

the

# Barnacle

## Island Journal

VOL. 3, ISSUE 6

Salt Spring Island, B.C.

Local Internet Provider

See Page 23

537-1950

**magen**

**TUESDAY,  
FEBRUARY 8, 2000**

### IN THIS ISSUE

#### LONG TERM LOVE

60 years together  
still going strong.

#### SKEENA SCUTTLEBUTT

The engines blew...  
surprised?

#### PASSION POTION

How to boost your  
chances at romance.

#### DIRTY DEALINGS

No clean noses with  
Texada owners

Look out Islanders,  
Salt Spring's very own  
Cupid is on the prowl.  
*Shelagh Plunkett photo*

**Better RRSP investing starts with Nesbitt Burns Pathfinder®**

**Steve Somerset**  
Investment Advisor



**NESBITT BURNS**

Member of the Bank of Montreal Group of Companies

152A Fulford Ganges Road  
**537-1654**



# Stewardship programme starts with infusion of funds

Following their success in spearheading the acquisition and preservation of the Mill Farm, the Salt Spring Island Conservancy (S.S.I.C.) continues to work actively on environmental issues on Salt Spring Island. The Conservancy's purpose is to conserve, protect and enhance the natural environment of the Island and its surrounding waters. As well as the Mill Farm effort and assisting with other land acquisitions, the Conservancy works through public education, conservation covenants, fundraising and many other avenues to help Islanders preserve their precious environment.

The Board of the Conservancy has been working since March of 1999 to develop a plan and funding for a stewardship project. A committee consisting of Maggie Ziegler, Ann Richardson, Maureen Milburn and Maureen Bendick conceived of and worked on the grant proposals. Their work was rewarded by approval of and

funding for the project by Eco-Action Canada, the Real Estate Foundation, Mountain Equipment Co-op and the Salt Spring Foundation. A call from David Anderson's office in late December to say that Environment Canada (Eco-Action) will be funding 50 per cent of the total cost of \$88,000 put the final funds in place.

The programme is part of a greater initiative conducted by the South & West Conservation Partnership whose aim it is to conserve and protect areas of the Island through conservation information, consultation, and workshops. The project will help landholders who express an interest in identifying and enhancing natural habitats on their property.

Knowing that the public, landholders and all levels of government need to work together in conservation efforts, the S.S.I.C. is sponsoring this voluntary landowner programme focusing on the least developed and wildest area of the Island. This

part of Salt Spring Island has many values such as the largest Garry Oak meadow in the region, about 2,500 hectares of sensitive eco-systems, several rare species of wildflowers and birds, arbutus and Douglas fir old-growth forests, 18 kilometres of undeveloped coastline and four of the highest mountain peaks in the Southern Gulf Islands with many scenic and recreational aspects.

The project plans to gather information on sensitive eco-systems and to produce and make available maps of these areas. By using information materials like brochures and workshops and by contacting landowners and offering consultations on how to better care for and restore their land, the stewardship project will work with Islanders on a voluntary basis.

Presentations will be given on water protection, shoreline monitoring, covenants and private land stewardship, articles and newsletters will be published. *see Stewardship p27*



David Anderson presented Christy Wilson with an Environment Canada Eco-action grant in Victoria recently.

## Maximize your exposure!

**2.9%**

- 2.9% Exclusive Listing
- Add 1% for MLS
- Listings wanted



### Feature Property

**\$650,000**



### LAKEFRONT ACREAGE

- South facing
- 2.46 sunny acres
- 4500 sq.ft. home
- 315 ft. lakefront
- Dock in place

## THE WEB PROS

[www.oceanrealty.com](http://www.oceanrealty.com)

[Info@oceanrealty.com](mailto:Info@oceanrealty.com)

ORI **OCEAN REALTY INC**

"The Net Difference"™

Located beside the Embe Bakery

Tel: (250) **537-2280** Fax: (250) **537-1818**

Paul Greenbaum

Ori Ocean Realty Inc.

174 Fulford Ganges Road V8K 2V6

**WE ALSO PROVIDE**

- Digital photography services
- Appraisals
- Property searches
- Local online real estate database
- Access to all MLS real estate boards



**REVIVAL MEETING—**

Last week, members of the Salt Spring Venturers put aside thoughts of sports, video games and just plain hanging out to pursue another interest: First Aid and the saving of a human life. Under the tutelage of St. John's Ambulance trainer Leanoir Hearsey and Search and Rescue team leader Chuck Hamilton, the 14- to 19-year-olds completed 13 hours of intense advanced basic training at the Catholic Church. Shown here is 15-year-old Jelcelyn (Jessie) Boyechko as she listens for baby's breath.



Peter Clarke photo

## May Day fundraising kick-off Town Hall meeting exposes Texada

by Peggy Abrahams

The kick-off of a \$500,000 May Day fundraising campaign, a guest presentation by Bill Turner, president of the Land Conservancy of B. C. and revelations about past business practices of Texada principles were among highlights of a Town Hall meeting on the Texada Lands Thursday at GISS.

**Background on Texada players**

Things got very lively when local investigator and research analysis expert Adrian du Plessis told the roughly 150 people at Thursday's meeting that he had uncovered irrefutable evidence that the owners of Texada Land Corporation had long engaged in questionable business practices. Holding files many inches thick, he rattled off points from a few of the more spectacular documents he'd uncovered during a search of the B. C. Supreme Court's public records: a partnership with Vancouver's notorious Nelson Scallania that ended in an official warning from the provincial government telling the public not to invest with the company; a court order for debts owed Caesars Palace in Las Vegas; a court order to pay \$15,000 owed a couple in California.

"You follow the money to find out who the players are," said du Plessis. "These are the sorts of people behind Texada, and the Islands Trust let them go ahead and do this. These guys are in it for the money and if we tell them we know who they are, maybe we'll be on a more equal footing," du Plessis said.

Loud cheers and applause greeted du Plessis's remarks. He also informed the Town Hall that the Texada Land transaction was financed by Manufacturers Life Insurance of Toronto.

**May Day Campaign and land acquisition**

Elizabeth White, fundraising coordinator for Save Salt Spring, announced the kick-off of the May Day Campaign. The goal is to raise \$500,000 by May 1 toward the acquisition of land from Texada. To date, \$140,000 has been raised.

"It's not just big donations we need, it's big donations and small. The more donors we have the more matching funds we can get," she said. In a press release White added that overhead costs associated with the campaign—including costs of appraisals—have been covered, so all donations and pledges will go directly for land protection. Pledge forms are available at et cetera or from the internet at the website [www.savesaltspring.com](http://www.savesaltspring.com). Donors may choose, if they wish, to allocate their funds to the area they choose, e.g., Garry oaks, or Maxwell Lake watershed. Tax receipts are issued for all donations.

For more information contact Elizabeth White, Salt Spring Appeal fundraising coordinator, at 537-2616.

The gathering was updated on the newly approved \$10 levy by the CRD to acquire lands, and other efforts to secure government funding to help with land acquisition and conservation.

Bill Turner, president of the Land Conservancy of B. C., told the audience that there is a catch in obtaining government matching funds to acquire land because the government will not pay more for land than the appraised value.

He said that Texada has provided land appraisals giving the total for land at \$30 million with another \$30 million for the timber.

"It's worse than what I

thought, but basically it's similar to what I've seen elsewhere in B.C. when a company buys the land and basically holds the community ransom while they try to sell it back to you," said Turner.

**Community forestry and farming initiatives**

Other approaches the community could employ to purchase land and develop stewardship programs were presented. A new Community Forest Group has formed, which aims to start a community forest, managed by Islanders for Islanders. Andrew Lewis said the idea is based on ecologically sustainable forestry.

He said the group plans to work with the fundraising committee to acquire lands for community forestry. The concept will offer educational, research and employment opportunities while enhancing recreational values and tourism, he explained. "We recognize our connection to the land and the importance of protecting it in a more practical way than in an abstract way as parks."

Kate McEwen outlined a proposal to establish farm trusts to protect agricultural lands and provide opportunities for tenant farmers. It was also announced that a new public fundraising and information center is scheduled to open above Barb's Buns at the end of February.

Upcoming community fundraising events:

**Feb. 13**—Natural Health Fair at Fulford Hall: Forty per cent of proceeds go to land acquisition fund.

**Feb. 18**—Concert at ArtSpring to feature Valdy, Bill Henderson and more.

**Feb. 26**—Dance at Beaver Point Hall with live bands.

On your next trip to Victoria stay in comfort with friends at the

**ADMIRAL MOTEL**

257 Belleville St.  
Victoria BC  
V8V 1X1 Canada  
Tel/Fax  
Toll-Free  
1-888-8ADMIRAL

Perfect Harbour

Location

Hotel-Class

Rooms and Suites



Internet: [www.admiral.bc.ca](http://www.admiral.bc.ca)  
[www.VictoriaBCGuide.com](http://www.VictoriaBCGuide.com)  
Email: [admiral@admiral.bc.ca](mailto:admiral@admiral.bc.ca)

\*\*\* Please quote this ad. to receive discount rates. \*\*\*

## John Booy Fine Woodworking

Journeyman Cabinetmaker

25 Years Experience

537-5500

Maker of  
hand-crafted  
kitchen  
cabinets,  
furniture,  
restoration  
&  
re-finishing.

## Gulf Island Glass

SOLARIUMS • SHOWER DOORS • CANOPIES  
GARDEN WINDOWS • SKYLIGHTS  
MIRRORS • WINDOWS • AUTO GLASS

#3 - 327 Rainbow Road  
Tel: 537-4545 Fax: 537-4585

## February is Heart & Stroke Month

# HEALTH & FITNESS



Watch for this special section  
coming in the Barnacle  
later this month!

To advertise, call Alan or Jeff  
at 537-4040

**Barnacle**  
Island Journal

# Happy Valentine's

to all my clients  
and friends.

## Need some help

finding the perfect  
home or property.  
or selling your  
current home or  
business?

Call me ... I've  
been helping make  
dreams come true  
for over 19 years.



19 years experience  
**ROYAL LEPAGE** (250) 573-5515  
1-800-537-4905  
SALT SPRING REALTY

[www.royallepage.ca](http://www.royallepage.ca)  
[gmouat@saltspring.com](mailto:gmouat@saltspring.com)  
**GIL MOUAT**  
537-4900 (24 hours)





# Shining a light into dark, dank corners



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

Poking around under rocks, exposing the slinky, slimy creatures that dwell there can be a lot of fun. It can also be educational and, sometimes more than a little shocking. And, when you know how to do it right, it can be a very effective way to help rid your home of some of the more unpleasant parasites. Knowledge is power and knowing what creeps in the night is the first step toward cleaning up the neighbourhood.

Here on Salt Spring we've just learned the true nature of a newly arrived and very active breed of parasite—The Texada Land Corporation principles, namely: Rob Macdonald, Derek and Regan Trethewey, and Jerry Bordian (Overall Project Manager).

Adrien du Plessis, who has 20 years of experience investigating for the Securities Commission, knows his stuff. Last week he spent a couple of days poking around in the Supreme Court records and found out some pretty interesting things about our new neighbours.

The timing is magnificent. Just one day after presenting the community (a la *the Driftwood*) with its "Code of Principles" the signatories to that document had the rock they've been hiding under lifted by Adrien's deft hand during a Town Hall Meeting to discuss strategies toward dealing with Texada Land Corporation.

Let's take a closer look. In their "Code of Principles," Macdonald, the Trethewey brothers and Brent Kapler state: "Our goal is to integrate sound management practices in a manner that meets our fiscal and social responsibilities."

Would those be the same money management practices that compelled Derek Trethewey to rack up an unpaid gambling debt of \$70,000 at Caesar's Palace in Las Vegas? Or maybe they're referring to the kind of "fiscal and social responsibility" that compelled the provincial government to issue a formal warning to all potential investors when Rob Macdonald and his buddy Nelson Scalbania were ripping people off over the Arbutus Court fiasco.

I think we need clarification on this. Does their definition of "fiscal responsibility" include foreclosures—to the tune of \$452,130.87—like the one issued Jerry Bordian in August 1999? If Texada Land Corporation has such upstanding principles I wonder why they hired a guy like Jerry Bordian to be their Overall Project Manager. He doesn't seem to be all that good at managing his own financial situation. Barely a year before the foreclosure mentioned here he was issued a court order to pay Vancouver City Savings Credit Union \$35,942.80 (plus interest) for defaulting on a loan.

And how about those "social responsibilities?" How do they jive with Derek Trethewey reneging on a \$15,000 loan from a couple in California?

As Adrien put it, "This is just the tip of the iceberg." And, it's not ancient history—the dates on the foreclosures and default judgements, court orders, etc. fall within the last couple of years.

So what are we going to do about it? Hey, I like digging around under rocks especially when the creatures exposed are this colourful. Schemes involving logging in Belize; selling outdated equipment to hapless buyers in Uzbekistan—it's a big iceberg.

And what about you the community? I think it's time to stop paying lip service to the word "community" and start acting like one. Ask your Trustees why they didn't find out what kind of people were buying almost 10 per cent of your Island...and don't accept wishy washy answers. Why didn't they tell us about this deal when they first heard about it? Take some action. Come out to the Town Hall meetings and help organize strategies to deal with these guys. Now that we know what kind of stuff they're made of do we want to continue negotiating "in good faith" with them or do we want to play hardball?



## Articles helped get the word out

In staging last weekend's community celebration, "Our Island, Our World," having the Barnacle's cooperation to let fellow islanders know what to look forward to made our organizing efforts more effective and rewarding.

The opportunity to view films about urgent current topics attracted an excellent audience. The additional chance to become acquainted with the work of many volunteer groups that serve the community, opened many eyes to aspects of our island life that we might have been unaware of.

Thank you for your help.

The sponsors: Salt Spring Celebration Coalition, Ten Days for Global Justice, The World Community Development Education Society (Courtenay).

MAGGIE SCHUBART

## How 'bout those oxen?

Do you think Angelica Havens could be persuaded to write a monthly column expounding "Natural Law?" Her letter last week left far too many important questions unanswered. That "oxymoronic" heterosexual lifestyle, for example—would that be sex with an ox or with a moron of the opposite gender? Or could it be—God forbid!—with both at once?

MURRAY REISS

## Saints or fools

How wonderful that we have a person in our midst who is "pure in heart and soul." She knows the

mind of God, she has an intimate knowledge of the Absolute Laws of Nature, and she is an expert in biology (Angelica Havens, *the Barnacle*, February 1).

Such great wisdom, I'm told, either belongs to saints or to fools, so our esteemed readers will have to decide for themselves where that righteous lady's rant is coming from.

"Natural Law" and "God's word" are almost always quoted to support whatever cruel and perverse beliefs that people can hold. This made it possible for certain people to decide that "natural law," as supported by the "word of God" says that Blacks are "inferior" and fit only for slavery, that Jews are "subhuman" and need to be exterminated, etc.

Ms. Havens is in "distinguished" company. The Nazis used exactly the same "reasoning" that she uses in order to systematically murder at least 100,000 homosexual people in addition to several million Jews, Gypsies and other "unnatural" human beings.

We owe thanks to Ms. Havens for her brilliant elucidation in the matter of human genitalia (human males have penises and human females have vaginas; this is welcome news!) though I notice that her understanding of gender identity in nature appears to be at the same level of her understanding of "natural law" and of the divine will.

Ms. Havens also states that sexual debauchery, and deviation from "God's Laws" breed hate, lies, fear, denial, etc. After reading her letter, I just wonder...

URI COGAN

## Where is society going?

I want to compliment the Barnacle on an excellent review of my Yoga Newsletter (January 11). I was very pleased. John Baxter's criticism of my newsletter (January 18) surprised me. Unfortunately, my response (January 26) did little to quell aggressive attacks on me by the homosexual community as demonstrated by three more letters against me in the same issue, followed by four of the same in the following issue (February 1).

I find this all very amusing! I'm reminded of the Indian tale of three blind men who all felt a different part of an elephant to try and explain what the whole thing was, each man guessing a plausible, but wrong answer. The gay community is likewise like one of these blind men, each groping to put my newsletter down and criticize it (based solely on a fraction impression they know of it). In this case, lack of a homosexual section in my newsletter is enough. However, I wrote a newsletter to promote yoga, not to focus on a word or section I didn't include... how small some people's minds are, to consciously exclude the beneficial (yoga) only to dwell on the "superficial" (lack of anything homosexual) in my newsletter! John Baxter, Aylwin, Rowan J. Percy, Robb Day, Richard Barrett, Jack C. Hallam, Erin Butler and Angelica Havens (people having written to *the Barnacle* concerning my newsletter) have all missed the point!

I expressed this recently in a song I sang. Forgive me if I find homosexuality to be sick and grotesque!

See Society p5

## the Barnacle Island Journal

A publication of Barnacle Press Ltd.

<b>Publisher</b> Jeff Outerbridge	<b>Editor</b> Shelagh Plunkett	<b>Production Manager</b> Peggy Sidbeck
<b>Advertising Sales</b> Jeff Outerbridge Alan Webb	<b>Ad Design &amp; Production</b> Dionne Hurd Lesley Train	<b>Accounting &amp; Office Manager</b> Linda Pickell Lynne Durward

## Contributing Writers

Peggy Abrahams, Arthur Black, Buck, Joe Clemente, Alan Fairlie, Martin Hoogerdyk, Terry Klokeid, Michelle Mech, Amei Parkes, Bart Terwiel, Bev Stewart, Terry Stringer, Alan Webb

We encourage your submissions on any subject, but please include your name, address and phone number. We reserve the right to edit submissions for accuracy, brevity, clarity and legal obligations. Please keep submissions to 300 words or less. The publisher cannot be responsible for unsolicited manuscripts, photographs, or artwork. All letters become the property of The Barnacle. Anonymous letters or those under a pen name will not be published. The views and opinions expressed in articles are those of the authors. Health-related articles are for general information only, and are not to be regarded or relied upon as medical advice.

Copyright 2000 by Barnacle Press Ltd. All rights reserved. Reproduction or use without permission is strictly prohibited.

Printed by Island Publishers Ltd.

## The Barnacle Island Journal

324 Lower Ganges Road  
Salt Spring Island  
British Columbia  
V8K 2V3

Phone: (250) 537-4040 Fax: (250) 537-8829

E-mail: barnacle@saltspring.com

## Office hours:

8:30 am - 5:00 pm  
Monday thru Friday

Other times and days by appointment.



**Society** *cont'd. from p4*

You force me to include it in my newsletter and you'll be asking for trouble! Would you force somebody who created a vegetarian newsletter to advertise meat? Why force me (heterosexual) to promote homosexuality? Therefore, I don't take anything anyone tells me (especially if they happen to be homosexual), seriously (inclusive of the letters people wrote to *the Barnacle*).

I know where I stand, do you? I feel sorry for homosexuals. In my opinion, they're lost. (Do you want your children to become gay? I won't promote it (in the same way I won't promote coffee or alcohol)! If the law states one must, there is something the matter with the law. Even if I added a section like that, I'd warn readers it was a rotten section that I only added against my will and would do what I could to demote it...I'd sooner see marijuana made legal than promote homosexuality! What about rights for heterosexuals? Where is society going?

I invite the heterosexual community to speak up! Are you so subdued as to completely allow homosexuals to take over the world while you "fall asleep at the wheel" and dictate the end of age-old traditions and ethical codes this world was based on? Has the voice of purity become mute? Why haven't people who aren't gay come to my defense? Is there a heterosexual community out there? Speak up!

PAUL BECKMAN  
A.k.a. *Palu Rainbow Song*

**Soup without strings**

Since the beginning of December, travellers along the Ganges Road may have noticed a sign outside the Anglican church that says, Soup's On! Tuesdays, 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. The sign also invites anyone who is hungry to enjoy a bowl of soup and a sandwich without cost.

Let me share some of the comments that this sign has engendered.

"You shouldn't say 'hungry' because people have their pride!"

"No one wants to own the fact that they are in need."

"Some people won't come because they think that there must be a religious catch!"

"They won't come even if they're starving because it's in a church."

Just for the record let me assure those who are fearful that God will come out and grab them if they enter the Anglican Centre: She won't!

They might, however, enjoy a pleasant meal amongst people whose only goal is to see that everyone's hunger is assuaged. They'll be given a warm welcome, seated at an inviting table, served with a bowl of home-made soup, and offered sandwiches and a beverage.

So let me invite you to come and see for yourselves.

Soup's On! Tuesdays, 11:30-1 p.m. at the Anglican Centre.

We welcome the hungry, the lonely, the homeless, children and seniors, or even newcomers to Salt

Spring who would like to meet some friendly people.

We guarantee: no strings attached.

GLORIA DORWORTH  
For the Anglican Parish

**Poetry poop**

Overheard in the otherwise stunned audience at the recent Evelyn Lau poetry reading: "Her poetry...I don't know...it's so...so...I can't think of the word."

With all due respect, I have three suggestions—banal, sordid, insipid. Or, to quote from one of Lau's own poems presumably about her older ex-lover, "vaguely fecal." Lovely image, no? Her poems are full of them.

Also, any more readings as undynamic as this will earn a name change to, say, Theatre Moribund.

ROBB DAY

**Thanks for the party**

Our CD release party was a huge success on January 29. Thanks to Gord and the staff of Talon's for taking care of the full house. We really want to thank everyone who came out to support the release of our CD *Estimated Time of Revival*. We had a great evening!

JOHN & MICHELE LAW  
P.S. CDs are available at Acoustic Planet Music.

**Duck or dock**

With regard to Peter Clarke's article about Dock/Duck Bay (the Barnacle, January 25), if he and enough like-minded locals would

like to change it back to its historical, original name, it can be done. I'm a member of the Canadian Permanent Committee on Geographic Names, a federal board that oversees provin-

cial and territorial names boards (the final authorities). When I joined the CPCGN more than 10 years ago, I was delighted to learn that this was  
*see Dock p6*



A journal as literary as the Barnacle is bound to appear in the most unusual places. Take Ghassa, Mustang, in the Himalaya region of Nepal, population: 20,812.

**TIDE TABLES**

AT FULFORD HARBOUR  
Pacific Standard Time  
Measured in feet.

Day	Time	Feet
8	0010	2.6
FEB	0745	10.8
TU	1330	7.5
	1805	9.2
9	0045	3.3
FEB	0810	10.8
WE	1415	6.6
	1910	8.5
10	0120	4.3
FEB	0835	10.8
TH	1500	5.9
	2025	8.2
11	0200	5.6
FEB	0900	10.8
FR	1555	4.9
	2205	8.2
12	0245	6.6
FEB	0925	10.8
SA	1645	3.9
13	0005	8.5
FEB	0345	7.9
SU	1000	10.8
	1745	3.3
14	0150	9.2
FEB	0505	8.9
MO	1040	10.5
	1840	2.3
15	0305	10.2
FEB	0645	9.2
TU	1130	10.5
	1935	1.6

We buy & sell  
**USED & NEW CHAINSAWS**  
"Jonsered"

Call  
**ROSS THE BOSS**  
Marine & Equipment  
**537-9908**  
"We sell the best and service the rest!"

**HARBOUR AIR SEAPLANES**

537-5525 1-800-665-0212

**SCHEDULE CHANGE**

effective Feb. 7-Mar. 26, 2000

GANGES to VANC. AIRPORT			MONTAGUE to VANC. AIRPORT		
\$58.00 +GST, one way			\$63.00 +GST, one way		
Flt#	FROM	DEPARTS	TO	ARRIVES	FREQ.
801	Vanc. Airport	7:40am	Ganges & Montague	8:05am	Mon.-Fri.
803	Vanc. Airport	12:15pm	Ganges & Montague	12:40pm	Mon.-Fri.
805 <sup>1</sup>	Vanc. Airport	4:30pm	Ganges & Montague	4:55pm	daily
8015 <sup>1</sup>	Vanc. Airport	9:00am	Ganges & Montague	9:25am	Sat./Sun.
Flt#	FROM	DEPARTS	TO	ARRIVES	FREQ.
802	Ganges & Montague	8:10am	Vanc. Airport	8:40am	Mon.-Fri.
804	Ganges & Montague	12:45pm	Vanc. Airport	1:15pm	Mon.-Fri.
806 <sup>1</sup>	Ganges & Montague	5:00pm	Vanc. Airport	5:30pm	daily
8025 <sup>1</sup>	Ganges & Montague	9:30am	Vanc. Airport	10:00am	Sat./Sun.

**GANGES to DOWNTOWN VANCOUVER service\***  
\$63.00\* +GST, one way

Flt#	FROM	DEPARTS	TO	ARRIVES	FREQ.
403	Vanc. Harbour	4:00pm	Islands	4:30-5:00pm	Mon.-Fri.
405	Vanc. Harbour	9:00am	Islands	9:30-10:00am	Sat. only
407 <sup>1</sup>	Vanc. Harbour	3:30pm	Islands	4:00-4:30pm	Sun. only
Flt#	FROM	DEPARTS	TO	ARRIVES	FREQ.
402	Islands	8:00am	Vanc. Harbour	8:30-9:00am	Mon.-Fri.
406	Islands	9:30am	Vanc. Harbour	10:30-11:00am	Sat. only
408 <sup>1</sup>	Islands	4:00pm	Vanc. Harbour	5:00-5:30pm	Sun. only

\*May stop at Maple Bay (Vanc. Isl.), Miners Bay (Mayne Isl.), Telegraph Hrbr (Thetis Isl.), Bedwell Hrbr (S. Pender Isl.), Lyall Hrbr (Saturna Isl.), Ganges (Salt Spring Isl.). One way fare to/from these islands is \$63.00+GST, one way.

Ticketing available through your local travel agents.

**You Could Win**



a return flight on  
**HARBOUR AIR'S Vancouver Services**

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR LATEST WINNER:  
**RICHARD WILLMOTT**

For YOUR chance to win a trip with Harbour Air, fill in the entry form below and drop off at the Barnacle office, 324 Lower Ganges Road. One winner will be drawn from entries received every two weeks.

NOTE: Enter weekly. Must use newspaper entry form - no facsimiles/copies accepted. New draw every two weeks. You must re-enter to be eligible for each draw.

Winner will be announced here and will have 14 days to contact the Barnacle to claim their prize.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Entry valid February 1-11, 2000



## ACUPUNCTURE THERAPY

PATRICIA FIBIGER, MD

Canadian Acupuncture  
Foundation Certified  
Integrative Medicine  
Practice limited to acupuncture

House calls on Salt Spring Island  
Sat.-Mon. 250-537-2037

Clinic in Vancouver  
Tues.-Fri. 604-873-4044

GET A GRIP ON THE DRIP.  
CALL US.



5" CONTINUOUS OUTTERS  
SOFFITS • GUTTER GUARDS

250.537.1501

mail  box

**Dock** *cont'd. from p5*

not your usual oppressive bureaucracy but one whose prime directive was to "Respect local usage."

Anyone interested in resurrecting the name "Dock Bay" needs to write the B. C. names board (I can provide a contact name and address), document the original name and get a majority of locals on side. Any well-assembled proposal is taken seriously. After that, the wheels do turn in their usual slow way and if approved by all concerned, in a few years it will be official, entered into the names database and, as they are reprinted, appear on maps.

ANDREW OKULITCH

## Rainbows group

Some people have been enquiring when the Rainbows group will start again. We plan to begin on February 22, a Tuesday afternoon, from 2:30-4:30pm at All Saints Anglican Centre downstairs. It is free and confidential.

For those who don't know, Rainbows is a support group for children, ages 6-12 years, who are going through life changes as a result of separation or divorce, or the death of a family member. We use a very effective, age-specific program to which the children respond well. We encourage peer support and caring among the children. Our format starts with a healthy snack and social time, a time for play, 30-40 minutes on the program in groups no larger than five children with two trained facilitators, and end with a time for crafts or story.

The program runs for 12 weeks. Sometimes we have a parallel group for parents, and that may be possible in September, but not for this session.

For more information, you can call Mary Ann Benwood 537-4115 or me, Nancy Wigen 537-1041.

NANCY WIGEN

## Stick to the truth

Re: the "Urgent Appeal" in last week's issue of both the Barnacle and the Driftwood in the form of an insert. I phoned photographer Jonathan Grant and asked for the location of the photo of the beautiful stand of timber with stump, rocks and salal. He couldn't remember where he took the picture but with a little help from "Islanders" Fred Howard and Scott Royal I was able to find the exact spot.

This picture was taken inside Maxwell Park, on the right hand side of

the road about 60 or so yards in from the wooden sign at the park entrance.

A while ago I told Nina Raginsky that she should stick to the TRUTH and I repeat that statement to the people who put this flyer together.

JOHN BENNETT

## Sidney not Sydney

Retired teacher Toby Franks must not have really been in a hurry to see a doctor (*Doctor Drought, the Barnacle, February 1*) to travel all the way to Sydney. There is a Sydney I think in Nova Scotia and there is one in Australia.

But the nearest hospital to Salt Spring is the Saanich Peninsula Hospital, Mount Newton Crossroads, near Sidney, our neighbour town. That is only five clicks from the Swartz Bay Ferry terminal.

CY RELPH

Former Alderman

Town of S-I-D-N-E-Y

(Editor's Note: the nearest hospital to Salt Spring is actually Lady Minto Hospital, on Salt Spring. We appreciate our reader's comments regarding the locations of SYDNEY & SIDNEY.)

## That Land, Part II

In reference to Reluctance & Consequences (*the Barnacle, February 1*):

When I visited a friend at one of the five homes ranged along the beach at Burgoyne Bay, on Tuesday, January 25, she was very upset. Her home had been vibrating with the noise and impacts of falling trees.

I made a mistake in that I assumed that Texada was gearing up for a run up Mount Bruce, and/or Mount Sullivan, when in fact they were simply clearing prime timber, some of it over 100 years old, from future home sites, and adjacent areas.

The fact is, according to Mr. Trethewey, in logging update (*the Barnacle, February 1*) that Texada's next target, in their game of Hop Scotch logging, is actually 3,000 metres away, on Lees Hill.

Mr. Trethewey states that, "We have no problems with what we are up to." Why then all the hopscotch? Lees Hill will make 3 shows in 4 months, not including the Burgoyne clearing.

This hardly seems an efficient way to operate when you have close to 4,500 acres to clear cut, unless you intend to leave yarders parked all over the slopes. I'd bet dollars to draglines that most island residents have never seen a yarder in action,

or a skidder, for that matter. Many might be completely fascinated by a clear-cut in progress.

Mr. Trethewey, I think you were right when you said, "The great thing about Salt Spring is the land has so much value. There's a lot of interest in that land." Yes indeed ...

I think that if you have no problems with "What you are up to," as you put it, you might stop dodging the bullet.

If Texada Land Corp. has any real integrity, they might engage in real dialogue, if they were to run into more real opposition, in the future.

The other option of course would be to hide another show on the west face of Mount Maxwell, well out of reach of the public eye.

I rode the Fulford Ferry not long ago, and I really have to hand it to you, Mr. Trethewey, you really made a mess in a hurry on the south slope of Mount Tuam. It bears a striking resemblance to a 13- or 14-year old cut block on the left.

Might I suggest a little intensive silviculture to "salve the wound."

It is very reassuring that you intend to seed the building sites in the Burgoyne in the spring, but that would be in the Corporations best interests, wouldn't it?

Stop the hopscotch, and let people see what you are doing, if you are so proud of it. I for one think it is very destructive, myopic, and totally devoid of any real concern for the land, or the people who live on it.

Others might agree by the 1000's if they were allowed a first hand look, up close and personal.

Would you, Mr. Trethewey, allow the public onto Texada Lands to observe your "operations" or will you do everything in your power to avoid being exposed, for as long as possible?

Good luck, Mr. Trethewey, you may find that there is indeed a very keen interest in that land. I am wondering if part of the ripple effect of your operations will be to see water tables drop, as the price of water at the meter rises.

Apparently land prices in the Mount Maxwell watershed have taken an exponential leap over old appraised values. Rumour has it, 500%. Other property owners in the area should know; they may want to get in on the action. There aren't many homes up there, but I'll bet there will be a sign on every front lawn when they find out.

ROD MCGUCKIN

Letters cont'd. p7

## Saltspring Sheepskins

Warm your loved ones heart  
by warming up their feet.

Quality, cozy slippers. Various colours & sizes to please all ages. Also: sheepskin bike seat covers and full size rugs.

Available now at

Off the Waterfront Gallery  
537-4525

## Unique gifts for Valentine's Day

- ♥ Jewellery ♥ Accessories
- ♥ Books ♥ Collectibles
- ♥ Aromatherapy products
- ♥ Lingerie ♥ & more!

♥ Casual to elegant ladies wear  
at affordable prices  
(new and consignment)

♥ Gift certificates available

Grace Point Square  
537-5955

Mon.-Sat.  
10am-4pm

*Eve's  
Attic*

## AUTHENTIC HERITAGE PROPERTY (6.54 Acres)



With fascinating local history. 3 bedroom, 2 bathroom home lovingly restored to modernize amenities and yet retains original character. Fully appointed guest cottage. Barn, garage, workshop area and roughed-in studio. An impressive orchard of fruit and nut trees. Large level area (approx. 1.5 acres) for market garden. I could go on and on! Come and see for yourself.

Asking price: \$429,000 Call Phyllis at 537-5553  
(Adjacent 12 acres of land also available - \$269,000)

Ask for PHYLLIS BOLTON 537-5578



CREEK HOUSE  
REALTY LTD.

1-250-537-5553 (24 HRS.)  
1-888-608-5553 TOLL FREE

February is Heart & Stroke Month

## HEALTH & FITNESS



**the Barnacle**  
Island Journal

Watch for this  
special section coming  
in the Barnacle  
later this month!

To advertise, call Alan or Jeff at 537-4040

## FIELDS CORRECTION

Due to circumstances beyond our control the Ladies' and Men's \$9.99 Hanes Loungewear advertised in the Fields flyer dated February 9th to February 13th, 2000 will not be available.

Rainchecks cannot be issued. Fields apologizes to all our customers for any inconvenience.



## Sleepless on Salt Spring

I am feeling radical. I am in bed and I am not able to sleep. My mind keeps flipping to the article in *the Barnacle* last week—how the Texada Land Corporation, the Tretheweys the Goliaths, recognize the value of the land they have acquired and have no problem with it. Why would they?

I realize that this whole scene is really madness, and this story has been going on for centuries. We own this kingdom and we will do whatever we want, even if it means killing trees, leaving a wake of destruction and moving on and you, insect kingdom, plant kingdom, animal kingdom, small paupers...people can't do anything about it. Ha ha.

I thought of the other land owners, householders, B&B owners on Salt Spring. What about what their land value will be after the wake of destruction (clearcut)? How about the realtor at work: "Now notice the view from this window, oops oh not that window, that's the window that you can see the entire valley of destruction (clearcut)."

How about the relatives driving their family to the ferry. "Oh here's our beautiful island!" "What's that Aunt Mary?" "Oh that's all the new clear-cut area. There used to be acres of trees standing there." "Gee Aunt Mary that looks awful, I guess I should have come to visit last year."

What's the point? The point is this is really a moment of time on this Island we call home that we all need to blow ourselves out of the denial.

How did this all start? The Trust—how ironic that this group is called the "Trust." How can they be trusted? How can these people sleep?



**ON ICE**—On the West Coast, winter sports don't usually get played out on natural ice. Here on balmy Salt Spring Island though, there is a place where a lucky few (those who know the secret location) can enjoy such pleasures.

How will they feel as they drive down the road after the wake of destruction (clear-cut).

How will other people on this Island feel? What will the conversations be? "Oh my God, I didn't think it would be this bad." "We should have done something! If only we knew!"

I am sure there are people that live here, that think, "What's the big deal? This Island has been logged before, we all have to make a living."

Well maybe that was in 1920 or 1950 and you could not possibly log at the speed at which they are logging now.

We now have about 6 billion people on this earth! Where does all the oxygen come from, and who cleans up the air and who protects us and shades us, and ask for nothing in

return? Who gives us beauty, their colour and appearance and bears us fruit? Trees. This is elementary but maybe it needs to be, because some people seem to miss facts.

The other simple fact is that the goal of Texada Land Corporation is still to level our Islands trees down. Oh yeah, excuse me...their trees.

They are so smart and charming and write the right things and give us token property and say we want to cooperate. They probably think we're really cute—"Gee, look how some of these people are putting up a fuss." Are we that naive and gullible? Action speaks louder than words.

The land around the monastery is stripped naked of life. The justification is money. "We need money to pay our

mortgage for money we owe." Is this supposed to pull at our emotions?

Well don't you think we who live here will be paying as well from the loss of our trees, the damage from the erosion, the unsightly graveyards, lack of tourists? This will have a huge, huge impact!

The other argument is, "Well I don't want people to tell me what to do with my land." This is a weak argument. Excuse me but is there a difference between 10 acres of cleared land for farming and 4,500 acres of clear-cut.

Where are the laws to ban clear-cutting everywhere, over a certain amount of acreage, let's say five to 10 acres, for example? Is selective logging so hard? Does it not leave the land healthy and still profitable?

I don't think the protest here is logging. It's clear-cuts (destruction).

Radical changes need to happen, a change from complacency, denial and apathy, to positive action, contribution and a spirit of cooperation, from all that have their homes and hearts on Salt Spring and love this Island with its wonderful nature that nurtures us.

I for one need to make the radical shift to a place of participation and, I am sure there are others who need to do the same. Are you an other?

Thanks to the people who have been there from the very beginning and have had the foresight, newcomers, middlecomers and oldtimers alike.

DIANE BIALECKI

Letters cont'd. p27



TELL OUR ADVERTISERS  
YOU READ IT IN THE  
BARNACLE!

 **UNISERVE** @ **Tribal DRUM**

**VALUE PACKAGE!**

**\$18<sup>95</sup>**  
Only **18** Monthly

Package includes:

- Up to 90 hours of PPP Access per month
- E-mail Address
- Storage for personal WWW page (up to 2 megabytes maximum)\*

**Tribal DRUM** (1998) LTD **COMPUTERS**  
Upper Ganges Centre  
330 Lower Ganges Rd. **537-0099**

**Final Days**  
**Closing Forever**  
**70% off**  
**All Remaining Stock**  
**500%**  
Across from Petro Can 537-4241  
SEWING CO.



# Sweet innovation

by Bev Stewart

Harlan Olsen, the owner/operator of Harlan's Chocolate Factory, is about to launch a new chocolate specially designed for those who can't or won't eat dairy products. The newly developed product is made from dark chocolate with a soya-based cream centre. Since neither the dark chocolate nor the cream filling have any dairy ingredients, this chocolate would be suitable for people who are lactose intolerant.

Harlan's cream-filled chocolates are all made from top quality ganache filling, whereas most inexpensive chocolates are made with fondant, consisting of boiled sugar plus flavouring.

Olsen is turning 70 soon but shows no sign of slowing down. He's been making chocolates on Salt Spring for 20 years and still works five days a week at his business, always thinking of new products, new markets and new methods of production. He has been experimenting with the recipe for his latest chocolate for many years and his excitement over his new creation shows in the sparkle in his eyes.

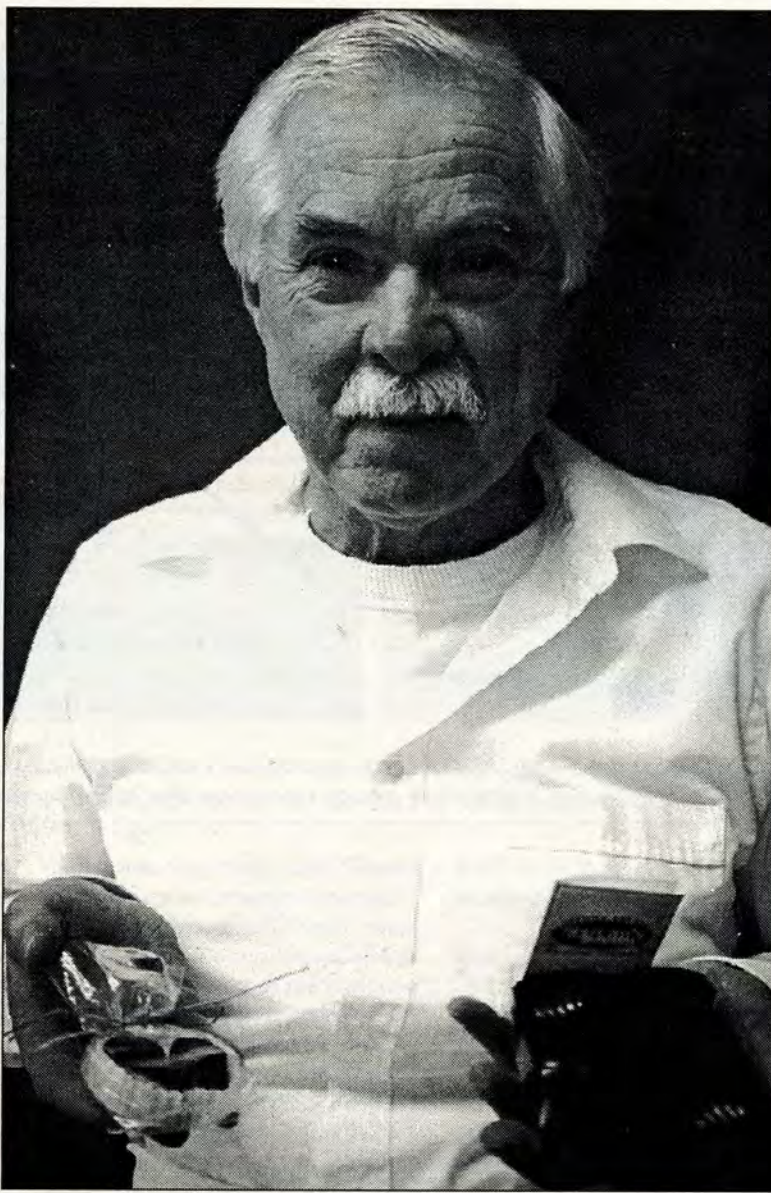
"There's a market for this kind

of chocolate, but how long it's going take to break into that market I don't know," he said, a flicker of concern passing briefly over his face. But his enthusiasm quickly returns as he launches into talking about his next venture.

"The next thing," he says, "will be a sugar-free chocolate." To sweeten this chocolate he may use malt barley syrup or rice syrup.

Harlan's regular line of fine Belgian chocolates includes truffles and bites, foil-wrapped Island Creams, seasonal molded novelty items such as hearts and pucker-up lips for Valentine's Day, almond bark, slab chocolate, chocolate-covered ginger chunks, Bear Paws and Hurtles (Harlan's version of Turtles). Other regular products include fudge and caramel.

Free samples of a new line of Harlan's chocolates will be served in three locations a few days before Valentine's day. They can be tasted at Natureworks Natural Foods, Mobile Market, and Harlan's Chocolates. Boxed amounts of the same chocolates will be offered for sale also.



Harlan Olsen holding his new "simply devine" soyacream chocolates.

# Visionary speaker

David Orchard, runner-up to Joe Clark in the last federal Progressive Conservative leadership race, will be presenting his "Vision for Canada" February 15 at the Harbour House Hotel. During the public meeting Orchard will discuss the "Americanization of Canada" and present his vision of a better future.

"The Liberals came to power promising to end the Mulroney sell-outs," Orchard said. "Instead we are seeing the wholesale dismantling of our nation—from the takeovers of Macmillan Bloedel to Shoppers Drug Mart. In a massive betrayal of our sovereignty and of the sacrifice of thousands before us, Ottawa is presiding over the transfer of ownership and control of CN Rail into U. S. hands. The Americanization of all aspects of Canadian society, from health care to culture, proceeds with leaps and bounds. Canadians deserve better: They deserve a country."

Orchard is a fourth generation Saskatchewan grain farmer and author of the best selling book, *The Fight for Canada—Four Centuries of Resistance to American Expansionism*.

During his speaking tour, Orchard will also appear in Victoria, February 14; Gabriola Island, February 16; and Ladysmith, February 17.

The meeting at Harbour House will begin at 7 p.m. and is free of charge.

## GEORGIA STRAIT CROSSING PROJECT

## PLANNING FOR THE PIPELINE

"The future supply requirements for Vancouver Island are driven by regional load growth and the planned staged retirement of the existing high voltage direct current transmission link to the Island."

1999 Integrated Electricity Plan p 15.

The Georgia Strait Crossing Project is a joint proposal by BC Hydro and Williams to build a pipeline to transport natural gas from Sumas, Washington to Vancouver Island. The pipeline will supply the fuel needed by two new privately owned natural gas-fired electricity generating facilities on Vancouver Island.

In a move toward developing independent power production, BC Hydro initiated a request-for-proposal process in order to:

- meet the anticipated increase in demand for electricity on Vancouver Island
- provide economic development opportunities for the private sector

1994/95 BC Hydro issued a request for proposals for independent power production. Ten projects were short-listed, including two natural gas-fired electricity generating plants on Vancouver Island.

1996/97 Following review by a government-appointed panel, the two Vancouver Island projects were selected and BC Hydro has proceeded with arrangements to purchase the electricity output.

As part of the electricity purchase agreements, BC Hydro is responsible for supplying natural gas to the new generating plants. Recognizing that the existing Vancouver Island natural gas transmission system – owned and operated by Centra Gas – would not be able to accommodate the additional gas needed to fuel these two new plants, BC Hydro commenced planning for a second marine pipeline – the Georgia Strait Crossing (GSX).

1998 BC Hydro issued invitations to qualified firms for proposals to design, construct and operate a marine pipeline.

1999 The Williams proposal was selected. Of the three received, it was considered superior on the basis of technical feasibility, technical expertise, cost and the lowest environmental and socio-economic impact.

One natural gas-fired generating station, to be located in Campbell River, is presently under construction and expected to be in service in November of this year. The second plant is currently planned for Port Alberni.

### GSX Proposed Project Schedule

Nov. 1999 - Aug. 2000	Studies and Public Consultation
Aug. 2000	Submission of applications to National Energy Board (Canada)/Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (US)
2000	Comprehensive Environmental Assessment
2000 - 2001	Regulatory and Environmental Review
2002	Construction of Pipeline



THE POWER IS YOURS  
**BC Hydro** 

www.bchydro.com

www.georgiastrait.twc.com

Toll Free: 1-800-663-1377

E-Mail: gsx@bchydro.bc.ca





# Pushing r.p.m. may have resulted in engine failures

## Skeena's final voyage now under investigation

Attempts to avoid a falling tide and efforts to save costs associated with towing the Skeena into dry dock may have led to the catastrophic failure of two of its three remaining serviceable engines. As Transport Canada Marine Safety branch engages in an investigation surrounding the circumstances leading up to the double engine failure the Skeena suffered during its trip to Deas Dock, disturbing facts concerning that final voyage are coming to light.

As reported last week, the vessel suffered two catastrophic engine failures on its trip to Deas Dock, January 30. At the time, BC Ferries indicated that the vessel had made it into Deas under the power of its one remaining engine. Late last week the *Barnacle* learned that the Skeena had actually been towed up the Fraser River—a fact the Ferry Corporation now confirms.

The *Barnacle* has also uncovered other disturbing facts concerning the final voyage of the Skeena Queen.

Since cracks were discovered last summer in the Skeena's engines, it has been operating under a modified Operating Certificate, issued by Transport

Canada. Called a Special Inspection Certificate, this document placed certain restrictions on the vessel. It was, for example, restricted to operating at no greater than 600 r.p.m. in order to reduce vibrations and therefore the chances of further engine problems. Despite these precautions, for several months now one of the vessel's four engines has been totally inoperable, so it's been operating on three engines.

The Operating Certificate for the Skeena Queen expired at the end of January, and in the weeks leading up to that date, BC Ferries attempted to convince Transport Canada Marine Safety Branch to extend it. The *Barnacle* has learned that Transport Canada refused to do so, despite several requests from the Ferry Corporation. BC Ferries even asked for a certificate which would have permitted the Skeena to operate without passengers. This would have allowed the vessel to be moved to drydock at a more opportune time, without having to pay the huge costs of having her towed. Transport Canada was concerned enough about the safety of the

vessel that they refused even that request. The Ferry Corporation was told that the Skeena was not permitted to move under its own power after January 31.

At approximately 11:50 a.m. on January 30 the Skeena Queen left Fulford Harbour for Deas Dock. At 12:30 p.m., in the vicinity of Mayne Island, engine #4 suffered a catastrophic failure (leaving two serviceable engines). At about 3 p.m., as the vessel entered the South Arm of the Fraser River, engine #3 suffered the same fate (leaving one engine). She was then towed the remaining miles to drydock.

Although the ship's logs indicate the Skeena was operating her engines at 700 r.p.m. at the time of the engine failures, sources have told the *Barnacle* that the engines may have been operating in excess of 800 r.p.m. The *Barnacle* has also learned that the Skeena needed to reach Deas Dock by 5 p.m. to avoid the possibility of running aground on a falling tide.

Transport Canada Marine Safety branch has sent an investigator to Deas Dock to examine the circumstances surrounding the double engine failure.

## WC2 lends hand to Salt Spring

by Peggy Abrahams and Bart Terwiel

The Save Salt Spring strategic planning committee got a boost Wednesday when they met with Joe Foy, campaign coordinator of the Western Canada Wilderness Committee (WC2). The preliminary meeting was held to explore how WC2 might be able to support the local fundraising campaign to acquire lands back from Texada Land Corporation.

WC2 has already launched a major initiative to educate the public and raise funds to preserve Victoria's Sea-to-Sea Green Blue Belt, which includes a part

of the land owned by Texada on Salt Spring Island. A report prepared by WC2 says, "The Sea to Sea Green Blue Belt campaign aims to establish a 20,000 hectare corridor of protected land and marine areas linking existing parks from Salt Spring Island to Juan de Fuca Strait."

In an interview, Foy said, "The Sea-to-Sea Green Blue Belt is a tremendous vision for the future. One of the reasons I'm here is that the lands we're talking about are in the target zone. One of the things we're concerned about is that people will come in here, snap up the land

and jack the price up. It's a form of extortion."

WC2 has 27,000 members and more than 40,000 donors, who have supported its past fundraising efforts. The organization is looking into developing a mail campaign to inform its membership of the situation on Salt Spring Island, in an effort to help with the land acquisition fund.

"This is not just a Salt Spring issue; this is about the future of Victoria and southern Vancouver Island. If we want any green space around our cities in fifty years, we must start to protect it now," said Foy.

Quality Doesn't Cost...

... it pays!

Fine cookware & accessories.

Available at

Love My Kitchen SHOP

140 Fulford Ganges  
537-5882



The WorkStation

Ron Weisner BASc

Problem solving for:

✓ Computers ✓ Photocopiers  
✓ FAX Machines ✓ Cash Registers

(250) 537-5058

weisner@saltspring.com

## Who are the women who make our community strong?

To honour & celebrate women of all ages who contribute so much to our community, please send your nomination by **Tuesday, Feb. 29** to:

**SWOVA**

390 Upper Ganges Rd, SSI, BC V8K 1R7

Fax: 537-1336

email: swova@saltspring.com

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Reason for nomination: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Sponsored by SWOVA for International Women's Day 2000



## How well do you know Salt Spring?



Tell us where you think this photo was taken. If you are the correct entry drawn you'll win tickets for two to Cinema Central.

**Last week's correct answer: Cinema Central**

**Last week's winner: Daniel Millerd**

Write your answer on a piece of paper with name, address & phone number and drop off at the *Barnacle*, 324 Lower Ganges Road, before 4pm on Fridays to be eligible for our draw.

February is Heart & Stroke Month



**HEALTH & FITNESS**

Watch for this special section coming in the *Barnacle* later this month!

**The Barnacle**  
Island Journal

To advertise, call Alan or Jeff at 537-4040

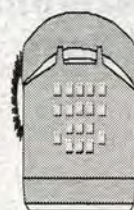
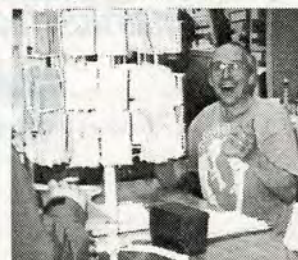
**Ganges Village Market**

**SEEDY SATURDAY**

Community Seed Exchange

Saturday, February 12

10am-2pm Mahon Hall



Year 2000 Telephone Books

Available **FREE** at Ganges Village Market



# We're Back! Ganges Floorcoverings Ltd.

is now open for business

(formerly Burritt Bros. Carpets)

SAME LOCATION:

120 Lower Ganges Road

SAME PEOPLE:

Arlene Dashwood & Tom Hoff

New Phone #  
537-9112

New Fax #  
537-4474

\* Watch for upcoming clearance sale  
\* of old inventory & equipment! \*

island news



Peggy Abrahams photo

**PRESERVE AND PROTECT**—About 40 Islanders rallied outside the Islands Trust office February 4 encouraging local trustees to take a more active role in the Texada lands issue. Bearing signs with messages like, "Preserve and Protect Before There's Nothing Left," those gathered hoped to send a message of support to Trustees. "Where there's a will, there's a way; and we want to let the Trust know there's a lot of islanders who will back them up on this," said one of the organizers.

## Honouring women

by Amei Parkes

From an art show, to live music, to poetry readings honouring the achievements of women—Salt Spring Island is going to mark International Women's Day (IWD), with millennial magnitude.

This year, the week-long celebration is also going to celebrate individual "women who make our community strong," according to SWOVA's (Salt Spring Women Opposed to Violence and Abuse) call for nominations.

Janice McLean, a planning committee member of IWD events, encourages Salt Spring men and women to nominate women of all ages, backgrounds and professions, like the teacher who promotes fine arts programmes in schools, the mother who rallies support for traffic safety, or the woman who helps organize the 4-H club.

"These may be women who have or may not have been publicly honored," she said. "It could be women from any activity—education, environment, the arts, business, or women who have been particularly caring in their own neighborhood."

The nomination process is sim-

ple, said McLean. On the application form, due February 29, it asks who you want to nominate and why. Twenty women will be selected and the community will have an opportunity to pay tribute to them at a special evening at ArtSpring on Thursday, March 9.

"We hope that celebrating women and their accomplishments will inspire and support all of us to participate in the community," said McLean.

Also at this year's IWD festivities will be a week-long art show at ArtSpring (March 4 - 11). The opening, on March 5 from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m., will be filled with music and poetry.

What's being billed as "the gala entertainment evening" happens Thursday, March 9, at ArtSpring. Doors open at 7:30 p.m. At this "House a-Fire" concert, Rhiannon and Jami Sieber, Julie Wolf—from the Ani DiFranco band—and Marquinho Brasil will be headlining the night's musical line-up.

IWD was not always associated with fun and celebration. Its roots span over three centuries, tracing back to labour strikes in the United

States in the late 19th century and early 20th century. Workers were protesting poor working conditions and low wages in the textile industry, which employed many women. In the years since, women have gained the vote and much more—equality under the law and a more prominent place in all aspects of society.

Year 2000 also marks the 30th anniversary of the Canadian report from the Royal Commission on the Status of Women.

"That [document] pointed out a lot of the inequalities and pointed directions where improvements could start happening," said McLean.

In 1977, the United Nations officially called on all countries to set aside a day to recognize women's advancements. IWD is now celebrated throughout the world. Its symbols, adopted from the labour movement at the turn of the century, are bread, to represent security, and roses, to represent quality of life.

To nominate a Salt Spring woman, fax SWOVA (537-1336) or email SWOVA at (swova@saltspring.com).

Frame for  
their Heart!



A picture is worth a thousand words...

...treasured even more when you  
FRAME IT for your valentine!

Choose from the largest  
selection available  
on Salt Spring.

priced from \$1.49



105 Hereford Avenue • 537-9917 • Mon.-Sat. 9:30-5:30

# We Are Done

It took a skilled, organized group to complete our renovation while we remained open.

Special thanks to the crew responsible for the recent changes here!

Hazenboom Construction - Hans, Terry and Paul    McIntyre Electric - Todd, Bill, Bob  
G.I. Glass - Roy, Troy, Kevan    Sonya Franz - Painting    Dale & Amos Lundy - Floor care

Thanks from all of us at Salt Spring Thrifty Foods!

**THRIFTY FOODS™**

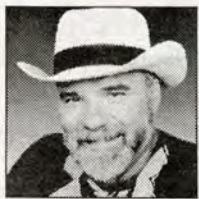
We never lower our standards.  
Just our prices.™

537-1522





# Welcome aboard the SS Wretched Excess!



*Wit & Whimsy ... with Arthur Black*

When does this place get to Europe?

The wonderful (and Canadian) actress and comedienne Bea Lillie asked that question more than half a century ago when she was crossing the Atlantic aboard *The Queen Mary*.

If Bea thought *The Queen Mary* was hot stuff, I wonder what she'd make of the *Voyager of the Seas*. Not to make mock of *The Queen Mary*. She was, after all, state of the art when she was launched in the thirties. Fine dining, dancing to wonderful orchestras, skeet shooting, badminton and shuffleboard for the restless.

But then there's *Voyager of the Seas*—the latest ship in the Royal Caribbean fleet. *V of the S* is nearly a quarter of a mile from stem to stern—1,020 feet, to be exact. Which is to say the length of three football fields laid end to end. She boasts 14, count 'em 14, passenger decks; not one, but three swimming pools; a health club; the largest casino at sea and—wait for it—an 80-foot high climbing wall; an in-line skating track; a full-size basketball court and...a golf course.

That's correct. A nine-hole golf course. At sea.

Did I mention the ice-skating rink? The four-storey indoor shopping/entertainment boulevard? They come with your cruise aboard *Voyager of the Seas*, too. Now, I know this is supposed to be terribly splendid, but I went on a Caribbean cruise once. Six islands. Miami to Miami return. The most boring vacation of my life.

Ocean cruises aren't about cruising on the ocean. They're about pretending you're back home, having a night on the town in Dubuque or Scarborough. The ships have huge stabilizer fins port and aft to make sure you're not "disturbed" by the ocean waves. Everything is designed to insulate you, make you feel "right at home."

I woke up each morning to find a brochure tucked underneath my door, outlining all the "fun activities" in store for me that particular day. A stroll around the deck was torpedoed by some grinning gofer handing out badges to pin on your shirt. "Shows you're into exercise" says the grinner. "You get points for

every circuit you make of the deck. Winner gets to sit at the Captain's Table."

And there are the usual urban distractions. Casinos. One-armed bandits. A cheesy stand-up comedian telling corny jokes in a faux nightclub.

Even the excursions ashore are micro-managed to make sure you don't get mired down in, well, that island's particular culture. Passengers are led ashore in closely monitored squads and admonished to "stay with the group" and not to go in any shops that aren't on the cruise directors Recommended List. Result: You have to look up the ship's itinerary to figure out what island you're visiting.

If wretched excess is your bag, then the ocean cruise is for you. You'll be served more food than you could ever eat, and you'll receive so much encouragement to shop and drink and dine and be entertained you'll think you're Donald Trump. Oh yes, and you'll share it all with more people than you dreamed could ever stand on the same ship at the same time.

*Voyageur of the Seas* has cabins for 3,118. Add to that the 1,020

crew members on board to cater to your every whim and you've got a floating community the size of a respectable Canadian town.

The question is: When does a ship stop being a ship and become an island?

The seagoing monstrosity that is *Voyager of the Seas* is so mammoth only a handful of ports in the world can accommodate it. If ships get any bigger they'll be applying for a seat at the United Nations.

Reminds me of the story about a guy who finds himself aboard one of the biggest of the big ocean liners. The ballroom alone is as big as a football stadium. A seat at the back of the "night club" feels like a seat in the bleachers at Skydome. Everything is BIG. Naturally, the guy starts eating big. And drinking big. One night, after one too many bird-bath martinis, the guy staggers up to a waiter and asks for directions to the washroom. He gets them and stumbles off, but soon becomes disoriented, takes a wrong turn, and ends up doing a two-and-a-half gainer into the Olympic-sized swimming pool. He comes to the surface, sees a handful of faces looking down at him, and screams "Don't flush! Don't flush!"

## Who put the Saint in Valentine's Day?

*Curiosities of Culture ... with Peggy Abrahams*

On Valentine's Day, while you eat your heart out guessing who your secret admirer might be, remember to pay homage to Saint Valentine, the patron saint of lovers. During the Middle Ages, St. Valentine's Day was a Christian festival commemorating the martyrdom of an Italian saint named Valentine. One version of history says that Valentine was a priest, said to have died on February 14, in the year 269.

At that time, Emperor Claudius was frustrated in his attempts to bolster the Roman army. It seemed that men of the day were content to stay at home with their wives and families, rather than volunteer for the army. So Claudius banned weddings and engagements in Rome, hoping that if men couldn't marry it would be easier to lure them into service.

In defiance of Claudius, the

Roman priest Valentine married couples secretly. Finally, Valentine was discovered, and condemned to death. While he waited in jail, his admirers would visit, bringing flowers and letters. One his most faithful supporters was the daughter of the prison guard. On the day he was to die, Valentine wrote her a letter thanking her for her loyalty and friendship. It was signed, "Love from your Valentine."

It turned out that Valentine was executed on the holiday that honored Juno, the Roman goddess of woman and marriage. This holiday was followed by the festival of Lupercalia, when boys drew the names of girls from a jar, and then paired up with them for the festivities. Sometimes the pairs lasted a year, and often the couples would fall in love and later marry. In 496, in an effort to stop this pagan festival, Pope

see Saint p27

WOW!

Video  
Madness

\$1.49

All Titles

Including new releases

Feb. 8-14/2000

FREE  
MOVIE  
RENTAL

with every \$25.00 min.  
grocery purchase.  
(except oil, feed,  
tobacco and  
newsstand.)



PATTERSON  
MARKET LTD.  
FULFORD HARBOUR  
653-4321

HOURS: Mon. - Fri. 7:30am - 7:30pm  
Sat. 9:00 - 7:30pm Sun. 9:30 am - 5:00pm

PLEASE  
SUPPORT OUR  
ADVERTISERS

## Valentine's Dinner Specials

February 14th is Valentine's Day  
and once again we're offering a special  
Valentines Dinner Gift Pack for 2  
PLUS... Back by popular demand...  
Atlantic Lobster

- ADVANCE ORDERS APPRECIATED FOR DINNER PACKS -

**THRIFTY FOODS™**

We never lower our standards.  
Just our prices.™

537-1522

Fresh, live  
or cooked  
**Atlantic  
Lobsters**  
approx  
2 lbs  
each  
**26<sup>99</sup>**  
Lobsters available  
anytime with  
24 hours notice

Valentine's  
Dinner for 2  
includes:  
• 2-6 oz, 21 day aged Rib-eye steaks  
• 6 jumbo Tiger prawns  
• 1 pkg Olivieri Pasta and sauce  
• 1 mini baguette  
• 1 River Ranch Caesar Salad  
• 2 french pastries  
• 2 roses  
Gift  
Wrapped  
**29<sup>99</sup>**



Open for Dinner 5-9pm  
7 nights a week

Open for Lunch 11:30am Mon.-Sat.  
Sunday brunch 11am

**TALONS RESTAURANT**

Reserve now for our special  
**Valentine Day's Menu-Feb. 14**

**\*Vegetarian Thursday Night\***  
Featuring Bob Twaites & Janthra from  
Lynda "Dares to be Different."  
**Every Thursday - 5-10pm**

- Licensed -  
On the waterfront next to Centennial Park - 537-8585

**The Fulford Inn**

**Attention Fulford!**  
We now deliver our famous  
**2 for 1 pizza FREE!**

Coming February 18 & 19  
**BLUES WEEKEND!**

at the head of Fulford Harbour • Phone: 653-4432

**For Your Valentine**

Enjoy a chocolate bath for two, includes a body exfoliation and hydrotherapy bath filled with real cocoa, milk, cocoa butter and essential oils. Your skin will be as soft as silk and smell good enough to eat!

**\$70.00** One person  
**\$110.00** 2 people (couple)

(Comes complete with chocolate truffles.)  
Gift certificates available

**Skin Sensations**  
Day Spa by the Sea

2102 Grace Pt. Square • 537-8807  
www.skinsensations.com

**Valentine's Day**

Ask about our beautiful selection of exotic Ecuadorian Roses

**Flowers by Arrangement**

call Beth  
537-9252

We deliver

**This Space Available**  
call 537-4040

# Community

## FEBRUARY 8-20

### 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 **Anastacia Wilde**, writer and composer. She arrived on Salt Spring from Quebec four years ago, determined to leave her career as a carpenter behind and move into the healing arts. She is a registered hypnotherapist and massage practitioner with a passion for languages, old movies and an emerging enthusiasm for classical music. She had long dreamed of a house with a piano overlooking the water—and here she is!

**The Book:** "I love to read plays and am especially fond of Henrik Ibsen. I love the banter—he was a feminist before feminism, a socialist and an outcast for his views. Brilliant man! The Lebanese poet Ghalil Gibran would be a second choice."

**The Disc:** "Tough, I wouldn't be able to choose one CD. I would prefer a grand piano. Preferably with a brilliant female pianist hidden inside so I could continue to work on my technique—perhaps Mozart's very talented sister!"

**Visitor:** "Jesus. I'm actually a buddhist but I'd love to get past all the distortions and hear what his true teaching is. If He was busy, I'd like Katharine Hepburn in her prime!"

## TUESDAY FEBRUARY 8

- Storytime with Jean Voaden**  
Library. 10am
- Joe Benge Photographs.**  
Sweet Arts Café to Feb 28
- Maureen Garbarino**  
Images of Tuscany. Paintings.  
Luigi's Pizza to Feb 28
- Margaret Threlfall**  
Watercolours. Bristol HairCutter  
to Feb. 28
- Soup's On.**  
Free soup and sandwich. 11:30-1pm
- Old Time Logging**  
SSI Historical Soc. Panel discussion. Central Hall. 2pm
- Genetically Engineered Foods** Action meeting. GISS. Room 206. 7:30pm
- Kindergym**  
Parc Portable. 9-10:30am
- Flexible Strength**  
All Saints. 9-10am
- Boot Camp**  
All Saints. 5-6pm
- Volleyball**  
(co-ed) Fulford & GISS Gym. 7:30-9:30pm

Old Time Logging

## WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 9

- Wednesday Night Live**  
Open Stage. Moby's Pub. 9pm
- Centering Prayer**  
Contemplative Centre. 7:30am
- S. End Centering Prayer**  
St. Mary's Fulford. 11am
- Heart Dance: Sufi Sacred Circle**  
380 Stark Rd. Studio. 7:15-9pm.
- Taoist Tai Chi**  
United Church. 7-8pm.
- School District #64**  
Trustee meeting. Fernwood Elem. 1pm
- GISS PAC**  
High School Library 7pm
- SSI Rod & Gun Club AGM**  
221 Long Harbour Rd. 8pm
- OAPO Branch Social**  
Music by Phil Fischer & Friends. Central Hall. 2pm
- Ease into Fitness**  
Mahon Hall. 9-10am
- Step into Shape**  
All Saints. 9-10am.
- Soccer**  
Co-ed Drop-in. Portlock. 2pm
- Circuit Challenge**  
Fulford Gym. 6:30-7:30pm

# Happy Valentine's Day

## Legend

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

## CALENDAR CONTACT:



**Elizabeth Courtney**

Ph: 537-4040  
Fax: 537-8829

email:  
barnacle@saltspring.com

## MONDAY FEBRUARY 14

- Valentine's Day**
- Midnight Café**  
Acoustic Jam.  
Rose's Cafe. 7pm
- Susheela—Songs of Love & Remembrance.**  
Moby's Pub. 7pm
- Valentine's Dance**  
Brent Streeper 8pm & Tragically Hick 9pm.  
Harbour House Hotel.
- Kabir Helminski**  
Study Group.  
Contemplative Centre. 10am. Info: 537-1657
- Taoist Tai Chi**  
United Church. 7-8pm.
- Fly tying**  
Newman's Great Outdoors. 5-9pm
- Step in Shape**  
All Saints. 9-10am
- Ease into Fitness**  
Mahon Hall. 9-10am
- Circuit Challenge**  
Fulford Gym. 6:30-7:30pm
- The Talented Mr. Ripley**  
7:30

## TUESDAY FEBRUARY 15

- A Vision for Canada**  
David Orchard. Harbour House Hotel. 7-10pm
- Storytime with Jean Voaden**  
M H Memorial Library. 10-10:30am
- Soup's On**  
Free soup and sandwich. All Saints. 11:30-1pm
- Dr. William Nielson, Urologist**  
SSI Prostate Cancer Support Group Lions Hall. 2-4pm
- Kindergym**  
Parc Portable. 9-10:30am
- Flexible Strength**  
All Saints. 9-10am
- Boot Camp**  
All Saints. 5-6pm
- Volleyball**  
(co-ed) Fulford & GISS Gym. 7:30-9:30pm
- Snow Falling on Cedars**  
6:45
- The Talented Mr. Ripley**  
9:15

## WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 16

- Centering Prayer**  
Contemplative Centre. 7:30am
- S. End Centering Prayer**  
St. Mary's Fulford. 11am
- Taoist Tai Chi**  
United Church. 7-8pm.
- Living language**  
Sacred Dance class. Beaver Point Hall. 2pm
- Wellness Programme**  
Meds & Nutrition for Arthritis. SSSeniors' Services Soc. 2pm
- Ease into Fitness**  
Mahon Hall. 9-10am
- Step into Shape**  
All Saints. 9-10am.
- Soccer**  
Co-ed. Drop-in. Portlock. 2pm
- Circuit Challenge**  
Fulford Gym. 6:30-7:30pm

Seedy Saturday

## the Barnacle

NOTE: your listing in the Community Calendar is sponsored by the advertisers on this page. Please help us keep this calendar as current, up-to-date and extensive as possible and please support its sponsors. If you would like to see your event listed in the Community Calendar, you can drop by the Barnacle office at 324 Lower Ganges Road, and pick up a form to fill out. Or you can send us a fax: 537-8829, or e-mail: barnacle@saltspring.com

If you find an error in any of these listings, please give us a call and we'll correct our error! Thanks!



## Enter our March Birthday Draw!

Someone you know celebrating a March birthday? Enter their names at the Great Canadian Dollar Store before the end of February and they could win some great prizes!



**GVM Mall 537-2480**  
open 7 days a week 10-5pm

## Lunch Special

Monday thru Friday

**Soup of the Day and Sandwich 5.45**

**SEASIDE KITCHEN**  
in Vesuvius

Open 10am-8pm daily • 537-2249





# Giving Island students the skills to say "no"

**Benefits of DARE programme go well beyond drug and alcohol awareness, say police and teachers**

by Michelle Mech

Constable Jeff West is teaching students how to "dare to resist drugs and violence." West, who has three young children of his own, attended a two-week training course held in Edmonton last fall and is now well into the process of teaching DARE (Drug Abuse Resistance Education) to Elly Parker's Grade 6 French Immersion class—the first Salt Spring students to benefit from the programme.

The DARE programme started in Los Angeles in the early 80s and was originally designed by their education board. It has been revised along the way and in the early 90s the Edmonton police were the first to start utilizing DARE in Canada. Over the last two years, B. C. has taken on teaching this programme in schools.

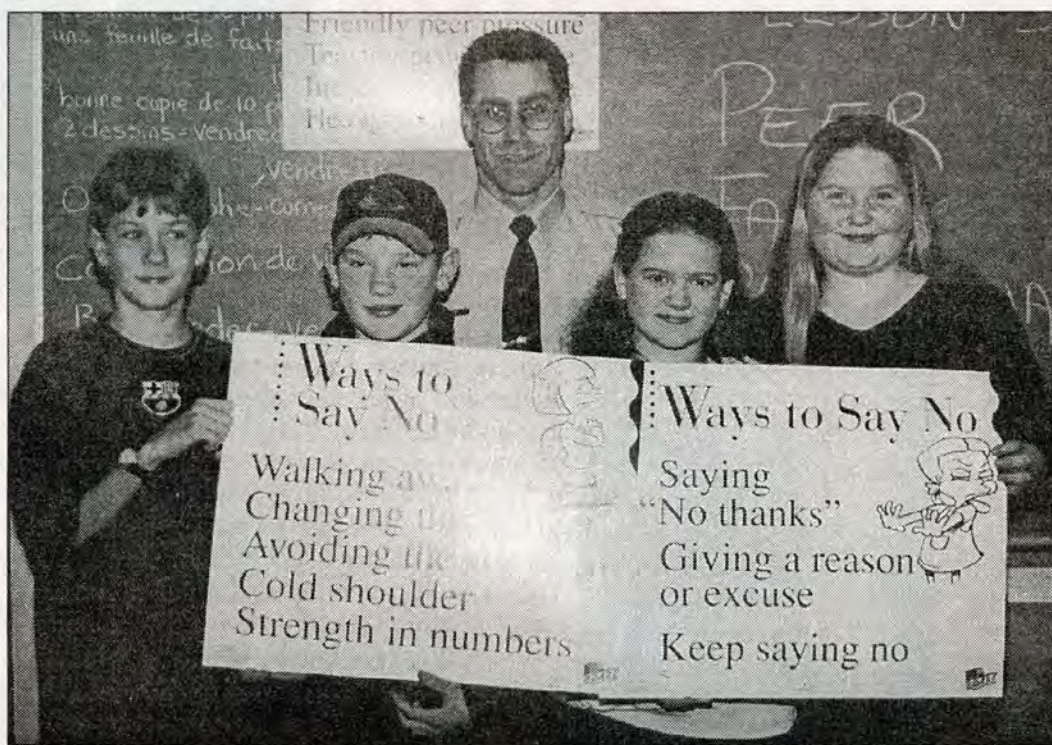
Why grade 6? "Statistics collected in the U. S. A. show that at the grade 7 level, 14 per cent of students have been intoxicated at least once. We in Canada parallel fairly closely, usually one or two per cent less," said West. This and other studies have shown that this type of programme is most effective when taught to grade 5 or 6 students.

Is there enough of a drug and violence problem on the island to warrant the DARE programme? There are probably countering misconceptions on Salt Spring. On the negative side, "besides alcohol and marijuana use by young people, harder drugs such as cocaine, and even to some degree, the newer designer drugs, have a finger-hold at the school level," West explained. Parents would be fooling themselves to think that alcohol and marijuana are the only drugs on the Island, he said.

In addition, the marijuana being used today is three to five times more potent than the marijuana of the 70s. And, West said, student alcohol consumption, the most common drug abuse problem, runs the gamut from experimental to borderline alcoholic.

"Small communities are not immune to the influence and effects of illicit or illegal drugs. There isn't a big difference in habits here compared to the lower Mainland," said West who worked on drug and alcohol related issues in Surrey for seven years before moving to Salt Spring.

On the positive side, "The majority of high school or



Constable Jeff West and members of Elly Parker's Grade 6 class during a recent DARE lesson.

pre-high school kids are fine. It is only a small percentage that participate in the use of these drugs and/or are involved in violence," said West.

What is DARE all about? The Grade 5/6 one-hour courses deal with such topics as self esteem, effects of drugs, consequences, managing stress, making decisions, reducing violence, and resisting gang and group violence. A "role model" session will see five GISS students coming to talk and answer questions, while "taking a stand" will have students write an essay on why they would like to stay drug and alcohol free.

"Some of the resulting compositions can be very thought-provoking," said West.

The actual curriculum is research-based and designed to appeal to all three learning types: visual, auditory and kinesthetic. With key points in each session and very little homework, lessons are designed to be interactive and fun. They are really another aspect of youth education, incorporating life skills like essay writing, role playing and acting, and speaking in front of the class, thus providing spin-off benefits.

A recent session began with a review of the previous lesson on types of pressure, during which students were quick to provide answers and obviously remembered

the previous lesson well. They then moved on to deal with eight "Ways to Say No" (to alcohol, drugs, and cigarettes) and all following discussion and exercise focussed on these.

The kids exhibited a lot of enthusiasm as they practiced the eight methods at the front of the class, first in pairs, and then in group skits, designed by the students themselves, combining both pressure and ways to say no.

Does DARE really work? West explained that a tangible success rate is hard to measure since effects may occur the following year, in two years, or 10 years down the road. But the programme has been proven to work quite well and West stated that there are many ways to gauge DARE's success.

One is the positive response and feedback he is receiving in the classes, while another is the fact that, "25 more kids are comfortable with the police in general, and now know me." Another positive spin-off is increased general awareness through DARE's tie-in with supportive agencies such as MacMillan

Bloedel and our local Rotary Club, who respectively sponsored West's and the student's training.

Will the DARE programme expand in the future? Next year, time permitting, West is hoping that there will be a Fall and Spring session, so as to include two grade 6 classes. As well, he hopes to see two other elementary schools reached with DARE talks. In B. C., the aim over the next two-year period is to increase the number of trained officers from the current 150-160 to 500.

"[The positive effect of the programme] is not just in the content, but the process as well. Not just information on drugs and pressure, but the process of letting them try out the lessons in a safe, classroom environment. In this way, they will be more likely to use what they've learned in the real world," said Parker.

The per student cost of DARE is \$15 to \$20 and financial contributions to the ongoing programme are greatly appreciated. These can be made through the Rotary Club by purchasing one or more of the commemorative tiles that are being installed in Rotary Marine Park, behind Thrifty's.

DARE's 17 lesson programme at SIMS started at the end of November and will culminate in early May.

## Youth Crime Prevention

# Drugs and alcohol use behind many youth crimes

by Shelagh Plunkett

Myranda O'Byrne and Richard Kerr have reached the mid-point in their Youth Crime Prevention Project. Having compiled information from hundreds of Island sources—youth, parents, teachers, social service providers, RCMP—they have developed a comprehensive picture of youth crime on Salt Spring Island. That picture includes the types of youth crime of greatest concern to the community, factors commonly contributing to youth crime, what's being done now and what could be done in the future to reduce youth crime on the Island.

In a progress report issued last week, Kerr and O'Byrne state an informal survey of high school students found that illegal drug and

alcohol use is the number one concern of youth, as well as adults. Some students reported that others as young as 13 years (Grade 7) are using drugs and alcohol. Of significant concern was the on-Island availability of cocaine, heroin, LSD, crack and other drugs in addition to locally grown marijuana.

RCMP statistics support the concerns of those surveyed by O'Byrne and Kerr. The breakdown of charges (not including traffic violations) laid against those 12 to 17-years-old over the past three years shows that 43 per cent involved drug and alcohol offences; 35 per cent involved theft, damage to property and other property crimes; sexual and other assaults made up 13 per cent; and other

Criminal Code offences accounted for 8 per cent.

Clearly drugs and alcohol are the two greatest contributors to youth crime on the Island. Although the report provides no indication of a rise or fall in drug and alcohol use, it states that research to date indicates no less than 50 to 75 per cent of people under the age of 25 years are using drugs and alcohol.

Some of the reasons behind the high incidence? In discussions with youth and adults, Kerr and O'Byrne were given a long list of suggested contributing factors ranging from dysfunctional families to a lack of affordable things to do that don't involve drug and alcohol.

Kerr said one of the greatest stumbling blocks to changing a

pattern that indicates an increased level of youth crime is a misplaced code of silence. "Youth know who is doing what but they're afraid to speak out," said Kerr. Similarly, adults aware of youth engaging in criminal activity often are either intimidated by the perpetrator or may be reluctant to report crimes out of a sense of not wanting to "tarnish a reputation."

Kerr explained, however, that the commonly held belief that victims are left having to press criminal charges against a perpetrator is false. Using the example of one youth being bullied or assaulted by another, Kerr said the Crown Prosecutor has the power to press charges so long as the RCMP believe there is sufficient evidence to get a conviction.

In other words, the youth who's been assaulted does not have to face the ordeal of pressing charges or even of having to appear as a witness if there are other witnesses to the assault.

Among a number of community initiatives already in place is the Community Justice (formerly Diversion) programme which Kerr mentioned as helping to reduce youth crime. The programme gives some offenders an opportunity to come face to face with their victims, hear the consequences of their crime and work through a mediated reconciliation without having to appear in court.

"Usually when they sit down across the table from the victim and hear how what they did

see Youth Crime p26





# How to Catch a Lover

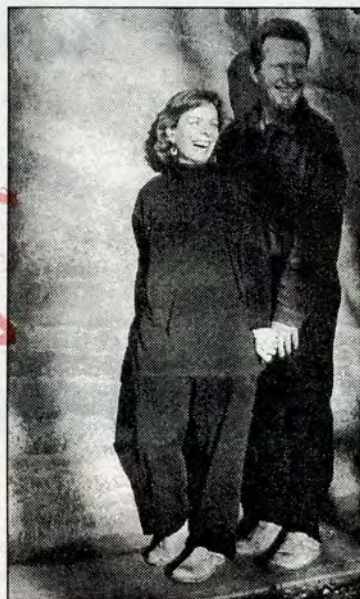
By Amei Parkes

If she were alive today, what would Cleopatra make of Viagra?

Had the mistress of seduction celebrated Valentine's Day, she might have covered the floor with rose petals two feet deep—instead of placing a pill by the bedside table—as a way to improve sexual potency. Cleopatra, well-versed in the power of perfumes and plants, would have had no use for this modern-day chemical concoction. After all, as Shakespeare wrote in *Anthony and Cleopatra*, she could make the wind lovesick by impregnating her sails with a "strange invisible perfume."

Today, the holiday of love is often relegated to a box of chocolates, a syrupy card...or a pill. The art of catching a mate is a serious consumer affair. With everything from pharmaceuticals to Purdy's chocolates out to woo your

wallet, is the art of wooing a lover "the old-fashioned way" relegated to folklore? Marji Ensminger doesn't think so.



This herbalist and owner of Natureworks, the health food store in Ganges, has a list as long as her arm of natural aphrodisiacs, erection stimulators, libido lifters and mood setters.

"They work," she says, according to reports from many customers.

For men, names like TNT, Cobra, plumbtree berry and wild oats roll off her tongue. For women, there's damiana, ginseng, borage and chamomile. For both sexes, try sandalwood, ylang ylang, jasmine, hops and rose, she advises.

She hands me the brochure on TNT (or Tribulus terrestris). "Does your Libido need a lift?" shouts the caption. Dubbed "nature's Viagra," this testosterone-boosting herb has a long history in Ayurvedic medicine as a cure for impotence. Its female counterpart,



damiana, is an aphrodisiac that "can be

traced to the ancient

Mayans, but in modern times it is still popularized as a sexual stimulant," reads the info sheet.

A gardener/writer friend once said the best seduction was reciting Latin. After whispering any arcane phrases into her lover's ears—*Matricaria chamomilla*, *Rose canina* or *Centaurea cyanus*—he would melt into an amorous puddle. Now this incantation of plants can be taken one step further—with erotic results.

When the honeymoon stage is over, for example, and couples want to roll up their sleeves and get serious, a woman can throw a handful of dead chamomile and some incense onto some hot coals to produce an odor which "will render your relationship reposing, affectionate and will encourage tenderness," writes Fiona Chambers in *The Essence, an Environmental Studies magazine*. And take borage. What woman doesn't want to be kissed? An infusion once daily for an entire moon cycle in summer

Say "I Love You"  
with  
the gift  
of flowers  
from  
**FOXGLOVE**

- Roses and Bouquets
- Fresh Arrangements
- Orchids, Cyclamen and other potted plants in bloom

Valentine's Day is  
Monday, February 14th ...  
.. finding the perfect gift  
is easy at

**FOXGLOVE**  
**FARM & GARDEN**  
corner of Atkins & Lower Ganges Road  
Mon.-Sat. 9:00am - 5:30pm 537-5531

Shop in person or by phone  
~We Deliver~



Inquire about our  
selection of:

- Essential Oils
- Aromatherapy lotions
- Massage oils
- Natural aphrodisiacs & stimulants
- Mood setters

Happy  
Valentine's  
Day  
from everyone at

**NatureWorks**  
Health Food Store  
116 Lower Ganges Rd  
Mon-Fri 9:00-6:00;  
Sat. 9:00-5:30  
537-2325

Happy Valentine's Day  
to Everyone!

See our great selection of  
Valentine's Gifts ...

- Wine Glasses • Fondues
- Place Settings • Linens • Watches
- and more

~ Housewares - Second floor ~

**MOUAT'S** Home hardware

VISA • MASTERCARD • HOMECARD

OPEN MON.-SAT. 8:30-5:30 537-5551



See the Ro

Old Salty h  
collection o

We ha



will make rosy, healthy cheeks, irresistible to any potential lover she passes. A pillow stuffed with *Humulus lupulus*, or hops, will cure spring fever, nymphomania and insomnia, according to French folklore.

My favorite potion from the country of love provides a way for men to draw potential suitors their way using burdock (nature's velcro). "Pick six burdock burrs," says Chambers. "On the night of the full moon, attach three to a piece of cloth belonging to your desired one and three to your own clothing. The next morning at dawn, take the six burrs and unite them by throwing them together in a natural area such as a field or grass lawn. Your loved one will



feel drawn to you by forces beyond control."

Men can also offer a bouquet of cornflowers to a desired one on a rising moon. Each time you present your lover with these posies, the more their eyes will come alive each time you meet. Eventually they will fall under your spell. But, warns Chambers, "Beware. This charm does not work in reverse, and it is better not to risk it."

Essential oils can also get the erotic juices flowing. Sandalwood becomes an aphrodisiac if it is blended with rose, jasmine and frankincense. Then wait for the "harmonious scent" to result, reads the Natureworks brochure. If battling jealousy and frustration, drops of ylang ylang, in combination with rosewood and cedarwood, pacify the mind, soothe the nervous system and relieve stress. Called an "extremely calming oil" with a "heady floral scent," it slows breathing and relieves stress. Not feeling confident in bed? The sweet, musky scent of jasmine "liberates the imagination and releases inhibitions." Musk, alone, is a powerful sexual stimulant. Perfumes of animal origin, such as musk or civet, stir up lust or "impart energy to passion" because they are closely related to human secretions. The list of love-weaving plants and oils is endless.

Cleopatra was a pioneer in aromatherapy and herbology. As these ancient arts are being rekindled, the downside is that the oils and tinctures are being sold at top dollar. Our lifestyle has changed from being able to forage for bor-

age. Had she had the choice, the queen who could spin lovers out of enemies might have enhanced her sexuality with a dose of damiana after every meal, instead of getting turned on by a Hallmark card.

Unless, of course, it was filled with rose petals.



## Great "Pair" Ideas at Work World

# 14% off

all in-stock  
regular priced  
items

Sale runs  
February 9th-16th

"Creekhouse"  
152 Fulford Ganges Road  
Mon.-Fri. 9-5:30; Sat. 9-5; Sun. 11-3  
537-2999

**WORK  
WORLD**

His 'n' Hers  
Gloves

His 'n' Hers  
LEVI Jeans

His 'n' Hers  
Socks

His 'n' Hers  
Leather Hiking  
Boots

Something  
Fine for your  
Valentine

Roses are red,  
Violets are blue,  
Mouats has the best  
lingerie and gifts, too!

See our new  
collection from:  
• Warner  
• Calvin Klein  
• Elita  
• Blush



## MOUATS CLOTHING Co.

Monday thru Saturday 9:30 am - 5:30 pm; Sunday 11:00am - 4:00 pm.  
VISA • MASTERCARD • HOMECARD • INTERAC • 537-5551

## Romance of the Sea

has captured seafaring romance in this year's  
of lotions and potions sure to catch your lover.

Have everything for your Valentine



## Income Tax

Personal income tax returns prepared

I have 6 years experience and have completed all tax preparation courses with exceptional marks.

call Lori @ 537-8422

Advertise to every home & business on Salt Spring Island

for only **\$6.75\*** \*liner classified ad  
Every Tuesday, the Barnacle is delivered FREE to over 4,650 Salt Spring homes & businesses.

**Barnacle**

537-4040; fax: 537-8829;  
email: barnacle@saltspring.com

Looking for a rewarding Volunteer Opportunity?

## NEED Crisis & Information Line



If you are a caring adult, NEED offers an enriching volunteer experience:

- receive extensive training
- develop valuable skills
- meet new people
- have the satisfaction of helping others in the community
- daytime training available

To find out more, attend an upcoming information session:

**February 9 & 16**  
**9:30am-10:30am**

Red Cross House  
909 Fairfield Road  
Victoria, or call:

(250) 386-6328

entertainment



and the arts

# Body Biographies

by Bev Stewart

Grade 8 English students of teacher Deborah Miller at the Salt Spring Island Middle School put on a show of their work Friday. Called *Body Biographies*, the work combined collage-filled body outlines with prose and poetry works written by the students. The projects were displayed in the student centre and in the library of the school.

The idea for the project originated with Salt Spring teacher Bill Underwood who initially tried it with a Grade 8 class of his own. He then wrote about its success in *The English Teachers*

*Journal*. Middle School teacher Deborah Miller was impressed with the idea and decided to try it on her English classes. The result was a resounding success, according to both her and her students.

"I feel quite joyful to see them so involved and proud of their work and happy to show their parents around," said Miller.

Brittany Hay, a student participating in the project, said, "I just liked it because it was a really fun thing to do."

The aim of the project was to encourage students to practice the writing process with a topic they're very familiar with—themselves—thereby developing their own writing voice.

Students wrote descriptions of themselves under such topics as *Family Traditions*, *Who I'm Like*, *My Name*, *My Most Mischievous Moment*, *My First Memory*, *A Frightening Experience*, and *Ten Amazing Facts*. Over a period of about six weeks, these written works were proofread and edited.

Then the students made an outline of their bodies on large pieces of coloured paper and filled in the outline with photos of themselves and pictures cut from magazines depicting ideas or things that typi-



Laurel Charlton displays her art.

Bev Stewart photo

# Songs of romance

by Buck

Valentine's Day is just a heartbeat away and Moby's Pub is presenting a special evening of "music for lovers" February 14 to honour the day. The dinner-hour show will feature local singer and performance artist Susheela Meyers.

With more than 30 shows performed at various local venues Susheela is fast becoming recognized on Salt Spring as a singer and lover of jazz. Her material is carefully selected from a host of composers that include Duke Ellington, Kurt Weill, the Gershwins and Rodgers and Hart. "These writers" Susheela said, "understand human nature. They evoke feelings of passion and longing with their amazing lyrics and melodies."

Jazz is something Susheela said she is drawn to from within. "It is

another

aspect of drama and storytelling and singing from different voices and characters that allows me to discover more about myself... I love the sheer joy of singing."

Susheela will be accompanied on stage that evening by Gary Lundy on piano, Ian Van Wyck on bass and Ramesh Meyers on guitar.

So, if tender ballads, romantic show tunes and lots of good old jazz classics are a prerequisite for you and your Valentine, then make sure you get to Moby's early for that special table.



Susheela Meyers.

Buck photo

fied their personalities. Boyd Sloan filled his body collage with pictures of things he liked: Christmas, the colour orange, Ketchup, girls, acting, hair gel, Coca Cola, cars, and donuts. His collage was mounted on blue paper. Heather Meek's collage was mounted on orange paper, the only one on this colour. She

explained her choice of orange by saying, "I wanted to be different and I like the colour."

Some of the students have now gone on to explore other forms of writing. "This project was teacher-directed," said Miller, "But the writing some are doing now is self-directed, and may involve publication."

## DAILY LUNCH SPECIALS

**\$5.75**

LUNCH ..... Tues.-Fri. 11:30-2:00  
DINNER ..... Tues.-Thurs. 5:00-10:00  
..... Fri.-Sat. 5:00-11:00; Sun. 5:00-9:00  
LICENSED - CLOSED MONDAYS

金島

**Golden Island**  
CHINESE RESTAURANT

Upper Ganges Centre - Ganges • 537-2535

Eat In  
or  
Take  
Out

For  
Feb. 11  
to  
Feb. 15



**Cinema Central**



537-4656 - 24 hrs.

**OPEN FRIDAY thru TUESDAY**

## The TALENTED MR. RIPLEY

Fri. & Sat.,  
Feb. 11 & 12 • 6:30pm  
Mon., Feb. 14  
7:30pm  
Tues., Feb. 15  
9:15pm

Fri. & Sat., Feb. 11 & 12  
9:15pm  
Sun., Feb. 13  
7:30pm  
Tues., Feb. 15  
6:45pm

14A

(Suggestive scenes,  
violence, coarse  
language)

2 HRS.  
6 MIN.

THE TALENTED MR. RIPLEY

PG (Nudity, violence,  
course language)

2 HRS.  
18 MIN.

Snow Falling on Cedars

TIDES  
INN

## Valentine's Day Dinner

Monday, February 14th

## Steak and King Crab Legs

Poached crab legs in white wine.  
A.A.A. steak cooked to your order.

## Lobster

Baked Atlantic lobster with whiskey and cheese.

All dinners include rice or potato and  
assorted fresh vegetables.

**\$25.00**  
per person

All take out orders: 10% Off

132 Lower Ganges Road • 537-1097  
Sun.-Thurs. 10:30-8:30; Fri. & Sat. 10:30-9:00

**BUY 2 WEEKS GET 2 WEEKS FREE!**  
in the Barnacle classifieds. See page 23 for details!



# Calendar

This Space  
Available  
call 537-4040

## THURSDAY FEBRUARY 10

- Storytime**  
West of the Moon. 10am
- Sing Along Group**  
Seniors' Bldg. 2pm
- Tango practice/lessons**  
104 Lang Rd. 7:30-9:30pm.
- Salty Wheels Square Dancing**  
Central Hall. 7-9pm
- Christian Zhikr**  
Meditative chant. The Contemplative Centre. 10am
- Community Meditation**  
Marg Simons. Art & Spirituality United Church. 11:15am-12:30pm
- Spinners and Weavers**  
Guild room. ArtSpring. 10:30-noon
- ASA Meeting**  
Planning Summer Art Show. Lion's Hall. 7pm
- Heart Health**  
Pharmasave Clinic. Downtown 10am-3pm
- Fly tying**  
Newman's Great Outdoors. 5-9pm
- Flexible Strength** All Saints. 9-10am.
- Volleyball** Fulford Gym. 7-9pm
- Badminton Club**  
GISS gym. 8-10pm

## FRIDAY FEBRUARY 11

- A Lady of Letters**  
The Studio-116  
Langley Road. 8pm.
- Open Stage**  
Every Friday. Rose's Cafe. 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
- Community Programming**  
SSTV Channel 12. 7pm

Anastacia Back

## SATURDAY FEBRUARY 12

- Library Book Sale**  
Library. 10am-1pm
- A Lady of Letters**  
The Studio-116 Langley Road. 8pm.
- I'm Off My Rocker**  
Valentine Dance Meaden Hall. 7-10pm. Doors open 6:30pm
- Valentine's Swing Dance**  
with GISS' Swing Shift. Fulford Hall. Doors open 7:30pm
- Salt Spring Centre School**  
3rd Annual Dance-a-thon. Activity Centre. 4pm-2am
- Seedy Saturday**  
Community Seed Exchange. Mahon Hall. 10am-2pm
- Flexible Strength**  
All Saints. 8:30-9:30am

## SUNDAY FEBRUARY 13

- Brian (Buck) McDonald & Dave Roland**  
Fulford Inn. 4pm
- Michaela Richards Trio**  
Dinner Jazz  
Moby's Pub. 7pm
- Choral Evensong**  
All Saints. 4pm
- Badminton Club**  
GISS gym. 8pm
- Snow Falling on Cedars**  
7:30

# Monday, February 14<sup>th</sup>

## THURSDAY FEBRUARY 17

- Storytime**  
West of the Moon 10am
- Sing Along Group** Seniors' Bldg. 2pm
- Tango practice/lessons**  
104 Lang Rd. 7:30-9:30pm.
- Salty Wheels Square Dancing**  
Central Hall. 7-9pm
- Men's Breakfast**  
Meal & discussion. United Church. 8-10am
- Community Meditation**  
Phillips Family. United Church. 10:30am-12:30pm
- Wisdom Circle**  
Ideas & Concerns. United Church. 7:30-9:30pm
- New Millennium Series**  
Is Jesus Still Relevant? United Church downstairs. 6-8pm
- Spinners and Weavers**  
Guild room. ArtSpring. 10:30-noon
- Bingo**  
Meaden Hall. 7pm. Early Bird 6:30pm.
- Fly tying**  
Newman's Great Outdoors. 5-9pm
- Flexible Strength** All Saints. 9-10am
- Volleyball** Fulford Gym. 7-9pm
- Badminton Club** GISS. 8-10pm

## FRIDAY FEBRUARY 18

- Open Stage**  
Every Friday. Rose's Cafe. Fulford Harbour. 7pm
- The Blues Weekend**  
Three Chord Sloth & Gary Preston. Fulford Inn. 9pm
- Tango workshops & Dance**  
Lions Hall. 6:30-9pm & 9-12pm
- 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

Dave

## SATURDAY FEBRUARY 19

- Library Book Sale**  
Library. 10am-1pm
- Anastacia's Back**  
Full Moon Piano Concert. United Church. 8pm
- The Blues Weekend**  
Three Chord Sloth & Gary Preston. Fulford Inn. 9pm
- Tango workshops**  
Cat's Pajamas Studio. 104 Langs Rd. 10-12pm. 12:30-2:30pm. 3-5pm.
- SSI Rod & Gun Club**  
Annual Game Dinner. 221 Long Harbour Rd. 7pm
- Living Language School**  
Gateway Ceremony Workshop. Pan Ea Maat Light Centre. 9am-3:30pm
- Flexible Strength**  
All Saints. 8:30-9:30am
- The Talented Mr. Ripley**  
6:30
- Snow Falling on Cedars**  
9:15

## SUNDAY FEBRUARY 20

- Brian (Buck) McDonald & Dave Roland**  
Fulford Inn. 4-7pm
- Pat Coleman Trio**  
Dinner Jazz  
Moby's Pub. 7pm
- Badminton Club**  
GISS gym. 8-10pm
- The Talented Mr. Ripley**  
6:30
- Snow Falling on Cedars**  
9:15

Buck

## A Lady of Letters

Active P.A.S.S. presents Alan Bennett's play



February  
11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup>

Proud Supporter of Community Events

### THRIFTY FOODS™

We never lower our standards.  
Just our prices.™

537-1522



www.mobyspub.com  
537-5559

Wednesday **LIVE!**  
Night

• 9pm •  
Hosted by Charles Wilton

Sunday **JAZZ!**  
Dinner

• 7pm •  
**MICHAELA RICHARDS TRIO**



Valentine's Day  
Monday, February 14th  
"Susheela - Songs of  
Love & Romance"

Full Dining Menu Available Until Midnight  
... ALWAYS!

## THIS SPACE AVAILABLE

To advertise here call:

### Jeff or Alan

at

### the Barnacle

537-4040

Upstairs  
from 9:00 am



The Perfect Setting  
for a Romantic Evening

Special Valentines Day Menu Available  
Sat. through Mon. Feb. 12-14

Downstairs

Serving Islanders since 1979  
**The KANAKA Restaurant**  
Harbour Bldg. 537-5041  
(enter beside the Travel Shop)



Martin J. Hoogerdyk  
Certified Financial Planner



BERKSHIRE  
INVESTMENT GROUP INC.  
225 Cormorant Crescent  
537-1730

e-mail: hoogerdyk@saltspring.com



Get ready for the Spring  
Real Estate Market!

Call  
Patrick Akerman

537-9977 24 hrs.

Toll Free: 1-800-731-7131

e-mail: pakerman@saltspring.com



**RE/MAX** Realty of  
Salt Spring  
131 Lower Ganges Road



## ASIA: 16 CITIES!

Air fare from  
Vancouver

Up to 16 destinations  
in Asia

### \$1499

For adults 55 and over, from: \$1399.  
Air taxes and fees not included.

### UNIGLOBE

Pacific Travel Ltd.  
www.saltspring.provoyage.com  
537-5523



## Make the Match!

A Valentine's Day Contest at Pharmasave



See if you can correctly identify the parents of our staff. The winner will receive a special romantic gift basket to help celebrate Valentine's Day!

See the display at either Pharmasave and enter to win.

Draw date: February 14th

Downtown Pharmasave  
104 Lower Ganges Road  
537-5534

Uptown Pharmasave  
372 Lower Ganges Road  
538-0323

Live well with

**PHARMASAVE**

Over 6,000 people on Salt Spring Island read the Barnacle every week! Inquire about our attractive ad rates and specials! Phone Alan or Jeff today! at 537-4040, fax: 537-8829, email: barnacle@saltspring.com.



Liza and Bob MacLeod have shared six decades of marriage and adventure.

Bev Stewart photo

### VICTORIA

  
**Blue Ridge**  
INNS

**RATES**  
**FROM**  
**\$39 SGL**

Valid to March 31/00  
(Subject to taxes & availability)

- \* Right across from Mayfair Mall
- \* Close to Casino
- \* Indoor Swimming Pool & Sauna
- \* Coffee shop on site

**CALL 1-800-997-6797**

3110 Douglas St. Victoria, BC V8Z 3K4  
Phone: (250) 388-4345 Fax: (250) 388-7613

# 60 Valentines later

by Bev Stewart

Salt Spring couple Bob and Liza MacLeod have packed as much into their 86 and 87-year-long lives as anyone could. Over coffee and homemade cookies, they related just a few of the adventures they have made for themselves during their 60-year acquaintance.

Bob joined the Indian army after completing a degree in Civil Engineering at Queens University and working on the construction of the Lions Gate Bridge in Vancouver in 1936. It was in India that he met Liza. She had been born there, but was raised and educated in England. She was teaching in India when their paths crossed in 1939.

After a three-week acquaintance, the two were separated when Bob was sent to Egypt. Liza went home to England on an Italian ship, which stopped briefly in Port Said, allowing her to meet Bob. Bob proposed to Liza while they rode camels around the Great Pyramid.

Bob was wounded while serving in Eritrea and was flown to Khartoum for treatment. His bearer, a fiercely loyal Indian recruit, hitchhiked all the way from Eritrea to Khartoum to see Bob and give him his army kit!

After three years in England, Liza joined the army and was posted to Cairo. The couple were married in Cairo Cathedral in August 1942 and honeymooned in Palestine. The following year, still in Cairo, their first daughter, Jean, was born.

In 1944, Bob had leave to visit his mother, now in Vancouver. They spent three weeks crossing the Atlantic by ship, zigzagging all the while in order to avoid enemy torpedoes.

When the war ended and Bob took part in the Victory Parade in London, his regiment pitched their tents in Hyde Park. For a few years thereafter, he was military advisor to a general in the India Office in Whitehall. During the negotiations for a free India, Bob went to Delhi on a flying boat—a large military plane that landed on the water.

The couple returned to Canada in 1948 on a

freighter that went through the Panama Canal. While stopped in El Salvador, they were hoisted ashore in baskets, Liza holding one child, Bob the other. Before their journey was over, they spent three weeks in drydock in San Francisco. Still living aboard ship, they had to negotiate a very steep ramp each time they exited or entered the vessel.

Finally settling in West Vancouver, Bob and Liza built a post and beam house on Palmerston Avenue. Bob began manufacturing and importing furniture, and lamps and shades, setting up a store on Granville Street. After a number of years, he sold his business to a brother and went to work for Ladler Furniture company as a designer.

By then, the couple had two daughters and a son. Once the children were in school, Liza opened the Pick-a-Pocket Bookstore in West Vancouver's Dundarave area.

Liza sold the bookstore in 1974 and Bob retired in 1979. Coming to Salt Spring, they designed and built their octagonal house near Vesuvius. Both of them are still keenly interested in books.

But retirement didn't mean leisure for the MacLeods. Liza volunteered at the library until she was 80 and Bob has been busy with such projects as building a staircase down the steep bank in front of their house to the water.

Travel has been a constant part of their retired lives, too. Some of their journeys have taken them to the South Pacific, Central America, China, Greece and Turkey, and Mexico. Oh yes, and they've been back to India. Since their three children now live in Paris, Chicago and Idaho, they meet for family gatherings in places like the south of France and Malta.

When at home, Liza likes to make patchwork quilts and to experiment with recipes from gourmet cooking magazines. They still go into town frequently for coffee and to meet friends. Bob and Liza will shortly be off to Hawaii. And after that? They are thinking of a cruise to South America. Clearly, the sense of adventure that has sustained them for 60 years hasn't died!

  
**alfresco**  
RESTAURANT

**VALENTINE'S ♥ DINNER**

Monday, February 14 ~ 5:00-9:00 pm

**Full Menu**  
*plus*  
**Romantic Specials!**

ENJOY THE SOUNDS OF  
BARRINGTON PERRY ON THE PIANO

GRACE PT. SQUARE RESERVATIONS ♥ 537-5979





# A cornucopia of fruit can be grown here



Life in the garden ...

with Joe Clemente

Fall and winter is a great time to plant fruit trees on the Island. Now that the rains have set in, the ground will start to absorb all that moisture, and all the watering of your fruit trees will be left for Mother Nature to take care of. Once we've had a few good killing frosts on the coast, the trees should be sent into dormancy, so planting them bare root is perfect, with no harm done to the tree. I would still suggest that a liquid transplanter be used at planting time. This will stimulate new root growth. A good size hole filled with your best topsoil will also benefit your plant.

Don't forget about the drainage; fruit trees suffer in poorly drained waterlogged soil.

This usually retards the growth, stressing the tree and sometimes even killing it from root rot. Young newly-established trees should receive ample summer irrigation to keep them healthy and vigorous. Also, a specialized fruit tree fertilizer, be it granular or the fruit tree spikes, will add extra nutrition for your tree when it becomes more established. There are many different varieties of fruit trees that will thrive in our Island climate. Apples, pears, plums, cherries, peaches etc., and of course we can't forget about nut trees either, but I'll get into that at a later date.

Most of the fruit trees do a lot better if planted with another tree close by to assure good pollination, but peach trees and certain

other varieties can get by with only a single specimen. Some fruit growers also like to graft a branch from another fruit tree onto their existing tree to provide good pollination using only a single tree.

I think it's best to do a little research on the different varieties that will grow here, and even taste some of the fruit at the local market, to see which one you'd like to grow. Some apples and cherries are best suited for baking pies while others are great fresh off the tree.

Pruning of your fruit trees should also be done when they have gone into dormancy, which occurs in our winter months. It would also be a good idea to set up a regular spraying programme of lime sulfur and dormant oil in the winter months. This takes care of a lot of the problems that can occur in our West Coast climate. A full sunny exposure will also benefit your fruit trees.

## Heritage plant varieties

# The alternative to genetic engineering

by Terry J. Klokeid

Genetic engineering involves the transfer of DNA components between unrelated species in the hope of introducing favourable characteristics into the target plant. There is growing worldwide opposition to these experiments; they have proven to be highly unpredictable and dangerous in their outcomes.

However, there is a much simpler argument against these genetic engineering experiments: They are unnecessary.

Unnecessary because qualities that make food plants suitable for adverse conditions already

exist within the species themselves, both in the wild variants of domestic plants, and in what are called heritage varieties, which are the ones cultivated and saved by home gardeners and small seed companies. Large corporate seed growers concentrate on the relative handful of plant varieties that are most profitable for them, and so heritage varieties are in danger of disappearing if home growers don't continue to maintain them.

Heritage varieties exhibit tremendous variation, and this variation has often proven to be of importance under various

growing conditions. For example, certain heritage tomato varieties have proven resistant to both early and late blights.

The expense of trying to introduce cold resistance into food plants with fish DNA contrasts strongly with the low-cost selection I was able to do myself in my own backyard. I had planted out seedlings of several varieties, including a few of the heritage variety, Siberia, when an unexpected frost of -4 degrees killed all my transplants. I just left them alone, and lo and behold, after about a week, the Siberia

see *Alternative* p27

## NEWS? PHOTO OPPORTUNITY?

Let us know! Phone the Barnacle at 537-4040

## Cats of the Week



I'm a stray who was found at the north end of the island. I'm an older chocolate point Siamese, a little shy but like to be petted.



I'm a very shy, young Tortoiseshell girl. A caring lady found me in Ganges and called the SPCA. I need a friend who will give me time to get to know them.

Please call the SPCA at 537-2123 to meet these cats and the many others looking for a home.

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

## ANDERSON

APPLIANCE REPAIR SERVICE

Hot water tank, appliance & pump installation.



Prompt reliable service on all makes & models, large or small.

Sam Anderson

Ph/Fax 537-5268

Subsidiary of Tail Technical Solutions

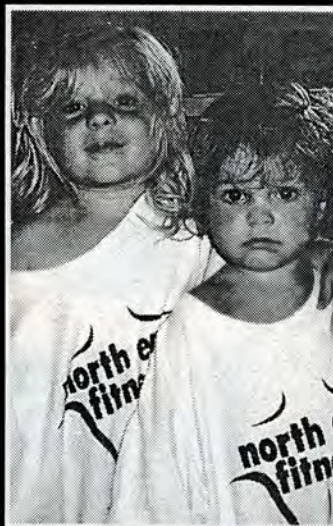
SPECIAL OFFER \$25  
Dryer clean & check-over

Is your dryer safe?  
Lint build-up close to the element inside your dryer can cause a fire!

Be on the safe side...  
Take advantage of our Winter Special!

Sam Anderson

537-5268 pager 538-9000



### Valentine's Special!

Join with a friend in February and save over \$150 on the regular membership price plus Savings Coupons!



# Y2K

## Resolutions?

Certified Trainers  
Aerobics Daily  
Full Cardio Equipment  
Weight Circuits

Fitness Assessments  
Keep your Resolutions  
for about a dollar a day!

# 537-5217

## Valentine's Weekend in the Bistro

Feb. 11, 12, 13 & 14

### Table d'Hote

#### STARTERS

~ Pesto Roma Tomato Salad with Gruyere ~  
~ French Onion Soup ~

#### ENTREES: choice of

~ Filet Mignon Tornado Rossini ~  
(filet mignon on a crouton with pepper paté and topped with demi-glace)  
~ Pork tenderloin with cranberry salsa  
~ Salmon Beaufort ~  
(Filet of salmon, poached & topped with 4 tiger prawns and a creamy brandy sauce)

All entrees include your choice of rice or potato plus a vegetable medley.

#### DESSERT

~ Chocolate Mousse & Strawberry Shortcake ~

# \$19.95

+tax per person

Reservations  
Recommended  
537-4700



I'd like to  
welcome you  
to Salt Spring



Call Marlie Kelsey  
to receive your personal  
welcome along  
with gifts, greetings & helpful  
information about your  
new community.

537-5261

WELCOME  
WAGON  
Since 1930



Take your car on a date to  
Ganges Auto Marine  
for a complete automotive  
service & repair.



**Ganges Auto Marine**  
#3 - 290 Park Drive  
Mon.-Fri. 8am-5pm Below Dagwoods, behind car wash **537-9221**

## Arthritis speaker at Seniors



Seniors Scene ...

with Alan Fairlie

This month's guest speaker at Seniors Services is Elaine Kilpatrick, R.N., of the Arthritis Society (Victoria). Elaine is coming to Seniors on Wednesday, February 16th at 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. The title of her remarks is *Understanding of Medication and Important Foods in your Diet*. Please note this event is a week earli-

er than usual! Elaine has been in nursing more than 30 years, graduating from Saint John Hospital, New Brunswick in 1971. She took her nursing degree in Victoria (University of Victoria) in 1992 and has worked part time in the Arthritis Centre since 1996.

"I spent most of my career with Health Canada (Occupational Health) workplace health—for

chronic but working patients," she said. "I am now semi-retired and looking forward to my visit to Salt Spring, where I will be available to answer questions too," she added.

"A man's a man for all that!"

Thanks to Murray Shoolbraid and the other stubborn Scots who put on such a lively "address" to the Haggis at Seniors Services last week. It does the old heart good to hear the skirl of the pipes and words of Robbie Burns again on his Day!

## Planning for your financial future

by Martin J. Hoogerdyk CFP

Welcome to the New Millennium. Over the past year we have all been bombarded with hype about the fact that we have just finished a one thousand year period and are going into a new one thousand year period. We all realize that except for this being an important historical event, it hasn't made much of a difference to our personal lives.

There are, however, events taking place that are effecting us all. Gone are the days when many worked for one company and retired with a pension plan. Gone are the days when only the children of the rich went on to post secondary education. Gone are the days when most of us only lived 5 to 10 years past retirement. Gone are the days when most were just savers and gave our money to the banks and lived off the fixed income.

Today we are going through rapid changes. Most people will work at a variety of jobs and pro-

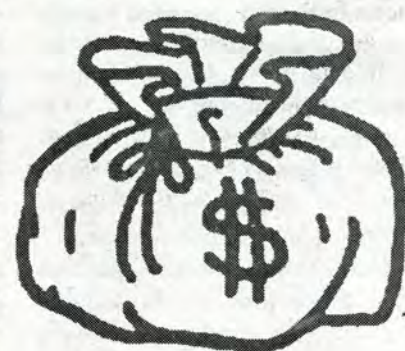
fessions. We are seeing a great increase in entrepreneurship. Many children go on to college and university. We are living longer and have much more time for recreation. Many people are realizing that investing is a much better way to accumulate and preserve wealth.

Although life in the past was somewhat simpler, changes in technology and health care have opened up a new world of opportunities. Many of us are able to live and work in an environment of our own choice. We have more time to spend with our children. We have many more options of how to spend our time during a period of retirement and a longer life expectancy.


All of these changes are good. They do, though, require us to take more responsibility for our financial well being. Our quality of life is much more dependent on our ability to plan well financially. Many people develop a plan or program to keep themselves physically fit.

Many of us have taken steps to ensure our mental fitness simply by being on Salt Spring Island. I can't think of a much nicer place to live either an active or leisurely lifestyle. Statistics show, however, that many people have not developed a financial plan. A personally suited financial plan is as important as physical and mental fitness, to ensure you live the way you want to during the start of the new millennium.

I will be writing a series of articles to help you with your financial goals. If you have any specific questions you can write to me via *the Barnacle*.



**The Gulf Island's ONLY  
Accredited ICBC Shop**



**Guaranteed Painless Autobody Repairs**  
• Certified body men • ICBC claims

**Don Irwin COLLISION** 115 Desmond Cres., Ganges **537-2513**

**News Story?  
Photo Opportunity?**

**Call the Barnacle  
at 537-4040**

**Laurie's Recycling & Waste Service**

**DROP-OFF SERVICE**

**COMMERCIAL**

**RESIDENTIAL**

**Waste & Recycling  
Tuesday thru Saturday,  
8 am - 5 pm** Next to Ganges Village Market

**Waste & Recycling  
Pick-up Service**

**Large clean-ups  
& recycling  
service**



**CALL 653-9279, cell. 537-7904**

*An Island family serving Islanders since 1861*

**Salt Spring  
Transition  
House**

Provides temporary shelter, food, practical support, counselling, information and referrals, and advocacy to women and their children seeking safety from violence and abuse. *This 24-hour service is safe, free and confidential.*

**For information or support call  
the Crisis Line at  
537-0735 or  
TOLL FREE at  
1-877-435-7544**



# Confessions of a flytying addict Well, who could blame them?



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

I guess I'm addicted. But I'm not alone! Flytying is becoming more and more popular amongst fly fishers. It allows them to tie flies they may not be able to obtain elsewhere, especially if they're at a remote location fishing. Most of all, flytying gives a fly fisher something to do during the winter months when the flyfishing is hard or even impossible (not all Canada is blessed with our mild winters)—I call it fishing vicariously.

To understand the fly tyer is to understand the truly possessed! Once bitten by the bug the effect is spectacular. The person in question can talk of little else but fly tying and can be found in the local fly shop or hunched in the basement at a desk with a bright light burning over his vise as he labours at creating a masterpiece. In my last article I omitted my usual fly pattern and found myself chastised by a fellow fly tyer; he had found an avenue for information and didn't like the absence all of a sudden.

It gets worse. Orpha Olm, an Island resident, recently gave me three packages of exotic feathers that had quite a story behind them. In 1962 she was traveling to London, England and an acquaintance, who was a fly tyer, asked her to pick up these three packages of jungle cock feathers and furnished an address in downtown London

near Oxford Street. That was the last time Orpha saw the fly tyer and the feathers lay undisturbed making it through several moves until last month, during a routine clean up when she uncovered them. Having read this column in *the Barnacle*, she graciously dropped them off at my shop instead of throwing them out. The lengths a fly tyer is willing to go to get the materials he needs! (Although Orpha did most of the work.)

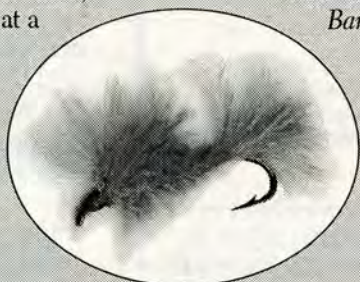
So to keep the addicts quiet here is a pattern to tie and try.

This pattern is fast coming into season. These insects are developing fast now and

if these warm sunny days continue we should see some flying about soon. For those wanting to break the winter doldrums and do some fishing, all the lakes are still doing well with the most recent catch being a four-lb. cutthroat taken in St. Mary Lake two weeks ago. Fishing near the bottom using a worm still stands as the best bet.

Fly fishers try any large nymphs such as the marabou damsel. Salt water is where the real action is! Winter Chinooks are here. Off Portier Pass near the north end of Galiano Island, a 12-pounder was pulled in just this past week. Until next time, good luck and good fishing!

Keith Newman can be reached at his newly opened store—Newman's Great Outdoors—next to Moby's.



### The Marabou Damsel

hook: mustad streamer 38941  
size: 8-12  
thread: 6/0 olive  
tail: olive marabou  
body: olive marabou tied in by tips and wound  
rib: heavy gold wire  
wing: olive marabou



## Soccer Kicks ...

with Alan Webb

Salt Spring  
Riptide 0,  
Gordon Head 4

It took only minutes for spectators to be sure they were in for a treat Saturday morning at GISS. There were murmurs to that effect even in warm-up, but the first time the visitors advanced the ball out of the back, with a string of short touch passes involving nearly every player in defence and midfield, everyone's admiration was won.

After some game forays forward by Yoni Marmorstein and Kevin Brazier in the early going, Gordon Head's superior skill cowed the homeside into an "all hands in the penalty area" defensive posture. From then on the match was one-way traffic.

Darren Saunders, Trevor Sails, and Troy Gardezy proved to be wonder-

fully crafty linkmen, while towering centrebacks Andrew Turnball and Dennis Carson advanced the ball in an assured, heads-up style at odds with their youth.

Enthusiasts will want to take note of these names; they will be heard from in years to come. Indeed, if teams of this quality, at this age, exist widely throughout Canada, the future of Canadian soccer looks hopeful.

Gordon Head wasn't perfect. They lacked a certain ruthlessness up front which allowed the Riptide to hold them without a shot on goal until the fifteenth minute.

Ten more minutes passed before the Dragons hit the back of the net. Eric Wright supplied the goal on a well-taken volley from a rather lucky bounce at the top of the eighteen.

A 1-0 deficit at halftime was something of a moral victory for Salt Spring. If they were a little in awe of their opponents, well, who could blame them.

But Gordon Head weren't finished. The second half featured relentless pressure relieved only by the brief moments needed to kick-off after goals.

A second goal presented itself out of a mass of confusion in the box after ten minutes.

Two late goals filled out the four-goal cushion for Gordon Head when Salt Spring were largely spent physically and anticipating the final whistle.

Salt Spring can take some comfort in the fact that last week they outplayed and drew the only team to take a point from Gordon Head all year. They can also study the game film and know that they have witnessed the yard-stick by which the Gold level is measured and they now have a reference point to judge their own considerable improvement.

## The swing of spring is in the air

Never mind groundhog prognosticators, when baseball is making news, Spring can't be far off.

Salt Spring minor baseball held their annual general meeting February 3rd and selected Gordon Lee as president.

Bill Miles was elected vice-president, Mary Anne McLaughlin treasurer, and Dorothy Kyle stays on as secretary.

Baseball season begins Monday, April 10 and runs to June 17.

Deadline for registrations is Friday, March 10 and registration

forms will be distributed to all students of SIMS, Fernwood School, Fulford School, and the Phoenix School. Forms will also be available at the PARC office at Portlock Park.

For more information contact Dorothy Kyle at 537-9337.

## Sports Pool...with Terry Stringer

DAGWOOD'S POOL Next meeting: Mar. 8,  
7:00 p.m. sharp at DAGWOOD'S.

	Total Points	This Week		Total Points	This Week
1 Ottawa .....	446	24	10 Boston .....	386	14
2 Edmonton ..	435	18	11 Pittsburgh .....	380	7
3 St. Louis .....	433	17	12 San Jose .....	376	21
4 Vancouver ..	420	16	13 Toronto .....	361	13
5 Atlanta .....	407	18	14 Islanders .....	361	11
6 Philadelphia ..	404	20	15 Buffalo .....	359	13
7 Montreal .....	404	18	16 Washington .....	357	15
8 Phoenix .....	398	16	17 Anaheim .....	337	14
9 Dallas .....	390	19			

Includes games of Thursday, February 3, 2000

GOLF COURSE POOL Next meeting: Fri., Mar. 10,  
5:00 p.m. sharp.

	Total Points	This Week		Total Points	This Week
1 Edmonton .....	465	20	9 Buffalo .....	417	16
2 Ice Dogs .....	455	25	10 Bandido .....	315	14
3 Greenwoods ..	448	18	11 Dagwood's .....	313	15
4 Marx Bro #1 ..	444	16	12 Ottawa .....	308	22
5 Toronto .....	439	28			
6 Ane-jo .....	435	15			
7 Dallas .....	430	19			
8 Rangers .....	427	15			

## HAWTHORNE HILL GRAVEL SALES

1730A Fulford-Ganges Rd.  
Owner: Jason Fraser  
Mon.-Fri. 8 am-4:30 pm

Products available	Rate per yard
PIT	5.25
RUN	
3/4 ROAD	7.25
MULCH	
11/2 DRAIN	13.00
ROCK unwashed	
OVERSIZED	12.00
ROCK unwashed	
Fill	3.00

PRICES IN EFFECT 'TIL APRIL 2000

- Other products also available
- 12 yard trucks can be arranged
- Minimum \$10 charge
- PST & GST extra

**537-7797**

## Need a Newer Car?

BUT HATE THE HASSLE?!

# BUY by PHONE

Factory Warranties • Lowest Prices

Here are two examples:

1992 JEEP YJ 4 cyl., 5 spd., hardtop.....	\$11,900	1998 TOYOTA COROLLA VE 4 cyl., AT, power steering.....	\$12,900
---	----------	---	----------

Call Melbourne Check

# Budget

AUTO SALES

~ Sidney by the Sea ~

Call Collect. Check my stock by phone:

**(250) 655-2600**

## Athlete of the Week



### Jordan Lee

Jordan is 8 years old and plays soccer on the U9 "Fernwood Fireballs" team. Jordan also enjoys playing basketball, hockey, and baseball, although soccer remains his favourite sport. Other interests are reading, Lego construction and playing the piano.

Jordan says the most important thing about playing sports is having fun.

He also really likes that his dad, Gordon, is a volunteer coach.

Proud to be a part of the Community.

# THRIFTY FOODS™

We never lower our standards.

Mouat's Centre  
537-1522

Just our prices.™

8 am-8 pm  
7 days a week



# the Barnacle Island Journal CLASSIFIEDS

Phone 537-4040 Fax: 537-8829  
Mon. to Fri. 8:30 am to 5:00 pm  
email: barnacle@saltspring.com

**CLASSIFIED DEADLINE:**  
4:00 pm Friday preceding next issue  
**"HOLD THE PRESS" DEADLINE:**  
NOON Monday preceding next issue

## 100 • BIRTHS

**SHE'S HERE** and she has a name!  
Born Jan. 14, 2000, 8lbs. 12 oz,  
Darby Margrethe. Another beautiful  
daughter for Todd and Kim  
McIntyre, sister to Brenna & Charlotte

## 110 • IN MEMORIAM

### HAYWARD'S FUNERAL SERVICE GANGES



**PATRICK BEATTIE**  
Funeral Director

320 - #2 Upper Ganges Rd  
Salt Spring Island  
Tel: (250) 537-1022  
Fax: (250) 537-2012

110.tfn

## 120 • MESSAGES OF THANKS

**THANK YOU,** Rick Underwood.  
You can do anything and every-  
thing, always to perfection. Thanks  
for your help, expertise and kind-  
ness. 0600

**A GREAT** Big thank you to the  
Barnacle, The Driftwood; the GISS  
staff; Renata, School Board  
Facilities; Bruce Elkin; Ray Hill; Scott  
Iverson; Al Rycroft; Harry Warner;  
Jewel Eldstrom; Cherie Geauvreau;  
Ted Baker and the Latterday Saints;  
Omatepe Coffee; the musicians;  
IDERA; Island Star Video; Fred  
Powell, Barb's Buns; Salt Spring  
Roasting Company; Lightning  
Press; Ganges Village Market;  
Thrifty Foods; Foxglove; Windsor  
Plywood; Acoustic Planet; Jamie  
Squier and the chair movers; Kathy  
Young; ArtSpring; the Chamber of  
Commerce and to the many volun-  
teers who helped in so many ways,  
from the organizers of "Our Island,  
Our World". 0600

**WARM & ENTHUSIASTIC** thanks  
to students Adam Tamboline (in  
charge), Shannon Anderson, Josie  
Ball, Amanda Bell, Zoe Chalmers,  
Thomas Clements, Stephanie  
Coulter, Natasha Gross, Rachelle  
Herman, Derek Kitchen, Erin and  
Shannon Mutz, Puto Okuda, Sunny  
and Tyler Sayer, Justine Simons and  
Jay Troop for their excellent cook-  
ing and efficient service for the  
video festival, "Our Island, Our  
World". Chef Al Irving was very  
helpful in the planning as well as  
the execution, and it added greatly  
to the success of the occasion. 0600

### It's like money in the bank

Need extra cash? Clean  
your attic, basement, closets,  
or garage and sell items  
you no longer use, in the  
Barnacle classifieds. Our  
inexpensive line rates &  
large readership make it  
affordable and  
profitable.

**Barnacle**  
Island Journal  
ph: 537-4040 fax: 537-8829  
email: barnacle@saltspring.com

## 120 • MESSAGES OF THANKS

### TOONIE TRIBUTES

An inexpensive way  
to say thanks in the  
Barnacle. Up to  
20 words  
for only  
two dollars  
includes GST.  
Ads must be  
placed by  
4 p.m. Fridays.

120.tfn

## 140 • UPCOMING EVENTS

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

**SSI ROD & Gun Club** Annual  
General Meeting, Wednesday,  
February 9th, 8 p.m., 221 Long  
Harbour Road. Please attend - all  
welcome. 0600

**PRE-NATAL YOGA** is back.  
Thursdays, 5 pm Room 202, Lancer  
Building. For more information  
call Natalie, 537-9353. 0700

**TANGO WORKSHOPS:** teacher,  
Liliana Kleiner. Friday, February 18  
at Lion's Hall. Beginners 6:30-9:00  
\$25.00; Dance 9-12 \$5.00.  
Saturday February 19 - 3 sessions:  
at Lion's Hall 10-12; 12:30-2:30; 3-  
5. Saturday sessions \$20.00 each.  
Preregister, phone Margie Korrisson  
at 537-2707. 0600

**CALLING WOMEN** artists to A  
Celebration of Women in the Year  
2000. Visual artists for a one week  
show at ArtSpring, March 4-11 call  
Victoria 537-0061. Performing  
artists for the opening night event  
Sunday, March 5, 4-7 pm call  
Ahava 537-4510. Sponsored by  
SWOVA. 0600

**SEEDY SATURDAY** February 12,  
10-2, Mahon Hall. 5th Annual  
Community Seed Exchange. Meet  
friends, swap and buy seeds, bulbs,  
tubers, live plants. Veggies, herbs,  
ornamentals. Admission by dona-  
tion. Info 653-4099. 0600

**GISS PAC** Meeting tomorrow,  
Wednesday, February 9th. 7 pm.  
School Library. Focus: Presentation  
on youth crime prevention and  
related issues. See you there. 537-  
1008. 0600

**THE SPCA** Annual General  
Meeting will be held on Saturday,  
February 26th, at 2:00 pm at the  
Lion's Hart Bradley Hall at 103  
Drake Road. Members and those  
who would like to join are encour-  
aged to attend. Any member enti-  
tled to vote may nominate any  
other member for election by  
depositing with the Chair of the  
Nominating Committee, not less  
than 7 days before the meeting,  
such other member's written con-  
sent to stand for election.  
Nominations should be mailed to  
Salt Spring SPCA, Attention Robert  
Brodgesell, Box 522, Ganges PO,  
Salt Spring Island, BC. V8K 2W2.

## 140 • UPCOMING EVENTS

### ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Tuesday  
February 22, 2000  
7:30pm

Farmers Institute  
Building  
351 Rainbow Road.

### VALENTINE'S SWING DANCE!\*



Saturday, Feb 12<sup>th</sup>  
Fulford Hall

\$10/ticket

Doors open: 7:30 p.m.  
Door Ticket Sales End at  
8:30 p.m.

Tickets also at Acoustic Planet.  
\*Free swing dance instruction  
offered beforehand  
All proceeds to support the  
GISS Music Program!

"I'M OFF MY ROCKER"  
Social Club presents  
**VALENTINE  
DANCE**  
SATURDAY, FEB. 12th  
Meaden Hall Lower Legion  
7:00-10:00pm



140.0600

**Jin Shin Do®**  
BASIC LEVEL  
Bodymind  
Acupressure™  
Help release tension and  
pain using 55 acu-points.  
40 hours of instruction.  
Feb. 25 - 26 - 27  
March 17 - 18 - 19  
with Judi Horvath  
for info: 537-4319

140.0600

## 140 • UPCOMING EVENTS

### Last Chance! CLOSING FOREVER

70% off

All remaining stock

**Scooz**  
SEWING CO.  
537-4241  
Across from Petro Can

### ♥FREE♥ SAMPLES

Come and taste  
Harlan's new line of  
chocolates.

### SoyaCream Chocolates

Dairy, wheat & egg-free

♥ Just in time  
for that  
particular Valentine! ♥

Available  
Feb. 9-14 at  
Harlan's  
NatureWorks  
Mobile Market

Happy  
Valentine's Day!

### waterfront gallery

Excellence in Island Crafts

*Gifts of  
Love  
They'll  
cherish  
always!*

Valentine's Day  
Monday, Feb. 14th

OPEN:  
Mon.-Sat. 10-5  
537-4525

140.0600

## 140 • UPCOMING EVENTS

### SSI ROD & GUN CLUB

### ANNUAL GAME DINNER

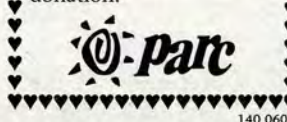
SATURDAY FEBRUARY 19  
Doors Open - 6pm  
Dinner - 7pm

TICKETS/RESERVATIONS  
call 653-4495  
or 537-2409 (evenings)

140.0700

### ♥♥♥♥♥ FEBRUARY IS HEART MONTH ♥♥♥♥♥

PARC is sponsoring a one  
hour fitness class suitable  
for all levels to fundraise  
for the B.C. Heart and  
Stroke Foundation. Join all  
PARC Fitness instructors at  
Fulford Community Hall  
on Monday, February 14  
from 9:00 - 10:00 am. The  
class will follow with  
refreshments and door  
prizes. Participation is by  
donation.



140.0600

## 145 • COMMUNITY SERVICES



... your community  
foundation.

Help enhance the quality of life  
in your Island community. You  
can do this by contributing  
to our/your community  
endowment fund. Even \$10 will  
help make a lasting difference.  
All contributions are pooled  
and preserved in the endow-  
ment fund. The interest earned  
on it is distributed annually to a  
wide range of worthy island  
charitable organizations. These  
vary from year to year as  
community priorities change.  
You can help also by having  
your purchases at Thrifty's and  
at GVM credited to the  
SSI Foundation. Further  
information, including latest  
annual report, is freely  
available upon request, without  
obligation.

Phone 537-2501  
(Bob Rush)

## 155 • VALENTINE GREETINGS

**BRUCE - PLEASE** marshall me into  
your arms. Love M. 0600

**VALENTINE: M.M.M.M** sweet  
treat cute and neat gentle moun-  
tain man. Take my hand. What's  
the plan? Love and spooning. 0600

**HAPPY VALENTINES** Day to Colin  
and Andrew. We love you. From C  
and J XX, OO. 0600

**TO G.D:** Thanks for 10,000 great  
nights! Love always L.D. 0600

**ANG - HAPPY** Valentine's Day!  
Love ya lots! -D 0600

**BEN, HAPPY** Valentines Day, Love  
always, Vicky. 0600

## 160 • BIRTHDAYS

### Birthday?

Send a special  
birthday  
greeting in  
"Barnacle"

Priced as low as  
6<sup>75</sup> + GST  
and receive a  
**FREE Bouquet  
of Balloons**

courtesy of

**DOLLAR STORE**

P.S. You can even have  
them **DELIVERED FREE**  
in the Ganges area.

## 170 • ANNIVERSARIES

### Anniversary?

Send a special  
anniversary  
greeting in  
"Barnacle"

Priced as low as  
6<sup>75</sup> + GST  
and receive a  
**FREE Bouquet  
of Balloons**

courtesy of

**DOLLAR STORE**

P.S. You can even have  
them **DELIVERED FREE**  
in the Ganges area.

The  
Classifieds  
continue on  
Page 23

## CLASSIFICATIONS

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

100-199  
100 Births  
105 Obituaries  
110 In Memoriam  
120 Messages of Thanks  
130 Church Events  
140 Upcoming Events  
145 Community Services  
150 Engagements /  
Weddings  
160 Birthdays  
170 Anniversaries  
180 Legal Notices  
190 Business Notices  
**PERSONALS 200-299**  
200 Personals  
210 Business Personals

220 Lost & Found  
230 Travel  
**MERCHANDISE 300-399**  
300 Arts & Crafts  
301 Clothing  
305 Antiques  
310 Appliances  
311 Equipment  
313 Firewood  
315 Free/Recyclables  
320 Garage Sales  
325 Musical Instruments  
330 Pets  
332 Livestock  
335 Food Products  
336 Health Products  
340 Sporting Goods  
345 Furniture  
350 Paint  
355 Computers

385 Wanted  
390 Miscellaneous  
**EMPLOYMENT 400-499**  
400 Help Wanted  
410 Employment Wanted  
420 Business  
Opportunities  
430 Skilled Trades  
**SERVICES 500-599**  
500 Accounting  
501 Office Services  
505 Business  
Opportunities  
506 Education  
509 Carpentry  
510 Contractors  
511 Drywall  
512 Painters  
515 Child Care  
517 Dental

520 Janitorial  
521 Cleaning Services  
522 Sewing  
525 Computers  
530 Electronics Repairs  
531 Excavating  
535 Finance/Mortgage  
540 Garbage  
545 Gardening/  
Landscaping  
546 Heating  
550 Machining/Welding  
551 Autobody & Painting  
552 Marine  
555 Plumbing  
560 Pools/Spas  
565 All-round Handy  
570 Music Lessons  
572 Musicians  
575 Health & Fitness

576 Beauty  
580 Rentals  
581 Moving/Storage  
585 Travel  
595 Miscellaneous  
Services  
**REAL ESTATE 600-699**  
600 Houses for Sale  
610 Farm Land  
620 Acreages/Lots  
630 Commercial  
Properties  
640 Open Houses  
690 Real Estate Wanted  
**RENTALS 700-799**  
700 Houses for Rent  
710 Apartments for Rent  
720 Room & Board  
730 Shared  
Accommodation

740 Holiday  
Accommodation  
750 Storage  
760 Business Rentals  
790 Rentals Wanted  
**TRANSPORTATION  
800-899**  
800 Cars/Trucks  
810 Motorhomes /  
Campers / RVs  
815 Trailers  
820 Boats/Marine  
830 Aircraft  
840 Motorbikes/Scooters  
850 Vehicles Wanted  
890 Vehicles Wanted

## CLASSIFIED LINER RATES:

First two words BOLD & CAPITALIZED. Taxes extra. "Regular Ads": First 20 words:  
\$6.75, each additional word 25¢. "Hold the Press": First 20 words \$8.75, each addi-  
tional word 30¢.

## CLASSIFIED DISPLAY RATES

\$9.75 per column inch, based on 6 columns per page, 9picas 6pts width (1-1/2").  
Includes your logo. \$1.00 extra for regular line border. \$3.00 extra for designer border.  
**DISCOUNTS** for display classified: 10% off for 4 week run; 15% off for 10 week run;  
20% off for 16 week run.

Errors or Omissions: Advertising is merely an offer to sell and may be withdrawn at any  
time. Advertising is accepted on the condition that in the event of typographical error, that  
portion of the advertising space occupied by the erroneous item, together with reason-  
able allowance for signature, will not be charged for but the balance of the advertisement  
will be paid for at the applicable rate. No liability for ad omission. We reserve the right to  
reject any advertisement.



## 180 • LEGAL NOTICES

### NOTICE

The Fulford Community Hall Association has

**two densities for sale**

Eligible buyers must have a minimum of 6 acres and be in a "receiving area." Proposals from interested purchasers will be received until February 28, and should be sent to:

**FCHA**  
2591 Fulford Ganges Road  
SSI, BC V8K 1Z4

180.0700

## 190 • BUSINESS NOTICES

**PICK-UP & Delivery.** Island Carrier Service, personal and professional. Anything, anywhere on Salt Spring Island, 50 lbs or less. Phone page 537-8179. ttn

**YES, FERNWOOD** Elementary School will continue collecting your old Victoria B.C. Tel phone books. Please drop off your book at one of the following places: Patterson's Store, Thrifty Foods, Vesuvius Store - or contact a Fernwood student. This activity raises money for the Greenhouse project. 0600



ISLANDS TRUST

The Salt Spring Island office of the Islands Trust will be closed **Wednesday, February 9, 2000.**

Regular office hours will resume at 8:30a.m. Thursday, February 10, 2000.

Sorry for any inconvenience.

**Nikon®**  
We take the world's greatest pictures®



See the Nikon cameras at:

**APPLE PHOTO & IMAGING**

105 Hereford Avenue  
537-9917  
Mon.-Sat. 9:30-5:30

190.tfn

## WE BUY LOGS!

All species. With local delivery point Burgoyne Bay, Salt Spring Island.

Call John at  
**250-754-1962**  
or Scott Royal  
**250-653-9040**  
for prices & details.

**COASTLAND**  
Wood Industries Ltd.

190.tfn

## NEED HELP?

For all your Barnacle classified needs, call Alan or Jeff  
**537-4040**

## 220 • LOST & FOUND

**MISSING - LARGE** Calico tabby cat since early December from North St. Mary's Lake. Any information appreciated. Please call 537-8444. 0600

**RED CROSS** Bike stolen at Fernwood Beach at 1/29, 2:30 pm. 21", serial number TD5M04271. Sadly missed. Reward! No questions asked, please phone 537-8434 or 653-9546. 0800

**WE WOULD** appreciate the return of the mirror taken from the driveway of the Community Centre on the night of February 2. It would be expensive to replace and is very useful to us in preventing collisions. If you have any information regarding this matter please contact Anne at Salt Spring Island Community Services, 268 Fulford-Ganges Road or call 537-9971. 0600

## 230 • TRAVEL

CALL US FIRST AT  
**THE TRAVEL SHOP**  
537-9911  
M-F 9:40-30; SAT 9-2

230.aotfn

## 310 • APPLIANCES

**FULLY RECONDITIONED** Washers, Dryers & Dishwashers. Excellent condition, \$200-\$300. 60 day parts warranty. Sam Anderson 537-5268. Pager: 538-9000. ttn

**APPLIANCES**  
**KitchenAid**  
**Whirlpool** **MAYTAG**  
**FRIGIDAIRE** and more!  
Largest selection on Salt Spring Island!  
**537-2111**  
**HOME DESIGN CENTRE**

## 313 • FIREWOOD

**DRY SEASONED** Fir firewood. \$175 per cord, stacked in truck, split and delivered. \$100 half cord. 653-4531. 0700

## What's new? Find out here!

If you have a nose for news, then see what's happening with legal, personal, and business notices, lost and found, cards of thanks, and community meetings & events in the Barnacle classifieds.

**Barnacle**

ph: 537-4040 fax: 537-8829  
email: barnacle@saltspring.com

## 315 • FREE & RECYCLABLE

**20 LITRE** pails, dirty but free. Good for storage. 537-0058. 0600

**FREE STAINS** and paints. Paint remover and fibreglassing supplies. Phone 653-2350. 0600



A LIONS PROJECT

## RECYCLE YOUR OLD GLASSES

Your old prescription lenses can be a gift of sight. Boxes are located at:

- ✓ Pharmasave
- ✓ Bank of Montreal
- ✓ Bank of Commerce
- ✓ Island Savings Credit Union
- ✓ Gulf Islands Optical

## 320 • GARAGE SALES

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

**PHOENIX ELEMENTARY** is collecting for their annual yard sale, Feb. 26/00. If your storage is overwhelmed or your garage sale didn't sell out and you would like to donate to this fundraising project please call 537-1156 (message). We are happy to arrange pickup. Thank you. ttn

## 335 • FOOD PRODUCTS

**GOURMET MEALS** only \$6.00! New menu every week - just heat and serve. Islander Special: 10% off Tues - Thurs. on pick up orders. Chef On The Run, 9760A Fourth Street, Sidney, B.C. Open Mon.-Sat. 10am-6pm ttn

## Bargains galore you won't find at the store!

If you really love getting a great deal, then you can't miss when you shop the Barnacle classifieds. Find hundreds of different items for sale at bargain prices.

**Barnacle**

ph: 537-4040 fax: 537-8829  
email: barnacle@saltspring.com

## 355 • COMPUTER

**COMPUTER PROBLEMS?** Set-ups, Installing Software, Tutoring, Internet. Your place or ours. Yes, we make house calls days / evenings / weekends. \$25/hr. 18 years experience. Phone Robert, 537-2888 Arvana Consulting. 1600

**DO YOU** require help with that new computer or is the old one giving you trouble? My experience both in business and personal computers include: Hardware configurations, upgrades and repairs, software setup, installations, and upgrades. Do you require training on the Internet, Word-processing, spreadsheets? Call regarding various training options available in the comfort of your own home. Call Robert Grossman at Down To Earth Computer Services 538-0252 or 537-7798. 0600

**CREATE WEB** Pages. A new Internet Host Company. Generous revenue sharing. Easy to do. Inexpensive. 100 Megabytes, email, commerce, bending and more. Go to: [www.aecuser.com/yourwebhost](http://www.aecuser.com/yourwebhost).

**Ron Weisner** BASc

Problem solving for:

- ✓ Computers
- ✓ Photocopiers
- ✓ FAX Machines
- ✓ Cash Registers

(250) 537-5058

[weisner@saltspring.com](mailto:weisner@saltspring.com)

355.tfn

## 385 • WANTED

**USED (40 lbs Thrust)** electric fishing motor. 653-0098. 0600

## 390 • MISCELLANEOUS

**KONA EXPLOSIF** Mtn. bike. Rock shock front suspension w/speed springs, Race Face cranks and bottom bracket, Magura hydraulic brakes, Shimano XT. Excellent condition, must be seen. Many extras. \$1,750 obo. Anytime 653-9920. 0700

**OLD AND** rare books bought and sold. Twenty five years experience. Member of the Antiquarian Booksellers Association of Canada. William Matthews, 537-8719. 0600

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

## 390 • MISCELLANEOUS

**COPIES MADE** from large originals of house plans, surveys, posters, family trees, etc. up to 24" x 48". 537-4290 ttn

## It's like money in the bank

Need extra cash? Clean your attic, basement, closets, or garage and sell items you no longer use, in the Barnacle classifieds. Our inexpensive line rates & large readership make it affordable and profitable.

**Barnacle**

ph: 537-4040 fax: 537-8829  
email: barnacle@saltspring.com

**FOR SALE.** Used: interior doors (including handles) 1-36x80; 2-28x80; 4-30x80. Assorted ceiling & wall lighting fixtures. Make an offer! 1 Kenwood car CD-Radio (KDC-S3007) \$150. (Used less than one year) 1 Sears "Craftsman" Radial Arm Saw - (In new cond. orig. price \$1200+) \$600. PH 537-4704. 0900

**FOR SALE** - CSA approved wood-stove complete with chimney & tools. \$250. Four hundred dollars worth of Video's & Books - "Math made Easy" Grades 9 & 10. \$100. 537-5268. 0900

**ENVIRONMENTALLY FRIENDLY** cleaning products, highly concentrated reasonable prices. Full catalogue available. For information on Amway please call Kim 538-0246.

## 390 • MISCELLANEOUS

**LAST CHANCE!** Closing out store ... sales, counter, matching shelving units and more. Contact Sooz Sewing Co. 537-4241. 600

**ADMIRAL SIDE** by side freezer fridge, \$300, ice cream maker, cold water, approximately 8 to 10 years old. A Cadillac of a fridge. 653-9338. 0600

**ANTIQUES: VICTORIAN** coffee table \$155; c.1900 Pine dry-sink \$265; 1940's Bookshelf \$60; Large Victorian foot stool \$95; Framed 1913 Chiropractor diploma \$35; Torch floor lamp \$40; India brass 1920's serving tray \$50; Original watercolour Mt. Fuji \$85; Small kitchen table \$40; Wall cabinet 1950's \$85; Indonesian carved miniature chest \$75; Sectioned glass display shelf \$50. To view call 537-0063 - 9 am - 9 pm. 0900

**8' SHIMANO** Triton graphite mooch rod and Shimano 200 reel \$50.00, 8' Shimano Triton graphite mooch rod and Shimano 2000 G.T. reel \$60.00, 9' Trophy graphite spin rod and Omni graphite 05x60 spin reel \$65.00. All in excellent condition. 537-5554. 0800

**ROSES ARE** red, violets are blue, Mouats Clothing has the best lingerie and gifts too!

**TO SWEETIE** You'll always be my Sweetie. Love Sweetie.

**SAMSONITE 26"** Upright suitcase, used once only. \$90. 537-1546.

**DOUBLE MATTRESS.** \$30. 537-4077. 0600

**PACKARD BELL** 486 DX2, 13 inch monitor, 8 MB Ram, 540 MB HD Drive, selection of software & more. \$500. Call 537-4595 evenings. 0600

## 390 • MISCELLANEOUS

**STAINLESS STEEL** tank 1240 gal. 5'2" x 9'6" for above and/or in ground use, water storage or ? As is, can deliver and modify. \$500. 653-4513. 0900

**TANKS FOR** all reasons: Water storage, septic, sewage - holding. (Polyethylene). Ecological Systems: sewage - treatment plants, effluent filters. Visa, MasterCard, American Express accepted. GIS Sales & Rentals. 653-4013.

**SEPTIC SERVICES:** Pumpouts, tanks - locating, inspections, repairs. Emergency service. Islanders serving islanders since 1963. Visa, MasterCard, American Express accepted. GI Septic Ltd. 653-4013.

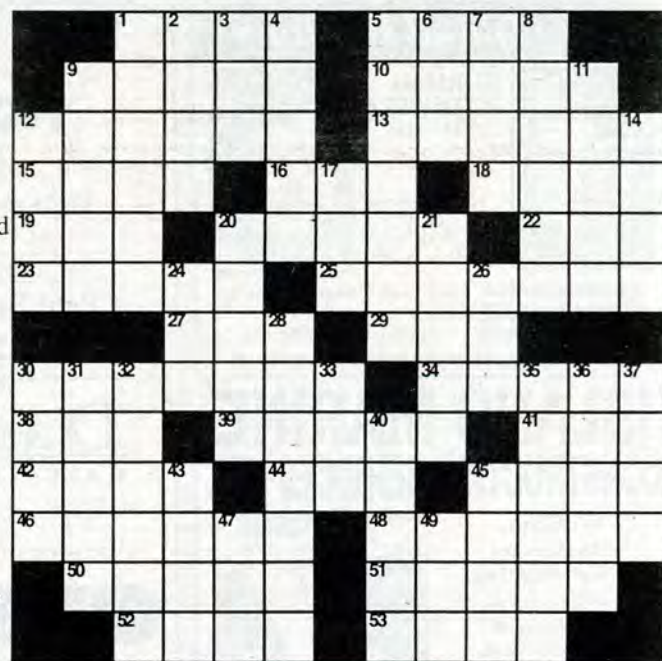
**SNAKERAIL CEDAR** fencing 8 foot \$7, 7 foot \$6. Deer fencing 6 - 8 foot \$3, 4 - 5 foot \$2.50. Delivered Lewis 537-4570. 0600

Every Tuesday,  
the Barnacle is  
delivered FREE  
to over 4,650  
Salt Spring  
homes  
& businesses.

The  
Classifieds  
continue on  
Page 24

## Canadiana Crossword

### Be Mine



### ACROSS

- 1 Facts
- 5 Big snakes
- 9 Roman God of Love
- 10 Bowling surfaces
- 12 Congregated
- 13 Ostentatiously decorated
- 15 Poker player's imperative
- 16 \_\_ Alamos
- 18 Love, in Paris
- 19 From B to F
- 20 Recycle
- 22 Feel poorly
- 23 A kind of power
- 25 St. Valentine's forte
- 27 Cobra
- 29 My, in Matane
- 30 A gift of love
- 34 Predilection
- 38 Certain hunting dog, for short
- 39 Take by force
- 41 Victimized, in a way
- 42 Greek God of Love
- 44 Agathe or Marie, e.g.
- 45 Valentine part, sometimes
- 46 Fly an airplane
- 48 Crushed
- 50 \_\_ Martin
- 51 Masonry facing
- 52 Shelter
- 53 Orange or lemon drinks

### DOWN

- 1 Cleaned the furniture
- 2 Church part
- 3 OO
- 4 \_\_ pated

- 5 What some relationships do
- 6 Paddle
- 7 Lady's name
- 8 Tar
- 9 Sweets for the sweet
- 11 Unflappable
- 12 Speed of sound
- 14 \_\_ Stanley Gardner
- 17 Belonging to us
- 20 Valentine of choice
- 21 Express emotion
- 24 Uncooked
- 26 Lore, so to speak
- 28 One-ups a card

- 30 Blood sucking parasite
- 31 Stage before metamorphosis
- 32 Woodwind player
- 33 Be seated
- 35 Trembles
- 36 Music term
- 37 Home of first lovers
- 40 Striped equine
- 43 Satiated
- 45 You can't live without it
- 47 Imperial weight measure
- 49 St. Valentine's favorite colour

Answers on page 25

## Tired of your car's ups and downs?

Replace worn out shocks & springs  
and your car will run smoothly.

- Complete automotive repair
- All makes & models
- U-Haul depot
- Hydraulic hoses
- Exhaust

• Automotive Repairs  
• Batteries & Tires

**HAROLD HARKEMA**  
**REPAIRS**

427 Fulford-Ganges Rd.  
**537-4559**  
Mon-Fri. 8-5

Top of  
Ganges Hill



## 390 • MISCELLANEOUS

**BUY 2 WEEKS GET 2 WEEKS FREE!**  
in the Barnacle classifieds.  
**\$13.50\***  
only (must be prepaid)

\*First 20 words, each additional word 40¢. Private party ads in any regular classification. No commercial or home business ads.

**NO CHANGES PERMITTED**

Advertiser must call to cancel.

Get your opinions into the homes of our readers. Hear your thoughts being discussed Tuesdays at all the coffee shops on the island. Write to the Barnacle and everyone on the Island will listen!

## 390 • MISCELLANEOUS

**Final Clearance**  
**30%-50% off**  
All knitting and craft supplies  
**THE Tangled Web**  
124 Lower Ganges Rd.  
537-9117

390.0700

## CLASSIFIED DEADLINE

for the February 15 issue of the Barnacle is: Friday, February 11, 4:00pm

## 390 • MISCELLANEOUS

**FOXGLOVE**



*We've Got All the Best Arrows in Cupid's Quiver*

*For Your True Love It's Flowers from FOXGLOVE*

Corner of Atkins & Lower Ganges

**We Deliver 537-5531**

390.0600

## 390 • MISCELLANEOUS

**FOXGLOVE**



**Fruit and Nut Trees ARE HERE!**  
OUR SELECTION INCLUDES:

- Apricots • Pears
- Plums • Apples
- Quince • Walnuts
- Cherries • Filberts

A wide Selection of virus-free 2 yr and 3 yr PLANT 'EM NOW!

**FOXGLOVE**  
FARM & GARDEN SUPPLY  
Atkins & Lower Ganges Rd.

**537-5531**  
Open Mon. - Sat. 9:00 - 5:30

## 400 • HELP WANTED

**WORK HARD? Make Money!** toll free 1-877-812-5121 or (250) 754-4391 for a 2 minute recorded message. 0900

**ENTREPRENEURS! FIND** out how to profit from deregulation of essential services. Call toll free 1-877-812-5121 or (250) 754-4391 for 2 minute recorded message.

## 400 • HELP WANTED

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

**COMMUNITY SERVICES** is seeking a volunteer to work in the reception office on Friday morning from 9:00 to noon. We are also recruiting several volunteers to be on our call-in list for the reception office. Work involves answering the telephone and greeting clients and visitors. Training is provided and we offer a friendly work environment. For further information please call Anne or Cathy at 537-9971. 0600

**OVER 6,000 PEOPLE**

on Salt Spring Island read the Barnacle every week!

Inquire about our attractive ad rates!

Phone Jeff, or Alan  
**537-4040**

## 400 • HELP WANTED

**Assistant Supervisor and Lifeguard/Instructors Needed**

Salt Spring Parks, Arts and Recreation (PARC) has part-time and full-time positions available from May-August 2000.

Lifeguard / Instructor applicants require current NLS, CPR, CWSI II, First Aid and Lifesaving Instructors. Other certificates such as Pool Operators, ALT, NCCP and Water Fitness would be an asset.

Resumes and copies of current awards to: PARC, 145 Vesuvius Bay Road, Salt Spring Island, B.C. V8K 1K3. Fax: (250) 537-4456.

Deadline: Feb. 29, 2000.



400.0700

Please Recycle the Barnacle

The Classifieds continue on Page 25

# DIAL A PROFESSIONAL ...

## Your Island Realtors



**NORMAN ROTHWELL**  
250-537-5166



**MYLES WILSON**  
250-537-7200

**ROYAL LEPAGE**

1101 - 115 Fulford Ganges Rd.  
email: realestate@saltspring.com

**NOMAD MUSIC**

PROFESSIONAL 32-TRACK DIGITAL RECORDING  
DISTRIBUTION AND PROMOTION

Paul Brosseau 653-4565  
website: www.nomadmusic.com

**ACCENT ELECTRIC LTD.**

Total Electric Service.

370 Stark Road  
537-2156  
Fax: 537-5782

Commitment is the priceless ingredient!

## Island Carrier Service

Fast, efficient, personal and professional pick-up & delivery service.

Anything, anywhere on Salt Spring Island (50lb. or less)

Phone Pager  
**537-8179**

## ISLAND MARINE CONSTRUCTION SERVICES LTD.

Welding, Machining & Fabricating

Specializing in: Aluminum & Stainless Steel  
537-9710

Ross Walker - Pete McKenzie - Ray Watson



## Dashwood CONSTRUCTION LTD.

Custom Homes • Renovations  
Additions • Timberframe joinery

Over 15 years of accurate workmanship in Salt Spring

Don Dashwood Ph/Fax: 537-5210  
270 Price Road, Salt Spring Island, B.C. V8K 2E9

## We Paint & Redecorate with Care

**SPECTRA-TONE PAINT** PARA PAINTS

Serving the Gulf Islands for over 10 years.

**KEVIN C. MARKS**  
PAINTING & DECORATING

Ph: 537-4594 Cell: 537-7097

## Tait Technical Solutions

Marine, mechanical & electrical services and repairs

Specialists in pumping systems and mechanical seals



Machine Shop Services  
Fine machining, milling & welding

**SAM ANDERSON**  
537-5268, Pager 538-9000

## Environmentally friendly ENERGY SYSTEMS

•Solar •Wind •Hydro

**Energy Options**

GVM Mall • 537-8371

Registered Massage Therapist  
**MARDON DARY, RMT**

Transformational Healing Arts Centre  
Lancer Building  
321 Lower Ganges Road  
537-9362

This space is available.  
Give us a call!

**Barnacle**  
Island Journal

ph: 537-4040  
fax: 537-8829



## For All Your Sheet Metal and Heating Needs

**LENNOX**

ONE LESS THING TO WORRY ABOUT

- Heating
- Ventilation
- H.R.V.'s
- Flashings

**Salt Spring Sheet Metal Ltd.**

**Bill Moseley ~ 538-0100**  
165 Eagle Ridge Drive, SS Isl., BC V8K 2K9

Present this ad and receive an additional

**10% OFF**

ANY PURCHASE

(expires May 31, 2000)

**UNITED CARPET**

655-4858  
9752 - 4TH STREET, SIDNEY

## Life Long Lattice

Maintenance-free ... never needs painting.

**LIFELONG WARRANTY**

Drop by and see our display!

Top quality products at competitive prices.

100% locally owned & operated.



**FINISHING... And BUILDING SUPPLIES!**

**537-5564**

Rainbow Rd, Ganges • Fax 537-1207  
Mon.-Fri. 7-5:30; Sat. 8-5:30

**Windsor Plywood**



## S S P M Salt Spring Property Management Inc.

Management and maintenance of your home and property  
Services include: Landscaping, Groundskeeping, Irrigation Systems, Water-Savings Programs, Property Rentals

"Taking Care Of Salt Spring"  
Office: 537-2580  
email: sspm@saltspring.com



## 410 • EMPLOYMENT WANTED

**MAN WITH** full-size pick-up and chainsaw will do hauling, landscaping, raking, lawns, digging, marine, fiberglass, grinding - whatever! Reasonable rates. Clayton. 537-4489, 8 a.m. - 9 p.m. 0900

**WORLD FAMOUS** on Salt Spring for excellent renovations. Call now for estimates on your spring projects. Peter Blackmore 537-4382, 537-8085. ttn

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

**THE JOBBMAN** Handyman Service. Property maintenance, lawns mowed, windows cleaned. Almost anything accomplished efficiently and economically. Phone 537-2262.

**PAINTING & WALLPAPERING.** Quick & tidy work. Call Kristin 537-5432. 0800

**STONE QUARRY/Chimney Sweep/Window Wash/ Roof & Gutters.** 653-4519. 0900

## 506 • EDUCATION

**SYLVAN LEARNING** Centre now on Salt Spring Saturdays. Build Self-esteem. • Boost Grades. Programmes in Math, Reading, Writing, Beginning Reading, Study Skills and Homework Support. Call for information (250) 746-0222. ttn

**TUTORING. ELEMENTARY:** Math and reading/writing. Help your child understand abstract math using concrete materials (Cuisenaire method). Basics of reading and writing: strengthening, enriching and encouraging. 653-9253. 0600

## 509 • CARPENTRY

**Lotus Building Co.**



Creative transformations for your personal and professional space.

• Renovation • Painting  
• Restoration • Design  
**Kari Szakacs**  
537-9923

## 510 • CONTRACTORS

**VILLAGE ELECTRIC**

34 years experience  
Certified Journeyman

• Service Calls  
• Reno Specialist  
• Lighting Maintenance  
• Hot Water Tanks  
• Free Estimates

**PETER HAASE**  
537-4155

## 512 • PAINTERS

**JOHN PAUL PAINTING**  
Exterior/Interior  
Call us for an estimate  
537-2732  
cel: 537-6204  
512.0600ttn

## Home buyers are SOLD on the classifieds

If it's a house, duplex or condominium, a split-level ranch or bungalow, no matter what kind of home you want to buy or sell, the Barnacle classifieds are the place to do it. Buyers and sellers read and list properties in the Barnacle classifieds weekly and that means more chances for you to sell or find a great place to live!

**Barnacle**  
ph: 537-4040 fax: 537-8829  
email: barnacle@saltspring.com

## 521 • CLEANING SERVICES

**Gulf Island WINDOW CLEANERS**

Complete Janitor Service  
Rug & Carpet Cleaning  
Steam Extraction  
Carpet Guard  
537-9841  
521.ttn



**REYNOLDS**  
CARPET & UPHOLSTERY  
CLEANING  
653-4201  
537-8168 pager

## 522 • SEWING

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

**ELEGANT CARING** personalized approach to alterations and sewing needs. Consideration to changes in lifestyle, aging and health. Margie Korrisson, Vesuvius Bay. 537-2707. 0800

## 540 • GARBAGE

**Salt Spring Garbage TRANSFER STATION**  
— NOW OPEN —  
Mon-Fri 3pm-5pm  
Saturday 10am-4pm  
340 Blackburn Rd  
Call 537 2167 for info

## 551 • AUTOBODY & PAINTING

**I.C.B.C. ACCREDITED SHOP**

- Expert body & frame work
- Custom painting, glasswork
- Certified body men
- ICBC claims, rust check

**Don Irwin COLLISION**  
115 Desmond Cres., Ganges  
537-2513

## 572 • MUSIC LESSONS

**WAVE**  
latin • blues • jazz  
cool music for your special event  
Paul 537-0836

## 580 • RENTALS

**PARTY TIME** Rentals We rent dishes, glassware, cutlery, linen, tables, chairs, assorted party supplies. 537-4241 days, 537-4577 evenings. ttn

## 600 • HOUSES FOR SALE

**2 YEARS** old, like new. Very low maintenance. 3 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, oak floors and finish. Vinyl siding. Shed. Finished garage. In Ganges. \$189,000. Offers. 537-2204. 0700

**How to write an effective ad**

- Begin your ad by identifying the item you are selling by its most commonly known name
- Describe the item by listing its best features: condition, colour, model and other information to help readers determine interest before calling. The more you tell, the faster it sells.

- Avoid unusual abbreviations. Too many abbreviations can confuse the reader.
- Give the price of the item. If you are flexible, include best offer or negotiable.
- Complete your ad with a phone number and the hours in which you will receive the calls.

## 710 • APARTMENTS FOR RENT

**COMMUTERS HOME** away from home. North Vancouver central Lonsdale area. Available March 1. Furnished one bedroom ground level apartment in private home. Includes linens, dishes etc. Newly decorated, shared washer/dryer, private entrance, secured underground parking. \$600 including utilities and cable. 604-984-4149. 0800

**APARTMENT FOR** rent. Garden level. 3 rooms, 3 appliances. 537-5048. 0600

**Going, going, gone ....**

Get in the action with the latest listings of estate, tag, and garage sales and auctions of all kinds, in the Barnacle classifieds.

**Barnacle**  
ph: 537-4040 fax: 537-8829  
email: barnacle@saltspring.com

## 740 • HOLIDAY ACCOMMODATION

**SKI MT.** Washington. Fully equipped condo. Suits small family. Drive in, easy access slopes. \$50 up. 537-2468 or (250) 478-7605. If no answer leave messages. 1400

## 750 • STORAGE

**SALT SPRING MINI STORAGE**  
• Private rooms  
• Sizes to suit your needs  
• Clean, safe and secure

537-5888

347 Upper Ganges Road

## 760 • BUSINESS RENTALS

**UPPER GANGES CENTRE**

- 2nd floor office
- 554 sq.ft.
- 2 pce. washroom
- chairlift
- lots of parking

For more information or to view, please call 537-5521 or 537-9220 after 4pm

760.0400

OVER 6,000 PEOPLE ON SALT SPRING READ THE BARNACLE EVERY WEEK!

For those who take fun seriously...

The Barnacle classifieds have everything you need for real recreation! Find boats, motors, trailers, water skis and accessories, motorhomes and travel trailers, campers and toppers, motorcycles, & much more!

**Barnacle**  
ph: 537-4040 fax: 537-8829  
email: barnacle@saltspring.com

The Classifieds continue on Page 26

## HOROSCOPES

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



**Tip of the Month:** Enter the Metal Dragon. As always, the Chinese New Year begins on the day of the first New Moon in Aquarius. The Chinese recognize the Dragon as a 'tempter of the fates'. What better sign to mark the 1st sign of our new millennium! While the Lunar based Chinese Zodiac designates the Rat or Sagittarius as the 1st sign of their Zodiac, the Dragon has been associated with the sign of Aries which is more closely aligned with the 4th sign of their Zodiac, but with the 1st in our Solar based Western Astrology. The clue to solving this discrepancy is to consider that each Chinese Sign corresponds with two Western Astrological Signs of the same Element and in natural sequence, or 4 signs apart. The logic lies in the fact that in Western Astrology, the 1st House, otherwise known as the 'Rising Sign' and governed by Aries, is positioned at the 9 position on a normal clock. Alternatively, Sagittarius is the 9th sign of Western Astrology and as the Chinese Rat is the 1st sign of the Chinese Zodiac. The sequence is as follows: Rat = Sagittarius and Aries, Ox = Capricorn and Taurus, Tiger = Aquarius and Gemini, Rabbit = Pisces and Cancer, Dragon = Aries and Leo, Snake = Taurus and Virgo, Horse = Gemini and Libra, Sheep = Cancer and Scorpio, Monkey = Leo and Sagittarius, Rooster = Virgo and Capricorn, Dog = Libra and Aquarius, Boar = Scorpio and Pisces. Most people will quickly recognize one or both of the Western signs listed corresponding to the Chinese Astrological sign under which they were born. Ten thousand blessings for the Chinese Metal Dragon to shine on you!

**Aries (Mar 21 - Apr 20)** The first flame licks of your fire will be revealed this month. Spring is not here yet, but you are ready to get going. It is time to take certain initiatives that reflect your resolve. You are on a quest for bottom line answers and will not settle for token glimpses. Keep in mind that truth is ultimately relative so as to remain open and flowing as opposed to closed and imposing. Imagination is greater than knowledge!

**Taurus (Apr 21 - May 20)** A growing commitment to a greater degree of independence is now beyond doubt. The big question is how to negotiate the new day with the existing status quo. You may feel inclined to avoid the issue, but it will not go away. Deception

responsibility for the build-up of energy and plan to direct it with vision.

**Gemini (May 21 - Jun 20)** The time to make your move has arrived. By the time the Sun enters Pisces (Feb 19) opportunities to make key advancements will begin to present themselves. A deeper merging of your body, mind and soul with (a) significant other(s) is a part of this process. To do so, you may have to challenge certain habitual self concepts and possibly even the status quo of certain friendships. Do so with awareness and trust and the process will go much more smoothly.

**Cancer (Jun 21 - Jul 21)** With each passing day you are awakening to levels of reality you may not have known even existed. Your imagination has been ignited and you are busily attempting to digest what you are learning without succumbing to premature judgment. You are eager to act upon this insight and feel drawn to join with others who might be able to contribute to a greater understanding. Consequently, you are eager to deepen existing relationships or move on to wider horizons.

**Leo (Jul 22 - Aug 22)** Events of late have set your imagination on fire and the flames are heating you up all over. You want to merge and to expand and if necessary to divide and conquer. Consider that it is the limiting beliefs you hold about your self that constitute the enemy to overcome. Ultimately, truth is an experience and it is time to move beyond opinions, be they personal or collective. Avoid stale ethics and righteous attitudes and invest your energy where it can truly grow.

**Virgo (Aug 22 - Sep 23)** A conscious shift from independence to interdependence is becoming increasingly more important. By now you know that you cannot hope to achieve your objectives without the cooperation of others. Watch as others approach you now and offer assistance of some kind. However, take the personal initiative to deepen your contacts as well. Do so with grace and determination as opposed to undo assertion and expectation and you will be well received.

**Libra (Sep 23 - Oct 21)** Merging your personal resources with those of others in order to reach to greater heights than you can attain alone continues as a main theme. Whether financial pressures or time constraints, or per-

sonal ability etc. they are at the source of your frustration. Trust that you will achieve more with others. To this end you will have to participate in clear and assertive displays of negotiation. Be willing to commit fully and you will install trust.

**Scorpio (Oct 22 - Nov 20)** It seems that mergers are happening everywhere and on every level and you are certainly a part of this process. Your creative imagination has been awakened and your determination to act upon it will continue to grow. Your willingness to learn how the game is played is key. In this respect, exercise a beginners mind. Do maintain a firm recognition of your individual rights and boundaries then get in there and out there too!

**Sagittarius (Nov 21 - Dec 20)** Your perceptions of your self and the world are change and expanding. In some respects, you may feel a little intimidated by what you are awakening to. Don't waste energy on worry, get down to business and refine your skills and understanding. Put your logic to work and allow intuition and imagination to be your guides. If you feel blocked, be still and receptive with readiness to record the insights that will come forth.

**Capricorn (Dec 21 - Jan 19)** As the foundation of old beliefs and values continues to erode, you are challenged to contribute to the process as opposed to fight it. To this end, give free reign to your imagination and explore the possibilities. You may prefer to flee and a short term retreat may be in order, but soon you will have to return home. Prepare to renovate your sense of identity. There is no need to get complicated, just get creative.

**Aquarius (Jan 20 - Feb 18)** The confidence needed to continue the building of a whole new creative and imaginative foundation continues. Remember, yours is the sign of the 'New Age' and the world sure could use some imagination, vision and wisdom to replace some of the madness that history reveals. Consider that everything you do really does count. Opportunities to explore and give birth to new attitudes and perceptions will present themselves, so stay alert!

**Pisces (Feb 19 - Mar 20)** A passionate drive to express your true colours will help you to know who are your real friends. Consider that when people are afflicted by a scarcity consciousness it is very hard for them not to feel jealous of others. To this end, exercise compassion and reflect upon whether or not you yourself are afflicted by scarcity fears. Consider that abundance and success are relative terms. You can have more if you really need it.

**imagen**

NEW COMPUTER SYSTEMS  
FREE Internet Account with purchase  
FREE 30-day Internet Trial  
60 537-1950

120b Hereford Ave

TELL OUR  
ADVERTISERS  
YOU SAW IT IN  
THE BARNACLE!





## GOURMET MEALS

you just heat & serve



Weekly delivery to Salt Spring  
New menu weekly. Only \$6.00 each  
Call for menu details

Gulf Island Residents  
**10% OFF**  
with copy of ad  
Pick Up Orders Tuesday - Thursday

**Chef on the Run**

9760A - 4th Street, Sidney  
Toll Free 1-877-704-CHEF (2433)

Tell our  
advertisers  
you read it  
in the  
Barnacle!

## Geezers: a class act plus

### Salt Spring Geezers 4 Class Act 1

Scoring goals is a funny business, often times the best chances fall in bunches and escape one's grasp entirely. This is true at every level. For every sublime Andy Cole overhead volley goal a half dozen hit the corner flag or end up in the upper reaches of the Old Trafford terraces.

This is not news to anyone who has tried to put a small ball into a very large net. It is certainly nothing the Geezers need learn about.

Gordie Speed and Rainer Funk could each have had hat-tricks twenty minutes into Sunday's match against Class Act of Victoria. One or two others could have opened accounts as well.

As it happened the goal mouth tap-ins and gilt-edged shooting opportunities all failed to register and two quite fortunate goals were poached from half chances.

A stoppable but powerful Doug Pearson cross slipped through the goalkeeper's hands and onto Rainer Funk's chest for a first goal, before a Damien Brazier cross missed everyone but the net for a 2-0 lead.

Class Act pulled one back to trail by one at the half but the locals really should have been home and cooled out by them.

Then did cool in any case in the second. Only an absolutely brilliant reaction save by Ziggy Karl preserved their lead into the late going.

But justice was served this day and Speed was the deserved recipient.

Graham Tweedle and Funk combined artfully to set up the Geezer's striker and he, not hesitating to think about it, hit a cracking volley to the top corner.

Minutes later Speed proved to be a gracious striking partner when he passed up a chance of his own to square for Funk to tap in from six yards.

The Geezers were full-valve for their win but on the balance of play deserved a wider margin. Still, they are a good side on their day and this was one of them, and even Manchester United miss the odd chance.

## The Wreck of the Skeena Queen



Isle Say!

... with John Pottinger

There was something stinky about the Skeena Queen's trip to Deas Dock for repairs, and it wasn't just the smell of fried engines.

BC Ferries admitted last summer that the Skeena had significant problems with the engines, the drive-train and the hull. For the past five months she operated fewer trips per day, at a reduced speed, in order to try and prolong the life of those engines. The only reason she wasn't taken off the run immediately is that the Ferry Corporation had no vessel to replace her. So, under close scrutiny from Transport Canada Marine Safety Branch, she's been limping along like a lame llama.

Ten days ago, with the Skeena's Operating Certificate about to lapse, and Transport Canada steadfastly refusing to extend it, BC Ferries was finally forced to act. They cut short the Queen of Cumberland's refit, which enabled them to move the Bowen Queen to Fulford and send the Skeena Queen off to the fixit shop.

Now here's the part that just doesn't sit right. The Skeena was restricted to operating her engines at a maximum of 600 RPM. That's because Transport Canada was concerned about the safety implications of the excessive vibrations created when the vessel exceeded that rate. But when the Skeena

headed out through the Gulf Islands and across Georgia Strait for dry-dock, her sick, cracked, vibrating engines were operated at 700 RPM or more. Several sources have indicated that the engines were clacking along at up to 800 RPM just before they shook themselves apart.

BC Ferries has admitted that the vessel has hull problems as well as engine problems. And everybody from the Cabin Boy to the Admiral of the Fleet knew the engines couldn't stand up to those speeds. So why was the Skeena operating in such a darn hurry, and contrary to the conditions of the Special Certificate? Were they racing to beat a falling tide, or did they just want to see how long it would take for those poor miss-mounted motors to shake themselves to death?

When a turbo-charged diesel engine suffers a catastrophic failure, it can have devastating results. Hot metal parts can become missiles. Lube oil has a low flash point and is not something you want spraying out of a cracked engine. These kinds of scenarios are not hypothetical, they happen. Given the condition of those engines, there needs to be a serious inquiry into the operation of the Skeena Queen on that day. The people who ride and work on BC Ferries deserve the truth. Not just another bunch of BS designed to keep us happily uninformed.

## Youth Crime cont'd. from p13

effected that person they begin to think, 'I had no idea,' and you can see a change start," said Kerr.

Another outcome of Community Justice, said Kerr, is the positive effect on the victim. "Victims are often left behind in the criminal justice system," said Kerr. "But with this programme they gain a sense of completion when the perpetrator works off some kind of compensation."

And, the programme helps counteract the "code of silence" that encourages criminals to continue their illegal activities when they suffer no consequences for their crime. "It provides a way for adults to report crimes and not have to worry about the youth having a criminal record as a result."

Community initiatives like the Criminal Justice programme, DARE, SWOVA's violence prevention education and peer counseling are effective approaches toward reducing youth crime. O'Byrne and Kerr's report concludes, however, that

encouraging open communication between youth and their parents could have an even greater impact. Providing good role models, knowing where your children are, taking delight in their achievements and supporting single parents are all suggestions Kerr and O'Byrne have heard from youth.

Over the next two months, O'Byrne and Kerr will focus on working with youth, parents, professionals and other community members to develop a strategy for reducing youth crime and protecting youths from the effects of crime. Their next presentations will be at Fernwood Elementary School, Wednesday, February 9, 1 p.m. (School Board meeting) and at GISS, Wednesday, February 9, 7 p.m. (GISS PACI meeting). For more information contact Richard Kerr at 537-9432 or Myranda O'Byrne at 537-9328.

Funding for youth participation has been provided by the Salt Spring Rotary Club and the Salt Spring Island Health Association.

### HOLD THE PRESS

**CHOCOLATE BODY** Frosting - it's the icing on the cake for a perfectly romantic Valentine's Night. Harlan's Candy Corner. 100 Lower Ganges Road. (Next to Downtown Pharmasave). 0600

**HANDMADE CHOCOLATES** for your Valentine. Twenty-nine years of chocolate-making expertise and bringing smiles to your loved ones. Embe Bakery, foot of Ganges Hill. 537-5611. 0600

**FOUND RABBIT** near Kitchen Rd. Male, charcoal grey with black face & ears. Netherland Dwarf type. S.P.C.A. 537-2123

**SILVER SHADOW** Taxi Ltd. requires a reliable night driver, for seven straight shifts, every other week, possibly more work in busy season. Applicant must have Class 4 Driver's license, good driving record, good attitude in dealing with public. Box 26 c/o The Barnacle, 324 Lower Ganges Road, Salt Spring Island, B.C. V8K 2V3. 0600

**WANTED: SMALL** (bar-size) fridge. Please call 537-4888 evenings. 0600

**STAINED GLASS** Hearts for Valentine's Day - By Anne Buckley. Rowan Berry Red, Midnight Blue and more. At Crossroads and Coastal Currents. 0600

**SS HOURS:** Potluck - Thursday, February 10, United Church basement, 6 pm. "The Money Masters" video on Bankers World Control will be shown. 538-0345. 0600

**DELICIOUS HANDMADE** cookies, chocolates and assorted treats for your valentine. Embe Bakery, foot of Ganges Hill. 537-5611.

**ATTENTION HORSE** Owners. Do you have a horse that could use more love & attention. Would you be willing to let a 4H Horse Club member use your horse for their March - September Horse Project? All members are covered by BC Horse Council Insurance. For more information please call Sidney 537-0889. 0600

**HANDMADE CHOCOLATES** for your Valentine. Twenty-nine years of chocolate-making expertise and bringing smiles to your loved ones. Embe Bakery, foot of Ganges Hill. 537-5611.

**GARAGE SALE.** Saturday, February 12th, 9:30 am - 11 am. Rear of 136 Lower Ganges Road. New & used items plus some furniture. 0600

**FOR RENT.** Studio/Workshop. Heated & electricity. \$125 per month. 653-9926.

**PING-PONG** table - full size (folds up for storage). Heavy duty model in like new condition. \$200 obo. Call 537-4595 evenings. 0600

**DELICIOUS HANDMADE** cookies, chocolates and assorted treats for your valentine. Embe Bakery, foot of Ganges Hill. 537-5611.

**GOURMET MEALS** only \$6.00! New menu every week - just heat and serve. Islander Special 10% off Tuesday - Thurs on pick-up orders. Chef On The Run, 9760A Fourth Street, Sidney, B.C. Open Mon.-Sat. 10am-6pm

### continued from Page 25

## Barnacle Classifieds

### 790 • RENTALS WANTED

**WORKING COUPLE** require 3 bedroom home for April 1st. Long term. 537-2580. 0600

**PROFESSIONAL COUPLE** seeks a place to call home. Trustworthy, N/S, N/P, long term. 5 appliances, garden preferred. April start. 537-4777. 0600

### RENTALS NEEDED

for adults with mental health issues.

- 1 Bedroom cabin fairly central to Ganges \$500 - \$600.

- 1 Bedroom suite, private, quiet, close to Ganges \$400 - \$550.

On going tenant support is provided, rent guaranteed.

If you can offer any of the above or would like more information please call Kathy Mara R.P.N. Mental Health Housing Co-ordinator, 537-9971 Mondays to Thursdays.

### 800 • CARS & TRUCKS

**ATTENTION CAR-BUFFS!** '84 Toyota Cressida, no muffler, overheats, 100% woman driven, slightly saggy. \$200 obo. Call Soo, 537-4241. 0600

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

**1985 MERCURY.** Good condition. Offers 537-2848. 0600

### 800 • CARS & TRUCKS

**GOOD WINTER** car. \$350.00 as is. 537-4782. 0600

**1987 MERCURY** Sable GS, 3L V6, loaded, 173,000 km, good gas mileage, 13 yr. service records, new a/c and brake work. \$3,200 obo. 537-4683. 0800

**BUY BY** phone - factory warranties. Lowest prices! Call Melbourne Check at Budget Auto Sales, (250) 655-2600 (collect). (Located in Sidney by the Sea.) 0900

**TRADE OR** sell 19'6" Glaspy, 90 hp, car, campers etc. Sell or trade for 1/2ton pickup, mid to late 80's. 537-2484.

**1978 GMC** 3/4 ton, very reliable, new brakes in rear. Some new parts. Good condition. \$1,000 firm. 537-1368. 0600

**CLASSIC '69** VW Microbus - body in excellent shape - redone interior - runs great - lots of recent work - ready for Mexico! \$1500. 537-5879.

**1990 FORD** F-150 4 x 4, 5 speed, 300 cu in. 160,000 km. Asking \$7,900 obo. 537-1458. 0600

### 820 • BOATS/MARINE

**TRADE OR** sell 19'6" Glaspy, 90 hp, car, campers etc. Sell or trade for 1/2ton pickup, mid to late 80's. 537-2484.

**BOATBUILDING SUPPLIES** for less. Fibreglass, epoxy, hardware, fasteners ... Best prices; will ship anywhere. The Marine Supply Store, 1-888-748-1149 or lmarine.com. 0600

### HOLD THE PRESS

**NEWSPRINT ROLL** ends now available for sale at The Barnacle office - 324 Lower Ganges Road. 537-4040. 0600

**PING-PONG** table - full size (folds up for storage). Heavy duty model in like new condition. \$200 obo. Call 537-4595 evenings. 0600

**GOURMET MEALS** only \$6.00! New menu every week - just heat and serve. Islander Special 10% off Tuesday - Thurs on pick-up orders. Chef On The Run, 9760A Fourth Street, Sidney, B.C. Open Mon.-Sat. 10am-6pm

**"A THOUSAND** Words" Picture Framing will be open "by appointment only" for the month of February. Call Elaine or Krista at 537-5131 for an appointment. Business as usual in March. 0800

**PROTECT YOURSELF** from dust mites and their attendant problems: asthma attacks, allergies, wheezing, sneezing, congestion, eczema, & rashes with Healthguard Sleep Care System. Salt Spring Medical Supply. 2059 North End Road. 537-1990. 0600

### Answers to this week's Crossword Puzzle

D	A	T	A	B	O	A	S
C	U	P	I	D	L	A	N
M	A	S	S	E	D	O	R
A	N	T	E	L	O	S	A
C	D	E	R	E	U	S	E
H	Y	D	R	O	R	O	M
F	L	O	W	E	R	S	M
L	A	B	S	E	I	Z	E
E	R	O	S	T	E	L	A
A	V	I	A	T	E	B	R
A	S	T	O	N	R	E	V
T	E	N	T	A	D	E	S



## Saint *cont'd. from p11*

Gelasius set aside February 14 to honor St. Valentine. So Valentine became known as the patron of love.

By the 1400s, these historic, religious and pagan roots had been buried by the customs we now associate with Valentine's Day. A more modern theory linking Valentine's Day to lovers is based on the European belief that birds begin mating around February 14. This romantic idea suggested that people should choose lovers and exchange gifts on that date.

After postal service began in North America in the 1600s, the

practice of mailing Valentines became common. The Valentines were usually written in verse with a loving message, but were sometimes comic or even coarse and hateful.

In 1881, the Ottawa Citizen reported that a Valentine could just as easily be a hate letter as a love letter:

"St. Valentine's Day has come, and judging from the unusually large increase in the ordinary mail matter, it is evident that a large portion of our citizens have taken advantage of its arrival to send their friends, and enemies as well, tokens of their remem-

brance or dislike, as the case may be; it is very frequently the latter. An opportunity of this kind is never allowed to pass by a viciously inclined person without mailing to one or more persons, with whom he is not on the best of terms, a momento of his hatred in the shape of a Valentine, representing as it does, the contempt and hatred it is meant to convey."

How lucky we are today that this strange custom of sending Valentine hate mail has gone out of vogue. The 1881 Citizen story went on to talk about how some people sent Valentine love messages.

"On the other hand there are Valentines expressive of the devotedness of a lover, who is only

too glad to avail himself of what he regards a fitting opportunity to pay a tribute to his admired."

Through the centuries, the meaning and traditions associated with Valentine's Day have mutated and changed with the whims of fashion. Today it may mean no more than chocolate and red roses to some. But the most powerful meaning of Valentine's Day is the symbol that has endured. As the Roman poet Virgil wrote, "Love conquers all things: Let us too give in to love."

## Alternative

*cont'd. from p19*

tomatoes started to grow back. As long as the roots are established, this variety survives freezing temperatures, and I have been saving seeds of the Siberia ever since. So identifying a plant variety suitable for adverse conditions does not require transgenic operations, just access to heritage varieties, and a little patience and careful observation in a backyard garden.

Heritage varieties include plants grown from open-pollinated seeds, some that are self-pollinated such as tomatoes, and also plants reproduced clonally, such as potatoes, sweet potatoes, and sunroots. The sunroot, also called sunchoke or Jerusalem artichoke, is not cultivated extensively in Canada, even though it is native to this country. It is a low-care plant that actually requires frost to trigger its best flavours. The sunroot provides the latest and the earliest fresh produce to harvest from the garden. With the uncertainty of global climate change, the sunroot may prove to be a very important vegetable in the future.

We don't need expensive and potentially dangerous genetic engineering experiments to provide plant varieties suitable for our growing conditions. Heritage varieties, along with the wild relatives of cultivated plants, most likely contain all the variation that is needed. What is important, then, is to preserve heritage plant varieties.

You can participate in the preservation of heritage varieties by coming to Seedy Saturday at Mahon Hall in Ganges, on February 12, between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. If you have seeds or tubers to swap, please bring them. If you don't have any yet, now is the time to start, for a modest purchase price or donation. The event will feature vegetable, herb, and ornamental seeds, plus tubers and plants.

## Stewardship *cont'd. from p2*

lished, landholders will be contacted by letter and the Conservancy office will be open with information, brochures and staff contact available.

A part-time co-ordinator, Christy Wilson, has been hired. She has extensive experience in stewardship programmes, including co-ordinating the Freshwater and Intertidal Stewardship projects for the Cowichan Community Land Trust.

Working with her will be Shannon Cowan, who worked on and co-ordinates a similar pro-

gramme on Vancouver Island, and Patrick Walshe, a biologist with working experience in salmon enhancement and other areas of wildlife conservation.

The Conservancy has had assistance from many people in setting up this programme. The Salt Spring Island Foundation has contributed towards the purchase of a computer and software. Richard Murakami has been generous in assisting with office space, and many organizations in the South & West Partnership are offering in-kind

support for this project.

Conservancy Vice-President, Maureen Bendick, says that this is a very exciting project that should help Islanders who want to preserve the great natural beauty of the Island. She promises that the stewardship committee will be active in keeping the Island informed about the issues and the progress of this new programme.

The telephone number of the Conservancy is 538-0318 and office hours will be established and publicized soon. Meanwhile, people can contact the Conservancy by mail at Box 722, Ganges Post Office, V8K 2W3.

smash windows, loot stores and wreak havoc.

People have fought and died to establish "beneficial rules" for fair labour practices, animal rights and to protect the environment. Now, the WTO in their insatiable greed for more profits plans to eliminate the above mentioned "beneficial rules" and return us to worldwide use of sweatshops, pollution, and the slaughter of endangered species of wildlife.

My vision of the future is for FAIR TRADE not FREE TRADE where rich and poor countries trade with one another, where there is no child labour, prison labour, where workers' rights, animal rights, human rights, are protected and where the environment and endangered species are protected! Trade that respects the rights of countries to set their own environmental, labour, public health, and safety standards.

The World Trade Organization is corrupt. It is trading democracy for corporate profit and must be stopped!

If you are at all concerned about your future and your children's future, become active; let your MLA and MP know how you feel!

ELIZABETH BURKE  
Santa Barbara

*Editor's Note: Elizabeth Burke's letter was accompanied by a covering letter explaining that she will be moving to Salt Spring within a few months and wishes to begin the process of introducing herself to the community through its local paper.*

## Letters *cont'd. from p7*

### The battle in Seattle

I was one of the 50,000 people who went to Seattle to video tape the teach-ins and protests against the World Trade Organization's policies for my video show *For a Better World Take Action* aired on Public Access Television, Channel 17.

I was very encouraged and excited to be among environmentalists, labour unionists, and animal rights activists, from all over the world—Canada, U.S., England, France, Japan, China, India, Africa and many other countries. Since I belong to the Green Party, it was very encouraging to see so many Greens from all over the world and also other political parties like the Labour Party, etc.

The World Trade Organization is a powerful world government body started in 1995 that manages trade between its 134 member nations. It has its own court system of enforcement powers that can override the authority of national, state and local laws all over the world. In every single case, it has decided against environmental, public health, labour and agriculture laws in favour of corporate profits and has required countries to eliminate or change their own laws or face economic sanctions.

WTO considers corporate profits more important than anything else in the world, even citizens' freedom of choice. It seeks to undermine laws that require sustainable rain-forest wood harvesting and laws

that require labelling of genetically engineered foods.

Workers around the world need to have their basic rights protected, whatever country they're in, rich or poor. Some aspects of globalization must be reversed; where commodities can be produced locally, they should be produced locally. Things like water and other biological resources—genes, cells, species, people—should not be commodified and traded. The current set of WTO rules is to the advantage of the rich countries, particularly the U.S.

Trade and investment should not be ends in themselves but tools for promoting ideals such as equality, democracy, good jobs, a clean environment and healthy communities. The goal is to shift from an emphasis on exports based on the plunder of resources and the exploitation of workers to sustainable economic activity that roots capital locally and nationally!

Global institutions should help protect the environment, fight diseases and defend human rights!

Corporations should pay their fair share of taxes, provide their employees with a decent standard of living, and limit their pollution.

In Seattle during the protests, violence came mostly from the police against the masses of peaceful demonstrators. I was there, I saw it with my own eyes, I have it on video. The demonstrations were marred by a handful of vandals who took advantage of the event to



**RAMMED EARTH**  
(250) 537-9355

*Beautiful*  
**CANDLES**

The largest selection  
of affordable candles on  
Salt Spring Island!

**SAVE-ON SALTSRING**

GENERAL STORE  
Gasoline Alley • 537-5526  
(next to Centennial Park)

**Terrific Value  
Package**

**2000 SUBARU LEGACY**  
All Wheel Drive Wagon

Includes:

- All Wheel Drive
- 2.5 Litre Engine (same as Outback)
- Power Windows
- Power Door Locks
- AM/FM Cassette
- Air Conditioning
- ABS
- 5 Year Warranty

From

**\$23,595**

**SUBARU**  
The Beauty of All-Wheel Drive.

**SAUNDERS SUBARU**  
**474-2211**

1784 Island Hwy, Victoria D5932

**CANADIAN**  
**2 FOR 1**  
**PIZZA**

537-5552

**PIZZA**  
**SPECIAL**

Medium

**ALL DRESSED**  
**PIZZA**

Pepperoni, mushrooms, green peppers, mozzarella & edam.

**Plus MEDIUM**  
**2-TOPPING PIZZA**

With mozzarella & edam cheeses

**\$17.45**  
BOTH FOR plus GST

**FREE: A pizza dip with each pizza. \*limited time only**  
**WE DELIVER**





## Robert Bateman on Art, Spirituality and Ethics

# A new stage in our cultural consciousness

By Elizabeth Courtney

He promised us a roller coaster ride from the picayune to the profound, but even Robert Bateman was probably unprepared for the dénouement of his presentation which left many of his audience profoundly moved, tears rolling down not a few faces in response to an unanticipated invitation.

Bateman had been invited to participate in the United Church's series on Art, Spirituality and Ethics and used his slide show of a history of images to, as he put it, "vent his opinions," fully expecting to have "rubbed everyone the wrong way" by the time he was finished.

Starting with paleolithic rock art, Bateman described the aesthetic journey from total identification with the world of animals, through feminine-inspired abstraction in the neolithic, art as architecture, wildlife as unfit for art unless domesticated or dead, nature as a dragon to be conquered, art as propaganda, art as the servant of industrial design, and art as an activity without heritage.

Having arrived at the twentieth century's aesthetic divorce from nature, Bateman shifted gear and turned his attention to his "hobbyhorses"—the contemporary debates about what art is that have often swamped him in vitriol. Quoting an early ceramics teacher who had told him there was no such thing as cheating in art, he tossed aside any objections to the role of the technical in photography, Warhol, Vaserley, et al. by insisting that the inner thought was the key to judging a piece of art. Skipping past some of the worst excesses of abuse and exploitation in the avant-garde and some of the questions raised by computer-generated art, he arrived, by way of an outburst against McLeans magazine for its mean-spirited article accusing Bill Reid of appropriation (only half of this internationally celebrated artist is Haida) to the controversy surrounding his own work.

Bateman has been roundly abused by the art establishment for his use of commercial reproduction techniques which sows confusion among buyers of traditional prints. Since his defense of himself always wound up on the cutting room floor, he said he felt like taking the opportunity in his own home community for a few words about it. First, the successes and frantic pace of the eighties, in which he could produce up to twenty-four images a year, were now long gone, a healthy proportion of the hefty profits going into the conservancy foundations that he has supported. Now he produces no more than six, and

detailed the painstaking methods by which each reproduction is assigned its touch colours and accepted or rejected. He does also make original prints and believes the art market is quite capable of distinguishing the two. Some of his prints are done as fund raisers—he was asked by the elders of the Stein Valley not to do a mountain goat as he had planned, but a grizzly because "grizzlies are the keepers of the land," a request he was only too happy to comply with.

As if he had to get this issue out of the way in a talk on ethics, Bateman now warmed to his real topic, and what he considers the real sin of the twentieth century: the almost wholesale destruction of indigenous peoples, their knowledge, and culture. Showing images from his notebooks, he returned to his world travels as a young man when he travelled with Bristol Foster and encountered such peoples as the Bambuti of the then Belgian Congo; people with an encyclopaedic knowledge of the forest world around them whose reaction to a decimating flu epidemic was to sing to their guardian forest who must have dozed off to sleep. Citing the Penan of Borneo, he contrasted the richness of these disappearing cultures with the cultural emptiness of the obsession with shopping (now listed as a source of greatest pleasure by a majority of respondents in a North American survey). One of Bateman's own composite images showed the beauty of the undamaged Carmanah forest, flanked by faces of the first artists to have succeeded in saving a piece of the environment through their art, sur-

mounting a clear-cut tract just a mile away. Reiterating his belief that concerns for the environment must include empowering women to take their rightful place in society, Bateman moved to a discussion of some European perspectives on conservation. In an oblique reference to the Texada lands, he said it was utterly unacceptable that an accountant at an East Coast desk decide the fate of a forested hillside on Salt Spring. His next slides showed an idyllic European valley with small farms nestled below forested hillsides. Here, the chief forester determines how much lumber is cut, and precisely which deer might be shot by hunters. Logs were removed without disturbing the moss, in quantities limited enough to allow natural reseedling, and the wood turned into furniture in the local town. This was a landscape which would look the same in fifty years, because that's what the inhabitants chose it to look like. How to use this model in thinking about Salt Spring was left to germinate in the audience's collective mind.

Before drawing to a close, Bateman showed his final image of his own property, explaining that he and his wife have various praying spots in which they sit every day, whatever the weather.

These last minutes of his talk had brought out what felt like Bateman's true voice—his dedication to the land, its animals and the peoples who know it best. In this context, the issues surrounding his reproduction techniques seemed strangely irrelevant.

At this point, a man stepped into the aisle of the church and expressed gratitude to Bateman on behalf of his lineage, chiefs of the Carmanah Valley area, and his grandmother, who had taught him the language and traditions of his people. Randy Chips' voice rose in his own language in an invocation of all his ancestors to be present with everyone there. His chant filled the church like a piece of Bach pouring from the organ. It was as if Bateman had outlined a somewhat diffident manifesto, drawing courage the closer he got to his true passion, only to summon a drumroll of support from a completely unexpected quarter. The effect on the audience was galvanizing and will perhaps mark a new stage in Island consciousness about our relationship to the environment we live in and the peoples who have preceded us in our love of it.



Face to face: Robert Bateman and Randy Chips.

Elizabeth Courtney photos

**Blemished Frame Sale**  
**Save up to 70%**

JILL  
LOUISE  
CAMPBELL  
fine art

**Feb 11 ~ 27**  
**Great savings on select metal and Italian Wood blemished frames**

gallery open daily 11 to 4 call 537-1589 for info