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# Logging to continue

## CRD sends letter of interest to Texada

by Peggy Abrahams

In follow-up to a dialogue between CRD PARCs and Texada Land Corporation which began last December, the CRD recently sent a letter to Texada, expressing interest in acquiring certain Texada holdings for parks. PARC staff members met with Texada representatives for a walkabout on some of the potential sites in January.

According to CRD director Kellie Booth, the letter was drafted in response to a March 2 letter from Julian Dunster, consultant to Texada. The letter from Dunster asked CRD PARCs to identify areas of interest in writing. Dunster's letter also indicated willingness on the part of Texada to defer logging in sensitive areas, once serious interest was expressed.

Booth said, "The initial discussion we had with them was they were going to have a shutdown over Christmas and in January we'd have the walk on the land there and get a more clear description of areas of interest. The company would, if they could, move off these areas, recognizing park values would have to be intact to make it worthwhile."

PARC administrator Lloyd Rushton wrote back to Texada earlier this month, enclosing a map outlining

areas of interest. The letter also explained that the CRD must go through a review and approval process before a formal offer could be made.

Booth explained that the process of acquiring parkland involves several steps, starting with an appraisal of the land, to be completed in May. In the letter, Rushton outlined the process. While acknowledging an understanding that Texada would like CRD to move quickly, he added, "CRD PARCs will not be in a position to initiate any discussion regarding acquisition until the appraisal is complete and the board has looked at it."

Booth emphasized that land acquisition for parkland is subject to approval by the CRD board. "While they (Texada) might like it to happen overnight—while we would—that's not the reality of the system. It has to go through board approval."

Also in the letter, Rushton said he hoped Texada would stop logging in the areas identified. "It is my understanding that with this expression of interest, Texada Land Corporation will defer any logging on areas identified as having regional park potential, until CRD PARCs and our partners are in a position to initiate land acquisition."

According to Brent Kapler,

local operations manager for Texada, while the CRD has identified areas of interest, the letter did not prioritize the parcels. "To express an interest is one thing, and to put some money on the table is another. Unless there's money put down we'll continue logging," he said.

Kapler added that Texada has deferred logging in areas of interest indicated prior to the recent letter. "We have continued to log. We have not moved into a couple of areas. Looking at their layout and where we have logged it looks like we have not entered the areas in which they have interest."

Booth expressed the concern that this is a fast paced situation and the political process cannot respond quickly. She explained that if areas of interest are logged, diminishing the environmental integrity of the land, they may no longer meet CRD criteria, and "it's going to be hard for me to argue we should acquire this land."

As indicated in the letter, if the board approves, a formal offer would not be likely until July at the earliest.

Kapler said, "They need to identify where the priority is for them. We need to know specifically where those areas are. We can not stay out of such a large area."

Booth said, "We're waiting for their response."



Protestors gather, helpless in the face of a court injunction preventing any "interference".

# Loggers file injunction

by Peggy Abrahams

Dorman Timber Ltd, contractor to Texada Land Corporation, filed an injunction Thursday against protestors who staged a blockade preventing the transport of logging equipment on Musgrave and Hamilton Horn Roads last week. Although a blanket injunction, citing "Jane and John Doe and other unauthorized persons," specific protestors were named including Jonathan DeBroer, Terry Bieman, Daniel Bastarrache, Dietrich Luth, Maxime LaForest-Roy and Terry Dole.

According to RCMP Sgt. Paul Darbyshire, the

injunction was first served on Wednesday, March 15. The injunction states they must cease from "interfering with any person, including any officer, servant, employee or agent or contractor of the Plaintiff Dorman Timber Ltd. from gaining access or egress from their logging site near Hamilton Horn Roads." A follow-up order on March 17 gave the police authority to arrest anyone who contravenes the injunction.

In an interview on Friday, Darbyshire said, "The majority of the people who were there Wednesday afternoon left without any police enforcement. Just this afternoon, one person

was there and was asked to leave, and did right away."

Protestors set up a blockade and locked down on logging equipment on the morning of Monday, March 13. Police became aware of the volatile situation when they received a 911 call on Monday night at about 10:30. A woman at the site of the protest had called to report an assault involving loggers. According to an eyewitness account a protestor was hit in the eye with an object, and the safety line suspending a tree-sitters platform was cut.

In regard to the assault, Darbyshire said, "That has been reported to the police

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Residents and PARC representatives examine practical solutions to the Beddis Beach access problems.

## Public access to Beddis Beach debated

# PARCs meets with area residents

by Peggy Abrahams

Some 50 Islanders braved wind and rain at Beddis Beach to meet with PARC representatives Wayne Fraser (PARC Commission chair) and Tony Hume (outgoing Commissioner) Saturday morning. The meeting was called by PARC to air plans for the Beddis Beach park and gather feedback from nearby area residents.

Last year PARC responded to complaints about late night parties on the beach by installing a gate blocking vehicle access to the beach. One nearby resident remarked Saturday, "Having the gate curtailing the number of cars down here really has made a difference." However, the gate also blocked other beach enthusiasts who said they need a vehicle to make beach access practical. Local kayakers said they now must carry their kayaks and heavy gear a long dis-

tance to get to the shore. A number of the kayakers are seniors who said they have particular difficulty lugging their heavy equipment.

One woman commented, "Our average age is 55. We come down here. It's hard. I don't want to stop kayaking." Members of the Sea Kayak Guide Alliance of B.C. and Paddle Club attended the meeting, some with kayaks strapped to their car roofs.

Fraser told the gathering that the 1.25-acre park was not envisioned as a parking lot, but was dedicated to the community as a park. "We are not here to make any decisions, but to explore where Beddis Beach is going and get your suggestions....In order to preserve this as a park, it should be thought of as a Drummond Park."

Kayaker Rosemary Baxter said she understood the concerns of nearby residents, but pointed out that

it is a public beach. "This is the only part of the beach that allows us access to this part of the ocean. There is a simple solution. If they don't want us to park down there, let us go down to drop off the boats, and then come back up and park on the road." She also pointed out that until the gate was installed, Beddis was the only beach accessible to handicapped people and that daycare groups who formerly frequented the beach no longer do so because the gate has made it impractical.

While residents offered suggestions, Hume took notes for review by the Park Planning Committee. Fraser said, "We're currently looking into putting in posts and removing the gate so you can bring in kayaks and get wheelchairs down."

Residents of Beddis Beach said that noise from public use of the park is not the only problem. Residents

often pick up garbage after campers, and one woman said a camper knocked on her door one morning asking to use the washroom.

Other ideas were discussed, such as the need for a public toilet, garbage disposal, walkway and signs. Locals also debated whether picnic tables or benches would be more suitable for the site.

Fraser said PARC is in the process of gathering information from park authorities and getting the costs of installing stanchions and washrooms before the summer. He said that the public is invited to submit suggestions, preferably in writing. Plans for Beddis Beach will be discussed at an upcoming PARC meeting. Meetings are held the last Monday of each month and the public is welcome to attend.

"There will be a public notice of our agenda. It will probably be discussed at the April meeting," Fraser said.

## RCMP response questioned *cont'd. from p2*

and is being investigated. [We are] looking at laying charges in the future." Darbyshire also told the Barnacle that the police believe they know the identity of the suspected assailant. He said the suspect has not returned to work at the site since the incident and that RCMP have, therefore, not had an opportunity to interview him.

When asked why RCMP required the woman who

made the 911 call to walk to the junction of Hamilton Horn and Musgrave Roads, Darbyshire said, "Neither myself or Constable Savinkoff knew where Hamilton Horn Road was and we wouldn't have had reason to know. It's not marked." Darbyshire said he and Savinkoff arrived on the scene some 40 to 50 minutes after the 911 call was taken. Answering public concern about the response

time, he said that at that hour only one officer is on duty and the response time depends on where that officer is at the time of the call.

"It's just the logistics of Salt Spring. I've said I can't promise the main population more than a 20 to 30 minute response time. I was at home. I had to come into the office and get my uniform and gun. I live in the North end," he explained.

Brent Kapler, local opera-

tions manager for Texada, said the company takes no responsibility for the confrontation at the logging site. "We don't condone violence of any kind. We like to be non-confrontational. We're very concerned about the situation." He added that Texada does not have any plans for dealing with the tensions between the loggers and protestors. "We'll just go on a day-to-day basis," he said.

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Grade 6 entry - September 2000

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Thursday, March 30, 2000  
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# Fast Ferries are not the problem



Isle Say! ...  
with John Pottinger

The NDP government has finally decided to sell the Fast Cats. So what? There was really no other decision to make. Those boats aren't doing the job, and they cost us a fortune to build and operate. The government didn't listen to the experts and made a colossal mess out of what was an unnecessary project to start with. I predict, once they cease their runs for BC Ferries, the Fast Cats will not sail again. They have too many design deficiencies to operate efficiently anywhere. And that leads us to the real problem.

The NDP government just won't listen. Whether the issue is health care, other social programmes, schools, or whatever, they will not entertain opinions or views contrary to their own.

What has traditionally set the NDP apart is their strong adherence to a particular social philosophy. Ironically, the worst of B.C.'s current problems stem from that intransigence. The NDP government believes it has the right to create as much income as possible through taxation, and the duty to spend that money however they wish. They even suggest that those who hold a different view are less enlightened—or even less caring or compassionate. How bloody arrogant is that?

This government believes they are the conscience of society. Just like the religious zealots that come to your door, they have no place in their minds for an ideology other than their own. They won't listen to views that detract in any way from their "vision," and that fact carries with it the real reason this province is in the fiscal septic tank. One person's vision is another person's nightmare.

This is a story that's not

unique to B.C. Other jurisdictions in the world have gone through similar monetary crises in the past twenty years. But the NDP seems incapable of understanding the disaster that awaits governments that operate on a "tax and spend" basis. B.C. has the last such government in North America. Couple that with a government that practices no diligence on how or where they spend your money and you have the worst possible scenario.

By wasting hundreds of millions of dollars on "legacies" like the Island Highway, the (failed) Vancouver Convention Centre, government advertising, and Fast Cats, other programmes have suffered greatly. The areas that have suffered most are the very social programmes that the NDP have spouted as their greatest priorities. Waiting lists for critical surgery are the longest in North America. Seniors are waiting two years for beds in care facilities. School programmes are cut to the bone as education budgets are slashed. All because this government does not believe they're accountable to you and me.

Experts told this government—from the very beginning—that the Fast Ferries project was a gigantic mistake. For them to state now that it was a failed experiment avoids the real issue. The real issue is: they don't listen. They don't listen because they believe that their view of the world is somehow better than yours or mine. They don't believe they can be enlightened at all by the views of lesser folks. If you think for one tiny moment that this government has learned any real lesson from this mess, you're wrong. Their arrogance will not disappear with the Fast Ferries.



## Connections

Virginia, Maggie, Mary, Debbie and the rest of the women honoured at the International Women's Day event, thank you for the work you do—it informs and inspires this community. The Health and Welfare of all life on this planet improves as we see the connections between such issues as safe sex to selective logging; funding the arts to abolishing war. Your huge efforts make a huge difference.

SUE NEWMAN

## Dwarfish challenge

Greetings Oh Illustrious En-Heightened Ones! The Dwarves have a plan! In accordance to our Saturday, April 1 cross-island trek, under the straight-forward banner of our quest, "The Dwarves Quotidian Yet Quirky Quest to Quench The Quota With Quadrillions And Quell The Quandary Quickly," please help us gather funds to help others buy back parcels of the Texada Lands by sponsoring us for our 20 km jaunt.

These lands are valuable to us as el primo Dwarf habitat. If turned over into the tiny, caring hands of the Dwarves, we would:

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body, *The Islands Trust The Dwarves*:

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3) Operate a free Dwarf Forest Daycare centre;

4) Start up Dwarf Eco-Adventure and train and employ every Salt Spring teenager;

5) Employ all Salt Spring loggers to help manage Dwarf-Man Sustainable Logging Inc.;

6) Start up "Meals in Wheelbarrows" and "Senior Dwarves For Senior En-Heightened Ones" services;

7) Export Dwarf Home-Brew and donate all proceeds to "The Dwarf Education Fund.;"

8) Build an open, outdoor "Nature Amphitheater" for the Arts;

9) Carve from the forest a natural Jungle-Gym and promote participation and healthy living—free of charge;

10) Construct a visually-integrated, heated, Mass Transport Water Slide linking all of Salt Spring;

11) Dig an environmentally friendly tunnel to China for fast, authentic Chinese take-out (minus MSG).

May the statement, "Thy will be done on Dwarf Earth as it is perceived in the Heaven of Dwarf-Mind" be your guide. Peace en-height-

ened ones. Thank you for your time, patience, generous sponsorship and height.

JEFF PEARSON

## Heartfelt Thanks

This is an open letter to the community of Salt Spring Island.

I have never felt like this before. The outpouring of love and support, offers to help me and my family have been incredible. It's great to know there are still caring and compassionate people out there. People who don't even know me have offered to help in so many ways. We are extremely grateful.

We are compiling all of letters we have received and will send them off to Immigration Canada in Victoria. We invite anyone else who wishes to offer an opinion to drop them off at Mouat's Trading downstairs office.

Once again, I can't believe the generosity of spirit and heart in this community. Thank you all, we live in a wonderful community.

DARIN CRAIG

## Expressing concerns

As part of a group for a sustainable community, I would like to express my concerns

to the neighbours on Hamilton Horn Road for inconveniences and disturbances we caused them during the week of March 13. We have attempted to comply with your needs and leave the area in reasonable condition.

HELANI DAVISON

## Drawing the line

As a Salt Spring resident I pride myself upon the quietness and tranquility of the place I live.

But lately the Island has been anything but peaceful. I don't understand any of the ways the protesters are going about "saving Salt Spring." Yes, of course I can understand the town meetings and discussing the relevant issues. It is when I drive to Fulford via Lees Hill and pass a mound of crosses on the side of the road that's where I draw the line. It was appalling. I just could not believe the protesters would do something so wrong with a symbol that is worshipped in religions all over the world. I thank those anonymous persons who removed the crosses time and time again.

The incidents that took place late last Monday night were to be expected. No one can say that trespassers should

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be allowed to stay on land that they are not welcome on. One of the stupidest moves they made was the ignition of three distress flares. Protesters broke the law and could have cost big money to the Coast Guard not to mention the unnecessary tie-up of certified Search and Rescue teams.

Loggers are just workers. They all have the same expenses as anyone else. So why are they getting so much grief? I wonder how many protesters live in houses with wooden beams, and heated by wood stoves or fireplaces? That wood has to come from somewhere.

You know it wasn't too long ago that logging was just a job, not a belief.

AMANDA-KLOOF

### What next?

An Open Letter to Rob MacDonald and Derek

Trethewey:

In your latest report to the community you stated a preference for dialogue rather than conflict.

I would like to know what kind of dialogue you have been having with those of your employees who twice last week under cover of darkness (and, most likely, drunkenness), violently assaulted several young people who were peacefully defending the forest. In one case your employees endangered the life of a young man on a platform high in a tree by cutting one of his support ropes; for all they knew he could have crashed eighty feet to the ground. In the other case they viciously attacked another young man locked down to a piece of equipment, yanking his head back by the hair, wrenching his shoulder and arm, and trying to spray paint into his eyes.

Yes, these activists were trespassing. Acting in your stead, as your employees, Mr. Dorman and his men were legally entitled to ask them to leave. But what I want to know is why your employees didn't exercise that legal right peacefully during the day? Have you asked them? They certainly had ample opportunity. The tree-sit and the lockdown began early Monday morning. Why did your employees wait until almost midnight to storm the camp?

What I most want to know is what you are going to do about it. People in your employ, acting as your agents, could have easily killed one young man. They injured another, and terrorized several more. Is this business as usual? Part of their job description? Are they simply going to carry on working for you as if nothing out of the

ordinary has happened?

MURRAY REISS

### Conflict of Interest

Finally... "What do you think would happen to the forest if every land owner was told that soon they couldn't cut whatever they wanted on their own land?"... Mrs. Byron I think we are seeing it!

I think, Mrs. Byron, that you are in a conflict of interest regarding land use, and would be wise to step down as Matriarch of the Salt Spring Contingent to the Islands Trust. How much land do you and Mike own? How much of it has second growth timber on it? What are you afraid of?

You have been very conspicuous in your silence. Where do you stand? What see Conflict p6



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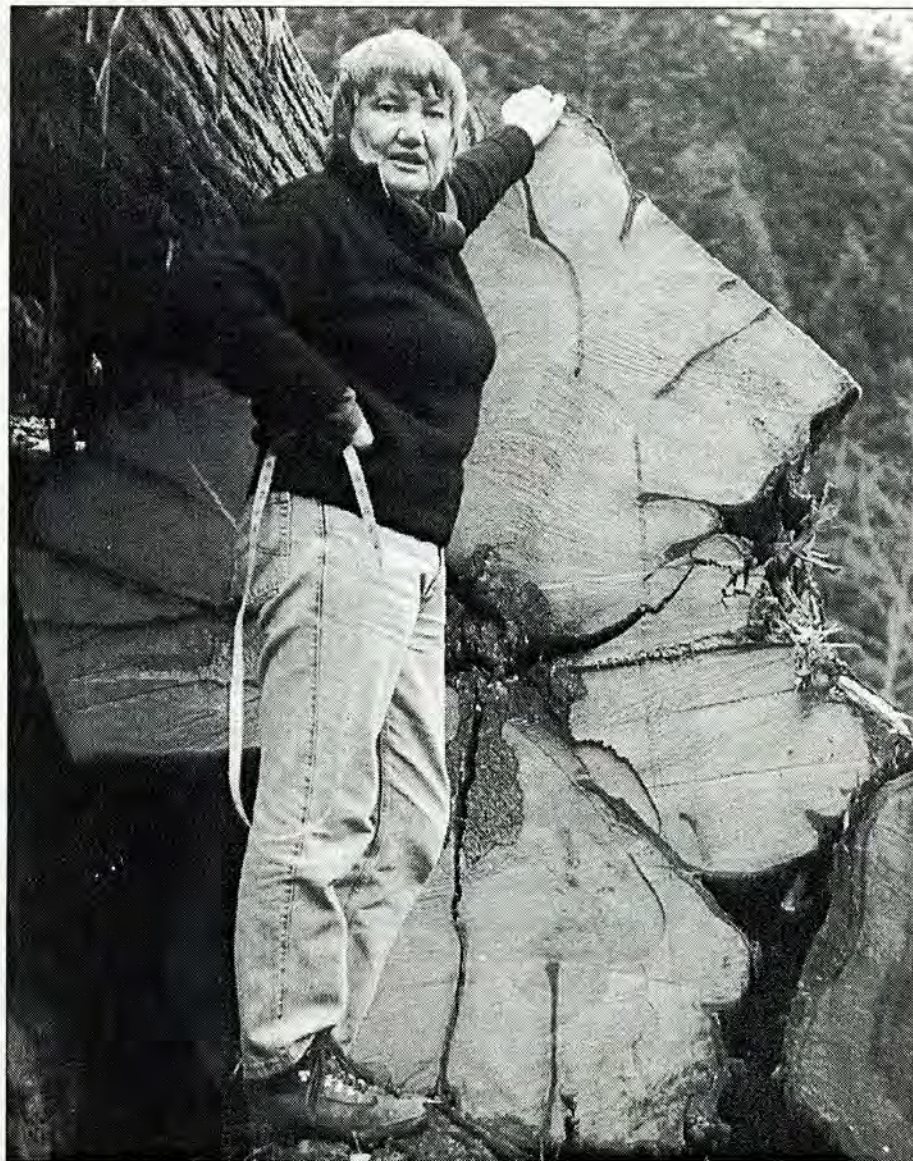
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**2ND GROWTH ONLY?**—At Texada's Burgoyne log sort, Ruth Tarasoff stands beside a recently cut cedar at least 100 years old. Among many huge logs waiting to be shipped off-island were two with rings marking them as 262 years old and 267 years old.

*Conflict cont'd from p5*  
is your platform regarding clear-cut logging on FLR in the Islands Trust? One protestor had a platform one second, the next it was cut out from under him. He might have been killed. What are your thoughts on this?

Is the Islands Trust a namby pamby concept that should be sabotaged from within? Are you a spanner in the works?

**PS** Mr. MacDonald if you have let Mr. Dorman go, thank you very much. Violent thug mentality doesn't "cut it," and will be met with more peaceful resistance, as clear-cut logging will be met in the future.

The "Emerald Forest" won't go down quietly. Your meadows really suck, and your seed trees are a joke (in very bad taste).

Will you deactivate the monster roads Mr. Dorman has built? Your attempts to manufacture consent (reports to the community) are a waste of paper. (Please recycle.) Your actions or inaction speak louder than your words. If you wish to make apologies to the community for the wrong doing of yourself and Mr. Dorman, please do so in person, at the next town hall meeting. You missed the last one; dialogue is very important. The few, as always, will be present.

**PPS** If, Mrs. Byron, you don't wish to advocate for the

Island Trust's mandate, perhaps you could tell us what you do advocate.

RSVP!!

ROD MCGUCKIN

## Don't be fooled again

During the planning and construction stages of the Fast Ferry Fiasco the attitude was build now ask questions never! Objections from people in the know were ignored completely. The government of the day, of which Ujjal Dosanjh and Joy McPhail were a part, ignored all and proceeded to build the tanks for \$463 million. Consideration was never given to the idea that it may be more cost effective to purchase "off the rack" rather than "custom build."

Millions of dollars went into training local tradespeople for positions that ended when construction of the cats ended. These trained personnel have gone onto bigger and better things in provinces that can employ them. It appears the arrogant, contemptuous attitude the NDP have ruled with is continuing. I sincerely hope the citizens of this province are not hoodwinked by this "new" government. Today we are told the fast cats are for sale for \$40 million each...not a good return on

investment, to say the least.

Will these fools be given yet another chance? Will they be given the opportunity to put B.C. at the top of the list for the worst economy on the North American continent? After all we are only third behind Florida and Oregon (quite a title to strive for).

Let us all remember this government and their attitude, in so doing make absolutely certain they have no representation in the next cabinet.

V. ROCCHIO

## Symbol of All that Is

Palu's last letter triggered some thoughts on symbols and specifically that one which has people all over the world scurrying for a glance when it appears—the rainbow.

When trekking in Nepal, one often sees the image of swastikas carved into the rocks of the stupas. One also sees the sun and the moon. While I have not yet seen the rainbow, its inclusion would be appropriate. Just as the swastika is an ancient symbol of the east, with its arm going either clockwise or counter depending whether or not it symbolizes creation or dissipation, so the rainbow is an esoteric symbol used to

*see Symbol p7*



# COMMENTARY

## Silence supports hatred

Dear Teacher:

You are uncomfortable discussing homosexuality at school. I am writing to inform you that your silence on this issue is unacceptable. Fear and hatred of homosexuals is not only taught through name-calling and through perpetuating myths about gays and lesbians, but through silence.

As a researcher and educator, I am familiar with the studies that show that children learn about sexuality in schools whether their teachers and parents realize this or not. Studies show that even when teachers do not explicitly make homosexuality part of the curriculum, heterosexism and homophobia are learned in schools through gender socialization. These gender roles, which are played out in schoolyards and reinforced in the classroom, naturalize heterosexuality and promote contempt for gays and lesbians. Students also learn about heterosexuality from educators who promote heterosexual nuclear families in reading materials and ignore or omit lesbian/gay/bisexual/transgender content from history, current events, social studies and sex education.

This homophobia and heterosexism in schools has devastating effects on all youth, gay and straight. Children who grow up to be straight lack reliable, truthful information, thus perpetuating negative stereotypes and myths. Children who grow up to be gay do not see themselves or their families reflected in the literature and discussions at school. They think that they are the only ones who feel loving towards those of their own gender. Thirty per cent of all completed youth suicides are by gay and lesbian, bisexual or transgendered teens. Subject to intolerance, harassment, threats and violence, gay youth often feel invisible and isolated in their pain and see no other option.

As a researcher I know these studies; as a parent, I feel grief and rage at your continued silence on this issue. This week a teenager, tired of the harassment and homophobic taunting he received from classmates jumped to his death from a bridge in Vancouver. He was fourteen. His classmates regularly called him "faggot," "gay" and "geek."

Teacher, you told me you were not comfortable putting up a poster in the school that offers counseling and support to gay youth. You say that this topic is only suitable for discussion with grade ten children, yet studies show that by grade eight, 97 per cent of all children have experienced homophobic name-calling. When I pick up my daughter from school, I hear the slurs

"lezzie" and "fag" thrown around the school yard by children as young as six. My own child confessed to me that she is afraid to tell her classmates that her mother has a girlfriend, because she is afraid they'll make fun of her. Respect and understanding of all kinds of diversity should be taught and modeled at a young age and should not wait until grade 10.

Some people think that young children should not be taught about sexuality. Sexual behaviour is not the issue: family diversity is. With younger students, you can discuss how loving families come in all sizes and configurations: single-parent, blended families, extended families, gay and lesbian families. Children in early grades can be told that lesbians are women who love women and gays are men who love men. Show them how to use this vocabulary appropriately, and that using these words as put-downs is unacceptable and hurtful. Children can learn about famous gays and lesbians throughout history and their important contributions. Older students can investigate links between homophobia and other forms of oppression, such as racism and bullying of any person who deviates from rigid gender roles.

If you do not know how to talk to children about gay and lesbian issues, you can get support. Other parents and I have brought in lists of countless books, videos and other resources to use in classroom discussions. The BC Teachers' Foundation makes thousands of resources available to your school, free of charge. I am willing to volunteer to talk to students in your class about family diversity, about gays and lesbians throughout history, about homophobia, but I cannot do this alone. Straight people need to be talking about this too.

You have the information and the tools. It is not acceptable to remain silent and hope that the kids will learn tolerance and diversity elsewhere. All children deserve to feel safe at school and to learn about the rich diversity of our communities. Approximately 10 per cent of your students are or will be gay or lesbian. Still others come from gay and lesbian households and all students know gays and lesbians in this community. If you continue to remain silent, more queer children from your classroom will feel lonely and isolated, worthless and afraid, and more straight children from your classroom will grow up to bash gays.

Silence is a powerful method through which bigotry and gay bashing are condoned. Do not remain silent any longer. The well-being of our children and our whole community depends on this.

HEATHER LUNA ROSE

*Symbol cont'd from p6*  
symbolize the evolutionary approach to God or Who About Naught May Be Said.

Indeed, as with Yoga and Meditation the science of applied energy using the Rainbow Bridge is a means of purification. Its very task is to connect heaven and the core of the earth through the causal or Soul Body. The development of the Rainbow Bridge or Antahkarana which is the Central Channel is necessary for the removal of energetic debris of the bodies (physical—etheric, emotional and mental) in order to clear outdated thought forms which hinder our progress on

planet earth and to bring about Heaven on Earth.

We have frequently seen reference to the rainbow in terms of the spiritual and in healing circles from ancient times. The coat of many colours that Daniel wore is said to have been the colours of the auras from the energy centers that interface with the body. Those same centers are used by healing traditions such as Pranic Healing to clear and charge the energy bodies of the patient in order to accelerate healing.

These centers, the chakras, are now becoming part of the everyday vocabulary of many people. Talk of the vibra-

tional frequency of, for example, the root chakra with the colour red or the head chakras of the brow, crown and alta major with the colour violet. Each of the energy centers or chakras has a different frequency, colour, note and quality. Some variations exist between traditions, but their existence and value is a common thread that many share, including Buddhism, Christianity, Judaism, Hinduism and esoteric groups.

The rainbow has given pleasure to all of us whether in the peaks of the Himalayas or at the end of a West Coast storm. And, it symbolizes

the diversity present in Unity; whether within humankind or within the realm of All That Is.

RITA CUMMINGS

see Letters p27

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Notice is hereby given that at the Annual General Meeting, to be held in April, 2000, two trustees are to be elected to serve for a term of three years each. Nominations of candidates for these positions must be made in writing, duly signed, seconded, with signature of agreement by the nominee, and delivered to the District Office, 761 Upper Ganges Road, at or before 12:00 noon, Thursday the 23rd day of March, 2000.  
**NOMINATIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED FROM THE FLOOR**  
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## SS Sheepbreeders Meeting Hefty healthy lambs

Those interested in raising sheep should sit in on the March 28 meeting of the Salt Spring Sheepbreeders Association. The meeting will start with a discussion led by Doug Higgison, representative of Selcote Ultra fertilizer. Higgison, also a member of the Purebred Sheepbreeders Association and a breeder of Southdown sheep, will discuss the Island's selenium deficient soil and how to help put this

beneficial nutrient into the stuff that our sheep eat.

The talk will be followed by a round table discussion of sheep issues including how to acquire sheep, care, feeding, maintenance, breeding and lambing.

The talk is being sponsored by the Farmers' Institute and is open to the public. The meeting begins at 7 p.m., Tuesday, March 28 at the Farmers' Institute Building on Rainbow Road.

**Monday, March 27**

## A "clean sweep"

Girl Guides, parents and gallery staff at Jill Louise Campbell Art Gallery are going to make a "clean sweep" of downtown Ganges Monday, March 27 from 6 to 7 p.m. when they hold the Great Ganges Clean Up.

Sponsored by the gallery,

the event is held to inspire all to help pick up, pitch in and recycle the garbage around town. All retail businesses and Island residents are invited to participate in cleaning up their favourite streets and pathways to help keep Ganges beautiful for all.

## Farming lake lands

What would you do with the Ford Lake agricultural lands? Ducks Unlimited Canada is looking for interested people to lease and farm the agricultural areas on the Ford Lake property. Proposals must be submitted by March 31.

A meeting will be held at Fulford Hall on March 2,

7:30 p.m. It will focus on the importance of using the property for agriculture purposes and how proposals will be evaluated. A question and answer period will follow. If interested and seek more information, please contact Dan Buffett, Lands Manager 604-531-5933.



Participants in building a youth-positive community.

**March 29 forum**

## A Youth-Positive Community

On Wednesday March 29 a two-hour forum will be held (7 p.m. to 9 p.m.) at the Legion's Meaden Hall. Led by guest speaker Keith Pattinson of The Boys and Girls Club of B.C., "Building a Youth-Positive Community" will provide participants with a structured environment in which to discuss ways to help young people grow up to be healthy, caring and contributing members of the community.

Pattinson has assisted other communities across B.C. initiate youth-positive action plans and brings to the forum a wealth of experience and knowledge.

The forum comes out of research gathered over the past three months by Myranda O'Byrne and Richard Kerr. During their Youth Crime Prevention needs assessment, begun December 1, Kerr and O'Byrne and a team of 18 local youths have met with a wide range of youth and other community members to assess the nature of

youth crime on Salt Spring and develop community-based prevention strategies. They have met with more than 200 youth age 13 to 24-years and conducted interviews with all members of the local RCMP detachment, as well as youth workers and drug and alcohol counselors from Community Services, staff of PARC, members of the business community and other community leaders. In addition, they have met with school trustees, administrators, teachers, counselors and all of the Parent Advisory Councils of Salt Spring public schools.

Their research has revealed widespread concerns that drug and alcohol use among Island youth is occurring at increasingly younger ages and has become more frequent than in the past. These results are paralleled by other studies including a province-wide student survey which concludes that by age 15 almost three quarters of

surveyed youth reported using alcohol and half reported use of marijuana.

O'Byrne and Kerr's study indicates that although most Island youth are "good kids," many are engaging in behaviour that puts themselves and others at risk. Youth and other community members have made more than 150 suggestions for reducing risky and sometimes criminal behaviour. Together with their reading of scientific research on youth crime and crime prevention, Kerr and O'Byrne say these suggestions point to the need for a broad-based approach that promotes the development of healthy, caring and responsible youth. Involvement of as many youth and other community members as possible, and a lead role for youth in determining priorities and organizing activities are essential.

Although many suggestions heard by the researchers include the construction of recreation facili-

ties that would provide youth with activities, the youth themselves point out that, "Simply providing these options wouldn't necessarily stop those who really want to drink and do drugs. Youth recreation activities will only be attractive to youth if they are youth-friendly and youth are involved in the planning."

Youth are urged to attend the forum and to bring their parents and friends. "Seniors groups, business groups, church groups, neighbourhood watch groups, resident's associations, service clubs, sports teams and coaches, athletic clubs, government agencies, community planners, women's groups—all of us have ideas to share and things we can do to make Salt Spring Island truly a youth-positive community!"

For more information, see the website "Building a Youth-Positive Community" at [www.saltspring.com/youth](http://www.saltspring.com/youth) or link to that site through Imagen's Community Links page.

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## Rare ecosystem competes with high density

by Bev Stewart

B.C. Ministry of Forests forest ecologist Andy MacKinnon addressed the need of Salt Spring's fragile forest ecology for national and international attention in a talk given last Tuesday evening at the Lions Hall. The evening, sponsored by the Salt Spring Land Conservancy, also featured a talk on rare plants by local plant specialist Harvey Janszen.

MacKinnon explained that most of Salt Spring Island is in the rain shadow forest, where coastal Douglas Fir and Garry Oak ecosystems are prevalent. At higher elevations on the Island, dry rainforest with a predominance of hemlock prevails. He said that whereas B.C. on the whole is composed of only about five per cent private land, more than 35 per cent of the rain shadow forest is developed into urban and agricultural areas. By contrast, the rain forest of B.C. is only three per cent developed by area. Salt Spring, then, lies within the most developed ecological zone in the province.

In addition to the high-impact conversion of forested areas to urban and agricultural ones, MacKinnon stated that extensive low-impact habitat conversion of old growth to second growth forest is occurring in our ecological zone.

Furthermore, whereas 53 per cent of the coastal temperate rain forest is composed of old growth trees, our rain shadow forest has only one half of a per cent old growth. More of the national and international attention that has been focussed recently on the rain forests should be focussed on the rain shadow forest, he said.

While the rain shadow forest is of very limited extent in the global picture, said MacKinnon, it is nevertheless very important due to the unique set of plants and animals present here and to the fact that many species are endangered.



Guest speaker Andy MacKinnon and Land Conservancy representative Fiona Hook consult a map of Salt Spring outlining rare ecosystems.

A further illustration of the fragility of our ecosystem was made by contrasting the proportion of land protected by parks and ecological reserves in the rain shadow forest with the rest of B.C. Whereas 11.4 per cent of B.C. as a whole enjoys such protection, only 2.6 per cent of the rain shadow forest is similarly protected. We are thus "poorly represented" in terms of protected areas. This amount is the second lowest percentage of protection by zone in the province. The ponderosa pine forest of southern B.C. is the least protected zone at 2.4 per cent. MacKinnon said that the 11.4 per cent of B.C. that is protected is not well distributed, with much of it occurring above the tree line.

## Land Acquisition Fund

# Concerned about Texada impact, businesses donate

by Peggy Abrahams

A number of local business owners have said they support community efforts to buy back land from Texada. Recently, Gulf Islands Brewery (GIB) announced an initiative to donate \$1 a keg or 25 cents a keggy toward purchasing community forests. Bob Ellison, GIB partner and treasurer, estimates that this will amount to a contribution of between \$800 to \$1,200 this year—about two per cent of returns from sales before subtracting production costs.

"We're such a small business. It sounds like a dorky amount. If enough businesses were prepared to donate a per centage of sales to support the local community and invest in the quality of life on the island, the more land could be acquired, and the longer term the quality of life could be protected," said Ellison.

A total of 14 companies recently sponsored an advertisement encouraging local support of the land acquisition effort. Bob Young of Apple Photo, one of the sponsoring businesses, said "I don't mind logging at all but I don't think they should be clear-cutting. I think it could affect business. If the Island looks ugly, tourists won't come."

He added there could be an indirect effect on business as well, because many of his customers depend on tourism for their income. "There are people who come in here who are extremely dependent on tourism and if tourists don't come, those people won't do business with us," Young said.

Betty Young, owner of Volume II Books, was also a sponsor. She said, "A contribution

helps the Island, my business and my kids. Without our tourist dollars, a lot of businesses on this Island wouldn't be viable. Nobody wants to look up at a bald spot on a mountain. Tourists are not only disheartened when they see that, they want to see an environment that has been preserved."

Judith Humphrys of Skin Sensations commented, "I am concerned about clear-cutting. If they're going to use the land in a viable manner, that's fine. If they're clear-cutting, I call it raping of the land. We want to save some of this for our children."

Ellison also explained that the nature of his company's business is directly tied to the Island's water quality and that the spring from which GIB gets their water is on land owned by Texada. "We have a license on their property, as do a total of six businesses I'm aware of on Furness Road. I have a letter to them reiterating my concerns regarding the spring's water quality."

He said that previously, even when logging was done at a distance, it had an affect on water volume and quality. Ellison added, "The big thing we want to stress is we're not antagonistic towards Texada. We are pro land conservancy. We just want to help the community. To stand up and be counted."

Doug Mitchell, president of the Salt Spring Chamber of Commerce, said that he wasn't aware of what individual businesses were doing to support the land acquisition effort. "That's a private matter between the local businesses and Texada. From the Chamber's point of view, I think it's important we represent all the businesses in the community and remain neutral."



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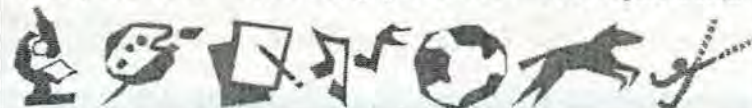
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## SALTSPRING ISLAND FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

# ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

**Tuesday March 28, 2000 at 8:00 p.m.**

**FIREHALL #1, 105 LOWER GANGES ROAD**

### Agenda

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| 1. Minutes from last A.G.M. | 5. Volunteer Fire Fighters Report |
| 2. Financial Report         | 6. Election of Trustees           |
| 3. Chairman's Report        | (Three for 3 years)               |
| 4. Fire Chief's Report      | 7. Appointment of Auditor         |
| 8. Any other business       |                                   |

### Nominees for trustees are:

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**Ben Martens, Chairman**



# A cross too heavy to bear



was lucky enough one summer to take a gypsy trip right

## Wit & Whimsy ... with Arthur Black

A long time ago, in another life, I

across Canada. Fetched up one day in a tiny town the name of which I don't remember, near the New Brunswick/Nova Scotia border. Acadian country. The

French started pioneer colonies here back in the late 1500s. It's still very French. The day I passed through that nameless town was market day. The people were out in

throngs. There were fiddlers and dancers. There were booths and stalls all along the main street and townsfolk were offering jams, jellies, preserves, woodcarvings, folk art doodads for the front yard. And in one stall, quilts. Including the most beau-

tiful quilt I had ever laid eyes on. It was blinding white, with a single jet-black emblem repeated over and over. The quilt was meticulously stitched; impeccably finished...I had just one small problem with it. The repeated black design that was repeated all over the quilt?

Swastikas. The crooked cross that Hitler and his thugs made world famous.

The beautiful quilt was covered with swastikas. Needless to say, I didn't buy it. Some of my best friends, etc.—and anyway, who would want to be associated in any way with the single most repellent symbol of the twentieth century? Not me, Jack. And I had to wonder about what Nazoid thoughts might be percolating among the citizenry in that bucolic little burg.

Turns out I was overly paranoid, as usual. The Acadians knew, instinctively perhaps, that the swastika was a revered symbol thousands of years before the world ever heard of Nazis. Ancients in India drew swastikas to represent the trajectory of the sun across the sky. Over generations, the swastika evolved into a kind of stylized solar wheel — an emblem of the sun's pureness and power of regeneration. Swastikas have appeared on Persian carpets, as garlands around the sacred Buddha — even on Greek and Cretan coins of antiquity.

Here in North America, Indians used dyes and pigments to trace swastikas onto petroglyphs. Near as anthropologists can figure, the New World swastika represented the four directions—the ones we call north, south, east and west.

There's, another gentle connection to the swastika. In the time of the Romans, underground Christians disguised their familiar cross as a swastika to avoid religious persecution.

Billy Graham and the swastika? Hard to picture.

Nevertheless, it can't be denied that the swastika has a long and honourable history as a symbol of peace and fruitfulness. It was the swastika's bad fortune (and ours) that, in the 1920s, the stark and simple design with a history of positive associations caught the eye of a demented paperhanger from Austria. Hitler appropriated the swastika, claiming it as an emblem of Aryan superiority.

Amazing what power a simple symbol can have.

see Aside p27



ISLANDS TRUST

## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Salt Spring Island Local Trust Committee  
Proposed Bylaws No. 359, 360 and 362

Notice is hereby given that the Salt Spring Island Local Trust Committee will hold a Public Hearing on proposed Salt Spring Island Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 359, and proposed Salt Spring Island Zoning Bylaws No. 360 and No. 362, for the purposes of allowing the public to make representations to the Local Trust Committee respecting matters contained in the proposed Bylaws, at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, March 21, 2000, in the Hart Bradley Memorial Hall (Lions Club), 103 Bonnet Avenue, Salt Spring Island, BC. A Public Information Session will be held prior to the Public Hearing, beginning at 7:00 p.m.

At the Public Hearing, all persons who believe that their interest in property is affected by the proposed Bylaws will be afforded a reasonable opportunity to be heard, or to present written submissions respecting matters contained therein.

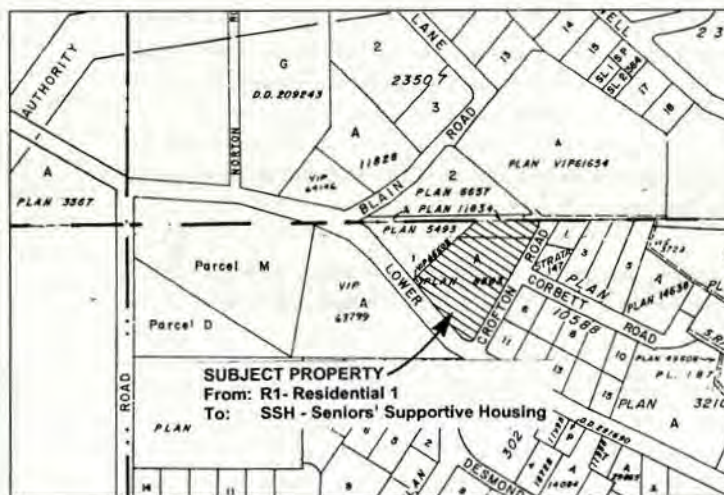
### 1. Proposed Bylaw No. 359, cited as "Official Community Plan Bylaw, Salt Spring Island, 1998, Amendment No. 1, 1999".

In general terms, the purpose of the proposed Bylaw is to amend the policy in the Salt Spring Island Official Community Plan that describes the maximum residential density that could be permitted by rezoning in island villages. The policy would be amended so that, in the case of special needs housing or an affordable seniors' supportive housing complex only, the density of development could exceed 37 units per ha, provided it did not exceed a floor space ratio of 0.6 and a site coverage of 33 percent. Further, the proposed Bylaw would amend Development Permit Area 1 (Island Villages) by adding specific design guidelines for those multi-family developments that are designed to provide special needs housing and affordable seniors' housing.

### 2. Proposed Bylaw No. 360, cited as "Zoning Bylaw, Salt Spring Island, 1985, Amendment No. 3, 1999".

In general terms, the purpose of the proposed Bylaw is to:

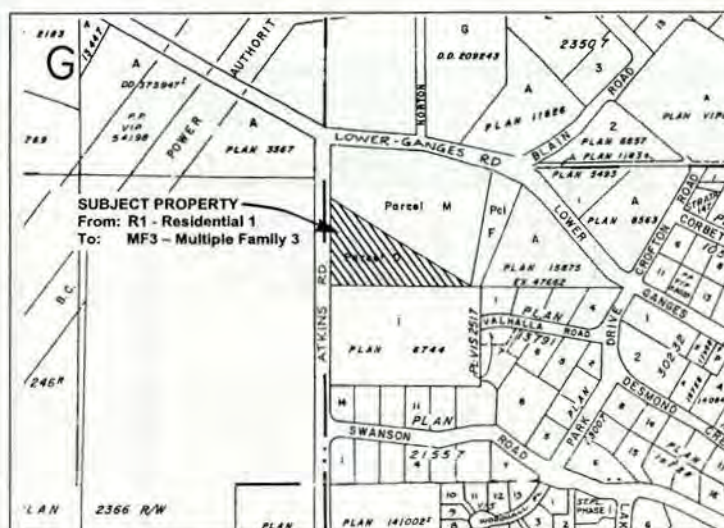
1. Create a new zone entitled Seniors' Supportive Housing Zone (SSH).
2. By changing the zoning classification of a lot on the northwest corner of the intersection of Lower Ganges and Crofton Roads, known legally as Lot A, Section 3, Range 3 East, North Salt Spring Island, Cowichan District, Plan 8563 except Part in Plan VIP65503, from Residential 1 (R1) to Seniors' Supportive Housing (SSH) as shown on the following plan.
3. Place specific zoning conditions on the use of the property to manage matters such as parking, screening, water use and impacts on neighbouring properties.



### 3. Proposed Bylaw No. 362, cited as "Zoning Bylaw, Salt Spring Island, 1985, Amendment No. 4, 1999".

In general terms, the purpose of the proposed Bylaw is to:

1. Create a new zone entitled Multiple Family 3 Zone (MF3).
2. Change the zoning classification of 121 Atkins Road, known legally as Parcel D (DD 410101), Section 3, Range 3 East, North Salt Spring Island, Cowichan District, from Residential 1 (R1) to Multiple Family 3 Zone (MF3) as shown on the following plan.
3. Place specific conditions on the property to manage matters such as parking, screening, water use and impacts on neighbouring properties.



Enquiries concerning the proposed Bylaws may be directed to the Islands Trust, located at 1206-115 Fulford-Ganges Road, Salt Spring Island, BC, V8K 2T9. Copies of the proposed Bylaws, and any reports that may be considered by the Local Trust Committee in respect to the proposed Bylaws, are available for inspection at the above-noted address during the hours of 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday to Friday inclusive, commencing Tuesday, March 07, 2000, and continuing up to and including Tuesday, March 21, 2000. The proposed Bylaws may also be accessed via the internet at: <http://www.islandstrust.bc.ca>

For the convenience of the public only, and not to satisfy Section 892(2)(e) of the *Municipal Act*, copies of the proposed Bylaws may be inspected at the Victoria Office of the Islands Trust, #200-1627 Fort Street, Victoria, BC, between the hours of 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday to Friday inclusive, commencing Tuesday, March 07, 2000, and continuing up to and including Tuesday, March 21, 2000.

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Pauline Brazier  
Deputy Secretary



## Valdy and Fjellgaard, Friday night

# "Voyage" launched

by Cameron Smith

It started in December, 1998 and will culminate this weekend—8 p.m., Friday, March 24, at ArtSpring—when Valdy and Gary Fjellgaard appear together at a concert celebrating the release of their joint CD, *Contenders*.

It was during a joint tour, said Valdy, that he and Fjellgaard decided that while the tour was going well, they were "cheating themselves" and should book some studio time. They did that, at Stony Plain Records in Edmonton, and along the way nabbed Teddy Borowicki, who had just returned from England



after working with Elton John. There they recorded three of the 11 tracks on the final release, but came back to Salt Spring's Nomad Studios during the summer and fall of last year to do the other eight—with local players," Valdy added proudly.

The musical style is "rock and roll with a twang," but Valdy explained that the mix is a little different, with the voices dominating the tracks rather than a concentration

on the bass and the beat.

"I'm singing way better now," Valdy said of his time spent with Fjellgaard, "not that I wasn't singing well before, but I'm singing with someone, singing more harmony. It's been really healthy for both of us."

There are a lot of familiar songs on the CD, including *Islanders*, *Tried and True*, *Goodness Knows*, and even Roger Miller's *King of the Road*.

As for the concert, this will be the first time the two of them have played together on-Island. The evening will be divided into three sections, with the two of them playing together at

the beginning and end of the concert, and then flipping a coin to see who plays solo before the break, and who after the break.

And after the concert? Valdy and Fjellgaard plan to continue to tour together, including hitting the festival circuit this summer. And, there's a hint that more could come—as they write on their CD jacket, "This is the beginning of a voyage: Welcome aboard."



Meaghan Toole, Eban Finer, Boyd Sloan and Linzi Adams (from left) pull the names of this week's winner in the Stagecoach Theatre School raffle.

## And the winner is...

Students of Stagecoach Theatre School have collected more than \$1000 worth of prizes for their fundraising raffle. Money raised will go toward costs of their spring production of *Alice*, an adaptation of *Alice in Wonderland*.

The show, to be presented at ArtSpring in April, will include student designed and made costumes and sets, music composed by Ramesh Myers and direction by Margaret Jardine.

Local businesses have been very supportive of the raffle and have donated some wonderful prizes. Tickets for the raffle are \$1. Two tickets will be

drawn weekly until the show opens and then, during Alice's run, a draw will take place every night. All tickets bought are entered in every draw.

The winners of this

week's draw are Akasha Forest (Gift Basket from Tangled Web) and Ken Makie (\$50 Gift Certificate from Ganges Village Market).

## Aurora is ready to launch!

The literary magazine founded and created by Salt Spring Island teens Candace Buckler and Leah McColm has been born. Aurora's first edition is now through the production, layout and printing, collating and cutting process. Publishers and editors,

Candace and Leah guided the publication through these stages, with some assistance from Adrian of TSUNAMI, and the kind and patient Carolyn Gibson (of et cetera), and the efforts and good-will of John, Chris, Melanie, Tina and Ralph at Barnyard

Grafix.

Aurora will be launched with an evening of poetry, music and fun at the Core Inn, Saturday, April 15 at 8 p.m. The magazine will soon be available through Island book-sellers and other stores, and by mail, for \$2 a copy.

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## REQUEST FOR TENDERS

Sealed Tenders, plainly marked on the envelope "Tender for Secure Room Addition - Lady Minto Hospital, Salt Spring Island" will be received by the Manager, Lady Minto Hospital, at the Hospital Administration Office, 135 Crofton Road, Salt Spring Island, B.C. V8K 1T1 up to 2:30 p.m. local time on Thursday, April 6, 2000. Tenders will be opened in public immediately after the closing time.

The work to be constructed under this contract is generally described as a two-storey wood frame addition on concrete footings and slab, connected to the existing two-storey concrete and masonry structure. Some demolition work of existing walls and relocation of existing underground services is required. Special construction detailing and finishing requirements apply to the Secure Room area of the new work.

There will be mandatory site visit for all contractors wishing to bid the project on Thursday, March 23, 2000 at 10:00 a.m. Drawings, specifications and Tender Forms may be picked up at that time.

Tenders will be required to include a Bid Bond and a Performance Bond. The project will not fall under the requirements of the Fair Wage Act.

For information and/or inquiries on this project, please call Charles Kierulf, MAIBC, at de Hoog D'Ambrosio architects (250) 384-4200.



# Stamping, toe-tapping, Gospel and Bluegrass

by Elizabeth Courtney

Bluegrass fans got a major treat on Saturday night when John Reischman (who played here in December to an awestruck audience with guitarist John Miller) came to town with the *J Birds*, a group of musicians from various parts of the bluegrass world who have assembled themselves for this tour.

Reischman himself transcends the genre, particularly in his self-penned tunes. The music flies in airy waterfalls of sound from his mandolin, much more spacious than the traditionally driven quality of anything with a banjo on the same stage.

Fiddle player Greg Spatz had a lovely warm and laid back sound while not sacrificing the toe tapping role of the dancer's instrument. Nick Hornbuckle's banjo was as sensitive and delicate as I've ever heard—the three of them wove seamless melodies as if they'd been performing together for years. Lead singer Trish

Gagnon brought a beautiful bluesy voice and dancing double bass to a fairly traditional repertoire, sounding her best with underlying harmonies provided by Reischman (mellow to the point of tenderness) and guitarist Rich Jones. His was the most straight ahead voice of the ensemble, somewhat relentless for my taste in the lead role, but perfect as backup for Gagnon, whose swinging knee length hair and obvious enjoyment of every note contributed to a rising tide of pleasure in All Saints' perfect ambience.

A four-part harmony arrangement of a gospel tune *What would you give in place of your soul* brought a great sigh from the audience—perhaps because of the surprising and impossibly low note from Hornbuckle's bass voice. "I'm in hillbilly heaven!" I distinctly heard my neighbour say. The greats of bluegrass all received their due—Bill Monroe, the Osborne Brothers, the Stanley

Brothers, lively, mournful or just plain pathetic (*Your Sugar-Coated Love!*). Only Susan Crow's *Come With Me*, powerfully and tenderly sung by Trish Gagnon could come close to the magic of Reischman's own compositions, however. The quiet, reflective *North Shore*, or the flickering, dancing *Indiana Firefly* for instance giving the banjo and fiddle room for solos as expressive as the mandolin's own silvery flights.

The evening was opened to thunderous applause (before they'd even sung a note) by Charley and Lisa Erck with friends Jordy Sharpe, Carol Wright and John Law. Their small selection of well chosen gospel and country tunes had the audience stamping for an encore. For musicality, range of tone and sensitivity to each other they are hard to fault. Like the group they were opening for, they combine modesty in their professionalism and a joy in the performance that is irresistible. This will be a group to watch.



Shelagh Flunkett photo

In the market Saturday, Dwarf Re shows off the group's baby spruce tree. He and fellows Doh, Fa and Sol (along with "illustrious en-heightened helper," Why? not shown, were raising pledges for their April Fool's Day quest.

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## Quest to Quell the Quandry

In an effort to save their forest habitat, a group of local dwarves will soon embark on a "down-up-down" trek. The April 1 quest will begin in Vesuvius at 8 a.m., arrive in Ganges for the official opening of the Saturday Market at 10:30 and then travel to Fulford where Gumboot Greeters will welcome the tired dwarves and help them ceremoniously plant

their infant tree.

Why are they doing this? "As you are aware, the air on Salt Spring, at this moment, could be cut with a double-edge, Dwarf d-weeding machete. There is an undercurrent of stress, tension, disagreement—not so good good good, good vibrations (pardon my stutter). The Dwarves' main goal is to act as the opening of the pressure release

valve. Also, the funds raised and given to the Land Conservancy will eventually help the community buy back some valuable Dwarf habitat. And...a good, brisk walk will help us prepare for our next Quest."

Watch for the band of quirky Islanders on April 1 when supporters can contribute to their cause with donations.

## No tempest in Market issue

by Judy Moscovitz

After several months reporting about Angry Artists, it is with pleasure that this writer reports on the spirit of goodwill and cooperation that characterized a recent meeting of the (Saturday) Market Advisory Group. This committee, which makes recommendations to PARC about the popular Saturday Market, consists of vendors (many of the guilds are represented), two Market Coordinators (Jennifer Demery and Matthew Coleman) and representatives from PARC, the Chamber of Commerce, and the public at large.

Islanders who enjoy the market, who find it safe, clean, varied and fun, have this group to thank for it. The meeting, chaired by Matthew Legg, was conducted in a smooth, efficient, yet inclusive manner. It was a pleasure to see so many segments of our population getting along so well in working toward a common goal.

Business conducted included a presentation from marketer Duart Campbell about an "Art Lovers Getaway Festival," which resulted in a \$1000 contribution from MAG. As well, there was a discussion about the required

presence of artists at the Saturday Market. This issue, which some expected to be contentious, was readily resolved with consensus, though not with unanimity. Most committee members thought it not unreasonable to require vendors to personally attend their booths two full Saturdays a month, delegating anyone else of their choosing to do it the remaining Saturdays.

Coordinators are now engaged in mailing out the latest draft of their "Guide for Vendors" to all seasonal and day vendors. Feedback and input should be received no later than March 24th.





**St. Paddy's fun**—the Triskele Celtic Band put on an impressive show on Saint Patrick's Day, entertaining the celebrating crowd at Moby's.

## Ah, Shakespeare, the stuff of youth

by Elizabeth Courtney

There is always something especially moving about seeing young people reach for the impossible—and a more or less full length Shakespeare play must be the equivalent for an aspiring thespian of Mount Everest for those that love heights. The charm of Salt Spring Centre School's production of *Twelfth Night* lay in the simplicity of its staging, the meticulous attention to detail in its costuming and the exuberant pleasure of its performance.

Each scene had a painterly quality. Props are limited to an antique table and a pair of chairs, a draped sofa, a potted plant, or pieces of driftwood for the beach scenes; the costumes selected with an unerring eye for their combined effect in each tableau. As a result the play moved on like a kaleidoscope of changing compositions in shades of peach, old rose, leaf greens, purples, champagne, yellow and scarlet. Shimmering cameos against the unrelieved blackness of the stage and its curtains.

All the performers developed a nice sense of character, some with an assurance which suggests they will certainly go further. As the shipwrecked twin Viola, who dresses as a man and goes to work for Duke Orsino, (falling in love with him in spite of her assigned task of wooing the Countess Olivia) Barushka Zizka gave a passionately artic-

ulate performance. Grace Macdonald warmed into her role as Olivia, giving the countess a fiery dignity. In a much smaller role, Metta Macleod brought a vivacious energy to Viola's long lost brother Sebastian, as well as singing a delightful song in the intermission. Mischa Linser's mastery of comic timing and confident stage presence as Feste the Fool was remarkable, and his ability to sing unaccompanied mediaeval songs a real gift to the production. And for sheer determination to pour everything into his role, Sheylon Young's Malvolio deserves special credit—his agony over his humiliation at the hands of his tormenting fellow servants as deeply felt as his own nervous hands.

But in spite of these stellar performances, this was primarily an ensemble piece, each member of the cast contributing an essential, if sometimes unconscious note to the whole—as when two diminutive officers marched onto the stage to arrest the much taller, sword-handling Antonio. The audience appreciated it all: drunken buffoonery, listlessly passive longings for an unrequited love, plots, hurt friendships, a diminutive priest—and if some of the words got lost, others were heard as never before ("Some are born great, some achieve greatness, and some have greatness thrust upon them.") All in all, a good night's work.

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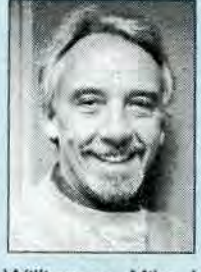
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**Desert Island Choices**  
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 This week's castaway is **Arvid Chalmers**. Born in Scotland, he spent seven years in Africa before emigrating to Canada. Like so many others he discovered Salt Spring Island on a holiday, and decided to move out here 23 years ago from Ontario, even though at that time, Salt Spring was not mentioned on his map of Canada. Along with Mary Williamson, Mike Hayes, Sid Filkow, Anne Lyon, Shilo Zybergold, Reid Collins and James Wilkinson he founded the Hysterical Society thirteen years ago, having discovered stand-up comedy with Dave Phillips and Henry Baade.

**The Book:** *Comedy Is A Serious Business*, by Harry Ruskin. Primarily because it is a short book which sums up virtually everything about life I need to know. As the author put it, the book "will help you climb that golden chariot where a wife without a mink is considered naked!"

**The Disc:** Well, ever since I got back from Mexico I have been playing a CD by some guys I met down there. It's called *Folk 'n Blues in Black 'n White*—but for the long haul, maybe I would take *Roy Orbison, The Best Of*.

**Fellow castaway:** The Marx brother who couldn't speak. That way there'd be no interruptions, just laughing or crying!

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**MONDAY MARCH 27**

- ★ **Great Ganges Clean Up**  
Meet at Jill-Louise Campbell Gallery. 6-7pm
- ☎ **Storytime**  
West of the Moon. 10am
- 🎵 **Midnight Café**  
Acoustic Jam. Rose's Cafe. 7pm
- 👁 **Kabir Helminski Study Group**  
Contemplative Centre. 10am.
- 📅 **Lady Minto Aux. Soc.**  
Annual mtg. Lions' Hall. 2pm
- 🎵 **Voice of Women**  
Mtg. 4pm. 440 Old Scott Rd.
- 🖼 **Life Drawing**  
All levels, no instruction. United Church. 1pm-3pm
- ⊕ **Blood Pressure Clinic**  
Drop in. SS Seniors' Building. 10am-12noon
- 🏃 **Ease into Fitness**  
Mahon Hall. 9-10am
- 💃 **Step into Shape**  
All Saints. 9-10am
- 🙏 **Yoga** SS Centre. 9-10:30am
- 🎬 **Circuit Challenge**  
Fulford Gym. 6:30-7:30pm
- 🎬 **American Movie** 7:30pm

**CALENDAR CONTACT:**  
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**TUESDAY MARCH 21**

- ★ **Soup's On**  
Free soup and sandwich. All Saints'. 11:30-1pm
- ☎ **Kindergym** Parc Portable. 9-10:30am
- 🎵 **Toy Library** Beaver Point Hall. 9-10am
- 👁 **Storytime with Jean Voaden** Library. 10am
- 🖼 **Jonathan Yardley**  
Watercolours. ISCU. to Apr. 1
- 🖼 **Lithographic Exhibit**  
Salt Spring Roasting Co. to March 31
- 🎵 **Margie Korrisson**  
Paintings. Luigi's Pizzeria to April 15
- 🎵 **Christine Crombie**  
Art at Moby's Pub to March 31
- 🎵 **Deon Venter**  
Wound, Scab, Scar. Vortex Gallery up-stairs. Group show downstairs to April.
- 📅 **Central Community Hall Board of Directors**  
public welcome. 7pm
- ⊕ **Mammography Screening Unit**  
Courthouse. Toll free appt. 1-800-663-9203. Daily to Mar. 24
- 🏃 **Flexible Strength** All Saints'. 9-10am
- 🏃 **Boot Camp** All Saints. 5-6pm
- 🏐 **Volleyball** (co-ed) Fulford & GISS Gym. 7:30-9:30pm
- 🎬 **Toy Story 2** 6:30pm
- 🎬 **Pitch Black** 9:00pm

**WEDNESDAY MARCH 22**

- 🎵 **Wednesday Night Live**  
Open Stage. Moby's Pub
- 🎵 **Argentinian Tango**  
Practice. Lions' Hall. 7:30pm
- 👁 **Centering Prayer**  
Contemplative Centre
- 📅 **S. End Centering Prayer**  
St. Mary's Fulford. 11am
- 🖼 **SSI Garden Club**  
Phoebe Noble on gera Meaden Hall. 7pm
- 🎵 **BCSS/NAMI**  
Mental Illness Education. Saints'. 7-9:30pm
- 🏃 **Ease into Fitness**  
Mahon Hall. 9-10am
- 💃 **Step into Shape**  
All Saints. 9-10am
- 🏐 **Soccer Co-ed Drop-in**  
Portlock. 2pm
- 🎬 **Circuit Challenge**  
Fulford Gym. 6:30-7:30pm

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**TUESDAY MARCH 28**

- ☎ **Kindergym** Parc Portable. 9-10:30am
- 🎵 **Toy Library** Beaver Point Hall. 9-10am
- 👁 **Storytime with Jean Voaden** Library. 10am
- ★ **Soup's On**  
Free soup and sandwich. All Saints'. 11:30-1pm
- 📅 **SSI Paddler's Club**  
United Church Hall. 7:30pm
- 🎵 **Selenium Fertilizer Lecture**  
Farmers' Institute Building. 7pm
- ⊕ **Herbal Health for Elders**  
Community Wellness Programmes. SS Seniors' Building. 1:30-3:30pm. Registration 537-1256
- 🏃 **Flexible Strength** All Saints'. 9-10am
- 🏃 **Boot Camp** All Saints. 5-6pm
- 🏐 **Volleyball** (co-ed) Fulford & GISS Gym. 7:30-9:30pm
- 🎬 **American Movie** 7:00pm
- 🎬 **The Sixth Sense** 9:15pm

**WEDNESDAY MARCH 29**

- 🎵 **Living Language Sacred Dance Co.**  
Dance Class. Beaver Point. 2-3pm
- 🎵 **Argentinian Tango**  
Practice. Lions' Hall. 7:30pm
- 👁 **Centering Prayer**  
Contemplative Centre. 7pm
- 📅 **S. End Centering Prayer**  
St. Mary's Fulford. 11am
- 🖼 **Philatelic Curiosities**  
SS Seniors' Building. 2pm
- 🎵 **Building a Youth Positive Community**  
Public Forum—Youth & Meaden Hall. 7-9pm
- 🎵 **BCSS/NAMI**  
Mental Illness Education. Saints'. 7-9:30pm
- 🏃 **Ease into Fitness**  
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THURSDAY MARCH 23	FRIDAY MARCH 24	SATURDAY MARCH 25	SUNDAY MARCH 26
<b>Sing Along Group</b> Seniors' Bldg. 2pm <b>Salty Wheels Square Dancing</b> Central Hall. 7-9pm <b>From Loss to Hope</b> Community Meditation with Lee Evans. United Church. 11:30am-12:30pm <b>Wisdom Conference Planning</b> United Church. All welcome. 4:30-6pm <b>Vedanta &amp; Christian Mysticism</b> Sam & Elvira Graci. United Church. 6:30-8:30pm <b>Spinners and Weavers</b> Guild room. ArtSpring. 10:30am-12noon <b>French Conversation</b> Croftonbrook. 10:15am-12noon <b>Starting a Garden</b> Farmers' Institute. Rainbow Rd. 7:30-9:30pm <b>Flexible Strength All Saints'.</b> 9-10am <b>Yoga Salt Spring Centre.</b> 4-5:30pm <b>Volleyball Fulford Gym.</b> 7-9pm <b>Badminton Club GISS gym.</b> 8-10pm	<b>Open Stage</b> Rose's Cafe. Fulford Harbour. 7pm <b>Valdy &amp; Fjellgard</b> CD Release concert. ArtSpring. 8pm <b>Auntie Kate</b> Concert and Dance. Harbour House Hotel. 8pm <b>In the Womb of the Goddess</b> Ahava Shira. United Church Hall. Donation. 7:30pm <b>Ease into Fitness</b> Mahon Hall. 9-10am <b>Step into Shape</b> All Saints. 9-10am <b>Boot Camp</b> All Saints. 5-6pm <b>Rollerblading to Music</b> Fulford Hall. 7:30-10pm <b>The Sixth Sense</b> 7pm <b>American Movie</b> 9:15pm	<b>Library Book Sale</b> Library. 10am-1pm <b>CFUW Antique Road Show 2000</b> Scholarship Fundraiser. Lions' Hall. 11am-3:30pm <b>Sponsored Bowling</b> Greenwoods Fundraiser. Kings Lanes Rec. Centre. 7-9pm <b>Brent Streeper</b> Harbour House Lounge. 8pm <b>Eros Ball</b> Come as you Dare! Mahon Hall. 8pm <b>Flexible Strength</b> All Saints'. 8:30-9:30am <b>Yoga</b> Salt Spring Centre. 9:30-11am <b>Toy Story 2</b> 6:30pm <b>The Sixth Sense</b> 9pm	<b>Brian (Buck) McDonald &amp; Dave Roland</b> Fulford Inn. 4pm <b>Simone Grasky Quartet</b> Dinner Jazz Moby's Pub. 7pm <b>Badminton Club</b> GISS gym 8-10pm <b>Toy Story 2</b> 6:30pm <b>The Sixth Sense</b> 9pm

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The Eros Ball is approaching fast and all over Salt Spring feathers are being made into scanty outfits, lascivious ideas are sprouting and daring dances practiced. Will you be there? Join the throng March 25, 8 p.m. at Mahon Hall for the first Eros Ball of the century!

Organizers promise a spectacular evening starting with Foreplay—"the greatly provocative pre-show technique of 'breaking the ice' discovered by clowns and dancers of past eros events." The parking lot is apparently the place to watch!

Surprises and play are in store for those daring enough to attend. All the senses will be tickled with exotic eating at the Red Light Café, sensational sounds including Latin rhythms, R&B and jazz from Hot Licks—Mike Simpson

keyboards, Ian Van Wyck bass and Laurent Boucher—and va vooom visuals provided by both the rich decorations and the attendees. A hint is even made that other senses could be stimulated in the "bedroom."

The evening was conceived by singers, dancers, clowns, artists and a hidden group of copiously creative thinkers. "Be ready for splashes of impromptu performances and sultry singers and feel free to join into the many involvement-oriented entertainment moments."

Prizes will be awarded and a costume parade will take place. Anna Haltrecht, Sue Newman, Susheela, John Herbert, Bob Rogers and Lisa Maxx invite you to arrive costumed, masqued or clothed in raw excellence. Tickets \$15 each or 2 for \$25 at et cetera and Acoustic Planet.



Eros Ball, Mahon Hall, 1929.

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Theatre event on Friday, March 31, 7:30 p.m. in the United Church upper hall. Suggested donation, \$7

includes refreshments. This is a part of Eros 2000. For more information contact Alan Caplan at 537-9773.

## Island artist showing series in Ganges

Long-time Salt Spring resident Jonathan Yardley is showing a series of his paintings at Island Savings Credit Union in Ganges.

Born in England, Jonathan Yardley trained as an Architect at the School of Architecture at the City of Birmingham College of Arts and Crafts. He became a registered architect in 1967 and emigrated the same year to Canada. In

Vancouver, he worked with Erickson/Massey and Thompson Berwick & Pratt, and set up his own architectural practice in 1972.

Moving to Salt Spring Island in 1974, he has spent over 25 years working on all the Gulf Islands and on Vancouver Island.

During his training and work, he has both drawn and painted, but until com-

ing to the West Coast had not seriously approached landscapes in watercolour. His paintings are seen as a spontaneous reflection of the everchanging weather of the West Coast. His paintings are all done on location and are quickly rendered.

He has attended workshops given by Toni Onley on Cortes Island and has had two joint shows: A

Brush with Nature, August 1997 and Impressions of Channel Ridge Ranch, August 1998. He has also displayed at Bristol Cutters, Rodrigo's Restaurant, and K.I.S. Office Services on Salt Spring Island.

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# Pioneering family

Let's eat ... with Linda Koroscil



John Beddis, born in 1812, began the line of the family that settled on Salt Spring along with my grandfather, Raffles Purdy, in 1884. In Gloucestershire, England, where the Beddis family lived, all the young men were required to work 14 hours each day, six days each week, in the coal mines. Many died young, acquiring the Bad Chest (probably silicosis).

By 1850, railroads had been established and thus began agricultural changes—old village fair markets become uneconomical because it was more viable to develop markets near railway stations. Dairy and meat products were transported cheaply and the demand for farm workers fell.

Emigration was the only salvation. "Your hands can earn four times as much on the plains of Ohio and Mississippi" boasted pamphlets and journals. Sixty thousand Welsh people came to North America and so did Samuel Beddis, John's son.

Wooded by his poetry and gentle manner, Emily Adelaide Purdy became Samuel's wife. She was my grandfather's sister. They were among thousands of brave souls who gave up all they knew to pioneer a new land.

And that they did. They settled near Nebraska City, west of the Missouri River Valley. It was 1872. It was also Jessie James' territory! Five children were born in that settlement, two of which did not survive. Harned by an incident that occurred when a neighbour went berserk and shot at their house, they moved the family up the Missouri near Ohio.

It was there that my grandfather joined them, and two more children were born. One was Lionel Rhoderick. I called him Uncle Lionel and I remember him always sitting in a big overstuffed arm chair in the kitchen of the old Beddis house. He had a big grey handlebar moustache and he smoked a pipe. I thought he

looked very wise. The other child was a girl, named Boadecia Emily Mary. She was known as Auntie Decie and what I remember of her was that she had the most beautiful delicate fingers even though I thought she was ancient and she wore very dark clothes. I especially remember her dressed in a long blue wool coat and blue hat and little black boots with laces. Her tea was always served in fine porcelain cups and the tea biscuits were the best.

By 1883 things in Nebraska were looking bleak. Locusts had devastated the Beddis Farm and Samuel's chest condition had worsened. At Christmas time that year, just by chance, one of his fellow workers showed him a package he had received from a friend living in Victoria. It was a violet plant in full bloom. "If they can do that in Victoria at this time of year, that is where we are going," he said to Emily. And thus began their journey to Salt Spring Island.

Make sure you read next week's column, I have lots more to tell!

## Leavenworth Biscuits

This is one of Dinah Shore's marvelous recipes. It comes from the warden's wife of Leavenworth prison.

2 C. flour	1 1/2 C. (or more) shredded sharp cheddar
1 tsp. salt	3/4 lb. spicy sausage meat (uncooked)
2 1/2 tsp. baking powder	(dash Cayenne)
1/2 C. shortening	(dash Tabasco) Optional
1/3 C. butter	
1/3 C. milk	

Combine dry ingredient, add shortening and butter, cut in til finely blended. Add sausage and mix with hands til well blended. Add cheese and seasonings. Sprinkle milk over and mix. Form in patties about 2 inches across and 3/4 inch thick. Bake at 450° - 15 minutes till browned

# Shape the future

Salt Spring Island Community Services is celebrating 25 years of service to the residents of Salt Spring and the Outer Gulf Islands.

As part of that celebration, the agency is undertaking a review of its current activities and developing a strategic plan for the future. Representatives from various demographic and community groups, such as health, seniors and PARC have been invited to attend the full day planning meeting.

Now, the agency would like to invite community members to participate in a planning day, scheduled for April 3.

All those who have used Community Services in the past or are current clients are invited to attend as are those who have never needed the services offered at the centre. This session is intended to help shape the future direction of Community Services, an important part of the community.

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# March in the Salt Spring Garden

Life in the garden ... with Joe Clemente



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Nevertheless, if any of your plants are lacking nutrients from all the winter rains leaching them away, it's a good time to give them a boost.

March is still a good month to plant any ornamental or fruit trees that you may not have got around to earlier in the winter. Pretty much all shrubs, vines and even hedges can be planted safely in well draining soil. We hope

April will bring adequate precipitation to help out on the watering of newly planted specimens.

This month is also a great time to shop for your smaller fruits such as strawberries, raspberries and any other small fruit bushes you're looking for. Rhubarb and asparagus plants usually show up at local garden centres once March rolls around. They can all be planted without a problem. Rhubarb clumps that have become overgrown can be safely divided as well. If you have a greenhouse or other similar

growing area many annuals such as asters, salvias, petunias, impatiens, tomatoes, peppers and eggplants can be started from seed, so they'll be ready to set outdoors when the real warm weather hits us later on. If you have real well drained garden soil some seeds such as calendulas, sweet peas, radish, lettuce, spinach, cauliflower and broccoli can be sown directly into your prepared garden beds. Hopefully I've covered most things that can be taken care of in the month of March.

Have Fun!

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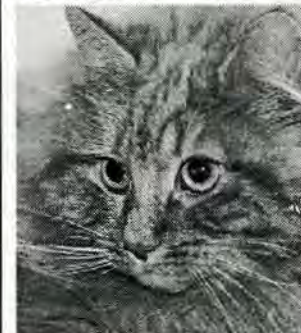
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### THE KIDNEY FOUNDATION

**F**ounded in 1964, The Kidney Foundation of Canada is a national volunteer organization dedicated to improving the health and quality of life of people living with kidney disease. With offices in every province, the Foundation's activities focus on four key areas:

- funding research and related clinical education
- provides services for the special needs of individuals living with kidney disease
- advocating for access to high quality healthcare
- promoting awareness of and commitment to organ donation

The Foundation relies entirely on donations from the public to achieve its goals. Since 1964, our fundraising campaigns have allowed us to contribute millions of dollars to kidney-related research, and to provide a variety of services to the millions of Canadians who suffer from kidney failure and kidney-related diseases.

#### ■ Some facts about kidney disease

**Fact 1:** More than 2 million Canadians suffer from kidney failure or some form of kidney-related disease such as diabetes, high blood pressure, kidney stones or urinary tract infections. (That's enough people to fill the SkyDome in Toronto each day for a month.)

**Fact 2:** Kidney failure is a life-threatening condition. When your kidneys fail, toxic wastes and fluids accumulate in your body. You need dialysis treatments to artificially clean your blood, or a kidney transplant.

**Fact 3:** More than 2,400 Canadians are on a waiting list for a kidney transplant. Some of them will die waiting because there is a critical shortage of organs available for transplantation in Canada. In 1999, 144 kidney transplants took place in B.C.

**Fact 4:** Organ donation from one single donor can help about a dozen people, including two kidney patients. That's because each kidney transplant recipient receives just one new kidney (the body can function quite well with just one healthy new kidney).



*Some dialysis patients must spend up to 15 hours each week having wastes cleaned from their blood.*

#### ■ Why is research into kidney disease so important

**W**ithout medical research, treatments such as dialysis, organ transplants and anti-rejection medications would simply not have been developed. The Kidney Foundation is proud to play a leading role in the promotion and funding of kidney-related research in Canada. Hundreds of Canadian researchers have been funded by The Kidney Foundation, and their important work has resulted in:

- major advances in dialysis treatment, which have dramatically improved the life expectancy and quality of life of kidney patients
- more effective procedures for kidney and other organ transplants
- non-surgical methods of treatment for specific kidney stone problems
- increased knowledge of the effects of kidney disease on the human body
- improved understanding of the emotional impact of living with kidney disease

#### ■ Why does The Kidney Foundation support organ donation?

**T**he Kidney Foundation actively promotes awareness of, and commitment to, organ donation because kidney transplants:

- provide a better quality of life than dialysis (the only other treatment for kidney failure)
- are 85-95% successful (and that rate is improving every year with advances in medical research)
- can actually save the healthcare system money
- can't be performed unless organs become available and a number of Canadians die each year waiting for a transplant

The Kidney Foundation's work in this area includes public awareness campaigns and advocacy efforts to encourage all Canadians to make a positive decision regarding organ donation and to discuss their wishes with their family.

#### ■ How The Kidney Foundation spends a dollar\*



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Dr. David Woodley with "miracle" kidney patient Stephen Gilbert and Lions representative Sam Cochran.

## Kidney Dialysis

### A way of life, a way to save lives

by Shelagh Plunkett

Stephen Gilbert is a lucky man. In 1997 his kidneys failed and he was put on dialysis—the only pre-transplant treatment available—but 15 months later he was taken off dialysis and to this day his one remaining kidney continues to function well.

"Stephen is a very rare case," said Dr. David Woodley, Gilbert's physician. "I'll probably never meet another patient like him."

That's because almost nobody survives getting off dialysis without a transplant. It was possible in Gilbert's case because the condition which caused his first kidney to fail was treated and then, before his second kidney shut down completely, an artery blockage was bypassed. The second kidney was thus salvaged and brought "back to life."

"I'm glad to tell people about the meaning and value and safety of what sounds like a pretty horrible thing. I used to think that being plugged into a machine three times a week was awful. I thought I'd rather die. Well, if you need dialysis, soon you will die if you don't use it," said Gilbert.

Gilbert, Woodley and Sam Cochran of the Lions Club had gathered to talk about the importance of the Kidney Foundation. This month the Lions Club is sponsoring the Foundation's fundraising drive on Salt Spring.

"The Kidney Foundation gets no money from the government," said Cochran. "They depend entirely on donations and volunteers."

And, they do a lot with those donations. Woodley and Gilbert both said the Foundation provides kidney patients with a plethora of medicines, treatments, information and services.

"They supply patients with an incredible amount of medication," said Woodley.

And they save lives like those of Stephen Gilbert. Dialysis is one of the treatments funded by the Kidney Foundation and without it, most patients would die within a few days of suffering kidney failure. In simple terms, a dialysis machine replaces the body's kidneys by taking over the job of purifying the blood. Patients like Stephen Gilbert often spend four hours, three times a week, hooked up to a dialysis machine while it cleans their blood of built up toxins.

"The lifestyle changes are huge," said Terry Cain, an RN in Royal Jubilee Hospital's Renal Unit. "It's very exhausting. For many of the patients sleep is a big issue. When they're here they struggle to stay awake so they can get a good sleep that night."

Cain said the Royal Jubilee unit is the only one in the

region other than smaller community-based units. It operates from 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 p.m. every day of the week. "We're just like a little old factory," he said. "People usually start off with regrets, then acceptance but eventually we become like a second family for for them."

Stephen Gilbert said he never expected to go off dialysis and faced a radically changed life with a degree of resignation.

"Your whole life gets cut up and you have to plan everything around the dialysis," said Gilbert who added that his own experience was made more difficult because of the distance he had to travel three times a week.

"The ferry people were wonderfully accommodating though. They gave me a yellow card that we put on the dashboard and when they saw that they'd load us directly into the centre lane." Gilbert explained the few minutes saved disembarking the ferry could make the difference between arriving late and causing havoc with the hospital's schedule.

For some, however, the complications weekly treatments pose can ultimately be too much. "Some patients choose to go off dialysis. For them the effect on their quality of life was more than they wanted to continue with," said Woodley. Once off dialysis, most patients die of heart failure within a week.

At Royal Jubilee, Cain said dialysis patients range in age from one 16-year-old girl to a woman in her late 80s. The average age for dialysis patients, he said, was late 60s to early 70s and that the average length of time an individual remains on dialysis is around five years. "A lot of people die of the health condition that caused their kidney failure," he explained but added he knew of one patient who remained on dialysis for 20 years.

"There are two kinds of dialysis patients," said Woodley. "Those who are using it as a holding pattern until a transplant is possible and those for whom it becomes a way of life."

Transplants are hard to come by, though, which means many people have to adjust to living with dialysis. In Canada about 2,400 people are currently on kidney transplant waiting lists while only about 150 transplants are performed each year. Cain said in the past people generally had to wait a year for a transplant but that now the average wait is much longer.

"Perhaps if people understood how many people organ donation benefits, they'd be more likely to sign up," said Woodley.

## COSMIC EGG

by Shelagh Plunkett

When I sat inside Jane Janzen's giant amethyst geode I didn't really expect to experience anything much. I was tired, in a hurry and...a little skeptical. Jane Janzen—who owns Aroma Crystal Therapy Studio—had described the huge crystal lined rock to me as a "cosmic egg" with amazing energetic powers. Describing "dimensional shifts," "cellular vibrations" and visions of white energetic antennae reaching from the tops of trees, Janzen urged me to experience the geode's healing powers myself.

Well, I did. And, after a few short minutes inside the "crystal cave" I have to admit I'm not a total skeptic anymore. I don't know about its healing powers, but if experiencing some weird visual effects—empty space taking on an invisible solidity, the ability to see mists rising where only grass and garden soil could be detected before—and feeling suddenly more lively is any testament then I can say the rock's got some kind of power.

A geode is a nodule of stone with a cavity lined in crystals or mineral matter. Usually smaller than a football and roughly egg-shaped, geodes have glittering interiors that belie their almost ugly exteriors making them all seem a little magical. Janzen's geode is particularly exotic because of its size. Found in a mine on the border between Brazil and Peru, it is one of only two known to have originated there which are big enough to hold an adult. The other giant geode is now in Japan.

Janzen encountered the big rock when on a primitive skills campout in Arizona. She and Karen Larsen decided to take in a gem show in Tucson before heading home and that's where they found the geode. Getting it home wasn't easy—the rock weighs 710 pounds.

"We drove all the way back with the van riding so low we could only take on a half a tank of gas at any time," said Janzen.

In literature Janzen supplied, amethysts are described as a gemstone of the mental realm and one of the best stones for meditation. It is said to be ideal for "the evolution of consciousness" and "reflect[ing] the essence of magic and the ability to transform from one reality to another."

Janzen intends to make the geode available for a small fee to those interested in self help. She plans to donate proceeds from the geode's use to the Texada Land Acquisition fund. To experience the healing chamber, call Aroma Crystal Therapy Studio, 537-9211.



Jane Janzen, owner of Aroma Crystal Therapy, sits inside the 710 lb amethyst geode she brought back from Tucson.



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**Athlete of the Week**

**Kevan Andrews**

Kevan represents the Salt Spring Legion this weekend in Langley at the B.C. Dart Championships. He is only the third local Legion member to win a spot at the B.C.'s in singles competition. A victory in Langley will send Kevan to the Nationals in Calgary.

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## Peak season on Salt Spring



*Fishing the great outdoors ...*

*with Keith Newman*

Most people wouldn't think it, but March is probably the best month of the year for fishing on, or around, Salt Spring Island. Traditionally the best trout fishing all year happens in March. The Winter Springs (small Chinook salmon) hit their peak, prawns are abundant and even the Bass are starting to wake up from their winter slumber to begin their spawning.

Trout will take most any thing this time of year; so many different insect species come to life that there is a veritable explosion of food. Mosquito pupa or Chironomids are among the first to show starting in early February this year. They are quite numerous thus becoming a staple in any trout's diet. A couple of weeks ago I was fishing on St. Mary Lake with a new fly I was working on, the CDC midge, and brought in a two-and-a-half pound cutthroat trout in just a few minutes of fishing this chironomid pattern. It is designed to stick in the surface film like the emerging

fly and is easy to fish. Do not despair if you're not a fly fisherman. Trout will also eat other prey such as worms, leeches, nymphs, etc.... and it is a widely held belief they will hunt for a leech to finish off a meal of chironomids in order to pack their stomach.

Weston lake is also hot right now and leech patterns



are always a great bet there. Don't forget Stowe, Blackburn and Cusheon; they're all at their peak time.

The North East side of Galilano island near Poulter Pass has been the site of the best salmon fishing happening right now. I have had reports of lots of fish. Two fishermen a couple of weeks back limited out in just over half an hour and coyote spoons are still the favorite out there. Prawns and crab are also abundant.

Crabbing in Tricomalli Channel has been particularly good this past month and the prawning all around the east side of Salt Spring from Southly point to Beaver point is excellent.

Many anglers are taking to both these trap fisheries, and with good reason. Anglers can drop up to four traps per person for prawns and crab and keep four legal size crab and five kilos of whole prawns (11 pounds) per day. Most people will drop their traps do some trolling or jigging then pick up their traps on the way home, along with a salmon or ling, a few crab and prawns make a pretty good day's catch.

Until next time, good luck and good fishing. Oh, and don't forget to check out the fishing derby ad in this week's issue.

### Cul De Canard Midge

**Hook:** Mustad 94840  
**Size:** 10-16  
**Thread:** 6/0 black  
**Tail:** 1 strand floss, black  
**Body:** 1 strand floss, black  
**Rib:** fine copper wire  
**Thorax:** Peacock herl  
**Gills:** white CDC

### Sports Pool...with Terry Stringer

**DAGWOOD'S POOL** Next meeting: Wed., Apr. 12th, 7pm sharp at DAGWOOD'S.

	Total Points	This Week
1 Philadelphia..	581	30
2 Ottawa.....	569	20
3 Montreal.....	559	33
4 Dallas.....	558	31
5 Edmonton.....	549	17
6 Vancouver.....	549	16
7 Boston.....	533	28
8 Atlanta.....	531	26
9 St. Louis.....	529	13

	Total Points	This Week
10 Pittsburgh....	525	19
11 Toronto.....	524	27
12 Phoenix.....	523	22
13 San Jose.....	502	15
14 Washington..	494	27
15 Islanders.....	494	22
16 Buffalo.....	485	11
17 Anaheim.....	477	23

**GOLF COURSE POOL** Next meeting: Thur., Apr. 13th, 5pm sharp.

	Total Points	This Week
1 Ice Dogs.....	613	15
2 Ane-jo.....	610	29
3 Dallas.....	598	30
4 Edmonton.....	591	20
5 Greenwoods....	579	35
6 Toronto.....	579	24
7 Marx Bro #1....	574	23
8 Rangers.....	572	30



# The influence of the gifted



*Sidelines ...*

*with Alan Webb*

## Salt Spring U-14's 2 Bays United 7

Soccer may be the greatest team sport humans have ever devised, but Saturday's District Cup Semi-Final between Salt Spring's U-14's and Bays United was an example of how much influence one precociously skilled player can have on any game's outcome.

Salt Spring were down early and often to visiting Oak Bay. They conceded an early goal and then watched as goalkeeper Brian Hunsburger hurled himself about his goal

mouth blocking shots and cutting out crosses to keep his mates in the game.

Gord Akerman made his keeper's efforts worthwhile when he collected the ball on the left of midfield, cut diagonally across traffic and hit a bullet into the top of the net from twenty yards to tie the score.

Some pretty good action ensued. Akerman and his strike-partner Kyle Wilkinson combined to keep Bays' defense off-balance. Akerman is a superb athlete with a sharp mind, assets which allow him to excel at several sports, while Wilkinson is a

footballer with real possibilities. Hard-running, strength on the ball, and a good, heavy shot are some pretty valuable ingredients in the make-up of a soccer player; Wilkinson has these qualities.

However, Oak Bay featured a player on an altogether different level. Connor Sarsfield scored four times on Saturday and every goal was a cracker. He showed too much pace for Salt Spring, his anticipation was too acute, and his finishing was confident and lethal.

For all of Akerman's and Wilkinson's diligence, and Hunsburger's efforts, every hard-working segment of the game for the home side was cruelly punctuated by Sarsfield.

Bays led 5-1 at the half, but Akerman and Wilkinson's work stoked hopes of an unlikely comeback. Akerman's inciteful pass through a crowd for Wilkinson brought Salt Spring to within three early in the second half. Moments later the same combination nearly got another when Wilkinson's blistering shot was paired just past the post.

But Sarsfield popped up to pouch two more goals off quick attacks; the second a real beauty as he was pursued on a breakaway by three defenders, slowed, allowing them to pass, then wrong-footed them at the top of the eighteen and blasted a shot which Hunsburger could not quite push over the bar.

# Challenge Cup one win away

## Cordova Bay 2 Salt Spring FC 4

Salt Spring FC is one win away from a date in the Challenge Cup Final at Royal Athletic Park, where Manager Ken Marr gleefully noted, "It will be the first time people will have to pay to see us play!"

FC's work rate is always to be admired and Sunday's quarter final win at Cordova Bay was indicative of their desire, and of their artistry as well.

The first half was relatively easy for the visitors. Jesse Fisher and Josh Byron worked diligently in midfield to supply front runner Harrison Jason and Corbin Scott.

Scott fired FC into the lead from a free kick at the top of the eighteen, hammering his shot through a less than fully committed spot in the wall.

A nicely measured Byron through-ball for Scott created a second shortly thereafter. Scott shielded his marker on the end line letting the ball bounce at his feet while support arrived, then lobbed the ball over his head blindly,

over a flailing goalkeeper, off the far post and in.

Two more good chances fell to the impressively in form Scott, as well as a narrow miss on a well-hit volley by Byron before the interval.

An early Bobcat goal in the second half stunned FC and their large contingent of supporters after the break. And it wasn't long before the home side drew level on a far post header off a corner kick.

Byron nearly picked the short side corner minutes later, then combined with Scott to supply Jason with service which he sent crashing inches wide of the post.

FC had settled and the Bobcats has missed their chance to upset them. Fisher supplied the exclamation mark to that sentence when he sent Scott down the left side with a perfectly flighted ball which he hit hard and low across the face of the goal for Jason and a 3 - 2 lead.

Jason added his second, intercepting a goal kick and firing it home to finish the scoring with some 5 minutes to play.

Much of the steam driving the FC engine is supplied by its defense. Here there is no question of commitment. The Walde

brothers in the middle, Colin and Andy, are truly fearless and one would need to be nearly senseless to challenge them for 50/50 balls. on the flanks Pete Aust and Eric Jorgensen are tireless and composed on the ball. Jorgensen in particular is developing into a very important player.

The only concern for next week's semi-final would have to be for Corbin Scott who took a nasty knock just after halftime and played the rest of the game looking like he was concealing a grapefruit in his sock.

Next week, away at Nanaimo, 2:15 pm Sunday.

## Bowling Banter ... with Ruth Hume

Loonie Tunes: John Sutherland-238, 209, Henry Schwagly-224, Linda Schwagly-221, Lance Leask-216, Ruth Hume-213, 200, 202/615, Dylan Hume-205, 214, Ron Cunningham-219, Connie Hardy-219 50+ Leagues: Tuesday morning: Cliff Jory-208, Audrey Illingworth-202, Bev Brown-200, John Richardson-201, Jack Godwin-204 Tuesday afternoon: Reg Winstone-206, Clara Hicks-207 Friday morning:

Margaret Baker-213, 211, 225, Don Goodman-233, Sherry Mehnert-205, Edie Gear-226, Cliff Jory-204 Golf Ladies: Kay Booth-204, Deanna Marleau-209, Lorraine Toller-214, Ruby Webster-241 Circus: Bob MacAllister-218 Special Olympics: Gloria Dale-159, 203, Sharon Way-158, Mahjor Bains-234, 190, Becky Clair-156, Jessie Maron-155, MaryAnne West-179, Domonic George-144

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## Building a Youth-Positive Community

Public Forum for Youth and Adults  
Wednesday, March 29, 7-9pm  
Meaden Hall-The Legion





**WELL READ**—Friday was a fun-filled day for students at Salt Spring Elementary. Not only was it the last day before Spring Break but it was "Pajama Day" when one and all come to school in flannels, nighties and PJs. An assembly was held during which Marie Elsser (left) and Grace Morgan (right) were among more than 100 children who received recognition for reading a minimum of 20 minutes per day for 26 days. Of the hundred, 51 (including Marie and Grace) also received \$5 gift certificates from Volume II Books for resisting TV and videos during the 26-day blitz.

## Garden Club, March 23

# Geranium garden tour

Phoebe Noble will speak at the Wednesday, March 22 meeting of the Garden Club (7 p.m., Meaden Hall). Internationally known for her knowledge and expansive collection of perennial geraniums, Phoebe Noble, a retired

math professor, gardens a beautiful two-acre complex in Deep Cove. There she makes extensive use of hardy cranes-bill geraniums as groundcover throughout her orchard and many garden rooms. There is even a delicate pink

geranium variety named *Phoebe Noble* for her.

Come and enjoy the evening of slides and stroll through Phoebe Noble's beautiful garden with Phoebe as your guide. Non-members \$5.

# Love is Heaven Love is Hell

How do our relationships turn from loving affectionate harmony to arguments, power struggles and distance? This is the process to be explored in *Love is Heaven/ Love is*

*Hell*—a weekly group offered by Sharon Bronstein and Alan Caplan, therapists specializing in relationship work. Participants will be introduced to ways of moving

through differences without losing that loving feeling. The group is for people of all orientations, singles and couples. For information and to register call 537-9114.

# 25 ways to spend March Break with your kids

by Bev Stewart

1. Take a hike! There is a map of suggested parks and hikes at the Portlock Park, PARC office, or simply explore a corner of the Island you're unfamiliar with.
2. Go bowling at Kings Lanes.
3. Spend a day in Victoria. Your destination might be the museum, art gallery, Commonwealth pool, or Chinatown.
4. Try rollerblading Friday evening at Fulford Hall, 7:30 - 10 p.m.
5. Teens can play badminton at G.I.S.S. Thursday and Sunday evenings from 8 - 10 p.m.
6. Get out the tennis racquets and head to one of our public tennis courts. The one behind the Fulford fire hall is usually empty.
7. Fly a kite!
8. Go beachcombing, collect shells, pretty rocks, etc. Remember to feed ducks only seeds.
9. Play a round of golf. Both the Salt Spring Golf and Country Club and Blackburn Golf Course are now open. Juniors from six to 18 years can play nine holes at Blackburn for \$5 and either nine or 18 holes at the Salt Spring Golf and Country Club for \$7.50 plus tax.
10. Have a picnic lunch in a favourite park or on a beach. Enjoy our forests! Remember to take home any garbage.
11. Climb to any high point and take photographs of our beautiful Island.
12. Get kids involved in preparing the season's garden.
13. Clean out closets and drawers of items of winter clothing that they have outgrown and donate them to one of our thrift shops.
14. Go to the co-ed soccer drop-in at Portlock Park, Wednesday at 2 p.m.
15. Take in Storytime at West of the Moon Mondays at 10 a.m. and at the library Tuesdays at 10 a.m.
16. Take all those books back to the library, and get some new ones.
17. Co-ed volleyball is on at GISS and Fulford schools Tuesday from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. and at Fulford school Thursday from 7 to 9 p.m..
18. Observe spring equinox together.
19. Play a game of disc golf at Mouat Park. The park is open every day during daylight hours and there is no charge.
20. Ask them to plan and, if old enough, prepare some or all of the week's meals.
21. Take a day trip to another of the Gulf Islands. Walk on the ferry and hike around your chosen island.
22. Organize a neighbourhood game of baseball or soccer.
23. Register them for one or more of the PARC programmes being offered next week. On Monday, Tuesday and Thursday, a combination of arts and crafts, science and nature programmes are being offered. Wednesday and Friday will see mask and puppet making. The programmes, for six to 12-year-olds, are being held in the PARC portable from 9 a.m. to 12 noon and the cost is \$15 per day.
24. Put the kayak or canoe in the water for the first time this year.
25. Check our community calendar for many other special events happening this week.

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4:00 pm Friday preceding next issue  
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NOON Monday preceding next issue

## 100 • BIRTHS

**MARK, PETRA & Lauren** Mollin are pleased to announce the birth of Sarah Jocelyn Nicole in Cowichan District Hospital, March 3rd, 2000 at 8:12 pm, weighing 9 lb, 1 oz. Many thanks to Dr. Shklanka & Dr. Mais. 1200

## 110 • IN MEMORIAM

**MUPPETT - BELOVED** friend and companion. Travelled on to another life. March 16th, 2000 - always remembered by Macie, Rosemary & Sean and all who loved or knew her. 1200

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## 120 • MESSAGES OF THANKS

**RANDY & DENISE** Beck wish to express their thanks to the many dedicated and visionary people who helped us build our dream house. To Meror Krayenhoff of Terra Firma Builders/Visionworks Construction and the crew of creative builders. To Phillip Van Horn for a spectacular design, we love living in it. To Mike Hames for the wall art and Jerry Ringrose of Heko Art Glass for the glass designs. To Chris Coates Plumbing and Electrical and the many other sub-trade contractors that made the house work. A hundred thousand blessings on you all! Thanks for everything. 1200

## CLASSIFIED DEADLINE

for the  
**MARCH 28th**  
issue  
of the Barnacle is:  
**Friday, March 24th**  
at 4:00pm

## 120 • MESSAGES OF THANKS

**I WOULD** like to extend my profound thanks to Dr. David Woodley and hospital staff for their patience and kindness toward my husband George Meyer over the past few years. Also to the Ambulance and Fire Department for their prompt response. Gratefully - Bev Meyer and family. 12

**THANKS TO** the great gang at Playback Theatre for opening our eyes and our minds to the wonders of life. 1200

## TOONIE TRIBUTES

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## 140 • UPCOMING EVENTS

**COMMUNITY BULLETIN** Board now at the Barnacle - display your notices and posters for upcoming events on our giant bulletin board. Drop-off during office hours or use our mail slot. 11th

**OPEN HOUSE:** this Saturday. Come tour the store and see the big changes we've made! Free coffee and donuts 10am-3pm. Mouat's Home Hardware. 1200

**QUEEN MARGARET'S** School enrollment information evening. Wednesday, April 5th, 5 - 8 p.m. ArtSpring Theatre. Everyone welcome. Contact Rebecca McKay 746-4185 for more details. 1400

**POETRY MAKES** the world go 'round. 8 poets reading poems from near and far. Music by "This Side Up." Refreshments by Planned Parenthood. 7:30, Saturday, April 8th. Lions Hall. \$8 adults, \$5 students. 1400

**YOU ARE** invited to attend an illustrated lecture by Dr. Caterina Pizani of The ArtExchange entitled "Greece...an artful escape" at the Bouzouki Greek Cafe at Grace Point Square, Salt Spring Island, on Sunday April 2, 2000 at 7:30 p.m. Everyone is invited. 1300

**ARTCAMP: LLOYD** English and Patricia Brown, July 17-21 Age 5-8, July 24-28 Age 9-12, Fulford School. Call Patricia 653-9406. 1400

**GRADS: GRADUATION** is getting closer, do you have your special dress? Together we can create your one and only custom-made grad dress. Judith. 537-9880. 11th

**"BUILDING A Youth Positive Community"** Public Forum Youth & Adults. Wednesday, March 29, 7:00 pm. Meaden Hall (The Legion) 1300

## 140 • UPCOMING EVENTS

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED** for Save the Children Plant Sale (Sale will be in May). Pot Luck dinner meeting Thursday, March 30th 5:30 pm. Call Peggy 653-2350 to confirm or to volunteer. 1200

**FERNWOOD ELEMENTARY** School is now a part of "Labels for Education". Please save your Campbell Soup, V8 Splash Juice & Pepperidge Farms Fish Cracker labels. There is a drop box at GVM and Fernwood School. With the collection of labels our school will receive much needed equipment. 537-9636. 1200

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

The Salt Spring Island Local Trust Committee will be meeting to consider various matters of general business, such as applications received, bylaw reviews and meeting notes. The Agenda will also include consideration of Second and Third Readings of proposed OCP Bylaw No. 359 (Seniors' Supportive Housing), proposed Zoning Bylaw No. 360 (R1 to SSH), and proposed Zoning Bylaw No. 362 (R1 to MF3).

**DATE:** Wednesday, March 22, 2000  
**TIME:** 1:30 p.m.  
**PLACE:** Hart Bradley Memorial Hall (Lions Club) 103 Bonnet Ave, Ganges

The Public is invited to attend, and will be provided an opportunity to speak to the Local Trust Committee on any matters of interest. For information about the agenda, please call the Islands Trust at 537-9144. 140 1200

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Info: Len 537-4398  
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**In the Womb of the Goddess**  
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## 140 • UPCOMING EVENTS

**Rabbit Sunday With the SPCA**  
April 2nd, 2:00 PM  
Behind the vet clinic.  
Meet some lovely rabbits and learn all about their care.  
Find out why rabbits make great pets but not great gifts.  
Info for the beginner and advanced owner.

**Salt Spring Island Golf & Country Club**  
**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**  
Wednesday April 12, 2000  
7:30 p.m.  
- CLUBHOUSE -  
By order of the Board  
Debbie Cade, Secretary to the Board

## 145 • COMMUNITY SERVICES

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## 145 • COMMUNITY SERVICES

**Basic Care Foundation and Hospice**  
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## 160 • BIRTHDAYS

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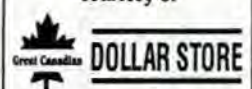
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**SIDEWALK SALE** - Up to  
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footwear! This Friday,  
Saturday and Sunday at  
Mouats Clothing Co. 1200

**Notice of regular  
monthly public PARC  
meeting on Monday,  
March 27, 2000  
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## 220 • LOST & FOUND

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Mouat's Park. Claim at the  
Barnacle office. 324 Lower  
Ganges Road. 537-4040 1200

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Deep purple velvet. Call 537-  
5750. 1200

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mately one month ago at the  
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call Anne or Cathy at 537-  
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**Europe on Sale!**  
'til March 31st

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**THE TRAVEL SHOP**  
**537-9911**  
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## 310 • APPLIANCES

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**Whirlpool** **MAYTAG**  
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on Salt Spring  
Island!  
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**YARD SALE.** Saturday,  
March 25th, 9 - 2 pm. 156  
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## 320 • GARAGE SALES

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GARAGE  
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time again!**

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Steam". Condition not impor-  
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Road, Salt Spring Island, B.C.  
V8K 2V3. Attention: Shelagh  
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weekends. Please submit  
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## Out with the Ins

**ACROSS**  
1 Expression of sorrow  
5 N.B.'s Stompin' \_\_\_\_\_  
8 Bruise  
12 Big rig  
13 Black Cuckoo  
14 Region  
15 Vessel  
16 Dry  
17 Perjurer  
18 \_\_\_\_\_ McKenna,  
former N.B. Premier  
20 Parcelled out  
22 Haw's opposite  
23 Fed  
24 Insightful  
27 N.B. writer, Bliss

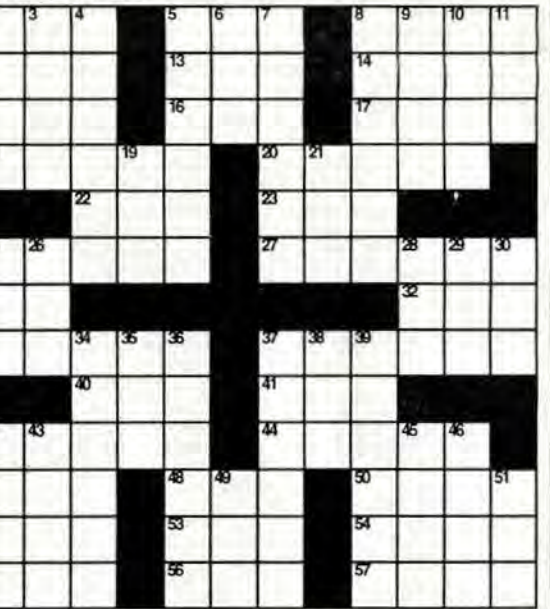
31 Golf score  
32 Wonder  
33 Sci Fi writer Isaac

37 N.B.'s first family?  
40 Aristotle, to his pals  
41 Compass point  
42 Music term for slow-  
ly  
44 N.B.'s Reversing  
47 Himalayan monster  
48 Mauna \_\_\_\_\_  
50 N.B. flag feature  
52 Afterwards

53 Sea eagle  
54 Destroy  
55 Word in N.B.  
motto  
56 Vietnamese  
New Year  
57 Majority

**DOWN**  
1 Serpent  
2 Plant part  
3 Middle eastern  
ruler  
4 Silo contents  
5 Assigned work  
6 Ace  
7 Early New  
Brunswick  
8 N.B. actor

Pidgeon  
9 Neighbor of  
Huron  
10 N.B. mineral resource  
11 Sailor  
19 Modern  
21 7th Greek letter  
24 Watering place  
25 Possesses  
26 Country address?  
28 May, in Riviere Verte  
29 Barley part  
30 Not pos  
34 Maritime



35 Organization, for  
short  
36 N.B.'s official flower  
37 Baby  
38 Ribonucleic acid, for  
short  
39 Lambskin  
42 TV talk show host  
43 On top  
45 Type preceder  
46 Turfs

47 Colloquial yes  
49 Mineral source  
51 Denial

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## 580 • RENTALS

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## 600 • HOUSES FOR SALE

**PORT ALBERNI.** 3 bedroom house with big workshop. .7 acre, home based industry, wood craving. Complete with 8 spindle duplicating machine. Backup tools, molds, etc. Priced to sell \$125,000. Phone Bill (250) 537-5192.

**THEY DON'T** make ocean-front anymore! Unique ocean-front home. Built 1989. 3,000 sq ft at Reginald Hill. 653-4465 or 653-4436.

**GARDENER'S DELIGHT** / Oceanview House: Well appointed, well cared for home - 3/4 bedrooms, den, formal dining room, large country kitchen, pecan cupboards. Bay window, fireplace, 2 1/2 bathrooms. Attached garage, quiet .6 acre with mature beautiful landscaping, greenhouse. Located in Crofton. Phone (250) 246-9913 evenings/weekends. \$199,000.

**NORTH VANCOUVER** apartment for sale or trade. Bright corner suite with views of the harbour & mountains. Near Seabus terminal. Looking for property with or without cottage. 537-1831.

## Charming, One-Level, Garden Condo

In quiet secure retirement community. Large sunny kitchen w/ dishwasher. Large bedroom + den. Southfacing deck gets sun all day; steps down to roses & lawn, 6 appliances & fireplace.

**\$142,500**  
**537-5718**  
reaches owner

## 690 • REAL ESTATE WANTED

**SOUTH END** Acreage. Ideally fixer-upper with guest cabin and shop. All properties considered. 537-1848.

## 700 • HOUSES FOR RENT

**3 BEDROOM,** 1 & 1/2 BATHS, Oceanview duplex on Malview, Washer & Dryer, Large private yard. \$750, available April 1st. 537-4413.

**NEAR RUCKLE** Park. 4 bedroom family home. Sunny location. N/S, No Dogs. 653-2306.

## 710 • APARTMENTS FOR RENT

**UNFURNISHED BACHELOR** apartment. N/S, N/P, living room/bedroom, kitchen, bathroom. Single person only. Quiet building of older tenants. Laundry, covered parking. \$375. 538-0090.

## 730 • SHARED ACCOMMODATION

**ROOMMATE NEEDED** to share 2 bedroom house, W/D, cable. \$325. Leave message at 537-4591.

## 740 • HOLIDAY ACCOMMODATION

**SKI MT.** Washington. Fully equipped condo. Suits small family. Drive in, easy access slopes. \$50 up. 537-2468 or (250) 478-7605. If no answer leave messages.

## 750 • STORAGE

**SALT SPRING MINI STORAGE**  
• Private rooms  
• Sizes to suit your needs  
• Clean, safe and secure  
**537-5888**  
347 Upper Ganges Road

## 760 • BUSINESS RENTALS

**RETAIL/PROFESSIONAL** office space for lease in a very desirable complex. Ground floor premises, currently occupied by Apple Photo in the Jessie Toynbee Building, will become vacant on May 1, 2000. The space is well suited for either retail or professional services (i.e. medical, dental or other health care related services). The space is approximately 865 SF and is offered for rent at \$1,115 per month plus GST (\$793 base rent and \$322 additional rent). Contact Kevin Bell, Mouat's Trading Co. 537-5593.

## UPPER GANGES CENTRE

• 2nd floor office  
• 554 sq.ft.  
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• chairlift  
• lots of parking  
**For more information or to view, please call 537-9220**

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**MATURE ROBUST** woman with dog looking for cottage in exchange for care taking/children, elderly, animals, gardening or property. Long term. Reply Box 27 c/o The Barnacle, 324 Lower Ganges, Salt Spring Island, BC V8K 2V3.

## 800 • CARS & TRUCKS

**1990 JEEP** Cherokee Laredo, Automatic, Air, Cruise, Power Door locks, Power windows, power mirrors, 4 door, Red. 183,000 kms. Tuned, new brakes, clean. \$12,500 obo. 537-8433.

**1981 FORD** F150 extended cab. 351 auto with older camper and canopy. \$2,500. 653-4501.

**79 PONTIAC** LeMans. \$800 obo. 537-1996.

**1990 FORD** F150, 4x4, propane powered, good condition. \$8,400 obo. 537-2601 or 537-2833.

**1985 BUICK** Skylark. Running (needs tune-up) or for parts. Take it away for \$200. 537-5054.

**4 W. DR.** Subaru 1984 S.W. Mechanically sound. Body Rust. \$250 obo. Phone 537-9814.

**1987 TOYOTA** Corolla, 4-door, blue, great condition. \$3,000 obo. 1990 GMC 4x4 Tracker Hard and soft top. Excellent condition. \$5,500. 537-1425 or 537-3005.

**1991 SUBARU** "Justy", 2 wheel drive, 5 speed, low kms, good condition. \$3,200. 537-0087.

**1997 HYUNDAI** Elantra. Take over monthly \$235 lease payments, nothing down on approved credit! Air conditioned, CD/Tape player, automatic, front wheel drive, only 43,000 kms. Call 537-2732.

**1989 4-DOOR** Toyota Corolla Station wagon. 5 speed standard, \$3500 or best offer. 537-4833.

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• Excellent condition in and out.  
• 151,000 kms  
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## 815 • TRAILERS

**1974 SCAMPER** Trailer 17 ft - sleeps 6. Shower, toilet, 3 way fridge, 3 burner stove with oven. Clean - 2 propane tanks. Spare tire. \$2,800. 537-2113.

## 820 • BOATS/MARINE

**BOATBUILDING SUPPLIES** for less. Fibreglass, epoxy, hardware, fasteners ... Best prices; will ship anywhere. The Marine Supply Store, 1-888-748-1149 or lmarine.com.

**SAILBOAT.** 26' Fibreglass, inboard diesel, 3 sails, new bottom paint, 30 amp shore power, pressurized water, head. Great live aboard. First \$5,500. 537-1848.

**14-FOOT CLASSIC** Whitehall Spirit Rowing/Sailboat. Barely used. Comes with full sail and mast, teak rudder and dagger board plus set of 7-1/2 foot Sitka spruce spoon oars with hand sewn leather collars and pressure-cast bronze oar locks. Capacity 1-4. New \$11,000. Now selling \$8,500 obo. 537-4833.

## 840 • MOTORBIKES/SCOOTERS

**MOTORCYCLE - 650** Honda 1981. Excellent condition. Includes carry rack, saddle bags and cover. \$900. 537-0082.

**1971 TRIUMPH** 650 Bonneville. \$3,500. Call Jeff 537-2434 between 5 - 6 pm

## 890 • VEHICLES WANTED

**WANTED** To Buy. Honda Accord, EX/EXR. 1990 - 01993. Well maintained with low km's. Private, please call 537-9796.

## HOLD THE PRESS

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

**'A THOUSAND** Words' Picture Framing will be open Tuesdays through Fridays for the month of March. No appointments are necessary between 10 - 4. Come see our exciting new samples! 785 Fulford Ganges Road. 537-5131.

**FOR SALE:** Flagstone for patios and stairs, stacking rock for walls and gardens. Call Greg at 653-4519.

**CHIMNEY CLEANING,** window washing, de-mossing roofs, gutter cleaning, power washing and more. No job too big or small. Call Greg, 653-4519.

**WORK WORLD** on Salt Spring has clearance items up to 50% off.

**TREEHOUSE CAFE** is now booking summer music. If you are interested in performing on our starlight patio this summer call Jill at 537-8856 or drop by the cafe.

**LET ME** represent you - marketing communications consultant, ghostwriter & writer: Brochures, books, articles, publicity, newsletters, ad copy, marketing plans, reports ... all styles. Call de facto at 537-0757.

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**LAST CHANCE.** Quality fruit tree pruning. ISA Certified Arborist. 653-9673.

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**TOWN LOT,** treed, south facing, water & sewer. 25% down. Vendor take back. \$73,000. 653-4347.

**2 PAIR** Hobie 4-wheel roller skates on tennis shoes, size 7. Shoes can be changed. Relics from the surfing era, as Hobie made the original surfboards. \$20. ea. 537-1125.

**EDGAR CAYCE** predicted that healing in the future would be accomplished with sound. Come and participate in a video presentation that brings his prophecy alive. A healing modality called Intrasonance "captures" sound in an inert gel and/or powder to realign, strengthen and heal the DNA. Two sessions: Tuesday evening or Wednesday afternoon. No charge. For information call Mhora Hepburn at 653-4250.

**ROASTERS AT** Fulford is looking for an individual who is seeking an opportunity to learn the culture of Fulford and Great Coffee. This individual must know what it means to work in a cafe and have some references to verify this task. Stop by & see Laurie 653-2388.

**SIDEWALK SALE** - This Friday, Saturday & Sunday! Up to 70% off selected items at Old Salty.

**DRYER** For Sale. Excellent condition. \$125. obo. Call Lisa 537-1769.

**SPIDERMAN'S** Special. "Windows, gutters & more." R.S.V.P. 537-0708. Referable, Reliable.

**MARK YOUR** Calendar! Foxglove's Annual Lawn and Garden Show takes place Saturday, April 1st at Foxglove.

**LOVELY LARGE** room in heritage farm house. \$375 per month includes heat, hydro & cable. Please call 537-0889.

## HOLD THE PRESS

**FEMALE INSULIN**-dependent diabetic, newly diagnosed, looking for advice and information from others who have been there. 537-1125.

**DON'T MISS** our Sidewalk Sale - up to 70% off selected clothing and footwear at Mouats Clothing Co.

**MUST SELL** my beautiful Heintzman Piano since I've inherited another piano! Great condition. Tuned 8 months ago. \$1,600. 537-1934.

**50% OFF EVERYTHING** in the store except previously owned items. Save-On Saltspring in Gasoline Alley.

## HOLD THE PRESS

**FOR SALE.** Luxury 27ft Travel Trailer with all amenities. Sleeps 6. Ready to go!! \$8,000. Telephone 653-9926.

**FOR SALE.** '75 Dodge Maxi Van - camperized - one owner. Lovingly looked after, \$3,750. 537-0729.

**YOU'RE INVITED** to our Open House this Saturday! Come see the big changes we've made. Free coffee & donuts. 10-3. Free tour maps. Mouats Home Hardware.

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## HOROSCOPES

For the week, by Michael O'Connor  
e-mail: oconnorm@netidea.com



**Tip of the Week:** Spring Equinox under a Full Moon, how auspicious! Leave it to the Golden Metal Dragon to have the spotlights on full for the first Spring of the New Millennium. In addition, Saturn, Jupiter, and Mars are visible together in the early evening sky and Mercury and Venus are visible together in the morning. Of course, seeing them will take precise timing due to the bright light of the Moon. Jupiter and Venus will be the brightest amongst the five. When the Full Moon is bright and clear to see in the night sky, take time to look closely for a black streak cross over the yellow/white face of fair Luna. If you are lucky enough to see it, make a wish right away. Don't bother calling the authorities to report your sighting, though. Just know that it is the Metal Dragon flying around in celebration of the new era that is currently being born. Some will call this era another renaissance while others will claim it as a new enlightenment. As for your sighting, just thank your lucky stars and make a wish with faith that it will come true. PS Happy Birthday Nelson BC, March 18th 1898.

**Aries (Mar 21 - Apr 20)** Idyllic visions of fame and unrequited love are welling up from within. Whatever your dreams and fantasies, you are eager and ready to take action. Your only challenge will be to not let your ambitions cloud your reason and sense of fairness. This is the time to plan and act with vision. Think carefully and feel deeply before you commit to anything or anyone. Create a momentum that meets with the standards of your conscience.

**Taurus (Apr 21 - May 20)** Everything we do, we do to 'feel' good either mentally, emotionally, physically or spiritually - a synthesis of the three. So, our most important task is to decipher who we are and what we value and want. Ideally, we will endeavor to see the big picture over the long term. Reflection to discern this is good and reflection tools, like maps and mandalas are better yet! Cement the stones of the new foundation you are building with a mortar made wet with authentic emotions.

**Gemini (May 21 - Jun 20)** A revolutionary impulse to break free of certain 'restrictions' will bring a stir to your environment starting this week. This process will continue for at least a month. Consider that the only thing you need to vanquish is your fear. All efforts to change others will be wasted. Control is an illusion. It is time to let go and let love soothe any and all hurts. It is time to truly commit to releasing built-up fears. Love yourself, it is all a natural process of life.

**Cancer (Jun 21 - Jul 21)** You will make some definite assertions this week. You know that it is time to plow through any inertia and depression. To do so, connect with the good feelings that come from the appreciation of others. Then, simply intend to be more present with others without feeling the need to necessarily do for or give them anything. Finally, look for the spirit, that is shining through the personality, with acceptance and trust. By this lead your heart will

open and fill with the vitality of love.

**Leo (Jul 22 - Aug 21)** An enthusiastic burst forth into Spring will command attention this week. You feel ambitious to make things happen. The passion is running all through your body. You feel so excited you could share your secrets only with the utmost discretion. You want to explore a whole new meaning of the word freedom. Consider that it takes courage, commitment, skills and, above all, love to freely move with power. A simple formula, a mighty task!

**Virgo (Aug 22 - Sep 22)** Taking the initiative to merge your unique qualities and skills with those of others is the call now. To this end you may be challenged to yield to the ideas and intentions of others enough to create something workable. A pushy attitude backed by fixed ideas will be met with resistance. Do your part by making sure that communications are clear and understood by all parties involved. Listening well then share your insights.

**Libra (Sep 23 - Oct 21)** Making key investments into the quality of your relationships is the best place to direct your energy and resources now. The more you can give to relationships at this time the better. Exercise objectivity to determine exactly where the balance point lies. Discuss your evaluation with those involved with as much clarity as you can. To be fair, you will have to look at your own ambitions with objectivity. A third party, like a referee or judge, may be needed.

**Scorpio (Oct 22 - Nov 20)** The excitement of Spring always brings with it the enthusiasm to take new initiatives. You will feel a strong urge to negotiate new deals. With Mercury now direct, the light is green for signing deals. Still, be careful about the details as Mercury is in Pisces until mid April. Plan to merge your skills and resources with those of others. With Venus in Pisces as well you may discover many new ways to merge especially under the Full Moon!

**Sagittarius (Nov 21 - Dec 20)** A Full Moon right on the Equinox, what excitement! This will bring an added measure of determination to achieve your goals. Clutch closely to your dreams now. Do not let the enthusiasm of others pull you from your particular objectives. Of course, where yours align with theirs you will find many reasons to share energies. Unless they pull you out of the present moment and into the past, rich sentimental feelings will add body and texture to the recipe.

**Capricorn (Dec 21 - Jan 19)** A centered person is one who can maintain integrity, poise, grace and humor even while a storm may rage around them. A main key to this state is 'gratitude'. In turn, to be grateful one must be willing to take the leap of faith into trust that even though we do not know why or how we recognize that everything in life has meaning and purpose. Life is a perfect dynamic, to merge with this vibe, be a verb. To do so with rhythm and style, see the 'inherent perfection' within life's 'tragic flaws'.

**Aquarius (Jan 20 - Feb 18)** The time to till the soil is upon us. Since you are eager to get going, start with the fertile ground of your imagination. Be ready to identify and remove or mulch the ideas and dreams of others that you acquired along the way but which do not meet with your own needs. We can all be influenced even without knowing it. Intend to explore your feelings to determine what are your individual needs and values. Define your goals before you design your plan.

**Pisces (Feb 19 - Mar 20)** An enthusiastic and determined mood is growing. You are ambitious for rich exchanges with others. You are eager to exercise your imagination and explore new ways to relate with others. While circumstances may lead you to temptation to slip into deception or evasion, beat the odds by imagining that a straightforward approach will earn the respect of others. Acknowledge that while you are responsible for your participation, everyone else is responsible for theirs too!

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Answers to this week's Crossword Puzzle



## Letters *cont'd. from p7*

### Put ferries on exchange

Hooray! Our incompetent provincial government has finally started to straighten out the Ferry Corporation fiasco. Let's ignore the fact that it took a billion dollars plus of our taxes to show them how not to run a company. Most people know that the Corporation has always been used as a political football and hopefully this will now stop. Regular travelers know that the union also runs the Corporation, not management, because the union can impose their conditions at will.

Eliminating the Corporation's debt is an important first step. Then, declare the ferry system an essential service so that shutting everything down is not an option. Appoint a professional, highly competent, independent Board of Directors and eliminate the government position of Minister in Charge of Ferries.

Then the opportunity will exist to build a well run, well financed, profitable company. The board should immediately take the company public and float an initial public offering of a billion dollars or more to provide the necessary equity capital to expand and modernize the fleet.

The Corporation could grow operations by becoming a water transportation company, not just a ferry service, cooperating with Tourism BC and the Alaskan cruises to provide water tours along the entire coast. Slashing fares and expanding routes and services for regular travelers would dramatically increase usage. Also, consideration could be given to transporting over-heights (that now fill expensive ferries) by less expensive barges thus reducing freight costs for the truckers at the same time. There are many more opportunities awaiting a dynamic management team providing they could operate without the influence of Government and Union.

Should there be anyone who doubts that an independent company could be managed more efficiently than one run by government just consider the fast cat boondoggle. A government decision (not only Clarke's but the entire caucus) got us into this mess and now to compound the problem they have decided to give the fast cat ferries away as a gift. It is not a rational business decision but a politically motivated decision. The correct decision would be to use this asset to raise equity capital and expand operations.

Remember the dramatic expansion and improvements at the Vancouver Airport as soon as the politicians got out

of the way. We could have another success story if the government would just do what is right rather than follow their dated narrow-minded political agenda but don't hold your breath!

Cliff Sandwell

Gangsters or loggers?

Has Texada Logging Company employed "loggers" or gangsters" to slaughter our forests and harm our residents? Before long, somebody on SSI will become seriously hurt. Each day lawyers and the RCMP are getting calls from people who have been victimized by verbal abuse, obscenities and violent threats by loggers.

I grew tired of listening to the sound of sawing, falling trees and explosions on the South end where we live. On Friday my roommate and I went to check it out. We wondered how close it really was. On Musgrave Road the driver of a logging truck stopped, yelled verbal obscenities at us, threatened to beat me up two or three times, got out, walked towards us and threatened to harm me four more times. Merely concerned Island residents, I stood my ground and wouldn't let this off-Island-goon intimidate me.

Walking towards the Protest Encampment, I asked a logger, "How's it going?" Yelling obscenities, he threatened to beat me up seven or nine times, waited for us, stalked us and tried to run us off the road with other loggers in a truck after we left.

Contact Palu for a group action lawsuit against Texada and the "gangsters" they've hired!

PAUL BECKMAN

(Palu Rainbow Song)

### Vote for speed

Telus (formerly BCTel) is the only company that can give us high speed Internet access on Salt Spring. They're not going to do it unless they perceive that there is sufficient demand for it.

One of the ways they are gauging demand is by responses to the web page that allows you to check availability of high speed access. If you go to this web page: <http://www.telus.net/highspeed/bs-bc-availaddress.html>, and type your street address, it will tell you that you can't get high speed access. But it will register your address as wanting high speed access.

Vote now. Vote often. Vote for your friends. Vote for your neighbours. Heck, vote for every address in the Lions directory.

Let's not be left out of the digital revolution.

CAMERON SMITH

## Aside from one historical blotch *cont'd. from p10*

Away back in the early years of the twentieth century, gold seekers and hard rock miners settled in a small community in Northern Ontario, near Kirkland Lake. They called it Swastika, and Swastika it was for the next for the next 40 years, until loathing for the Nazi dictator persuaded

the town fathers to bury the name of their town and rechristen it with something more patriotic.

Thus, the town of Swastika renamed itself Winston, to honour Winston Churchill, the man whose image was about as far from Adolf Hitler as it was possible to get.

Here we are in a new millennium. The Beast of Berlin has been dead for better than half a century and yet his malevolent effect on a morsel of graphic art lives on. Aside from skinheads and bikers with low foreheads, the very sight of the swastika still inspires revulsion wherever it arises.

Pity. It's a fine emblem with (aside from one brief historical blotch) an honourable pedigree. I hope one day we can reclaim it and return it to its rightful significance. Of course it will take guts.

The kind of guts I wish I'd had when I had a chance to buy that Acadian quilt.

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**\$18.95**

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### Pizza Party

1 Large Canadian Classic  
1 Large Hawaiian  
(Ham, bacon, pepperoni,  
& mushrooms)  
(no substitutions)

**\$19.95**

plus GST

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### Combo Meal

1 Medium 3 Topping Pizza  
1 Lasagna or Spaghetti  
2 Green Salads  
(no substitutions)

**\$14.95**

plus GST

offer expires Mar. 31/2000

### Pasta Meal

2 Lasagnas or 2 Spaghetti  
(or 1 of each)  
2 Green Salads  
2 Slices of Garlic Toast  
(no substitutions)

**\$10.15**

plus GST

offer expires Mar. 31/2000

### Large Please

Order **2 Large Pizzas** for the  
Price of **2 Medium Pizzas**  
(no substitutions) - (excludes the Ultimate)

offer expires Mar. 31/2000

### Smaller Appetites

1 Small All Dressed Pizza  
(Pepperoni, Mushrooms,  
Green Peppers)  
1 Other Small 2 Topping Pizza  
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Our renovation and re-merchandising is now complete, so we're inviting you to our

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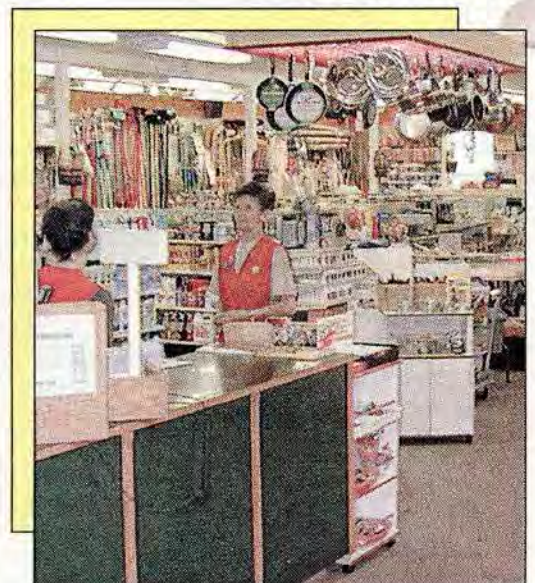


Our newly renovated *main floor area* features low profile aisles & greater selection in all areas including: marine, home & garden, sporting goods, hardware, paint, fishing tackle & more!

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