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Bring on the haggis

Betty Smith, left, and Jean Taylor proudly display the result of their efforts — the Robbie Burns night haggis. The immortal poet would be proud of the two island women who spent

their afternoon Saturday preparing the haggis and roast for an evening celebration at the Legion on Salt Spring.

Photo by Derrick Lundy

Senior basketball team takes tourney

Despite a history of competitive teams, GISS has never won its own Scorpions Classic senior boys basketball tournament.

Until now.

Myles Wilson's current slate of hoopsters put together three solid wins, including a 25-point decision over Cowichan Saturday in the final to become the first local squad to put their names on the trophy.

The victory was quite an accomplishment for a team that had only four players returning from last year.

But an early-season regimen of exhibition games and weekend tournaments has molded the Scorpions into a cohesive unit. See story on Page 25.

Thieves nab \$20,000 of store's cigarettes

Some \$20,000 worth of cigarettes were stolen from Ganges Village Market early Friday morning by a thief who apparently knew what he was doing.

Salt Spring RCMP and Victoria Crime Stoppers are hoping the public can help find the offender(s), who managed to rip out and take a tape from the store's surveillance camera before leaving.

Local police say the theft occurred sometime between 3:15

and 4 a.m., and there was no sign of forced entry.

In addition to taking the cigarettes and tape, the culprit(s) stole an undisclosed amount of money.

Salt Spring RCMP are requesting anyone with information to contact Crime Stoppers at 386-8477 (TIPS) or toll free at 1-800-665-8477.

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Quake rattles islands

It may have been small, but it had a heck of a kick.

The earthquake that rattled Gulf Islands windows Monday morning at 1:27 a.m. measured just 2.6 on the 10-point Richter scale. Yet its epicentre just east of Ganges Harbour woke area residents and shocked those who were still up.

"It was in the very brittle upper portion of the North American Plate, which means it was short but violent," said Pacific Geoscience Centre seismologist Taimi Mulder from her Sidney office.

"It was only three kilometres under the surface where there are teeny earthquakes, under a 1.0, all the time. This one just passed the threshold where it was felt."

One Salt Spring resident said the impact and noise was enough to jolt her out of sleep. She said it sounded and felt like a truck had hit her house.

Others wondered if yet another airplane had crashed into the island.

The quake was felt by residents on Salt Spring, Mayne and Galiano islands, as well as in Duncan. There were two aftershocks five seconds apart at 4:57 a.m. but both registered under 2.0.

The geoscience centre is part of the Geological Survey of Canada.

While no damage was reported in the quake, some residents were concerned enough to phone emergency services.

The Outer Islands RCMP detachment on Pender Island received two 911 calls from Mayne Island. However, Salt Spring's department reported no calls.

Mulder explained that the North American Plate is about 30 km thick and under constant attack by the Juan de Fuca Plate.

"That's why there is an incredible amount of (earthquake) activity in this area. But we rarely feel anything until it gets above 3.0. This one was strange," she said, adding that damage is very rare until the size approaches the 4.5 level.

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Weather observations from 1998 clarified

Weather observer Robert Aston is fussy about his figures, and with good reason: his approach has ensured accuracy in the weather records he has been keeping for more than 30 years.

That's why Aston took issue with a story that appeared two weeks ago and was based on his weather summary for 1998.

The most glaring error was in the headline, which indicated incorrectly

FOR THE RECORD

that the year was drier than normal.

Actually, only January to October were drier than average.

Also, it was reported that April 8 saw the last frost of 1998. It should have stated that the last frost of the winter of 1997-98 occurred on that date.

Finally, on the coldest day of 1998 the temperature dropped to -8.5 C (the decimal place was omitted from the story) and rainfall for November was given in centimetres, rather than millimetres, which is the correct style for a monthly summary.

Ancestors spin, vase is useful in week of Mexican paradise

The course at San Miguel de Allende finished after 17 days and the group dispersed.

Some went to Puerto Vallarta, some to Oaxaca, some returned home and others visited Chicken Itza, Merida and Acapulco. All in all we had a variety of choices.

I was still fascinated by San Miguel and decided to stay another week. I had experienced living with a Mexican family so I decided to indulge myself and splurge a little.

Tucked behind the lush Benita Juarez Park I discovered an elegant small hotel, Antigua Villa Santa Monica.

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A gourmet restaurant completed the picture. I was enchanted and won over. Fair enough, but could I afford it?

I consulted my guru. He was 92 years old and I had coffee with him and a small group of expatriates most mornings in the Jardin, the public square.

"Guru," I asked, "I have located a small paradise which I covet. The problem is that it is costly and I am

ALEX MITCHELL



afraid it will cause my Scottish ancestors to revolve in their graves. What should I do?"

His answer was succinct and to the point.

"Let the bastards spin," he shouted.

And so it came to pass that I took yet another mortgage out on the house and spent one of the most delightful weeks of my life in this beautiful little hideaway.

It had a Jacuzzi, a stone fireplace, a wealth of artifacts and an antique, wrought-iron staircase which spiralled to my bedroom with a queen-sized bed upstairs.

A 27-inch TV played music from the arts program, opera, ballet and quiet jazz 24 hours a day. I filled the rooms with red roses.

The only trouble in paradise was that, being chronologically challenged, I have to visit the bathroom three times a night.

How would I negotiate the spiral staircase down to the bathroom when half asleep and after an evening of revelry?

I have always believed the soul of good pottery is intrinsic with its function so imagine my delight when I spied an exquisite, antique, porcelain vase on the escritoire in

my bedroom doing nothing. It just sat there.

I allowed it to function three times a night and I know it was grateful and certainly fulfilled.

People are of importance in my life and I met many fascinating guests.

Canada's answer, legally speaking, to Johnny Cochrane. A New York photographer who took a photograph of me, depicting the way I'd always wanted to look. A Japanese writer. Two directors of education and the retired captain of the aircraft carrier HMCS Bonaventure. I learned much.

The last week I spent in Mexico City in the Americana Hotel.

The pollution from the volcano Popocatepetl and the 20 million vehicles was awesome, the light carcinogenic and for the first time I felt insecure.

A city gone mad and out of control. Surely a warning for us all.

I did visit the Museum of Anthropology though and went to a glorious bull fight — but more of that later.

It's wonderful to be home.

My car battery had disintegrated, of course, and I was given a warning for speeding after Bruce at the Shell station fixed it.

I picked up my cats from Greenspring, poured myself a large Daiquiri and heaved a quiet sigh of relief.

I could sure use a vacation though!

United Way falls short of goal

For the ninth consecutive year, the United way of Greater Victoria has raised over \$3 million in support of community services in the Capital Regional District.

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A Salt Spring man hopes he will be granted electronic monitoring instead of a jail term.

David Adam Howell, who pleaded guilty to driving while prohibited — an offence that carries an automatic seven-day jail term and \$300 fine — will appear in Victoria court next month to determine whether or not electronic monitoring will be permitted.

Judge Brian Neal agreed to adjourn sentencing in the matter to Victoria where the monitoring system could be set up.

Electronic monitoring — which comes with specific conditions of where and when the offender can leave the home — uses an ankle bracelet and the phone lines to determine the subject's whereabouts.

In other court matters:

- Using a boat without adequate flotation devices cost a local man \$50. Dale Gordon Crocker pleaded guilty in Ganges provincial court last week to contravening small vessel regulations under the Canadian Shipping Act.

Crocker was spotted fishing in Trincomali Channel near Porlier Pass about six kilometres from shore on September 3. He had insufficient life jackets for the number of people on board the boat.

Judge Neal agreed to fine Crocker the standard \$50 penalty but warned him to "take seriously the message" that "a tragedy can occur to those not meeting safety standards."

- Judge Neal issued warrants for four people who failed to appear in Ganges provincial court last Thursday.

These included: Adrian Carl Pollhammer, who was scheduled to appear in court and fix a trial date, answering a charge of uttering threats; Christopher Barrington-Foote, who failed to show up for his impaired driving trial; Devon Tisseur, also known as Devon Lee, who was scheduled for a first appearance in an alleged theft offence; and Douglas Gordon Underwood, who failed to attend his first appearance for an assault charge.



ACCIDENT VICTIM: Salt Spring emergency crews lift an injured woman into an ambulance following a Sunday night accident on Fulford-Ganges Road.

Photo by Derrick Lundy

Driver treated for minor injuries following Fulford-Ganges crash

An 18-year-old Salt Spring woman was taken to Lady Minto Hospital and treated for minor injuries following an accident on Fulford-Ganges Road Sunday night.

Police say the woman lost control of her vehicle just past Sky Valley Road and went off the road to the right, striking a tree.

Alcohol was not a factor in the incident, police say.

The woman lost consciousness in the accident — which took place at approximately 10:10 p.m. — and was treated for bruising.

In other police news:

- About \$1,200 worth of items were stolen from a McLennan Road home sometime between January 19 and 22.

RCMP REPORT

Thieves, who apparently entered the home through an unlocked door, stole a satellite receiver and answering machine among other items.

- Police issued a 24-hour driving suspension to a 22-year-old Salt Spring man who was stopped in the 600 block of Fulford-Ganges Road.

The suspension was issued just before midnight on Saturday.

- A chronic runaway who was found panhandling outside of Admiral's Specialty Foods in Ganges last Thursday night was returned to his foster home in Mission.

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Preliminary hearing returned to Victoria

Security concerns have prompted a change of venue for three men appearing at a preliminary hearing in connection with a home invasion on Salt Spring.

The men were scheduled to appear at the Ganges courthouse February 2-4 for a preliminary inquiry on various charges including sexual assault, robbery and weapons offences.

However, Salt Spring RCMP Sgt. Paul Darbyshire said local police, the Victoria sheriff's office and Crown counsel Duncan Campbell were concerned about the courtroom's limited security.

The government building which houses court has

several entrances and there is no prisoner docket in the court room.

Darbyshire estimated a total of five sheriffs would be needed to accompany the two men being held in custody throughout court proceedings. They would be forced to stay in cells at the local police detachment when they weren't in court.

"The courthouse is fine for what we do here," noted Crown counsel Campbell, "but from the perspective of security" it is not adequate.

The application to change venues was approved last Wednesday and the preliminary hearing is now set to take place February 2-4 in Victoria.

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School board will wait to decide fate of Mahon Hall

The fate of Mahon Hall is on hold until the Gulf Islands School Board decides what it will do with all of its properties.

As part of a deficit retirement plan formulated in December, the board intends to realize \$200,000 by selling some of its property.

"We don't feel we're in a position to turn over anything at this time," said board chairwoman May McKenzie at last Wednesday's board meeting.

The board had been prepared to make a decision on the hall by the end of January.

It had offered the century-old hall to the Islands Farmers

Institute, its one-time owners, whose board has expressed an interest in taking on the building.

The matter was complicated by pressure from the Capital Regional District (CRD) via the Parks, Arts and Recreation Commission, which has a joint use agreement on running the hall with the board.

Shoppers help make it a top tourist year

Day-trippers and shoppers boosted Salt Spring's tourist trade during the last six months of 1998 according to Chamber of Commerce figures.

These were the two sectors which showed the highest growth during the July-December term and provided the fuel for one of the island's best tourist years.

The chamber maintains the Visitor InfoNetwork Statistics Program in conjunction with Tourism B.C. The program provides numbers on most aspects of visitors to Salt Spring who attend the chamber's office.

"The figures are not completely precise due to our hours of operation and variety of staffing, but they are a good indicator," says the chamber's Claire Olivier.

Despite the solid season, the chamber's office had slightly fewer visits during the period, dropping about 2 per cent to 22,451.

Respondents to the questionnaire also stayed shorter periods, with visits lasting one-or-more nights down almost 20 per cent to 1,936.

The number of people arriving but leaving the same day jumped almost 70 per cent to 1,179 — by far the biggest category.

The reasons for visiting Salt Spring also changed.

The biggest increase came in the shopping category, which rose from 210 responses to 421.

Yet the reason still ranked low on the scale, behind sightseeing (1903, up 0.2 per cent), visiting friends and relatives (714, up 43 per cent) and outdoor/wilderness activities (553, down 20 per cent).

Cultural events also suffered a drop in support, declining 12 per cent to 397, while sports events grew 170 percent, albeit from a small base, to 150 visits.

Business reasons stayed constant.

Visitors asked for more information on accommodations than anything else, but those inquiries dropped 31 per cent to 1,531.

Local attractions were the second-most popular topic. Inquiries for those grew 20 per cent to 913.

High school considers crime fighting program

A program which allows students to take charge of school-based crime may be launched at Gulf Islands Secondary School (GISS).

Local RCMP Const. Jeff West says staff and students at GISS have embraced the concept of creating a high school Crime Stoppers program on Salt Spring.

Under the program, youth would establish their own student-run Crime Stoppers board, and be responsible for publicizing school crime, raising funds and introducing crime prevention campaigns.

The high school Crime Stoppers program has been running successfully in Canada since 1991 when it was started at a Manitoba school.

"It is designed to encourage and assist students in taking charge of their environment by contributing in a very positive way towards making their school crime free," notes promotional material. "As the program continues, a feeling of ownership occurs within the school which is carried over into their community."

Victoria Crime Stoppers, which is responsible for publicizing and accepting tips for crimes on the Gulf Islands, has helped establish student-run programs at several Vancouver Island high schools.

The schools deal with crimes

such as vandalism and locker thefts, using the Crime Stoppers method of publicizing offences through re-enactments and offering rewards for anonymous tips.

Although the student-run boards do not accept tips or hand out rewards — tipsters are directed to Victoria Crime Stoppers — they create their own publicity methods.

West says some student boards direct drama groups to produce re-enactments of the crime in question. Other boards use the school PA system to describe a "crime of the week" and some create poster campaigns.

In addition to highlighting offences that have already taken place, student Crime Stoppers boards attempt to squash crime before it occurs. For example, a board might launch an anti-drunk driving campaign just prior to the Christmas/New Year's holiday or graduation ceremonies. Halloween might spawn a fire cracker reminder.

The boards also raise funds to offset costs of promotions.

West says GISS staff and a core group of students have expressed interest in the program. And, although the hope was to start it this month, it may be put on hold until September when students are less busy.

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Coast Guard, RCMP chase men with guns

Ganges Coast Guard members had a few tense moments Sunday afternoon when they were called out by a report that occupants of a boat in Porlier Pass were shooting seals with high-powered rifles.

Together with an RCMP vessel, coast guard members sped to the scene and chased the 17-foot runabout onto shore on Galiano Island where two men ran into a nearby log house.

Minutes later the two men emerged, still carrying their weapons.

RCMP officers approached and searched the men and their boat, where they discovered about 40 ducks.

Because no firearms violations were witnessed, the men were let go with a lecture on firearm safety.

In other coast guard news:

On January 20 members were called to Ladysmith Harbour to investigate an oil spill. Unable to find the source, the coast guard concluded the spill was a result of a vessel emptying its bilges.

A similar event occurred Sunday in Ganges Harbour.

On Friday the coast guard received a possible-plane-down report in Cordova Bay. Before members could arrive, it was discovered that the craft was actually an ultralight landing on the local beach.

Tuesday the coast guard attended a fishing vessel that had run aground on Yeo Point near Ruckle Park. The vessel was eventually floated off on the rising tide and towed into Ganges Harbour.

B.C. Ferries meetings set

With rumours flying about the redeployment of B.C. Ferries' Gulf Islands fleet (Option 3), locals will get a chance to hear the latest information at the second of two on-island meetings tonight (Wednesday).

The first meeting took place yesterday at Fulford Community Hall. Tonight's session will be held at All Saints By-the-Sea Anglican Church in Ganges at 7:30 p.m.

The meeting will be chaired by local members of the Southern Gulf Islands Advisory Committee.

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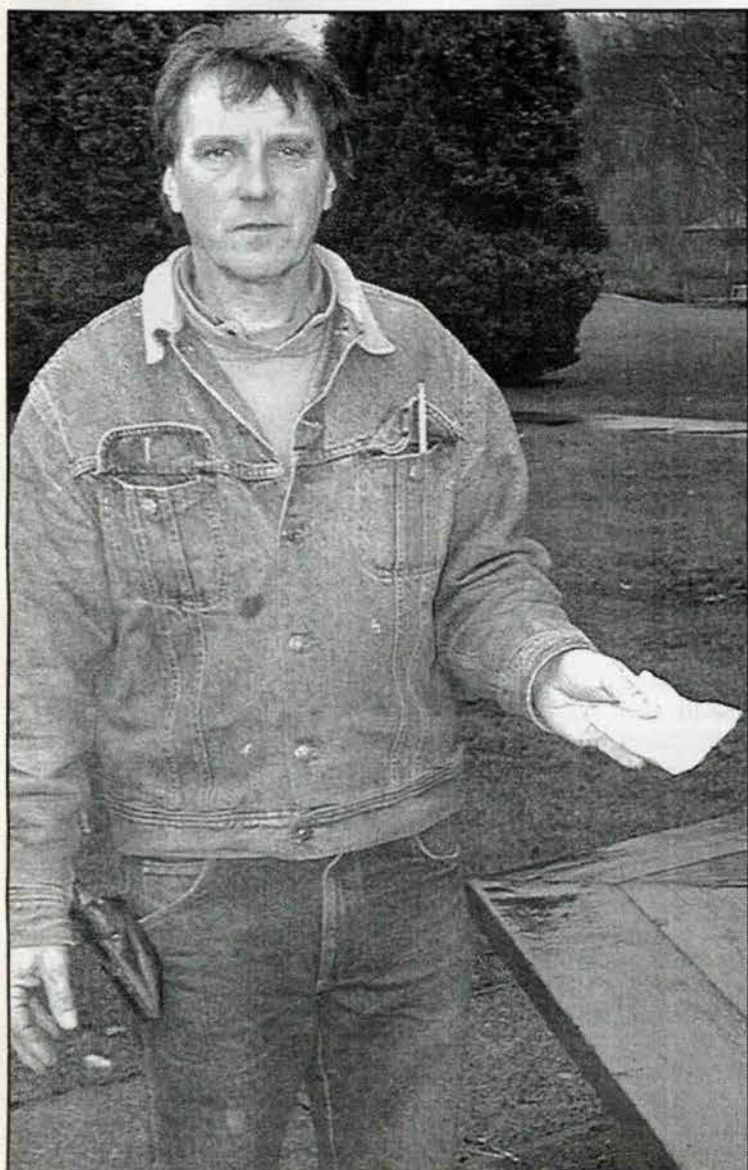
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SMALL BUT DANGEROUS: Centennial Park maintenance man Martin Milner holds a bag containing a used hypodermic needle he found January 20 in the park. Although there is no way to tell what the syringe was used for, Milner warned those using the park to be careful of what they pick up.

Photo by Mike Levin

Needle discovery prompts warning

Dirty, discarded hypodermic needles are not a common concern on Salt Spring.

But with the discovery last Wednesday of a used syringe in Centennial Park, residents are being warned to be careful of picking up discarded objects, especially when taking their children to the park.

The hypodermic needle was found beside a planter on the street-side of the park by maintenance worker Martin Milner.

While the object was clearly labelled "For Insulin Use Only," Milner warned that there was no telling what it was used for or where it came from.

"It could have been tossed from a car, but the point is that you have to be aware of kids picking something up that could be a major problem," he said.

Handling used syringes can be extremely dangerous. If the skin is pierced, any molecule in the point can be transferred to the recipient, including chemicals and communicable diseases.

Children especially are at risk because hypodermics are small and can resemble toys.

Two years ago Milner found a similar discarded needle in the park's washroom.

Wednesday's discovery was the third in the past five years.

Park, Arts and Recreation Commission administrator Tony Hume said it is vital for people to be aware of the potential danger.

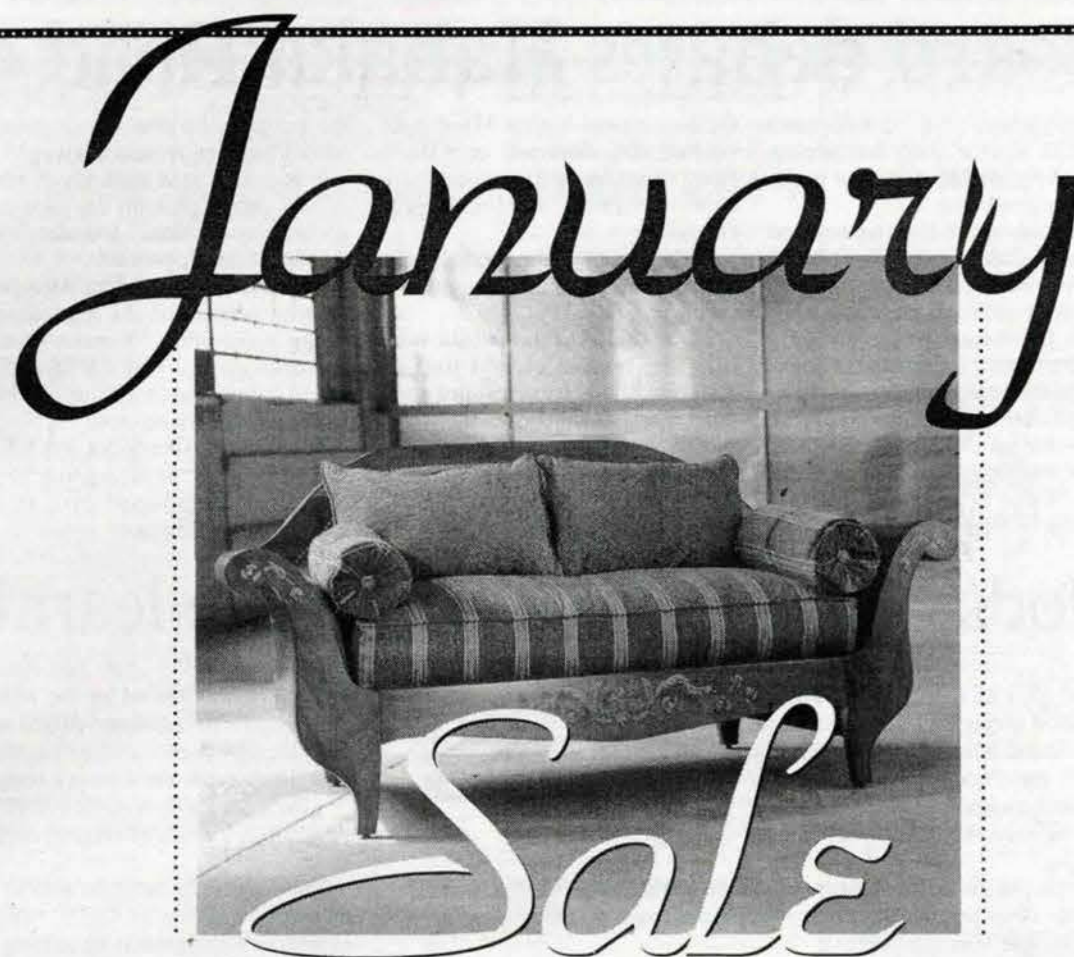
"The public (on Salt Spring) is just not aware that this type of thing is going on. It is critical that people make sure to be careful when picking up unfamiliar objects," he said.

FIRE CALLS

Salt Spring's fire department was called out only twice during the last week.

The first time was on Saturday to extinguish a chimney fire on Suffolk Road.

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Board debates Kanaka Road clean-up

High school students who need to fulfill service hours are helping address the problem of litter in the Kanaka Road area.

Stepping up the clean-up resulted when the Gulf Islands School Board received a letter from area residents asking for action on the problem.

But the discussion prompted by the letter when it came to the attention of the board January 13 exemplified the difficulties of solving the problem.

For one thing, the area in question is not school property; it belongs to Highways. However, as

GISS principal Nancy Macdonald pointed out, since part of Kanaka Road was closed to make school children safer, a "mini-mall" was created.

"When that's a place to be, that's where you're going to get the garbage," she said.

Like the skateboarders who practise on the closed part of Kanaka Road, trustees and staff took repeated leaps over the tricky question. Who should be approached to stop littering and/or pick it up? The skateboarders? High school smokers? What about

the people who don't even go to school but hang around anyway?

Macdonald said students in her school could "pick up the pace of garbage collection," but she felt that isn't the sole problem.

Schools superintendent Andrew Duncan pinpointed the frustration at the board table. "Kanaka Road has been on our meeting agenda about every second month," he said, "and it's not our road..."

He said the community should seriously look at relocating the unofficial skateboard park to a more appropriate place.

Trustee Judith Boel suggested the new community "diversion" court program could mandate a young person to keep the area free of litter.

One of the letter's authors told the Driftwood Tuesday that the area had just been cleaned up.

Usually, she said, the area is a "horrible mess" and looks like "poor parts of Mexico."

She stressed that she is very fond of the kids but that it was annoying to live in the middle of so much litter, which also devalued neighbourhood properties.

Nods given for island distance learning centres

The idea of distributed learning centres is receiving a good reception from Outer Islands school administrators and Phoenix School parents, schools superintendent Andrew Duncan told the January 13 board meeting.

As part of the board's plan to eliminate its annual deficit by June 2001, it hopes to set up small secondary school "distance learning" programs on Galiano and Mayne islands.

The district could receive between \$40-\$60,000 extra revenue from the education ministry next year for operating both Mayne centres.

The board had hoped to also receive a small secondary school grant by extending Phoenix to include an alternative high school program. Duncan said last week it appears no extra revenue can be raised through the Phoenix plan although the idea is being pursued anyway.

Also at the school board meeting:

- Secretary-treasurer Rod Scotvold reported on a welcome \$858,800

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bank deposit. Granted by the education ministry, the amount represents the district's accumulated deficit as of June 30, 1998. Education Minister Paul Ramsey authorized the payment after the board and ministry formed a plan to balance the district's budget.

- The board approved its 1998/99 capital allowance plan, which included \$148,266 worth of projects either finished, in progress or to be undertaken soon.

They include a partition wall in the global awareness room and handi-cap-door openers at GISS, refinishing of the Fernwood gym floor, improved ventilation at all schools and \$38,400 in painting work.

While on the topic of spending money, Michelle Mech, Salt Spring Elementary Parents Advisory Council rep, asked the board if there was any point in her group requesting funds for its school greening project.

The swift response was "no."

"We have a blanket policy of giving out no money," said trustee Bonnie McGillivray.

- Education Week is from March 3-5 this year. The board's community relations committee will be organizing events.

Saturna school adds grades

Saturna trustee Susanne Middleditch was the lone opposing voice when the Gulf Islands School Board officially changed Saturna to a kindergarten-Grade 8 school for next year.

Children have taken the water taxi daily to attend Mayne Island School for grades 7 and 8, but the board and eventually the education ministry will save \$60,000 a year by cutting out the run.

While the decision was officially made January 13, the writing was on the wall for a long time. The change takes effect in September.

"I would like to echo the concerns of parents who are against this," said Middleditch.

Parents "feel trapped" by the situation, she said: their children will have no gym, PE program and miss other opportunities of the larger school for a further two years.

Only two Saturna children presently attend Grade 7 on Mayne Island.

The policy change means they will have to return to the Saturna school next year, unless their parents make alternate arrangements.

Galiano trustee Bonnie McGillivray noted that if those parents can get their kids to Mayne, the school would accept them, as would Pender Island School, where bus transportation is also available.

"We just can't afford to transport those two kids," she said.

Middleditch said, "Parents understand the financial aspect; it's once you lose (the water taxi), you'll never get it back."

Saturna school's population has steadily declined in the past number of years. There are 10 students now enrolled, and about eight under the age of five living on the island.

Candidates to gather on new meeting day

Scratch out the February 2 date for the school board by-election all-candidates meeting — it's been changed.

The new date is Thursday, January 28, 7:30 p.m. at the multi-purpose room at Gulf Islands Secondary.

Organizers made the change when they realized a Driftwood report on a February 2 all-candidates meeting could not be published before the February 6 election.

Each of the five candidates will be given a few minutes to speak and will then answer questions from the floor.

Candidates running for one seat to represent Salt Spring on the Gulf Islands School Board are Peter Wigen, Ken Lee, Garth Hendren, David Eyles and John Davies.

Advance polls take place today (Wednesday) and next Wednesday at the school board office for people unable to vote February 6.

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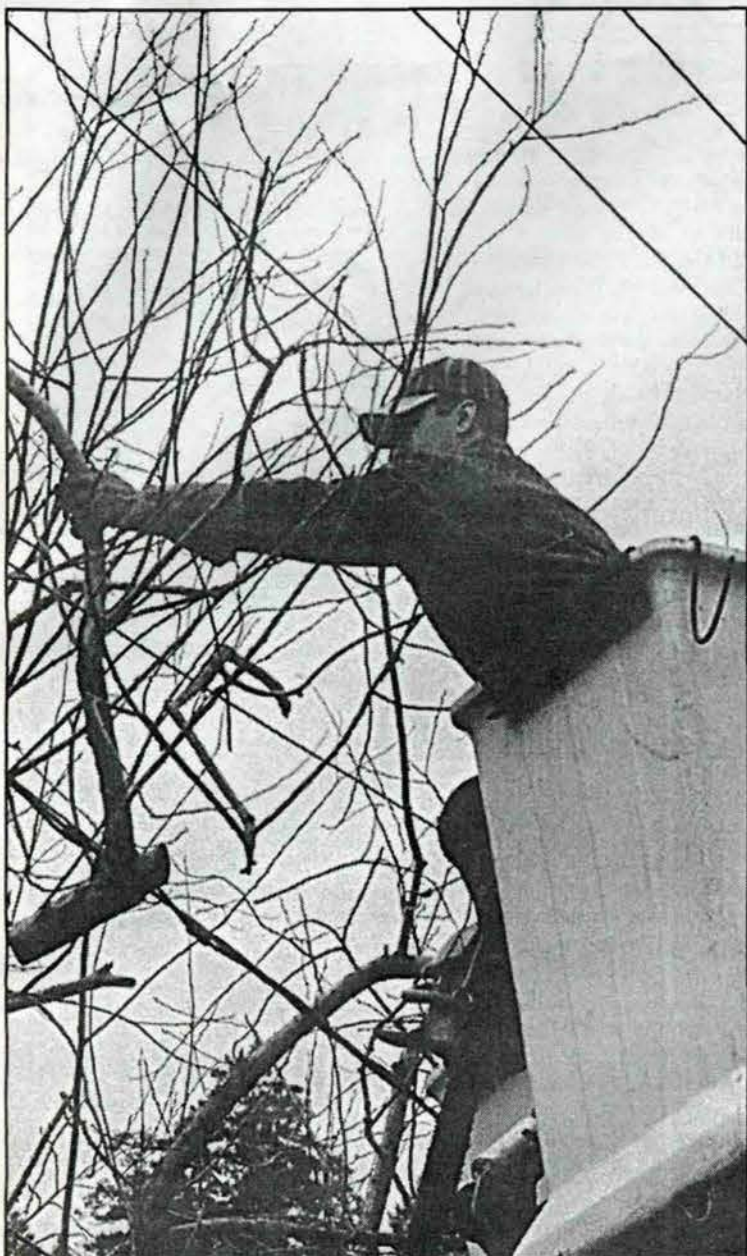
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Treed Off

B.C. Hydro worker Darryn Smith gets to work on some windfall branches that fouled power lines on Rainbow Road last week. Despite milder temperatures and a break from the rain, Smith warns that winter is not yet over and that residents can expect more windfall damage before the spring.

Photo by Derrick Lundy

Saturna school children can mark trees growth

As Saturna Island School's present students get older, they'll be able to see their growth reflected in 10 trees they recently planted along the front of B.C. Hydro's maintenance and storage yard.

"Since the school is directly across from our facility, it seemed a perfect opportunity to involve the students," said Ray Read, Hydro's regional vegetation biologist. "When we approached the school, the teachers were enthusiastic and together we came up with the plan for each student to plant a tree."

"So, as well as enhancing the viewscape of our maintenance yard, we've created a living legacy that each student can study as the trees go through their growth cycles."

As each indigenous tree was planted by the 10 students, Read provided information on the seeds, flowers and leaves they would produce and how the trees would look when they matured.

Teacher Louise Piramaki was pleased with the school-Hydro partnership.

"By participating directly in the planting, the students learn more about nature than they would from a text book," she said.

Kayakers campsite postponed

Kayakers won't be pitching their tents at an official marine campsite in Ruckle Park this summer.

A review of B.C. Parks' plan to set up a 10-site facility at Bear Point was forced after a group of Salt Spring residents voiced concerns about the proposal's impact.

Dave Chater, district manager of B.C. Parks' South Vancouver Island region, stated in a letter Monday that "B.C. Parks has decided to postpone the implementation of this project pending the completion of a recreation facilities systems plan for kayaks/small boats within the south Gulf Islands marine park system."

He said the review would take one to two years to complete and would use "the newly implemented B.C. Parks impact assessment process (which can include public/stakeholder involvement)."

Critics of the marine camping plan said no environmental assessment had been done on the area which would have been opened up for the first time. Chater said the spot "scored low in our level 1 impact assessment of the site," but that community concerns would be heeded.

The marine site was part of a group of changes being undertaken in the park, including expansion of parking areas, an increase in campsite numbers and configuration change in others. Those developments, which are using Forest Renewal B.C. funds, will continue, said Chater.

In the longer term, more information about Ruckle could be solicited by B.C. Parks to aid in future planning. Chater said the park's management plan would not be updated or reviewed in the next few years due to a backlog of pressing management plans, such as the Carmanah Walbran, and "extremely limited" staff and funding resources.

However, he said, "a background report" supporting the eventual update of Ruckle's management plan would be useful. He suggested island conservation groups might want to take on the volunteer report project.

In other B.C. Parks developments, the management plan for Mount Maxwell Ecological Reserve and Provincial Park is nearing final stages, said Chater, and could be ready for stakeholder or community review in the next few months.

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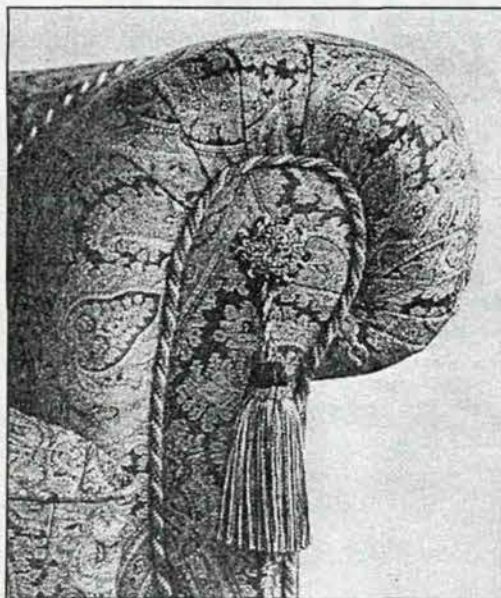
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In the absence of honour

As impeachment efforts gather steam in the United States, many British Columbians ought to be wondering if the disastrous handling of the fast ferries construction project merits similar action here.

Building three high-speed catamarans was originally projected to cost \$210 million. That was in 1994, when Glen Clark, the minister responsible for ferries at the time, announced the project. Today those costs are approaching \$400 million.

There aren't many similarities between what's been happening in Washington, D.C., and what is now being revealed in Victoria. Bill Clinton dropped his pants and lied about it; Glen Clark embarked upon a huge shipbuilding effort and screwed it up. But both issues have one thing in common: dishonour.

Clinton's defenders claim that the element of sex is what has driven the Republican-led campaign to smear and now impeach the United States president. In doing so they ignore the obvious lies to which Clinton resorted to hide his misdemeanors. Other presidents have lied too, is the comeback. But have their lies been so blatant, so easily discernible? No, they haven't. Nor has the absence of honour been so apparent.

No one has been accused of dropping his pants in Victoria. Rather, it's a very large ball that has been dropped, but no one in power is prepared to own up.

The British Columbia Ferry Corporation is neither a privately-held company nor one whose shares are traded on a stock exchange. It is a Crown corporation, which makes it one step removed from a government ministry. It is a creature of government, an arm of government and a responsibility of government.

And that makes government fully accountable for all its actions.

Unfortunately, no one in the provincial government is prepared to accept fully that responsibility. Glen Clark, now premier, appears to have adopted a low-profile strategy in the Legislature while the Opposition Liberals hammer his government over the fast ferries fiasco.

Taking the beating in question period is Dan Miller, now the minister responsible for ferries. He, in turn, has attempted to direct the blame at the corporation itself, firing its chief executive officer.

The government has tried hard to distance itself from the poor performance of Catamaran Ferries International (CFI), the division of the B.C. Ferry Corporation responsible for the fast ferries construction. Ministerial responses have included pass-the-buck statements like these: we were given erroneous information; there were no checks and balances; we didn't know the contract to build the vessels was cost-plus.

Another excuse was that CFI stopped issuing its monthly progress reports last fall.

All this points to incompetence on the part of the government to manage the ferry corporation and a shipbuilding project foisted upon it by the Clark administration. And when the crunch comes, as it has in these past two weeks, no one is prepared to admit a mistake.

Here, too, there is a distinct absence of honour.

The outcome of all this? Bill Clinton and Glen Clark will keep their jobs. B.C. Ferries will be saddled with an enormous debt. Fares will rise to help reduce it. Coastal transportation will suffer from insufficient capital being available to acquire new vessels.

And citizens who desire to see evidence of honour in public office will be sorely disappointed.

A silly ban

When government is too large, it invents things to do. There is no other reasonable explanation for the provincial fire commissioner's short-lived attempt to ban students' artwork from the hallways of schools.

A large number of fires in public schools has been cited as one of the reasons for the ban, which seeks to reduce the danger of fire to our children. We can only applaud the motive; the safety of students must be paramount.

But the evidence that mounting such artwork in hallways is a safety hazard is flimsy at best. Most school fires are caused by arson. Most have taken place at night, when schools are closed.

There have been no reports of injury as a result of school fires.

On the other hand, student displays of artwork are valuable for students, giving them an opportunity to put their creativity on public view. They are also informative and entertaining for parents and visitors, providing a unique insight into the minds of students.

The fire commissioner has withdrawn the edict for further study. It should be withdrawn permanently.



Early morning mist on Salt Spring

Photo by Derrick Lundy

Ward rows into sunset following government's 'PussyfiCat' fiasco

By TOM VARZELIOTIS

It is unpleasant to say goodbye, there is a sadness to a parting of the ways with people you are used to.

It is so even if the person vanishing is one you never saw eye-to-eye with, one who is more foe than friend.

I think it is respect for a person more than the nature of the relationship that determines the post partum blues for, after all, it is better to have a competent, honourable "enemy" than two wimpy friends, is it not?

That is how I feel seeing Tom Ward rowing into the sunset.

Tom is a marine engineer, he is not a politician. He was recruited by the NDP government and given the task of building catamaran ferries, a type of ferry selected for British Columbians with the expertise of Glen Clark, a labour union organizer, and Maureen Headley, a young lawyer dropped into the chair of the B.C. Ferry Corporation by the NDP. One would think that neither of them could tell port from starboard on a boat, much less understand the problems of building fast ferries.

Ward, on the other hand, appears to have been equally unaware of politics and took his mandate at face value. He did not realize that the whole cat-building exercise was ideologically oriented and meant to repay labour unions for the sponsorship money that put the party in power. He discovered that building ferries is one thing, following an ideological path and repaying political debts is another and Tom, irrespective of his ability to do the first, proved not dexterous at the other.

In due course the politicians elevated Ward to the position of CEO at B.C. Ferries. One presumes they hoped he would manipulate the resources of the entire ferry system to muddy the waters around the "PussyfiCat" construction. After all, he had been in charge of their construction and one presumes the politicians thought that Ward would hide their boondoggle because he had become part of it. Intentions proved insufficient to hide the



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PussyfiCat's atrophic teeth and warped claws or to cover up the sea of red ink in which the cats are swimming.

In the meantime Glen Clark, the intellectually illegitimate father of the cats, set them adrift and became a "dead beat dad." He

shifted from teaching British Columbians advanced marine engineering to budget balancing and other fibs. Now that the truth has caught up with him, leader Clark pretends ignorance about the cats having a bad upbringing and will not take responsibility for bringing them into this world and abandoning them to the people of British Columbia. To reinforce the optics, Clark performed a sacrifice to the god of forgetfulness, selecting Tom Ward to be the sacrificial lamb and designating Dan Miller to perform the gory task.

Over the years Tom Ward and I differed on how to run B.C. Ferries, but he did it his way while we "armchair BCF chairs" could do no more than cry like the Romans did when their favourite lion was losing the fight in the arena. At the time I suspected that what I was criticizing was not always or entirely of Tom Ward's doing, yet he was the one to address, he had to take the blame, it was part of his job.

Being the gentleman that he is, he never insinuated that "it was the government that made him do this or that." He always tried to defend the indefensible on behalf

of those who may have "made him do it."

I would like to remind Tom of Captain William Bligh, the master of the Bounty who, after being set adrift from his ship, defied the odds to outlive Fletcher Christian and most other mutineers. I pray Tom comes out of it all like Capt. Bligh did in 1789. I wish him fair winds and a happy landing on some other shore where the natives are not as fierce as Glen Clark and Dan Miller.

Finally, as Tom rows his way into the sunset, and before he goes beyond earshot I would like to shout out loud a last bit of unsolicited advice: Tom, do not, ever again, try to navigate the treacherous narrows between politicians and their sponsors, never!

The writer is a Salt Spring author and "armchair B.C. Ferries CEO."

"He discovered that building ferries is one thing, following an ideological path and repaying political debts is another ..."

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Fast ferries sailing in rough waters

VICTORIA — Every decade in B.C. politics seems to produce at least one big scandal involving government cost overruns.

In the 1970s, Dave Barrett's NDP government landed in hot water when then Welfare Minister Norm Levi had to admit that there was a \$100 million error in his budget. And even though, strictly speaking, it wasn't an overrun, Levi added fuel to the fire when he said something along the lines of "what's a 100 million dollars?"

To this day, people with long memories, such as me, gleefully call Norm "100-million-dollar Levi."

During Bill Bennett's reign in the 1980s, it was the Coquihalla Highway.

That project, fast-tracked for the opening of Expo 86 in Vancouver, was to have cost \$500 million. When the last kilometre of asphalt had been laid, taxpayers found themselves on the hook for more than \$1 billion.

Now it's 1999: The venue has shifted from dry land to water. The first of three catamaran fast-ferries, under construction now, will exceed original cost estimates of \$86 million by at least \$57 million.

The revelation of this latest boondoggle came last week, when Dan Miller, deputy premier and minister responsible for B.C. Ferries, let the cat out of the bag.

The ensuing controversy followed a time-honoured script. The politicians ran for cover, the B.C. Ferries boss resigned before he was pushed, I'm sure, the media professed extreme shock, clucking about the government's fiscal bungling, and the opposition howled for the minister's head and demanded a public inquiry.

Public inquiries are always a favourite with oppositions. So are demands for ministerial resignations.

When 100-Million-Dollar Levi goofed, the Sacred opposition wanted his resignation and an inquiry.

When the Coquihalla Highway ran into trouble, the NDP opposition did likewise. In both cases, the government told the opposition to get lost.

The Coquihalla Highway controversy actually became the subject of an inquiry, ordered, ironically, by another Sacred government.

Bill Vander Zalm just couldn't pass up the opportunity to embarrass his predecessor, as well as Alex Fraser, the high-ways minister who presided over the Coquihalla project and for whom he had an extreme dislike.

The ferry scandal, too, may yet make it to a public inquiry. It won't happen during this government's term, but I'm sure Gordon Campbell would relish opening that can of worms if and when he becomes premier.

In the meantime, don't expect Miller to resign.

Modern-day politics is somewhat similar to law enforcement in as much as the little guys get busted while the big ones go free.

And don't expect Premier Glen Clark to make apologies for the debacle.

Sure, he was the one who relentlessly pushed the idea and convinced former premier Harcourt and his cabinet to buy into the catamaran scheme.

But as long as there are others to blame, the premier will try to avoid admitting responsibility.

Getting back to the Coquihalla for a moment, it's a magnificent highway. It cuts travel time from the Interior to the coast by more than an hour and few motorists using it remember the cost overrun or care about it.

And that's where the fast-ferry fiasco differs from the Coquihalla one. Miller has hinted that even after the things are built, they may not work worth a damn.

A lot of problems have surfaced: The engine cylinders had to be rebuilt, the ship can only run with half a tank of gas to save weight, the kitchen had to be scaled back for weight purposes, the cars have to be tied down and so on.

Ah, well, see you at the inquiry in a couple of years or so.

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Entrepreneurs

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They were efficient, worked seamlessly together and were altogether a delight to have there. After, they cleaned until it looked as though no one had been there.

The Cater Queens are Sheila Profitt, Elyse Cleland, Mikaela Heydemann and Amy Little. Anyone planning a party or event would be doing themselves a favour to hire the assistance of these energetic young women.

Thank you again, Cater Queens, and good luck.

V. McDONALD,
Salt Spring

Mayan project

Sheila Reid, a local teacher who has spent a great deal of time in Guatemala over the years, spoke to a gathering at the United Church in November about the Maya Scholarship Fund project she is assisting with and raising funds for in Guatemala.

The project primarily provides financial assistance for Mayan students who wish to continue education at the junior and senior high school level.

We just received recent photographs of the people involved in this project and Sheila mentions that the support for the bilingual classes is coming almost exclusively from Salt Spring Island.

The photographs have made the rounds of the local Ometepe-Gulf Islands coffee organization, the Voice of Women and were displayed at International Solidarity Day sponsored by the 10 Days for Global Justice committee.

They're now moving to the United Church to be displayed.

On one trip to Guatemala my husband and I saw the excitement created by a plane load (yes, plane load) of donated books destined for village libraries, many of which had no more than one shelf of books for an entire village.

But to use these books the people need teachers and that's why this project is so important.

Sheila Reid extends a special thank you on behalf of these des-

perately poor Mayan people who have made the education of their children central in their vision towards improvement and who are now moving forward because of the kindness and generosity of Salt Spring Islanders.

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ROSEMARY BAXTER,
Salt Spring

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Trustworthy

This is a note to all those past or present Salt Spring Islanders I now personally and who may listen to what I have to say:

Garth Hendren is running for the school board on Salt Spring and I would like to let everyone know that I support his candidacy and I hope that you do too.

I have known Garth since the old grade school days in Meadow Lake, Saskatchewan, when we used to trade Dinky Toys. He has since had considerable experience in the education field so he knows what he is talking about.

Also, he can be trusted. I know that's odd for someone who is running for a political position, but it's true.

Tell everyone you know to vote for him. If I were still on Salt Spring, I would be leading his campaign.

DANNY EVANISHEN,
Summerland, B.C.

Please write

We are a Grade 2/3 class in Mackenzie, B.C. which is very interested in learning about the rest of Canada.

We are hoping you will publish our letter so that people across the nation will write to us and share information about the community they live in.

We are very excited about this project and look forward to hearing about the many different aspects of Canadian life that make up this great country of ours.

Please write or send a postcard to: Grade 2/3 Class, Mackenzie Elementary, P.O. Box 160, Mackenzie, B.C. V0J 2C0.
GRADE 2/3 STUDENTS,
MACKENZIE ELEMENTARY

Petition

Unfortunately it took a tragedy to focus attention on the aircraft noise petition.

The petition was presented to MP David Anderson on January 13 at his regional office in Vancouver in front of Global TV cameras.

He said that he would have it presented to the House of Commons.

A copy was also sent to David Collenette, minister of transport, and the chief bureaucrat who can change things, Gilles Bourgeois (both in Ottawa).

People who want to see a 2,500-foot minimum over the southern Gulf Islands and also want to keep aircraft using "visual" flying methods in poor visibility, over water for noise abatement and safety, please bombard with letters, faxes and e-mail the following people: Gilles Bourgeois, noise specialist, Aerodrome Safety (AARM), Place de Ville, Tower C-7, 330 Sparks Street, Ottawa, K1A 0N8; Hon. David Collenette, Minister of Transport, Place De Ville, Tower C, 330 Sparks Street, Ottawa, K1A 0N5; your MP; MP David Anderson; your MLA; and David Essig of the Islands Trust. Send e-mail to Robert Sincennes, CARACSINCEREO@tc.gc.ca or fax to Mr. Bourgeois at 613-990-0508.

Along with the existing courier trucks on the ferries, we could use a good night and daytime light freight boat service to Victoria from the Fraser River to replace most of these out-of-date courier aircraft.

PETE WALLBRIDGE,
Mayne Island

Resolvable

The Driftwood's editorial opinion of January 6 implies that the

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ferry system is almost "falling into complete chaos."

The efficiency of the Skeena Queen and the success of the stakeholder process soundly refute this opinion.

The Skeena Queen is an exemplary "commuter-style" ferry with an optimized hull design, able to carry 100 vehicles while burning less fuel than current vessels. This ferry is presently operating with three engines while the fourth engine is investigated for repairs by the manufacturer. After any necessary upgrades, the Skeena Queen will once again offer reliable service to Gulf Islands routes. The Bowen Queen is scheduled to return to service in May of this year.

This issue's editorial opinion ("It's been so long since the 9:20 a.m. ferry" left Fulford as scheduled) indirectly dismisses the dedicated work of the Southern Gulf Islands Advisory Committee and negates an earlier editorial statement about the stakeholder process "working in the corporation's favour."

The committee worked hard to implement the scheduling changes of November 9 which resulted in minor improvements to overhaul on-time performance. B.C. Ferries continues to work diligently to improve scheduling options for the Swartz Bay-Fulford route, as well as all other runs.

I sincerely hope that the Driftwood continues to support the stakeholder process, rather than calling various operational — and resolvable — challenges "chaotic."

GLEN A. BROWN,
Executive vice-president,
Inter-Island Services,
B.C. Ferries

Choice

Apologies to Salt Spring Dairy for inadvertently omitting its name from the list of stores assisting in the campaign to stop approval of BGH.

Sincere thanks to Beth and Brian for their efforts in collecting almost 200 signatures on their petition to Health Canada.

We may have won round one on the issue, however, Monsanto continues to crusade for its right to



Furry friend

Tilly Morgan gives a cuddle to her stuffed bear as she takes in a soccer practice at Portlock Park.

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inflict BGH on Canadian cows. A January 16 Globe & Mail article reported Monsanto will be doing everything possible to ensure Health Canada's decision is overturned, including bringing the issue before NAFTA if necessary.

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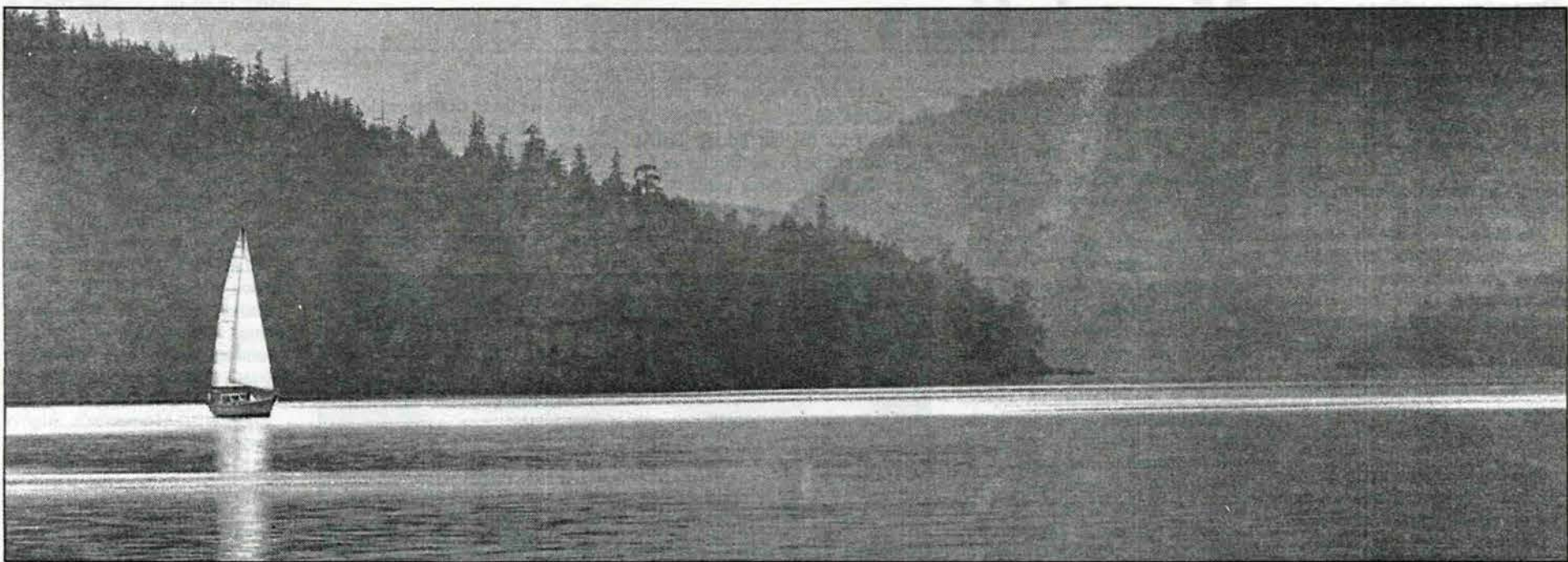
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Sailboat glides into the sunlight as it sails off the west coast of Salt Spring Island

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Education specialist wants to ignite interest in learning

By GAIL SJUBERG
Driftwood Staff

For Valerie McDonald, there's a way for everyone to learn anything — the trick is to develop and shine a light on our most receptive parts.

McDonald uses an analogy of each person being a cathedral; a functional, complex structure.

But the potential of that structure is represented by the individual beauty of its stained glass windows, which take time and dedication to create.

"When I go into a classroom I see a whole pile of stained glass windows," says the educator who has recently moved to Salt Spring from Nanaimo.

It's clear that her own enthusiasm for learning has propelled her into the teaching vocation.

When McDonald visited the Driftwood last month, in addition to a rushing stream of verbal anecdotes and ideas, she came loaded down with a stack of teaching materials: colourful maps, a speech by Lord Dufferin on strife caused by Orangeism, a 1930s social text illustrating the values of its time, a comprehensible explanation of the northern lights, and a variety of newspaper and magazine articles aimed at making studies relevant and interesting.

They were examples of materials she has used to teach a range of subjects, especially English, geography, humanities, science and social studies, often inter-relating them to develop her own modules.

As part of her new Salt Spring business called Down to Earth Education, McDonald hopes to ignite students' interest in not only what they must learn to get through school, but in the process of learning itself.

She wants to "provide the best possibility of enjoying school by succeeding," and believes that good teaching tools and materials which kids can relate to are crucial for that to happen.

Educators generally want to make their classes relevant for the kids, she notes — "No teacher wants to say 'you have to learn it because you have to learn it'."

She believes in using "great field trips," multi-media presentations, mentorship programs and tapping into the resources of a communi-

ty's senior population.

McDonald became a certified teacher later in life than most people, having raised her family first, although she also went to the University of Western Ontario in London and Ottawa's Carleton University before transferring to the University of Victoria in 1984, entering the education faculty in 1986.

She has taught in the Nanaimo School District, at the Sylvan Learning Centre and was a volunteer nature interpreter at Morrell Sanctuary in Nanaimo.

She also produced and hosted a Shaw Cable TV show called What's Happening?

"When I go into a classroom I see a whole pile of stained glass windows." — McDonald

What she envisions now on Salt Spring is creating small, specialized classes and providing individual tutoring.

McDonald herself learned how to do well in school.

First-year university was an academic disaster, she admits, until she deciphered the requirements. ("When all else fails, read the instructions," she jokes.)

Even as McDonald worked her way through education degree requirements at UVIC, the ghosts of high school rose behind her.

She had hated Canadian history; the material used and its presentation was dull and uninspiring — so she avoided taking the required Canadian history course until the last possible moment.

The course turned out to be anything but dull and she now has a passion for Canadian history and culture.

Digging up quirky, interesting and pivotal stories, she then uses them in her classes or tutoring work.

One thing she discovered is that Canadian society has always relied

heavily on volunteer work and charities, and she relates that to students' interest levels about their country.

"If you value your society you will be eager to learn about it and to serve your society."

But she points to an SFU study on B.C. high school students which unearthed deficiencies in alarming areas.

McDonald says it found a high percentage of young adults couldn't distinguish between fact and opinion; couldn't develop a reasoned argument; and believed they had no effect on their government.

Further research by McDonald indicated "the potential for a gullible citizenry was apparent."

McDonald also did research on whether or not investing in young, at-risk children pays off in decreased law enforcement and social service costs when those children become adolescents.

The evidence was overwhelmingly "yes."

Ever since becoming a mother, McDonald has believed strongly that society must direct more resources and compassion towards its children and education system.

"I think we have the proof that if we invest in education, it pays off."

McDonald can be reached at 537-8399.

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Diary of a smoker trying to crush the nicotine habit

By SUSAN LUNDY
Driftwood Staff
Second of Two Parts

He savoured his final smoke before going to bed Tuesday night. "I have 14 left," he announced Tuesday afternoon, "and I plan to smoke them all."

Having devised his strategy to quit smoking cold turkey on Weedless Wednesday, the 42-year-old island man puffed until the last minute. Then he disposed of all smoking paraphernalia and set out to purge a habit that has plagued him for most of the past three decades.

During the next five days, he battled cravings and grieved the loss of a friend.

All the while, it was like having "two little lawyers" fighting in his head: two voices that highlighted two different perceptions of the habit, and two warring factions pulling and pushing him toward and away from the tobacco.

Day One: "It's hell. I don't even want to talk about it."

"It's like my mind and my body are there — but there's no pilot — I'm totally numb."

During the first 24 hours, he looks like a wild beast penned in a cage. His eyes are glazed and he emits an aura of exhaustion.

He does not want to discuss smoking, saying only those comments quoted above.

His plans to write about the experience are also put on hold. He strives to keep busy, to just make it through the day.

And there are challenges. His co-worker carries a pack of smokes which are in easy reaching distance.

"We'd been working for three hours, I called a break and my co-worker lit up a cigarette. It looked

good . . . that's when I went through my first major nic fit."

Day Two: "A nicotine craving starts in the stomach; it feels like a butterfly. You become anxious. All you can think about is the feeling of smoke going down your throat."

"The first thing you think about is 'where are they?' Then you realize they're not there."

"It's like being in the ocean,

"It's like my mind and body are there — but there's no pilot — I'm totally numb."

knowing the waves are coming. You prepare yourself by regulating your breathing and then you try to ride the wave."

The cravings last about two minutes — the time it takes a Scotch mint to dissolve in his mouth.

He carries the package with him, watching the candies slowly disappear.

The process is an internal one. All day he has been unable to discuss his attempt to quit smoking.

Has it been easier than the first day?

"It is not physically easier, but the momentum was spurred on today by having actually completed one day (yesterday)."

Day Three: Today he's dwelling on the fact smoking can cut a person's life expectancy by up to 15 years.

"I'm thinking I'd rather take the 'early retirement' option," he says.

The "nic fits" hit most forcefully at specific points of the day — notably at lunch time and at the

end of work.

"The problem is, there's no reward. The only reward I want for making it through the day is a smoke."

He has discovered distractions: he plays the harmonica as he drives, takes walks on a nearby beach and gives himself lots of internal encouragement or "pep talks."

"You say 'you can do it, no problem, piece of cake, it's good for you.' Then you get the little guy with the horns saying, 'wouldn't it be nice to have just one puff.' It's like having two little lawyers in your head."

By the end of this day, he says, he feels like he has been beaten up.

Day Four: Mid-day. He bums a smoke, drives to a beach, lights up and enjoys.

"I breathed it in deeply and felt its effects — a little dizziness, a little buzz. It's the best I'd felt in three days."

The "little pangs" of guilt struck as he neared the end of the smoke.

"But I didn't beat myself up like in previous quits . . . I just absolutely enjoyed it."

But the fall did not mark defeat. And after that one cigarette, he vowed to continue the quitting process.

"I'm back on top. It was a blow, but I'm back on top."

Day Five: Still smoke-free at the end of the day, he is thinking that if the cravings haven't mellowed by Wednesday, he will look at aids such as a nicotine patch.

But it's been a "relatively upbeat experience," he says, noting that "when you're smoking constantly, the last half of the cigarette tastes like sh--. You wish you hadn't started it, you wish you could quit. I probably only really enjoyed about one smoke a day."

The aim, he adds, "is to find the perfect balance of lifestyle that allows you to be free of any addictive substance."

The decision to remain a non-smoker will have to be re-emphasized every day for a long time.

According to one island smoker, her nicotine desire did not subside for the two years she quit tobacco, and finally she succumbed to those cravings.

National smoking statistics tell the same story. According to Health Canada, some 329,000 Canadians aged 15 and over started smoking between surveys taken in 1994-95 and 1996-97.

But more staggering is the fact that in the same period, some 618,000 former smokers took up the habit again.

Nearly one half of all daily smokers in the survey said they intended to quit smoking in the next six months. However, only four per cent of 2.3 million succeeded in quitting.

Back on Salt Spring, the man can attest to the ongoing struggle that forms as an internal argument, one side pushing him to reach for a cigarette and one side pulling him back.

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Burns scotch tasters have a 'Brae Bricht Nicht'

Welcome to 1999. I hope everyone had a memorable holiday season with much good food and wine.

I will remember lounging in a cozy mountain chalet in the Chilcotin awaiting the celebration to usher in the new year, nibbling on some buttery smooth camembert, sharing the exquisite company of my lady fair and sipping an opulent '95 Coldstream Hills Pinot Noir from Australia. A memorable denouement to '98 and an auspicious beginning to '99.

Before we get too far along into the new year I thought it would be a good idea to review some of the best finds of the old year.

From B.C. there was Cedar Creek Gewurtztraminer '96, \$9.95; Hester Creek Pinot Blanc '96, \$11.95; and Hester Creek Signature Series Pinot Blanc '96, \$14.95; Calona Vineyards Artist Series Chardonnay '97, \$12.95 (actually, most of the Artist Series from Calona was excellent); and Sumac Ridge Merlot, '95, \$17.95. Other highlights throughout the year: Flynn Vinyard's Pinot Noir, \$15.95, from Oregon; Carneros Creek Pinot Noir '96, \$28.95, from California; Walnut Crest Merlot '97, \$9.45, from Chile (the '98 is now starting to smooth out); Louis Martini Cabernet Sauvignon, '92, \$16.95, from California; Murphy-Goode Fume Blanc '95, \$23.95, from California.

If it's Nae Scotch it's Nae Worth Drinkin'

In honour of Robbie Burns, the second annual Thunderbird Gallery Scotch Tasting was held last week

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and a "Brae Bricht Nicht" was had by all. The tasting started with an overview of the intricate process by which this most famous of whiskeys is made.

In order to help everyone at the table pick up on some of the elements present in a classic scotch, I offered sniffing samples of peat, honey, cinnamon and dark chocolate.

If I'd been able to grab some in time I would also have included some seaweed, heather and iodine, to name a few more scents you can look for while you're "havin' a wee dram."

The tasting was divided into two flights of three scotch each. The first flight consisted of products all produced by Justerini & Brooks, otherwise known as J&B.

In order to make the sampling of two blended scotch and one single malt more interesting we disguised the bottles in order to make this portion a blind tasting.

The results were surprising. Although it was fairly easy to identify the second glass as J&B Rare blended scotch (\$27.95) by its lightness of colour and smooth taste, the challenging flavours of J&B Jet 12-year-old blended, (\$38.40) and J&B Knockando (rhymes with commando) 12-year-old single malt (\$47.95), made it very difficult to choose the blended from the single malt.

Both of these whiskeys had

powerful rounded attacks, were rich in individual flavours and had smooth satisfying finishes. I was personally very impressed with the J&B Jet, which is a

fairly new product at the BCL.

The second flight of the evening consisted of three single malts from the Glenmorangie distillery.

This well-known Highland scotch was the most popular whiskey at last year's tasting. This year I thought it might be interesting to see how different wood casks affect the final aging process.

To demonstrate this we sampled Glenmorangie 10-year-old (\$46.80), Glenmorangie 12-year-old Sherry Wood finish (\$64.95) and Glenmorangie 12-year-old Port Wood finish (\$64.95).

All three of these liquors are produced in the same way and are aged in American oak for most of the process. In the last few months they are shifted to either selected Port "pipes" or Sherry "butts." Glenmorangie has the tallest still in Scotland (17 feet tall) and by all reports this lends an extra smoothness to its whiskey.

I can't dispute this claim, not having tasted all the scotch in Scotland — yet, but certainly at this point in the evening all three tasted pretty "schmooth" to me.

But there certainly was a difference, even in the colour. The Sherry scotch had a more golden hue and the Port scotch was darn near pink, well certainly mahogany anyway.

On the nose, although subtle, there was a definite sweet sherry smell and plummy port aroma coming off the appropriate glasses. Amazing, intriguing, I could have smelled all night, big lungfuls of barley malt, peat, caramel, mineral, sherry, port. As I recall it was at this point some Robbie Burns poetry was recited — very appropriate and with a good Scottish brogue too, if I do say so myself.

In the end, the consensus was fairly equally divided between those who enjoyed the straight Glenmorangie and didn't think it was worth it to spend the extra money for a little bit of unusual flavour and those who appreciated the Sherry and Port finishes as yet another layer of complexity to their scotch. Try it for yourself and make your own decision.

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'Fiesty' Gil Humphreys is fondly remembered

Salt Spring lost one of its long-time characters January 12 when Gil Humphreys passed away peacefully following a sudden illness at age 82.

He is survived by children Gillian, Jennifer, Cameron and Nicholas. His wife Nonie passed away in 1995.

Humphreys moved to Salt Spring in 1954 and made his mark on numerous sectors of island life. But he was best known for serving on the local school board and helping found Salt Spring Lands, now Royal LePage Salt Spring Realty, in the early 1970s with Colin Mouat and Rod Pringle.

"Colin and Rod wanted to bring Gil in because he had such sound opinions of things," says Mouat's wife Anne. "He was a good sport but also very sensible."

These attitudes served Humphreys well when he spent two terms as a school board trustee.

Jim Campbell of Saturna remembers his long-time friend as a feisty personality, but both

shared similar views on what a trustee's job was.

"Back then the board had real power to make changes, and we had the same idea that the schools should serve the future of society," Campbell says.

"Gil was a very persuasive guy and he could usually get people to come around to his way of thinking."

For Nick Humphreys, his father was a hard worker who filled his retirement with golfing on local courses, boating on the Nuthatch and travelling to such places as Malta, where he served during the war.

Nick too remembers the feistiness.

"In the early days when he was raising turkeys, there was this great horned owl that would attack the birds."

"One time dad was up there trying to scare the bird away. He swung this big brush at the bird and hit our dog square between the eyes. I don't remember which one was more surprised."

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12	24	KVOS	Lois, Clark Superman	Fr.Prince	Home I.	The Nanny	Seinfeld	Touched By An Angel		Star Trek: Voyager		Star Trek: DSN		First Wave		Cheers	MASH
13	13	CKVU	Rosie O'Donnell	The Young & Restless	News			E.T.	Simpsons	Beverly Hills 90210		Party of Five		Chicago Hope		SportPage	News
14	7	VTV	Ellen	Friends	News	Drew C.	News	Frasier	Friends	Love Boat: Next Wave		Drew C. Line?		Law & Order		News	Ooh La La
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30		TNN	The Waltons	Life and Times of..	Prime Time Country			Crook and Chase		Dallas		The Dukes of Hazzard		Prime Time Country		Crook and Chase	
31	20	A&E	Law & Order	Biography	American Justice			Inspector Morse		Law & Order		Biography		American Justice		Inspector Morse	
33		SHOW	Forever Knight	Counterstrike	Matrix			Grosse Fatigue (1994)		Michel Blanc.		The Tigress		Lisette Cabrera.		:45 The Tigress Lisette Cabrera.	
34	25	KCPQ	P Rangers	Knights	Judge J.	Judge J.	Simpsons	Friends	Friends	Simpsons	Beverly Hills 90210	Party of Five		Reports		Mad You	:05 Star Trek: DSN
38	16	TLC	Code 3		Extreme Machines	Beach Crazy		Big Stuff		Extreme Machines	Beach Crazy	Big Stuff		Code 3			
39		DISC	@discovery.ca	Profiles of Nature	Wings			Space Trek		@discovery.ca	Profiles of Nature	Wings		Space Trek			
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2	2	CBC	Road to Avonlea	Jonovision	Simpsons	Broadcast One		Something Special		The Nature of Things		Witness		The National		News	Movie
4	4	KOMO	Rosie O'Donnell	KOMO News		News	News	Fortune	Jeopardy	Vengeance Unlimited		Cupid		News Thursday Night		News	:35 News
5	11	KNOW	Kratt's C. Magic Bs	Destinos	Destinos	Studio BC		Gardener	M.Animals	W. A. C. Bennett		Skies and Fields		Inform		Westland	UrMoney
7	6	CHEK	David Letterman	News	News	News		Billy Graham Crusade		FigSkate Bank of Montreal Canadian		E.R.		News		:40 Club 54	
8	8	BCTV	Oprah Winfrey Show	News	Canada	News		Fortune	Jeopardy	FigSkate Bank of Montreal Canadian		E.R.		News		News Spt	
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30		TNN	The Waltons	Life & Times of..	Hello Darlin': A Tribute to Conway Twitty			Dallas		The Dukes of Hazzard		Hello Darlin': A Tribute to Conway Twitty					
31	20	A&E	Law & Order	Biography: This Week	The Unexplained			Touch Frost		Law & Order		Biography: This Week		The Unexplained		A Touch of Frost	
33		SHOW	Forever Knight	Destiny Ridge	Lonesome Dove			Grown Ups (1980)		Charles Grodin.		Naked (1993)		David Thewlis.		:50 Naked	
34	25	KCPQ	P Rangers	Knights	Judge J.	Judge J.	Simpsons	Friends	Friends	Simpsons	Wild Police Videos	FOX Files Magazine	Reports	Mad You		:05 Stargate: S-G1	
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44		LIFE	Cott. Life	Homes	Nat. Geo.	Inferno	Martha Stewart Living	Lighten Up	Dinner?	Walk On the Wild Side	Martha Stewart Living	Lifestyles Rich Fam	Extra	Dinner?			
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4	4	KOMO	FigSkate <i>European</i>		KOMO News		News	News	Fortune	Jeopardy	Mr. Wrong (1996) Ellen DeGeneres.			Videos	Videos	News	:35	Polterg.		
5	11	KNOW	Pick Day	Baker's	Herbs	How Cook	T-Tubbies	Kratt's C.	Magic Bs	Wishbone	Heartbeat		Ruth Rendell		Night and Fog (1955)		Movie			
7	6	CHEK	CityLine		Nanaimo.. Wknd Ed.		News		FigSkate <i>Bank of Montreal Canadian</i>			The Pretender		Profiler		News	Night Man			
8	8	BCTV	Biker TV	House	Travel	Golf World	News		Fortune	Jeopardy!	M. Island	Life Dog	FigSkate <i>Bank of Montreal Canadian</i>			News	News Spt			
9	9	KCTS	Cooking	Best Kerr	Food	Kitchen	Lawrence Welk Show		Nature		National Geographic		National Geographic		Monty Python		The Short List			
11	27	KIRO	Bill Nye	Animal	KIRO News		News	News	Entertain. Week		NFL All-Star Comedy		Martial Law		Walker, Texas Ranger		News	:35 NYPD		
12	24	KVOS	Lois, Clark Superman		Viper		Roseanne	Home I.	Touched By An Angel		The Whistle Blower (1986) Michael Caine.			Taxi	Paid Prog.	Cheers	MASH			
13	13	CKVU	Xena: Princess		Sliders		News		Addams	Addams	PSI Factor Chronicle		60 Minutes		Fantasy Island		The Outer Limits			
14	7	VTV	3:30 Electric Circus		Siskel &..	Ent.Now	News	First Story	Seventh Heaven		Cops	Cops	Police Academy		FX: The Series		Forever Knight			
15	21	TSN	WCW Nitro						Cheerlead. Cheerlead.		Tennis 1999 <i>Australian Open</i>				No Limits	Ski Lift	Sportsdesk			
16	5	KING	J. Hanna	Seahawks	KING News		News	News	Billy Graham Crusade		National Geographic		The Pretender		Profiler		News	AlmstLive		
20	23	KSTW	Pentathlon (1994) Dolph Lungren.						Extra Weekend		Home I.	Seinfeld	Young Guns II (1990) Emilio Estevez.		MASH	Cheers	Star Trek: Voyager			
21		YTV	D Bunnies	Felix Cat	BoyWrld	WrstWitch	Fr. Stories	Addams	Buffy Vampire Slayer		Gsebmps	Gsebmps	Af. Dark	Deepwater	BreakHigh	Flipper	Ocean Gir			
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30		TNN	Wk in Country Music		Opry Bck.	Grnd Opry	Statler Brothers Shw		R. Emery on Record		Opry Bck.	Grnd Opry	Statler Brothers Shw		R. Emery on Record		Wk in Country Music			
31	20	A&E	Mysteries of the Bible		Biography		A&E Live By Request				City Confidential		Biography		A&E Live By Request					
33		SHOW	Flag (1986) Parley Baer.						Once a Thief		Prime Suspect		:05 The Object of Beauty John Malkovich.				:20 Prime Suspect		Movie	
34	25	KCPQ	Stargate: S-G1		E.R.		E.R.		Star Trek: DSN		Cops	Cops	Am. Most Wanted		Reports	Friends	Mad TV			
38	16	TLC	Secret World of Cars		Free Fall		Jack Nicholson		Harrison Ford		Free Fall		Jack Nicholson		Harrison Ford		Extreme Machines			
39		DISC	Kid@disc.		Illusions		Animal of the Week		Snake Stories		Discovery's People		Connect.	EXN TV	Animal of the Week		Snake Stories	Discovery's People		
43		HIST	Spice..Life		The Untouchables		Hist Bites		The Journey of August King Jason Patrick.			Hist Bites		Yesterday	The Journey of August King Jason Patrick.			Hist Bites	Yesterday	
44		LIFE	Inferno		Outdoors		Cott. Life	Pet Friend	Walk On the Wild Side		Outback		Inferno	Eros	Outback		J. Hanna	Lifestyles Rich Fam	Pet Proj.	Doctor
51		NET	3:00 Curling GM Goodwrench Skins				Skiing		S. Central	FigSkate <i>Bank of Montreal Junior</i>				FigSkate <i>Bank of Montreal Junior</i>						

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WHAT'S ON

Music

- Fulford Inn — Reid Collins on the piano, Thursdays & Sundays.
- Rose's Cafe By-the-Sea — Friday Night Live! — an open stage.
- Moby's — Green Room — five-piece funky dance band from Vancouver. Friday and Saturday nights, January 29 and 30.
- Dares to be Different — Lisa Maxx and friends, Saturdays starting at 6 p.m.
- Alfresco Restaurant — Barrington Perry plays piano every Saturday evening starting at 6:30 p.m.
- Harbour House Bistro — Murray Anderson on the piano every Sunday, for your dining pleasure at lunch or dinner.
- Blue Moon Cafe: Women Songwriters' Circle — at Rose's Cafe in Fulford. Sunday, January 31, 8 p.m. Join Susan Cogan, Lisa Maxx, Kathy Stack and Jane Stack for an evening of great music.
- Moby's — Sunday Dinner Jazz — Gary and Ray Quartet, plus Derrick Milton, starting at 7 p.m.

Family

- West of the Moon — Storytime every Tuesday morning; 9:30 a.m. 2-3 year olds, 10:00 a.m. 4-5 year olds. Come and join us!
- Music and Munch at All Saints By-the-Sea — Alison Vardy on the Celtic and Paraguayan harp, followed by a delicious lunch prepared by the Anglican Caterers for \$4.75. Wednesday, February 3, 12:10 p.m.

Galleries

- A "sitting figures" series of works by Ian Thomas is currently on display at Salt Spring Roasting Company in Ganges.

Cinema

- Life is Beautiful — If ever there was a film to justify the use of that familiar, overworked refrain in movie ads — "you'll laugh, you'll cry" — it's Italian comic Roberto Benigni's by turns hilarious and heartbreaking fable about an upbeat Jewish bookseller who resorts to desperate measures to shield his son from the horrors of a concentration camp.

It's actually two movies in one: a frothy, Chaplinesque farce about a hapless clown's pursuit of his dream woman, and the far better side: a grim excursion, leavened with wit, into the family's experiences at a Nazi death camp where it beautifully details the intensity of a parent's love for his child and the selflessness it can engender.

Community TV

- Wednesday 7 p.m., Dr. Mory Ghomshei lectures on Sufism; 9 p.m., Satsang with GangaJi
- Sunday, 6 p.m., Bishop Remi de Roo International Solidarity Day address from January 23; 7:30 p.m., Dr. Mory Ghomshei lectures on Sufism; 9 p.m., Satsang with GangaJi
- Tuesday 8 p.m., Earth Changes with Chester Ludlow
- Wednesday, February 3, 6 p.m., Bishop Remi de Roo International Solidarity Day address; 7:30 p.m., Dr. Mory Ghomshei lectures on Sufism; 9 p.m. Satsang with GangaJi

Art wanted to dress up walls

Island Books Plus wants to add more art to its walls. Any local artists interested in displaying their works at the Ganges store next to Moka House should call Peter Valbonesi at 537-2812.

Playshop allows expression with safety

Acting playshops are not just for actors, but they give even the most seasoned thespians a chance to brush up on skills and make new discoveries about themselves.

Yvonne Adalian, well-known actor, teacher, director and co-artistic director of Graffiti Theatre, is leading the course offered through the Parks, Arts and Recreation Commission for three Sundays starting February 7.

While public speaking is high on the list of people's fears, the playshop environment allows self-expression with safety.

"With the emphasis on fun, students will explore improvisational techniques in an environment that supports each student's level of expression," says Adalian.

Playshops take place on the Activity Centre stage from 2 to 5 p.m.

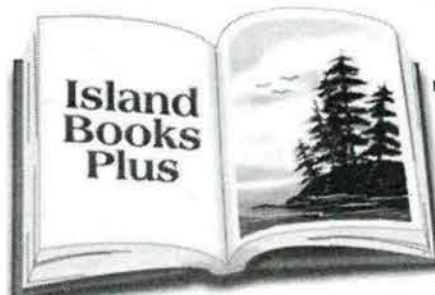
Adalian has taught a variety of classes and workshops over the years, from the Queen Charlotte Islands, where she also directed Haida school children in an original multi-media production, to Newfoundland, where she played Nora in A Doll's House at the Arts and Culture Centre.

She has been a theatre consultant for Theatre B.C. and had a wide and varied career as an actor in the fields of film, television and radio in Vancouver, Toronto and England.

With Denise Bertrand, she taught acting to youths through the ASTAR program on Salt Spring from 1995-97.

Last year she co-facilitated Fun Therapy Playshops for Grownups with counsellor Beatrix Satzinger.

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BLUE MOON CAFE: Susan Cogan, from left, Kathy Stack and Lisa Maxx will add Jane Stack to their group for a songwriters' showcase called Blue Moon Cafe, Sunday night at Rose's Cafe in Fulford.

Photo by Derrick Lundy

Blue Moon Cafe serves a feast of songwriters

A once-in-a-blue-moon opportunity rises Sunday night when four of Salt Spring's finest songwriters showcase their tunes at Rose's Cafe in Fulford.

Blue Moon Cafe is the name of the event, coming as it does on a rare second-full-moon-in-a-month evening.

It's subtitled "Women Songwriters' Circle," with Susan Cogan, Lisa Maxx, Jane Stack and Kathy Stack providing a feast of women's songwriting.

As Kathy Stack explains, they

are all long-time islanders and their songs reflect each woman's island experiences in a variety of styles, ranging from the blues, folk, rock 'n' roll, country to jazz.

Their voices range from Jane Stack's rich alto to Maxx's high, sweet soprano.

Jane and Kathy Stack have performed for years as a duo, their harmonies melding as only sisters' can.

The concert starts at 8 p.m.

Tickets are \$10 and for sale at Patterson's Store and at the door.

Famed cellist, pianist joined by star singer

When Paula Kiffner and Chris Kodaly take the stage next Saturday night, it will be the culmination of an idea germinated more than four years ago.

The renowned musicians and Salt Spring residents, Kiffner a cellist and Kodaly a pianist, have worked together on various projects over the years but never collaborated on a Kiffner/Kodaly concert.

They will finally be performing at the Baptist Church at 520 Lower Ganges Road, February 6 at 8 p.m. and on February 7 at 2 p.m.

Joining them for two stirring, mature Brahms pieces — Stilled Longing and Sacred Lullaby — is Salt Spring mezzo-soprano Deb Toole.

Opening the program is one of the J.S. Bach suites (the E flat major) which Kiffner did not perform at her concert last year; followed by Kodaly's execution of the Maurice Ravel Sonatine for piano, written in 1905.

Kiffner describes Ravel as a composer who is really in a class by himself but is often attached to the Romantic era.

However, she says, "This piece is probably going to come across as a little bit jazzy."

Kodaly and Kiffner will then perform a cello and piano arrangement of the Larghetto from Mozart's clarinet quintet, K. 581, "a really beautiful, slow movement."

As for the arrangement, Kiffner unearthed it at a spring sale of old music at the Victoria Conservatory of Music.

Opening the second half is Kodaly's performance of The Alcotts from Piano Sonata #2, (the Concord), written by Charles Ives in 1915.

Kiffner points out that Ives was

an interesting and innovative composer who wrote in a distinct American style, rather than imitating Europeans.

"He was far ahead of his time and has influenced composers since that time." (As a side note, his day job was selling insurance.)

Cello and piano will then team up for an early Beethoven sonata, before closing with the Brahms.

Kiffner currently teaches at the Victoria Conservatory of Music and is a coach for the Greater Victoria Youth Orchestra, along with maintaining an active performance career in western Canada and the United States.

She was with the Vancouver Symphony for 13 years before concentrating intensively on solo and chamber music work.

Kodaly teaches piano on Salt Spring, conducts courses in New Music appreciation, and has been Tuned Air's accompanist for the past 10 years.

He has worked in theatre and film since moving to the west coast from Montreal in 1979, and performed recitals of 20th and late-19th-century composers.

He recently performed the Mozart Piano Concerto in A major, K.488, with the Abbotsford Symphony.

Toole has had a varied musical and stage career which runs the gamut from opera, drama and comedy to artsong.

She has sung with the Pacific Opera Company and in the Gilbert and Sullivan revue on Salt Spring, was Madame Tour de Force in The Casting Call and performed in the Salt Spring Music Guild's early music recital in September.

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2x6 show offers challenge in wood

Gulf Islands woodworkers are being given an imaginative challenge this spring.

Following the success of its "2 by 4 Show" a few years ago, the Salt Spring Woodworkers' Guild has decided to do it again but with an added bonus — two more inches of wood.

The guild is now inviting people to ponder the possibilities for The 2 by 6 Show, set for the ArtSpring gallery on April 16-18.

The idea is to take a standard eight-foot lumber yard 2 by 6 and transform it into something else.

"The only condition," notes the guild's Illyd Perkins, "is that nothing may be added except for glue and paint and, of course, a lot of imagination."

The show is open to Gulf Islanders of any age or skill level, woodworkers or non-woodworkers. All entries will be shown and a number of awards have been donated by local businesses in both adult and junior categories.

Registration fee is \$5 per entry while junior entries are free.

The show is also sponsored by the Gulf Islands Community Arts Council and Westwind Hardwoods of Sidney.

Entry forms are available at Windsor Plywood, Westwind Hardwoods, from Perkins (653-9392) or Rob Denny (653-9374).

Harpist performs at All Saints Wednesday

Islanders can enjoy the beauty and grace of the harp through a creative and expressive performance by Alison Vardy next Wednesday.

Vardy lives in Sidney and plays a broad repertoire using Celtic and Paraguayan harps — everything from classic Celtic and rhythmic South American music to her own compositions and improvisations.

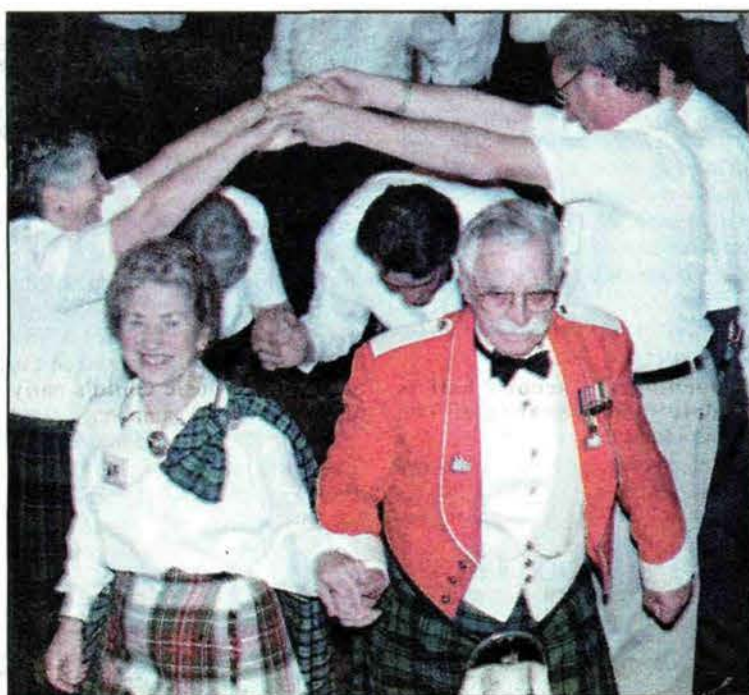
She first played the harp while living in rural New Zealand, where she taught herself in the folk tradition and began exploring music from different cultures.

Vardy built her current performance instrument — a 36-nylon-string Paraguayan-style harp with a rich and warm tone — in a luthier's workshop in Victoria, Australia.

She will play at Music and Munch, All Saints By-the-Sea's free noon-hour concert series, beginning at 12:10.

Afterwards, the Anglican Caterers offer lunch for \$4.75, and people can talk to Vardy.

CELEBRATING ROBBIE BURNS



The immortal poet

Islanders kicked up their heels and licked their lips in two separate Robbie Burns Day celebrations held Saturday night on Salt Spring. Above, Fulford Hall thunders with the foot-stomping fun of Scottish dancing, while below, visiting pipers join local musicians for a dinner (complete with haggis) at the Legion.

Photos by Derrick Lundy



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Myriad arrives

More than Myriad band members will be smiling when their Song of the Isles show runs at ArtSpring February 6. The Celtic musical revue, which also includes step dancers, will be the arts centre's unforgettable opening show.

Photo by Siobhan Sintel



Funk, hip hop, jazz on agenda for Moby's Green Room show

No matter how Green Room is described, the word "funk" always seems to make its way into the scene.

And Vancouver's Green Room will give Salt Spring a taste of its latest at Moby's on Friday and Saturday night.

"A solid base of funk, hip hop and jazz, topped up with a potent drop of high energy, fuel the band's engine," says Michelle Macullo of The Wild Life in Banff. "Stale tunes are out of the question; their material is original. Their sound stays fresh through a blending of tight arrangements and

an element of improv."

Oona Woods of The Pique in Whistler declares: "They keep the party going all night with tight funk vibes and lots of inspired improvisation. So be prepared to be held captive by this five-piece wonderfunk group that has only your best interests at heart."

Their first CD was even called Funk it Up for the Universe.

Last month they emerged from the recording studio with seven tracks for a new CD.

Members are Jamie Hovorkn, trumpet; Tom Gould, sax; Ian Beaty, bass; Colin Brumelle, gui-

tar; and John Rahm on drums.

Green Room was featured on a CBC television show about university and college bands in 1997, and their song New Mother is in the award-winning film Dirty. If you've seen the video The Search for Mountain Jim, the snowboarders in it are riding to Green Room grooves.

In December they opened for Spirit of the West in Jasper, Alberta, and for New Orleans' Galactic at the Vogue in November.

The Moby's shows start at around 9 p.m.

Student's art wins more honours in Legion Remembrance Day contest

Mikaela Heydemann's artwork is headed to a provincial competition after placing first in regional finals.

Heydemann won local awards in the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 92 Poster and Literary Contest last November, with her work then qualifying for judging at the regional level January 9.

She received second place in the black and white poster category and first place for her coloured poster.

Judges from Mill Bay, Ladysmith, Shawnigan Lake, Chemainus, Duncan, Lake Cowichan and Nanaimo legion branches made the decision in Duncan.

Heydemann's achievements were recognized at a zone presentation ceremony on January 23 and she is now a contender in the legion's provincial competition for the colour poster category.

Provincial winners enter the national contest for a chance to win a trip to Ottawa and other honours.

Gershwin classics in Victoria

Fans of Gershwin might want to attend The Gershwin Rhapsody Gala in Victoria February 13.

Seventy-five years plus one day after the premiere of Rhapsody in Blue, Christopher Donison and the Metropolitan Jazz Orchestra will present an evening of Gershwin classics at the Alix Gooden Hall.

It stars noted Canadian singers Jan Alexandra Smith and Patrick R. Brown.

The program will include favourites from Gershwin's musicals and the 1924 jazz band version of Rhapsody in Blue with Donison as solo pianist.

Tickets are \$22 and can be purchased by mail. Make cheques payable to Gershwin Rhapsody Gala and mail to P.O. Box 5703, Victoria, B.C. V8R 6S8

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8	8	BCTV	BCTV Sunday Morning News				Robert Schuller		Worldvision		News		T. Winter	Pet Guys	Car Guys	Road	Travel	Style Men	
9	9	KCTS	Kidsongs	Arthur	Arthur	Zobmafoo	Kratt's C.	Newton's	Firing Line	M. Group	Brown	Serious \$\$	Precious Children		Livelyhood		Garden	Woodshop	
11	27	KIRO	7:30 Sunday Morning		Daytona and Nascar		Basketball Indiana vs Penn State NCAA				Golf Phoenix Open PGA						Paid Prog.	M Warriors	
12	24	KVOS	Discovery	Ministry	Robert Schuller		Paid Programming		Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Crimebroker (1993) Ian Barry.				RRSP	G.Cooper	
13	13	CKVU	Pinky	Men Black	TBA		Computer NFL Blast		Super Bowl Pre-Game Show								Super Bowl XXXIII NFL		
14	7	VTV	Worldvision		Music	Fashion	Media TV	Movie TV	Pacific	Macl. TV	Sunday Edition		MasonLee	First Story	Mother of all Mothers	Baree the Wolf Dog			
15	21	TSN	NFL Films	Sunday NFL Countdown				Boxing Golota vs Izon		Curling 1999 Senior's Championship								Sprtsdsk	
16	5	KING	7:00 King Weekend Morning News				Meet the Press		City Guys	Hang Time	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Perimeter Game		Wings of Gold		The Crow		
20	23	KSTW	Beetleborg	Hulk	X-Men	Spiderman	Honey, I Shrunk Kids		Party of Five		Frances (1982) Jessica Lange.				A Cry in the Dark				
21		YTV	Poke'Mon	Mad Jack	Flintstones	Jetsons	Tiny Toon	Oggy	Dexter Lab	Garfield	Chipmnks	Jep!	Wheel..	Boy Wrl	Wishbone	Wht Mess	Reboot	Stick Arnd	
23	10	SRC	Scully	Médias	Le Midi	La semaine verte	..regard		De bouche à oreille			Horizons		Branché	Course destination		Ce soir	Découvert	
30		TNN	Raceday		Nascar G Trucks!		Car Driver	Class. Car	Horsepwr	Mechanic	Motor Monster Jam		Nascar G	Trucks!	Mechanic	Shadet..	Quest	One Cast	
31	20	A&E	Biography		Murder She Wrote		Murder She Wrote		Murder She Wrote		Murder She Wrote		Murder She Wrote		Murder She Wrote		Murder She Wrote		
33		SHOW	7:Hunchback..N.Dame		Fly By Night		Sweating Bullets		Carry on Regardless (1960) Sidney James.				HalePace	Lightning..	Pie in the Sky		Friday 13th: Series		
34	25	KCPQ	Pre-Game	Hard Core	All Access	All Madden Team			Super Bowl Pre-Game Show									Super Bowl XXXIII NFL	
38	16	TLC	Bob Vila	Bob Vila	Home S.	Home S.	Blast/ Earthquake		Thrill Ride Futr Car		Big Stuff		Big Stuff		Big Stuff		The Operation		
39		DISC	Cool Stuff		Connect.	Wld Discvr	The Professionals		LifeSpace	Cosmic	Exhibit A	Illusions	Discovery's Showcase				Planes	Planes	
43		HIST	History of Warfare		The Great War		The Kennedys		The Brothers Karamazov (1958) Yul Brynner.				Turning Points				Yesterday Hist Bites		
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4	4	KOMO	Martin Luther King Jr.	News	ABC News	Town Meeting			Muppet Treasure Island (1996) Tim Curry.		ABC News Sunday		The Practice		News		Siskel &..			
5	11	KNOW	3:00 Classic Theatre	Heartbeat: Series	ArtAttack	Kratt's C.		Eyewitn'ss	Creatures	Leaving Home		Kavanagh Q.C.			Pacific		Studio BC			
7	6	CHEK	3:00 Joe Versus Volcano	Nanaimo..	Wknd Ed.	News			Emily of New Moon		Figure Skating Bank of Montreal Canadian Championships			News		Hollywd B.				
8	8	BCTV	Return of Mr. Moto	Henry Silva.	Brdertown	News			Felicity		Touched By An Angel		FigSkate Bank of Montreal Canadian		News		News Spt			
9	9	KCTS	Woodshop	House	Old House	Hometime		All Creatures G&S		Ballykissangel		Nature		Masterpiece Theatre		Over Beautiful B.C.		Red Green	Faith	
11	27	KIRO	D Bunnies	Rhino J.H.	News	Eve. News	News		48 Hours		60 Minutes		Touched By An Angel		News		:35 Walker			
12	24	KVOS	Ski&Board	Computer	Star Trek		Star Trek: Next Gen.			Seinfeld	Seinfeld	To Serve and Protect		Days of Thunder (1990) Tom Cruise.		Cheers		Paid Prog.		
13	13	CKVU	3:00 Football	Super Bowl XXXIII NFL				Fam. Guy		Simpsons	Simpsons	King of Hill	Simpsons	Simpsons	The Practice		SportPage		Country	
14	7	VTV	3:00 Baree the Wolf Dog	Moesha	Zoe,Ducan	News		MasonLee	Pacific	Playhouse	Charmed		Groundhog Day (1993) Bill Murray.		Forever Knight					
15	21	TSN	Bloopers	Curling 1999 Senior's Championship								Sportsdesk		Last Call...	Bowling Women's 5 Pin	Cheerlead.	Sportsdesk			
16	5	KING	Bob Vila	M. Stewart	KING News		News		Backroads	Clueless (1995) Alicia Silverstone.		Miami Rhapsody Sarah Jessica Parker.			News		SportMach			
20	23	KSTW	3:00 A Cry in the Dark	For the Boys (1991) Bette Midler.						Rush (1991) Jennifer Jason Leigh.		Smart Guy/ Flipper		W. Melon	Rough Guide	Jake and the Kid				
21		YTV	Animan.	Oggy	DgHeaven	B.Potter	All Dogs Go to Heaven Burt Reynolds.			Smart Guy/ Flipper				W. Melon	Rough Guide	Jake and the Kid				
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30		TNN	Outdoor	Bass..	Fishing	Bill Dance	Pro Bull Riding		Fishing	Fishing	Class. Car	Nascar G	Auto Racing Farm Aid in CMT 300 NASCAR		Car Driver	Horsepwr				
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33		SHOW	Dangerous Offender Brooke Johnson.				Due South		Cracker		Alive and Kicking (1991) Lenny Henry.			:10 Cracker		:10 Alive and Kicking				
34	25	KCPQ	3:00 Football	Super Bowl XXXIII NFL				PostGame	Fam. Guy	Simpsons	Star Trek III: The Search for Spock			Reports/:25 Q It Up		X-Files				
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WHAT'S ON TV MOVIES

WEDNESDAY, JAN 27

7:00 PM
(33) * Grosse Fatigue (1994,Drama)** Look-a-like con man takes over a famous French director's identity. *Michel Blanc, Carole Bouquet*

(33) The Tigress (1990,Drama) Francisca is the eldest of three sisters who are bosses of a farm. *Lissette Cabrera, Veronica Garcia*
 10:45 PM
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 11:55 PM

(2) 2 * Top Dog (1995,Action) A heroic cop collaborates with a canine partner to stop terrorists. *Chuck Norris, Michael Richards*
 THURSDAY, JAN 28
 6:00 PM

(43) * The Cruel Sea (1953,War)** British corvette life on Atlantic as seen through consciousness of a lieutenant. *Jack Hawkins, Stanley Baker*
 7:00 PM
(33) Grown Ups (1980,Drama) Couple moves into house and finds they live next to a much-hated old teacher. *Charles Grodin, Jean Stapleton*
 8:00 PM
(20) 23 Alien Cargo (Drama) Jason London
 9:00 PM

(33) * Naked (1993,Drama)** A look at urban existence as seen through the eyes of a cynic named Johnny. *David Thewlis, Katrin Cartledge*
(43) * The Cruel Sea (1953,War)** Jack Hawkins, Stanley Baker
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(33) * Naked (1993,Drama)** A look at urban existence as seen through the eyes of a cynic named Johnny. *David Thewlis, Katrin Cartledge*
 11:55 PM

(2) 2 The Burning Season (Drama) Haunted by emptiness of married life, a young wife has a love affair. *Alesh Gill, Ayub Khan Din*
 FRIDAY, JAN 29
 6:00 PM

(43) * The Enemy Below (1957,War)** An American destroyer captain is set against a U-boat commander. *Robert Mitchum, Curt Jurgens*
 8:00 PM
(12) 24 * Total Recall (1990,Sci-Fi)** A man goes to Mars to fight power-hungry madman of the 21st century. *Arnold Schwarzenegger, Sharon Stone*
 8:10 PM

(33) The Betrayed (1992,Erotica) A young attorney witnesses his wife's infidelity with his older colleague. *Renee Soutendijk, Gijs Scholten van Aschat*
 9:00 PM
(43) * The Enemy Below (1957,War)** Robert Mitchum, Curt Jurgens
 10:00 PM
(9) 9 * The Postman Always Rings Twice (1946,Crime Story)** The story of lovers who murder the woman's husband and try to stay free. *Lana Turner, John Garfield*
 11:50 PM

(33) The Betrayed (1992,Erotica) Renee Soutendijk, Gijs Scholten van Aschat
 SATURDAY, JAN 30
 6:00 PM
(43) * The Journey of August King (1995,Drama)** In 1815 North Carolina, a troubled widower meets a desperate runaway slave. *Jason Patrick, Thandie Newton*
 8:00 PM

(4) 4 * Mr. Wrong (1996,Comedy)** A woman meets Prince Charming but he doesn't turn out to be what she expected. *Ellen DeGeneres, Bill Pullman*
(12) 23 * The Whistle Blower**

(1986,Spy) An intelligence officer finds a conspiracy while researching his son's death. *Michael Caine, James Fox*
(20) 23 * Young Guns II (1990,Western)** Billy the Kid and his gang escape and head toward Old Mexico. *Emilio Estevez, Kiefer Sutherland*
 8:05 PM

(33) * The Object of Beauty (1991,Drama)** A couple with financial problems plan to scam an insurance company. *John Malkovich, Andie MacDowell*
 9:00 PM
(43) * The Journey of August King (1995,Drama)** Jason Patrick, Thandie Newton
 10:00 PM

(5) 11 Night and Fog (1955) Explores the way time and memory create an interpretation of events.
 11:30 PM
(33) * The Object of Beauty (1991,Drama)** John Malkovich, Andie MacDowell
 11:35 PM

(5) 11 * Breathless (1959,Crime Story)** A Parisian hood is chased by police after stealing a car and killing an officer. *Jean-Paul Belmondo, Jean Seberg*
 SUNDAY, JAN 31
 8:00 PM

(21) * All Dogs Go to Heaven (1989,Animated)** Tale about a rough and tumble mutt with a criminal record who returns to Earth. *Burt Reynolds, Dom DeLuise*
 7:00 PM
(4) 4 * Muppet Treasure Island (1996,Fantasy)** Young Jim Hawkins is given a treasure map by a mysterious sailor. *Tim Curry, Kevin Bishop*
(16) 5 * Clueless (1995,Comedy)** A teenager sets out to "make over" an unpopu-

lar new student. *Alicia Silverstone, Brittany Murphy*
 8:00 PM

(2) 2 Pit Pony (1997,Drama) Story about a young boy who plunges into the depths of Cape Breton coal mine. *Ben Rose-Davis, Jennie Raymond*
(20) 23 * Rush (1991,Drama)** A woman is recruited to become an undercover narcotic cop in the 1970's. *Jennifer Jason Leigh, Jason Patric*
 9:00 PM

(33) Alive and Kicking (1991,Drama) Drug dealer is hit with reality of his habit after losing his wife and child. *Lenny Henry, Robbie Coltrane*
(34) 25 * Star Trek III: The Search for Spock (1984,Sci-Fi)** Captain Kirk hijacks the Enterprise to go search for Mr. Spock. *William Shatner, Leonard Nimoy*
 9:00 PM

(12) 24 * Days of Thunder (1990,Sport)** A California pretty boy with no experience becomes a stock car racer. *Tom Cruise, Nicole Kidman*
(14) 7 * Groundhog Day (1993,Comedy)** A weatherman covers the annual emergence of a groundhog from its hole. *Bill Murray, Andie MacDowell*
(16) 5 * Miami Rhapsody (1995,Comedy)** A girl is afraid of committing to marriage after the tumult in her family. *Sarah Jessica Parker, Mia Farrow*
 11:10 PM

(33) Alive and Kicking (1991,Drama) Lenny Henry, Robbie Coltrane
 MONDAY, FEB 1
 7:00 PM
(33) * Wonderland (1988,Drama)** The story of two gay men and their journeys around Liverpool. *Emile Charles, Tony Forsyth*

8:00 PM
(12) 24 * The Wrong Man (1993,Drama)** A sailor is wrongly implicated in a murder and must flee the police. *Rosanna Arquette, Kevin Anderson*
(16) 5 Vanished Without a Trace (1999,Crime Story) A mother uses every means to find her missing daughter and the killer. *Shelley Long, Billy Moses*
 9:00 PM

(4) 4 Tom Clancy's Netforce (1998,Suspense) Follows an FBI unit thrown into chaos while charged with protecting Internet. *Scott Bakula, Joanna Going*
 9:20 PM
(33) Villain (1971,Crime Story) Richard Burton, Ian McShane
 11:20 PM

(33) Villain (1971,Crime Story) Richard Burton, Ian McShane
 TUESDAY, FEB 2
 7:00 PM
(33) The Haven (1998,Police) A Montreal detective quits the force to solve the murder of his partner. *Serge Dupire, Macha Grenon*
 9:00 PM

(7) 6 * Mrs. Winterbourne (1996,Comedy)** A pregnant woman boards the wrong train in NYC and is mistakenly identified. *Shirley MacLaine, Ricki Lake*
(11) 27 LaVyrle Spencer's Family Blessings (Romance) A forbidden love between an older woman and a younger man. *Lynda Carter, Steven Eckholdt*
 9:20 PM
(33) Score (1972,Drama) Sophisticated and liberal couple seduces newbies into sexual experimentation. *Claire Wilbur, Calvin Culver*
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Mind-set helps spur girls into sports

By MIKE LEVIN
Driftwood Staff

By the age of six in Canada, both boys and girls think boys are better at sports.

It is a reality that spells trouble for female athletes in our country. And it bothers Sue Spencer no end.

"It's a fact of life because girls aren't as valued as athletes by adults in leadership roles," says Spencer, one of Salt Spring's strongest advocates for female athletic participation.

This type of situation isn't surprising, especially when organizations like the B.C. Recreation and Parks Association waited until 1997 to adopt gender-equity policies that gave equal access to facilities for both males and females.

But this isn't about equality.

This is an issue about missed benefits because females feel they don't belong on the playing field. Or because they believe that sports are only about competition and competition has too many losers.

"Girls in athletics is about providing choices, about the value of physical activity in building confidence and self-esteem," says Spencer.

"It is also about educating the parents, not just the girls, to think about their own priorities."

There are some particularly important studies that highlight these values.

Active female teenagers are 80 per cent less likely to have unwanted pregnancies or to abuse drugs and alcohol.

Females who exercise at least four hours a week are 60 per cent less likely to get breast cancer.

But most importantly, regular activity is the best way for young females to prevent the beginnings of osteoporosis — or bone degradation — which is one of the top female diseases.

Spencer, who is a national-level soccer coach and last year directed the Canadian under-15 girls team, says the main problem is not just bringing them into athletic activities, but also keeping them interested.

Across Canada, only 15 per cent of females are active. The figure is probably 20 to 25 per cent on Salt Spring because of the increased outdoor options for exercise. But it is much less than the 50 to 70 per cent for boys.

If a girl is not active by the age of 10, there is less than a 10 per cent chance she will be active at age 25.

"There are so many reasons why this happens," says Spencer. "A lot has to do with parents and their attitudes toward competition. But mostly I think it happens because girls are intimidated."

"At age eight or nine when most girls enter sports, they have no experience like boys the same age. They believe they can't contribute as much, which again is a self-esteem thing."

"So the obvious goal is to get them in at a younger age."

Spencer was the main force behind creating the girls youth soccer program on Salt Spring in the early 1990s.

So many girls would play one season and then not re-register for the next that Spencer became concerned.

"I found they lost interest because they felt isolated," she says. "I found it unacceptable that they were quitting just because

they lost interest.

"But it didn't happen once they got their (girls) programs. For example, the swim team program is unbelievably successful."

"Opportunity is very important.

But so is an attitude about gaining some value from it."

It wasn't easy changing local attitudes.

"There was quite a lot of resistance five years ago," Spencer

explains. "I don't have anything against boys and girls playing together but I think the goal of any girls program is to get them to be all they can be."

"(In recent years) the opportunities for girls here are getting much better. It's not because we have more facilities, it's because of a mind-set that credits participation."

Some of the success for increasing Salt Spring's female involvement is probably anchored by the fact that girls are twice as likely to participate if their mothers are active than if their fathers are.

(In some cases Spencer watched mothers follow their daughters into physical activity, pointing out that the process doesn't have to include joining a team.)

But the main reason is that young females are getting more and better role models.

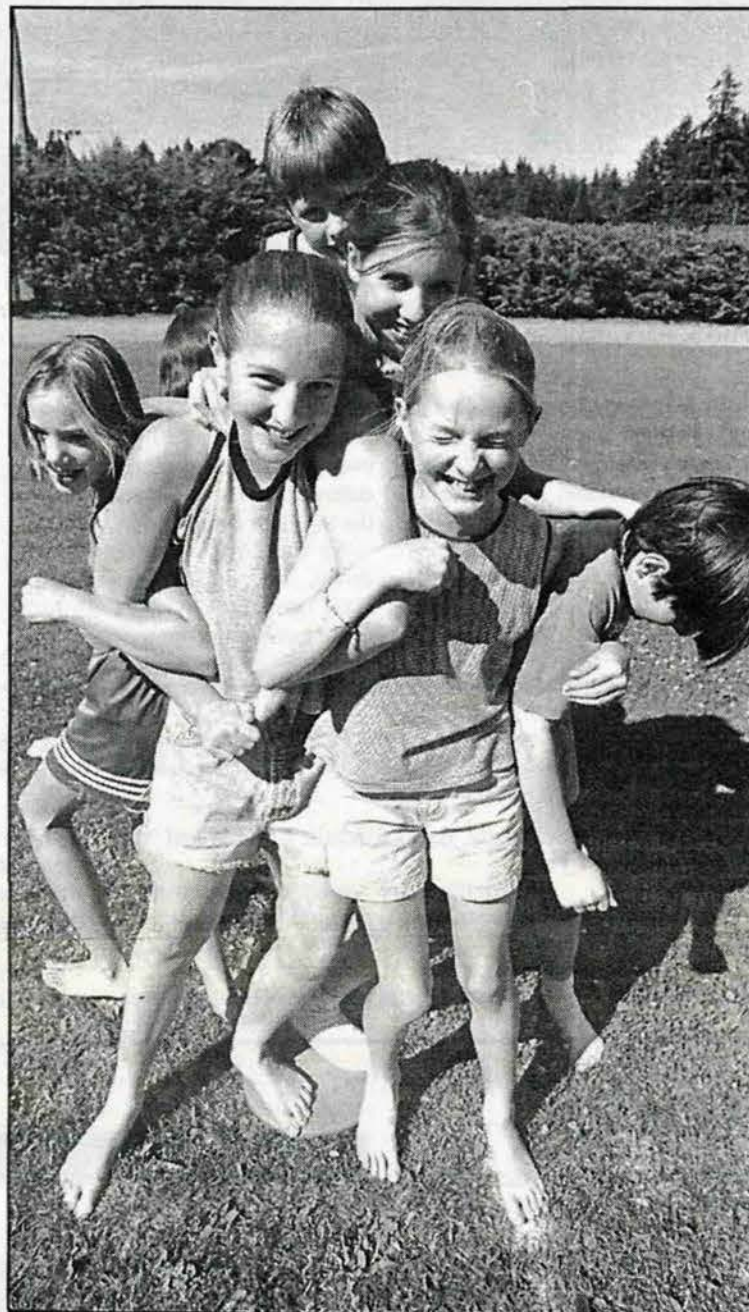
Spencer remembers playing softball as a young woman. She remembers how 72-year-old Molly Akerman used to pitch for her team at tournaments. She remembers how positive it was for her and her female teammates.

"All it takes is a little bit of mentoring, a willingness to bring kids in and show them what is possible," she says. "But it doesn't have to be the Olympics or anything."

"Not all females want to play organized sports. Another choice is what I call disorganized sports, which includes all sorts of recreational opportunities such as church programs."

"The key is not to be intimidated because you don't have all this technical knowledge. Leadership and mentoring is needed for disorganized as well as organized sports."

As females gain positive feedback from watching and participating, it might be possible to change how six-year-old boys and girls view sports superiority.



ACUTELY ACTIVE: Urging girls to become involved in regular physical activity has unmeasured physical and mental benefits. The problem in Canada is not introducing the youngsters to activity but keeping them interested.

Photo by Derrick Lundy



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Old Boys hold on tight in roller coaster tie game

By MIKE LEVIN
Driftwood Staff

Sea Otter Old Boys staged their own version of the Great Escape Sunday in a 1-1 draw with Gorge at Portlock Park.

The over-30 men's soccer team took a 1-0 lead midway through the first half and then held on by their fingernails to escape with the tie.

"They were all over us in the second half," said Sea Otter captain Chris Cottrell. "I think we must still be a little out of shape."

Conditioning didn't play a big part in the first half. Salt Spring's big defensive corps closed down midfield and kept Gorge away from any serious scoring chance.

The Old Boys didn't fare much better at the other end as their attacks seemed to fritter away into goal kicks. It wasn't until the 26th minute that the hosts were able to mount any sustained action.

Taking a long ball from the back, Kerry Walker found himself unmarked about 25 yards out on the left side.

With his forwards moving to the Gorge crease, Walker sent a high clearing pass toward the goal. The ball passed the group in the crease and nestled perfectly into the top right corner for Salt Spring's lead.

Ten minutes later Antonio Alonzo broke in on the left side



KNEES-UP: Despite appearances, it was more battle than ballet when the local Sea Otter Old Boys and Victoria Gorge played to a 1-1 tie Sunday at Portlock Park. Salt Spring man-

aged some occasional spurts in the game's early and late stages, but in the end the over-30 locals were lucky to escape with the draw.

Photo by Mike Levin.

and sent a high shot slicing into the cross bar. The half ended with the one-goal margin.

Into the second frame, Gorge's conditioning advantage started to emerge.

The visitors were able to work the ball consistently into Salt Spring territory. Only a solid back-

field allowed the Old Boys to maintain their lead.

Gorge's chances started to come in the 60th minute, when a loose ball in the Sea Otter crease skittered wide.

Another goal-mouth scramble five minutes later nearly produced the equalizer. That finally came in

the 75th minute when an indirect penalty shot from 20 yards curled over Sea Otter's wall, nicking one defender on the head, and slid into the top right corner.

As the final minutes wound down, the old Boys made some final runs upfield and with luck could have found the winner.

But it wouldn't have been fair to expect a victory after being so outplayed.

"Not our best effort," added Cottrell. "We all see where we need some work."

Sea Otter hosts Oak Bay in its next league matchup Sunday at GISS.

Slashers slam Lakehill and capture first-round bye in playoffs

Salt Spring Slashers capped a brilliant regular season Sunday with a 6-1 victory over Lakehill at GISS.

The win pushed the under-19 girls soccer team to 10-0 in league play and earned the Slashers a first-round bye when B.C. Cup playoffs begin this weekend.

Tanisha Van Pelt had her hand in Salt Spring's first two goals as the locals ran up a 2-0 at the half.

Van Pelt set up Kyla Dares in the seventh minute and then headed home a Stephanie Collette corner after 30 minutes.

The second half brought goals from Corry

Schwagly, Aslin Sinclair, Collette and Van Pelt.

While the team totally dominated their opponents, the lone goal against served notice that the post season is a whole different ball game.

So far this year, the Slashers have given

up only three goals and have depended on their defence to pace their unbeaten record. But in late-season going, the team has scored bunches of goals.

Coaches Malcolm and Mary-Anne Legg will have both weapons at their disposal when the Slashers begin the playoffs.

Geezers are 'skilled but tricky'

There must have been a lesson somewhere.

When the local under-17 boys team took on the Salt Spring Geezers in a second straight friendly match Sunday, they quickly ran up a 2-0 lead.

But five goals against later, the lesson, and a 5-2 loss at GISS, became clear.

"They're pretty skilled for old guys, but they're also tricky," said

Chris Langdon, captain of the under-17 squad.

"They know how to find the open man."

The game was another effort to help get the soccer sides back into shape for league play.

The boys took advantage of their older opponents in the early stages and held a 2-1 lead at half time.

In the second period, the over-40 Geezers picked apart the defence

with some excellent solo efforts, especially on a pair of goals by Corbin Scott.

The winning goal came about halfway through when Rainer Funk headed home a superb corner. It was his second of the game.

Graham Tweddle rounded out the Geezers scoring.

Both teams will return to league play this weekend.

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Scorpions win Classic tourney for first time

By MIKE LEVIN
Driftwood Staff

Perhaps the thrill would have been greater if the competition had been tougher.

The GISS senior boys basketball Scorpions brushed off the occasional mental lapse to stride easily through three straight victories and the Scorpions Classic tournament title Saturday at the Rainbow Road school.

The locals pounded Cowichan T-Birds junior varsity squad 66-41 in the final, yet didn't seem overwhelmed at being the first GISS team to win the school's annual tournament.

"We were playing with so much confidence. I don't think we ever thought about losing," said centre Keanu Meyers, who led the team in scoring throughout the event.

GISS advanced to the championship with wins over Ucluelet — 77-63 Friday; and Lake Cowichan 72-49 Saturday morning.

Earlier in the week, GISS ran its league record to 4-0 with an 88-50 decision over Lake Cowichan.

The tournament victory was sweet for Myles Wilson who returned to coaching this season after a few years away.

"We were well-prepared and knew what we wanted to do. Basically, everyone executed well," said Wilson following the championship.

Playing their second game of the day, both finalists had early trouble finding the bucket. In fact Cowichan took more than three-and-a-half minutes to score its first point.

But the T-Birds did manage to shut down Meyers inside during the first quarter and the Scorpions were only able to carve a slim 12-9 edge after 10 minutes.

The second frame was just as tight. Joe Cunliffe's 10 points were the main reason the locals were able to extend their lead to nine — at 29-20 — by the half. For the first time the Scorpions found they couldn't dominate the offensive boards and had to find their scoring chances elsewhere.

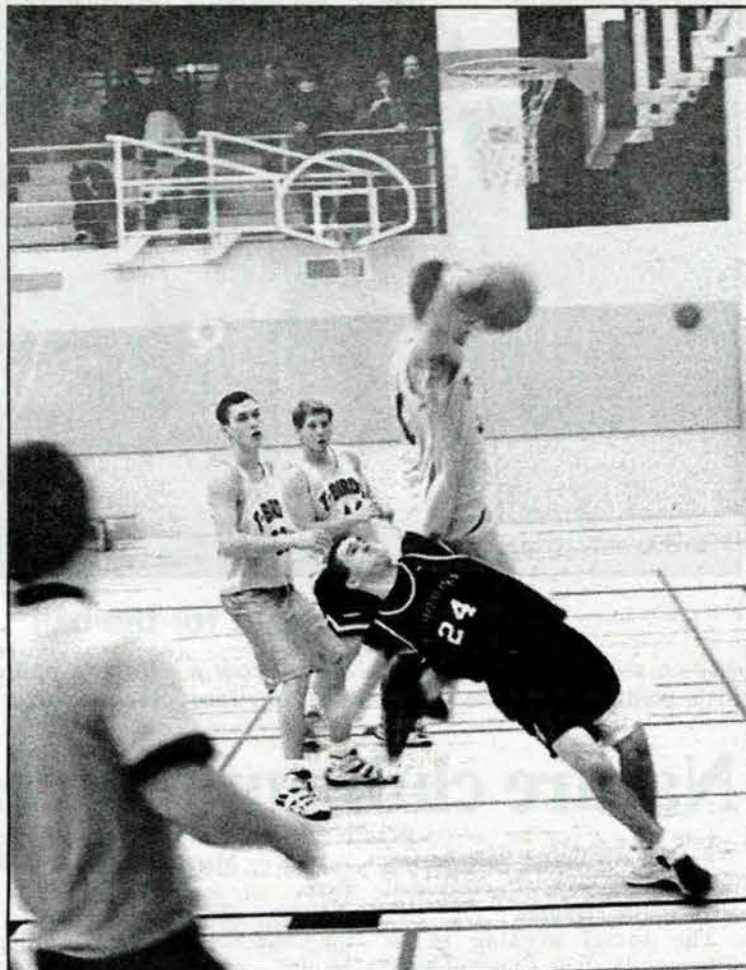
They were also hurt by chronically poor free-throw shooting, hitting only four of 18 in the first half and eight of 25 during the game.

But Meyers found the range as the second half got under way. He paced a 22-point surge while helping hold Cowichan to only eight points in the third quarter.

The Scorpions ran up a 64-32 lead before holding on for the victory.

Meyers finished with 22 points but explained he was only finishing off what the offence set up.

"We were working as a unit more than usual. No one was forcing shots and everyone was contributing," the centre said. "My job is to score but it's (captain) Chris



(Langdon) who leads us."

Langdon's effort was recognized with the tournament's Most Valuable Player award.

The Scorpions' opening win over Ucluelet also started slowly with the locals taking more than four minutes to register their first hoop.

Meyers was a wizard inside the key, scoring 17 first-half points and blocking three shots. He finished with 22 points and six blocks.

GISS suffered through some mental lapses in the second quarter and were only able to establish a 39-32 lead after 20 minutes.

Paced by Langdon's 14 second-half points (he totalled 19 for the game), GISS held off Ucluelet's attempts to come back.

In the semi-final, Lake Cowichan virtually defaulted with most of its players unable to arrive on time.

"We're becoming a team that wins when we control the boards and shut down the fast break," said Wilson. "If our defence is working well, then the offence does too."

The combination clicked perfectly against Lake Cowichan in the teams' league encounter January 19.

Meyers and Cunliffe combined for 48 points and the Scorpions' defence allowed few sloppy points.

The senior boys now take the week off for exams and to prepare for a first-place battle with Frances Kelsey Tuesday at GISS.

A NEW ANGLE: Senior boys Scorpions Chris Langdon (24) rarely does things the easy way. Here the team captain takes an unorthodox route to Cowichan's hoop during the Scorpions Classic tournament final Saturday at GISS. Langdon led his team to the event title and was named tourney MVP.

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Panthers blast Victoria in an 8-3 hockey match

Fuller Lake Panthers got two goals from Jim Goldie to seal an 8-3 victory over Victoria Bank of Montreal in a bantam hockey exhibition game Sunday at Fuller Lake Arena.

The Panthers took control of the first period on the strength of the team's Salt Spring corps.

Owen Beasley and Stuart Sinclair set up Goldie's opening marker as the winners hemmed their opponents into their own end.

Beasley scored the second and set up the team's third goal as Fuller Lake roared to an early lead.

The second period was tighter and the Panthers held a 5-3 advantage after 40 minutes before skating away with the victory in the third.

Goldie with his second and Ethan Becklake rounded out the scoring.

The Panthers return to North Cowichan Minor Hockey League play this weekend with home-and-home games against Duncan in Duncan Saturday and Fuller Lake Sunday.

Local boys team takes last minute command

By MIKE LEVIN
Driftwood Staff

Down for most of the game, GISS junior boys basketball Scorpions picked exactly the right time to take the lead in a 56-52 nail-biter over Brentwood January 19 at GISS.

The locals owned the game's final minute, scoring five unanswered points and blocking three shots to secure the victory.

Coupled with a solid 88-27 win over Lake Cowichan at Lake Cowichan Thursday, Tony Mason's squad moved to a 4-0 record in league play.

But the week's games also provided a painful lesson as the team dropped a 57-44 exhibition decision January 18 at Victoria's Claremont and then filled in as a last-second replacement for North Island Secondary during the senior boys Scorpions Classic Friday and Saturday.

The juniors lost three straight to Lake Cowichan, Ucluelet and Powell River's Maxwell Cameron

in the event.

"Our points come in bunches, but we can also give it up in bunches," said Mason following the Brentwood win. "Our timing today couldn't have been better."

Certainly there was no better time for Rhys Beasley to connect on a turnaround jumper from deep in the hole.

With 35 seconds on the clock and the score tied at 52, Beasley took a pass from Tyler Laitinen at the top of the key. A double-team on his right forced the lanky forward to swirl left and put up a soft jumper. The shot bounced around the rim twice before dropping.

Back at the other end, Beasley and Alex Vine blocked consecutive Brentwood shots to keep the Scorpions lead at 54-52. The final score was rounded out by a pair of Brandon Wilson foul shots.

The late excitement highlighted a game that was fast but often sloppy. Despite a complete domination on both boards, the Scorpions allowed their opponents too many fast break points. Brentwood had a 20-13 lead at the end of the first quarter.

GISS settled into a tighter defence in the second quarter and brought the margin back to one, at 27-26, by halftime.

But the locals lost Brian Crowe before the break. The high-scoring Grade 9-er reinjured ligaments in his wrist and had to leave the game. Vine, usually the team's shot-blocking specialist, stepped up into a scoring role, potting 12 in the first half and finishing with 24 overall.

"The big guys really came through for us," said Mason. "When they play that well, it's almost easy to forget that we still have problems moving the ball up the court."

The Scorpions' domination of Lake Cowichan continued as GISS used its height advantage to shut down their opponents.

Vine again led all scorers and also added eight blocked shots to his mounting total.

Don Martin contributed 11 points but led the defensive press with 12 steals.



Fight for the ball

Five to seven-year-old soccer players throw a little contact sport into the game as they race for the ball at their Saturday morning girls' league soccer practice.

Photo by Derrick Lundy

Nature club announces schedule

Following is the Salt Spring Trail and Nature Club schedule of activities for February.

The social evening is on February 25, 7:30, Ganges United Church.

Rambles and walks meet at Centennial Park, 10 a.m., except where noted.

February 2: Ramble — Quarry Drive area; leader, Allan Neil.

Walk — King Eagle; leader, Bud Williams.

Hike — Climb Reginald Hill and explore reservation lands; leader, Alan Clews. Carpool at Centennial 9:45 to meet at Drummond Park at 10 a.m.

February 9: Ramble — Merganser Pond; leader, Paul Ranney.

Walk — Maracaibo; leader, Fred Eves.

Hike — Fiona Flook explores the Cape Keppel area and lower Mount Tuam. Carpool at Centennial 9:45 to meet at Drummond Park at 10 a.m.

February 16: Ramble — Cranberry area; leader, Barbara Hicks.

Walk — Duck Creek; leader, Norma Eves.

Hike — Explore Dodd Narrows area with leaders Susan and Frank Monaghan. Meet at Portlock 9:30 to catch 10 a.m. Vesuvius ferry. Bring binoculars to see sea lions.

February 23: Ramble — Sidney seawall, then Sidney for shopping or a swim at Panorama pool; leader, Ann Fitz-James. Meet

at Centennial 8:15 or Drummond 8:30 to catch 9 a.m. Fulford ferry.

Walk — Welbury Point; leader, Joan Myers.

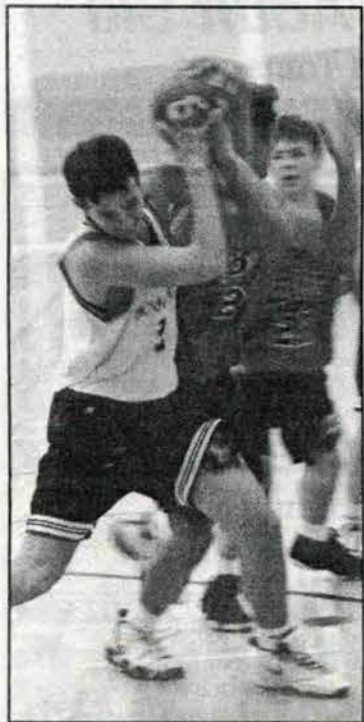
Hike — Explore old trails in the Isabella Point area; leaders, Bill Goddu and Linda Quiring. Carpool at Centennial 9:45, Drummond Park at 10 a.m.

Game reset

The senior girls basketball Scorpions were forced to reschedule their January 19 league matchup with Chemainus.

Injuries and sickness reduced the team's roster to only three players, said coach Kellie Booth.

The game was reset for Monday.



UPPER HAND: Alex Vine overpowers an opponent during a loose ball scramble.

Photo by Mike Levin

OPEN HOUSES

You are invited to attend information sessions about BC Ferries' proposed plans for ferry service in the Southern Gulf Islands.

Information Session/Open House Schedule:

Mayne Island
Saturday, January 23 1:30 - 5 p.m.
Agricultural Hall

Salt Spring Island
Tuesday, January 26 7:30 - 9:30 p.m.
Fulford Community Hall

Wednesday, January 27 7:30 - 9:30 p.m.
All Saints Church By The Sea

Galiano Island
Saturday, January 30 1 - 4 p.m.
Activity Centre

Saturna Island
Sunday, January 31 1 - 4 p.m.
Community Hall

N. & S. Pender Islands
Saturday, February 6 1 - 4 p.m.
Pender Island School Gym

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Bad hair day

Students at Salt Spring Centre School attended classes Friday with various grim-looking "dos." Seen here, clockwise from top left, are Ayla Young, Aaron Rainsford, Alison McLean, Helena Bryn-McLeod, Jordan Robinson, Nick Watkins, and Danielle Rainsford. Hair-dos ranged from bright colours to odd-looking ponytails.

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24 pairs of salmon return to Lyall Creek

Saturna Salmonid Enhancement volunteers are preparing for February 2, when between 80,000 and 90,000 chum eggs will be delivered here from Goldstream Creek.

This is twice the number of eggs the group has raised at one time in the past. These eggs will be hatched in Lyall Creek and released in early April.

The group is celebrating the second year of success in seeing salmon return to the creek. During November and December an estimated 24 pairs returned home to Lyall Creek to lay their eggs. This is almost double the return from the previous year. While showing the operation to a member of the David Suzuki Foundation, Rick Jones saw a skeleton of a 12 to 14-pound returned chum with six-inch ribs.

Project volunteers include Rick Jones, Bill Douglass, Darrell Jones, Neal MacDonald, Terry Danyliw, Mike Jack, Ian Gaines, Charlie Johnson and Wesley Paulin. With the support of the Lions Club these people built and continue to maintain the egg incubator as well as feed and supervise

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the release of the chum.

More volunteers are always welcome. Call Rick Jones at 539-2641 for more information.

Part of the salmonid enhancement project is education. Local elementary students will receive 200 eggs to incubate and raise in the classroom.

These chum salmon will be released into Lyall Creek along with those raised on site by the volunteers. The students both learn about the fish and are able to take some ownership in the project.

The group's goal is to reach a sustainable mass where the fish return and maintain their own numbers without human intervention.

Since the culvert was corrected two years ago the project has evidenced success. As a result, the number of eggs introduced into the stream will be doubled. Volunteer Rick Jones envisions that within a few years the salmon run will be self-sustaining.

Arts and concerts

The Saturna Arts and Concerts Society is promising a busy year for 1999. It has arranged for the Canadian Guitar Trio — Harold Micay, Hanh Nguyen and Zach Westfall — to perform at the Community Hall on Saturday, February 13, starting at 8 p.m. This is the second concert in the annual series and admission is included in the season's ticket subscription. Otherwise, tickets are \$15 at the door and children are free.

Other performances sponsored by the society this year will include CBC host Bill Richardson on March 20 and folk singer Bob Bossin on March 27.

April 17, the Peter Tongi Trio will conclude the winter series with a concert at the Community Hall featuring piano, drums and bass.

Saturna Lions celebrated their best-ever Burns Night on Saturday. By all reports the meal and especially the haggis was excellent.

John Fryer presided as master of ceremonies. The immortal memory given by Richard Blagborne was brilliant and had the guests in stitches. Rick Tipple gave a memorable toast to the lassies which Pip Woodcock answered in rhyme.

Two excellent musicians came

from Victoria for the event. Jack McLeod played piano for some rousing Scottish bawdy songs and Dr. Ken Wilson piped in the haggis.

Larry Moore won \$113.50 in the 50-50 draw and presented it back to the club as gift. The Lions conducted two very successful raffles. Some of the winners included the Stuarts, Ron Monk, Jacques Campbell, Diane Johnstone, Laura Coombes and Cunliff Barnett.

Pip Woodcock won a bottle of scotch which she and Derrick had donated for the raffle. She gave it back and the club auctioned it off for \$41. This event was greatly supported by the community and the Lions Club extends its appreciation to all volunteers as well as the 84 guests.

Ferry meeting

On Saturday the Saturna Ferry Advisory Committee will hold an information meeting at the Community Hall from 1-4 p.m. This open house will address B.C. Ferries' future plans for ferry service in the Southern Gulf Islands.

The committee will be joined by B.C. Ferries staff to present information, hear comments and answer questions.

Everyone is encouraged to attend.

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Players present smashing Oklahoma performance

Brightening our long winter evenings are the Galiano Players, whose production of Oklahoma opened last Thursday.

One couldn't ask for a brighter or more imaginative production. The sets were functional and attractive, filling the front of the hall. Keith Holmes' designs, lighted most effectively, created a visual image which changed continually as the story progressed.

The realistic plot of this tale of cowboys and ranchers in the developing west at the turn of this century was effectively developed by the cast of islanders directed by Marek Czuma and David Clothier. Andrea Porter was choreographer for dances, Czuma for fights.

Co-pianists Clothier and Will Guthrie played the overture and accompanied both song and dance for the 20 actor-singer-dancers.

Photographer Helen Schnare's display of photos of the cast was interesting and attractively mounted in a small foyer beside the front

door. New and higher risers built for this production provided better

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sight lines for the audience.

Characterizations were well developed, especially those of Jud Fry (Hans Bongertman) — the unhappy farm hand — and leads Curly McLean (Jim Raddysh) and Laurie Williams (Julia Greenlaw). Les Laronde as Andrew Carnes and father of Ado Annie (Samantha Crew) gave excellent portrayals, as did Bev Yeomans as Aunt Eller. Ali Hakim (the peddler) played by Annie Nichols had the audience laughing from the moment she appeared on stage. She held her happy audience throughout. First timer in a Galiano Players production, lanky Scott Hastings played his part to the hilt.

Oklahoma is blessed with some

of Richard Rodgers' best tunes, easy to listen to and apparently fun to sing. All solos, duets and choral numbers were well realized, a tribute to the singers and their musical director. The audience went home smiling, many of them humming the spirited title tune.

The production continues this Friday with the final performance on Saturday, 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$12.

Thomas Priebe dies

Island friends were saddened to hear of the death in December of Thomas Priebe.

A Galiano visitor since 1946 and a homeowner since 1962, Tom never realized his dream of full-time island living. Nevertheless, he had many happy memories of special times spent at the family's sea-front cottage over the years.

He is survived by his wife Donna of Lake Oswego, Oregon; two daughters, Robin Branstator of Boulder Colorado and Madelyn Hall of Portland; son Andrew

Moore Priebe, also of Portland; and three grandchildren.

Public meeting

Galiano residents and weekend visitors are invited to attend an information meeting and open house dealing with B.C. Ferries proposed plans for ferry service to the southern Gulf Islands.

B.C. Ferries staff and Galiano's ferry advisory committee representatives will be on hand to present information, hear your comments and answer questions. The meeting will be held in the Activity Centre this Saturday from 1 to 4 p.m.

Burns Supper

Tickets to North Galiano's Burns Supper are going fast. A popular event, it will be held in the

North Hall on Saturday, February 6. A traditional Scottish meal (with a taste of haggis) is promised. There will be music, speeches and dancing as well. All seats are reserved.

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Luck brings snowy owl sighting

By LINDA CANNON
Driftwood Contributor

Recent cold weather patterns across the country remind us how very lucky we are to live on the "wet coast."

Yes, snow can come, and it will ground us when it does, but it never lasts long and even by January we are treated to early signs of spring — buds and bird song.

I've only once been immersed in truly cold weather: one December a group of us travelled to the Chilcotin to do some cross-country skiing on a private ranch. That was 20 years ago, but the memories of those snowy hills and the Fraser River are as sharp now as the cold was then.

It amazed me that as soon as you stepped outside your nose froze shut on the first breath and shortly thereafter your hair, eyebrows, eyelashes, nose, scarf and mouth solidified into a rather messy popsicle.

Nevertheless, we'd venture out each day to the same hill and carefully place our skis in exactly the same tracks as the day before. After a few runs, the downhill tracks were icy fast, and we'd whiz down them at nearly uncontrollable speeds. It was fabulous fun.

On the last day we were there, I had one of those magic moments where time grabs you by the soul and won't let go. While we were driving away, I looked down into a little valley and saw a pair of snowy owls in the sun.

The owls were on the ground,

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standing on the frozen snow, facing each other, with wings outstretched and flapping.

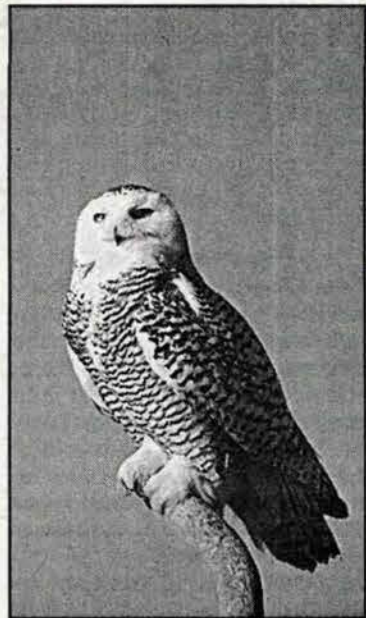
No one else in the vehicle saw them but me and it was just a glimpse, a few seconds, but the sight of it and the feeling of it remains with me to this day.

I don't know how likely it is that anyone will see snowy owls this winter on the Gulf Islands, but it is possible. These beauties invade

southern Vancouver Island and the Fraser Delta periodically, but irregularly.

Usually snowy owls eat rodents, but in years when the Alaskan lemming population is scarce, the owls retreat south and chow down on waterfowl including, perhaps, some of my favourite ducks.

I can't complain about that though, as I am still unwilling to step down from the top of the food chain myself. Besides, the snowies are often young birds and probably quite a few of them never make it back to Alaska. So, if you spot one, count yourself lucky. I sure do.



Snowy owl

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FEB. 9: SSI Historical Society, Mr. Ray Hill "Petroglyphs, Central Hall, 2pm. New members welcome - tea.

FEB. 11: Visually impaired CNIB meeting, SS Seniors, 1:45pm.

MAR. 26: Pot luck dinner, SS Potters Guild, 6:30pm, call 536-9872 for info.

MAR. 27 & 28: SS Potters Guild workshop, New Centre for the Arts, 10am - 4pm.

JUNE 5: 20th Anniversary Greenwoods.

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- Archery Shooting, SSI Rod & Gun Club, 7pm.
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- Cancer Support Group, Croftonbrook 10am - 12 noon (every 3rd Wed.)
- Core-Inn Committee Meetings, Core-Inn on McPhillips, 4:30-6pm.
- Special Olympics Bowling, Bowling Alley, 10am-11am.
- O.A.P.O. Loonie tea & video, Lower Centre Hall, 1:30 (except 2nd Wed.)
- Therapeutic Touch Practitioners group, SS Seniors, 7pm (every 1st Wed.)
- Drop in centre for people with mental health concerns, basement of SSI Community Centre, 3:30-5:30pm.
- SSI Painters' Guild meeting, Hart Bradley Hall, 9:30-noon.
- Salt Spring Health Assoc., Lady Minto meeting rm. 4pm-5:30pm, (4th Wed. of every month)
- Core Inn cafe, 134 McPhillips Ave., 4:30-7:30pm, everyone welcome
- Music & Munch, All Saints by-the-Sea, 12:10pm (1st Wed. each mo.)

EVERY THURSDAY

- Parkinsons Support Gr., Croftonbrook, 2pm, (second Thurs. of the mo.)
- Luncheon, SS Seniors, 12 noon.
- Chess Club, SS Seniors Bldg., 7pm.
- Scottish Country Dancers, Anglican Church Hall, 6pm.
- SSI Weavers' Guild, Baptist Church, 10:30-1:00pm.

EVERY FRIDAY

- Fulford OAP #170, bingo 2:00pm
- Games afternoon, SS Seniors, 1:30pm, Mah Jongg, 12:30pm.

- Drop in centre for people with mental health concerns, basement of SSI Community Centre, 3:30-5:30pm.
- Smiles Cafe, United Church-Ganges, 12-1pm (4th Friday of ea. mo.)

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EVERY MONDAY

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- Adult 22 rifle shooting, SSI Rod & Gun Club, 7-9pm.
- Taoist Tai Chi, for Seniors, Lower Central Hall, 10am.
- OAPO #32 carpet bowling, Lower Central Hall, 1:30pm.
- Reader's Theatre, Croftonbrook Hall, 10am.
- Spanish conversation group, SS Seniors, 10am-noon (not last Monday of the mo.)
- SSI Buddhist meditation group, 135 McPhillips Ave., 7:30pm.
- Bandemonium, GISS music room, 7-9pm.
- Hand gun, SSI Rod & Gun Club, 7pm.
- Carpet bowling, OAP Fulford Hall, 2pm.
- Drop in centre for people with mental health concerns, basement of SSI Community Centre, 3:30-5:30pm.
- Autumn session, Reader's Theatre, Croftonbrook Hall, 10-12.
- Health & nutrition for families, Family Place 9:30-12noon (3rd Mo. ea mo.)

- Chess Club, SS Seniors, 10am.
- Duplicate Bridge, lower hall Baptists Church, 7pm.
- Life Drawing, 1-3pm, upstairs United Church.
- Overeaters Anonymous, 7:30-m9pm at SS Seniors.

EVERY TUESDAY

- Seniors choir practices, SS Seniors, 10:30am.
- Adult small bore, SSI Rod & Gun Club, 7-9pm.
- Planned Parenthood Clinic, Core Inn, 4-6pm.
- Chess Club, SS Seniors Bldg., 7pm.



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* **COMMUNITY WELLNESS PROGRAMS COORDINATOR:** Call Sharon Glover at 537-4607.



Helping make world a better place is part of being human — de Roo

Victoria Bishop Remi de Roo made his last "official" Salt Spring appearance on Saturday before he retires next month.

De Roo was the guest speaker at International Solidarity Day, which saw about 100 people gather at All Saints By-the-Sea to learn about exploitation of garment workers and the Jubilee 2000 campaign to have the debt of the world's poorest 40 nations cancelled by their lenders — mainly the International Monetary Fund and World Bank.

De Roo's comments wove into the theme by pointing out that community involvement and trying to make the world a better place are an intrinsic part of being human.

When people ask him why anyone should bother trying to change things, he said, he replies: "I bother because I'm human. I can't help myself because I couldn't live with myself if I didn't get involved."

De Roo praised the Raging



Bishop Remi de Roo

Grannies, whose Salt Spring chapter performed a few songs throughout the afternoon and told the story of the garment industry with an entertaining fashion show moderated by Mary Williamson and Audrey Wild.

The audience watched two videos, followed by discussions.

What is the Cost of Your Blouse described five stories of garment workers in the U.S. and Mexico, and attempts made to improve their situation.

A Matter of Interest explained how poor nations in the southern hemisphere have been caught in a spiral of debt for the past 20 years and, while the principal on the debt has been repaid several times over, the interest never will be and poor people in those countries suffer greatly as a result.

Copies of the worldwide Jubilee 2000 petition requesting G-8 nation leaders cancel the debt were distributed, along with cards to send to government and retailers from the 10 Days for Global Justice group's Wear Fair Campaign.

Bob Wild, a member of the local 10 Days committee, was the day's MC. Several island groups co-sponsored the event.

De Roo also met with members of the Roman Catholic community on Saturday afternoon.

Conservancy event studies herring

The past, present and future of the B.C. herring fishery is on the agenda for a Salt Spring Conservancy event on Saturday.

Fisheries consultant David Ellis, the executive director of the Fish for Life Foundation, will make a special presentation at Lions Hall from 2 to 4 p.m.

The Conservancy is one of 17 groups which has formed the Pacific Herring Conservation Coalition. Its aim is to urge the Ministry of Fisheries and Oceans to close Georgia Strait to all herring fishing for four years to allow

the herring stock to rebuild. If that happens, says the Conservancy, many dependent species, including salmon, could rebound as well.

A Conservancy press release points out that "the herring population in our waters is a major part of the food supply of marine birds, harbour seals, salmon, halibut, cod, hake, sablefish and dogfish."

Low herring stocks are currently heavily impacting the balance of our marine environment and Ganges Harbour is one of the areas where this impact is felt. Management of this resource is

now a matter of conflict in which communities like ours need to play a larger role."

Ellis has worked as a commercial troller, earned a Master of Science in Resource Management at UBC, and studied biology, economics, anthropology and history. He has written extensively, including work on native fishing traditions, and the recently-published Net Loss, a book about salmon farming in B.C.

Admission to Saturday's event is \$5 for Conservancy members, \$7 for non-members.

EXPLOITATIVE FASHION: Lou Rumsey shows her audience the latest in athletic wear made by garment workers exploited around the world. A Raging Grannies "fashion show" at International Solidarity Day illustrated one of the subjects explored Saturday at All Saints Anglican centre.

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6 DEATHS

CLAYTON, OLIVE Florence (nee Selfe). Olive passed away peacefully on January 20, 1999 after almost 87 busy and productive years educating herself by reading (almost entirely non-fiction), attending classes, traveling, painting, sculpting, creating jewelry, making textiles and acting in and directing amateur theatre productions. Olive had informed and forthright opinions on just about any subject that involved art, culture and the world in general, from traveling the world for both work and pleasure with her late husband, Gerry. Olive was quite well when she visited her good friend Ruth Stanton just a few days prior to her death. She attended her regular art class on the afternoon of January 19, 1999, but after feeling unwell, she checked herself into the Lady Minto Hospital. She was transferred by air ambulance to Victoria's Royal Jubilee Hospital after her condition worsened and she died in the early hours of the morning on January 20th. Olive was pre-deceased by her husband, Gerry Clayton late in 1987. She is survived by their son John Clayton of Keremeos; grandson, Francideane Clayton of Keremeos; former daughter-in-law, Sharon Clayton of Keremeos; sister-in-law, close friend, fellow artist and traveling companion Cynthia Amsden; niece Robin Cripps and nephew Harry Amsden, all of Courtenay; nephew Mike Amsden of Oakville, ON and nephew Steven Amsden of Maple Ridge. She is also survived by her cousin Rhys Morgan of White Rock, nephew Bill Clayton of Surrey and niece Nancy Van Veenen. Olive's instructions clearly stated her desire not to have a funeral service. She would have been 87 on Saturday, March 6, 1999. A simple gathering of close friends and relatives on that day will honour and celebrate her life when her ashes are scattered.

8 CARDS OF THANKS

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20 COMING EVENTS

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IN CONCERT Paula Kiffner, Chris Kodaly with Debbi Toole. Saturday, February 6 at 8:00 p.m. and Sunday, February 7 at 2:00 p.m. At the Baptist Church, 520 Lower Ganges Rd. Tickets: \$12 - adults; \$6 - children. Available from Sharon's Country Home; Love my Kitchen.

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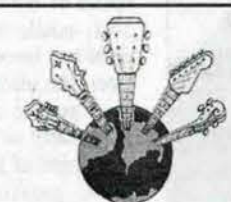
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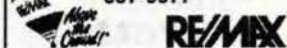
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Tougher laws will increase kindness to animals, people

I was much intrigued by a recent article in the National Post (January 15) by Ottawa bureau chief Robert Fife entitled Minister to Target Animal Abusers.

The article informs us that "... Anne McLellan, the federal justice minister, is preparing to reform the Criminal Code to crack down on animal abusers before they turn their rage against humans."

The article maintains that wide public support exists for the proposed changes, support that serves the best interests, not only of animal lovers, but also lovers of humanity.

Animal lovers will, of course, be gratified by the prospect of heavier sentences for abusers.

But people lovers will be just as pleased. The sentence that really caught my eye and caused me to nod my head in response was the mention of a landmark study by the U.S. Federal Bureau of Investigation finding that serial killers, prior to committing their decidedly horrific deeds, were fre-

PILGRIM'S NOTES

WITH JACK McLEAN



quently animal abusers. As children, the likes of Ted Bundy, Jeffrey Dahmer and Mark Lepine had all been cruel to animals before gravitating to the sadistic torture and/or cruel murder of innocent human beings.

The article also maintained a link between cruelty to animals and child abuse. Should we be surprised?

Beyond these positive legal moves, I offer these supplementary considerations.

It must be recognized that a steady continuum links all forms of life, whether higher or lower on the bio scale.

While a vast difference exists between the intrinsic value of a dog, however beloved, and a human being, both creatures are an expression of life and deserve our respect and consideration.

It is highly unlikely that any

child who is raised with animals, and more especially, who is responsible for the care and protection of an animal, would later develop a cruel streak or sadistic tendency.

The natural affection that most children have for animals is a sound preparation for the perpetuation of that same affection that will later naturally spill over onto human beings.

It's all part of that same experience of the continuum of life forms and demonstrates that affection can be shared between creatures across the barriers of species.

While the nervous systems of certain animals and human beings differ widely and degrees of pain are felt and tolerated to greater and lesser degrees, depending on the species of animal or the pain threshold of the human, basically pain is pain.

Both children and adults should grasp this fact.

If you accidentally catch a sharp hook on a human hand or an animal's thigh, the pain will be felt physiologically in the same manner.

The same is true for hunger and thirst. Whether for animal or human, hunger and thirst will be felt first as deprivation, and at some point as weakness and pain. Little minds imagine that the pain of animals is somehow inferior both in quality and degree to that of the human.

The inferior intelligence of the

any warped individual can find a way to injure one, if the distorted desire persists in the first place.

If an assailant beats me, I can protest, defend myself, cry out or charge the person with assault. In short, recover damages.

This is not true of the animal who cannot even articulate its pain and suffering.

At least we can voice our pain and explain the nature of the cruelty or the injury inflicted on us. And only humans have defined and can defend the rights of animals.

It is because most domesticated animals are defenceless against humans that there are injunctions in all of the world's great religions to treat animals with kindness.

The protection of "mother cow" as "holy cow" in Hinduism, however arcane to westerners, is legendary. Some of the saints, such as Francis of Assisi, had an infinite compassion for animals as tender creatures of the loving-kindness of God.

It is also said of Henry David Thoreau that he had so won the affection of wild animals at Walden Pond that they fed from his table unafraid and that even venomous snakes would coil at his feet.

Kindness to animals should assist in the practice of kindness to human beings and vice-versa.

"It must be recognized that a steady continuum links all forms of life, whether higher or lower on the bio scale."

animal should not be confused with a diminished capacity to feel pain. It's just as real.

Domesticated animals are largely at the mercy of their owners. This is true even of your dangerous variety of guard dogs or farm animals, such as bulls.

However, some guard dogs such as dobermans and pit bulls have been known to turn on their owners on occasion and frequently these canines viciously attack strangers.

Only a foolish person would antagonize a dangerous animal but

Tale of pearly whites sets scene for child psychology journey

This is a Tale of Two Teeth.

Actually, it's a story about lots of teeth but ever since my elder daughter turned out to have a strong attachment to her front teeth, I've clung to that alliterative title.

Now that she can read, I have to ask permission to write on certain subjects — I've been working on this tooth story for an entire year.

(Arguments such as: "If you really love your mother, you'll let her reveal your teeth idiosyncrasies to 8,000 readers;" or "Okay. So I pretend it's about this Little Girl Down the Road And Definitely Not MY child;" and, ultimately, "I'll give you five bucks.")

She finally consented with the condition that no one comment on it within a kilometre of her hearing. And I'm so excited that I finally get to tell the tale, I can hardly type for rubbing my hands...

It was a dark and stormy night in early November when suddenly there was a crash from the heavens, the power failed, throwing us all into darkness, and my child announced her front tooth was wiggly.

I checked it, felt it wiggle happily in its socket and gave it a week before the tooth fairy would carry it away. Sang "All I want for Christmas..."

Suddenly number two front tooth was also wiggly and I noticed my daughter refrained from touching the pearly pair. Was biting off food with her molars. Was reluctant to brush them.

Did not want her baby teeth to fall out.

So began the amazing journey into child psychology. She was one of the first in her class to have wiggly front teeth and wondered if her Great Gaps would be teased. She liked the look of her little teeth. And somewhere deep in the layers of her subconscious she feared genetics would dish up big, big, daddy teeth that would fill up her entire face.

She did not once wiggle those teeth. On the 8x10 of her Grade 1 photo — taken a few weeks later — one can see her very-happy-with-baby-teeth grin. One can also view her treasured, quite dead, hanging-by-strings, now pearly off-whites and the bulging gums above them.

Finally, six weeks had past, the teeth remained and the school Christmas plays approached. My daughter was to sing a solo in a nativity play, and sing and dance in the school production of Nutcracker.

Within 24 hours of the Christmas productions, and amid many tears, the teeth finally fell out. And here's where the story gets really interesting.

My daughter developed a closed-mouth smile. She hid the Great Gaps behind her hand, her beloved stuffed kitty and her long hair.

Nativity play? She sang (slightly muffled) into her kitty. Nutcracker choir? She bowed her head

FAMILY MATTERS

WITH SUSAN LUNDY



until her hair covered her mouth. School? Christmas with the family? She used the perfect smile and covering hand.

No one knew she'd lost her teeth. None of her friends at school ever saw her toothless. She finally smiled naturally again when her new teeth were about half way in.

It was the most extraordinary example of determination and will power I have ever encountered and I have to wonder what adolescence will bring.

But back to childhood and teeth. Along comes number two child who, at five, is young to have a tooth story. (For some reason, she is looking forward to losing her front teeth.) But it is her first tooth loss last spring that deserves describing.

Because she was only four, I hadn't paid much attention to her assertion of a wiggly bottom tooth. Until she came in crying from outside with a narrow stream of blood running down her chin and a new Little Gap.

Her number one tooth came out with the help of a teeter-totter and fell to the earth where, in the next scene, mom and two little girls are frantically searching through the grass, desperately seeking tiny white speck.

To no avail. The tooth was lost. Sierra ended up borrowing one of Danica's baby teeth to put under her pillow for the tooth fairy. And, although the tooth came out with a little help, it must have been ready because a new tooth popped up almost immediately.

Her second tooth came out shortly afterward and, finally, she was able to place her own tooth under the pillow.

In a big sisterly way, my elder child informed younger that the tooth fairy was really just Momma.

Sierra chewed and digested this little morsel of information while I fought back the desire to put elder under a pillow and sit on it.

Then, as I lay with Sierra before bed, she turned to me with very wise eyes and whispered, "I don't think you're the tooth fairy. You don't have time to go to all the little girls' and boys' houses every night."

Ah. The magic of having at least one child who didn't inherit my analytical side which, I admit, is tempted to deduce that someday, I'll be writing A Tale of 20 Teeth.

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Thirty-five years ago

• Ganges got a new gas station when Shell Service moved the building it had used for 32 years and began construction on a new pumper station.

• Gulf Islands teachers were granted an annual pay increase of 3.8 per cent following an arbitration board hearing. Teachers had been asking for a much higher raise.

Thirty years ago

• In a memorial to Peter Arnell, following his untimely death earlier in the year, Salt Spring Island Park was renamed Peter Arnell Park.

• The local chapter of the B.C. Historical Society met on Saturna Island to discuss the possibility of creating a museum of the Gulf Islands, their history and artifacts. Each island would be responsible for gathering its own articles of historical significance.

Twenty-five years ago

• Islanders were offered the chance to have their old cars towed away without charge. As long as the vehicles were on private property, the Capital Regional District says it would tow away the first 200 for free.

• Salt Spring's Leo Club held a bingo at GISS to raise money for earthquake victims in Nicaragua. It's a reminder of the help Central America needs today in dealing with November's hurricane and flood damage.

Twenty years ago

• The year's first baby delivered at Lady Minto Hospital was Lisa-Marie Molnar. The eight-pound,

DOWN THE YEARS

13-ounce girl was born to Gale and Greg Molnar of Ganges.

Fifteen years ago

• Four local bands and performers got together at Beaver Point Hall to raise money for Nicholas Gaitt and Diane English who lost everything in a house fire the previous week. The music was supplied by Class of '99, Susan Cogan, Carolyn Ryne and The Wednesday Night Band.

• John Stepaniuk was awarded \$157.50 by the CRD for three sheep that were killed by marauding dogs. The amount was based on three-quarters of the sheep's value.

Ten years ago

• From a Victoria investment firm press release published in the

Driftwood: "The North American business cycle is maturing with recovery from the last recession now approaching... inflation concerns are resurfacing as capacity utilization rates continue to rise and economic slack disappears." The exact same words were used by the same company in a December 1998 release.

Five years ago

• Administrative changes at Gulf Islands Secondary School added \$184,000 to the local school district's budget. Trustees voted for the changes despite being warned by treasurer Ken Starling that the year's budget was destined for a deficit.

• Volunteers from across Canada travelled to Salt Spring's Camp Narnia to train for Project Accomplishment, a support group that would accompany Guatemalan refugees when they returned home from Mexico.

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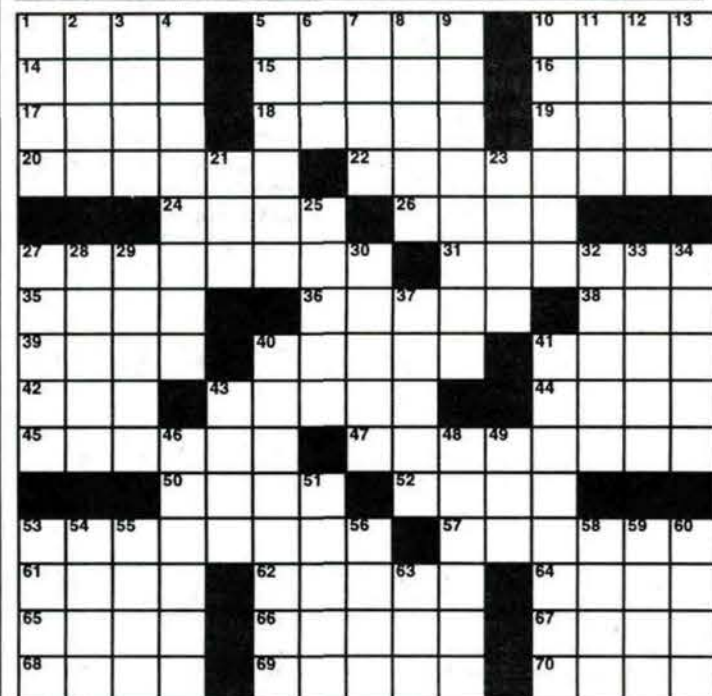
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Driftwood Crossword



ACROSS

- A way to fasten
- American Standard Code for Information Interchange: abbr.
- Hyperbolic cosecant: abbr.
- Phil ___, former CIA
- Cause to lose courage
- Away from wind
- Be in a huff
- Gore plant
- Frogs' residences, with "lily"
- A salt of any halogen acid
- Wood-eating insects
- An aromatic ointment used in antiquity
- Stretched tight
- The part of the face above the eyebrows and below the hairline
- Draws over
- Bird genus
- Karel ___, Czech writer
- A fabric woven from goat and camel hair
- Unique
- Mackerels
- Organic compound
- Dined
- West German town
- Not one
- Pertaining to the skin

- The characteristic of being alike; similarity
- Poems
- Take back
- Fixed
- A rectangular groove made to hold two pieces together
- Arduous
- A citizen of Iran
- Chinese dynasty
- Competent
- Type of card used by psychics
- Root of taro plant
- A female housekeeper
- Masses of matter
- A piece of furniture with a writing surface and usually drawers or other compartments

DOWN

- Hashish: shortened form
- Largest known toad species
- Exchange for money
- Toy dog
- Stick to
- Sigma Alpha Epsilon
- My Life With The Thrill Kill
- Cove
- Repeats
- Per ___, each
- Narrow strip
- Give over; surrender possession
- Rudolph ___, war criminal
- Dash, in Morse code
- Fog
- Cyprinids
- Capacitance unit
- Speak
- More unique
- "Who ___ to cross my path?"
- Slender boat with pointed ends
- Black
- Clearances
- Type of white bear that lives in the cold
- Speed
- In a way, honored
- Oasis (Arabic)
- Groaned
- Deservingness
- Environmental Protection Agency
- Coal formation
- Unit of measurement for paper
- Italian island
- Pakrit language
- Truth or ___
- A way to stay in one place
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You could own this dock attached to 200' waterfront + .76 acres with exciting water-views from the older mobile home plus a garage, a workshop and a storage building.
\$383,500



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OCEANVIEW
Beautiful nearly new home w/oceanviews of passing ferries, Russell & San Juan Islands. The 20 acs is quite level, is very sunny & also has westerly views of sunsets & Mt. Maxwell peak.
\$439,000



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QUALITY & CHARM
Custom built 2386 sq. ft., 2.78 acs, 3 bdrms, 3 baths, den & 3 sided fireplace, skylights, vaulted ceilings, 2 large decks, nicely landscaped, sunny private.
Offered at \$269,500



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YEAR ROUND VACATION HOME
Immaculate 2 bdrm home, .83 quiet acre, ocean right across country road, workshop, wonderful woods, private oceanview spot w/beach access just steps away.
\$189,000



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NEW LISTING
Can't beat this deal... 3 bdrm home w/wood floors, country kitchen, enclosed wrkshp, sep. studio, fully fenced 2.14 acs located in sunny south end rural location & surrounded by neighbouring pasture lands. Great starter, retirement, investment or hobby farm & truly value priced at only
\$169,000



MARSHALL LINDHOLM
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SECLUDED LUXURY
Beautiful west coast home on 5 wooded acs. Just 5 mins to Ganges, this gorgeous, totally secluded home, new in 1997, features hardwood floors, vaulted ceilings & a huge master bdrm w/a Jacuzzi tub & shower ensuite.
\$299,900



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