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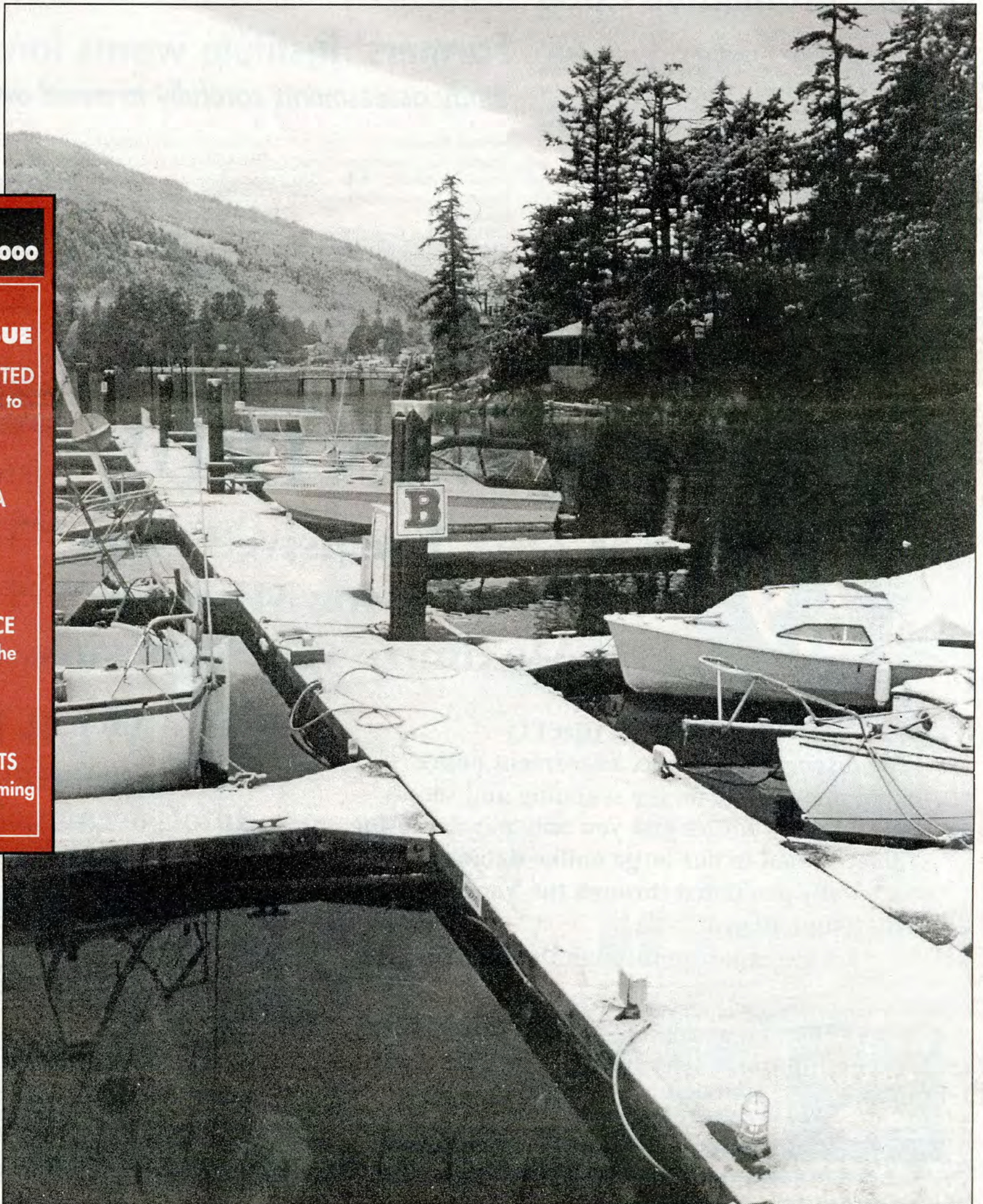
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Girl shaken by pursuit

A 16-year-old girl was followed and verbally assaulted by two men in a van as she walked along Upper Ganges Road, Friday, January 21. The van pulled up beside her and the men made sexual advances. After she turned into Churchill Road, the van continued to follow her and one of the men exited the vehicle. He confronted the girl, repeated his comments and began taking off his jacket. The girl ran

and hid in the bushes at which point the man returned to the van. After driving back and forth on the road a few times, the men left.

One passenger has been described as 30 to 40-years-old, approximately six feet, medium build and balding with brown hair long at the back. Anyone with information regarding this incident are asked to contact the RCMP or Crime Stoppers.

Groups granted \$31,000

Two Salt Spring organizations have been awarded substantial BC 2000 Community Spirit grants. The Core Inn and Island Pathways have received a combined total of \$31,208 through the provincial government's "Community Spirit" fund.

The Core Inn—awarded the larger portion of \$16,400—will use the grant to complete renovations begun in 1995.

"This is wonderful news," Core chair Irene Wright said. "Now we will be able to complete all the work that needs to be done on our building."

Awarding the grant to the Core Inn will have a two-fold effect; not only will the youth

centre get much-needed upgrades to meet fire, electrical and safety standards, but the 1912 heritage building in which the Inn is housed will gain further restoration, a benefit to the entire community.

The other recipient, Island Pathways, will use its grant of \$14,808 to build a paved shoulder bikeway along the perimeter of Portlock Park.

"We're champing at the bit to get going," said Island Pathways President Clair Heffernan. "This bikeway will benefit both residents and visitors, and demonstrate the potential for having a bikeway from terminal to terminal."



With the help of Farmer's Institute director John Woodward (right), Harry Bapty (left) was able to have his farm re-classified.

Farmers' Institute warns land owners

Study assessments carefully to avoid overpayment

by Bev Stewart

Salt Spring Islanders are being urged to check their 2000 Property Assessments for errors this week.

"This applies especially to the farming community," said John Woodward, a director of the Islands Farmers' Institute and former member of the Board of Directors of B.C. Assessment.

"B.C. Assessment is considered a world-class organization," Woodward explained that BC

Assessment's assessment to sales ratio (ASR) is 97 per cent in metropolitan areas, meaning they are considered to be very accurate or close to actual market value. However, their ASR is not as accurate when dealing with properties outside urban centres.

"Problems arise in rural areas, especially to do with farms. In the matter of classification, especially split-classification, there have been some problems throughout the province," he said.

What makes matters urgent is the fact that the deadline for requesting an independent review of assessments is looming. All requests have to be postmarked by January 31, leaving less than a week from today to do so.

Woodward's advice comes in the wake of disputes that have occurred between B.C. Assessment and some farmers on the Island. An error in the classification of Harry and Edith Bapty's see Warning p23

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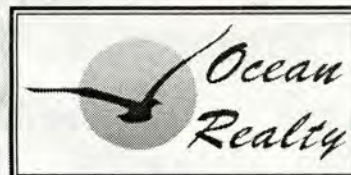
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Limping Skeena's license pulled Ferries press release reveals half the truth

In a press release issued January 19, BC Ferries announced that until further notice the Skeena Queen would be operating on only three of its four engines. The result, they warned, would be even greater delays in the Fulford to Swartz route.

"Passengers making travel plans can expect sailing delays of up to 45 minutes by the end of the day," states the release, with the added acknowledgment that those expecting to connect to Tsawwassen sailings might be disappointed. Along with the standard apology, BC Ferries states that the Skeena will be removed from service as soon as a replacement vessel is available.

What is not said in the release,

but was confirmed by a BC Ferries source who wished to remain anonymous, is that on January 18 (the day before the press release was issued) Transport Canada and Lloyds condemned the number two main engine on the Skeena Queen and flatly refused to extend the vessel's license beyond January 30. In other words, after the end of the month the Skeena won't be in use.

As well, the source pointed out that there is no spare ship to replace the Skeena at this time. The Queen of Cumberland is in refit until February 10 and the Mayne Queen is currently in Deas Dock having an engine change.

The solution: BC Ferries will pull the Cumberland out of refit early,

put the Bowen Queen on the Fulford to Swartz route and use the Cumberland and Tachek for the Southern Gulf Islands route.

With a smaller vessel operating after January 30, the likelihood is that some Salt Spring commuters will be left stranded on the dock. Already the reduced number of sailings (down to eight from ten) has had this result. So, what will the Ferry Corp. do to keep cars moving across the water? The word is that Ross Harris has vetoed any suggestion they return to the ten runs per day schedule but rumour has it a minor mutiny is in the works, with some going over his head to get the schedule increase.

We can only wait and see.

Commercial tax assessments soar Patterson's Market increased by almost \$100 per day

by Peggy Abrahams

Many Salt Spring businesses were hit with significant increases on their 1999 real property tax assessments. The increases were a result of a review by the B.C. Assessment Office of commercial properties on Salt Spring.

"My store property tax went up 18 per cent—\$33,700. The property beside the store went up \$400," said Bruce Patterson, owner of Patterson's Market in Fulford.

According to Dave Hitchcock, Area Assessor for the Capital Assessment Office in Victoria, the increase came about after a review of Salt Spring businesses.

"The review that took place in 1999 revealed that Salt Spring assessments were out of date."

Hitchcock said the review involved a property-by-property assessment of fair market value. "We looked at the same information a potential purchaser would look at—the income potential of that particular property. That generally is what the purchaser is look-

ing at: what amount of income, net of expenses they have to pay out."

For the last two or three years the Assessor has been sending out forms to commercial lots on Salt Spring to find out their income, said Patterson. "They've come up with an average and added it to the appraised value of the lot. Before this, the assessment was based only on the current market value of the property."

Patterson said the new assessment should also consider specific liabilities that would affect the market value of a property.

"I asked them, did they take into account my liability with fuel tanks. If I sold the property, the cost of clean-up would be deducted from the sale price. If there is \$100,000 worth of contamination in the soil, and the value of the property is \$200,000, I'd be selling it for \$100,000," Patterson said.

According to Patterson, a local real estate appraiser said that this fuel tank cost would affect

the market resale price, but the B.C. Assessor said it would not be considered in his assessment.

The 2000 assessment was based on the fair market value of the property as determined on July 1, 1999, said Hitchcock. Property owners may question or appeal their assessments in three steps.

"We satisfy a lot of inquiries in January, but not every one. The first step is to call our office and speak to an appraiser. If the property owner still disagrees, he makes a written request of review to the property assessment review panel. The panel conducts hearings between February 1 and March 15.

"If either the owner or review panel still disagrees they can go to the Property Assessment Appeal Board by the end of April," said Hitchcock.

Patterson's \$33,700 tax increase works out to almost \$100 added tax per day. "I'm probably going to appeal it," he said.

Good news flash: It's not all gloom and doom out there these days

In a departure from the usual fare of gloom and doom news, Mona Warren of Beaver Point Road would like to thank the anonymous good Samaritans who saved her day last week.

After returning home from a shopping trip, Mona was in such a hurry to get out of the rain and into the house that she locked her keys in the car. That in itself wouldn't have been a problem except for the fact that along with the keys Mona's "puffers" or inhalers were also beyond reach.

Worried and not knowing what to do she flagged down a passing car. Five people gathered and

spent the next two and half hours trying to unlock the car.

"It wasn't easy, believe me," said Mona, who explained that her car had power lock doors.

Eventually the group managed to get a coat hanger around the lock release, freeing Mona's medication.

No names were exchanged so Mona didn't know how to contact the group to thank them in person.

"They were wonderful," she said. "It was pouring rain the whole time and not once did anyone say anything nasty."

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Fashionably late

Curiosities of Culture

... with Peggy Abrahams

I'm notorious for scraping by at the last minute, procrastinating until the deadline, and to put it bluntly, being late. A bad habit I'll admit, but one that is tolerated with grace on Salt Spring.

I have a long history of getting away with being late. There was one time at Toronto airport when my Air Canada flight was boarded and just about to head to the runway as I ran up to the check-in counter. I was a teenager travelling alone, probably wearing faded bell bottoms, so perhaps the attendant took pity on me. Anyway, she paged the captain and they held the plane in my honour.

Once at Nassau airport, I arrived in a pink Austin mini packed full of suitcases, boxes and my brother's drum set. It was past boarding time but, perhaps because my baggage was so absurd, I managed to get on the plane.

In hindsight I now realize that my inclination to be late has been condoned by well meaning, albeit misguided people, who have unwittingly encouraged it. But I don't always get away with it.

For instance, take the ferries. I usually race down Stewart Road and pull up at Fulford harbor at the last minute. I almost always get on just before the gate comes down. But on New Year's Eve, I was not so lucky.

We'd planned a quiet dinner of lobster and champagne. I told my son Shane he could have some friends over, secretly hoping to keep them under my surveillance. The lobster was reserved at Thrifty's to be picked up by closing time, at six o'clock. But Nick, visiting for the holidays, had to run to Victoria on an errand and I wanted to go along.

On the way to the ferry, we stopped for a quick errand, and I was unexpectedly invited to a New Year's Eve party. Flattered to be invited, even to fill a last minute slot, I happily accepted.

We pulled up to Fulford Harbour as the ferry was unloading—much too early for my reckless taste and with plenty of time to pick up a *Globe & Mail*, and some coffee and muffins. Prudently, Nick decided to get in the car lane.

When I entered the coffee shop there was a line, but the cars were

still queued up, so I waited my turn and then ordered a latte. Some minutes later, as I stepped onto the street, I saw the cars had all loaded. As I approached, I realized the gate was down and the lights were flashing. I ran, hot coffee sloshing out of the cups. The kind ferry men let me board.

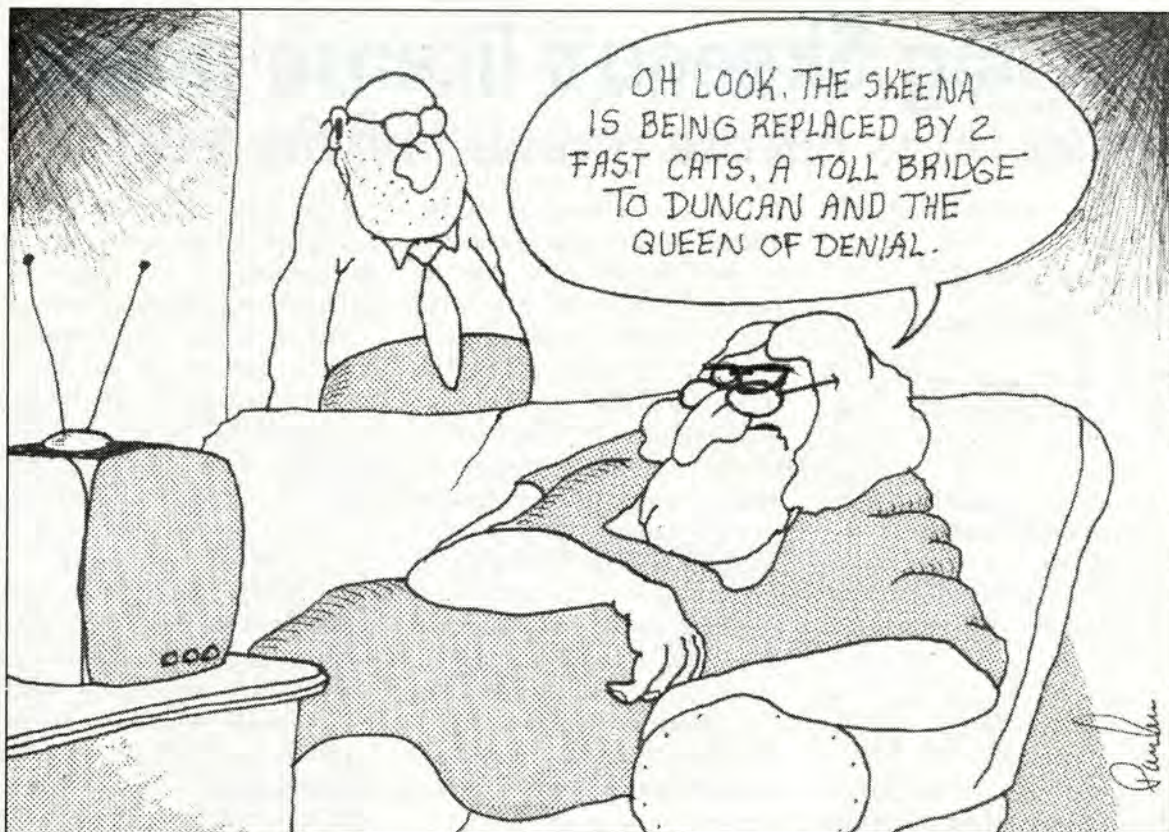
You would think I'd learned my lesson, but on the return trip I was confident there was time to stop for a sandwich in Sidney. We arrived at Swartz Bay a few minutes before boarding but the boat was full. Nick waited at the terminal for the next departure, and I ran on as a foot passenger so that I could get to Thrifty's in time to salvage the lobster.

Hours later, and way behind schedule, we got home and had a scrumptious dinner. It turned out the four teenagers wanted to go to different parties and I would have to chauffeur them all over Salt Spring before I could attend the adult festivities. I dressed for the party and assembled a cheese and fruit platter at a leisurely pace. I then waited for my entourage to get ready, but it seemed everyone else had lost track of time.

At about ten o'clock the kids were ready, but then one of them felt ill. After tending to her, we all got in the car. By then, it was almost 11 o'clock. With pit stops along the way, we taxied to Beaver Point Hall to drop off the girls. Then back we trekked towards Ganges where the boys were going to a house party. As we pulled out of the driveway, the clock struck 12. I entered the New Millennium driving in the dark.

At about five minutes past midnight, we passed the road where the party was taking place. I saw fireworks and imagined celebratory pops and fizzes in the distance. It's one thing to be fashionably late. But at that hour, I was too embarrassed to show up. I drove home feeling somewhat sorry for myself. What an anti-climactic New Year's Eve, and mostly because of my own lackadaisical attitude about the clock.

As my son suggested the next morning, our New Year's resolution is to plan a better New Year's Eve next year. And maybe I should resolve to be more punctual.



Sticking to his views

In response to John Baxter's letter to the editor (*the Barnacle*, January 18) regarding his shock at an article entitled, "The word on yoga" (*the Barnacle*, January 11) concerning a yoga newsletter I've started on Salt Spring Island, I believe he made a valid point. However, I would have to correct him a little.

I believe my views relating to "heterosexual seekers only" in the section, "people seeking people," is correct yoga philosophy. I don't think yoga as a whole supports homosexual or lesbian activity. (Nor do I). However, he opened my eyes in realizing that my views on this subject shouldn't represent all of Salt Spring Island's views as a whole, since homosexuals and lesbians probably live here too.

Though I'm grossed out and repelled by the thought of sex activity between same sex people, I'm not homophobic or prejudiced as he suggested. People who choose to do this may do so whether I instinctively feel it is perverse or not, and these are my views. I shouldn't let Salt Spring take responsibility for what I think, which only represents myself. My body and emotions tell me homosexuality is not natural and should be avoided more so than input of any yoga philosophy. So, the "strictly heterosexual format" in the "Looking for Mates" section of the newsletter will continue (under a different title of the newsletter itself), *Palu Rainbow Songs Yoga Newsletter*. I believe my views are healthy and wholesome, nonetheless, regardless of John Baxter's input. Though I'll miss the title,

Salt Spring Island Yoga Newsletter, I hope he's happy.

PAUL BECKMAN

(a.k.a. *Palu Rainbow Song*)

Outraged at attitude

Local community group Gays and Lesbians of Salt Spring Island (GLOSSI) is highly concerned about last week's (January 11th) article concerning a yoga newsletter just published here on Salt Spring Island. It specifies that the section of the newsletter "relating to relationships, marriages, and finding one's special soul mate is for heterosexual seekers only."

Are neither the staff of *the Barnacle* nor newsletter creator Paul Beckman aware that it is illegal to publish materials that are exclusionary on the basis of sexual orientation? The B.C. Human Rights legislation specifically includes sexual orientation in its code. Many GLOSSI members who have found Salt Spring to be a warm and open community are outraged that this slipped by the editor's pen. And Paul Beckman should be aware that there are lots of lesbians and gays in Salt Spring's DIVERSE yoga community.

AYLWIN,

For GLOSSI

Discrimination

Paul Beckman wishes to give heterosexuals a section in his proposed yoga newsletter in which those lucky hets may advertise for their soul mates (*the Barnacle*, January 11, p.11).

The implication, that people of a same-sex orientation cannot find

their soul mate because their love is not morally pure or virtuous enough, is consistent with the teachings of most spiritual and religious paths. Such teachings are destructive, leading to fear, self-hatred and suicide amongst gay and lesbian people.

Whatever Mr. Beckman may truly believe, he cannot restrict his little section for seekers of soul mates without contravening the BC Human Rights Code, which prohibits discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation.

I suggest that Mr. Beckman reconsider before practicing discrimination, no matter how moral, pure or virtuous he imagines his intentions to be. I hope that his more sensible and compassionate colleagues will support him in this.

ROWAN J. PERCY

Restrictive practice

To the person(s) advocating societal restrictions under the banner of yoga:

This is animal-headedness almost beneath mention if not beyond contempt in the year 2000. And in the name of a powerful transforming life path, art and discipline of cultural antiquity and universal availability! For Shame!

Please restrict the club to tight-lipped supercilious judges who knit constantly and we much-vaunted heterosexuals (still about 90 per cent of people) won't have to worry about contamination or anything really gross like that by joining. Then go write a big pile of mumbo-jumbo on how yoga or the future or whatever you like justifies your defunct bashing and divisive mores and I think

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the community might understand. Or at least take it in stride.

Peace and patchouli oil to all the sisters and the brothers. Forward into light not back.

ROBB DAY

"Loaded words" used intentionally

My thanks to the Barnacle for Anastacia Wilde's in-depth review of my recent talk at the January meeting of the Salt Spring Island Historical Society (*the Barnacle*, January 18). I must, however, respond to Elizabeth Courtney's sidebar column in which she objects to my use of "key terms" such as "ownership," "family," "title," "economic resources," "marriage," "warfare," and "slaves," claiming that such words are "misleading" and "have very different cultural meanings for First Nations' peoples."

Her objection to this terminology reflects an ongoing attitude towards First Nations that dates back to the eighteenth century romantic notion of the "noble savage", which characterizes native peoples as "children of the forest" living in a utopia free from the above-mentioned trappings of western civilization.

I have studied and worked with local First Nations for 25 years and I use these loaded words deliberately to challenge preconceptions and to demonstrate that we have more in common with First Nations than

we like to think. We also have many issues to discuss, not the least of which is the question of unresolved property rights. As for the details—read my book or any of the publications of anthropologists working in this area over the past 60 years.

I agree with Ms. Courtney that the challenge of the twenty-first century is about finding new ways to communicate but this can only be achieved by educating ourselves, shedding our stereotypes or non-western societies, and seeing each other as equals.

CHRIS ARNETT

Arts Council members' meet

Come join us at a very important meeting February 20 at 2 p.m. in the Gulf Islands Secondary School on Rainbow Road, SSI. This will be the members' extraordinary general requisitioned meeting.

We asked for it and here it is!

SUE NEWMAN

Liaison Committee

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Hats off to brave souls

Hats off to the 84 brave souls who set sail in the dead of winter on a mission impossible. Congratulations! You saved our Arts Council from being dissolved. Your generosity, restraint and good humour amazed me. I hope you all got home safely.

MICHAEL CURTIS

Support ball teams!

On the night of Thursday, January 20, the annual General Meeting of Salt Spring Minor Baseball and Girls Softball Association was held with the intent to have an election of officers and do some planning for the 2000 season. Advertisements were placed in the papers and a lot of phoning was done. Unfortunately the weather was inclement. Nevertheless, not bad enough to make it impossible to attend.

We are grateful for the coaches who phoned and said they would continue. We had five people—president, vice-president, and secretary, as well as two coaches. At that meeting the president and vice-

president resigned. These positions are now vacant. The secretary and treasurer will keep on for another year. It was agreed that we would hold one more meeting on **Thursday, February 3 at 7:15 p.m. at the Sea Breeze Inn Conference Room.**

If there is not sufficient interest by you, the parents, to make baseball and softball happen, the association has no recourse but to disband and the only ones to suffer will be the youngsters. Are you willing to let that happen? Come out and show your support!

DOROTHY KYLE

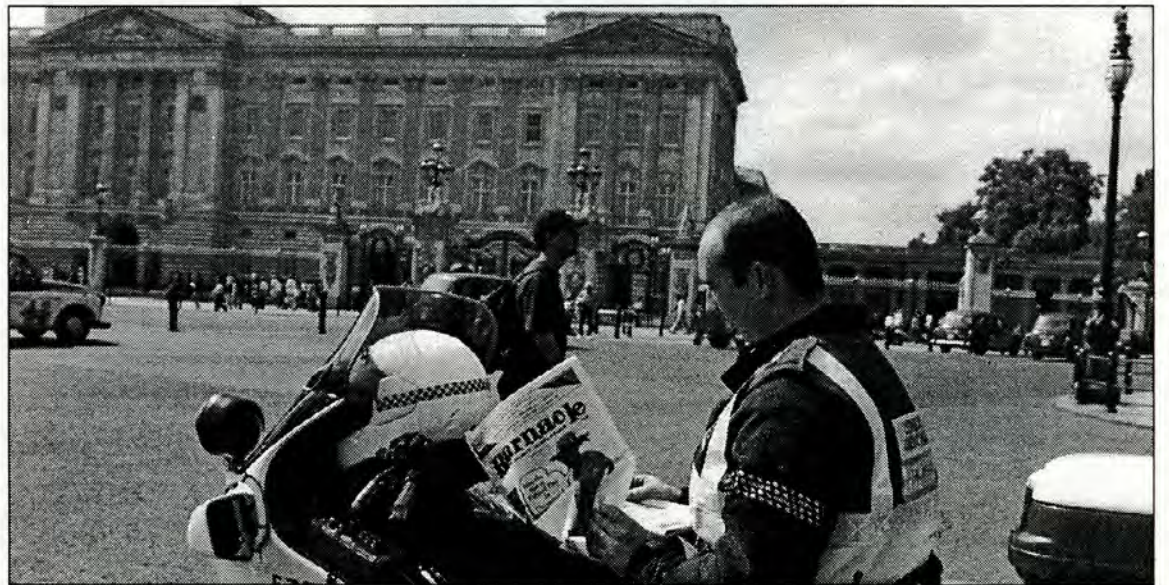
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twice a year I glance at the big print to see if watermelons or mandarin oranges have arrived in local markets, and are they listed at an attractive price. However, I never, never carry the flyer in to the hardware store or the food market or the pharmacy and go down every aisle picking up every item that they suggest I buy. Are there any other people out there who hate this waste of paper?

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VIRGINIA NEWMAN

It's not who you are but what you do

Mr. Macdonald: I am eight years old and I should know if you are bad guys or not. And you aren't!! But the things you do are.

I would still like to see the tree harvesting in real life.

I am collecting money from my allowance along with many other people to buy the land off of you. I have \$25.60.

ELIZABETH WOODS

Does ownership equal free rein?

In response to Bruce Smith (*the Barnacle*, January 11)

I remember when we first bought our property on Salt Spring. We walked up the mountain in the back and laughed at the ridiculous idea that someone could actually own trees. I still feel that way 14 years later.

If a person is lucky enough to live in a lightly populated paradise, does that mean they have the right to rape and pillage, or does it mean they have the responsibility to preserve and protect? In case you haven't noticed, the world is desperately short of trees, and they are the lungs of our planet.

A few facts: if you see the earth from space, one of the few huge man-made scars is right here in BC, from all the clear-cut logging. Clear-cut logging does not just grow back. The trees that were previously cut here on Salt Spring weren't clear-cut as they are today. There are five acres currently being clear-cut on Salt Spring every day. There is a better way to manage forests—selective logging does work—the trees are allowed to continue growing and the entire ecosystem is protected.

Another question: if a person has a child, can they do whatever they want to that child? The laws are here to protect innocent beings, like children. It is high time that we, in the luxurious

position of having more than enough, start passing laws to protect the other innocent beings of the planet, such as the forests and all that are contained therein, from human-centric abuse.

Scientists have placed information about what is happening to the earth at our disposal in newspapers, on television, on the Internet, on the radio. Ignorance is no longer a feasible excuse. We all know that we are on a path of destruction and we had best act quickly. Massive extinction is already happening worldwide. What will it take to change this course? If your children's future is not enough to motivate you, what is?

PATRICIA BROWN

Great gathering

A special thanks to Devon Guest and Robert Osborne, and all other volunteers who have worked so hard to make the rally a great gathering of people who speak and act straight from their heart.

OLGA VIRLY

S.S.I. Sustainable Community

Friendship report

Travellers agree that there's no place like home, but there are two groups: those who take home with them at the Holiday inns of the world, and those who don't want to be any place like home.

Ometepe Island, in Nicaragua, is one place for the second group, and that's where Gail Meyer and Betty and I have been for some weeks, for the Ometepe-Gulf Islands Friendship Association. We've been looking at projects, current and planned, for schools, clean water and, of course, the coffee that we import and sell to finance what we do.

This is not a report about the current projects. Reports are necessary, but dull, so I'll just say that one school has just been built and equipped in a spartan but adequate manner and will, with one other room, serve for 166 pupils, in two shifts. There is a much larger project to supply clean water to 5 indigenous communities, with 2500 people who presently have their water brought in in 5 gallon pails by children or mules. That project will need government and private assistance, so we spent some time lobbying for it, together with community leaders. In sum, the projects financed by Gulf Islands' purchases of Ometepe coffee are proceeding satisfactorily.

More useful to readers of *the Barnacle* might be questions and answers about the similarities and differences between our islands and this one.

Q: How has the weather been? A: It depends on who you ask. It has been between 25 and 30 degrees, which they consider FREEZING. When we mention snow on Salt Spring, they

murmur "poor things."

Q: Both communities have ferries. How do they compare? A: Let's compare the *Senora del Lago* with the *Queen of Nanaimo*. Fares: Senora, \$1. Queen, \$10. Food: Senora, none. Queen, Sunshine Breakfast. Comfort: in rough weather, the Senora passengers are water-cooled. Disembarkation: Senora, we walk the plank. Queen, starboard side, cafeteria deck.

Q: How about transportation? A: Ometepe has the 3 B's—beat up buses and bicycles, plus horses and oxen. Salt Spring prefers a ten-fold over-capacity of cars.

Q: Deforestation problems? Ometepe's are because of the need for firewood for cooking. Salt Spring's are because of the bottom line.

Q: How about crime on the islands? A: in both cases, minimal. We naturally favour the theory that all Islanders tend to be paragons of virtue, but cynics might say that, being surrounded by water, the evil-doers can't use getaway cars.

Q: How about the Ometepe children? A: they are delightful (usually) everywhere, but perhaps because of the large extended families here, they seem very secure and happy. They smile, even at gringos, in the most charming way. We'll have pictures.

Q: How do the terrains compare? A: our islands are rugged, but this one has two 5000' volcanoes. Hard to beat that.

Q: Health services? A: ours, especially on Salt Spring, is about the best in the world, even if it is being chipped away. Here, the gains of the 80s have been destroyed. Hospital, medical care and such drugs as antibiotics are quite out of reach of the poor.

In sum, Ometepe's motto "An oasis of peace," is a fact, a particularly striking one when it is compared with the rest of this ravaged country. We hope that the warm and friendly people will stay that way, and their island will never become one of the Destinations of the third world.

ANDY GIBSON

Action needed now


When one of our children lies hurt or dead, it will be too late.

Over and over I have seen cars and trucks come within a hair's breadth of running down children who have to cross the Fulford-Ganges Road to get to the schoolbus stop down along Beddis, and those who wait there for the bus to come each school morning. This is due to people driving too fast and children who, lost in their play, run in and out of the street.

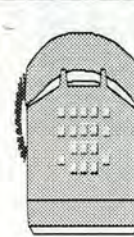
Just last week a speeding truck on the Fulford Road almost ran down my daughter and myself, and this morning,

see Action p23

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Community skills sharing

Notes from observing a "how to protest" workshop

I was allowed to observe part of three afternoon sessions of the skill-sharing weekend workshop at Fulford Hall on Saturday. I made notes of the curriculum, I absorbed comments, thoughts and feelings expressed by participants. When permitted, I took photos. I decided to make my observations into a poem in an attempt to capture the essence of the event.

by Peggy Abrahams

Looking on

Before the fog crept up the slopes of Mount Maxwell

A group of 40 or 50 Salt Spring people devoted their day

Gathered in a circle at Fulford Hall to explore a new curriculum...

Non-violent direct action

Media skills 101

Action planning

Art as action

Blockading techniques

Consensus and facilitation basics...

To learn how to make a difference

They gathered tools

To create a resistance community

How do you de-escalate violence?

Intervention

Peacekeepers

Safety and security

Don't engage in a dialogue of anger

Touching grounds a person

Like your mama did when you were a baby crying

Assume the fetal position

Lots of people on the Island support the cause

They endorse environmental protection

But don't want to get arrested or form a blockade

What is a blockade?

"We dumped garbage at City Hall"

"We blocked a helicopter with balloons"

"A sit-in"

"A lock-on"

"A tree sit"

"Singing"

"A parade"

When the Sierra Club is negotiating with the government

And Greenpeace is out there doing an action

It makes them look more mainstream

A direct action without consensus is no good

"Stand up for what you believe in"

Solidarity

"We've only heard from two polarized camps"

"The picture is much bigger"

"My name is Cheri and I've been an activist all my life"

"I've been doing this for five years and I haven't saved one tree."

"There are some people in the world I'm not going to reach"

"They're cutting down trees very fast"

"The time for direct action is when all else fails"

"We meet with them and talk, yada yada"

"Talking log"

"I want to do something"

Know who you have to influence

Need a goal to put an end to clear-cutting by the end of the year

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Choose a target

Adjust your aim

Texada lands

Ask for the sky.

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Cats of the Week



I'm Zorro and I'm big, black, and utterly adorable. I love to cuddle and be brushed and I walk quite nicely when wearing a blue halter and leash. Of course, I have been neutered.



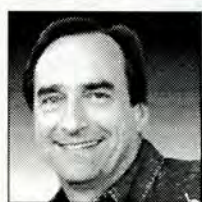
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Shame On You, Mr. Harris



Isle Say! ...

with John Pottinger

For ferry travellers on throughfares from Tsawwassen to Fulford, last Tuesday's 7 p.m. sailing started routinely. They arrived at Swartz Bay in plenty of time for vehicles to make it onto the last sailing of the Skeena Queen to Salt Spring. But then a glitch occurred with the ramp at Swartz Bay and they were unable to disembark. The Captain announced that electricians had been summoned to fix the problem and he apologized for the delay in unloading. Since it was now about 8:50, and the Skeena Queen was due to leave at 9, several vehicle drivers approached the Chief Steward to ask if the Skeena was going to wait for them. After contacting the Terminal Manager, the Chief Steward said that it would be up to the Master of the Skeena Queen, and the decision hadn't been made yet.

The drivers returned to their vehicles and waited, since the ramp could become serviceable at any moment. About 9:15 the ramp was fixed and off they drove—just in time to watch the Skeena Queen disappearing in the distance. Five or six cars turned around and drove up to the tollbooths. The booths all sat empty, the lights were out and the gates were closed. After a lot of waving and yelling, the stranded passengers were finally able to get the attention of a ferry worker who was getting in her car and heading home. She summoned another worker who came out and told everyone that there was nothing she could do for them.

This group of marooned passengers consisted of:

- A young woman moving to Salt Spring; all her belongings (including her cat) crammed into her car.

• A young man with his 3 year old daughter. He was taking her to her mother's home on Salt Spring.

• Another young man with his 3-year-old godchild. This was her first trip without her mom and she was feeling sick and a little worried, but family and friends had reassured her that everything would be all right.

• Two young guys from the Kootenays, travelling to Salt Spring to visit friends. Typical young travellers, they had little money and no credit cards.

• Several other people with assorted stories to tell.

Here's the kicker: when told of the problem with the ramp, the Master of the Skeena Queen agreed to wait for the throughfare people, and the Terminal Manager at Swartz Bay supported that decision. So why did the Skeena Queen leave? Because Ross Harris, Superintendent of Inter-Island Services South for BC Ferries, told the Captain not to wait.

Why would Mr. Harris do such a thing? The answer is Money. Harris has made it clear that he will not allow overtime to be incurred in situations over which he has authority. He sees his job strictly in terms of moving vessels from place to place as cheaply as possible, when his real responsibility lies in getting people where they need to go. But customers—real people who must use the ferry system—form no part of his decision-making process. When the Terminal Manager called Mr. Harris at home (as Harris requires) to explain why the Master of the Skeena was going to wait for a few minutes, Harris wasn't interested in listening to any reasons or details. He simply ordered the vessel to leave.

The vast majority of employees and managers who work at Swartz Bay (and those who live

or work on the Gulf Islands) are sympathetic to the problems and concerns of customers who live on the islands. In this instance, the skipper of the Skeena Queen and the Terminal Manager both made the right decision. And they probably also realized this was an opportunity for BC Ferries to get a little positive PR (God knows they could use some). Instead, The Corporation is the subject of one more story about their lack of concern for their customers. And they'll have to pay for five or six motel rooms and a bunch of breakfasts.

This is not an isolated occurrence. Mr. Harris has shown in the past that he has more interest in playing with his little boats than he does in customer service. One glaring example is his refusal to adjust the first sailing of the day from Fulford by a mere ten minutes, so that vehicles can get aboard the 7 a.m. sailing to Vancouver and start their business day 2 hours earlier. That change would of course incur 15 minutes of overtime costs.

Just how concerned was Ebenezer Harris about the people who'd been left high and dry by his decision last Tuesday night? I'll tell you.

The two young fellas from the Kootenays were told by BC Ferries personnel in Swartz Bay to go to the Fulford office on Wednesday morning and Mr. Harris would reimburse them. In they went, told Harris' secretary what they were there for, and asked to see him. She came back from his office (looking a tad embarrassed) and told them that Harris would not speak to them, that it was "Swartz Bay's problem", and it was their own fault anyway, because they "should have taken the Long Harbour Route from Tsawwassen".

That kind of behaviour, Mr. Harris, isn't good enough. In fact it's atrocious.

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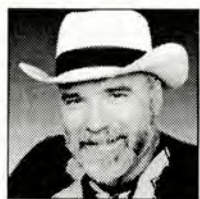
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Wit & Whimsy ... with Arthur Black

We humans have spawned a lot of stupid inventions during our brief, brisk frolic across the surface of this planet. To wit: golf, men's neckties, women's bras (let's put the clasp at the back to really drive them nuts!), daytime TV, rap music, Donald Trump...

And chastity belts. Think about those little beauties for a moment. A guy says to his sweetie, "I love you dearly, but I couldn't stand it if anyone else loved you as dearly while I was out of town, therefore I've come up with this swell genital harness of leather and steel that I want you to wear perpetually."

"So that you'll think of me. Every time you go to the bathroom."

You probably assume that chastity belts are merely a bizarre aberration of the Middle Ages, right? A grim and unenlightened time when doddering old nobles who happened to be married to buxom young lasses needed a way to insure spousal fidelity whilst they (the menfolk) were overseas bravely and selflessly crusading against the Heathen Swine?

Well, you're half-right. The concept of chastity belts did indeed first surface in the European consciousness back around the time of

The Crusades, when chain-mailed do-gooders from Britain, France and the so-called Low Countries were merrily galloping around the Middle East, crossing swords with Saladin and his gang.

And being seriously sexually deprived into the bargain.

Sexual deprivation leads to deep thoughts about fidelity, chastity and all that. No doubt, those horny nobles thought long and hard (sorry) about the ladies they'd left behind.

The idea of enforced sexual fidelity was a powerful one—especially for males, who were well aware of their own libidinal limitations, but were never quite sure when their mates would cry "Enough!"

And so the chastity belt came into vogue—and flourished through the Middle Ages, right up until the 19th century. As a matter of fact, as late as 1848 there was a twisted Scottish medical doctor who sincerely advocated the use of chastity belts as a preventive against, ahem, self-abuse.

Be that as it may, the contorted concept of chastity belts, in an age of morning-after pills, Madonna videos and testimonials from U.S. President Bill Clinton has thrived so much so that I am reluctantly constrained to report upon the evolution of Chastity Belt for (ouch) men.

It's true. A manufacturing company in Nevada is marketing CB-2000—a light weight plastic cage that fits around the male ahem ahems, secures them with a brass padlock and insures that they don't get up to any extra-curricular hanky panky.

Does it work? Hey, it not only works, it's transport friendly. Says one enthusiastic harness-ee: "Take my word for it, (the male chastity device) is secure, comfortable, restrictive and airport safe. I don't even know that it's there."

Rather puts me in mind of the medieval laird of the Highlands, who, upon being called up for service in the crusades, called his most trusted, loyal fellow noble to his side and said: "Nigel, I am off to The Wars, and know not when I shall return. I realise that behind me, I am leaving a young and earthy wife, and that is why I called you here to accept this key. Whereupon the departing knight confers a large brass key upon his colleague, explaining that this is the Key of Fidelity binding his young wife to the Lord, and to guard it with his life.

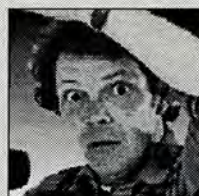
The friend bows, acknowledging the profundity of the request. The knight departs for the Middle East. Two days and two nights later our hero is in transit, crouching at a bivouac one evening, when suddenly the peace is shattered by the thunder of clattering hoofbeats.

It's our Lord's best friend, who has galloped these last two days full out, in order to intercept his friend, the Knight.

In a welter of dust and hooves the man dismounts, thrusts forth a bronze key and cries "Sire, sire!"

"You gave me the wrong key!"

Do you use the "Duck" word?



Dock Talk ...

with Peter Clarke

Okay okay it's Duck Bay on all

the charts and maps printed within the last 30 years and it has a Duck Creek flowing into it. But having said that (I've always wanted to use that set-up clause) the fact is that the body of water in question was originally—as in really—named Dock Bay. Charles Kahn in *Story Of An Island* talks about the corruption of Dock to Duck

and goes on to chronicle the settling of Dock Now Called Duck Bay in 1904.

Ever wonder why the point leading into so-called Duck Bay is identified as Dock Point? Do you care?

The changing of this name is more than a meaningless typo. Because of the corruption, everyone—especially those who have the wonderful fortune to live on the shores of this bay—is denied the history of

where they live. It has nothing to do with ducks. Don't get me wrong, I love ducks (I may be a quack but I'm not that daffy), but in this story they're up the creek...where they belong. No, this is about the memories of our elders and a unique fragment of our island's history erased by the cartographers pen of convenience; memories of a bygone age when ships tied off to the natural rock ledge "docks" on the shores of the bay for make-and-mend days. And ultimately it's about rewriting history.

Scary stuff.

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Look out Cannes, "Our World" film fest coming

by Amei Parkes

The recently announced lineup of films at *Our Festival, Our World*, set to unspool January 28, 29 and 30 at the high school, looks to be a diverse mixture of contemporary films which range from serious to hilarious, political to religious and local to global.

"They're new. They're vital. They're interesting," said co-organizer, Bob Wilde of the 24 films to be screened.

Wilde said he is impressed by the sensitivity and positive nature of films which deal with such heavy issues as the environment, human rights issues and lifestyle choices.

"None of the films are put-downs," says Wilde. "They look for creative responses to the challenges at the end of the century—like the challenge of huge external debt in poor countries, genetic engineering of foods when nothing is known of the long-term consequences of it and like the problem of global warming."

The film lineup grew out of the need to find solutions to internationally-shared problems. And the feature film, *Jane Goodall: Reason for Hope*, seemed to illustrate this best, he said.

"We started off the film festival with Goodall's, because she is a person who is alarmed by what is happening to one species on the planet, and she has found hope. The rest of the film festival looks at more massive problems, and asks: where are there signs of hope to these conundrums and challenges," said Wilde.

In addition to *Reason for Hope's* strong message, the film has a special Salt Spring connection. Last year, a group of Fernwood Elementary School students studied Jane Goodall's work on the Gombe Stream Reserve, and were able to meet and talk with her. Now Middle School student, Anna Hosie, will be introducing the film on Friday night.

The other films also explore social issues at the heart of the 21st century, while paying heed to cinematographic detail.

"*Water: Sacred and Profaned* is like a poem on the screen," said Wilde. "The point of the

film is how central water is to our lives, and how easily we are losing it because of public policies, and so many of our key water ways are becoming polluted. The film is like a meditation—water is not to be treated as something you let out the bathroom drain or dump your refuse in when

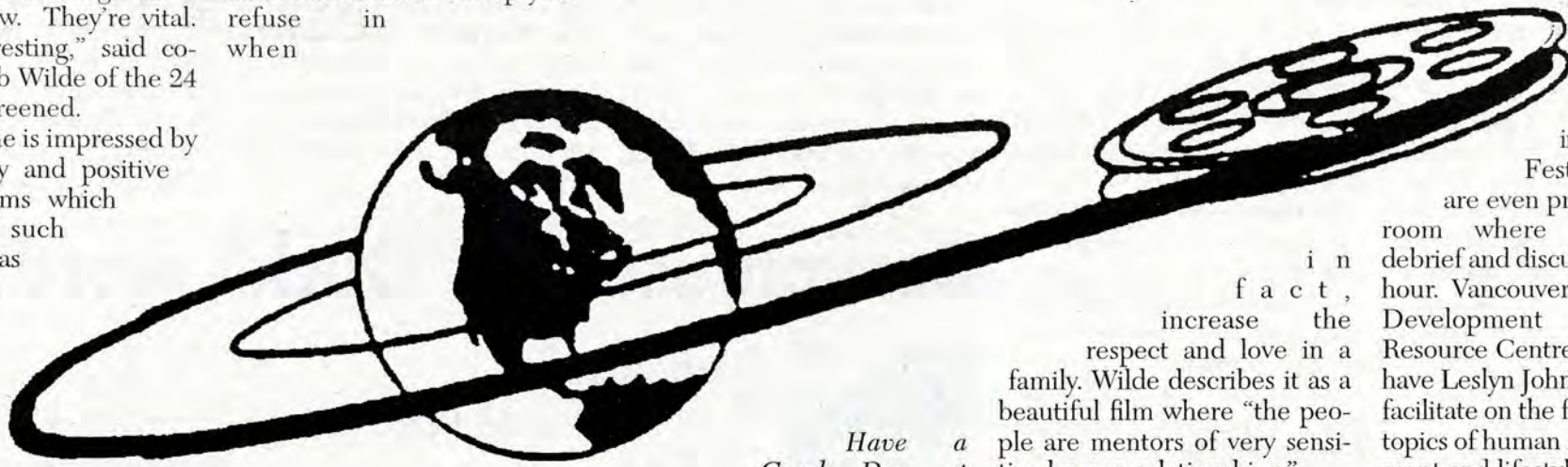
side of consumerism with the idea that "living with less actually opens the way to a richer life."

More stories of enriching life, are the films which deal with homosexuality. The mouthful title, *Your Mom's a Lesbian, Here's Your Lunch:*

here, we're queer and we're going shopping." This film, which deals with a heterosexual couple's realization that mom is a lesbian, shows that gayness is not something to be ashamed of, and can,

to be bigger and better version of the quiet one held at the Anglican church for the last three years.

This year's line-up offers a gamut of thought-provoking and current films, most of which come from the World



Have a Good Day at School, is reminiscent of a gay pride rally call: "We're

in fact, increase the respect and love in a family. Wilde describes it as a beautiful film where "the people are mentors of very sensitive human relationships."

This year's expanded community and film festival may prove

Community Film Festival in Courtney, B.C.

Festival organizers are even providing a chat-room where viewers can debrief and discuss topics of the hour. Vancouver's International Development Education Resource Centre (IDERA) will have Leslyn Johnson on hand to facilitate on the festival and film topics of human rights, environment and lifestyle issues.

The only thing missing is popcorn!

Afghani feast kicks off fest

by Amei Parkes

What does baba gaouj and halvah shortbread have to do with helping women and children in Afghanistan?

The delectable fundraiser dinner of middle eastern cuisine, put on by the Salt Spring Voice of Women (V.O.W.), is twofold: to kick off the *Our Island, Our World* Festival, and also to give Afghani widows and boys a head start on life.

V.O.W., a peace, environmental and feminist group, which has official non-governmental organization status at the United Nations, is hosting its second annual dinner extravaganza at the high school on Friday night at 6 p.m.. All money raised will go directly to Afghani women and their families.

"It's another grassroots project, where there is no middle person, and the money helps with immediate needs," said coordinator, Juliette Laing.

The money raised will be sent to a Canadian contact living in Afghanistan. Mary MacMakin fell in love with Afghanistan decades ago, and has remained there ever since.

A physiotherapist by trade, she set up PARSA, or Physiotherapy and Rehabilitation Support for Afghanistan. From there, she has worked on local projects with widows ravaged by the recent war with Russia.

"She is trying to do things on a



From left: Teghan Adams, Thea Woods and Juliette Lavine in an Afghani wedding dress prepare to present an ethnic feast January 28 at GISS.

shoestring," said Laing. To date, MacMakin has organized sewing and craft projects, home-based education projects for girls, (formal education is not provided for girls in Afghanistan) and helped young boys learn skills so they can earn money for their families.

Salt Spring V.O.W. has supported women all around the world. The group has raised funds to help Chilean women by selling appilleeras—or colorful cloth collages which often depicted a political or social issue—at the Saturday Market.

"We sold over \$100,000 in appilleeras and all the money

went to help the Chilean women," said Laing.

Friday's dinner also promises to be a great success, if last year is any indication. While 60 people enjoyed the food, sadly over 50 people were turned away. V.O.W. is ready for the crowds this year, with a larger venue which can hold over 100 people.

Saffron orange rice with pine nuts, stuffed peppers and tomatoes, cashew-ginger sauce and Lebanese vegetable soup are all part of this five-course meal—and all for a worthy cause.

Tickets are \$18, and are available at Crossroads and Juliette's Hair Studio.

Ahava Shira: body, words and music

by Elizabeth Courtney

Ahava Shira has only been on Salt Spring for two months, yet no dust is settling on her wings. She has already been featured in the pages of a brand new Salt Spring magazine, *The Full Moon Press*, and appears in the PARC Adult Education bulletin offering classes in writing and movement. Most of us would barely have unpacked our suitcases, but here she is, offering a performance called *Listening to the Womb* Saturday, January 29 at Salt Spring Centre.

Who is she? Not a midwife, except in the most ancient of senses where rebirth and healing are understood to take place at the centre of creation—the ancient cave-wombs of the earth where supplicants listen for the oracle or dreams they need. She is the contemporary wounded healer; a woman whose creative response to her own oppressive experience has provided her with the container, poetry and dance, that she is now ready to share with an audience.

The wounds she found herself forced to explore were both physical, emotional and cultural. Scoliosis gave her a rigid spine and led to her work with dance to find her own language, discovering African, Israeli, Balinese, Sufi and modern movement in the process. Emotional abuse lead her to journal writing and the discovery of the poetic form.

An early dream prefigures the meaning her pain will have for her. In it she experiences an

abusive lover lifting her up to dance, she then dances as she has never danced before.

Weaving is a central metaphor for Ahava Shira and as one of her poems attests she is not afraid to weave both the light and the dark threads of her experience. As an urban woman, a Montrealer, the West Coast's landscape felt like a great womb, as did the "prairie boned presence" of her new partner, musician and fellow performer in this presentation, Mahaka Shira.

Her journey is proving remarkably fruitful. She has collaborated with a number of creative colleagues to self-publish her book of poetry, using photographs to convey the movement aspect. The product was impressive enough that Chapters has taken on the book and authorised a tour of her performances—she and Mahaka have performed at numerous Chapters' stores between Victoria and Montreal. Her most magical performance, however, took place in UBC's Chan Centre with an audience of a thousand people. Meanwhile, she is working on another book of poetry and has a non-fiction project in the works.

This Saturday's performance is on an auspicious day, she points out. February 6 marks the Year of the Dragon, Candlemas, the new moon as well as a partial eclipse. Sounds like an evening of poetry and music, ranging "from erotic to funny, joyful to poignant" could be just the thing.



IN THE LIMELIGHT—Young dancers from GISS and SIMS entertained an appreciative house of about 200 during their Friday night performance of Back Alley Beats. Most of the dances were choreographed by the students.

Gary McNulty photo

Double bill of award-winning poets

Two popular award-winning poets will appear at All Saints, Saturday January 29 at 8 p.m. to beguile Islanders with their words.

Bill Gaston and Evelyn Lau are well known both in Canadian literary circles and among the general public.

Gaston is the author of three novels and three collections of fiction including *Tall Lives*, *The Cameraman*, *Deep Cove Stories* and *Sex is Red*, and is a recipient of the CBC/Saturday Night Literary Award for fiction. *The Globe and Mail* has ranked Gaston among Canada's greatest

writers saying, "He deserves to dwell in the company of Findley, Atwood and Munro as one of this country's outstanding literary treasures."

Evelyn Lau hit the literary heights with *Runaway: Diary of a Street Kid* published in 1989 when the poet was 18. The book became a Canadian best-seller. From there, Lau continued to charm readers with *You Are Not Who You Claim*, *Oedipal Dreams*, *Fresh Girls and Other Stories*, *Other Women* and, most recently, *Choose Me*. Lau was the youngest poet nominated for the Governor



Bill Gaston

Courtesy photo



Evelyn Lau

General's Award for Poetry with *Oedipal Dreams* in 1992. Lau has toured her books in Canada, the U.S., Japan, Australia, Italy, Brazil and throughout the United Kingdom.

The January 29 reading with Gaston and Lau has been sponsored by Theatre Alive! and the Canada Council. Admission is free.

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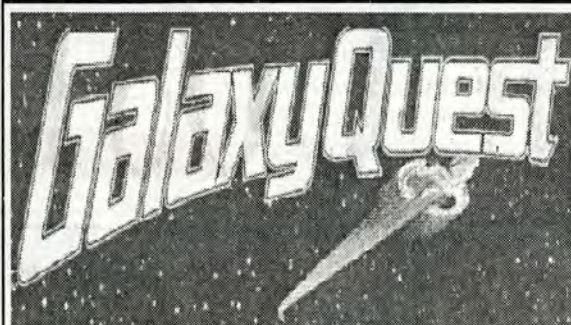


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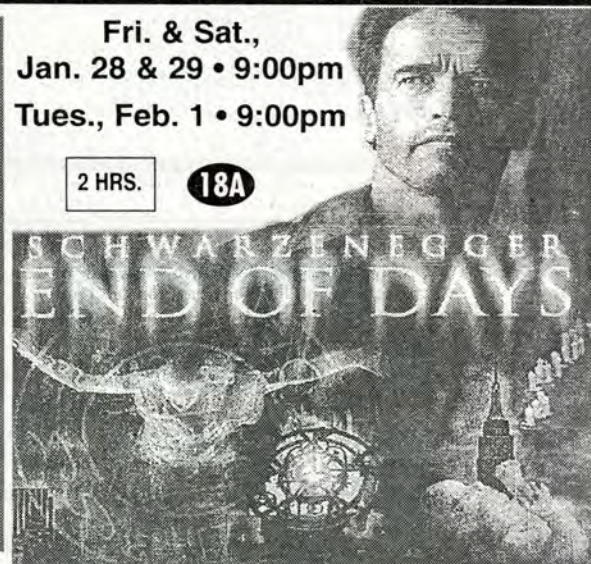
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Community

JANUARY 25 - FEBRUARY 6

Desert Island Choices

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



This week's castaway is musician **Michele Law**. A Saltspringer for one year, this Ontario native lived for three years in Duncan before moving here and getting married last August. She still works part time at Cowichan District Hospital, but spends the rest of her time with husband John and dogs Axel and Gedde. Her weekends were once taken up with dog shows, but now Axel's championship days are over and music takes precedence.

The Book: "Where would a songwriter be without a rhyming dictionary? So I would take that plus a big sheaf of blank paper."

The Disc: "When my Dad came out to visit last year he brought old tapes of himself as a boy soprano singing with his choir. Ramesh Myers made them into a CD for me and I would take that."

Visitor: "My best friend, the best mandolin player and best bread maker—my husband John!"

TUESDAY JANUARY 25

- Storytime with Jean Voaden**
M H Memorial Library. 10am
- Bill Rhodes**
Papier maché. Moby's Pub. to Jan 31
- Michael McPherson**
Photography Exhibit.
133 McPhillips to January 31
- Maureen Garbarino**
Images of Tuscany. Paintings.
Luigi's Pizza to Feb 28
- Soup's On**
Free soup and sandwich for anyone who needs it. All Saints'. 11:30-1pm
- Central Community Hall Board Meeting**
Public welcome. Central Hall. 7pm
- Dynamic Life & Health the Natural Way**
Presenter Anthony Fulker.
Lions' Club. 7-9:30pm Info: 538-0108
- Fly tying**
Newman's Great Outdoors. 5-9pm
- Kindergym** Parc Portable. 9-10:30am
- Flexible Strength** All Saints'. 9-10am
- Volleyball (co-ed)**
Fulford Elem. Gym. 7:30-9:30pm
- Volleyball (co-ed)** GISS Gym. 7:30-10pm
- Man on the Moon** 9:00pm

WEDNESDAY JANUARY 26

- Wednesday Night Live**
Open Stage. Moby's Pub. 9pm
- South End Centering Prayer**
St. Mary's Fulford. 11am
- Resolution Fair**
Clinic. Uptown
Pharmasave. 6-8pm
- Wellness Programme**
Medical Equipment and Burns Tea
- S.S. Seniors' Services**
Soc. 2-4pm
- Ease into Fitness**
Mahon Hall. 9-10am
- Step into Shape**
All Saints'. 9-10am.
537-4448
- Circuit Challenge**
Fulford Gym. 6:30-7:30pm

Legend

- Special Event
- Children
- Performing Arts
- Music
- Dance
- Gallery
- Interfaith
- Meetings & Lectures
- Health
- Sports and fitness
- Cinema / TV
- Review in this issue

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MONDAY JANUARY 31

- Community Programming**
SSTV Channel 12.
7-9pm
- Kabir Helminski Study Group**
Contemplative Centre. 10am. Info:
537-1657
- Midnight Café**
Acoustic Jam.
Rose's Café. 7pm
- Fly tying**
Newman's Great Outdoors. 5-9pm
- Step in Shape**
All Saints. 9-10am
- Circuit Challenge**
Fulford Gym.
6:30-7:30pm
- Ease into Fitness**
Mahon Hall. 9-10am
- Galaxy Quest**
7:30pm

TUESDAY FEBRUARY 1

- Storytime with Jean Voaden**
M H Memorial Library. 10-10:30am
- Soup's On**
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- Songwriting Group**
Allowed Sound Studio.
Info: 537-2294
- Fly tying** Newman's Great Outdoors. 5-9pm
- Kindergym**
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- Flexible Strength**
All Saints'. 9-10am
- Volleyball (co-ed)**
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7:30-9:30pm
- Volleyball (co-ed)**
GISS Gym.
7:30-10pm
- Galaxy Quest** 7:00pm
- End of Days** 9:00pm

WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 2

- Music & Munch**
All Saints'. 12:10-1pm
- S. End Centering Prayer**
St. Mary's Fulford.
11am
- Ease into Fitness**
Mahon Hall. 9-10am
- Step into Shape**
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THURSDAY JANUARY 27

Extremely Canadian
Championship Wrestling
Fulford Hall. 8pm (doors 7pm)

Storytime
West of the Moon. 10am

Lady of Letters
Active P.A.S.S. presents Alan Bennett's
play. The Studio-116 Langley Road. 8pm
Info: 537-4168

Ango Along Group
Seniors' Bldg. 2pm

Ango practice/lessons
4 Lang Rd. 7:30-9:30pm. 537-2707

Alty Wheels Square Dancing
Central Hall. 537-4855. 653-9346

Community Meditation
Interfaith Spirituality. United
Church. 11:15am-12:30pm

Knitters and Weavers Guild
Guild room. ArtSpring. 10:30-noon

Flexible Strength
All Saints'. 9-10am. 537-4448

Badminton Club
GISS gym. 8-10pm

Gaston. Theatre Alive.
Friday, January 29

FRIDAY JANUARY 28

★ **Our Island, Our World**
A Community Film Festival.
GISS. 6-10pm Info: 537-5467

★ **A Lady of Letters**
The Studio-116 Langley
Road. 8pm Info: 537-4168

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theatre. Central locations
vary. Info: 537-0684

Playback Theatre
Spirituality, Ethics and Arts.
United church. 7:30pm

🎵 **Open Stage**
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Fulford Harbour. 7pm

🏃 **Ease into Fitness**
Mahon Hall. 9-10am

Step into Shape
All Saints'. 9-10am

Boot Camp
All Saints'. 5-6pm

Rollerblading to Music
Fulford Hall. 7:30-10pm

🎭 **Galaxy Quest** 7:00pm
End of Days 9:00pm

Championship Wrestling. Thurs., Jan. 27

SATURDAY JANUARY 29

★ **Our Island, Our World**
A Community Film
Festival. GISS. 10am-5pm

Library Book Sale
Library. 10am-1pm

★ **Theatre Alive**
An Evening of Poetry with
Evelyn Lau and Bill Gaston.
All Saints'. 8pm. Free

A Lady of Letters
116 Langley Road. 8pm.

Living Earth Theatre
Music, Dance and Theatre
ArtSpring. 8pm

🎵 **Reid Collins & Guests**
Standup comedy. Fulford
Inn. 8pm

John & Michele Law
Talon's Restaurant. 7-10pm

🔨 **Margaret Fulton**
CFUV. Women in Social
Transformation. Lion's Hall.
10am

🏃 **Flexible Strength**
All Saints'. 8:30-9:30am

🎭 **Galaxy Quest** 7:00pm
End of Days 9:00pm

SUNDAY JANUARY 30

★ **Our Island, Our World**
A Community
Film Festival.
GISS. 1-6pm
Info: 537-5467

🎵 **Brian (Buck)
McDonald &
Dave Roland**
Fulford Inn. 4pm

**Susheela Jazz
Quintet**
Moby's Pub. 7pm

🏸 **Badminton Club**
GISS gym. 8pm

🎭 **Galaxy Quest**
7:30pm



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Early Bird 6:30pm. Regular 7pm

Sen's Breakfast
Meal & discussion. United Church. 8-
10am

Community Meditation
Entering Prayer. United
Church. 11:15am-12:30pm

Wisdom Circle
Sharing & Listening: Ideas & Concerns.
United Church. 7:30-9:30pm

Step into Shape All Saints'. 9-10am.

Flexible Strength All Saints'. 9-10am

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Life & Health
the Natural
Way. Tues., Jan. 25

FRIDAY FEBRUARY 4

★ **A Lady of Letters**
The Studio-116 Langley
Road. 8pm. Info: 537-4168

Open Stage
Every Friday. Rose's Cafe.
Fulford Harbour. 7pm

🎵 **Robert Bateman on Art
& Nature: Ethics &
Spirituality**
United Church. 7:30pm

🏃 **Ease into Fitness**
Mahon Hall. 9-10am

Step into Shape
All Saints'. 9-10am

Boot Camp
All Saints'. 5-6pm

**Rollerblading
to Music**
Fulford Hall.
7:30-10pm



SATURDAY FEBRUARY 5

★ **Library Book Sale**
Library. 10am-1pm

★ **A Lady of Letters**
The Studio-116 Langley
Road. 8pm. Info: 537-4168

🎵 **Listening to the Womb**
Poetry & Music. Ahava &
Mahaka Shira. SS Centre.
8pm

🏃 **Living Language**
Sacred Dance Co. Classes.
Beaver Point Hall. 2pm.
Info: 653-4573

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Fulker. Lions Hall. 9-5:30pm

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Lions Hall. 6:45pm

🏃 **Flexible Strength**
All Saints'. 8:30-9:30am

Evelyn Lau. Theatre Alive.
Saturday, January 29

SUNDAY FEBRUARY 6

🎵 **Brian (Buck)
McDonald &
Dave Roland**
Fulford Inn. 4-
7pm.

Poetry & Song
Cherie
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7pm

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Tracking the fugitive songwriter

by Elizabeth Courtney

He has a quiet, reflective presence, but when he talks about music he is riveting in his engagement. Ramesh Myers is well known to Island audiences for his direction of more than 30 productions, his compositions in *Sleeping Beauty* and *Ramayana*, and his sound engineering as owner of Allowed Sound Studio. But, his current focus is a different kind of endeavour—a songwriting group that will take a bunch of closet performers from the ghost of an idea to full-fledged performance in about five months.

"Putting a story, an experience, into song is an absolutely primal experience," he said. "The twentieth century has seen an explosion of freedom to express all the repressed emotions and experiences of previous centuries in music. The Beatles unleashed a storm in their audiences, and so many of their lyrics are to do with making connections. Pop

music restored the value of simplicity. Lyrics could be quite concrete and technical perfection less important than integrity and passion—look at Dylan!

"Salt Spring is the kind of place where people, from youth right on up, do things rather than just consume them. If the massive commercialisation of music has in a sense replaced the demons of repression, that is not so much of a factor here where the local music scene has such a strong presence. I have worked a lot with inexperienced musicians, and in this group I will be focusing on exercises which stimulate a flow of songs before the critical process sets in. We will establish a closed group and met every second week. Each person will be encouraged to find their own natural place as singers and/or instrumentalists in the group and the performance aspect will be integrated from early on in the process. By June we will be ready for a concert."

By this time I am both excited and terrified (as he has anticipated on his poster, suggesting that terror should be no impediment.) Yes, I have dreamed of setting some of my poetry to music.

"There is nothing like the experience of a fresh-baked batch of songs to work on every other week—there is so much to be learned from listening, really listening, to each other."

The group will begin meeting in early February for 10 sessions. Interested participants should contact Myers at his studio (537-2294) or at creating@salt-spring.com. Myers will also be working with four students to write and produce a score for Stagecoach Theatre's forthcoming *Alice in Wonderland*. The songwriting group offers a chance for the rest of us to share the kind of opportunity to explore new realms of creativity that we thought we'd left behind with our school days. Or missed altogether.

Mapping the Salish Sea for 2000

West Coast Islands Stewardship & Conservancy Society and the Land Trust Alliance of B.C. are pleased to announce the launch of the Millennium Community Mapping Project—Islands in the Salish Sea.

A kick-off workshop, to be held January 29 and 30 at Beaver Point Hall, begins this exciting project which brings together Island community groups, artists and First Nations to chart natural, cultural and historical points of interest on the islands in the Strait of Georgia.

This initial workshop will launch the eighteen month project which will sponsor commu-

nity workshops and mapping events and invite participation from groups and individuals who have already begun to chronicle these island places. The project will culminate in a collection of local and regional maps and stories to be displayed in a travelling exhibition and published as a Millennium Atlas of this world renowned area of ecological and cultural significance.


The cumulative impact of constant change and decreasing local control over social, economic and environmental dynamics is threatening to alter forever the sustainability of these

beautiful, small rural island places. It is hoped that the project will help ensure the long term survival and well-being of these unique British Columbia communities, cherished the world over as ecological gems on the edge of coastal Canada.

"This project promises to produce a unique legacy for future generations," said Robert Bateman.

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A real treat is in store for Seniors on Wednesday, January 26, especially those of Scottish descent!

Murray Shoolbraid will be leading the celebrations of the birthday of Scotland's national poet, Robbie Burns! "There might even be a haggis," says Shoolbraid, with the usual gleam in his eyes, anticipating with glee the tasty meat and oatmeal pudding in a sheep's bladder. Burns' actual birthday is one day earlier (January 25). The skirl of the pipes will be heard and readings of the famous poet's popular poems will be presented, such as: *Oh would the Lord the gift to gee us. To see ourselves as others see us!*

Tea will also be served, and a sing-along will take place. Also on the programme will be a display of seniors' items by Salt Spring Medical Supply. Pat Hannah says this is the first time she has put on such a large display for the public.

"I'll be bringing some new mobility items, such as walkers and a unique safety pole and bar," she said. "We'll also be available to answer questions about any of the items."

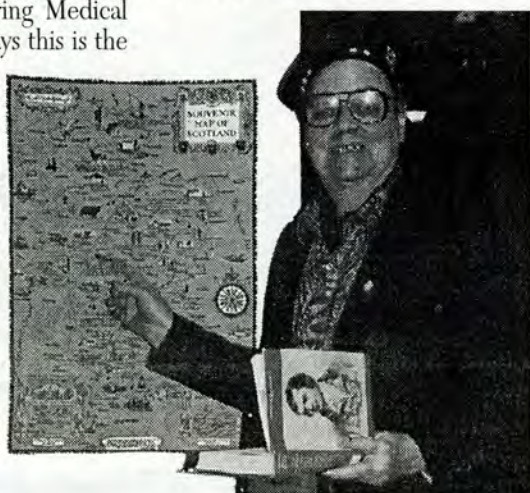
The event takes place at Seniors Services, 379 Lower

Ganges Road, from 2 to 4 p.m., Wednesday, January 26 (tomorrow!).

In Ayrshire, on the southwest coast of Scotland, where Robbie Burns was born, is a little fishing port called FAIRLIE. I visited there in the summer of 1957, the year the International Youth Hostel Rally was held in Edinburgh.

Naturally, I sent postcards to all my relatives and friends in Canada—with the postmark FAIRLIE, Ayrshire.

Beautiful views of the Firth of Clyde and Isle of Arran were to be had from the old castle ruins on the hill. Often I have thought what it might be like to be The Laird of Fairlie Castle in the good old days. Then, reality sets in—it would have been bloody cold, damp and dangerous! So much for dreams!



Going to seed at fifth annual exchange

In a story slightly reminiscent of a well-known fairy tale, Terry Klokeid describes how two years ago he was given a small handful of bean seeds at a Victoria seed exchange. "An elderly woman came to my table. Fifty years before she'd been given 12 bean seeds by a friend who'd brought them back from Italy."

Klokeid swapped for the seeds and today, although not as flashy as a goose laying golden eggs, those seeds have been nurtured into plants that produce a stringless variety of Scarlet Runner Bean. And on February 12, seeds for Henry's Stringless Runner will be available to all at the 5th annual community seed exchange, dubbed Seedy Saturday, at Mahon Hall.

The popular annual event, sponsored by Island Natural Growers (ING), provides an opportunity for Salt Spring's seed savers to swap seeds, bulbs and plants with other gardeners and growers—and, perhaps, to discover or save a rare variety from extinction. Last year's event was attended by more than 300 people and thousands of Island-grown seeds were exchanged.

"Participating in Seedy



Dan Jason at Seedy Saturday '99

Saturday is like being part of a living seed bank," said John Wilcox, an ING member and long-time seed saver. "Seeds need to be grown every year to maintain viability. If present trends continue, with fewer and fewer companies selling seeds, the only way to preserve varieties adapted to local conditions is through locally organized seed banks like Seedy Saturday," said Wilcox.

Dan Jason, the owner of Salt Spring Seeds and author of several books on gardening, including the recently published *Save Our Seeds, Save Our Selves*, said, "Plants definitely do adapt over time—even to local microclimates. I've seen the same plant begin to change significantly after being grown in clay

or sand for several years."

Jason said that seed exchanges are an integral part of traditional agricultural research of a sort that has gone on for many generations. By contrast, modern agricultural research is conducted by scientists in laboratories removed from the input local gardeners or small farmers.

For Donna Kuprowski, saving seeds offers "an opportunity to take part in the natural completion of the life cycle." It's another

piece in the puzzle, says Kuprowski.

Lokesh Green, the gardener at Salt Spring Center is another seed saver. Two of his interests are in preserving heritage varieties and plants that grow well on the Island. "I like to encourage weed type plants like calendula—it has so many uses: food, medicine for sunburn, athletes foot and other skin problems. It's prolific, self-seeding and it's even deer proof," said Green.

Seedy Saturday takes place February 12 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Hot snacks and drinks will be for sale on site. Organically grown seeds will also be offered for sale by several seed companies, including Salt Spring Seeds. For more information call Terry J. Klokeid at 653-4099.

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Nasturtiums in a January garden



*Life in the garden ...
with Joe Clemente*

January to me always seems to take forever to come to an end. I just want to head outside and play in the dirt but generally the weather is cool and damp making it less fun to venture outdoors. If a nice day does happen to appear, you may want to take advantage of the good weather and prune your ornamental deciduous trees if they need it, and your fruit trees if you haven't done it already.

Also, it's probably a good time to start thinking about the spring gardening plans you may have in mind. Head down to the local garden shop and pick up the 2000 seed catalogue. This way you'll have more than enough time to decide which flower or vegetable seeds you'd like to choose. I'll say that with this winter being so mild and wet so far, it almost makes one want to go out and start planting some of those broadleaf plants that are probably better planted in the spring. February and March can bring some cold, nasty winter weather as they have in the past, so don't get too itching to plant

your favourite tender varieties just yet!

Since gardening and weather go hand in hand, most of you have probably realized how mild this winter has been so far. As I write this article on January 16, the weather is starting to look a little more wintry with this heavy wet snow falling, but so far we've escaped any really cold temperatures. Normal temperatures for this time of the year should be lows of 0°C and highs of 6°C for our growing region. To date we've been pretty close to these numbers, give or take a couple of degrees depending on your location. Frost free growing days are based on temperatures of 0° or below, so your first or last frost of the season is when these temperatures occur, whether it be in April or January.

So now that we have that straight, some of you may be interested to know that Salt Spring's best micro-climates are approaching one year without a frost. I visit these growing areas

on a regular basis, and the plants that grow there well into the winter still boggle me. As I look back into my weather records, I consider this winter so far to rank amongst some of the milder ones we've had in the past. Now I know there are some of you out there that believe it to be a cold, miserable winter once a couple of snowfalls have dumped on us, but this is not the case at all. Temperatures are often just above freezing when it snows.

In sheltered local gardens I've observed Lavateras in full bloom, also Escallonias, Ceanothus, Choisya and Fushias continuing to bloom and look healthy. A couple of days ago nasturtiums and roses were also flowering and looking real happy at one seaside garden. But I don't think those nasturtiums will appreciate this heavy snow. So since many of our island gardens haven't experienced any heavy frost so far this winter, a real nasty cold snap can cause extreme damage to those plants that have continued to grow in our mild weather. I have my fingers crossed, and pray for the winter to continue to be mild for the plants' sake! A freeze such as the one that happened on February 4, 1989 wouldn't be all that much fun now, would it?

Heritage recipes



*Let's eat ...
with Linda Koroscil*

Here are some more recipes from the old Five Roses Cookbook printed in 1913. I had an amazing response from people who identified with these old recipes so I thought I would choose some that would definitely bring a smile to your face and most certainly add a touch of nostalgia.

Corn Vinegar

Cut one pint of corn off the cob. Take one pint brown sugar or molasses to a gallon of rain water and add the corn. Put in jar, cover with thin cloth and set in sun. In three weeks it will be vinegar.

Tumbler Cake

2 tumblers brown sugar	2 tsp. baking soda
1 tumbler butter	1 tsp. cloves
1 tumbler molasses	1 tsp. cinnamon
1 tumbler sweet milk	1 tsp. nutmeg
5 tumblers Five Roses flour	

Above makes a good fruit cake by adding one pint raisins and one cup currants.

Backwoods Pie

1 C. brown sugar	butter, size of an egg
1 C. syrup	yolks of 3 eggs
1/2 C. sweet milk	nutmeg

Beat all together, lastly add whites well beaten. Bake with one crust in moderate oven.

Shingles

1/2 C. butter	1/2 tsp. baking soda
1 1/2 C. sugar	Five Roses flour to stiffen
1/2 C. boiling water	Vanilla

Beat together butter & sugar, dissolve soda in water and mix. Add flour until very stiff, and roll as thin as possible. Cut in pieces three inches wide and five inches long. Flavour to suit taste, these will be very crispy.

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The batata: keep the voodoo's eyes



Magic in herbs ... with Barbara Rikwerda

The *Solanum tuberosum* you had for dinner was originally known by the Haitian name, batata. It was changed to the Spanish patata, and we are finally eating the potato.

The potato did not originate in Ireland as we're tempted to think. It is a native of South America. A Franciscan priest who was with the Pizarro exploring expedition is said to have brought potato plants back to Spain with him in 1534 where it came to be considered a miracle plant. People often paid more than 1,000 pesos per pound for them.

It is said that Sir John Hawkins brought the potato to Ireland in 1565. It was not until 1719 that a group of Presbyterian emigrants from Ireland brought potatoes to New York and Massachusetts, where they settled. That's probably why they are known as Irish potatoes. From then on they became a definite part of the food of the colonists.

Bread can be made with an equal amount of flour and mashed potatoes. Someone said that if they hadn't adulterated the bread this way during the war they could not have survived, and this way "the people were never in better health than they were in these circumstances."

An interesting tid-bit that caught my attention was that "in 1913 there were in Germany eight million acres of land devoted to potato cultivation. Three million tons of the crop were used for the manufacture of 67 million gallons of alcohol, representing about 80 per cent of the total alcoholic production of the country."

Every plant is made up of a different nutritional formula. Four-fifths of this tuber is water. It does contain some vitamins C and B. There is a little protein, fiber and sugar in it, but throw away the peeling with its eyes and there's almost nothing left except starch, BUT it does have such a high proportion of potassium that the raw potato is perhaps

the most alkaline or anti-acid of all vegetables.

Next time you reach for an antacid pill try instead eating a piece of raw unpeeled potato—and don't throw away the eyes. It is said to be more effective than the pill. (Of course, be sure it's clean and without chemicals.) You may prefer to grate the raw potato with the peeling and mix it with another vegetable such as grated carrot in a salad.

The antacid potato juice is said to be soothing to the gastric tract so it is used to treat gastric and duodenal ulcers. Raw potato juice is also used for

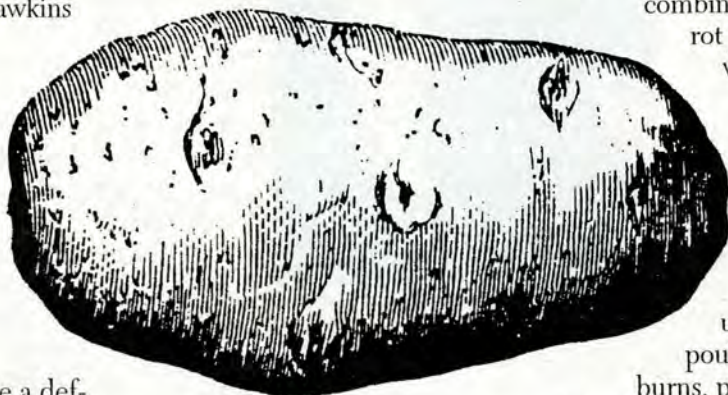
gout, and rheumatic and arthritic conditions. It is often combined with carrot juice or water to make it taste better—and it might also help. Grated, it is often used as a poultice on burns, puffy eyes or painful joints. When

cooked and peeled we lose the benefits this vegetable offers, but if it must be cooked remember to save the water and dump it in a soup, drink it or soak a sore limb in it.

Dr. H. Valentine Knaggs is the author of *Potatoes as Food and Medicine*. In it he wrote, "The potato ranks as, in my opinion, the most curative of all known food remedies." He considers it an excellent body cleanser.

It's been used as a "voodoo doll" for at least 4,000 years. It speeds healing, draws money, love, etc. when used to represent one's self. Keeping a small potato in your pocket all year will protect you from ever getting a cold.

I'm afraid I've gone a bit too far. Let's get serious again. Owing to the high alkaline content, a piece of raw potato will clean dirty skin and painted surfaces. It seemed hard to believe so I did cautiously use it on the kitchen wall and door finger prints. IT DOES WORK!



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

I have come to the conclusion that it is far less expensive to buy my fish at the local supermarket than try and catch one myself. Last count I had two rods for salt water, two rods for trout and three fly rods. I have no doubt that as areas go, B.C. leads most in the different types of fishing you can partake in and rods can vary depending on what you are fishing for. Every serious angler learns quickly the value of having several rods for various purposes. To keep things as simple as possible I've separated them into three categories: salt water, fresh water and fly.

Salt water rods use 20 to 130 lb. test line and range from six feet to 10 feet six inches in length. For instance, Mooring rods tend to 10 feet six inches long and are rated for 20 to 40 lb. test. Downrigger rods and rods for jigging groundfish are six feet to eight feet six inches using 30 to 50 lb. The shorter rods, six feet to six feet, six inches, tend to be

one piece solid fiberglass. The toughest in this category are halibut rods (the best are rated from 50 to 130 lb. test), one piece rods with fighting butts for bringing these large fish to the surface.

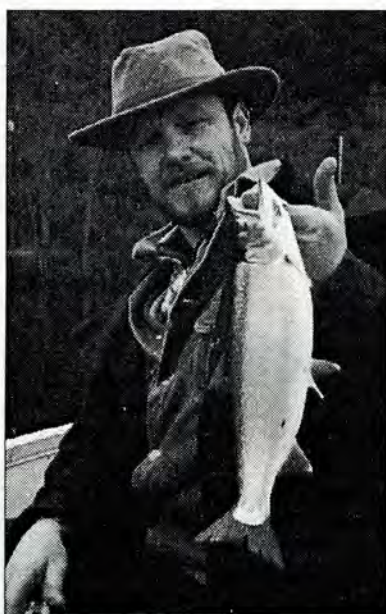
Trout, bass, char, perch, crappie, and most small fresh water game fish are caught on a spinning rod five feet to seven feet long and, depending on the length, use four to 15 lb. test. Spincast rods are also in this class: they are five feet to six feet with a pistol grip and trigger to be used with a "closed-face reel." These are popular among kids learning to fish and are very easy to use. Bait casting rods have a regular handle with a trigger to aid in casting but conform to spin rods in all other aspects. Graphite spin rods seven feet six inches to eight feet are used for trolling and are extremely sensitive. An aspect of spin rods that adds to their appeal is their single foot guides which free up more of the rod to flex; all other rods use double footed guides and the

area between the wrapping is stiffened, thus not giving the same performance. I use a six foot six inch graphite spin rod for fishing bass and its flexibility has always astounded me.

The final group of rods are for fly fishermen. This is definitely the most complex group. Fly fishermen are the most particular group of anglers and most everything is made to meet their needs. Fly rods use unique guides that are called Snakes due to their shape and are almost exclusively made of graphite these days, although some manufacturers still use cane. These rods range from seven foot six

inch four-piece pack rods to 14 spey rods which require two hands to use. The four-piece rods are great for travel, but the two-piece are the

norm and nine feet is the common length and this combination makes up about 90 per cent of fly rods. Nine foot six inch and 10 foot rods are becoming more popular with the



Darren Hewitt shows off a 14.5 inch St. Mary Lake Cutthroat on December 29.

float tube fishermen, for although they are a little more difficult to handle, the fisherman who is low in the water can get that extra few inches of lift off the surface.

Another facet of fly rods is that they come in different weights, or gauges, so to speak, from 4WT to

12WT. The higher the number, the heavier and tougher the rod; for instance, 4WTs are ultra light and would be great for bass; 7WTs are

ideal for the larger, tougher trout; and 9WTs are used mostly for salt water salmon and steelhead. As a footnote, these are generalizations and very experienced anglers can use a lighter rod to play larger fish, but it takes much more time and patience, and an enormous amount of skill.

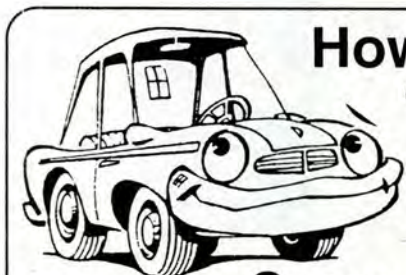
All these rods give the angler almost an infinite number of choices. There are many manufacturers of rods out there, all with something to offer. Try and pick the best match for the type of fishing you do, remembering that one rod can't do it all. Finding a person who knows rods can be of great assistance, and asking your fellow anglers what they use and how they feel about it is the best opinion you can get without deciding to try it yourself.

For those who would like to bend their rods, hit the lakes and fish the bottom. The fishing gets tougher this time of year because of this—there is more ground to cover, so to speak (unless you have a depth sounder). This simplifies things by taking out the guesswork of how close to bottom you are.

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Ever since go-to-guy Brian Crowe went down with an ankle injury earlier this month, the GISS Scorpions Senior Boys basketball team has been living a sort of abridged Monty Python film script—*Life Without Brian*.

Then came the news that team leader Chris Langdon was hobbled by an injury (sustained while playing indoor soccer of all things) on the eve of their own tournament.

Well, one had to wonder how they'd respond. It was difficult to tell after Friday's tournament opener against North Island.

Mike Chen's speed and crafty play-making sliced Port Hardy's defense wide open while Rhys Beasley and Alex Lemay pulled down rebounds and controlled the paint virtually unopposed. Lemay continued to emerge as a player with a deft and subtle touch on the ball as he drained 27 points en route to a relatively easy 89-51 victory.

While North Island's skills were,

for the most part, rudimentary, there would be no such advantage for the Scorpions against Westview of Surrey, Saturday afternoon.

Westview were a poised and talented club and after spotting the Scorpions an early 10-0 lead, methodically played their way back into it to trail by two before the end of the first stanza.

GISS were having little luck working the ball inside and therefore intelligently went with what was working: uncanny outside shooting.

Like a succession of McDonald's commercials, one shot after another from seemingly improbable distances hit "nothin' but net."

Jesse McEachern and Sam Hannah each sunk five three-pointers to pace the Scorpions with 21 and 20 points respectively. Three others joined them in double figures, Lemay with 18, Chen and Beasley 12 each.

It was an astonishing run of clutch shooting and the 92-74 result was

all the more stunning for the two key players left to cheer from the bench in their street clothes.

Saturday night's final pitted the Scorpions against the Mainland's L.A. Matheson.

It was inevitable that the hot shooting spell should end, but like all such streaks they tend to stop at the most inopportune time. Shots which formerly fell with a gentle swish now clanged off the rim.

"We came out flat," coach John Callas concluded. "They wanted to win more than our kids did and they played smarter."

The Scorpions kept it close into the third but Matheson pulled away to win by fifteen.

"We play a good 1-2-2 press but it's not very strong without Chris," added Callas. "He's our leader."

While Langdon and Crowe's return remains at least two weeks away, the Scorpions prepare to host Chemainus Tuesday, 3:45 p.m. at GISS.

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3 Edmonton ...	382	17	12 Buffalo	329	22
4 Ottawa	382	23	13 Toronto	320	12
5 Montreal	362	28	14 Boston	319	16
6 Philadelphia ..	361	24	15 Anaheim	317	26
7 Atlanta	353	19	16 Islanders	316	18
8 Dallas	349	17	17 Washington	312	20
9 Phoenix	344	12			

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	Total Points	This Week		Total Points	This Week
1 Edmonton	409	17	9 Rangers	370	15
2 Ane-jo	404	22	10 Ottawa	368	17
3 Marx Bro #1 ..	398	29	11 Dallas	363	25
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JENKINS, ERNEST Ault, (Ernie) passed away quietly at Lady Minto Hospital on January 20, 2000. Born October 6, 1905, in Ottawa, he moved to Salt Spring Island from Vancouver in 1974 with his wife Molly. Predeceased by his wife of 59 years, his son Maurice, his daughter Marion and his brothers John and Charlie. He will be remembered by daughter-in-law Donna Jenkins, grandchildren Deanna Kitchen, Ian Jenkins (Kin), all of Salt Spring, Christine Rush of Vancouver, and Kathryn Rush, of Victoria. Great-grandchildren Derek and Graham Kitchen and Haley Jenkins and niece Colleen Shantz (Lorne), all of Salt Spring, nephews Glen and John, of Vancouver. Will be remembered by Ann Parker and Alex and Alana Parker-Patrick of Vancouver. Service at United Church, Friday, January 28th 11 a.m.

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324 Lower Ganges Rd
537-4040

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630 Commercial Properties
640 Open Houses
690 Real Estate Wanted
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710 Apartments for Rent
720 Room & Board
730 Shared Accommodation
740 Holiday Accommodation
750 Storage
760 Business Rentals
790 Rentals Wanted

TRANSPORTATION 800-899

800 Cars/Trucks
810 Motorhomes/Campers/RVs
815 Trailers
820 Boats/Marine
830 Aircraft
840 Motorbikes/Scooters
850 Vehicles Wanted
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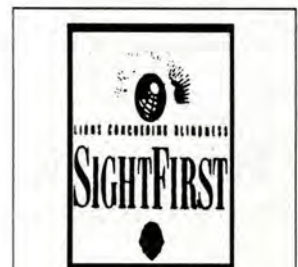
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- 4 Smart
- 8 Arabian Gulf
- 12 Be wrong
- 13 Trademark
- 14 Novice
- 15 Mauna
- 16 Quotation begins
- 18 Chant
- 20 Faith
- 21 Bizard
- 22 Unseated
- 26 Limited, abbr.
- 27 bacon
- 28 Acknowledgment of debt
- 29 Caesar fixing
- 30 Lah lah preceder
- 31 Birthing assistants
- 33 Sol
- 34 Primped
- 35 By way of
- 36 Rent
- 37 Hurry
- 40 About a mixture
- 44 Rage
- 45 Popular cookie
- 46 Music part
- 47 Palm leaf paper
- 48 Incite
- 49 Exploit, ME
- 50 After expenses

DOWN

- 1 Food shop
- 2 Tailor's tool
- 3 Quotation continues
- 4 Set straight
- 5 Ore deposit
- 6 Sense of self
- 7 Gratifies
- 8 Author of quotation
- 9 Change color
- 10 Historical period
- 11 Neither
- 17 Mulberry barks
- 19 Ancient
- 22 Went out with
- 23 State of affairs
- 24 Acquire through effort
- 25 Genetic ID
- 26 Dormouse
- 27 Desiring with concupis-
cence
- 28 Mischievous one
- 29 Actor, Sal

- 32 Quotation continues
- 33 Female sibling
- 35 Manservant
- 37 Quotation ends
- 38 Stanley Gardner
- 39 Tidy
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- 41 Food scrap
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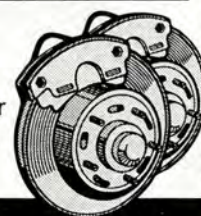


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800 • CARS & TRUCKS

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1990 F-250 - 4 x 4 302, gas. 144,000 km. Excellent condition. \$8000 537-2880. 0600

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1979 CHEV Silverado 1/2 ton, 305, cruise, tilt, PS, PB, new exhaust, tires, bed liner with 8' Galaxi camper. Stove, furnace, ice box. Nice & clean. \$2,500. or will sell separately. 537-9504. 0500

1983 MUSTANG GT5L T-roof, many new parts, runs well, daily driven. Nomods. \$4,000. obo. 537-9315 0500

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For the week,
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Tip of the week: Many wonder if we are now in the age of Aquarius and what exactly does that mean. Certainly not all Astrologers agree on the date or the meaning. An 'Age' is a one twelfth division, due to the twelve signs, of the Sun's own orbital path around it's own center called a great year. It takes the Sun 26,000 years to complete one cycle and one twelfth of that is around 2150 years. All Astrologers do agree that we are at least at the end of the age of Pisces and the beginning of the age of Aquarius. Many hold that the age of Pisces started just before the birth Jesus the Christ. Some believe that the age of Aquarius is yet far off while others hold that it actually began about four centuries ago at the dawn of the Age of Enlightenment and Reason (1600's). This would put the births of Siddhartha the Buddha and other Avatars of unconditional love and compassion born at the dawn of the Age of Pisces, the sign of unconditional love and compassion. Jesus is the Avatar who awakened and perpetuated the flame of unconditional love and compassion in the cradle of western civilization. Aquarius symbolizes inventive genius, revolution, science, technology, humanitarianism, democracy etc. These words aptly describe the last four centuries. Beyond when the Age of Aquarius actually began, our task is to weave the wisdom of both of these ages, Pisces and Aquarius, into a global paradigm.

Aries (Mar 21 - Apr 20) The air is scintillating with electricity and excitement and you feel tuned into it's verve. Like a dimmer switch turned up, illumination and awakening are revealing realizations hidden from you only a short while ago. It is also possible that you are not entirely pleased with everything you are seeing. Acceptance and detachment without indifference or disdain is Aquarius's gift to you. Breathe, listen to your feelings and share your truth.

Taurus (Apr 21 - May 20) Sudden shifts and changes continue to rumble in your public and professional life. You are more serious than ever to actualize a greater degree of independence or at least to stand out and be counted for your unique contributions. You can't help but erupt wherever you are. Trust that everyone present is meant to be. Explore ways that you can enhance and support one another individually so that the flowers of your inter-dependence are that much more fragrant.

Gemini (May 21 - Jun 20) "Together we stand, divided we fall." For this aphorism to truly stand, one must expand the meaning of we. Much division is created by cliques and secular groups who 'know' what it is about. In a Gemini solar chart, Pisces on the zenith point linked to Capricorn and worldly duty. Pisces is essentially the sign of synthesis, the illusion of separation and the melting of divisions. Pisces is mysticism, poetry and music etc. We can only be alone and apart in our mind. Heart connections do not die

Cancer (Jun 21 - Jul 21) Are you consciously or unconsciously seeking illumination in the inner realms? One way or another it is happening. You want deep connection, understanding and wholeness and you are open to any source that might have answers in this regard. Look to your friends to determine what seems to work and what does not. Some teach directly and others indirectly. Be willing to see beyond who you think you are; you are much more and very beautiful indeed!

Leo (Jul 22 - Aug 22) You are rapidly awakening to some crystal clear realizations. Of course, crystals are not windows and things never appear the way they truly are. If we were meant to know so

much, we would. Celebrate the mystery and allow the inner guidance that betrays sight to share the truth that you feel. Allow for the contradictions and confusions. Just get it all out somehow. Once you do so it will be easier to put it all together again according to your needs.

Virgo (Aug 22 - Sep 23) Waves of change continue to sweep through your life. Consider that they would not be without if they were not within you. No matter what is happening remind yourself that everything is happening 'for' you as opposed to 'to' you. It can be very hard to see the silver lining sometimes, but it is there. Meanwhile, more love lessons are up for you and it looks like the pleasurable kind. Deepen your love no matter how you are making it by anchoring in your heart, the eye of every storm.

Libra (Sep 23 - Oct 21) Deep union is our essence, yet in the world of duality we are destined to unite with others in a multitude of ways, as an experience, as a creation and as a celebration. As we weave our life force with that of others we are transmuted forever. The more we can bring a sense of art to this process the more will we become artists. Beneath the labels and boxes, we are all artists already. Awaken to the artistic process of your unions.

Scorpio (Oct 22 - Nov 20) As the days roll along you are awakening more and more to the subtleties of your individuality. The desire to bring this awakening into commitments that you are consolidating in the world is all a part of the flow. In many respects, you may feel shaken by the inner movements and changes close to home. Maintaining your balance and poise is key. Continue to look to the big picture and hold true to your worth, Opportunities abound!

Sagittarius (Nov 21 - Dec 20) Your perceptions of reality have steadily changed in the past couple of years. Now things are getting much clearer and you feel compelled to communicate your feelings and insights. Cutting through the cobwebs that have gathered in your life is revealing things and abilities that you thought you might have lost. They will require some polishing and repair, but will soon yield their full value once again. Re-evaluate the market to refine your approach.

Capricorn (Dec 21 - Jan 19) The process of restructuring can take so long sometimes that it can seem like a tunnel without end. Imagine that you are building the foundation for an empire upon the ruins of an old one. While some of the remains can be re-used focus on the sacredness of the place. Yet, is not the place where you live at any moment sacred? You are wherever you go. Create an inner temple free of dead beliefs and you will have light and liberty in your home.

Aquarius (Jan 20 - Feb 19) The urge to take initiatives to expand your scope of freedom in the world is really awakening now. The truth of your needs for relationship, love, passion and exchange is yours to explore or deny. There are many bringing light to the world and there is no reward in suppression and denial. Consider that personal joy is one of the greatest things we can bring to humanity. A smile that is deep and true is contagious. Let's start a joyful smile epidemic!

Pisces (Feb 19 - Mar 20) A sojourn into the hall of records and dreams is now underway. You may feel more sleepy and contemplative now, yet equally inspired and awakened to realities that have lay waiting for this special time. Still, many adjustments will be required to integrate these truths into your identity. Be patient and consistent. Do it because it feels good. Acknowledge your dreams honestly and concretely and weave them into your reality.



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But, help is on the way. Through a series of four two-hour workshops offered through PARC, David Eyles will help bring clarity to the confusion of mutual fund investments, leaving participants better equipped to take greater responsibility for their financial lives.

The Thursday night workshops which began January 20 are designed to help participants gain control of their finances. How will that help make sense of the mutual fund blitz?

"Well," explained Eyles, "if we gain a little knowledge we are able to make some basic decisions about our financial future. We will then be clearer as to whether mutual funds might fit into our plans and what to look for. By then we will realize that the information we want will not be in the glitzy ads and nor will the secret to eternal happiness. So...we can just ignore them."

Next Thursday's (January 27) topic will be economic concepts as they relate to our lives and the good, bad, and just plain ugly aspects of money. It will be followed on February 3 by "Not Another Mutual Fund Sales Pitch" a workshop inspired by the influential book *Money or Your Life* by Joe Dominguez and

Vicki Robin.

"Should we put all our energy into trying to maintain our current life style, like some of the mutual funds suggest, or should we look at simplifying so we can get along with less," said Eyles raising a key question to be discussed February 3.

The fourth and final session on February 10 will explore the intriguing statement: a dollar saved has much more value than an additional dollar earned.

Details about the sessions, which are \$7 each, can be found in the most recent PARC guide. All will encourage discussion and—contrary to what appears in the guide—are not limited to 10 participants. For more information call PARC at 537-4448 or David Eyles at 653-4558.

Seek clarification on assessments *cont'd. from p2*

farm classification resulted in an appeal last year.

The Bapty property was split-classed—part farm, part residential—from 1995 to 1999, resulting in a much higher valuation, and higher property taxes payable, than would have been the case had the property been classed fully on a farm basis. With the help of John Woodward and Chris Schmah, president of the Islands Farmers' Institute, Bapty succeeded in having the error in classification corrected by B.C. Assessment last year. He is now attempting to get a remission (repayment) of excess taxes paid from 1995 to 1998.

Woodward, who is working with Bapty on this, expects the matter to be resolved as a "ministerial decision."

Harry Bapty—90 years old—and his wife Edith, have owned their 32-acre farm since 1947. In order to make the income required to maintain his farm status, Bapty sells his farm produce—eggs, apples, other fruit and flowers—every Saturday morning from the back of his station wagon parked beside The Fishery in Ganges.

Another Salt Spring farmer who has suffered from errors made by B.C. Assessment is John Wilcox. Wilcox's problem arose over the classification

of a second dwelling on his farm.

The Wilcox's bought their farm in 1990 and first lived in a mobile home on the property but later in a permanent home (on the same property) built in 1994. Though there was never any question

after three years of continual bureaucratic red tape, his son gave up and left the farm. Wilcox now has permission from the Land Commission and the Islands Trust to make the second dwelling a permanent part of his farm and is looking for another working partner.

"When it comes to farming, the assessed classification of your use of your property can determine its future. In effect, the assessor is the ultimate arbiter, if you like, of land use for agriculture," said Wilcox.

Furthermore, he added, "The Islands Trust and the Land Commission use B.C. Assessments classification of the land as a benchmark. So if it's wrong, a non-conforming use of the land may be created."

The possibility of other errors such as those encountered by Bapty and Wilcox is why Woodward is advising Islanders to go over their assessment notices carefully and call for clarification and help, if such is needed.

Confusion can easily arise over the various classifications of land and buildings, and the assessment notice doesn't explain matters fully.

"You can't tell what you've got when you look at your assessment," said Wilcox. "You have to phone them up."

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regarding the farm status of the property as a whole, the problem arose over a split-classification of the mobile home, now the second dwelling on the property.

Wilcox repeatedly appealed B.C. Assessment's decision to split-classify the property, appearing in court eight times over a five-year period. Repeated appearances were necessary because B.C. Assessment continually appealed the decision made by the local Court of Revision. In the end, however, the error was corrected.

Wilcox's family has farmed with multi-generational partners for six generations and he wanted to continue in the same vein by selling the mobile home and the piece of land it was on to his son. The sad part of the story is that

Action cont'd from P6 Friday, January twenty-first, at the Beddis Road bus stop, a boy, caught up in horsing around with his schoolmates, ran right out in front of an oncoming car. The poor shaken driver missed him by barely an inch. I can tell the children to stay off the road, and I do, but I'm just somebody's mom and without support from some authority groups in our community, my words mean nothing.

My husband has called Salt Spring Elementary, the Gulf Islands School Board, and the RCMP to seek support for getting some schoolchildren crossing signs put up, but the general response has been, "It's not our responsibility and there's nothing we can do." The only positive response he received was from the foreman of the highways here on Salt Spring, who sympathized but said all that he could do was tell the Ministry of Highways.

If we don't want to read headlines agonizing over how one of our boys and girls lies in the hospital or in the grave, we all

need to take responsibility. Sometimes accidents can happen regardless of what we do, yes, but, if we don't do everything in our power to protect our children now, then when that accident does happen, we're all to blame for the outcome. We need to do two things at the very least:

1) With the support and help of the schools, school board, and RCMP, we need to publish and enforce rules of behaviour for schoolchildren at bus stops.

2) With the support and help of the Ministry of Highways, we need to put up schoolchildren crossing signs, on both sides of the Beddis bus stop, and on both sides of the Fulford-Ganges crossing down to the bus stop. The truck driver might not have veered so close to my daughter and me, and not at such a high speed if there had been a schoolchildren sign to alert him to take extra care.

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The healing power of music:

"One method is to integrate meditation and music, in a sense developing one's self as the resonant container of all the music that is constantly playing within."

by Elizabeth Courtney

All the great cosmologies agree on one thing: in the beginning is breath, vibration, sound, the word. Or put it another way, the universe is music; rhythm and pitch, beat and melody. The oldest gods play instruments—Kokopelli and Krishna on flutes, Hermes and Orpheus on their stringed turtle shells and drummers beating the world into existence on every continent. When Pythagoras divided a sounding string into parts and observed that the fractions produced tones that were in whole number relationships with each other, mathematics was born and with it the discovery that everything from the orbits of the planets to the structure of cells in plants and humans are in the same musical relationship. Our language reflects this intuition when we speak of harmony or bad vibes between people or in environments. Cultures vary in the levels of sophistication which their music develops, some favouring rhythmic complexity, some harmonic complexity, some both.

Barry Livingstone is one of those people fortunate enough to be raised in a rich musical environment and exposed to a variety of encouraging teachers. He remembers listening to the fading tone of a single struck note on the piano with fascination, even as a very young child. Except for one teacher who became a fellow explorer in the ensemble they developed when he was fourteen, high school was a horrible experience. Most of his support came from loving teachers that he encountered in the various music schools and camps his parents sent him to. From the outset Livingstone experienced the community he was searching for in the world of jazz, and its power for spiritual expression in the music of John Coltrane. For ten years he was active in a number of jazz bands in Toronto and continued to develop as a composer. In Banff he studied African drumming and began to move further away from the idea of the star system in western performance.

Further profound openings to the power of music to move came with the exploration of world music. "The first time I heard a Balkan women's choir, tremours ran up and down my spine," he said. Five years ago, performance jazz was no longer giving him what he was looking for, though it was in a book of interviews with jazz musicians that he was jolted to discover that different chords have distinctly different effects on the human body. Now he began a period of reading everything he could lay his hands on and attended an international sound symposium in 1996 where the French researcher, Fabien Moman, demonstrated his work documenting the ability of certain harmonic tones to destroy cancer cells.



Barry Livingstone in his studio.

Elizabeth Courtney photo

The premise behind Livingstone's shift from performer to tuner is that all organisms are designed to function optimally when in tune with each other. Much of the artificial noise of contemporary experi-

"The first time I heard a Balkan women's choir, tremours ran up and down my spine."

ence is discordant. Western classical music appears to have taken on the increasingly challenging task of resolving ever more dissonant intervals, a kind of

full-frontal engagement with the disharmony of the urban environment. Livingstone takes a different tack. He teaches people to listen deeply to the low hum of their blood, the high sounds of the nervous system. To notice the effect of the fridge hum, and to overlay it with the sound of water if necessary. Together with an island instrument maker, Geoff Fishleigh, he has provided the Pythagorean data to produce perfect harmonic tones. Geoff calls them chakra chimes as the tones are used to align the spine. The physical principle involved is called entrainment—if you listen deeply to the sounded tones, the out-of-tune vibrations of your own system will shift into harmony.

The earliest musical instrument is a pleistocene bone tuned to a perfect fourth and fifth, attesting to the ancient intuition of the significance of these intervals (among the planets, earth's frequency is a fifth, an interval common to every culture and the one that gives us the most profound feeling of relaxation, of being open to all possibilities while being grounded at home.)

Livingstone's desire now is to work with people both individually and in community to explore their innate musicality as the most natural way of healing. Of a recent gathering at Hollyhock on Cortez Island, he said, "I realised that people are aching to explore their musical nature and I am developing a number of techniques to help people do this. One method is to integrate meditation and music, in a sense developing one's self as the resonant container of all the music that is constantly playing within."

I attended one of his community ritual performances at Salt Spring Centre in December. It combined a performance of his own composition, based on a key appropriate to the season and a gentle invitation to the audience to participate with whatever movement or chant spontaneously suggested itself. The result was an evening in which the audience engaged with each other in a way that felt both liberating and meaningful, yet enjoyable in the way a child enjoys itself in the bosom of its large and devoted family—free, at home, no shame.

In other workshops, Livingstone gives a short lecture on his discoveries of the properties of different sounds and rhythms and invites participants to explore a range of simple instruments with each other. "They love it. Their expressions are full of wide-eyed joy!"

Meanwhile, he continues a schedule of teaching at Langara College and here on Salt Spring and hopes to make his first CD in the coming year. He has worked with church groups, choirs and young people and can be reached for private or group work at his home.