

# School starts today, watch out for the kids



School District bus driver Bruce Fiander is ready for the onslaught of students starting school today. He cautions motorists to be aware of the kids on the road, and the flashing bus lights. Students will be on the roads from 7:30 a.m. on.

Pirjo Raits photo

by Michelle Grant

It's that time of year when parents breathe a sigh of relief that the summer holidays are finally over and, once more, the responsibility for their charming, but occasionally difficult offspring switches to the school system, if only for a few brief hours from Monday to Friday.

With parents busy outfitting their youngsters with the latest in back-to-school fads, teachers and administrators have been gearing up for this Tuesday's onslaught of students. As of Friday, student enrollment figures were unknown, but expected to be stable, according to Duane Sutherland, Superintendent of the Gulf Islands School District.

"We won't know the figures until next week, when we can identify how many students will not be returning, and how many new students have been enrolled."

According to Sutherland, there has been a huge number of changes within the district, due mainly to an unusually large number of teachers changing positions.

"There are 45 positions posted, most of which will be filled by teachers already within the system. Five new people have been added to the district overall, and at least five people have moved from temporary positions into other positions," he said.

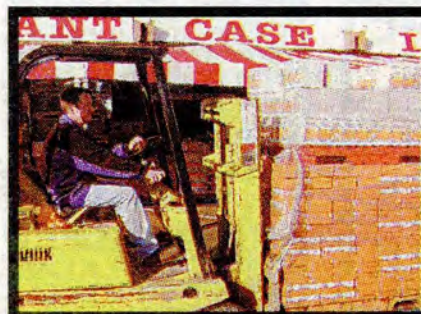
Traditionally, the district has only moved one or two positions, but the transfer last year of all principals, with the exception of two, has fostered a climate where people are more receptive to change, according to Sutherland. There were also six retirements this year. As of this Tuesday, Sutherland expects all positions except two to be filled.

"The school system is in good shape. We have had a balanced budget the last two years, and we expect to do the same this year."

Sutherland also pointed out the excellent government exam results achieved by the high school students in June.

"Results exceeded last year, which were the best the district had ever had. Some of our students got 99 per cent on the provincial exams."

In other school news, Shelly Johnson, former principal of Saturna School, replaces Phoenix High principal Rineke Jonker, who has taken a one-year leave of absence. In Johnson's absence, the principal of Mayne School has taken on the duties for the school on Saturna.



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Liz Forrest, Heather Martin-McNab, Lyn McDonald, Claude Gamache & Rosemary Baxter —The Southern Gulf Islands AIDS Walk 2001 Committee.



## Chamber wants to axe wage increase

A survey completed by the B.C. Chamber of Commerce says the minimum wage is killing jobs.

The president of the B.C. Chamber, John Winter, is asking Graham Bruce, the Minister of Labour, to cancel the increase to the minimum wage scheduled for November.

Approximately one-quarter of the respondents indicated they had changed employment practices either by reducing the number of employees, the number of hours available for work, or a combination of both.

Many respondents indicated that they were hiring fewer inexperienced or young employees.

Local Chamber of Commerce president Doug Mitchell said he had not seen the survey and was not going to comment at this point.



**POOCH PARKING**—No problem finding a parking spot for dogs. This was the only little dog spotted parked at the Doggie Drop Off in front of Bow Wow & Co. Jeff Outerbridge photo

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### PARC meeting

## Task force to examine rec centre

by Judy Harper

A report on the progress on PARC's plans for the proposed indoor recreational facility on Rainbow Road was presented by Commissioner Bill Curtin at a meeting of the Salt Spring Parks Arts and Recreation Commission last week.

The Salt Spring Local Trust Committee has approved a process of site planning for the facility, pending permission from the Agricultural Land Commission. Curtin reported that the zoning process would take six months and that a task force would be assembled to provide the Commission and the community with some idea of the footprint of the facility as well as cost guidelines.

"We think we can fund it out of the current tax load," Curtin said later. "We do have sources of funds. The impact on taxes will depend on whether the community wants this facility in

three years or in five years, but according to PARC's Indoor Recreational Facility Task Force survey, they want this facility as soon as possible."

In other Commission matters, chairman Wayne Fraser recognized the success of PARC's summer programmes and thanked interim administrator Cindy Petrowski for her hard work. He observed that the Saturday Market had had a "phenomenal" year with 175 vendors participating.

"That's a mall," he stated.

Vandalism problems will to some extent be alleviated with the installation of two more video cameras at the Harbour Authority Building and heat sensors in the Portlock Park washrooms.

Cindy Petrowski reported that Kellie Booth and Margaret Threlfall would be meeting with Myles Drew and a couple of commissioners regarding an amendment to existing dog controls which would allow for a "se-

cure area" where animals could be off their leash.

The trail advisory group met with commissioner Jamie Squier to discuss the mapping of local trails and access to identify old trails and those endangered by development. This new group of 10 to 12 people will reconvene to identify areas that PARC might be interested in preserving as greenway areas.

A proposal to upgrade PARC's telephone system at a cost of \$5,000 was passed. The new system will supply information to the public 24 hours per day.

Arborist Ian Hayes of Golden Ash Tree Care has been contracted to remove diseased and dead trees that are endangering the public walking trails at Mouat Park.

The next public PARC meeting will be on Monday, October 1, 7:30 p.m. at Portlock Park.

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# Passport to explore at the Fall Fair

September is the traditional time of year when fall fairs are springing up in rural communities everywhere. Salt Spring Island is no different, except that the annual Fall Fair is definitely a highlight of the ninth month. And it is time to get your entries together for the Fair.

The Salt Spring Fall Fair takes place on September 15 and 16 at the Farmers Institute on Rainbow Road, and like all fairs, attendees can expect to see the biggest and the best of what is grown, made, raised, brewed or laid on the Island.

Sections include everything from home baking to home brewing, rabbits to recycling, and vegetables to photography. Everyone has a chance to take part.

The Love a Fair entry catalogues are out and available at the Barnacle office and at Foxglove Farm and Garden Supplies. Deadline for entries is a week before the fair: Saturday, September 8. The entries themselves will be received at the Farmers Institute at 3:30 p.m. on Friday, September 14. Indoor sections must be in place by 7 p.m. Organizers request that quilts and photography be set up on Wednesday, September 12 between 2 and 5 p.m.

One new aspect of the Fall Fair is the Passports for Kids. Each child who attends the fair has a chance to win a prize by completing the "visas" in the passport. The kids visit all of the 10 stations at the fair, get their passport verified, and then receive an entry form for the prize draw.



The Fall Fair trophies are now on display in the window of Mout's Home Hardware in Ganges, thanks to the efforts of (left to right) trophy co-ordinator Peggy Sidbeck, Felicity Fuchs, Marguerite Lee, and Rick Vipond. There are still 26 trophies which have not been returned; they can be dropped off at the Barnacle office, 324 Lower Ganges Road, or at the caretakers cottage on the Farmers Institute grounds. Gail Neumann photo

"This is to get them to see all areas of the fair and not get stuck," says Tony Threlfall, a director of the Farmers Institute and a liaison between the institute and the Fall Fair committee.

The passport also contains some educational aspects and activities. Passports can be picked up

at no cost at the fair entrance or at any one of the stamping stations.

Fair organizers request that fairgoers leave their pets at home, unless they are competing in the Hoof 'n' Woof, the sheepdog demonstration, or the pet show. The SPCA will offer a pet-sitting service for off-Island visitors.

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# Lunn still trying to oust Day

by Pirjo Raits

The Canadian Alliance may be debating whether to give a blanket amnesty to dissident MPs, but those same rebel MPs have been carrying on discussions of their own.

Saanich-Gulf Islands MP Gary Lunn said in a telephone interview on Friday that the 12 breakaway MPs, known as the Democratic Representative Caucus, are moving forward on a positive agenda, despite numerous media reports to the contrary.

The main thrust of the group's agenda is to remove Stockwell Day as leader of the Canadian Alliance Party.

"The Alliance caucus, in Castlegar, had a positive discussion and the talk

was of going back to the caucus once Day has resigned. Day and his leadership is the issue; we are staying focused and together," said Lunn. "New leadership for the Alliance has always been critical."

Day has agreed to step down as leader three months prior to the leadership vote in either March or June of 2002.

A joint caucus of the Canadian Alliance and the Tories will be meeting in Edmonton on September 10 and they will be talking of issues of importance to each of them.

"We want to work in a more co-operative and constructive manner," said Lunn. "We are not joining the Tories,

but we will look at options down the road."

For a coalition with the Tories to work, Lunn says they need to look at "bigger, broader, constructive alternatives, and to get back on the issues that matter."

The Democratic Representative Caucus knows that even one defection from the defectors will mean they can not win special privileges as a separate parliamentary party when the House of Commons resumes on September 17.

"The 12 of us are moving forward," said Lunn.

# Gov't. union poised to strike

by Pirjo Raits

A full-scale strike by government employees is looming on the horizon as talks broke off in Ottawa Thursday between the Public Service Alliance of Canada (PSAC) and the Liberal government.

PSAC represents over 90,000 federal workers who take care of Human Resources Canada, passport offices, Health and Welfare, and a slew of other agencies.

The Coast Guard on Salt Spring Island will not be affected by any of the ongoing rotating strikes, or by a possible full-scale strike.

Al Hadvick, the regional strike co-ordinator for PSAC, said that the Coast Guard is 100 per cent designated and will not be manning any picket lines or carrying out any rotating strike action.

"We will be escalating

strike action in the weeks to come," said Hadvick. "But the Coast Guard is designated 100 percent for search and rescue and we have no interest in interfering with the Coast Guard's ability to assist the public in marine rescue. They will be maintaining that service."

PSAC, says Hadvick, will be looking at ways to bring economic blows to the fed-

eral government, and they will be forming picket lines at all major government workplaces.

The union is demanding a five per cent wage increase for each year of a three-year contract. The workers have been without a contract for more than a year. The government recently offered 3.2 per cent, 2.8 per cent, and 2.5 per cent pay hikes over three

years for the public servants.

Hadvick suggest that people seeking assistance from federal government agencies check to see if there is a line-up, and if there is, it is likely that agency will be picketed that day.

"It may escalate to a full-blown strike, but for now it's on a day-by-day basis," he said.

# In memory of Jeanine

A celebration of the life of Jeanine LeMarchant is being held Saturday, September 8, from 3 p.m. on, at 222 Victoria Street. Everyone is welcome; potluck would be most helpful and heartily welcomed. Jeanine died in a house fire on June 6.

Rob LeMarchant would also like to express his overwhelming gratefulness to the firefighters, ambulance crew, Lady Minto Hospital and Royal Jubilee Hospital staff who helped him during and after the fire. Thanks also go to all of the merchants and people of Salt Spring for their continuing support and generosity.



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# For the record

In last week's issue of the *Barnacle*, a number of typos and errors appeared in a story on Pathfinders, Island girls join 32,365 in Trail. There were not 32,365 girls in Trail; in fact there were 2,365. Gail Temmel also wants to be

sure people are aware of that the registration dates for all units—Sparks, Brownies, Guides, and Pathfinders—takes place on Monday, Sept. 10 from 3 to 5 p.m. at All Saints-by-the Sea on 110 Park Drive.

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# 21st Annual Terry Fox Run set for this Sunday

by Helani Davison

Supporters of the 21st annual Terry Fox run will congregate at Fernwood School on Sunday, September 9 to participate in this year's event, carrying the theme of "Every 1 Makes A Difference".

Registration begins at noon, followed by a fitness warm-up led by Brenda Ackerman. The official start time of the community event is 1 p.m., when supporters will run, walk, cycle, skate-board and even ride horses for the cause.

The seven-kilometre route begins at the school and continues north on North End Road, then south on North Beach Road, forming a loop back to the school.

During the run, the roads will be closed going in one direction between 1 and 1:30, with police and flaggers insuring safety. Drivers are asked to be cautious on

the roads at this time. Back at the school, free massages and a barbeque will be waiting for participants.

"I am always excited to see all those people turn out for the run," said 11-year-old cancer survivor and Terry's Team member, Kayla Groome, who is participating in the run for her fifth year.

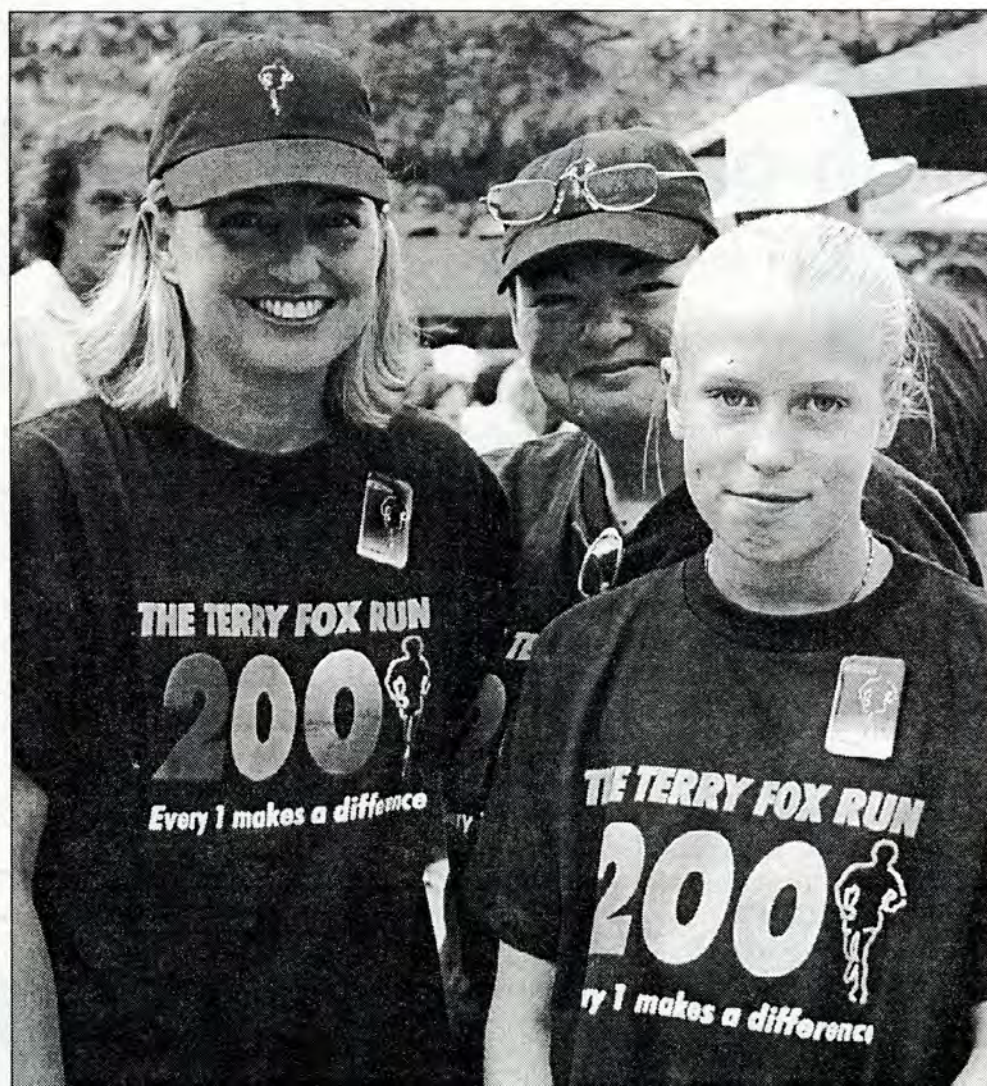
"A Terry's Team member is anyone who has survived cancer through research and new methods of treatment made possible from funding," explained Paula Davis an organizer of the event for six years. "This year the run is dedicated to 53-year-old Phyllis Waltho, who has been a team member for many years and raised \$4,052 last year in the community."

This year's slogan of "Every 1 Makes A Difference" emphasizes that every single person who participates, every dollar

that is raised, and every advance made in the search for a cure makes a difference. Pledge forms are available at many retail outlets around the Island, including the Terry Fox booth at the Saturday Market.

Terry Fox was diagnosed with osteogenic sarcoma (bone cancer) in his right leg in 1977. His leg was amputated six inches above the knee. While in hospital, Terry was so overcome by the suffering of cancer patients that he decided to run across Canada to raise funds for cancer research. His journey was called *The Marathon of Hope*.

*The Marathon of Hope* took place in 1980. Terry ran an average of 43 kms. a day for 143 days. He was forced to end his run due to the return of cancer. He died in June 1981. Close to \$300 million has been raised worldwide through the annual Terry Fox Runs.



The Terry Fox Run takes place on Salt Spring Island on September 9. Paula Davis, Cathy MacDonald, and Kayla Gromme have been promoting the run at the Saturday Market over the last few weeks. Pirjo Raits photo

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# Propane costs high on Island



From the Editor ...

Pirjo Raits

With the high price of oil and gas, many people have turned to propane as an economical source of fuel for heating, cooking, and vehicles. It appears that Salt Spring Island has the highest propane prices of anyplace in close proximity.

On Salt Spring Island propane is selling for 63.9 cents per litre, while on neighbouring Pender Island it sells for 56 cents per litre. Propane on Galiano is 58.9 cents/litre, PetroCan in Victoria sells it for 45.9 cents/litre and in Crofton/Chemanius it sells at 49.9 cents/litre. One would expect, of course, to have lower prices on the mainland, and in Vancouver propane goes for 34.9 to 39.9 cents/litre.

Okay, now let me do the math. Salt Spring Islanders pay 14 cents more per litre than they do in Crofton. That's a 20-minute ferry ride. If you were to fill up the propane tanks in Vancouver you would save 29 cents a litre. That's hitting pretty close to double the price.

Is there something we're missing here? Is there some reason unbeknownst to us that makes it more expensive to drive a tanker truck to Salt Spring Island as opposed to Galiano or Pender Islands? I would expect propane to cost more on some of the other smaller islands.

Fuel costs have dropped everywhere else, why not on Salt Spring Island?

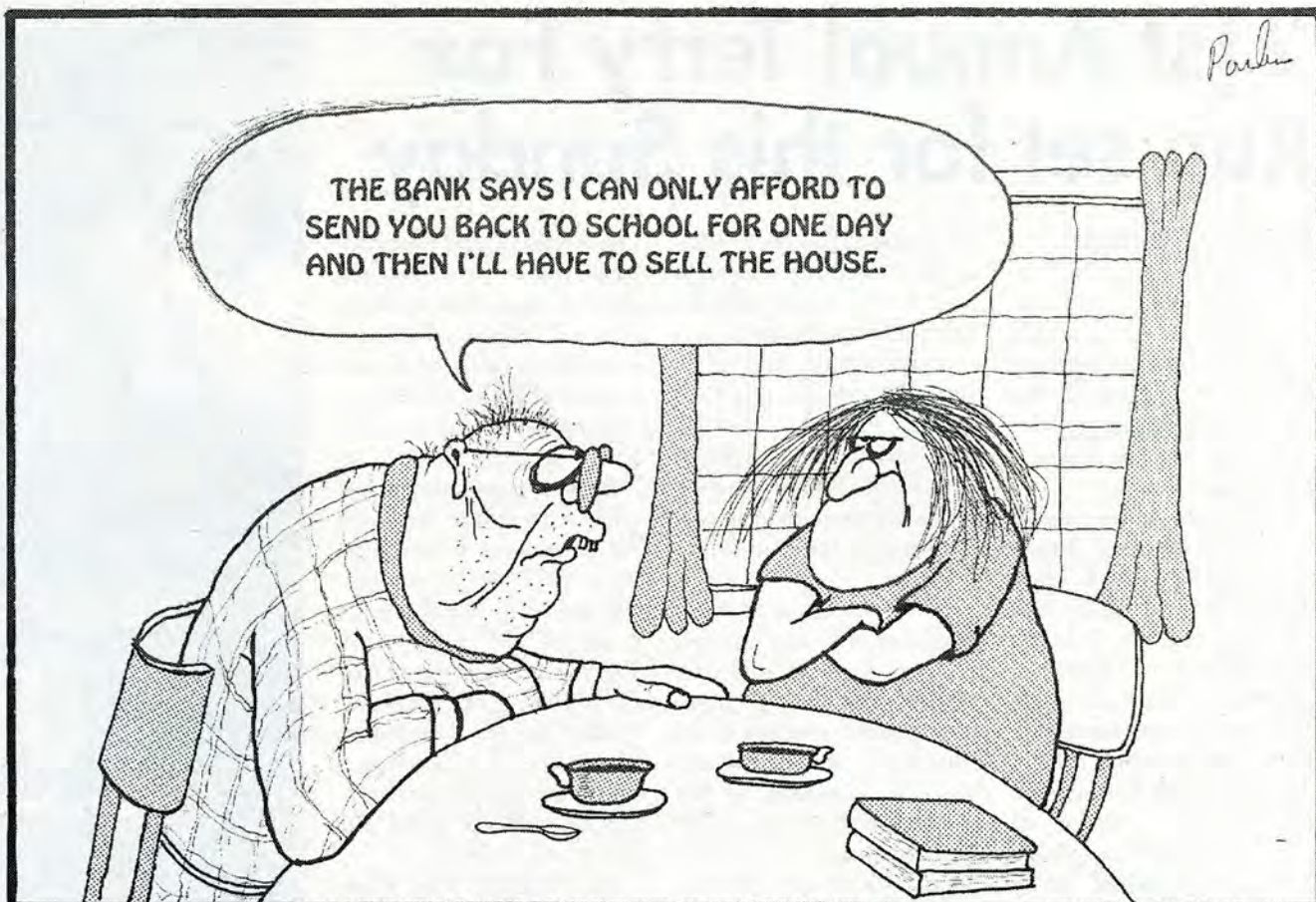
I attempted to reach spokespersons at the PetroCan station in Ganges, as well as the fuel delivery companies, but no was wanting to answer my questions. Perhaps it was because of the long weekend. Is it perhaps older fuel purchased further back when the prices were higher and therefore needs to be sold for more because it cost more? Is there so little call for this fuel that the price remains at a premium?

Perhaps it was because they had no ready answers. Or it may have been that they did not want to be put under the microscope. Whatever the reasons, or excuses, we want to know why propane is more expensive here than anywhere else. This story is not over and I will be looking for the answers.

**School starts today.** The kids are heading back to school. The school bus drivers on Salt Spring Island (and other islands) want to remind residents and visitors to be aware that students will be on the roads. It is illegal to pass a school bus with the lights flashing. So be cautious during these first few weeks that school begins; the little ones may not be paying as much attention to the traffic as they ought to, and you, as responsible adult drivers, need to realize they are out there. Be careful, and give the bus drivers a brake.

Oh, a just a reminder of the **Terry Fox Run** on Sunday. Get registered, get running, walking, or jogging for this very worthy cause. Cancer strikes hard and it does not discriminate. All the money raised through this run goes to cancer research, and, hopefully, one day, a cure for this disease that hits every segment of the community.

**Hats off to Ganges Village Market.** The *Barnacle* printed a story in the August 21 issue on the food bank and the need for donations. They copied the article and left one at each till to remind customers of the food bank. Thanks folks!



## Drug control via the triage method

"Started out in Burnaby and soon hit the harder stuff"

...Not Dylan

It was Friday night and my teenagers were about to head out on the town, if we have one. "No more pot!" I bellowed from the kitchen table. I reflected on my own peckered past and my use of drugs, dating from the early '60s. Pot of course, then the inevitable experiments with LSD (Sandoz quality), some psilocybin, a little MDA, and some mushrooms rounded out my summers of love period.

Cocaine? Forget it—like the time I took PCP, a horse tranquilizer, on Wreck Beach and had to sit there for three hours after the sun set because I was paralyzed, disgustingly sober the entire time, trapped within a waking anaesthesia.

Now, if we expect Salt Spring teenagers to be oblivious to marijuana, we might just as well try to sneak the morning sun past a rooster. While many parents try to hide their pot or booze habits from their kids, I have instead always been odiferously evident in my proclivity. I am not teaching furtiveness.

My strategy was to give up the ground held by beer and pot, and, in

retreat, warn of the hellish world of the "three P's": Pills, Powders and Pinpricks. Along with hard liquor and its combination with the ever-present menace of the automobile... there be dragons here.

"If you want to grow a layer of white fat all over your body like the beer pigs," I told them, "go ahead—and puff the odd joint, but don't destroy your brain, liver and kidneys with vodka and gin, or come home dead. And let your own imagination and emotions entertain you, not your bloodstream."

I candidly recounted stories such as rolling home drunk on Tequila, and my discovery that if you are seeing double, it helps to close one eye. Driving around stoned and/or drunk with the radio maxed out is highly pleasurable to young adults, and something we oldies must admit to before warning of it.

If you sample enough drugs, you eventually find a drug with your name on it, in big letters. Then you're hooked for life. Nicotine is a pernicious example, and even caffeine; I am forever grateful that I have had no taste for either of those.

"If a drug works, it's addictive." I would say to them: there's no mys-

tery, just a powder waiting to mock your own feeble endorphins, and to enslave you. Speed has taken some of my friends who could not pull out of its spiral. I hope you rest now in peace Wolfram, George, and Neil. Then there's the myriad women wired on Valium or some such downer—possibly the largest group of real stoners in our culture, with their "good" pharmaceutical fare.

I can say that my triage method of giving up some ground, and being forward and educational with them, does seem to have moderated my kids' (ab)use of drugs. After puking a number of times after dances, and seeing their friends grovel in the ditches, they have discarded power drinking as a weekend priority; that's real progress. And they don't smoke the hard stuff—hallelujah!

"No pot!" I screamed again as I glared over at the supper dishes they were dodging on their way out the door.

"Dad," one said, "if I lend you a joint will you do them for us?"

"Deal!" I said, wondering what a man had to do to relax and find some solace in this world.

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## Done darting

It was a good car: a 1967 Dodge Dart. Mocked by some, beloved by those who owned one. An indestructible slant-6 engine, it only stopped when it ran out of gas, not before. It was a servant, a child, a friend.

Purchased eight years ago by Jenny Bradford for \$300, the previous owner foolishly believed that it wasn't "cool" enough. Little did she know, cool comes from the owner... Jenny immediately set about applying her character, and a very distinctive paint scheme, to her new purchase. Clouds and trees on wheels were soon sighted rolling through the streets of Ganges.

The bane of paint shops and vehicle inspectors everywhere, Jenny later gave it a cool blue nightscape, with glow-in-the-dark stars (and the occasional astronaut) adorning its sides.

Though pieces were replaced over the years, its soul remained as constant as its loyalty. Parked peacefully when the final collision came, it shall run no more.

Requiescat in Pace.

ERIN BUTLER

## Wonderful folks on Salt Spring

Last Friday, while vacationing on Salt Spring, our son had an accident at the playground in Ganges. While horsing around with his brother, he bumped his face on a piece of equipment and broke a sizeable portion off one of his front teeth.

We felt disheartened when we saw his jagged tooth, but amidst all the tears, confusion and anxiety, a woman came up to me and asked if we needed help. She gave me directions to Dr. Vohn Rosang's office and even helped me search for the missing bit of tooth, which we were unable to find.

When my husband returned from his attempt to locate a dentist, we hustled off to Dr. Rosang's office. They were fully booked all

afternoon, but Dr. Rosang and his assistant (Pam, I think) offered to see our son after closing. Thankfully, we had only two hours to wait and were back in the office in no time.

Dr. Rosang did such a fine job repairing our son's tooth that you would never know it had been damaged. Not only that, but he was so kind and gentle with our son who has never before had to undergo freezing and was very frightened of the entire experience.

We would like to publicly thank Dr. Rosang, Pam, the receptionist at the dental office and the woman in the park for helping us out that day. Because of all of you, the remainder of our vacation was just as wonderful as the beginning. Thank you all for coming to our need—we will remember your kindness for a very long time to come.

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Tsawwassen

## Excellent walk

To the SGI Aids Walk Committee:

Heather, Lyn, Rosemary & Claude:

Once again it was nothing but a great pleasure to work with all of you. I admire and enjoy your commitment, dedication and creativity in pulling this event off with such success and thanks.

LIZ FOREST

## Excellent Faire

The members of the Food Security Coalition are celebrating the success of the Real Food Faire and we want to share the high with you and your readers. There were appreciative crowds all day, learning from our information sources, eating the excellent food, patronizing our vendors, benefiting from

the talking circles.

We thank you for the wonderful co-operation you gave the coalition in publicizing our plans and special attractions so enthusiastically. We know it contributed a great deal to the success of the Faire.

THE FOOD SECURITY  
COALITION  
per Maggie Schubart

## Nurses say thanks

B.C. Nurses' issues have faded from the forefront of daily news, but the crisis in health care continues. The contract legislated on B.C.'s nurses is called lucrative by many, but we find the major concessions difficult to swallow. The fact that our wages still do not come near those of many other equally educated professionals, leaves us bitter and angry at a government so arrogant and heavy handed.

We, the nurses of B.C., thank the public who supported us in our quest for a fair, negotiated contract. As a local spokesperson for nurses, I wish to express special thanks to the residents of our community who supported nurses. I hope your support will continue as nurses continue to work towards better health care for British Columbians. Thanks is also due our local press and journalists who followed nurses issues over the past months. Thanks for your interest, persistence, and support. You kept us in the news.

A genuine thanks is also due our union's spokesperson and president. Democratically chosen by our membership, Debra MacPherson worked tirelessly, guided by the membership, and undaunted by negative press and arrogant government. Thanks Debra.

I would also like to take

the opportunity to thank our local nurses for the committed support they have shown in the long and difficult negotiations. I was awed by the commitment shown as the critical end drew near. It is the membership that is the strength of the union, and you showed strength and commitment throughout a truly difficult time. I look forward to working with you on nurses' issues over the next three years and into our next bargaining. As your local and regional representative, I thank you for the support you have shown me.

SHARON  
ARMSTRONG

## Sixty thanks

Last Friday, August 31, having said goodbye to three grandchildren who had been visiting, I must have been more distracted than usual.

I visited the CIBC cash machine where I checked my bank balance on the printed slip, but went away leaving behind \$60 that I had withdrawn.

It was not until an hour later, after chatting about books in Volume II and collecting a registered letter at the post office, that I realized my mistake.

Not very hopefully, I returned to the bank to ask whether some kind person had turned in my three \$20 bills. To my delight, the money was waiting for me. It had been found by a lady who did not leave her name.

I felt a wave of gratitude and warmth at the thought of my life here on Salt Spring, a community where such honesty and kindness is the rule rather than the exception. I only hope that the lady who found and returned my cash will read this and consider herself thanked.

CHRISTINE  
SOMERVILLE



A journal as literary as the Barnacle can be found in the most unusual places. Take, for example, Carrickfergus Castle, in Carrickfergus, north of Belfast, Northern Ireland, population 35,000.

The mighty stronghold of Carrickfergus was once the centre of Anglo-Norman power in Ulster. The core of the castle—the inner ward and keep—was built by John de Courcy, who conquered east Ulster in 1177 and ruled as a petty king until 1204, when he was ousted by another Norman adventurer, Hugh de Lacy. Following its capture by King John in 1210, the castle passed to the Crown, and constables were appointed to command the place. After the collapse of the Earl of Ulster in 1333, the castle remained the Crown's principal residential and administrative centre in the North. When General Schomberg besieged and took the castle in 1690, its importance was already in decline. In 1760 it was captured and held by French invaders under the command of Thurot. Later it served as a prison and during the Napoleonic Wars was heavily defended. It was transferred to the Government in 1928 for preservation as an ancient monument.

## Dénouement

We cannot change the inevitable, but inevitably there will be change  
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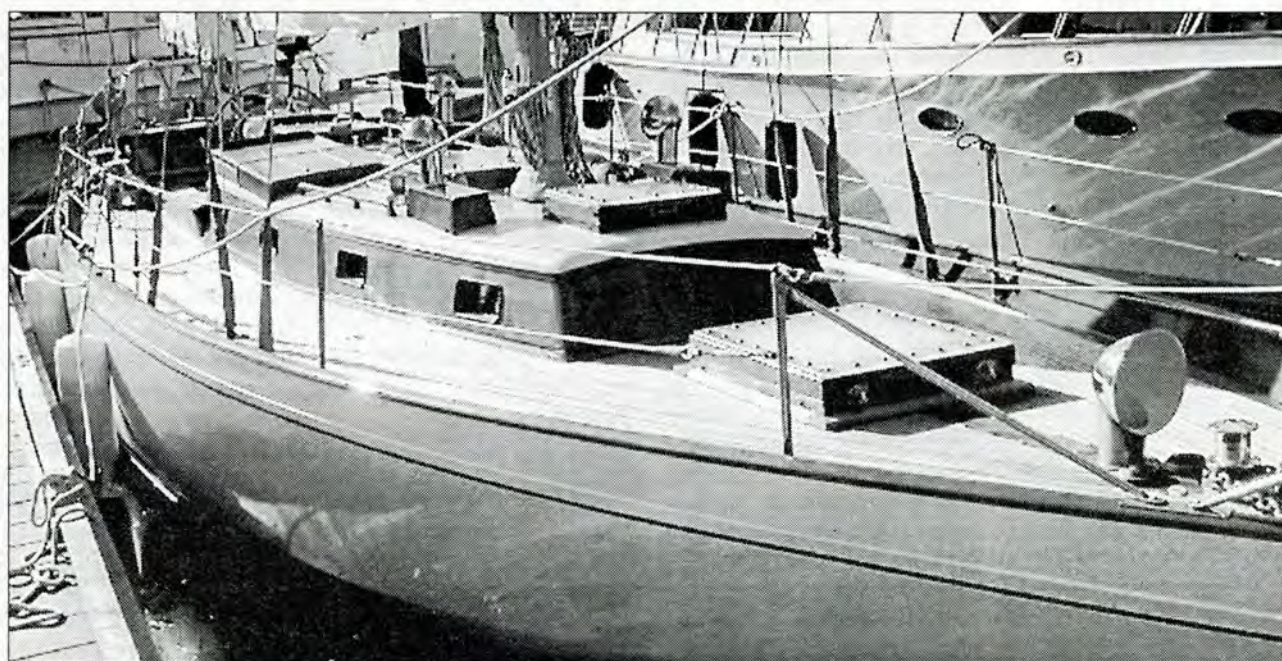

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**BOAT OF THE WEEK**—The Tioga, a 50 foot yawl-rig sailboat, out of Seattle, was in Ganges Harbour recently. She was built by Baglietto from a K. Aage Nielsen design. Built in 1954, the Tioga sports teak decks, plenty of mahogany, classic lines and rigging. Originally from the East Coast, she was bought twice by the Schattauer family. Frank Schattauer says he fell in love with her when he was 16 years old. He would go to the docks every day just to look at her. When his brother Axel also fell in love with her, the family bought her.

Pirjo Raitis photo

# Jettison the jet ski



*Wit & Whimsy ...*

*with Arthur Black*

If I had to choose my favourite spot in the entire universe, I know what I'd pick.

The cottage. Not my cottage or your cottage or Aunt Gertrude's cottage, just...the cottage. To many Canucks, it's "the cabin". Or "the camp". Or just "up at the lake".

We're talking about the same place.

For a lot of city dwellers—and that takes in most Canadians—"going to the cottage" represents an annual opportunity to escape from just about everything that bugs you and to embrace everything that doesn't. At the cottage you breathe pure air, laced with tantalizing essences of spruce gum, pine needles and other scents succulent but largely unidentifiable to the jaded urban palate.

At the cottage you get to see a night sky that looks like a cavalcade of diamonds strewn across a cosmic black velvet cloth.

The normal city sounds of keening ambulances, squealing tires and squalling neighbours are gone, replaced by the ululation of loons, the critch of crickets, the souging of breezes through branches, the splashes of jumping fish and the splats of beaver tails.

Peace. Tranquility. WD-40 for the soul. That's what the cottage gives us. Or used to.

It's all changed in the past few years, and all because of a single, technological abomination called the jet-ski.

There is no temperate ground on the subject of jet-skis. They are evil, stupid, insatiable rapists of everything our splendid back country waterways once stood for. They go where no powerboat or off-road 4-wheeler can go and they make more noise than a choirloft full of chain-saws doing it. And in their wake they leave destroyed nests, drowned fledglings, ugly skeins of oil and gas pollution and God knows what underwater disruption and devastation.

There is no upside. In the web of life, the jet-ski disturbs and distresses every life form it touches, save the moron in the saddle.

Not every jurisdiction is at the mercy of their depredations. Switzerland has banned jet-skis outright. They are not allowed in most of the national parks in the U.S. or Canada.

But the sad fact is, it's open season for the rest of this nation's waterways. Any number of cottagers on any number of rivers or lakes can have their summers ruined by marauding jet-skis because local communities get absolutely no say in the matter. Navigable waterways fall under federal jurisdiction and Ottawa shows no inclination to step on the toes of the jet-ski manufacturing industry.

Ironic that the Feds should develop a case of The Vapours when it comes to talking tough on jet-skis, because it's a federal politician who has done more than anyone else to crystallize and focus public loathing of the machines. He is Senator Hugh Jones and he's been on the warpath against jet-skis ever since a flock of them ruined an entire summer at his cottage by screaming up and down the Red River in south Winnipeg more than 15 years ago.

"It's not just the noise and pollution" he says. "These machines cause havoc for canoes and other non-motorized boats. They take a toll on wildlife, disrupting the nesting areas of loons and other birds. And their big waves erode the shoreline. I just think the last thing you want to see on a lake or a river is one of these things."

Actually, Senator Jones will have to share the anti-jet-ski mantle with one other denizen of Ottawa.

Stockwell Day.

The hapless Alliance poster boy sealed his political fate forever the day he appeared in the nation's newspapers flexing his pecs on the back of a jet-ski.

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# Pedal power passé, this Islander gets around with an electric bike

by Pirjo Raits

With the high prices of gasoline and diesel, people are beginning to re-think their transportation options. Some elect to purchase smaller, more fuel-efficient vehicles, while others turn to mopeds or bicycles. But it's not just because of the fuel consumption—it's also an environmental concern for many.

Tom Vergalen has an answer to some of those concerns: he has purchased an electric bicycle. The SolarTracker bicycle is ecological, practical and definitely a step above the peddle-yourself, standard bicycle.

"You just turn it on and sit down, there's no need to peddle," says Vergalen.

The bikes are powered by a 36-volt, sealed, lead-acid battery, which can be recharged at home in two to eight hours. The bicycle goes about 25 km per hour, with a range of about 40 km—certainly enough to get into Ganges and do the chores, and with no parking problems, said Vergalen.

The bike itself is no lightweight. It is sturdy, and some types come with a throttle, while others sense the amount of force on the peddles and adjust the engine accordingly. Vergalen says you can peddle uphill, and be assisted on the way. Low-powered, the bicycle will not speed you to the top of a steep hill, but with the motor running, you can walk it up with ease.

"It runs itself," said Vergalen. "It's perfect if you live close to town."

The SolarTracker comes in three styles: the standard, classic style weighing 35 kg, and two mountain-bike styles. Each has its pluses and each is suitable for different uses.

Still classified as a bicycle, there is no license requirement, except for wearing a helmet. The prices are reflective of the quality of the bicycle. They are made in England and Vergalen is importing them to Salt Spring Island. He will be showing off his newest acquisition at the Fall Fair, September 15 and 16.



Tom Vergalen tries out his new electric bicycle. He says they are environmentally friendly and economical. Pirjo Raits photo

## Adult education continues to grow

Years ago, School District 64 wasn't getting a lot of requests for adult education courses. But that has changed in the past few years: the need has grown from 17 full-time equivalent (fte) adult students in the Gulf Islands to 50 last year.

The Ministry of Education, at the district's request, has provided funding for all of the 63.5 fte students who registered.

With the growing interest in adult education, new Secondary Learning Centres opened on Galiano, Mayne, Saturna, and Pender Islands in September of last year, giving access to high school courses in all of the com-

munities of School District 64 (Gulf Islands).

At the centres, students are supported by a teacher, and can choose from learning formats such as computer-assisted instruction, "pen and paper" correspondence courses, on-line courses, and, on Salt Spring Island, Tuesday and Wednesday evening classroom instruction.

The adult education programme is for adults interested in completing high school or earning a B.C. Adult Graduation Diploma, and includes five courses. Because the Ministry of Education provides funding, all courses

are free for adults who have not graduated from high school.

Forms are available for any adults who wish to register. Adult and Secondary Education on the Gulf Islands forms are available in the Barnacle or at the School District office. The completed forms can be dropped off at the district office in Ganges, or to the local school on Galiano, Mayne, Pender, or Saturna Islands.

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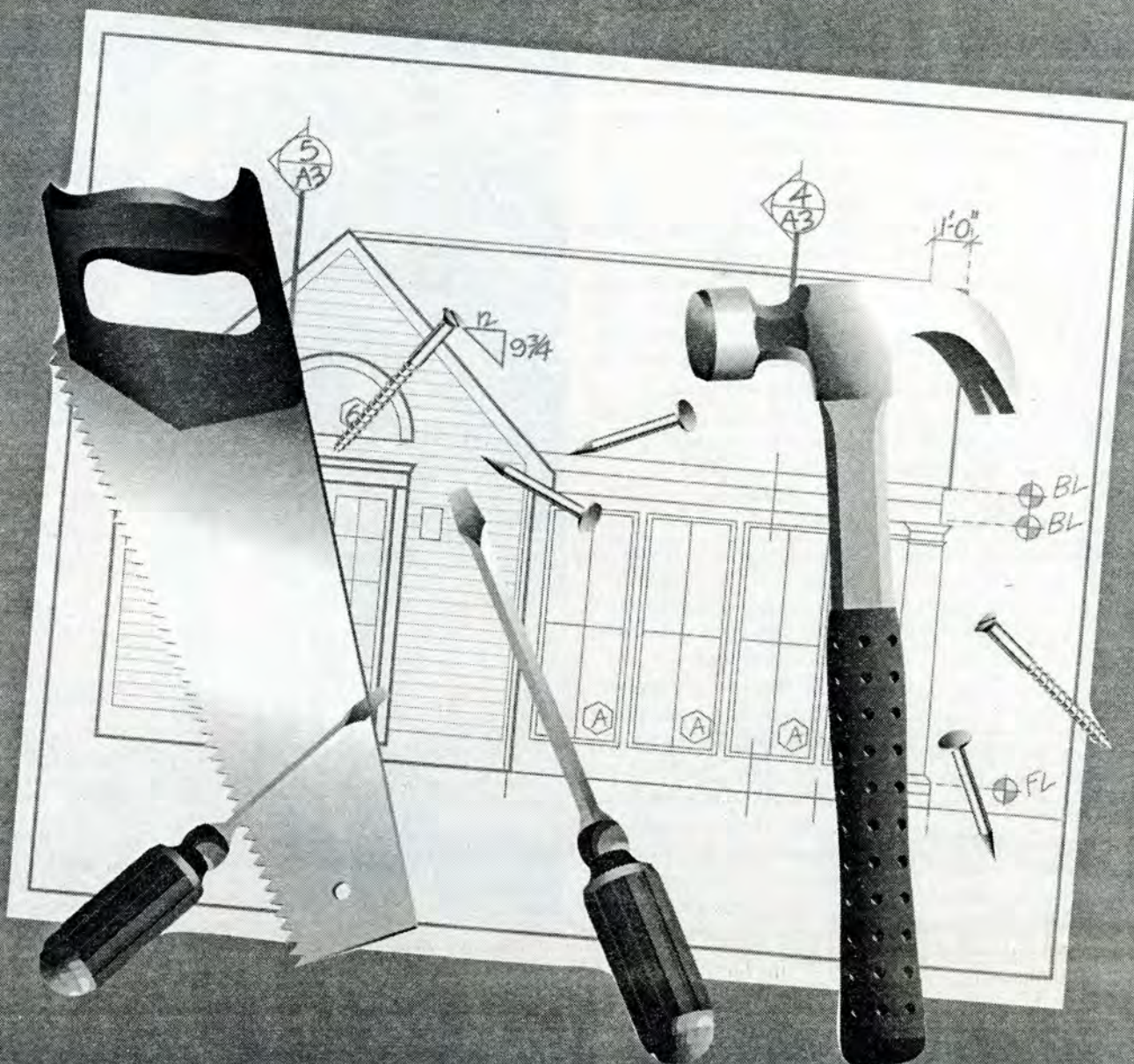
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# Mayans come to express their gratitude for support of education

In Guatemala attendance in high school is a privilege for the wealthy. That leaves over 70 per cent of the Mayan population out. Trade skills as well as professions are taught in high school and this means that young Mayans are left without even the opportunity to learn a trade, let alone study to one day perhaps enter university.

Three years ago, the Vancouver Quakers adopted the Pop Atziak Scholarship Programme to provide literacy for all Mayans of all ages who wanted to learn to read and write their own indigenous language. Since that time, the programme has become a Canadian Friends Service Committee project with support from the Canadian International Development Agency.

Many of the students attending the initial classes, funded by Salt Spring Islanders, had no previous schooling. The current literacy classes are designed both for Pop Atziak scholarship students who wish to complete their language requirement and villagers who have no other primary school.

Last year Pop Atziak ex-



Mayan students at a cultural seminar. Salt Spring Islanders are helping fund education in Guatemala. *Courtesy photo*

panded the project to include a scholarship and loan program for 80 students. These are all students who would have no way to continue their studies after sixth grade without outside help.

Catarina Gomez Ixmata and Agustin Sapon Morales, two co-ordinators for the Pop Atziak programme, will be on Salt Spring Island between September 10 and 22. They are coming here to express their gratitude to Salt Spring Island supporters. They are both weavers and spiritual guides.

Catarina weaves most of the blouses she wears; they identify her as being from Nahuala, Solala. She is a

leader of women in her community and has suffered long and hard to acquire an education.

Agustin has been a weaver, a tailor, a health promoter, and a mime group leader. She also has a work history in sacred dance and music.

The Pop Atziak students are all "first generation" school attendees, and the fact that their parents let them participate is a sign of the times. These parents, who have worked from dawn to dusk in agriculture to support their families, are beginning to see that their children will no longer be able to survive this way. Education is the only hope for

the future.

One of the goals of the programme is to enable students to become educated to the Grade 12 level without losing their culture. To this end, they offer a series of cultural seminars, with attendance required by all students.

For many of the students, it is the first time they have had Mayan instructors and received any education at all in Mayan history and culture.

Catarina and Agustin will be giving a slide presentation about the scholarship program and Mayan culture at the Ganges United Church on Tuesday, September 11, at 7:30 p.m.

To learn more about Guatemala, the film *A Man Called Juan Carlos* will be shown at the United Church, at 7:30 p.m.

While Catarina and Agustin are in British Columbia they will also be visiting some First nations groups on Vancouver Island and support groups in Victoria and Nanaimo.

Those interested in donating to the programme can contact either Rosemary Baxter or Shiela Reid.

## No one spotted at the Phantom Ball

Not many people have been spotted at the Phantom Ball, but there is evidence that they have exercised their option of not attending.

For five years, the Phantom Ball has been the biggest non-event on Salt Spring Island.

People were not inspired to rent tuxedos, buy new dresses, or even go to this soiree, so that idea was used as a theme. The Lady

Minto Gulf Islands Hospital Foundation encouraged people to donate, for hospital equipment, the funds they would have spent on attending the ball.

This year has been the best so far, says Diana Hayes, who is heading up the campaign.

"We are processing a pile of donations," she said. "This is the best response so far; it just keeps

growing."

Hayes reports that, to date, they are up almost exactly \$4,000 from last year, for a total of \$25,915. Last year they received \$21,995 in donations.

"We want to remind everyone that the donations go to equipment needs," she said.

There are roughly two weeks left in the campaign, and the draw for the trip to Banff will take

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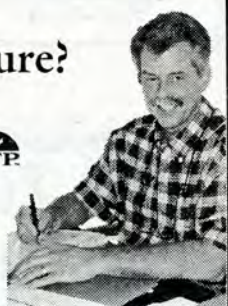
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Cinema Central. 7pm

#### Rush Hour 2

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#### Recreation

#### Psychic Development group

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### WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 5

#### Performing Arts

#### Friends and Neighbours Lunchbox Theatre

Harbour House. Wheelhouse.  
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12:30pm show

#### Music

#### Music and Munch

All Saints. 12:10pm

#### Wednesday Night Live

Open Stage. Moby's Pub. 9pm

#### Dance

#### Argentinian Tango practice

Lions Hall. 7:30-9:30pm

#### Interfaith

#### Bible Study

United Church upper hall.  
11am-12:30pm

#### Centering Prayer

Leigh Spencer Room, St. Marks Church. 8am

#### Meetings & Lectures

#### Caregivers Support Group

Seniors' Centre. 11am

#### Health

#### Taoist Tai Chi - Free Open House

All Saints. 7pm

#### Sports & Fitness

#### Tennis drop-in. Juniors

Portlock. 3pm

#### Move Into Fitness

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#### Recreation

#### Free Internet lessons

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Legion. Wednesdays. 8pm

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#### Children

#### Family Walk

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#### Performing Arts

#### Theatre Games Improv

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#### The Way We Wuz

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#### Music

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#### Interfaith

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#### Tennis drop-in. Ladies

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#### Climbing Wall

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#### Recreation

#### Bingo

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#### Salty Wheels Square Dance Club

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#### Body Ball

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#### The Way We Wuz

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7pm

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The Barn. 9:30am

#### Sports & Fitness

#### Climbing

The Wall. 6:30-9:30pm

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#### Tennis drop-in

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#### Recreation

#### Black light bowling

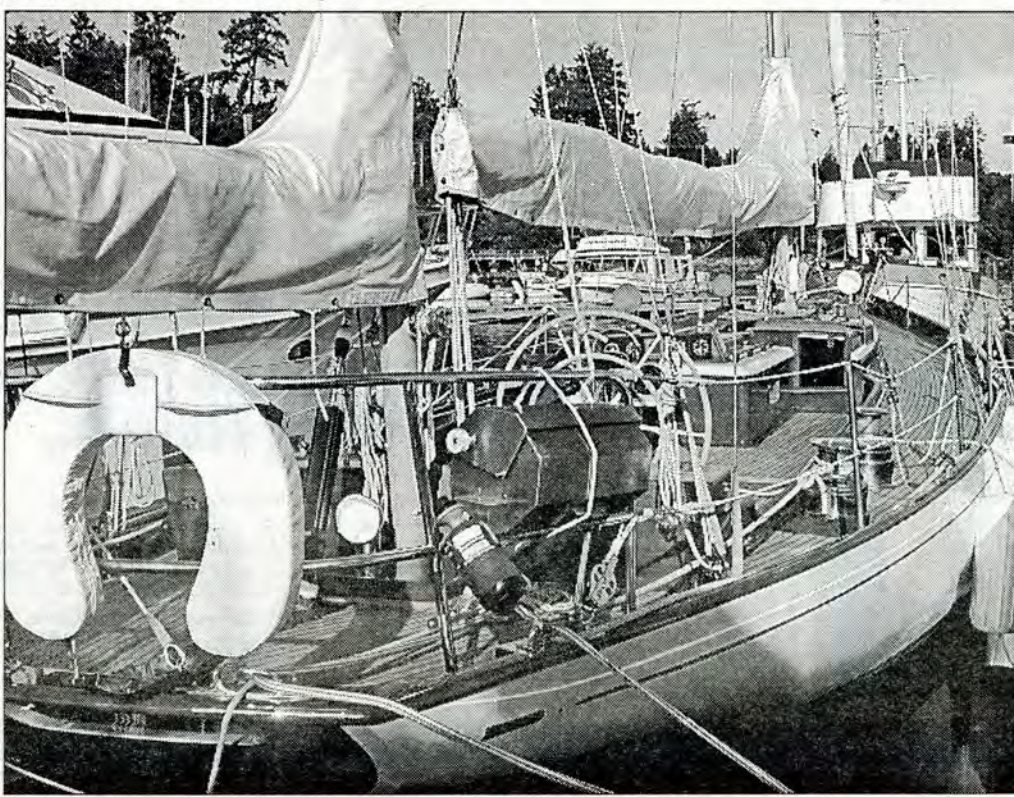
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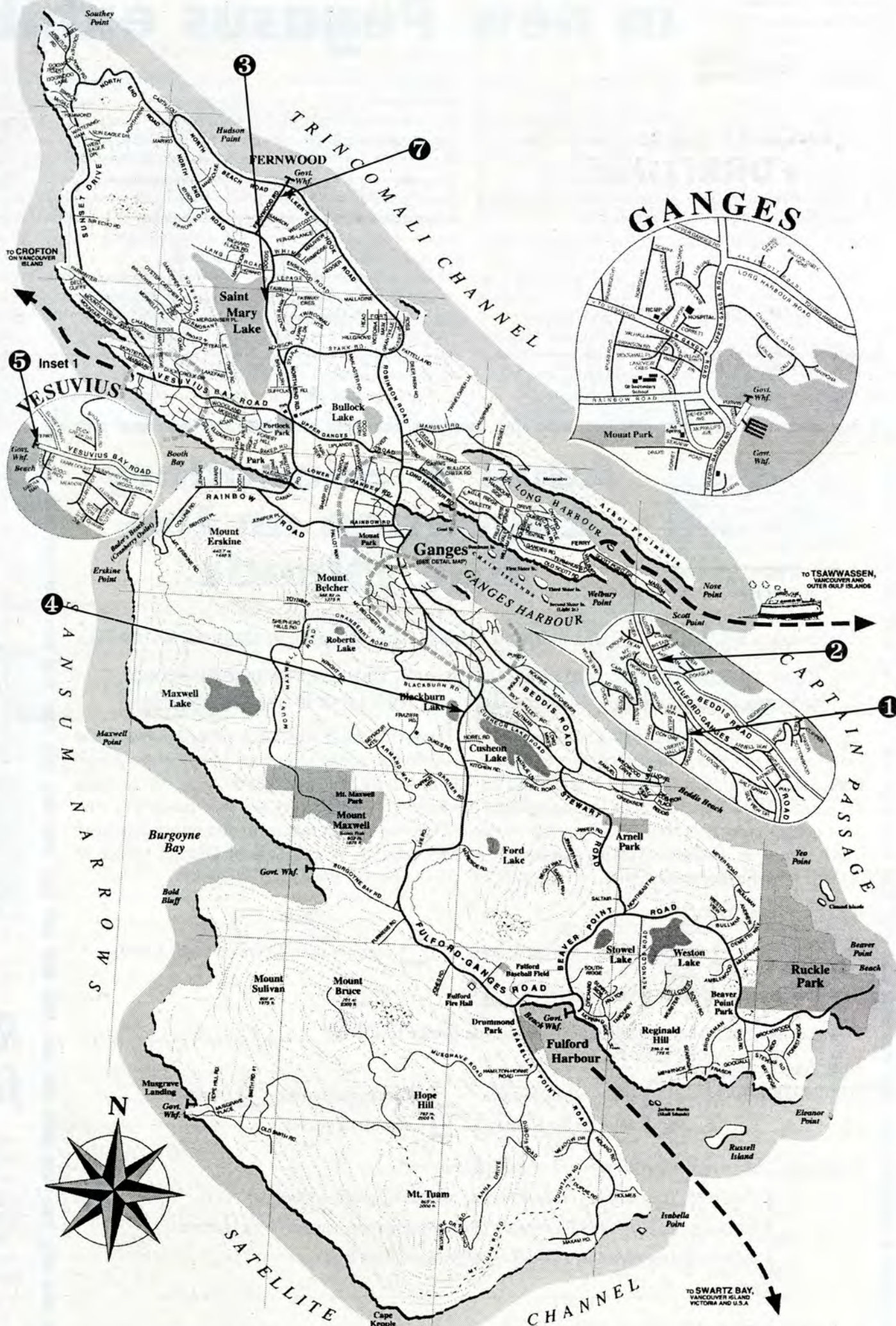
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by Helani Davison

The works of two talented local artists have been added to the aesthetics of the Pegasus Gallery of Canadian Art in the seaside Moat Mall.

Michael A. Surman is displaying his expertise in silversmithing, while Meredith Fawcett brings unique designs in raku.

Born in Cheltenham, England, Surman achieved his Advanced City and Guilds of London Silversmiths Work and Allied Crafts certificate. In Canada, Surman did commissioned pieces for the Royal Canadian Mint, The Ontario Jockey Club, and The Hockey Hall of Fame.

In 1983, he worked on the restoration of the Stanley Cup trophy and became the

# Silver and raku featured in new Pegasus exhibition

sole silversmith to the Timothy Eaton Memorial Church. Surman has lectured at The Ontario Craft Council, the Lycium Club, the Women's Art Association of Canada, and the Gardiner Museum of Art.

Surman's impressive history followed him to Salt Spring in 1990. Working in his private studio creating extraordinary silver art pieces has won him his place in Pegasus Gallery, known for its diversity and excellence in craftsmanship.

One piece, a biscuit barrel, otherwise known in North America as a cookie jar, has a rare antique cobalt glass liner, which is very difficult to find. Enconced by superb silver workmanship, the unique piece shows the continuity of a wave-patterned motif throughout. A registered Hallmark attests to the finesse of the material and makes it more collectible.

A larger piece, the seven-candled menorah, was made from sheets of silver rolled in the studio and then cut

and sized into curved tubes. It makes a perfectly uniform shape of simple elegance.

"It's a delight to have quite literally an old world craftsman showing his work with us," stated gallery manager Arletta Stephens. "It's amazing that this ancient craft has survived."

Surman expressed his pride in being part of the Pegasus exhibit, saying that he was happy that the gravity of the process and quality of his work were appreciated. Some of Surman's

pieces have sold for up to \$22,000. His work has also been sold at Southeby's in Toronto.

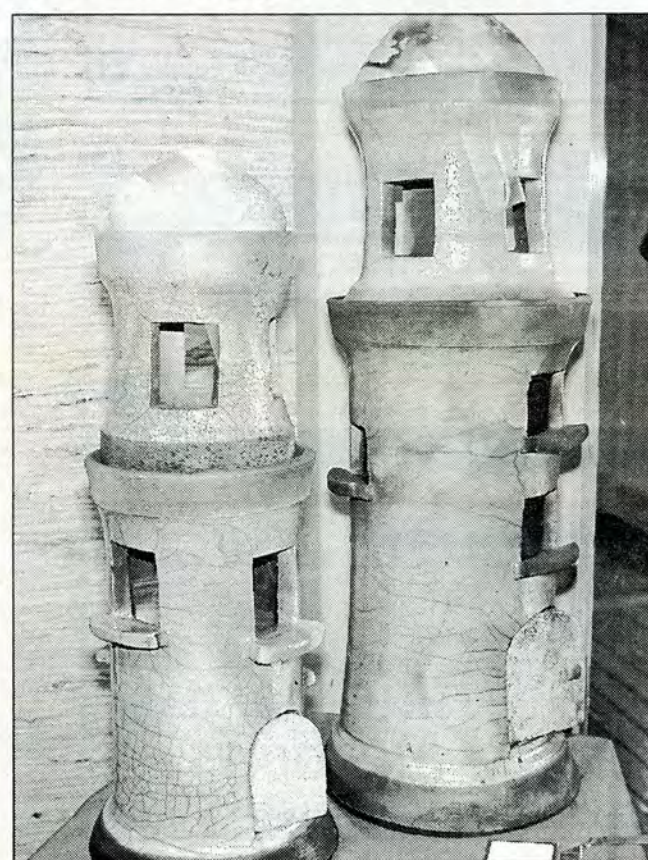
Meredith Fawcett also brings style and originality in her work to Pegasus. Her hand-built raku lamp is part of a series of graceful floral shapes in subtle earth colours. It stands two-and-a-half feet high, casting a soft glow.

The magical co-operation between artist and clay, us-

ing a primitive Japanese firing process, has turned out many other works over the years. Two eye-catching depictions of lighthouses lead one to ponder the mystery surrounding a solitary lifestyle, expressing a part of west coast history.

Another of Fawcett's seven pieces on display is a clay birdbath with a metal stand. This versatile piece can also be used to create a sensitive mood with floating candles, or be used as a lovely salad bowl.

"It's important to find a gallery where an artist can connect," said Fawcett. "My work fits in well with the simple, uncluttered ambience of Pegasus."



Meredith Fawcett's raku sculptural work is currently on display at the Pegasus Gallery of Canadian Art, along with Michael A. Surman's silversmithing. *Pirjo Raits photo*

## Retrospective for former art teacher

Allan Edwards was one of those people whose influence shaped the work of many Salt Spring Island artists.

ArtSpring will be hosting a week-long retrospective exhibition of Edwards' career as an artist and a teacher.

Edwards excelled in many aspects of art in addition to painting in oils and watercolours.

He mastered sculpting, silk-screening, etching, as well as piano and flute.

He was an accomplished graphic artist, and his conceptual design renderings were acclaimed all over the world.

ArtSpring recognizes Edwards' contribution to the

artistic community of the Island and will display over 40 of his paintings from private collections on the Island.

The exhibition includes paintings that were created as a direct result of his classes, as well as work by former students who have gone on to become established artists and teachers themselves.

The exhibition will open on Friday, September 7, with a public reception from 6 to 8 p.m. Bob Rennie F.C.A., an artist and a long time friend of Edwards, will come from Vancouver to open the show.

The Allan Edwards retrospective runs from September 9 to 16, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily.



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# The Geezers are back at it

by Sandi Johnson

The Geezers, Sid Filkow and Arvid Chalmers, will be performing *The Topic of Cancer (or You Can Lick Your Prostate)* again at ArtSpring in mid-September.

For 13 years, Filkow and Chalmers have written and performed stand-up comedy and both appear with the Salt Spring comedy troupe, the Hysterical Society.

Filkow is described as a lawyer, family law mediator, rug merchant, reflexologist, Geezer yoga teacher, actor, and comic. Arvid Chalmers is the award-winning Salt Spring realtor, actor, auctioneer, fundraiser, social critic, and situational celibate.

The story is about how Bert (Chalmers) deals with prostate cancer. Chalmers, who has cancer, thinks it's better to laugh than worry. The play's about taking life in a humorous way.

The show has been embraced by The Capital Region Prostate Centre of Victoria as an antidote to the grim reality faced by cancer patients. *Topic of Cancer* offers a new approach to cancer.

"It's about how to deal with life better and how to deal with the after-life," said Filkow.

The play is evolving and has been updated to include the latest treatment. It's about the allopathic and alternative remedies to Bert's affliction.

"It's about alternative remedies to life; side effects to life, that's what the show's all about. The Geezers are getting a little more philosophical," embracing the Toltec wisdom of not taking anything personally.

"Not taking things personally helps us to see it humorously," said Filkow.

This 75-minute spoof on the perils and problems of prostate cancer has now been performed 25 times. It has been seen at The Belfry Theatre in Victoria, in Hamilton and Niagara



Arvid Chalmers, left, and Sid Filkow perform *The Topic of Cancer* at ArtSpring, September 14 and 15. Tickets available through the ArtSpring box office call 537-2102.

Courtesy photo

Falls, and in Yelapa and Melaque, Mexico.

"In Yelapa we performed by candlelight in an after-dinner theatre. There was no electricity."

Because the show is semi-improvised, no two performances are the same. Filkow compares the improvisation to jazz: "We just go through riffs. If a new one comes up we jam with it until we're done with that little bit."

Next, the Geezers are going global: their New York agent is looking for a theatre in New York for the show, and they're considering the annual comedy festival in Melbourne, Australia. Locally, they'll be at the Firehall Theatre, Vancouver, September 20, 21, 22, and in Parksville, sponsored by

the local prostate support group, November 27.

You can also visit the Geezer website, [topicofcancer.com](http://topicofcancer.com).

"Don't do what one of our agents did and type, [tropicofcancer](http://tropicofcancer.com) or you'll get a porn site," cautioned Filkow. "We're thinking of asking them to give The Geezers a little sidebar on their site so people can click on us."

"It's therapy. We can sense in the laughter that there's release. People come away more able to talk about the subject of cancer. It's a chance to come out of your prostate closet; a chance to come out of your closetate."

Performances at ArtSpring are on September 14 and 15, 8 p.m.

Tickets are \$14 at the ArtSpring box office, call 537-2102.

## Drop-in resumes at Fulford Hall

The once-a-week drop-in for parents and preschoolers in the Fulford Hall will be resuming Tuesday mornings, starting September 11 at 10 a.m. Sponsored by the St. Mary's Guild, the drop-in was started in March 2001.

This chance to meet other mothers, and for preschool children to play together in a safe setting, has proved to be a great success and fills a need.

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## SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 9

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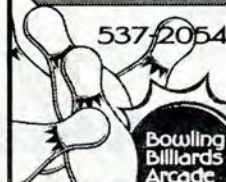
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# Coen flick just fine Dancer moves from dance to art



Flick Pick ...

with Jason Tudor

O Brother, Where Art Thou? is the newest film by the Coen Brothers, a whimsical and hilarious version of Homer's Odyssey set in the depression-era deep south. It's the story of three convicts, Ulysses (George Clooney), Pete (John Turturro), and Delmar (Tim Blake Nelson), who break loose from their chain gang when Ulysses mentions a buried treasure. The three of them trundle off on their, um, odyssey, bumping into all sorts of weird and wonderful characters, while always keeping at least a step or two ahead of the law.

First off, I should say that O Brother is a very funny film, and a very light entry for the Coen Brothers. Those expecting the dark tones of their masterpiece Fargo, will not find them here. O Brother can't take anything seriously: a Klu Klux Klan rally looks less sinister and more like a scene out of The Wizard of Oz with its clumsy steps and silly, pseudo-military manoeuvres. But when some-

one does say something "important," it seems more meaningful. When Ulysses rambles on about how modernism and technology will wipe out ignorance and usher in a new golden age in America, I couldn't help but snicker to myself.

However, the real star of O Brother, Where Art Thou is the soundtrack, a rambling mix of old style country that mixes famous songs with the unknown. I normally couldn't give a hoot for what we now call country music, but this film's songs are so wonderfully soulful I ended up buying the soundtrack. I wasn't the only one... the album is still among the bestsellers on the charts.

It's strange—O Brother, Where Art Thou is so incredibly unhip in its sources and timing, but almost perfectly so. As a result, it has received a sort of cult following, and deserves recognition as another work of genius by America's enfants terribles.

Rating: PG

Running Time: 1 hour, 46 minutes

by Judy Harper

For Ineke DeJong, the transition from dance to sculpture was a natural shift in creative expression. Capturing the graceful movement of dance in the unlikely medium of cement, Ineke's powerful female forms possess the potential for flight or languor.

That duality is expressed repeatedly in her sculptures: what appears at first glance to be one figure becomes two when turned.

Her titles also reflect it: *Coming Apart*—

*Staying Together*, one of her earliest sculptures, is a solid female torso with a jagged hole in its centre.

DeJong describes her sculptures as, "Strong, massive, managing to survive. Echoing to some extent life's difficulties."

Her medium is cement fondue which, when sanded and polished, can resemble marble or mica or quartz, depending on the aggregate used. Sometimes she prefers "neat" cement as a medium, which produces a smooth, grey surface, or she may texture the piece by adding sand to the outside layer.

She begins with a small model of her intended piece, but without any

perception of the outcome. Working intuitively, she goes where the clay takes her.

This process she refers to as "the exciting part—once the sculpture has taken form, the rest is hard work: layering it into the mold, reinforcing it, chipping it out and finishing the seams, then refining it by carving, grinding, and sanding."

DeJong, who moved to Salt Spring from Langley just two months ago, began dancing at 17, training in Les Grandes

Ballet Canadiennes, the National Ballet, and the Scapino Ballet Company in Holland.

"But," she said, "seventeen is late to begin a career in dancing."

In spite of that, she did become a professional dancer and ended up teaching at her own dancing school in Maple Ridge.

When that ended, she did nothing artistically for four years, until her sister bought her a chunk of Das clay, and she discovered sculpture.

"Even with my history of dancing, I didn't consider



myself an artist, but the need to express myself artistically surfaced. I bought a box of self-hardening clay and really began working."

It was her "conflict about just being an artist" that led to her move

to Salt Spring.

"I came here to be in the right space with the right people. It's been a con-

stant struggle to just be who I am, and for me, it's a crime not to fulfill your potential."

Since 1991, DeJong has been creating sculpture in earnest. She is largely self-taught, and her inspiration remains the female form.

Though she has shown in galleries on the mainland, she is reticent about that direction for now, preferring to show her pieces at home. She can be reached there at 537-5305.

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Ineke DeJong works on one of her sculptural female forms. Her medium is cement fondue. Judy Harper photos

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Sanchez, born in Buenos Aires, has been

playing and singing this music all his life, and although he is currently developing his skills in the classical guitar repertoire, his love for the traditional music of his heritage is powerfully expressed in the repertoire for Wednesday's recital.

Hie is joined by Vladimir Konik, whose skilled musicianship in

various instruments lends itself beautifully to this new partnership.

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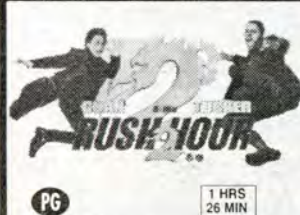


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# A Salt Spring grading ssysstem



## Wine Files ...

with Steve Coopman

It is never easy answering the question: "Is this wine any good?"

Personally, I like something about almost every bottle I taste, or at least I find something interesting in the taste of every wine. In a crowded liquor store, it is not convenient to get into detailed wine-speak.

Sooo- I present the *Wine Files* grading system:

Plonk—This rating is pretty self-explanatory and is used to describe a wine whose only redeeming qualities may be that it is high in alcohol, and it is cheap.

S—One S is for the barely acceptable wine, it will probably not be balanced, may have no finish or development but may have a nice "nose" or some interesting fruit in the taste.

SS—Two S's could de-

scribe a wine that has an interesting initial attack but very little development and certainly no long lingering finish, a wine that you'll drink once and think, "well, that's OK," but you wouldn't go out of your way to buy another bottle.

SSS—Three S's and you've found a wine that is hitting on more than just one or two cylinders, the nose will be interesting, the taste will stay with you for a while, and, depending on the price, you may buy a couple more bottles.

SSSS—Four S's and you've found a quality wine, one with a good nose, nice balanced flavours, good mouth-feel, a wine you are proud to serve to special friends and you want to keep a few bottles around for a while.

SSSSS—Five S's is not a category you'll find too often because it will no doubt

be expensive. This is a great wine that will age well, and you'll want to save it for special occasions. When you open the bottle you'll only want to share it with one other person, who appreciates good wine.

There have been two gallery events recently that I attended, the opening of the J. Mitchell Gallery, and a showing of new work by Angie Hempel at the Thunderbird Gallery. On both these occasions, wine was generously supplied. Here's a quick look at some of the wine served.

Calona Vineyards Artist Series, Sovereign Opal (\$9.95), a bit on the sweet side, was the hit of the Mitchell event. It gets SSS1/2's. Calona Vineyards Artist Series, Merlot

(\$14.95) has been reviewed in this column before. It gets SSS's.

At the Thunderbird, the wines included: Calona Vineyards Artist Series, Pinot Gris, (\$10.95) another hit from Calona, SSS's. Gehringer Brothers, Riesling, (\$10.95), some fruit but not much else, SS's; Penescal Tinto, Spain, (\$9.95), very acceptable red, and considering the price SSS's; Two Oceans, Cabernet Sauvignon/Merlot, (\$10.50), again considering the price, SSS's.

Both gallery events were very successful (much art was sold); I don't want to suggest that there could possibly be a correlation between wine and success, but...

Cheers!

## Salt Spring Song

This song is reprinted courtesy of Dan Jason from his 1979 book *West Coast Whimsy & Romance*.

I've travelled this country from ocean to ocean  
It seemed I was happy to ramble and roam  
But one day I opened my eyes and stopped looking  
Holy How Are You's, I think I've come home.

*O Outsmile the dew on the grass in the springtime  
Outlaugh the rain on the cedar tree  
Nowhere else I want to go searching  
Salt Spring Island is the place for me.*

Ask broccoli, strawberries, apples and nettles  
Ask peppers and peppermint, pumpkins and peas  
You can set all your sails for Venus or Neptune  
There's no finer Island on seventy seas.

Eagle calls in the song of the mountain  
Chickens and goats within smell of the sea  
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And nothing goes better

than Salt spring and me.

*Outsmile the dew on the grass in the morning  
Outlaugh the rain on the cedar tree  
Nowhere else I want to go searching  
Salt Spring Island is the place for me.*

People will often talk before listening  
They think that their story will never go stale  
But give them a little sweet sojourn on Salt Spring  
And soon they'll forget to remember their tale.

You have to try hard to feel bad on this Island  
It's hard to avoid the smiles and hellos  
The people are mad as a hatful of rabbits  
On Salt spring Island anything goes.

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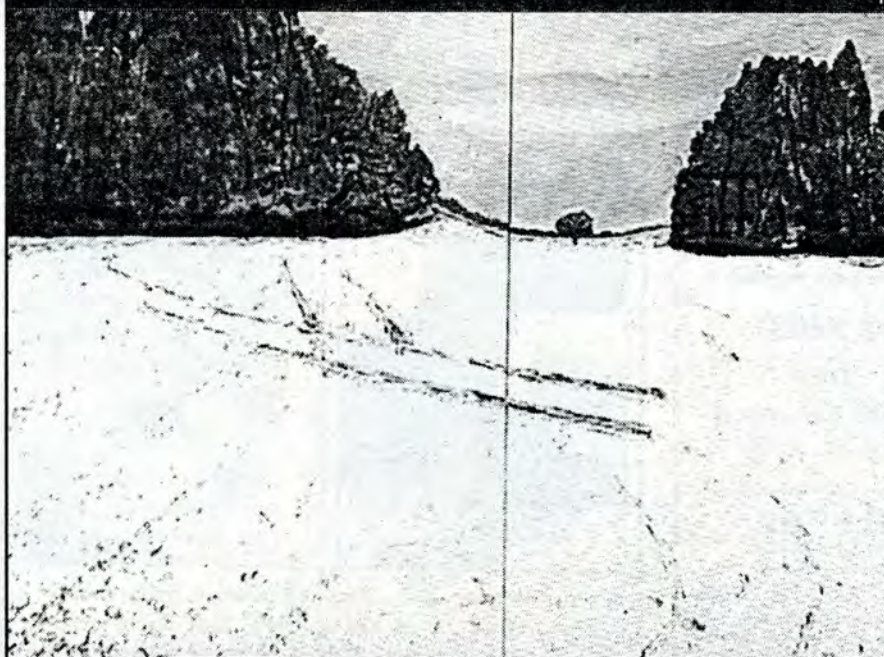
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# Saving water in the garden



*Water Wise ...*

*with Murray Reiss*

Go figure—it's not like I'm claiming credit for it or anything, but every time I sit down to write about conserving water in this time of drought, it pours.

The third week in August has been no exception, and looking out my window at sodden clouds and banks of fog makes it even harder to remember that last winter's rain was about half of what we usually get. A few days of summer rain, however welcome, are far from enough to replenish our stores of water.

You might recall that in my last column, I mentioned Environment Canada's estimate that each Canadian goes through about 350 litres of water a day for indoor use. Using the same calculations, they figure that during the summer, as we water our lawns and gardens and wash our cars, this increases by as much as 50 per cent. Again, a lot of that tends to be wasted, often through over-watering and evaporation.

So water in the early morning—best before 9 a.m.—and most of the water you're giving your garden will soak into the soil, instead of being whisked away into the sky. If you water in the middle of the day, as much as four per cent will be lost to evaporation. Especially if you're using sprinklers, it's best to water on days with no wind blowing the water away from where you want it.

Many Islanders are moving away from sprinklers entirely, opting instead for drip irrigation systems or soaker hoses. The water then goes straight into the ground, minimizing

evaporation, and encouraging wide, deep root systems, which make for healthier plants. Both systems can be combined with rain barrels.

You can adapt this idea for trees by using milk or water jugs. Poke about eight small holes in the bottom of each one and add some sand. Set them into the ground around the drip line of each tree and the water will seep out slowly into the soil around the roots, just where your trees need it the most.

One of the most effective ways to save water in your garden is to use a lot of mulch. Lay down two to four inches of straw, hay or shredded leaves all around your vegetables; bark or wood chips around your flowers and ornamentals. This not only keeps soil cool and moist (earthworms love it), it also controls erosion, and smothers weeds that would otherwise rob your plants of precious water.

Compost also makes an excellent mulch; added to the soil, it greatly increases how much water is absorbed and kept.

If you're growing plants in containers, glazed pots, because they're non-porous, will help retain more water. If you nest smaller pots inside larger ones and insulate the space in between with potting soil, you'll keep the roots cool and slow down evaporation.

And then there's the lawn. In their excellent *Household Guide to Water Efficiency*, CMHC figures that giving lawns one inch of water a week will ensure deep root growth and keep them healthy through the driest summer. More than that, and half will be

lost to run-off anyway.

Besides, too much water actually damages the health of your grass, weakening its root system and leaving it more vulnerable to pests and diseases. Set out a tuna-fish can and see how long it takes to fill up with an inch of water.

Another way to help your lawn through the summer is to cut it as seldom as possible. On those few occasions when you do mow it, set the mower blades to about three inches high. Longer grass shades both roots and soil, making for healthier grass and reducing loss of water from evaporation.

And if you leave the cuttings on the lawn, you've got an instant mulch that slows evaporation even further and fertilizes the grass.

If your lawn does go brown in the summer, don't panic. Unlike John Cleese's famous dead parrot of Monty Python fame, your lawn really is just dormant. When it rains, as you may have already noticed, your grass will revive and turn green again.

A number of Islanders are reducing their lawn size or moving away from lawns entirely. By replacing more lawn with shrubs and flowers you're also inviting more birds and butterflies to visit and maybe stay.

Salt Spring is full of knowledgeable landscapers and nurseries who can give you much more site-specific advice about planting drought-resistant native trees and plants, installing drip irrigation systems, and water-wise lawn care and alternatives.

As one nursery owner told me recently, the best way to start is by thinking like those plants you're trying to take care of.

In the next column, we'll look at that outdoor area where the grass is always greener—our septic systems.



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## Hendrickson opens Historical Society season

When Dr. James Hendrickson started at the University of Victoria in 1964 (the year after it

started), there was only one undergraduate course in British Columbia history being taught in the entire province. He felt so strongly about this that he used his first sabbatical to become an expert in B.C. history, specializing in the colonial period and, more recently, on Aboriginal land claims. He retired in 1995.

When the Salt Spring Historical Society's new season opens at Central Hall on Wednesday, September 12, Dr. James Hendrickson will talk on The Hudson's Bay Company as *Proprietors: The Colony of Vancouver Island*.

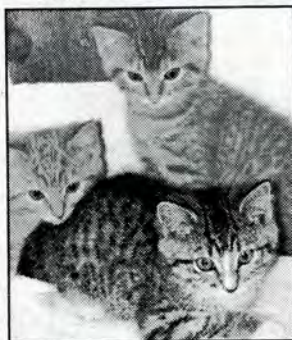
Hendrickson will describe the reasons why the Colonial Office de-

cided to grant all of Vancouver Island, including Salt Spring and the other Gulf Islands, to the Hudson's Bay Company in 1849. He will focus on some of the highlights of the H.B.C.'s tenure and why the Colonial Office decided to regain control of the colony only ten years later.

Born in Alberta, Hendrickson holds degrees from universities in Saskatchewan, Alberta, and Oregon.

Note that this year, the Historical Society meetings take place at 2 p.m. on Wednesdays, a change from the past, when meetings were held on Tuesdays.

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# Local donkeys head for sanctuary in Ontario

by Pirjo Raits

September 9 is a date Jack Hallam doesn't really want to acknowledge. On that particular Sunday, he will be loading up four of his good friends and sending them to Ontario.

His friends are also his pet donkeys. Jack is in his early 70s and though life with a yard full of pets is a lot of work, for him it has always been a labour of love. He has all sorts of animals on his acreage on North End Road. He has goats, plenty of cats, three dogs, a rooster, and, until Sunday, donkeys.

Peter, Katy, Marci, and Gemmi are headed for the Donkey Sanctuary of Canada outside Guelph, Ontario. Friends will be helping Jack load his donkeys into a horse trailer, which has been decorated for the journey by Chantale Quesnel.

The bright new paintwork will not do much to soothe Jack's apprehension even though he knows the donkeys are going to a place with more room to roam, and a guaranteed life of peace, freedom, and protection.

He cares so much for

these animals that he does not want to leave his pets uncared for if he becomes unable to care for them himself.

Donkeys, asses, burros, are very social animals. But they're abused in many countries, and Jack wants to make sure his animals are treated right. He is distressed to know that donkeys in Mexico are often painted up like zebras.

"They hate to be alone," says Jack. "They need company."

He also doesn't know why people use derogatory terms like "asses" because he says, "donkeys are smarter than horses."

The road to the sanctuary is a long one. Jack figures it will take a minimum of six days to reach their destination, and Jack will be there to meet his pets when they arrive.

Martin Playford and his partner Rhonda Hansen will drive the trailer. They will be stopping often along the way and will take every opportunity to let the animals out of the trailer and into a pasture.

"I think it's the longest trip for any donkey in North America," said Jack.



Jack Hallam is sending his four donkeys on what he says could be the longest journey taken by donkeys in North America. They are going to the Donkey Sanctuary of Canada near Guelph, Ontario. Pirjo Raits photos

So how did Jack arrive at having four donkeys? He said he saw a young donkey and it was so extra cute he was entranced by the animals. Each of the donkeys has its own personality: Peter, for instance, is handsome, temperamental, suspicious, and intelligent. Gemmi and Marci are the offspring of Peter and Katy. Marci, said Jack, was born on the 6th of March in 1994 and he did duty as a midwife to Katy.

Donkeys live a long time, as long as 40 years. While Jack is still around, he intends to support his pets at the sanctuary and he has provided for them in his will.

For now, Jack is continuing to treat his donkeys to the apples and oatmeal cookies which they expect every day. If he is late, their braying can be heard around the neighbourhood.

Jack, a retired biologist, antique dealer, gallery owner, and a host of other enterprises, lives by and believes in this creed, credited to Mahatma Gandhi: "The greatness of a na-

tion and its moral progress can be judged by the way its animals are treated."

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The Nights Alive summer programmes have now come to an end!!! We would like to thank everyone in the community who has participated in and helped out with our events!!! A special thank you goes out to *The Barnacle*, *The Driftwood*, *Thrifty Foods* and *Ganges Village Market* for all their support.

Nights Alive is now hiring two new part-time youth facilitators for the 2001/2002 school year. Please drop your resumes off at SS Books, as soon as possible! Interviews are coming up this week!!! If you have any questions please call and leave a message at 537-5555, ask for the Nights Alive office.

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Friday, Sept. 14 . . . . . 6:00 p.m.  
Saturday, Sept. 15 . . . . . 6:00 p.m.  
Sunday, Sept. 16 . . . . . 6:00 p.m.

*Different topics presented each evening followed by a vegetarian dinner. Events are free, however donations are gladly accepted.*

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Chantale Quesnel is decorating the horse trailer which will take the donkeys to their new home.



## Air Cadets

# Youth are exploring their passion for flying

by Pirjo Raits

Living on an island on the West Coast, one would think that being involved in sea cadets would be a natural. Boats, sailing, and the marine life are all fascinating, but some young people have a passion for flying, airplanes, and all else that comes with being an air cadet.

Salt Spring doesn't have a lot of air cadets; there are just a few, and their numbers continue to decline.

The local Royal Canadian Air Cadets lost one of their own when Nicola Howard died from cancer earlier this year. She was enthusiastic about the cadets and still wanted to participate even when she was very sick.

Mike Bartle, 18, a Flight Sergeant, will soon be too old for Air Cadets, even though he is still passionate about the organization.

"I've always been interest-

ed in airplanes, ever since I was a little kid. I saw the Snow Birds when I was seven years old, and that was it—I was hooked," he said. "When I joined, I got to do a lot of things I wouldn't have done. It's shown me what I can do."

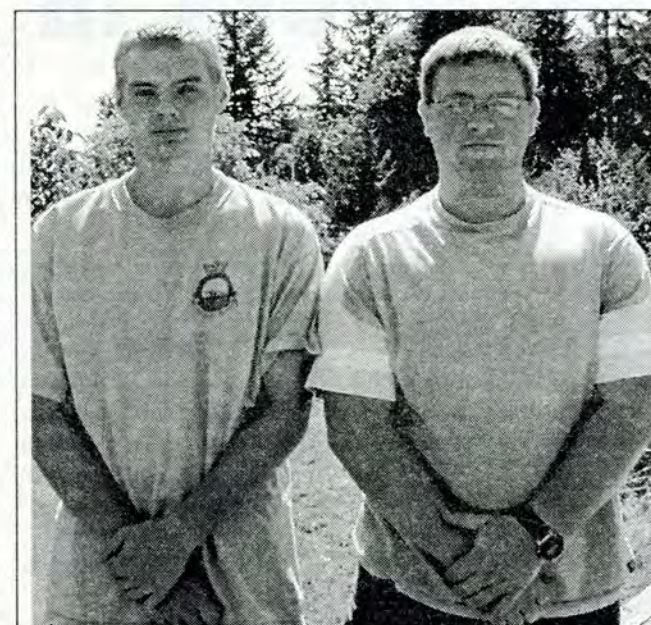
So what do Air Cadets do?

Bartle says they train in leadership, military drill, military history, citizenship, and learn aviation and relat-

ed subjects like the theory of flight. It's also a chance to get off-Island and travel. Cadets attend summer camps across the country, all at government expense.

In the summer, they are eligible to take courses in pilot training, aircraft maintenance, and air traffic. Some cadets get to fly aircraft out of Victoria or gliders out of Nanaimo.

"The more and more you go, the more comfortable



The entire Salt Spring Air Cadet contingent: Reynaard Vergalen and Mike Bartle. Pirjo Raits photo

and hooked you get," said Bartle. "The gliders are nice and quiet."

Joining Bartle, to make up the two-man Salt Spring contingent, is Reynaard Vergalen, 15. He is just as enthusiastic as Bartle, and he is heading for an air force career if he has any choice.

"I'd like to be a fighter pilot or a mechanic," he said.

Vergalen said that Air Cadets has taught him a lot. He has learned how to be a leader and at the same time has boosted his confidence.

Tom Vergalen is a parent volunteer and is part of the air cadet sponsoring committee.

"Air Cadets is an opportunity to find yourself," said Tom Vergalen. "A chance to

find out who you really are."

The Air Cadets take part in a number of activities on the Island and in Sidney. They hold fundraisers, like Tag days, to raise funds for the local group. All the money they raise is used to further their Air Cadet training.

"We've had an excellent response here. Salt Spring has always been supportive and generous," said Tom Vergalen.

There is no squadron on Salt Spring Island, so both cadets attend meetings with the very active Kittyhawk Squadron in Sidney every Thursday. The squadron has an excellent marching band, rifle team, and the top First Aid Team in B.C.

Tom Vergalen says that any young person who is 12 years old can join the Royal Canadian Air Cadets. There is no charge, and the uniforms are supplied. All of the standards and training is the same for both boys and girls.

Any potential new recruits interested in joining can call Vergalen at 653-9808 or Mike Bartle at 537-5405. Rides to and from the ferry can be arranged, and there is no charge on the ferry. Start-up for the next year begins on September 6 in Sidney. More information can be found on their website: <http://ca.geocities.com/kittyhawkcadets>.

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## Fall Fair 2001

### SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

#### FREE BUS SHUTTLE TO AND FROM THE FAIR

the Free Bus Shuttle will operate to and from the bus stop in front of the Tourist Information Office in downtown Ganges and the Farmers' Institute Fair Grounds at 351 Rainbow Road. Shuttle Bus Service will be available from 10:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. on Saturday and from 10:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. on Sunday.

#### Friday, September 14

3:30 pm Fair building open for placing entries (except quilts & photography which must be placed on Wed., Sept. 12 between 2:00 p.m. & 5:00 p.m.)

7:30 pm All entries for indoor sections must be placed

#### Saturday, September 15

7:30 am -Admission gates open

8:00 am -Indoor judging. No admittance to the Main Building during judging

-Pancake Breakfast at the Beer Garden

8:30 am -All livestock must be penned

-Start of livestock judging, continuing through the day

9:00 am -Commercial Vendors and Exhibitors open

-Horse show opens continues all day

10:00 am -Free bus shuttle from town to/from the fair-

grounds: starts at the Tourist Info Centre

-Food concessions open

-Games of Chance open

-Ongoing Demonstrations at the Demo Tent

-Entertainment: Joyful Noise

10:30 am -Entertainment: ESP

11:00 am -Indoor Sections Open - in the Main Building

11:15 am -Entertainment: Annie and the Roadhouse Gang

11:30 am -Sheep Dog Demonstration

11:45 am -Entertainment: Shilo Zylbergold

12:00 pm -Lamb B.B.Q.

12:15 pm -Entertainment Kelly Burk

-Livestock judging continues

-Classes and demonstrations at the Horse Ring ongoing all day

12:45 pm -Entertainment: James Wilkinson & Arvid Chalmers

1:00 pm -Judging the Sweetest Apple at the Demo Tent

1:15 pm -Entertainment: Jack n' Lefty Trio

1:30 pm -Threshing Display

2:00 pm -Entertainment: Alan Moberg and Ramesh Meyers

-Ongoing Demonstrations: Check at the Demo Tent

2:45 pm -Entertainment: Bill Henderson

3:30 pm -Sheep Dog Demonstration

3:45 pm -Threshing Display

3:45 pm -Entertainment: This Side Up

4:30 pm -Entertainment: Triskele

5:15 pm -Entertainment: Burgoyne Bay Blues Band

6:00 pm -Gates Closed

#### Sunday, September 16

7:30 am -Admission Gates open

8:00 am -Pancake Breakfast at the Beer Garden

9:00 am-10:30 am

-Admittance to the Main Building open to Special Needs and Greenwood residents only

9:00 am -Commercial Vendors and Exhibitors open

9:30 am -Pet Show registration

10:00 am -Horse show opens continues all day

-Free bus shuttle from town to/from the fairgrounds: starts at the Tourist Info Centre

-Pet Show

-Entertainment: Alan Moberg

-4H Livestock classes at Livestock Ring

-Food Concessions open

-Games of chance open

-Ongoing Demonstrations: Check demo tent for up to date schedule.

10:30 am -Indoor Exhibits open to all fairgoers

-Entertainment: Free Range Chicks

11:15 am -Entertainment: Charlie and Lisa

11:30 am -Sheep Dog Demonstration

12:00 pm -Lamb B.B.Q.

-Entertainment: Wrangellian Gumboot Dancers

12:30 pm -Entertainment: Rose Hip Jam

1:00 pm -Threshing Display

1:15 pm -Entertainment: Terry and Friends

1:30 pm -Farmer Vicky and Daisy the Cow

-Rotary Club Muffin Madness

1:45 pm -Longest lasting dahlia bloom announced

2:00 pm -Entertainment: Tania Elizabeth

-Ongoing Demonstrations: Check demo tent for up to date schedule.

2:30 pm -Sheep Dog Demonstration

3:00-5:00 pm -Prize money and Trophies may be collected in the office (upstairs)

3:00 pm -Entertainment: Valdy

3:00 pm -4H Auction

3:15 pm -Threshing Display

4:00 pm -Entertainment: Marimba Band

5:00-6:00 pm -All entries must be removed. (not earlier)

-Gates Closed for another year

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#### PETER JOHN CAMPBELL

passed away suddenly on  
August 30, 2001 on Salt  
Spring Island. He will be  
lovingly missed by his wife of  
35 years Mary, daughters  
Chris (Ken) Warner, Barbara  
(Dan) McColl, grandchildren  
Karen, Liana, Tracey, David  
and nieces Pam, Barbara Jo,  
Laura. Nephews Gary, Layne,  
David and Malcolm and three  
great grandchildren and many  
friends. A memorial service  
will be held on Saturday,  
September 8, 2001 at 2:30 p.m.  
Ganges United Church, 111  
Hereford Avenue, Salt Spring  
Island. In lieu of flowers  
donations to be made to  
Shriner Patient Transportation  
Fund, c/o Gizeh Temple, 3550  
Wayburne Drive, Burnaby,  
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Haywards Funeral Service  
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**A MAN** Called Juan Carlos.  
Video. Story of a Mayan  
Campesino from Guatemala.  
United Church, Sept. 6,  
7:30pm 3601

**MAYAN COORDINATORS** of  
a Project dedicated to educa-  
tion and preservation of cul-  
ture in the highlands of  
Guatemala. First visit to  
Canada. United Church, Sept.  
11, 7:30 p.m. 3601

**DOG OBEDIENCE** September  
12 Wednesday evenings for 7  
weeks, Central Hall. Fun, posi-  
tive, gentle methods. Lots of  
information Sheri Standen  
537-5646. 3601

**SCOTTISH COUNTRY** dance  
classes start Monday, Sept. 10,  
6pm, at All Saints. Newcomers!  
try first two classes free. For  
info call 537-9387.

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

**YOU'RE WELCOME** to display  
your event posters and meet-  
ing notices for 2 weeks on the  
Barnacle's Community Bulletin  
Board located in our office.  
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Korison @ 537-2707 for info  
& registration. 3601

**NEWCOMERS TO** Salt Spring.  
Join us at Harbour House Bistro  
for Dinner at 6 PM, Meeting 7  
PM, Wed., Sept. 12. We're an  
informal group meeting for  
social activities & to get to  
know other newcomers.  
R.S.V.P. Lorraine 537-8557,  
Rita 538-0101. 3701

**BACK TO** - Flashes of Splashes  
- expressive painting work-  
shops. Starting again in  
September. No experience  
needed. For more info call  
Christina 653-4764. 3601

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#### SEVEN STARS



#### T'AI CHI CH'UAN

Beginners classes start  
on Monday 10th  
September. If you would  
like to begin study of  
T'ai Chi or would like  
further information  
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Phillips. 537-5667

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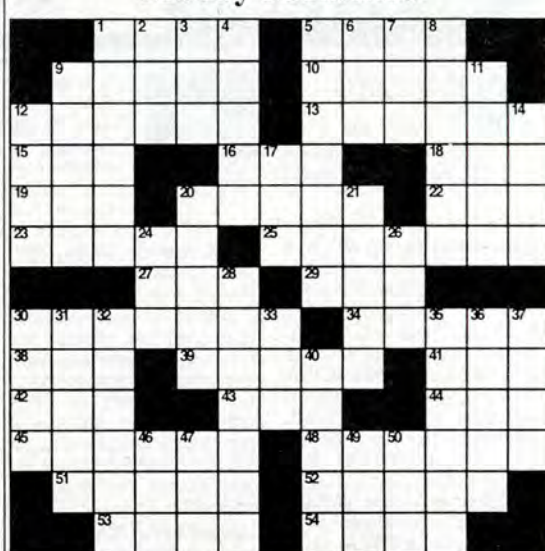
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- 5 Arm bone
- 9 New Zealand aborigi-  
nal
- 10 Bombers and Wheat  
Kings
- 12 Assiniboine and Red
- 13 Purpose
- 15 Small integer
- 16 Wpg. Jets league, once
- 18 Aussie icon, for short
- 19 Males
- 20 Type feature
- 22 Chop
- 23 Item of value
- 25 Osborne and Maryland
- 27 Machinist's tool
- 29 Tuberous veggie
- 30 Shields and  
Lawrence,
- 34 Desert shrub
- 38 Corn part
- 39 Charleswood and  
Tuxedo, slangily
- 41 Annoy
- 42 Cuckoo
- 43 Taro root treat
- 44 Egg cells
- 45 Falcon Lake or Hecla  
Island
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- 51 Weird
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#### DOWN

- 1 Big black birds
- 2 Cultivate
- 3 Stray
- 4 French river
- 5 Manitoba Hydro, e.g.
- 6 Poet Cohen, to some
- 7 Nathan, for short
- 8 Arbitrarily penalize
- 9 Major Manitoba indus-  
try
- 11 Pig part
- 12 Italian Capital
- 14 Toddlers
- 17 Hours, abbr.
- 20 Blue Jay pitcher, once
- 21 Battles
- 24 Toronto time, abbr.
- 26 Aussie Ostrich?
- 28 Vesuvius or Etna, e.g.
- 30 Erode
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**Tip of the week:** The difference between higher and lower will be the same difference between soul and ego. There are many interpretations of soul and ego and here is another. Soul is basically said to be the consciousness that we are largely unconscious of, while ego is the filter of this awareness. Our ego is the self that we know, the personality that we project, that is always changing and that experiences reality as though it is at the center of it (which paradoxically it is and is not simultaneously). Ego is that part of us that is instinctively attached to comfort, familiarity and security. Beyond mere vanity, the person who is resistant to change, controlling of others and under the illusion that he/she can stop change, is truly someone with a "big ego". Since repetition is the 'mother of skill' and a path to integration, such familiarity does have its place. Our higher mind or soul consciousness knows the bigger picture of the unseen reality behind the stages of life, its laws, its movements and directions. Our soul is, in part, that aspect of us that is fearlessly enthusiastic to flow with change and to contribute to the creation of harmony, health and happiness for all. Astrology reveals a map of the timing and rhythm of the cycles of change that illumines the ideal of a conscious intention of our ego to serve our soul purpose.

**Aries (Mar 21 - Apr 20)** The call to be a beginner again has been sounded for you. Consider that if all you know is that you don't know much, you already know more than most people. Excuses about why one can't do this or learn that is the type of knowledge that is all too often in excess. Fortunately, your confidence continues to grow, so learning new skills and perspectives should come easier now. Go for the love of being the best you can be.

**Taurus (Apr 21 - May 20)** Investments and improvements directed towards relationships and love are in focus now. Constructive and critical evaluations of how to improve your service and/or product are the keys. Keep an open mind and intend to focus your energies in a variety of directions. You know the old saying about eggs and baskets. Consider that the greatest obstacle to success is your own self-concepts and beliefs about your right and ability to succeed.

**Gemini (May 21 - Jun 20)** Creating a healthy routine that feels

empowering and effective is on the agenda. To this end, some creative thinking is required. The time has come to believe in your potential rather than take yourself too seriously. The latter approach often proves to close the mind and is expressed as wilful control of others. Still, this is your chance to claim a larger measure of independence. By early October, this will be your firm resolve.

**Cancer (Jun 21 - Jul 21)** Your soul is calling you to reflect upon who you really are at this stage of your journey. This process will really kick-off in October and continue for about a year and a half. To this end you will seek-out teachers, mentors and tools that help you to see blind spots and other creases in your character. Tending to the details to create greater harmony in your environment is one of the first steps. Let love nurture and guide you.

**Leo (Jul 22 - Aug 21)** You now know better what you do and do not want and are ready to build upon that new foundation. While you are ready to make whatever efforts necessary to succeed, your goal is to not have to "work hard". It is up to you to decipher exactly what that means. Effective communications, niche marketing approaches and better networking skills are likely considerations. Your faith in the magic of commitment is a deciding factor.

**Virgo (Aug 21 - Sep 20)** Whether by choice or necessity, you are making some pioneering moves. Self-discovery is a part of the process. You want to learn as well as teach. Innovative technologies and rapidly expanding grass-root movements are highlighted. Yet, so too are tradition and a realistic evaluation of how to move your business and other interests along. Pursue your dreams with realistic measures.

**Libra (Sep 21 - Oct 20)** Despite an active pace you are also called inward to rest and re-center. Time to allow ideas and directions to emerge of their own accord is a part of the deal. With your sights set upon a more exciting and colorful future, you are willing to think, listen and learn. Close friends who hold your heart with respect are key now as well. A part of the lessons in store include how to truly commit to larger visions of possibility.

**Scorpio (Oct 21 - Nov 21)** Have you ever considered

how much your habitual perceptions have been influenced by your parents, especially your father, and other such "authorities"? Perhaps you are independent from such influences. The more you recognize how you were influenced, and by whom, to see the world in the matter-of-fact manner you do, with full responsibility and free of blame, the more personal power to change will you have.

**Sagittarius (Nov 21 - Dec 20)** As of April, you stepped upon a new threshold and are now experiencing a strong and commanding momentum. Ideally, you are taking the lead to open your mind to new self-concepts and approaches. For the love of truth, wisdom and culture you are ready to make some more deliberate strides in new directions. Financial considerations are prominent as well. You are nearing the end of the tunnel; do you see the light?

**Capricorn (Dec 21 - Jan 19)** A focus upon education is claiming a lot of energy now. While you are willing to do the work, you also desire to negotiate for a rhythm that meets your current needs. Yet, a realistic appraisal of what can work, despite your desires, is key. Pace yourself as necessary, yet do intend to follow through. About two more years of education and skill development is likely before a whole new direction begins. Patience!

**Aquarius (Jan 20 - Feb 19)** Merging your talents and other assets with others is the call now. With your mind open and your sights set on new opportunities, it is worth taking an experimental approach. As you exercise faith in your current abilities as well as in your imagination to come up with new innovations, the doors will open. This is true in money matters as well as love and romance. If necessary, intend to face blocking fears with the help of someone who is skilled and trustworthy.

**Pisces (Feb 20 - Mar 20)** Improving the quality of your relationships continues. Whether in love or business, you are willing to give more to receive more. As you face certain fears around exploring and expressing latent talents, you are assisted. If you choose to run away from laying claim to these abilities, it is likely that you will run alone. Now is the time to face any fears that block your progress. Like the hero facing fears to claim the sword or magical talisman, you must persevere now if you want to go to the next level.

## • 140 • COMING EVENTS

### Fall Yoga at The Salt Spring Centre

**STARTING  
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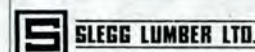
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The newly-formed Salt Spring Island Women's Soccer League is enthusiastic about forming a new team on the Island. Joanne O'Connor photo

### From Sidelines To Playing Field

# Enthusiastic response greets soccer league

by Michelle Grant

"I've scored lots of goals from the sidelines. Now that my kids are older, it's time to do something for myself." Janet Stepaniuk, a soccer Mom of 11 years, is even willing to risk coming in for some good-natured ribbing from her son, who plays soccer in the BC Provincials.

"He laughed when I told him I was going to play," said Stepaniuk, with a somewhat steely glint in her eye. Stepaniuk is one of several soccer moms who signed up last Wednesday to play in Salt Spring's newly-formed Women's Soccer League.

Pulling the team together are two energetic 27-year-olds: Joanne O'Connor and Sue King, soccer enthusiasts who met over peanut butter brownies in Linda Dare's former restaurant. King, a former waitress at Dare's, startled O'Connor, a two-season Victoria soccer veteran, one day by showing up wearing soccer cleats. O'Connor was instantly all ears, as she had been disappointed to learn that the women's soccer team had fizzled out just prior to her arrival on Salt Spring three years ago. It turned out that King was coaching the 14 and under girls at the high school.

After some brainstorming, and prior to knowing if they could fill a team, the two women decided to spend \$50 and register a team with the Lower Island Women's Soccer Association. It was a gamble that paid off. At their third soccer practice, over 30 women showed up, mainly friends of friends, who were seeking a way to have fun while getting in shape.

Not wishing to intimidate anyone, qualifications were few, any skill or

fitness level would be welcome, the only prerequisites being a willingness to learn and have fun. It was a marketing strategy that worked. By August 26, the night the women had to lay their money on the line, 26 women showed up to fill 25 spaces.

"I didn't think we'd have 25," said King, who has played soccer since she was five, growing up in a small community in la belle province. "It's awesome. I'm really excited that soccer is going to be part of my life again."

Coach Carol Adams is also thrilled. A busy Mom of an active two year old, Adams is happy to be back coaching, a position she held professionally for five years at the Royal Military College in Kingston. Adams has played since she was a little girl growing up in Ontario, but retired following the birth of her daughter.

One of the challenges for Adams will be working with players of varying levels of experience and age. Some women have never played, while others have spent years watching their kids play. Other women are fresh off the high school team or have played in other leagues.

"It's a very positive thing for the Island. There are not many team sports out there for women on this Island. It's neat because we have some young women who know a lot about soccer, who will be explaining things to the other women," said O'Connor.

"The Dragons" first game will take place at noon, Sunday, September 9 at Portlock Park. Spectators are welcome. Team sponsors are Blue Dragon Naturals and FXR Systems Limited.

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# Salt Spring horses steal the show in Nanaimo

by Joanne O'Connor

Salt Spring was well represented at the recent Vancouver Island Exhibition, held August 17-19 in Nanaimo.

Five horses, from five different farms on Salt Spring, competed in the B.C. Canadian Horse Show.

The Canadian is a unique breed of horse, which has gained popularity on the West Coast in the last few years.

The Canadian, once threatened by extinction, is loved for its easy temperament and graceful strength.

Local trainer and horse breeder, Rebecca Smith, commented on the aware-

ness shows like these create for the Canadian Horse.

"At least this year I noticed when people would come up and talk to me, they were a little less dumbfounded," Smith said.

Jura, Smith's two-year-old mare, placed second in her halter class.

Dianne Andrews, owner and trainer, showed her statuesque stallion, Gusto. Andrews and Gusto had fun in the Costume Class, and placed third for their portrayal of a 1935 Bronco rider and her steed.

Margaret Byron collected several prizes, and her daughter, Monica Byron

rode successfully as well. Jan Hilton displayed her two-year-old filly. Hilton has been active in promoting the Canadian horse for several years.

The trophy for Best Horse Under Saddle was awarded to Edie Fishlock's Canadian horse.

Dianne Andrews commented on how nice it was to see such co-operation from the Salt Spring contingent.

Most of the group travelled to Nanaimo in a convoy, and then camped out together with the horses at the fair grounds.

Look for the Canadian horses at the Fall Fair.

## Get ready for badminton

Ah... September, the month where everything starts happening again. Sports, meetings, clubs, you name it.

School gym teachers report that badminton is one of the favourite activities for both boys and girls. It is a game that can be enjoyed in all types of weather, by anyone of any age, and all abilities and Salt Spring even has a badminton club, which is now two years old.

Starting on September 12, the Saltspring Junior Badminton Club will resume under the auspices of NCCP certified coach Carl Albert. The club is open to badminton fans from ages

nine to 16. The club is part of the PacificSport training network.

Every Wednesday, players meet in the Fernwood School gym from 6 to 8 p.m. for instruction, drills, and games. Club players are also eligible for competition in tournaments on Vancouver Island.

This year there will be two semesters of badminton, running from September to January and from February to May. Membership in the club includes membership with Badminton B.C., insurance, gym rental, all supplies, and a club t-shirt.

Each club member must

provide clean running shoes (no outside footwear), and a good racquet. For information on purchasing a good racquet, contact Albert. For information on the club, phone 537-5843.



**FUTURE SOCCER STAR**—Sage, 5 1/2, has fun at the soccer camp held last week at Portlock Park.  
Pirjo Raits photo



**MEDAL WINNER**—Damaris Barry came home a winner. Competing in the Canadian National Waterski Championships, August 18 to 20, in Newmarket, Ontario, she brought home second place in the Womens 3 Jump and third place in Womens 3 Slalom.  
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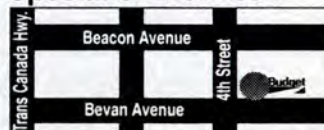
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