



## Lighting the way

by Michelle Mech

Last week, Salt Spring Centre school held their annual Advent Ceremony, a festival of light held during the four weeks ending on the winter's longest night—the winter solstice, December 21. The event has been a tradition at the school since it opened in 1983.

As described on the Salt Spring Centre song sheets, "On Advent Night, lighting a candle reminds us that there's always a little light within; we become clear, we let our light shine. Advent means The Coming, the time of anticipation leading up to the birth of Jesus Christ." Traditionally, one candle is lit on the fourth Sunday before Christmas, two are lit the following Sunday, three the Sunday after that, and four are lit on the last Sunday before Christmas Eve. To fit into a school schedule, this multi-denominational Centre celebrates Advent on the four Mondays leading up to Christmas.



see Lighting p31 Six-year-old Cameron Sutherland adds his light to the SS Centre Advent Ceremony.

## Phoenix over Texada

by Peggy Abrahams

Two students from Phoenix High School made the first in a series of flights over Texada lands last Thursday, to get an aerial view of the logging operation, and begin shooting a video they plan to produce.

"The flight lasted about an hour. We saw the distance between the monastery and the logging on Mount Tuam. When you look at the ground, at first you think, 'that's not so bad.' Then, you see the pile of logs and you say, 'that's a lot of trees,'" said Chris Haigh, a grade 12 student who went on the flight.

According to Phoenix High teacher Stephen Berry, the school had planned a flying programme in September to give the students hands-on experience in the cockpit. "The series of flights was planned before the logging began. We decided that now is a fortuitous time for the flights. The goal is to get the kids involved in stuff that's real to life. Viewing the logging operation is made to measure," said Berry.

The students, Haigh and Shasta Coffey, were passengers on the flight along with David

Shebib, a parent of two students who attend the school. Shebib, a videographer, shot video footage with the students during the flight.

"The fly-overs are becoming an educational tool for the school, to provide experience in flying, technology and use of the video camera," Shebib said.

The experience is also helping the students learn how to become actively involved in the community in ways they feel will make a difference.

"The kids are passionate about [the logging on Mount Tuam], especially those who grew up in this area and played in this forest. The logging of Mount Tuam is a deep shock to them," said Berry.

As well as documenting the activity on Mount Tuam, Phoenix students will have a chance to talk with loggers and, they hope, representatives from the new owners of Texada lands.

"We've invited some loggers and others to come and talk at the school," said Dean Crouse, Phoenix High teacher. "The kids want to get as much information about what's going on as they can."

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# Violence: Rooted in our past, a challenge in our present lives

by Anastacia Wilde

Yesterday marked the 10 year commemoration of the Montreal Massacre, a symbol of woman-hating most Canadians would like to think of as extinct.

Think again.

Violence against women is ubiquitous; it defies borders and cultures. Rooted in gender inequality, misogyny permeates our families, our social structures, our political institutions and our personal lives.

"Salt Spring Island is just a microcosm of the world," said social justice worker Cherie Geauvreau. "Violence is endemic in our culture and women, children and the elderly are the ones who suffer most."

Violence in relationships starts with an imbalance of power and abusers have all kinds of ways of controlling and isolating women, said Nancy Boyce director of the Salt Spring Transition House. There is also an aspect of shame and social humiliation.

"Who wants to call their family, their mother and tell them they are being beaten, especially in such a small place where everyone knows everyone else?" said one woman who asked to remain anonymous.

Typically, a battered woman will leave and go back to her abuser seven times before finally breaking free, Boyce said. Rural women will remain in abusive relationships an average of five to eight years longer than their urban counterparts.

The reasons for staying are complex and may include a woman's fear of the unknown, no job, no car, no access to bank account or simply that no one will believe her story. One transition worker recalled a situation where the abuser took away his wife's shoes during a snow storm so she couldn't walk to a neighbor's house for help.

"A community is a living body; it's a whole. If one part is damaged in some way the ramifications spread throughout the whole community," said Lynda

Laushway, of Salt Spring Women Opposed to Violence (SWOVA).

So how does violence against women damage men? What are the underlying causes of male violence? How do we as a society condone this abusiveness?

Alan Caplan is a therapist who has been working with abusive men and their families for more than 13 years.

"From their earliest days, men are condemned for being soft and sensitive," said Caplan. "Insecurity or doubt is literally

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**"**

beaten out of them to the point they have contempt for any reflection of these behaviors in themselves or in women."

Caplan points to the rewards offered men for being aloof, in charge, in control, and glorified for taking pain and not wincing. Watching dad beat mom is a powerful teaching for a boy, said Caplan. No matter how much the man swears he'll never be like his father, he's being fed attitudes and beliefs about women that are hard to eliminate.

"Most men don't know how they feel, what they want or how to communicate," said Caplan, who frequents the Nanaimo Prison every six weeks to do a three-day workshop entitled, *Beyond Blame: How to Get Your*

*Love Life Out of the War Zone.*

"If a man cannot value and express his emotions, he looks for it in a woman and he has to own her. He is petrified of losing her. She fills a hole in his life and she brings feeling into his life," Caplan said.

Consequently, a lot of men are emotionally terrified of women. Caplan traces this distorted fear to a little boy, helpless in the face of his mother withdrawing her love.

A grown man may develop a cocky attitude, boasting he's "everything that she should need," which is an abusive belief, according to Caplan. Because many men live in fear of being left for another man, they have to keep their wives and girlfriends isolated and confined.

But Caplan believes that physical abuse is just the tip of the iceberg. "Underneath these violent states are a lot of hurt men who don't even know who they are. A lot of men have abandonment issues from when they were children."

Trust and jealousy are huge obstacles to intimacy and men will use control or violence if they don't understand they can reveal their insecurities. "I assume that every man wants to be loved and even his aggressive behavior is a distorted attempt to secure love."

Caplan said the determining factor in a man's recovery from abusiveness is whether he is willing to risk the loss of control and feel his hurt and pain. "If you are willing to be vulnerable, it can change your life."

Caplan said that society doesn't teach or reward men for being respectful of others. The enormity of violence against women and children in our culture substantiates this claim.

"These men are just extreme reflections of what all men do, myself included," said Caplan.

Alan Caplan is starting an eight-week men's group on Salt Spring (*When Anger Hurts*). Interested parties should contact him at 653-9776 for dates, times and more information.

## You don't have to be abusive

Psychological, financial, physical and sexual abuse all constitute violence in relationships. Using violence or the threat of violence to control another person is abusive.

### Indications of abuse:

Name-calling, lying, controlling activities and friendships, withholding money, holding wrists, pinning against walls, physically preventing someone from leaving, punching walls, slamming doors, pressuring for sex, slapping or pushing, hurting children or pets, promising to never do it again.

### Resources:

- 1) Salt Spring Transition House and Crisis Line. (250) 537-0735 or toll-free 1-877-435-7544
- 2) Victoria's Family Violence Project for men who have been abusive to their wives or girlfriends and want to change. (250) 380-1955
- 3) Alan Caplan, anger management and domestic abuse. Alan is offering a men's group on Salt Spring Island. (250) 653-9776
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# Get smart, get safe



*In the catbird seat ...  
with Shelagh Plunkett*

Get smart, get safe about AIDS that is and, in particular, don't play with your children's lives by keeping them ignorant.

I know this attitude is going to ruffle some feathers but I don't care. This is life and death.

I have a 12-year-old daughter. It may cause me nightmares, but I know that when she's ready she's going to wind up having sex. (At least, if she's lucky it will happen when she's ready or when she thinks she's ready and not be forced on her before that time.) Nothing I can say or do—without violating her human rights—can stop that.

So, if I face that reality I have to conclude that the smartest and most loving thing I can do is provide her with all the information, or safe access to all the information, available. I mean: information, condoms and whatever else will help ensure she doesn't die from the experience.

December 1 was World AIDS Day and this year's theme was "Children & Young People: Listen, Learn, Live." Why, because HIV/AIDS infections are rising fastest among people between the ages of 15 and 24. Globally, 59,000 children (under 15 years) were infected with HIV in 1998. Three quarters of those will die within the next 10 years.

It's not a pretty picture.

I have a writer friend whose brother died of AIDS a few years ago. At the time she told me ruefully that what she'd watched her brother go through was so strange and so horrible that no writer would have tried to put it past her readers. AIDS is a gorilla fighter—no civilized rules of conduct apply. My friend told me her brother "died" repeatedly over the years. Each death he suffered through was different—once it was a pneumonia, next a form of cancer. Every time he rallied only to be attacked in some new and completely different way. Bizarre would describe it well if the word hadn't taken on lighthearted connotations.

In the past few years treatments to fight HIV and AIDS have improved greatly and the

life expectancy of those infected has been lengthened. But, those treatments are not only expensive and, therefore, not available to the vast majority of people with HIV/AIDS but their effectiveness appears to have run its course.

On CBC, December 1 a doctor at the B.C. Disease Control Centre remarked that the anti-retroviral "cocktails" appeared to be having less of a positive impact than in the past few years. It seems the virus's ability to mutate is catching up with our creative medicine mixes.

When I was heading into and through puberty, and my hormones were raging all I had to worry about was pregnancy and a few relatively benign sexually transmitted diseases. (Well, that and a few other emotional and moral hazards.) I didn't have to worry that ending up in the back seat of some guy's car could cost me my life, that a few minutes of sex might result in months or years of debilitating illness ending in a horrifying death.

And, if you imagine that providing information is going to spur kids on to an earlier introduction to sex, you're just falling back on an old excuse that's been repeatedly proven wrong. The latest report from UNAIDS, compiling data from four continents, shows, once again that good sex education actually delays the timing of introductory sex. In some countries the average age at which kids first have sex voluntarily has remained constant while sex education has increased their use of condoms four fold. Like I said, my daughter will make that decision when she feels ready and I can't stop her.

On Salt Spring our children are fortunate. We have a Planned Parenthood clinic where they can get information. We have places like the washroom at Barb's where condoms are there for the taking.

Let's be smart, let's support those programmes. Knowledge is power. Don't be a fool and don't bury your head in the sand—teach your kids what they need to know to stay healthy.



## Think before you toss

Be conscious! It's exhilarating and fun!

T'other day, I dropped me wee bag o' real garbage off at Laurie's Recycling at the G.V.M. The crusher on the garbage truck had taken its last load, but hangin' out from under it was a big green garbage bag exploding with children's toys.

The kind man workin' the truck that day released the crusher and freed the bag of toys for me. We picked through them and I got a wonderful collection. (Susan Musgrave's car would be envious.)

My thing is this: especially at this time of year we should recognize the needs and wants of our fellow humans, those that don't have what we're all entitled to. Some folks call it "Christian" charity. Regardless, it is senseless and selfish to throw perfectly good items into the crusher which take up precious space in our landfill sites when others could use these items to bring light and love into their lives.

Please people—recycle everything that's useful. Re-use and re-use and re-use. Then, when it's broken and no good to anyone, recycle. Don't throw away our planet. She is limited.

CRAIG (CROW) ANDERSON

## Onward and... downward

On the front page of the Business section of the Vancouver Sun,

November 6, I found a gem. Michael Campbell's column is often first rate. He asked the most recent Nobel Prize winner for economics to name the biggest misconception holding back the Canadian economy.

To Michael Campbell's surprise and without hesitation Robert Mundell shot back "It's the anti-business philosophy that has permeated much of the civil service and government. The view that the economy is kind of a class struggle rather than something we all benefit from."

Mundell went on to explain that our continual emphasis on wealth redistribution has obscured the need to foster an environment that allows it to be created in the first place.

Campbell concluded by saying, "For those who have raised their anti-business sentiments to a rigorous level, the advice of even a Nobel Prize winner like Mr. Mundell has to be dismissed."

There is no amount of evidence that will convince them that fostering a successful business climate is a worthy goal from which we would all benefit."

And so the nouveau poor are born.

DREW CLARKE

## Shop locally...owned!

It's always something: we try and try to preserve the essence of what makes this island such a beautiful place to live and it seems sometimes to be a constant uphill battle.

The "new" gas station, called ridiculously "your island gas station" is a case

in point. The new owner of the old Petrocan engages in battles with everyone who comes near, refuses to accept cheques from long time customers, verbally abuses customers, and is now proclaiming himself an Islander.

Well guess what, folks? It isn't Salt Spring Island that he is referring to; he lives and does the bulk of his business on Vancouver Island. Every cent we spend at his gas station will go off-island and will not benefit our community at all. Not only has he disrupted the ambience of our community with ugly, over-large signs, and displayed a complete lack of understanding of the concept of customer service, but he's ripping us off!

Me? I've gone back to Shell. At least I know that profits made there have a chance of being spent on the island.

And more, I've joined the Salt Spring Hours Barter Bank to be sure my bucks support my community.

Let's do what we can to preserve the community that makes this island rich and warm, and boycott any business that is not owned by, and supportive of, Salt Springers.

Let's take our hard earned money to those who deserve it most: Islanders who live and work here, and support our community together.

SANDRA PATRICIA HUNTER

## Re: Teen's Decisions

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### Teen decisions cont'd. from p4

*Barnacle*, an article entitled *Clinic helps reduce the risk of AIDS* written by Rob McMahon, drew my attention.

It seems to me that offering counselling services to young people on the various methods of birth control is only promulgating a life style that most parents, who if they really love and respect their teenage kids, would object to.

As a former counsellor with Birthright I have encountered the anguish and pain of 13-19 year olds who have relied on pills and condoms (which break very easily) and find they are pregnant. They promote more promiscuity and then the awful decision has to be made whether to abort the baby or go through with the pregnancy.

A baby is one of God's most wonderful creations. Having seen the anguish of a teenaged boy and his girlfriend in this situation I know it makes for decisions which affect them for the rest of their lives.

You mention in your article that the typical client is between 17 and 19 years of age. Chlamydia is mentioned as the main cause of infertility later in life, which is the time when many married women would like to produce a family.

Look at the excitement over Tony Blair's new baby in England.

Here's to a fresh new outlook for the year 2000.

RUTH D. LISTON

### Sour grapes?

I have read a flurry of recent comments condemning the Driftwood for its election coverage. Mr. Marciano has issued the coup-de-grace in his letter to the editor.

Few in the community would deny Dietrich Luth's intelligence and commitment to his principles. Few would deny his abrasive character and unwillingness to entertain alternate viewpoints. In a politician those qualities often breed enemies, and one of the enemies returned to haunt Mr. Luth with an expensive back-page backhand in the Driftwood. It is possible that the Driftwood made an error in judgment in printing the ad without a suitable byline such as "Paid for by the Committee to Defame Dietrich Luth." The Driftwood senior editor acknowledged as much.

I taste sour grapes in Mr. Marciano's cheap whine, coming as it does from one who virtually monopolizes political information distributed via Salt Spring Cable and the local Internet and who only weeks earlier published several slanted and unattributed "Isle of Views" interviews with candidates in the Barnacle.

Let's not be sore losers in the political game!

MARK CLASSEN

**Editor's note:** Paul Marciano submitted only one "Isle of Views" interview with a candidate in the recent election—an interview with Dietrich Luth. All other candidate interviews published in the Barnacle were written and conducted by other writers. Paul Marciano's "Isle

of Views" column has appeared more than once, but those Paul interviewed were not involved in the election.

### Thanks to supporters

In the aftermath of the election I would like to thank my supporters for their vote of confidence in my recent bid for a second term as CRD Director. While the results went against me I still remain committed to community issues and the desire to play a part in local affairs. I am overwhelmed by the number of people who came out to vote for me and would like nothing better than to thank each one personally.

I also wish Kellie Booth all the best in her coming term and hope that she will acknowledge the concerns of those who didn't vote for her.

DIETRICH LUTH

### Park rezoning soon

Many of your readers will want to know the status of community park properties, following the November 20 referendum.

The next draft of the Land Use Bylaw will change the zoning on the ten parcels which appeared on the referendum question to park.

Six additional properties were changed to park in the draft some weeks ago: the Heronry, Duck Creek Park, Quarry Drive Park, Beddis Beach, Deep Ridge Reserve, and the new Mount Sullivan property.

see Rezoning p6



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## Rezoning cont'd. from p5

As the new LUB makes its way through a second draft, and eventually to public hearing, islanders will thus be asked to approve sixteen new park parcels.

DAVID BORROWMAN

## A three-legged horse

The problem with apathy is it implies we care. The problem with democracy is we don't have it or we have a poor facsimile. Right now we are riding a three-legged horse. The fourth cornerstone is not in place and even when it is, it still takes two to tango—an equal effort by the governed and the government.

Back tracking, I was sad to not see any school-age children sitting in and viewing the election process, even at the high school where you would think our teachers would want their pupils to watch the most important social process that effects theirs and everyone else's lives. If we don't teach, how will they learn it takes two.

It is the right of a democracy to question so I ask, if Stats Canada can visit every door to count heads (which is a waste of time and money and a whole different story) how can it not reach every eligible voter? How about lowering the voting age, extending the voting period (why only on one day)? How about more than one way to vote—we have the technology? How about a penalty for not voting? What about a standard non-confidence voter space as

an alternative permanent record?

I am sure you could add to a proactive list.

Make no mistake, the problems are systemic and structural. It would be naive of me to think that anything is going to change because a bureaucrat's job, by definition, is to circumvent any notion of change and changing the guard means nothing if the back room generals remain to thwart democracy. All chief bureaucratic management should be hired on a term basis along with their political masters and their fate should be in the voters' hands.

As for the last leg of our three-legged horse, we need to look back and count the corner stones—none of which were given—all had to be fought for and defended.

Even today: one, separation of monarchy and government; two, separation of church and state; three, separation of judiciary and government; four, finally we need to recognize that government has no God-given or any other right to tax us. No, I did not say there would be no taxes, it just needs to be separated from the state. Give the job to a completely independent body. The government's job is to make laws and agendas. It is not their job to keep companies in or out of business by inflicting taxes on said same companies. Radical—I think not. Difficult—definitely. It would require a fundamental shift in the political system and the way government accounts for its time.

When the King signed the Magna Carta only a very small number of people thought it was a good idea to give up his divine right to be defender of the faith, judge, jury and executioner of taxes. Abraham Lincoln said: "Those that would trade liberty for security deserve neither."

RICHARD CRUICKSHANKS

## Thank you Salt Spring voters!

Those of us who actually depend upon Fernwood dock wish to express our deep gratitude to all who voted to save the dock. In the case of the dock vote, it was a little like the trick question on an exam where you say to yourself when you read it, "Nobody said this was going to be on the test." Each person who voted must have asked themselves, "what are small craft harbor facilities?"

All the papers did a wonderful job of exposing the public to the reasons why the dock is important to our community. But even so, it took special vigilance to be able to translate that information to a vote on a bylaw that made no mention of the Fernwood dock.

Congratulations are in order to each person who made that intellectual leap, regardless of whether they voted "yes" or "no." We can hope that in the future the language associated with each bylaw will be explicit, plain language about the actual issue being voted upon.

And, thank you Salt Spring newspapers! It was a pleasure working with the

editors and staff at *the Barnacle* and *the Driftwood* during pre-election weeks. They made every effort to include as many letters to the editor as possible. On one occasion, Shelagh Plunkett at *the Barnacle* went so far as to give feedback in a timely manner so that there might be the possibility of getting a certain letter into *the Driftwood* before their editorial deadline. Carol at *the Driftwood*, was ready and willing to try to fit it into their paper.

*The Driftwood* and *the Barnacle* were very helpful showcasing the facts about Fernwood dock, recognizing that many people had little, if any, information about this bylaw. In the final analysis, without our very professional media, it is unlikely that the voters would have ever voted to save the dock.

What a rare and privileged experience in today's competitive world, to live in a community served by media that puts the interests of the community first.

ROBIN STAADECKER

## Saga continues

The library board's application for a CAP grant (Community access Project) has been approved. The grant application stated that "The board is solidly behind the project." The board also cited, "an overwhelming level of support for the library to provide internet access and access to on-line and digital information for research."

What has changed to make the

board reconsider its application, and perhaps even decline the grant?

There will be a special board meeting at 9am, Friday, December 10 in the library to discuss this CAP grant. The meeting is open to the public, and I urge you to attend and get first hand information.

GERRY KREUTZER

## Welcome to our neighbourhood

To Derek Tretheway and Rob Macdonald, Texada Land Corporation,

Recently I was sitting at a community meeting with my neighbours discussing the future of our neighbourhood—what your plans are for "your" new 4,500 acres of land on Salt Spring Island. The future seems uncertain and your representatives at that meeting were unwilling or unauthorized to really answer any of our questions. Something felt familiar and then I remembered.

Ten years ago I was sitting in a car salesman's office negotiating the price of a used car. I would make my offer then the salesman would have to discuss it with a mysterious (never to be seen) manager somewhere upstairs. The negotiations would continue until another visit to the manager was required. We (sort of) dealt in this manner over several days in what felt to me like an overly complicated and mistrustful process—but, eventually I bought

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## Taking charge of your life

All human beings have the potential to be violent. And all human beings are potential victims of violence. This is not an explanation or excuse for human behavior. This simply is.

We live in a society—in a world—swimming in violence. Our culture reflects the tacit acceptance of violence through our television, movies and books. Villains use violence to degrade human life and threaten the common well-being of all people. Heroes use violence to save people in revenge of the villains, employing the same tactics of killing, rape, torture and warfare.

Our public figures use violent and debilitating speech to be elected into office. Once in office, our democratically-elected politicians use violence or the threat of violence to uphold our nation's power status.

In families, some form of violence is normalized. A child may be beaten for his or her own good, told that s/he is incompetent or demanding or stupid, signaling the first death of the young spirit's authentic self.

Poverty is its own kind of violence and the shame that accompanies destitution is equally destructive. Violent thoughts are commonplace as well, and often rooted in the denial of personal pain.

In my own short life, I have experienced violence of many kinds. The terror of abandonment by both my mother and father, the shame of sexual molestation by a babysitter growing up, the neglect by foster parents and betrayal of social workers and psychiatrists, the gun-point rape as a teenager and years of prostitution following the rape, the physical beatings in my first love relationship and fear for my life while living in Nicaragua as the United States waged an all-out terrorist war against that country.

I have also been verbally and emotionally abusive of lovers and family, and on occasion, used physical violence to get my way. Like most "normal" adults brought up in a culture based on control and order, I criticize and judge myself reverently and carry the self-loathing behavior my mother and grandmother passed down to me in the guise of female disempowerment.

I have accumulated enough bad wisdom in my 36 short years to claim the prize of victim or perpetrator and walk away with medals. I could buy a gun, go to Ganges and blow away a dozen men, screaming that they abuse women, then turn and blow away a dozen women yelling that they leave their children unprotected and alone and cheated. I could even hire a defense lawyer to claim temporary insanity and use evidence from my childhood to prove it wasn't my fault.

So what.

Would ignoring the effects of my behavior delete the cause? Hell, no.

Would claiming my behavior is someone else's fault change my past? Hell, no.

Would admitting my horror and taking responsibility for my actions in the present make a dent in the violent climate of this world?

I think so.

The use of violence to control or subjugate comes from a deep-seated fear of helplessness and insecurity. This fear is born in the powerless and innocent child who has no control of the world that it is offered. Fear turns to pain and pain back to violence in a culture that teaches boys to deny their vulnerability and girls to relish in theirs.

Like I said, everyone is capable of violence and to some extent, we have all been abused. What you do with the rest of this script makes you the sole director of your real-life movie.

STACEY LYNN KIEPLER

## Bursary honours Dr. Graham, gives boost to single parents

by Rob McMahon

Recently retired local physician, Dr. Roland Graham, has been honoured with a new Camosun College bursary in his name. The bursary is available to residents of the Gulf Islands and those who graduated from GISS with special consideration given to single parents enrolled in full time studies at the college.

The bursary fund totals \$18,200, \$9,100 of which was raised by Peter Bardon, Garth Hendren, and Jane Becklake in lieu of a retirement party for Dr. Graham and \$9,100 which was donated by the provincial government. The money was raised at a silent auction and

arts performance held at ArtSpring earlier this year. The event featured an hour of theatre (organized by Bardon) which showcased the comedy of Arvid Chalmers and a selection of five musical performances. The performances were followed by the silent auction (organized by Hendren). Becklake assisted in the overall planning and promotion of the event.

The bursary is dedicated to single parents. It is Dr. Graham's wish; he said that during his years as the largest general medical practitioner on Salt Spring Island, he often dealt with single parent patients.

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# Women who use violence

by Anastacia Wilde

Incidents of male-generated violence abound. Do women who use violence pose an equal threat to our society?

"I don't think it's a real problem in society but it is a problem in women's individual lives," said Jude Marleau, clinical therapist for the Victoria-based Women Using Violence programme. In the past two years, Marleau has counseled 12 women as the main users, or equal perpetrators of violence against their partners. In contrast, 400 abusive men undergo a similar programme at Victoria's Family Violence Project annually.

"Women are more familiar with identifying themselves as being the problem," said Marleau. Men are quick to blame women for their violence while women will take a lot more responsibility for violence.

"It's about socialization," said Marleau. "Women are expected to do the emotional work in a relationship, look inside themselves. Men tend to blame external forces, look outside of themselves." Because women are generally encouraged to subdue feel-

ings of anger, a woman who uses force tends to be a rule-breaker by not being passive or nice.

According to statistics compiled by the Ministry of the Attorney General, approximately 80 per cent of spousal assault perpetrators in B.C. are male, 10 per cent are female, and the remaining 10 per cent are mutually charged to both male and female partners.

Marleau said women's violence is primarily motivated by retaliation and self-defense, often used in conjunction with a violent partner. If a woman knows she is going to get beaten, she may try to get in a few punches.

But this doesn't mean women only use violence in defense.

"Violence among girls is on the rise," said Alayne Hamilton, Executive Director of the Victoria's Family Violence Project. "Girls are getting the message that if you are aggressive and tough, you get more respect."

In our hierarchical rule-obeying system, how much respect you get defines where you are in the hierarchy, Hamilton said. "Most girls who become aggressive have violent dads and sub-

missive mothers." They are fighting against becoming like their mothers.

Ironically, a lot of girls use violence against other girls.

"Girls fight over boys because having a boy is prestigious. And if you think that stereotype has changed, you're wrong," said Hamilton.

Violence in lesbian relationships is a double-edged sword.

Janice Ristock, professor and researcher at the University of Winnipeg said it's impossible to get exact statistics because "many lesbians are in the closet about their sexuality and therefore sworn to silence about their violent situations."

Homophobia creates increased repression and shame, explains Ristock. To admit the abuse, they have to come out of the closet. "Many lesbians don't want to admit they are being violated by a female partner."

But homophobia can also be used as a tactic of violence. For example, an abusive lesbian could threaten to "out" her partner at work or to her parents, or use the fear of homosexuality in

see Violence p31



Jeff Overbridge photo

**BE AN ANGEL:** Vicki Johnson and Lorna Tolma (left to right) stand before the CIBC "Angel Tree" a five-year tradition at the Island bank. Each paper angel hung on the tree has the either "boy" or "girl" and an age written on it. Gift givers take an angel from the tree and attach it as a tag to their wrapped Christmas gift which is appropriate to the age and gender specified. The gifts accumulate under the tree at the CIBC until December 16 when they are given to the Community Centre which distributes them to needy Island children.

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## Santa's Workshop bustle

So where exactly do toys go when they die? On Salt Spring Island, many are donated to Santa's Workshop, a non-profit Island institution that has supplied needy children with Christmas gifts for more than 12 years. Toys dropped off at four Island locations—Mouats, North Island Water Works and the two Pharmasaves—by December 17 are cleaned, repaired and then distributed to children by December 19.

Santa's Workshop, presently organized by long-time Islanders Bob Appleton and Judy Willet, runs in conjunction with the annual food hamper and last year provided gifts for 104 children with each child receiving at least four toys.

Appleton said the work of the Workshop has changed somewhat over the years. In the past most of his time was spent repairing broken toys while today many people buy new toys to donate. Not only does that eliminate the need for repairs, age labels on the packages help cut out much of the sorting work. Occasionally money is given, which

Appleton uses to buy gift certificates from Mouats. All of the labeled toys are then taken to the Farmer's Institute and divided into coded garbage bags (boy of 6, girl of 5, and so on) which are then distributed around the Island in time for Christmas. Different years see different trends in the types of toys donated, said Appleton. Occasionally he sees a flood of Liquor Store plush bears (bought for charity at Liquor Stores over the holidays). He has seen shifts in the types of dolls (from baby dolls to the grown-up Barbies) and the gradually more complex and futuristic electronic toys and remote controlled cars.

Appleton is extremely thankful for the tremendous response the Workshop has received, and is glad so many Islanders now regard Santa's Workshop as a community event.

Remember to drop off your donation by December 17 at Mouats, North Salt Spring Waterworks or either of the two Pharmasaves.

## Cookie cravings satisfied

According to Fiona Wolfe-Milner, those with a sweet tooth to soothe should arrive early at the fourth annual *Cookies For Christmas* event, being held from 2 to 4pm December 11 at Mahon Hall. "Last year we were sold out in a half hour," she said.

This is a popular bake sale/fundraiser with a twist. Cookie buyers purchase one of three differently sized boxes at the door (the largest can hold five pounds worth of goodies) then are free to fill it up with their own selection—five chocolate chip cookies, three pink cupcakes and so on.

Money raised through the event goes toward the GISS Parent's Advisory Council. "The PAC dis-

tributes funds back into the school to buy supplies and extras for students," said Wolfe-Milner.

This year's grads are also holding a fundraiser at *Cookies for Christmas*. They have collected stuffed animals, (on display at the event) which they plan to donate to the Island's Santa's Workshop. The grads are requesting small donations from community members to support their after-grad.

*Cookies for Christmas* needs as many baked goods as possible (the more goods, the more variety of goodies), so Wolfe-Milner asks all willing parents of GISS students to prepare cookies, cakes, squares, or brownies for the event.

## Santa sails into Ganges

Santa Claus will be visiting Salt Spring Island a little early this year, thanks to a 49-year-old tradition among Lions Clubs from here to Bellingham. On December 11, at 6:30pm, the Santa Ship will drop anchor at the Coast Guard dock outside of Ganges and Mr. Claus will begin his tour of the Island. While here he will distribute gifts and cookies to children at the Middle School and to senior citizens at Greenwoods and then take a short, well-deserved rest at the Lions Club.

Santa's Ship is an 80-foot-long charter boat (donated by a Lions Club affiliated Alaskan whale-watching business) decorated in bright lights and Christmas decorations. While coming into dock, the ship plays Christmas carols that can be heard in Ganges from the Three Sisters outside of the harbour. The ship makes its annual trip from Bellingham, through the San Juan Islands, to each Outer Gulf Island and Salt Spring, spreading Christmas cheer across the seas.

## Prizes galore for a dime

The Dime Sale sponsored by the Lady Minto Hospital Foundation is here again! For the price of a dime, participants are given a chance to win their choice of great prizes all donated by individuals and community businesses. Tickets are sold in blocks of 10 for \$1, and the fun begins when participants have to choose which of the many items on display they hope to win.

This year's assortment of prizes include a jacket, jigsaw puzzle, clock

and several gift certificates which can be redeemed at local shops. A draw will be held for the lucky winners on December 10.

The Dime Sale tickets are available December 6 to 9 at Ganges Village Market and on December 10 at the hospital lobby.

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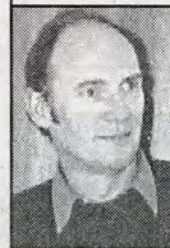
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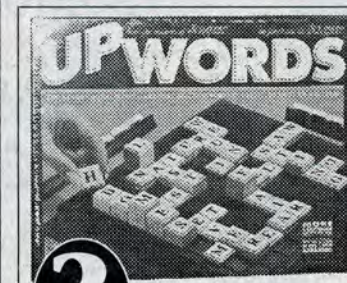
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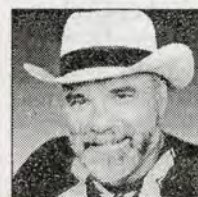
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A special note to: Gunnar, Hailey, Timothy, Tili, Suji and Austin.

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## Queen Victoria wouldn't believe it



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Wanna know  
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making the rounds these days?

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inappropriate.

It's a designation the Holier Than Thous amongst us can use to brand anything they don't personally approve of. A Hollywood movie can be "inappropriate." So can an attitude, the shortness of your skirt or the length of your hair.

What a prissy, Pecksniffian declaration that is! Cowardly, too. Recently I watched as a high school basketball coach whistled a stoppage in practice and called a noisy, foul-mouthed student off the court. Looking down his nose (actually, up his nose—the kid was really tall) the teacher priggishly announced, "Walter, I find your language inappropriate."

He could have just said "Stop swearing."

Ah, well, all part of the Political Correctness Crusade that continues to wash over us. I'd call it a return to the Victorian Age, except that would be doing Victorians a disservice. Recent tortured manifestations of Political Correctness make Queen Victoria look like the proprietress of a bawdy house.

In California, a painting of a nude was recently removed from a public building at the University of Berkeley. Detractors had complained that the portrait "exploits and objectifies women."

It was a print of Goya's The Naked Maja—a painting that has been considered a priceless classic for the past two centuries.

Oh, well. At least they didn't try to paint a bra and panties on her.

George Washington should be so lucky. You're familiar with that famous painting of Washington by the artist Emanuel Leutze—the one that shows the Father of The Nation standing gallantly at the prow of a rowboat while his soldiers ferry him to shore?

The painting is called Washington Crossing the Delaware and it's been a fixture in American mythology almost as long as the US has been around.

Alas, thanks to the author's lubriciousness, the painting's days are numbered.

Last August, a School District in Columbus, Georgia recalled 2,300 fifth-grade textbooks. Reason? Well, the text books contained a photograph of the illustrious painting and some sharp-eyed reviewer on the

school board noticed that if you squint your eyes almost shut and use your imagination, the pocket watch innocently dangling against Washington's left thigh might be misconstrued by a fifth-grader's eyes as the Founding Father's penis.

So the books were recalled and school district flunkies spent two weeks assiduously air-brushing the suggestive time-piece out of the picture.

We had an example closer to home this month—in our capital, as a matter of fact. The directors of the Federal Agriculture Museum in Ottawa came down with an interesting variation of Mad Cow disease. They announced that the giving of feminine names to cows in the museum had been deemed "inappropriate" and would henceforth be banned.

The reasoning—if it can be called that—was that if a cow named, say, Bessie, was being displayed to a school class on a trip to the museum and there happened to be a little girl in the class named Bessie, well, she might be...embarrassed and humiliated. Particularly if the cow in question happened to be, as a blushing spokesman for the museum put it, "doing certain bodily functions."

Hell, you know how depraved cows can be. Hence the banning of feminine names for cows.

Once the decision was made public, the outcry was so loud the museum officials hastily changed their minds and rescinded the ban.

Pity. I was dying to know what names they would have deemed appropriate.

Lance the Cow perhaps? Spike? Theodore?

Even cartoons are not immune to the "inappropriate" virus. A recent Disney production featured Donald and Daisy Duck doing a little white-water rafting. Half-way through the cartoon, their raft upsets and Donald and Daisy are thrown into the river.

And that's where the standard board of Walt Disney Enterprises halted the production. They called the animators before them and demanded to know why the characters weren't wearing regulation life jackets.

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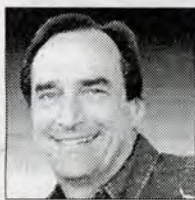
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## Out of the mouths of knaves...



Isle Say! ...

with John Pottinger

Can you believe the stuff that comes out of Premier Dan Miller's mouth? In Victoria last week he told a luncheon meeting that BC Ferries is out of control. He said the company is not operating with a proper business plan and should be run more like a business enterprise. Well DUUHH!

Although the words are right, there's something really stinky about the source. We all need to remember that this is the same Dan Miller who was the Minister in charge of BC Ferries when the Fast Cats fiasco was at a crucial point.

The original Board of Directors of Catamaran Ferries International was composed of people with management expertise in the shipbuilding and maritime industries. That board began to ask pointed questions about the project. Questions like: why is there no business plan? Why hasn't the design been properly tested? Why haven't any marketing studies been done? Why haven't any wake simulation

tests been done? Why is it so far over budget and behind time?

What did Dan Miller do in response to these concerns from the CFI Board? He fired them. Then he replaced them with NDP hacks (people such as the famous marine expert, Jack Munro).

Now this same guy has the audacity to start blaming BC Ferries' management for the company's problems! If we accept the bogus rantings of politicians like Miller, we are simply reinforcing the notion they operate under: that we're all stupid.

There is a solution to the problems with the Ferry Corporation, but it sure as heck doesn't include Mr. Miller. Right now, BC Ferries is a Crown Corporation, and that's the crux of the problem. It doesn't matter what the mandate of the corporation is; it doesn't matter what the long term plans and direction of the company are: this bunch of bandits that call themselves a government have clearly shown that they will force their own agenda on the company.

No corporation in the world could be expected to do a good job for their customers (or their shareholders) if their plans and budgets were constantly subject to change by government.

Internationally, there are many examples of corporations that were once government entities, but now are thriving commercial enterprises, which operate independently of government. (Interestingly, most of the successful examples are in some segment of the transportation business.) The sooner the BC Government divests itself of any involvement in the management of BC Ferries, the better we'll all be. All that needs to be done is to simply figure out the appropriate annual subsidy (as was done for decades in this province, and is done in most other jurisdictions) then back off and leave the company alone. Gulf Islanders and BC Ferries can work together towards solutions far more effectively in an environment free from provincial government interference.

As it stands now, BC Ferries is just another example of what happens when the NDP get involved in gambling. And it's your money they're playing with.



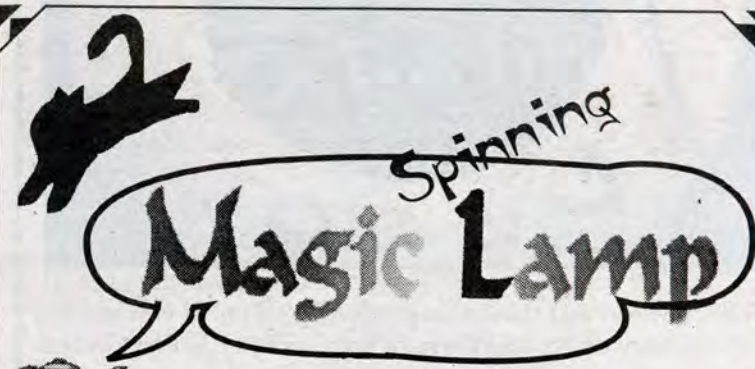
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## entertainment and the arts



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The Salt Spring Geezers present a "semi-improv" show at the Salt Spring Centre Craft show at 1pm on Saturday.

## Geezers out for SS Centre fair

On Saturday, December 18 (from 10 to 5pm) and Sunday, December 19 (from 11 to 4pm) Islanders can load up on Christmas gifts from around the world at the Salt Spring Centre Craft Show. The annual show will feature hand-made arts and crafts, including furni-

ture, hand-woven blouses, rugs and jewelry. Both Tarot card and tea leaf readers will be present at the fair, contributing to the "warm atmosphere of yoga" according to the event's organizer, Sid Filkow.

Food will be provided by the Salt Spring Centre cooks (with

much of it made from the Centre's own cookbook) and entertainment present in the form of the Salt Spring Centre choir (performing sometime Saturday), and the Salt Spring Geezers, who will engage in a "semi-improv" show at 1pm Saturday.

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## Mea Culpa: GE foods meeting

In last week's *Barnacle* an article on the second of two information sessions regarding genetically modified foods and water exports mistakenly reported the meeting to be held November 30. In fact, the meeting is to be held today, December 7, 7:30 p.m. in GISS room 206. We apologize for any confusion caused.

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# Arts council meet

A cacophony of controversy and confusion appears to be surrounding the Gulf Islands Community Arts Council (GICAC) these days. Those who haven't yet heard may be interested to know that this 30-year-old organization, instrumentally involved in the inception of ArtSpring and the yearly organizer of Artcraft, is in the throws of a potential split.

The present board of GICAC has negotiated an agreement to dissolve itself and divide its assets among two new arts councils, to be named Salt Spring Community Arts Council and Trincomali Arts Council. The board's plan includes a division of the current GICAC's assets.

A group of members calling themselves the "Concerned Members Committee" formed to express their dissatisfaction with the process the board has taken to reach its decision to split.

Debate between the two—GICAC board and The Concerned Members—reached such a pitch that on Friday, November 26 the two met with a mediator to hammer out a basic agreement.

The main issues leading up to this meeting are all too easily lost in a storm of details and a breakdown of communication. However, the meeting resulted in an agreement that mediator Bernard Gouveia, said would enable the two to "proceed in good faith to inform and include as wide a spectrum of membership as possible in a constructive process to determine the future of the Gulf Islands Community Arts Council."

To that end, details of the boards plans to dissolve the GICAC have been mailed to members along with a notice informing them of a special general meeting to be held December 16. That meeting—essentially to inform the membership of the recent—will be followed in January by a Special Extraordinary meeting during which all members in good standing will be able to vote on the proposed division.

The December 16 meeting will also serve as a discussion point on the board's decision to meet its financial obligations by taking out a low interest mortgage on

see Arts council p31



Scrooge as a boy (Dustin van Wyck), Tiny Tim (Patrice Bowler) and Fanny Cratchet (Halley Fulford).

# Christmas' cranky character returns

Ebenezer Scrooge first survived his now famous Christmas adventure in the year 1843 as the leading character in a short novel by Charles Dickens called *A Christmas Carol*. The novel has since been read by millions, viewed by millions in its various screen adaptations, and witnessed by scores more in its many stage variations.

One of these stage plays found a home on Salt Spring Island

when long-time residents Ray and Virginia Newman took the Dickens story, made cuts and additions, wrote some songs, and performed it in various island halls since the 1970s. Now titled *Christmas with Scrooge*, it will be presented at ArtSpring December 17, 18 and 19.

"My husband Ray, who died early this year, had hoped to see Scrooge set in Salt Spring's new theatre, and our daughter Sue

and I decided that this Christmas would be the time to do it," Virginia Newman said. She added, "Having an honest-to-goodness theatre to perform in has brought me and Sue, as producers/directors and chief worriers, some sleepless nights these last few weeks."

Patrick Cassidy will be this year's Ebenezer Scrooge. Newman said, "Probably the

see Scrooge p31

## Folk Club, Dec. 13

# Spirits founders return to Island

In 1983 the newly formed Spirit of the West played their first paying gig at the Vesuvius Pub. The also had, "one hell of a good New Year's Eve in the same pub!" said Geoffrey Kelly, one of the two founding members coming back to the Island December 13. He and John Mann are headliners at the next Folk Club performance at Fulford Hall.

Since that first show, Spirit of the West, and Mann and Kelly have travelled over a lot more water than that between Salt Spring and Vancouver where the band is based.

"Over the years we've headlined

ever major Canadian folk festival, in some cases (Edmonton and Winnipeg) several times," said Kelly.

They've also appeared at the Glastonbury, Reading, Edinburgh and the Shetland folk festivals in the U.K.

Described as a "nouveau roots" band on their website, Spirit of the West has a distinct sound that few Canadian coastal dwellers would fail to recognize. With Kelly on flute, tin whistle and bodhran, and Mann on guitar and vocals, Monday's show should be a lively wrap before the Christmas season's Folk Club hiatus.

And, that's not all you get for your

\$15 entrance fee.

Suzanne Little and Tom Hooper will be opening the night, warming up the crowd and getting all in the right mood.

Little and Hooper both have musical bios that speak to great success. Little, who has been taking a three year break to spend time with her young children, was hailed as the next up and coming when she stopped touring. Her face has graced the cover of all the "right" magazines—Vanity Fair, Spin and Creem to name a few. One of the last reviews of her then new release, "Be There Now" says, "Suzanne Little is going to be big." And that from the hot British pop journal "Melody Maker."

Her 11-year life partner Tom Hooper is no less impressive. As singer, bass player and founding member of the Grapes of Wrath, Hooper has enjoyed his share of stardom. The band hit the peaks with two platinum and one gold-selling CDs and their sound was all over the radio.

But, fame has its price and the group split after 10 years. Hooper moved to Salt Spring and settled down. Last year however, Hooper and his brother (also a founder of the original band) resurrected the Grapes of Wrath and, to the delight of old fans, are again touring.

So, with Little and Hooper setting the tone, and Mann and Kelly headlining, don't miss the Folk Club, Monday December 13 at Fulford Hall.

## Fulford schedule changes...for the better

Once again, BC Ferry Corporation has changed the Fulford to Swartz schedule "until further notice." As of Friday, December 10, the ferries will run on a timeframe closer to what they did before the last change.

Yes, that does mean later round trip sailings every night and a more civilized morning departure. The curfew for those leaving the Island via the South End has been extended to 8 p.m. and the return from Swartz will be 9 p.m.

In fact, the entire schedule has shifted so that ferries depart both terminals roughly 20 minutes later than they have been.

For clarity, here's the schedule coming into effect Friday, December 10.

### Depart Fulford

6:20 a.m.  
8:00 a.m.\*  
9:50 a.m.  
11:45 a.m.  
2:00 p.m.  
3:50 p.m.  
5:40 p.m.  
8:00 p.m.

\* Except Sundays

### Depart Swartz

7:10 a.m.\*  
8:55 a.m.  
10:55 a.m.  
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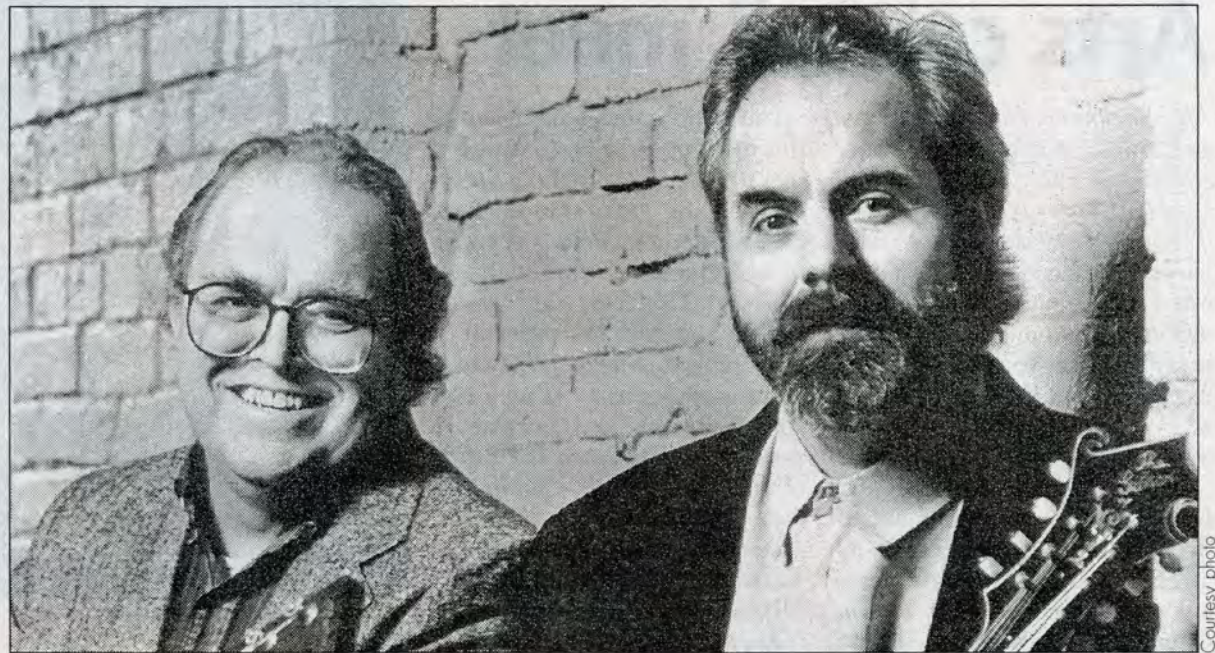
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With an apprenticeship served in folk and bluegrass, their current interests are in exploring the possibilities of melodic jazz and Latin rhythms. David Grisman has described Reischman as "one

of the great unsung heroes of contemporary mandolin playing," while the *Jazz Journal* describes Miller's guitar work as "magnificent".

Well known up and down the West Coast at folk clubs and jazz venues, their recent CD has earned praise such as the *Georgia Straight's* "mandolinist Reischman in particular possesses phenomenal tone...guitarist Miller matches him note for note with slippery leads and

sophisticated chords on his old Martin." Miller himself says, "I have a hunch that we're suffering a severe case of melodic deprivation in America today." I believe he is right, and judging from the effects of playing *The Singing Moon* at least a dozen times this last week, Reischman and Miller have a perfect prescription for the malady, nicely filled out with delicious percussive and harmonic elements. Show time is 8pm.

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3. Only cords and lights approved for outdoor use should be used in your yard or outside your home.
4. Keep lights away from tinsel, paper, draperies and other flammable materials.
5. Turn off all lights and extinguish all candles before leaving home or going to bed.
6. Before placing tree in stand, cut slice off of butt end. Be sure to water the tree daily. Place tree away from all heat sources, such as fireplace, radiators and candles.
7. Dispose of tree when needles start to fall off.
8. Keep candles away from children, pets and flammable materials.
9. Keep poinsettias and holiday potpourri away from children and pets, as they may be hazardous if ingested.
10. Christmas wrapping and decorations can be highly combustible and should be kept away from all heat sources.
11. Discard gift wrap and boxes with the garbage or recycle where appropriate: **do not burn them in the fireplace.**
12. Now is a good time to review your home fire safety escape plan with all of the family members.

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## Mea Culpa times two for two issues

### Video not yet done

Two weeks ago, *the Barnacle* reported that a documentary video by the Land Trust Alliance was ready for viewing. The documentary video on preserving privately owned but ecologically sensitive land has, however, just gone into production. Land Trust Alliance Executive Director Sheila Harrington notes production has started thanks to those who donated the \$25,000 required to begin the work. Those providing funds include the Vancouver Foundation, the Real Estate Foundation of B.C., the Victoria Foundation, Environment Canada (Canadian Wildlife Service), and Robert and Birgit Bateman.

### Pantomime mix-up

In our last issue (November 30) *the Barnacle* printed a review of the pantomime, *Sleeping Beauty and the Eight Dwarves*, under the wrong byline. The review was written by Bev Stewart, not Michelle Mech as published.

## WHAT DOES CHRISTMAS MEAN TO YOU?

If you have a special Christmas tradition, story or memory you'd like to share with Islanders, we want to hear from you.

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We'd like to publish it in our Christmas issue publishing December 21st.



# Julio Cabrera and Banda Tequila bring Mexico to the Fulford Inn

by Elizabeth Courtney

Twenty years ago we used to joke about emigrating to the South End one day, and even though we've now entered an era of passportless boundaries, there remains a sense of entering a different culture somewhere around the top of Lee's Hill. Nowhere is this clearer than in the South End's gathering places. As someone from the land where pub and community are virtually interchangeable ideas, I thought it only fitting to spend a Saturday night and Sunday afternoon at the Fulford Inn to see if a "distinct" society was evident there.

The pub was hopping by eight o'clock, but no evidence of competition for my reserved table close to the musicians. It was soon obvious why. Sandwiched between the juke box, the constantly opening doors to the smokers haplessly seated in their own frigid zone, and the musicians' microphones, this was not going to be a peaceful spot (and I readily admit, I should have

recognized this and moved elsewhere). However, a judiciously affixed long scarf soon solved the problem of the ever-opening door with its cool blasts to my kidneys, in addition to causing considerable merriment to both the waitresses and other patrons every time I succeeded in closing the door without leaving my seat. The smokers were clearly acclimatized to this situation—some were even in shirt sleeves. First sign of cultural difference between North and South? Closer investigation revealed that they were in fact sitting under heaters. Pretty soon we were being plied with a tasty array of fajitas, salsas, cervezas and frijoles, not to mention sombreros, and slipping into the mood.

I was particularly interested in hearing Julio Cabrera—the last time was many years ago when



Blind Mexican tenor Julio Cabrera.

he was led (he is blind) onto a stage in Victoria where he sat alone with his guitar, filling the hall with his romantic Mexican tenor and irresistible Latin rhythms. This time he was led to his electronic keyboard, see Julio Cabrera p31

## Diary of a gig

by Dave Roland

5pm Arrived at Harbour House, no advance ticket sales to speak of... Oh Oh!!

Oh well, this is Salt Spring Island. People don't think that far ahead. No sense in worrying; "worrying ain't my thing." I put up lots of posters, I got good coverage in the papers, I shmoozed at the Pub. What else can one do?

6pm Gone through checklist, haven't forgotten anything major. Sound guy Gary Quiring is cool, has his stuff together. Artists are here, upstairs in their rooms. Have a couple of beers. Who cares if no one shows? I will have one expensive private concert. Hold that thought. Have a beer.

730pm Sound check. Everything works, after a bit of tweaking. Ken and Dave are happy with their arrangements. Got to meet both of them over dinner and a beer. Great guys. We told lots of road stories. I'm glad I got to meet them. Sometimes the only time you get to see your performers is when they are on the stage. Still hardly any sales. Oh well. Show is on in half an hour. Break a leg or whatever.

8pm Doors open, people are trickling in. I'm doing the door myself. I was going to hire someone but due to lack of advance sales I

have opted to do it myself. One less bill to pay. This could be a mistake. The last time I did this I ended up trying to evict a guy for not having a ticket, only to find out that he was the owner of the pub. Unfortunate.

915pm The music starts. Ken Hamm is great! His finger picking is incredible! The songs float easily from one style to another and end up sounding like, well, Ken Hamm. Ken does lots of tunes from his newest CD *Galvanized*. It's great. Buy it!

Next up is Big Dave McLean. Big D has never been to Salt Spring before. I have been hearing of Dave for years from Gary Preston, a mutual acquaintance, who played in one of Big Dave's first bands. He told me that Dave was great. He wasn't kidding!

Dave's guitar and harmonica playing were awesome. He took Blues standards like *Dust my Broom* and *Little Red Rooster* and made them fresh. He is one of a kind!

Ken joined Dave at the end of the night. It was easy to see the two of them got along just fine. The easy banter between the two added to the living room jam feel of the evening.

3am Got to write review. Lets see, great show, didn't hardly lose any money. A successful event!

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Is this proposal for a natural gas pipeline through sensitive marine areas the best way to choose options for future Vancouver Island energy needs? I think not.

Since the "War in the Woods" in the late 1980s and early 1990s, British Columbians have strongly rejected back room deals and top-down decision mak-

ing in favour of more consultative processes that take into account more than the corporate (or government) bottom line. Despite the government's assurances that this pipeline will go through environmental and regulatory reviews, the fact is Vancouver Islanders and Gulf Islanders have been left out of the discussion regarding the future energy needs for the region.

Vancouver Island needs secure and sustainable energy resources, but is this natural gas pipeline the best way to secure energy when we look at all the environmental, social, and economic values involved?

**If you are concerned about this issue, please attend the open house that BC Hydro is holding Thursday, December 9th, from 6pm to 9pm at Harbour House, 121 Upper Ganges Road.**



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**The Book:** "Awakening the Spine, by Vanda Scaravelli. It's disguised as a yoga book, but really it's about the sacredness of all life. The author is an 88 year old woman, a student of Iyengar, who didn't start yoga till she was 40. Beautiful!"

**The Disc:** "Difficult—you're asking a musician! I would take a home-made compilation of Pat Metheny, from the 22 years of his recordings."

**Visitor:** "Ann Mortifee. She's both a mentor and a friend. If we were stuck together on an island we'd sing and dance and have a ball (I'd like to take along my African drum too.)"

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## FRIDAY DECEMBER 10

★ Salt Spring Singers  
Hallelujah. Concert of Seasonal  
Music. ArtSpring. 7:30pm  
♪ Open Stage  
Every Friday. Rose's Cafe.  
Fulford Harbour. 7pm  
Step into Shape  
Drop-in. All Saints'. 9-10am  
Seniors in Motion  
Drop-in. Mahon Hall. 9-10am  
🎤 The World Is Not Enough  
Central. 6:45pm  
The Divine Ryans  
Central. 9:15pm

Salt Spring Geezers. Dec. 18

## SATURDAY DECEMBER 11

★ Cookies For  
Christmas  
GISS PAC Fundraiser.  
Mahon Hall. 2-4pm  
Santa's Ship  
Coast Guard dock.  
6:30pm  
Family Winter  
Festival  
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Spring Centre School.  
11am-4pm  
♪ Salt Spring Singers  
Hallelujah. Concert of  
Seasonal Music.  
ArtSpring. 7:30pm  
John Reischman and  
John Miller  
Masters of Mandolin  
and Guitar.  
All Saints'. 8pm  
🎤 The World Is Not Enough  
Central. 6:45pm  
The Divine Ryans  
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SS Singers. Dec. 10, 11, 12

## SUNDAY DECEMBER 12

★ 3 Day Yoga  
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Centre. 537-5667  
Salt Spring  
Singers  
Hallelujah.  
Concert of  
Seasonal Music.  
ArtSpring. 2pm  
Brian (Buck)  
McDonald &  
Dave Roland  
Fulford Inn.  
4-7pm  
Choral Evensong  
All Saints'. 4pm  
Pat Coleman Trio  
Jazz. Moby's pub.  
7pm  
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Not Enough  
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ArtSpring, 7:30pm  
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## FRIDAY DECEMBER 17

★ Last Minute Christmas Sale  
ArtSpring. 12-8pm  
🎤 Christmas With Scrooge  
ArtSpring. 7:30pm  
♪ Open Stage  
Every Friday. Rose's Cafe.  
Fulford Harbour. 7pm  
Tsunami's Country  
Christmas Jamboree  
Music and fun with Stacey  
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🎤 Cosmic Café  
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United Church 7:30-9:30pm  
Step into Shape  
Drop-in. All Saints'.  
9-10am. 537-4448  
Seniors in Motion  
Drop-in. Mahon Hall.  
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## SATURDAY DECEMBER 18

★ SS Centre Craft Faire  
Salt Spring Centre.  
10am-5pm.  
1pm-SS Geezers  
Last Minute  
Christmas Sale  
ArtSpring. 10-9pm  
🎤 Christmas With  
Scrooge  
ArtSpring. 7:30pm  
♪ 3rd Annual  
Christmas Music  
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★ SS Centre Craft Faire  
Salt Spring Centre. 11am-4pm  
Last Minute  
Christmas Sale  
ArtSpring. 11-4pm  
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Scrooge  
ArtSpring. 2pm  
♪ Brian (Buck) McDonald  
& Dave Roland  
Fulford Inn. 4-7pm.  
Sue Newman Band  
Jazz Carols. Moby's Pub.  
7pm  
🎤 Taizé Chanted Prayer  
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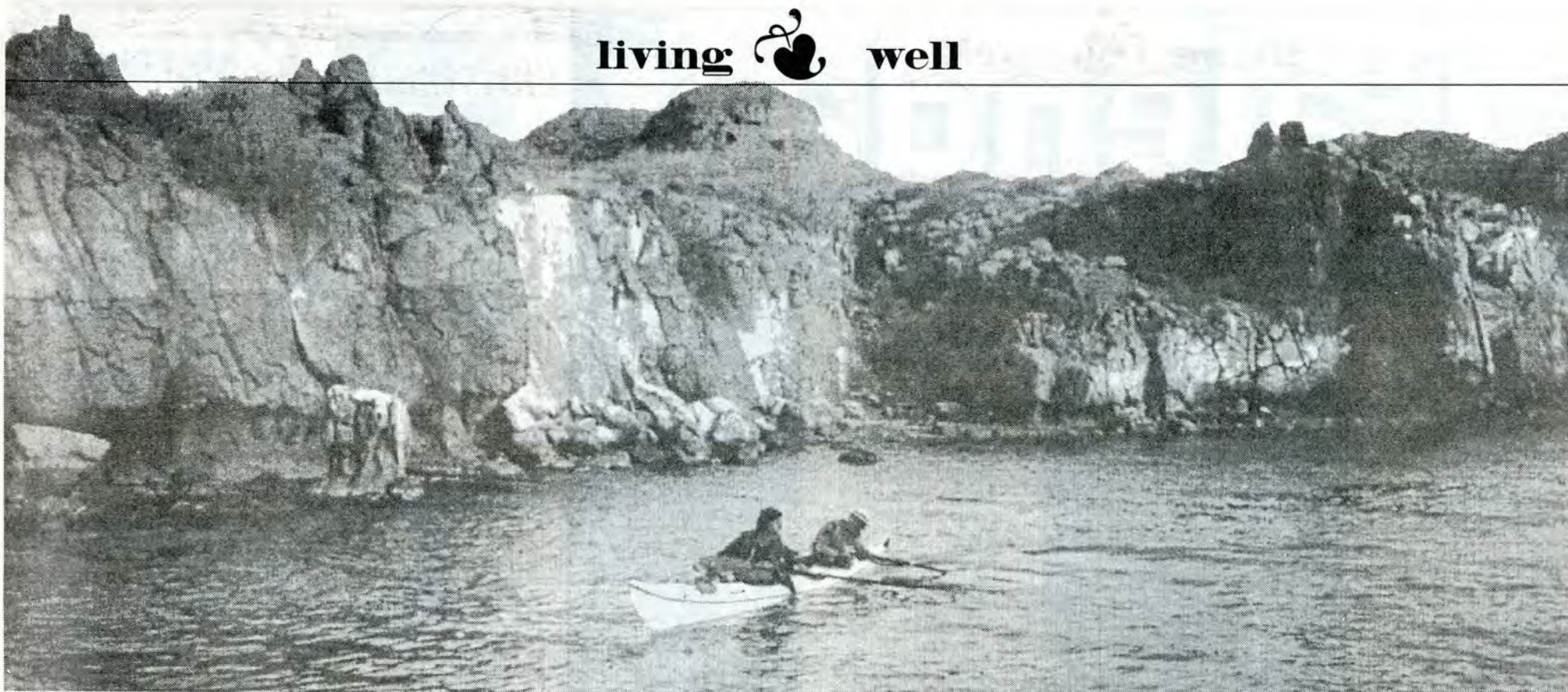
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Beatrix Satzinger-White and Gordon White enjoy Baja from a kayaking point of view.

## Baja by kayak—it's good for the heart

### Say goodbye to Freud's couch and hello to the new millennium

by Amei Parkes

Remember the couch?

Remember Freud's chaise longue used for psychotherapy, where troubled patients poured out their deepest secrets, fears and desires to the pipe-smoking, notebook-holding, cross-legged expert in the armchair?

While this might have been revolutionary for its time, therapy has evolved to where people work out problems in respectful and meaningful ways.

Now therapy is about to take another leap.

It is leaving the four walls altogether, and entering a context that, in itself, is healing—like a mountain top or the edge of an ocean.

Therapist Beatrix Satzinger-White and mediator Gordon White are offering a couples counseling/kayak trip in the Baja, through Salt Spring Kayaking in February 2000.

The idea of stripping away schedules and clocks, work and children to get re-centered in a relationship seems to make good sense.

But how will participants face life issues on a kayak trip, I asked co-organizer, Satzinger-White.

Until lunch, she said, the day will unfold in an organic way—with a two to four hour kayak paddle, and leisurely breaks for snorkeling, swimming, exploring and plenty of relaxing.

In the afternoon, this husband and wife team will lead relationship sessions, where Satzinger-White and White will delve into the complex and delicate dance that makes up a relationship.

"We are combining the adventure of nature, beauty, exercise and relaxation with the adventure and satisfaction of strengthening our primary love relationship and enhancing intimacy," reads the press release.

While privacy is paramount, they are also coming from the angle that "one of the most helpful aspects of couples work in a group is hearing about the experience of other couples."

As in their workshops on Salt Spring, these Islanders will lead exercises designed to foster group discussions around themes such as the importance of self, balanced with intimacy with a partner, and togetherness versus separateness.

They will also offer a planned program on the latest research on successful couples—married or not—and communication skills for dealing with con-

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Beatrix Satzinger-White and Gordon White.

flict. If requested, they will respond to the needs of the couples on the trip, and offer private counseling sessions.

"We are a dynamic system which lubricates itself with understanding, empathy, compassion, patience, gratefulness, curiosity and lots of humor," writes Satzinger-White.

Satzinger-White and White complement each other during their workshops.

She has been practicing psychotherapy, specializing in relationship therapy, on Salt Spring since 1994 and White has led a busy mediation practice here and in Victoria and Vancouver since 1996. Together, they offer a breadth of experience and training in counseling as well as other fields, such as business and zoology.

In addition, both share a deep love of nature. White is an avid sailor, and Satzinger-White is a self-proclaimed mountain goat, having grown up in the Bavarian Alps. Mother of four, ballet dancer and teacher also weight her resume.

A team of experienced and certified kayak guides will look after the other details. Inclusive in the package—which costs about \$1200 Canadian per person—is kayak usage, all camping supplies and food. No paddling experience is necessary, but participants must know how to swim.

D. H. Lawrence once wrote, "Love is a grinning mockery because, poor blossom, we plucked it from its stem on the tree of Life and expected it to keep blooming in our civilized vase on the table."

This trip to the Baja puts couples in an environment teeming with life and vitality. No doubt, the issues at hand will challenge participants to explore boundaries, communication and teamwork. And that may not be easy. But, by getting off the couch, so to speak, the relationship can mirror the environment as a functioning, dynamic system.

Not surprisingly, therapy has come a long way from the chaise longue. The only surprise was that no one thought of it earlier.

Trips are scheduled for February 3 to 9 and February 13 to 19, 2000. Payment for both trips is due before December 15, 1999. Call Bruce Grey or Peter Allan (537-4664) at Salt Spring Kayaking to arrange your trip, or check their website at [www.salt-spring.com/sskayak](http://www.salt-spring.com/sskayak).



## Skills for life

# Everyone benefits from programme

by Rob McMahon

Like the rest of Gulf Islands Secondary School's student body, a group of students involved in the Lifeskills service have begun work experience terms at various Island businesses in preparation for life after graduation. Beginning last year, eight grades 9 to 12 students with special needs have gained hands-on experience at Barb's Buns, Thrifty Foods, Acoustic Planet Music, Bouzouki Cafe, and other Island businesses. The practical experience acquired at these jobs is combined with each student's participation in an Independent Living class, which helps the students learn valuable skills used at work and throughout life.

"The curriculum was created locally to support high school survival, how to have a good time in high school and also to promote self awareness, self-respect and respect for others," said Linda Underwood, the service coordinator and support services teacher. A large variety of different strategies are employed to teach these principles, including some which allow the students to express themselves creatively.

The students and Underwood spoke of the different strategies and activities



GISS student Naomi Van Pelt gaining work experience at Barb's Buns.

involved in Independent Living, many of which focus on building skills for the transition from child to adult signified by graduation. Specific activities include *Recipes* of each other

and themselves; *Our Paths* which focuses on future plans and steps to positive choices, and emphasizes individual responsibilities; and *Circles*, a see *Self awareness* p20




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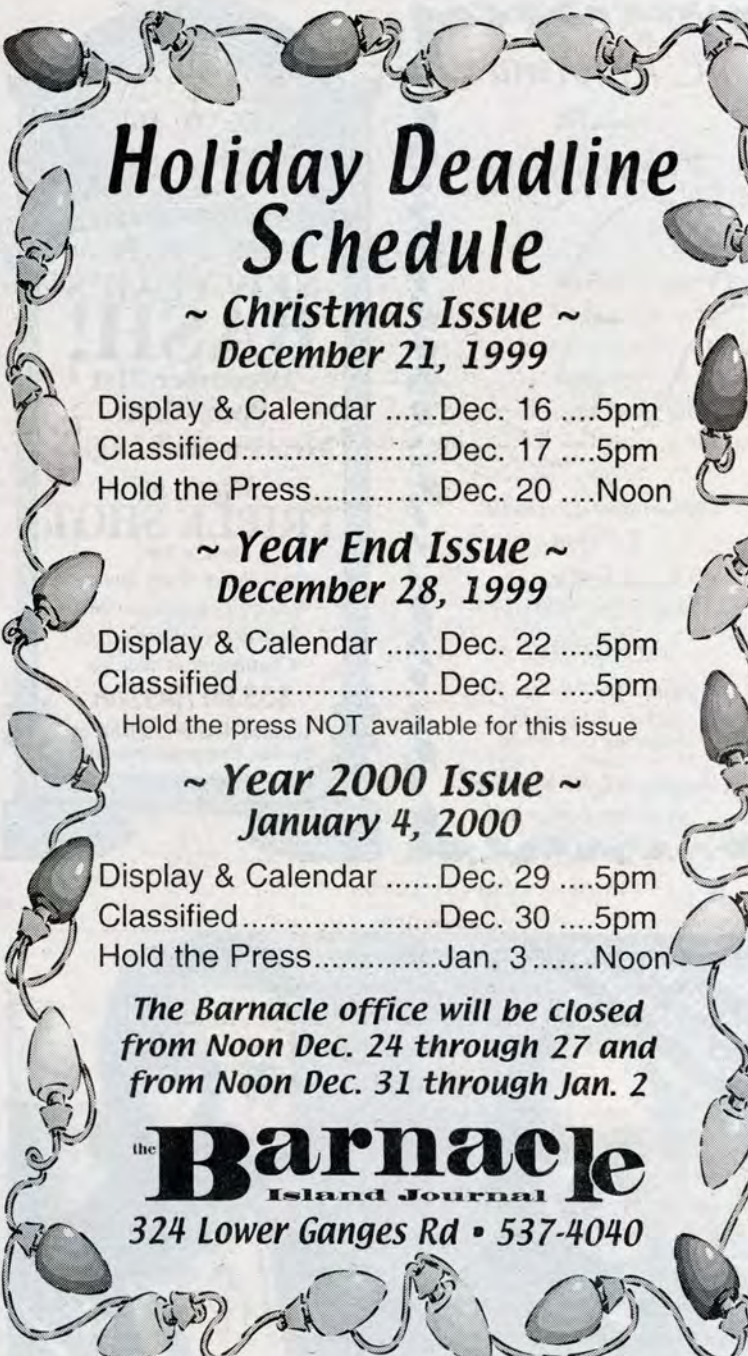
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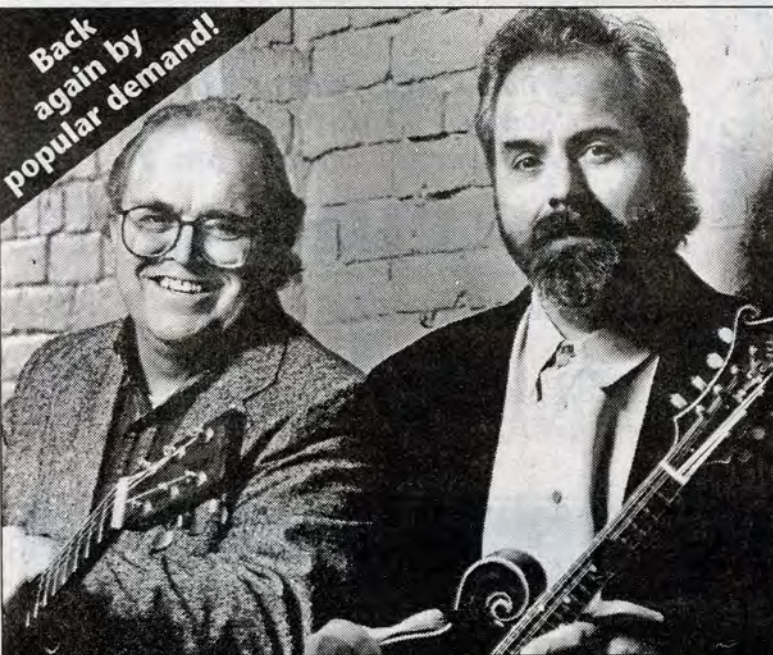
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## Self awareness, self respect cont'd from p19

"metaphor to discover and explain relationships, from very intimate to distant," said Don McEachern, who, along with Diane Baxter, is one of the group's Special Education Assistants. The focus of the curriculum is on individual choices, future plans, values, and taking responsibility for oneself. The group also makes presentations in the school, including teaching another class how to do an earthquake drill, said the students.

All of GISS is involved at some level in a work experience program, but the Lifeskills students engage in much more than the rest of the school ("hundreds of hours" said Underwood). All of the students participate in the Grade 10 work experience, and many of the students currently hold work experience positions (about five hours per week) at Thrifty Foods and Barbs Buns, where work includes, for example, doing recycling or making

pizzas. The Lifeskills students are placed by the Career Education Department, but are found placements that are ongoing. The Special Education Assistants become job coaches to the students. McEachern explained that this involves modeling for each side—taking on the role of student and employer to assist building the relationship between the two. Each student receives specific terms of instruction for his or her duties, and is made aware and prepared for the new job and environment. The students also engage in work experience around the high school, including recycling, watering the plants, and an independently organized chip and chocolate shop, which is held on Wednesday and Friday lunchtimes in the high school's multi-purpose room. Each student's experience is geared to the individual's interests and

long-term goals, which include playing the guitar, painting, secretarial work, and helping out in a daycare facility.

Past employers have had a great deal of success with the students. The Salt Spring Golf Club wrote that their student "worked extremely hard for us and seemed to enjoy his time with us, and we appreciated having him here." A Salt Spring Elementary Grade One class that hosted a student found that, "it was a delight having the student here. She had a positive and 'can do' attitude and the students adored her."

The group is currently looking for more opportunities for work experience in various fields. Interested employers can contact the students through Linda Underwood or Sheri Dawson, all located at GISS (537-9944).

"I can't remember an unsuccessful experience between employer and student," said McEachern.

## Creating a net of local expertise

Looking for an expert to speak to your group, provide you with information or answer tricky questions? Why not try the Salt Spring Resource Network. The Network, a project of the Canadian Federation of University Women on Salt Spring, is a list of people willing to share their expertise in an academic area, art, craft or trade by answering their fellow Islanders' questions.

Some folks are also willing to speak at community group meetings, to school groups or even act as mentors to students.

The level of expertise ranges from internationally recognised academic authority to proficiency through experience. Topics covered so far include, for example, astronomy, metaphysics, medieval and naval his-

tory, agricultural systems and aquatic insect ecology — the answer is here on SSI from either our school or community listings.

The Federation of University Women says the list will expand as it's used and as more people become involved. One member is interested in trading lessons in various areas with other Resource Net members.

Schools should already have a copy of the list and service organisations can receive copies through the Federation. The list is also available for copying in the library's reference section. Those interested in joining the list or in finding out more should contact Patricia Flannagan 653-2344, Jean Elder 537-0897 or Anne Marshall 537-9650.

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# Things to do in December



*Life in the garden ...*

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And, we are bound to get a few days without precipitation. On those days you should take advantage of what little daylight is left to plant those fall bulbs, if you haven't already, and don't forget to lift your prize Dahlias or Cannas if you didn't get around it earlier on in the fall. There are some people that leave these tubers in all year, but they also have great drainage. Most of these plants succumb to rot in our wet winter months. Just be sure to dry all the tubers before you store them in a well ventilated area such as a cool garage or basement. Also, cut back all those shabby looking perennials, and pull out those weeds that may be exposed now that your herbaceous plants have died down.

It's also a great time of the year to decide what fruit trees or other hardy ornamentals you would like to plant. A lot of trees can be planted bare root in our cooler months. Generally bare root trees are a little cheaper in price than potted specimens. They are also a lot easier to handle and transport, since they are not as heavy.

I also hope that some of you remembered to protect your more marginal plants, and if you haven't, I would consider it real soon. Although it has been very mild and wet, the weather can change very quickly for the worse. Think back to 1989—it was downright nasty for several days. This is why mulching with straw or leaves will help some of your more tender plants make it through those occasional deep freezes that can

grip our south west coast.

Consider protecting any potted plants that may still be sitting out on your sun deck or patio. The longer the freeze, the more damage usually caused to those marginal broadleaf specimens. It never hurts to have some bubble wrap or a roll of burlap on hand just in case!

This is a great time of the year to transplant some of those trees or shrubs that you wanted to move earlier on. It still doesn't hurt to use a liquid transplanter to help your plants settle in to the new area.

Don't forget to pick up a dormant spray kit at the local garden shop, because on that next nice rain-free day you can spray your fruit trees, roses and many of those deciduous ornamentals you may have.

Be sure to compost all those leaves you've raked up and the herbaceous plants that have been clipped down to size. Throw it all in your compost; it will all break down to usable soil for your garden. The odd time I still see people burning piles of leaves I think "what a waste," not to mention all that extra air pollution that can be prevented.

I think I've covered most things that can be done around the garden in December, but if I've forgotten any I'm sure you'll come in and let me know!

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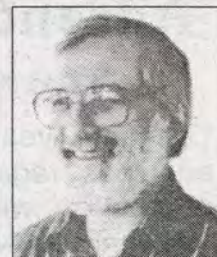
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Your friends,

Marcus and Sally Sorrenson,  
Sarnia, Ontario

I read the letter that had been written so carefully in wax crayon, by my children. Toys were something they couldn't have, they were a luxury that came after food and clothes.

I remembered how they peered, wide-eyed, into the windows of the beautifully decorated shops. The red bows, the gold paper, and the green pine trees, stood before their hopeful eyes. They pointed at stuffed bears and rocking horses, dolls and electric trains, asking if Santa would bring them all.

I looked the other way, then scolded them for getting their feet wet. I could only watch them wishing; yet, they never questioned me why Santa never came to their house. Each year they only prayed harder and tried desperately to be good. And I, like a coward, could not tell them the truth. There was no Santa, no reindeer or elves, just a mother who could not give her children what they longed for.

I set the letter down and went in the children's room. Two old woolen stockings lay at the foot of the bed, and Marcus's face

was all aglow. Sally was busy setting out crackers beneath the cold furnace.

"Mommy," she said, "maybe Santa couldn't fit down the furnace pipes?"

"Maybe," I answered, and set Sally in the bed. "Santa's going to come this year. I know it," Marcus said happily.

"Yeah, and then me and Mary will have the same Suzie Doll."

They climbed under the covers and I tucked them in.

"Now you kids shouldn't get your hopes up, because Santa's a busy man."

"I know Mom, but he's just gotta come," Marcus stated again.

I looked down and sighed.

"What if I was to tell you that Santa Claus is make believe?"

"Well, I'd say you read the wrong book!" Sally answered quickly. I stood up and turned out the light. As I turned away from the door I felt a tear roll down my cheek.

I lay down on my bed and tried to think of what to say to the children tomorrow morning when they got up to find that Santa had missed their

house again. I rolled over and shut my eyes.

I woke abruptly the next morning when I heard the cries of the children. I still had nothing to tell them. As I entered the room a sense of warmth surrounded my body. I looked up and was astonished by what I saw. At one end of the room was a Christmas tree decorated with baubles and lights. A star at the top, shone like the sun and lit up the entire room. At the other end of the room, was a wooden table made of hardwood oak, with three chairs arranged around it. Three plates, laced with gold, were placed upon the table, and the freshly polished silverware sparkled. A huge goose was set in the middle of the table, surrounded by potatoes and corn. A Christmas pudding was next to that and I could see the jellied fruits that lay in a package beside it.

I looked at the children who smiled with glee, their hair all tousled from sleep. They clutched their stockings that were full of presents and covered in gold paper and bows. They ran to me and hugged me hard.

"See, Mom, Santa came!" Sally shrieked.

I felt something tug at my heart.

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1 tbsp. raisins, chopped	salt and pepper
1 tbsp. pine nuts, chopped	1/2 C Parmesan, divided
1 tbsp. capers, chopped	

Remove mushroom stems, chop, combine ham, raisins, nuts and capers. Melt butter. Add ham mixture and cook till liquid has evaporated. Add garlic, 1 tbsp. parsley, salt and pepper, and 1/4 C cheese. Stuff mushrooms, put in buttered pan, sprinkle remaining cheese and parsley. Bake 375° for 20 minutes.

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## Galiano Island

# Innovative "school" keeps them coming back for more

by Michelle Mech

Galiano Island has added to its already innovative approach to education with a distributive learning programme implemented this year. The programme is already deemed a success and has attracted more students than were anticipated. As part of its community approach to schooling, Galiano's newest programme is helping to attract some students back to school who had given up on formal education, and is expected to keep some in the system who would otherwise drop out.

The concept of a community school, a place where the curriculum weaves into the community, has existed for many years on Galiano Island and continues today with the cooperation of principal Judy Raddysh.

"A community school can be defined as a place which brings the community in and sends the children out into the community as part of their daily learning," said Raddysh.

With the community school approach comes innovation. Seventeen years ago, Galiano's community raised funds to build a gymnasium/kitchen/meeting room addition to its school. This area of the school is now used not only by the school's staff and students, but all members of the community who can book and access the facility during off-school hours.

Last year, the community raised funds to add a tennis court to the school. The court, labelled multi-purpose, is also used by students and the community at large.

Galiano School has 76 students, 58 in grades K to eight, and 18 in the Distributed Learning Centre which offers grades nine to 12. Of the latter, six are adults.

Implemented this year, the Centre is proving to be a big success, attracting more than the seven students required to run the programme. It provides a local way to obtain a high school education and attracts back to the classroom students who had dropped out.

Education is distributed through various resources. There is distance learning (a.k.a. correspondence), locally and teacher developed courses, and on-line (open learning) resources. Some students also attend Gulf Islands Secondary School part-time.

Distance learning utilizes the South Island Distance Education School (SIDES) courses.

Four on-line courses from the Open School Courses and Resources (OSCAR) are current-



Students at the highly innovative community oriented school.

ly available. This programme, developed by the Ministry of Education, will eventually provide grade 11 and 12 students with 14 curriculum-based courses that will be available in print and on-line formats, with both on-line and off-line activities.

Galiano's Distributed Learning Centre has attracted a mix of students—five are First Nations and four are single moms. There are students who were previously home-schooled and/or students who haven't been in school for two or three years because they had difficulty commuting by water taxi. There are also those who are regular high school students and some who only need a course or three to graduate. Jean Way, who previously taught in Richmond, is the Centre's teacher and she is doing a wonderful job of pulling this programme together, adapting courses in a meaningful, interesting way. For example, she holds meetings with students where they quickly do the SIDES part of a class, and then, via group consensus, do further related activities to expand on the subject being studied.

Time spent in the classroom varies from student to student, with some attending all regular school days and others opting to do more of their work at home. Some even show up a couple of hours before the teacher arrives for her 1 to 6pm day.

The centre's five computers seem to be handling the current demand as many students do their on-line work from their computers at home.

A spinoff of the centre is people coming in off the street asking, "Why can't I do college here?" In the spirit of a commu-

nity school, Galiano is working toward utilizing the centre during the evening to facilitate these requests. Workshops on such topics as the Internet and parenting are already being held on weekends. Another innovative programme is the school's new art mentoring project, "ArtSmarts," which is funded through grants and local donations. This programme links 20 of the school's students one-on-one with 20 professional, local artists. This fall, each of the 20 artists is doing a two-hour presentation and mini-art project, in their medium, for the 20 students signed into the program.

Artists come from a plethora of fields: photography, graphic design, interior design, sculpture, painting, pottery, mosaic art, music and more.

To date, students have analyzed and compared black and white and colour photographs, built picture frames out of willow, and taken pictures with a digital camera, loading them onto a computer and using manipulation software to turn them into a movie. As they progress through the first phase of this project, students determine the field and artist with whom they would most like to work.

At the end of December each student will be matched to an artist on a one-to-one basis, receiving 10 weeks of individual, two-hour lessons. At the end of this programme, in April, a showcase of the student work will be presented on Galiano.

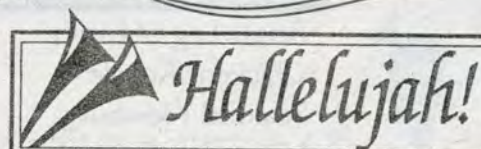
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*Magic in herbs ...*

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We learn from early herbalists that they were able to look at a plant and not only understand the doctrine of signatures, but knew how to read the astrological virtues of each. Some of these well-known physicians and philosophers were Theophrastus, Pliny, Dioscorides, Culpeper and Galen, who all used astrology in their practice.

Astrology comes from the Greek *astron* (star) and *logos* (science). Astronomers study the activities of the stars and through that try to understand our motivations.

Humans have gradually drifted into being more interested in what they learn with their own brains than depending on Mother Nature (like the healthy darn deer on my property that outsmarts me all the time.) We know herbs were recorded as early as 2500 BC on ancient clay tablets. It became the duty of

those studying the art of medicine to be able to recognize every plant, understand its virtues, its zodiacal sign and planetary ruler.

Today there is hardly a herbalist who knows about Nature's signs. Now their information comes from text books, which they apply according to the patient's symptoms, and thus there is a danger of making mistakes in diagnosis and treatment.

The Hippocratic Oath is still taken at some universities by graduates in medicine. With this oath they undertake not to divulge confidential information, but I wonder if they understand Hippocrates' philosophy of the macrocosm of the universe and microcosm man? Hippocrates (born 460 BC), is considered the father of medicine. He said a physician without a knowledge of astrology has no right to call himself a physician. All remedies in his *Materia Medica* (medicinal materials) were derived from plants. He had listed 400 herbs that were in common use at that time. His case histories were so accurate that after more than 2000 years they can still be followed to obtain a correct diagnosis. The most famous book that he has been given credit for is *Aphorisms*, and he is probably best known for his *Prognosis*, a very interesting book predicting the course a disease will take.

In my February 23 column I mentioned having so many herbs that I wanted to keep—thanks to Ralph Waldo Emerson's, "A weed is a plant whose virtues we don't know yet." I wasn't especially interested in astrology and knew very little about a plant's connection with it, but laying out a horoscope did help me find a place for 54 plants. It became a fascinating project, especially after a tour bus driver let his passengers out to see it and share their thoughts on the subject. That was in about 1969. Since then Mother Nature has taken over and all that is left are memories, but they are good.

Most of our readers probably know which sign governs or rules which particular part of the body, but some may not.

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**Cancer:** breast, stomach  
**Leo:** heart, sides, upper back  
**Virgo:** bowels, solar plexus  
**Libra:** kidneys, loins, lower back, ovaries  
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Please come. The welcome mat is always out, and not just on holidays. I hope you will keep this, and read it again in January, February, and every other month of the year. Our needs will still be the same.

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## Territorial bass makes an easy target



*Fishing the great outdoors ... with Keith Newman*

Bass fishing is becoming more and more popular in British Columbia. The now-and-again fisherman has learned that bass are easier to catch than trout for several reasons: bass enjoy hallows and can be fished from shore with success; there is no need to set the hook; when a bass takes a line it hits hard and where you find one you'll find many!

St. Mary Lake and Cusheon Lake both have small mouth bass and St. Mary Lake in particular is considered one of the best bass lakes in B.C. Bass thrive in the areas of the lake where trout normally do not. They are more oxygen tolerant than trout and can live in the warm shallows when normally you would find no trout in mid-summer. They grow to great sizes; the largest bass I've seen out of St. Mary Lake was caught by a guest of St. Mary Lake Resort and was approximately 27 inches and probably weighed 6-7 pounds. These fish are tremendous fighters and can only be described as entertaining as they leap out of the lake and then a couple of feet into the air.

Because of the increased interest in bass fishing more and more bass-oriented lures are making their way into the tackle shops and their names are as wild as a bass' behaviour. Here are some of my favourites: the Jitterbug, the Sonic Swing minnow, the Wobble Pop (no, these



are not dances), the Speed Trap, Formula 1 Frog, the Caliber Spinner (favourites of the RCMP I might add), the Timber Neck, the Wood Chopper, the Rat-L-Trap, Hot Lips, Hula Popper, the Krawdad, the Sugar Shad, and the Hawg Bass.

Most of the lures I've mentioned are crank baits, a term most trout fisherman are not familiar with. Crank baits are large lures generally shaped like a small fish. They vibrate, rattle, displace lots of water and in general make a commotion. If you're fishing trout this would not do at all but bass are territorial, very aggressive and like their personal space—specifically an eight by eight foot area. When a small intruder (crank bait) goes through that space the bass will scare it away or in most cases eat it. This attitude makes them an easy target and I encourage kids to bass fish.

Anglers wishing to keep their catch should know the limit is 4 per day and they are closed from April 15 to June 15 to allow for spawning. So catch and release please. Few people keep bass but the occasional person I know

keep them and love the taste. Bass have a white flakey meat quite good baked or fried and the following is a recipe I like:

Combine 1/2 cup flour, 1/2 teaspoon salt, 1/4 teaspoon black pepper, 1/4 teaspoon ground dry peppers (optional).

Roll fish while wet in breading; slowly fry in butter until both sides are golden brown. Serve hot with slice of lemon.

For the fly fisherman, bass poppers, dry flies and marabou leeches with a loose bead on the shank work well. Here is an example of a fine tiger bass rattle.

### Fire Tiger Bass Rattle

**Hook:** Mustad size 6 stinger

**Thread:** 3/0 black

**Tail:** yellow, red, olive, and black marabou layered.

**Rattle:** 3 beads (leave centre bead loose).

**Weedguard:** 20-30 monofilament.

The bass fishing is slow right now but the trout fishing is still excellent. Reports from St. Mary Lake are of fish rising and feeding heavily in the centre of the lake and taking most anything. The lures of choice have been willow leaf with worm and for fly fishermen leeches, dragon fly nymphs, and the olive muddler minnow.

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# Geezers sweep rival Gorge



Soccer Kicks ...

with Alan Webb

## Gorge 2; Salt Spring Old Boys 3

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Jonathan Oldroyd, called up from the Over 40s Geezers, along with Graham Tweedle and Gordie Speed, headed the Reds to victory with ten minutes to go from a Chad Little throw-in.

Little scored from a penalty in

the first half to put the Old Boys ahead. John Foley and Speed combined to send Cottrell away, forcing a Gorge defender to bring him down.

Minutes later Cottrell brilliantly put the visitors two up, burying a bullet inside the left post from 18 yards after a long teasing run.

Gorge pulled one back from a corner kick before the half was out and later tied it from a free kick midway through the second half.

The Old Boy's defense weathered some intense Gorge pressure for much of the second half. MacConnachie, Villadsen, Oldroyd, Tweedle, Little, and goalkeeper Healy worked tirelessly under near constant attack.

After Oldroyd's back-breaking winner the Old Boys regained control of the match, coolly maintaining control of the ball while time ran down. GVM Man of the Match Chad Little was instrumental in the late going, slowing the pace with his control and vision, and snuffing out attacks with determined tackling.

Next week home to Saanich, 10am Sunday at G.I.S.S.

# Scorpions win own tournament

By Alan Webb

The Gulf Islands Scorpions Senior Boys basketball team capped an impressive 6-1 week with a comfortable victory at their own tournament Saturday at G.I.S.S.

The Scorpions began the week with a 90-41 rout of Cowichan Varsity. Brian Crowe led the attack with 29 points, while Chris Langdon chipped in 14.

A Thursday loss to the Cowichan senior team was but a pothole on the road to three wins Friday.

Against Triple A Ballenas, the Double A Scorpions overcame early foul trouble to all five starters to win 77-71. Again, the outstanding fifteen year-old Brian Crowe was top scorer with 39 points.

In the final two games against Chemanius and Ahouset, coaches John Callas and Miles Wilson were able to employ more of the bench and still win going away.

Playing the bench is the kind of thing that really pays off later in the year, Callas stated as he watched his team warm up to face Brentwood Saturday. "We're playing two grade tens, and five grade elevens, so this is good experience for next year too. And we're a strong team

now."

Brentwood represented the challenge of the weekend for a Scorpions. Early Saturday they had upset a depleted Reynolds squad by nine, but Reynolds are perennial Provincial contenders, so Brentwood posed something of a threat.

The Scorpions made short work of them.

Crowe, Langdon, and Mike Clen played with the unflappability of kids playing a pick-up game in the park.

Chen and Langdon orchestrated the offense with assured control, and pin-point passing,

while Crowe's virtuosity kept Brentwood constantly off balance. If he wasn't driving to the basket for spectacular lay-ups, he was dropping treys from outside like it was warm-up.

Add to this Alex Lemay's total domination of the boards and Brentwood didn't have a prayer.

Later in the day Callas and Wilson again went heavily to their bench against Kelsey Secondary. Rhys Beasley was top scorer with 17 points, followed by Langdon with 15, Crowe 14, and Jesse McEachern 12, in an 84-66 romp.



Alan Webb photo

**RYAN "RED CARD"** Wellington and goalkeeper Jonathan McDonald combine to close down Striker Harrison Jason in Salt Spring F.C. inter-squad game Sunday. F.C. took advantage of a rare week off to train for next week's away match at Cordova Bay.

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## 105 • OBITUARIES

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## 110 • IN MEMORIAM



My Dear Jesse

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**Congratulations to our prize winners:**

Lynne Durward, Emily Hickford, Kim Young, Bev Armitage, Monique Thomson, Hilda Layzell, Carole Lee, Pat Barnes, Marion, Tiffany Davis, J. Dixon, Shawna Emonds, Kristle Turner, Barb Aust, Genny-Rae McGregor, Sarah Pearson, Donna Vanderweken, Tamara Lemky, Jen Armstrong, Rita Dods, Julie Bedford, Merle Schure, Jen Ritson, S. Girard, Dorothy Anderson, Linda Schwagly, Pat Robertson, Mary Anne Banman, Samantha Wilcox.

We would like to thank all of our staff for their enthusiasm in putting this party together, as well as gourmet guy Darin Craig and his pixie helpers (Devon, Erin, Mary and Ashley) for keeping us from going hungry!

## 140 • UPCOMING EVENTS

**LAMBIE PIE** Daycare is offering Y2K Eve overnight daycare. Book now - limited space available. 7 p.m. - 11 a.m., dinner and breakfast served. Party all night and know your kids are alright. References available. Call to book your child's space. Sarah 537-4512. 5299

**SPCA CALENDARS**, cards and gorgeous wrapping paper will be on sale at Island Savings Credit Union on Friday, December 10th.

## 140 • UPCOMING EVENTS

**AUDITIONS FOR** Neil Simon's "The Odd Couple" (Female version) will be held at Croftonbrook on Thurs. Dec. 9 and Sat. Dec. 11. Parts are available for six women and two men. Rehearsals to commence in early January. Performances Feb. 24-27. Call Dave at 537-9148 to schedule an audition time. 4999

**WATERCOLOUR & ACRYLIC** classes starting in January. Sign up now. All levels. Call Val Konig. 537-9531. 4999

**HIGH SCHOOL** Parents please note: next P.A.C. meeting December 8, 99 (Wednesday) 7 pm school library. Focus: school schedule changes review beginning January 2000 plan to attend all are welcome. 4999



**Guess What's Coming to ArtSpring?**

Dec. 17, 18, 19  
Same Tradition!  
New Location!

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## 140 • UPCOMING EVENTS

Are you going to the **GLOSSI WINTER WONDERLAND** pot luck & dance? Isn't everyone? Gays & Lesbians of SSI Info: 537-7773 Saturday Dec. 18th Beaver Point Hall pot luck - 6 pm dance - 8:30 pm Tickets \$10 at the door or Island Star Video

**Spring** ONTO SALT SPRING March 27 - April 19, 2000

Salt Spring's best tourist marketing opportunity

Help promote Salt Spring and generate business during the slower time of the year. Sign up now to participate in this special event.

Deadline: Dec. 31.

Call 537-4223

Sponsored & organized by the Tourism Division, SSI Chamber of Commerce

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Have you thought of a **LASTING GIFT** this Christmas?

Give a **COMMEMORATIVE TILE**

in the Rotary Marine Park

\$40/each or set of 3 ~ \$120

Contact: **Terry Bolton**  
537-1028

## 140 • UPCOMING EVENTS

**waterfront gallery**  
Excellence in Island Crafts  
**Waterfront's Ready for Christmas!**  
\*Christmas decorations  
\*Teddy bears  
\*Sheepskin slippers  
\*Stained glass  
\*Silk scarves  
\*Pottery \*Chimes  
\*Fine woodwork  
\*Body care products  
\*Herbal & green teas  
\*Candles & more  
**OPEN:**  
Mon.-Sat. 10-5  
Open Sundays in December: 11-4  
537-4525

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**Send your Christmas Greeting!**

to friends, neighbours and loved ones for

**\$25**

\*special price for 2-1/2" ad including GST!

Stop by the Barnacle! We've got a selection of Christmas greetings and borders you can choose from.

Place your greeting before 5pm Dec. 10 and receive **\$5.00 Off** our special price!

**Barnacle**  
324 Lower Ganges  
Ph: 537-4040  
Fax: 537-8829  
Hrs: M-F 8:30-5:00

## 140 • UPCOMING EVENTS

**the Salt Spring Island Conservancy**  
presents  
**A Celebration to Launch JOHN NEVILLE'S NEW CD "Bird Songs of the West Coast"**  
SATURDAY, DEC. 11th  
2:00-4:00 pm  
Lions Club Hart Bradley Hall, Bonnet Road  
Admission: \$5.00  
Proceeds to the Land Acquisition Fund.

**Parc** programs  
starting Dec. 13 - Dec. 19  
• Christmas cookies  
• immune health and herbs  
Call the PARC office for more information and registration at 537-4448  
Season's Greetings!

## Hallelujah!

**3 PERFORMANCES ONLY!**  
S.S. Singers Concert  
December 10, 11 & 12  
ArtSpring

Selections from Handel's Messiah, traditional and modern carols. Guest singers Don Fisher and Betty Rothwell, Paul Verville on piano and a baroque orchestral ensemble. Get your tickets at Love My Kitchen, Sharon's, Acoustic Planet Music, Stuff 'n Nonsense, ArtSpring box office. \$12/\$6.

## 145 • COMMUNITY SERVICES

**ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS SERVICES MEETINGS**

Salt Spring ..... 250-537-2270  
Galiano ..... 250-539-2222  
Pender ..... 250-629-3631  
Women's Meeting Only  
Thursday nights: 5:15 pm  
Please call  
250-537-1733 or 250-537-2993

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517 Dental  
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521 Cleaning Services  
522 Sewing  
525 Computers

530 Electronics Repairs  
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575 Health & Fitness  
576 Beauty  
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585 Travel  
595 Miscellaneous Services

### REAL ESTATE 600-699

600 Houses for Sale  
610 Farm Land  
620 Acreages/Lots  
630 Commercial Properties  
640 Open Houses  
690 Real Estate Wanted  
**RENTALS 700-799**  
700 Houses for Rent  
710 Apartments for Rent  
720 Room & Board  
730 Shared Accommodation  
740 Holiday Accommodation  
750 Storage  
760 Business Rentals  
790 Rentals Wanted

### TRANSPORTATION 800-899

800 Cars/Trucks  
810 Motorhomes/Campers/RVs  
815 Trailers  
820 Boats/Marine  
830 Aircraft  
840 Motorbikes/Scooters  
850 Vehicles Wanted  
890 Vehicles Wanted

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## 145 • COMMUNITY SERVICES



Trained volunteers available to visit and support the chronically or terminally ill at home or in hospital, providing relief for family and friends and on-going support for the bereaved.  
**537-2770**

## 180 • LEGAL NOTICES

### PUBLIC NOTICE NOTICE OF INTENTION FOR CHANGE IN ROAD NAME

Booth Canal Road  
change to  
Canal Road  
Cowichan Land District  
North Salt Spring Island

That portion of "road" shown outlined in red on plan deposited in the Victoria Land Title office as: Plan 2918 R/W, being that portion of "Booth Canada Road" gazetted September 21, 1972, and gazetted again on August 21, 1975, commencing at Booth Canal Bridge and terminating at the intersection of Lower Ganges Road, is to be renamed "Canal Road."

Concerns regarding this change should be addressed in writing to:

Ministry of Transportation and Highways  
103-4475 Viewmont Avenue  
Victoria, B.C. V8Z 5K8  
Attention: Bob Webb  
District Technician

J.P. Bodnarchuk  
District Highways Manager  
South Island District

BRITISH COLUMBIA Ministry of Transportation and Highways

November 25, 1999  
Victoria, B.C.

## 190 • BUSINESS NOTICES

**FLOWER ESSENCES** are available at Treasured Spirit on Hereford and Convergence in Fulford. Each essence contains a different healing and balancing pattern. Ask the knowledgeable staff to assist you. Also: Treasured Spirit has an extensive lending library: Self-help, healing, spirituality, Course of Miracles, Buddhism, etc.

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this past year.

**PETER BLACKMORE**  
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## 200 • PERSONALS

**IF RESIDENTS** of Salt Spring Island need a food hamper this Christmas, please apply by calling Salt Spring Island Community Services at 537-9971 or drop in at the Community Centre Monday to Friday from 9:00 - 4:00 p.m.

## 220 • LOST & FOUND

**CAT MISSING** neutered male tabby. Black on back, white underparts, chest and paws. About 9 yrs. old Family pet. (Please) call 537-2516

## 230 • TRAVEL

CALL US FIRST AT  
**THE TRAVEL SHOP**  
**537-9911**  
M-F 9-4:30; SAT 9-2

## 301 • CLOTHING

**WEDDING DRESS** size 8/10, pink bridesmaid dress size 8/10. Call for description and price. 537-9259.

## 305 • ANTIQUES

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## 310 • APPLIANCES

**FULLY RECONDITIONED** Appliances. Anderson Appliance Repair. 537-5268.

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**Whirlpool** **MAYTAG**  
**FRIGIDAIRE**  
and more!  
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**537-2111**

## 313 • FIREWOOD

**DRY SEASONED** Fir firewood. \$175 per cord, stacked in truck, split and delivered. \$100 half cord. 653-4531.

## 315 • FREE & RECYCLABLE



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## 320 • GARAGE SALES

**LIONS GARAGE** Sale, 103 Bonnet Avenue. Every Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, 10 a.m. to 12 noon. Come and browse, we just may have it. New merchandise arriving daily. Good, clean merchandise wanted. Call 537-2000 for pick-up or info.

**MAPLE DRESSER**, table desk on casters, end table, large table lamp, drapes, large painting, steins, knick - knacks, small misc. Sat Dec. 11th 10:00 am BLDG B-9 Salt Spring Mini Storage.

## 325 • MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS

**SCHUMANN PIANO** - made in Quebec. Excellent sound, mahogany finish, perfect gift for holiday season. \$1800 obo. Multi-drawered desk, white, \$50. 653-9868.

**ARMSTRONG FLUTE**, excellent condition, carrying case and music books, \$350 653-4575

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**UNIQUE ATTRACTIVE** Upright piano, Good quality sound. Moving, must sell. \$400 537-8834

**PIANO WITH** bench 'cable' U.S. built recently tuned, sounds wonderful. Excellent Condition \$1500 653-4365.

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## 330 • PETS

**PUREBRED GERMAN** Shepherd Pups. 6 weeks, shots, dewormed. \$280 537-1356.

**BAYLI NEEDS** a person to walk her Mon-Fri (starting January) for 20-30 mins. Very friendly, mature, small dog who needs to sniff the grass and find the perfect spot for her to squat. Call 537-5469 for further details.

**PAWS INN** Pet sitting. Serving Island pets since 1987. The care you remember from my home now comes to yours. Gift certificates also available. Laura Christianson. 537-5198.

## 335 • FOOD PRODUCTS

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## 336 • HEALTH PRODUCTS

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### Knee Problems?

We stock a wide range of knee braces including Airflow and Generation II. Knee braces require a special fitting. Please call for app't.

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## 385 • WANTED

**USED WASHING** Machines, Dryers & Dishwashers wanted. Sam Anderson Appliance Repair. 537-5268.

**WANTED TO** buy used children's books, good quality, soft and hardcovers, also educational games, and toys please phone Erin 537-9718.

## 390 • MISCELLANEOUS

**BIONAIRE HUMIDIFIER** - as new \$25. 1983 Dodge D50 - runs - needs repairs - offers. 2 Love Seats - very good condition \$100. each. Phone 537-9557.

**WANTED TO** buy used children's books, good quality, soft and hardcovers, also educational games, and toys please phone Erin 537-9718.

## 390 • MISCELLANEOUS

**NEWSPRINT ROLL** ends now for sale at The Barnacle Office. 324 Lower Ganges Road. 537-4040.

**THE GREAT** Christmas Gift Sale - 20% off all candles and giftware. Dec. 7-11 at Old Salty, Harbour Bldg. 537-5551.

**GODIN WOODSTOVES;** twin mahogany sleigh beds, antique mahogany armoire, wrought iron room dividers, pine bar chairs, murphy bed. Nancy 537-9510.

**4 - 215 - A/S** Rad tires \$75 obo. Envirofire Pellet Stove \$800 obo. Air tight Osborn \$550 obo. 88 Coleman tent trailer 8'-0 c/w toilet ex shape. \$2,750. 538-0070.

**WANTED: SHREDDER** chopper capable of chopping hay. Is there one hidden in your barn or garage? Call 537-4424.

**NOW TAKING** orders for custom hardwood cutting boards and blocks for Christmas. Clearance prices on summer stock. Phone Benny 653-9493.

**SNOWBOARD - APOCALYPSE** 153 cm with slim bindings and ratchet straps \$175. Also, full sets of Lego for sale. 537-5056.

**MASSEY-FERGUSON** 130 Tractor (1972), 8 forward/2 reverse, live P.T.O. 28 H.P. Perkins diesel, new rear tires, 2850 hrs. \$4300. 537-5356. Alan Cunningham.

**WATERCOLOUR PAINTERS** on your Christmas list would appreciate receiving my video "Just Add Water" as seen on Knowledge Network. 48 minutes of instruction for all levels. \$24.95 + tax. Call Bert Small 537-4643.

## 390 • MISCELLANEOUS

**SNOWBOARD K2** juju 146 cm, ratchet bindings with boots, good condition. \$200 Hooded Columbia Snowboard Jacket \$80 537-2799.

**MENS OR** Ladies Cowichan sweater like new, \$50. Elec. Water Pic, \$20 Colonial Maple Coffee Table, \$70 Antique Colonial Recliner, \$90 537-5709.

**CLASSIC REGINA** model antique McClary wood cook stove. All original parts. Plating in excellent condition. Owned twenty years. Used only during power outages. In mint condition. A show piece. Call Tom 537-9281.

**DEEP FREEZE-** Kenmore Heavy duty, very light, brand new, chest type 7 cu ft. \$300 538-0125.

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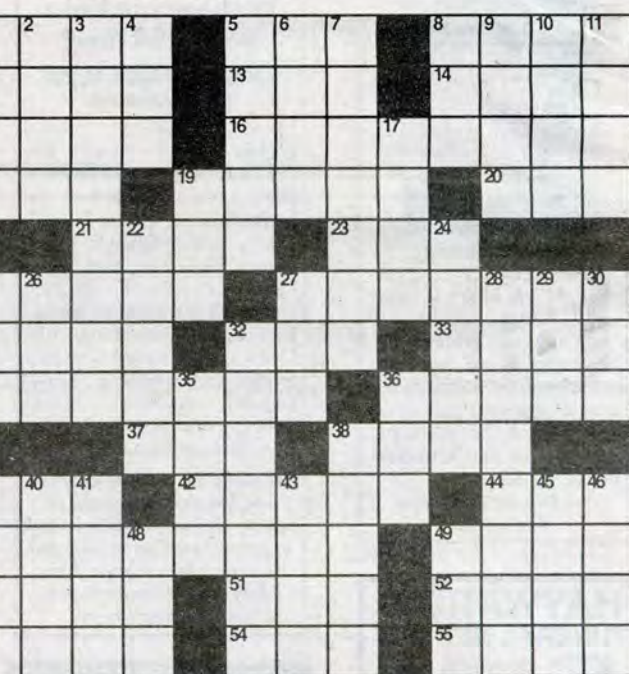
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### ACROSS

- 1 Cola
- 5 British broadcasting org.
- 8 Scarce
- 12 Swear
- 13 Bravo!
- 14 Baneful
- 15 Spinnaker, e.g.
- 16 Throat glands
- 18 Pixie
- 19 Sifter
- 20 River of Scotland
- 21 Tikkanen or Kuri
- 23 Charged particle
- 25 Petite
- 27 Place in Alberta or Mercury's counterpart
- 31 Largest toad
- 32 Cauldron
- 33 Con
- 34 Tobacco pipe
- 36 Family car
- 37 Sea bird
- 38 Stripped
- 39 Apartment, abbr.
- 42 Out and about
- 44 Vow taker
- 47 Ontario town, or a Taurus between a Mustang and a Cougar
- 49 Binary star, or GM car
- 50 Crucifix
- 51 Japanese fisherwoman
- 52 Small island
- 53 Alberta town or GM model
- 54 A way of reviving, abbr.
- 55 Stet

### DOWN

- 1 Etui
- 2 Elliptical
- 3 Hairdresser
- 4 Cobbler's tool
- 5 Wave or storm preceder



- 6 Offered
- 7 Place in Saskatchewan or a Chevrolet gone wrong
- 8 Classic car
- 9 Ardent
- 10 Drive
- 11 Otherwise
- 17 Dodge bright light
- 19 Curved upward, naut.
- 22 Silly
- 24 Dealer's devil?
- 25 Word between tic and toe
- 26 One's identity
- 27 Mafia
- 28 Boorishness
- 29 Accounting designation, abbr.
- 30 Grown up chick?
- 32 Quebec town or GM Grand Prix
- 35 A kind of fish
- 36 Exhaust
- 38 Indian province
- 39 Hair style
- 40 Combine, in a way
- 41 Stepped
- 43 Redcoat, for short
- 45 Tangerine and grapefruit hybrid
- 46 Refusals in Rothesay
- 48 Dr. of Dental Surgery
- 49 By way of

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## 390 • MISCELLANEOUS

**ROYALE ALBERT** "Old Country Rose" china pieces. Crochet afghans. Hand Knit Socks 537-2027. 4999

**KIDS TOYS** ideal used Christmas gifts - 7 in 1 games table - \$55 Chelful stable (boxed) and horses \$55 Tots bicycle \$25 inc. helmet microscope etc. 537-1583. 4999



**Spring Flowering BULB SALE**  
**40% off**  
**FOXGLOVE FARM & GARDEN**  
Corner of Atkins & Lower Ganges Road  
Mon.-Sat. 9am-5:30pm  
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on Salt Spring Island read the Barnacle every week!

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**Up to 8 weeks for \$13.50\***  
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## 390 • MISCELLANEOUS

**BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND**

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**SELECT STOCK VERTICAL BLINDS**

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Don't delay! NOW is the time to buy verticals at a great price!

**ISLAND DRAPERY & UPHOLSTERY**  
537-5837 144 Graham Drive

## 400 • HELP WANTED

**OUTER ISLANDS** columnists needed to write about happenings on Galiano, Mayne, Pender & Saturna Islands. Please forward resume and sample of work to: The Barnacle, 324 Lower Ganges Road, Salt Spring Island, B.C. V8K 2V3. Attention: Shelagh Plunkett, editor.

**THANKS TO** everyone who applied for the temporary position with the Salt Spring Crime Prevention Association. The position has now been filled.

**OFFICE POSITION** available. Job consists mainly of data entry work. Computer and calculator skills are a necessity. Part time may lead to full time. Fax or mail resume to GVM, 374 Lower Ganges Road. V8K 2V7. Fax: 537-4616.

## 410 • EMPLOYMENT WANTED

**INTERIOR PAINTING** by qualified trades persons. Seniors discount. 537-2710.

**JOURNEYMAN CARPENTER** available for work. Additions, renovations, new homes, sun decks, green houses etc. Reasonable rates. Quality and integrity. Jim Anderson. 537-9124.

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**ODD-JOB-IT.** Need some help, inside or out, stacking wood, cleaning decks, XMAS lights, basement cleanup, coat of paint. Nothing too small, give us a call. The Cornwall's, 537-4570. 4999

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**MAN WITH** full-size pick-up and chainsaw will do hauling, landscaping, raking, lawns, digging, marine, fiberglass, grinding - whatever! Reasonable rates. Clayton. 537-4489, 8am-9 pm. 5299

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## 420 • BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES

**RESPONSIBLE PERSON** to open the kitchen in our lounge. Good opportunity for second income. Please send resume to Entertainment Chairperson, Royal Canadian Legion, 120 Blain Road, SSI, V8K 2P7. 5099

## 506 • EDUCATION

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## 509 • CARPENTRY

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## 521 • CLEANING SERVICES

**Gulf Island WINDOW CLEANERS**

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## 522 • SEWING

**SEAMSTRESS & CUSTOM** Design by Judith. I have essential sewing services tailored just for you. No job too small. 537-9880 - jb@salt-spring.com tin

## 531 • MARINE

**MARINE MECHANICAL &** electrical services. Sam Anderson. Tait Technical Solutions. 537-5268. Page 538-9000. tin

## 540 • GARBAGE

**Salt Spring Garbage TRANSFER STATION**  
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340 Blackburn Rd  
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For the week,  
by Michael O'Connor  
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### Tip of the week:

The 14th card of the Major Arcana is called Temperance in most decks, Art in some and Alchemy in others etc. and is agreed by most scholars to be associated with the sign of Sagittarius. A central message of this card is associated with the ideal of "moderation" as a guiding principle for life. Beyond indulging too much and not exercising discipline enough, Temperance is associated with the ideal of balancing the left hemisphere of the brain which controls logic and linear thinking and the right which allows for abstract and imaginative thinking. Unfortunately, most major civilizations of the world are tilted to the left. The left hemisphere is the dividing and quantifying and reducing mind linked to the 5 senses. The right is the unifying, qualifying and multiplying hemisphere. Due to this imbalance favoring the left, the world is subject to a comparative and envious tendency which results in scarcity and fear born thinking as opposed to the right which is accepting, honoring, abundant and loving. The world is imbalanced and can no longer afford to be so. We can correct this imbalance without by correcting it within. Start by waking up to the fact that most media is tilted left.

**Aries (Apr 20 - May 20)** A passionate urge to find better solutions to everyday patterns of behavior continues. This may well lead to important negotiations on all relationship fronts. Look for what is good in existing relationship patterns and work together to imagine what can work even better. In some respects, you may have to change your approach altogether. Be willing to be flexible without compromise. Solutions that are better than both parties propose are called progress not compromise.

**Taurus (May 21 - June 20)** You will feel extra determined this week to explore alternative approaches to enhance the quality of your daily life and participation in the world. Dreams of autonomy, free lance activity and fame are dancing in your mind. Consider that a pushy and expectant attitude will find you alone and infamous. True success always involves many people. Jealousy comes from an unconscious belief in scarcity. Believe that abundance is available to all and it will be so.

**Gemini (May 21 - Jun 20)** You are in the process of examining friendships and other associations. For the love of beauty and the beauty of love you

want to have more authentic experiences. Maintain your center by reminding yourself that you can only truly reciprocate as an equal in meaningful love relationships to the extent that you have a healthy and authentic relationship with your own being and your soul's destiny. Release false notions that your security is centered in other people or outer conditions.

**Cancer (Jun 21 - Jul 21)** Re-examining the health of your lifestyle and involvement in the world continues. While you are eager to expand your position and participation, you may not be sure how to go about it. Neither do you feel sure about who to trust. Start by breaking free of any illusory ideas that you are no different than anyone else. We may all be ONE, but we are also very different. Consequently, we have to meet our changing needs accordingly. Take a closer look at your whole life.

**Leo (Jul 22 - Aug 22)** The search for a more complete and authentic expression of your power continues. To this end you may be called back to initiatives made at some time in your past. Rather dire and perhaps drastic circumstances paying a surprise visit in your life now are a call for equally dramatic measures. Fortunately, you feel strong, passionate and determined to rise to the occasion. Avoid premature reaction, plan your approach and pace yourself.

**Virgo (Aug 22 - Sep 23)** So, what are the things you have always wanted to say and do, but have avoided due to social pressure? Sometimes, the simple act of identifying and giving words to hidden dreams and fantasies brings them closer to actualization. Make a list that is for your eyes only and reserve judgment. This is your chance to reclaim forgotten aspects of your identity. While concerted effort will be required, intend to break on through who you were told you are and reclaim your right to decide for yourself.

**Libra (Sep 23 - Oct 21)** A process of re-evaluating what constitutes security continues. The world no longer offers guarantees as it did in recent history. We are all challenged to look a little deeper at our foundation. Assumptive attitudes are rapidly becoming expensive. An open and receptive approach to different styles and philosophies etc. is the basis of sound investment now. Listen and observe more than feeling the need to be seen and heard. Allow the vision of others to expand your own.

**Scorpio (Oct 22 - Nov 20)** What is that formula that allows a person to benefit from collaborative efforts and

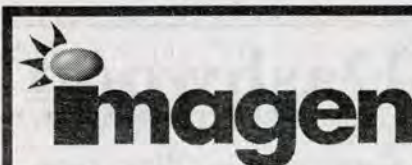
yet still maintain a degree of autonomy? In reality, there is more than one formula and the answer includes the word 'process'. There are many approaches all of which initially require an expanded awareness of what one wants and what will work for all concerned. In any case, honest dialogue both with oneself and others is key. Get honest and set yourself and others free of assumptions and social complacency called 'the norm'.

**Sagittarius (Nov 21 - Dec 20)** All over heaven and earth the sound of triumphant trumpets are signing their sound wave signature in the etheric book of records. This may sound like mere poetry to some, but those who are awake and aware and leading the march. It is time to get really honest. How many people do you think die slow deaths because they repress their desires? Desire is the seat of your soul. Excessive lower desire, however, has a high price. Investment in higher desire brings the highest reward. Examine the difference between the two!

**Capricorn (Dec 21 - Jan 19)** Old beliefs are being stripped from your subconscious mind like old wall paper. You may be experiencing this as uncomfortable and apparently unfortunate life experiences. Stop whining and trying to preserve the old status quo. Sometimes our friends are our enemies and our enemies our friends. See the actors on your stage as agents of change pushing you beyond your habitual comfort zone. The point of balance always moves along with the law of change. Are you moving along with it?

**Aquarius (Jan 20 - Feb 19)** Thank goodness for radical shakers like you. Pushing 'shoulds' on to others, however, is sure to backfire. Encourage their freedom of rights to express themselves as they deem fit. If you are attached to their behavior, ask what interests of your own are being threatened. Bondage does breed bondage, but since we all live in glass houses there is no sense in throwing stones. Be ready and willing to negotiate new win/win deals. Compromise is for losers!

**Pisces (Feb 19 - Mar 20)** Powerful initiatives in your career and social life will attract public recognition over the next few weeks. A receptive approach along with a willingness to re-evaluate old, values and perceptions in general will lend to a much smoother time. The only thing absolute about truth is that it is relative. Break through crusty attitudes and fears. Recognize that many of these are operating at subconscious levels. Reveal your power by exercising humility and flexibility.



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## Arts Council *cont'd. from p13*

its McPhillips Avenue property.

It is not clear how divisive the substance of the board's decision to form two new Councils will prove. Past members have paid very little attention to the running of the GICAC. This and the difficulties of managing a multi-island organization has formed much of the rationale behind the proposed division.

Both Lawrie Neish and the Concerned Members are in agreement on one thing. The worst case scenario is a period of chaos for the GICAC. The best case scenario is

a mutual resolve to move forward in good faith in a way that meets the concerns of all Gulf Islands Community Arts Council members and beneficiaries.

Members are urged to inform themselves of the board's decision and its rationale and to attend the December 16 meeting, 7:30 p.m., Mahon Hall.

A copy of the text outlining the board's decision is available on the Barnacle's community bulletin board.

## Violence *cont'd. from p8*

a custody battle or for immigration purposes.

Heterosexism and negative stereotypes exacerbate the problem, claims Ristock, who believes that society trivializes the love between women. "Lesbian relationships are not seen as legitimate, meaningful or long-lasting. The false belief that lesbians mimic the heterosexual model of butch and femme adds to the confusion."

Whether a lesbian is abusive or abused, she has a much harder time accessing support, said

Ristock. "If people committed to stopping violence would explicitly welcome lesbians into their programmes, it would make a big difference."

Both Hamilton and Marleau emphasize there is no comparison between levels of male and female violence. A man can stop the violence whenever he wants and rarely lives in fear for his life, they said.

"A woman cannot fight her way out of a fight with an abusive guy."

## Julio Cabrera and Banda Tequila *cont'd. from p6*

accompanied by congas, timbales and horn players, all miked. For three minutes I was in auditory shock. Unanticipated assistance was proffered from my immediate neighbour in the form of what he told me were industrial strength earplugs. Sanity restored, I could now lean back and watch the dancers stream onto the floor. Edgar Acevedo, Manuel Juarez, Bruce Hurn and Julio Cabrera really didn't need all that amplification to get people swaying to salsas and sambas, some of them coming up with very impressive foot work to the more intricate rhythms of a milonga. All the sensitivity and depth of feeling of Cabrera's singing got a bit lost in the translation—the horn fared better, and the intricacy of the drum rhythms were there if anyone was paying attention. The rest of the pub, the great fireplace area and the pool-playing section was full of patrons noisily and obviously having a great time.

At that point I discovered that on the following night Julio would be singing and playing in the cosy fireplace area with just one drummer, and I was sorry to have to miss it. From his CDs I

know his music repays a more intimate attention than is possible when you're trying to get a whole pub on its feet. Outside the main door a patron had his white retriever up on his hind legs—a Cuban style dance, I concluded.

My plans to complete my cultural weekend down south on the Sunday afternoon listening to Galleyjam's new incarnation as Dave and Buck (Dave Roland will be replacing Galleyjam's Randy Miller for the fireside entertainment) hit a reef when I realized the TV screens would be tuned to the Grey Cup, so I'm taking a rain check. I will be back to sample the quieter side of the Fulford Inn experience in a few weeks.

Meanwhile, I've now heard from some other patrons that the Saturday night dance with Cabrera's band was the most fun they've ever had at their local pub and I'm having a great time swaying over the keyboard to Banda Tequila on their CD. I hope they come back in the summer when we can fling open all the windows and have a fiesta in the car park. Or turn down the volume. There would be nothing to lose and much to gain.

## Welcome to the neighbourhood *cont'd. from p6*

the car at a price I could afford.

Now, used car salesmen often get a bad rap. At least the one I was dealing with 10 years ago hadn't hired a crew to remove chunks of the car while we discussed just what it was that I was interested in purchasing. Last night, I was sitting among people thinking about asking if we could please buy back some of our neighbourhood—while at the same time, big pieces of it are being chopped up and removed according to some unknown (to us) business plan. It is a bit difficult trying to keep my panic in check. I think I preferred dealing with the used car salesman—unfortunately he is not my new neighbour, you are.

Salt Spring Island is a community and a neighbourhood—it is rare in many ways. We know one and other—we wave, hug, shout and argue—sort of like my family. The teenagers hitchhiking and hanging out around the Island are the children of my friends. My neighbours who are older share with me the experiences of their lives and their knowledge of this place that is Salt Spring Island. They are my elders. My friends live lives of true value—working hard to create and maintain a strong community and a healthy environment. They are raising aware and intelligent children who care about the place where they live and play and learn. Quality of life and NOT cold hard cash is the main currency traded here.

Well, neighbour, you have assumed the power to completely alter the fabric of this neighbourhood without even showing your face or sitting down to break bread with us. Think about it hard—Salt Spring Island is an island, one with rich natural ecosystems and a

strong and diverse social network. Such places are rare in North America, and we value this island with our hearts and minds and souls. Pressure us with used car salesman's tricks and talk of cash-flows and bottom lines and we'll respond accordingly, each in our own way. Join with us, listen, understand and act with your neighbours—and not against us—and we can be creative together.

Come on over to the Island, neighbour, and we can introduce you to the neighbourhood; there are people and places on Salt Spring that may just change your view of the world. Let me know when you're coming and I'll meet you in our old family car; it's been ten years so far and there's no end in sight yet.

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## Lighting *cont'd. from p2*

For 'Advent Night' people gathered in the Salt Spring Centre house. In the large central room a spiral walkway formed with cedar boughs led to a central candle. Tree stumps topped with foil plates surrounded the spiral. Around this children and adults sat on pillows. Lights were dimmed and Usha Rautenbach, founder of the Centre, began the ceremony by lighting the central candle and leading the assembly in song. Singing continued for the rest of the evening as the children, one by one, walked the spiral with a small candle placed in an apple. After lighting their individual candles from the central one, each child placed their own lighted candle on one of the surrounding stumps. By the end of the procession, the room was aglow with warm candlelight.

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## Barter systems represent taxable money

Like they say, the only sure things in this world are death and taxes and, in terms of taxes, that includes barter systems like the recently launched Salt Spring Hours. Baron Fowler, the Hours' organizer, explained that all notes are subject to government taxation—GST, PST and income tax.

"We are legally required to consider all bartering as real money added to our income and so to consider all hours as cash money when filling out income tax forms," said Fowler. There is, however, "no record of the barter money," added Fowler. "It's entirely up to the individual to report amounts to the government."



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## The word on the street

## Election, what election? Islanders respond to election results

by Peggy Abrahams



**David Shebib**

I didn't see any young people in the line-up to vote, and to me, that's what's missing. This was a closed set and I don't think it could at all reflect the whole community. I don't see how a couple of people could make decisions for everybody. This form of government is archaic. There are changes that have to be made.

**Baron Fowler**

I'm glad the PARC's referendum was defeated. I was hoping that Dietrich Luth would win but he didn't, so we still have the same faces there. I was hoping we'd have a change on the Trust and CRD, but I was pleased that the people passed the library and dock referendums. I think that's a step in the right direction. The PARC's board is going to have to reveal where the land purchase goes. We could finance it with Salt Spring (barter) hours and finance it at 0 percent interest.



**Brenda Akerman** (who served as a volunteer at the Fulford polling station.) I'm not surprised at the results. My only worry is that it's not a surprise. The turnout at Fulford was what I expected. There were big issues and the people wanted their vote to count.

**Bill Brobbel**

I came here from Holland in 1978. I never vote. I'm not a Canadian. I don't even know the results. I voted when I lived in Holland. If I was eligible here, I'd participate. The democratic process works, but it works very slowly.



**Jackie Ballerone**

Election? What election? When I drove past Central and I saw the line-up, I thought it was a blockbuster movie.

**P. Kelly Roy**

I never even heard the results. I read about the election... Dietrich Luth, Kellie Booth. I know Dietrich pretty well, I hoped he'd win. I just recently moved back to the island from Victoria and I didn't even know where to sign up.

