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Biodiversity package comes through at long last

The long awaited biodiversity package became official at a joint Federal and Provincial ceremony in Vancouver on Saturday. The package includes \$105 million, in addition to land transfers from the province, to establish a national park reserve in the southern Gulf Islands. The agreement extends the Pacific Marine Heritage Legacy and includes a formal offer by the federal government to match provincial funds to purchase and permanently protect Burns Bog in Delta.

The announcement was made collectively by Canada's Environment Minister David Anderson, B.C. Minister of the Environment, Lands and Parks Ian Waddell, Canadian Heritage Minister Sheila Copps, and B.C. Premier Ujjal Dosanjh.

Regarding funds earmarked for local land purchase, Waddell stated, "Twenty million dollars has been set aside for the acquisition of lands Salt Spring Islanders wish to see preserved."

It is clear from the announcement that some of the \$20 million will also be used to acquire land on Valdes and Galiano in what is being called "priority lands." Addressing what sums had specifically been allocated for the purchase of Texada lands and the preservation of the Mt.

Maxwell watershed, Waddell said, "On Monday, I am appointing an outside expert to handle negotiations for the government with the owners. The money is available. It is just a matter of arriving at a fair market price. At this point, it is not clear what sums are available for what specific purchases."

A great deal of fine tuning of the agreement in principle

remains to be done. The proposed Gulf Islands National Park reserve will be spread out over twelve islands totalling approximately 1,200 hectares, more than six times the size of Stanley Park.

Announcing the new park, Premier Dosanjh said, "This continues a long line of initiatives our government has taken to protect more than twelve per cent of the province's land base."

Anderson said Canada and British Columbia will sign a detailed agreement as soon as possible.



Harry Warner, left, and Andrea Collins met with Premier Dosanjh.

The announcement is an example of the cooperative federalism envisaged by Lester Pearson, Waddell said. "I look forward to working with the Government of Canada to establish and enhance the new national park announced today," he added.

Also in attendance at the news conference were Salt Spring Islands Trustee David Borrowman and Salt

Spring resident and Land Conservancy of B.C. director Briony Penn. "It was a culmination of a lot of good news. It was a really happy day," said Penn.

Penn and Holly Arntzen led school children from Sooke and Saanich in their new collaboration of Salish Sea songs to celebrate the establishment of the new park.

Penn explained that appraisals for the Burgoyne property won't be completed for a couple weeks. She said that additional funds have come in recently to supple-

ment the government package. "Between Nina [Raginsky] and the Salt Spring Appeal Fund, we've got another \$400,000 in donations that have come through in the last week or so."

To date, this brings the total community fundraising tally for land acquisition up to \$1.3 million, Penn said.

Andrea Collins, president of the Save Salt Spring Society, who was invited to the ceremony in Vancouver by Waddell, said, "I'm totally ecstatic... While this is truly a historic day, it is not the end of the struggle to save what needs to be saved on Salt Spring Island."

She commented that it was marvellous to see both levels of government committed to doing the will of the people. "But we must not slacken off in our pressure on government or on our fund raising efforts."

Collins remarked, "The Save Salt Spring Society would like to thank Texada Land Corporation for halting the logging on the Island and especially in the Mt. Maxwell watershed... I expect that Texada will be fair in its bargaining. Then all Texada's lands on the Island can be saved and the chain saws finally silenced."

She added, "It's perfectly obvious to me that our present NDP government has listened to the people of Salt Spring Island and our concerns. I am not confident that any alternative provincial administration is committed to follow through on what was announced today."

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Future uncertain for Mahon Hall

by Joanne O'Connor

A four-year negotiation between School District 64 and the Farmers Institute (FI) concerning the ownership and operation of Mahon Hall ended March 28, 2001.

In 1997, following a proposal drafted by Islands Trust Trustees and CRD Director Kellie Booth, the School District contacted the FI and the Parks and Recreation Commission (PARC). The School District indicated its desire to transfer ownership of Mahon Hall to either interested party for a sum of \$1. Discussions regarding various costs, including those of sub-dividing and access roads, ensued over a period of several months.

As reflected in a FI Report prepared for the February 2001 Annual General Meeting, the initial discussions between the School District and FI eventually reached a stalemate. School District ownership of Mahon Hall dates back more than 60 years. In the late 1930s, Mahon Hall, and the land where there are now School Board offices and a playing field, were sold by the FI for \$1. Since then, the School District has allowed the Hall to accommodate various community functions.

In August 2000, the School Board offered the FI a different proposal, a lease on Mahon Hall with a three-year term. Negotiations resumed and the FI requested a long-term lease. PARC, which had also received an invitation to the negotiation process in 1997, ceased their involvement in January 2000.

The FI appointed a 12-member acquisition committee to conduct an in-depth study of Mahon Hall, to evaluate the Hall's present condition and possible uses. The committee included representatives from the arts and theatre community, as well as professionals from such fields as marketing, insurance, and building inspection. The acquisition committee advised that it would cost approximately \$100,000 to bring the Hall to a minimum standard of operation.

Tony Threlfall, a director of the FI, said the Institute had envisioned restoring Mahon Hall to the standards of a true Community Heritage Building. "We

would be the custodians and caretakers of the building," Threlfall stated, "It would be a Community Hall." Threlfall also related the FI intent to set up a separate board to handle administration of the Hall, including a couple of members from the FI and a broad representation from the Salt Spring Island Community.

In a February 20, 2001 letter to the FI, the School Board conveyed its wish to clarify and resolve additional issues regarding the potential lease agreement. The five issues listed were: budget, insurance, repairs, legal status of tenant, and other terms. With regard to budget, the request was made for "projected short-, medium- and long-term budgets respecting the anticipated revenue and expenses associated with the Hall." The Board also asked for a "list of work that your organization intends to undertake...with a time table of anticipated commencement and completion dates." The issues set out in the letter were discussed by the FI's negotiating committee and discussed at an open meeting last Wednesday. The FI's letter withdrawing the offer to lease Mahon Hall, as well as a copy of the 2001 AGM Report were read to those in attendance.

Regarding repairs, the FI responded in their letter, "Because of the deplorable condition of the Hall, long term planning is impossible."

see BELEAGUERED p23



An image of trees in the Burgoyne valley from a card sold as part of the fundraising effort to protect the old growth in Burgoyne Bay.

Burgoyne trees adopted

Old growth trees in the Burgoyne Bay will be protected by covenants; \$200,020 has been raised to meet Texada's \$200,000 price for timber value by the March 31 deadline, said Nina Raginsky.

The last major donation came in just before the deadline, Raginsky said. "Susan Bloom came through on March 30, with \$8,000 to top it off. And since then we've had more [donations]."

The trees that will be protected by covenant are on two 100-acre lots owned by Texada Land Corpora-

tion. The company had begun logging earlier this year, but agreed to halt the operation at Raginsky's request until April 2 to allow time for fundraising.

"It's all Island money, every penny of it," said Raginsky. "It's just beautiful."



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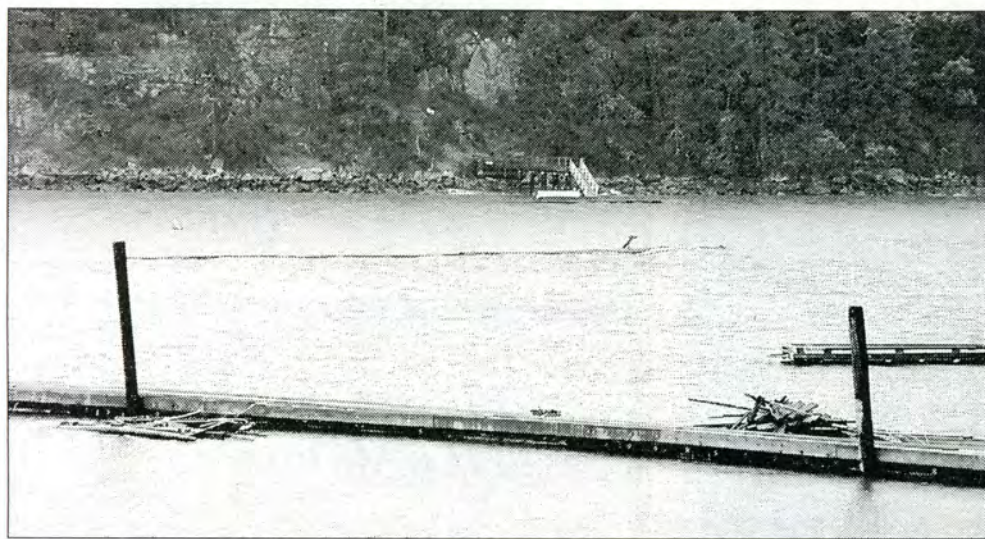
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Seventy-knot winds wreak havoc in Ganges Harbour.

Ganges breakwater breaks

by Peggy Abrahams

Last Tuesday's storm lashed out 70-knot winds which played havoc with the breakwater in Ganges Harbour. The Salt Spring Coast Guard detachment observed the breakwater coming apart and contacted the manager of the Ganges Marina, owner of the breakwater, to have it secured.

A commercial tugboat was hired to put the breakwater back together and re-attach it to the original boom. "It had come adrift at the eastern end. It had fractured and there was a concern it could swing into Ganges Marina," said Ian Kyle, Coast Guard Officer in Charge.

Kyle said that the weather is not an unusual problem for the Marina, which receives full force southeast gales. The

breakwater, which is potentially hazardous to boaters in the area, is now back in place, but Kyle could not say whether it is stable. John Teskey, manager of the Ganges Marina (which is currently pending sale) said there are plans to upgrade the breakwater: "There are plans in place to put a new one in place—a complete reconstruction."

In the meantime, Teskey added, "We're trying to do our best to keep everything together."

Jamie Macdonell, partner in nearby Salt Spring Marina Ltd., said bits and pieces of the breakwater have been breaking off for some time. He said that half of the old breakwater has broken off. "We've been trying to have it fixed for a long time, and it wasn't. This is the result," he said.

Sale of Ganges Marina pending

by Peggy Abrahams

The beleaguered Ganges Marina may have a new owner by the end of April, according to Gordon Wintrup, portfolio manager for Vancouver-based Bayfield Investment Services Ltd. The company has held the financing for the receivership of the Marina, which filed for bankruptcy last year.

"There is a sale pending. We're working out the final details. We've been working on this sale for seven months. It [still] has to clear the courts," Wintrup said.

The prospective buyer is a Canadian group, according to Wintrup, although he could not disclose the party's name. "I think

it's very important the Marina be sold, and put into local ownership. [It will be] a benefit to the town of Ganges," he added.

In the meantime, additional negotiations have been going on with American yacht clubs to ensure arrangements are ready for the influx of summer boaters. "We had to guarantee that the docks would be in good shape," Wintrup said.

He explained the sea dock has been rebuilt and other repairs are underway. "Last year was a fair improvement to the town of Ganges, and for Salt Spring. This year, you'll notice more pleasant changes," he said.

Town hall meeting and movie

A Town Hall meeting will be held this Thursday, April 5th, at 6 p.m. in the Gulf Islands Secondary School Multi-purpose room. The programme will begin with a screening of Mort Ransen's movie, *Ah, The Money, The Money, The Money...*, followed by a talk by Ransen on the making of the documentary at 7 p.m.

The Town Hall agenda will begin at 7:30, with an update on the Biodiversity Package announced last week, and special emphasis on how the package will affect Salt Spring.

Elizabeth White, coordinator of the Salt Spring Appeal, will report on the fundrais-

ing effort for the land acquisition fund. She said the Land Conservancy of B.C. plans to continue negotiations with Texada during the appraisal process in the next few weeks.

This Town Hall will be a happy meeting, said White. "The most cheerful meeting so far."

Childcare will be provided from 7 to 9 p.m.

Agenda

- 6 p.m. *Ah, the money, the money, the money...*
- 7 p.m. Mort Ransen on the making of a documentary
- 7.30 p.m. Town hall meeting

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Hospital employees may strike

by Michelle Grant

Islanders can expect certain disruptions to Lady Minto Hospital services as members of the Hospital Employee Union (HEU), with the exception of those designated to provide essential services, take expanded job action between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. on Tuesday.

As of Monday, at 4:43 p.m., legal strike notice was served by HEU at Lady Minto. The HEU members include licensed practical nurses, care aides, housekeepers, technicians, laundry, and food service workers. They have been without a contract as of March 31st. Contract talks between the HEU and the Hospital Employers Association of B.C. are stalled over issues of pay equity and wages.

A strike vote is due to take place on

Wednesday, April 4 by 25,000 B.C. Registered Nurses and Registered Psychiatric Nurses who have been without a contract since March 31. Members of the B.C. Nurses Union rallied before the Provincial Legislature on Monday to support their demands for adequate wage levels in order to retain and recruit sufficient nurses to deal with B.C.'s nursing shortage.

According to Andrew Mordan, spokesperson for the Capital Health Region, hospital facilities and services were operating normally as of Monday at 2:30 p.m. "The CHR has been putting contingency plans together for the past several months in order to minimize the disruption of services," he said. Essential service levels for the region should be determined by April 10.

Déjà vu for the Skeena Queen

by Michelle Grant

In an all-too-familiar scenario, the Skeena Queen has once again succumbed to a bad case of "enginitis," resulting in Transport Canada recently condemning use of the fourth engine except on an emergency basis. The problems began in early March when ferry engineers discovered that water was leaking from three of the ship's four engines. Further tests conducted on the number 4 main engine revealed a serious crack in the cylinder block.

According to Betty Nicholson, BC Ferries Communications Co-ordinator, the engines (installed 10 months ago) are under warranty and the manufacturer, Mitsubishi, has been called in to assess the situation. A full report is expected from them early this week. Transport Canada is also keeping a close eye on the situation.



The Skeena Queen

"One of our marine inspectors will be examining the other engines sometime this week," says Bill Nash, Regional Director, Marine.

Meanwhile, BC Ferries is looking into which boat could be used to replace the Skeena Queen if the ship has to be taken off the Fulford Bay-Swartz Bay run. "There's no question a replacement vessel will be found. It depends on how quickly the problem can be corrected. The manufacturer is the one who has to tell us why this problem is occurring," says Nicholson.

The Skeena's mechanical

record has been blemished from the beginning. After coming into service on the Fulford Bay-Swartz Bay run in May 1997, engineers discovered premature engine wear in late 1998. After extensive study in 1999, changes were made to the ship's hull to strengthen the engine's support structure. In February 2000, the Skeena was laid up for four months while repairs were conducted and new engines installed. Less than a year later, three of the four engines have sprung leaks and at least one has a serious crack in the cylinder block, a dilemma which bears an uncanny resemblance to past problems.

With the tourist season fast approaching, the Skeena's ailing engines must be creating some freighter-sized headaches for both BC Ferries executives and Mitsubishi.

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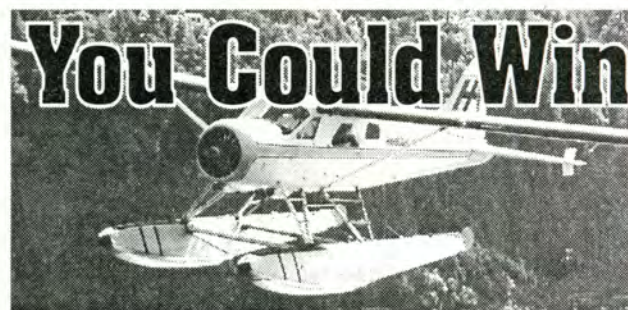
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402	Ganges/Maple Bay/Telegraph Harbour	7:45am	Vanc. Harbour	8:15-8:45am	Mon.-Fri.
404	*** SUSPENDED ***				
406	Ganges/Maple Bay/Telegraph Harbour	9:30am	Vanc. Harbour	10:00-10:30am	Sat. only
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An acting editorial



From the Acting Editor ...

Peggy Abrahams

The Barnacle often reminds me of the classic children's book, *The Little Engine that Could*, by Watty Piper. As most everyone remembers, it's the story of a little red train that chugs its way to the top of the mountain through the force of sheer determination, saying to itself along the way, "I think I can. I think I can."

By staying on track and chanting its own motivational mantra, the little red engine manages to overcome adversity along the way. I can still recall the picture of the little red engine huffing and puffing its way to the top. It is an inspirational book for children, and not a bad one to keep in mind whatever the stage in life or whatever the goal. Like the little red engine, *the Barnacle* has tackled adversity but manages to keep chugging along, while gaining strength along the way.

This little paper has been in existence for less than two and a half years, and already it, and members of its staff, have confronted and overcome lawsuits, smear tactics, scandal and turnover. These are difficult things to overcome. But somehow *the Barnacle* has rallied, each time largely buoyed up by support from you, a loyal readership.

And by loyal, I don't mean complacent. Our readers are scrappy, too. Never letting us get away with anything. Always calling, questioning, and bringing us to task. All these things combined have helped to make the paper better.

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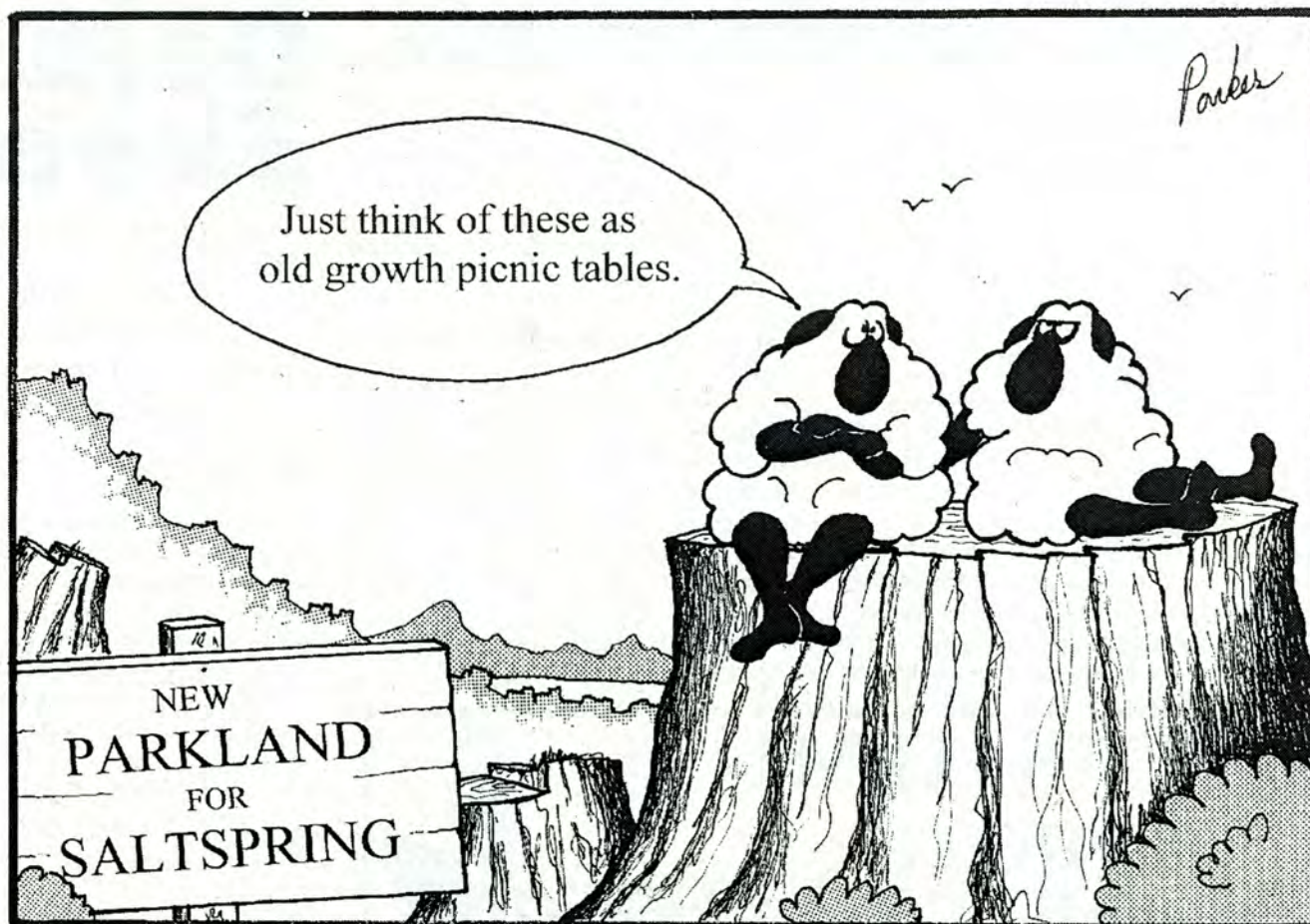
For now, I look forward to the fun and the challenge of applying my background and training in this role. Before a career of many years as a marketing communications and public relations consultant, I was trained as a journalist...a bachelor of journalism from Carleton University and a Master of Arts from the University of Southern California School of Journalism.

For the last year and a half, I've been a contributing freelance write for *the Barnacle*. I started writing an occasional column, *Curiosities of Culture*, a flippant look at everyday oddities of life. I ended up covering the most contentious news events to confront the Island in recent history, events that brought Salt Spring into the national, and even international, spotlight.

More recently, I have been involved in planning some of the paper's editorial coverage, and assigning stories to some of our writers. So it wasn't a big surprise when, after a series of recent developments, I was asked to fill in the editor's shoes.

And what do we mean by acting editor? Well, actually, it's a work in progress, so we shall see. Do we mean it's an act? As mentioned above, you can expect a certain amount of drama in the newspaper business, and of course we cover a lot of dramatic events in these pages. When we say acting, this means you can expect action.

So begins another chapter, so to speak, in the evolution of *the Barnacle*, the scrappy little newspaper that thinks it can. I'm pleased to be on board.



An open letter to the community of Salt Spring Island

We are your nurses. We take care of you when you need help at your hospital and in your community. It's not a job anyone would take for the income. It's a job for people who care, who are nurses by nature. Not only does it often deal with the daily traumas of our world—life and death situations, but it's also a burden for the families of nurses who have to work night shifts and holidays, and constantly deal with the added stress of being on call.

As everyone is aware, our hospital system is in a state of crisis. In Victoria and on the Islands, beds have been closed and surgeries cancelled, because there aren't enough nurses. In some hospitals emergency wards are shutting their doors. Beds are closing down everywhere. Overtime costs have soared to 72 million dollars a year, the equivalent of 1,000 full-time RNs (registered nurses).

Most of this has been caused by federal government spending cuts. B.C. now receives less than the 1992 level for health care and social services. Eight out of ten people in this province support us receiving a wage increase. But the provincial government's appointees' first reaction was to refuse even to negotiate, after offering a complicated formula that amounted to a benefit cut. That's nerve!

In the last ten years, RN wages have fallen behind in relation to doctors, support workers, and administrators. Doctors can receive up to \$40 an hour for being on call. A nurse with four years of post graduate education and 20 years experience gets \$1.25 an hour.

The starting rate for a trained professional nurse is only \$21.40 compared to \$19.25 for an aide. The top rate for a front-line RN is \$26.50 compared to

\$32.40 in Alberta, and \$60 in the U.S., which is actively recruiting B.C. nurses. One out of four nurses leaves the province after they have graduated. B.C. has the second fewest nurses per person than any other province except Ontario. The B.C. government admits there are more than 1,000 vacant nursing positions in B.C. More than 4,000 RNs in B.C. are over 55 and eligible to retire. This exceeds 30 per cent of the nurses in some hospitals.

Yes, we are asking for a large salary increase, as well as higher premiums for night shifts, weekend work, and being on call. If your nurses are not paid what they deserve, you will not be receiving the services you need on Salt Spring, or anywhere in B.C., because there will be even fewer nurses.

We need your support, so we can care for you.

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The film, the film, the film...

A thank you to the Board of Directors of ArtSpring from the bottom of my heart for allowing your theatre to show Mort Ransen's *Ah! The Money, the Money, the Money...* to the people of Salt Spring Island last Sunday afternoon.

The film is absolutely magnificent, emotionally and artistically. I left the theatre totally choked up and remained in that state for the rest of the day. Ransen's depiction of greed and destruction was strong without being confrontational, exposing the barrenness of our three or four levels of government.

They blithely blather slogans such as "Canada is the best country in the world" and "...to guard and protect..." and so on, and then meekly stand by and watch the destruction of the environment, the natural beauty, the ecosystems and the habitat of wild life with never a murmur.

The ordinary citizens, even very old senior citizens, who protest this ruin of their land, are ignored by these same governments and often arrested and in many cases sent to prison. However, the RCMP who are government servants are shown to be sympathetic and gentle in their position as negotiators.

These are some of the things that the film said to me, beautifully and artistically. Never having been involved in any kind of public protest I find I have been jolted out of my complacency. Thanks a hundred million, Mort, you have done a great service to Salt Spring.

KEN HEELEY-RAY

Fallout from film

Ah the Money, the Money, the Money... would better be called *Oh the Litigation, the Litigation, the Litigation*. One has to admire the self-sacrificing integrity and commitment of Salt Spring's own salt-of-the-earth Islanders, even if Mr. Ransen's film paints a highly exclusionary picture of the face of Salt Spring inhabitants. Unfortunately, corporate North America has little sympathy for those who appear, to own little, appear to work little, and appear to have nothing to lose but the ground they are standing on.

I was appalled by how this film misrepresented the spectrum of population on Salt Spring Island by failing to show a broader image of our inhabitants. Where were those who hide behind the front lines? I know it all comes down to vulnerability to litigation and fear for loss of freedom, but to not show the all-too-well-to-do face of Salt Spring was to lose a chance to present a more powerful outrage representative of all who are not in favour of Texada's agenda.

We must, if we are to truly have any control over our local communities, reverse the hierarchy of decision-making to give local governance the final say, and protect us from the next two individuals who, without a moral compass seek to hold a community hostage for the love of money.

While the Islands Trust might have served a purpose in this case, they are far too secular to balance environmental responsibilities with developmental and economic responsibilities. They have failed the litmus test even in their own narrow mandate.

I give the film five stars for the dedicated participants, and one star for not showing the other respected faces of the money behind the effort to save Salt Spring.

PAUL MARCANO

Film fallout redux

In reading the editorial column two weeks ago ("Prepare for Fallout from Ransen Film," *the Barnacle*, March 20), nothing prepared me for the editor's last line, "...we need to be on our best behavior."

Our best behaviour? For whom? What does that even mean? Were the protesters who locked themselves to the logging trucks on their best behaviour? (Well, maybe to my thinking they were, but I'm not sure that's what the writer had in mind.) What about the students in Tiannamen Square? Were they on their best behaviour?

Or imagine, if you will, what the world might look like if Martin Luther King Jr. had told the civil rights workers to be on their best behaviour.

All of us have an obligation to live up to our own truths, to do whatever it takes to

honour them. No matter who's watching.

JOANNE BEALY

Editor's Note: By "best behaviour" we were thinking of the community presenting a united front to the rest of the world. Eschew the infighting, suppress the egos, and maintain cool.

Friendly ferries

As a member of the Salt Spring BC Ferry Corporation (BCFC) stakeholders group I disagree very much with John Pottinger's article of March 27. The feedback that we, the Committee members, have been getting is that the temporary mainland ferry service, from Tsawwassen through Swartz to Fulford, (while the Long Harbour dock was being repaired), worked very well for most people.

In the past, when Long Harbour was closed for repairs, I think it is fair to say that BCFC posted some general notices and then left the traveling public to cope. This time BCFC made sure that not only the traveling public, but also all the relevant staff, knew of the problem. BCFC management developed a plan to make the temporary schedule work with the least inconvenience to the users.

Most people were warned well in advance through public advertisements. When they presented themselves to the ticket booth at Tsawwassen they were told to let the boarding staff know they wanted the inside lane so they could get off first and onto the waiting Fulford ferry. Passengers were encouraged to leave from the car deck and they got off before the vehicle traffic. The Fulford ferry waited for both passengers and cars, something we've NEVER seen before. In short, standard systems were changed to make the users trip shorter, something BCFC hasn't been good at before. Everyone at BCFC worked toward that goal.

I think the staff and management at BCFC have made huge changes this past year and are trying to become truly user-friendly. We should applaud their successes, not deride their few failures.

DREW THORBURN

Antiques a hit

Many thanks for helping to make Antiques 2001 a success

again this year. We very much appreciate your interest and assistance.

Thanks also to all those who attended and enjoyed this event. Your participation will directly benefit the Salt Spring graduating student who will receive a scholarship from our organization this year.

GERRY LAYARD

for the Canadian Federation of University Women (CFUW)

Use a leash

On Monday, March 26th, while walking on the main trail at Channel Ridge, I was attacked and bitten by a large black dog who was running free of its owner. I was lucky in that I was wearing two thick sweat-shirts and did not receive a puncture wound. I did suffer bruising and stiffness and consider this a serious bite. I am often in the company of my wife or daughter and would not like to consider the ramifications if this dog had attacked someone smaller and not as well-protected.

I owned a large dog for 13 years on Salt Spring and do not mind being greeted by friendly dogs in the least. If, however, you own a dog that is the least bit unpredictable or too intrusive, animals that jump up, please use a lead. Many people do not share my enthusiasm for our canine friends.

TED HICKFORD

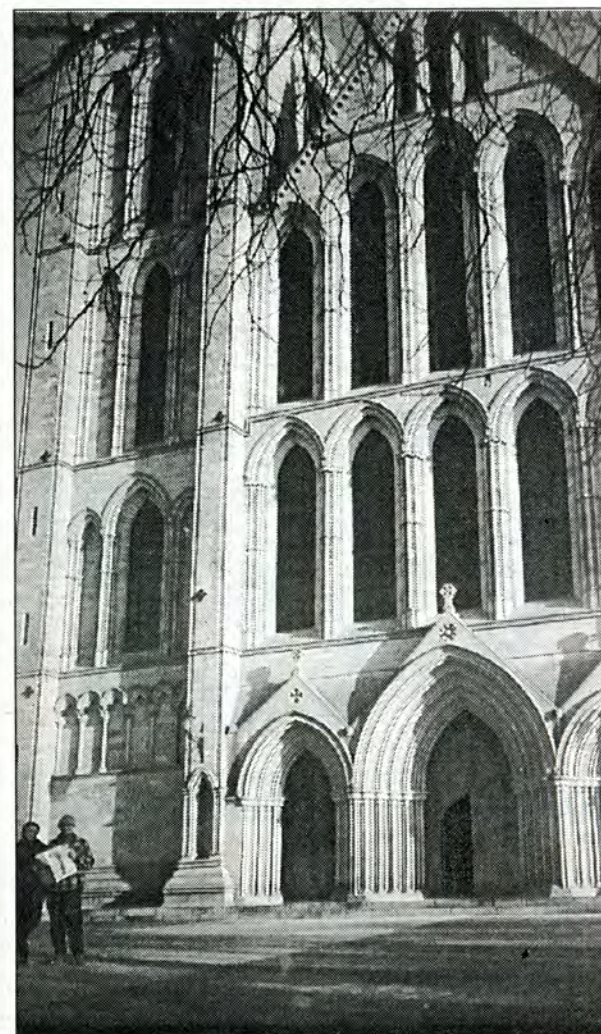
Who trapped those cats?

I'm responding to the story in the March 20 *the Barnacle*, *Iron Maiden Mark II: Cat Trapper strikes yet again*.

In response to hearing that someone (and why aren't we given his name?) is trapping cats in a barbaric trap (even after he was warned not to by the animal control officer and given a humane trap) all we heard from Cathie Newman, president of the SPCA, is that she recommends ear tattooing if pets refuse their collars. She also warned Maliview residents to neuter their male cats. The incident involving the Iron Maiden trap did not occur on Maliview—it happened on Head Street.

I want to know what the SPCA is going to DO about this problem.

The SPCA has two staff



A journal as literary as the *Barnacle* can be found in the most unusual places. Take, for example, Ripon Cathedral in North Yorkshire, England. The history of Christian worship at Ripon began over 1,300 years ago. The monk and historian Bede tells us that in the year 655, a small monastery was founded in the heathen village of 'Rhyppum'.

people. The full time employee has special constable status, which gives her the power to take action against this man, who is perpetuating cruelty to animals.

The cat who was caught in the homemade trap suffered severe trauma to the nailbeds of his front feet. All the nailbeds were fractured.

How many animals has this man injured or killed that we have not heard about?

The SPCA must be held responsible for more than running a cat shelter. They are the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals.

I look forward to hearing the outcome of this case.

LYN MACDONALD

Friends for Cats Foundation

Education needed

I am writing in response to Ms. Cunningham's letter *Protestors need education in the Barnacle*, March 27. When I started to protest I had this dream that Texada might be convinced to try sustainable selective logging and other activities on their land. I thought they could build a small mill, kiln, planer and sticker plant on their holdings to give value-added jobs to their community. Hit and run, quick return exploitation predicated on multiple mortgages may be good for Mr. Macdonald, but it hasn't been good for anyone else.

The people of this province have been sold out, and turned on one another. Corporations were given the right

see MAILBOX p8

I have a letter from Victoria lawyers Maquire and Co. which says that Laurie Hedger's garbage activities are legal and non-conforming. Mr. Hedger considers letters I've written to *the Barnacle* and statements I made which were critical of the CRD garbage process, have defamed his well known, good reputation.

If it is true that Mr. Hedger's operations, which have included hauling garbage to his rural property, and/or storing, and/or transferring garbage, within hundreds of feet of my irrigation pond and other residents' wells and gardens, are indeed legal activities, I apologize.

Tom Pickett

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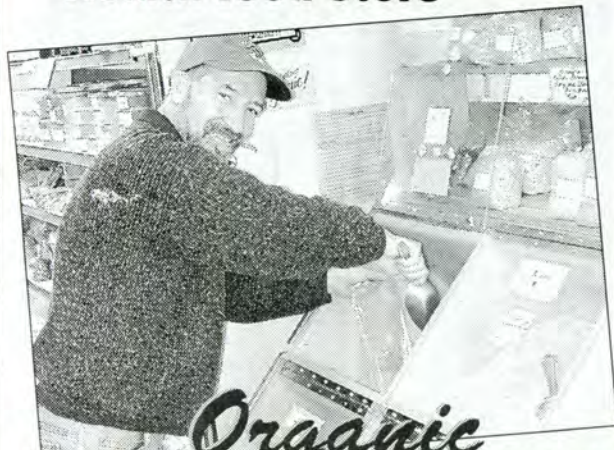
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to harvest trees, in exchange for infrastructure and jobs. At present, mills all over the province are closing; according to reconnaissance by mill workers on Vancouver Island, at least 200 truck loads a day of raw logs are headed south, not to mention those going to Japan.

To me this means unemployment, welfare, broken dreams, despair, violence, broken homes and communities. In the meantime, our premiere has hooked up with a leading global spin company to give us Forest Renewal B.C., to offset unsustainable cut rates which will exhaust all first growth outside existing park boundaries by about 2030.

While the provincial government gives us our new Birthday Suit, the Feds are negotiating away the last shreds of sovereignty that Canada has left, in Quebec City. I agree Mrs. Cunningham, education is needed; the sooner, the better.

ROD MCGUCKIN

Hooray volunteers

2001 is the International Year of Volunteers. It is fitting that the more than 7.5 million Canadian volunteers should be honoured for their contribution to our society along with the rest of the world's volunteers. Too often volunteers do their valuable work quietly and unobtrusively, to the point that the general public is not fully aware of just what it really is that volunteers do!

I would like to take this opportunity to shed some light on a particular group of people. Hospice volunteers bring compassion, understanding, friendship, and emotional support to those in our community who are faced with grief and loss in their lives.

Dénouement
Why did the chicken cross the road?
Because he didn't know what side he was on.
—Richard Cruickshanks

In our society it is still commonplace to deny the reality of death; to turn away in fear and discomfort from the losses or anticipated losses that bring sorrow and pain. We work hard to maintain a stiff upper lip, to protect others and ourselves from the hurt and the stress that facing our mortality inevitably brings.

Hospice volunteers are invariably people who have faced the suffering of loss. They have learned, often through experience, that the compassionate friend—or stranger that became a friend—who was there in times of need brought an ease and relief of sorrow and grief. Contact with a hospice volunteer doesn't necessarily mean that there is an expectation of imminent death. It can mean an opportunity to acknowledge the loss of one's good health, or the loss or deterioration of a loved one's physical or mental health. Thus, it may be possible to gain release and relief. Or it can indeed mean the acknowledgment and acceptance that dying and death comes to us all without exception. Although we all die as we are born, alone, we may still have caring and understanding from others as we move through our journey.

If you think that a compassionate friend is what you need to help you face the sorrow and stress of loss, please consider reaching out to a hospice volunteer. Call Bessie Dane Foundation and Hospice at 537-2770.

BARBARA DAMS

More, please, about GAI

I hope that Art Morton will expand his article in the March 13 *Barnacle* on a Guaranteed Annual Income. As he says, the idea is not new, but so far has the ideology of our political parties moved to the right that it now seems revolutionary.

There is an old tradition of the best ideas being received with derision until that critical point is reached at which logic takes over, and it is realized that as with the theories of Copernicus and Darwin, they will solve far more problems than they create. It is scary to realize that Canada, in lock step with America, is falling steadily behind Europe in looking after its citizens. Forty years ago I would never have believed that at the millennium, Canada would be accepting homelessness, despair, beggary, food banks, shelters, deteriorating schools, deteriorating health care, all this with one of the highest per capita incomes in the world. But that's what you get with Mammon worship. It can't go on. Let's find out more about GAI.

ANDREW GIBSON

Will the real Mr. X please stand up?

I recently had a phone call from a Mr. Watson Smith who says that he is a "Bylaw Enforcement Officer" with the Islands Trust. He said that he had a list of complaints made against me by an anonymous person. He stated that "some of these complaints are unfounded" but continued to read them to me anyway.

I asked myself: "Were these complaints made by: Ms X. whose dog I used to care for? or Mr. Y. whose sheep I used to look after? or Miss Z. to whom I had provided paid work whenever my means afforded it? Or could it have been Mr. A. about whose illegal activities I had complained openly in the papers and to the Trust, CRD and Provincial Government?" In Nazi Germany the "Brown Shirts" did very well, thank you, in stamping out un-German behaviour by following up anonymous complaints! Where are we?

HARRY J. WARNER

Petition for clemency

A final update on the petition for clemency for Robert Latimer. Our original target was 500 signatures. On Wednesday last, I mailed to

the Canadian Civil Liberties Association petitions with 797 names, mostly from Salt Spring. The petitions at Island Star Videos and et cetera helped us to achieve this impressive figure. Increased public knowledge and sense of outrage at the gross injustice to a man that the Supreme Court of Canada described as a caring and loving father was responsible for this increased democratic response to a plea for clemency.

Sadly, I have to report that there are two despicable individuals, one who stole one page of petitions from the staff room at Greenwood's, the other who stole signatures from the Roasting Company coffee shop in Fulford. These people have no respect for democracy, their fellow Islanders, or the expression of free speech. The Island would be a better place if they moved to Surrey, Abbotsford, or Red Deer, Alberta.

The Canadian Civil Liberties Association will forward our signatures with tens of thousands on other petitions from all over our country to the federal cabinet at the appropriate time, hopefully soon.

It is now very important for concerned citizens to take the time and write at least two federal Cabinet Ministers: Justice Minister Anne McClellan and Health Minister Alan Rock would be two of many possibilities.

JACK HALLAM

Salt Spring Island Nation

The upcoming provincial election is an opportunity for Salt Spring Island to campaign for municipal incorporation and a measure of independence from the Capital Regional District and the Islands Trust!

The NDP and the B.C. Liberals are so similar in their approach to government that I am once again forced to choose the Green Party as the only sane alternative.

If Gordon Campbell wants to distinguish himself from the NDP he should come out of the closet and endorse the Pro-Life campaign.

Do we really need another debate on abortion?

Meanwhile, we should consider adopting the "\$" sign on our Island flag as a clear indication of our current values. I plan to celebrate the democratic process on election day by planting an apple tree.

PETER RAMSEY

Write to the *Barnacle* and everyone on the island will listen!

Submissions for the upcoming issue should be addressed to the Editor and mailed, dropped off, faxed or emailed to the *Barnacle* by Thursday. We ask that you keep your submissions to 300 words or less and that you include your name, address and telephone number.

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Statistics say what?



Second Thoughts ...

with Alan Webb

Many thanks to Irene Wright for the sneak preview of NDP campaign literature. I'm perfectly willing, eager, in fact, since I voted for them, to concede the party for whom she works so diligently has accomplished some good works during their nearly ten years in government. The problem for the NDP and its supporters, indeed for all British Columbians, is that there have been so few successes to show for over 3,600 days in office.

Ms. Wright claims the NDP is on the side of working families. Okay, that's nice, but how has this advocacy on behalf of poor and working families translated into results?

According to the Canadian Council on Social Development, not too well. In statistics tabulated from Statistics Canada's 1996 census, British Columbia

trailed only Quebec in the sorry sink to the top of the nation's poverty rate stats.

Vancouver, which began the 90s fifth among urban centers with populations over 500,000 with 17.9 per cent of its citizens living under the poverty line, shot to second behind only Montreal by 1995. Before the NDP had completed their first mandate B.C.'s largest city had experienced a 5.4 per cent jump to 23.3 per cent of its residents living in poverty.

Also in 1995, working-age families living in poverty in the smaller centers of Victoria and Surrey made up 25.7 percent of their populations, while the percentages for Burnaby, Richmond, and Coquitlam were all a shade under a quarter of their total populations.

By 1995, four years after assuming power, the NDP governed a province in which 708,200 people lived in poverty. Put another way,

19.6 per cent of the population didn't live in B.C., they lived in poverty.

Sadly, these numbers cannot be updated until after this year's census but it is a sure bet that all of these numbers will have got worse in the years since. And this, despite the fact that significant numbers of people have fled the province.

According to Statistics Canada 30,000 more people left B.C. than arrived here between 1998 and 2000.

The NDP will be telling us ad nauseum over the next few weeks how, after 10 years in power, B.C. is number 1 in parks and number 1 in minimum wage. If Ms. Wright's letter is anything to go by, they'll claim we lead the nation in day care, cancer treatment, and education, too. The last three are dubious claims and open to radically different interpretations.

However, here are some things B.C. does lead the

nation in, according to Statistics Canada: last in investment 1992-99, 11.1 per cent (next lowest, Prince Edward Island at 41.6 per cent); last in job creation 1996-99, 0.4 per cent (next lowest, Saskatchewan at 4.0 per cent); last in economic growth, -0.6 percent (next lowest, Nova Scotia at +9.8 per cent).

No one, so far as I know, has provided us with evidence that Gordon Campbell is a financial guru with all the answers to our economic ills (although his brother plays one on TV). But the government has made the choice to come an easy, if not altogether palatable one.

For if there is one thing the NDP seems not to have learned in their 10 years in office it is the fact that governments are elected to govern on everyone's behalf for the greater good of all. And if there is one lesson the electorate appears to have learned in the last decade, it is this: If this is the best the NDP can do for their stated friends, working families and communities, put the former out of their jobs and fracture the latter.

Well, good luck in your job search this summer.

Fire District reports increase in calls

The Annual General Meeting of the Salt Spring Island Fire Protection District was held last Tuesday at the Ganges Fire Hall. Fire Chief Dave Enfield read a report indicating a sizable increase in the caseload of the force over the past year. In all, firefighters responded to 469 incidents, up 25 per cent in 2000. The need for the First Responder service has also been steadily increasing. This service rapidly deploys volunteers to aid at any and all kinds of emergency situations until the ambulance, police and/or fire trucks arrive.

Motor vehicle crashes, often thought to be the exclusive purview of the police, are also occasions for firefighters to step in, since such accidents often present a fire hazard.

Enfield pointed out that additional work requires additional training; he has thus provided a variety of drills and courses to his staff throughout the year, with more planned.

Volunteer Jamie Holmes read a stirring Volunteers' Report, describing the physical difficulties and draining emotional impact

of performing his duties. In line after poetic line, each one beginning with "I wish you could feel...", or, "I wish you could be there when...", or, "I wish you could understand...", he painted a passionate and evocative picture of the tragedies these men often face.

There were a couple of hot potatoes for the Board of Trustees to handle. Volunteer Jeff Outerbridge questioned a significant increase in accounting fees, and volunteer Russ Murcheson spoke to the fact that except for 26 weekends a year, when these duties are performed by volunteers, full-time staff is required to be on call and in charge of the fire truck around the clock, yet they are only paid for 40 hours a week. Calculating that this brings the fire fighters' wages to \$10 an hour, Murcheson said, "For all the responsibility, I think these guys are worth a lot more than that."

Following the airing of these issues, elections were held for two three-year vacancies on the Board of Trustees. Both Ben Martens and Don Smith were re-elected for three-year terms.

Conservancy features bee talk

The SSI Conservancy will hold its annual general meeting April 10 at Lions Hall at 7:00 p.m. Featured speaker Rex Welland, an expert on bees, will discuss the various bee inhabitants of the Gulf Islands, including the Mason or Orchard bee. This creature plays a large part in the essential pollination process of our vegetation, flowers, native trees, and orchards. Welland will explain the variety of ways in which humans can help provide for the bees.

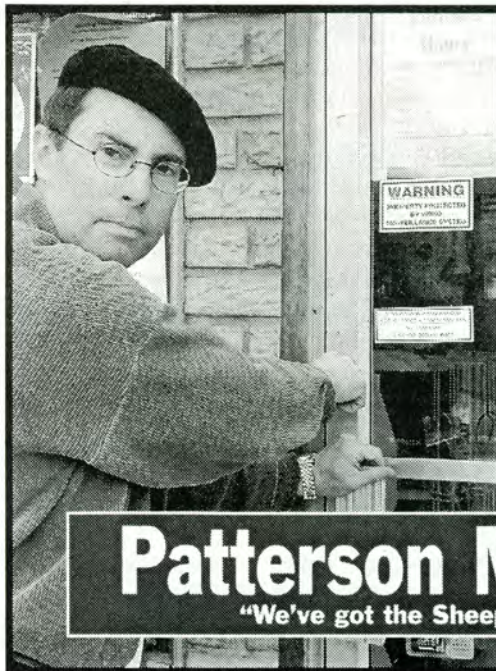
Among upcoming educational programmes are a four-part course by Bob Weedon on environmental ethics, a workshop on butterflies, and a workshop/field trip on water bugs.

The scholarship project is also underway with field studies in bird identification

kicking off the support for scholarship funds. The on-going covenant committee will continue its work with private land holders who are interested in learning more about protecting the environmental features of their land in perpetuity.

The tips on bird watching course will be held on three consecutive Saturdays; April 14, 21, and 28 from 2 to 5 p.m. The first meeting will take place at Weedon's farm, at 130 Primrose Lane. Contact Bob Weedon at 537-5403 to participate.

The Conservancy focuses on the importance of protection, preservation, and restoration of the natural landscape of our Island. For more information on these activities, phone the Conservancy Office Tuesday and Thursday mornings at 538-0318.



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SOLD!—Fulford Hall held a fundraising flea market over the weekend. To date, the hall has paid down half of the agreement to buy the property immediately adjacent to it, with \$61,000 left owing. Yearly hall fundraisers include three or four large flea markets organized by Jan Jang (such as this one), the Christmas Craft Fair, the Scottish Dance Night (in celebration of Robbie Burns Day), and the Santa's Breakfast. Fulford Hall is the largest public hall on Salt Spring; it has a sit-down capacity of 125. Its mandate, under the stewardship of hall manager Brian Finnemore, is community-focused and increasingly directed towards young people and musicians. Kids' drop in activities such as rollerblading and floor hockey are free, and the very successful Monday night Folk Club continues to meet several times a year. Renovations on the Fulford Hall this year include repairs to the foundation and a bathroom added downstairs. The Old Age Pensioners (OAP), who rent the downstairs for weekly bridge games, bingo events, and guest speaker nights, will be adding a sunroom off the south side of the building in the near future. New programmes added to Fulford Hall this year at its recent Annual General Meeting include a Mom and Child Drop-In, organized by Terry Manuck, and a Cooking Pod for single people who are unused to cooking for themselves, organized by Jill Leblanc.

—Judy Harper

Writers' opinions, writers' responsibility



Isle Say! ...
with John Pottinger

"You should always believe all you read in the newspapers, as this makes them more interesting." (Rose Macaulay: *A Casual Commentary*)

Let's get something straight between us: I'm a free-lance writer. Which means that the opinions I express in this column are my own. They may not be shared by the publisher or the editor (or anyone else for that matter). I'm not an employee of *the Barnacle*, nor any other newspaper or magazine that I might write for, and that's a good thing, because it gives me the freedom to say whatever I want to say about whatever subject is important to me.

A serious problem for readers of newspapers in Canada today is that the big dailies are all owned by a very few people. Which means that the range of editorial opinion is—or can be—severely restricted. One of the great strengths of the smaller independent papers (like *the Barnacle*) is the freedom—and therefore the variety—of opinions expressed.

There's an important concept that everyone needs to understand in order for free speech to survive (and flourish). A paper like *the Barnacle* contains several very different types of writing: news reporting, reviews of community events, opinions, and advertising. First is news, which should be a strictly factual and straightforward reporting of events: "Seventy-Four Sheep Wedged in Old Well" (although the story to fit this sensational headline hasn't turned up yet). Reviews of community events are usually a combination of fact and opinion. Stories about local sports teams, for instance, are often flavoured with a bias for the home team because that's how the community feels. Advertising is...well, it's advertising. Its purpose is to compel you to purchase something, so you, the reader, must decide whether or not you've been persuaded.

And then we have columns (like this one), or articles (like *Commentary*), or your own letters to the editor, which are opinions. The expression of diverse opinions is important to communities—perhaps more important—than the simple reporting of news.

I often write this column to amuse; sometimes I write to inform; other times I hope that my writing will upset some folks; stir up some passionate replies. Active debate of social issues is what stimulates us; it's what leads us to more informed decisions and actions. I've certainly changed my opinion on many important issues over the years; sometimes as a result of discussions (or even arguments) I've had with somebody after I've written a particularly strong opinion piece.

Don't hold the publisher or the editor responsible for what I write. Not only is it unfair, it's of paramount importance that the editor or publisher doesn't feel pressured to restrict what opinion writers have to say. Neither the publisher nor the editor of this paper have ever tried to influence or censor my words, even when they disagree completely with my opinion. Jeff has sometimes been taken to task by readers, or even advertisers, for something I've written. There are times, after reading my column, that Jeff has known full well that he's going to get an earful from people who disagree strongly with what I've written. He tells them to take it up with me, or write a letter to the paper so that everyone can get in on the debate. And that's exactly what I hope you'll do when your opinion and mine are at odds. As Valdy said to the CBC reporter who asked him to describe Salt Spring, "It's a difference of opinion surrounded by water."



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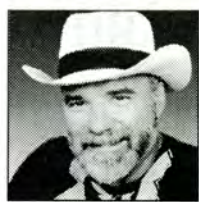
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Bully for you, Conrad



Wit & Whimsy ...
with Arthur Black

Consider for a moment, the hot-air balloon known as Conrad Black. Part press baron and all pouter pigeon, Black runs the third largest newspaper conglomerate in the world. He rides herd over major dailies in Great Britain, the Middle East, and the United States of America. Here in Canada the name Black is tattooed on the editorial flanks of birdcage liners from one end of the country to the other—including 50 per cent of the National Post. At last count, Black was sitting on an ink-stained empire worth more than half a billion dollars. The man can buy anything he wants.

Not counting respect. Not that he hasn't tried to buy that, too. Black moved to England years ago, at least partly to be closer to the levers of power that could pole-vault him into a peerage. He hobnobbed with the bluebloods and groveled around the grounds of Buckingham

Palace in hopes that Liz would eventually whack him on the shoulder with a sword, saying, "Arise, Lord Black of Fleet."

Never happened. Black's elevation to quasi-royalty required an approving nod from Ottawa and Jean Chretien turned thumbs down.

But even a Lord in front of his name wouldn't win Conrad many fans. He's too obviously a plutocrat and a bully boy. The grown-up version of the fat little rich kid that nobody likes. In fact, *Frank* magazine, in a stroke of genius, dubbed him "Tubby". As in Tubby Tompkins, the pudgy, cranky character in *Little Lulu*. I'll bet that nickname will follow him to the grave. Or to put it in Conrad Blackese, "Methinks the sobriquet bodes well to wreathe him inexorably e'en o'er the River Styx."

That's another thing about Conrad—he writes in a barely comprehensible porridge of 18th century British bombast larded with adjectives that would make James

Joyce go cross-eyed. Conrad actually wrote to potential advertisers cautioning them not to be dismayed by "the stentoracious belliciosities of our adversaries."

An observer once noted that Conrad "knows everything about the English language except what it's for." In other words, communication. But, one of the perks of owning a huge chunk of the world's newspapers is you get your own bully pulpit to from which to declaim. Conrad often whips up tendentious missives addressing various bees in his bonnet and dispatches them to his far-flung editors.

And—*quel surprise*—the next day, those missives appear prominently on the op-ed pages of newspapers around the world. He was at it again recently, berating one of his own newspaper columnists (who writes under the appropriate nom de plume "Taki") for a column he'd written criticizing Israel and the U.S.

"In both its venomous character and its unfathomable absurdity" thundered Conrad, "this farrago of lies is almost worthy of

Mary Hawkins Library:

Circulation, patrons grow

by Judy Harper

Garth Hendren, chair of the board of the Salt Spring Public Library Association, opened the Annual General Meeting last Wednesday afternoon with a gratifying review of the past decade and an optimistic forecast for the years to come. About 45 people attended the meeting, mostly library volunteers and members of the public. In speaking of the importance of public libraries in history he said, "Libraries have been the lighthouses for culture and learning."

In the last ten years library circulation has increased from 80,000 to 115,000, the number of registered patrons has

grown from 2,700 to 4,700 and the total number of volumes owned has increased from 24,000 to 41,000.

In keeping with the library's mandate of reaching out to the community, the year 2000 saw expansive upgrades to the computer systems: the check-in and -out was streamlined, the catalogue was placed online, an email service was established (with free lessons), and the beginning of a CD-ROM collection.

Public concerns expressed at the meeting were minimal, with one query about the coming year's projected spending on computers. Hendren explained that with regard to computer expenses

in 2001, the library will now be in maintenance mode, and even with last year's high expenditures in that area, the library had remained within its projected budget overall.

With the exception of two paid positions, the Mary Hawkins Memorial Library is run by 145 dedicated volunteers. Because there are no salaries to pay, the grant and donation money that is the lifeblood of the library is used largely to acquire books. One such donation came in the form of a bequest from Betty Carrol, a devoted volunteer and long-time friend of the library who died last year. In honour of her bequest, the board purchased books in her name.

Goebbels or the authors of the Protocols of the Elders of Zion".

All very laudable and noble—until you compare it to a similar edict Conrad penned about the same columnist a few years earlier. In that piece, Conrad de-

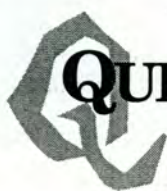
fended the man he called "my friend Taki" for something he'd written about a different group of U.S. citizens.

Taki had written that Puerto Ricans in New York were "fat, squat, ugly, dusky, dirty and unbelievably loud. They turned Manhattan

into Palermo faster than you can say spic."

Oh well. Boys will be boys - right, Conrad?

By the way, in the interests of journalistic objectivity and full disclosure, I'm delighted to report that Conrad Black is no relation.



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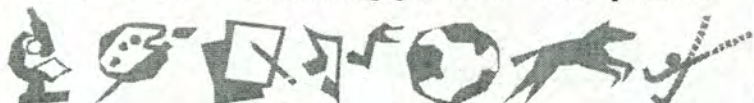
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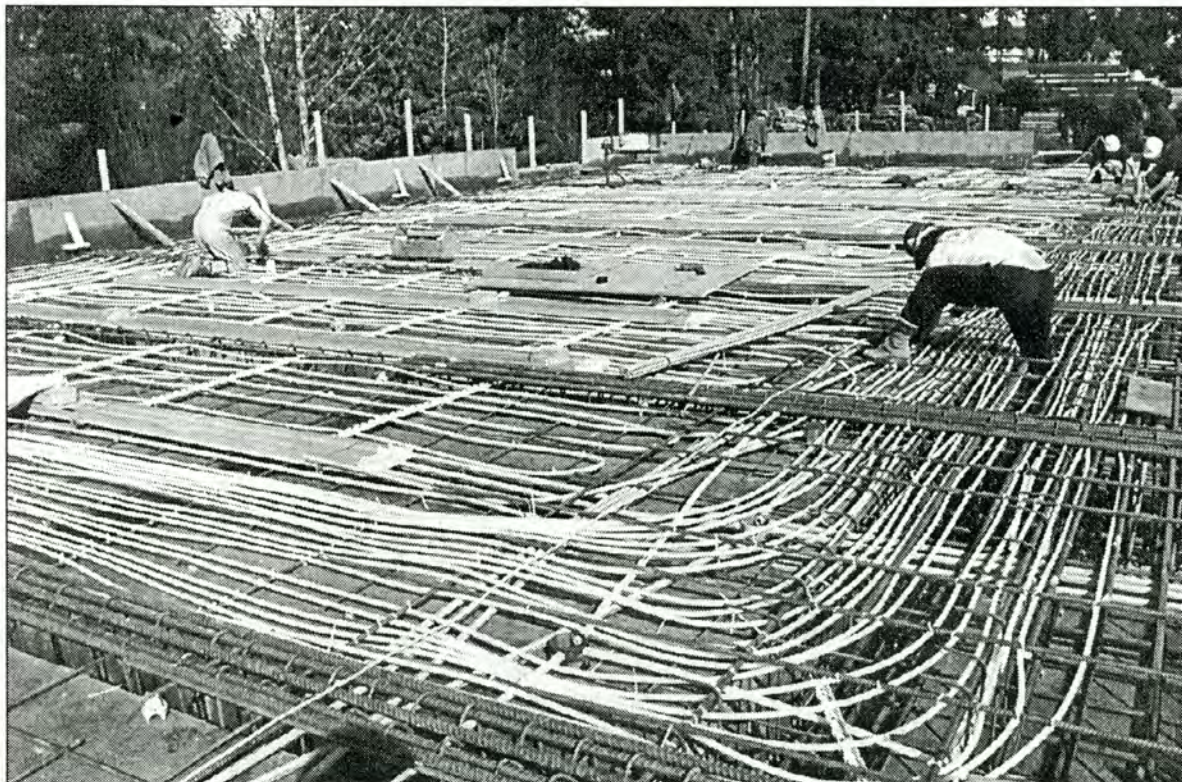
by Dayle Gaetz

Whether they are motivated by necessity, economy, or environmental concerns, more and more people are turning to alternative energy sources. Over past weeks we have looked at several environmentally friendly technologies and seen how Islanders such as Susan Berlin and Ray Hill are able to live quite comfortably off the BC Hydro grid. However, because heat production is a big user of electricity, people relying on solar panels, even if supplemented by microhydro or diesel generators, must look elsewhere to heat their homes.

That's where geothermal energy comes in. The name says it all. Geo, meaning earth and thermal, meaning warmth. The idea is not new, but in these days of rapidly rising energy costs and increased concern over the environment, more and more people are turning to this cost-efficient system. On Salt Spring, while many folks heat with wood and others complain bitterly about the high cost of conventional fuels, some have quietly selected geothermal.

When Gulf Islands Secondary School was in the planning stages, an important decision was made. It would be heated geothermally. Head of Maintenance Dave Henshall says this decision was made by the Ministry of Education "to be ecologically sound, in the Salt Spring way." However, the system has already proven itself to be a wise choice economically as well.

Compared to a slightly smaller Vancouver Island middle school built around the same time, the figures are surprising. In 1994-95, the middle school spent \$81,400 for natural gas heat plus \$43,576 for electricity, bringing the total to \$124,976. GISS's total



The array of water pipes under the floor of the Gulf Islands Secondary School provides warmth for the building, using the earth as a heat source.

cost for heat and electricity in the same period was \$62,000. Even though the initial cost was approximately \$100,000 more than the middle school's system, the geothermal choice has already paid for itself several times over. With the cost of natural gas soaring, it should continue to save taxpayers money during the life

of the school.

So, how does geothermal work? To begin, a series of 1.5 inch pipes were installed six inches apart in the cement slab floors. Larger pipes were laid in long loops four feet below the surface of the playing field. Water in these eight pipes draw heat from the ground, where the year round temperature remains fairly constant. In the school's basement, a row of eight outgoing pipes stands near a similar row of incoming ones.

Incoming water is channeled through eight separate heat pumps that operate like refrigerators, extracting heat one degree at a time and transferring it to the smaller pipes that heat the building. On this day, there is little difference in temperature between the incoming (7.3C) water and outgoing (7.1C) water. Even so, the smaller pipes leaving the heat pump are pleasantly warm to the touch. This warm water is fed through the plastic pipes to warm the cement slab.

All of this is regulated by a Direct Digital Control system, a computer that monitors each area of the school and keeps every room as close to 20.0C as possible. In addition to the basement room, there are five mechanical rooms with air handling units that distribute warm air from one area to another as needed. Because the school was built to take advantage of as much natural light as possible, Henshall explains, many of the rooms get too hot. The air handling units constantly draw fresh, cooler air from outside and

mix it with inside air. Dampers in each duct are programmed to open and close depending upon the inside temperature.

Sitting in front of a computer in one of the first floor mechanical rooms, Henshall can determine the temperature in every part of the school, check how wide each damper is open and watch for any sign of problems. All is ticking away nicely this morning. Classrooms are newly filled with students and most are slightly warmer than the set 20.0C. Within minutes the dampers open from 58 percent to 80 percent.

In the gym, the temperature is set at a cooler 15.0C while in nearby change rooms, additional heat pumps provide water for showers. One slight anomaly occurs in the change room area. The temperature shows slightly below the set amount and drops a decimal point as we watch. Something Henshall will need to look into. It is possible, Henshall says, to draw too much heat from the ground during a cold spell, in which case the system would shut itself down for a few hours and a backup electrical system might need to take over. But this is not likely to happen.

Over at Salt Spring Elementary, however, where a similar system was installed a few years back, calculations show that the size of its field is too small to provide adequate heat if the temperature should drop below -10C. On Salt Spring? Could happen. The school has a propane backup just in case.

Geothermal for private homes, too

Installing a geothermal system after the building is in place is a more expensive way to go. Which is why island resident Don Arney installed his geothermal plant before building on Mount Belcher.

Sitting up high with a panoramic view over the Strait of Georgia and Mount Maxwell, the house is built on solid rock, which makes it difficult to figure where the long loops of pipe required for a geothermal system could be placed. Not a problem, according to Arney.

Eight wells, each 220 feet deep for a total of 1760 feet, are drilled into the rock. Each well is six inches in diameter with 1.5 inch pipe inside going down and looping back up, assisted by four pumps. Although they are more expensive than ground loops, Arney is pleased with the results from his wells, which return water at about 11C.

His three heat pumps provide abundant heat for his 10,500 square foot home. The main heat pump on the ground floor heats a cement slab and the indoor swimming pool, as well as water for three hot water tanks. An air handling unit with its own heat pump can distribute warm air to the upper floors through a huge sheet metal duct. But Arney has found



Don Arney

that heat from the cement slab generally provides adequate warmth for the yet unfinished house.

Arney explained that he chose geothermal because he likes the idea of the system being ecologically sound. "There is no combustion taking place, so no carbon monoxide is produced."

It's also cost efficient: at 1999 prices, he calculated a six to seven year payback period. Arney said he feels that in coming years, as public awareness of geothermal heat increases and conventional heating costs rise, one of the first questions people will ask when looking to buy a house will be, "How is it heated?" "Geothermally," an increasing number of homeowners will be able to answer, with pride.

How it Works

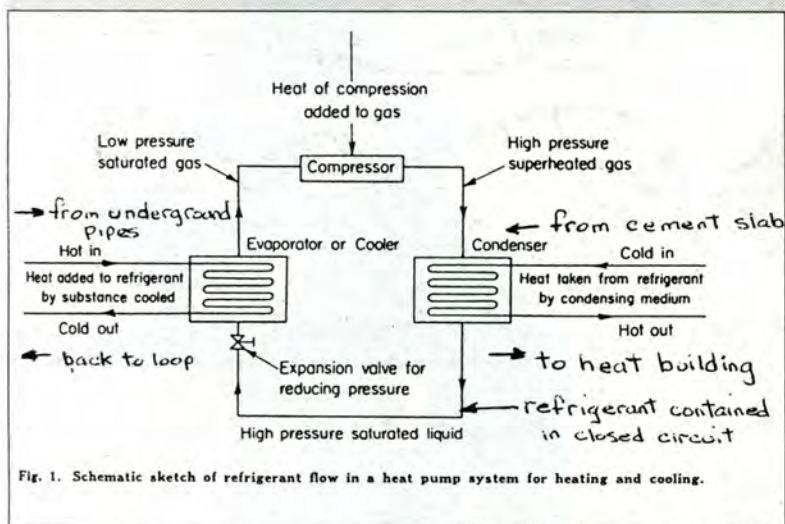


Fig. 1. Schematic sketch of refrigerant flow in a heat pump system for heating and cooling.

A heat pump works like a refrigerator in reverse. It contains four components: a compressor, an expansion valve and two heat exchangers—an evaporator and a condenser. These four components form a closed circuit containing refrigerant. The evaporator extracts warmth from the incoming water pipe, causing the refrigerant to evaporate. The vapour is then compressed, increasing its temperature. Hot compressed vapour passes through the condenser and heat is transferred to the water pipes that will heat the building.

The last step is to pass the high-pressure vapour through the expansion valve and return it to the evaporator in its original state, for the entire process to begin again. To refrigerate instead of heat, the direction of flow is changed.

Zimbabwean music and dance exciting

by Helani Davison

The exciting sound of African music filled Beaver Point Hall on Friday night. A pulsing dance floor was filled with music lovers. Smiling babies, strapped to the backs of their parents, bobbed to the contagious beat of drums, mbiras, and rattles.

The mbira is an ancient hand-held instrument of forged metal keys on a hardwood soundboard set inside large, hollowed calabash gourds. The instrument is played in Zimbabwe for the ancestral spirits. Through the music, the living communicate with the dead.

Julia and Garadziva Chigamba, professional dancers and musicians from Zimbabwe, performed traditional dance and music from the Shona culture. Julia was a particular delight to the senses in voice, body, costume and movement,

sweeping the audience away. Both Julia and Garadziva are part of a music ensemble that has been an important part of their family and the Shona people over many years.

A dance performance presented by Gulf Islands Secondary School students under the Chigamba's choreography opened the musical evening, followed by Choto, a four-member mbira ensemble harmonizing voice with traditional instruments. Marimba Muzuva of Victoria (with seven musicians including percussion, drums and vocals) performed traditional Zimbabwean and original compositions, creating an infectious beat.

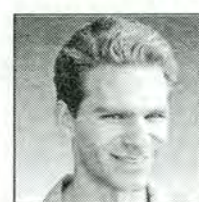
Salt Spring Island was fortunate to participate in an evening of eclectic performances consisting of energizing art and music.



Julia Chigamba danced at Beaver Point Hall Friday night.

Dancer not all dark

Flick Pick ...
with Jason Tudor



Lars von Trier, Danish director of *Breaking the Waves*, *The Kingdom*, and *The Idiots* and once quoted as saying, "a film should be like a rock in a shoe," is possibly the most controversial figure in film today. His latest effort, *Dancer in the Dark*, won the esteemed *Palme d'Or* at the Cannes Film Festival and provoked all kinds of discussion on both sides of the Atlantic.

Dancer in the Dark stars pop star Bjork as Selma, a factory worker in 1960s small town America who is going blind and fears the same will soon happen to her son. Thus, every extra dollar she earns is saved for his hopeful operation. To keep herself sane Selma takes ordinary sounds, like that of a pounding industrial press or a clicking train on its track, and conjures up extravagant musical dance numbers in her mind. Unfortunately, her real life only gets worse and worse, leading to a desperate end where she must face the possibility of her own death at the hands of injustice.

This sounds like depressing stuff, and it often is. If you're looking for a traditional happy ending complete with Richard Gere, a limousine, and a dozen roses, look somewhere else. However, while Von Trier's worlds are dark and dangerous places, they are still hopeful in a way. After all, why make a film if you're not hoping it will do some good? Selma, despite the odds against her, sings on in fantastically beautiful (though oddly clumsy) dance numbers that are among some of the most heart-tugging scenes I've seen for a while. Without them, *Dancing in the Dark* might induce jumping off a cliff. With them, we are allowed to walk up to that cliff and—like Marlowe in *Heart of Darkness*—get a peek at what lies just over the edge.

Rating: 14a

Running Time: 2 hrs, 20 min.

Bright, expressive show at Moby's

by Judy Harper

Spike and Friends is a transition piece for Karen Reiss. The first of her new series of sculptures entitled *Boxed Heads with Thoughts*, Spike grins furiously at you from his niche at Moby's Marine Pub. Part whimsical, part ferocious, topped by a fish and a small image of a compassionate Chinese goddess, he is what Karen calls one of her protector cats. She has a life-long relationship with these ancient guardians; they pop up periodically in her sculpture representing not only a transition towards lighter, more whimsical pieces and a return to her love of colour, but is the first sculpture she has built using nails, a technique she learned in a course taught by Texan sculptor Billy Ray Mangham.

Since her earliest days of painting and marketing cotton clothing more than 20 years ago, Karen's inspiration has guided her along a path, through a series of

mediums to creative expression in clay. She painted in acrylics for three years, and found she wanted to paint with her hands rather than a brush. This tactile tendency led her to papier mache, and then figurative sculpture with Kathy Venter, finding in clay the embodiment of everything she wanted in a medium. She says "Clay to me is like the ground of being." She enjoys the hard physical labour of clay, the experimentation with coloured underglazes, the dismantling and reconstructing of the large pieces for firing.

Her work, whether whimsical or serious, expresses the every day aspects of her



Spike and Friends by Karen Reiss

life and thoughts, mundane or inspirational, personal or environmental. The and unsettling sculpture entitled *Caring* represents a more serious approach for Karen, empathizing with women who have had breast cancer, the nurturing and the renewal therein represented by the bird bath and the one remaining breast. Many of Karen's works deal with that duality of pain and solace. Working in a series allows her art to move away from the literal to the essence of things, expressed with more abandon.

Karen's piece *Remembering Hundertwasser*, which

was entered in the "Look 2001" show in Victoria, has been selected to go on to the BC Festival of the Arts in Fort St. John from May 29 to June 3. A tribute to the Australian artist and environmentalist, it is another of the *Boxed Heads with Thoughts* series that she is currently working on. Pieces from this body of work will be on exhibit at ArtSpring at the beginning of May, at Moby's until May 1.

TOP 5

- 1) The Sixth Day
- 2) Meet the Parents
- 3) Almost Famous
- 4) Remember the Titans
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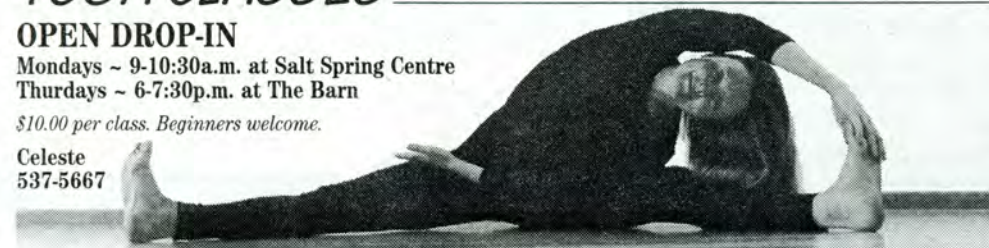
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APRIL 3 - 15

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 **Roy MacMillan**, who is actively involved in the Salt Spring Island Sustainable Coalition. In 1991, Roy took early retirement from Bell Canada and moved to Salt Spring Island. Once here, he embarked on two personal missions. The first was to play more tennis, which he has accomplished. The second was to learn more about

computers, which we all know is an unending task, and one at which Roy is still enthusiastically working.

The Book: I'd take the Sierra Club publication The Case Against Global Economy by Jerry Mander and Edward Goldsmith, and Systems of Survival, by Jane Jacobs. These books advance ideas on one of the most important issues facing the world.

The Disc: Barbra Streisand's CDs that include Memories, from Cats, and Lara's Theme, from Dr. Zhivago are my favourites.

Fellow Castaway: Given the circumstances of a desolate island, and the serious nature of my reading material, I would like to have someone as a companion who is just as serious. There would be no room for nonsense or foolishness. Therefore, I would wish to be accompanied by either John Pottinger or Shilo Zylbergold.



**TUESDAY
APRIL 3**

- Calligraphy Series**
Ages 8+. Fables Cottage. 3-4pm
- Toy Library**
Portlock Park & Beaver Pt. Hall. 9:30-10:30am
- Jill Louise Campbell**
Mirror & Reflections of the west coast. 11am-4pm
- Adrien Towne** at Roasting Company, Ganges
- Judy Harper** at Island Savings
- Amarah Gabriel** at Moby's Marine Pub
- Romny Verlaan** at Island Savings
- The Photography Show** at ArtSpring
- Rachel Vadeboncoeur** at Luigi's Pizzeria
- The Heart Sutra**
North-end meditation. 7:30-8:30pm.
Call 537-1497 for location.
- Community Kitchens luncheon**
Lunch and discussion. Meaden hall. 12-1:30pm
- ASA Summer Art Show planning meeting**
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- T.O.P.S. weight loss group**
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- Flexible Strength** All Saints'. 9-10am
- Yoga class** SS Centre. 6:30-8pm
- Drop-in Floor Hockey** Fulford Hall 6:30-8:30pm
- Central. 15 Minutes:** 9:15pm
- The Mexican:** 7:00pm

**WEDNESDAY
APRIL 4**

- Kindergym**
0-4 yrs. Comm. Gospel Chapel. 9-11am
- Drop-in for parents and preschoolers**
Coffee, chat, supervised play. Fulford Hall. 10am-12pm
- Storytime** Fables Cottage. 10:30am
- KinderCraft** 3-5yrs. Fables Cottage. 1-2pm
- Music and Munch**
Music for passionate. All Saints'. 11am
- Wednesday Night Live**
Open Stage hosted by Vaughn Fu... Moby's Pub. 9pm
- Argentinian Tango practice**
Lions Hall. 7:30-9:30pm
- Centering Prayer**
Contemplative Centre. 8am
- Caregivers Support Group**
Seniors' Centre. 11am
- Road Scholar**
Slide presentation & discussion. 7:30pm
- Anger Management for Women**
Support group. 380 Starks Rd studio. 1-3:30pm
- Spring Healing**
The Art of Reiki & Body Reading Bodyworks Collective. 7-9pm
- Yoga class** SS Centre. 10am-12pm
- Move Into Fitness**
Easy start. Meaden Hall. 9-10am
- Surfing for Seniors**
Corinternet Café. 1-8pm

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CALENDAR LISTINGS:

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**MONDAY
APRIL 9**

- KinderCraft**
Easter Crafts. 3-5yrs. Fables Cottage. 1-2pm
- Crafts with Jessica**
Easter Crafts. Ages 6+. Fables Cottage. 3:30-4:30pm
- Parent Support Circle**
For parents w/chil. 0-12 yrs. Call 653-4411 for location. 9:30-11am
- Cats Pajamas Dance Class**
Lang Road Studio. 7:30pm
- Argentinian Tango practice**
Lions Hall. 7:30-9:30pm
- Vipassana Meditation**
The Barn. 7:30pm
- Move Into Fitness**
Easy start. Meaden Hall. 9-10am
- Yoga class**
SS Centre. 9-10:30am
- Cats Pajamas Feldenkrais Class**
Lang Rd. Studio. 6pm
- SSTV-Cable Channel 12**
Poetry in the Gallery 7pm
- Life Model Drawing**
United Church. 1-3pm
- Fun Darts** Legion. 6:30pm

**TUESDAY
APRIL 10**

- Grand Opening**
Psychiatric Observation unit, Lady Minto Hospital. 1pm
- Calligraphy Series**
Ages 8+. Fables Cottage. 3-4pm
- Toy Library**
Portlock Park & Beaver Pt. Hall. 9:30-10:30am
- The Heart Sutra**
North-end meditation. Call 537-1497 for location. 7:30-8:30pm
- SSI Historical Society**
Tom Toynbee discusses Ganges sewer debate. Central Hall. 2pm
- SSI Conservancy AGM**
Speaker: Rex Welland on bees. Lions Hall. 6:50pm
- Planned Parenthood clinic**
Core Inn. 4-6pm
- Breaking Up is Hard To Do**
Workshop. 7-10pm. 537-0081
- T.O.P.S. weight loss group**
Call 537-2358 for location. 7pm
- Flexible Strength** All Saints'. 9-10am
- Nia Fitness Dance**
All Saints'. 5:15pm
- Yoga class** SS Centre. 6:30-8pm
- Drop-in Floor Hockey**
Fulford Hall 6:30-8:30pm
- Traffic Cinema** Central 6:30 & 9:15pm

**WEDNESDAY
APRIL 11**

- Drop-in for Parents and Preschoolers**
Coffee, chat, supervised play. Fulford Hall. 10am-12pm
- Storytime** Fables Cottage. 10:30am
- Sedoc Terces (Secret Codes)**
Ages 8+. Fables Cottage. 3-4pm
- Kindergym**
0-4 yrs. Comm. Gospel Chapel. 9-11am
- Argentinian Tango practice**
Lions Hall. 7:30-9:30pm
- Centering Prayer**
Contemplative Centre. 8am
- Caregivers Support Group**
Seniors' Centre. 11am
- SS Hours Potluck Meeting**
Family Place, Ganges Hill. 6pm
- Anger Management for Women**
Support group. 380 Starks Rd studio. 1-3:30pm
- Baby Talk: Nutrition for Expectant Mothers**
With Terra Dimock. Bodyworks Collective. 7-9pm
- Move Into Fitness**
Easy start. Meaden Hall. 9-10am
- Yoga class** SS Centre. 10am-12pm
- Surfing for Seniors**
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WEDNESDAY APRIL 4

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THURSDAY APRIL 5

Family Walk
Mouat Park. 10am
 Storytime
Fables Cottage. 10:30am
 Wit
ArtSpring. 8pm
 Sing Along Group
Seniors' Bldg. 2pm
 Movements of Dance Dance class. Mahon
Hall. 10-11:15am
 Salty Wheels Square Dance
Central Hall. 7-9pm.
 Men's Breakfast United Church. 8-9:30am
 Community Meditation
United Church. 11:15am-12:30pm
 Soup's On Free soup and sandwich.
All Saints'. 11:30am-1pm
 Community Gathering United Church.
5:30-7pm
 SSI Weavers & Spinners Guild
ArtSpring. 10:30-noon
 Queen Margaret's School
Informal info. evening. ArtSpring. 5-7pm
 Town Hall Mtg/Texada/Screening of
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GISS. 6pm Film. 7:30 Mtg.
 SSI Breastfeeding Support Group
Family Place. 2pm
 Flexible Strength All Saints'. 9-10am
 Yoga class SS Centre. 4-5:30pm
 Climbing The Wall. 6:30-9:30pm
 Badminton Club GISS gym. 8-10pm
 Survivor: Down Under
Giant screen tv at Talons. 8pm
 Bingo Meaden Hall. 6:30pm

FRIDAY APRIL 6

Lasagne Night and Talent
Show
Fundraiser for students' field
trip. Fulford Hall. 6pm
 Storytime Fables Cottage.
10:30am
 Myths & Fairytales
For 7-10's. Public Library. 3-4pm
 Rughuggers
Potluck & support. Family Place.
11:30-1pm
 More Music and Me
Parents with children 2-4 years.
Family Place. 9:30-11am.
Registration: 537-4416
 Wit
ArtSpring. 8pm
 Open Stage Rose's Cafe.
Fulford Harbour. 7pm
 SSI Sustainable Coalition
Open forum on sovereignty.
Lions Club. 7pm
 Move Into Fitness
Easy start. Meaden Hall. 9-10am
 Climbing The Wall. 6:30-
9:30pm
 Rollerblading to Music
Fulford Community Hall. 7:30pm
 Black light bowling
Kings Lane Rec. Ctr. 9pm-12am
 Traffic
Cinema Central 6:30 & 9:15pm

SATURDAY APRIL 7

Wit
ArtSpring. 2 &
8pm
 Barrington
Perry
Soft Jazz. Alfresco.
6-9:30pm
 Live Music
Harbour House
Lounge. 7-10pm
 Yoga class
SS Centre.
9:30-11am. Free.
 Book Sale
Library. 10am-
1pm
 Golden Hands
Activities
Easter tea, plant,
craft, and bake
sale. Lower
Central Hall.
11:30am-1:30pm
 Jolly ol'
England Pub
Night
Fish 'n chips,
darts, sing-along.
Legion lounge.
6:30pm
 Traffic
Cinema Central
7pm

SUNDAY APRIL 8

Teddy Bears
Picnic
Horseshoes, bbq,
music. Legion.
1pm-1am
 Choral
Evensong for
Holy Week
All Saints'. 4pm
 The Other
Brothers
Fulford Inn. 6-9pm
 3rd Annual
Bicycle Bob
Memorial Ride
Meet at Central, by
the cinema at noon
 Climbing
The Wall.
6:30-9:30pm
 Badminton Club
GISS gym. 8-10pm
 More Innovative
Book Structures
Workshop. PARC
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9:30am-3:30pm
 Traffic
Cinema Central 7pm

WEDNESDAY APRIL 11

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THURSDAY APRIL 12

Family Walk Mouat Park. 10am
 Storytime Fables Cottage. 10:30am
 Sing Along Group
Seniors' Bldg. 2pm
 Salty Wheels Square Dance
Central Hall. 7-9pm.
 Community Meditation
United Church. 11:15am-12:30pm
 Soup's On Free soup and sandwich.
All Saints'. 11:30am-1pm
 Community Gathering
Maundy Thursday service. United
Church. 5:30-7pm
 Holy Thursday service
Our Lady of Grace. 7pm
 SSI Weavers & Spinners Guild
ArtSpring. 10:30-noon
 Flexible Strength All Saints'. 9-
10am
 Yoga class SS Centre. 4-5:30pm
 Nia Fitness Dance
All Saints'. 5:15pm
 Climbing The Wall. 6:30-9:30pm
 Badminton Club GISS gym. 8-10pm
 Survivor: Down Under
Giant screen tv at Talons. 8pm
 Psychic Development group
Bodyworks Collective. 3:30-5pm

FRIDAY APRIL 13

Storytime
Fables Cottage. 10:30am
 Myths & Fairytales
For 7-10's. Public Library. 3-4pm
 Rughuggers
Potluck & support. Family
Place. 11:30-1pm
 More Music and Me
Parents w/ chil. 2-4 years.
Family Place. 9:30-11am.
Registration: 537-4416
 Open Stage
Rose's Cafe. Fulford Harbour.
7pm
 Good Friday service
Our Lady of Grace. 3pm
 Move Into Fitness
Easy start. Meaden Hall. 9-10am
 Climbing
The Wall. 6:30-9:30pm
 Rollerblading to Music
Fulford Community Hall.
7:30pm
 Black light bowling
Kings Lane Rec. Centre.
9pm-12am

SATURDAY APRIL 14

Clown Caboodle
Clown lessons for
children. Lions. 9:30-
11am
 Barrington Perry
Soft Jazz. Alfresco.
6-9:30pm
 Live Music
Harbour House
Lounge. 7-10pm
 Sue Newman &
Ramesh Meyers
Harbour House
Lounge. 9pm-12am
 Holy Saturday
Easter vigil. Our Lady
of Grace. 7pm
 Nia Fitness Dance
All Saints'. 9:30am
 Yoga class
SS Centre. 9:30-11am.
Free.
 Library Book Sale
Library. 10am-1pm
 Clown Caboodle
Clown lessons for
adults: 12-2:30pm.
Clown party:
3-4:30pm. Lions.

SUNDAY APRIL 15

The Other
Brothers
Fulford Inn. 6-9pm
 Easter Sunday
services
Our Lady of Grace.
10am & 12 noon
 Climbing
The Wall.
6:30-9:30pm
 Badminton Club
GISS gym. 8-10pm
 Newcomers
Sunday Morning
Walk
Meet at buoy in
Centennial Park
11am.
 Easter Pancake
Breakfast
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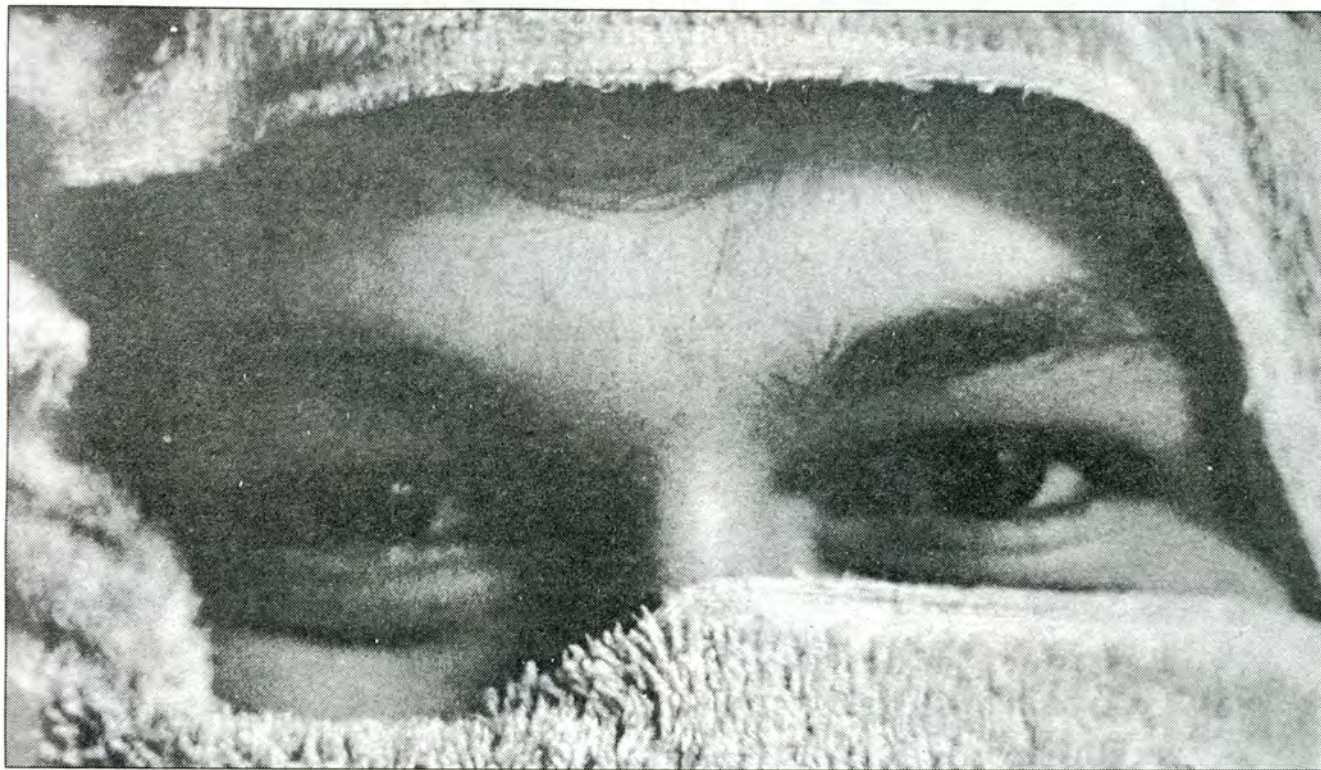
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Young Paul Watson (3) by June Boe can be seen at The Photographers Show at ArtSpring until May 15.

Stunning assemblage of photos

by Judy Harper

The Photographers Show opened at ArtSpring on Saturday to an appreciative public. There is a huge diversity of philosophies and techniques here, covering the photographic gamut from the traditional sepia treatment to today's emerging digital possibilities. It is a visual hit that cannot be properly assimilated in one visit. Each work imports a degree of technical excellence. As to the long-standing debate concerning photography's validity as art, after viewing this show I don't think there can be any question of that.

Michael McPherson's absolute artistry in the grainy black and white of *Curve* is stunning, as is his digitally delicate treatment of the *Sandstone* pair of photographs. Joseph Bengé captures the surprised golden eye of a Bittern through green leaves rendered misty by his lens. David Borrowman's sparkling blue expanse in *Burgoyne Bay* is a startling textural

abstract. In *Sal*, by Shari Macdonald, we see a hopeful red bloom in the grey space of concrete and chalked white hearts.

In traditional black and white, Howard Fry's *Crafts People* series captures the photographer's intuitive connection to his human subjects. Michael Levy's primal *Metamorphosis* works challenge the perception of scale, and June Boe imparts an ethereal sense of the past in her delicate sepia treatment of sunlit structures from another era. Soft childish hands with ragged fingernails gently cup a butterfly in Derek Lundy's *Winged Hands*.

Holger Herman's action shot, *Jump*, in saturated primary colour counterpoints the ochre tones of his exotic and timeless image of a woman at rest in *Break*. There's Tamar Griggs' watercolour rendering of a misty forest with a broken limb in sharp relief. Alane Lalonde's surreal landscape of a glowing rockface with the cactus hand waving at the moon in her Mexican

series and Linda Reynold's sense of place and transit on in her beautifully conceived and photographed *Dawson Creek* and *Doorway Silhouette*. In Osman Phillips' *Eelgrass* you can feel the cold rush of the tidal water, the swift movement captured flawlessly.

Mike Gluss' digitally rendered black and whites of shapes of nature; rock, tree, cactus, look to be painted on with a huge brush. Rachel Vadeboncouer's *Totemique* is a complicated combination of photo imagery and papier mache, muted colours, and an emerging ancient form.

Thought provoking, sensual, and occasionally funny, the show represents the collected efforts of the best photographic talent on Salt Spring, or anywhere else, for that matter. I would not miss a single photograph. For that reason, it is advisable to catch the show in the coming week, since the gallery collection will be closed after April 7. The remainder of the show in the lobby will remain there until May 16.

Harpist's fingers on pulse of world music

by Graham MacSkimming

Alison Vardy, Sidney's world music harpist, performed an excellent concert at All Saints' by-the-Sea, highlighting her latest CD, *Apassionada*. Vardy proved to be a graceful and artful performer as well as a brilliant and accomplished musician. Approaching the stage with a seasoned performer's confidence and

seating herself at her harp with the dignity of a master musician, she began with the opening selection of *Apassionada*, a delightfully playful and musical piece.

Vardy's combined skills as a composer and instrumentalist provoked thoughts of the great Irish harpist and composer, Turlough O' Carolan. Vardy is, however, a modern world musician, and her eclectic musical background, which includes Paraguayan and classical music, revealed itself as selections from *Apassionada* were performed.

An unlikely fusion of music perhaps to Celtic traditionalists (not to mention traditionalists of any sort), Vardy's compositions proved an fascinating and refreshing musical blend.

The reverberant acoustics at All Saints' by-the-Sea caused unwanted echoes, which Vardy's professional sound technician soon had under control. Her onstage demeanour remained calm and focused, her concentration on the playing of her wondrous harps, and on doing justice to her beautiful compositions. The pieces revealed Vardy's epicurean musical influences, from those described above to Latin, and a possible touch of South African music!

As the unique concert progressed to its close, the accomplished harpist played some pieces from

her debut CD, *Harping On*, perhaps a more earthy blend than the almost operatic nature of *Apassionada*. Featured were some more of Vardy's Paraguayan pieces, played on her Paraguayan harps. She ended the performance to great applause from an enthusiastic, appreciative audience. The challenge of the solo performing musician was justly met by Vardy, a harpist master in the making. Professionally-adept, Vardy will be going places in the world of music, world music, that is!



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Clown around for fun

by Helani Davison

Got a character you've always wanted to play? Yearning to return to playful fantasy? Well, dust off your old red nose and join in the mirth at the Clown Caboodle Clowning Workshop on Saturday, April 14. The Lion's Club Hall will be host to a fun filled day of clowning.

Performer, teacher, playwright Yiana Belkalopoulos is offering a day of clown classes. From 9:30 to 11 a.m. there will be a children's class for kids from six to 13 years of age. The adult class, for those over 14 years of age, begins at noon and is followed by an afternoon clown party, described as "a celebration of clown creatures, characters and calamitous capers" from 3 until 4:30 p.m. The party is free to all trained clowns. Costume pieces are available for classes but party clowns need to bring their own gear. The party is billed as "family content" since children are also invited.

Belkalopoulos is presently teaching theatre and clowning at the Salt Spring Centre School. She trained with Cheryl Cashman in 1996 and has taught workshops to actors and clowns ever since. From the age of three, Belkalopoulos has been involved in the exciting world of theatre.

The cost for the children's class is \$10 and the adult class is \$15. Call Yiana Belkalopoulos at 537-4088 for more details.

Poetic spring season launched

Salt Spring cable launches its spring programming with *Poetry in the Gallery* on Monday April 9 and 16 at 7 p.m. The programme was part of last fall's Salt Spring Appeal campaign, *Where Art Meets Nature*. *Poetry in the Gallery* features the voices of several local poets. The video was shot and edited by Peter Prince, who also composed the music for the two-hour-long programme.



APRIL FOOL'S—Island folks got right into the spirit of the day on Sunday. Left: someone let their pet hippos out to play in St. Mary Lake. Right: how many of us fell for this sign?

Music and Munch:

Valentine plays lenten recital

It is with pleasure that Music and Munch presents a Lenten organ recital with Barry Valentine tomorrow, Wednesday, April 4. It is appropriate that during this reflective season, All Saints' by-the-Sea offers its ambience and acoustics for the always-thoughtful and beautifully expressed music of its music director. The choir will join Valentine with one or two anthems and a psalm.

Valentine's expertise as organist and choirmaster is well known in the Island

community. Along with serving as organist at McGill University and assistant organist at the Cathedral in Montreal, he has wide experience accompanying a variety of musicians and performing solo. Valentine's knowledge of classical and sacred music is extensive.

The recital on Wednesday, April 4 promises to be a moving and reflective experience at this Passiontide. The free concert begins at 12:10 p.m. and is followed by lunch for only \$4.75.

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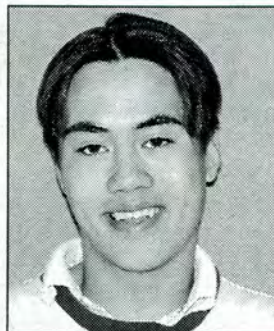
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MATHEWS WONG

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MUSIC

Denham Trollip

From the moment he could hold a spoon, rhythm and beat erupted out of him, directed at the lid of his dog's food container (he produces the harshly dented lid as evidence), and various pots and pans. With a strong sense of his potential to create and devoid of self imposed limitations or expectations, this dedicated musician plays his drums, composes synthesized musical scores on his computer, sculpts charming, imaginative claymation subjects, and renders some (thumbs up) 3D visuals on his screen—all for the sheer pleasure of simply doing it!

His laid back nature counterbalances the daily 2-hour drum sessions, which have been known to cause ceiling light fixtures below to plunge (:

Now in his third year of drum lessons, his goal is simply to "just keep playing." Look for Denham and many other gifted musicians of all ages at Acoustic Planet's annual year end recital in June.



SPORTS

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Having placed 6th at a March 18th tournament in Nanaimo, the Gulf Island Scorpions girl's volleyball team is taking advantage of their training sessions to gain the competitive edge they will need for the provincials. The team consists of 10 girls (ages 16 & 17), and coach Ryan Bunyan puts them through the drills for two hours, three times a week. They are raffling off five great prizes to raise funds for upcoming tournaments. To purchase tickets, or for more volleyball info, contact Ryan at 537-1647.

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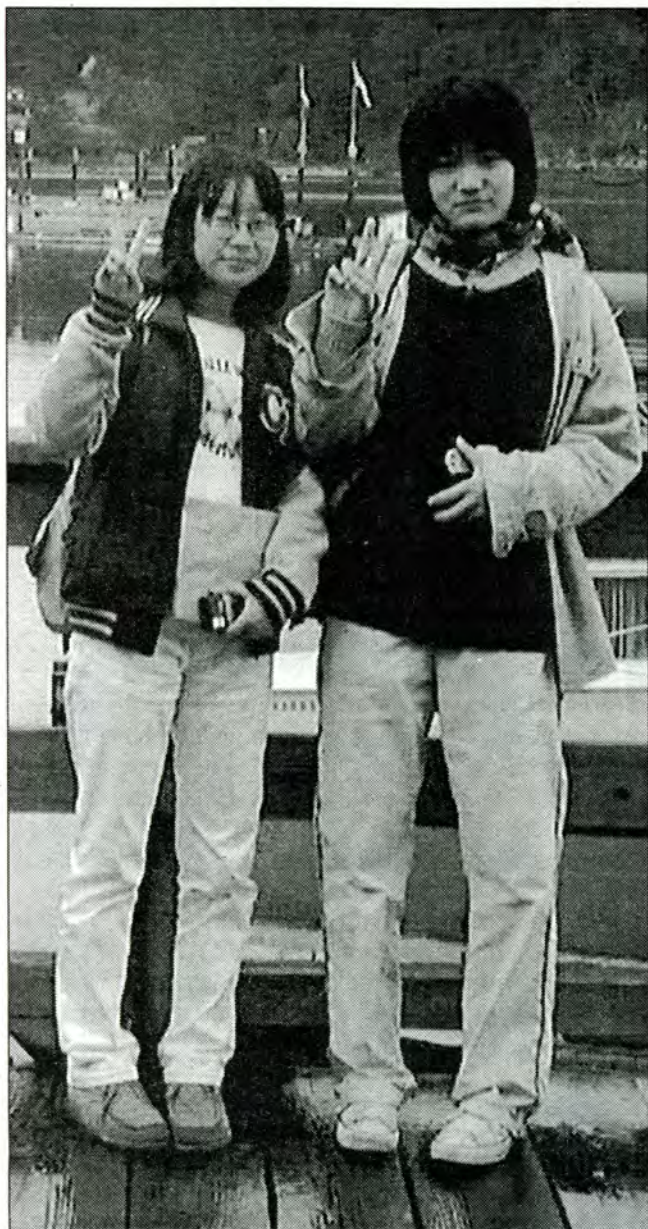
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Satoko Kumota, left, and Miki Nitta, visitors from Kobe, Japan.

Okaeri (Welcome) Kobe!

by Gail Trafford

Over 100 students from Kobe, Japan landed in Salt Spring homes on March 26 and 27 for an 11-day homestay visit co-ordinated by School District 64. The groups were enthusiastically welcomed en masse by host families at the secondary school, where an assortment of name signs and pictures were used to unite the Japanese visitors with their Salt Spring hosts.

A culturally enriching experience for both the guests and hosts, the visit facilitated new friendships spanning the continents. The children brought an expectancy for adventure, and new sights, sounds, and foods with them. Although host families were committed to helping the guests learn about Canada, it was unavoidable that they also developed an appreciation for, and a growing interest in, Japan.

Many of the children spoke little or no English, and host families found they relied on charades to communicate during the first days of the visit. This challenge did little to dampen

the enjoyment of the experience for either party. As varied as Canadian children, the students showed an assortment of tastes when exposed to Canadian foods and activities.

The students attended local schools and also spent time on field trips to visit the Royal British Columbia Museum, the IMAX theatre, the Commonwealth Pool, and Bchart Gardens. On-Island kayaking trips were planned by Island Escapades. The students also went sailing, hiking at Ruckle Park, and climbing at the Wall.

As the visit progressed and the sudden newness wore off, the Kobe children really began to become part of their host families. Homes were filled with giggles and smiles that spilled over into the larger community.

On April 5 and 6, the Kobe visitors will bid farewell to their hosts and to Salt Spring Island. The host families will regret the parting, but their sad good-byes will reflect that all have been enriched by the homestay experience.

Meals on Wheels expands services to Outer Islands

by Joanne O'Connor

After a successful bid for increased Capitol Health Region funding, Salt Spring's Meals On Wheels programme is expanding May 1, 2001. Outer Island residents will also benefit from the expansion. Meals On Wheels currently operates on Saturna and Mayne Islands. Service is scheduled to begin on Galiano April 9, and on Pender April 18.

Karen Davies, manager of Patient and Client Care on the Southern Gulf Islands, said the Meals On Wheels programme has been at full capacity for quite a while. The increased funding will allow meal services to expand from three to five days per week. It also allows home care nurses on outer islands to be paid to help co-ordinate the programmes along with volunteers.

On Salt Spring, Meals On Wheels is supplied with food from the Greenwood's kitchen. Staff at Greenwood's organize menus and prepare the food fresh every day. Catherine Bennett, who has worked with Meals On Wheels for more than six years, explained, "We're filling a gap in nutritional food for people who are shut in." Bennett, co-ordinator of Meals On Wheels for Salt Spring,

finds her job very rewarding. "I had a friend who worked in home services," Bennett related. "It kind of takes over and there you are going out on Christmas Day..."

In addition to supplying nutrition, the visits from those delivering food do a lot to brighten the days of Meals On Wheels clients. Cards supplied by local Brownies, Guides, and Pathfinders are distributed on birthdays and at Christmas time.

Special diets are accommodated within reason by the Meals On Wheels programme. Vegetarian, celiac and low fat diets are some of the regimens catered to.

Although the Meals On Wheels is a subsidised programme, clients must be referred by a health professional. Short-term clients, such as those people recovering from hospitalization, are welcome upon referral.

Meals On Wheels is always looking for volunteers. The May 1 expansion in service will also allow for more people in need of care to have access the service. Anyone wishing to volunteer his or her services, or investigate service for a friend or relative, is invited to call the Meals On Wheels office at 537-9955.

Living diaper-free

by Helani Davison

Local author Ingrid Bauer will be signing her new book, *Diaper Free! (The Gentle Wisdom of Natural Infant Hygiene)* at Fables Cottage on April 7, from 1 until 4 p.m. In her book, Bauer contends that babies can be kept clean, dry and content without diapers! Diaper changing struggles, rashes, accidents, and conventional toilet training problems, can be avoided. Hundreds, or even thousands, of dollars may be saved, as well, says Bauer. "By becoming aware of their child's body language, parents can develop an intuitive communication with their child."

Bauer explains that throughout most of human existence, parents have cared for their babies hygienically without diapers. Diaper-less potty

training has been a part of mothering in India for some time. Bauer herself was successful in this approach with her own child and other children over the years. According to Bauer, babies can be out of diapers in four months if parents closely observe their baby's body language. Responsive parenting takes dedication and commitment but brings many rewards, Bauer assures us.

Teresa Pitman, regular contributor to *Today's Parent* magazine and author or co-author of ten parenting books, states; this book may be "the true solution to the diaper dilemma." I highly recommend this warm enjoyable book, packed with information, examples, and support. A valuable addition to the library of any pregnant woman or new mother."

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 The Nights Alive program successfully hosted a 2-Ball Basketball tournament on March 16 and it was a great hit! All the contestants had a ton of fun. John Leier and Sam Hanna won first place, Tyler Laitinen and Cam Beals came in second while Robin Schafer and Bryan Hunsberger came in third. Way to go boys!
 Thanks to everyone who helped to make this event such a success, a special thanks to Work World Norma Thompson, Wayne Fraser, Leah Hansel, Ryan Bunyan, Jenn Keating and Kellie Booth.
 Our next exciting event will be a movie night at the Core Inn on Friday, April 6, from 6:30 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. Due to the nature of the movies being presented, middle school and high school students are welcome to attend. Munchies and drinks will be served. This is a free event, so come out and have some fun!
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YET ANOTHER SIGN OF SPRING—Foxglove Nursery held its 12th Annual Spring Garden Show last Saturday afternoon. With numbers too high to count, Foxglove marks this as the best event in its history. The public was treated to coffee and donuts, as well as an assortment of activities. Demonstrations on water gardening, pruning roses and shrubs, and basket plantings were popular, as were the 4-H farm animal displays, the organic fertilizer display, the concrete garden ornament selection, and the cedar sculpture and carvings. Banana Joe Clemente, not surprisingly, led a demonstration on growing subtropical plants.

Harris speaks to gathering

by Helani Davison

The Salt Spring Island United Church offered a warm welcome to First Nations guest speaker Jill Harris last Thursday evening at the weekly Community Gathering.

After the usual potluck dinner, Harris, who is currently pursuing a degree in First Nations Studies, led the circle

with a prayer of gratitude and spoke of the traditional teachings passed on through generations that she was taught as a child. "We learned from listening to our elders," she explained.

Following the viewing of a video, *Treaty Making In British Columbia*, Harris spoke to an attentive audience about the frustrations of unresolved

land claim issues and the hope for resolution. She quoted Frank Calder, past Hereditary Chief of the Nisga Nation and member of the Provincial legislature for many years, as saying that the Indians were never a conquered people and the British justice system was on trial. Harris went on to say that the B.C. government is speaking of self-government for aboriginal people, but their definition of self-government was different from that of the First Nations.

Harris said that Salt Spring Island was part of the land belonging to her people, stating that natives have a deep connection to certain geographical areas. She cautioned listeners about the inaccuracies of our history books. According to Harris, the public is being misled by our politicians as well. She encouraged people to learn how to participate in the land treaties. "Racism justifies taking land and resources from indigenous people. I was taught to feel ashamed of being an Indian," Harris continued.

"The particular struggles of half-breeds and the Metis following their exclusion need to be addressed. These people need to be embraced for their suffering," she said.

Harris stated that colonial bureaucracy does not work in native communities. She explained that 90 per cent of her reserve community is unemployed and 10 per cent worked for the band office. "We have always been self-governing. When we pull together for a feast, that's our government in action. It's people working together."

Harris described her past position of Indian Affairs Chief responsible to the Federal Government as being merely that of a puppet. Describing herself as a Social Justice Worker, Harris gives talks to many communities, "doing cultural inventories." The talk ended with questions that Harris posed to the audience. "What is equality? What is justice? And where do these concepts come from?"



The Japan society greets the delegates from Yamanaka.

Japan exchange a success

A delegation of 16 visitors from Yamanaka, Japan visited Salt Spring last week as part of the six year old Salt Spring Japan Exchange Society. The delegation included the mayor and several councilors, the vice president of the Commerce and Industry Society and other associated visitors.

During their three-day visit, the Japanese delegation was greeted by our Chamber of Commerce, toured Ganges, visited local schools, artisans' studios, and cheese-making facilities, and spoke with local environmentalists about the pressure of development on the Island.

In the last five years, the Salt Spring Society has built a friendly and trusting relationship with the town of Yamanaka, according to member Gary Chernoff. Yamanaka is in the prefecture of Ishikawa, a rural area in western Japan bordering the Sea of Japan.

The region shares some parallels with Salt Spring, Chernoff said.

Ishikawa has supported many traditional art forms, such as Kutani potting

and other ceramic forms, fabric dying, paper-making, basket weaving, lacquerware, glass blowing, musical instrument making, and gold leaf production. Rushing rivers and forests would make it a familiar landscape for Canadians.

Yamanaka is a small Onsen (hot springs) tourist town of about 10,000, located in the foothills of mountains similar to British Columbia's coast range. Many hotels and inns draw water from the famous thermal springs, and opposite the town is a forest reserve and park.

"There's lots of differences and lots of similarities. The differences are mostly cultural. Hot springs are a different draw from kayaking on the ocean," Chernoff said.

The Society has made a proposal to Yamanaka to exchange artisans, with associated workshop and exhibition opportunities, and hopes to encourage people from Salt Spring to visit the area. "We went to Japan three years ago...we don't know when we'll go again," Chernoff said.



Jill Harris



Gail Trafford photo

TAKING THE PLUNGE—Salt Spring youth took a plunge into positive living Saturday night at the Community Gospel Chapel. The Plunge is a monthly youth event under the leadership of Travis Guedes, youth pastor from the Pentecostal Assembly. A place where local teens can get together for fun, games, and food, the Plunge features upbeat teen music and inspirational messages. The youth from three local churches, the Community Gospel Chapel, the Pentecostal Assembly and the Baptist Church, play a leadership role in planning these monthly events. All youth are welcome whether or not they have a church affiliation. Plans are in the works for April 28, the date of the next Plunge, when the youth group from South Delta Baptist Church in Tsawwassen will be the featured guests. All Island teens are invited to hold their breath and jump right in!

Piper plays home

Fred Tarasoff offered Salt Spring a musical interlude on the bagpipes last week, to promote his new CD of bagpipe tunes, *Nova Scotia Piper on Salt Spring*.

Tarasoff has a long history of busking on the bagpipes.

"I played for ten years in front of the Victoria Legislature in the 1980s, in front of my totem pole," he said.

The gig ended when the busking law was passed in the late 80s, as Tarasoff recalled. "They read me the riot act. That was the day I left."

Tarasoff said that he once relied on busking as part of



Fred Tarasoff, piper

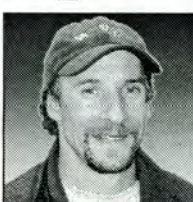
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his income but it didn't really pay off. After the law was passed, it became even harder. "There were a lot of street musicians in Victoria and they just had to regulate. I think you had to move a minimum of two or three blocks every couple of hours."

A native son of Victoria, Tarasoff has his permanent residence on Salt Spring, but has been living in Nova Scotia for the past two years. He came back to Salt Spring for a March visit.

For information on the CD, call 537-8754.

Spring at last!



Life in the garden ...
with Joe Clemente

You just have to love spring. Personally I'm not a winter type person, and spring has to be my favourite time of the year. This is the time of the year when our Island is in bloom, and all of the species that lay dormant in our cooler months have sprung into life.

March has come and gone rather quickly, and I must say we were lacking the precipitation that we usually receive. Any rain is a welcome relief, because this year we need it badly.

April is a great month, because the days are longer, which means much more time in the garden. April is the month where the cool-temperature loving veggies such as spinach, peas, swiss chard, lettuce, and radishes can be planted. Even the more cold-tolerant annuals

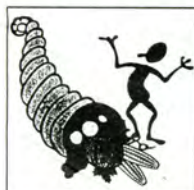
like dianthus, mimulas, marguerites and snapdragons can be set out into the garden.

Also be sure to keep an eye on those slugs. I've noticed quite a few already in March. Cut any daffodil heads that have finished flowering, and tulips that have already done their thing can also be deadheaded. Make sure to leave the stems since this is a source of food for the bulbs.

If you haven't removed any of the winter mulch you may have used to protect marginal species, you best do it right away. April is also a great time to start basil, squash, pumpkin; and melon seeds indoors for later spring plantings.

Also if this dry trend continues, you just might want to check to see if any of your plants need a little irrigating. Have fun!

Rice casserole wild



Salt Spring Sizzles...
with Gail Prior

After purchasing bona fide wild rice in northern Saskatchewan, I wanted to share my find with friends. I opted for this casserole. It's great for a pot luck and can be made ahead of time and refrigerated until needed.

Western Wild Rice Casserole

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| 1/4 cup butter | 1 large onion, chopped |
| 1 cup wild rice | 1 cup brown rice |
| 1/2 cup slivered almonds | 1/2 cup chopped green onions |
| 1 cup sliced celery | 1 large green pepper sliced |
| 2 cups fresh mushrooms, sliced | 4 cups vegetable stock |

Melt butter in large fry pan. Add onions and sauté. Add rice and sauté briefly with slivered almonds. Pour into large casserole (12 cup size or greater). Add other ingredients. Cover and bake in 325°F oven for 1-1/2 hours. Refrigerate until needed or serve at once.

This casserole will freeze quite nicely. Make sure it is completely thawed before attempting to reheat. It can be reheated in the oven for about 30 minutes. Or about 15 minutes in the microwave. (Stir once or twice to make sure it is heated through.) Serves 8-10.

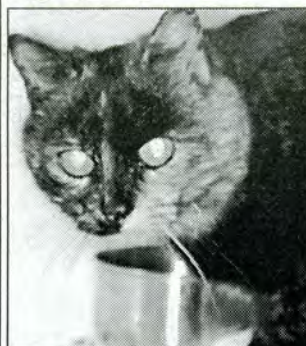
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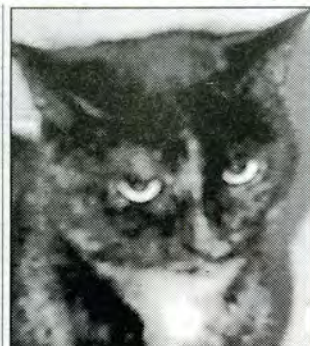
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Sidelines...
with Alan Webb

For some, the only event of the past week to rival the excitement of Rock 101's Beatles Weekend, was FC's Challenge Cup semi-final match against Port Alberni.

After the game, for those who could claim *I'm a Loser*, there was the opportunity to

continue *The Long and Winding Road* to the Vancouver Island Championship. An FC win would earn them a chance to get back to Royal Athletic Park to defend their title.

It's been a *Long, Long, Long Time* since a team has repeated as VISL champs, and a successive FC win would signal a *Revolution* of sorts for the VISL. At times FC's Cup Challenge this spring has appeared to carry the message *I'll Be Back*, to which Victoria soccer hierarchy have always seemed to answer *You Can't Do That*.

Port Alberni kicked off the game, rolling the ball across the centre line and then knocking it back to their defense to draw FC forward. When the ball next crossed into FC territory Alberni would be trailing 1-0 and three minutes would have elapsed.

FC pushed forward, forcing the visitors into error after error until the homeside won a corner kick. Jesse Fisher curled the kick to the short post where Chris Jason, as alone as a *Nowhere Man*, headed magnificently home. It was a start as sweet as *Savoy Truffle* and no one could have predicted there would be no reply.

Alberni seemed to have had a *Hard Day's Night* the

night before and looked in desperate need of *Help*. As the rain fell FC's intensity completely disrupted Alberni's attempts to work the ball out of the back. Salt Spring were *Here, There, and Everywhere*, having got the word from coach Darryl Lister to press them.

FC has been training *Eight Days a Week* for this cup run and got great efforts from everyone in a white shirt but to single out a few who had come together with an even greater *all together now* effort is not to slight others not mentioned.

Calkin Brousseau, Colin Walde, Chris Jason, Ryan Wellington, Zoltan Kodaly, and Harrison Jason, and especially Dion Hackett would not falter for all their work load, would not utter *I'm so tired*. In short, they were flying.

Something happened at halftime however. Suddenly the play was helter skelter, FC supporters were suddenly mouthing *Don't let me down* as they were compelled by the action to twist and shout on the sidelines. Port Alberni would not say goodnight, would not, for all FC's efforts, cry baby cry.

The second half became a battle after the first half had been a bit of an *octopus' garden* for FC. The visitors expended all efforts to secure an equalizer while Salt Spring hit back on counterattacks in search of a *Maxwell's Silver Hammer* goal, some insurance.

The rain grew more persistent. It began to



Jesse Fisher extends to get his cross into the Port Alberni penalty box.

feel as if we were all back in the USSR. FC goalkeeper Jonathan McDonald's towering kicks began to take on huge importance. Salt Spring's ticket to ride to safety. There were a number of chances for both sides which screamed *Don't Pass Me By* but neither side could hit the net. *Can't buy me love?* No one could buy a goal.

Tense spectator faces read, *I've got a feeling* but then spectators fears are as tattered as an *old brown shoe* and may as well come from the *fool on the hill*.

FC were as comfortable as *Norwegian Wood*. *I'll follow the sun* they seemed to imply by their composure, as they focused on winning through to the final. As for the nerve-racking work of defending, "Ah", they seemed to say. *"Let it be."*

As stoppage time went on and on the nervous fans contemplated the *Happiness* of a *Warm (final) Gun*. When it finally sounded FC's *Magical Mystery Tour* was confirmed to

have carried on to the last stop Royal Athletic Park, Saturday April 7 at 12 pm.

So it is *Hello, Goodbye* to Port Alberni, a week of *I'm only sleeping* and medical attention from Doctor Robert and FC will be ready to inflict *Yer Blues* on challengers Cordova Bay.

Back to back Challenge Cup wins! To borrow from John Lennon: *Imagine!*



Hey Jude, FC are going to the finals. Colin Walde and Pete Aust (#4) combine to repel a Port Alberni attack.

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3 Paint Plus.....	717	117
4 Rangers.....	714	114
5 Greenwoods.....	707	110
6 Islanders.....	701	91
7 Schure-Thing.....	680	92
8 Hosers.....	676	125
9 Nads.....	642	70
10 Dallas.....	641	92
11 Sleepers.....	631	94
12 Buffalo.....	592	89
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2 Dallas.....	706	112
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4 Philadelphia.....	698	96
5 Ottawa.....	687	113
6 Edmonton.....	679	93
7 Toronto.....	661	96
8 Atlanta.....	654	120
9 Phoenix.....	632	99
10 Buffalo.....	630	74
11 Anaheim.....	615	82
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13 Pittsburgh.....	596	102
14 Vancouver.....	589	61
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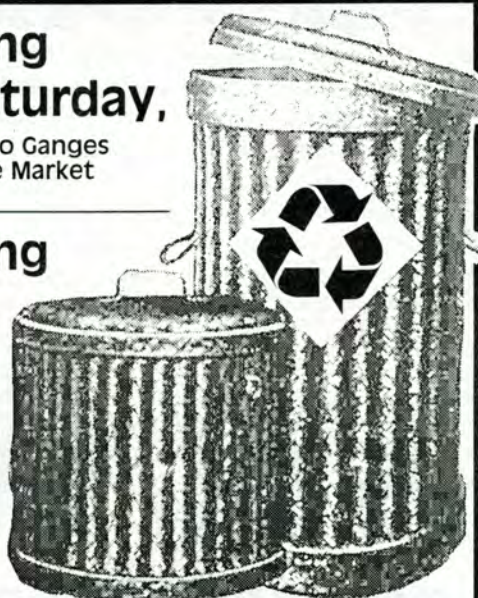
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Rod released

Beleaguered Mahon Hall needs repairs

by Joanne O'Connor

Rod McGuckin is playing the waiting game. One of eight Salt Spring protestors who went to trial in February for contravening an injunction brought by Texada Land Corporation, McGuckin was released on bail last month. He had served 22 days of his 60-day jail sentence.

McGuckin's lawyer, John Davies, filed for an appeal to McGuckin's sentence on March 22, 2001. Davies said the appeal process is both lengthy and costly, and that an appeal may even result in a longer sentence if the case is re-evaluated and deemed to be erring on the side of leniency.

Davies explained that McGuckin may still have to serve the remainder of his sentence. "If we don't proceed with the appeal, then there's a date in September when he has to check back into jail to finish his sentence."

Davies said of McGuckin's testimony, "What he said to the Court was much the same as everyone else." With the exception of B Nevill, all were

sentenced on March 2, 2001 to imprisonment and/or probation. Jason Flis, who, like McGuckin, locked down on a logging truck, received a sentence of 30 days imprisonment. Flis, a self-proclaimed "eco-warrior", has been released from the Nanaimo Correctional Centre.

In a telephone interview on March 29, McGuckin related his experience as a defendant in the courtroom. "I feel very strongly about what I did," McGuckin said. "Not showing fear in that repressive atmosphere tends to bring the gavel down more heavily."

McGuckin was featured prominently in Mort Ransen's documentary, *Ah...The Money, The Money, The Money: The Battle For Salt Spring*. Discussing whether the documentary succeeded in presenting the many sides of the issue, McGuckin said, "I think Mort had to keep it light to try and reach a broader audience. He blended humour with serious subject matter."

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Repairs would have to be made on a demand basis for several years before a restoration program could be instituted. The letter continued, "should the School District revise their position, the Farmers Institute might choose to reconsider."

Secretary-Treasurer of the Board of School Trustees, Rod Scotvold, whose signature appears on the February 20 letter on behalf of the Board, declined to comment on any aspect of the issue. May McKenzie, Chairperson of the Board, commented on the February 20 letter, "[It was] just the first draft. We're willing to see what happens... it's ongoing. Everyone wants this to happen."

The FI seems to concur with the latter part of McKenzie's comment; their March 28, 2001 letter states, "The FI supports the concept of a community op-

erated Heritage Mahon Hall. We are prepared to support this endeavour and will release our Acquisition Study to any legitimate advocate for such a program."

The identity, or existence of, any "legitimate advocate" remains to be seen. The Gulf Islands Community Arts Council has supported the FI. However, as noted in the FI AGM Report, the GICAC has expressed an interest in making a proposal to the School Board if negotiations with the FI fail.

Both Threlfall and McKenzie emphasized that there has been no acrimony during the negotiations. Threlfall explained, "Our motivation is to get the story out that we have backed off, and this is why." McKenzie's response left the issue open, "We met with [the FI] on Wednesday, and we're meeting with them again..."

Gulf Islands Pioneer Village Society

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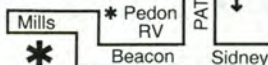
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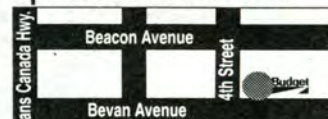


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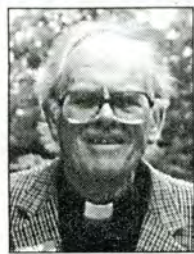
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110 • DEATHS



GILBERT, The Rev. Stephen Wilson Langton died quite suddenly, at the Royal Jubilee Hospital, Victoria, B.C. Loving husband of Elizabeth (Liz), Stephen was 'Dad' to Gordon (and Susan of Penetanguishene ON), Margaret (and Greg Murray of Guelph, ON), John (and Sazjo of Salt Spring Island, B.C.), Elizabeth (and Alan Gilbert Rosselet of Scarborough, ON), David (and Cathy of Nanaimo, B.C.) and Roger (still at home). Stephen was predeceased by his first wife, the late Margaret Bartlett Gilbert (Meg), and a sister Mary and is survived by a sister, Clara Hollis Hallett of Bermuda and brother, Harry Gilbert of Australia. He is survived by 19 grandchildren, David and Christine, Rebecca, Aimee, Stephen, Beth, Saeward, Sascha, Oban, Thea, Andrew, James, Jennifer, William, Richard, Maggie, Carl, Dorothy, Alex & Rachel. A faithful priest in the Anglican Church for 55 years, Stephen served in parishes across Ontario, in Muskoka, Thunder Bay, Espanola, Owen Sound, Kingsville, Meaford and Corunna and as chaplain to many sailors along the Great Lakes (both recreational sailors and professional seafarers). In keeping with his hopes for an 80th birthday celebration scheduled to take place this summer, family and friends will gather to celebrate of his life at All Saints Anglican Church, Ganges, B.C. on Friday, April 6th and later at a Memorial Service to be held in Guelph at Matthias Anglican Church, on Saturday, April 21st. Memorial contributions to local Anglican parishes, or to the Missions to Seafarers Ministry or the Anglican Primate's World Relief and Development Fund would be appreciated by the family.

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WIN-A-SCOOTER contest deadline extended to 2 pm Sat. April 28th! Review a book in our store and bring it in. Elizabeth Buchanan will tell stories at 2:30. Scooter draw 3 pm. April workshop schedule available at Fables, Acoustic Planet and the Treehouse. Info 537-0028.

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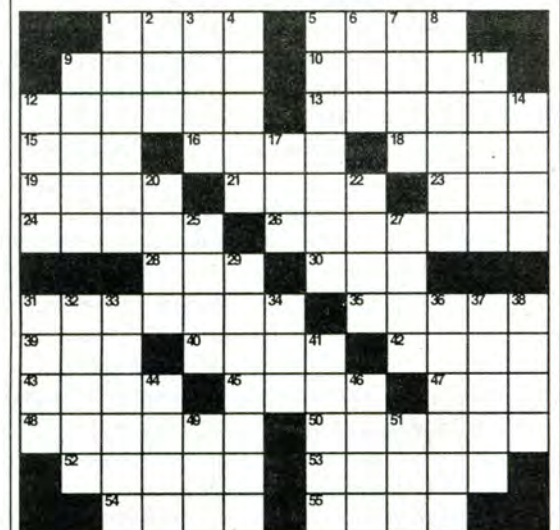
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- 1 Risque
- 5 Formal close, in music
- 9 Egypt's Capital
- 10 Maple Leaf Gardens, e.g.
- 12 Eskimo footwear
- 13 Circuits
- 15 Japanese sash
- 16 Tasse or god preder
- 18 Eskimo hunter's prey
- 19 Eskimo's summer shelter
- 21 Wolf, in Pamplona
- 23 Grow old
- 24 Skater's concern
- 26 Eskimo transport
- 28 Pool shark's concern
- 30 Eskimo knife
- 31 Eskimo tie-down
- 35 Electronic messaging
- 39 Macaws
- 40 Partner of Tock
- 42 Grampus
- 43 Green feed storage
- 45 Watercraft
- 47 Wrongdoing
- 48 Some medicines
- 50 Faulty sailing?
- 52 Apartment
- 53 Dismissing, sometimes
- 54 Female Saints, abbr.
- 55 Bird of prey

DOWN

- 1 Collecting the leaves
- 2 Be unwell
- 3 Filth
- 4 Rube
- 5 Eskimo sustenance
- 6 Metric or facial preder
- 7 ex Machina
- 8 Toughen
- 9 Diced
- 11 Saying
- 12 Molecule
- 14 Eskimo carryall
- 17 Chic
- 20 Technology, for short
- 22 Stare lasciviously
- 25 Bridge player's concern
- 27 Japanese wrestler
- 29 Foodstuffs
- 31 Foolhardy
- 32 Sign of the ram
- 33 Eskimo quarry
- 34 System or sphere preder
- 36 A poisonous gas
- 37 Cake part
- 38 k.d.
- 41 Eskimo watercraft
- 44 Death notice, for short
- 46 Car for hire
- 49 Gnawed
- 51 Mental agility

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150 • MEETINGS

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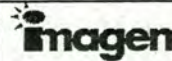
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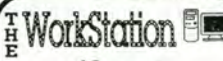
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Aries (Mar 21 - Apr 20) A dynamic momentum continues to lift your spirits. Whether to the task or to new heights, you are the mood to make things happen. There is a reorientation process prompting you to do some soul searching. With so many options available, it can be hard to choose. You need a plan. Hopefully, educational pursuits are on the agenda. Whether academic or hands on and practical, it is time for school.

Taurus (Apr 21 - May 20) Despite the welcoming spring air, it seems everyone is being called in on some level. Thoughts and feelings about what constitute a greater degree of emotional stability continue. Whether it is love, finances, career or all of the above, you are ready to work on some new perspectives and attitudes. Although, you will get more done by relaxing and letting things come to you now, just the way you like it. Take the time you need and reflect while you relax.

Gemini (May 21 - Jun 20) The

tremors of a
s o m e w h a t
stormy week
last week may
be lingering.
Meanwhile,
new friends

entering your world are bringing a lot of excitement and change. Still, it might be good to take things slow before you make any long term commitments. You don't want to spread yourself too thin. A time of serious self-discovery is looming nigh. It is time to take a good clear look in the mirror. Summon courage and remember that you are perfectly imperfect like everyone else.

Cancer (Jun 21 - Jul 21) You continue to take a charge to achieve new ideals. You are happy to cooperate and work with others. You are charismatic and strong if a little unsure of your approach. This is due to some changing ideals. You are ready to commit yet some unfinished business must be done first. On deeper levels, it is limiting beliefs that still need to be dissolved. Some of these are associated with family values and patterns that need an overhaul. After you lead the troops, do some self-inquire.

Leo (Jul 22 - Aug 22) You are the mood to take the initiative to be initiated. What might this mean? That is up to you. Athletic pursuits are likely, as are creative ones. It may take a few weeks to figure out what rhythm you want to follow. You feel things about things seem to be changing rather quickly these days. You have plenty of company. The currents are flowing faster now and we must flow with them. Rewards are on the horizon along with a clearer awareness of what you no longer want.

Virgo (Aug 22 - Sep 23) As you explore, probe and cleanse the depths of your identity your world is whirling and vice versa. Many changes are imminent for everyone. Important decisions are being made at all levels and in all sectors of society, from the individual to the collective. It is time to be gentle with yourself and others with your heart open to nurture and be nurtured. You are being pushed to know yourself better. You are coming to the edge. It may take courage to leap. Have faith in the unknown.

Libra (Sep 23 - Oct 21) Isn't it amazing how relative life is. Imagine every person and living thing, for that matter, experience reality as though they are at the center of it. Paradoxically, they are. The more we endeavor to understand others and how they see reality, the more we can create harmony. This is the call for you now. You probably feel the urge to assert your own views. They

are valid, just as valid as the others you are dealing with - in a fair world. Relax, its all relative!

Scorpio (Oct 22 - Nov 20) You are in the mood to take a lot of independent initiative. You are discovering what you need most at this time in your life. The universe is asking you to let go of control. With control comes a tendency to worry. This is where the blocks come in. The secret is to relax into confidence. There are many angles to this idea. (Look for the book, "Don't Worry, Make Money" by Carleton) Simply accept that constant change is a part of the deal and play along.

Sagittarius (Nov 21 - Dec 20) What slow-down there might have been last week is being reversed by a lot of inspiration. You are optimistic yet somewhat cautious. There is a lot to consider right now. Many details need attention. Still, you are excited by the momentum and feel hopeful. You are on a threshold and it will require your full attention. Many options are available. Leave the rose-colored shades in the drawer for now. Stay centered in your heart yet, keep your wits sharp.

Capricorn (Dec 21 - Jan 19) You are in the process of exploring new aspects of your true identity. This requires courage. You have been boldly facing fears, personal and cultural. Moving through the process gracefully is how you can contribute to significant to others in your life. This is a time of spiritual deepening. Sometimes all we have to do is silently surrender to the demands of the moments. This is the work you must do. Why not whistle while you do it?

Aquarius (Jan 20 - Feb 19) You are boldly going to where you have not been before. There are many facets to your creative genius and the time has come to explore a few new ones. In certain ways you are so excited you think that everyone should be doing it too. Making the dream a reality requires a nurturing approach. Like a child, you never know when the next cry will come but you are certain that it will be soon. That is the tempo of the times. Moody, changeable and oh so exciting!

Pisces (Feb 19 - Mar 20) A bold charge into the unknown continues. Fortunately you are ready for the challenge. You know you are on to something good and you feel lucky. The real gift will take a little time to claim yet the first treasures are already revealing themselves. Plans have changed, as they always will, so it is important to remain flexible. Like an arrow being pulled back in the bow, get ready to fly by mid month.

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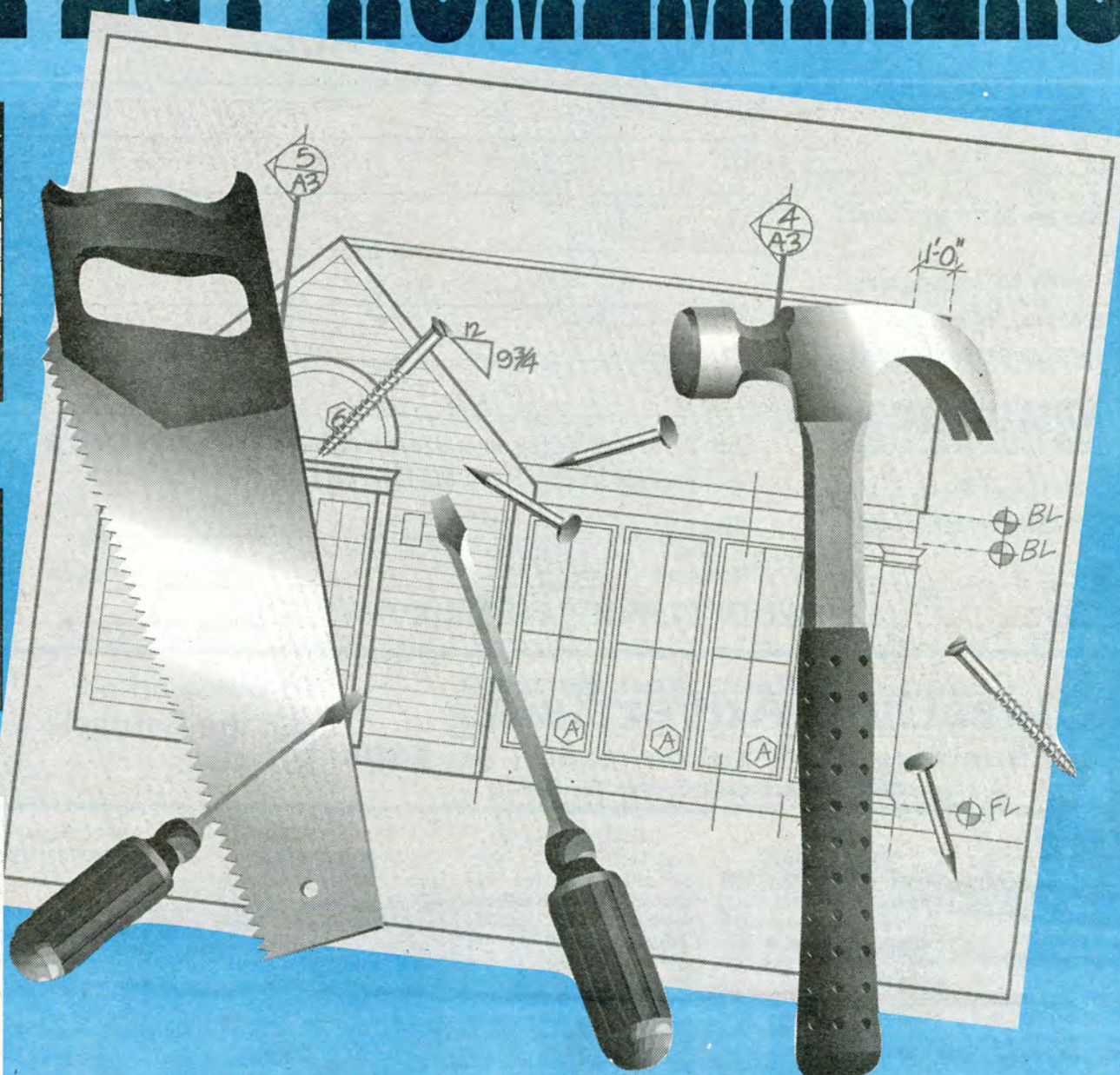
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