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Mackenzie Clark, age
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The derby, held at St.
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by children visiting Salt
Spring and Islanders.

June Boe photo



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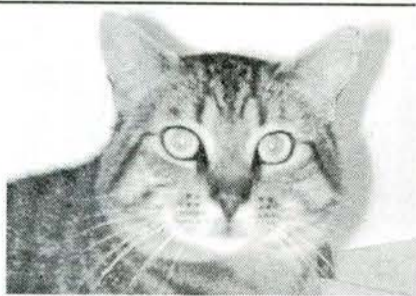


Cats of the Week



They named me Cedar because I was stuck up a tree. Took me a while to figure it out. I have a lovely tortoiseshell coat.

I'm a big guy named Hank. There is nothing I love more than a good scratch behind my ears.



Please call the SPCA at 537-2123 or come to the open house every Saturday from 2:00pm to 4:00pm.

The adoption fee of \$60 for a male and \$70 for a female covers the cost of spaying or neutering and a vaccination.

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As part of the project, schedule interruptions will occur on the following dates:

October 10-14, 16-20, 23-26

On the above dates only, all sailings from 9:00 am to 2:15 pm (inclusive) will be cancelled. Service will resume with the 3:00 pm departure from Vesuvius and the 3:30 pm departure from Crofton.

One extra early morning sailing from each port will be added on all reduced service days:

Leaving Vesuvius at 6:00 am

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Note that Dangerous Cargo sailings will occur as usual on Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays, but will leave Crofton at 6:30 am and leave Vesuvius at 3:00 pm.

Full ferry service between Salt Spring Island and Vancouver Island is available on our Fulford Harbour-Swartz Bay route.

We appreciate your patience while these dock repairs are completed.



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Referendum, yes to tax levy

Two thirds of eligible Island voters stay home Saturday, ignore PARC polls

by Peggy Abrahams

Salt Spring voted a resounding yes on Saturday in the PARC referendum to secure land for future community recreation. A total of 1350 voters, (64 per cent) voted yes and 764 voters (36 per cent) voted no. There were seven rejected ballots.

While 6772 people are on the local voters' list, 2121 people came out to cast their ballots. Not taking into account those who registered at the polling stations,

this translates to a turnout of roughly 31 per cent.

Sheila Twa, presiding election official at the Central voting station, said turnout had been steady throughout the day. "This one, I think, because it's a money issue, really affects everyone on the Island."

As resident Richard Somerville prepared to enter the Central polling station, he commented on why he felt it was important to get out and vote. "I just

believe that there should be more recreational facilities here, both for seniors as well as young people. I happen to think they've done a wonderful job with the pool they've got, but they need a year-round programme."

In another indication that securing future recreational facilities was important to families, a presiding election official at the high school polling station said, "A lot of people have come in here with kids today."

The outcome of the vote means that Salt Spring residents will incur an average annual property tax increase of \$18 for the next 10 years. In the first five years, the revenue will allow the CRD to pay off its debt of \$450,000 on the Rainbow Road lot earmarked for future indoor recreation facilities. In the second five years, the CRD will establish a Capital Reserve Fund that could be used to purchase additional land.

ArtSpring Director not coming back

Former contract ends November 22

The Board of the Island Arts Centre Society announced on Friday that Jane Forner, ArtSpring's first Executive Director, will not be renewing her contract which expires on November 22.

"It has been an exciting and rewarding two years," said Forner. "The transformation of ArtSpring from a bare building to the present lively and active arts centre is the result of hard work on the part of many dedicated people. The Board of Directors, Salt Spring's performers and visual artists, audiences, patrons, and the many, hard-working volunteers have achieved remarkable success in such a short time. My sincere thanks go to each and every one of those who contributed so much to these formative two years."

Victoria Olchowecki, President of the Board of Directors, looks forward to the continued success

of ArtSpring. "It is a great satisfaction to the Board that strong business systems are now in place and, after these first two vulnerable start-up years, our operations are efficient and transparent, and our financial position strong. We all thank Jane for her dedication to ArtSpring and for her important contribution during these initial years."

"I'm looking forward to taking some time off and catching up on my reading," said Forner, who has been on medical leave since the beginning of July. "I am also looking forward to attending many of the scheduled ArtSpring events as a member of the general audience."

Until the Board of Directors announces future arrangements for ArtSpring, Forner's Executive Assistant, Paul Gravett, will continue as Acting Executive Director.



LOVINGLY MAINTAINED—Treasure Hewitt obviously loves her 1932 Auburn Roadster. She and Ron Johnson from Maple Ridge brought their car to Salt Spring for the annual Salty Car Show.

Violence prevention work garners award

Lynda Laushway of Salt Spring Women Opposed to Violence (SWOVA) has been awarded the Regional Awareness and Promotion Award during the 2000 Crime Prevention and Community Safety Awards ceremony held September 22. Attorney General Andrew Petter presented Laushway with the award which signified an "outstanding contribution towards crime prevention and community safety in British Columbia."

Laushway has been active for several years in the area of prevention of violence against women and chil-

dren. She has been a driving force behind the SWOVA/School District #64 partnership project, Women and Violence: Education is Prevention. Laushway has also traveled to speak about implementing similar projects, trained youth to become workshop facilitators and, last April, organized a training session for five other school districts in the province. She also participated in writing a training manual on how to carry out violence prevention projects with a school-community partnership and how to give youth a leadership role in the work.

Builder wins again

Terra Firma Builders Ltd. has won a Georgie 2000 Silver Finalist Award for Best Home Builder in B.C.—Small Volume. All Silver Finalists compete for Gold Georgie Awards at a gala in January hosted by the Canadian Home Builders Association of British Columbia. Terra Firma Builders Ltd., along with Phillip van Horn Design, has also won Georgie Silver Finalist Awards in seven other categories for their rammed earth house.

This same house swept the Vancouver Island Housing Awards in June, winning an unprecedented seven Gold CARE Awards, including Project of the Year.

Meror Krayenhoff, head of Terra Firma Builders, says that he is honoured to be distinguished with all these awards from his peers in the building industry.

Treatment of subdivision water

Rainbow Grove residents looking for solution to arsenic contaminated water

by Michelle Grant

In a follow-up to last week's article, *Unfit to drink: Who's to blame?*, developer Mel Topping met with the *Barnacle* to provide an update to the water crisis at Rainbow Grove. Seven wells in the subdivision do not provide potable water. In many the mineral and arsenic content exceeds Canada's guidelines for drinking water.

When asked what was being done to resolve the situation Topping said, "One water treatment system was installed on [September 25] and water tests have been done on two others." He said the developers plan to deal with each property individually and that they had started on the well with the worst water; one which in 1997 exceeded the safety standards for arsenic content by 120 times and the fluoride content by five times.

Topping added, "We're a little bit behind but we will be fixing another shortly."

Topping refused to give the name of the expert hired to treat the water or provide any indication of the type of treatment system installed. He also refused to say under which of his capacities—developer or realtor—the work was being conducted.

The *Barnacle* has learned that Topping has hired Dale McInnis of Van Isle Water Services in Victoria to treat the water in Rainbow Grove. When contacted

How much is too much?

The permissible amount of arsenic in drinking water according to the Guidelines for Canadian Drinking Water Quality is .025 milligrams per litre, or .025 parts per million of water which, according to Aquatic Toxicologist John Sprague, is, "a pretty small pinch of the stuff."

The maximum acceptable concentration of fluoride in drinking water is 1.5 milligrams per litre or 1.5 parts per million.

The well of Rainbow Grove residents Jesse Bellamy and Caroline Burch recently tested 36 times higher than the acceptable limit for arsenic.

McInnis said, "Any equipment that has been installed has been site specific. I am confident the water [from the treated well] will now meet the Canadian Safety Drinking Water Standards."

Explaining that each well is different, McInnis refused to disclose what type of system had been installed or which government certified labs he uses for water tests. McInnis said the water treatment systems being installed will not treat all water entering the homes in Rainbow Grove.

"It would be cost prohibitive to remove the chemicals for the entire household. What we are doing is ensuring there is sufficient potable water for the household's needs," said McInnis. He added, "It is my view that the follow-up tests should be conducted by the health department."

Topping co-developed the property with Parks, O'Connor, Parks Ltd.

When asked about the recently installed treatment system, Gerry Parks said, "Mel asked if I would contribute to the treatment system and I said 'Yes'." Saying he wants the situation to be resolved satisfactorily for the residents, Parks said, "We expect this problem to be fixed."

Jean Stewart, resident in Rainbow Grove, also wants the problem fixed. She said, "the best [real estate] deal you'll ever get" has turned into her worst nightmare.

"It blows my mind that this whole thing has occurred," said Stewart whose water tested 13 times higher than the safety standard for arsenic. Describing her water as having no smell, bad taste or discoloration to warn of its toxic content, Stewart said the discovery that her water was not potable came as a shock. "Since I found out about the 1997 report, I haven't had one worry-free day."

Stewart worries that her

investment and security for the future is gone. "If I had known about the contamination, I would not have bought here. I don't want this issue to be hushed up or glossed over. Some people think arsenic is not a big deal. I tell them you're missing the point. The real point is the [Groundwater Hydrogeology Report] had been around for three years but none of the prospective buyers were made aware of it."

Stewart wants to know who is responsible. "I refuse to accept that this fell through the cracks of the Islands Trust and the Ministry of Transportation and Highways (MOTH). We're talking about our health. [The arsenic] could kill us. Based on the information given to me to date of the involvement of the Islands Trust and the MOTH—the body responsible for approving the sub-division—it almost appears to be criminal negligence."

Another player in the unfolding drama of Rainbow Grove is the CRD Building Inspection Office. In order to obtain a building permit, the owner of the property must show that potable water is provided. According to Dick Stubbs, Senior Building Inspector for Salt Spring, in the case of the homes in the Rainbow Grove subdivision, it appears proof was requested and proof was given. How extensive the proof was remains to be clarified.

Ferries serve up extra sailings for Thanksgiving

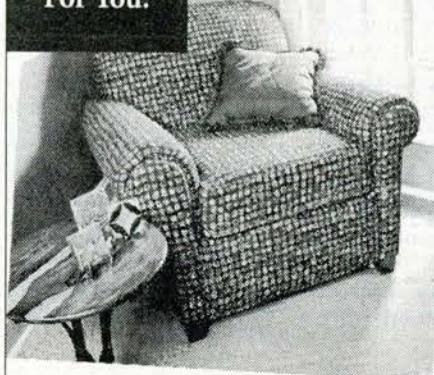
BC Ferries will serve up some extra sailings this Thanksgiving to keep traffic moving during the busy holiday weekend.

As well as scheduled sailings between Swartz Bay and Tsawwassen at the top of every odd hour, BC Ferries is adding three round trips on Thursday, five on Friday and four on Saturday, Sunday and Monday during peak travel periods.

Between Departure Bay and Horseshoe Bay, the regularly scheduled eight round trips will be supplemented during busy travel times.

Last year, BC Ferries carried about 218,000 passengers and 62,000 vehicles on its major routes over the Thanksgiving long weekend. That's about 50 per cent more passengers than on an average fall weekend.

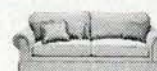
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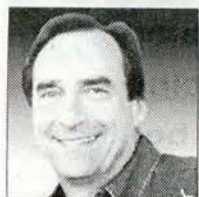
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Peaceful Canadians? Yeah right.



Isle Say! ...
with John Pottinger

Marty McSorley clubbed Donald Brashear in the head with his hockey stick in an NHL game last February. McSorley's trial for assault with a weapon wrapped up in Vancouver last week, but it's really the NHL that needs a smack upside the head.

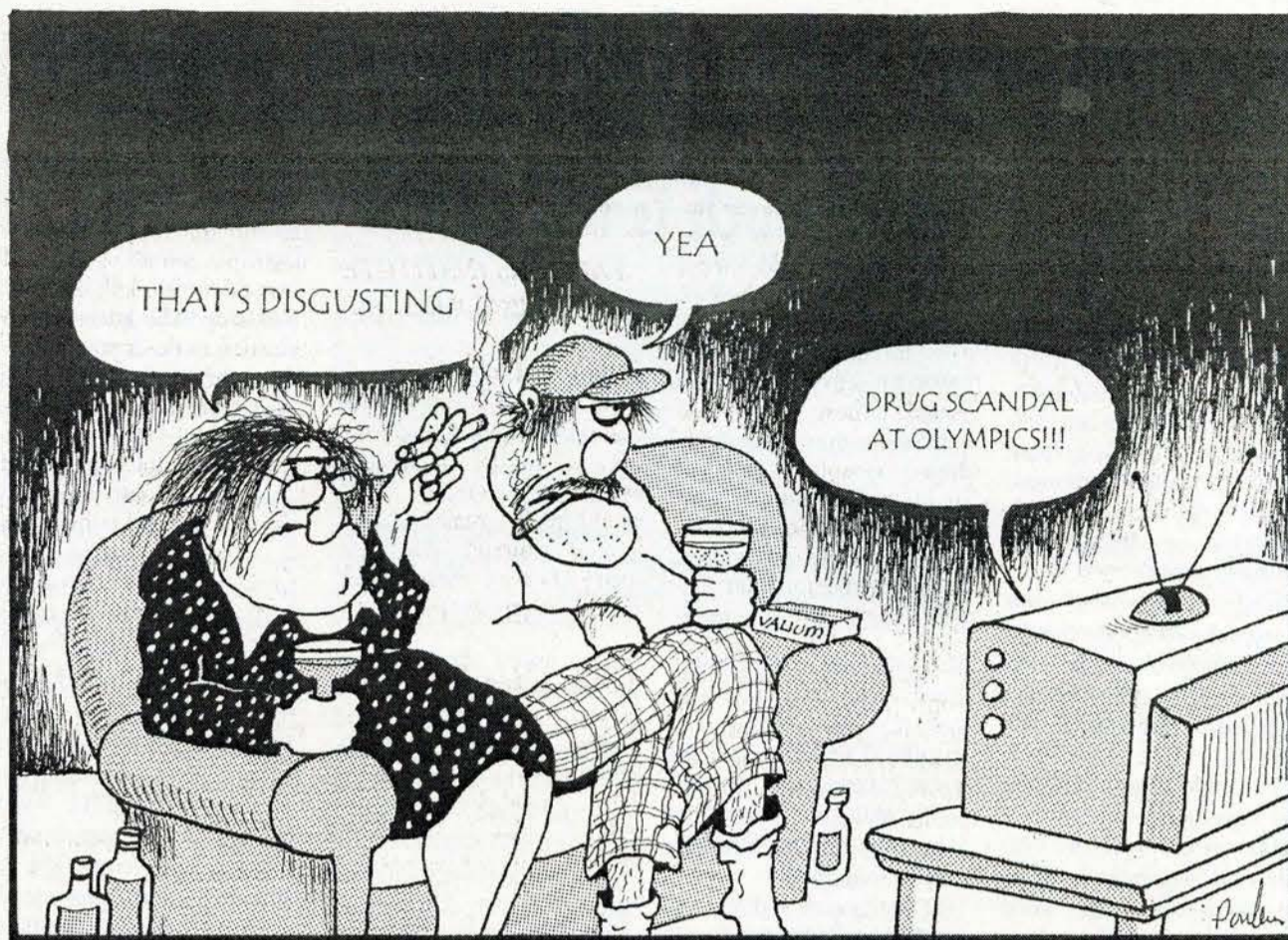
A headline in last weekend's *Toronto Sun* questioned whether the incident was an "act of violence or an accident." That seemingly simple question is a great example of how rhetoric works. We get sucked in to the idea (put forward by lawyers for both sides) that it had to be one or the other: accident or violence. There is no room for the view that the blow could have been both violent and accidental. The suggestion that it was either an assault, because McSorley intended to hit Brashear on the head, or an accident, because he intended to hit him on the shoulder and missed, is faulty logic. The lawyers, and the writer for the *Sun*, want us to accept without question that the act wasn't violent if Brashear's head wasn't the target. They tell us that because blows to other parts of the body are "normal practice" in the NHL they are not violent. In their world, violence that is an accepted part of an activity is not violence unless it causes more serious injury than usual. "Non-violent" would therefore include WWF wrestlers smashing each other's heads into corner posts. And boxers pummeling each other until one of them collapses. And animated cartoon characters blowing each other into little bits.

Since words shape ideas—and even attitudes—there is great danger in accepting the pseudo-logic of "it's one or the other: violence or accident." The sad part is, we're not starting down any slippery slope here; we've already slid a long way down and we're picking up speed quickly. To get a fresh perspective on "normal" violence, try this little experiment. Turn on your TV to an NHL game, or the WWF, or some of those rock'em sock'em cartoons. Now turn the sound off completely. The violence of what you're watching leaps right out into your face, probably because the absence of the usual sounds forces your brain to view the activity anew.

The NHL not only endorses violence, it markets the stuff as a necessary part of the game. What a pile of pucks that is. In football and rugby, players must physically bring each other to the ground as an integral part of the game. Even so, ancillary violence in those sports is not tolerated as it is in hockey.

Hockey players carry a necessary piece of equipment called a stick. That stick—like other pieces of equipment from other sports—has the potential to be used as a weapon. Evidence presented in McSorley's trial indicated that sticks are routinely used to get the attention of another player by smacking him on the shoulder—to let him know you want to fight. That's an admission that sticks are used as weapons. Clearly, any piece of equipment necessary in a sport should only be permitted to be used in the manner necessary to play the sport. A hockey stick is for carrying the puck, shooting the puck, or stopping the puck. Any other uses shouldn't be tolerated. If a football player uses his helmet (or even his hands, as in grabbing another player's facemask) as a weapon, he is penalized for it. If it's a severe infraction, he's thrown out of the game. Even boxing—where the sole intent is to physically attack the other participant—has rules that prevent using your head or your knees as weapons.

The position taken by the NHL, and the lawyers and the sports writers, stinks like an old hockey bag.



Fair price for land

Recent articles by Andrew Lewis in *the Barnacle* and *the Driftwood* just prior to the closing of the counter petition period contained inaccurate and misleading statements about the agreement between Texada Land Corporation and the North Salt Spring Waterworks District. Mr. Lewis, if he so chose, could have obtained much better information by visiting the District's office and discussing the various points of concern before writing the article.

Many people appear to have been confused about the purpose of the counter petition by the article and the subsequent organized attempt to obtain signatures on the counter petition form. With sufficient signatures the counter petition would have denied the District approval for borrowing so that it could not buy Lot 9 near Maxwell Lake to protect it from logging and/or development.

The article by Mr. Lewis said that "unless 150 ratepayers sign the counter petition, the deal will be approved and Texada will immediately begin clear-cut logging the watershed." This is simply not true. The Texada lands are privately owned and mostly within the Forest Land Re-

serve. Logging is regulated by the Provincial Government under the Private Land Forest Practices Regulation. Under these regulations, logging could proceed at any time and to the extent permitted by the regulations. The District negotiated an agreement in which Texada agreed to mitigate some of the impacts of logging. However, the District can only prevent most of the logging if it is prepared to compensate the landowner for lost timber revenue, an amount far beyond its financial resources.

Mr. Lewis questions the fair market value for Lot 9, which the District wishes to purchase, and suggests an appraised value was \$149,000, and the purchase price was \$500,000. Valuations varied widely on the property, which is unique and subject to a number of restrictions on land use at this time. A low appraisal of \$152,500 (excluding timber value) and realtor estimate of value \$1,700,000 were considered unreasonable extremes. Two other valuations were an appraisal at \$358,000 (excluding timber value) and a review at \$430,000 (excluding timber value).

The actual cash price agreed on for the land was \$332,500. The District also agreed to pay \$105,000 to prevent log-

ging on 11 acres that otherwise would have been logged. The total price, land and timber, is \$437,500.

It is likely that Texada could have gotten more money with a private sale but it recognized the value of this property to the community for long term watershed protection, and gave the District the opportunity to acquire it.

Finally, it is important to note that Section 172.8 of the Local Government Act provides that: "A person who presents the counter petition form to another person for signing must not knowingly make any false or misleading statements to the other person about the proposed bylaw, action or other matter to which the counter petition relates."

MIKE LARMOUR
Manager, North Salt
Spring Waterworks District

Wrong place and time

When I was in my late teens, the village I had spent my life growing up in was expropriated, along with four other villages, for an airport site. After the initial shock of the announcement, people opposed to expropriation organized a protest group called "people or planes," and hired engineers and other professionals

to do feasibility studies. They found a number of areas far better suited to the project.

I didn't get involved; I felt angry and powerless instead. After months of aggressive protest the government announced that they wouldn't build the airport, but they continued with expropriations. People who had lived in this area of farmland and maple forest for generations relocated and my friends' homes filled with strangers as Broughan, Claremont, Greenwood, Greenriver and Whitevale, Ontario became government housing projects. The protests were a success; the government hadn't "flattened" the area.

I realized recently how this early experience had influenced my reactions to Texada Land Corporation, and my perception of government. I "conveniently forgot" a truth: "that you add as much suffering to the world, when you take offense, as when you give offense."

Rosalie Miles was right, of course; the three-year-old daughter of a logger is every bit as precious and relevant as a Marbled Murrelet. They are as we are, part of the natural environment.

It is my hope that someday "soon," Environmental Coal-

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tions and Forestry Unions will sit down to talk, and leave the Howe Street and Victoria suits out of the negotiations.

While our Prime Minister thinks that 856 people arrested and prosecuted, and another area closed for the duration to sustainable selective logging, is a Great Canadian Success story, I make it the non-human natural environment 10, humans 0. There is after all more than one way to flatten communities. I displaced a very old grievance here, in my new home; I have offended many and added to polarization in a beautiful community.

A community divided by anger and fear can become very two-dimensional. I do apologize, for my mistakes.

ROD MCGUCKIN

Fair accolades

Bravo *Barnacle* for your excellent coverage of the Fall Fair! The *Love A Fair* entry catalogue was very attractive and readable. For weeks before the Fair, every edition of the *Barnacle* had an ad or article about some aspect of the Fair. The *Fair Days* supplement that came out right after the Fair is a wonderful keepsake of another great Fair.

For the interest of your

readers, there was a total of about 2,000 entries in all of the classes in the 28 sections of the entry catalogue—how fitting for our Fair theme! Thank you to all who entered—without you there wouldn't be many indoor displays, field crops, livestock or horses to look at.

A big thank you to everyone who donated a potted flower to help decorate the grounds. Those flowers are now being enjoyed at Lady Minto Hospital and at Greenwoods. And let's not forget to thank the entertainers, the folks who put on demonstrations on the grounds and in the demonstration tent, the vendors, and Shaun Adams for getting people to and from the Fair with ease and as quickly as possible on the shuttle bus. The Fall Fair is truly a community event.

Thanks also to all the hundreds of volunteers who make the Fair happen and put in countless hours to make it all run so smoothly. Our volunteers use creativity, imagination and hard work to put on the "event of the year" while maintaining the fair's old-fashioned country flavour that Fairgoers tell us is the most important aspect of the Fair.

The Fall Fair always takes place on the third weekend

in September but planning begins early in the year. Anyone who would like to join a fun bunch of people who love fairs are invited to leave their name and telephone number at the Islands Farmers Institute at 537-4755.

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Reward ready

My red motorcycle helmet was stolen from the bowling alley parking lot on Monday evening, September 25. I would really, really like to have it returned. Have you seen it? I have a reward ready.

MARGARET SPENCER

1000 thanks

The few brave souls who have submitted their positions to the papers and Islands Trust appear to be looked upon as whiners and complainers or troublemakers.

Over the past few months, there have been many interesting and valid points made concerning the shortcomings of the LUB. Everything from the extremely important watershed issue to the magnificent definition of farming and parking abuse; to the perfect location of a telephone-radar station.... Grandfathered points to ponder on garbage transfer/

storage/parking... logging practices. You name it and what comes up? "Too many self-interest groups."

Well, tough luck. Salt Spring has grown immensely in the past 10 years and so has our universal consciousness that some of the old ways of "crush, kill, destroy" must stop. The Island is too crowded to do as you please. The words (in the LUB) *storage* and *parking* (used interchangeably) are used as euphemisms for commercial trucking and contracting.

The meaning of farming has also changed from earth-bound grain and livestock practice to include the growing of shellfish 25 or 30 feet above sea level. I wonder what genius self-interest group came up with calling this "farming," certainly someone with more savvy than the nouveau self-interested.

It must be particularly difficult for serial forest killers (who call themselves "harvesters") to recognize that ecoforesters are coming into their own now too. I know one self-interested tree farmer who also harvests watercress from the stream that runs through his land. Any other logging operations I've seen produce silt and scum.


These dreadful things are

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-Richard Cruickshanks-

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going on right in front of our own faces. We don't need to amend the LUB to suit self-interest groups so much as we need to enforce some of the existing writ.

Having said that, IROCA recently sent off several copies of the petition that a thousand-plus self-interested people signed: one was sent to Minister of the Environment David Anderson. An excerpt of his reply is this: "Your concerns regarding hazards with cellular phone vibes have been noted..."

"Vibes." Speaking strictly for my troubled self, this phraseology gave me extreme vibrations of insincerity. How do you other whiners and complainers feel about it? Please let Mr. Anderson know that you generally abide by the rules of live-and-let-live as long as your air, water and food are not being tampered with. Also mention that air quality also includes not being sautéed from the inside out. Thank you, a thousand-plus times.

KIM HOBAN

Wrong ferry info

I am a resident on Salt Spring Island and fully understand the process of making reservations on BC Ferries sailings. However, I do not believe ferries staff understand the ferries reservation system.

I phoned the Long Harbour ferry office on August 16 for reservations from SSI to Tsawwassen for the August 18 departure at 4:40 p.m. I was informed that reservations were not necessary as the ship would not be fully loaded. Well, when we lined up at the terminal to pay our fee we were turned away and told there was no room for my vehicle. We would have to wait for the next ferry or drive to Fulford, take a ferry to Swartz Bay and transfer to a Tsawwassen sailing.

To make a long story short, instead of arriving at our relations' home as expected we arrived much later at 10:45 p.m. The misinformation I received (that reservations were not necessary) caused our relations waiting for us on the

mainland major worry and they called the police and hospitals to find out if there had been an accident when I didn't show up as originally arranged.

I feel that BC Ferries should take a good look at its present reservation system.

ETHEL ODLUM

Dictionary needed

With regard to last week's letter, Eleventh hour, a word that both loggers and non-loggers should look up in the dictionary is "usufructure!"

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COMMENTARY

Dialogue triangulated in three papers

After reading Carolyn Grant's comments in *the Driftwood* this week about Elizabeth Nickson's column in the *National Post* of September 22, I fished the entire contents of Elizabeth's column out of the mire of the *Financial Post* website to see what she's up to this time.

Here we have Elizabeth on a rant about tourists (which maybe she thought was funny) back-handed praise of the Fair wherein she is surprised at the excellence of the entertainment and on to the unfortunate state of the current writings on farm, food and home, ending finally by reminding the government that if they don't listen to the people, they will be un-elected. (We wish.)

In response, Ms. Grant claims her status as tourist has been degraded, and she has been sorely misunderstood. She comes here to spend money and instead of being welcomed, she is forced to put up with Elizabeth's arrogance and the presence of those whom she calls abysmal aberrations (blue hair and nose rings) when she would far rather

visit a farmyard petting zoo.

I think we need to remember that Elizabeth writes for a big-city newspaper, not for us here. She reminds me of a columnist, now dead, in one of the Chicago newspapers. I, like many thousands of others, read his column regularly, and out loud to friends in the bar after work. The point is, though, and I know this from his reporting on some of the political activities I was involved in, he was a liar. He wrote a good story, was perfectly willing to twist things a bit for the sake of it, and most of the people who read him did so for the amusement he provided not the truth of anything he said.

So when Elizabeth writes that she hates "hippies," as she did in the *Globe and Mail*, and then in her assault on tourists becomes one with those who sport blue hair and nose rings, I recall the Chicago writer and hope everyone who reads her has a similar memory by which to balance her words. When she said the outdoor slovenliness of Salt Spring Island put her in mind of Dogpatch, though, I could not

get the Dogpatch sign out to the entrance to our place fast enough.

I was at first confused by both Elizabeth and Ms. Grant in regard to blue hair. "Blue-haired" has always meant to me upper-middle class older women playing bridge at the club and complaining about their housemaids. I guess in Elizabeth's context it has something to do with the kids (I call them kids because they are younger than my own children.) and the Kool-Aid they use on their hair, since none of my aunt's friends at the club wore nose-rings.

Down to specifics: I missed observing Texada the Terrible's relations with his neighbour at the Fair; I don't doubt he has earned his name, but I do hope no one was prodding him - that's city-mean. I agree with Elizabeth that many city people are bad-mannered, as Ms. Grant's comments demonstrate, whether they are here or at home. But I know many more of them to be quite pleasant. I certainly will not excuse

anyone's bad manners because of the money they spend, though, as Ms. Grant suggests I should. They come here, and that's just how it is. They visit with and enjoy the people they approve of, and they avoid those who horrify them. Just like at home.

Ms. Grant must let Elizabeth be who she is. Aside from the absence of tall buildings, a substantial difference between Salt Spring Island and many other places is that here, the judgment of the community is suspended until one has established themselves by their actions, not by their appearance.

Besides, we all know Elizabeth knows the Fall Fair is a harvest festival and like all harvest festivals it's celebrated in the fall because the fall is harvest time, not because the tourists are gone, which they aren't. As well, we all know the only good tomatoes anywhere are home-grown. It's just that I wonder about that zucchini bowling.

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Ganges, Salt Spring Island

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PENNY POLDEN

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The Gulf Islands Intermediate and Personal Care Society

Greens nominate Andrew Lewis

B.C. party leader Adriane Carr on Island Saturday night to announce nominee

by Peggy Abrahams

Salt Spring resident Andrew Lewis was nominated as the Green Party candidate for the provincial North Saanich and Gulf Islands constituency at a Salt Spring meeting, Saturday, September 30. Lewis was one of two prospective candidates. The other, Islander Baron Fowler, was also vying for the nomination. Another candidate from Saanich had dropped out earlier.

Lewis and Fowler have committed to work together towards building the party, according to Adriane Carr, the new leader of the B.C. Green Party, who spoke at the meeting here.

Commenting on Lewis's candidacy, Carr said, "I like him. People meet him and they're immediately impressed. He's a solid community person. He's a hard worker. These are good qualities to have in a candidate."



Adriane Carr, the new provincial leader of the B.C. Green Party, was on hand Saturday to announce the local nomination.

Carr, one of the founding members of the B.C. Green Party in 1983, said that based on recent events here, it was significant that the two people running were both Salt Spring residents. "I think that Salt Spring is a hot spot and it's

generating a lot of passion amongst its citizens about politics and wanting to get involved to find solutions. They feel abandoned. Their politicians in Victoria are not listening to them. In a place like that you get more passion."

Currently, there are 150 Green Party members in the constituency, and two thirds of them are from Salt Spring, Carr said. She indicated that she plans to work closely with the various constituencies, particularly those that appear to have the greatest potential for growth. "Saanich North and the Islands is one of those we're looking to concentrate on," she said.

Carr acknowledged that the Green Party has gained momentum in the province recently. "Over the last year our membership has tripled and we're growing. Every single day we're getting more memberships. We're also at eight per cent in the polls, which is good. If that eight per cent is concentrated it could turn into seats."

She added, "This is an exciting time. I really see people's desire for change in the politics in this province."

NSSWD: Round two with Texada

by Peggy Abrahams

The North Salt Spring Waterworks District (NSSWD) plans to meet with community representatives as soon as this evening to begin exploring strategies for the potential purchase of part or all of Maxwell Lake's secondary watershed. This meeting follows another between NSSWD and Texada on September 20 when opening terms were presented.

The terms of the negotiation were spelled out in a September 22 letter from Texada principal Robert Macdonald. Texada is asking \$3,000 per acre for the land and \$1,200,000 for the timber. The letter states, "The purchaser will have until May 1, 2001 to decide in its absolute discretion if it wishes to purchase all or part of the lands in the catchment area with or without the timber."

"We're going to have to move right along with this, if we're going to have any

success," said Mike Larmour, General Manager, NSSWD.

According to Larmour, this was a statement of opening terms, rather than an agreement. "It indicates they're willing to sell it at that price so I don't know what price they'd be willing to sell it in the end, if it goes anywhere, that is."

He added, "It means they will not be logging in the watershed at least [until] the summer of next year. So this gives us time to see if we can pull something together somehow."

Larmour pointed out that purchase of the land in the secondary watershed was in the community's best interest. "In the long run, it's the best thing to do by far. If we don't, somewhere along the line we'll have to pay a lot more in increased treatment costs."

Larmour said the entire Maxwell Lake watershed spans about 270 acres and if lots were later privately

sold, there could be problems with run-off and contamination. "History has shown it's very difficult to control what people will do on their land."

He acknowledged that the recently concluded arrangement to purchase lot 9, in the primary watershed, was not the entire solution to protecting the water in Maxwell Lake. "It's certainly the best we could do with the money we had at that time. I think we felt getting something nailed down was a good first step and then we would go from there."

A total of 150 counter petitions were required to block the district's plan to borrow money for the purchase of lot 9, Larmour said. The NSSWD received 97 counter petitions. Of those, only 67 were valid.

"Our legal advice was that faxed ones were not valid, it has to be an original signed document. Some were not (from) electors of the district. Some had writing all

over, and that's not admissible. If they have concerns they can write or phone us, but not on the counter petition," Larmour said.

Elizabeth White, co-ordinator of the Salt Spring Appeal, said fundraising to help purchase land continues. "The problem we have with the Salt Spring Appeal is that the Land Conservancy, like the CRD and other government agencies, cannot pay more than the appraised value for the lands. That's one caveat. The other is that we have to be able to lever as many funds as possible, so it depends how much ratepayers would be willing to contribute."

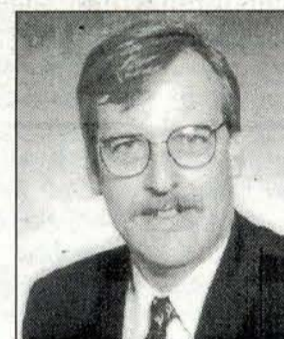
She projected that eventually the land is going to be on the market at appraised prices. "Until then, there's no way we can be paying double or triple value."

In the meantime, Texada has begun logging on Mt. Maxwell, but outside the watershed catchment area

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Public invited to discuss community policing proposal

Local RCMP understaffed and frustrated by high volume of low priority calls; October 11 meeting will look at possible solutions

by Peggy Abrahams

The RCMP will hold a public forum next Wednesday to hear community input on a new policing proposal.

The objective of the new proposal is to reduce calls to the police on low priority matters or for services that could be handled by alternative agencies, according to RCMP Detachment Commander Sgt. Paul Darbyshire.

In 1999, the local RCMP had 250 calls regarding lost and found property.

Other examples of low priority calls include false alarms, mischief and vandalism, minor auto accidents, and lost and found property.

An introduction to the proposal states, "By decreasing the calls for service, the police officers can use their time more effectively for an increased presence in the community."

The proposal suggests police redirect, discontinue or limit their responses to calls for low priority services. The goal, as explained in the proposal introduction, is to make more effective use of the officers' time including increasing their presence in the community, "target community prob-

lems by working with concerned community members... and to be more proactive in dealing with public disorder."

Darbyshire indicated the proposal came out of a comparison of statistics from other similar commu-

Already, police departments in some of these communities have revised the way they respond to calls. "A lot of these detachments are no longer responding to alarms, traffic, and some of the mischief calls like minor vandalism, such as a broken mail box," said Darbyshire.

In addition, other things were taken into account, said Darbyshire, including an analysis of the local police records and input

from police officers, the local Chamber of Commerce, the crime prevention association and CRD director. He said the process included, "trying to get input from different people in the community."

Darbyshire also pointed out most minor calls are better handled by other agencies. For instance, people call the police to pick up lost or found items, when they could drop them off themselves at the RCMP headquarters.

Animal calls should be made to the CRD animal control officer. Minor vehicle accidents with less than \$1,000 damage need only be reported to ICBC. For

minor accidents with more than \$1,000 damage and not involving injuries, alcohol, blocking traffic or driving infractions, the police do not need to go to the scene. Parties should report the accident to the police within 72 hours. In situations involving theft or fraud, the proposal suggests police only be involved if the dollar amount of the crime exceeds \$5,000.

If the public agrees with the proposal, Darbyshire said he plans to implement the changes by the end of the year. The process of making the changes would require several steps.

"We'll have to educate our dispatcher in Victoria, and call the alarm companies... It's quite a bit of a process to educate."

Once the new policy is in effect, the changes would

be monitored.

Darbyshire emphasized that the proposed changes are guidelines and will not be carried out without public input. "I have to pattern it on what the community wants and that's why we're having this public meeting," he said.

The public forum will take place at Meaden Hall on Wednesday, October 11 at 7 p.m.

765 low priority calls in 1999

Lost/found property	250
False alarms	179
Mischief-vandalism	97
Motor vehicle accidents \$1,000 damage plus	45
Motor vehicle accidents under \$1,000 damage	40
Assistance to Fire, Ambulance, Coast Guard	40
Keep the peace, property recovery	38
Theft from auto	28
NSF cheques, fraud, counterfeit	27
Animal calls	15
Bicycle theft	6

Heading down Iceberg Alley



Missive from the St. Roch II...
with Paul Inzerlis

8th September/00

Davis Strait is called Iceberg Alley and it is! Icebergs everywhere. Used up two rolls of film before saying, "ho hum, just another iceberg." Iqaluit, the capital, is our last stop in Nunavut, a very different part of Canada. Broughton Island, a traditional village held a feast for the RCMP *St Roch* and the *Simon Fraser* crews. The only cooked food was some baked Arctic char and 250 donuts our cooks made. The rest was cold and raw, served on plastic sheets on the floor, fresh from the ocean—huge piles of seaweed, clams, some like miniature geoducks, Arctic char and two ringed seals, which were sliced and diced in front of us. I intended to have some frozen muktuk (blubber), but stuck to the cooked char and donuts. Many of the women were in traditional parkas with the big hood for holding a child. Every mother carries her child on her back in traditional or modern parkas.

We passed south of the Arctic Circle last night, full dark by 9 p.m. and bright northern lights at midnight. Still cold we are not in the tropics yet.

9th September/00

Iqaluit (Frobisher Bay) on Baffin Island, the capital of Nunavut, with about 3,000 people has everything—an airport, cell phones, big stores, hotels and bars. It's the first wet town we have seen in Nunavut. Every other place we stopped at had two public phones in the lobbies of stores which closed by 8 p.m. Civilization at last.

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Proposed garbage bylaw prompts little public response

by Joanne O'Connor

The proposed Capital Regional District and Islands Trust bylaw to regulate transfer stations on Salt Spring Island is receiving minimal response from the public. Two open houses hosted by the CRD over the weekend were sparsely attended.

Information and comment forms recently delivered to every household on the Island have generated a small response so far. Open house CRD representatives John Craveiro and Alan Summers, from Environmental Services, interpreted low public showing to indicate a prevailing acceptance of the draft bylaw.

Despite the numbers at both open houses, there is no lack of debatable issues amongst those whose businesses will be affected by the bylaw.

Concerns and commendations vary. Although none of the four companies involved (the SSI recycling depot,

SSI Garbage Services, Island Garbage Express and Laurie's Recycling & Waste Service) are against environmental regulations, some are worried that the legislation will ultimately prove costly and restrictive to the nature of their operation.

Under the proposed bylaw, those operations defined as "transfer stations" must be licensed. Applicants must demonstrate a successful plan to control pollution, and abide by the "zero escapement policy" outlined in the bylaw. Brenda Phillips of the CRD says there will be no "grandfathering." Applicants "will have to comply with new rules and regulations. Everyone must be licensed," she stated.

Laurie Hedger of Laurie's Recycling & Waste Systems doesn't want to see his hours of operation dictated by legislation, which may be the case if there are public concerns regarding a site. Hedger said as a society,

"we're all polluting to an extent." "We don't want to become ridiculous with the very people who are trying to keep the Island clean."

Tom Pickett, who set up his own information table at both CRD open houses, is an open opponent of Hedger. Pickett displayed several placards at the Fulford open house, one of which read: "Neighbour... excluded from the process." In response, John Craveiro pointed out that the public positions available on the SSITS committee were well advertised.

Tom Hall, President of the Water Preservation Society, and SSITS committee member, was also present at the Fulford open house. Hall revealed that there is no existing legislation on water quality. His concern for the right "to clean, fresh water" prompted his involvement with the SSITS committee.

Hall asserted that his society was behind the closure of

the dump on Blackburn Road in 1991, and added that records from the Minister of Environment show numerous counts of non-compliance at the old facility. Craveiro and Summers corroborated, agreeing with Hall that it "wasn't a modern landfill."

Summers, like a proud parent, described the Hartland Landfill as "probably the best engineered landfill in the Pacific Northwest."

CRD members, Craveiro, Summers and Kelly Booth all agree that the SSITS committee has brought to light many issues that may be subject to future legislation. Booth mentioned, "Good discussions were (generated) around areas that we're not well set up to deal with on Salt Spring Island." She cited hazardous materials as one such example and added, "[It] really positive to have people in the industry providing useful and practical information."

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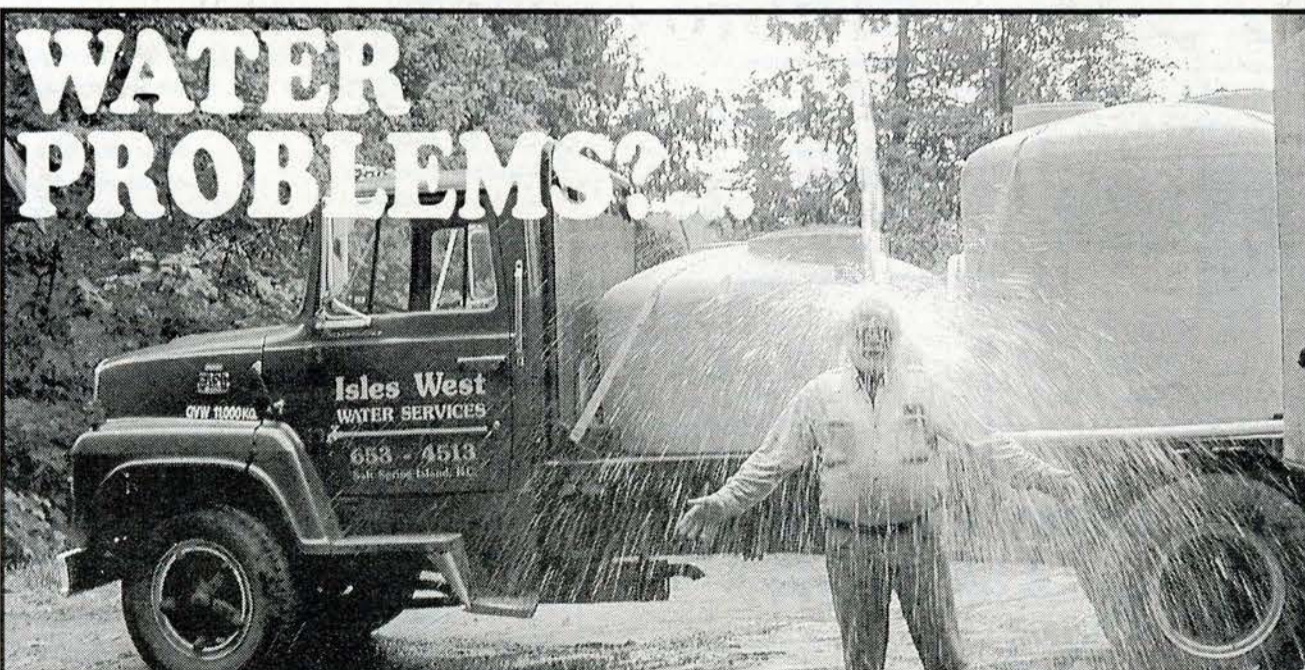
SSTV launches into autumn season

On Monday, October 9 at 7 p.m., Salt Spring TV will broadcast Oldtime Loggers of Salt Spring Island, the Historical Society's presentation at Central Hall from last February 8. Oldtimers share their experiences of logging Island forests in the early days. Produced by Island VideoWorks.

Following Oldtime Loggers at 8 p.m. will be the All Sooke Days Story. Every summer the people of Sooke on southern Vancouver Island host All Sooke Day, Canada's longest running logging sports festival. The

wood chips fly fast and furious as the audience cheers on loggers from around the world competing at the festival's 50th anniversary (1986). Interviews with oldtimers, rare archival photos and film footage give insight into Sooke's early days and the history of logging in B.C. The exciting half hour documentary has won awards, appeared on CBC and TV networks around the world. Produced and edited for the Sooke Regional Museum by Peter Prince, directed by Sheila Wincup.

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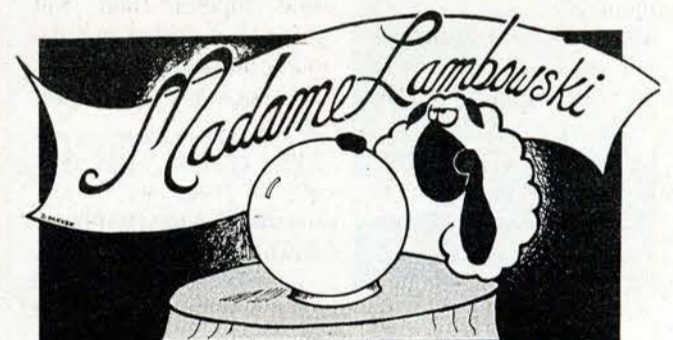


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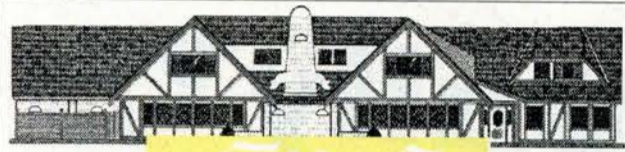


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Reading, music and a visitor—what would you pick if you were stranded on a desert island?

Desert Island Choices



This week's castaway is 16-year-old **Kayla Schmah**. A singer, musician and all-round performer, Kayla grew up on Salt Spring Island but is now spreading her wings beyond its shores as she moves toward a career in music. Already Schmah is well

known in Island musical circles and this past Saturday performed as a special guest at Tara McLean's ArtSpring concert. Watch for her on MTV in the future.

The book: Oh, that's a killer. That's hard. I love reading books but I'd probably take a bunch of really hard sheet music—the hardest stuff I could find, to keep me busy for a long, long time.

The disc: Bif Naked because she's my hero. She rules the world, her music has everything.

The visitor: My little sister Camille

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TUESDAY
OCTOBER 3

- Storytime for Little Ones**
Public Library. 10-10:30am
- Block Printing.**
Margitta Sandl. Fables Cottage. 3:30pm
- Family Affairs & Other Trends**
SS Gallery of Fine Arts. 7pm
- ASA: Portraits** ArtSpring Lobby
- Christina Heinemann** Luigi's
- Jonathan Yardley: Watercolours** Moby's.
- Lainey McLellan** Roasting Company
- Val Konig** Sweet Arts Patisserie
- Soup's On**
Free soup and sandwich. All Saints'. 11:30-1pm
- Free Seminar**
Simplicity & Success. Bruce Elkin. 141 Seaview Rd. 7pm
- Planned Parenthood Clinic**
Core Inn. 4-6pm
- Flexible Strength**
All Saints'. 9-10am
- Beginning Running Clinic-10k**
Portlock Park. 9-10:30am
- Bless The Child** 7:00pm
- Original Kings of Comedy** 9:15pm

WEDNESDAY
OCTOBER 4

- Music & Munch**
All Saints'. 12:10pm
- Wednesday Night**
Open Stage. Moby's P
- Argentinian Tango**
Lions' Hall. Practice 7:
- Centering Prayer**
Contemplative Centre
- S. End Centering P**
- St. Mary's Fulford. 11a**
- Caregivers Support**
Seniors' Centre. 11am
- Beginner Step Clas**
All Saints'. 10:15-11:15
- Step into Shape**
All Saints'. 9-10am
- The Fitness Recipe**
Mahon Hall. 9-10am
- Yoga**
Salt Spring Centre. 10a
- Circuit Challenge**
Fulford Elementary
Gym. 7-8pm



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MONDAY
OCTOBER 9

- Storytime**
West of the Moon. 10am
- Midnight Café**
Acoustic Jam. Rose's Cafe. 7pm
- Cats Pajamas Dance Class**
Lang Road Studio. 7:30pm
- Life Model Drawing Class**
United Church. 1-3pm
- Beginner Step Class**
All Saints'. 10:15-11:15am
- Step into Shape**
All Saints'. 9-10am
- The Fitness Recipe**
Mahon Hall. 9-10am
- Yoga** Salt Spring Centre. 9am & 4:30pm
- Cats Pajamas Feldenkrais Class**
Lang Rd. Studio. 6pm
- Circuit Challenge**
Fulford Elementary Gym. 7-8pm
- Seniors' Yoga**
Salt Spring Centre. 11am

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TUESDAY
OCTOBER 10

- Storytime for Little Ones**
Public Library. 10-10:30am
- Soup's On**
Free soup and sandwich. All Saints'. 11:30-1pm
- Sacred Dance**
Moving meditation. Birgit Wolf. United Church Hall 7pm
- SSI Historical Soc. Lady Minto—Past & Present.**
Central Hall. 2pm
- Free Seminar**
Simplicity & Success. Bruce Elkin. 141 Seaview Rd. 7pm
- Planned Parenthood Clinic**
Core Inn. 4-6pm
- Flexible Strength**
All Saints'. 9-10am
- Beginning Running Clinic-10k**
Portlock Park. 9-10:30am

WEDNESDAY
OCTOBER 11

- Argentinian Tango**
Lions' Hall. Practice 7:30pm
- Centering Prayer**
Contemplative Centre. 7:30am
- S. End Centering Prayer**
St. Mary's Fulford. 11am
- Diarmuid O Murchu: Recl Spirituality**
Book Study. United Church. 1:
- Caregivers Support Group**
Seniors' Centre. 11am
- Breastfeeding Support Gr**
Family Place. 1:30pm
- SS Hours Potluck Meeting**
Family Place, Ganges Hill. 6pm
- Beginner Step Class**
All Saints'. 10:15-11:15am
- Step into Shape**
All Saints'. 9-10am
- The Fitness Recipe**
Mahon Hall. 9-10am
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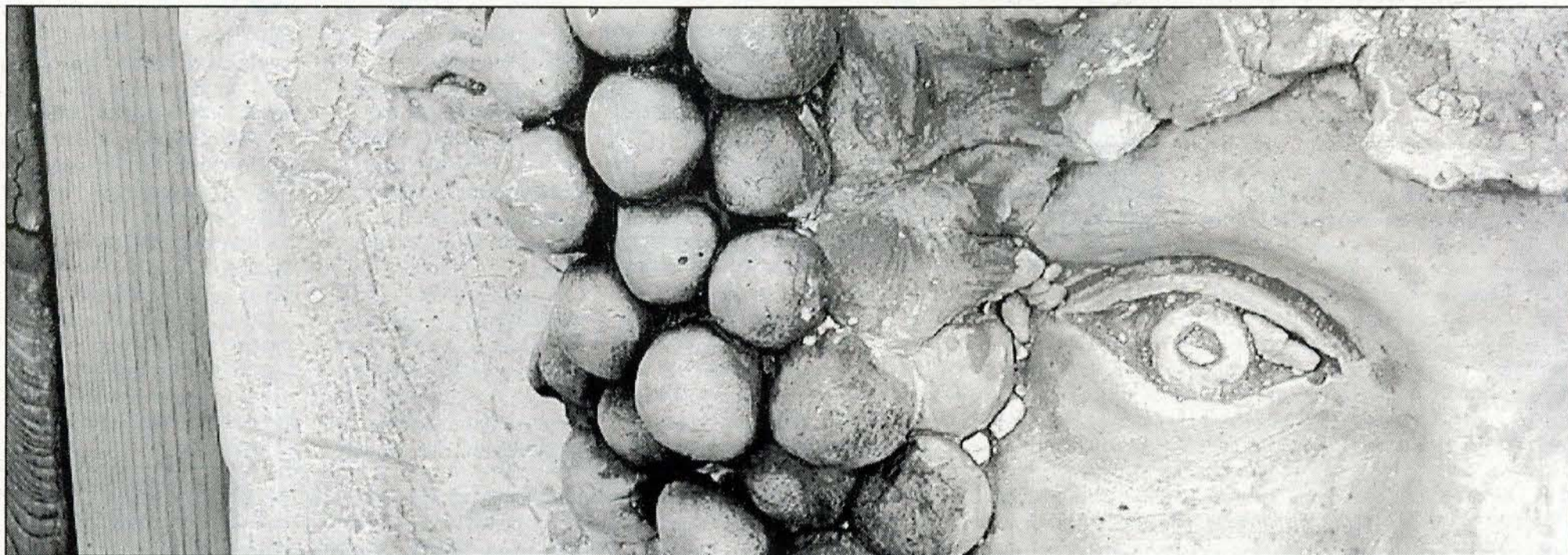
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Artists of the Isle

Tea maker blossoms at Owen and Company

by Judy Harper

For Terry Owen of Owen and Company, what began as a culinary hobby horse has blossomed into a thriving business. Of course, we are all familiar with the epicurean delights of *Old Thyme Kitchen*, a cottage industry run for 18 years by Terry and his wife Sharon and a familiar label at the Saturday market. Now, operating under the retail umbrella name of Owen and Co. they've acquired a new business location in downtown Ganges, and Terry is surprised and delighted that his life-long interest in tea seems to have captured the attention of like-minded local tea connoisseurs.

Teddy Bear Take-out at 172 Fulford-Ganges Road was opened in May of this year as a family friendly, reasonably priced and high quality fast food operation, which would also offer the Owens' popular jams and preserves. When the space next door also became available, Terry and Sharon decided to expand, and then were faced with the problem of filling 800 extra square feet of retail space.

Terry, who has been blending his own teas for 15 years using old family recipes, had always wanted to retail the product, and brought in 10 base teas and 15 flavoured varieties. The store now stocks 105 varieties of tea, including the Owens' own special blend, *Confederation 1867*, a fragrant combination of Darjeeling and Assam. The store has acquired a distinctly

Victorian appeal, offering tea essentials, table linens, candlesticks, home-made Dana soap products, colourful silk shawls and a variety of locally produced crafts. Terry is always on the lookout for craftspeople and artisans who are creating products which fit in with the turn of the century theme of Owen and Co. In the new year, he hopes to have himself and staff attired in Victorian style, minus the stays, of course. Look for wooden and ceramic crafts in the near future, European tapestries, and a local water-colourist or two.

The Owens have been familiar faces on Salt Spring for years; Sharon was born here and Terry spent his childhood summers here with his family, finding a sense of community here that was lacking in Vancouver, and eventually moving here for that reason. He draws on a number of career experiences including a stint in the military, working at Macdonalds, managing Foxglove nursery and a short time in publication layout. He was instrumental in helping to establish the Market Vendors Association in 1981, and has been an active member of the local Boy Scout organization in one capacity or another for 38 years.

Terry's long involvement in scouting has fostered his participation in a number of community projects. The store sells the SIMS students' cookie mix to raise money for the

school band. The profits from the sale of Alex Mitchell's book are handed over to the Alzheimers Society, and the Owens are now involved in establishing a trust fund to aid the families of sick children with transportation and other expenses not covered

by medical insurance.

In a week or two, when the Brown Betty arrives, drop in for 'tea at three', an opportunity to expand your epicurean horizons, socialize and learn a little about the long history of tea.



Terry Owen shows off his wares at his downtown Ganges shop Owen and Company.

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Just spinning through the local mill

by Amei Parkes

A visit to the Gulf Islands Spinning Mill Co-operative is a full-sensory experience. Tactile, aromatic, aesthetic and yes, deafening treats await at this co-operatively-run mill.

The distinctive smell of lanolin and wool lead you to the one-story building, located behind the tractor museum at the Farmers Institute. Clumps of wool along the path also guide you, like Hansel and Gretel searching for their cabin in the woods, to this productive little corner on Salt Spring.

On the day I visit, artists John Waldin and Kathy Thomson are busily working the machines that turn fleece into thread. As I enter the open door, Waldin turns off the 6-spool spinning machine, which whirrs at shouting level, and takes me on a tour of the operation.

The space is crammed into an efficient assembly line, in a building which can't be much bigger than 400 square feet. We start at the bags of wool, waiting in a pile to be washed. What appears to be a morning drop-off from a neighbour around the corner, could actually stem from an alpaca farmer in Nova Scotia. This little mill gets fibres from across the country, as well as the United States.

The reason? "Partially because we can deal with fibres that many mills can't—like alpaca," says Waldin.

And this, believe it or not, was the impetus behind starting the mill.

Island fleece producers had difficulty getting their fibres processed satisfactorily. They also had trouble finding mills that would do small orders. So they took matters into their own hands and started a mill. Anyone can become a member of the co-op by purchasing shares. Together, over one hundred share holders helped get the mill started, as well as train its members.

A Quick Look

Guild's open house will inspire guests



Guilds have set the standards for art since medieval times. Salt Spring artists—like potters, painters and woodworkers—continue this tradition of creative excellence at regular meetings of

the mind... and heart.

On October 12, the public will get an opportunity to get "up close and personal" with the Weavers and Spinners Guild. Their open house at ArtSpring, from 7 to 9 p.m.,

will give people a hands-on look at the craft.

Try a go at knitting, spinning or weaving, or just watch the experts in action.

Of note is the Inkle loom demonstration. This special loom weaves bands, as opposed to the traditional strips.

The guild members are a dedicated bunch. They meet four times per month. Every Thursday meeting (at 4:30 p.m.) at ArtSpring has a different purpose: business, two presentations, and a social

"gab and share" session.

Aside from regular meetings, the 60-member guild has an annual display at the Fall Fair. They offer classes to junior weavers and spinners. They are also going on their regular retreat in Parksville, and this year, the Salt Springers are in charge of planning the workshops.

And if by any chance, an aspiring weaver wants more inspiration than from the live demos, they can check out the excellent weaving library at ArtSpring.

Now, five employees work here, while three directors supervise the operation. It's an orderly and hands-on process, turning fleece into batts (continuous masses of fibres, 18 inches wide and 4 feet long), or rovings (long ropes of fibres, ready for spinning).

Mostly, they deal with wool, but recently qiviut, or muskox fibre, and Navaho Churro wool has come in for processing. With any fibre, the first step is to wash the fleece. After it is washed, it is put into drying racks.

Once dried, the wool goes into the picker. It looks like a machine you might expect to find in a Dr. Seuss book. The first roll looks like a carding machine that feeds onto another roll with dog collar spikes. The

fleece is then blown into a giant closet. The idea is to open up the fibres and fluff up the wool. And sure enough, when Waldin shows me the closet of the picker, fluff is everywhere.

The poofed-up wool then goes into the carder, for a good brush. It's at the next stage where we find Thomson carefully feeding rovings into the drafter. This machine acts like a giant fibre connector.

"Don't break them," Thomson instructs, as I reach to touch the soft wool. Reconnecting broken pieces can mean a lump in the thread down the line.

"Our customers demand perfection and we have no other choice but to give them that," says Waldin. "Nor would we want to,

obviously," he adds.

Garbage buckets full of rovings sit ready for spinning, then plying—the most complex step.

"To achieve it is an art form, and it's not for everybody," says Waldin, the resident spinner, as he adjusts the tension dials on the machine. What started as a scratchy, matted furball, is now ready to knit, weave or crochet.

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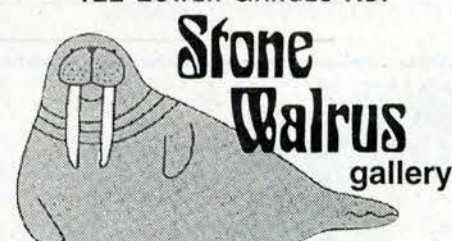
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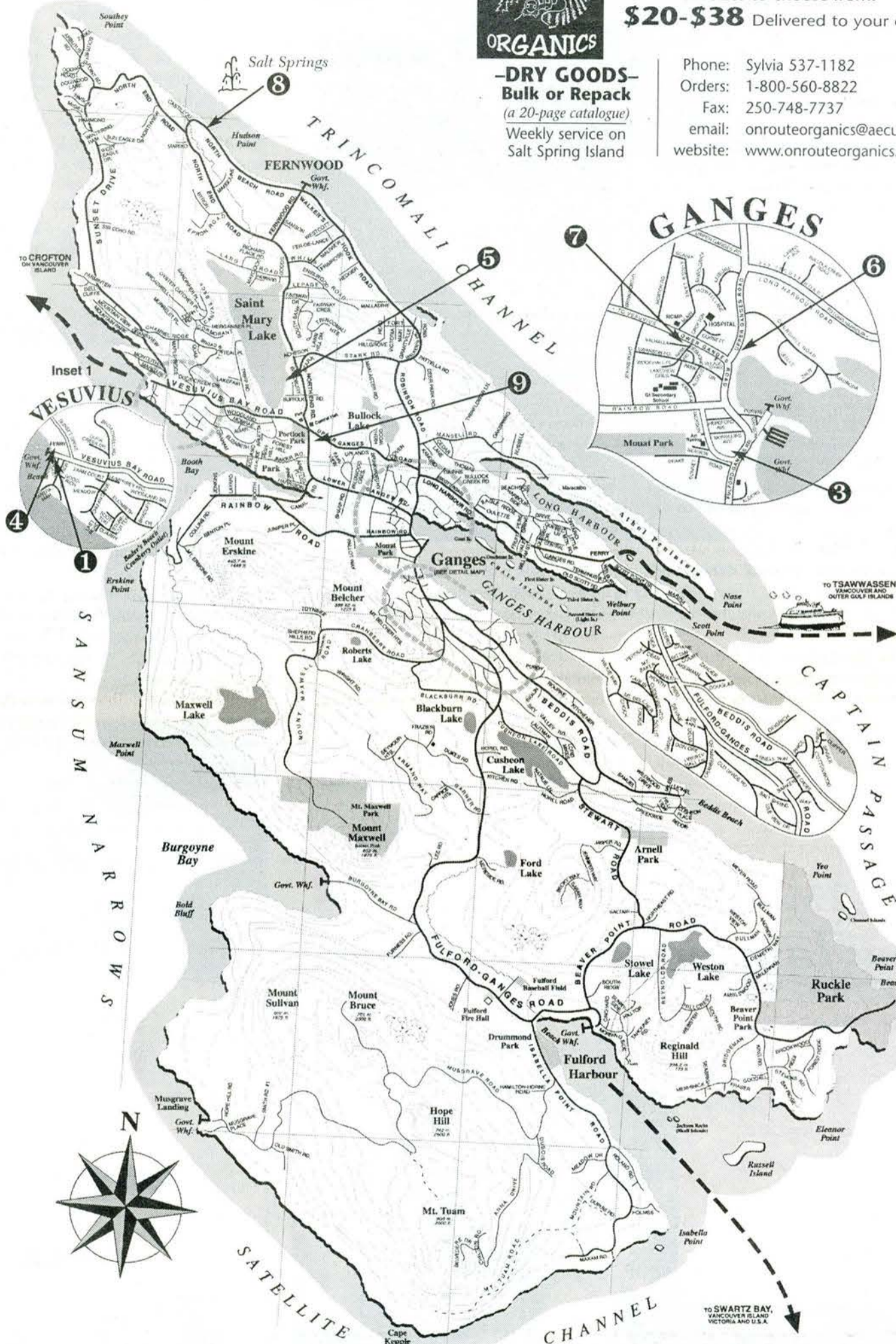
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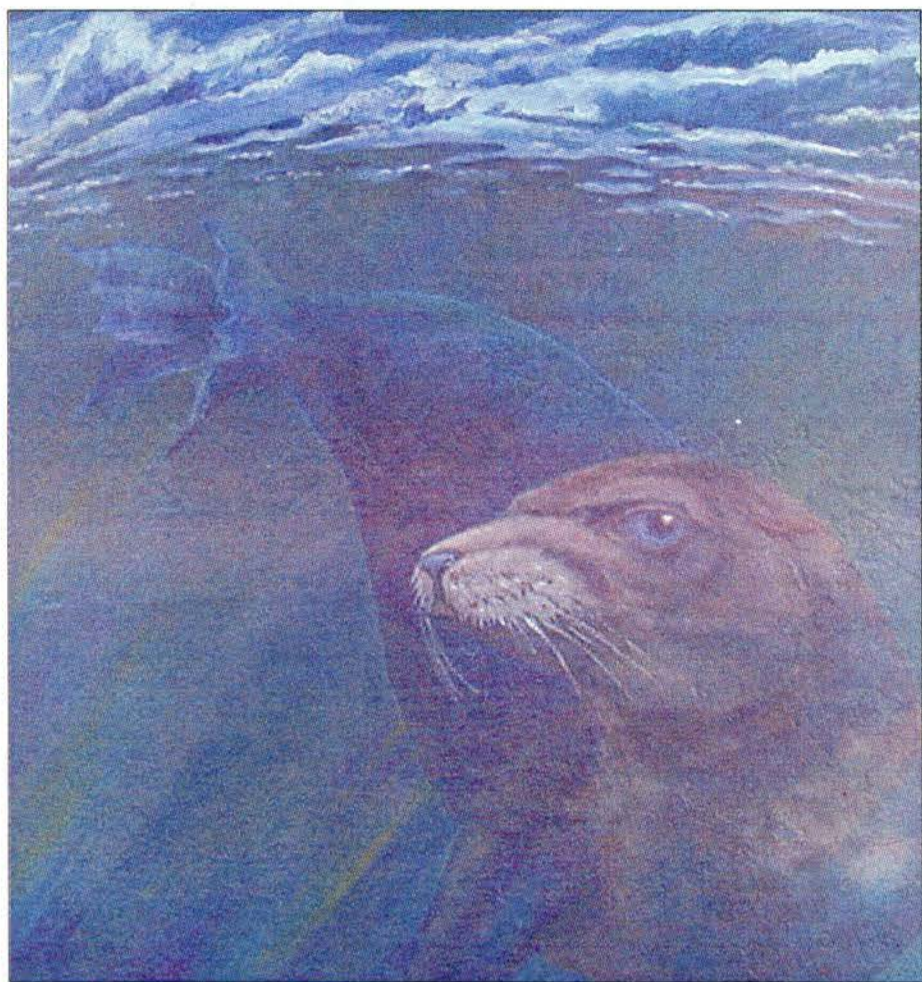
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NAVIGATIONAL ART COMPLETE—Artists Amarah K. Gabriel and Timothy Raven Hume's collaborative effort in downtown Ganges is complete. When the Harbour Authority placed Delta 10 at the entrance to their parking lot, Gabriel and Hume wondered how this huge industrial object would fit into the Island's rural community. They soon recognized the potential for transfiguring the steel structure into a landmark that would delight visitors and Islanders alike. The artists' passion is evident in their statement: "We need art, we need sculpture, murals and music, we need dance and theatre. We need a town full of song and colour. Business flourishes and people thrive when their social environment is alive with acts of creation. Salt Spring is promoted as 'the art lovers getaway' yet there is very little public art. Artists and craftspeople are some of the Island's greatest assets. The public response to the mural is overwhelmingly positive. We are thanked a hundred times a day by visitors and Salt Springers, a complete cross-section of people."

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Potters practise ancient art in

by Judy Harper

At the end of Thomas Road, in a bamboo grove surrounded by the darker greens of fir forest, nine members of the Salt Spring Island Potter's Guild gathered this weekend to re-enact a primitive scenario: their annual sawdust firing. This is a slightly modernized version of the ancient technique of pit firing used by early civilizations in all parts of the world.

Early potters cut a pit into the side of a bank and dried out the walls of the pit with a fire. When the fire died out, they laid down bark chips onto which they placed their pots, adding successive layers of chips and kindling to fill the pit. A fire was lit on the top layer and fed continuously to maintain a hot blaze. This surface fire died out eventually and burned downward slowly to the pots.

The version of pit firing which the Guild practises yearly differs slightly in that metal garbage cans are used in place of pits, and sawdust instead of bark chips. The members decorate their bisque pots with everything from horse hair to banana peels, copper wire, dung and flower petals before placing them in the fire.

What emerges the next day depends on a number of factors: the amount of

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Youthful swing at M & M

Fans of young trumpeter Simon Millerd will be delighted to know he will return to Music and Munch on October 4 accompanied by Jennifer Howard on piano. A recent review claimed Millerd has a remarkable talent and concert-goers will not be disappointed with the duo's opening of a show that promises to be a swinging time.

The main feature in the lunch hour series is YJP—Young Jazz Players—a fabulous group of young musicians. Simon Millerd (trumpet), Alex Perkins (alto sax), Garret MacDonnell (tenor sax), Ed Perkins (electric guitar), Dan Fogarty (keyboards) and Dorian Roop (drums) have already delighted Salt Spring audiences with their talent and dedication.

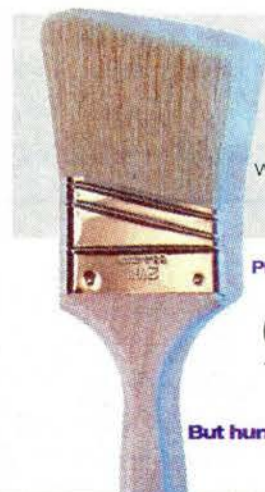
All are involved in either the SIMS or GISS band programmes and spent part of the summer at Malaspina College Summer Jazz Camp in Nanaimo.

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degrees centigrade, produce far more consistent results, and is a much easier and cleaner process.

So why this fascination with pit firing, which it seems all potters share? Guild members volunteered some answers: a desire to re-connect with and celebrate the age old roots of their craft and to experience the very thing

that modern technology has all but obliterated from the art of pottery: imperfection. The results are always beautiful, always unpredictable.

The Guild welcomes new members to their mini workshops held every three weeks. Contact Louise Harker at 537-9872 or Beth Feller at 537-2184.



Members of the Spring Island Potter's Guild practise the ancient art of pit firing.

Crowd wowed by Tara McLean

by Kelly Waters

Tara MacLean's concert Sunday night was wonderful—as wonderful as the singer herself. I met MacLean that afternoon and she told me about her recent trip to Southeast Asia, her concern for the environment, and her love for Salt Spring. In person she is the same delightful storyteller as on stage.

During the performance, anecdotes from MacLean's past filled the spaces between songs and gave them a living context. I especially enjoyed hearing the famous ferry story in MacLean's own words (Nettwerk Records discovered the singer as she travelled to Salt Spring on the Bowen Queen) and listening to the very song that brought her to the limelight. Hearing that MacLean was on her way to the Island to heal and visit friends after protesting at Clayquot Sound made the story even more magical.

MacLean's passion for the environment and belief in matters spiritual was evident both in my talk with her and in the themes of her songs. One particularly moving piece was called "Jordan." In it, MacLean's imagery based on a swim in Maxwell Lake is supported by incredible energy from the band. While MacLean played folk guitar, electric guitarist Bill Bell and drummer Blake Manning jammed wildly, bringing the audience to a frenzy. The point of the song is that people can float if they believe they can.

One of the encore songs was an untitled piece MacLean wrote while incarcerated for activism at Clayquot. Her concern for Salt Spring's trees was clear—she spoke of her love for Mount Maxwell and even changed the lyrics of the chorus to personalize it. MacLean's devotion to environmental issues earned her the title Ambassador for the Society of Wilderness when she was in Taiwan recently, something she is very proud about.

MacLean has been touring for a year now. The concert at ArtSpring was the last before she and Bell, her husband, take a couple of months off. If we're lucky, they may spend that time here on the Island, MacLean's spiritual home.



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Community Bulletin Board

FIRST SHEEP... In 1874, Henry Ruckle acquired his first sheep. The family, however, did not focus on sheep-raising until after World War I.

625 SWEATERS! "We made 25 sweaters a year, for 25 years," says Gwen Ruckle of Ruckle Park. This small business grew into a fashion statement on Salt Spring by word-of-mouth. News of the Cowichan sweaters she knit with her mother, Lotus, spread after Islanders saw the children's sweaters they made. Then everyone wanted one! Some local (adults) still wear theirs around. You might see one of the Ruckle designs on the backs of Dave Beck, Gary Kaye and Mike Lane. The knitting duo eventually had to stop when Gwen got arthritis in her shoulder.

BLACK SHEEP OF THE FAMILY... The whole knitting enterprise was the reason behind purchasing black sheep, says Gwen Ruckle. "We tried to buy coloured wool, but it was hard to get. We got four little black sheep, then we had 75 black sheep." They sold the excess wool to native knitters in Duncan.

A GOOD GUESS... There are close to 1000 sheep on Salt Spring Island, estimates farmer Mary Stepaniuk. She takes this number from the major meat and wool breeders—not the people who have two or three sheep in the backyard. "We call them lawnmowers," she quips. According to the Salt Spring Farm Directory, there are 31 sheep farmers on the Island.

"THEY'RE KIND OF STUPID..." says farmer Mary Stepaniuk. Sheep will run into a ditch or water if they are threatened. "The sight of a strange dog [for example] is liable to put them in panic mode," says Stepaniuk. Gwen Ruckle agrees. The last dog that scared a sheep in her fields sent it running straight for the Pacific. Luckily, caretaker Mike Lane saved the sheep before it drowned. But they also have many redeeming features. "They can also be sweet and kind. If you stand in the field they'll come up to you and talk with you," says Stepaniuk.

ONLY THE BEST... When the Queen comes to Victoria and stays at the Empress, she always dines on Salt Spring lamb and B.C. salmon. Farmer Mary Stepaniuk recalls an Empress staff member going around to Salt Spring farmers in search of the best 20 lambs, on her last visit.

OFFICIALLY THE BEST... At the last Culinary Olympics in Paris, France, an international competition for chefs, the best overall menu included none other than Salt Spring lamb and B.C. salmon.

AND THE BEST SHEEP IS... A blend of Dorset North Country Cheviot with a bit of Suffolk thrown in,



PILGRIMS TO PARADISE—Howard and Solange Johnson (from Seattle) came to Salt Spring for the first time this weekend. They loved the serenity of the Island and look forward to coming back again.

makes a hardy sheep for these parts. "They do well in the bush. We used to raise them in the logging slash," says Gwen Ruckle. Dorsets, alone, make great milk and meat, and they are great mothers... but "they are inclined to be short legged and tubby," says Ruckle.

WHICH CHOP ARE YOU GETTING? The most common meat sheep on Salt Spring, says farmer Bev Byron, are Suffolk, Cheviot, Hampshire and Dorset.

HAPPY HUNGRY PEOPLE... Mike and Bev Byron raise about 150 lambs each year. John and Mary Stepaniuk also raise over 100 per year.

WHAT TO LOOK FOR IN A RAM... If you're breeding for wool, the ram should have long curly wool that's easy to spin. If you are breeding for meat, you need a ram with a long back, a square hind end and good shoulders. You also want all the attributes of a good ram, but one you can handle. I.e., "Docile enough to do what you have to do without being attacked," says farmer, Mary Stepaniuk.

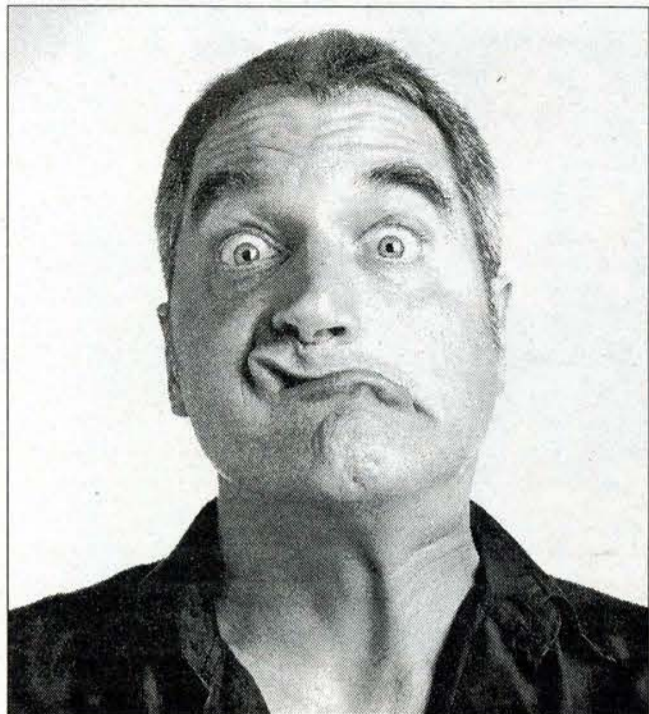
A FEW GOOD RAMS... "Good breeders consider him half your flock," says Stepaniuk. "The better the ram, the better the everything." The best rams are ones who sire twins or triplets. This tends to run in both sides of the family. "It costs the same amount to raise one lamb or more," says Stepaniuk, on a practical note. "Farming is not a paying proposition," she adds.

PREDATOR AND PREY... By 1900, wolves and bears no longer caused problems for sheep. (The settlers killed them all off.) Cougars occasionally killed sheep (and still do). Now, farmers are on the lookout for stray dogs. "We haven't had any trouble for a while," says Gwen Ruckle. "The word got out that it costs \$250 to let your dog run loose," she says. The last sheep she lost to a dog was in April of this year.

MOUNTAIN SHEEP ON THE LOOSE... In the early days, the western slopes of Mts Tuam and Bruce were major sheep ranching areas. The sheep were mostly raised for wool, not meat. Some sheep still run wild there today.

WHAT'S IN A NAME? Jacob's sheep, both ewes and rams, usually have two curled horns on each side. They are said to have originated from Biblical times. Barbados Black Belly sheep has hair, not wool. It does not have to be shorn. Friesian and Finn sheep are bred as milking sheep. They can have up to four lambs per birthing.

Rick Scott makes faces at Salt Spring



Courtesy photo

Hey kids! Draw a picture of your funniest face and enter it in the draw when you go see Rick Scott in concert on October 14.

West Coast meets Portugal and Spain

Recent watercolours from Portugal, Spain and Canada by architect Jonathan Yardley are now on display at Moby's. Yardley's paintings cover a range of places and landscapes—from the rolling plains of the Alentejo in southeast Portugal to the foothills of southern Alberta. The latter are depicted in long panoramic paintings completed in mid-September while Yardley was on a trip to Spruce Meadows in Calgary.

Spain is represented with the dark and craggy landscape of southern Andalucía complete with the hilltop village of Zahara de la Sierra.

The majority of the other paintings are of Canada's West Coast from Seaforth Channel in the north down to early morning Fulford Harbour—on the M.V. Skeena Queen to Swartz Bay!

Yardley executes his paintings on location. This means he has to work fast to capture the image under changing weather patterns and has no room for re-painting. He said that on occasion rain has actually added to his painting in the form of spots.

Yardley's exhibit continues at Moby's until October 31.

Rick Scott, an award winning singer, songwriter, actor, dulcimer maverick and fool, will be performing and playing on Salt Spring on Saturday, October 14.

Over the last 30 years he has released a dozen albums and performed his lively, original music in nine countries. His gift for combining wacky humour and poignant human commentary has earned him a devoted following of all ages.

Father of five and grandfather of three, he now devotes considerable time and energy to performing for young people. He is a spokesperson for the Down Syndrome Research Foundation and his video *Angels Do*, written for and starring his granddaughter, has become an anthem for the special needs community.

Scott first rose to prominence in the Canadian folk scene in 1974 playing with Joe Mock and Shari Ulrich in the pioneer rogue folk trio *Pied Pumkin String Ensemble*. Together only two years, the *Pumkin* sold over 30,000 LPs from the stage and garnered a fanatical following. Twenty-five years later the trio reunited and since 1998 have released two CDs and played over 80 sold out shows.

In 1982 Scott turned to theatre, honing his skills in acting and musical comedy. He learned to walk tightrope for the title role in the musical *Barnum*, starred as a hippie awakening from a Rip Van Winklesque LSD

trance in *The Late Blumer* and drove a forklift in a leather loincloth in a punk version of Shakespeare.

A 1990 invitation to play music in schools turned his attention to young people and this soon became his major focus. For the past decade he has toured his family concerts extensively throughout Canada, the United States, Australia and Southeast Asia. His three children's recordings on his own independent label have sold over 70,000 copies. His highly acclaimed *Philharmonic Fool* won a 1999 Children's Music Web Special Award and was nominated for a Juno Award and Pacific Music Industry Award for Best Children's album. His new *Making Faces* CD was released in September.

Rick Scott is currently writing an illustrated all ages musical novel entitled *The Great Gazoon* about the world's most reluctant tightrope walker. When not making music he can be found cutting wood or kayaking at home on Protection Island.

Ganges Village Market is sponsoring Rick Scott's appearances on the Island. He will be face painting at West of the Moon at 1 p.m., giving a concert at ArtSpring at 2 p.m. and making balloon creations at Fables Cottage at 3 p.m. The concert is \$6 for little kids and \$8 for big kids. For further information, call ArtSpring at 537-2102.

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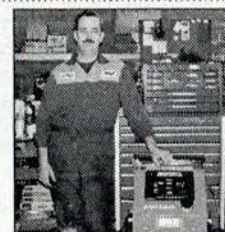
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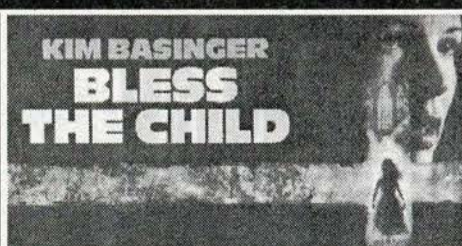


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Comedic channeler takes to the stage

A completely unique event will take place at Beaver Point Hall, October 7. Called *Mother: Cosmic Comedy and Celebration Dance*, the evening will incorporate performance, dance, music, spoken word and channeled comedy. Channeled comedy? That's the completely unique part.

Rosalie Miles has lived on Salt Spring—on and off—for 25 years. Now known as aRa, Rosalie is a medium or, in new age terminology, channeler. As a channeler, she says her job is similar to what a telephone line does—transmit voices—in this case from other realms and dimensions. In psychological terminology, aRa says the ability for a person to channel is often described as a multiple personality disorder. But, in the world of entertainment, she describes the event as the birth of a star, a comedi-

an and impersonator.

aRa's voices describe themselves as SourceSelf from the Spaces Between Things. During a recent nine-month road trip through the U.S., aRa says she often found herself literally lost in the spaces between other vehicles on the road, caught in traffic or puttering along at 55 miles per hour when others around her were zooming past at 70. This contributed to her conviction that her space lies outside that of others and her role is to illuminate that "between things" area for the rest of us.

Saturday's performance of *Mother* will include recitations with movement of Jacob Wood's poem *Mud and Light* and Tamu Miles' poem *Mother/Father*. Others involved in the evening's show are Oscar Riley on drums, Angela White, Kevin



Tamu Miles, left, and aRa look forward to their performance.

Wilkie also on drums, Barbara Maloney, guitarist and singer Michael Hockney, Lawren Hyder also a guitarist, singer and drummer, Freedom and Tamu Miles.

Mother: Cosmic Comedy

and *Celebration Dance* will begin at 9 p.m. sharp, October 7 at Beaver Point Hall. Doors open at 8:30 p.m., admission is \$5 and donations beyond that are very welcome.

Art honours nature in celebratory show

During *Salt Spring Island: Where Art and Nature Meet* (ArtSpring, October 24 to November 5) visual artists, writers, musicians, poets and actors collaborate in an exhibit and activities cele-

brating the unique nature of our Island home. The event is sponsored by the Salt Spring APPEAL to support the protection and acquisition of Salt Spring lands for conservation, recreation and

community sustainability.

"The title of the event sums up the image many people hold of Salt Spring," said Susan Pratt, coordinator of the programme. "We will be celebrating nature, cre-

ativity and community with many talented Islanders sharing their passions and creations. Activities, centered at ArtSpring throughout the week, promise to be entertaining, educational and inspirational."

Works of Island artists will be on display at ArtSpring and available for sale by silent auction. An "Out to Launch" writers night will include readings by some famous, as well as infamous, Salt Spring authors. Local bards are promising an evening of "passionate poetry—delivered with Tender Loving Care." A special Halloween activity is also in the works. More down to earth activities will include birding clinics and a "building a better butterfly garden" workshop. A final auction of artworks will be held on the weekend of November 5.

Artworks will be on display at ArtSpring for the duration of the event and a detailed programme of evening and weekend activities will be published in upcoming weeks.

Lady Minto lore at historical talk

Administrator Karen Davies says the essence of Lady Minto Hospital hasn't changed much since 1913 when a group of Salt Spring matriarchs called the Guild of Sunshine raised \$3,000 to construct the first building. With that money the "cottage" or local hospital was built by the community for the community and today the same homey feeling is maintained by the friendly attitude of Lady Minto's staff.

Of course, the quality of patient care has vastly improved since the early days when a staff of two cared for two three-bed wards. Today, about 125 people, including 14 doctors and 25 registered nurses, work in the hospital.

There are many fascinating people and stories in the hospital's history. Annie Colhoun is one. She came to Canada on a holiday in 1911, was conscripted by the Victoria Order of Nurses in Montreal and ended up as Lady Minto's first matron

when the hospital opened in 1914. Sue Mouat remembers that while a nurse in the 1940s often had only a couple of patients to tend to on any given night she might also be responsible for painting the operating table.

Karen Davies and Sue Mouat will be talking to the Salt Spring Historical Society about "Lady Minto Hospital—Past and Present" on Tuesday, October 10. Karen has worked for Lady Minto for about 26 years, starting as a nurse. She was the hospital's CEO for several years until, after government reorganization, she became the manager of patient/client care for the Southern Gulf Islands. Sue worked as a nurse at Lady Minto Hospital in 1946 and again in 1948. Today, she is a member of and historian for the hospital auxiliary.

The October 10 meeting starts at 2 p.m. at Central Hall. All are welcome. Refreshments will be served after the talk.

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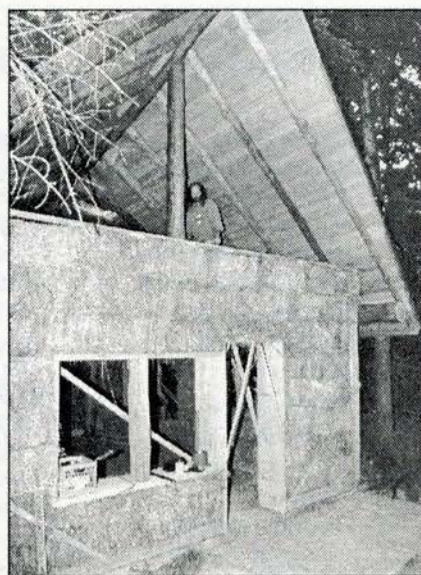
Grasping at straws—bales of them

by Bruce Burnett

Straw is proverbially regarded as valueless, hence its use in such phrases as "Not worth a straw," "To care not a straw," etc. However, in the 1880s, settlers in the treeless prairie of Nebraska found that in the absence of traditional building materials such as wood, straw indeed made a reliable and free substance with which to build their houses. One hundred and twenty years later, many of those houses, even though built with methods now considered flawed, are still being inhabited.

On Mayne Island, from July 16 to July 22, local builder Patrick Hennebery and his cohort from Courtenay, Elke Cole, held a workshop whimsically titled *Pigs in Heaven: Strawbale Building and Earthen Plasters Workshop*.

Pat Hennebery is quick to enumerate the advantages of strawbale construction: 1. It's quicker. 2. It's cheaper. 3. It's easier. It's like building with a large set of Lego. 4. It's more conducive to "community-building" or individual building, offering independence from expensive contractors. 5. Strawbale is a building method much more environmentally friendly than other methods. Many people are increasingly sensitive to the toxic chemicals used in modern building materials. In strawbale construction the materials used are natural, plentiful, readily available, renewable and a cheap by-product of agriculture. 6. Strawbale is much more energy efficient. Conventional building methods offer R-values (insulation rating) of R-12 to R-20. Strawbale building offers



This strawbale house was built during a recent Mayne Island workshop.

R-35 to R-50. Strawbale building gives an unbroken wall of insulation while a 2x6 stud used in wood frame construction gives an R rating of only R-5.5. 7. Excellent sound insulation. 8. Tests have proven that compressed straw is very fire resistant (try setting fire to a phone book). 9. As long as the straw is dry and the bales are well compressed during construction, the building is mould, insect and rodent resistant. Even termites tend to eschew straw. A strawbale wall sealed with an earthen plaster breathes—there is no plastic vapour barrier to trap moisture.

Added to all this is the fact that conventional building methods are wasteful and environmentally destructive. Builders discard about 15 per cent of the drywall they purchase. That and

the excess non-biodegradable fibre-glass batting and expensive wood have to be thrown away and usually end up in landfills. Excess straw can simply be composted.

Currently, in the U.S. alone, nearly 200 million tons of waste straw is left over after harvest. This is mostly burned and the carbon monoxide emissions from just one season of burning are the equivalent of one year of heavy industrial pollution.

Said Matt Myhrman, founder of Out on Bale, an Arizona-based group that promotes strawbale construction, "If all the straw left in the United States after the harvest of major grains was baled instead of burned, five million 2,000-square-foot houses could be built every year."

Strawbale construction also offers greater latitude and creativity in design. Richard Venberg, a Minnesota-based architect and builder of strawbale homes, said, "There's a lot of opportunities with a wall that's 20 inches thick. There are a lot of engineering and design possibilities that you don't get with standard stick-frame construction."

Significantly, four of the seven participants in Pat and Elke's workshop were women. Indeed, Pat's website (www.Cobworks.com) offers courses in construction designed specifically for women.

The *Pigs in Heaven* workshop cost \$600 for the seven-day course and included three meals a day, instruction and a campsite. To learn more about strawbale construction and future workshops, reach Pat Hennebery at (250) 539-5253 and Elke Cole at (250) 338-4660.



HEAVE HO—A 20 foot tall cross rose to grace the front of the Community Gospel Chapel just on time for the open house on Sunday. Artist Mike Hunsburger constructed the cross at his home and assembled it on the grounds Saturday afternoon. A BC Hydro crew was on hand to help lift the 400 to 500-pound structure into place. Lights embedded in the back of the cross will illuminate its silhouette at night. Pastor Chris Cormack gives thanks that the cross is up safe and sound. He says that the building has been transformed from its warehouse image and now looks like a church. The open house was well attended and the congregation was glad to have the cross in place.

What Indian summer really means

Curiosities of Culture

...with Peggy Abrahams

When you think of Indian summer, what images come to mind? For me, it's corn, cornucopia, fields of wheat waving in the breeze... a panorama in golden hues. You'd think I was a prairie child, but I wasn't. I can't recall if these images were acquired via technicolour or if I saw them in person. Indian summer also triggers memories. I'm back in school in Ottawa. I'm nine years old, starting grade six and I know it's hot because I'm wearing a blue sleeveless sundress with embroidered flowers.

It's part of our cultural lexicon to think of Indian summer as a bonus: a glorious little season of sunny days we hope for but don't dare expect. But there's an insidious side to the concept of Indian summer. According to Webster's New World Dictionary, Indian summer is so named in the sense of the bogus summer of the Indian giver—a term so politically incorrect it almost appears to come with flashing lights.

The term "Indian giver" has its own curious history. Reputedly, native North Americans took back gifts they'd given when they didn't get equally valuable gifts in exchange. But Robert Hendrickson, in *The Facts on*

File Encyclopedia of Word and Phrase Origins, writes, "Instances of Indians Indian giving are hard to come by," and even the *Handbook of American Indians* (1901), published by the Smithsonian Institution, defines the practice as an "alleged custom."

Considering its questionable origins, it seems surprising that Indian summer is the name of a golf club, a music group, a movie starring Alan Arkin and Bill Paxton, an Illinois restaurant and a line of tanning products.

It's troubling to consider that the moniker Indian means false as in false summer. I'd rather think of Indian summer as a romantic time when we can revel in nature's plenty. In fact, I came across another explanation of the origin of Indian summer which I prefer. This version says the term Indian summer came about because the Indians warned the white man it would be a last chance to harvest and stock up for the winter.

So let's make the most of it while it lasts.

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The evening begins with appetizers at 6 p.m. followed by dinner (four more courses) and dancing. Diners could win a door prize from Aroma Crystal Therapy and participate in a silent auction.

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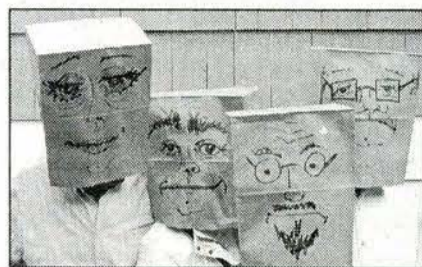
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New Fulford-Ganges autobahn?



Take It or Leave It...

with the Salt Spring Local Advisory Committee

Dear SSLAC,

The posted speed limit between Ganges and Fulford is 80 km/h max. How about we have a minimum of 70 km/h? It's frustrating to rush for the ferry behind someone doing 53 km/h just to see them turn up Beaver Point Road.

A Disgruntled Driver

Dear A.D.D.,

Poor you, life just keeps getting in the way of your Grand Plan. You are miss-

ing the point, that it is YOUR actions which are making you have to hurry for that ferry! Geesh, leave sooner or eat the consequences!

ANYHOW, some of our other committee members have some constructive ideas, having been in this situation many times. Ferry chasers could have a sign put in the front windshield which reflects in a rear-view mirror and graphically describes their need for haste (use your imagination here, honey).

Or the most obvious solution; take down a bunch of superfluous trees as within 5 miles of the ferry loading area; add 2 more lanes (only on the right hand side!), one for parking, and one for stupid driving of those trying to make the plank for the always-on-time-ferry.

Dear SSLAC,

Hey—you guys—where do you get off on being feisty, abrupt, disparaging and devious? Are you trying to run for the Islands Trust? (vociferous, antagonistic also come to mind—pick your own)

Lark Drue

Dear Drue,

It's our column, we have rights!! We can clearcut B.S. if we want to; no law in this land from speaking our well-endowed minds! So don't shoot the messenger even if we do have paper bags on our heads. And yes, that gives us an edge! We can call 'em as we see 'em without getting accosted when we are out n' about. It is a committee therefore you are getting a plethora of views. So, no pussy footing around, and YOU can take it or leave it.

Seniors tea popular



Seniors Scene ...

with Alan Fairlie

The Seniors Services Welcoming Tea, on Wednesday, September 27 at 2 p.m., was a very popular event. President Bev Cartwright said, "We had an excellent turnout of old and new members, about 35 to 40 people."

At noon on Thursdays, seniors serve a lunch but the Sing-a-long has nothing to do with it. Singing starts at 2:00 p.m. Seniors

enjoy accompanist Murray Shoolbraid on piano very much!

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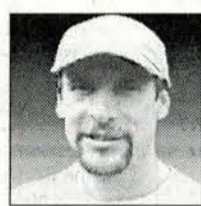
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school (refrigerator, stove, microwave and hood fan). Ken and Sandra Dittlof, owners of the Sears in Ganges, are thrilled to be able to contribute. They are shown here with Barbara Ruddell (far left), the teacher at the preschool, and their two children, Alexander and Stephanie.

Gardening in clay and wet soil



Life in the garden ...

with Joe Clemente

in our wettest months. Summer irrigation can be added in dry months and it is far easier to decide on plants for this type of soil (lavender, rosemary, etc.).

If all you have is clay soil to garden in, then I suggest you make raised beds for better results. Then at least the roots can get established in the nice topsoil you've added before having to penetrate the clay or wetter soil.

If you're not willing to make raised beds then at least dig a generous size planting hole and augment it with your best growing medium. This way your plants will have a better chance in the clay soil. With wet or waterlogged soils, plants are subject to root rot.

Here are some plants to keep in mind when gardening in these conditions but, remember not to expect miracles—these are just

some plants that may have a better chance. There are some species of magnolias, hawthorn, *Sambucus*, *Taxodium* and *Salix* to try.

Shrubs that may do okay are *Andromeda*, *Vaccinium*, *Clethra alnifolia* and *Cornus stolonifera*. When it comes to perennials there may be a few more choices; *Astilbe*, *Caltha*, *Rodgersia*, to name a few.

These plants should have a fairly decent chance in either condition but, as the drier months approach some irrigation may be required in clay-type soil especially when it starts to bake in the summer heat.

Also, don't expect super swamp-plant tolerance. Most of these plants I've listed only offer a better than average performance under the conditions I've told you about. Good luck!

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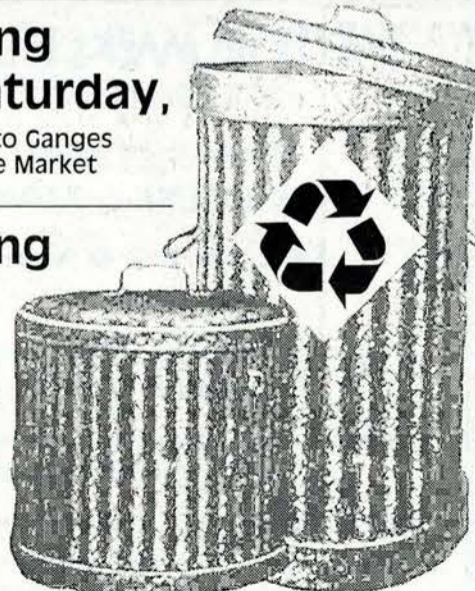
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110 • DEATHS

HUNTER, LEAH MONETTE
GISS Grad Class of '93 passed away suddenly and unexpectedly on Sept. 5th, 2000 of complications from surgery. A gathering was held at the family home on Salt Spring Island where friends and family mourned Leah's passing and celebrated the courage of this kind and caring soul. A heart felt thank you to the community surrounding us with thoughtfulness and caring during this unbelievable tragedy. 4000

120 • IN MEMORIAM

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IN LOVING MEMORY! Erendira Brynensen



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140 • COMING EVENTS

KINDERGYM BEGINS again, starting Oct. 4th, every Wednesday morning anytime between 9:00 - 10:30 am. \$2.00 per family. Now held at Community Gospel Chapel, 147 Vesuvius Bay Rd. Come for coffee and enjoy some play time with your children - ages 0 - 4. 4100

YOU'RE WELCOME to display your event posters and meeting notices for 2 weeks on the Barnacle's Community Bulletin Board located in our office. Drop off during office hours. 4100

DROP-IN non-contact Floor Hockey - Fulford Hall - Tuesdays - 7-9 p.m. starting October 10. \$3/session. Both sexes, ages over 16. Exercise with fun. 4100

COMMUNITY CALENDAR listings are free. Display your meeting or upcoming event on the Barnacle Community Calendar for up to two weeks. Drop by our office and fill out a calendar form. Deadline for the Calendar is Thursdays at 4:00 pm. 4100

ROLLER BLADING to music - Fulford Hall - Friday nights 7:30 - 9:30. All ages. Students - \$2, Adults - \$4. Families - \$10. Donations of used equipment for loaning out would be appreciated. Info: 653-4630. 4100

MOTHER-COSMIC Comedy and Celebration Dance - Performance Art. Beaver Point Hall. October 7th - 9 pm sharp. \$5. plus donations welcome. 4000

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FABULOUS FLEA Market. Proceeds of table rentals donated to Fulford Hall land acquisition fund. 11 am - 3 pm, Saturday October 21st at Fulford Hall. Food available. Table rental \$15. Prepaid only. Info 537-5482. 4200

SURVIVING CAREGIVING. A free talk by Irene Barnes. Saturday October 7th, 2 pm, Seniors Building. Followed by Book Signing by Alex Mitchell.

ARGENTINEAN TANGO Parties (Milongas) at Lion's Hall. Saturday Oct. 21, Nov. 25, Dec. 16, 9 - 12 pm. \$5.00 per person. Margie Korrisan at 537-2707 for info. 4000

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140 • COMING EVENTS

ISLANDS TRUST SALT SPRING ISLAND LOCAL TRUST COMMITTEE

NOTICE OF BUSINESS MEETINGS

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

DATES: Thursday,
October 19, 2000

Thursday,
November 23, 2000

Thursday,
December 21, 2000

TIME: 1:15 p.m.

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

Starting at 1:15 p.m., up to 45 minutes will be available for the public to discuss local land use matters with the Local Trust Committee. Those who wish to present a more formal petition, or make a delegation to the Committee as an Agenda item, must advise Islands Trust staff at least three weeks in advance of the meeting so that they can be added to the beginning of the Agenda. For information about the Agenda, please call the Islands Trust at 537-9144. 140.4e200

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150 • MEETINGS

SCHOOL DISTRICT #64 (Gulf Islands)

A regular meeting of the Board of School Trustees, will be held at the

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hours. The office
will be open for
business from 1:00
p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

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170 • NOTICES - BUSINESS

ARTSPRING

The Island Arts Centre Society invites nominations to its Board of Directors, to be elected at the Society's AGM on November 28, 2000. Elected directors serve for one or two year terms beginning at the close of the AGM. Nomination forms are available at ArtSpring's Box Office or call 537-2125 for information.

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Our Lady of Grace Parish

During the 1990s both churches in Ganges and Fulford were renovated. Extensive structural work and additional seating capacity was provided at Our Lady of Grace in Ganges and St. Paul's at Fulford was refurbished following the fire in 1998.

Our millennium project to celebrate the 2000th anniversary of the Birth of Christ was the provision of a new rectory and the conversion of the old rectory to an education centre. To mark our parish feast day on Saturday, October 7, 2000 we are having a dedication ceremony and an open house between 12:00 noon and 3:00PM at the new St. Joseph's Place, 137 Drake Road, Ganges. Parishioners, friends and interested islanders are invited to attend. Refreshments will be available.

We wish to acknowledge the many individuals and firms who helped make these projects possible. For the New Rectory: a "turnkey" building was provided by Harvest Building Products of Nanaimo (Gerry & Fran Pachkowski, principals). Local assistance and suppliers were Dick Stubbs & Uli Temmel of CRD Building Inspection; Perry Booth, Lancer Contracting Ltd.; Dan Helgesen, Gulf Coast Materials; Chantel & Sharon Wilson, Wilco Construction; Jay Bourden, Streamline Plumbing; Jim McMann, BC Hydro; Tom Wood, Gulf Island Aluminium; Peter Schure, Schure Thing Electric; Salt Spring Home Design; Sleggy Lumber; Windsor Plywood; David Halliwell, Watermark Creative Interiors; Alan Redpath, Calypso Carpets; Ken & Sandra Dittol, Sears; Lois Hobbs; Jim Taylor; Gerry & Donna Flannery; the Tessman family; Maddie Cooper; Doris Delong; Marg Sittin; Rupert & Jennifer Hooper; Ruth Liston; Bev Meyer; Harry Lawrence; Lucile Marcotte.

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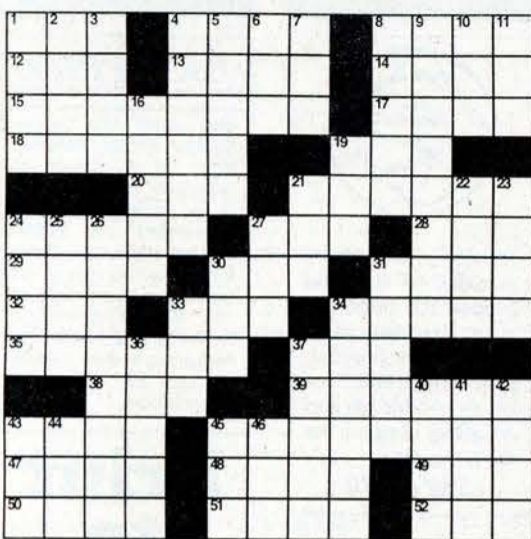
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Canadian Crossword

Beating Winter Blahs



ACROSS

- 1 Recreation, for short
- 4 Watering holes
- 8 Theatre Award
- 12 Dhab
- 13 Cabbage
- 14 Spice or weapon
- 15 Uncouth
- 17 Shrub with winged fruit
- 18 Rias
- 19 Squid juice?
- 20 Scottish river
- 21 Ride a snow machine
- 24 Curling counters
- 27 Bitter herb
- 28 Ontario Police, for short
- 29 Admit
- 30 Draw a bead
- 31 Spartan army unit
- 32 Roll?
- 33 Wedding words
- 34 Gem
- 35 Curling equipment
- 37 Sociology, abbr.
- 38 Space
- 39 Play "Our Game"
- 43 Performances
- 45 French author
- 47 Jai
- 48 Away from wind
- 49 Take a seat
- 50 Optical device
- 51 Trumpet selection
- 52 Do some downhill?

DOWN

- 1 Jewish cleric
- 2 Israeli politician

3 Throw some rocks?

- 4 Lace up your
- 5 Analyse a sentence
- 6 Eastern Big Wig
- 7 Second, for short
- 8 Of Oman
- 9 Rear entrance
- 10 Curling or hockey surface
- 11 Ever, condensed
- 16 Dampen
- 19 Isaac, for short
- 21 total
- 22 Grand Old
- 23 Opaque gem
- 24 Cutting remark
- 25 Hamilton's
- Wynne Stadium
- 26 Find a slippery slope?
- 27 Metropolis
- 30 Commercials
- 31 Arabian religious centre
- 33 Gremlin
- 34 Constellation near Ursa Major
- 36 Green spot
- 37 Traipse
- 40 Osculate
- 41 One of the Nielsen brothers
- 42 Legendary Himalayan
- 43 Girl
- 44 de France
- 45 Tub
- 46 Palm leaf paper

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Community
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Coordinator
Wanted

Minimum 1 year position, contract renewal contingent on future funding and performance; beginning late October / early November; approximately 18 hours/month.

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Sharon Glover
Salt Spring Community Kitchens Advisory Committee
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268 Fulford-Ganges Rd.
Salt Spring Island, B.C.
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Information package may be picked up at Salt Spring Community Services Reception.

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School District #64
(Gulf Islands)

Invites applications for a Grade 5-8 Classroom Teacher, School Librarian for Galiano Elementary School. This assignment will be 0.8 FTE (temporary). Galiano Elementary School is a community school enrolling students from Kindergarten to Grade 12. All the classes are multigrade.

Qualifications:

- B.C. College of Teachers Certification
- Documented evidence of exemplary teaching at the intermediate level
- Documented evidence of outstanding classroom management skills
- Knowledge of and ability to effectively apply current teaching theory and design engaging learning experiences
- Ability to teach in a multi-grade setting
- Exemplary communication skills
- Evidence of ability to work collegially with staff and in partnership with parents and the community
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This position will commence as soon as possible through to June 29, 2001.

Apply in writing to:

Jean Way, Principal
Galiano Elementary School
Site 6, C-20
Sturdies Bay Road
Galiano Island, B.C.
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Phone: (250) 539-2261
Fax: (250) 539-2318

Closing Date: 4 p.m.,
Monday, October 9, 2000

External Posting #4

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440 • HELP WANTED

School District #64
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Invites applications for a Counsellor for Galiano Elementary School. This assignment will be 0.2 FTE (temporary). Galiano Elementary School is a community school enrolling students from Kindergarten to Grade 12. All the classes are multigrade.

Qualifications:

- B.C. College of Teachers Certification
- Documented evidence of exemplary counselling skills and experience
- Possesses or is enrolled in a program for a Master's Degree in Education Counselling.

This position will commence as soon as possible through to June 29, 2001.

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Leo (Jul 23-
Aug 22)

An exciting time is upon you. It is possible that all the

excitement does not simply equate to a lot of fun. There is a lot of movement in mind, body and soul. You are being moved to make things happen. However, many uncertainties are holding you back. The overall situation is too complex and confusing to allow you to make clear and concrete decisions. Do shake things up but leave final decisions for another day.

Virgo (Aug 23 - Sep 22)

You are in a mood to make some key investments. These may include time, focus and effort as well as money. You are in a process of investigating the possibilities and you are open to a host of options. Your willingness to take independent initiative is key. Through the process you are destined to come to better realize who you are now in your life and what you value. Be here now!

Libra (Sep 23 - Oct 22)

Some pioneering efforts to get your needs met continue. You are in a good position now to see your self where you once chose not to see. Timing is of the essence and now you are ready. The more you can appreciate exactly what motivates yourself and others the better. Consider that security of some kind is usually at the core of all actions. Re-evaluate and re-envision the roles you play.

Scorpio (Oct 23 - Nov 21)

A stirring of desires is awakening you to challenge the status quo. You feel independent and bold. New horizons beckon and you are ready to answer the call. While you may want to think things out and plan, some real action is required. Although you may feel quite rebellious, consider that you cannot achieve your most important goals all alone. Intend to stand strong as one

amongst equals.

Sagittarius (Nov 22 - Dec 21) The word 'freedom' is one of your favourites. Consider that true freedom can only be experienced when everyone can partake in it. Justice, law and order are therefore necessary. Anarchy has never proven to work in this world. Honesty and integrity cannot exist in such an environment. The freedom you seek is linked to joining in with others. Start by speaking your truth, yet aim for harmony not righteousness.

Capricorn (Dec 22 - Jan 19)

The process of creating harmony begins with the art of empathy. Every person experiences the world as though they are the centre of it. Given all the complexities and differences in human nature, it is no wonder it is so difficult to understand our motives let alone those of others. Yet, we can make efforts in this regard. All sincere efforts to understand oneself and others will contribute to harmony. Learn to truly listen.

Aquarius (Jan 20 - Feb 18)

Desires to experience a greater sense of love and unity are high on your list now. You feel committed to learn new skills, techniques and methods that will assist you in this regard. We must be willing to nurture the beautiful dream to make it reality. Steady focus is required. If you have too many things on the go, look into reducing the amount. Focus on what you confidently know you will complete.

Pisces (Feb 19 - Mar 20)

A time of merging and melting is upon you. This process is seldom the most comfortable but the results are usually worth the effort. Cultural and/or spiritual interests are prime motivators. Some pretty tough negotiations are likely. Work with the process by learning to observe rather than act upon your emotional reactions. Learning to be the seer of the scene allows us to transcend survival instinct and replace it with humane reason.

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Theodore and Mathilde Petit, from Paris, France try their luck at Sunday's Fishing Derby.

Derby draws local and off-Island kids

by Gail Trafford

Boats dotted St Mary Lake on Sunday as 83 young fishers dropped their lines into the sparkling ripples for a family day of adventure. It was the annual Kids Fishing Derby. Almost every participant, parent in tow, rowed, paddled or motored away from shore to find the perfect spot to catch a prize fish. Some chose to test their luck from the docks of Cedar Beach Resort, home of the fishing derby.

Almost 20 children came from off-Island for the event. Theodore and Mathilde Petit are wintering on Salt Spring to learn English. Far from home in Paris, France they entered the fishing derby to get to know some local children. They, with their mother, found a spot on the dock where they threaded worms onto a hook and tested their luck against the local kids. They said the fishing was good.

Angela and Danielle Toth chose to use bacon for bait. That way, explained their mother, they didn't have to kill anything. Simon and Daniel Millerd preferred salmon eggs and lures. Keith Newman of Newman's Great Outdoors, the event organizer, predicted that worms would pull in the biggest fish.

Each of the participants was given a grab bag with gear worth \$15 as well as a free lunch. First, second and third prizes were awarded to the fishers who scooped the biggest bass or trout in each of three age categories and five prizes were awarded by draw.

Excitement grew with each catch. The first fish, a bass weighing close to a pound and a half was pulled in from the dock just about an hour after the derby began. Boats headed for shore as the morning wore on with trophy fish held high and spirits even higher.

The youngest winner, two-year-old Mackenzie Clarke pulled in a 395-gram trout. Jake Mullin the overall winner landed a 1.025 kg (2.25 pound) trout. One of three brothers who came from Ladysmith for the derby, he declared that he's never caught a fish that big before. He walked away with a new rod and reel, a hat, a small tackle container and \$50-\$70 of assorted tackle. Thanks to Newman's work and donations from suppliers, almost four and a half thousand dollars in prizes were awarded.

Rosy cheeks, smiles and cheers testified to a great adventure that will remain a fond memory for years to come.

And the winners are...

0-5 year old

Trout	
Mackenzie Clarke	395 grams
Bass	
Cody McCormick-Cox	720 grams
Elizabeth Anderson	535 grams
Christina Anderson	510 grams
Andrea Hayes	sculpin—15 grams
Alex Hayes	bass—10 grams

6-11 year old

Trout	
Jake Mullin	1.025 kilograms
Bass	
Justin Lemmond	655 grams
Martin Lannan	645 grams
Cameron Hayes	sculpin—10grams

12-15 year old

Trout	
Justin Lemmond	655 grams
Martin Lannan	645 grams
Cameron Hayes	sculpin—10 grams
Bass	
Joel Slater	730 grams
Fraser Rock	480 grams
Fara Babich	350 grams
Ariel Gaitt	325 grams
Christopher Jones	perch—100 grams

Growing pains

Sidelines ...

with Alan Webb

Saltspring F.C. 1 Bays United 1

Mere months ago Saltspring F.C. were scooping up trophies the way highwaymen once scooped up swag: ruthlessly but with aplomb. Now they appear to be a team struggling through a period of flux.

Several veteran players have chosen not to return and have been replaced by talented but inexperienced new recruits. Not a bad thing exchanging age for youth but the growing pains can be hard on the nerves.

Nowhere is this more evident than in the centre of defense, two positions dominated in the recent past by Colin and Andy Walde. The Waldes are both imposing players, tough and fearless, sometimes recklessly so. Few players relished playing against them.

The new sweeper, Chris Urquhart, will be a fine player, no question, but he is a more composed presence. He reads the play well, he is quick, and finds a safe route for the ball out of danger.

Sunday's dilemma was finding the right player to compliment him. Halfway through the second half F.C. seemed to find their man.

The first good chance of the game fell to F.C. Harrison Jason combined well with Jesse Fisher to send Chris Jason away on the left. The younger Jason was brought down by the goalkeeper and awarded a penalty. I think it's safe to say Jason's spot kick is one he'd like to have back.

Bays scored first when a long throw-in to the heart of F.C.'s defense uncovered some harrowing instability. Keeper Jonathan McDonald reacted with some uncertainty and the visitors were quick to punish.

Harrison Jason, playing well in an unfamiliar midfield position, levelled the score on a header from a Dave McColl corner kick on thirty-five minutes.

The second half was an improvement. Fisher got off a testing shot early, Josh Byron skied a shot over the bar from in close, and Dion Hackett nodded a Jude Shugar free-kick off the bar.

Fifteen minutes in coach Darryl Lister inserted Chris Jason into the spot in front of Urquhart and the difference was immediate and dramatic. Jason is a strong player with size (on a very small backline), calm on the ball, and he's not shy about directing traffic. A good fit, though the defense's gain is the midfield's loss.

In midfield and up front Lister has plenty of players to choose from, both experienced and inexperienced. The key will be developing a player with the sort of finish Corbin Scott used to offer. Though even here there may be another relative of the Jasons to step in, 17 year old Jeremy Morrison, a youngster who shows signs of having real skill and vision.

So F.C., winless in two, have some work to do, but it is a long season and there is plenty of time.

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SS Strikers (7) versus Sooke (0) at Sooke

The Strikers have started the season with 3 wins 0 losses. Cardin Davis opened the scoring in the 15th minute with Liam Johnson finding the back of the net just before halftime. Salt Spring didn't find its passing game until the second half but their superior passing made the difference with Salt Spring scoring five more times.

1st Half Scoring	
Cardin Davis	1 goal
Liam Johnson	1 goal

2nd Half Scoring	
Cardin Davis	2 goals
Kirby Garside	1 goal
Rusty Fedberg	1 goal
Peter Goodman	1 goal

by Peggy Abrahams

The other night, I shattered a windshield and mangled a car door. I entered a dark, smoke-filled room and came out dragging a limp body. I was wearing gloves... but not to avoid leaving fingerprints behind.

No, I wasn't engaging in a night of crime. I was being treated to a hands-on experience of the work of a fire fighter, courtesy of the Salt Spring Fire Department (SSFD). Fire Prevention Week is October 8 to 14 and the SSFD wants to use this opportunity to let Salt Spring residents know just what the fire department does, and how it can best serve the community.

Breaking into a car to rescue crash victims and searching smoke-filled rooms for people trapped in them are two routine rescue services the SSFD performs. In preparation for the hands-on experience, Fire Chief David Enfield's briefing was blunt. "It will fulfill your fantasies about rushing into places the public is trying to run out of," he said.

The first drill consisted of donning a fire suit and entering a dark, smoky room to find a dummy. First, the fire pants and jacket are put on—a double-layered construction intended to withstand 600-degree heat. Then, a balaclava is pulled over the head. Not to be confused with the Greek dessert *baclava*, this is a hood resembling a ski mask or the spooky garb of a bank robber. "None of our skin can be exposed when we go into a fire," said volunteer fire fighter Lawrence Spencer.

Next are gloves, helmet and boots. "The boots are steel-toed with steel shanks so we can't step on a nail and have it go through," Spencer explained.

I didn't clock myself, but it took several minutes to put on the outfit. Spencer remarked, "It takes us 30 seconds minimum to get dressed. Basically, we've got to be dressed in a minute."

To be able to breathe inside a burning building, firefighters use a breathing apparatus similar to a scuba tank and regulator, but with a face mask attached. You need a tight seal to prevent air leaks. I'm told, "We can't have beards...or even stubble because it breaks the air seal."

Altogether, the outfit weighs about 35 to 40 pounds; my back and shoulders soon notice the burden.

The first drill is about to begin. We have to crawl on our hands and knees to enter the smoke-filled room, first feeling the door for hot spots. I'm escorted by a real fire fighter, and even real fire fighters always go in pairs for safety.

The gear is heavy but the visibility is not so bad with the simulated smoke. I can't help thinking how terrifying it would be to enter a building in a real fire, with no visibility at all. Feeling around the perimeter of the room, we find the straw-filled dummy and pull her out, exiting on our knees.

What's most striking about the SSFD is that it is mostly volunteer-based. There are three full-time staff members and 27 volunteers. Enfield calls the volunteers a dedicated group. They spend between

400 and 600 hours each year as fire fighters, including drills, volunteer fundraising and related activities.

The volunteer squad is a diverse group. "We've got grocery clerks. We've even got the local undertaker," Enfield quipped.

It costs about \$5,000 to train a volunteer, and \$2,000 for the outfit alone. New recruits must pass a fitness test. After joining up, the volunteers have a year of training. After that, there's a training session every Tuesday night in addition to courses offered by the chief.

Most of the volunteers put in a minimum of five years service. "Why do we do it?" asked one fire fighter rhetorically. Answering himself, he jokingly said, "Insanity."

Assistant Chief Erling Jorgensen had a more serious explanation for why people volunteer as fire fighters. "To help the community. That's what everyone says." Then he added, "We're all adrenaline junkies."

What if they're called to a fire during their regular work? One volunteer explained, "Most employers who are

involved let us go."

The priority schedule is family first, job second and fire hall third. But, he went on to say, "Ask any of our wives and partners. At 3 a.m. or on Christmas morning, it gets to be a bit much."

I am relieved when allowed to remove the breathing apparatus and balaclava for the next exercise. We're



Fire fighter for a day, Peggy Abrahams is ready to crawl into a smoke-filled room and "save" a straw-filled practice dummy.

Jeff Outerbridge photo

going to use the SSFD's hydraulic-powered jaws and cutting tools to take a car apart piece by piece. Kurt Irwin, an 11-year volunteer, explains that if someone is injured in a car crash, it's critically important to avoid further injury. "The objective is to get the car off the patient inside, not take the person out of the car."

One fire fighter goes inside the car to cover the patients with a blanket. Then, the car is opened up using a series of tools, from simple to most noisy, in an effort to avoid unnecessary trauma to any conscious patients.

A recent fundraising effort raised \$25,000 for the jaws. The tool has an operating pressure of about 5,000 pounds per square inch with a spreading force of 23,000 pounds and a pulling force of 10,000 pounds. I helped use it to demolish the car. In the end, the fire fighters peeled the top off like the lid of a sardine can.

Irwin said if you get a late night jaws call, chances are alcohol is involved. "The worst thing is a jaws call at midnight. You know there may be five people in the car and two fatalities. It may take an hour, and then you have to go home and try to go to sleep. It's hard."

The SSFD is called upon most to respond to medical emergencies, ranging from cuts and bruises to heart attacks. After a 1994 death in Vancouver, the coroner ordered all fire department personnel have first responder training.

In the event of a medical emergency, the fire department is the first to arrive, even before an ambulance, explains Jorgensen. An ambulance must have two attendants and follow a particular protocol before being dispatched. A 911 call sets off the fire fighters' pagers. Whoever is closest to the patient can respond alone immediately.

Fire fighters with first responder training carry a well-equipped first aid kit in their vehicles and know how to perform CPR and use the automatic defibrillator. The department just recently raised funds to purchase two new state-of-the-art defibrillators, each costing about \$5,000. Volunteer Bruce Patterson explains, "The defibrillator is used when there's no heart-beat, but the heart is quivering. The defibrillator senses that and gives a shock and starts the heart pumping again. Basically, they're idiot proof," says Patterson.

First responders must fill out a full report on the treatment they provide. The report is transferred to the ambulance and taken with the patient to the hospital. "By next year, all of the members will have first responder training," said Jorgensen.

It's reassuring to know these dedicated fire fighters are on call. Jorgensen issues an important reminder. If you see a vehicle with four-way flashing lights, let it pass. It's a fire fighter trying to get through traffic.

I take my shiny red fire helmet off to these guys. I only wish I'd had a chance to ride in the fire truck. To get an inside look for yourself, visit the open house at the Ganges Fire Station on Saturday, October 14 from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m.

FIGHTING FIRE

The Salt Spring Fire Department (SSFD) is busier than ever. By last week, before the end of the first nine months of the year 2000, the SSFD already had received almost as many calls as during all of last year.

Here's a breakdown of the SSFD calls for the year 2000 up to September 24:

Medical emergencies (first responder) 155

Burning complaints	56
Alarm bells	43
Brush fires	28
Motor vehicle crashes	26
Structure fires	18
Vehicle/boat	16
Miscellaneous	12
Hazardous materials	10
Chimney fires	9
Hydro incidents	5