the interest groups to go on doing what they were doing (despite our laws) and excluding the community from what should be an inclusive, participatory process.

Here is how that process would work. ASTAR should be told to submit an application to amend the official community plan, which now forbids vacation rentals. If its members wished, ASTAR could also submit an application to rezone one or more properties to vacation rental at the same time (thus saving fees). This would initiate a review process, including examination by the Advisory Planning Commission and public hearings, giving all of us — especially the neighbours most affected — the chance to express our concerns to the trustees.

This approach would in fact provide the moratorium which ASTAR reportedly seeks, at least temporarily. The courts are unlikely to enforce legal action against vacation rentals while reconsidera-

tion of the bylaws was underway, and the Trust administration would not pursue enforcement for that very reason. The inevitably slow-moving public process would give ASTAR months to prepare its long-awaited report on the benefits of vacation rentals.

The trustees should make clear that enforcement will continue until they receive such an application, which would place the issue in front of the public, where it belongs. This approach would provide them with an opportunity to show leadership, and demonstrate that they are going to manage the public agenda on behalf of all islanders.

If after these hearings the OCP amendment succeeds, fine. The way would be open to rezoning in favour of vacation rentals with

appropriate provisions regarding noise and other related issues, and whatever other restrictions are deemed essential to neighbourhood and community well-being.

The stated purpose of ASTAR is to legalize vacation rentals. Due public process is the only means they have to do so. The proposed moratorium, on the other hand, appears to be a means for ASTAR to temporize for yet another season, while commercial conversion of our neighbourhoods continues. If this were to happen, the chamber's ethical problems would continue. Neighbourhood tensions would increase. The public agenda would be effectively sidelined.

The trustees' new era of openness would end before it had begun.

The writers live on Salt Spring.

B.C. Court of Appeal Justice Mary Southin is, apparently, a brilliant jurist. She's a little less brilliant — dim even — when it comes to setting an example.

Despite a rule that prohibits smoking in B.C. government offices, Justice Southin refuses to stop smoking in hers. She says, "I am an unrepentant and unregenerate smoker, without the slightest intention of ceasing to smoke."

The Workers' Compensation board ordered the AG's ministry to enforce a smoking ban in Justice Southin's workplace, or install a separate ventilation system for her. Instead of enforcing their own regulation that prohibits smoking in the workplace, they installed three new fans and made other building alterations to vent the smoke outdoors. This is the ministry responsible for upholding the law in B.C.

Attorney General Geoff

Mary, Mary, quite contrary

Plant justified the decision, saying it was a "prudent expenditure" and the other choices

available to government were far more expensive. Plant noted there has been a lot of litigation about judicial independence in the past.

As I've said before of Mr. Plant's comments: What a crock! Judicial independence has nothing to do with this; to insinuate that it does is an insult to the rest of us humble peasants who live in the real world outside that soot-stained window that Madam Justice Southin is having trouble seeing through.

Judicial independence doesn't mean judges are indepen-

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dent of the laws and rules the rest of us are subject to. It's a guarantee that judges will make decisions free of influence and based solely on fact and law. One of the fundamentals of a free society is government by the rules of law, administered without fear or favour by an independent judiciary. This link between judicial impartiality and the principles of judicial independence is where the esteemed Madam Justice has let us all down.

She has said (in effect) that she's not going to obey this

rule and if the Attorney General insists otherwise, she'll fight or she'll resign. The established rule of law in these matters goes something like this: If ordered to do something by your employer, you comply. You can fight the issue through the courts if you wish, but you comply in the meantime. At least the rest of us do, but not the unrepentant Madam Justice Southin.

Plant also pointed out that taxpayers might have to pay her between \$300,000 and \$500,000 if she couldn't do her job. He said the government would then be paying her "without getting the benefit of her experience and wisdom."

So, she's so incredibly valuable that we can't do without her wisdom. What are we going to do when she retires

(mandatory age 75) in four years? Witness the collapse of our justice system?

What the Attorney General is really saying — and Justice Southin is assenting to — is this: Money is the issue. If we place the impartial application of rules on one side of the scales of justice, and money on the other, the scales don't simply tip to the money side, they fall over.

So what should Madam Selfish Southin do? Resign. If she's unable to abide by the rules, she should leave. If she thinks the rules are wrong, she should fight to change them, but until and unless they change, she must, like the rest of the world, obey them.

We're often told that we should sympathize with judges because they must live a lifestyle that puts them above reproach. The reason is that judges must set a shining example, both legally and ethically, by not doing anything

that would detract from their ability to judge the actions of others.

And that's where Madam Justice Smokescreen has failed. Her many years of wise — even brilliant — decisions do not endow her with some special dispensation. In fact, the contrary is true. Her position demands that she sets an impeccable standard of respect for the law.

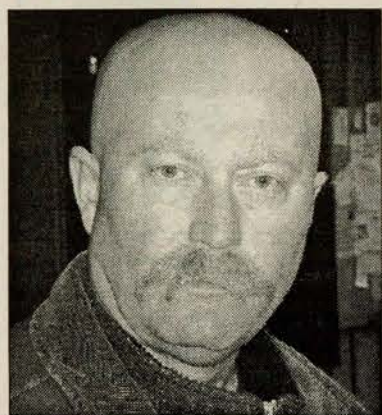
She would be wise to heed the words of a B.C. Court decision from several years ago. The issue before the court was whether a Sikh teenager had the right to wear his kirpan to high school. In ruling against the fellow, the presiding judge told him that there was a regulation against carrying knives into school and "rules are rules."

The judge who uttered those words? Madam Justice Mary Southin. I would guess she's choking on them right about now.

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Barry Long

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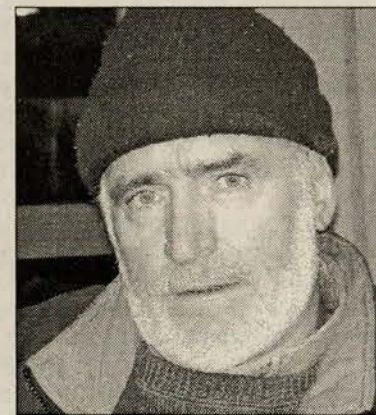
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But no compassion

This letter is in response to the Driftwood's January 15 editorial, which stated "the premier of British Columbia has weaknesses like everyone else, and he is capable of human emotion."

Yes, we all have weaknesses, and Gordon Campbell is obviously capable of regretting that he got caught breaking a law that still stands in both Hawaii and B.C. I personally wonder how long it will take for the "dishonourable" Mr. Campbell and his government of lackeys to "revise" the B.C. laws about drunken driving.

"Those are two obvious conclusions to be drawn about Premier Gordon Campbell, who could be seen in a new light when he apologized to British Columbians Sunday for drunk driving in Hawaii."

Not so obvious to law-abiding British Columbians. He previously chose to cut support for the Counter Attack program and policing in most B.C. communities, as well as many of the courts.

"Campbell has been dis-

passionate and seemingly cold and uncaring in his efforts to introduce massive changes to the operations of the provincial government."

He has waged war on the poor, the old, the young, the abused and ill British Columbians; he deserves as much compassion as he has shown these groups, i.e., none. We can only hope that his recent difficulties will help him re-assess this devastating assault.

I continue to be appalled at this government's war on our citizens. I have not seen any evidence that any of their programs will in fact improve the B.C. economy; if you have such evidence, I'd appreciate seeing it.

Thanks for providing a forum for discussion.

JUDY BOYLAN,
Salt Spring

Simplistic

I would like to ask the Driftwood what its definition of "sustainability" is.

The January 8 editorial stated "... the preservation and protection of the islands can only be carried out in one of two ways: remove all the people from the islands, or set the stage so as to allow the people to pursue activi-

ties that contribute to the economic health of their communities, for a healthy economic climate will in turn support sustainability."

I am suspicious of any argument that uses the word "only" as a main factor in an argument.

I dare say that in a complex world such as we live in, suggesting that "the preservation and protection of the islands can only be carried out in one of two ways" is simplistic at best.

I suggest that before we start trying to fix a problem with an overly simplified solution, we spend some thoughtful time in defining that problem.

I also suggest that out of a careful analysis of the problems, possible answers will surface that will indicate that more than economics is involved in a solution that involves such a complex entity as a community.

PEARL GRAY,
Suffolk Road

Surprise bill

None of us likes to receive an unexpected bill — especially just before Christmas when the "seniors" budget is already stretched to the limit. I had this unpleasant experience when I received a bill from the B.C. Ambulance Service for my transfer from Lady Minto to have a broken hip repaired by the orthopedic surgeon at Cowichan District Hospital in Duncan last May.

After a week there it became a return trip when the Cowichan hospital staff decided I must go back to Lady Minto as they needed my bed that afternoon, even though I was slated to be discharged the following morning.

The total bill for the trips was \$109. I had previously paid \$54 for the trip from my home to LMH — which I knew I'd have to pay and did quite happily.

So, not wishing any of my fellow islanders to have a similar surprise, I'm writing to let you know that hospital transfers now must be paid for. Just hope that you don't have too long a ride — it's 50 cents per kilometre over and above the regulation trip!

RUBY LIVINGSTON,
Salt Spring

Experimental

Salt Spring's reputation for eco-minded awareness is being used as a cover for a

new sablefish hatchery currently under construction near Walker Hook.

Sablefish is also known as black cod, a non-salmonid species which would no doubt eventually be moved to open cage nets. Who approved such a venture and what is the Islands Trust's stand on the expansion of local aquaculture?

The operation will be experimental in nature because of the untested technology required to produce such a new farmed fish. What will be the effect of such nefarious carcinogens as malachite green, pesticides and drugs in the hatchery's drainpipe?

There is no place available for these fish except open cage farms, known to have escapism rates of two per cent.

Many concerns and questions come to mind in the face of the Liberal government's rush to lift the moratorium on new fish farm creation.

The consumption of farmed fish creates a demand which directly harms marine life and the by-products from this hatchery could turn the island's eastern shoreline into a sprawling seaside toilet.

Fish feed used in such a hatchery is taken from impoverished areas of the world where local people depend on small anchovy fisheries for survival.

Regardless of the push toward it, aquaculture has generally proved to be inefficient as a means of producing food.

Also, there are scary new problems to consider like "whirling disease," the fish equivalent of "mad cow disease."

Is Salt Spring's good green name being used as cover to create an ecological disaster that compares with the policy mistake of clear-cut logging?

Salt Spring Island should not be the birthplace of a new drive toward fish farming.

With the current research available, and rotten record of fish farms in this province so recent in our minds, you would think that we would know better.

Can every reputable environmental group be wrong on this issue?

DAVE GORDON,
Mill Bay

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Campbell needs risk-assessment primer

Understanding risk and its assessment is tricky stuff. We're not taught anything about it in school, though it's a well-established field of study and a vital life subject.

Most of what we pick up about risk comes from hear-say, cautionary tales, fears and doubts, wishes and prayers, backed up with snippets of statistics. Most people really don't know what it means to run a one-in-a-1,000 risk versus a one-in-a-10,000 risk, for example. We know someone's going to be the one-in-a-million to win a big lottery or die in a plane crash, but we don't buy tickets for these things with equal expectations.

We all know people who've driven home drunk

and made it okay, not once but hundreds of times, while we hear of drunk drivers who kill people on the first offence.

Miracles and the worst happen all the time.

Because few of us have a good grip on risk, in the abstract and in its myriad applications, we look for leaders with sharp skills to help us weigh and balance the odds, forge the way and bear the brunt of risky decisions.

This is exactly why Premier Gordon Campbell can no longer be trusted as a leader. He's the risk-assessor supreme for all

manner of government policy, law and enforcement decisions, put there because he's supposedly good at this stuff. His supporters believe that their guy has a firm grip on what will happen down the road, in fairly fine detail, when he's at the wheel of state.

And yet, in his plea for understanding and forgiveness for his serious drunk-driving misjudgment in Maui, he uttered no comprehension of the risk he took. In fact, he made light of it. Nothing went wrong,

so he should be forgiven. He's fessed up, now let's carry on.

Every day in government, he's making changes and cuts that may not be high risk for any one individual, just as his one little drunken drive turned out okay, but increasing numbers of people are going to be harmed and die because of his decisions. I've heard enough bits and pieces over the last few months to be increasingly alarmed about his understanding of various risks as they play out in different scenarios.

Special-needs kids are cut adrift, their care thrown back to stressed families and spotty community support. Disabled adults receive ever-changing amounts of support

with each cheque, although many of their costs are non-optional and fixed. Foster parents' pay is clawed back in big clumps, while the kids are returned to questionable homes because it's cheaper on the books. Mentally compromised people in half-way houses are turfed to make way for some really serious, scary cases.

Too many government systems are running now with crossed fingers and held breath. The risks are enormous for vulnerable people. Gordon Campbell is dealing not just in the potential for death, but in the real thing for more of his constituents than he's acknowledging.

But let's not talk about that, he says. Let's not

connect an isolated incident to the bigger picture. No one got hurt when I made one little boo-boo, so forget about those who get hurt when all the drunk-driving numbers are added up. I'm not part of that, I'm just doing my little thing over here, and it'll turn out just fine, trust me.

Rather than take remedial courses in the specifics of drinking and driving and his judgment in that narrow context, I'd like to see Campbell take an intensive program in applying risk in all its forms and manifestations.

I wish we all had better grounding in it, but let's start with our leaders, at the very least.

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SPRINGBOARD
BY BRENDA GUILLED



More letters

Peace letters

At a recent meeting of persons concerned with the tensions surrounding Iraq and the possibility of war, we spoke of a letter-writing campaign that would support a peaceful resolution to the conflict.

For others interested in sending letters that may encourage a non-military solution, here are three addresses you may find useful.

The Right Honourable Jean Chretien, Office of the Prime Minister, 80 Wellington Street, Ottawa, Ontario. K1A 0A2.

The Honourable John McCallum, Minister of Defence, House of Commons, Parliament Buildings, Ottawa, Ontario, K1A 0A6.

Gary Lunn, MP, House of Commons, Parliament Buildings, Ottawa, Ontario, K1A 0A6.
FRANCES EIDE,
Salt Spring

Lunch-losing

Schadenfreude: A German expression, literally "damage joy" — malicious glee in the misfortunes of others.

Schadenfreude is, I suppose, a human weakness, but there are circumstances when it will afflict even aspiring saints. Gordon Campbell's present predicament is one of them.

The corporate media have, predictably, rushed to support the government's frenzied damage-control efforts. Forest industry moguls, who like to describe themselves as loggers, leap to their feet with standing ovations for the premier.

The Liberal caucus urges Christian compassion and forgiveness, and much is made of the tolerance shown to other transgressors, such as Ralph Klein, or even Winston Churchill. But there can be no comparison between them and this unctuous ideologue, relentless in his assault on the old and the poor and the disadvantaged.

It was lunch-losing to hear his touching story of the homeless man who, he said, reached out to comfort him. We have finally seen the real Gordon Campbell.

ANDREW GIBSON,
Rainbow Road

Don't despair

It's not a question, it's a fact of life: there are laws and consequences for them and different ones for us. The heat of my anger is only tempered by the simple fact that this is the way it has always been.

Drunk driving to you and I is a criminal offence; to them it's a forgivable petty misdemeanour.

It's obvious to most clear-thinking people that Mr. Campbell not only exercises abhorrent judgment in his role as premier, but also in his personal life. There's a time to grow up Mr. Campbell; you're not a teenage boy behind the wheel anymore.

You represent B.C., even on holidays. Another interesting observation this week has again raised its hubris head in the form of a judge. Judges across this land have proven time and again that they are not only the interpreters of the law, but also carry the power to circumvent the rules.

This local madam judge in the news this week, insisted on having the right that no one else in B.C. has and forced a blackmail issue on Attorney General Geoff Plant.

Her point was "Let me smoke in my own chambers in this public building or I will quit and receive my severance package and pension." To wit the attorney general buckled at the knees and agreed to install a super-duper exhaust system that cost you and I, the taxpayer, \$19,000.

He assumed that her track record as judge was so admirable that the public would be at a loss without her. Imagine. I thought at 71 years old she could have retired six years ago and smoked her head off at home, but alas, judges, I hear, can retire at 75.

The newspapers are full of examples of the misdirected egos of those that hold the power in this society. Allan Rock, for instance, has just announced he will not run for the leadership of his party. Apparently his department can't tell the difference between two million and

one billion taxpayers dollars spent on the gun registration program. Imagine you or I making such a blunder with someone else's money. We'd be up for a criminal charge, I'm sure.

Mr. Chretien swore on his granny's grave that he would get rid of the GST. What happened?

Paul Martin, the minister of finance for the last decade, owns and operates an off-shore shipping company registered overseas so as not to contribute taxes on the millions of dollars he makes personally every year. This same man claimed he had balanced the budget in the last two years, but this only came about by withholding the medical transfer fees to the provinces for the last decade.

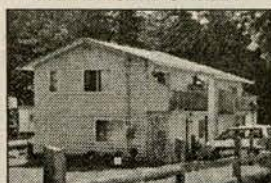
The medical system throughout Canada has suffered unnecessarily because of this ego trip. If you have a complaint about the medical system in this country, its short-comings or inadequacies, don't hesitate to point the finger at him. Alas, alas, he's going to be your next prime minister.

As you look across the spectrum of political and federal politics, don't throw your hands up in despair — get involved, question authority, and protest the injustice that you see. You have a voice, use it.

But most of all, don't complain about a thing if you don't even bother to use your vote.

PETER HAASE,
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At the beginning of March, a group of students, teachers and parents from Highlands Secondary School in Comox will travel to Guatemala to help build a chicken barn and support women in sewing endeavours.

According to Rosemary Baxter and Patricia Houston of Salt Spring, the group aims to bring 18 portable sewing machines to the Guatemalan families, along with small hand tools such as hammers, screw drivers or wrenches.

"It is possible that there are unused sewing machines lurking in closets, garages and storage spaces, and possibly there are many unused tools around as well," note Baxter and Houston.

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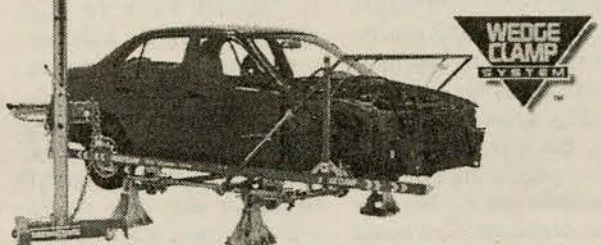
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Time to undo the injustice inflicted on Robert Latimer

By JACK HALLAM

We are approaching the second anniversary of a gross miscarriage of justice in a Supreme Court of Canada decision which was and is of great concern to many Salt Spring Islanders.

In 1997, 345 islanders signed a petition. Then in 2000, after the Supreme Court decision, 835 islanders signed a similar petition pleading for clemency for Robert Latimer.

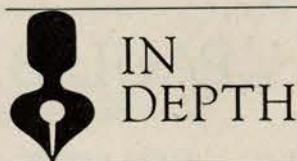
Latimer, who ended the horrible unending suffering of his 11-year-old severely brain-damaged daughter Tracy was arrested and charged with murder.

In the first trial he faced a tampered jury and was found guilty. This trial was thrown out when it was revealed that the Crown prosecutor had asked the police to question prospective jurors to eliminate those who might be sympathetic to Latimer's plight.

In the second trial he was also found guilty but the jury, recognizing that he had acted out of love and not malice, urged leniency and recommended parole after one year. Following this direction the judge took the unusual step (later shown to be beyond his power) of sentencing Latimer to one year in prison followed by one year confined to his farm.

Under the Mulroney government, discretion in sentencing had been removed from judges' power. This judge's "illegal" sentence was overturned by the Saskatchewan Court of Appeal, an action appalling to many decent people. So the mandatory life sentence with no parole for 10 years was imposed, prompting one of the jurors to proclaim that if she had known how severe the sentence would be she would never have found Bob Latimer guilty.

In 1999 the Supreme Court considered an appeal of the Saskatchewan court's decision. The Supreme Court had been under severe criticism for "judicial activism," especially by the Canadian Alliance Party and the extreme religious right.



In reviewing the decision in question, they followed the strict letter of the harsh law and upheld the decision of the Saskatchewan court. Latimer was thus sentenced in January of 2000 to 10 years in prison away from his supportive wife Laura and their three children, who are barely coping, even with neighbours' help, to maintain the family farm.

Though the Supreme Court upheld the harsh sentence, its judges also wrote that Latimer was "a loving father" and suggested he had avenues of appeal to the federal cabinet, even to the Governor-General, for clemency.

A brief review of Tracy's condition should convince all reasonable rational persons who are not bound by religious dogma that Tracy's father Bob should be treated with compassion, mercy and leniency. Tracy was born so severely brain-damaged that American studies have shown 50 per cent of newborns this severely damaged do not live past 12 years. Tracy was judged by qualified professionals at age 11 to have the mental age of a three-month-old infant.

Her severe convulsions were partly controlled by medication but around age six surgeons severed the muscles in her groin region to reduce the frequent spasms. Close to age nine her spine was badly curving from convulsions and beginning to press on her internal organs. Another operation wired a metal rod to her spine and she spent nearly two months in a body cast, enduring a very long painful recovery.

Tracy was in diapers her entire life, fed by hand by her mom and dad and turned several times at night to prevent bed sores.

In her 11th year one of her hips became dislocated and she was in so much pain that the orthopedic surgeon had difficulty examining her. Pain killers interfered with medications that partly controlled her spasms and convulsions. The surgeon was planning to cut off the head of the femur and leave the leg dangling. He said there would be a long painful recovery, could not guarantee success and stated that the same problem might happen to the other leg in a year or two.

Tracy may have had only a few months left to suffer or the agony could have continued for several more years. Bob, in anguish over her constant severe pain, could not bear for it to continue and as a "loving father" ended her long-endured suffering.

Robert Latimer, of no possible threat to the public, has now been in prison for almost two years. It is time compassion, mercy and love are stronger than dogma-inspired hateful vengeance. Bob should be given parole so he can return to his loving family who have been severely punished by his absence.

A final Salt Spring connection: I wrote a short note last month to Bob telling him that the Fulford Valley airstrip, where he told me he had made an awkward landing when training to fly out of Sidney, was no more as some neighbours had bought the property and ended its use as an airstrip.

The writer organized Salt Spring petitions in favour of clemency for Robert Latimer.



THRIFT EXPANSION: Members of the Hospital Auxiliary were in fine spirits last Wednesday as they celebrated the opening of their fully-expanded thrift shop. The volunteers served up refreshments and a ribbon cutting event during the two-hour celebration last week. Mary Tanti won the draw for a gift basket.

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Erich Fromm

Yeah — and for the life of me, I can't figure out how we manage it. Lord knows it's not for lack of weird goings-on. Canada is the hands-down world capital of weird.

Consider: We live in a country that is supposedly half-French and half-English governed by a Prime Minister who is unintelligible in both official languages. We've got Don Cherry and Sheila Copps. We've got Celine Dion, who's anorexic. And Rita McNeil. Who's not. We've got the Ottawa Senators hockey team collecting poge. And the Ottawa Senate.

Also collecting poge.

Nope — if you're a Canadian and you're bored, get someone to check your pulse. Chances are you're dead.

Still, if the Great White North is too tame for you, all you have to do is pick up a paper. It's a crazy world we live in and you can read all about it between the front page headlines and the classifieds. Here are four stories culled from the papers just this week:

NEW ZEALAND: LET'S ALL DRINK —

M A K E THAT EAT A TOAST TO: The supermarket owner in Auckland who created a Kiwi tribute to The King. He's sculpted a massive portrait of Elvis — using 4,000 slices of toast.

Maurice Bennett achieved um, texture, by carefully grilling the toast slices to six different shades ranging from Elvis's sideburns (burnt) to his skin tone (slightly warmed).

PORTUGAL: THE 'WANNA BUY A BRIDGE AWARD GOES TO: Four women in the town of San Bartholomeu de Messines in Portugal. A "doctor on the telephone" successfully talked the quartet into standing topless at their windows so that he could perform a free mammogram by satellite. Geez. Whatever happened to Dirty Old Men in raincoats?

MONTANA: AND THE BLUE PLATE SPECIAL GOES TO: Stan Jones, Montana's Libertarian candidate to the U.S. Senate who sent a letter to his constituents explaining that yes, his skin had turned blue — probably permanently — because he has

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been drinking a homemade silver solution favoured by some extreme Right Wingers as a protection against illness.

(The Men In Black thing, you know).

Ah, but you don't have to go to Auckland, Portugal or Montana to experience the weird and the wacky. We've got a bumper crop right here at home. And you don't have to live in Toronto or Halifax or Vancouver to experience Canadian weirdness. Russell Jervis is about as un-metropolitan as Canucks get. He has been farming a spread outside the town of McBride in the B.C. interior, for the past half century.

Russell lives a quiet, largely uneventful rural life. He was somewhat surprised therefore, to walk out his door one morning last fall and find about 15 acres of his farm looking like it had been shrink-wrapped overnight.

His fields and fences were completely enshrouded with a "dull, slivery metallic-coloured"

substance. Brian Thair, a biologist at the College of New Caledonia in Prince George, drove out to observe the phenomenon.

"There was so much of the stuff on the tops of those fences that you couldn't see the posts" he said. "It's like a white, plastic grocery bag. That's what it feels like — a plastic grocery bag."

So what was it — UFOs? A military exercise? A production set for an episode of The X Files? Nope. Spiders.

Halorates ksensius spiders to be specific. Tiny critters about the size of a match head — but Russell Jervis had several billion of them, in his fields, all hard at work spinning silk as fast as they could.

"The web swept up over the fence like a breaking wave of surf on the beach," recalled Dr. Thayer. "Then it came down the other side towards the highway."

Needless to say, Russell Jervis had never seen anything like it. Neither had Dr. Thayer. He speculates that 'something' short-circuited the routine death rate of the spiders, causing a population boom.

We've all heard the expression "spinning out of control" but this is ridiculous.

Grease trap size eased for food services

Siting confusion and unworkability around one part of its regional source control bylaw, new Capital Regional District (CRD) grease interceptor regulations for food service outlets are in line for some amendments.

According to a CRD environmental services department staff report of January 8, "uncertainty has been growing among operators, contractors and municipal plumbing inspectors regarding the grease interceptor sizing formula contained in the code."

City of Victoria plumb-

ing staff "have maintained that the oil and grease limit is unachievable using the sizing formula prescribed in the code and have been advising operators to install over-sized interceptors at significantly higher costs."

The report also said CRD staff had confirmed the oil and grease limit could not be consistently met.

Some food service operators had also claimed the new regulations were forcing installation of unnecessarily large grease interceptors at an unreasonably high cost.

Trevor Smyth, the regional source control pro-

gram supervisor, said some confusion about the bylaw had arisen among contractors, plumbers, city of Victoria plumbing staff and the CRD's own inspectors so a December stakeholders meeting was held to look at the issue.

Smyth said it was agreed the situation could be improved by removing reference to a 100 milligrams per litre oil and grease discharge limit.

The required bylaw amendment was scheduled for a CRD board vote last Wednesday but was not dealt with, said Smyth.

The amendment does not

affect the overall intent of the bylaw, which is to minimize contaminants entering CRD sewer systems, such as the Ganges sewer.

Smyth said inspection staff are now checking establishments' compliance with the source control regulations, which came into effect January 1.

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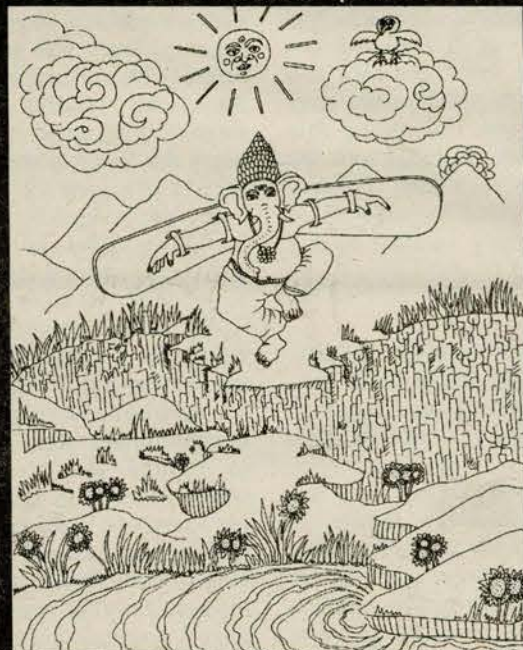
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Community Dialogue Session

LET'S WORK TOGETHER AND BUILD STRONGER SERVICES FOR OUR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

The Vancouver Island Aboriginal Transition Team (VIATT) is planning for the development of a Regional Aboriginal Authority for child and family services in the Vancouver Island region. The VIATT invites members of Aboriginal communities, organizations and service providers to participate in the planning process and attend a Community Dialogue Session:

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| Date: | Jan. 22 | Jan. 23 | Feb. 4 |
| Time: | 6-9 p.m. | 6-9 p.m. | 6-9 p.m. |
| Place: | Victoria Native Friendship Ctr. 3rd Floor 610 Johnson St Victoria | Saanich Saanich Indian School Board - Cultural Bld 7449 W Saanich Saanichton | Western Comm. Juan de Fuca Library 1759 Island Hwy Victoria |

We need your help and your wisdom.

In addition, you can choose to provide feedback by completing the questionnaire available on our web site. For more information, contact the Nanaimo office of the VIATT at 250-390-5484.

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| 2 | 240 | | CBC | Infomatrix | ALightnin' | Simpsons | SmartAsk | News | On Road | This Hour | Music Dream (P) | | the fifth estate | | The National/Mag. | | News /25 ZeD | |
| 3 | 600 621 | | MC | 3:30 Four Days | | Kevin of the North | Leslie Nielsen. | | Behind the Red Door | Jason Carter. | | | Suspicious River | (2000) Molly Parker. | | Almost Famous | | |
| 4 | | | NewVI | Star Trek: Voyager | | VI Land News | | | Seinfeld | Million? | Talk TV | | The Twilight Zone | | The Dead Zone | | News | 35 J.Leno |
| 5 | 330 379 | | KING | Oprah Winfrey | | KING News | | News | Magazine | Squares | Ed | | The West Wing | | Law & Order | | News | 35 J.Leno |
| 6 | 244 358 | | CH | Days of Our Lives | | CH News | | | Go! Mag. | 70's... | 70's... | Ed | Stargate: S-G1 | | The Outer Limits | | SportPge. | CH News |
| 7 | 243 321 | | CTVBC | Caroline Rhea | | CTV News at Five | | News | Friends | Access | WifeKids | American | Idol II (from Jan 21) | | Law & Order | | News | News |
| 8 | 241 336 | | GBLBC | Oprah Winfrey | | News | National | News | ET | BobMarg | Dawson's Creek | | Gilmore Girls | | Presidio Med | | News | |
| 9 | 443 383 | | KCTS | Zoom | Cyberch. | Liberty | Business | News | TravelEur | Short List | Live/Lincoln Center | | P.O.V. | | Homecoming | | News | |
| 10 | 101 | | SRC | Tweenies | Ayoyel | .tatow | Wizz | Ce soir en C.-B. | Virginie | Charlotte | Plateau | Rumeurs | Meilleur ennemi | | Téléjournal/Point | | Ce soir | Sports |
| 11 | 445 354 | | KNOW | George | Mechanic | Art Attack | Kratts' C | CountryL | S. Space | D.Smith | Imprint | Water: Drop of Life | Romans | Gene | Space Horizons | | With Glowing Hearts | |
| 12 | 242 359 | | CITY | Maury Povich Show | | John Walsh Show | | News | B.Date | 5thWheel | Enterprise | | The Bachelorette | | B.Date | 5thWheel | News | Spin City |
| 13 | 454 523 | | BRAVO | Avonlea | Playwrite | Go to the Grand | | Kitchen Party | | 45 News | Law & Order | | NYPD Blue | | Autumn Sonata | (1978) Ingrid Bergman. | | |
| 14 | 472 583 | | CMT | CMT Buzz | | Little House Prairie | | Discovery/Discovery | Concert | Concert | CMT Buzz | | Discovery/Discovery | Concert | Concert | | 3rd Shift | |
| 15 | 436 560 | | TLC | Bounty Hunters | | Submarines | | Junkyard Wars | Experiment Island | | Submarines | | Junkyard Wars | Experiment Island | | Bounty Hunters | | |
| 16 | 483 541 | | FAM | 15 Tarzan | 40Week'd | 10Recess | McGuire | Amanda | Alli That | Stevens | Jackson | Boy MW | Dark? | | The Freshman | | Dark? | Nowhere Man |
| 17 | 450 520 | | A&E | American Justice | | Biography | | American Justice | City Confidential | Third Watch | | | Biography | | American Justice | | City Confidential | |
| 18 | 400 400 | | TSN | MolsonH. | Ultimate Fighting | | PreGame | Hockey NHL Detroit | Red Wings vs Edmonton Oilers | SportsC | | | Tennis Australian Open | | | | Sportscentre | |
| 19 | 407 419 | | RSP | Hockey Top Prospects | CHL | | | NHLPA | Basketball | NBA Golden State vs Los Angeles | | | Sportsnet News | | Sportsnet News | | Sportsnet News | |
| 20 | 23 | | KSTW | Digimon | Tarzan | HomeImp | HomeImp | Frasier | Frasier | 70's... | 70's... | Enterprise | The Twilight Zone | | Seinfeld | Seinfeld | Spin City | D.Carey |
| 21 | 24 | | KVOS | S. Susan | FamFeud | Pyramid | St.Smart | W&Grace | Eliminate | Extra | Justice | The Arrow | (1997) Dan Aykroyd. | | W&Grace | Paid | Cheers | N. Radio |
| 22 | 333 382 | | KCPQ | Maury Povich Show | | 3rd Rock | Simpsons | King Hill | Simpsons | Friends | Friends | 70's... | American Idol II (from Jan 21) | | Q13 News | | Star Trek: DSN | |
| 23 | 511 390 | | NEWS | Can. NowHealth | | Counterspin | | The National/Mag. | | Antiques Roadshow | Counterspin | | National | BusNews | | Antiques Roadshow | | Counterspin |
| 24 | 332 381 | | KIRO | J. Judy | J. Judy | KIRO News | | News | News | ET | Access | Star Search | | 60 Minutes II | | Presidio Med | News | Lettermn |
| 25 | 331 380 | | KOMO | Million? | Pyramid | KOMO 4 News | | News | News | Wheel | Jeopardy | WifeKids | The Bachelorette | | Celebrity Mole | | News | Nightline |
| 26 | 438 394 | | VISION | Neon Rider | | National Film Board | | McLeod | | Credo | J. Vanier | National Film Board | McLeod | | Your Music Zone | | NorthR. | NorthR. |

THIS WEEK'S MOVIES

WEDNESDAY, JAN 22

- 6:00 PM
14 Kitchen Party (1997, Comedy) While his parents are in the next room, a teen attempts to confine a party to the kitchen. *Scott Speedman, Tygh Runyan* (1h45)
- 7:00 PM
3 Behind the Red Door (2002, Drama) A woman must confront memories of her family's past when she returns to her home town. *Jason Carter, Stockard Channing* (2h)
- 8:00 PM
24 The Arrow (1997, Adventure) The charismatic President of Avro Aircraft is awarded a contract to build a special jet. *Dan Aykroyd, Christopher Plummer* (2h)
- 9:00 PM
3 Suspicious River (2000, Drama) A disturbed motel receptionist secretly sells her body to guests, but not just for money. *Molly Parker, Callum Keith Rennie* (2h)
- 9:00 PM
19 * The Freshman (1990, Comedy)** An awkward and naive student leaves his Vermont home to study film at New York University. *Marlon Brando, Matthew Broderick* (1h30)
- 10:00 PM
14 ** Autumn Sonata (1978, Drama)** A well-to-do woman visits her two grown daughters, one of which is dying. *Ingrid Bergman, Liv Ullmann* (2h)
- 11:00 PM
3 ** Almost Famous (2000, Drama)** A high school boy is given the chance to write a story about an up-and-coming rock band. *Billy Crudup, Kate Hudson* (2h15)

THURSDAY, JAN 23

- 6:00 PM
14 * Deep End of the Ocean (1999, Drama)** When a woman's son disappears and turns up years later, the family is plagued with guilt. *Michelle Pfeiffer, Treat Williams* (2h)
- 7:00 PM
20 * Columbo: Columbo and the Murder of a Rock Star (1991, Mystery)** A famous defence lawyer murders his rock star girlfriend when he learns about her affair. *Peter Falk, Dabney Coleman* (2h)
- 7:00 PM
29 * Cowboys Don't Cry (1988, Drama)** When a modern-day cowboy loses his wife in a car accident, he must start a new life. *Ron White, Janet-Laine Green* (2h)
- 8:00 PM
3 * Rock My World (aka Global Heresy) (2002, Drama)** The frontman of a new rock band disappears on the eve of the band's European tour. *Alicia Silverstone, Peter O'Toole* (2h)
- 8:00 PM
24 * Lean on Me (1989, Drama)** A controversial high school principal whips his students into shape by bullying them. *Robert Guillaume, Morgan Freeman* (2h)
- 9:00 PM
3 * Black Hawk Down (2001, Action)** An elite team of peacekeepers attempt to kidnap a crime lord's top lieutenants in Somalia. *Josh Hartnett, Eric Bana* (2h30)
- 9:00 PM
4 * Millennium (1989, Sci-Fi)** Futuristic intrigue is uncovered after the head on collision of two commercial jets. *Kris Kristofferson, Cheryl Ladd* (2h)
- 9:00 PM
13 * Clear and Present Danger (1994, Thriller)** An agent is sent to investigate Colombian drug cartels and a strike force is sent in. *Harrison Ford, Willem Dafoe* (3h)
- 9:00 PM
19 * Ruthless People (1986, Comedy)** A wealthy garment manufacturer schemes to have his stocky wife killed. *Danny DeVito, Bette Middler* (1h35)
- 9:00 PM
29 * Cowboys Don't Cry (1988, Drama)** When a modern-day cowboy loses his wife in a car accident, he must start a new life. *Ron White, Janet-Laine Green* (2h)
- 10:00 PM
14 ** Les Misérables (1998, Drama)** A reformed French convict tries to build an honest life for himself and an orphan girl. *Liam Neeson, Uma Thurman* (2h30)
- 10:00 PM
20 * Columbo: Columbo and the Murder of a Rock Star (1991, Mystery)** A famous defence lawyer murders his rock star girlfriend when he learns about her affair. *Peter Falk, Dabney Coleman* (2h)
- 11:30 PM
3 * Kiss of the Dragon (2001, Action)** A Kung-fu fighting Chinese cop is sent to aid French police in a drug dealer's arrest. *Bridget Fonda, Jet Li* (1h45)
- 11:55 PM
10 ** Restauration (1995, Comédie dramatique)** Un médecin de la cour de Charles II perd son statut en tombant amoureux d'une femme. *Robert Downey Jr., Sam Neill* (2h35)

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| 240 | | CBC | 7:00 Get Set For Life | | Get Set For Life | | | | | | | This Hour@R.Green | | M@Gigi / EmilyMoon | | W TH TU Antiques/.. | | Corona'n Emmerd | | | | | | | | |
| 600 | 621 | MC | Various Movies | | | Various Movies | | | Various Movies | | | W 15 Jack's House | | Various Movies | | F Chippendales.. | | Various Movies | | | | | | | | |
| 4 | | NewVI | 7:00 New Day | | CityLine | | | | Pacific Blue | | All My Children | | One Life to Live | | Touched By Angel | | Earth: Final Conflict | | | | | | | | | |
| 330 | 379 | KING | 7:00 Today Show | | | | Martha Stewart | | Caroline Rhea | | News | | Days of Our Lives | | Passions | | Dr. Phil | | | | | | | | | |
| 244 | 358 | CH | Gold Trail@Pet Guys | | Oprah Winfrey | | The Price is Right | | Young & Restless | | News | | BodyHlth@Travel | | Various@Travel M. | | Wheel@Jeopardy | | | | | | | | | |
| 243 | 321 | CTVBC | 6:30 Canada AM | | Regis & Kelly | | The View | | Daily Planet | | eTalk@Bold & B. | | Vicki Gabereau | | General Hospital | | Dr. Phil | | | | | | | | | |
| 241 | 336 | GBLBC | 6:00 News | | 100 Huntley Street | | Worldvision | | CrossOvr@SWise | | News | | As the World Turns | | Passions | | Young & Restless | | | | | | | | | |
| 443 | 383 | KCTS | Sagwa@Clifford | | Caillou@DragonT | | Sesame Street | | Barney | | Rogers | | Various@R.Rainbw | | Teletub.@Jay Jay | | Bet.Lions@George | | | | | | | | | |
| 101 | | SRC | 7:00 Matin express | | Tous les matins | | | | Ricardo | | L'Heure du Midi | | Wizz | | Cinéma variées | | Variées@Variées | | | | | | | | | |
| 445 | 354 | KNOW | B. Clues@MagicB. | | Various@35 Hoobs | | Various@Dreamst. | | Various | | Various | | Various | | Various | | Various@Madeline | | | | | | | | | |
| 242 | 359 | CITY | 6:00 Breakfast TV | | Star Trek: DSN | | Relic Hunter | | CityLine | | Cooks | | Various | | Various | | Media TV@DataC. | | | | | | | | | |
| 454 | 523 | BRAVO | Various@Various | | Road to Avonlea | | Law & Order | | Various | | | | Various@Book TV | | Various | | Videos@Avonlea | | | | | | | | | |
| 472 | 583 | CMT | eQuest | | Heart and Home | | | | HotWire@Heart and Home | | | | F Tim McGraw | | Power Trip | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 436 | 560 | TLC | Personal@Personal | | Makeover@Makeover | | DatingSt@DatingSt | | Wedding@Wedding | | BabyStry@BabyStry | | Trading Spaces | | White You Were Out | | Various@Various | | | | | | | | | |
| 483 | 541 | FAM | Rangers@Various | | 55 Katie@35Stanley | | Various@Ducktales | | 15Houndz@40 L.Lulu | | SmartG.@Various | | 20Stanley@Various | | 10 O.Box@D'cktale | | Various@50Pepper | | | | | | | | | |
| 450 | 520 | A&E | MurderW@F Tootsie | | City Confidential | | American Justice | | Various | | F Awakenings | | Murder She Wrote | | MurderW@F Tootsie | | City Confidential | | | | | | | | | |
| 400 | 400 | TSN | Sportscentre | | Off Rec@Molson2 | | Various@Various | | Various@Various | | TH F Golf@Various | | Motoring@WWE T. | | Motoring@Interrupt | | Off Rec@SportsC | | | | | | | | | |
| 407 | 419 | RSP | SportNws@SportNws | | SportNws@SportNws | | SportNws@SportNws | | SportNws@SportNws | | SportNws@SportNws | | Various@Various | | Various@Various | | Various@Various | | | | | | | | | |
| 23 | | KSTW | 7:00 Club | | WeakLink@CrossOvr | | Ricki Lake | | J. Joe@J. Joe | | The People's Court | | Divorce@Divorce | | Hughleys@Sabrina | | Buzz@Recess | | | | | | | | | |
| 24 | | KVOS | Various@Ricky | | Paid@Various | | The People's Court | | Judge Greg Mathis | | Various@F Paid | | Seventh Heaven | | Montel Williams | | Diagnosis@Murder | | | | | | | | | |
| 333 | 382 | KCPQ | 6:00 News | | Good Day Live | | Jerry Springer | | Jenny Jones | | Maury Povich Show | | Beyond@Justice | | Jerry Springer | | Jenny Jones | | | | | | | | | |
| 511 | 390 | NEWS | Various@News | | News@News | | News@News | | Various@News | | Various@News | | News@Various | | Politics | | News@BusNews | | | | | | | | | |
| 332 | 381 | KIRO | The Early Show | | Life Moments | | The Price is Right | | Young & Restless | | News@Bold & B. | | As the World Turns | | The Guiding Light | | Montel Williams | | | | | | | | | |
| 331 | 380 | KOMO | 7:00 Morning Am. | | Regis & Kelly | | The View | | News@P.Charles | | All My Children | | One Life to Live | | General Hospital | | Northwest | | | | | | | | | |
| 438 | 394 | VISION | It's a New Day | | Mass@Various | | Neon Rider | | Youngren@Robison | | Various | | Q.Study@Various | | Various@Tuba Girl | | Twice in a Lifetime | | | | | | | | | |

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| 240 | | CBC | InfomatrX | POV | Simpsons | SmartAsk | News | | Opening Night | | | | Witness | | | The National/Mag. | | News /25 ZeD | | | | | | | | |
| 600 | 621 | MC | Little Vampire | | Lantana (2001) | Barbara Hershey. | | | Rock My World (aka Global Heresy) | | | | Black Hawk Down (2001) Josh Hartnett. | | | | | Movie | | | | | | | | |
| 4 | | NewVI | Star Trek: Voyager | | VI Land News | | | | Seinfeld | Million? | Earth: Final Conflict | | Millennium (1989) Kris Kristofferson. | | | | News | 35 J.Leno | | | | | | | | |
| 330 | 379 | KING | Oprah Winfrey | | KING News | | News | News | Magazine | Squares | Friends | Scrubs | W&Grace/GMMiami | | E.R. | | News | 35 J.Leno | | | | | | | | |
| 244 | 358 | CH | Days of Our Lives | | CH News | | | Go! Mag. | 70's... | 70's... | Doc | | Stargate: S-G1 | | Largo Winch | | SportPge | CH News | | | | | | | | |
| 243 | 321 | CTVBC | Caroline Rhea | | CTV News at Five | | News | | Friends | Access | 8 Rules... | Scrubs | CSI: Crime Scene | | E.R. | | News | News | | | | | | | | |
| 241 | 336 | GBLBC | Oprah Winfrey | | News | National | News | | ET | BobMarg | Friends | Popstars | W&Grace/GMMiami | | Without a Trace | | News | | | | | | | | | |
| 443 | 383 | KCTS | Zoom | Cyberch. | Liberty | Business | News | | TravelEur | Connects | Freedom: A History | | Black & White | | | Miss Marple | | News | | | | | | | | |
| 101 | | SRC | Art Attack | Ayoye! | Latow | Wizz | Ce soir | ClanDest. | Virginie | Catherine | ...ce soir on joue | | Le coeur decouvert | | Téléjournal/Point | Ce soir | Cinéma | | | | | | | | | |
| 445 | 354 | KNOW | George | Mechanic | Art Attack | Kratts' C | Watercolor Tech. | | Design | FatLadies | Parks | Odysseys | With Glowing Hearts | | Playing the Game | DataC. | LeadEdg. | | | | | | | | | |
| 242 | 359 | CITY | Maury Povich Show | | John Walsh Show | | News | | B.Date | 5thWheel | The Crow | | Clear and Present Danger (1994) Harrison Ford. | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 454 | 523 | BRAVO | 3:30Avonl. | Book TV | Literature | Writing.. | Deep End of the Ocean | | | | Law & Order | | NYPD Blue | | Les Miserables (1998) Liam Neeson. | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 472 | 583 | CMT | CMT Buzz | | Little House Prairie | | Tim McGraw | | CMT Inside Fame | CMT Buzz | | Tim McGraw | Little House Prairie | | 3rd Shift | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 436 | 560 | TLC | Scotland Yard | | Countdown Danger | | Storm Force | | Survival Quiz | Countdown Danger | | Storm Force | Survival Quiz | | Scotland Yard | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 483 | 541 | FAM | 15 Tarzan | 40Week'd | 10Recess | McGuire | Amanda | All That | Stevens | Jackson | Boy MW | Dark? | Ruthless People | | | 35 Dark? | Nowhere Man | | | | | | | | | |
| 450 | 520 | A&E | American Justice | | Biography | | Columbo: Columbo & Murder of Ro.. | | | | Third Watch | | Biography | | Columbo: Columbo & Murder of Ro.. | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 400 | 400 | TSN | MolsonH. | StrongM. | PreGame | | Hockey NHL Phoenix Coyotes vs Calgary Flames | | | | SportsC | | Tennis Australian Open | | | | Sportscentre | | | | | | | | | |
| 443 | 383 | KCTS | Zoom | Cyberch. | GottaSee | NBA XL | Canucks | SportNws | In. AHL | Lacrosse NLL | Toronto Rock vs | Ottawa Rebel | Sportsnet News | | Sportsnet News | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 24 | | KSTW | Digimon | Tarzan | Homelmp | Homelmp | Fraser | Fraser | 70's... | 70's... | WWE Smackdown! | | Seinfeld | | Seinfeld | Spin City | D.Carey | | | | | | | | | |
| 24 | | KVOS | S. Susan | FamFeud | Pyramid | St.Smart | W&Grace | Eliminate | Extra | Justice | Lean on Me (1989) | | Robert Guillaume. | | W&Grace | J.Shoot | Cheers | N. Radio | | | | | | | | |
| 333 | 382 | KCPQ | Maury Povich Show | | 3rd Rock | Simpsons | King Hill | Simpsons | Friends | Friends | Joe Millionaire | | Man vs Beast | | Q-13 News | | Star Trek: DSN | | | | | | | | | |
| 511 | 390 | NEWS | Can. Now | Docket | Inside Media | | The National/Mag. | | the fifth estate | | | >Play | | National | BusNews | Inside Media | >Play | | | | | | | | | |
| 332 | 381 | KIRO | J. Judy | J. Judy | KIRO News | | News | News | ET | Access | Star Search | | CSI: Crime Scene | | Without a Trace | | News | Lettermn | | | | | | | | |
| 331 | 380 | KOMO | Million? | Pyramid | KOMO 4 News | | News | News | Wheel | Jeopardy | 8 Rules... | | Acc.Jim | WifeKids | G. Lopez | Primetime Thursday | News | Nightline | | | | | | | | |
| 438 | 394 | VISION | Neon Rider | | 360 Vision | | Cowboys Don't Cry (1988) Ron White. | | | | 360 Vision | | Cowboys Don't Cry (1988) Ron White. | | | | | | NorthR. | NorthR. | | | | | | |



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| 240 | | CBC | InfomatrX | CrashZ. | Simpsons | SmartAsk | News | | Mr. Bean | CrossCan | Air Farce | R.Green | S. Cullen | InCanada | The National/Mag. | News /25 | ZeD | |
| 600 | 621 | MC | 3:45 What Katy Did | Alison Pill. | Jimmy Neutron: Boy Genius | | | | Jeremiah | | Rollerball (2002) | Chris Klein. | | | John Q (2002) | Denzel | Washington. | |
| 4 | | NewVI | Star Trek: Voyager | VI Land News | | | | Seinfeld | Million? | Home Videos | John Doe | | | | Walker, TR | News | 35 J.Leno | |
| 330 | 379 | KING | Oprah Winfrey | | KING News | | News | News | Magazine | Squares | Mister Sterling | | Dateline NBC | | Law & Order: S.V.U. | News | 35 J.Leno | |
| 244 | 358 | CH | Days of Our Lives | | CH News | | | Go! Mag. | 70's... | 70's... | Mister Sterling | | Queens Supreme | | 20/20 Friday | SportPge | CH News | |
| 243 | 321 | CTVBC | Caroline Rhea | | CTV News at Five | | News | | Friends | Access | Fastlane | | W-FIVE | | Law & Order: S.V.U. | News | News | |
| 241 | 336 | GBLBC | Oprah Winfrey | | News | National | News | | ET | BobMarg | Presidio Med | | Hack | | Blue Murder | | News | |
| 443 | 383 | KCTS | Zoom | Cyberch. | Liberty | Business | News | | TravelEur | Street | Serious\$ | Wash.Wk | Now | | Antiques Roadshow | Egg: Arts | News | |
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| 445 | 354 | KNOW | George | Mechanic | Art Attack | Kratts' C | Scatter.. | Entrada | Gaslight | Pan Asia | Julia (1977) | Jane Fonda. | | | Jewel in the Crown | All Saints | | |
| 242 | 359 | CITY | Maury Povich Show | John Walsh Show | | | | | B.Date | 5thWheel | Lexx: The Series | | Mission: Impossible (1996) | Tom Cruise. | | | | CityPulse |
| 454 | 523 | BRAVO | 3:30Avonl. | Movie TV | The Directors | | The Broken Hearts Club | | 45 News | | Law & Order | | Sex&City | 45 Mondo Topless | | 45 Monique | | |
| 472 | 583 | CMT | CMT Buzz | | Little House Prairie | | Impact | Impact | Case for Shania | | CMT Buzz | | Impact | Impact | Little House Prairie | | Singing Cowboy | |
| 436 | 560 | TLC | FBI: Critical Incident | | Police Force | | Scene of the Crime | | Scene of the Crime | | Police Force | | Scene of the Crime | | Scene of the Crime | | FBI: Critical Incident | |
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| 400 | 400 | TSN | MolsonH. | World's Sexiest Athletes | | | | Tennis Australian Open | | | Sportscentre | | WWE T. | Motoring | SnowTrx | Molson2 | Sportscentre | |
| 443 | 383 | RSP | Miller TV | NBA XL | Basket.. | Drop In | GottaSee | SportNws | GottaSee | Lacrosse | NLL Buffalo Bandits vs Toronto Rock | | | | Sportsnet News | | Sportsnet News | |
| 24 | | KSTW | Digimon | Tarzan | Homelmp | Homelmp | Fraser | Fraser | 70's... | 70's... | Ace Ventura: When Nature Calls | | | | Seinfeld | Seinfeld | Spin City | D.Carey |
| 24 | | KVOS | S. Susan | FamFeud | Pyramid | St.Smart | W&Grace | Eliminate | Extra | Justice | Perry Mason: Case of Fatal Framing | | | | W&Grace | J.Shoot | Cheers | N. Radio |
| 333 | 382 | KCPQ | Maury Povich Show | 3rd Rock | Simpsons | King Hill | Simpsons | Friends | Friends | Fastlane | | John Doe | | | Q-13 News | | Star Trek: Voyager | |
| 511 | 390 | NEWS | NDR Leadership Convention | | | | | | The National/Mag. | @ The End | | National | BusNews | | CBC: Disclosure | | @ The End | |
| 332 | 381 | KIRO | J. Judy | J. Judy | KIRO News | | News | News | ET | Access | Presidio Med | | Hack | | Queens Supreme | News | Lettermn | |
| 331 | 380 | KOMO | Million? | Pyramid | KOMO 4 News | | News | News | Wheel | Jeopardy | Home Videos | | Line? | D.Carey | 20/20 Friday | News | Nightline | |
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| 600 621 | | MC | Miss Congeniality | | Sandra Bullock. | | Gosford Park (2001) | | | Maggie Smith. | | Ghost World (2001) Thora Birch. | | | An American Rhapsody | | | | |
| 4 | | NewVI | Fishing | Skiing | Acura Golf Playgr'nd | | Talk TV | | Bluesman | Jazzman | Worldvision | CityLine | | Earth: Final Conflict | | Beast Master | | | |
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| 243 321 | | CTVBC | Good Morning Canada | | | | W. Fang W. Fang | | The Urban Jungle | | V. Pringle Travel | | 1st Story | | 1st Story | | Daily Planet | Speed Skating | |
| 241 336 | | GBLBC | 7:00 Saturday Morning News | | | | Doggin' It At Home | | StrangeD | | W.Vision News | | PSI Fact. | | Bang TV | | All Xtreme | Ent. Tonight | |
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| 242 359 | | CITY | CityLine | | | | Cooks | | ScanMov | | Punjabi Profile | | SportKing | | Media TV | | Ethnosonic | Electric Circus Viva The Lost World Movie | |
| 454 523 | | BRAVO | 15 Killer's Kiss Frank Silvera. | | 45Dr. Strangelove (aka How I Learne.. | | Barry Lyndon (1975) Ryan O'Neal. | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 472 583 | | CMT | Chevy Top 20 Countdown | | | | CMT Weekend | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 436 560 | | TLC | Hometime | | Hometime | | Trading Spaces | | While You Were Out | | Police Force | | Scene of the Crime | | Skin Sculptors | | Maternity Ward Trauma: In the ER | | |
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| 240 419 | | RSP | Sportsnet News | | Sportsnet News | | H. Diary Miller TV | | Skiing | | Skiing Alpine Wld FIS | | Lacrosse NLL Buffalo Bandits vs Toronto Rock | | H.Central Snapshot | | | | |
| 24 | | KSTW | Critter G. Santiago | | Munsters | | Paid | | Lucy Lucy | | M.A.S.H. M.A.S.H. | | Class (1983) Andrew McCarthy. | | Teen Wolf (1985) Michael J. Fox. | | | | |
| 24 | | KVOS | Want Be | | Moesha | | Algo's | | Anyplace | | Heroes of WWII | | Gershwin on Ice | | Paid | | Paid Paid Paid Paid Paid Paid Columbo: Dead.. | | |
| 333 382 | | KCPQ | Stargate: | | Foodons | | Kirby | | Ultimate | | Ultimate | | Foodons | | Kirby | | Ultraman NFL Und. Archie Archie Sports Adrenalin: Fear the Rush | | |
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| 27 332 381 | | KIRO | 7:00 KIRO News | | Paid | | Paid | | Basketball NCAA Arizona vs Kansas | | Golf Phoenix Open PGA | | | | | | | | |
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| 240 | CBC | Hockey NHL Colorado Avalanche vs Toronto Maple Leafs | | | | | | Hockey NHL Detroit Red Wings vs Calgary Flames | | | 45HNIC... | 15 @ The End | | 15 Hockey Night | | | |
| 600 621 | MC | Movie | Movies | Second String (2002) Gil Bellows. | | | A Beautiful Mind (2001) Russell Crowe. | | | 15 Orange County Jack Black. | | 15 Charlotte Gray | | | | | |
| 4 | NewVI | Farscape | | Star Trek: Voyager | | News | Speaker's | Haida Art VI Parade | | Cops | Cops | Amer.Most Wanted | | Starhunter | | News | Star TV |
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| 244 358 | CH | Stargate: S-G1 | | CH News | | Queen of Swords | | Ins.Ent. | 2'Chance | Emily of New Moon | | Free Money (1998) | | Mira Sorvino. | | Mad TV | |
| 243 321 | CTVBC | 3:00 Speed Skating | | Everwood | | News | | Mysterious Ways | | Law & Order | | Law & Order: S.V.U. | | Cold Squad | | News | News |
| 241 336 | GBLBC | J.Shoot | Simpsons | Simpsons | Simpsons | News | | Targa, NFLD 2002 | | PSI Factor | | Mutant X | | Meet My Folks 3/3 | | News | 35 S.N.L. |
| 443 383 | KCTS | Chefs A'field | | Stellino's | | Napa | | Lawrence Welk | | Nature | | H. Roost Barbara | | Bananas (1971) Woody Allen. | | Short List In the Life | |
| 101 | SRC | Adrenaline | | | | | | Journal Justice | | L'initie (1999) Russell Crowe. | | | | Journal Maison-Blanche | | Cinéma | |
| 445 354 | KNOW | CG Kids | | Tracy | Art Attack | | Kratts' C | Parks | Undersea | National Geographic | | Heartbeat | | Where the Heart Is | | Monarch of the Glen Festival de jazz | |
| 242 359 | CITY | 3:30 Ghostbusters (1984) Bill Murray. | | | | News | | Fashion | Star TV | First Wave | | Touched (1999) Lynn Redgrave. | | | | Sex TV Music | |
| 454 523 | BRAVO | Music | | Great Performers | | The Scottish Fiddle Orchestra | | | | Sex&City | | 45Gay W. | 15 Hoffa (1992) Jack Nicholson. | | | | Movie |
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| 450 520 | A&E | American Justice | | Cold Case Files | | Crossing Jordan | | Third Watch | | Hollywood Reality | | Cold Case Files | | Crossing Jordan | | Third Watch | |
| 400 400 | TSN | Anna K. | | NFL Primetime | | StrongM. | | StrongM. | | Tennis Australian Open | | | | LumberjK Molson2 | | Sportscentre | |
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| 23 | KSTW | Crocodile Dundee (1986) Paul Hogan. | | | | Enterprise | | 70's... | | Seinfeld | 12:01 (1993) Jonathan Silverman. | | Seinfeld | | Païd | Wild Police Videos | |
| 24 | KVOS | Movie | | Ticket | | Alice Looking Glass | | Celebrity Justice | | Extra Weekend | | Mars (1996) Olivier Gruner. | | She Spies | | Cheers | |
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| 332 381 | KIRO | Animal | Animal | KIRO News | | News | | News | | Entertain. Week | | Touched By Angel | | The District | | The Agency | |
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HOSPITAL DRIVE: A Lady Minto Hospital Foundation fundraising drive got a huge boost last week as Salt Spring's volunteer fire department donated \$5,000. Seen here at the "official" cheque presentation are, from left, fire chief Dave Enfield, firefighter Jeff Outerbridge, Wendy Shea, of the hospital foundation, and honorary campaign chairs, Marilyn and Chris Schmah.

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Film fest and Seedy Saturday set for weekend in February

Our Island, Our World, Salt Spring's annual film fest, makes a joint appearance with Seedy Saturday again this year.

Gulf Islands Secondary School is the scene for both attractions on Saturday, February 8 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The film festival continues on Sunday, February 9, from 10-5, with that day including an array of displays by island volunteer groups.

As usual, the cafeteria will provide delicious food during the lunch hour, and snacks and beverages will be available throughout the day. Childcare has also been arranged for a reasonable fee.

Seedy Saturday, sponsored by Island Natural Growers, offers gardeners and would-be gardeners the

chance to swap and buy seeds and plants, often of hard-to-find strains or varieties.

Two workshops are planned: one by Mark Stevens on medicinal plants; and the other marking the launch of the seed and plant sanctuary of Canada on Salt Spring, which is being created by Dan Jason and his associates.

Information tables will offer tips on organic gardening and other timely topics.

The video festival will present approximately three dozen films conveying information that viewers are unlikely to encounter in mass media.

Fields of interest include international relations, native affairs, conflicts at home and abroad, cultural preservation

and urgent food matters. Though some topics have a dark side, organizers say they have "been at pains" to offer a fair proportion of upbeat themes.

The SVOVA Youth Team will conduct a Sunday afternoon workshop centering on the film Tomorrow's Children, based on the writings of Riane Eisler.

As in past years, Saturday evening will bring a feature showing of a pair of films: Another World is Possible and Net Loss, by Whidby Island filmmakers Melissa Young and Mark Dvorkin, who will be present for the screening and discussion to follow.

Admission is by donation.

For film festival inquiries, call Maggie Schubart at 537-9804, or Jane Squier at 537-5467.

Thank You!

Bulk, fed Santa's sleigh (actually a 118 ft. ship) for its journey through the southern Gulf Islands. A special r-o-o-a-a-r of appreciation is given by the Salt Spring Lions Club, the Lions Clubs of Bellingham and, we are sure, the community at large for the McColls' continued support of this yearly venture. You really bring in the Holiday Season with a lot of smiles and cheers. Merry Christmas from us all!



SALT SPRING LIONS & BELLINGHAM LIONS

Tidal energy is focus of multi-media event

A "technology briefing" on a tidal power program and related information is set for Gulf Islands Secondary School tonight.

Martin Burger of Blue Energy Canada Inc., who spoke at the Salt Spring Island Monetary Foundation gala launch event January 7, is making the January 22 multi-media presentation beginning at 7:30 p.m.

In a press release Burger states that "Given our climate change and environmental crisis, to not be involved in solutions is like serenely watching the truck in your oncoming path."

What the public can do to bring "badly needed," environmentally friendly technologies into use will be part of the event.

"The public is largely unaware to the extent of our vested interest gridlock, and that much of the environmental degradation that has occurred this century was mostly preventable," said Burger. "The problem is that these vested interests continue to operate within the impunity of our misinformed consent."

Burger promises critical information will be provided at his presentation so people can "revoke [their] implied consent and to finally be part of making a meaningful difference."

Coffee and cookies will be served.

Admission is by donation.

For more information, call Dorothy Cutting at 537-5558 or visit www.bluenergy.com.

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Horseman thief pouter pigeons one way to celebrate Burns day

By TIMOTHY HUME
Special to the Driftwood

As Robbie Burns Day approaches I wonder what all we Scots of the islands will be doing to celebrate the man, his poetry and our Scottish heritage.

We all know the man was a rascal, a woman lover and a romantic rebel, as well as a very fine poet. A man who spoke the people's language that somehow makes us all proud of our Scottish ancestry. But what can we really do to honour that ancestry?

In Scotland there is a passionate national sport that goes way back to before even Robbie Burns' time and is still practised there today, though very few know about it here in Canada. My great grandfather was involved in the sport a hundred years ago, and it was first mentioned in history books from the 1600s — that's a hundred years before Burns was wooing lassies in the meadows.

In the new world, though, no matter how many Scots are here, the sport has no supporters and is virtually unknown. This amazes me, as Scots are so proud of everything Scottish.

We've got the pipes here, we've got the highland fling, we've got the fine gentlemen flying their kilts and dangling their sporrans at highland games and clan gatherings.

Ahh, we have our shortbread, our oatmeal and cock-a-leeky soup; we have our haggis now and then. Yes, we seem to have all the trimmings and we celebrate sipping Scotch whisky, whistling some border Reveres ballads or brogue our tongues through party toasts.

We listen with reverent ear as someone bedecked in tartan recites Robbie's words once more.

It's all so Scottish and wonderful. Makes us strut with pride puffed up like a bunch of courting pouter pigeons.

Well let me offer a suggestion. This is a way we can make a lasting mark for Scots tradition and culture in Canada.

It is the art of flying the Scottish Horseman Thief Pouter Pigeon.

It is the ultimate celebration of being a Scot. Being a great lover, proud, brave and alluring, irresistible to the opposite sex.

That's what the sport of flying horseman thief pouters is all about, trying to steal doves from your opponent's loft by luring them to your home with the proudest, noblest, most handsome courtship display, which is danced by both male and female with equal skill.

It's called "flying the doos" in Scotland.

This is what the Scots do best: flirt, court and love with passionate abandon. Bill and coo and stately woo. It is simply who we are. To true Scots,

the horseman thief pouter is the symbol of the Scottish heart. Flying the doos is the expression of our passion and our past.

Flying the doos was an in-your-face kind of flaunting of the laws of times long past and a way of standing against oppression. Because way back then only the Lords were allowed to keep pigeons and the peasants were forbidden from eating them. The peasants developed these birds to lure the lords' doves from his dove-cotes and bring them home so that they could capture the lords' pigeons as food for their children. This kind of thieving is something to be proud of.

The Scottish horseman pouter does not exist here in North America and I think the breed should be here, to help us keep our heritage alive.

As a passionate Canadian Scot pigeon fancier that already raises rare colour racing homers, Birmingham rollers and ceremonial white peace doves at Lord Of The Isles Loft on Salt Spring, I would like to bring this breed to Canada.

That is how I would like to celebrate Robbie Burns and our Scottish tradition.

I'm looking for sponsors to help bring one of Scotland's national treasures, one of the oldest pastime sports of our forebears to Salt Spring. These will be the first and only Scottish horseman thief pouters on this continent.

The horseman thief pouter pigeon club in Scotland has offered to donate breeding pairs to the cause as a gift to their fellow Scots who have settled in far-off lands. The birds are being offered so that we can keep one of our traditions alive here in Canada.

I will need help to make this happen, since importing and quarantine costs are high. Who then amongst all the proud Canadian Scots will step up and carry the banner with me to bring these magnificent birds to Canada and honour our Scots ancestors, our cultural heritage?

Anyone interested in this project and or able to offer financial or other assistance, please contact me at 537-0051 or ecosse@saltspring.com.



FC BOOSTER: A British flag helps cheer on Salt Spring's FC soccer team as player Kevin Luke's parents (Alf and Kathy Luke) visit from England and show their colours. Fellow FC fans watch from the bleachers at Portlock Park as the game unfolds on Sunday. The local boys won the match against Cowichan 3-0. See story, photo on Page 25.

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The library is constantly acquiring new books, videos, and audio cassettes, many of which are found on the shelves just to the left of the library entrance. Here are a few of the new fiction and video titles. The book reviews have been provided by Jill Wheaton and the video reviews by Sheryl Taylor-Munro.

New in fiction

A Whistling Woman by A.S. Byatt is the final volume of the magnificent quartet featuring the red-haired and indomitable Frederica and comprising The Virgin in the Garden, Still Life and Babel Tower.

Ken Follett's latest book Hornet Flight takes the reader to the world of international intrigue.

In Alice in Exile by Piers Paul Read, Alice is an exceptional heroine who goes to Russia as a governess and finds herself in the Russian Revolution.

Alexandria by Nick Bantock is another Griffin and Sabine and, once again, is beautifully illustrated.

LIBRARY SHELF

The October Horse by Colleen McCullough is the sixth and final entry in a series that traces the last days of the Roman Republic, including the events leading up to the assassination of Julius Caesar.

John Mortimer features barrister Horace Rumpole in seven short stories in Rumpole Rests His Case.

The Navigator of New York, Wayne Johnston's latest bestseller, opens in Newfoundland at the end of the nineteenth century.

That Old Ace in the Hole, Annie Proulx's new book, deals with the dusty, tornado-brewing panhandles of Texas and Oklahoma and the families who make their living there.

Jeff Shaara's The Glorious Cause, a sequel to Rebellion, follows the course of the American Revolution from immediately after independence was declared to the point when independence was

secured by the defeat of the British Army.

Among the library's new mysteries are Cause for Concern by Margaret Yorke, Man Down by John Douglas, Witness in Bishop Hill by Sara Frommer, The Lovely Bones by Alice Sebold, No Way to Treat a First Lady by Christopher Buckley, True Witness by Jo Bannister, The Edge of Doom by Amanda Cross, A Puzzle in a Pear Tree by Parnell Hall, An Artful Death by Roderic Jeffries, and A Detective in Love by H.R.F. Keating.

New in Video

The Temple Builders of Malta, 4000-2500 BC. Produced by Richard Rudgley, a Salt Spring resident.

Manon. This BBC video that features the Royal Ballet Covent Garden in a performance of three of Gilbert and Sullivan's best loved operettas — The Mikado, The Pirates of Penzance, and Iolanthe — all presented in performance at the Stratford Festival.

Bob the Builder. Now on video as well as in the chil-

dren's book section, this series is currently the Harry Potter for younger readers and viewers according to enthusiastic fans.

Elizabeth. This four-volume series, based on and narrated by the original book's author, David Starkey, examines the early life and reign of Elizabeth I.

In the Footsteps of Alexander the Great. This PBS documentary narrated by Michael Wood is a 20,000-mile trek from the Balkans to India in search of the truth behind the legends of the 30-year-old conqueror.

Earth, Wind, and Water. These four short films examine the importance of the estuary, the origin and nature of the Gulf Stream, the rise and fall of the Great Lakes ecosystem, and what happens to water from the time it falls as rain until it reaches its destination.

The Man Who Talks with Wolves. Set in northern Quebec, where Michel Pageau has a particular connection with wolves who respond when he calls them. Celtic Spirits. Cape

Bretoners John Allan Cameron and Winston "Scotty" Fitzgerald journey to Ireland, Scotland, Wales, and Cape Breton seeking out the music and history of their ancestors.

Goodbye Sousa. This film's toe-tapping rhythms provide the reasons why a Newmarket band is still going

strong while other small-town bands may be fading.

J.A. Martin, Photographer. The award-winning story of a wife who makes the courageous decision to leave her five children at home and accompany her husband on his yearly summer tour as an itinerant photographer.

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Photo by Derrick Lundy

Kaldor tunes, humour at next folk club show

Folk music fans who have heard Connie Kaldor's music or seen her perform live won't want to miss the Monday night Salt Spring Folk Club show.

Even though Kaldor now lives in sophisticated Montreal, Saskatchewan still claims her as one of that province's greatest treasures.

At her last Salt Spring Folk Club show in 1998, Kaldor made the most of her prairie heritage to prompt raucous laughter and applause from the audience, and Everlasting Summer music fest patrons also soaked up her charm in 2001.

Besides a rambunctious and humorous stage presence, Kaldor is known for classic Canadian folk songs such as the emotion-filled Wood River — which has even been made into a choral work — or Saskatoon Moon, which she co-wrote with Roy Forbes.

Kaldor has released nine albums over the years,

including a collaboration with Forbes (New Songs for an Old Celebration) and the wildly popular Lullaby Berceuse with Carmen Campagne — for children and their parents.

She has been featured in events as eclectic as the North American Folk Music and Dance Alliance annual opening gala concert in Cleveland, to the final CBC Radio Morningside show with Peter Gzowski in 1998, to a festival performance in Beijing viewed by a television audience of 500 million people in China.

Salt Spring's own Derek Duffy is opening for Kaldor at the January 27 show at Fulford Hall.

Doors open at 7 p.m. (6:30 for season's ticket holders), with the music starting at 7:30. A light supper, desserts and refreshments are also available for purchase.

Tickets are \$15 and on sale at Stuff 'n' Nonsense, Acoustic Planet and Salt Spring Books.

New Bachman DVD delivers topnotch tunes

By TONY RICHARDS
Staff Writer

I remember the time when Randy Bachman showed up at Moby's Street Dance.

It must have been six or seven years ago. He played a set and was a huge hit, and not just with us Boomers who were there as volunteers but with most of the kids as well.

Since then you might have seen him at the gym, at the fall fair or the polar bear swim.

But the guy behind all those great Guess Who and BTO songs keeps an otherwise low profile on Salt Spring, preferring anonymity and privacy after the fame he has enjoyed in a successful career in music.

There is, however, a new way to get to know a little more about Bachman and his tunes.

Last April Bachman and his band did a show in Vancouver called Every Song Tells A Story. That show is now available on DVD (with VHS and CD versions as well) and it's something that any Bachman, Guess Who or BTO fan will be happy to have. Perhaps thrilled would be a better word.

The DVD is fantastic. There are 13 Guess Who and BTO hits, and each is

accompanied by a brief story about its origins.

The Vancouver East Cultural Centre concert where it was recorded proved an intimate setting in which band members were seated on a low stage, close to the audience.

It's the perfect venue for a pleasant conversation, which is what Bachman delivers.

The tunes themselves, of course, are great. But Bachman's gruff Salt Spring exterior is replaced by a warm and cheerful individual who has come into your living room to talk about old times and share a few old family photos too.

It's as good as the Guess Who video of the band's reunion concert in Winnipeg in 2000.

Actually, it's probably better because there's a super video of Bachman playing Prairie Song with Neil Young. Make that two videos: one is a slow version of the song; the other is fast and it rocks.

For those of us who grew up listening to the tunes of these Prairie musicians, Every Song Tells A Story is a welcome addition to one's music collection. For Salt Spring Islanders, it is also a warm and welcome introduction to a neighbour of immense musical talent.

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8:00 PM

(4) ★★★★★ Heat (1995, Crime Story)
Follows the interlocking fates of a professional criminal and a homicide detective. *Al Pacino, Robert De Niro* (2h30)

(6) ★★ You Belong to Me (2001, Suspense) A radio host, psychologist and millionaire search for a killer who targets lonely women. *Lesley-Anne Down, Barclay Hope* (1h)

(23) ★★★★★ Mississippi Burning (1988, History) Two FBI agents investigate the murder of three civil rights workers during the 1960s. *Gene Hackman, Willem Dafoe* (2h30)

(24) ★★★★★ The Stunt Man (1980, Comedy) Hiding from the law, a fugitive takes the job of a stuntman working for a crazed director. *Peter O'Toole, Steve Railsback* (2h30)

SUNDAY EVENING JANUARY 26

8:15 PM
14 ★★★ The River Wild
 (1994,Adventure) A mother navigates a raging river in an attempt to save the lives of her husband and son. *Meryl Streep, Kevin Bacon* (2h)
 8:30 PM
18 ★★★ Deep End of the Ocean
 (1999,Drama) When a woman's son disappears and turns up years later, the family is plagued with guilt. *Michelle Pfeiffer, Treat Williams* (2h40)
 9:00 PM
31 ★★★★★ Lord of the Rings: The Fellowship of the Ring (2001,Fantasy) A hobbit embarks on an epic quest to destroy an ancient ring that was entrusted to him. *Ellijah Wood, Viggo Mortensen* (3h)
15 ★★ Get to the Heart: The Barbara Mandrell Story (1997,True) The true story of Barbara Mandrell's incredible climb to fame and her car accident. *Maureen McCormick, Greg Kean* (2h)
19 ★★ A River Runs Through It
 (1992,Drama) Two brothers rebel against their father's strictness, but are brought together by fishing. *Craig Sheffer, Brad Pitt* (2h20)
27 ★★★ Deep End of the Ocean
 (1999,Drama) When a woman's son disappears and turns up years later, the family is plagued with guilt. *Michelle Pfeiffer, Treat Williams* (2h)
 10:15 PM
13 ★★ The Seduction of Joe Tynan
 (1979,Suspense) A young senator must make some tough moral decisions as he pursues his political career. *Alan Alda, Barbara Harris* (2h)
 11:20 PM
19 ★★★ Strange Brew
 (1983,Comedy) Two brothers battle with a powerful brewmaster who is trying to take over the world. *Rick Moranis, Dave Thomas* (1h30)
 11:30 PM
10 ★★★★★ Anne des mille jours
 (1969,Drame historique) Le destin tragique d'Anne Boleyn, deuxième épouse d'Henri VIII. *Richard Burton, Genevieve Bujo* (2h30)

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MONDAY EVENING JANUARY 27

MONDAY, JAN 27

8:00 PM
3 ★ Slackers (2001, Comedy) After a geek catches slackers cheating, he bribes them to help him with his dream girl. *Devon Sawa, Jason Schwartzman* (1h30)

24 ★★ First Monday in October (1981, Comedy) For the first time in history a woman is appointed to the United States Supreme Court. *Walter Matthau, Jill Clayburgh* (2h)

9:00 PM
19 ★★ Blame It on the Bellboy (1991, Comedy) A bellboy at a hotel in Venice, Italy, switches itinerary envelopes for three guests. *Dudley Moore, Bronson Pinchot* (1h35)

9:30 PM
3 ★★ Shadow of the Vampire (2000, Horror) A determined director puts his cast and crew in danger while filming a vampire movie. *Udo Kier, Willem Dafoe* (1h45)

10:00 PM
14 ★★ Double Trouble (1967, Musical) A man helps a beautiful heiress out of a bind involving two jewel thieves and the police. *Elvis Presley, Annette Day* (1h45)

11:15 PM
3 ★★ Series 7: The Contenders (2001, Comedy) Six contestants hunt each other down in Connecticut as part of a reality-TV game show. *Brooke Smith, Glenn Fitzgerald* (1h30)

TUESDAY, JAN 28

6:00 PM
14 ★★ Mr. Rock 'N Roll: The Alan Freed Story (1999, Drama) The story of legendary disc jockey Alan Freed, who changed the face of 20th-century music. *Judd Nelson, Paula Abdul* (1h45)

29 ★★ Race to Freedom: The Underground Railroad (1994, Drama) Follows the dangerous flight of four determined slaves as they try to get to Canada. *Janet Bailey, Michael Riley* (2h)

7:00 PM
3 The Art of Woo (2001, Romance) A gold-digging art curator falls for a starving artist, despite her desire to marry rich. *Sook-yn Lee, Alberta Watson* (2h)

TUESDAY EVENING JANUARY 28

Alberia Watson (2h)

24 ★ Trip/Fall (2000,Thriller) A man and his family are abducted while on vacation at a California amusement park. *John Ritter, Rachel Hunter* (2h)

9:00 PM

3 ★ John Q (2002,Drama) A man holds hospital ER hostage when his son is denied care due to a lack of insurance. *Denzel Washington, Gabriela Oltean* (2h)

6 Haven't We Met Before? (2002,Suspense) A law student finds herself at the mercy of a man claiming to know her from a past life. *Nicolette Sheridan, Page Fletcher* (2h)

13 War Stories (2002,War) This story follows Ben Densmore, a journalist who covers the civil war in Uzbekistan. *Jeff Goldblum, Louise Lombard* (2h)

19 ★ ★ ★ Tough Guys (1986,Comedy) Two aging ex-cons try to come to terms with modern life after 30 years in prison. *Burt Lancaster, Kirk Douglas* (1h45)

28 Swing Vote (1999,Drama) Supreme Court Justice holds the deciding vote in a controversial abortion case. *Andy Garcia, Harry Belafonte* (2h)

29 ★ ★ Race to Freedom: The Underground Railroad (1994,Drama) Follows the dangerous flight of four determined slaves as they try to get to Canada. *Janet Blakey, Michael Riley* (2h)

10:00 PM

14 ★ ★ Elvis Meets Nixon (1997,Comedy) A real-life meeting between President Nixon and Elvis Presley, the King of rock 'n' roll. *Flick Peters, Bob Gunton* (2h)

11:00 PM

3 ★ ★ America's Sweethearts (2001,Romance) A leading Hollywood couple are brought together during a press junket for a major film. *Julia Roberts, John Cusack* (1h45)

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| Special Events Web Marketing. With Michael Linehan. ArtSpring, 7 p.m. Register: 537-2228. Blue Energy. Tidal power presentation, GISS, 7:30 p.m. | Special Events Local Lights Event #1. Exploring the Universe cosmos talk. Starbooks, 6-8 p.m. | Music Musicians Jam Nite. Fridays at Anise Restaurant, 9 p.m. | Special Events Robbie Burns Night. At the Legion. Bar 5:30; dinner 6:45. | Special Events Meditation Day. With Vipassana Community at the Barn, 8-4. Info: 653-9729. Spoken Word Open Mic. Anise Restaurant, 8 p.m. Sundays. Call 537-1097 to sign-up for a spot. | Music Connie Kaldor. Salt Spring Folk Club show at Fulford Hall, 7:30 p.m. | Meetings SS Minor Baseball Association. Organizational meeting at Portlock Park portable, 7 p.m. |
| Music 'Simply Organic.' Popular organ music recital, All Saints, 10:10 a.m., followed by muffin and coffee. Wednesday Night LIVE! Open stage at Moby's, 9 p.m. | Meetings SS Trail and Nature Club. AGM and potluck at Meaden Hall, 5:30 p.m. Cusheon Lake Watershed Meeting. All Saints, 7:30 p.m. | Workshops Basics of Weaving. Five-day course for adults with Victoria Olchowecki. Register through ArtSpring. Becoming an Elder: a Jungian Approach. Three-day workshop with Honor Griffith. Info: Beverlee, 653-4713. | Meetings Fibre Festival. Organizational meeting, upstairs at Farmers Institute, 1 p.m. SS Local Trust Committee. Regular public meeting, Lions Hall, 1 p.m. | Activities Morning Walk. With SS Newcomers Group. Centennial Park buoy, 11 a.m. | Meetings Lady Minto Hospital Auxiliary. Monthly general meeting, Lions Hall, 1:30 p.m. Parks, Arts & Recreation Commission. Monthly public meeting, Portlock Park portable, 7 p.m. Astrology Group. Meets Mondays at the Core Inn, 3rd floor, 7-8:30 p.m. Info: 537-1065. | Family South-end Drop-in. For parents and preschoolers. Fulford Hall Tuesdays, 10-noon. KinderCraft. Fables Cottage, 11-noon. 537-0028. |
| Workshops Simplicity & Success. Free introductions to upcoming workshops with Bruce Elkin, 7 p.m. | Workshops Weaving. Fables Cottage workshop, first of two parts, 3:30-4:30 p.m. 537-0028. Simplicity & Success. Free introductions to upcoming workshops with Bruce Elkin, 7 p.m. | Activities Yoga By Donation. With teachers in training, SS Centre, Fridays, 9-10:30 a.m. Rugg Huggers. Parenting support Fridays at Family Place, 11-1. Life Drawing. Fridays at SS United Church, 1-3 p.m. Mayan Readings. By Pamela, at Starbooks, noon to 4 p.m. Roller-blading to Music. Fridays at Fulford Hall, 7:30-9 p.m. | Workshops Italian Classes. Six-week course begins at school board office, 11-noon. Info: 538-0234. | | Family Storytime. Fables Cottage, 11 to noon. | Activities Yoga By Donation. With teachers in training, SS Centre, Tuesdays, 9-10:30 a.m. Floor Hockey. Tuesdays at Fulford Hall, 6:30 p.m. Pregnancy Yoga. With Cathy Valentine at ArtSpring, Tuesdays, 7-8:30 p.m. |
| Activities Yoga By Donation. With teachers in training, SS Centre, Wednesdays, 9-10:30 a.m. Mixed Levels Yoga. With Cathy Valentine at ArtSpring, 5:30-7 p.m. | Activities Double-Sided Tai Chi. Thursdays with Tao Kimball, Central Hall, 10 a.m. Karate for Teens & Adults. Wednesdays and Thursdays, Beaver Point Hall, 4:30-5:30. Brenda, 653-0072. | | | | | |

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Cable TV

Salt Spring TV, Cable 12 — Runs continuously for 24 hours from Tuesday, January 28, 3 p.m. — Art Talk With Robert Bateman: Salt Spring's renowned artist and naturalist speaks about his life and travels, expresses his views on art and offers insights into the natural world while displaying some of his earlier original works that show his progression through various styles of painting. Salt Spring Live: Recent scenes from various island events. Music, poetry, theatre, comedy, dance and people having fun.

Exhibitions

What I Did When I Got Laid Off — paintings by jojo are at Salt Spring Roasting Co. this month.
Bert Small shows Land-escapes at Moby's Pub.
Johanna Hoskins has artwork hanging at Luigi's Pizzeria.
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IN THE GROOVE: Dancers from Gulf Islands Secondary School wowed ArtSpring audiences last Thursday and Friday nights with an energetic presentation of Dance Til You Drop. Many of the 17 dance numbers were choreographed by dance troupe members, while others were created by instructor Sonia Langer. At far left, Jekka Mack goes out on her own, while at centre and above, students perform El Sabor de Cuba, inspired by dance forms learned during a GLSS music trip to Cuba.

Photos by Derrick Lundy

ArtSpring gearing up for season full of stage events

For people wondering what Salt Spring actors of all ages are up to these days, the question will be answered from February through May.

From a Shakespearean comedy and an 18th-century classic to run-away hits in New York and London, five new productions and a Shakespeare "recital" will run at ArtSpring in the next few months.

Veteran actor Scott Hylands begins the theatre season with Lend Me Your Ears, a Shakespeare recital of sonnets, songs, and some of the greatest soliloquies ever written.

"Reflecting a progression from youth to maturity to old age, Hylands addresses the array of questions and philosophies that follow us all throughout our lives, whether the 15th or 21st century," states an ArtSpring press release.

Lend Me Your Ears plays at ArtSpring on February 6 and 7.

• Salt Spring Island Community Theatre takes its audience to the rarified world of 18th-century chateaus "in a lurid account of aristocratic sexual high jinks." Les Dangerous Liaisons is a game of love in which the stakes are high and the pawns are human.

Adapted for the stage by Christopher Hampton in 1985 and made into a movie starring Glenn Close, Les Dangerous Liaisons underlines the qualities an audience expects of the 18th century, such as beautiful clothes and settings, witty dialogue and aristocratic frivolity.

The play opens February 13 and runs for seven performances ending on February 22.

• Shakespeare returns to the stage when Stagecoach Theatre presents A Midsummer Night's Dream for its annual show at ArtSpring. Adapted by Joi Freed, a performing arts educator, this tale of romance and fairy magic brings Shakespeare alive for all ages with fun, laughter and enchantment. The show runs for three nights only, April 10, 11, 12 at 7 p.m.

• Following their lush and exciting production of Shakespeare last summer, Graffiti Theatre returns to ArtSpring with multi-award-winning Stones in His Pockets by Belfast writer Marie Jones.

The real life of a small Irish community collides with the wonderland of Tinseltown when a major Hollywood film studio descends on the village.

The absurdities involved in making a movie are

observed from the worm's eye view of Jake and Charlie, two of the many locally hired extras earning \$40 a day to look oppressed and starved on demand.

Stones in His Pockets will play for four nights on April 16, 18, 19 and 20.

• Broadway, Motown and cheesy science fiction come together in the Gulf Islands Secondary School production of A Little Shop of Horrors.

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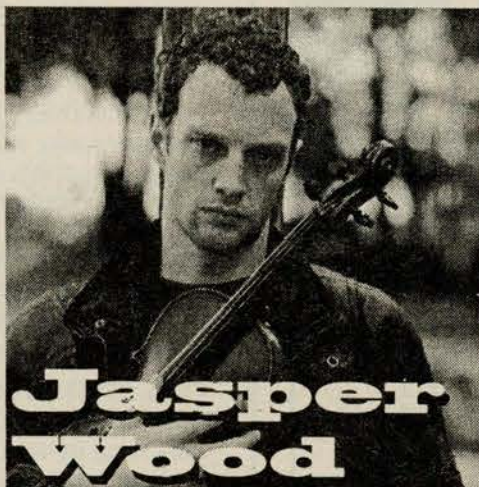
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BROTHERLY LOVE: Brothers Tim and Reid Collins experience a minor disagreement during a recent rehearsal of *Comic Debris*, playing February 1 at ArtSpring.

Photo by Derrick Lundy

Brothers take centre stage in comedy

Laughter will spread far and wide during *Comic Debris*, an evening of skits and stand-up comedy written, performed and produced by Reid and Tim Collins.

Reid is well-known to Gulf Islands comedy junkies as a founding member of the Salt Spring Hysterical Society.

Everyone looks forward to his next portrayal of the Queen, who knights (or "knighties") favourite community members. This time, islands trustee Eric Booth will join the ranks of the beknighted.

Comic Debris runs at ArtSpring on Saturday, February 1, beginning at 8 p.m.

According to a press release, Reid has "trode the local boards" for nearly 30 years in musicals and serious theatre, and annually as Marley's Ghost at Christmas.

"He tickles the ivories at every opportunity and doesn't have to be asked twice for Bumble Boogie. His quick wit and biting satire shine when molded into a

stage piece."

Tim harkens from Ontario, which he believes is a good place to harken from.

He came here to photograph and record Children on Salt Spring, an International Year of the Child project in 1979.

"It stuck, he stuck and Salt Spring has been the richer

because of it," states the release. "Now, with a teenaged child of his own and a computer business, he has decided to become the perfect straight man. Little did he know, he was already the perfect straight man."

See him in *The Immigration Inspector*, *The Latin Building Inspector* and

The Silent Service. Despire him in *The Stoned Senator*, love him as *The Anchor Man*.

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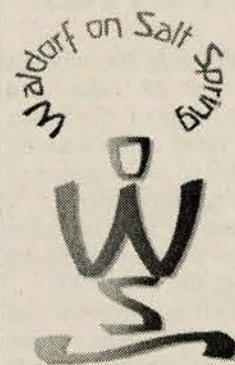
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Kimball achievements noted

Salt Spring's Madge Kimball will be honoured with a World Poetry Lifetime Achievement Award at a special Vancouver event in February.

Kimball's daughter Ariadne Sawyer, who co-founded the World Poetry Cafe and Reading Series group in Vancouver six years ago, said six seniors have been chosen to receive "World Poetry Oscars" for their work in the community and support of international poetry.

"We've chosen them not necessarily for their poetic prowess but their work in the community," said Sawyer. "It's basically a celebration of the lifetime achievements of a person."

As a longtime piano and Spanish teacher, "[Kimball] is still considered a marvelous teacher who let so much

creativity out of her students," said Sawyer.

Kimball also edits the World Poetry electronic newsletter, which has 1,000 world-wide subscribers.

Also receiving awards at the February 10 event at the Vancouver Public Library are Angie Reabbin, a Russian Canadian; Indo-Canadian Nadeem Parmar; Finnish-Canadian Henry Lahti; and Luis Llanillos and Jorge Berrios Pardo from Chile.

Music and group reading of a multilingual poem is also on tap for the evening which begins at 7:30 p.m.

Sawyer explained that the World Poetry group was established when Alejandro Mujica-Olea, who is originally from Chile, could not find a venue in Vancouver for reading in Spanish and English. He and Sawyer established the spot at

Burnaby cafe and the concept has expanded from there.

Some 96 people attended January's reading, she said.

Monthly public readings now take place at the library, giving immigrant poets a chance to be heard in their own language and in English.

"We are helping to create Canadian multicultural literature," notes Sawyer. Readers run the gamut from new to long-established poets from Canada and around the world.

Sawyer invites any Salt Spring poets interested in reading at one of the events, or on the related Tuesday night Co-op Radio poetry show to contact her at ariadne_sawyer@telus.net, or (604) 526-4729.

Everyone is also welcome to attend the free February 10 event in Vancouver.

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U-18 girls blast Lakehill squad

The Salt Spring U-18 girls soccer team started its 2003 schedule on a strong note with an 8-2 win against Lakehill Sunday.

Within the first 15 minutes of play, striker Kelly Kerr crossed to Nenah Burandt to score the first goal, Burandt pushed the ball up to Kerr for a second goal and Kerr shot a rebound which Sarah Larson struck hard for a third goal.

Lakehill regrouped and Salt Spring's strong, solid defence of Jocelyn Langdon, Mel Callas, Val Cunningham and Kathleen Sinclair broke up all offensive plays.

But with one player out of the game due to illness and two others briefly sidelined, Lakehill broke through and a scrambled effort resulted in a goal against Salt Spring.

Both teams started the second half with 10 players and Lakehill scored the first goal on Salt Spring's defence.

Strong throw-ins by Jordyn Davignon and Langdon to midfielders Jesse Johnston-Hill and Brienne Smith created many chances for goals.

A beautiful header goal by Davignon from Kerr's corner put the islanders up 4-2 early in the second half.



THREE ON ONE: Members of Salt Spring's U-18 girls soccer team wear determination on their faces as they take on Lakehill in a game at the high school on Sunday.

Photos by Derrick Lundy

Salt Spring dominated the game from then on. Johnston-Hill's corner, off Davignon's head and a crossbar resulted in a near rebound goal by Larson. Another corner by Johnston-Hill was put in the net by Kerr. Yet another corner by Johnston-Hill to Davignon's head hit the cross bar. And hard work by Davignon finally paid off for a sixth goal.

Kerr then hit a beautiful shot on a tight cross into the far left corner for goal number seven.

ber seven.

Triple teaming on Davignon for Johnston-Hill's next corner resulted in no goal but another corner by Johnston-Hill in the last few minutes of play led to the eighth goal.

Strong midfield work by Smith kept the challengers to the outside and Caylan Piper was strong in net, though not tested much.

The U-18 girls have only lost one game to date, in spite of having a small team of only 13 players.

Div 6 beats latecomers

Salt Spring's Division 6 men's team won their match against the Esquimalt Native Wolves through a late arrival forfeiture Sunday.

But the two teams still played a friendly 50-minute scrimmage game that proved to be an excellent 3-0 practice session for the islanders.

"It's an unfortunate misshap that they didn't look at the schedule," said Salt Spring coach Mike Brown.

"It's not my job to babysit the other team; I've already got one of my own to babysit."

The ensuing scrimmage was a fine gentlemanly game, he said.

The Berry brothers connected in the first 20 seconds to score off a blistering cross, Brown said.

"Tom didn't even have to move. Joel's cross was perfectly placed and Tom just headed it in."

Substitute strikers Daemon Baker and Martin Thorn also scored their first goals of the season during the short scrimmage.

"A through ball to Daemon sent him flying down the wing. The goalie thought he was going far post and he went short-sided."

Thorn's goal came off a sweet cornerkick by Chad Little. "Cross, bonk, off head and in. Martin also had his second goal lined up on an empty net as the whistle blew."

Salt Spring will face the Lakehill "yellow-card masters" at Reynolds Field next week.

"They're a very rough team. We'll just have to step up to the plate and play a typical Salt Spring shoulder-to-shoulder game," said Brown.



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Ultimate players wanted

Unseasonably warm weather has prompted local ultimate players to blossom on Salt Spring fields once again.

A small crowd of islanders donned cleats, ran hard and chucked discs in an effort to score points under sunny skies at the Hydro field Saturday.

The Salt Spring Ultimate Club (SUC) is preparing to compete at Nanaimo's 10th annual Udder Bowl in April.

The islanders hope to field a co-ed team of 15 players in a bid to maintain their stranglehold on the coveted spirit trophy they won last year.

SUC made their debut performance at the 2002 Udder Bowl (0 wins, 8 losses) and wrapped up the season at the Victoria Pumpkin Pull (0 and 5) in October.

While the islanders had little success with wins on the field, they won the spirit award for enthusiasm and good cheers at both tourneys.

Energetic disc sport enthusiasts are invited to join the team for drop-in games at the Hydro field (beside Salt Spring Elementary School) at 3 p.m. on Saturdays.

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GISS basketball teams stuff hoops for big wins

Gulf Islands Secondary School players have been turning heads during season openers of the four Scorpions basketball teams.

Senior girls have already won their first two league games and had a strong showing at a tournament in Aldergrove last weekend.

They beat Fraser Valley Christian High School after a tight match kept them within a few points right up to the dying seconds.

"In the fourth quarter they were down by one point with 18 seconds to go. Unfortunately, two starters

were fouled out, so it was up to the bench to pull through," said coach Lyall Ruehlen. "But Laurel Temmel was fouled with two seconds to go and she sunk both points to win by one."

They went on to play the host team, D.W. Poppy Secondary, in the semi-finals but lost that battle by one point.

"We had six seconds to get a winning shot but we didn't get a good look at the hoop."

The islanders then faced Rick Hanson (a strong AAA team) for the

final match but the girls' legs ran out of steam, Ruehlen said.

The senior girls played Shawnigan Tuesday, but results were not available before press time, and face Brentwood February 4.

They will head off to battle in the north island tournament February 14-15 before hosting the Vancouver Island championships February 19-22.

The senior boys team has shown stretches of greatness during a rocky season opening, Ruehlen said.

They beat Mission, the number

five team in the province, during a tough Agassiz tournament on January 10-11 but then collapsed against Cowichan and Kamloops Sahli (ranked in the top four) in a Ladysmith invitational tourney last weekend.

League play has produced three wins and two losses.

"They're hot and cold. When they're hot, look out; they've got a shot at the provincials."

Senior boys are coached by Jack Barclay and John Callas.

The junior girls were undefeated

in league play as of Monday. Coached by Jeff Savin and Karen Hosie, the girls head to a tournament in Ladysmith for a test this weekend.

"Ladysmith is a good hotbed of basketball. Their senior girls are 10th in the province and their senior boys are number one."

Junior boys coached by Elly Parker are also doing well. They've won three out of their first five league games. They travelled to Brentwood Monday and hosted Quamichan Tuesday.

"They're looking to keep progressing," Ruehlen said.

SIMS Tsunami squads on the ball as season heats up

Salt Spring Island Middle School (SIMS) Tsunami basketball teams have started the season by pressing their opposition with strong play.

The Grade 8 midget girls visited Victoria to trounce St. Margaret's 60-12 in a January 15 match and then hosted Brentwood to blast

them 54-13 Friday.

"It was a bit of a blowout," said SIMS teacher Ken Cameron.

The girls are coached by Mike Miles, Brenda Akerman, Tim McBride and Karen Hosie.

The midget boys Tsunami team has shown similar aggressive play.

After they lost 38-32 against visiting Quamichan on January 7, they went on to thrash them 70-21 during a second meeting at SIMS January 17.

"Everybody but one player scored on all the games," Cameron said. "They play as a team, not as

individual stars."

SIMS boys are coached by Cameron, Susan Garside and Stu Rimmer.

Both the boys and girls teams hosted Shawnigan Tuesday. (Results were not available at press time.)

The Tsunami girls and boys both play Chemainus teams Thursday, with the girls at 3 p.m. and boys 4:30 p.m.

An intramural co-ed league plays 6 p.m. Tuesdays for Grade 7 students and 6 p.m. Thursday for Grade 6 students.

Goals keep coming for Old Boys as they roll over Gordon Head

The Salt Spring Old Boys pushed themselves over the 50 per cent success mark with a 4-2 win against Gordon Head for their last scheduled league game of the season.

Alvaro Sanchez scored within the first five minutes to get the islanders rolling.

"Don Brown spotted me at the edge of the net from centre midfield and sent me a nice pass. I put a low shot to the left corner from the edge of the box at 20 yards or so," Sanchez said.

Doug Pearson then scored

the next two goals in rapid succession.

"The second was a nice volley off a bouncing ball that he hit out of the air," Sanchez said. "The third was a soft header at the top corner from a corner cross."

The islanders became a bit disorganized at the end of the first half to allow a goal off some funny passes, he said.

Gordon Head got a second goal off a penalty shot early in the second half, which forced the Old Boys to rally.

"Rainer [Funk] got the last goal with five minutes to go.

There was a scramble in the box, Antonio [Alonso] pushed the ball through to Rainer and he pushed it into the net."

The Old Boys finished up the regular season with six wins, five losses and two ties to place third in the Masters C League.

The islanders still have a make-up game tentatively scheduled with Bays United next weekend before they go into cup play.

"It's better than last year when we only won one game. This year the goals started coming."

Top golfers disc it out

Young guns Eric Vanderwekken and Ryan Hudson duelled for top spots at the January locals monthly disc golf tournament Sunday.

But even though Hudson notched two aces (#14 and #3) and scored a 95 (13 under par), Vanderwekken also tagged an ace on #3 and won a playoff after he tied Hudson for first place in the advanced division.

Taking third in advanced with a 100, Dustin Chamberlin also tied sixth-place advanced player Michael Boughton (107) for the closest to the pin competition. Aidon Morris who took seventh place in advanced aced pin #10.

Rusty "Tasha Master" Collins won the open-pro division (96) over Jed Wilson (99) and tourney organizer Dean Crouse, who did not finish due to a back injury.

"Warm hands" Fritz Arnold swept the masters division with a 101 over Paul Linton (105) and Matt Steffich (106).

Solo women's player Brook Holdack shot a 101 to win back her entry fee and Steven Dyke won the novice division with a 114 over junior player Zak Abramyk (120).

A major highlight of the

tourney was a fundraising challenge by Linton, who donated \$100 toward a basket drive for the park.

Steffich, Collins and Rick Abramyk also pledged another \$100 each to help purchase disc golf baskets that would replace tonal pins at the course. The welded metal baskets cost approximately \$300-400 each.

The next locals monthly disc golf tournament is at 10 a.m. on February 16 and doubles tournaments are scheduled for 11 a.m. on all Sundays except weeks with monthly tournaments.

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FC dominates game; stretches 1st place lead

By KEN MARR

Driftwood Contributor

Despite the fact Salt Spring FC had only 11 healthy players Sunday, they were clearly the better team in a 3-0 win over Cowichan at Portlock Park.

The islanders were given a promising start when rookie Jess McEachern had a clear opportunity right off the opening whistle. Unfortunately, he hit more dirt than ball and the opportunity was lost.

In the fifth minute, Joe Akerman was sent off the field to stop the bleeding from his head, leaving Salt Spring with just 10 men on the pitch.

But three minutes later, Jesse Fisher converted a penalty shot for his fourth goal of the year and FC was up 1-0.

The team's depth, flexibility and fitness was further tested when Chris Jason came out after 15 minutes, with a pre-existing injury, leaving no options on the bench.

Fortunately, FC trainer Bruce Grey was able to patch up Akerman to the official's liking and FC was back to 11 players.



STUNTMAN: Mark Nordine leaps into the air for a header as FC takes on Cowichan at Portlock Park on Sunday.

Photo by Derrick Lundy

Cowichan had opportunities as one was let go in the 25th minute from 22 yards.

But Salt Spring keeper Jono McDonald back-pedalled and pushed the solid shot over the bar.

FC answered right back

two minutes later with one of the finer goals of the season. A minimum of six consecutive FC touches around the 18 box ended with Mark Nordine, Fisher and McEachern feeding the ball to Akerman, who blasted it

in the corner for his second goal in three games.

Salt Spring's final goal came from a Nordine lob which went over the keeper's head. With three FC players waiting to put the ball into an unguarded net, the cross found its way to the net itself, giving Nordine his second of the year.

In the last minute, Cowichan had a corner kick and 20 players were thrust into the box. FC's sweeper Jeremy Morrison came out of the crowd with the ball and Cowichan players didn't start to catch him until mid-field. Unfortunately, Morrison did not see Kevin Luke coming in support and he got 15 yards into the Cowichan half before he was dispossessed by four defenders.

But Morrison had another great defensive game, denying the Cowichan team any possession in the 18.

Morrison was teamed with Luke at centre back to control.

The shutout was the eighth of the year for McDonald and FC's defence. In 12 games Jono has only allowed four goals, an incredible record, topping the Vancouver Island Soccer League.

Since both Bays and Ladysmith had ties last weekend, FC is now six points clear in first and 10 points clear of second with a game in hand over both positions. Four points will guarantee a berth in the first division next year and seven will bring home the second division title.

FC has five games left to the season. Next game is at Tsarlip Park in Saanich, 2:15 Sunday and the next home game is at 2:15 on February 2 at Portlock Park against third-place rivals Ladysmith, a team FC has never beaten (0-2-1).

Dragons clean in Sooke match

The Salt Spring Dragons women's soccer team took a 1-0 loss after an unlucky goal in Sooke Sunday.

"We played really well," said coach player Carol Adam. "Sooke is the top of the league right now."

While the islanders held off an onslaught of Sooke attacks, it was tough to get scoring chances, she said.

"They were tough physically, but the referee was great."

The Sooke team also indulged in a lot of unnecessary rough play, Adam said.

She found that Sooke players would kick at her even though she'd already lost ball possession.

"Mardon [Dary] had a girl on her who slide-tackled constantly. She was fighting to keep her ankles and stay upright."

But Salt Spring didn't fall into Sooke's tactics and played a solid defensive game, Adam said.

"Judy [Raddysh] was really controlling people in the first half. A lot of attacks were coming on her side but she was totally herding them off so they couldn't take shots."

Midfielder Alanna Scott and stopper Jenny Kerr didn't let much get by them either.

But Adam decided to sacrifice a bit of defence for offensive strength to switch Kerr up forward.

"She was taking on five defenders at a time and beating them all . . . You could see the joy and elation on her face as she broke free but she put her shot right on the goalie."

Adam almost scored on a free kick from a shot outside the 18 during another Salt Spring chance.

"It caused a big scramble around the net but the keeper got a hold of it."

Her free-kick opportunity

was similar to the Sooke goal which fell midway through the second half. An unlucky rebound off keeper Denise Akerman was converted before Salt Spring players could clear the ball.

"When they scored, what can you do? But it didn't stop us from trying to get a goal to tie it up."

Akerman had a great game in net, Adam said.

"She took a lot of shots."

And Adam was also

happy with the rest of the Dragons in their match against such a formidable and physical team.

"They beat us 2-0 last time we met. This time they didn't have a chance to walk all over us."

The Salt Spring women are next scheduled to play Lakehill at home. Usually, the Dragons play at the lower high school field at 12:30 p.m. on Sundays, but fields and times may vary.

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Notices**5 BIRTHS**

Nadia Evanocho and Colin Ward are proud to announce the birth of Seth Colin Evanocho on Dec 29/02 at 8:15 a.m. Special thanks to Dayna, Mike, Lucas and Abbey for making it a family event. Thanks to Julia Atkins for taking us in at short notice and Maggie Ramsey for her great advice and followup through the year.

6 DEATHS

DENSMORE, MAE passed away suddenly at the young age of 72. She is survived by her loving husband of 51 years, Vern, her daughter Cindy (David), Verna (Barry), Tammy (Marty), five grandchildren, Jason, Jonathan, Adam, Jessica, Amanda and numerous nieces and nephews; and is predeceased by her son Larry in 1986. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the BC Cancer Society.



KNOWLES, JUNE Elizabeth, June 30, 1919 - January 8, 2003. June was born in Vancouver, B.C. She moved to Salt Spring Island in 1964 with her husband Phil where they ran the Ganges Marina together. After working in the School Board office for ten years she retired in 1986. She relocated to Sidney, B.C. in 1998. Predeceased by her parents, Horace and May Wood. Survived by her daughters Valerie (Dennis) Dacyk of Fairview, Alberta; Janet (Fred) Koch of Campbell River, B.C.; and grandchildren Jennifer, Patrick, Brett and Jenna. June had a passion for fashion. Her artistic talents and nimble hands created truly marvelous garments. She also enjoyed travel by freighter and visited many unique places. She would gesture with her hand and say "It's the end of an era", and that it is. No service by request. There will be a celebration of June's life, date to be announced.

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7 IN MEMORIAM

IN LOVING MEMORY of Laura Cudmore, who passed away January 26, 2002. Our hearts still ache with sadness, and secret tears will flow, for what it meant to lose you, no one will ever know. Remembered and loved always. Your loving family.

8 CARD OF THANKS

THANK YOU to Ken French who came to my rescue when I landed in the ditch at the bottom of Lee's Hill. Joyce Pickstone.

THANK YOU to the lady at "Central" who found my cheque book, phoned & returned it to the Credit Union.

20 COMING EVENTS

FOR A complete calendar of coming events check the Driftwood Community Calendar, in our office in the Upper Ganges Centre, 328 Lower Ganges Road, or on our website at <http://www.gulfislands.net>. Use the calendar for event planning, to make sure your date doesn't conflict with someone else's.

ART CLASSES in watercolour or acrylics in small group setting. Jan. - Mar. Beginner - Advanced call Val Konig 537-9531.

VOLUNTEERS! CREATIVITY and support needed for a bigger and better Fibre Festival 2003. Find out what's planned and see how you fit in: Farmers Institute (upstairs) 1:00 Saturday, January 25. Questions 537-9533.

ASTROLOGY GROUP Ongoing drop-in. Every Monday 7-8:30pm Core Inn 3rd floor. New topic each week. All levels welcome. Donation \$6 - \$10. 537-1065.

THE AWAKENED QUEEN'S Lullaby. Sunday, February 2 at The Barn. Learn this beautiful lullaby, enjoy some gentle meditative yoga and crystal bowl playing. Lalita, 653-4084.

CROP TILL You Drop. Scrapbooking and Stamping with Lillian Michaud and Gail Beattie. Demos and classes. Catch up on your books and learn new techniques. Beginners welcome. Saturday, January 25, 9 a.m. to midnight. \$30 includes dinner or stop by just to shop. Call Gail for details, 538-1761.

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HARRY POTTER #5 "Order of the Phoenix", June 21st release date, reserve yours now! Fables Cottage, Phone 537-0028.

20 COMING EVENTS

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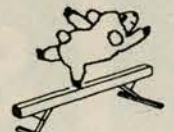
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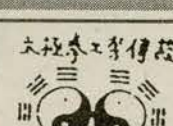
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Notice is hereby given that creditors and others having claims against the Estate of JOHANN OLAF BAUMGARTNER, deceased, late of Salt Spring Island, British Columbia, are hereby required to send them duly verified to the personal representative at c/o #1-105 Rainbow Road, Salt Spring Island, B.C., V8K 2V5, on or before February 19, 2003, after which date the assets of the said estate will be subject to distribution, having regard only to claims that have been received.

EVA-MARIA THEREN, Administrator by her solicitor, IAN H. CLEMENT #1-105 Rainbow Road, Salt Spring Island, B.C. V8K 2V5

250-537-5505

NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND OTHERS

RE: THE ESTATE OF DOROTHY MARIE DOYLE, Deceased, formerly of Peace Arch Hospital - Findlay Wing, 15521 Russell Avenue, White Rock, British Columbia, V4B 2R4.

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James Pasuta
Solicitor for the Estate of DOROTHY MARIE DOYLE

29 LOST AND FOUND

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32 MEETINGS

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ISLANDS TRUST SALT SPRING ISLAND LOCAL TRUST COMMITTEE NOTICE OF BUSINESS MEETING

The Spring Island Local Trust Committee will be meeting to consider various matters of general business, such as applications received, bylaw reviews and meeting notes.

DATE: Saturday, January 25th, 2003

TIME: 1:00 P.M.

PLACE: Hart Bradley Memorial Hall (Lions Club) 103 Bonnet Ave., Ganges

Starting at 1:00 p.m., up to 45 minutes will be available for the public to discuss local land use matters with the Local Trust Committee. Those who wish to present a more formal petition, or make a delegation to the Committee as an Agenda item, must advise Islands Trust staff at least one week in advance of the meeting so that they can be added to the beginning of the Agenda. For information about the Agenda, please call the Islands Trust at 537-9144.

34 NOTICES

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TO THE Christine who helped a Judith Bennett with her move from S.S.I. to Vancouver Island, please would you contact this number, 537-4046, as it is of the utmost importance. Urgent! Thank you.

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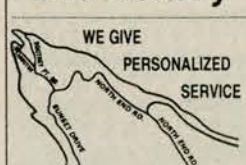
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600 SQFT SELF-CONTAINED detached cabin, \$500 monthly including electricity (heat), garden area, for longterm rent to N/S quiet person, willing to conserve well water in rainless summers. Reply to Dept. P, c/o The Driftwood, 328 Lower Ganges Road, Salt Spring Island, BC, V8K 2V3.

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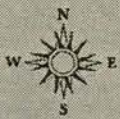
MAIN FLOOR of home, 2 or 3 bedrooms, 6 appliances, \$750 or \$900 plus utilities. 537-8567.

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STORAGE SPACE available 500 sq. ft. Very secure. Please call 537-8520.

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EXPERIENCED RELIABLE working couple available for house sitting. We have green thumbs and your animals will love us. Call John & Lorna Walde @ 537-9517, references avail.

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THINKING AHEAD? Longtime island resident will be seeking new rental end of April or May. Two cats come with quiet, creative senior needing space and moderate rent. Former homeowner, excellent tenant. 653-2068.

540 WANTED/RENTALS

FRIENDLY YOUNG couple looking to rent house/ cabin March 1, long term. Clean & respectful, with references. Call Joshua or Allison. 604-734-3315.

FRIENDLY, MATURE woman seeks reasonable rental accommodation in living situation with senior lady appreciating companionship and help around house 537-9971. Leave message for Rona.

HELPFUL, HANDY adult make seeks secure, affordable housing. Individual or shared. Call Aaron 538-1807.

QUIET COUPLE, n/s, n/p, looking for nice quiet house for rent, starting Feb. 1. Tel: (604) 644-2290.

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1970 22' TRAVELARE TRAILER, fridge, stove, oven, hot water, shower. \$1000 obo. (250) 385-0669.

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1998 bright red Pontiac Sunfire, exc. CD sound syst., low mileage, good fuel economy, standard, A/C, exc. cond. \$9,500 obo. (250) 537-5175.

1980 VOLVO GL, 4 door sedan, auto, runs well, \$1500. 537-4515 leave message.

1992 CUTLASS SUPREME, 157,000 km, 4 dr., excellent condition, \$5000. 537-1961.

1987 HYUNDAI EXCEL, 160,000 km., runs well but needs work, \$550. Plse call 653-4240 or (604)838-6499.

1987 PLYMOUTH CARAVELLE, real good shape, good tires, new battery, \$1200 obo. 537-2732.

85 TOYOTA TERCEL station wagon \$800. 538-1971.

1986 OLDSMOBILE CALAIS Supreme, V6, 2-door automatic, good tires, new battery, 80,500 miles, A/C, California driven, regular maintenance, one family ownership, \$1800. 537-4479.

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1987 CHEVY 1/2 ton 4X4, 305 engine, runs great, burns no oil, automatic, new front brakes, shocks, brand new starter. \$4000 537-4155.

1987 CHEV 3/4 TON 4 x 4. \$3000. Call 537-9426.

1980 GMC 1/2 ton truck, low miles, great running truck. Rally wheels, nice paint, no rust or dents am/fm cass. \$4500 obo 537-5564 days 537-4190 eves, Lane.

1980 GMC PICKUP, 6 cyl., new (to truck) transmission, 2 wheel drive, 1/2 ton. \$700. 653-4168.

91 MAZDA B2200 King Cab with extras. Low kms. \$5100. 653-2435.

91 JIMMY 4 X 4, white, 4.3 L. 4 door, auto, power doors/windows. Lady driven 260,000 kms with hidden hitch. 653-2435.

1983 TOYOTA LAND-CRUISER wagon, 4 x 4, diesel, runs great, looks great, must sell to pay crooked lawyer, \$5000 obo. 537-0771.

1987 FORD BRONCO II, 4 x 4, 5 speed, great condition, \$3000 firm. 537-6435 leave message.

ISUZU TROOPER, '89, V6, 5 sp., 160K. Very good condition, \$4000, red. 250-539-3217 or 250-812-3822.

856 BUSES, VANS

1984 AEROSTAR XLT extended van, all wheel drive, 109,000 kms, aluminum wheels, mint condition, \$11,000 obo. 537-4595 eves.

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SEWING MACHINES now available at Class Act Fabric Studio. 120 Hereford Ave, 537-8985. Sewing machine repair drop-off located next door at Salt Spring Linen & Dry Cleaners. Your two Island Agents for Sawyer Sewing Centre Victoria.

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WANTED: FIREWOOD logs (will compensate owner). Will also deal with your windfalls and danger trees. Konig & Son Firewood, 537-9531.

INTERNET PACKAGES from \$5.95 per month using local dialup. Website hosting & design. Call Barb, 538-0052 or visit www.saltspringinternet.com.

SHAKES N SHINGLES. #1's, #2's, & #3's. 18" & 24". Tapers, resawns, barns & Sidewall Perfections. \$85 to \$225 a square tax included. CSA APPROVED. Warranted. Phone 653-4458. Ask about our quality, rough sawn dimensional fir & cedar.

ITALIAN CLASSES are back! Six week refresh and beginners course starting January 25. \$40. Daria 538-0234.

OCEANIC PURIFICATION Treatment. Experience the many therapeutic effects of this 5 part treatment. To begin the body is fully exfoliated with pulverized seaweed & seasalt. Then a remineralizing full body mask is applied to the body while you rest on a layout of hot stones. While the mask is working its magic, you will receive a mini facial and reflexology. To complete this treatment the body is lightly massaged with a personalized blend of essential oils. \$89. Suzanne Ambers 537-0753.

3/4 DRIVEWAY CRUSH rock now available on island. Trucking & Spreading. 653-9581, 537-6224.

HERBAL MEDICINE Intermediate Course with herbalist Kisa Petersen. Course is for those with basic concepts who want to know more about medicine making and formula building for common health issues. Feb. 6 - Mar. 20, Thurs. evenings, 6:30 - 8:30. Cost of \$140 includes herbs and resource material. Call 537-1256 for info. or to register.

23% OFF SALE continues at Family Jewels celebrating my 23rd Anniversary of moving to this island paradise. Cathy Ward, Happily serving islanders since 1980.

HERBAL MEDICINE Introductory Course with Herbalist Kisa Petersen. Course provides introduction to concepts of herbal medicine and medicine making. Feb. 3 - Mar. 10, Monday evenings, 6:30 - 8:30. Cost: \$100 includes herbs and resource material. Call 537-1256 for info. or to register.

NEW COMPUTER for sale. \$1256.99 plus tax. 537-4805. www.technowcomputers.com

OLD SALTY huge inventory reduction sale starts today Jan 22 to 26. Old Salty 537-5551.

PRE-INVENTORY CLEARANCE sale prices in effect on many items. Save \$\$ on demo TVs, stereos, telephones, speakers and more. QSI Electronics, Radio Shack 537-4522.

THE LOVER is coming Saturday February 8th.

WILL SHARE hairdressing shop in Vesuvius with another hairdresser, barber. Phone 537-4012.

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NEW HOME-BASED Childcare. Open house, Sunday, January 26, 12 - 4. Coffee, juice and snacks. Come play and see what we're all about! 137 Trincomali Heights. 537-4215.

HUGE SALE!! 50% off all clothing, storewide at B-Side for 3 days only! Thursday, Jan. 23 - Saturday, Jan. 25. 30% off all shoes. Help us make room for all the new product coming in. 121 McPhillips.

DR. ALSBERG'S new phone number at the Lancer building will be 537-6754, starting immediately.

FOUND 2 CATS: #1-Long haired orange & white tabby, in-tact male, found Fulford-Ganges Rd, near Beaver Pt Rd. #2 - neutered male tabby, found across from Stan's, very friendly. Contact SPCA 537-2123.

3 BEDROOM HOME in quiet North End neighbourhood, \$1000 per month. Available immediately. 537-4113.

RELIABLE PERSON available for cleaning and household chores. Meticulous & responsible. One time, occasional or regular. References. 537-6178.

TUNE UP your life singing lessons: private, group and kids classes by European trained singer/instructor. 15 years exp. 538-1917.

ELEGANT COUCH & 2 chairs in the French Provincial style \$375. Round oak side table \$250. Sliding 5th Wheel hitch \$250. 8' x 10' oval brown carpet \$80. 2-1950's retro-style dressers, 1 with mirror \$250 for both. 537-4450.

THRIFTY FOODS is now accepting resumes. Looking for outgoing, friendly, helpful people. Please see Debbie, Monday - Wednesday between 8:00 - 3:00.

WATER STORAGE tank sale. My supplier has informed me that his prices will rise by 7% on February 15. Order and pay for any tank before that date and I'll take an additional 3% off current prices. Call for details. Bob, Isles West Water Services. 653-4513.

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RADIO SHACK will be closed Saturday, February 1 for inventory. Business will resume Tuesday, February 4. QSI Electronics, Radio Shack. 537-4522.

URGENTLY NEED volunteers for Minor Baseball administration. Next meeting, Tuesday, January 28, Portlock Park portable at 7 p.m. No volunteers will mean no baseball!

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VESUVIUS, 3 BDRM, 2 bath, F/P, upper suite. Shared laundry, private/ sunny completely redone: new everything. Available Feb 1. % utilities, \$900 /mth 538-0070.

EXQUISITE COTTAGE, west coast architecture, 1 room + sleeping loft for mature professional person. References. \$750 incl. hydro. 653-2092.

2 BEDROOM & DEN, lower suite. Sep. entry, private & sunny, shared laundry. Completely redone, as new. Avail. Feb 1. \$700 p/m. % utilities. 538-0070.

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Younger volunteers up, Streisand bios and EBSCO down

By CHARLES KAHN
Driftwood Contributor

Our volunteer library has many new volunteers and, interestingly, we are now getting more "younger" volunteers.

Altogether, we have 154 volunteers, although the number does vary from month to month. Most island organizations don't even have that many members! If you'd like to volunteer in the library, call 537-4666 or contact Pat Prowse at 537-8728.

The library now has a new systems administrator. She is Alexandra Hasenfratz, and she has replaced Jim Leslie, who has left the island. Welcome, Alexandra. May your life be free of computer crashes. And good luck, Jim, in your new endeavours.

The non-fiction shelves have now been culled. This means that, for example, the number of biographies of Barbara Streisand have been reduced from four to one. This is easy to state here, but the culling job was large and onerous, and could only have been completed with the help of Dee Jones and Jill Wheaton, who worked every Saturday morning for three months to get the job done.

Because of weak patron interest, the library board has decided to cancel several online services for a year. These include EBSCO, an online periodical provider; the Oxford English Dictionary (OED); and the Encyclopaedia Britannica. After a year, this policy will be re-evaluated to determine whether all of some of these

online services should be reinstated. Note that the OED and the Encyclopaedia Britannica are still available in print form in the library.

The library bulletin board is available to publicize events taking place on the Gulf Islands or Vancouver Island, or of interest to local residents. Posters or pamphlets advertising events of a cultural, informational, or recreational interest to the community may be displayed so long as they conform to the following rules:

Items for display must be submitted to the chief librarian for consideration; with the exception of the Heart Fund and the Legion notices, materials whose primary purpose is to promote products, items, or services for sale will not be displayed; and the library retains the right to remove or dispose of displayed items at its sole discretion.

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Your supermarket purchases can benefit the library. Put your checkout slip in the library's box at GVM or tell the checkout clerk at Thrifty's to put the value of your purchases on #36. The library also welcomes donations and puts these to good use. All monetary donations are tax-deductible and can be made at any time.

You can contact the library by e-mail at library@saltspring.com or by telephone/fax at 537-4666.



Ryan Fogerty is focusses his camera on a Cusheon Lake reflection

Photo by Derrick Lundy

Spy thriller hits the (adult) target

The Bourne Identity, from the famous Robert Ludlum book of the same name, is somewhat of a spy thriller for adults.

FLICK PICK WITH JASON TUDOR



Directly contrasting the current trend of portraying secret agents as superhuman heroes (as seen in XXX, Mission Impossible, or any James Bond film), it treats its potentially ridiculous subject matter with respect and — dare I say it — a sense of realism.

The story begins with a man (Matt Damon) dragged out of the Mediterranean Ocean with two bullets in his back and the

security code for a Swiss bank deposit box buried in his hip. He's completely amnesiac, but quickly discovers all sorts of hidden spy abilities: speaking multiple languages, hand-to-hand combat, firearms, infiltration, and so on. He enlists a desperate woman (Franka Potente) to drive him to his supposed home in Paris, but the bad guys are on him quickly. Whether he wants it or not, he's being pulled back in.

Much of what I liked about

The Bourne Identity comes down to superb performances by the lead actors, as well as those of a superb supporting cast featuring the likes of Chris Cooper, Albert Finney, Julia Stiles and Clive Owen. Potente (with the bright red hair of Run Lola Run but without the ugly green pants) is, as always, dynamic and sexy, and Damon subtly depicts a confused but ultimately confident soul. Director Doug Liman betrays his twentysomething sensibilities (found in Go and Swingers), and shows a definite flair for not only the flashy action sequences but also the stuff in between.

While the fight scenes and car chases are certainly excit-

ing (particularly a car chase through Paris with an old, battered Austin Mini — no rocket-launchers or bulletproof shields in this baby), the movie gets most of its energy by creating dilemmas for characters we actually care about.

Most action films are half-filler, but The Bourne Identity draws you into the storyline so well you find yourself actually paying attention to what's going on after the baddies hit the floor. As a result it's an exhilarating film, and a great climactic twist is just the icing on the cake. Add in a refreshing lack of propaganda, and we have an action-thriller treat you won't be ashamed to enjoy.

What's up doc? Why you visit your doctor

Got a call from my financial advisors, Downward Trend.

"Dr. Dave, This is Ben Krupit," in a voice that immediately raised goose pimples on my goose pimples and shivered me timbers.

But this time, rather than recommending I invest heavily in Enron, Bre-X or the Winnipeg Jets, I was instead asked for some advice.

"Doc, what are you prescribing for your patients these days?"

"Cyanide, you need me to call you in some?"

"Seriously, we want to know why people usually go to a doctor and what the most commonly prescribed medications are for each problem."

TOP TEN REASONS YOU VISIT US

#10. Hyperlipidemia, as in high cholesterol, as in high risk of heart attacks, as in high use of restaurants with "Hi, supersize that?" greetings. To determine your lipid levels, either visit your doctor or try the Jay Leno technique. "Go to the trash can, open

it up and count the number of pizza boxes from Domino's. Now multiply by 50."

Astonishingly, the overall number one prescribed drug in North America is atorvastatin, a cholesterol-lowering medication.

#9. Acute bronchitis. Nothing cute about coughing great gobs of green gluey frothy fetid phlegm, courtesy of the Marlboro man. Clarithromycin is the most popular antibiotic used for bronchitis.

#8. Otitis Media. Blame the media for the eighth commonest visit to the clinic. Media as in "middle" as in middle ear infection. Unfortunately,

Amoxicillin is prescribed to 81 per cent of ear infection victims in North America while in Europe antibiotics are seldom if ever used for ear infections. Kids successfully fight the infection themselves 90 per cent of the time, with a little help from Tylenol.

#7. Normal pregnancy supervision, which is one

DR.DAVE WITH DAVE HEPBURN



of the few times people actually look forward to seeing a doctor. "I have some good news for you Mrs. Bloggins." "Actually, it's Miss." "Then I have some bad news for you, Miss Bloggins." The commonest "drug" recommended on this visit is folic acid, a vitamin.

#6. Anxiety is number six and growing. Most are victims of frequent calls from financial advisors. Lorazepam is the most common drug used to treat anxiety.

#5. Acute upper respiratory infection, a.k.a. "a cold." Apparently, many of you suspect that your doctor has secretly developed a cure for the cold and has simply forgotten to inform the press and Nobel committees, though he must be willing to share it with you. Please don't pester us with a common cold as it only means that we will catch your cold and spread it to

our family members, who will in turn curse us for being a doctor who brings home assorted communicable diseases. Surprisingly, a whopping 48 per cent of those who see a doctor for a cold manage to wrangle an antibiotic prescription. Though it does nothing for the cold, it's often easier for the doctor to give you a drug than taking the time to convince you that you don't need one.

#4. Health check-up. Routine "I am well but I need a check up." Twenty-five per cent of those who come for these exams (those aged 10-39) don't need them, pap exams excluded.

#3. Diabetes is a real up and comer as the population gets wider and fatter. Glucophage is the favourite drug used to treat this sweet sickness.

#2. Depression. A real downer to see this one up there. Paroxetine, a big sister of Prozac, is the top prescribed anti-depressant.

And the most common reason a patient will darken the door of the dear doctor is,

#1. High blood pressure (hypertension) by more

than twice its nearest competitor, depression! To deflate the burgeoning blood barometer, Ramipril is the top-selling antihypertensive.

"Thanks doc, just for that I'll give you a stock tip so hot it has to eat jalapenos to cool off. Sell the farm and invest in a new company we think should do well. It's called Swimwear de Kabul."

GOOD NEWS WANTED

The Driftwood is always glad to receive your good news tips. Please call 537-9933 and ask for someone in Editorial. Or e-mail us at: news@gulfislands.net

Answers to Crossword Page 31

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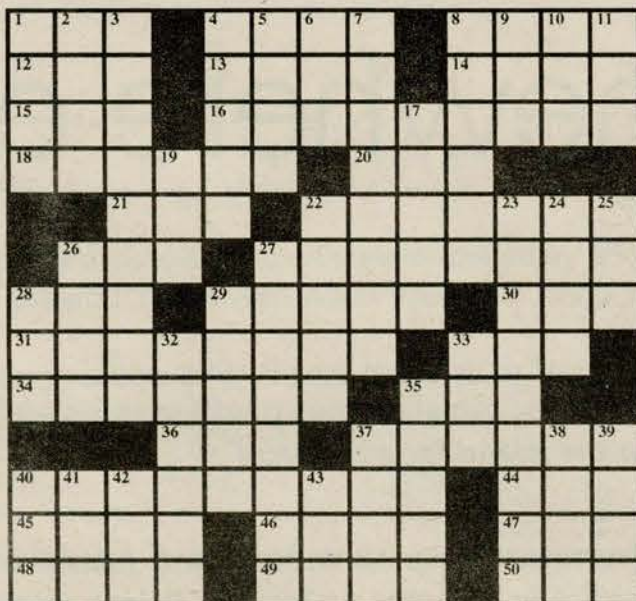
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- 1 Diminish
- 4 Mann Bridge
- 8 Obtains
- 12 baba
- 13 One time
- 14 French verb
- 15 Rearward
- 16 Bridge part
- 18 Laves
- 20 Burglarize
- 21 Beam
- 22 Sundry
- 26 Landed
- 27 Famous suspension bridge
- 28 Roman 104
- 29 A kind of boom
- 30 Relatives
- 31 Biblical brothers
- 33 West coast time
- 34 Rabbit candy?
- 35 Drunkard
- 36 Ms Suffolk
- 37 Elan
- 40 Bridge over Burrard
- 44 Poetic before
- 45 Sulphuric, for one
- 46 CEO
- 47 Time period
- 48 Depend
- 49 Stitches
- 50 High explosives, for short

DOWN

- 1 Swedish car
- 2 Romeo
- 3 Bridge
- 4 Welfare
- 5 Obligation



- 6 Mil. unit
- 7 Edible turtle
- 8 Household pet
- 9 Itinerary ref.
- 10 Denoting three
- 11 Salt, in St Pierre
- 17 Kind of column
- 19 Chapeau
- 22 Fins
- 23 Bridge
- 24 Item
- 25 Male descendant
- 26 Italian coin
- 27 Funeral processions
- 28 Broadcasting corp.
- 29 Demonstrates
- 32 Mod
- 33 Taro root dish
- 35 Eyeglasses, slangily
- 37 Worry
- 38 workers Memorial Bridge
- 39 Shelter
- 40 Household god (Roman)
- 41 Off, in a way
- 42 Lubricate
- 43 Lay off

CROSSWORD ANSWERS ON PAGE 30

What is John Pottinger ranting about this week?

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Driftwood

THIS WEEK'S HOROSCOPE



Tip of the Week:

With the Sun closely aligned with Neptune everyone will be experiencing dreamy wisps of inspiration and/or dives of depression this week. On the eve of the Chinese New Year of the Water Sheep (or Goat) there is the possibility of realizing mystical states of oneness. It will be different for each individual depending upon whether or not they realize that we are all essentially united as one. Whoever you deem "them or they" to be, recognize that we are all reflections of oneanother. Belief and action may appear different but it is ultimately just another form of belief and action. 2003 will prove to be a pivotal year indeed. With the planets Saturn and Uranus and the Lunar Nodes all changing signs everyone will experience the shift. It is probable and not random. True, we do have some measure of free will to make choices. The Water Sheep will lead us all to rare states of conscious unity - we all experience it subconsciously - if we allow it. Focus on the unified mind and you will arrive in the heart! Chinese New year is on February 1 this year. Happy...

can be the best mode of communication. Concentrate on thinking with your heart and feeling with your mind.

Cancer (Jun 21 - Jul 21)

Merging with significant others in body, mind and soul is beckoning. There are differences as ever yet there are also times when we need to see beyond them and experience the reality of oneness. Don't try too hard to understand nor to be understood, just be and cooperate with others. Also, slow down on the job and in your everyday life for a while. Good nutrition and exercise are fundamental to your health, just as is deep and slow rhythmic breathing. Reduce stress and relax!

Leo (Jul 22 - Aug 22)

Realizing a whole new sense of unity on relationship fronts is in the spotlight. This may include looking beyond obvious differences and celebrating basic similarities. Focus on being present in the here and now. After all, that is all there really is. Allow music or the sounds of nature to soothe your restless mind. Give your self a break from the ambitious mind. Exercise gratitude for the miracle that life is and the sting of your 'problems' will fade away.

Aries (Mar 21 - Apr 20)

As though in a dream you can't awaken from you feel that you have no choice but to surrender. You want to assert yourself but you don't know exactly how. You want answers, a sign, a key, anything that will assist you. The first measure is to breathe deeply and recognize that fear only begets more fear. Trust that you are not alone nor have you ever been or can be except in your mind. Awaken to the light of love.

Taurus (Apr 21 - May 20)

Your standing in the world is either rising to mythic proportions or is dissolving before your eyes or both. Hopefully, it is consoling to know that this is a natural process - just as autumn follows summer. Of course, winter then ensues only to be resurrected by spring once again! As you focus upon this natural cycle allow it to instill faith. Also, ask for guidance and support and it will be given. Like gravity, love will help you keep your feet on the ground.

Gemini (May 21 - Jun 20)

Ones faculties of perception are designed to differentiate. At worst, they divide and isolate people rather than objects in the outer world. You are being called to recognize this and to focus on the essential unity of life. Endeavor to truly be with family and friends and/or by prayer and meditation. Avoid moralistic pride and dogmatic attitudes. Peaceful silence

Virgo (Aug 22 - Sep 23)

It is said that all disease begins and ends in the mind. The challenge is that the bulk of mind is subconscious. However, our conscious thoughts, language and attitude do have a significant role to play. How would you gauge the overall quality of your conscious mind? Every true spiritual teacher has instructed their students to direct their conscious mind to surrender to the subconscious for a short while every day, say 20 minutes. They call it meditation. Give it a try!

Libra (Sep 23 - Oct 21)

Nurturing your creative spirit continues as a central theme. This spirit is ever present everywhere, yet we must make conscious choices to tune in to it. Since it is the source of inspiration, joy and peace can you think of anything better to do? Take a fresh look around and you will see the results of it everywhere. Let the creative genius of others inspire your own. The key is to emulate without comparison. The joy is more in the process than the outcome. Create playfully and peacefully.

Scorpio (Oct 22 - Nov 20)

A journey to the very roots of your being is now underway. What you are returning to is the true individuality of your soul. It takes a good deal of inner strength and courage to be true to this individuality. The outer world leads us to conform to its norms, customs

and rules. It is your responsibility to strike a win/win deal that does not compromise your essential nature. Perhaps you have compromised and do not know it. Peaceful enthusiasm means you are in touch with it. Are you?

Sagittarius (Nov 21 - Dec 20)

You are in the mood to take flight on wings of inspiration. To do so you feel called to pull away from people and your everyday routine. Ideally, the people closest to you understand and are willing to give you the space you need. If not, conflict is likely. Perhaps you can journey with them somehow. The key is to not try and communicate excessively. Intend to be together quietly. Don't expect others to understand you now. Let sweet music and serenity uplift you.

Capricorn (Dec 21 - Jan 19)

New modes of approach to everyday processes are the inspiration you seek now. This includes learning how to work more cooperatively as a team. Even if you are in a leadership or management role, a more equal sense of participation might be what you are after. It is not the usual way, but it can work marvelously. Co-ops of all kinds are testimony to this. Besides, there is power in numbers. This trend will increase this year. Break through opposition by taking an active role.

Aquarius (Jan 20 - Feb 19)

You are in a pioneering mood. Yet, you may feel confused about how to meet your goals. You are sure that you are ready for change. The time has come to make your views and opinions known. However, before you commit in word or deed you do well to clarify some of your thoughts. This may well imply some research and other forms of work behind the scenes. Recognize that your objectives will take time to be realized. Intend to blend your vision with that of others. Cooperation!

Pisces (Feb 19 - Mar 20)

A time of retreat is upon you. This can mean more sleep and quiet time. Or it can imply a get away to distant places. In order to progress now you do well to express your ideas with an open mind. In other words, share knowledge rather than impose it. This means listening as much as expressing. Also, it implies being receptive within at least as much as without. By tuning in to intuitive guidance you will gain rare glimpses into the subtler aspects of life. Antennae up!

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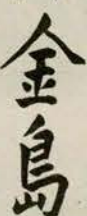
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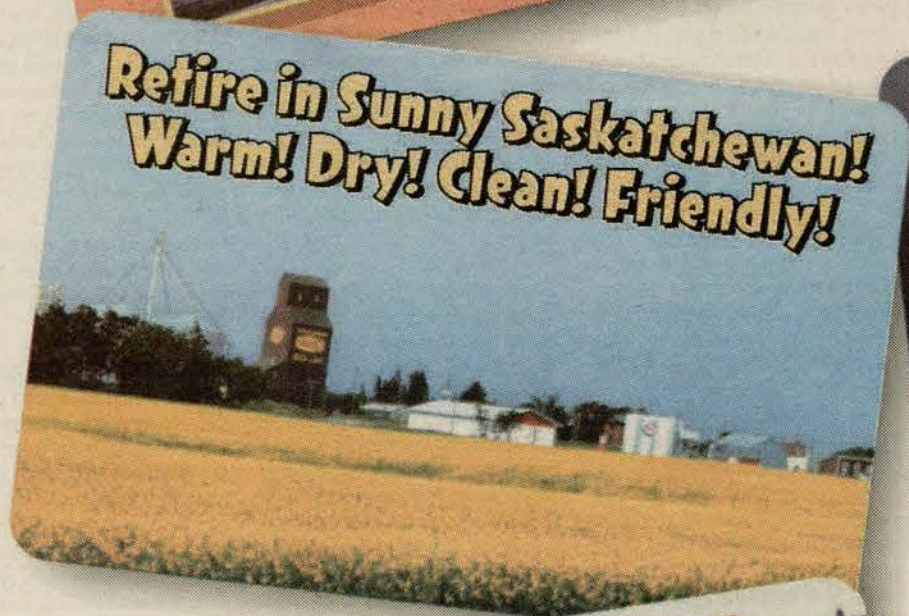
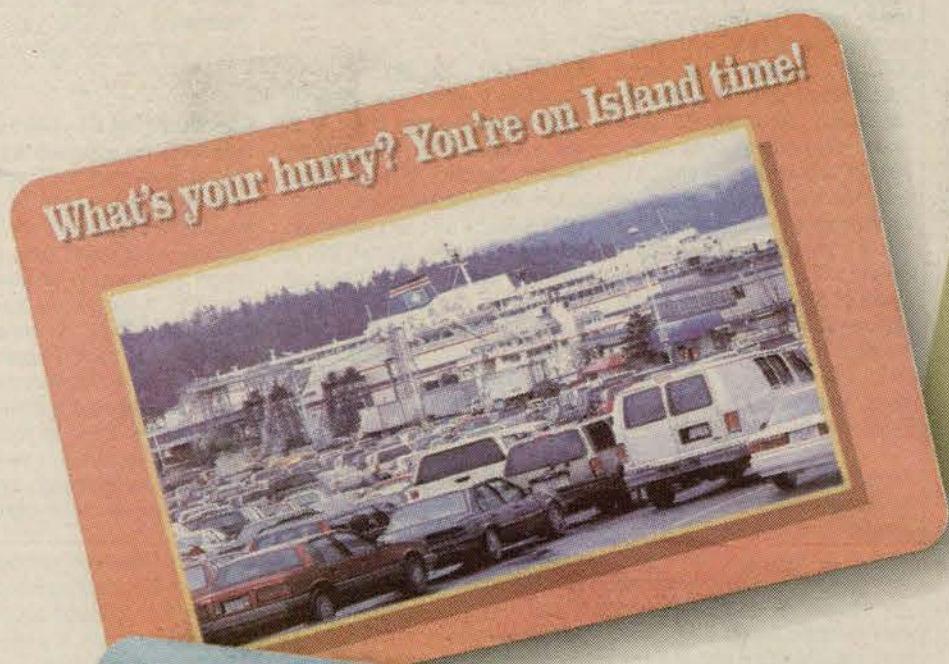
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