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Sunny, warm weather today (Wednesday) will turn to rainy, warm weather tomorrow and through the weekend. Highs up to 13 C and lows down to 2 C.

Island hears magic words: \$20 million

By GAIL SJUBERG Driftwood Staff

News from a press conference of government heavies held in Vancouver Saturday couldn't have been much better for land preservation supporters.

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Mixed with formal fanfare about the Gulf Islands National Park Reserve and money for Burns Bog in the Fraser River Delta was the number many islanders have been waiting to hear — \$20 million. It's not all earmarked for Salt Spring, but it's the deep-enough pool of provincial government funds from which purchases of coveted Texada lands in Burgoyne Bay at least — and perhaps in other areas — can spring.

"We will also invest a further \$20 million towards completion of provincial Pacific Marine Heritage Legacy (PMHL) acquisitions on islands such as Salt Spring, Valdes and Galiano outside the national park,"

said B.C. Environment Minister Ian Waddell, "furthering our commitment to ensuring British Columbians have the best parks system in the world."

ANNOUNCEMENT 3



GOTTCHA! Theresa and April Mackey show different emotions at the prospect of a McDonald's franchise coming to Salt Spring. The April Fool's Day sign, placed just above Embe Bakery on

Ganges Hill Sunday morning, raised the ire of more than a few island souls.

Photo by Derrick Lundy

Farmers Institute rejects Mahon Hall lease proposal

By GAIL SJUBERG Driftwood Staff

The fate of a deteriorating Mahon Hall could have taken a positive path last Wednesday, but it didn't.

That's when the Islands Farmers Institute (IFI) formally rejected a draft lease agreement proposed by the Gulf Islands School Board, which owns the century-old hall.

Tony Threlfall was among IFI directors delivering the news to trustees, who were hoping IFI acceptance of the proposal would bring the non-profit community group closer to restoring the hall and running it on a daily basis.

But as Threlfall explained, IFI members were upset with the terms and tenor of the document given to them by the school board in February, which they felt was not a lease agreement at all. Rather, he said, it appeared the board was telling the institute how to run its business and wanted to maintain control of the hall while absolving itself of any responsibility for it.

The school board's proposal suggested a separate society be created, with ex officio representation by the board; and requested a list of repair work and a timetable for its execution,

plus budget and insurance coverage information.

Threlfall told the board if the IFI acceded to all demands about forming a separate society, "it seems apparent that the Farmers Institute involvement in the lease would be redundant."

He also said that the school board's request for a maintenance program was "totally unrealistic. Because of the deplorable condition of the hall, long-term planning is impossible. Repairs would have to be made on a demand basis for several years before a restoration program could be instituted."

MAHON HALL 2

Big U18 game set — sort of

Salt Spring's U-18 gold boys soccer team is set to host its Coastal Cup challenger on Sunday, but as of Tuesday they weren't sure exactly where and when it would actually happen.

Call it an island thing. A ferry thing.

As coach Malcolm Bond and his wife Stephanie Bond explained Tuesday, the time of Sunday's game depends on whether or not the Peace Arch team from White Rock can make the 10:55 a.m. ferry from Swartz Bay to Fulford, since the connecting vessel from Tsawwassen isn't due in Swartz Bay until 10:35.

If the connections go well, the game should be at 12:15 at Portlock Park. If the team cannot get on the 10:55 sailing, the game will be bumped to 2:15.

However, there's also a chance the game could be at the Gulf Islands Secondary School field instead — at 12:15 or 2:15 p.m.

Islanders will have to rely on word of mouth and

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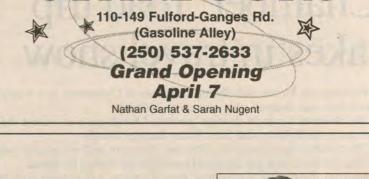
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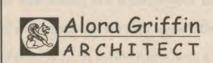
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WISHFUL THINKING?: These April Fool's Day signs, which appeared at the Ganges Liquor Store, were among the several pranks played on Sunday. Strange signs also appeared on the door at Thrifty Foods and the Salt Spring United Church.

Photos by Derrick Lundy

Chamber 'road trip' takes in travel show

Participation by the Salt Spring Chamber of Commerce in a Victoria travel show was deemed a big success on Monday.

The chamber's tourism division purchased booth space at a travel show

that ran in the Hillside Mall from Friday through Sunday. The booth was manned by chamber directors and volunteers, who

handed out brochures and answered questions on visiting the island.

Tourism division vice-president Tony Richards was pleased with the

"It was well worth the effort, and it was a lot of fun too. There was a lot of interest in Salt Spring."

More than 300 people entered a draw which offered prizes donated by Salt Springs Spa Resort, Harbour House, Coastal Currents and Anchor Point Bed & Breakfast.

Sixteen local businesses took advantage of brochure racking offered by the chamber at the show.

Many of the people who stopped by the booth expressed interest in the efforts to preserve land from logging after they had seen the Mort Ransen

Other participants in the show included tourism associations and



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CRD hospital improvements, not PARC referendum to blame

Blame scarce provincial health care funding, not just the Parks and Rec referendum, for causing Capital Regional District (CRD) taxes to rise this year on Salt

Last week, Salt Spring regional director Kellie Booth had interpreted the 16.73 per cent increase in local property taxes for CRD services as being largely attributable to the \$111,000 approved via referendum last fall. That amount will go into a capital reserve fund to initially pay off the debt on Rainbow Road property owned by the Parks, Arts and Recreation Commission which comes due at the end of

But when Booth went to her CRD board meeting March 28, she learned much of the hike was actually linked to proposed increases in capital funding for the Capital Regional Hospital District (CRHD). Those monies will buy what she said is considered desper-ately-needed hospital equipment, and contribute to major improvements at Royal Jubilee Hospital and the transformation of Mount St. Mary into a 200-bed multi-level

Booth said details about the hospital expenditures were not clear until last Wednesday's meeting, where they were discussed and debated at length.

Taxpayers in the whole CRD will pay \$13,136,400 for the hospital district capital costs this year, up about 32 per cent from \$9,980,560

However, the total "regional services" amount being requisitioned separate from taxes paid by Salt Spring or Outer Gulf Islands residents for island-specific services - rises a less obtrusive 14.73 per cent overall due to reductions in other areas. Without the extra hospital funds, regional services tax costs would have dropped slightly.

"The lion's share of (Salt Spring's) increase is this hospital stuff," said Booth, "which reflects the continued support of equipment replacement, changes going on at Royal Jubilee Hospital and the refurbishment at Mount St. Mary."

Booth predicted Lady Minto will benefit from the equipment portion of the funding, and pointed out that all Gulf Islands residents use CHR facilities.

She explained that the CRD has faced increased pressure from the provincial government to contribute to capital health care costs in the last few years. Some directors suggested the CRD should hand the ball back to the province and refuse to help with funding, but others do not want to see residents suffer the consequences of further degradation of hospital equipment and facilities.

"While the province has provided some targetted funds in that regard, there is so much old equipment within the CHR it would be like putting a flea on an elephant . . . so we voted to continue with the taxpayers' subsidy to do even some basic things.'

Booth said "Cadillac equipment" was not being contemplated -"it's just doing the bare bare necessities so that you couldn't not do

Property tax bills should be mailed out in May. Regional directors can include a newsletter to constituents in that package, which Booth intends to do.

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CLEAN TRAILS: Andrea Sowden of Bow Wow & Co and "Tater" stop by the new pet station at Duck Creek. Sowden erected stations -

which offer biodegradable bags for dog feces — at Duck Creek and Mouat Park

HEU job action has little effect on hospital, Greenwoods clients

By GAIL SJUBERG **Driftwood Staff**

Health workers on Salt Spring joined others across the province in a two-hour stint of job action Tuesday.

Some members of the Hospital Employees Union (HEU), which includes Lady Minto Hospital and Greenwoods workers who do everything beyond registered nurses' duties, went off the job from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

But Lady Minto hospital spokeswoman Karen Davies said patient care was not impacted by the partial walk-out.

"We have an essential services designation for Lady Minto," she said, "so even if they pulled people from dietary, we still have essential services there.'

Lianne Peterson, communications advisor for the Capital Health Region, explained Monday that any services lacking regular employees would be done by nonunion staff. In some places, because the study session was to take place over the lunch period, those people would be fixing lunch for patients and long-term care residents.

Davies said she had been on housekeeping duty in the hospital's extended care wing.

On Monday, Greenwoods administrator Penny Polden was not too concerned about potential job action.

"When it does take effect I imagine it will be small amounts of job action . . . It won't be a full-on strike with picket lines."

She said management staff would fill in as required.

"I don't have any concerns at this point that the residents will be adversely affected, and we're going to just take it one day at a time."

The health workers' contract expired March 31. Most of the 46,000 employees affected across the province are in the HEU, with 3,500 in the B.C. Government and Service Employees' Union and the International Union of Operating Engineers.

HEU issued strike notice Friday afternoon - after the union's first notice Thursday was ruled invalid by the Labour Relations Board.

According to a union press release, the labour groups are committed to providing additional notice to the public of job actions that could impact direct patient care services, even though they are not required by law to do so.

HEU says the main unresolved issues are wages and the health employers' position that pay equity adjustments already underway "should be rolled into a general wage increase."

The province's nurses are also in the process of determining their fate - and that of their patients by taking a strike vote today (Wednesday).

The B.C. Nurses' Union wants a 60 per cent wage hike, which it maintains will help fill an estimated 1,000 nursing vacancies in the

About 500 nurses rallied at the

legislature in Victoria Monday.

Some 3,000 nurses work in the Capital Health Region.

If a nurses' strike vote is successful, 72-hour notice must be given to the public.

Salt Spring nurses issued a public statement about their position which is in the Viewpoint space on Page 8 of this week's Driftwood.

Two health care sectors won't be jumping into the labour dispute maelstrom, though.

Ambulance paramedics ratified a contract by a 65 per cent margin

"This agreement advances us out of the '90s and will go a long way to address issues such as staffing, training, response times and hiring," said CUPE local 873 president John Strohmaier.

A tentative settlement for 15,000 community health workers, who provide services in home support, mental health, and drug and alcohol programs in B.C., was also reached last Wednesday.

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Gulf Islands cycling enthusiasts have a new place to pedal their hearts out with construction of a path leading from Swartz Bay to Lochside Trail

As of Saturday, cyclists leaving the Swartz Bay ferry terminal will be greeted by a new sign, welcoming them to Canada's Cycling Capital.

The new promotional logo has wheels behind it with a new, \$25,000, two-metre-wide path that leads directly from the ferry terminal to the cycle-friendly Lochside Trail.

The path was built by the Ministry of Transportation and Highways. The old route to the Lochside Trail took cyclists along the high-

way to Sidney, or through a complicated network of roads. "Cycling . . . is one more aspect of our unique character that we can use to promote the region to Canada and the world," said Victoria-Hillside MLA Steve Orcherton in a prepared statement, following the grand opening of the new path and promotional logo on Saturday.

Psychiatric observation unit opens at Lady Minto

Lady Minto Hospital's new Psychiatric Observation Unit is ready to go into operation, but an open house slated for next Tuesday has been cancelled.

Tours of the new unit were to have taken place, but job action by health care workers has resulted in the change of plans, hospital spokeswoman Karen Davies said on Tuesday.

Creation of the unit has its roots in a 1999 Ministry of Health grant to support strategic reform of the mental health care system.

Lady Minto Hospital was one of 10 rural hospitals chosen to receive funding for creation of a unit, as well as associated staff and physician training.

Additional funding has been provided by Lady Minto's Hospital Foundation.

Without the unit, the emergency room was the only area in the Salt Spring-based hospital available to hold acutely ill psychiatric patients. It does not provide a safe, contained environment for those at risk of harming themselves or others.

'The addition of a psychiatric observation unit will reduce the inappropriate use of police cells for the short-term management of people with mental disorders," states a Capital Health Region (CHR) press release.

"Observation units are a critical part of crisis response for acutely ill psychiatric patients requiring brief stabilization and care and/or awaiting transport to a designated psychiatric facility."

Because the hospital did not have an existing space which could be converted into an observation unit, construction began last May to build a new wing off the acute care corridor.

The acute care diet kitchen was extended out from the south side of the building, while a new diet kitchen and consultation area were included in the plans.

(The lower level of this new wing will be used for "much-needed" storage space and the equipment loans cupboard.)

Dr. David Montalbetti, a psychiatrist on staff at Lady Minto, describes the new observation unit as a "landmark improvement in patient care.'

"It will allow us to provide respectful, compassionate care to those psychiatric patients whose behaviour is so severely disturbed that a safe, contained physical setting is required to prevent themselves from harming themselves or

Creation of this unit will not, however, change referral patterns and criteria for keeping psychiatric patients at Lady Minto.

"We are not staffed or equipped to retain high-risk psychiatric patients," stress members of the local mental health care team.

The addition of the observation unit has been accompanied by provision of training for medical and nursing staff.

Training has given staff the

knowledge and ability to conduct emergency psychiatric assessments and provide crisis response and treatment to manage the care of acutely ill psychiatric patients.

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Leash dogs, nix mountain bikes

B.C. Parks staff are reminding people to keep dogs on a leash when visiting provincial parks.

Ross Dawson, supervisor of the South Vancouver Island division of B.C. Parks, is especially concerned about Ruckle Park, where dogs and livestock are a deadly

"There's a lot of lambs in the field right now," he said, and

unleashed dogs are not predictable. Dog owners are fully responsible for any death or damage caused to sheep or lambs by dogs.

Dawson also wants people to know that Ruckle and Mount Maxwell provincial parks are not mountain bike riding meccas from B.C. Parks' point of

Parks is concerned about damage

caused by mountain bikes on trails not built for that sport.

He said a good rule to follow in parks is: "If it isn't posted, you can't do it."

Mount Maxwell park underwent some improvements this spring, he

The parking lot was upgraded and a new toilet with a cement walkway was installed.

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Poor quality counterfeit

bills making the rounds

Salt Spring RCMP have put merchants on the alert for counterfeit \$5 bills.

Two service stations have been approached by people trying to pass the bills for small amounts of gas and cigarettes.

Police say "close inspection of the bills reveal that the copies are of a sub-standard quality."

In other police news:

· A Victoria resident's vehicle was damaged and items stolen from it while it was parked on Wright Road over the weekend.

The driver's side window was broken and a large dent made below the window.

Police say five speakers were taken from the vehicle, along with a toolbox and a wrench set. Anyone with information

regarding this incident is urged to contact the Salt Spring RCMP detachment. A 20-year-old Salt Spring man

was issued a notice of suspension under the Motor Vehicle Act, cancelling his drivers' licence, together with his right to apply again until next January.

A notice of suspension is issued once a driver has already been handed a prohibition from driving, yet continues to drive.

· A photo album containing family and baby photos, together with several cassette tapes and compact discs found behind ArtSpring have been turned into the RCMP detachment. The owner may claim by

RCMP

identifying the items.

· Last Saturday around 10 a.m., police attended the scene of a single vehicle accident on Booth Canal Road, where a 1990 Jeep Cherokee was spotted flipped over on the west side of the bridge.

Nobody was nearby.

The 17-year-old driver of the vehicle later called police and explained the accident.

He said he was heading north when the vehicle spun into a ditch, crossed a driveway, nailed a mailbox and sped back into the ditch for about three meters before veering across the road and into a ditch on the other side. It crashed through a fence and then flipped

Property damage was sustained by two Booth Canal residences. No one was hurt in the accident but the "severely damaged" vehicle was towed from the scene.

· A 29-year-old island woman escaped injury last Saturday morning when she lost control of her vehicle on Beaver Point Road. The driver stepped too hard on the brakes as she attempted to slow the vehicle on a corner and crashed into a ditch.

The vehicle, which sustained moderate damage, was towed from

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Library budget, accomplishments discussed at well-attended agm

The community stature of Mary Hawkins Memorial Library was confirmed at the library association's AGM last week when, even without a burning issue to debate, the hall was still packed to the

Board chairman Garth Hendren kicked off the meeting by outlining year 2000 accomplishments such as the computer system upgrade, new e-mail service and continuing Internet lessons for patrons, transfer of some reference materials to CD-ROM format, and culling and continued improvement of the library's collection.

Treasurer John Myers divulged

library finances from a hot-offthe-press audited financial statement, prefacing his comments with the confession that he had never held a treasurer's position before. He also expressed gratitude for the work done by his pre-decessor Michael Wheaton.

Myers' figures showed that actual year 2000 income was about the same as budgetted -\$111,681 — but some came from different sources. Only \$15,000 of an expected \$26,800 grant came through from the provincial government due to an administrative misunderstanding, but that was offset by an almost equal rise in donations (\$18,977, as opposed to \$6,000 anticipated). That included a \$5,000 bequest from the Estate meeting was the need for an election, with five candidates vying for marked for book purchases in

On the expenses side of the ledger, the association spent \$8,600 less on acquisitions (\$41,392), \$5,500 less on operations (\$8,867) and \$24,000 (\$41,463) more on computers than budgetted.

Myers summarized the auditor's report from accountant Karen Dakin as confirming "no one is stealing money or fiddling with the

In the coming year the board anticipates an almost identical level of financial activity, with much more money geared for acquisitions (\$58,000) and only \$25,000 for computer expenses.

Myers highlighted the fact Mary Hawkins spends all of its government grant money — \$55,000 from property taxes this year plus \$27,800 for the per capita provincial Library Services Branch grant on acquisitions and computers since it has no staff to pay.

Stanley Shapiro explained a new \$1,000 item in the budget — an exciting service which will give members home access to an estimated 600 online magazines and periodicals once the library's home page is up and running.

One unusual occurrence at the

only four available spots on the board. The tally saw incumbent Richard Moses edged out of his seat by Charles Kahn, Pat Prowse, Wendy Shea and Lyda Smith.

They join board chair Garth Hendren, vice-chair Joanne Elizabeth, Myers, Bruce Mills and CRD director Kellie Booth, whose position is filled by Helen Keys.

Grace Byrne, former board chair and long-time volunteer, is the current head librarian.

Jill Evans, retiring as volunteer coordinator after three years in the post, appealed to the meeting crowd to fill more roles, including shelvers, a shelving coordinator, inter-library loan department staff and a gardening supervisor.

Norma Keech asked members to give Evans "a special vote of thanks for doing such a wonderful

Byrne also said people are needed to conduct a library inventory.

A photo and text display set up for the AGM showed some of the library's 155 volunteers at work.

Volunteers Lyda Smith and Elma Rubright also outlined their plans for a library-centred celebration of both B.C. Book Week and Canada Book Day from April 22 to 29. (See separate story in this issue of the Driftwood.)

ISLAND POLITICS: "Tree-hugger" Shilo Zylbergold and logging supporter Johnny Bennett do a cross-cut saw handshake, while island activist Nina Raginsky makes sure no trees get in the way.



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A chance to see Mort Ransen's film and hear the latest about Texada land issues takes place tomorrow (Thursday) evening at Gulf Islands Secondary School.

The evening will start off with a screening of Mort Ransen's movie, Ah, The Money, The Money, The Money, at 6 p.m., with a talk by Ransen on "the making of a documentary" to follow at 7 p.m.

A "town hall" meeting on Texada issues begins at 7:30 in the multi-purpose room.

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Keep it up, Joe

eep up the pressure, Joe. You're doing great. That's our advice to "Opposition Leader" Joe Clark, who has reminded Canadians just how skilful he is at his chosen profession. It has been said enough times that Clark knows nothing but politics. Today that can be read as a compliment.

Clark has led the charge against Prime Minister Jean Chretien and his efforts to trivialize his role in finding federal financial support for a hotel in his riding. Shawinigate has been and remains Clark's project. He has excelled at keeping the issue before the House of Commons and before Canadians, where it belongs.

Some observers feel strongly that the attention being directed to this affair has taken up valuable time that could have been better utilized addressing some vital, national concerns. Such feelings are wrong-headed.

One of the most serious issues facing Canada today is that of governance. The slow and unaccountable political system in this country is doing no one but the Liberal Party of Canada any good. A vacuum in political leadership, common at all political levels, has created a situation in which government shies away from leading and follows instead. Its pollsters show

Shawinigate serves to remind us just how much authority is held within the Prime Minister's Office. It seems likely that Chretien got caught in an unfortunate situation when payment was not made for shares deemed to have been sold.

The issue is not a large one, nor is the amount of money involved. But Chretien has stonewalled on the matter, probably a result of the arrogance that comes with being in power too

Parliament could abandon Shawinigate and get on with the business of debating free trade, globalization, a devalued currency and the threat of recession. And most of the chatter would have absolutely no effect on the final outcome of any of those issues.

Shawinigate is far more important. It is focussing our attention on the deficiencies of Parliament. That process could represent a big step toward rectifying them.

Salt Spring nurses speak out about hospitals in crisis

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

As everyone is aware, our hospital system is in a state of crisis. In Victoria and on the islands, beds have been closed, surgeries cancelled, because there aren't enough nurses. In some nospitals, emergency wards are shutting their doors. Beds are closing down everywhere. Overtime costs have





soared to 72 million dollars a year, the equivalent of 1,000 full-time RNs (registered nurs-

Most of this has been caused by federal government spending cuts. B.C. now receives less than the 1992 level for health care and social services. Eight out of 10 people in this province support us receiving a wage increase. But the provincial government's appointees' first reaction was to even refuse to negotiate, after offering a complicated formula that amounted to a benefit cut. That's nerve!

Over the last 10 years, RN wages have fallen behind in

relation to doctors, support workers and administrators. Doctors can receive up to \$40 an hour for being on call. A nurse with four years of post graduate education and 20 years' experience gets \$1.25 an hour.

Meanwhile, the CEO at Lion's Gate Hospital had a salary increase of 100 per cent over 10 years. In the last 10 years, a B.C. registered nurse has only had a pay increase of 17 per cent.

The starting rate for a trained, professional nurse is only \$21.40, compared to \$19.25 for an aide. The top rate for a front-line RN is \$26.50. compared to \$32.40 in Alberta and \$60 in the US, which is actively recruiting B. C. nurses. One out of four nurses leaves the province after they hospitals, including St. Paul's have graduated. B.C. has the and Burnaby General, cannot

second fewest nurses per person than any other province, except Ontario.

The B.C. government admits there are more than 1,000 vacant nursing positions in B.C. More than 4,000 RNs in B.C. are over 55 and eligible to retire. This exceeds 30 per cent of the nurses in some hospitals.

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

Already, people are dying on the waiting lists in the Greater Vancouver area. Numerous

keep their emergency wards open to the public. Is this the kind of health care you want? The situation is rapidly becoming catastrophic.

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

Sharon Doobenen, Moira Bergstrome, Pat Peterson, Sharon Fulton, Mary Lynn Hetherington, Gaynor Jones, Mary Waugh, Terri Darbyshire, Karen Jenson, Gail Mussell, Scott, Karen Joyce Hunsberger, Carol Jenkins, Armstrong, Sharon Byrne, Maureen Gix, Jan Brosseau, Georgia Arnutt, Sharyl Watkins, Rose Prince, Sue Yardley, Michelle Muir, Ann MacKinnon, Nancy Wood, Claude Audet, Minvielle, Lee Hindrichs, Evanda Innes, Iris McBride, Jacquie Byron, Jo Twaites.

If Salt Spring were a Mexican town, and Centennial Park were the town square, there would one day be a statue of Nina Raginsky

gracing the park. I've written about Raginksy twice in this space over the past couple of years, but a lunch preceded each of those columns. This time there has been no lunch. Just a lot of gentle persuasion on her part to raise a couple of hundred thousand bucks in less than two months.

That's surely worth a column,

if not a statue.

First, Raginsky single-handedly stopped the chainsaws on a crucial part of the land. Texada Land Corporation's Macdonald agreed to halt cutting on the two Burgoyne Bay parcels which Raginsky wanted to pre-

Never under-estimate Nina Raginsky

Then she went to work on donors. The rest of the story is in pledged funding all from Salt Spring worth \$200,000, amount

Macdonald wanted to keep the loggers off the two lots, which will set down covenants to preserve the trees for good.

Doubting Thomas was a biblical figure with whom many of us could probably identify when we heard of Raginsky's scheme. A nice, noble effort, to be sure, and good on her that she persuaded Macdonald to stop logging.

But 200 grand in 60 days? She had to be kidding.

But she wasn't. I should have known not to under-

estimate Nina Raginsky after our

last lunch, when she confessed she'd taken a sabbatical from the vocal, inyour-face activism for which she had become notorious. The result was a more relaxed, tolerant and understanding Nina Raginsky, the kind of person for whom a logging truck might voluntarily stop.

And when she got back in the game, she did what no one else seemed able to do: engage Texada Land Corporation in fruitful diatrees from coming down.

It was with those thoughts in mind that I viewed Mort Ransen's film last week. But the film offered a portrayal that paid little attention to the efforts that went on behind the scenes by islanders attempting to secure some of Texada's land for protection or park use.

In fact, the film focused almost solely on a protest movement that in effect involved a small percentage of islanders.

Locally, the reviews have been mixed. Some feel, and rightfully so, that those few who were interviewed for the film took great liberties in professing to speak for Salt Spring.

Still, the film was well made and might well have helped turn the tide in Salt Spring's favour when the fed-

announced on the weekend.

It's just too bad the camera didn't spend more time with Nina Raginsky and others who pursued alternative means to save trees. I guess we'll have to build that stat-

• The following is a private note to an old friend, Virginia Newman. You may read it if you wish.

Dear Virginia,

The grace and tolerance with which you pen letters to the editor are characteristics that I have long admired in you. We have probably disagreed on more issues than we have agreed on, and sometimes the distance between us - in philosophical terms only - has been huge.

You have kept the discussion civil and reasonable in a fashion I can only dream of emulating. Thank you for being such a fine

SALT SPRING SAYS
We asked: When did you arrive here and what are the most significant changes?



Johnny Bennett (1923) The unnecessary and uninformed switch in the opinions about logging.



B. Neville (since1986) The Saturday market used to be full of mystery and you could find anything. Now it is restricted and contrived.



Rita Dods (1955) The population growth. But the town looks pretty nice and there are lots of great people. I enjoy each day and everybody!



Vera Larson (1969) The increase in population and all that comes with it - some good.



Paul Hamilton (1979) An hour late and a day shy, but on time - Salt Spring time. More people come but don't slow down and enjoy what's really important.

Letters to the Editor

Frightening dogs

I fully support Ted Hickford's plea for dog owners to control their dogs and use a leash. (Driftwood letters, March 28.)

I, with my children, used to frequently walk the trails, but now go less often and have a hard time convincing my children to come with me because of the numerous frightening encounters we have had with uncontrolled dogs.

I now carry pepper spray after a particularly terrifying experience where a dog cornered myself and two of my children. It had its teeth bared, back fur was straight up and it was slowly circling us with the owner nowhere in sight. I turned my back on the dog, kept quiet and gathered my children towards me as it continued to snarl and growl.

Fortunately, just as I was convinced it would attack, the owners appeared over the crest of the hill and the dog ran away from us. I don't think the owners realized what the dog had done since all they saw was the dog running away

I don't think dog owners realize how frightening their dogs can be. On several occasions we have had dogs charge towards us on the trail

with their fur standing up and barking. In most cases they just run by, but on several occasions they have jumped up and badly scratched my children. There is always the nagging doubt that they will bite, and reading Ted's letter confirms that.

Dog owners generally don't have to worry about other dogs since two dogs meeting will be more interested in each other than the people who are around. When someone alone approaches a dog, the dog will be interested in the person and if you aren't familiar with the dog, you don't know how it will react.

Children and adults can be badly frightened by a dog running towards them and barking, and the fear of meeting an unpredictable dog on the trail certainly takes away the enjoyment of hiking.

Several people recommended I carry pepper spray, since they do, and I know others who are no longer comfortable hiking the trails. I have owned dogs in the past and now realize I was guilty of not properly control-

Dog owners, please keep your dogs on a leash! We should all be able to enjoy the trails — not only dogs and their owners.

KAREN CLARK. Salt Spring

Wrong impression

The film aired by CBC TV on The Nature of Things last week gave the strong impression that the Salt Spring Island community is primarily composed of very young extreme environmentalists and others who appear to have withdrawn from mainstream society — and that these people represent the "community attitude" toward Texada Land Corporation's activi-

A larger portion of the population, no doubt a majority (many of whom are long-time residents of the island or members of the business and commercial sectors), while strongly supporting protection of the environment, nevertheless recognize the necessity of commercial activity to sustain our way-of-life and the necessity of supporting and respecting the law (rather than anarchy).

The majority usually remain silent for fear of the vitriolic attacks that are mounted against anyone who dissents from the views of those few very vocal, well organized self-described environmentalists. This moderate group, while shunning publicity

and attendant attacks, deserved to have its side of the discussion aired — and respected. However, the NFB program carried by the CBC presented a very biased story and is unworthy of two of our national public institutions. There was no consideration of our views nor interviews with persons holding dissenting opinions. The general impression was that those shown in the film represent the views of "the community." This is far from the truth.

I would certainly like to learn how the CBC assesses the veracity of programs such as the one in question and how it ensures fair and equitable coverage. Does it simply accept whatever programming is offered, without checking for balance and truth? In this case it seems so.

GORDON T. KEYS, Salt Spring

Step right up

The time for Sea Capers preparations is upon us!

Harry Warner, who has managed the affair for the last two years, is busy with the Save Salt Spring Society's efforts to rescue our watersheds and forested lands from the ravages of industrial log-

Volunteers please e-mail harryw@saltspring.com or call me at 653-4940.

HARRY J. WARNER,

Lee Road

Modern Munich

Epiphany-wise, my experience while on the road to Fulford Harbour didn't compare with that of Saul when on the road to Tarsus, but it was very moving.

As I went down Lee's Hill towards the scalps and scars on the opposite slopes, I had just seen Mort Ransen's Ah, the Money. . documentary about the Texada operations, and I thought of Rob Macdonald's cri-de-coeur likening his battle against eco-terrorism to the Munich crisis. The scales fell from my eyes with such a thud that I had to park to regain my compo-

This logging is the stand against tyranny that was not taken against Hitler at Munich. The fight against the eco-brutalities of Bea Nevill, Briony Penn, Rod McGuckin and their hordes of goosestepping storm troopers must go on, even if the whole island is clearcut.

ANDREW GIBSON, Rainbow Road

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- not 'The Law' Laws govern the real world

By MIKE PRICE

There was a moment of ghastly irony during Mort Ransen's NFB film, "Ah, the Money, the Money, the Money!" broadcast on CBC's The Nature of Things" last Wednesday evening.

Well, there were several, but one particularly ghastly one stood out for me.

It came when Rob Macdonald, one of the principals of Texada Land Corporation, said, "You cannot give in to people who break the law." "That kind of appeasement just breeds more violence," he continued, citing Neville Chamberlain's appeasement of Hitler as a case in point.

Well now,. I'm sure Mr. Macdonald is aware that in Hitler's Germany, "The Law" allowed Hitler's S.S. thugs to round up, imprison and murder millions of innocent people who just happened to be Jews, Gypsies and other "undesirables."

Indeed, it was illegal to give aid or concealment to Jews who were attempting to avoid being dragged off to the death camps.



Would Mr. Macdonald have been so uncompromising in his condemnation of anyone who broke that law, I wonder, had he been living at that time and in that place?

Similarly, in parts of the United States during the 19th century, it was illegal to offer aid and concealment to escaped

And can he honestly swear, with his hand on a stack of Bibles, that he has never, ever, anywhere, at any time, broken any law?

Never driven over the speed limit, or run a red light? Never padded an expense account, or neglected to disclose income on his tax form, or kept a fish or two over his catch limit, or forgotten to declare a few items coming through Canada Customs? If so, he is a paragon of superhuman moral rectitude, and I humbly salute him; but if not, he is merely being hypocritical, and is in no position to lecture anyone else about respect for The Law.

In any case, anyone who takes shelter behind as woolly a concept as "The Law" is standing on very shaky ground indeed (sorry for the mixed metaphors there). Let's face it, there is no such thing as "The Law"; it is a legal fiction, useful only for hiding behind and pontificating about. What actually exists, in the real world, is not "The Law," but simply laws.

Zillions of laws, designed and enacted and amended for all kinds of reasons by all sorts of legislators with all manner of agendas: big laws, small laws; national laws, local laws; good laws, bad laws.

There are those laws that (almost) all of us surely support and live by; laws such as those against murder, rape, theft, violence, child abuse, slander, misrepresentation. Laws of this type, in general, are those that protect the weaker party against the depredations of the stronger.

exactly the opposite, and protect the strong and powerful at the expense of those less powerful; examples would be the aforementioned law against helping escaped slaves — or, perhaps, the is: why do they think they still laws that allow a property owner to do whatever he wants with his own property, no matter what effect his actions might have on those around him.

It is laws such as this, which protect wealthy vested interests and damage environments, wreck communities and destroy or degrade living beings, which cause all the trouble.

Mohandas Gandhi in India inspired his followers to disobey unjust laws. They, and he, were beaten, brutalized, even killed, by the upholders of those same laws; they, and he, are today rightly regarded as heroes

And no doubt, back there and then, there were those who went around saying things like "You can't give in to people who break the law.

It all comes down, in the end, to greed. Rob Macdonald

Then there are the laws that do and Derek Trethewey are both wealthy men. They already have far more money than most of us who live here could imagine in our wildest fantasies, so the obvious question need more?

> As Harry Warner says in the film, "A million isn't enough, gotta have two million; two million isn't enough, gotta have four million "; and every day another few hundred trees get converted into brown paper bags and toilet paper.

> We all depend, one way or another, on the products of log-

> We live in wooden houses, we burn wood in our heating stoves, we read newspapers and books made from wood pulp. However, the kind of cut-and-run logging that has been happening on the Texada lands over the past year doesn't belong on our small island.

> Indeed, it's hard for most of us to accept that it belongs any-

The writer lives on Salt Spring.

Magnificent

A thank you to the board of directors of ArtSpring from the bottom of my heart for allowing your theatre to show Mort Ransen's Ah, the Money, the Money, the Money! to the people of Salt Spring Island on April 25.

The film is absolutely magnificent, emotionally and artistically. I left the theatre totally choked up

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and remained in that state for the try in the world" and ". . . to ignored by these same governrest of the day.

Ransen's depiction of greed and destruction was strong without being confrontational, exposing the barrenness of our three or four levels of government.

These blithely blather slogans such as "Canada is the best coun-

guard and protect . . ." etc., then meekly stand by and watch the destruction of the environment, the natural beauty, the ecosystems and the habitat of wildlife with

never a murmur. The ordinary citizens who protest this ruin of their land are ments and often arrested - in many cases sent to prison, even very old senior citizens.

However, the RCMP who are government servants are shown to be sympathetic and gentle in their position as negotiators.

These are some of the things

that the film said to me, beautifully and artistically.

Never having been involved in any kind of public protest, I find I have been jolted out of my com-

Thanks a hundred million, Morty - you have done a great service to Salt Spring. KEN HEELEY-RAY, Salt Spring

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☐ Ron Francis	CAR	74	59	
☐ Yancic Perreault	TOR	70	47	
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NOTHING BUT NET

		GP	PTS
☐ Milan Hejduk	COL	74	75
☐ Shawn McEachern	OTT	75	62
☐ Alexander Mogilny	NJD	69	74
☐ Pavol Demitra	STL	39	43
☐ Ulf Dahlen	WAS	67	42

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	GP	PTS	
☐ Steve Konowalchuk WAS	75	40	
☐ Daniel Alfredsson OTT	62	61	
☐ Doug Gilmour BUF	64	34	
☐ Patrick Marleau S.J	73	46	
☐ Alexei Kovalev PIT	74	88	

SHOOTING STARS

		GP	PTS
☐ Rod Brind'amour	CAR	71	50
☐ Anson Carter	EDM	54	39
☐ Joe Juneau	PHX	64	33
☐ Jason Arnott	NJD	48	49
☐ Martin Straka	PIT	75	86

ALL AGES

		GP	PTS	
☐ Steve Yzerman	DET	49	49	
☐ Petr Sykora	NJD	66	69	
☐ Ray Bourque	COL	74	56	
☐ Radek Bonk	OTT	74	59	
☐ Alex Tanguay	COL	75	67	

THAT'S OFFENSIVE

		GP	PTS
☐ Joe Nieuwendyk	DAL	63	46
☐ Peter Bondra	WAS	75	78
☐ Scott Young	STL	75	66
☐ Mark Recchi	PHI	62	75
☐ Andrew Cassels	VAN	66	56

NIFTY

		GP	PTS	
☐ J.P. Dumont	BUF	72	50	
☐ Brendan Morrison	VAN	76	52	
☐ Al MacInnis	STL	53	49	
☐ Ryan Smyth	EDM	75	62	
☐ Robert Lang	PIT	75	74	

YOUNG UNS

2011		GP	PTS
☐ Scott Gomez	NJD	69	59
☐ Martin Havlat	OTT	67	41
☐ Chris Drury	COL	64	61
☐ Sergei Berezin	TOR	75	47
☐ Harold Druken	VAN	49	27

TAKE A CHANCE ON ME

		GP	PTS
☐ Mike Johnson	PHX	70	40
☐ Martin Gelinas	CAR	71	49
☐ Peter Schaefer	VAN	76	34
☐ Jan Hrdina	PIT	71	37
☐ Bobby Holik	NJD	73	43

BEAST FROM THE EAST

		GP	PTS
☐ Alexei Yashin	OTT	75	80
☐ Patrice Elias	NJD	75	83
☐ Adam Oates	WAS	75	78
☐ Keith Primeau	PHI	70	73
☐ Mario Lemieux	PIT	38	62

D-MEN

			GP	PTS	
	Rob Blake	COL	66	58	
0	Nicklas Lidstrom	DET	76	66	
	Sergei Gonchar	WAS	69	51	
	Eric Desjardins	PHI	72	46	
0	Ed Jovanovski	VAN	73	43	

LET'S GET PHYSICAL

		GP	PTS
☐ Jeff O'Neill	CAR	74	57
☐ Jeremy Roenick	PHX	75	74
☐ Gary Roberts	TOR	76	51
☐ Gary Suter	S.J.	65	33
☐ Simon Gagne	PHI	62	55

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☐ Joe Sakic	COL	75	108
☐ Brendan Shanaha	anDET	76	74
☐ Mike Modano	DAL	75	76
☐ Pierre Turgeon	STL	73	76
☐ Todd Bertuzzi	VAN	73	52

THEY'RE ALL THAT

		GP	PTS
☐ Vincent Damphous	se S.J	44	46
☐ Doug Weight	EDM	75	78
☐ Keith Tkachuk	PHX	70	75
☐ Miroslav Satan	BUF	74	54
☐ Mats Sundin	TOR	76	70

HOT SHOTS

		GP	PTS
☐ Peter Forsberg	COL	67	86
☐ Marian Hossa	OTT	74	-71
☐ Sergei Fedorov	DET	69	66
☐ Daymond Lankow	PHI	67	51
☐ Brett Hull	DAL	73	74

WORLD TOUR

		GP	PTS
☐ Daniel Sedin	VAN	71	34
☐ Sami Kapanen	CAR	74	51
☐ Tomas Kaberle	TOR	76	44
☐ Teemu Selanne	S.J.	65	60
☐ Maxim Afinogenov	BUF	73	34

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What's the problem?

Often we are told that in war, truth is the first casualty. It appears that this cynical maxim may also be true of Gulf Islands politics.

The February 1-14 issue of the Island Tides reported that the Sierra Legal Defence Fund, representing the Pender Island Trust Protection Society (PITPS), would petition the B.C. Supreme Court to set aside North Pender Bylaw 122. The grounds were that "Bylaw 122 increases subdivision density from the previous threeacre average to a 1.5 acre average."

That statement is true. All it leaves out is that Bylaw 122 merely restores the 1.5-acre requirement that had been in effect for decades. To describe something as "previous" that had only been in effect for a month before new trustees were elected to reverse the decision is narrowly true but misleading.

The article further stated that Pender Island "is already the island with the highest population density in the Trust Area."

All it leaves out is Magic Lake Estates, a subdivision where most of the population lives, that has municipal sewer and water systems and which does not depend heavily on water from the aquifer; the Trincomali area, where somewhat similar arrangements are common; and the large amount of land in the Agricultural Land Reserve.

More recently, as noted in the Driftwood letter columns last week, opponents of Bylaw 122 have declared that our elected law-makers are not legislators but "guardians, custodians." It appears that if they pass bylaws that the PITPS supports, they are acting like proper trustees; if they act against the wishes of PITPS, they are acting like "MLAs (or) municipal councillors," which is somehow in violation of the Trust Act.

On the other hand, PITPS is under fire for its entirely legal petition to the Supreme Court. What in the world is wrong with that? And what in the world is wrong with the Sierra Legal Defence Fund underwriting the cost of the appeal?

Isn't this still a democracy? A majority of North Pender voters elected two trustees pledged to rescind an unpopular bylaw (#103) recently imposed by their predecessors. The losing side has gone to court, hoping to overturn Bylaw 122. The court will decide, and at the same time educate us all.

So what is the problem? GERALD WOODS, Pender Island

Bouquet of thank yous

Many thanks to Trudy and the Driftwood for acknowledging the window displays at the hospital auxiliary Thrift Shop.

We have fun doing them and enjoy consultations from shop patrons and neighbouring store personnel.

There are two women behind these scenes — Susan Paynter and myself — as well as many auxiliary volunteers who do everything from sorting and saving to selling, organizing, general maintenance and

administration. The shop can only be as successful as we, the community, make it. Thanks to everyone who, via donations and purchases, is ultimately supporting

More letters

- it benefits us all.

DAWN SHAAK, Auxiliary Hospital volunteer, Salt Spring

Free will

What is evident to the public mind of late is that politics, our favourite entertainment and social lubricant, through the predominant stimulation of media sensationalism is no longer very amusing, moreso that the laugh is on us, in our continuing bovine gullibility and apathetic reluctance to be responsibly self-governed as individuals.

What is interesting is that TV, our home-grown visual delight, is far less representative and slower in its response to social conditions, comments and change, than radio and local newsprint, which present a slightly more subjective and thoughtful focus for progressive individuals.

Outside of the sad fact that most social comment, with the decline of unenlightened, naive trust and the rise of healthy cynicism, remains locked in the wailing perception of an overwhelming injustice in the world, there is, nonetheless, a rising brightness, a growing focus on the primal issues of democracy and sovereignty.

These will remain illusive insubstantial will-o-the-wisps of unattainable social realities when the underlying concepts as to what these represent are not addressed and are related to something more personal and immediate in what fundamentally free-will implies. The conscious reality of freedom and willing are spiritual gifts rather than the adamant or pathetic posturings of an adolescent

The etymological roots of the word sovereignty seem as vague and cloudy as its historic associated reality. For instance: a sovereign is a monetary unit (English pound, i.e. rules of money). One dictionary claimed it arising out of the Latin "superanus," and consid-ering the past evidence of royal

our local health care services asses that we have been subjected to by those in the "guise" of rulership, this almost seems a feasible meaning.

However, on a more positive note, sovereignty, as a personal quality, relates to the royal dignity of individuals who have discovered their own freedomloving, self-governed democracy and responsibly share their meaningful lives with the community at large. Be democratic - be sovereign — be free. Be

RUDY SIEGERS, Salt Spring

Democracy?

What do you think of the Liberal government voting against our elected MPs reading the Free Trade Agreement of the America (FTAA) until after it has been adopted or rejected (fat chance of the latter).

Is this democracy?

How about the cemented chain-link fencing being built around Québec City and Sainte-Foy in preparation for the FTAA conference?

Such actions would not have surprised us in Hitler's Germany or Stalin's Soviet Union . . . but in Canada?

At a recent meeting of provincial forestry interests, a Liberal MLA told the group that if the Liberal Party wins the next election, it plans to spend big money to combat the environmental movement in forestry. That's something to look forward to, eh?

Anticipating, or perhaps dreading, the upcoming election, I remain your friendly political adversary of many

VIRGINIA NEWMAN, Quebec Drive

P.S. Speaking of democracy, we can bring it back through electoral reform: an elected senate, limits on election spending and some form of proportional representation (what a mouthful!)

Proportional rep gives each party parliamentary seats in proportion to its percentage of the total vote.

Latimer update

A final update on the petition for clemency for Robert Latimer. Our original target was 500 signatures. Last Wednesday I mailed to the Canadian Civil Liberties Association petitions with 797 names, most from Salt Spring.

The petitions at Island Star Videos and et cetera helped us to achieve this impressive figure. Increased public knowledge and sense of outrage at the gross injustice to a man that the Supreme Court of Canada described as a "caring and loving father" was responsible for this increased democratic response to a plea for clemen-

Sadly I have to report that there are two contemptible individuals, one who stole one page of petitions from Greenwoods and the other who stole more signatures on two pages in a red clipboard from the Roasting Company coffee shop in Fulford. These people have no respect for either democracy or their fellow islanders or the expression of free speech. The island would be a better place if they moved to Surrey, Abbotsford or Red Deer, Alberta.

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

It is now very important for concerned citizens to take the time and write at least two federal cabinet ministers; Justice Minister Anne McClellan and Health Minister Allan Rock would be two of many possibil-

JACK HALLAM, North End Road

Reach out

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

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

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

Hospice volunteers are invariably people who have faced the suffering of loss. They have learned, often through experience, that the compassionate friend - or stranger that becomes a friend - who was there in times of need brought an ease and relief of sorrow and grief. Contact with a hospice volunteer doesn't necessarily mean that there is an expectation of imminent

It can mean an opportunity to acknowledge the loss of one's good health, or the loss or deterioration of a loved one's physical or mental health. Thus it may be possible to gain release and relief. Or it can indeed mean the acknowledgement and acceptance that dying and death come to us all without exception.

Although we all die as we are born, alone, we may still have caring and understanding from others as we move through our journey.

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

BARBARA DAMS, Fulford

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for the issue of Wednesday, April 18, 2001

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Feathered friends disrupt the peace of quiet (ha) family

After 15 years of cohabitating it turns out unbeknownst to me - my husband is



enamoured with birds.

Not only the watching-bird-in-tree, stop-the-car-for-aneagle type of passion but, evidently, a love that includes the in-a-cage, squawk-in-the-a.m. type of winged beast.

Apparently, we even have a portion of our house dedicated to a future aviary.

We already have the proverbial, make-a-racket-all-nightlong-on-the-wheel hamster, and a German shepherd whose shedding hair appears everywhere, including inside cereal

And the kids want kittens, kittens, kittens, although neither of the Lundy adults foster much feline fondness. (The one cat we had spent the summer spraying the seats of dad's open top jeep — a fact we females found quite funny.)

However, youngest has pined for pets all her life, once adopting — as I have mentioned before — a boiled egg that she finally agreed could live in the fridge and not under her

And the hamster has used up several of its lives, rescued once in a stiffened state of shock from the jaws of the nowdeceased Dexter-the-hound; and flung - on another occasion into the bathtub in a hand-jerk response to a bite on the thumb.

So when dad asked the children if they would like a pair of cockatiels, the response was predictable - even if a "no cats" clause was included in the deal.

And things looked good. We found a cage and garnered a few tips from the Brindamour-bird-lovers, and managed to correct youngest enough times that she stopped telling people we were getting two cockroaches.

So the birds arrived. Nine weeks old. Cute. Quiet. Beloved by children and man, grudgingly accepted by mom as okay, despite being yet two more mouths to feed.

Someone said to me, "Aren't cockatiels noisy?" and I said, "Noisy? These sweet little birds?"

Then they found their voices.

Okay, once in a while they send out pretty little trills. They have learned to whistle and dad swears he has taught them to say "pretty bird." This does not sound like "pretty bird" to me. My ears pick up "raaack" and "reeek."

They like me.

As soon as my foot lands on the floor from the bed, they screech with joy. Apparently, the rumble of my van on the driveway provokes a cacophony of gleeful reeeks and raaacks.

At the sight or sound of humans, they want out of their cage. They pitter-pat around the floor, they peck at the candlesticks on the windowsill, they walk on homework, they perch atop of my head, preen my eyelashes and look inside

They have given new meaning to the expression "bird brain" and, I confess, have periodically introduced me to the primal forces within — showing me the hunter-gatherer that lies buried in my subconscious.

As soon as the pair arrived at our home as quiet young birds, my children went through a raft of names, looking for the perfect monikers to depict their delicate countenance.

Sierra came up with "Coral" and Danica named hers "Gaia. Well things have changed. Amidst a ruckus of so-called "pretty birds," Coral is slowly edging towards "Quarrel." And Gaia — well that's another story.

Both birds came with clipped wings, but Coral/Quarrel is able to fly down and across. Without going into a lot of details about a certain other flight-challenged bird, it might be suffice

to say Gaia is now called Crash. Commiserating with a friend on the phone recently, I was joking about ways to remove the new noise factor in the house. We tried to envision setting the birds free. (Don't worry, kids, it's just a little adult humour.)

"Yeah," I said. "With Crash it would be . . . 'fly, be free, sweet bird!' Thunk."

Anyway, now they've sort of become part of the family. It's not unusual to read a book with a bird in your hair, or peek out from under the bed covers to see a little black eyeball peering

It's become routine for the first person up in the morning to dive at the cage, whip off the blanket and let the squawking beasts out before they wake up the hamster and set it back on the wheel, or bring out the bleary-eyed children before the adults have consumed their first cups of coffee.

So things have settled.

But then today, as I was leaving for work, my husband muttered something about birds for mom and dad. How about a pair of macaws, he wondered aloud.

At which point I reeeked and raaacked and said, "Pretty

Great Ganges sewer debate revisited in Tom Toynbee talk

Next Tuesday's historical society meeting could turn into a lively discussion - if history has anything to do with it.

On the agenda is a Tom Toynbee talk about the Ganges sewer debate, the acrimonious issue all subsequent Salt Spring controversies are measured against.

The sewer debate was perhaps the most divisive event ever experienced on Salt Spring Island, and it is said that some opponents will not talk to each other to this day.

In 1962, provincial health officers identified health problems associated with the sewage discharge from the schools, hospital, businesses and homes in Ganges.

Four years later, a referendum was held on incorporating Ganges so that the village would qualify for federal and provincial grants to pay for a sewer system. Almost immediately, islanders lined up on each side of the issue: Was a sewer system needed to clean up the village or would it just lead to increased development on the island? The referendum was defeated.

When island-born Toynbee returned to Salt Spring in 1971, his family had already purchased Mouat Brothers, and one of the first issues he had to face was the problem of how to get rid of the mounting volume of sewage that curtailed further development of

When the government refused to allow Mouat's to have its own sewage system, Toynbee joined the quest for a village system, not knowing how volatile the issue would become.

Toynbee's presentation will include a summary of background details to the sewer controversy and the showing of Pipe Dreams, a 25-minute video made by the late Eric Malling for the CBC's The Fifth Estate in 1983.

Toynbee has invited opponents

of the Ganges sewer to attend the meeting and present their points of

Toynbee was born and educated on Salt Spring. He moved to Vancouver to study at UBC in 1952. In 1958, he graduated from the UBC commerce program, got married, and moved to Calgary to take a position with the Cooper

Widman lumber company. He returned to Vancouver in 1967 to become Cooper Widman's general manager. From 1971 until his retirement last year, he managed Mouat's Trading Company.

Everyone is welcome to attend the Historical Society meeting, which takes place at 2 p.m., April 10, at Central Hall. Refreshments will be served after the presenta-

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Diaper-free is name of the game and the book

By GAIL SJUBERG Driftwood Staff

Babies without diapers?

It may sound revolutionary for a culture accustomed to complaining about the trials and smells of overflowing diapers, but a Salt Spring resident has done the work to prove diaper dependence can be broken.

However, Ingrid Bauer didn't write Diaper Free! The Gentle Wisdom of Natural Infant Hygiene to release people from the bonds of cleaning up their babies and toddlers.

Becoming a diaper-free fami-

and researching the concept was more a b o u t responding to infants needs, committing to a "nurturing" parenting approach and deepening communication between parent and child.

Forgoing diapers may sound strange to western ears, but it's old news in many parts of the world. In fact, while Bauer said she intuitively knew babies may not need diapers, it wasn't until hearing about islander Cynthia Bennett's observations about mothers and diaperless babies on buses in India that she began to delve deeper into the subject.

Then, when her son was born four years ago, she began observing his body language, and could soon "read" when he was ready to urinate or have a bowel movement.

She combined that with a "sound cue" and by four months of age it was apparent he could manage elimination without diapers and was responding to her signals.

Ditching diapers has other obvious benefits: it conserves huge amounts of money, time and energy, and benefits the environment.

Bauer's 255-page book explores the history of infant



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care and biological concepts, gives a detailed how-to approach and a supportive voice for problems that may arise along the way.

Bauer stresses that she is not talking about early toilet training or coercing children into an unnatural regime — elimination without diapers is a "child-led" practice.

In compiling her material for Diaper Free!, Bauer drew on personal experience with her son, now aged four, other parents' stories, medical and biological research, and examples

from other cultures.

Having written and spoken on parenting, health and natural living subjects for years, Bauer was at home with the

book-forging process.

"I started with an article that turned into a booklet that turned into a small book that turned into a good-sized book," she said.

And when it comes to putting concept onto paper, Bauer is in fairly untamed territory.

She is aware of only one booklet and an 80-page book written on the subject about a decade ago, and a 500-page book published last year, along with almost-passing mentions in anthropological books, medical journals and child-rearing publications.

Since Diaper Free! was released at the end January, Bauer has been flooded with

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INGRID BAUER

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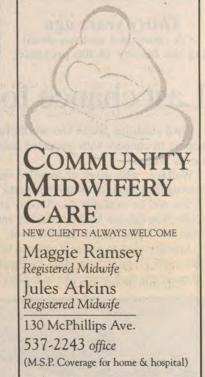
positive feedback and is pleased with how open parents have been to hearing her ideas.

For those whose interest is piqued by the topic, Bauer will be at Fables Cottage on Saturday from 1 to 4 p.m., ready and willing to answer any questions people may have, with signed copies of the book available.

A website can also feed the curious at www.natural-wisdom.com http://www.natural-wisdom.com.

Phone number for natural wisdom press is 653-9123.

Bauer has lived on Salt Spring for the past 10 years, also has a 15-year-old and is due to give birth to her third child in a matter of weeks. A GENTLE WAY: Ingrid Bauer uses personal experience to document ways parents can eliminate diapers from their lives in her new book: Diaper Free, The Gentle Wisdon of Natural Infant Hygiene. Bauer will be at Fables Cottage with her book this Saturday afternoon.



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Contractors should demonstrate their experience in Project Management, describe any previous hospital experience, and identify sub-trades to be employed.

Provide information on a minimum of 3 specific projects, including: Project Name, Owner, Location, Date, Contract Value, Reference Name, and Contact Name.

Firms considering themselves qualified are invited to submit their Expression of Interest no later than 15:00 hours April 10, to:

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School district budget (1961) amounted to \$230,849

Forty years ago

· School trustees agreed to apply for \$9,000 in emergency funds to complete new electrical wiring and lighting fixtures for Salt Spring Island School. The 1961 budget for the district was

Thirty-five years ago

· Official opening of the new high school was set for May 28 with Lt.-Gov. George Pearkes to perform the ceremony. Expected to be present were Premier W.A.C. Bennett, Minister of Education L. Peterson, Dr. Ellis of the University of B.C. and Warnet Kennedy of the B.C. Architectural Institute.

· Two bonfires held to kick off the centennial year drew small crowds but delighted the Boy Scouts.

One fire was held at the boat basin in Ganges and involved members of the Ganges scout troop. Another for Fulford scouts was held at Beaver Point

Thirty years ago

· A centennial caravan detailing the history of the province DOWN THE

was due to visit Salt Spring. The caravan consisted of three large trailers, each weighing approximately 13 tons. Total display area was 2,190 square feet.

· The provincial government approved a \$2,500 covered workshop for Gulf Islands secondary and a \$2,813 acoustical system for the school.

Twenty-five years ago

· Boundary changes recommended by the Electoral Boundaries Commission would remove the link between Nanaimo and the Gulf Islands.

The changes, designed to ensure each riding contained approximately 72,000 people, redrew electoral boundaries throughout the country.

The Gulf Islands were included as part of the Cowichan-Malahat-the-Islands riding, which encompassed the area north of Royal Roads to Nanaimo, the islands and Port

· Saturna Islanders were col-

lecting money and clothing to help residents Rob Fraen and Ruth Smart, who were left homeless after an oil stove blew up in their home.

The newly-formed Saturna fire department quickly arrived on the scene and minimized damage from the blaze.

Twenty years ago

· A new category of business licences was introduced in response to complaints by island residents over the new Business Licence Act.

The new category authorized by cabinet was intended for home-based businesses.

Those who made and sold crafts, operated cottage industries or hobby farms fell under the new category.

They could obtain an annual business licence for \$10.

• Lt.-Gov. Henry Bell-Irving had a busy two days on Salt Spring. During a visit to the island he visited schools, addressed a luncheon and an evening meeting, made a number of presentations and formally opened the heliport.

Fifteen years ago

 Developer Murray Cyprus retracted his 10-day-old offer to allow the community to take over his option to purchase 5,000 acres of MacMillan Bloedel land on Salt Spring.

He said he withdrew the offer because he was restructuring the land purchase agreement he had made with the forestry company.

· Gulf Islands School District's budget was \$415,799 richer than the provincial estimate of the district's needs.

Trustees hoped the province would make up the shortfall in the \$5.635 million budget.

If not, the difference would have to be made up by local taxpayers. maintained the increased budget

was necessary to continue existing services.

Ten years ago Salt Spring Seafood

Products Ltd. was forced to dump \$8,000 worth of smoked salmon due to U.S. Food and Drug Administration test results which found listeria monocytogenes present in one box of smoked salmon.

The box was part of a larger order being exported to the

The company owner attempted to have the fish tested again but was unsuccessful.

Five years ago

 Arson was among charges faced by two young island men suspected of breaking into the Core Inn, trashing it and setting it on fire.

Ganges RCMP said a major catastrophe at the island youth centre was prevented by the quick response of police and firefighters to the scene.



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- COUNSELLING SERVICES: Crisis and short-term counselling provided by Community Workers
- SUPPORT GROUP: For parents of special needs children behaviour, school issues, etc. 2nd Wed. each month 537-1232.
- ALCOHOL & DRUG PROGRAM: Prevention & treatment service is free & confidential. FAMILY PLACE: DROP IN - will be closed Mon. Mar 12, re-opening Mon. Mar. 26.

 CLOTHING EXCHANGE - open daily. WALK IN MOUATS PARK - Thursday @ 10, pot luck 3rd Thursday of each month. FRIDAY PROGRAMMING - 9-11:30 &
- RUGHUGGERS 11:30-1:30. 537-9176 PARENT SUPPORT CIRCLES - every Monday at Family Place 9:30-11:30, call 537-9176 to register.
- RECYCLE DEPOT: Open Tuesday Saturday from 10:00am-5pm, 349 Rainbow Rd.,
- COMMUNITY WELLNESS PROGRAMS COORDINATOR: Call Sharon Glover at
- Emergency Mental Health Services available: 4pm to midnight. Access is available through the Emergency Room at Lady Minto Hospital call: 538-4840

Last chance for readings by island psychic

Final readings are in the works for any islanders hoping to connect with respected Salt Spring psychic Leslie Wallace.

Wallace, who gives channelled readings, is soon leaving the island for northern Alberta.

She will be available this Sunday at the Bodyworks Collective (above Mobile Market and Apple Photo) from 1 to 5 p.m. Cost is \$50 per hour.

Appointments to ensure a spot can be made by calling 538-1988, or people can drop by Sunday with a list of 25 questions they would like to explore during the hour.

Wallace's session will be preceded Sunday by tea leaf readings by Bodyworks Collective member Tanya Lester, who practises reiki at the collective as well.

Lester has also established the Psychic Development Group on Salt Spring (now meeting at 3:30 to 5 p.m. on Tuesdays) and a Writers Support Group (meeting one Sunday afternoon each month).

Lester will be reading at the collective from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sunday. Cost is \$25 per half hour.

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WALKING "THE WAY OF THE CROSS"

8th April - Palm Sunday at All Saints' 10 AM Procession and Blessing of the Palms, followed by the Holy Eucharist 4 PM - Evensong and Solemn reading of the Passion Gospel

9th April - Monday in Holy Week at All Saints' 7 PM - Holy Eucharist

10th April - Tuesday in Holy Week 10 AM - Holy Eucharist (at St. Mark's) 11th April - Wednesday in Holy Week

7 PM - Holy Eucharist (at St. Mary's) 12th April - Maundy Thursday at All Saints' 5:15 PM - Supper, Foot-Washing & Holy Eucharist

13th April - Good Friday at All Saints' 10 AM - Stations of the Cross (adapted for children) 12 Noon - 3 PM - Watch by the Cross: 12:00 - Matins 1:30 - Ante-Communion

2:30 - Evensong 14th April - Holy Saturday at All Saints' 10:30 PM - Easter Vigil, Renewal of Baptismal Covenant and Solemn Mass of the Resurrection

15th April - Easter Sunday

10:00 AM - Festival Eucharist of the Resurrection will be celebrated simultaneously in All Saints', St. Mark's & St. Mary's!

PARISH OFFICE: 537-2171

Salt Spring Island United Church invites you to join in their

EASTER SEASON SERVICES

10:00 am Palm Sunday Service April 8th

April 12th 5:30 pm Potluck Dinner 7:00 pm Maundy Thursday Service

10:00 am Good Friday Service April 13th

9:00 am Holy Communion April 15th 10:00 am Easter Sunday Service

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April 22nd 10:00 am Earth Day Service -Liturgical Dance / The 537-5812



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THIS **WEEK'S** MOVIES

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Cross Bar (Drama) A tragedy befalls a young athlete, forcing him to try even harder to reach his goals. Brent Carver, Kim Cattrall (1h45)

8:00 PM

The Fall (1999) A thief turns evidence on his mafia boss and enters into the witness protection program. Michael Madsen, Daniel Baldwin (2h) 9:00 PM

** Any Which Way You Can (1978, Comedy) A man thinks about heading back to the ring for one last bare-knuckle fight. Clint Eastwood, Sondra Locke (2h)

(11) And Never Let Her Go (2001, True) A chronicle of a murder that rocked the city of, Wilmington, Delaware. Mark Harmon, Rachel Ward (2h)

10:00 PM 3 Boys Don't Cry (1999,True) A woman lives part of her life as a man searching for love as well as identity. Hilary Swank, Peter Sarsgaard (2h) 11:00 PM

12 The Assault (1986, Drama) Life of young boy whose family liquidated during WWII. Derek de Lint, Marc van Uchelen

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2 2 *** The Tango Lesson
(1997, Drama) A British director falls for a

tango dancer and is swept up in the dance. Sally Potter, Pablo Veron (3h35) THURSDAY, APR 5

6:00 PM 3 Down to You (1999, Romance) A man finds the girl of his dreams only to discover that she is not read for commitment. Freddie Prinze Jr., Julia Stiles

(1h30) ② ③ ★★★ No Way Out (1987, Drama) The Secretary of Defense and his loyal aid try to cover-up the murder of a call girl. Kevin Costner, Gene Hackman (2h30)

8:00 PM (34) ★★ Beethoven's 2nd (1993,Comedy) A St. Bernard Beethoven has his own mischievous brood of pups. Charles Grodin, Bonnie

8:30 PM Ghost Dog: The Way of the Samurai (1999, Crime Story) When his Mafia boss wants to hunt him down, an assassin named Ghost Dog strikes back. Henry Silva, Cliff Gorman (2h)

9:00 PM ★★★ The Love Bug (1969, Comedy) A racetrack driver acquires a foreign car, but doesn't realize that it is almost human. Dean Jones, Michele Lee (2h)

10:00 PM

★ Slaves of New York (1989, Comedy) The very hip inhabitants of Greenwich Village live, love and worry about their art. Bernadette Peters, Chris Sarandon (2h15)

20 (31) *** No Way Out (1987, Drama) The Secretary of Defense and his loyal aid try to cover-up the mur-der of a call girl. Kevin Costner, Gene Hackman (2h30)

10:30 PM Snow Falling on Cedars (1999, Drama) A murder opens up a flood of remembrance for a reporter covering the trial. Ethan Hawke, Youki Kudoh

11:00 PM

(F) ★★ Hello Again (1967,Comedy) A woman dies and wreaks havoc when she is brought back to life. Shelley Long, Gabriel Byrne (1h30) 11:30 PM

2 2 Kabloonak (1993, Drama) The relationship made between Flaherty and the Inuit he came to live with. Charles Dance, Adamie Quasiak Inukpuk (2h)

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Mickey Blue Eyes (1999,Comedy) The manager of a struggling New York auction house gets in over his head with the mob. Hugh Grant, James Caan (2h) Truth or Consequences

(1997,Crime Story) A robbery goes awry and the criminals take two ordinary people captive to evade police. Kiefer Sutherland, Kevin Pollack (2h)

8:00 PM Rules of Engagement (2000, Drama) A Marine turns to a war buddy to defend him against court martial and political cover-up. Tommy Lee Jones, Samuel L. Jackson (2h15) 20 12 * The Howling IV: The

Original Nightmare (1988, Horror) A woman is trapped in a cabin surrounded by werewolves. Romy Windsor, Michael T. Weiss (2h)

9:00 PM (1995,Comedy) A teacher and an athlete unlock potential in students. Steve Guttenberg, Olivia d'Abo (1h45)

9:45 PM

** Can You Keep It Up For a

Week? (1974,Comedy) If a man keeps a job for a week his girlfriend will marry him. Jeremy Bulloch, Jill Damas (1h45)

10:00 PM convict is given a new face, he seeks his wife's actual killer. Humphrey Bogart, Lauren Bacall (2h)

10:15 PM Double Jeopardy (1999,Suspense) A woman seeks revenge on those who set her up for the murder of her husband. Tommy Lee Jones, Ashley Judd (1h45)

10:45 PM

★★ Tall Tales: The Unbelievable Adventures of Pecos Bill (1995, Western) Pecos, Paul Bunyan and John Henry try to save farm from nefarious railroad barons. Patrick Swayze, Oliver Platt (1h45)

11:30 PM

2 2 ** Down Periscope
(1995,Comedy) The captain of an appalling submarine leads crew of misfits in war games. Kelsey Grammar, Lauren Holly (2h)

★★★ Wigstock: The Movie

(1995, Documentary) Crowd at New York's annual outdoor drag queen festival. RuPaul, Lypsinka (1h30) SATURDAY, APR 7

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8:00 PM 3 U-571 A crew of U.S. submarines is selected for a secret mission to take over a crippled U-boat. Matthew McConaughey, Bill Paxton (2h)

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23 (17) 24 (12) ** Iron Eagle II
(1988,Action) A retired Air Force colonel must rescue his friend from Middle Eastern villains. Louis Gossett Jr., Stuart Margolin (2h)

 ★★★★ Jesus of Nazareth (1977,Religious) The compelling life of Jesus of Nazareth, including his Divine resurrection. Robert Powell, Anne Bancroft (1h)

9:00 PM ★ The Bad News Bears Go to Japan (1978, Comedy) The Bad News Bears travel to Japan to compete with a top-notch team. Lonny Chapman, Tony Curtis (1h30)

9:15 PM ★★ The Fabulous Baker Boys (1989, Drama) The popularity of a lounge act is shaken by the addition of a new singer. Jeff Bridges, Michelle Pfieffer

10:00 PM 3 ** EDtv (1999,Comedy) A video-store clerk is turned into a star s life is broadcast live sion. Matthew McConaughey, Woody Harrelson (2h30)

10:30 PM ★★★ Mr. Destiny (1990, Comedy) A man's life is altered after he is given a chance to redo a moment in his past. James Belushi, Linda Hamilton (1h35)

11:30 PM ★★★ Bye Bye Brazil (1980, Musical) Bawdy troupe of traveling entertainers tour Brazil. Betty Faria, Fabio Junior (2h)

SUNDAY, APR 8

6:00 PM ★★★ Rio Bravo (1959, Western) A sheriff, assisted by a group of townspeople, tries to keep a murderer in jail. John Wayne, Dean Martin (2h45)

7:00 PM 4 4 *** The Ten Commandments (1956, Religious)
Moses' struggle to free the Hebrews from their slavery at the hands of the Egyptians. Chalton Heston, Yul Brynner

(20) (31) Horatio Hornblower: The Mutiny (2001, History) Rising young ensign, Hornblower is court-martialed for conspiring against Captain Sawyer. *loan* Gruffudd, David Warner (4h) 8:00 PM

2 Chasing Cain (2000, Crime Story) Two Toronto detectives investigate a drive-by shooting at an abortion clinic. Peter Outerbridge, Alberta Watson (2h)

16 ** The Pelican Brief
(1993,Action) When a law student stum-



Workshop offers ways to help those grieving

Loss and grief issues will be the focus of an upcoming workshop on

Co-sponsored by the Bessie Dane Hospice and the Alzheimer's Society of Salt Spring Island, the day-long event will feature well-known psychol-

The workshop, which takes place Saturday, April 28, will show participants how to help people who are going through periods of grief and loss,

giving particular emphasis to their spiritual needs.

Organizers say, "Those attending can look forward to a day of valuable learning and insights led by an experienced professional."

Topics covered in the workshop will include a review of grief recovery, deep listening, family politics and the spiritual needs of families facing

In addition to being a co-founder of the first hospice program in British Columbia (in 1975), Boyd is a regular guest on the television program Vancouver Breakfast, and trains and supports volunteers, parents and professionals in a variety of settings.

The program will begin at 8:30 a.m. in the upper hall of All Saints By-

the-Sea Anglican Church in Ganges.

Cost is \$12 per person, and participants are asked to bring a bag lunch. Further information can be obtained by contacting Pat Desbottes at

BRIDGE

On March 19 at the Gulf Islands Duplicate Bridge Club, Ian Thomas and Conhor Vane-Hunt had a big win. They were followed by Joan Conlan and Dorothy Sneddon, and Glenda Kaiser and Blanche Poborsa were third.

On the 26th, it was Conlan, playing with Isabelle Richardson, in the first spot, Thomas and Vane-Hunt were second, and Brent Vickers and Bill Buckler were

THE INTERNET **GATEWAY TO THE GULF ISLANDS** www.gulfislands.net SKATE PARK SUPPORTER: Woody, owned by Heath Cooper, gives a shot at skateboarding. The sportshound was spotted in Ganges last weekend.

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INVITATION TO TENDER

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Information packages may be pickup up from Santy Fuoco at the Royal Lepage office, 1101-115 Fulford Ganges Road on or after March 24, 2001.

Sealed tenders plainly marked "Tender for Addition to Pioneer Village" will be received at 1101-115 Fulford Ganges Road up until 12:00 noon April 20, 2001.

Tenders will be opened in public at 3:00pm April 20, 2001 at the Lions Hall, 103 Bonnet Avenue, Saltspring Island.

The lowest or any tender will not necessarily be accepted.

For information and/or inquiries on this project, please contact Sandy Rankin 537-8114.

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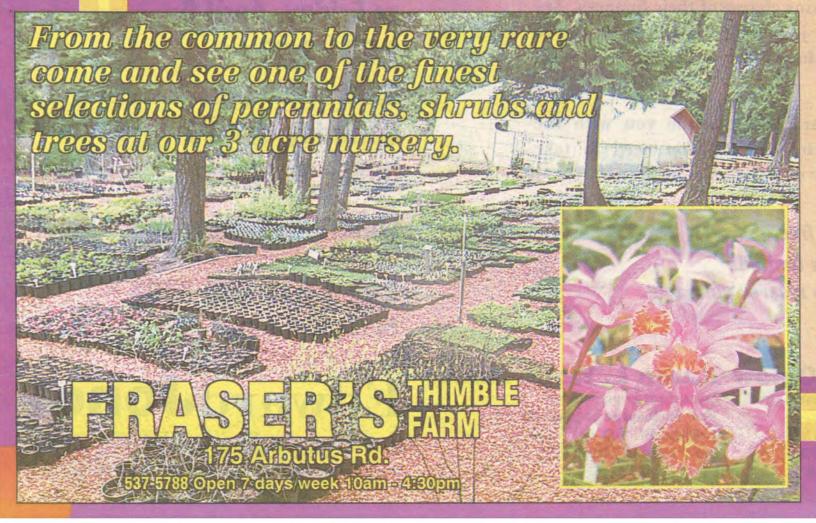


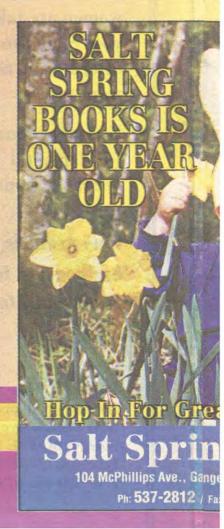




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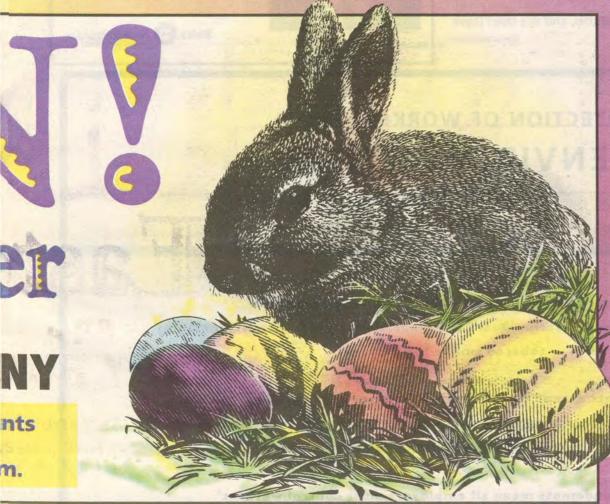
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Japanese visitors spring onto island

A second influx of Japanese visitors arrived on Salt Spring Thursday when a delegation arrived from Yamanaka.

About 16 delegates, including Mayor Minoru Tanaka and Chamber of Commerce Chairman Masanori Kamiguchi, arrived for another meeting with the Salt Spring-Japan Exchange Society.

The society has been actively fostering a relationship with Yamanaka, a town in western Japan with some similarities to Salt Spring, for the past five years.

It has already sent a local delegation to visit Yamanaka and arranged other initiatives designed to promote the relationship.

Yamanaka is a small tourist town known for its thermal springs and the production of lacquerware. More than 300 artisans are employed in making lacquerware.

The delegation was given an official welcome to Salt Spring on Thursday at a lunch hosted by the Chamber of Commerce.

That evening the guests were feted again at a dinner hosted by the exchange society.

The visitors toured many local businesses before leaving the island on Saturday.

They were interested in learning more about Salt Spring's tourism industry and how the arts and the manufacture of local products contribute to the economy

More than 100 Japanese students are currently staying on Salt Spring as guests of Gulf Islands Secondary School.

They are from Komatsu, a city located within the same district as Yamanaka.

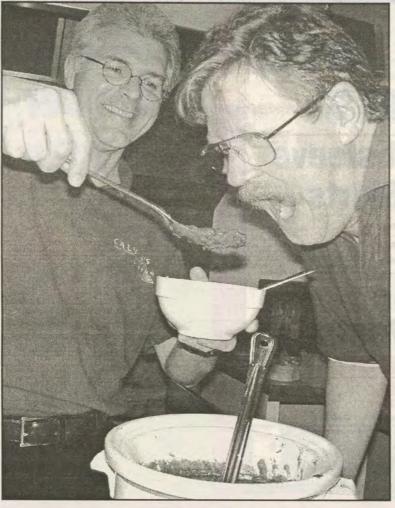


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YUM: Herman Orth, left, of Calvin's Bistro, and fire chief Dave Enfield seek out the best in beans.

Photo by Derrick Lundy

Barbaras are best in the first annual Legion bean bake-off

It was the three Barbaras who bit the bean out of the other contestants in the first annual bean bake-off at the Legion on Salt Spring.

Fire Chief Dave Enfield and Calvin's Bistro owner Hermann Orth judged the event which took place Saturday at the Legion.

Seven bean-bakers entered the contest, but those who weren't named

Barbara didn't make the winners circle.

Placing first was Barbara Seymour. Taking second spot was Barbara

Worsley, followed by Barbara Bisset in third.

Legion patrons enjoyed a "great feast" afterwards, selling 24 bowls of

Legion patrons enjoyed a "great feast" afterwards, selling 24 bowls of beans, accompanied by a bun, for \$2 a serving.

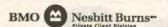
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After a comprehensive series of public consultations,
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The amendments extend the protection from second-hand tobacco smoke to all BC workers, including those who work in hospitality, long-term care and provincial correctional facilities.

The amendments mean all employers must control workers' exposure to second-hand smoke, and they provide options, such as designated smoking areas or other equally effective means, to protect workers.

The hazards of inhaling environmental tobacco smoke are real and are supported by a growing body of scientific evidence. BC workers have a right to a safe and healthy workplace.

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bles onto a conspiracy theory, her life endangered. Julia Roberts, Denzel Washington (3h)

② ① ★ Heatseeker (1994,Action)
The world karate champion fights against men with lethal cyber-strength. Keith H.
Cooke, Thomas Mathews (2h)

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An innocent gunfighter is held responsible for the death of a family's son. John Wayne, Robert Mitchum (2h15)
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7 3 8 Lucky Girl (2000)

Hard-hitting look at devastating effect

gambling has on individual and their family. Elisha Cuthbert, Sherry Miller (2h)

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Three Kryptonian villains come to earth to seek out their arch enemy, Superman. Christopher Reeve, Margot Kidder (2h)

(190,Action) A terrorist plot threatens plane passengers, including a police officer's wife. Bruce Willis, William Atherton

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27 11 Jesus (1999, Drama) Jesus reveals how he grew from a carpenter to a spiritual teacher. Jeremy Sisto, Gary Oldman (2h)

11:00 PM

3 East is East Two bachelors are distraught when their father decides to arrange marriages for them both. Om Puri, Linda Bassett (2h)

12 *** Flying Leathernecks (1951, War) A Marine flying officer is

hated by both sides but his determination changes that. John Wayne, Don Taylor (2h)

*** ** Rover Dangerfield
(1991,Animated) A hound's life is interrupted when he runs into his showgirl

MONDAY, APR 9 6:00 PM

*** Footloose (1984,Drama) A city kid moves to small town where dancing is outlawed and decides to change the rules. Kevin Bacon, Lori Singer (2h) 6:30 PM

3 Tail Lights Fade (1999, Drama) A couple races across Canada in a bid to get the woman's brother off a drug charge. Breckin Meyer, Jake Busey (1130)

8:00 PM
3 Inferno (2000, Thriller) An amnesiac awakes in the Mexican desert only to learn that he has a criminal past. Gloria Reuben, Ray Liotta (1h45)

4 4 Final Jeopardy (2001, Thriller) A woman's life is torn apart when headlines report her murder. Dana Delany, Billy Burke (2h)

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20 12 * Bad Girls (1994, Western)
Four harlots become gunfighters to fight for their money, rights, and dignity. Drew Barrymore, Andie MacDowell (2h)
9:00 PM

Boy and his grandmother battle witches intent on turning all children into mice Anjelica Huston, Mai Zetterling (1h30)
9:45 PM

3 Better Than Chocolate (1999,Romance) Two lesbians hide their affair while living with an unsuspecting mother in Vancouver. Karen Dwyer, Christina Cox (1h45)

10:00 PM
(1945,Musical) A man tries to set an actress up with his friend, who has eyes for another girl. Gene Kelly, Frank Sinatra (2h30)

10:30 PM

** Condorman (1981,Comedy)

Comic book author enlisted by C.I.A. to defect spy. Michael Crawford, Oliver Reed (1h30)

11:30 PM

Man on the Moon

(1999,Biography) A film about the life and career of the eccentric avant guard comedian Andy Kaufman. *Jim Carrey, Courtney Love* (2h)

TUESDAY, APR 10 6:00 PM

A lawyer is determined to bring down a company responsible for dumping toxic waste. John Travolta, Robert Duvall (2h) 8:00 PM

(17) *** * Interview With the Vampire (1994, Horror) A vampire tells a reporter about his tormented life of bloodlust with Lestat. Tom Cruise, Brad Pitt (2h)

9:00 PM

(1) *** Big (1988,Comedy) A boy awakens as a full-grown man, but he's not ready to confront the world. Tom Hanks, Elizabeth Perkins (1h40)

10:40 PM
Gold Rush: A Real-Life Alaskan
Adventure (1998,Adventure) A spirited
young woman whose sense of adventure
and search of fortune lead her to Alaska.
Alyssa Milano, W. Morgan Sheppard

11:00 PM

Beyond Redemption (aka Twist of Faith) (1999, Thriller) An atheist police officer tracks down a religiously inspired serial killer. Andrew McCarthy, Michael Ironside (2h)



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What's

YOUR SALT SPRING CALENDAR OF

- · Music and Munch, All Saints, 12:10 p.m.
- · Wednesday Night LIVE! Moby's, 9 p.m.
- · Reiki and body reading workshop, Bodyworks, 7-9
- · RoadsScholar presentation, GISS, 7:30 p.m.
- · Genealogy Group meets, Salt Spring Seniors, 7 p.m.
- · Parents/preschooler dropin, Fulford Hall, 10 to noon

- · Wit, a play at ArtSpring, 8 p.m.
- Mort Ransen film screening/talk, GISS, 6 p.m.
- Town Hall meeting re Texada, GISS, 7:30 p.m.
- Bingo, Meaden Hall, 7 p.m.
- Breastfeeding Group meets, Family Place, 2 p.m.
- Community Gathering, United Church, 5:30 p.m.
- Community Meditation, United Church, 11 a.m.
- Seniors Sing-along, Salt Spring Seniors, 2 p.m.

- Wit, a play at ArtSpring, 8
- Lasagna Night & Talent Show, Fulford Hall, 6 p.m.
- Sustainable SS Coalition forum, Lions Club, 7 p.m.



- Dance-a-Thon, Activity Centre, 4 p.m.-2 a.m.
- Wit, a play at ArtSpring, 8 p.m.
- Jolly Ol' English Pub Night, Legion, 6:30 p.m.
- Golden Hands bake/craft sale, Central Hall, 11:30-1:30
- Bake sale, Our Lady of Grace Church, 10-noon
- Gardam/Bauer book signings, Fables Cottage, 1-4 p.m.
- Ramesh and Bob, Harbour House lounge, 7-10 p.m.

APR. 8

- Teddy Bear Picnic/dance, Legion, 1 p.m. to 1 a.m.
- Bicycle Bob Memorial Ride, Central, noon
- Brodie West Trio, Moby's, 8
- Choral Evensong, All Saints,
- Other Brothers, Fulford Inn, 6-9 p.m.

- SSI Conservancy AGM, Lions Hall, 6:50 p.m.
- Ganges Sewer debate, SSHS, Central Hall, 2 p.m.
- · Psychiatric Unit opens, Lady Minto, 1 p.m.
- · Chess Club, Salt Spring Seniors, 7-10 p.m.
- · Drop-in floor hockey, Fulford Hall, 7 p.m.
- Toy Library, Beaver Point /Portlock, 9:30-10:30 a.m.





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APR. 11

- Expectant mothers nutrition workshop, Bodyworks, 7-9 p.m.
- Parents/preschooler dropin, Fulford Hall, 10 to noon
- Junior Badminton club starts, Fernwood School



- · The Selfish Magician, play at ArtSpring
- · Community Gathering, United Church, 5:30 p.m.
- Community Meditation, United Church, 11 a.m.
- Seniors Sing-along, Salt Spring Seniors, 2 p.m.



 The Selfish Magician, play at ArtSpring



APR. 14

- · Clown Caboodle workshops, Lions Hall
- The Selfish Magician, play at ArtSpring
- Harbour House entertainment in the lounge



APR. 15

- · Easter Pancake Breakfast, Meaden Hall, 9-11 a.m.
- Moby's Sunday Dinner Jazz, 7 p.m.
- · Other Brothers, Fulford Inn, 6-9 p.m.



APR. 16

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· Salt Spring Health Committee meets, Lady Minto meeting room, 9-10:30 a.m.



- · Chess Club, Salt Spring Seniors, 7-10 p.m.
- Drop-in floor hockey, Fulford Hall, 7 p.m.

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stage

 Wit — the Pulitzer Prize-winning play by Margaret Edson, featuring Ann Stewart and directed by Hetty Clews runs at ArtSpring for three days only Thursday-Saturday, April 5-7, 8 p.m. Tickets \$14 through ArtSpring (537-2102).

music

- · Music and Munch Organist Barry Valentine performs music for passiontide at All Saints Bythe Sea on Wednesday, April 4 at 12:10 p.m.
- Wednesday Night LIVE! runs at Moby's on April 4, 9 p.m. Hosted by Vaughn Fulford.
- · Jolly Ol' England Pub Night with fish'n'chips, darts and sing-a-long at the Legion lounge, Saturday, April 7, 6:30 p.m.
- · Lasagna Night and Talent Show hosted by Fulford Elementary School grades 4 and 5 students. Lasagna dinner includes salad, vegetarian or meat lasagna, garlic bread, tea, coffee or juice. Fundraiser for trip to Barkerville. At Fulford Hall on Friday, April 6, 6 p.m. \$10 for adults, \$25 families, elementary school children, \$5. Tickets at Fulford School, Patterson's, and A Class Act.
- · Fourth annual Dance-a-Thon Get a sponsor form and compete for prizes, or just come and enjoy the music and dance the night away. At the . Activity Centre (Salt Spring Elementary) on Saturday, April 7, from 4 p.m. to 2 a.m. Live band schedule is: 4 p.m., Gord and Trish; 12 midnight, Atomic Blues Band; 6:40, Tom Hooper; 8 p.m. Burgoyne Bay Blues Band; 10:40, Salt Spring . Marimba, with live DJ all night! Fundraiser for Salt Spring Centre School. Sponsor sheets available at Acoustic Planet, Fables Cottage or Salt Spring Centre School - or at the door. Info: 537-9130.
- · Ramesh and Bob team up for entertainment in the Harbour House lounge on Saturday, April 7,
- . Dance at the Legion as part of the Teddy "Bear" Picnic on Sunday, April 8. See "activities," below.
- Choral Evensong traditional choral evensong for holy week with the reading of the Passion gospel. At All Saints By-the-Sea on Sunday, April 8, 4 p.m

EVERY WEEK:

- Argentinian Tango group meets at Lions Hall on Mondays and Wednesdays from 7:30-9:30 p.m. \$3 per person. Info: 537-2707
- Fridays Rose's Cafe Open Stage begins
- Saturdays Alfresco Restaurant Barrington Perry plays piano starting at 6 p.m.
- · Saturdays and Sundays Harbour House · Bistro - Pianist Murray Anderson performs at lunch or dinner.
- Sundays Fulford Inn The Other Brothers play from 6 to 9 p.m.

meetings

- · Genealogy Group meets at Salt Spring Seniors on Wednesday, April 4, 7 p.m.
- · Town Hall meeting on Texada issues is in the · multi-purpose room at Gulf Islands Secondary School on Thursday, April 5 at 7:30 p.m. Preceded by a talk on documentary filmmaking . with Mort Ransen at 7 p.m.
- · Sustainable Salt Spring Coalition holds a meeting to establish an alternative (shadow) government for Salt Spring Island. Help determine an ideal future island government. Provisional citizenship cards available at the meeting. At Lions Hall on Friday, April 6, 7 p.m.
- Salt Spring Island Conservancy holds its annu Co-ops Work! is a free introductory workshop al general meeting at Lions Hall on Tuesday, April 10, 6:50 p.m. A short business meeting is followed by Rex Welland speaking on bees and our environment

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lowed by a talk titled The Making of a Documentary. In the multi-purpose room at GISS . on Thursday, April 5, 6 p.m. Followed by a town hall meeting on Texada issues at 7:30 p.m. Childcare provided from 7-9 p.m.

- Men's Breakfast a meal and discussion at the United Church on Thursday, April 5, 8-10 a.m.
- Bingo at Meaden Hall, Royal Canadian Legion, Thursday, April 5, 7 p.m. Early birds at 6:30 p.m. Proceeds benefit student bursaries
- Bake Sale at Our Lady of Grace Church on Drake Road on Saturday, April 7, 10 a.m. to .
- Golden Hands Activities Easter Tea and Bake Sale, with crafts, treasures and plants. At Central Hall on Saturday, April 7, 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.
- Teddy "Bear" Picnic horseshoes, Mike Valcourt's world-famous BBQ and a dance - all in memory of "Bear" Lamont, at the Legion horseshoe pit and lounge. On Sunday, April 8, 1 p.m. to 1 a.m. Donate a stuffed bear to contribute to the local Christmas hamper program. Designated drivers available
- Third annual Bicycle Bob Memorial Ride Bicycle ride to remember Bob Simons leaves from Central Hall at noon on Sunday, April 8.
- Readings at Bodyworks Collective channelled readings by psychic Leslie Wallace on Sunday, April 8, 1-5 p.m.; tea leaf readings by Salt Spring Cancer Support Group meets Tanya Lester from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Call 538-1988 for info and appointments.
- The Ganges Sewer Debate Tom Toynbee and others look back on Salt Spring's raucous coming-of-age debate, including the showing of a CBC video, at the Salt Spring Historical Society gathering at Central Hall on Tuesday, April 10, 2 p.m.
- Psychiatric Observation Unit official opening at Lady Minto Hospital Tuesday, April 10, 1 p.m., with tours and refreshments available from 1 to 2 p.m.

- Saturday Book Sale at the library the best literary bargains in town! Every Saturday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- Corinternet Café runs Tuesday through Sunday - Hours are 1-8 p.m. on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday; and noon to 5 p.m. on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays. Internet access charges are \$2 per half hour for adults, and \$1 per half hour for youth and seniors. Wednesday is Surfing for Seniors and free-lessons-for-all day. Call 537-9932 to book lessons.
- Fun darts is played every Monday at the Legion, 7:30 p.m.
- Outhouse League darts is at the Legion every Tuesday, 7:30 p.m.
- Cribbage is the game to play at the Legion every Wednesday, 8 p.m.
- Soup's On! at All Saints, every Thursday, 11:30-1 p.m. Free warm meal.
- Psychic Development Group meets at the Bodyworks Collective on Tuesdays from 3:30-5 p.m. Info: Tanya, 538-1988.
- Survivor Down Under watch the show with other fans at Talon's Restaurant, with help from Island Star Video. Thursdays through the winter, 8 p.m.
- Community Gathering a light meal, discussion and activities for the whole family, is at the United Church every Thursday from 5:30-7 p.m. Suggested donation is \$5 for adults, \$3 children aged 7 and under.
- Salty Wheels Square Dance Club dances at Central Hall on Thursdays from 7-9 p.m. For info, call Angela Thomas, 653-9346.
- held every Thursday from 10 a.m. to noon. Learn about types of co-ops, hear about local groups which have received funding for co-ops, and discuss your ideas to see if a co-op would work for you. Call Romana Frey at 653-9312 to register.
- Meat draws are held at the Legion every Friday and Saturday at 5 p.m.

- Saturday below the vet clinic from 2 to 4 p.m.
- Vipassana Meditation group meets Mondays at . the Barn on Reynolds Road, 7:30-9 p.m.
- Salt Spring Chess Club runs at Salt Spring Seniors every Tuesday from 7-10 p.m. Players of any age or ability welcome.
- North End Meditation The Heart Sutra, is a weekly Buddhist meditation group hosted by the Yeshe Khorlo Society, students of HH Gangteng Rinpoche. Meets every Tuesday, 7:30-8:30. Info: • Rory Kyle, 537-1497.
- Drop-in Floor Hockey runs at Fulford Hall on Tuesdays, 7-9 p.m. \$3 per adult.

for health

- Move Into Fitness classes are held Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at Meaden Hall from 9-10 a.m. A low-impact workout, an easy start, includes a long warm-up, walking cardio, toning and stretching. Class suitable for seniors. \$4 drop-in, or \$40 for book of 10.
- Spring healing workshops at Bodyworks, see vorkshops," below, April 4 and 11.
- Yoga Restshops next one with Celeste is on Sunday, April 8, 9-11 a.m. Phone 537-5667 to

EVERY WEEK

- every Wednesday at Al Fresco Restaurant, except for the third Wednesday of each month when it gathers at Croftonbrook. Info: 653-4524.
- Pilates Mat Classes with Anna Mouat are held on Thursdays, 10-11 a.m. and 7:30-8:30 p.m. at Cat's Pajamas studio on Langs Road until March 22. For info: call, 537-5680
- Yoga and Health classes with Nadene McCov run Tuesdays, 10-11:30 a.m. and 5-6:30 p.m. (mixed levels); Wednesdays, 10-11:30 a.m. (beginners); and Thursdays, 10-11:30 a.m. (mixed levels). Info: 537-0822. \$8 drop-in.
- Taoist tai chi classes at Ganges United Church * on Mondays and Wednesdays, 7-8 p.m.; seniors classes Mondays and Wednesdays at Central Hall, 10-11 a.m. Info: David or Tina, 537-1871.
- Flexible Strength classes run every Tuesday and Thursday at All Saints By-the-Sea, taught by Betty-Lou Lake, 9-10 a.m. 10 sessions for \$40 or \$5 drop-in. Info: 537-1638.
- Salt Spring Centre regular yoga classes are Thursdays: Mixed Levels with Laura from 4-5:30 p.m. Saturdays: Free Intro to Yoga with centre staff, 9:30-11 a.m. Mondays: Mixed Levels with . Celeste runs from 9 to 10:30 a.m.; Seniors Yoga with Celeste is from 11 a.m. to noon (register through Parks and Rec); and Level 1 with Kishori runs from 6:30-8 p.m. Wednesdays: Joy of Yoga with Christine is from 10 a.m. to noon. For info, call the centre at 537-2326.
- Drop-in open yoga with Celeste at the Barn on Thursdays, 6-7:30 p.m. \$10 per class. Phone Celeste at 537-5667 for info.
- Dance and Feldenkrais Classes with Anna Haltrecht are held Mondays at Cats Pajamas Studio. Feldenkrais: Awareness Through Movement, runs at 6 p.m. followed by dance at 7:30. The dance class combines a stretch and strength warmup with high energy dancing for fun and fitness. Info: 537-5681.
- North End Fitness Spin Cycle Classes run Mondays: 9:45-10:20 a.m.; Tuesdays, 12:30-1 5:15-6:15 and 6:30-7 p.m.; Wednesdays, 9:45-10:20 a.m.; Thursdays, 12:30-1, 6:30-7 p.m.; Fridays, 9:45-10:20 a.m.; 5:15-6:15 p.m.; . Saturdays, 10-11 a.m.
- Nia Fitness Dance classes, using rhythmic music and systemic movement forms are taking a break this week, resuming Tuesday, April 10 at All Saints By-the-Sea on Saturdays, at 9:30 a.m., and Tuesdays and Thursdays at 5:15 p.m. For info, call Leslie at 537-0884.
- Roller-blading to music on Fridays at Fulford Hall, 7:30-9:30.

workshops

Spring Healing: Fun for the Mind, Body and EVERY WEEK: Spirit is a series of Wednesday workshops held . at the Bodyworks Collective on McPhillips Avenue from 7-9 p.m. On April 4, The Art of Reiki and Body Reading is revealed by Tanya Lester; on April 11, Baby Talk: Nutrition for Expectant Mothers, with Terra Dimock Info: Tanya, 538-1988. Workshop cost is \$5.

Vipassana Buddhist Meditation Weekend Retreat with James Baraz from Spirit Rock Meditation Centre. \$30 plus dana. At the Barn on Reynolds Road. Info and registration at Apple Photo community drop box, or from Barbara at 653-4945.

for families

- Fables Cottage workshops this week are on Wednesday, April 4, Kindercraft Sawdust 1-2 p.m.; Monday, April 8, Kindercraft Easter Crafts, 1-2 p.m.; Crafts with Jessica (Easter Crafts) for kids aged 6 and up, . 3:30-4:30 p.m.; Wednesday, April 11 sees a Secret Codes class from 3-4 p.m. Call 537-0028 or drop in to Fables for more info or to register.
- Salt Spring Island Breastfeeding Group meets at Family Place on Thursday, April 5, 2 p.m. Info: Lisa Law, 537-2213.
- Fables Cottage book events Ingrid Bauer is signing copies of her new book called Diaper Free! The Gentle Wisdom of Natural Infant Hygiene (and may do readings); Heather Gardam reads from her brand new book Life on the Farm, the first of the Patti Stories, published by Penguin Books on Saturday, April 7 from 1-4 p.m.

EVERY WEEK:

- Parent Support Circles run at Family Place every Monday, 9:30-11:30 a.m. Call 537-9176 to
- Storytime at the library with Roz and Co is for 3-5-year-olds on Tuesdays from 10:30 to 11:30. Kindergym, a playtime for children aged 0-4, runs at Community Gospel Chapel, 147 Vesuvius

Bay Road, every Wednesday morning between *

- 9 and 10:30 a.m Storytime at Fables Cottage runs every Wednesday, Thursday and Friday from 10:30 to
- Parents-preschoolers drop-in runs at Fulford Hall on Wednesdays from 10 a.m. to noon. Come for coffee and chat with other parents during supervised child play time.
- Family Place drop-in hours for parents and their children under 6 years are Mondays from 1-3 p.m., Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays from 9:30 a.m. to noon. Info: Family Place, 537-9176. Counselling by appointment.
- Mama's and Papa's Night at the Corinternet Café — on Thursdays, 5-8 p.m. \$2 per half hour . for adults, babysitting by donation. info: 537-9932.
- Walk in Mouat Park takes place each Thursday at 10 a.m., rain or shine. Sponsored by Family
- Rug Huggers, a potluck and discussion group for parents and babies aged one and under is held * at Family Place from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Info:
- Fairytales and Myths with Shauna Grylls runs . on Fridays from 3 to 4 p.m. at the library. Appropriate for children aged six through nine.

for youth

- bining nine months of travel with learning for high school students. At Gulf Islands Secondary School on Wednesday, April 4 at 7:30 p.m. Info (250) 386-6266.
- Salt Spring Junior Badminton Club next session starts Wednesday, April 11 at Fernwood School. For badminton players aged 10-15 (with potential for older group if interest demands.) Call Carl Albert, 537-5843 for info (e-mail,

albert@saltspring.com). Register through PARC at 537-4448

- Cosmic Bowling at Kings Lane Recreation on Friday nights, 9 p.m. to midnight. Bring your own CDs. Food and drinks available. Book a lane by calling 537-2054.
- Roller-blading to music every Friday at Fulford

for seniors

- Move Into Fitness classes, ideal for seniors, are held Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at Meaden Hall from 9-10 a.m. with Rosemary Trump or Ila-Mae Dickson. \$4 drop-in; \$40 for books of 10.
- Surfing for Seniors day is every Wednesday at the Corinternet Café. Call 537-9932 for information.
- Thursday lunches run every week at Salt Spring Seniors. Served at noon, cost is \$3.50. Reserve in advance by noon on Wednesday by calling Salt Spring Seniors Services Society at 537-4604.
- Seniors Sing-along at Salt Spring Seniors takes place every Thursday at 2 p.m.

cable

Salt Spring TV Cable 12 is showing Poetry in the Gallery - "a flock of local poets beat their wings and lo and behold - their words take flight!" with poets Brian Brett, Frank Burnaby, Christina Bairns, Mona Fertig, Peggy Frank, Shirly Graham, Peter Levitt, Murray Reiss, John Rowlandson, Ahava Shira, Chris Smart and Shilo Zylbergold. Music by Charley and Lisa Erck. From last November's Where Art and Nature Meet series. Monday, April 9, 7 p.m.

cınema

Traffic - Steven Soderbergh directs a film with parallel and interlocking stories that all concern the United States' futile war on drugs. Good performances from Benicio Del Toro, Michael Douglas, Catherine Zeta-Jones and Dennis Quaid

arts & crafts

- Adrien Town retrospective show runs at Salt Spring Roasting Company.
- Judy Harper and Rommy Verlaan are sharing the exhibition space at Island Savings Credit
- Rachel Vadeboncouer shows her photo collage art at Luigi's through April
- Glenda Petersen's paintings are on display at the Bodyworks Collective on McPhillips Avenue through the end of March. Amarrah Gabriel is hanging her art at MOby's
- for the month of April. The Photography Show — a collection of works by Alliance of Salt Spring Artists is in the
- ArtSpring lobby and gallery. Salt Spring Island Painters' Guild meets Wednesdays at the Lions Club from 9:30 a.m. to noon. April 4 is a work day. On April 11, Carol Rae gives an all-day workshop on water-based monotype.
- · Salt Spring Island Weavers and Spinners Thursdays at ArtSpring to noon, offering programs, workshops, study groups, equipment rentals, library and problem solving. Info: Pat Davidson, 653-4750.

galleries

Mirror and Reflections of the West Coast is exhibiting at Jill Louise Campbell Art Gallery until April 10. Open daily.



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RCAF BASH:

77th The anniversary of the formation of the Royal Canadian Air Force was celebrated in style at Meaden Hall Sunday night. At right, Bill Weston (left) and Jack Frazer ham it up with some war-time flying memorabilia, while at left, members of the band keep the dance beat groovin'.

Photos by Derrick Lundy



April Curtis heads up ArtCraft

Hall in desperate need of repairs, ArtCraft planning is surging ahead for another year.

April Curtis was hired by the Gulf Islands Community Arts Council (CAC) Tuesday as manager of the Gulf Islands' acclaimed summerlong art show, and packages to participating craftspeople were set for mailing early this week.

CAC president Lorna Cammaert said Curtis, who initiated and organized events such as the Last Minute Christmas Craft Fair, did a great job with the Guilds of Christmas sale

Anyone who hasn't received his or her package soon, or new artists

ArtCraft can pick up the information at Off the Waterfront Gallery or Salt Spring Island Books.

ArtCraft will take place at Mahon Hall, as usual. Cammaert said the CAC will have a lease with the school board, which owns the hall, running through December, to cover the ArtCraft and Guilds of Christmas periods. How to deal with a serious kitchen plumbing problem and leaky roof is yet to be determined.

The annual Mahon Hall "spruceup day" is set for Sunday, April 29.

In other CAC news, the group's executive remained the same after its annual general meeting in March, but saw board ranks transform with

Despite the challenge of a Mahon wanting to be considered for the addition of five new members and bumping the overall number to 11 from nine.

Tables officers remain Cammaert as president, vice-president Patsy Siemens, secretary Carol Dodd and treasurer April Steel. Evelyn Oldroyd is the chair for ArtCraft, and Illtyd Perkins also remains on the board for the second part of a twovear term.

New board members are Simon Henson, Michael Robb, Pat Webber, Ken Mackenzie and Anna Haltrecht.

Mackenzie is also the CAC representative on a Farmers Institute committee trying to resolve the future of Mahon Hall with the Gulf Islands School Board.

Nameless Players by Margaret Edson at ArtSpring April 5 & 6, 8 p.m. April 7, 2 p.m. & 8 p.m. THIS WEEK!

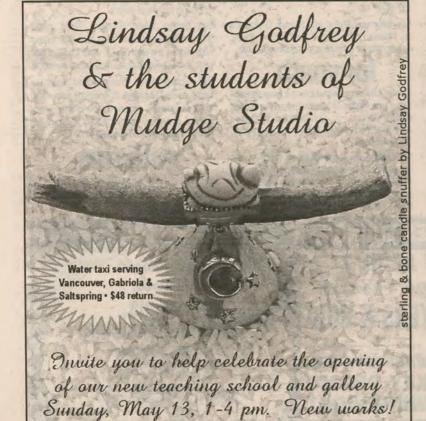
Two Salt Spring authors at Fables this Saturday

Salt Spring's newest children's book author is stepping off her sailboat and into Fables Cottage Saturday for a reading and visit with islanders.

Heather Gardam, who has recently returned to Salt Spring with husband Bill after two years of sailing in the tropics on their boat the Shiriri, will present Life on the Farm, the Patti Stories, Volume I.

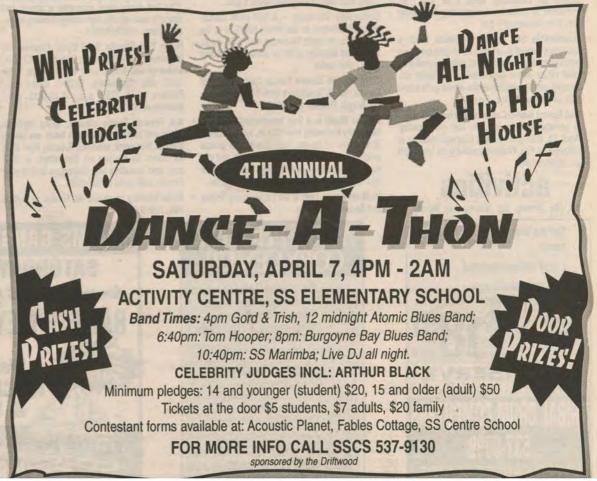
Life on the Farm is a chapter book about the modern-day adventures of a 10-year-old girl, and is the first in a planned series.

Gardam will be at Fables from 1 to 4 p.m., as will local resident Ingrid Bauer, who has recently published Diaper Free! The Gentle Wisdom of Natural Infant Hygiene.



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Photography exhibition inspires viewer long after tour is over

By MITCHELL SHERRIN **Driftwood Contributor**

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Wandering around the photo exhibition at ArtSpring Saturday I found myself eavesdropping on other retinas.

Some photos spoke to me. They found me hours later in the quiet time of guiding my children to sleep. Images of photographs returned as glimpses of life, moments of nature transfixed, stories frozen in time.

Three stark, high-contrast images of a man, woman and infant embracing called to me. Diana Hayes created these mysterious mixtures of medium and subject with the Trinity of Ajara, where radiant love is exposed and juxtaposed through glaring light and grainy development.

After the kids slept, my wife Mylene and I sat on the living room floor discussing favourite photos. We talked about Shari Macdonald's overhead portrait of Sal, which shows a girl in a red dress captured in mid-swirl on asphalt with sidewalk chalk.

Macdonald's playful Sombrio Stones also pulled at the heart strings of us parent types where it revealed young toes with broken nails scrambling over wind-andwater-washed stones.

I loved the faded landscapes of June Boe's Vancouver Sun, Maxim's and B.C. Place photos. I wouldn't have imagined it possible to portray a giant stadium with sepia-tinted glamour until I had seen her work.

Beate Denz created a feast of colour and line in her richly detailed close-up of shrimp in Sea

Mylene was particularly drawn to Alane Lalonde's collection of photos from Mexico. The supersaturated colours in these prints hint at lush tropical fruits, blistering heat and cultural opulence.

We talked about the quality of Gypsy lunges forward with her digital enhancement in Michael McPherson's grainy dot images. We were unable to convince our daughter that his pastel Sandstone photos were not paintings. McPherson's Leekheads was my daughter's favourite photo in the exhibit. Stalks of leeks loom "Teletubby"-style like a field of futuristic flower towers.

Digital enhancement also marked Michael Gluss' work. An untitled landscape featured a clever, digitally modified frame of brush strokes to reveal a silvery grey sky filled with cactus and skeletal trees.

We both felt that Derrick Lundy's black and white photos of local characters seem to reveal the essential qualities of his subjects. Subtle emotions play on the face of a lipstick-smeared Mountie; a slouching mail carrier slumps in a postal box with cigarettes; a young

mouth gaping open monstrously. Each composition is fascinating and intriguing; a story waiting to be

Still other images of these artworks flood into my memory. I feel drawn to return and revisit landscapes, portraits and meditations on nature.

The overall quality of the exhibit is incredible. When asked about favourite pieces, I felt compelled to describe dozens of works. My wife would remind me of another and the list would continue to swell.

I urge you to catch this gem of a show while you can.

The photography exhibit, titled Eighteen Photographers, will continue at the ArtSpring gallery until Saturday, April 7. Photos hanging in the lobby will remain on display until May 18.

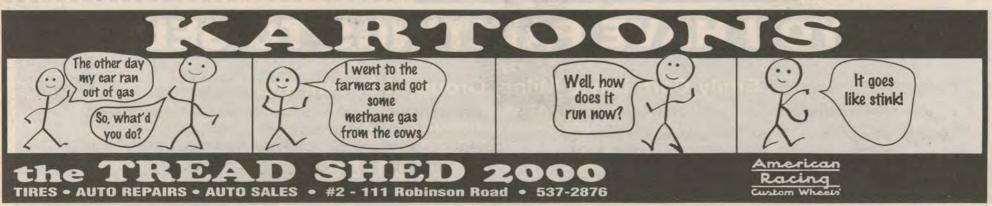
Stagecoach Theatre School presents Written & Directed Margaret Jardine Original Music Ramesh ArtSpring April 13, 14, 19, 20, 21 at 7pm April 15 at 2 pm Tickets available at ArtSpring Box Office \$12 adults A play with songs and dances

OPENING: Osman Phillips and Richard and Fiona MacDonald enjoy the 2 p.m. opening of ArtSpring's photography exhibit, called "18 Photographers."









A look behind the camera's eye at photo show

By MITCHELL SHERRIN Driftwood Contributor

Nabbing a few photographers for interviews at Saturday's photo show opening offered up a special chance to hear the thought processes and techniques used to create their phenomenal works of art.

Joseph Benge described his favourite pieces with great enthusiasm. One piece, entitled Silk, leapt to his mind. This sensuous black and white close-up of a breast revealed through gauzy folds of silk "is incredibly appealing to women," he said.

Benge pointed toward nature photos of a bear and bittern, discussing how he had taught himself to work without a light meter "in the distant past" while working for the national parks service in Alberta. The bittern's eye glares at the viewer in close inspection from behind a screen of leaves.

Benge started taking pictures at age eight with a Kodak box camera. Now he talks about playing with panoramic disposable cameras and other new technologies.

"I'm ready to try anything new," he mused, and then winked, "as long as it's not computers."

Holgar Hermann shared Benge's experience with the old Kodak Brownie camera as a child. He waxed nostalgic as he reminisced about collecting flash bulbs at flea markets and mailing away film for developing.

Hermann works as a photo journalist with World Education Canada, the Open Learning Agency and CIDA. He has documented international aid programs in India, Australia and Bangladesh, and his photos are emotive and richly textured.

Playground shows a grimy young child with a haunted expression behind a locked gate; a photo called Jump springs with vibrant surreal colour and flash-frozen movement; while Jasselmin shows a cinematic view of a child running in the street of an enchanting eastern city.

Hermann strives to document how "emotions convey something about the politics of a place." He tries to capture "a moment that says it all; the joy or deep sorrow found in history and location."

He also tries to get personally involved with his subjects and spent time living with a family in Bangladesh to learn more about their culture.

"They took care of me even though they had nothing."

Hermann captured a photo of their daughter in a hay-filled barn to create his winnowy earthy portrait, entitled Miller's Daughter.

"They showed me the best time and left good memories."

Hermann is returning to Bangladesh in May to cover the federal elections.

Alane Lalonde shares Hermann's penchant for travel. Her Mexican series shows a rich love affair with light and colour. She described how she shot her Cactus and Moon photo near La Paz by standing waist deep in the Sea of Cortez "waiting for the magic golden light."

She described the doors of San Miguel de Allende as "a visual feast for eyes" that "make you just want to go out into the sun." Super rich colours captured in late afternoon daylight share the Mexican cultural

attachment to brightness.

But not all of Lalonde's work comes in bright colour from exotic locales. The beautifully composed Reflection at Dawn, taken at Stowell Lake on Salt Spring, shows a mystical nebulae of cloud swirling in reflection.

Tamar Griggs chose the forest as a theme in her work "because it's a passion we all have here."

Foggy Forest shows a Texada cut block in transition. Broken branches in the foreground hint at eminent destruction while misty stands show regeneration of the forest. Griggs said the photo almost calls out that "dwarves live here."

Griggs described herself as a "passionate amateur." She would like to study photography in greater detail. "I can't stay away from my camera; it's an addiction."

She has collected hundreds of photos of the Burgoyne Bay region from her Bold Bluff retreat. "I love the drama of Mount Maxwell; thoughts of threat to it make me very sad"

One photo of Orcas breaching in misty Sansum Narrows captures the quintessential Gulf Islands experience. After developing the photo Griggs was surprised to discover she recognized the whales which had been marked by a friend in the 1970s

"That's Taku of K pod," she said "you can tell by the notches on the fin"

Griggs spent 40 hours waiting in a blind she built on her property to capture her photo Eagle Perch.

"I learned a lot about waiting; it's not action all the time in nature."

Michael Levy discussed the technical aspects of his landscape works. In his photos, silver waterfalls glisten in lush forests and rocks perch on the beach like gentle aliens.

Self-described as a "control freak," Levy showed me how he had selected special archival printing papers and followed a laborious process of bleaching and toning to create the rich silver quality of his traditional sepia tinted landscapes.

The playful perspective piece Carstenze Dragon reminded Levy, who is a rock climber, of the tallest peak in Australasia. He said the Booth Bay rock is only about two feet tall. While printing this image he caught the lines of the dragon in a rock in the foreground, hence the

Linda Reynolds introduced me to the world of digital manipulation. She showed how the computer has become a modern darkroom, where a photographer might play with light, line, cropping and colour like a developer might do in a chemical lab

Her photos are scanned as slides and negatives, modified and printed without high lab costs. She finds that she can do more with digital but the medium is "unforgiving with high contrast" and "there is no sense of definition."

Her cheerful Donkey Resting, from Cypress, and her precise Cottage of Flowers, from Switzerland, display Reynolds' fondness for travel.

Dawson Creek Horse was a photo that sprang from a time when she worked as a nurse in the Yukon.

She traveled into a remote locale to find a ghostly cabin accompanied by a spooky spotted horse.

"No one was around for miles and the horse was untethered. It was a strange sight."

Richard MacDonald, described to me as a "closet genius" by another photographer, gave me a humble tour of his work. "I'm always looking for patterns in nature," he said.

He has done a lot of travelling in Montana, California and Asia. Bald Rock shows one of his favorite spots A large granite knob sits perched like an egg against a majestic sky. The depth of field is manipulated to enliven the image so that the edges stand in stark contrast.

MacDonald said he likes to find sharp images with flat surfaces. His ultra-dense colours leap out in Autumn Leaves; which are saturated with blood and suspended against a black background.

He described his "attraction to water" and a moment where he looked down while hiking in a Montana creek to capture "amazing rocks in the stream bed."

These bright baubles flicker like fish through blurs of silvery motion.

"Water can be quite tricky with depth of field," MacDonald mused. MacDonald described how he had

to ration himself while travelling in Asia.
"I was limited by funds and space so that I could only take one photo per day on average." He carried only

is basically what the eye sees."
"I strive to show what's there naturally," he said.

a 50-mm lens with no filters "which

Osman Phillips once had a studio in London where he did work for the music and fashion industries. Since moving to Canada, he has shared MacDonald's passion for nature.

"I like to take the canoe out for the day, laze along the coastline and see what comes up," he said. He finds it is important to "be still, take your time and see what the sun does."

He takes notes of times, places, weather and light conditions to prepare for return visits.

"I want to allow people to appreciate nature through an inner journey."

Phillips showed me a close-up shot of Baleen, where stately ivory strands form rows of organic order. Phillips, who "used to teach marine biology at university many years ago," remembered how the whale washed up on the beach at Moby's last year, illustrating a tragic coincidence in its decaying decline.

"It draws your attention to what is happening environmentally all over the world."

Phillips directed me toward his Eel Grass photos which show glistening flecks of light that radiate from strips of undulating grasses caught in tidal surges. Capturing these photos was very dangerous work and Phillips said he had to "run like hell before the next four-foot wave came."

His new work focuses on closeups of the life and death of trees. A suite of four photos chart patterns, growth and decomposition.

Making Amber displays an oozing sensual opulence of fir, Lava Arbutus shows the fleshy magma of bubbling bark and Oak Puzzle shows geometric intensity as first worm holes appear in decay.

Phillips developed an appreciation of nature while walking in the Welsh mountains as a young man.

"Snowdonia is as wild as you can get in Britain," he pondered "I found incredible ice formations and an appreciation for the natural world."

He smiled and gestured toward his works, "I never kicked the habit."

Phillips, among others, wanted to give praise to June Boe, who organized this event, and Rob and Joanne Kay, who hung the pictures.

I would like to thank each of these photographers for taking the time to share their visions, techniques and artistry to create such an amazing array of windows on our world.





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CARVING DEMONSTRATION: Roger Friesen carves a garden ornament while visitors to Foxglove Farm and Garden Supply's 12th annual Spring Garden Show have the opportunity to watch. The event took place last Saturday at the Ganges store.

Photo by Derrick Lundy

Performers need billets: Celtic Festival planned

Billets are needed for a gaggle of performers heading to Salt Spring at the end of April.

Beaver Point Hall will be the scene of three days of musical fun as a Celtic Festival gets under way April 27-29.

Several of the visiting performers will need places to stay.

Preliminary details about the concert indicate plans for a song circle between 5 and 11 p.m.

Friday, April 27; workshops and an open stage during the day Saturday; a concert Saturday night; and a sing-along, workshops and open stage on Sunday.

Anyone interested in billeting a performer should contact Harry Warner at 653-4940, or e-mail him at harryw@saltspring.com.

Home grown literature celebrated at library gathering on April 22

Salt Spring could be home to more published book authors per capita than any Canadian community.

From poets and fiction writers such as Phyllis Webb, Brian Brett and Mona Fertig, to those who craft years of research into non-fiction with a passion, such as Tom Koppel or Dan Jason, our neighbours' names dot the shelves of bookstores, libraries and bibliophiles' collections everywhere.

In fact, a list compiled by Mary Hawkins Library volunteers Elma Rubright and Lyda Smith came up with more than 50 individuals who had published at least one book.

Between observing that wealth of words, the love of the library where they volunteer, and impending Canada Book Day and B.C. Book Week, Rubright and Smith decided a celebration of local literature was long overdue.

So the week kicks off April 22 with a Sunday afternoon "meet-the-authors" event at the library, which could involve readings or simply a lively session of mingling with goodies and refreshments in hand. All writers on "the list — for whom phone numbers are available — will be personally invited to the April 22 event.

A children's storyteller will also be on hand to entertain little ones while mom and dad rub shoulders with island literati.

Another facet of the week involves a "guess the Canadian author" quiz printed in the Driftwood, with a cut-out answer form that should be submitted to the library. A draw of the first three all-correct submissions will win some great prizes and associated acclaim.

Enthusiastic CanLit readers will also be able to vote for their favourite Canadian author through ballots available at the library, with the top five writers then featured in a display.

(The Writers' Trust of Canada is also conducting a national favourite Canadian authors poll through its website at www.canadabookday.com.)

Rubright points out how writers don't get the same degree of public exposure as musicians, actors and visual artists, and so deserve a special day of their own.

Since the list of published Salt Spring authors may not be 100 per cent complete, especially when it comes to island newcomers, those who want to attend or even just be on "the list" can call either Rubright at 537-1513 or Smith at 537-9242

Writers not listed in the phone book are also urged to give them a

In order to give some definition to the project, it had to be limited to people who published an entire book, not those who have contributed to them or have authored other publication articles.

Watch for more news about local B.C. Book Week events in coming issues.

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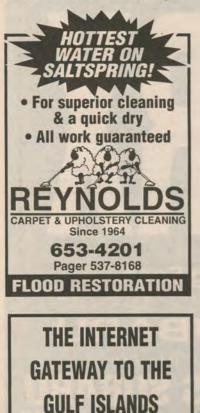
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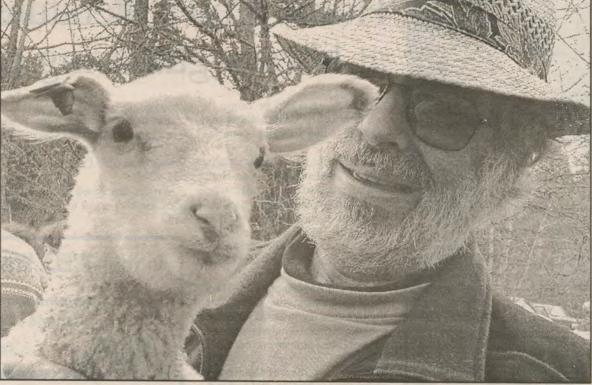




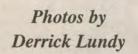
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Foxglove's Spring Garden Show was the place to be Saturday, as witnessed by, clockwise from top left, Jonathon Vipond, Falardeau (who caught Lucy after she escaped from the 4-H pen), Meadow Rose Carmen showing a 4-H bunny to David McRoberts, and a busy Kaitlin







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Dance or listen to live music at prize-filled Dance-a-thon

It's not easy to hit five bands and hot DJ music in one night on Salt Spring without putting a few miles on the car.

But the fundraising Dance-a-Thon put on by Salt Spring Centre School at the Activity Centre Saturday night lets people do just that, as non-stop music will keep kids and adults dancing from 4 p.m. to

Gord and Trish will get the fresh bodies moving at 4 p.m., followed by the infectious drive of the Atomic Blues Band at

Tom Hooper of Grapes of Wrath fame takes the stage at 6:40, followed by more jumping blues and rock from the Burgoyne Bay Blues Band beginning at 8.

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on at 10:40 p.m., and DJ tunes will keep spinning in between and after the bands.

Great Canadian author and CBC Radio show host Arthur Black is also dropping in to take a shift as a celebrity judge, helping determine where the wealth of prizes will fall and making sure contestants are sticking to

People can dance or listen to music just for fun, or become a challenge-and-prize-seeking contestant.

Every contestant receives at least one prize.

Adults, teens and kids can still enter the Dance-a-Thon and make themselves eligible for three \$100 cash prizes drawn from those remaining on the official dance floor at 2 a.m. Forms and information packages are available from Acoustic Planet, Fables Cottage or Salt Spring Centre

Contestants 15 years of age and older must provide a minimum of \$50 in sponsorships or payment, while those under 15 need at least \$20 to enter.

Contestants dance for 50 minutes of each hour, with a 10minute designated break time.

There are also four \$50 cash prizes for top youth money-raisers, and \$100 for any adult raising \$500 or more.

Admission for non-contestants is \$5 for students, \$7 for adults and \$20 for families.

Lots of goodies and refreshments will also be for sale.

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Emotional meeting halts controversial Pender bylaws

By PAMELA BROOKS and GAIL SJUBERG, Driftwood Staff and Contributor

GOLF ISLANDS DRIFT WOOD

Vocal opposition to proposed North Pender Trust bylaws brought them to a halt Saturday before they even reached a scheduled public

The major change caused by bylaws 128 and 129 would have been the division of North Pender into Rural Residential Zone 1 (RR1), comprising Magic Lake, Trincomali and Razor Point subdivisions, and Rural Residential Zone 2 (RR2), encompassing the homestead and small farming heritage areas around Port Washington, Hope Bay, Hooson Road, plus Razor Point, Medicine Beach and Irene Bay

People most affected were those raising farm animals on lots under three acres in size; who owned animals grazing on other peoples' property; or those with derelict vehicles on their property.

Following a lengthy "information meeting" attended by 60 residents, the Local Trust Committee of trustees Em Round and Wayne Wright, and chairman John Money from Saturna, decided to formally rescind the

During the meeting, concerns of many speakers were expressed with emotional and stressful pleas for good sense to prevail. Many questions were asked on the rationale, the prompted the proposals.

Discussions raised the age-old question of what is rural and what is farming land use, and how can rural, agricultural and subdivision properties work together.

Linda Elstrom of Hooson Road spoke in a heartfelt, emotional manner to apologize to the people of Pender Island for her inadvertent participation in the formation of the proposed bylaws. She explained that she had two guest donkeys on her twoacre property and they had offended her neighbour, trustee Round. Elstrom assured the public that the animals were well tended on a daily basis and at no time were neglected.

She asked what Round had read to conclude restricted grazing practices were a good idea for land use or water protection. He replied that he had read the Auditor General's report on the state of drinking water in B.C., and studies of the Walkerton disaster in Canada last year.

Wilma Riley of Magic Lake pointed out that nothing in the bylaws protected land use from toxic substances used to make green and pretty patch-

"It's a far bigger danger than a few sheep" she said.

Trustee Wright responded that the Trust dealt with land use, not abuse.

Port Washington Road resident James Barber confirmed that the essential nature of a rural area offers tranquillity. He suggested that six

reason and the logic which had sheep would perform the grass-eating job around his orchard far better than a noisy, polluting lawnmower. Barber also informed the Trust committee that 200 Rottweiler dogs would be allowed under the proposed bylaw. He stressed the need to preserve the quality of rural life and has direct experience of very successful oneacre farming in France and Italy.

"The devil is in the details and bureaucratic obfuscation promotes bullshitting as the main form of pollution," he said.

Bylaw 128 proposed to eliminate pig farming in the Rural Residential zone, which caused many public attendants to sport "Pender Island Pig Support" buttons.

Jill Taylor spoke up for continued diversity in our surroundings; to support people who use the land for sustenance and animal husbandry education. She pleaded for good sense to allow the development of farm skills to continue into the next generations.

Adrian Schamberger said he plans to continue to let his horses graze on friendly neighbouring property and to speak for the young poor farmers on Pender Island.

Suggestions for water concerns were offered by Peter Norris and Wayne Cartwright. Norris suggested water runoff be collected in tanks: 'Start storing and stop complaining.'

Cartwright suggested increased density and human sewage was a major problem to be solved with composting and solar toilets.

gathering as "a very lively meeting, to say the least."

But he was concerned those opposed did not fully appreciate the rationale behind the bylaws. He said the bylaws had three main purposes: to prevent the potential contamination of groundwater; to protect the integrity of the primary use of the residential zone; and to aid the welfare of farm animals which may be stressed by inappropriate living conditions.

He said it appears people do not accept the danger to groundwater supply that a concentration of animal manure can cause, and that one or two acres is not enough land to support what can end up being intensive farm use when a house, septic field, driveway, gardens and ancillary buildings take up much of such a small property.

Round said it was unfortunate that "the whole assault was on the farming issue" and other parts of the bylaws were not addressed by the

A proposal to restrict derelict vehicle storage outside the industrial zone did draw some fire at Saturday's

Rob Storrie was one of the first speakers to point out his treasured antique cars were safely stored on his properties along with the 20 or so derelict "gifts." He requested that if any attempt was made to remove them, it should be done in an ecologically sound manner by removing all the cars' juices before they were crushed.

Frazer Schouten defended his hobby of restoring cars and asked for consideration to the fact that it takes time and money to find car parts.

Two speakers from Magic Lake expressed their concerns about unsightly vehicles and trustees assured them the matters would be dealt with.

Sharon Card's suggestion of an informal meeting between supporters of small-scale farming and the Islands Trust will take place soon.

Despite Saturday's intense opposition to bylaws 128 and 129 as proposed, Round said the concepts behind them have not been aban-

"It will come back," said Round. "It's not a dead duck because there's too many good issues in the crafting of the bylaw . . . ?

Letters expressing opinions on these controversial proposals can still be sent to Trust planner Robert Kojima

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Geezers grab laughs on Pender

By KAE CHARMAN **Penders Edition Contributor**

Sidesplitting, in your face and up-your-backside humour from Salt Spring Island's Old Geezers, Sid Filkow and Arvid Chalmers, came to the Pender Community Hall Friday

In gumboots and plaid shirts, these two lovable island characters played out the hilarious experiences of alternative prostate cancer treatments.

Bert lives in squalor; his living quarters littered with newspapers and paint cans. The teapot and drinking water sit beside brake fluid, and a rake is propped up against the ironing board. With topical wit, non-stop dialogue danced between these funny old men as they presented Topic of Cancer, or You Can Lick Your Prostate.

Nothing was spared, not hemorrhoids, not post-penile drip, not mammograms, not even rectal exams!

They've got life all figured out: island philosophies, who's there to greet you when you get to heaven, why Valdy's career never took off in Mexico, the answer to late fer-

ries, even the fact that the Rockies are not mountains at all, but actually a mound of Volkswagen vans that never made it over the Rockies covered in dirt.

Meanwhile, the unscrupulous and tastelessly dressed real estate agent and Bert's son, Milt, is practically wringing his hands in anticipation of the sale of his father's property when the cancer finally takes the old geezer.

Enter Swami, the East Indian captain of the Skeena Queen, who touted an Ayurvedic remedy to cure the cancer. Swami balances Bert's household items, lamenting the ignorance of some people; the iron should face west, the teapot spout should face out. T

he remedy, passed on from generation to generation and comprised of chickpeas and curry, was inserted up Bert's "inside passage" with the aid of a very long-spouted oilcan and an air compressor in hysterical sequence.

In the second half, we meet Maggie, the Scottish woman who volunteers for the prostate cancer support group, doing ironing and cleaning up for patients. She also appeared naked in that famous calendar to save Texada lands. And then there was Stumpy, a seminaked victim of clear-cut forestry. I didn't quite get his story, but he was fun to look at.

Everyone has a cure for this disease, even the First Nations people, who shave yew bark into little pieces and make it into a fire. The patient bends his derriere over the fire while five puffs of yew smoke go up his stern. Another fellow down the road grew a green leaf tea. After a cupful of this tea, the munchies take over and nearly a full box of cookies disappears down their throats in quick succes-

Then they start talking about ending it all. And they do, singing their way through the finale.

The Geezers are now heading to Ontario at the end of April to play in Hamilton and Niagara Falls, and return to perform on Salt Spring May 4 and 5.

They travel for a show in Tofino after that. Don't miss this outrageous duo.

I haven't laughed so loud or so long in a very long time. For a sneak preview, log onto gulfislands.net/audio/geezers.



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Vacations, a wedding and animals pining for greener fields

By PAMELA BROOKS

Penders Edition Contributor

Accomplished actor/director Sheila Jordan is taking a well-earned vacation. She drove, with children, to the Grand Canyon and on to Disneyland. A friend enjoyed cabin-sitting Sheila's place.

Jackie Hull volunteers with the Nu-2-U. She is very proud of her daughters, Carolyn and Melanie, who both achieved GISS honour roll status last term. She said that Pender young people did very well this year, with seven of the Grade 10 students being honoured at Salt Spring this year.

Earl Hastings' cow lost a calf which was too big, took too long and died in the night. The mother lay low for a full two weeks. When she did get up, she walked immediately to the spot where she had given birth.

Ten months ago, Fay Schwartz and Carolyn Overman bought Sherwood Cabin on Pender. Fay's

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daughter, Rebecca, came to visit for a week's respite from the Nova Scotia snow. Her son, Aaron, came to visit for a day, on his way to teach English as a Second Language in Japan. Carolyn is renovating Sherwood Cabin. They "love every minute" of their time spent on Pender.

April 8. Sunday. Full Moon,

April 8. Sunday. Full Moon, Passover, Palm Sunday. "A Women's Full Moon Paddle" will leave from Otter Bay around sunset. This event will benefit Pender Animal Welfare Society (PAWS). Donations welcome. Call Susan Kronen of Kayak Pender Island, 6939.

Don't miss the Balding for Dollars at the Driftwood Mall on April 7. Proceeds will benefit B.C. Children's Hospital Oncology Department.

Glen Grimmer keeps a llama in his Corbett Road field. On March 11, llama decided on freedom and climbed onto the road around Chris and Lisa Vernon's place. Lisa called Glen and spoke to Barbara Johnstone, who said, "Well, we'll have to unload a truckload of hay; get married, and then we'll come for the llama." Congratulations and very good wishes to these two families joining in good farming futures.

Several people have been enticed and pried off this rock to spend time in New Zealand and Hawaii. Speaking of Hawaii, Cliff Pemberton said, "That place is a cure for anything."

The Pender Island Bakery will re-open soon. **Dorian** will work with the new owners and soon enjoy an addition to his family. His wife, **Celine Craven** from Shepherd's Croft Farm, is due to give birth to their first child at the end of March. Celine is enjoying a great pregnancy with lots of energy and good health.

Artist Sally Robinson left Pender to live in Toronto near her grandchild. Her works include hand-painted silks and canvas, costumes and great creativity. A farewell party was held and wellattended. Sally is a beloved member of Pender's community and she will be missed by many people.

Islanders Restaurant is easing into the summer madness with new shoulder-season hours. They will be open Thursday through Monday, closed Tuesdays and Wednesdays.

On Thursday, March 29, a farmers educational event will take place at the community hall. Potlock at 6:30 p.m., followed by a talk with **Dwight Pennell** on soils and soil science at 7:30 p.m.

April 5, 10 a.m. at the library, Magic Lake Water and Sewer issues will be discussed.

Saturday, April 7 at 7:30 p.m. Patrick Smith and Under The Moss will perform at That Little Coffee Place. Sunday afternoon tea and tarot readings.

A good way to end a walk or

cycle around the Heritage loop of Otter, Port Washington and Hope Bays is to enjoy organic coffee and treats at Ghenia's Port Washington dock store.

Ex-Pender resident Amarrah K. Gabriel's visualizations have worked. Her mom, Lita Pero, moved to Salt Spring Island from Toronto. They bought a pretty house, complete with a hot tub and life is great. Son Orion is learning to make tofu with Deb Lauzon of Soya Nova. Deb spent 18 years perfecting this delicious, nutritious food. John Miles at Southridge Farms Country Store is still working to find a reliable transporter for the goodies.

Treat yourself to seeing something beautiful. "Mabel" sits at the Port Browning Marina. She is a beautiful boat. The planked hull is as smooth as glass. **Bob Dougherty** built Mabel over a period of 13 years.

Congratulations to Bob and thanks to Corre Alice for appreciating the boat in a painting.

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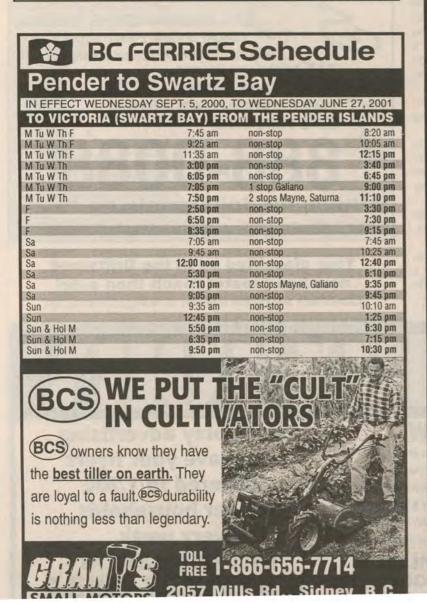
Kappele, who is a member of the Capital Health Region board and former executive producer of CBC, will be on Pender, April 10, speaking in the lounge area of the Community Hall between 1:30 and 3:30 p.m.

The event is part of the Pender Island Community Volunteer Program. Refreshments will be for sale by donation.

Further information can be obtained by calling Marie at 629-6434.

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6 DEATHS



GILBERT, The Rev. Stephen Wilson Langton quite suddenly, at the Royal Jubilee Hospital, Victoria, British Columbia. Loving husall those who sent flowers and band of Elizabeth (Liz), cards. Stephen was 'Dad' to Gordon (and Susan of Penetanguishene ON) Margaret (and Greg Murray of Guelph, ON) John (and Sazio of Salt Spring Island, B.C) Elizabeth (and Alan Gilbert Rosselet of Scarborough, ON), David (and Cathy of Nanaimo, B.C.) and Roger(still at home). Stephen was predeceased by his first wife,

the late Margaret Bartlet Gilbert (Meg), and a sister Mary and is survived by a sister, Clara Hollis Hallett of Bermuda and brother, Harry Gilbert of Australia. He is survived by 19 grandchildren, David and Christine, Rebecca, Aimee, Stephen, Beth, Saeward, Sascha, Oban, Thea, Andrew, James, Jennifer, William, Richard, Maggie, Carl, Dorothy, Alex & Rachel, A faithful priest in the Anglican Church for 55 years, Stephen served in parishes across Ontario, in Muskoka, Thunder Bay, Espanola, Owen Sound, Kingsville, Meaford and Corunna and as chaplain to many sailors along the Great Lakes (both recreational sailors and professional seafarers). In keeping with his hopes for an 80th birthday celebration scheduled to take place

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6 DEATHS

DOROTHEA BROWN passed away peacefully in Lady Minto Hospital on March 30th in her 96th year. Born in England she came to Canada in 1923. Survived by her sister Helen Moorhouse of Quadra Island, predeceased by her husband William in 1974. "Bill" Brown will be remembered by some as keeping the books in the old S.S.I. Trading Company, a general store, in the 40s and 50s. No service by request. In her memory and in the appreciation of the laying case of the ciation of the loving care of the staff in Extended Care, a donation to the Hospital Foundation would be appreci-

8 CARDS OF THANKS

THANK YOU to everyone who helped with the Ruckle Park Plowing Match & Farm Day. What a wonderful community. THE FAMILY of Louise Wolfe-Milner would like to thank the staff of Lady Minto Hospital and in particular the staff of the Extended Care Unit for their wonderful care of our mother. We also wish to thank

20 COMING EVENTS

BAKE SALE Saturday, April 7, 10-12. Our Lady of Grace Church, Drake Rd.

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School District #64 (Gulf Islands)

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CLOWN CABOODLE Clown classes and a clown party. Saturday, April 14. Children's class \$10. Adult class \$15. Party free. Call Yiana 537-4088.

BRANCH 92 Royal Canadian Legion Annual General Meeting. Wednesday, April 18th, 7:30 p.m. TOWN HALL Meeting: To

establish an Alternative (Shadow) Government for Salt Spring Island, Friday, April 6, 7:00 p.m., Lions Hall; Provisional Citizenship Cards will be available. Hosted by Sustainable SSI Coalition.

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DRIFTWOOD CLASSIFIEDS In person: 328 Lower Ganges Rd.

VICTORS: FC soccer players whoop it up after beating a confident Port Alberni in the Cup Challenge semi-final, Sunday at Portlock. Here, goalie Jonathan McDonald, is hoisted onto team member's shoulders in honour of his fifth consecutive shut-out. Photo by Derrick Lundy



FC steals Cup semi-final in hard-fought home game

A hearty rainfall at Portlock Park Sunday did nothing to dampen spectators' and soccer players' enthusiasm as FC stole the George Pearkes Challenge Cup semi-final from the previously undefeated Port Alberni Athletic club.

Although Port Alberni went into the game confident of a win, it was Salt Spring that dominated much of the play.

Chris Jason scored the lone goal in the 1-0 match at 2:20 in the first half on a set play from the corner.

The two teams played with even determination in the first part of the second half, but Port Alberni stepped up the pressure in the last 20 minutes.

However, FC held Port Alberni off, giving keeper Jonathan McDonald his fifth straight shut-

FC is back on the filed next Saturday at Royal Athletic Park in Victoria, taking on Cordova Bay United for the Challenge

FC has beat and lost to Cordova Bay this year in league play. Games time is 12:30 p.m.

The game is preceded by the over-33 championship and followed by the Jackson Cup.

FC is the defending champion of the Challenge Cup.

Last year the team went on to take second in the provincial championships.

The team is coached by Daryl Lister, managed by Ken Marr and sponsored by Windsor Plywood.

Locals in badminton tourney

Six enthusiastic players from the Salt Spring Junior Badminton Club competed in Nanaimo in the Vancouver Island Junior Closed Badminton Championships held over the weekend.

Dakin, Remy Graham Meek, Boris Sipone, Zander Ritson, Andrew McPhee and Rich Albert made the trek - which was the first

tournament for some members of the team, and the third for others

Eighty-five players competed in the event on teams from Port Alberni, Gold River, Campbell River, Powell River, Nanaimo, Victoria and Salt Spring Island.



Salt Spring Junior Badminton Club

The U-14 singles category saw Dakin, Meek, Ritson and Sipone put their skills to the test. Dakin produced the best results by finishing bronze in his division.

Dakin/Sipone and Ritson/Meek formed two U-14 doubles teams, with Ritson and Meek making it to the semi-finals before being knocked out by a very strong team from Victoria.

The U-16 singles division was represented by Andrew McPhee. In U-16 doubles, Andrew and Rich Albert paired up for some exciting games.

The Salt Spring Junior Badminton Club meets at Fernwood School on Wednesday evenings from 6:30 to 8 p.m. The next session starts Wednesday, April 11. Registration is through the PARC office at Portlock Park. All badminton players age

10-15 are welcome to participate.

For any players aged 16 or older who are interested in improving their skills, a U-19 program can be started. For more details, contact Carl Albert at 537-5843 or e-mail him at albert@saltspring.com.

HIGH ROLLERS

High bowling scores for the week at Kings Lane Recreation were as follows:

Friday a.m.: Marg Baker, 269, 213, 675; Ken Robinson, 205; Cliff Jory, 218; Don Goodman, 217, 218; Jim Glenn, 206.

Circus League: Brian Radford,

216; Connie Hardy, 219, 220; Lance Leask, 221, 292, 239,

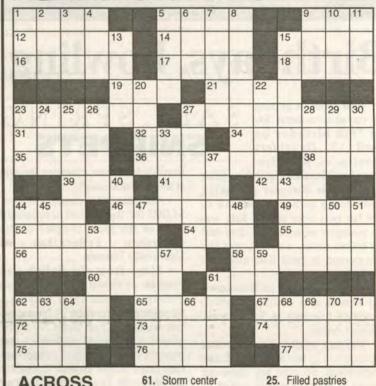
Tuesday a.m.: Ann Kowal, 206; Ken Robinson, 217; Rita Brown, 230; John Pringle, 213.

Tuesday p.m. 50-plus: Evelyn Matheson, 223; Vanda Winstone, 205; Rita Dods, 227; Mary Kirkpatrick, 218.

Special Olympics: Gloria Dale, 225; Stuart Elliott, 149,151; Terry Swing 154,171; Jimmy Beck, 170.

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- 5. Johnny Mathis hit
- 9. Jack of clubs
- 12. Lucy's pal 14. Superstar
- 15. Action word
- 16. Alibi
- 17. Celebration
- 18. Columnist Bombeck 19. Treasure Island
- author's monogram
- 21. Egyptian deity
- 23. Reese of baseball
- 27. Early-blooming plant
- 31. Bug bite upshot Sash of the East
- 35. Brazil's "Black Pearl"
- Musical selection
- Youth group (abbr.)
- 39. Harold_ Maude

- 52. Reach 54. Compass dir.
- 55. Biblical preposition
- 56. Hobbies
- 58. Reduce
- 60. Tree of Life site

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- bloodhound
- 72. Black-eyed legumes
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- 33. Object of ridicule
- 37. Has-(fallen star)
- 40. Lyricist Hal
- 43. Responsibility

- 44. Strike
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- 47. Miss Marple novel Trust
- 50. Badlands Indian
- 51. Gigi's refusal 53. Things on a list
- Gay
- 59. Counting out word
- 61. Pieces (out)
- 62. TV's "1 63. Back half of a laugh
- 64. Actor Holm
- 66. Between ready and fire
- 68. Salad-dressing
- ingredient
- 69. Coral, for one
- 70. Shriner's kin
- 71. Presidential monogram

Women take to the greens

Four teams of golf-loving women braved cold and wet weather to finish a season-opening nine-hole scramble at the Salt Spring Golf and Country Club last Tuesday

and Babs Ross came in with a net score of 25 to take first prize. Runners-up with a net 26.9 were: Janet Butler, Kathy Darling, Sue

Barb Davis, Debbie Hamilton

Ramsey and Patricia Simpson. The golfers who played out the game then joined other, drier members for a lunch event. In total, 58 women attended.

Joanne Moger convened the luncheon and arranged the flowers which were eventually raffled off.

Maxine Whorley, chair of the club's board of directors, gave an update on club improvements completed this winter, and described plans for additional upgrades which

will be done soon. All members were urged to attend the club's annual general

meeting set for April 25. The meeting also heard from club pro Steve Marleau, who discussed the Pro Lady Tournament, as well as services provided by the club's pro shop.

Marleau also donated four door prizes



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Birthdays, bowling and jokes

• Rita Dods is getting the royal treatment for her 70th birthday on April 13. Daughters Loretta Rithaler,

Lorraine Moss and granddaughter Anna Marie Rithaler are taking Dods home to Saskatchewan to visit her two elder sisters. Rita was the youngest of seven children and her eldest sister, now 89, was the first person to hold Rita after she was born.

They'll be going to **Rosetown** and **Zenon**, and visiting "a whole swack of relatives in Saskatoon," reports Loretta.

• Friday night bowling has become a big hit at Kings Lane Recreation. Sources say there are always at least 30 youths (aged 11 to 16), if not 40, turning out.

• Congrats to the quirky imagination and painting skill behind the red and yellow "Coming Soon" with a McDonald's "M" sign causing eyes to bulge as they passed Embe Bakery on the way up Ganges Hill on April Fools Day.

 Also in the April 1 joke realm, sources say a "For Sale" sign on the door of Ganges United Church greeted Sunday morning worshipners

• Robert Bateman will be featured in both the first and last episodes of Down to Earth, a weekly series on Vision TV which runs from April 17 to May 30. The show profiles conservationists, artists, authors and others in the Canadian landscapes that inspire them.

• The Elsser family has come down from Mount Belcher and bought Indigo Farm on Rainbow Road. They should soon have their salad produce, flowers and eggs

SALT SPRING SNIPPETS

from their 50 new chickens for sale at the roadside stand.

• Antiques 2001 raised just over \$1,000 for the student scholarship fund of the local chapter of the Canadian Federation of University Women.

• Maps from the Salish Sea Project — shown recently on Salt Spring — made their way to a three-day conference in Nanaimo last weekend. The maps were displayed at an annual conference that brought land trusts and conservancies from across British Columbia together with First Nations, forestry and agriculture representatives.

• Last week, Alice Richards entered a National Post contest to win a complete library of Stephen King's books. On Saturday, while riding the ferry to Crofton and reading the Saturday Post, she saw her name listed as one of 10 runnersup. She wins a copy of Stephen King's new book Dreamcatcher and a sample collection of his handwritten notes.

• Dry grad celebrations for the Class of 2001 will get a huge boost from bookmark sales at the Ganges Liquor Store. Total sales of the \$1-bookmarks amounted to \$2,785 by the time the campaign closed on March 31.

• Everyone remembers Danny Evanishen — the former Salt Spring cinema mogul and fall fair popcorn seller who moved to the Okanagan some years ago and began collecting Ukrainian-Canadian folk stories. Danny always stops in to Salt Spring while

on book and story-gathering tours, but until then, people can find out what he's up to through his **Ethnic Enterprises Website** at www.ethnic.bc.ca.

 Students at Salt Spring Centre School are benefitting from a joint effort between Island Pathways and Fort Street Cycle Shop in Victoria. The students, who participated in a bike rodeo last year, were selected as recipients of the deal wherein the bike store sells helmets at cost to Island Pathways, which in turn sells them to the students for \$10 each. Pathways is attending the school this week to fit each child with his/her new helmet. Fort Street Cycle is owned by Salt Springers Doug and Denise Grams.

• Tom Wright and Don Gainor who look after the election signs for the NDP and Liberals, (respectively) have decided to renew their gentlemen's agreement for the upcoming election. During the last campaign if one saw the other's signs down or vandalized they put them back up! Only on Salt Spring you say? Pity!

a Stage Coach Theare production which opens at ArtSpring April 12 — work on the original play's colourful backdrop. The play was written by the theatre school's director, Margaret Jardine, with music by Ramesh Meyers.

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