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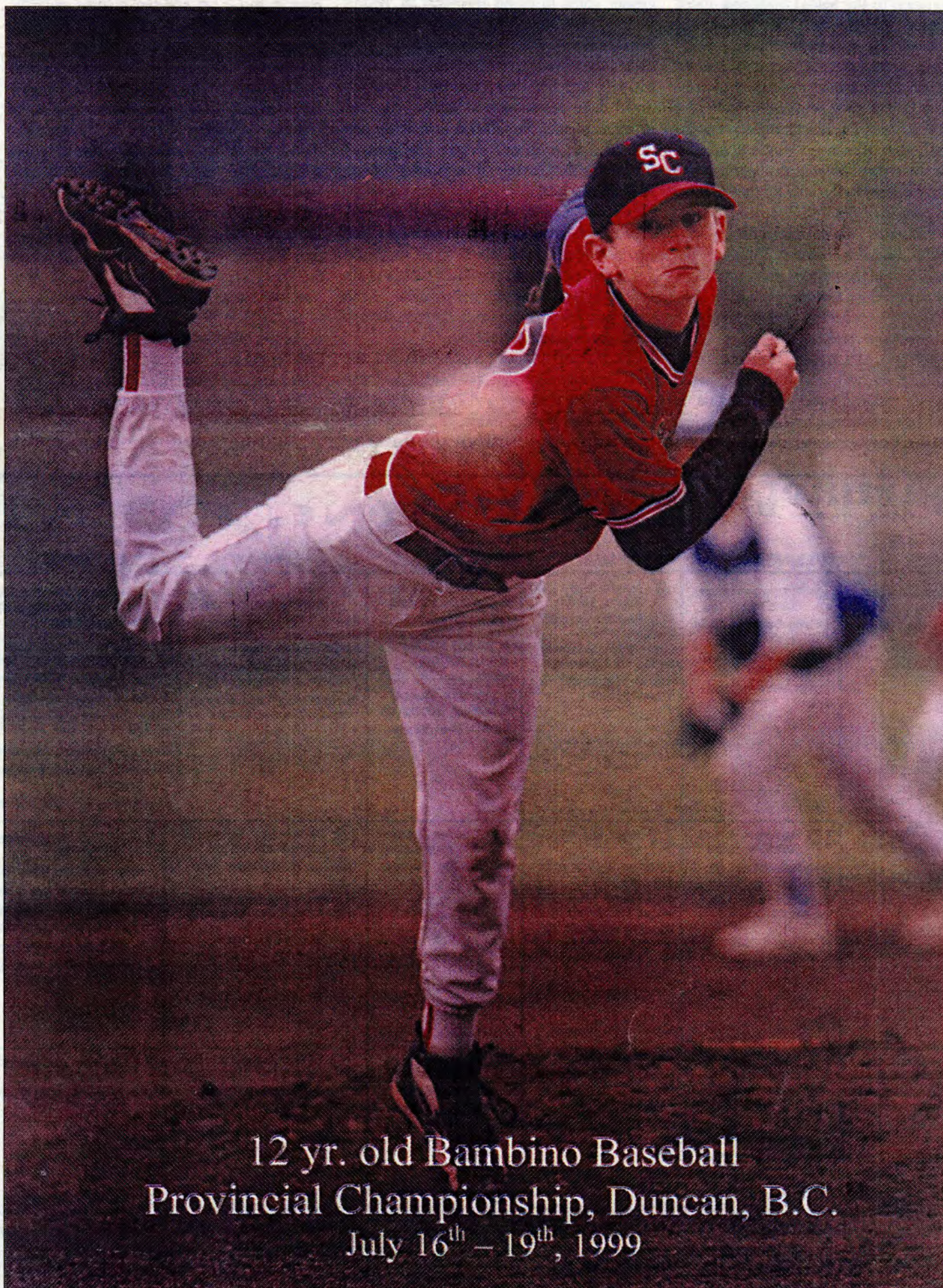
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A modest proposal for B.C. Day



In the catbird seat ... with Shelagh Plunkett

With apologies to Jonathan Swift and his essay *A Modest Proposal*.

Eleven days ago a freighter was spotted off the coast of Nootka Sound. It drew the attention of a fisheries department airplane because it was listing severely and because it appeared to be what crew on the plane had been trained to identify—a smuggling ship.

When boarded, the freighter was found to contain 123 Chinese men, women and juveniles confined to the hold. Conditions under which these people were living onboard were—according to media reports—filthy (essentially no sanitation, no access to fresh air or clean water). Draconian measures had been employed by the crew who, annoyed by the filth resulting from the lack of sanitation chose to punish the “passengers” by withholding food for three days. Most of the “passengers” had been confined to the hold for the duration of their passage.

Does this sound familiar? Has anyone read a description like this before? I have. This description of the freighter, of its human cargo and the way in which that cargo has been handled bear many similarities to descriptions of 18th century slave ships.

Let's shift ground. On page 5 of this issue of the Barnacle you will read an opinion piece submitted by Anastacia Wilde. In it she raises the point that sometimes we—as a community—fixate on local issues and ignore the bigger

picture; that sometimes we choose to forget that although we may live on an island we are of the world. She also deplores the fact that property rights seem to outweigh human rights and that the community is, in general, far less outraged by violations of human beings than by violations of the things owned by human beings.

Back to the slave ship. How does the situation unfolding in Esquimalt—where the cargo of the freighter are being held—have any bearing on us here on Salt Spring Island? Well, I have to agree with Anastacia—there are greater gates to storm than that at Beddis Beach. I, too, would like to think that within this community which prides itself on having a higher than average level of education and a wider perspective than most rural Canadian towns there are some who wish to consider issues of broader implication than those that just take place on our shores. The press, I think, has a duty to foster thoughtful debate on all kinds of issues.

And, it's B.C. Day as I write this. A federally fabricated holiday, I know, with no links to our history but a day on which some might be inspired to ponder our provincial roots and ask questions like, “were did my ancestors come from and why did they end up here on this particular bit of global coastline?”

I have heard a lot of people discussing the 123 “illegal immigrants” that landed on these shores a few days ago and I've read a lot of opinions about who they are, were they came from and what we should do with them now

that they're here. Most of what I've read and overheard appears to be motivated by xenophobia and is grounded, in my opinion, in a profound lack of both information and analysis. Most people—it seems—have decided that the 123 found onboard the freighter are opportunists seeking to exploit our “lax” immigration laws and are bringing nothing but lawlessness and chaos in their wake. They are undesirable. We do not want them. They should be sent back.

I don't agree.

I don't know exactly who these people are or what their backgrounds are like but I do recognize a situation of human trafficking when I read it and I do see the obvious parallels between what those people have been subjected to and a description of slavery.

According to an article in the Vancouver Sun each “passenger” paid approximately \$38,000 U.S. for the privilege of being transported to Canada—in a filthy, infested hold. Some borrowed the money from those who arranged their passage—their traffickers—at 20 per cent interest. All left family behind who are known to and watched by those who loaned the money. The 123 who bought their way—they thought—to a better life will find that their debt is never fully paid off no matter how hard they work. Their debt will continue to grow and their lives, and those of their family members, will continue to be controlled by their traffickers, they will continue to live under constant threat of danger.

This is a classic trafficking scenario and one taking place in virtually all corners of the world.

These people—the 123 being held in

Esquimalt—are not drug smugglers or mass murderers. They aren't monsters. They are, however, poor and that's something we tend to hold against people when they try to immigrate to our country...these days. They are also desperate. It's not easy to gain access to the kind of phenomenal luxury, health, environmental conditions and overall privilege that we, as Canadians, take for granted and consider our right. We do not welcome the poor to our corner of paradise; we do not make it easy for them to share in our good fortune.

The opportunists, the criminals, the monsters in this story are the traffickers—the people who charged \$38,000 U.S. per head for a slavery-like passage to paradise. The holders of the debt can and will use it to maintain their slave-master hold on their debtors. They make incredible amounts of money exploiting both the desperation of the world's poor and the Western world's fear of others—a fear that inspires our immigration laws. Global economic imbalance leaves many—those in the third world—trying to gain what a few—those in the first world—have. Extreme poverty and lives that offer no hope coupled with the kinds of barriers we've erected around our borders will continue to inspire desperate measures. And that is ripe ground for the traffickers.

I don't agree that these people should be sent back to China. I think the Canadian people should recognize the situation for what it is and punish the traffickers accordingly. And then, to help ensure this kind of thing doesn't continue, I think we should make it easier—not harder—for others like the 123 found in the hold of that ship to come to paradise.

That's my modest proposal for B.C. Day.

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calendar of UPCOMING EVENTS

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MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
2 Moby's, Barley Bros; 5pm Family Place, Beach Days. Info: 537-9176	3 Sing Along old memories, Seniors' bldg; 10:30am Family Place, craft days. Info: 537-9176 Summer Reading Club, Library; 1pm; Info: 537-4666 Music and Munch, free recital; 12:10pm	4 Argentinian Tango practice, Alfresco; 6:30-9pm Family Place, Water fun, parent fitness. Info: 537-9176 Music & Munch, All Saints-by-the-Sea, flute & guitar; Noon Argentinian Tango practice, Alfresco; 6:30-9pm	5 Treehouse Cafe, open mike; every Thursday Sufi & Sacred Circle Heart Dance, location varies; 7:30pm. Info: 538-0097, 537-2598 Fulford Inn, Reid Collins on piano Off Centre Stage, Showtime! with Sondheim, ArtSpring; 8pm West of the Moon, Storytime; 10am	6 Moby's, Vicious Fishes Rose's Seaside Cafe, open stage Off Centre Stage, Showtime! with Sondheim, ArtSpring; 8pm Hiroshima Commemoration, Peace Park (across from ArtSpring); 5:30pm Jill Louise Campbell Studio, live entertainment, Fri/Sat. eves. in August	7 Feldenkrais Method® of Awareness thru Movement® workshop, 325 Mtn. Rd.; 9:30am-4:30pm. 653-4332 to register. Moby's, Vicious Fishes Off Centre Stage, Showtime! with Sondheim, ArtSpring; 8pm Harbour House Bistro, Murray Anderson on piano Alfresco's, Barrington Perry on piano; 6:30pm “Feed People Well”, open house 4pm., potluck 6pm; Info: 537-1984 Concerts in the Park, folk, bluegrass, popular rock; 10:30am Jill Louise Campbell Studio, live entertainment, Fri/Sat. eves. in August Reiki Workshop, Julie Howard. 537-2905	8 Moby's, Salt Swing; 8pm GLOSSI potluck. Info: 537-2227, 537-8797 Fulford Inn, Reid Collins on piano SSI Equestrian Club, “Barn Tour '99”, Farmer's Institute; 11-4. Harbour House Bistro, Murray Anderson on piano Reiki Workshop, Julie Howard. 537-2905
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John Pottinger photo

MEMO TO BC FERRIES: Fulford Harbour is a village, not just a ferry terminal

This is the fourth article in a continuing series on the BC Ferry Corporation. Information on which articles in the series are based came to the Barnacle via documents—Ferry Corporation memos, reports and directives—left anonymously at our office.

by John Pottinger

What would Salt Spring Island be without Fulford? The survival of Fulford as a thriving village full of unique stores, services and people is essential to this island, but the Ferry Corporation doesn't seem to understand that.

I'll be the first to admit that I'm suspicious when it comes to B. C. Ferries: I'm suspicious that the company doesn't deal with the public, or their employees, in a forthright manner.

So, when I find out about something they're doing that just doesn't make any sense, I wonder why it makes sense to them. Is it sinister? Is there a "hidden agenda?" Or is it just mismanagement?

When it comes to their plans for Fulford Harbour, the Corporation is saying one thing and doing another. As I mentioned in one of my earlier articles, the company promised islanders that they would involve them in any planning involving the future of Fulford. Well they're not living up to that promise and the results could be disastrous for the village.

The Corporation is considering the purchase of three parcels of land that now house a total of at least five businesses in Fulford Village. Starting with the piece of land that the restaurant is on, then up the west side of Morningside Road, including the parcel that the Saltspring Roasting Company operates out of and taking in the old Shell Oil storage yard, the corporation would like to turn the area into a parking lot with the addition of a second ferry berth.

Now, there is no doubt that there are huge parking (and driving) problems in Fulford that need to be addressed. But BC Ferries is considering a solution that will destroy the village.

The Ferry Corporation can either contribute to the health of the village of Fulford or they can contribute to its demise. For the company to consider making major changes at Fulford, without the involvement of the people who live and work there, is irresponsible.

The Ferry Corporation likes to refer to "stakeholders"—a word that I dislike immensely. It's such a typically "nineties" kind of corporate phrase: it sounds important, yet it's completely impersonal. And it's used so often that it becomes meaningless. In this case it's obviously meaningless to BC Ferries because they're quietly going about their business without consulting the people of Fulford as they promised.

On Salt Spring we often talk about the uniqueness of the "southend". The village of Fulford is the heart of the southend. And the people who make Fulford what it is are as real as people can get.

Fulford needs to survive as a seaside village and flourish. Ten years from now, I don't want to be saying to my friends and relatives as they walk off the ferry, "this used to be the most perfect little seaside village in the country." Whether Fulford continues to exist as a village, rather than simply a ferry terminal, has little to do with whether or not there is a ferry service there. It depends on what sort of planning and priorities go into any changes.

Of course Fulford needs more parking, and it may need an additional ferry dock one day, but the land to accomplish that is available now, without destroying existing businesses.

There's a parcel of land for sale that encompasses the inside of the bay (to your left as you head up the hill). Purchasing that piece would enable the Corporation to put in more parking than they could by wiping out five existing businesses. If they insist on having a regional office in Fulford (instead of Long Harbour) there is an existing building on the land.

The elimination of five (or more) typical southend businesses will cut a giant hole in the village. The ability to draw people—tourists and locals alike—to Fulford to shop and visit, will be seriously diminished. But it doesn't have to be this way.

I believe that the future of Fulford can be a "win-win" situation for both the Ferry Corporation and the people that believe in—and depend on—Fulford Harbour. But Islanders are going to have to "Raise a Little Hell" (as in the "Trooper" song) to make sure that happens. If not, the little village that is such a big part of the spirit and atmosphere of this island is in trouble.

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Bear facts from bear watch

HG Doerksen tells Barnacle read-
ers that Shelagh Plunkett surely wrote
her bear article last week with tongue
in cheek or without any real under-
standing of bears.

Although any premature human
death is a tragedy, people tend to sen-
sationalize deaths caused by bears.
We overlook the human deaths that
show we are far more dangerous to
ourselves than any bear, cougar or
province full of predators. Where's
the big story about the nine people
that die each week in B.C. from acci-
dental poisoning, the eight from car
crashes, or the nine by suicide?

Bears can be very dangerous and
strong caution is advised, but let's stay
away from fear mongering. Like it or
not, most of B.C. has bears and peo-
ple coexisting. Indeed, on Salt Spring,
we are co-existing with one bear, and
periodically the odd cougar. As for
the fantasy island with all types of
wildlife, B.C. is the most biologically
diverse province in the country, and
living in close proximity to bears is the
norm for most of the province.
130,000 bears and close to 4 million
people co-exist in BC.

Bears do kill a small number of live-
stock; they are predators who hunt for
a small amount of their food. But the
actual numbers of livestock killed in
the Vancouver Island region between
'78 - '94 was 130, or about eight per
year. Grizzly bears killed roughly nine
per year. It would seem like bears
prefer to hunt wild animals.

So use caution in areas where bears
frequent, but remember human ani-
mals are far more likely to cause you
harm than any bear, black or grizzly.

As for the future of the young bear
on island, its future will be decided by
human tolerance more than anything
else.

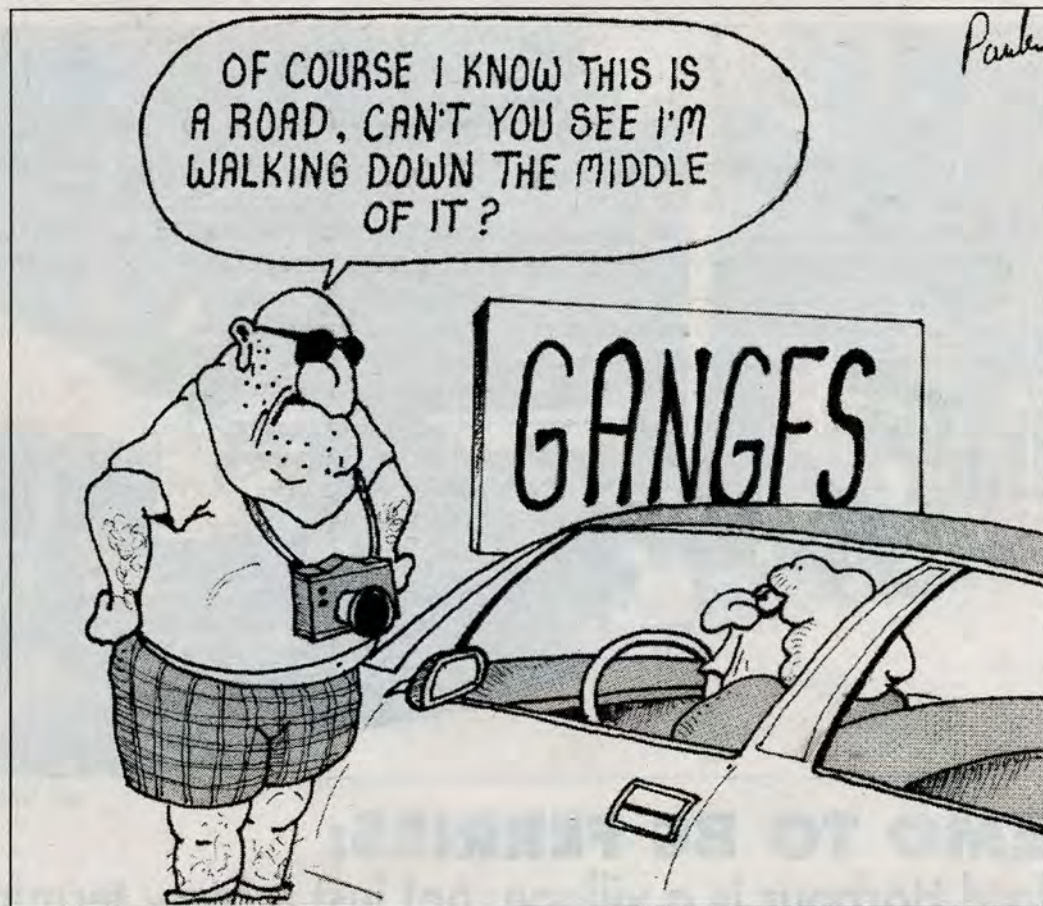
ERIC DONNELLY
Bear Watch

Truly blessed

It was June 1998 on Salt Spring
when my 58-year-old husband,
Paul, was told that his blood tests
were not normal; that his bone mar-
row was suppressed, probably due to
a medication he was taking. We
then had to go to the Vancouver
General Hospital to see haematologi-
sts and were devastated to hear the
verdict, "You have acute myelo-
genous leukemia." This diagnosis
came as a total shock. Neither my
husband nor I could look at each
other while the doctors informed
him of this, as we were each afraid
we would start crying. "You have a
40 per cent to 60 per cent chance of
a remission and a 20 per cent to 40
per cent chance of a cure and, in
your case, due to your age it is more
likely the lower of the two.

This was something that you think
"only happens to other people," and
we sobbed all the way to the park-
ing lot and our car. As one person
has put it, "The day you learn you
have cancer or any life-threatening
illness, you cross over into a parallel
universe, a world that separates you
from everyone else except those
who have been through the same
thing."

From that day on, our life has never
been the same. Paul has spent three
different sessions, either at Vancouver



General or the B.C. Cancer Agency,
having chemotherapy. The last
chemotherapy was the high dose one,
followed by two stem cell transplants
(the first didn't take). These are simi-
lar to a bone marrow transplant, but
they actually take your stem cells,
(new cells) out of you and treat them
with a drug to hopefully kill all the
leukemic cells and then they are put
back into you after all your red and
white cell platelets have been
destroyed. The chemotherapy ses-
sions that he had have lasted from 45

days to nearly three months each
time. His immune system was totally
destroyed by this harsh treatment and
there were many days when I even
wondered if he would survive, such as
the day when his temperature was
nearly 107° F. In between treatments,
we would get home for maybe four to
eight weeks at a time.

But let me tell you about the posi-
tive things we have seen throughout
all this. One overcast Sunday there
arrived nine people who cut our lawn,
weeded, pruned and just generally

made our place look a lot better.
When you are overtired and weak,
such as my husband was, these things
can overwhelm you and these people,
without asking, just took over and did
it!

One of these women also does
Therapeutic touch. At first my skepti-
cal husband did not want this, but has
since found it very helpful for his
painful shoulders—and this woman
does this freely once or twice weekly
for him and makes him feel so much
better.

On a day when my husband was
rushed to our local hospital with a
fever, a very good friend just came
down and cut our lawn without ask-
ing.

A neighbour picked up our mail
daily while we were in Vancouver and
mailed it off to us. She kept an eye on
our house and looked after our dog
occasionally. One couple found out
the fax number of the ward where
Paul was and every other day there
was a fax with all the local Salt Spring
news for us to read. Others also took
our dog in for weeks at a time and
would take nothing from us. As a mat-
ter of fact, even the local dog kennel
owners (Greenspring Farms) would
not take money when we left our dog
there.

Many times we have had food deliv-
ered to us and also in the mail we have
received envelopes with sums of
money inside. (We have no idea who
sent these.) We have also had two
women treat us to eight hours of
house cleaning services.

When we go to the local hospital
weekly for blood tests, the admitting
women—lab staff and Marg Picard
(head nurse)—all go out of their way
to attend to us. People in different
churches pray for us too. How won-
derfully ecumenical!

I doubt that this would have hap-
pened where we previously lived, in
Vancouver. Maybe some of it would
have, but here on this small island
everyone hears and sooner or later
they take over and help each other.
We feel that truly blessed and love
this island and the people on it.

JANE GIRARD



A journal as literary as the Barnacle is bound to show up in unusual
places. Take Portland, Oregon's Powell's Books (population more than a
million volumes) for example.

The false issue

Opinion by Anastacia Wilde

Would someone please explain to me why a gate being installed at Beddis Beach has received more outcry from our community than a local Salt Spring woman being held hostage, tied up and raped in her own home?

And would someone please help me understand why turning a parking lot into a family park has met more opposition from our community than the recent upholding of B.C. legislation that legally allows pedophiles to own, sell, promote and get off on child pornography?

Vociferous and angry letters regarding a perceived violation of public property rights abound, but what about the physical and emotional violations of the human body? Why not a single letter to the editor about a judicial system that maintains that breaking and entering is a crime punishable by a full life-time imprisonment term, while the kidnap and rape of a woman (or man) holds a maximum sentence of only 10 years!

It is a deeply disturbing and sobering wake up call when people of such high education, privilege and freedom squander words and energy over solvable trifles, while the bombshells of spiritual disease poison our society and fall on deaf ears. On the heels of malicious and ignorant criticism about the Beddis Beach gate, where are the letters of support defending our children, our women, our bodies?

It's like cursing the flea beetles on the top leaves and leaving the maggots and cutworms to feast on the juicy, rich roots.

For this writer, the Beddis beach struggle characterizes what patriarchal rule has exemplified throughout

its 3000-year reign on earth: property rights (ownership, control) are more valuable than human rights (happiness, child preservation), and material possessions (houses, cars,) are more valued than our physical environment (the earth, our bodies).

The issue here is not the Beddis Beach gate, nor does that gate represent some symbolic wound to freedom-loving Canadians. The call to freedom in this era preceding world peace comes from inside every one of us. It is a commitment to our fullest expansion as human beings and the intricate connection between our well-being and the health of humanity.

The deeper issue is one of setting priorities. There is a genuine wisdom in knowing which battles are worth the fight.

The Beddis gate is a false hook. It's a tricky, rusty wedge designed to drive people apart into the old paradigm of blame and separation. As such, it is also a useful mirroring device for human behavior.

Those of us particularly triggered by the Beddis Beach controversy would do ourselves and the island a just service by investigating our compelling need to voice the frustration of feeling locked out.

Every life path is inherently blessed with obstacles and challenges. That is how we, as people, grow. Do we weave our forces together in a unified effort to raise our life condition and promote peace in our community or do we carry ourselves into the next millennium bickering and fighting and divided over little closed gates?

Grander gateways stand before us and beckon our attention.



Buses safer thanks to Legion

Cathy Thomson and Erling Jorgensen show off the two new school bus safety hatches bought with money donated from the Legion Poppy fund. Each hatch cost approximately \$600 and will both be installed in one of the 12 buses in the fleet that transports children from all over the island to all local schools.

Jorgensen explained that in most serious accidents a bus ends up on its side making it almost impossible for kids to reach the eight feet necessary to open a window. The new safety hatches, installed in the roof of the bus, enable children to climb out easily. They also act as effective ventilation, helping to decrease fogging during the winter.

After seeing a demonstration of the hatches, Jorgensen approached Cathy Thomson at the Legion and together they spent many hours securing funding to purchase and install the new equipment.

Now standard issue in new buses, there are still five in the island fleet without roof hatches. But, Jorgensen, said he's going to continue tracking down money until all our buses have the safety hatches.

TIDE TABLES

AT FULFORD HARBOUR
Pacific Standard Time.
Measured in feet.

Day	Time	Feet
3	0330	5.6
AUG	0850	7.9
TU	1430	5.2
	2130	10.5
4	0425	4.9
AUG	1040	7.9
WE	1520	6.2
	2205	10.5
5	0525	3.9
AUG	1235	8.2
TH	1625	7.5
	2240	10.5
6	0615	3.0
AUG	1415	8.9
FR	1740	8.2
	2320	10.5
7	0170	2.0
AUG	1525	9.8
SA	1905	8.9
8	0010	10.5
AUG	0800	1.6
SU	1615	10.2
	2025	8.9
9	0105	10.5
AUG	0850	1.3
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Making bubbles ... at a previous Fulford Day event

Get ready to have fun, Fulford Day coming

by Rob McMahon

All of Fulford Valley is preparing for its 11th annual Fulford Day on Saturday, August 14. The event will be held at its traditional home of Drummond Park from 10am to 6pm and will feature everything from free music to face-painting to a huge barbeque and more.

The purpose of the event, said Frank Desipio, one of the volunteer organizers, is to "provide a local event which fosters a sense of community to residents of Fulford and all of Salt Spring Island. [Its goal is to] return all proceeds to the community .. [and] .. basically provide activities that emphasize family and, in particular, children."

In this way, the event follows the intentions of the original organizers—Fulford merchants who also stipulated that the Day would be used to raise funds for community projects. Since then, Fulford Day has generated almost \$45,000 given back to the

community through organizations as diverse as Beaver Point Hall, the Core Inn, Drummond Park, the Old Age Pensioners, the Transition House, the Fulford Elementary School Parents' Group and the Salmon Enhancement Society. Its main purpose, however, has always been fun.

The original group of volunteers remain as the core organizers, planning the event in advance and doing all the ground work. They are helped on the day of the event by 100 or so additional volunteers—both young and old—who ensure the barbeque, music and activities run smoothly. The musicians and entertainers all donate their time and energy.

Thinking back to past Fulford Days, Desipio couldn't remember a single thing that has ever gone wrong, except a few nasty wasp stings (but they always wreck the party anyway).

This year's Fulford Day is

packed with events for kids and adults. The festival will feature the music of Valdy, the Rounders, Triskele, Black Velvet, Simone Grasky et al, Kerry Burke, Pud, Richard Cross, Jack and Lefty, and the Stack Sisters. The music starts at 1pm and will surely be the day's high point for everyone.

For the kiddies, the day is packed with events from 10am to noon. Entertainment includes face-painting, pony rides, balloons, a clown, and, at noon, a magic show by Aaron Jones.

After 12:30, guests will be treated to a rare appearance by the Wrangellian Gumboot Ensemble and their interpretive dance, followed by a Pipe Band.

In a huge inflatable whale tent, kids can listen to the Dancing Bear Storyteller. For adults, there's a celebrity dunk tank, Bingo and a "refreshment" garden.

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Teacher Barb Ruddell and her four-year-old class at the Saltspring Island Co-op Preschool.

Local heroes sought: preschool needs your help

They have the money. They have the architect's design. They have commitments from builders, engineers, contractors and tradespeople who want to volunteer their labour.

But, they don't have the land on which to build.

The Saltspring Island Co-op Preschool has been working hard all year raising money for a new building. Parents, staff and volunteers have performed miracles—pulling together \$60,000 and promises of labour—but now, at the eleventh hour, when all is in place and ready to go, they are caught with no location for their building.

This story began back in October when the Community Centre which had housed the Co-op informed the preschool that space was lacking and they'd have to find a new home. After looking

around, the Co-op decided that the best option was to build a new home on the grounds on the Community Centre. Negotiations began, fund-raising started and things rolled along. Just a few weeks ago, the momentum ground to a halt, however, when lease negotiations with the Community Centre reached an impasse and the Preschool was left having to find a new site for their dream building.

And that is where they stand today.

What they need is enough land to house a 1,000 square foot building, a fenced play area, and a couple of parking stalls.

"We thought of buying land, but that would require more funding [than we have]," said Sandra Ditlof of the Preschool Building Committee. She added that a long term lease with generous terms is

what is now sought.

"We need to secure a lasting commitment from a landowner."

The building would be completely self-contained and, said Ditlof, funding has been secured for all aspects, including such things as the installation of a septic field.

Time is of the essence though, explained Ditlof, as some of the funding already received has to be used within a specified period of time. Construction had been slated to begin in June, but now that's been pushed back and deadlines for funding use are rapidly approaching. Ditlof is approaching funders for extensions but, regardless of the outcome, children are registered for the fall and a location must be secured.

For more information, call Sandra Ditlof (537-5769) or Trish Hoffman (537-4351)

Voice of Women:

Cherry trees recall Hiroshima and honour two island activists

by Rob McMahon

On August 6, at 5:30 pm, two commemorative cherry trees (one for Ray Newman and one for Hank Schubart) will be planted in the Peace Park opposite ArtSpring.

The trees are part of annual Hiroshima Day ceremonies and will include a reading by Lou Rumsey to remind us of the horror and devastation caused by nuclear weapons.

Attendants are invited to bring candles to light during a silent moment of remembrance and everyone present will be given a slip of paper to express a thought. All the papers will be placed in the newly dug holes in order to grow with the trees.

The event is being organized by the Voice of Women (VOW), a local non-profit group dedicated to nuclear disarmament and the promotion of peace and equality throughout the world.

Ray Newman passed away this spring and Hank Schubart in 1998. Both "worked faithfully for peace in our local disarmament group and supported Veterans Against Nuclear Arms," said Maggie, Hank Schubart's widow, and an active member of VOW.

The two friends also spent much time lobbying Ottawa on disarmament issues.

The Peace Park, which was planted by VOW as a monument to peace and nuclear disarmament, contains a tree for every province and territory in Canada. The two being planted on Hiroshima Day are replacing

two that recently died.

August 6 has been marked around the world since 1946—the year the Americans dropped the atom bomb on the Japanese city of Hiroshima—and commemorated on Salt Spring for more than 20 years through the effort of VOW. In the past, Hiroshima Day has featured a variety of guest speakers, including a survivor of the original Hiroshima bombing who visited the Island to show slides and discuss her experience.

VOW was founded close to 40 years ago during the Vietnam War as an effort to help refugees and victims of wars around the world. Its first action involved collecting baby teeth which were then analyzed for contamination resulting from nuclear tests held over the Pacific Ocean.

During the Vietnam War, the group attempted to bring women from North and South Vietnam to Canada to "talk to one another and form a kind of group solidarity," said Maggie Schubart. The group also sent clothes, food and other items over to Vietnam to assist those trapped by the war.

VOW has been involved in many other causes throughout the years, including women's issues around the world and working to prevent NATO from establishing a Labrador bombing range and test flight path for low flying fighter jets.

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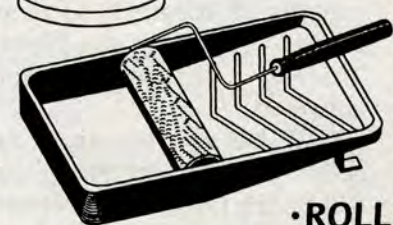
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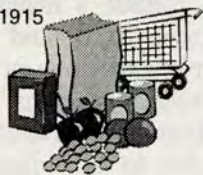
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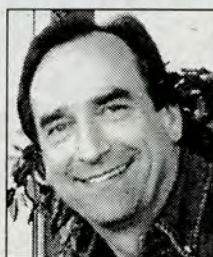


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Look out, here I come!

Isle Say! ...

with John Pottinger



I can't
decide who
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ers: Islanders or tourists.

Most Islanders will tell you that the tourists are the ones that cause the accidents. It happens all the time, they say. You're heading into town for some groceries, you come around the bend, and there they are. Driving along at seven kilometers per hour, pointing at the southender hitchhiking. Or worse still, stopped dead. Taking a picture of a deer. A charming little rose-eating, veggie-trampling, Gulf Islands deer. Isn't that cute.

If you're on a bicycle, these folks are even more dangerous. There are no shoulders on these winding island pathways, so the tourists—weaving back and forth across the road as they point-out the sights to each other—are downright scary. "Oh look dear, there's a flock of sheep." "Wow! Some llamas." "Look at that! Was that a man or a woman?"

When I first came to the island, I was certain that Salt Spring Island drivers were the craziest group of maniacs I had ever encountered. Time after time, I would head out along the winding dirt track from our place to the main road. As I'd begin to pull out onto Fulford-Ganges Road, a car would come into view, fly by in the direction of Fulford, and disappear in the wink of an eye. Seconds later another would flash

by. And then another. And another. At first I thought that it was most likely just some locals who were hooked on the old Burt Reynolds "Smokey and the Bandit" movies. But it happened again and again. And with different cars every time. Then one day, I was late for the Ferry. Quite late.

I tore down the old dirt road, almost stopped as I sped out onto Fulford-Ganges, and streaked off Southbound. Seconds later—at the point where another road enters Fulford-Ganges—some idiot was starting to pull out onto the road. He had obviously misjudged how quickly I was going, and I had to swerve around him to avoid a collision. "Stupid old fool!" I thought, as I checked my watch and applied a little more pressure to the gas pedal.

Somewhere around David Harris' place, in my attempts to shorten the route a tad, I cut the corner a little. I suppose the guy coming the other way thought it was a big deal, 'cause he looked a little shaken as he fought for control on the shoulder. He was driving a big old car that was much too large for these winding island roads, and was no doubt regretting the fact that he hadn't bought a smaller vehicle.

As I drove onto the ferry (they were nice enough to lift the gate again), I thought about how I should leave a little earlier next time. Then I wouldn't have to worry about those other drivers being so inconsiderate.

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For more than 16 years, VOW has lobbied to have Salt Spring Island declared a nuclear-free zone, but their labours have yet to produce concrete success.

During the 1975 CRD election, they sent a petition, supported by an overwhelming majority of Islanders, to then Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau. It was never answered.

VOW has also organized an active disarmament group on Salt Spring involved in protests against the Gulf War, and an 800-person strong petition sent to Ottawa against the French testing of nuclear weapons (again unanswered). The group is currently protesting the war in Yugoslavia.

The group receives its income primarily through fund-raising events. All money

raised is donated to causes around the world that give aid to peoples ravaged by war, hunger or disease.

The two trees to be planted August 6 were purchased through money raised by VOW. VOW has no regular meetings, and no established leader—the group orchestrates its projects by responding to situations that arise. Anyone can suggest a cause or plan an event, Schubart said. Last fall, an Afghan dinner was held by the group with all money generated donated to oppressed women in Afghanistan. This year VOW is planning a feast to support women on both sides who have been traumatized by the war in Kosovo.

People interested in becoming involved with VOW can call Catherine Faulkner at 537-2756 for more information.

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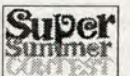
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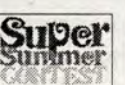
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Proposed appropriation of funds angers pension contributors

At a July 22 meeting of the Duncan and District Branch of the Federal Superannuates National Association, concerned and angry members urged their executive to actively campaign against the federal government's proposal to siphon off for its own use an accumulated surplus in the three pension plans to which they have contributed during their working careers.

The FSNA is an association of retired RCMP and Armed Forces personnel plus retired federal government employees. It was started in Victoria by one retired federal public servant and has grown into a respected lobby in Ottawa with over 100,000 members. The Duncan & District Branch has a membership of 600, with a little under 15 per cent of those living on Salt Spring Island.

The pension surplus has accrued from the regular payments into the plan over the years by both the employees and the employer, which in this case is the government. The government argues that as it was prepared during this time to make up any shortfall that may have arisen, it now has the right to take the complete surplus unto itself. The retirees argue that as the fund was built up by joint contributions and has never experienced a shortfall, the surplus should be returned to the

contributors in the same ratio as contributions made.

The 80 Branches of the FSNA across the country received a boost to their morale and a strengthening of their argument when the Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation, a Crown Corporation with close ties to Government of Canada Treasury Board, declared that it was prepared to distribute part of the surplus accumulated in its pension fund between the contributors, namely the employees past and present and itself as employer. This is precisely the position the federal retirees have taken all along.

While the government's position was incorporated in the proposed amendments to the respective pension legislation and was passed in the House of Commons, the Senate referred the whole issue back to its Standing Committee for further study and review. It is this referral, plus the action of the CMHC, that has renewed the optimism of the Branch members who feel that perhaps the equity and fairness in their position will now be recognised and included in the revised legislation.

Information can be found at the FSNA web site (www.fsna.com) or by contacting Ken Strike, past president, Duncan & District Branch, FSNA at 537-4743.



Alan Larsen (Rainman) from Campbell River at his 1998 winning camp. Larsen's camp, although completely authentic, was transported to the rendezvous at Bright Angel Park via Dodge pickup rather than traditional Red River Cart.

Three day Metis camp drew thousands

On July 9, 10 and 11 approximately 6,000 people turned out for the second annual Metis Rendezvous held at Bright Angel Park in Cowichan.

The event, in honour and celebration, of Metis culture, is open to everyone not just the 90,000 to 100,000 Metis people living in B.C. This year's gathering brought people from as far away as Switzerland.

The event included the sights and sounds of a recreated Metis buffalo hunting camp of the mid-1800s, complete with 15 old-style

tents, 10 teepees and many participants dressed in traditional Metis clothing.

A colourful parade opened the weekend with flag bearers drummers, elders, dog soldiers and the first appearance of the Metis military group the "Gabriel Dumont Scouts."

Craft tables and traders sold everything from tanned buckskin to tomahawks, beads, moccasins and jewelry.

Participants were well fed on buffalo burgers, moose stew, bannock and fry bread.

Demonstrations of old skills such as flint knapping, beading, the making of traditional cloths, cooking over open fires, flint and steel fire starting, lessons in Cree, dancing the Red River Jig, archery, tomahawk throwing and other displays of Metis history and culture were held over the weekend.

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Standing with the "Flying Carpets" recently purchased with funds raised by the Shriners, are (from left) Randy Sloan, G.I. Shrine Club president; Marg Pickard, Registered Nurse at Lady Minto; and Bob Morgan, G.I. Shrine Club secretary.

tape," a child's length is determined and one of seven colour areas assigned. Each colour area provides detailed information as to which size of equipment to use. The colour areas are matched by colour-coded packs of medical equipment. All seven coloured packs within the complete system are

also called the "Flying Carpet."

The Broselow/Hinkle system can be used for children weighing from three to 34 kilograms.

Eighty per cent of funds raised by the Shrine Club go to Shrine hospitals while 20 per cent are donated to communities for children's needs at hospital.

Brewery boom

In less than a year Gulf Islands Brewery has expanded its operation and doubled its capacity.

Bob Ellison, marketing manager and treasurer, said the brewery has had trouble meeting demand for its beer almost from the start.

"This expansion will allow us to meet our local demand plus supply our products to pubs in the greater Victoria and Duncan areas," said Ellison.

Gulf Islands Brewery Ltd. produces Salt Spring Golden Ale, Bureaucracy Bitter, Pender Island Porter and Whale Tail Ale, all distinctly superior ales made in small batches with pure spring water, Canadian barley and old fashioned care and attention.

Ellison said the brewery averages about 300 gallons of ale a week. The second fermenter with enable them to double that amount.

"Put in perspective, we're a tiny operation—Molsen's produces millions of gallons a week—but we're already expanding and that's our goal," said Ellison.

Their ale is supplied to every pub on the island and ten pubs off island. Although the brewery is moving toward increasing the number of its off-island customers, Ellison said they are still an island operation that wants to maintain its ability to supply customers within 24 hours of an order.

Gulf Island Brewery's ale is not available in bottles or through the liquor store. Customers who want to sip their brew at private functions can, however, order a 12.5 litre keggie from the brewery. These mini-kegs hold the equivalent of 39 bottles of beer.

Gulf Island Brewery is best known for producing distinctly superior ales using natural ingredients (locally grown if possible) and pure spring water.

Fulford Day *continued from page 6*

As with all Fulford Days, this year's is also promising a surprise or two (in the past, hang-gliders have flown down and landed in the midst of the party). There will also be a raffle (tickets can be bought at local Fulford merchants and at Fulford Day) with 43 donated prizes that

range from original signed prints to dinner for two. All proceeds from the raffle will be used for community projects.

There will also be, of course, a barbeque. This year's feast boasts a triple entrée of lamb, beef and salmon, along with vegetarian chili, corn on the cob,

and baked potatoes. Homemade fruit cones, doughnuts and pies can also be found, as well as hot dogs, hamburgers, pizza....

Though the thought of rain has occurred to some (at least this summer) the party will go on nevertheless. The numerous tents set up at the event can pro-

vide shelter if needed, the musicians are playing in covered areas and the trees overhang the park so much that they should save all from getting soaked.

I can't think of any good reason NOT to go to Fulford Day; the lineup of music and events is great, the variety of food is mak-

ing me hungry already and all proceeds go forth to help make Fulford a better place.

The organizers only have two small requests to make of the public: please leave your dogs at home, as they may scare small children, and be sure to have a great time.

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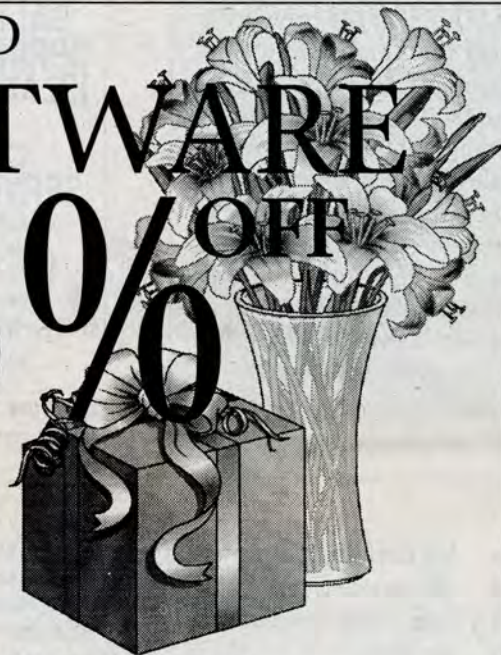
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Paddling across the sea

by Rob McMahon

After a four year stay in Maui, Brien Foerster is back on Salt Spring, bringing to the Island his knowledge of outrigger canoe racing and paddle crafting. After leaving his work as a sculptor and visual artist specializing in aboriginal totem poles and masks on Salt Spring (some of which can be viewed at the Thunderbird Gallery in Ganges), Foerster spent two years in Hawaii learning the intricate art of canoe-building and paddle shaping. As well, he was Assistant Co-ordinator in the building of a 62-foot outrigger canoe (one of only three built in the past 600 years).

An outrigger canoe takes the form of a traditional dugout canoe, but also contains a float attached to a stabilizer that is connected to the main hull.

The result is that outriggers can sail for very long distances. Foerster plans to put this to the test when he travels from Maui to Tahiti after completing the 62-foot canoe.

Outrigger racing is the national sport in Hawaii and whole families can be seen racing amidst 15-foot waves and winds up to 40 knots. It's also a growing sport around the world and can even be found here in B.C. (Vancouver currently has three teams that compete internationally). Foerster is in the process of setting up an Outrigger club here on Salt Spring; anyone interested can call him at 537-9996.

Foerster became interested in Coastal art at the age of twelve, when he began studying West Coast Native arts. Though he still enjoys sculpting, he is now "interested in the more technical aspects of B.C. Coast canoe design."

Foerster says he is also drawn to canoes through his ancestry, which can be traced back to the Vikings, "some of the greatest [ocean] voyagers in history," he says.

The traditional-style Hawaiian paddles he creates must "balance strength with lightness," thus completely merging two aspects of all art: form



Brien Foerster at work.

Rob McMahon photo

and function. Each paddle must be light enough to power an 80-mile race without fatiguing the paddlers too much, but also strong enough to withstand the stress of the journey. Foerster says this is what makes the craft such a challenge—to create paddles, "as light as possible without having them self-destruct".

To create the paddles, Foerster first cuts the wood into thin strips, then clamps the strips together tightly enough to curve without the use of steam, and then glues them. After drying, the paddles are coated with a waterproof varnish. Each shaft and blade is created separately, so Foerster makes batches of 12 paddles at a time. It normally takes a week to create a paddle from start to finish. Foerster told me that the art of canoe building is "an integral part of the culture and identity of Pacific peoples in general," and is enjoying a popular resurgence around the world, from Easter Island to Sweden.

Foerster's work is available for sale online at www.seanet.com/~moody/outrigger/kalai, and can also be found in canoeing stores from Seattle to Honolulu.

Local artists display talent on BC Ferries

Painters, musicians, basket-weavers and jewelers are among the many different kinds of artists who will be displaying both their wares and their skills onboard BC Ferries sailings on the Southern Gulf Islands and Tsawwassen routes throughout August.

The "Artists and Speakers Program" will bring tourists,

local commuters and artists together and is being described as "a great way to show of our creative spirit."

The Spirit of Vancouver Island, between Tsawwassen and Swartz Bay, will feature a photographer, paleontologist, various visual artists, and an actress dressed as Emily Carr. The Queen of Nanaimo,

between Tsawwassen and the Gulf Islands, will showcase a range of Gulf Island visual artists, musicians, authors and craftspeople. Some of the artists will also have their works available for purchase aboard the vessels. Some sessions—water colour technique and photography—will be participatory.

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Adventures at the beach and on the high seas

The Book Beat ... with Dayle Gaetz

Last time, I recommended two terrific picture books, not necessarily new, not necessarily B.C., but definitely worth reading. This week I invite parents and young children to curl up together with a picture book by prolific Sooke writer Julie Lawson. For older readers with a thirst for adventure, stretch out in the shade and enjoy an exciting novel with a mysterious Canadian connection.

A Morning to Polish and Keep

by Julie Lawson; illustrated by Sheena Lott; Red Deer College Press

This is a wonderfully west coast book. The setting is Sooke and the story, told in Amy's words, is about a wonderful morning on the water with her parents and brother.

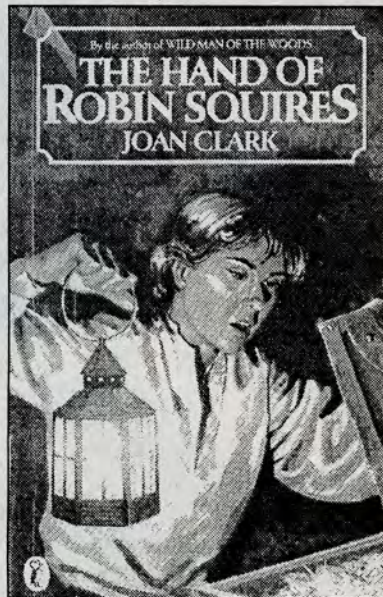
Sheena Lott's illustrations work perfectly with the story to set the mood. We can feel the chill of pre-dawn, smell the "clammy reek of low tide". Their shadows are cool gray as the family make their way across wet sand toward their shadow-boat, outlined against silvery water.

Colours emerge with the sun: sparkling blue water, soft green islands, bright fish beneath the sea. When Amy loses her prize salmon just as it reaches the boat, she is upset. But what happens later makes the day a special memory "to polish and keep".

Best suited for children 5-7 and adults who like to read aloud and fish.

The Hand of Robin Squires

Joan Clark; Puffin Books



A wonderfully told story in the style of Robert Louis Stevenson's *Treasure Island*. The voice is that of Robin

Squires, an orphaned English boy who relates what happened the summer he turned fourteen.

The year is 1704 and Robin's father dies, leaving him alone with a grandfather he doesn't like. That's why he so eagerly sets off with his uncle on a high seas adventure. When his uncle turns out to be captain of a pirate ship intent on burying his stolen treasure, Robin finds himself in trouble.

"The Queen's Privateer" anchors at an "S-shaped island" off the coast of Acadie. Looking back, Robin believes the "island is cursed; the many who can testify to that are dead."

Acadie is now Nova Scotia, the island is Oak Island, and the mystery surrounding a 90 foot deep tunnel continues to intrigue treasure seekers.

Joan Clark expertly blends fact and fiction to weave an exciting tale that should appeal to readers 12-16 who aren't put off by a few gruesome details.

Flute & classical guitar for Music and Munch

Wednesday, August 3 Music and Munch at All Saints By-the-Sea will present a recital with the duo Kuroshio—Ruth Cornish on flute and Thomas Evdokimoff on classical guitar. The pair will play pieces from their repertoire which includes standard classical pieces and some arrangements of their own.

Cornish teaches piano and flute, has performed with the Vancouver Philharmonic Orchestra and has her B.Mus. from U.B.C. Evdokimoff is also a music teacher and freelance classical guitarist. He holds an M.A. in music theory from U.B.C., is on the faculty of Delta Community Music School and is director of Standing Wave Ensemble.

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story and photos
by Rob McMahon

For those who have yet to experience the exhilaration and adrenaline of mountain climbing, Salt Spring Island has an indoor climbing wall for all aspiring mountaineering junkies. The Wall, which is situated at the Community Center at the top of Ganges Hill, houses a variety of routes marked out with colored tape that will challenge beginner and expert climbers alike. It is currently open from 6:30 to 9:30 every Thursday, Friday, and Sunday, and costs a mere \$5 drop-in rate, with an additional \$2.50 for equipment rentals (a season's pass for unlimited climbing is available for \$35).

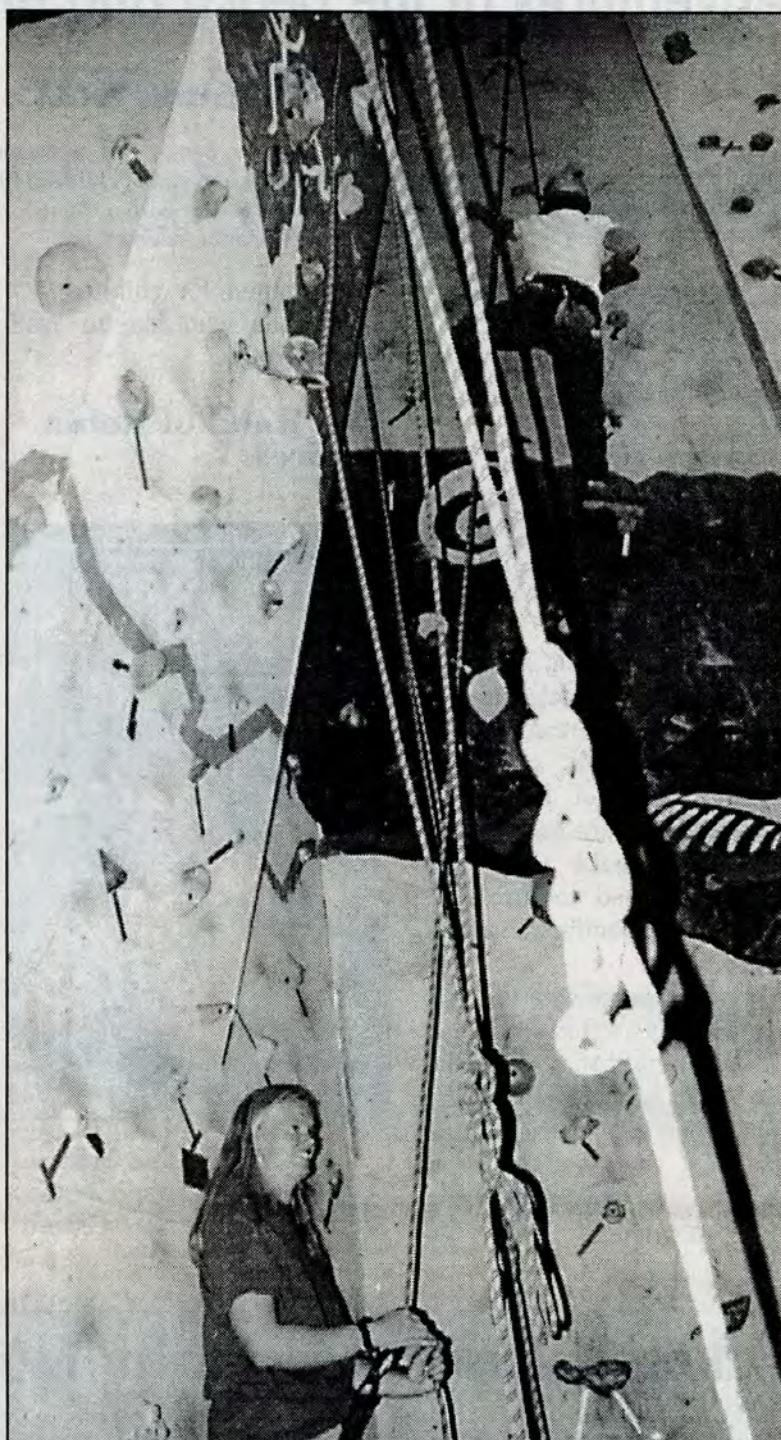
Salt Spring is extremely lucky to have a Wall; it is rare a community as small as ours is able to afford such a facility. The Wall was built in back in 1994 entirely by volunteer labor (with contracting by Rob Vivian), as a facility for indoor public recreation during the dull winter months on Salt Spring. Jack Rosen also uses the Wall for his Challenge Program at the Middle and three Elementary Schools, which gives children an introduction to outdoor activities and confidence-building exercises. The Wall was constructed with the aid of generous grants from the SSI Community Center, CRD, Salt Spring Foundation, and the Vancouver Sun. The routes up the Wall are changed often, and one or two completely new runs are added every month, so almost every visit to the Wall will showcase a new climb.

So why start climbing? Neacol Booth, a 19 year old SFU film student who is working at the Wall this summer, stressed the "confidence building" and "burly exercise" that a night at the Wall promises. Climbing is akin to other high-risk sports like downhill skiing, snowboarding, and skydiving in that one's being is infused with energy and adrenaline after a run; at least half of the fun of climbing is the glowing sense of accomplishment that one feels after finally conquering a

difficult peak. Climbing is about utilizing one's body to its full potential; it's as much about breaking down interior barriers of fear and confidence as it is about defeating the mountain. Booth also pointed out how easy it is to observe one's skills improve; there is a marked difference in one's ability after each session at the Wall.

To climb, one should first learn to belay. Belaying is a climbing technique in which one person securely tied down to the floor takes up the slack in the rope while the attached climber scales the wall. This is done as a safety procedure so the climber is quickly caught if he or she falls, avoiding a nasty fall. The Wall encourages its users to learn how to belay, as it increases the amount of people who can climb at any one time; if friends are belaying each other, people aren't left standing around waiting for a free employee to belay them. The Wall offers a belaying course for those interested; it is currently planning one sometime in August, the specific date of which will be decided upon according to the schedules of interested individuals. The course takes three hours and costs \$25.

The Wall is also offering a Kid's Camp for 10-17 year olds throughout the summer every Tuesday and Wednesday. The Camp costs \$40 for the two days, and will run from 9 am-3 pm. The Camp consists of two days of learning to climb, during which students are given a choice whether to simply climb for fun or instead concentrate on skill-building to



Above and below: Nora Hannon belays for Amanda Arnott.

improve their climbs. Booth promises tons of games and fun for all (sure Neacol - just kidding, she's not TOO bad kids). As well as improving climbing skills, the Camp is also a great confidence

builder, geared toward positive group interaction and teamwork; the students all help the climber out with verbal tips and encouragement.

The Wall also offers a Volunteer Program (call Jack Rosen at 537-2571) in which volunteers take turns closing and maintaining the Wall, and in exchange are allowed to climb whenever they want for free. For people interested in climbing beyond the Wall, Salt Spring offers many climbs up the faces of Maxwell and Irskin. On the mainland, Squamish is also a popular spot for Island climbers, with a selection of marked runs that vary in difficulty.



Precise harmony marks art

Raphael and Vermeer; Colville and Pratt—these are, in a sense, the European and Canadian grandfathers whose influences can be traced in Jerry Davidson's immaculate paintings and drawings, exhibited in the main floor gallery at the Vortex throughout August and opening on Friday, August 6th between 5 and 9pm.

Davidson, a former CP pilot and professional photographer whose favourite images include the arrested motion of fighter aircraft and the carved elegance of young ballet dancers, particularly as they contemplate themselves in mirrors, brings his passion for mathematically precise harmony in form and composition to contemporary figures and interiors with a distinctly Renaissance flavour. His debt to the past gives his work a

strangely familiar feeling, yet it is illuminated with the coolness of a very contemporary light, emphasising the solitariness of his figures, their self-absorption.

With elements including mediaeval Tuscan backdrops and a model wearing a magnificent costume found on a local theatre-supply rack, he creates pictures whose flawlessness nevertheless invite questions. Where Shadbolt's butterflies rampage across the canvas in the delirium of transformation, Davidson pins his (metaphorically speaking) to the canvas for a more studied contemplation of the essence of beauty.

Upstairs a new group show includes the work of eight gallery artists: Blom, Moffat, Onley, Thomas, D and K Venter, Witvliet and Wood.

Folk and flutation in the park

Continuing on with the Concerts in the Park series, sponsored by the Community Arts Council, are some very fine local musicians featured in a two-hour showcase at Centennial Park. Every Saturday morning from 10:30 am to 12:30 pm, you can bring a blanket or towel to the grassy knoll in Centennial Park and enjoy the free concert.

Saturday, August 7

...features both folk and bluegrass as well as popular rock in a double feature. Bluegrass tunes with an upbeat swing tempo is the type of music Lisa and Charley Erck, Mary Applegate and Jordy Sharp will be playing. Lisa and Charley have been playing and singing together since they met 17 years ago. Charley plays guitar and dobro and sings in beautiful harmony with Lisa, who plays stand up bass. Jordy, owner of Acoustic Planet Music, is an accomplished musician on numerous stringed instruments. He has been inspired by traditional bluegrass tunes and new acoustic music which explores new sounds of acoustic stringed instruments. Mary is a singer who has enjoyed singing in folk groups for the past 8 years.

They'll be sure to set your feet a-tapping!

Following them is "Geeks with Tans," James Wilkenson and Arvid Chalmers. James is well-known for his rocking renditions of Elvis Costello tunes, old Beatles tunes and the occasional Bob Marley tune, and Arvid plays a pretty mean harmonica. Arvid and James cut their musical teeth together playing in Mexico (where the dentists are really cheap!). When asked why the name, "Geeks with Tans," James explained that the Mexicans were unsure whether the two of them were lovers or if James was an emotionally challenged son of Arvid's. Check out their act and see if you can decide!

Saturday, August 14

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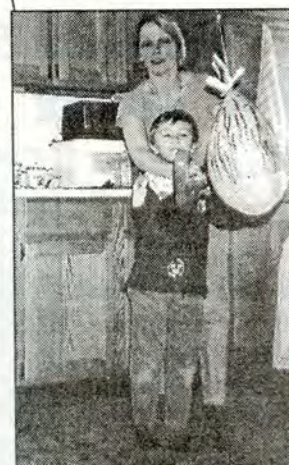
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Showtime with Sondheim The best of Broadway comes to Salt Spring

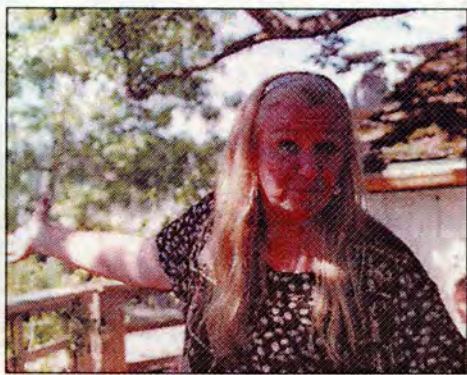
by Maggie Warbey

The best of Broadway comes to Salt Spring Island when *Showtime with Sondheim* opens this Thursday at ArtSpring.

Stephen Sondheim has been called by critics the best and most important living composer in America. According to April Curtis, producer and director, this showcase of Broadway's best composer has been two years in the planning: ever since April and Sue Newman sang songs from "Gypsy" at a party.

The cast, all stars of local stages, Sue Newman, Susheela, Kevin Wilkie, Don Fisher, April Curtis and Chris Kodaly on piano, have all worked with each other in a wide variety of theater productions and have wanted to bring their experience, training and skills together for some time.

April is quick to point out that the actual artistic direction, the staging, is a shared venture, with players adding their own ideas and moves to improve the performance.



April Curtis in action.



Maggie Warbey photos

The program includes much more than musical comedy; though Sondheim's early vaudeville/burlesque period is represented, so are his romantic and dramatic sides. In fact, the selections run the gamut of the composer's repertoire as well as the audiences' personal associations with the wide range of musical magic he has woven through the years. Members of the cast agree that when Don Fisher takes centre stage with "Maria", from "Westside Story," chills run up the spine—a reaction which pays tribute to the universal appeal of this song and story.

Audiences will enjoy a selection

of familiar music and theatre from some of Stephen Sondheim's best known lyrical material, including "A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum," "Westside Story," and "Gypsy." Also on the program are excerpts from musicals for which Sondheim wrote both the lyrics and the score: "Into the Woods", "Company", "Follies" and "A Little Night Music" from which April sings "Send in the Clowns."

The staging is original and clever with exceptional sets, the expected fine dance routines and elaborate costumes. "We got carried away with the costumes," April laughs as she demonstrates some

of the steps and frills that make the program come alive.

April Curtis is well known to Salt Spring theatre lovers as a performer, director and teacher. She just finished her roles as director and performer in "Paradise Lots" a couple weeks ago. Performance has always been a big part of April's life. She recalls her first role as Naomi, the Apple Girl, in her first play in her childhood home: "I hung up sheets in the backyard, spread glitter on the avocado trees and directed the other kids." Since then, April has graced many stages including the Actors' Workshop in Vancouver where she was assistant director

for the Firehall Theatre.

One thing that attracts her to the Island is the amazing collection of talent the community has to offer. "Where else could you find a pianist able to handle the complex material written by Sondheim, the professional quality dance and choreography of Sue Newman, the rich and controlled tenor of Don Fisher, the

versatility of Kevin Wilkie or the stage presence of Susheela?"

It's a rhetorical question. April adds, "People have so much talent to share. These people should be seen, heard, enjoyed."

Fortunately, we will be able to do just that. "Showtime with Sondheim" opens at ArtSpring on Thursday, August 5 and runs Friday, August 6 and Saturday, August 7. Performances are also scheduled for Friday and Saturday, August 13, 14 and 20, 21. Tickets are \$12 and are available at Acoustic Planet and at the ArtSpring box office. Show time is 8 p.m.

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Special Events

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The Salt Spring Centre's **Summer Yoga Retreat** begins **August 5** and continues through to the 15th. The 10-day event includes meditation, breathing and purification classes, and devotional singing as well talks and discussions. "A World of Reading" or the Summer Reading Club continues at the Public Library. Every Tuesday readers travel to a different continent. Open to kids 7 to 12 years, the series is free and available on either a drop-in basis or

through pre-registration.

Music

August is shaping up to be another musical month on the Island. The week begins **Wednesday August 4** when Music and Munch features the flute and classical

WHAT'S Happening AUGUST 3 TO 9

guitar duo Kuroshio at All Saints by-the-Sea. Music starts at 12:10 and is free, munch follows for \$4.75. That same night, **August 3** the same duo will present a full-length concert also at All Saints by-the-Sea. Tickets for the evening's performance are \$10. **Thursday August 4**, is **Open Mike Night** at Treehouse Cafe. Moby's brings you **Viscious Fishes** for two nights—**Friday August 6** and **Saturday August 7**. For some morning music while

meandering the stalls at the **Saturday Market** listen for bluegrass from Lisa and Charley Erck, Mary Applegate and Jordy Sharp. They'll be followed by "Geeks with Tans"—Arvid Chalmers and James Wilkenson—playing some popular rock tunes.

Theatre

The best of Broadway comes to Salt Spring this week with **Showtime! with Sondheim** at ArtSpring **August 5, 6 and 7**. See a preview on page 16 of this issue of *the Barnacle*. Things get strange at Salt Spring Centre when the **Ramayana** begins its run. This play—full of multi-headed demons, magical monkeys and kidnapped princesses—runs **August 5, 6, and 7**.

Galleries

With the change of the calendar comes changes at many local galleries. **Vortex** is opening a new exhibit of paintings and drawings by Jerry Davidson. His show opens

August 6 between 5 and 9pm and continues to the end of the month. Also at **Vortex** in the upstairs gallery is a new group show including works by eight artists. See a preview in this week's issue of *the Barnacle*, page 15. **Artcraft** continues throughout the month. They are showing the works of 200 local artisans. Flowers and Gardens of Salt Spring Island, watercolours by **Jill Louise Campbell**, are on display at her gallery. On Friday nights, Harry Warner and the Black Velvet Band play outside the gallery. **Moby's** is featuring the paintings of **Patricia Brown**. Paintings by **Michael Robb** are being shown at **Bristol Hair Cutters**; **Sweet Arts Cafe** is showing the computer graphics of **Jan Sharkey-Thomas**, while **Diana Dean's** paintings, pastels, pencil sketches and prints continue at **Rose's Seaside Cafe**; and, paintings by **Diana Thompson** are on the walls of **SS Roasting Company** and art by **Michael Robb** 'til Aug. 15. For an evening's sample of art, take in the **Gallery Walk** every Friday night 5 to 9pm. The walk

includes **Coastal Currents**, **Island Wildlife**, **Jill Louise Campbell**, **Naikai**, **Pegasus**, **Ruphi Art Factory**, the **Sculpture Studio**, **Thunderbird Gallery**, **Vortex** and **Waterfront Gallery**.

Ongoing

As well as the new and ever-changing menu of artistic and creative output, Salt Spring venues offer some regular events for those who seek continuity in their entertainment diet. **Harbour House Bistro**, has piano with Murray Anderson, Sundays. **Rose's Seaside Cafe**, offers Friday Night Live each week. **Dares to be Different**, brings Lisa Maxx and KC Kelly, Saturdays, 6 pm. **Fulford Inn**, offers piano with Reid Collins, Thursdays + Sundays. Diners at **Alfresco Restaurant** can enjoy Barrington Perry on piano, Saturdays starting at 6 pm. Also at Alfresco's every Wednesday night, 6:30 to 9, is **Argentinian Tango**. Jean Voaden brings **Story Time** to the Public Library, Mon., 10 am. **West of the Moon**, also has a story time, Thursdays 10 to 11 am.



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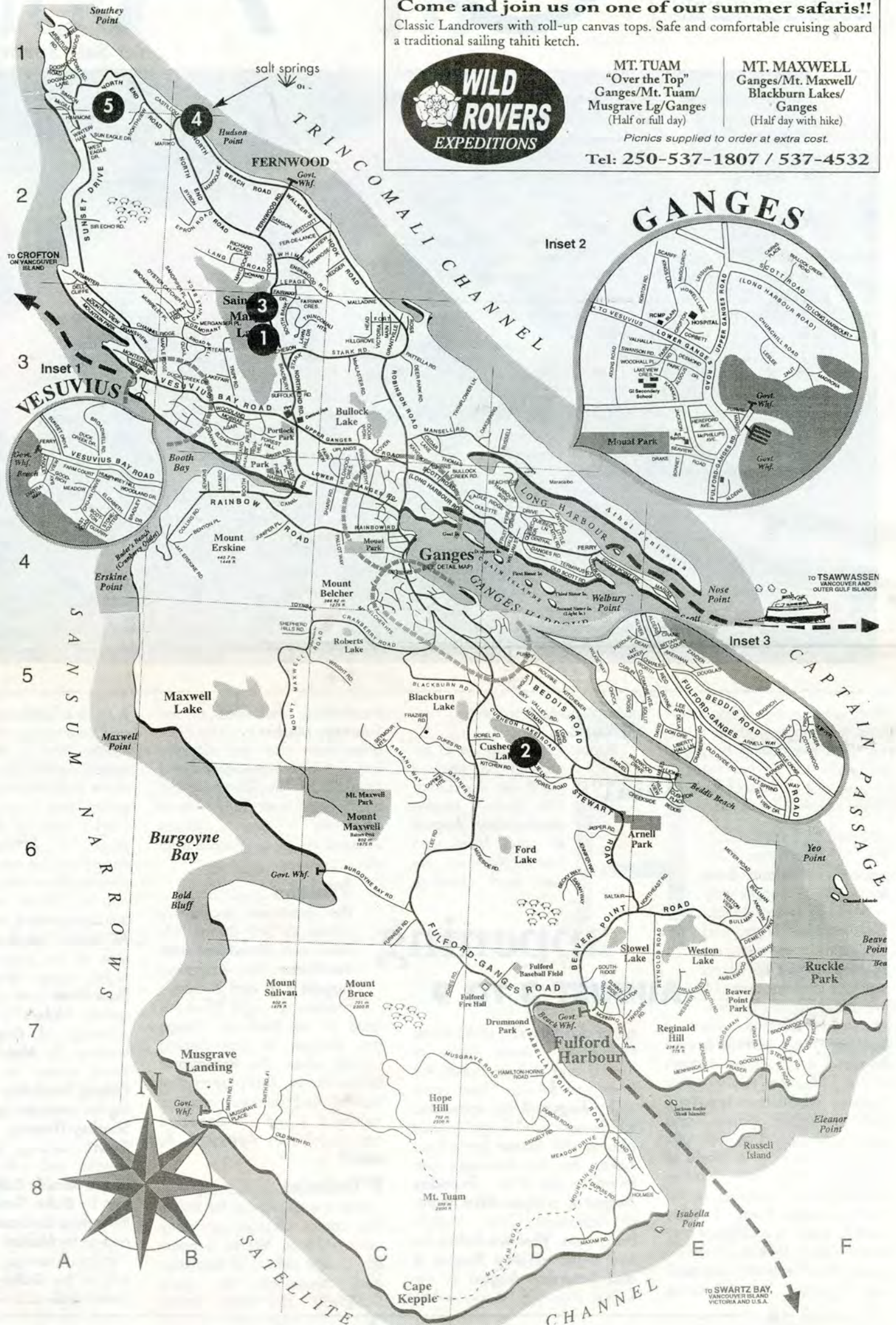


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Tips and trips: Secrets revealed about the GST rebate and where to find the best beaches

by Peter Clarke

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What's not dealt with in the otherwise informative Tax Refund For Visitors' brochure is how the visiting pleasure boaters are supposed to deal with this. Even if you have the time and patience to sail back to a Canadian Customs port of entry, it won't do you any good because none of the three ports in the

vicinity—Bedwell Harbour, Sidney or Victoria—can validate receipts.

There is a solution to this dilemma, but it's not found in that brochure through which you're madly fingering. Revenue Canada representative Janet McKay suggests the following: Upon returning home submit the application with your original receipts of eligible goods or services received. But make sure you also include information that will prove your non-residency in Canada and details of your trip. Copies of drivers' licenses, boat registrations, marina docking charges, record of accommodations and especially a CAN PASS number (if you have one) are good examples. If you want to be really accommodating, tuck in a brief note describing your comings and goings during the period in question. If you want a lot more information, use the Internet at www.rc.gc.ca/visitors.

WHAT TO SEE AND TRIP TIPS...

Salt Spring is also a Golf Island, so feel free to putter a round while you're here. It's healthy, fun and a legal way



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OVERHEARD

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Take the kids to a show at Salt Spring's 'one and only' Cinema at Central Hall, or have the youngsters take

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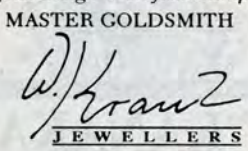
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She finds Salt Spring a beautiful and friendly place to visit. It reminds her of Kitsilano, in her home town of Vancouver, with a mixture of hippy & yuppie.

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A 'gig' in the park...

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TSUNAMI mask tent a hit at Lilith Fair

The TSUNAMI crew is back from our Lilith Fair adventure, and we're catching up on some rest before embarking on our next youth and arts project—a music fest. We received widespread and enthusiastic support in launching our Mosaic art project with Lilith—and big thanks are due many individuals and businesses. (Once we've caught our collective breath, acknowledgements will be posted on the TSUNAMI web-site: www.gulfislands.com /TSUNAMI along with some pics of the mask and poetry-making activities!)

The kind folks at Lilith Fair have already posted 35 cool images of our TSUNAMI Mosaic tent on their web-site (www.lilithfair.com

—click on the Media Viewer icon, then choose the Vancouver date, and click on Mosaic). Several school-teachers joined in the fun at our tent, and we've now been invited to present papier mâché mask workshops at schools in other B.C. communities. Starting July 17, over 20 of the masks built and decorated by TSUNAMI volunteers are going to form a one-month show at Mecca, a clothing store and exhibition space centred on Vancouver's lively Commercial Drive.

At Lilith Fair, people loved creating in our tent—using paints, hand-made papers, glass beads etc. and special materials found on Salt Spring and Canada's other beautiful Gulf Islands (including flower petals, arbutus bark and “witches

hair”). One woman described TSUNAMI's Mosaic tent as an “oasis” and all were energized by the genuine friendliness and communication experienced alongside the art-making activities.

We managed to raise awareness and funds for our non-profit youth and arts society—and there was still opportunity to enjoy the artistry of the wonderful musicians who appeared on the Lilith Fair stage. The poetic British singer-songwriter, Beth Orton, even took the time to sign one of our TSUNAMI “The Lyrical Mask” t-shirts commemorating this event. And the weather, too, was perfect!

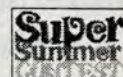
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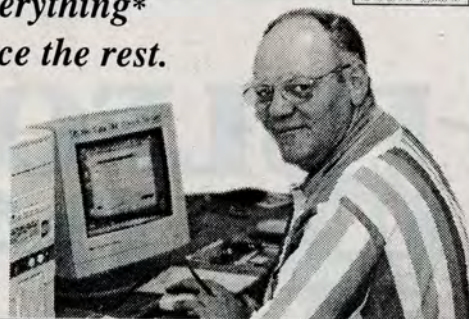
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Let's Eat ... with Linda Koroscil

People accuse me of never growing up. Watching Sesame Street with Heidi was my all time favourite thing to do when she was two.

And when she got a bit older we would bake together. I'd mix up the pastry dough and she would stand on a stool at the sink. I'd tie a big apron around her tiny waist and she'd start creating lovely dough creatures.

By the time they were ready for the oven she had re-rolled, re-shaped, re-sugared and re-egged about a million times and each one had acquired quite a tell-tale grey overtone. Of course I always had to sample one when they were baked and I figured 375° would kill anything, whatever it was that had turned that dough grey!

Heidi and I still laugh hysterically about our baking days but I think watching Ladybugs picnic together wins hands down!

Ladybugs' Picnic

One two three
 four five six
 seven eight nine
 ten eleven twelve
 ladybugs
 came to the ladybugs' picnic

One two three
 four five six
 seven eight nine
 ten eleven twelve
 and they all played games
 at the ladybugs' picnic

They had twelve sacks so they
 ran sack races

They fell on their backs and they
 fell on their faces

The ladybugs' 12
 at the ladybugs' picnic

They played jump rope but the
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so they just sat around telling
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The ladybugs 12
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1/2 c. warm water	pinch sugar
1/4 c. melted butter	

Dissolve sugar in water (not hot!), then sprinkle yeast over. When yeast bubbles up, add milk, butter, salt. Stir in flour a bit at a time 'til it's too stiff to stir.

Sprinkle a little remaining flour on a board, knead dough into a smooth ball, adding more flour 'til no longer sticky.

Place in bowl, cover with cloth, stand 1 hr. in a warm place 'til double in size.

Divide dough into pieces.

Roll one piece into a snake and make another into a knot or a braid. Or make a bear with a sesame seed jacket. Or a ladybug with raisin spots.

Or a flower pot loaf. Use new clay flower pot, wash and grease inside, pat dough into pot. Rise 10 min., then brush with beaten egg. Bake 30 min. at 375°.

Mmmmm good baby potatoes



Salt Spring Sizzlers ... with Gail Dyson

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Pesto Potatoes

2 lbs. small new potatoes	1/2 cup olive oil
1/2 cup fresh basil	3/4 cup mixed Parmesan and Pecorino cheese (freshly grated)
2 tbsp pine nuts	Salt and Pepper
3 garlic cloves, crushed	Fresh basil sprigs (for garnish)

Cook potatoes in boiling water until tender. Drain well and transfer to a warm serving dish and keep warm until required. Put the basil, pine nuts, garlic and salt and pepper to taste in a food processor. Process for 30 seconds, adding the oil gradually until smooth. Remove from processor to a mixing bowl—stir in the 3/4 cup grated cheeses. Spoon the pesto sauce over the potatoes and mix well. Garnish with the fresh basil sprigs and serve at once. Mmmmmmmmm good!

Mea Culpa—not all marinas are the same

We really blew it last week when we invited those with fish to come on down to the wrong marina where they could regale Jay Small with the details for his "Something's Fishy" column. Sorry Jay, and sorry all of you dying to tell about the one that got away.

Where should you go with that amazing fish to weigh and those amazing stories to tell? To Salt Spring Marina of course—the one near Moby's Pub.

Jay's column—full of where the biggest were caught in the previous few days—appears in *the Barnacle* every second week.



Peter Clarke photo

You've heard of green thumbs? Well some people can grow anything anywhere. Here, Winsome White shows her horticultural abilities by brightening brother Laurie Hedger's garbage truck with a hanging bouquet of summer blooms.

Start searching the web for exotic Yuccas



Life in the garden ... with Joe Clemente

I'm quite sure most of us local gardeners are familiar with those common, small yucca plants that send up large flower spikes with white bell shaped flowers.

They are commonly called Adams Needle Yucca or *Yucca filamentosa*. These are extremely cold hardy and will probably even survive in parts of Ontario.

But how about trying some of those tree-size yuccas that are perfectly cold hardy for Salt Spring but usually a little harder to come by? Now remember, just because I write about some of these weird plants doesn't mean you're going to find them easily.

You see, half the fun is doing a little research possibly through the internet or gardening books. If you really want something for your garden badly enough, then you have to look into it further.

Most tree yuccas are found through specialty nurseries south of the border. It's not impossible to bring things across the border, but most of those mail order nurseries ship their stuff throughout North America.

A more common tree type yucca that can be found on occasion in these parts is *Yucca recurvifolia*. This species can grow a six-foot trunk and is completely cold hardy and drought resistant. The one's growing in my garden are over 20 years old. Another species to

nearly 20 feet tall and is perfectly cold tolerant for our worst winters. I've seen a 25 year old specimen of this plant in a White Rock garden.

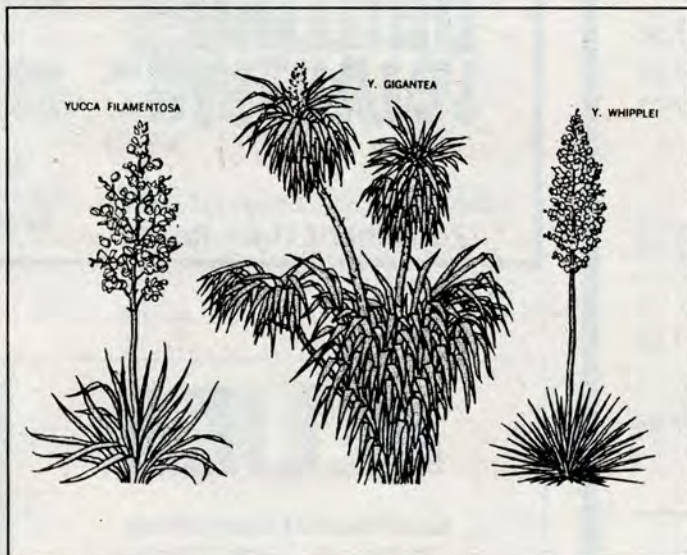
Yucca thompsoniana is also arborescent to about 10 feet. I know of a mature specimen of this yucca growing in Northampton, Mass, USA. It has survived temps below 0°F without damage.

Last of all is *Yucca brevifolia* or, as some of you may know it, Joshua Tree. This species can live to 1,000 years old and is probably cold hardly enough to survive our winters, although it would appreciate overhead protection from our winter

wetness. It is definitely worth a try if you can get your hands on some seed. They can take temperatures to -12°C or lower.

All the yuccas I've described love poor, gravelly or rocky, well drained soil. A sunny position would be best. They should not need any winter protection from cold, snow or rain, providing the drainage is good. Once they are established, they can get by with nearly no summer irrigation. My established yuccas never get watered, even in the driest summer months.

Have fun searching. See what you can come up with.



look for is *Yucca elata* which can grow a 20-foot trunk. I know of a very old and tall specimen growing unprotected in Richmond! Mature species of this plant 40 years old also grow in Oroville, Washington south of Osoyoos, B.C. This area is very cold in the winter.

Yucca aloifolia can grow to 25 feet in our climate with no problem. I know of a specimen of this plant growing quite happily here. Also a 15-foot specimen of this species graces one of the most beautiful gardens I've seen in North Seattle; it was planted in the 1960s.

Yucca torreyi can also grow to



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Rotary exchange student off to Sweden

by Amei Parkes

Sixteen-year old, Jessica Temmel, is about to embark on Life 101. In August, she leaves for Sweden on a Rotary exchange.

"This trip is a cultural experience, about life. It's not really an academic thing," said Temmel.

She was selected because her grades are high, but also because of her strong character. The Rotary Club is mainly looking for a well-rounded person who able "to adapt to a new culture, be a good ambassador and good at public speaking," she said. "You also have to be able to be away from your parents for a year," she adds.

She has a lot on her mind at the moment, preparing for her year

abroad, but you would never know it. Jessica is soft-spoken, yet confident and mature. To earn money for her trip, she is busy holding down a six-day-a-week job. She is also involved in the swim team and lifeguard training.

A full schedule, however, does not seem to phase this level-headed teenager.

"[Going to another country] is something I've always wanted to do.... I love seeing different places and traveling"

And so, she set out to fulfill this dream by applying for the year-long exchange. After successfully completing the two-part interview process, the Rotary Club then sent her application to Sweden, where it was also accepted.

This northern European country appeals to her because "I've met many neat people from Sweden. I've learned a lot about it. It's not where many tourists visit," she says.

She has already corresponded with her Swedish host family—a big family comprised mostly of girls.

"It seems like they are fun and into doing stuff with their kids," she says of her family away from home.

She will also get an opportunity to travel while in Europe. The Rotary Club has organized a 'Eurotour' at the end of her stint with the other international exchange students living in

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Jessica Temmel during her 1998 exchange to Quebec.

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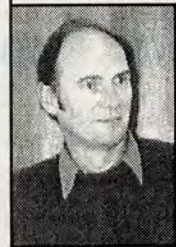
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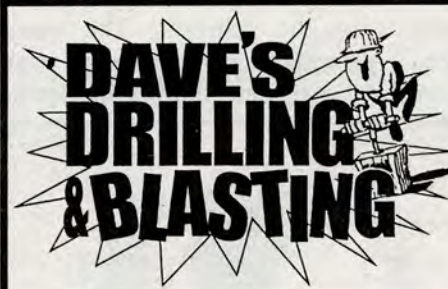


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Sweden exchange

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Sweden. Her family will also take her hiking in the Swedish mountains.

The usual bouts of homesickness and problems adjusting to a new place may allude Temmel as she is already a seasoned exchange student. Last year, she lived with a family in a small town in Quebec for three months. Her own family also hosted a student from the family in Quebec. In Ste Anne de la Perade, she improved her french, which she first started learning in the Island's French Immersion program.

Temmel wants to immerse herself in the language and culture of Sweden. She also plans to push herself academically. Once learning Swedish, she says, "my goal is to take a lot of hard subjects in Swedish, like hard sciences." She intends to graduate on time with her peers in 2001.

It is clear this teenager does not balk at a challenge, but she says such exchange opportunities are not out-of-grasp for other island teenagers.

"There are tons of programs that you can go on. You just have to get out there and apply and you are sure to get accepted," she says.

Temmel acknowledges that this experience will help boost her ability to get accepted into a university of her choosing, but the trip also has personal significance.

"I want to learn about different places and learn about what kind of person I am," says Temmel.

There is no doubt she is well on her way.



Rosemary Wallbank spun a 65-yard-long piece of yarn from five grams of roving.

Successful spin-off

The spinners spun, the public cheered, the sun shone and the band played on Saturday as the Salt Spring Island Spinning Mill held its first Spinathon.

In what turned out to be a hugely successful event, the organizers of the mill saw their public relations and fund raising efforts yield big gains. Sponsorships for the spinners and cash intake from a refreshment stand netted the mill \$800 and the sale of five shares in the mill.

Spinners entered two competitions. The first, to spin the longest, finest yarn from five grams of roving in a half hour, and the second, to spin the

greatest amount of yarn in 10 minutes.

Rosemary Wallbank won the first competition, spinning 65 yards of yarn, while Bev Lillyman and Cheryl Wiebe each spun 44 yards. John Fulker won the second, spinning 85 and a half grams of yarn.

Terry Warbey and Harry Warner entertained spinners and observers who gathered around outside, while John Fulker answered questions inside the mill. The event provided an opportunity for enthusiastic spinners from on and off island to share information about their passion.

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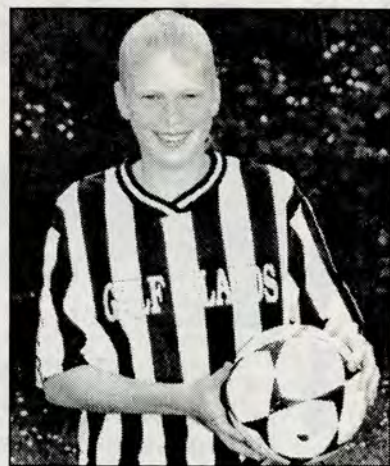
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Renovation Sense ... with Peter Blackmore

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Here are some dos and don'ts:

Realize that sometimes the work, and the workers, will be intrusive. Are you and your family aware there will be sawdust and drywall dust over everything (no matter how careful your contractor is)? Be prepared to eat out a lot, especially when doing the kitchen.

Do communicate with your renovator. Make him or her your best friend until the project is done (and if you've chosen wisely, this could extend socially afterwards). Confide your fears, worries, and pleasure over the work. The contractor has seen most of this before and can appease your apprehension. Cups of coffee and ginger cake for the crew can mean the difference between a five-minute break and censored zest, or quitting early out of frustrations.

Do communicate with your partner. It often seems like the woman bears the brunt of the

emotional burden, but to survive a successful renovation, everyone—including the children—should share the stress and strain. The bickering at the Tile Store could escalate to the arguments in the Kitchen Showroom, and into a full-blown donnybrook in the home. (That's another thing we've seen before, and it's not in our job description to be marriage-guidance counselors!)

Don't disappear. It may seem a good idea to take a long holiday whilst your home is being worked on. It is your home and your renovator is not the one to single handedly decide on how it should

look. Sure, there are things you would like to accomplish, but also surely there may be structural difficulties, supply shortages, delivery delays etc., that need to be discussed between client and contractor. Don't disappear and leave the colour of the bathroom fixtures or the finish on the kitchen cabinets to someone who won't spend the next few years living there.

Don't rush to the finish line. It can be tempting to bring in the painter, the carpet layer and the appliance installer all at the same time. Unless of course you like paint and grease spots on your car-

pet.

Doubt and unease is perfectly normal as you progress through the renovation. Your ideal reno will look different, once it is under way, from the plans: the rooms "shrink" when the drywall goes on, "expand" after mudding and painting, "shrink" when the furniture goes in, etc. Give yourself a few months to get used to it. After a while you'll wonder how you made do without it all this time. And your mind will wander and you'll dream up scenarios (I think) for that remodeled bathroom or that addition to...ah, well. See you next year.

CRD CAPITAL REGIONAL DISTRICT NOTICE

Take Notice that the Capital Regional District Board intends to adopt Bylaw No. 2723, cited as "Animal Regulation and Impounding Bylaw No. 1, 1986, Amendment Bylaw No. 3, 1999" at its meeting on Wed., August 11, 1999 to be held at 1:30 p.m. in the Board Room at 524 Yates Street, Victoria, B.C. V8W 2S6.

An excerpt of Bylaw No. 2723 is provided below:

WHEREAS the Regional Board wishes to establish, maintain and operate a pound within the boundaries of the Capital Regional District:

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This bylaw affects the Electoral Areas of Salt Spring Island and the Outer Gulf Islands in the Capital Regional District.

For more specific details, a complete copy of Bylaw No. 2723 may be inspected at the Capital Regional District offices listed below, from August 4, 1999 to August 10, Monday through Friday, statutory holidays excepted:

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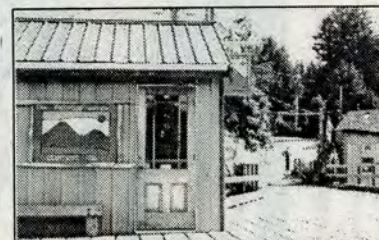
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"CONCERT IN the Park" Saturday, Aug. 7 Double feature: Bluegrass/folk with Lisa, Charley, Jordy & Mary. Plus popular rock with "Geeks with Tans" (a.k.a. James and Arvid) 10:30am - 12:30 pm. Free Concert Centennial Park sponsored by the Community Arts Council. 3199

140 • UPCOMING EVENTS

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Friday, August 6
Prana: Our Vital Life Energy - Anapurna Snyder, PhD -

Sunday, August 8
Sankhya Yoga: The Path of the 24 Tattvas - Dayanand Diffenbaugh -

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Sunday, August 8
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HIROSHIMA COMMEMORATION
Friday, Aug. 6 • 5:30 pm
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Tree-planting to honour Ray Newman & Hank Schubart

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145 • COMMUNITY SERVICES

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John Bodnarchuk
District Highways Manager

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Answer to today's puzzle

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Tip of the week: (Part 3)

The Eclipse on August 11, 1999 is a part of a Saros Cycle 1 North which began at the north pole in 1639. The most striking features of that eclipse are as follows: a) the Moon's North Node is at 27 degrees Sagittarius, held by Astrologers to be the galactic center from the earth's position, is in exact aspect to Uranus in Libra. b) Pluto, the planet of transformation, is forming challenging aspects to the Sun and Moon as well as to a close Jupiter/Neptune conjunction. c) Dane Rudhyar's keynote for the 'Saban' degree symbol (I Ching of the West) of the solar eclipse says: "The will to unearth...what has permanent value, and to let go of the rest." d) The keynote for the Sabian symbol for Saturn in Aquarius says: "The emergence of new mutations according to the great rhythms of the cosmos."

Now, in part 1 it was mentioned that the normal procedure in Astrology for determining the impact of any event is to compare the current event with that of the initial event. While each of the eclipse in question are dramatic in themselves, it is interesting to note that the energies between them are not overly striking in classical Astrological terms. The most outstanding feature is the conjunction between Chiron and Juno on August 11 at exactly the same degree as Jupiter in the 1639 chart. Chiron is the wounded healer, and the Asteroid Juno is Jupiter's wife who symbolizes equality and mutual respect in male/female relationships. The interpretation is clear, this eclipse is primarily about healing and creating a new sense of equality between male and female in every respect, the most important revolution of the modern era!

Aries (Mar 21 - Apr 20) The pull to express yourself creatively will be felt so strongly this week that you might even feel a little aggressive if you do not comply. Reserve your right to draw clear boundaries so as to secure some free time. Even if all you do is set a new standard and/or outline your creative intentions, you must follow through. If you do not a moody disposition could cause relationship struggles for which the lords of karma will hold you responsible.

Taurus (Apr 21 - May 20) Giving in to the urge to open your heart will bring rewards. Sometimes we can best give to others by giving to ourselves. Allow yourself time to dream and reflect upon what you need to do for you in order to give your best to others. Maybe you need to take more naps, or to have a series of massages, or time to exercise, or dinner out more often, or meditative space of some kind. Perhaps you even need an extended vacation. Nurture yourself!

Gemini (May 21 - Jun 20) In dualistic Gemini fashion you feel divided by objectives. On one hand, you want to enjoy the summer and spontaneously go on this excursion or that adventure where you can just be and dream and engage in idle creative pursuits. Simultaneously, you feel guilty that you are not being more productive in practical ways. Consider that the best work you can do now is to silence that nagging voice that is bent on convincing you that life is meant to be a struggle.

Cancer (Jun 21 - Jul 21) Along with the waning Moon you feel drawn to dissolve inherited patterns of perception that life is all about giving. If that were true the Moon would only ever wax to half instead of full. The full Moon, like all celestial orbs are circular reminding us that in order for balance to occur, all exchanges must follow a circular rhythm. If the giving and receiving of energy was circulated equally as nature intended it, there would not be poverty in the world. Let nature guide you.

Leo (Jul 22 - Aug 21) The charge of energies triggered by the grand square in fixed signs and the Solar Eclipse stands to have the biggest impact of all on you. Ideally, the energies will prove to inspire you to break through limiting patterns as they suggest. Make every effort to sensitize yourself to your

feelings. If you feel moody or even angry and feel compelled to take this out on family and friends you may waste the energy and cause rifts as well. Direct your energies constructively.

Virgo (Aug 22 - Sep 20) An inward retreat to sound the voice of your soul continues. Like the calm before a storm, however, you know that all is not as serene as it may seem. Of course, the odd storm is a natural part of life. Shut the windows and doors that leave you susceptible to unwelcome intrusions and cozy up with a book or ten. Allow the still silence to soothe you with trust. Allow mother nature and that of your own to commune whether she arrives from within or without.

Libra (Sep 21 - Oct 20) What would life be like without the joys of loving friendships? While periodic isolation and sanctuary has its place, indifference is a misrepresentation of detachment. To be detached implies acceptance of the quirks and quirks of individuality. True love embraces what people are not as well as what makes each of us special. Look to your friends with gratitude and trust that, whether you know it or not, they are your teachers too. An open heart always sees into the heart of others.

Scorpio (Oct 21 - Nov 20) Learning to mature enough to oversee as opposed to overlook continues as a central theme in your life. This implies paying attention to the details and following through with each step of a process. Rebelliousness to this perennial truth is a sign of immaturity. To achieve your objectives, be open to the insights and advice of others. Of course, in the end you should follow your own intuition. Take nothing and no one for granted. One day at a time. **Sagittarius (Nov 21 - Dec 20)** Following a path with heart and faith is a big part of your destiny. The path with heart is one that allows you to develop your special qualities enough to make a meaningful contribution. The path of faith is one wherein you recognize that while we busily live our life, life busily lives us. Yes, life itself is intelligent and the timing and choices we make are not always for our own sake. Breath with trust that, beyond all opinion, life is intrinsically perfect.

Capricorn (Dec 21 - Jan 19) The true author of the phrase 'resistance is futile' is time. As daunting as it may seem, this concept is more creative and loving than it may seem. After all, if it were not for change over time you would not be heré to read this now. A fundamental human task is to learn how to move along with the flow of change over time and to otherwise get out of the way. Accept what is passing away in your life now with trust that it is all God... err good!

Aquarius (Jan 20 - Feb 19) The weight of social and environmental conditioning is considerable. Yet, evaluating the impact purely from an ego personality perspective is to dismiss the paradoxical realities of soul. The reality of soul suggests that we are far more than a synthesis of genetics and social conditioning. In other words, no matter what the state of the world and no matter who your parents and family are, you are partially responsible for everything. So, how can you join with others to do something about it?

Pisces (Feb 20 - Mar 20) Bringing more creative spark into your lifestyle continues. To know how and what to do simply broaden your imagination and pose key questions to yourself. Allow the input of others to stimulate the process as opposed to leaning on them for the answers. Some degree of independence is essential to being creative. Keep an open mind as to the answers you will receive. The magic of creativity is that the outcome is usually surprisingly different than expected.

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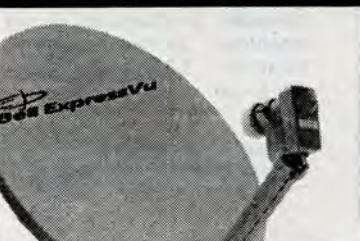
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Kelly Portingale (right) and Gordie Akerman (on the cover) were photographed at the 12-year-old Bambino Baseball Provincial Championship held in Cowichan, July 16 to 19. Both are on the All Star Team for "Stuart Channel."

Kelly, starting catcher, caught all six games including more than 500 pitches in 36 innings winning Most Valuable Player for his team for the third game. Gordie—starting shortstop and pitcher—won Most Valuable Player for his team in the first game. He pitched 14 innings and had 25 strike outs, giving up only three runs.

Stuart Channel are B.C. Champions, beating teams from Creston, Castlegar, Penticton and Campbell River.

The team went on to play in the North West Regional Babe Ruth Championships held in Nanaimo over the long weekend. They won Friday's game against Idaho with a score of 7 to 3. During the game Gordie went two for two with a home run. Kelly caught very well, unphased by the fast balls coming at him. He also threw a player out on third base, thereby saving the game for Stuart Channel.

The team also won Sunday's



Kelly Portingale, MVP for Stuart Channel, showing his form.

Gordon Lee photo

game against East Montana. The score was 6 to 4. During that game Gordie was moved to short stop while Kelly continued to catch.

On Monday morning, Stuart Channel played South Washington—a team comprised of players chosen from 600 hopefuls while Stuart Channel was made up from a pool of 72. The game was very close with our team leading 3 to 1 into the third inning. During that inning South Washington tied the score and then, in the fifth

inning, raced to the lead for a final win of 8 against Stuart Channel's 3.

At press time Stuart Channel was waiting to play the winner of the Nanaimo and East Washington game. The outcome of their next play would determine if they play in the finals. Either way, however, they'd already established a third place bronze in the Regional Championships.

The final results of the Regional Championships will appear in the next issue of *the Barnacle*.

Lawnmower lore

Quirks of Culture ... with Peggy Abrahams

It seems my life is socially challenged. This came to my attention a little while ago when I was asked the routine question, "How was your weekend?" I then realized that the highlight of my weekend was the purchase and trial run of my first lawnmower.

I bought the lawnmower at a garage sale, at which it's previous owner graciously allowed me to take a test drive. "I'll pull a Tom Sawyer," he said. "I have a bit of lawn that needs mowing." Naively, I took advantage of the offer.

Anyway, when I got my new possession home, I mowed my lawn and had the resounding sense of being a responsible and conscientious member of the commu-

nity. It came to me then, that the purchase of a lawnmower is a rite of passage. Until that time, you don't care if your long grass is a topic of neighbourhood outrage. You may even enjoy antagonizing your neighbours by flaunting the only shaggy lawn on the street. But once you become the owner of a lawnmower, you automatically attain social acceptability.

Evidently, I'm not the only one who considers lawnmowers an important symbol of our culture. It turns out that in the U.K., there is a society devoted to the collection and preservation of lawnmowers. The Old Lawnmower Club, in Milton Keynes, has 240 members around the world. The Club has its own Web page, brim-

ming with historical facts.

For example, did you know the lawnmower was invented in 1830 by an English engineer named Edwin Beard Budding? There are actually museums dedicated to the machine: The British Lawnmower Museum in Southport, and the Reel Lawn Mower History and Preservation Project in Haydenville Massachusetts are just two of several.

If you're an aspiring lawnmower aficionado, you may want to consider joining the Old Lawn Mower Club. Membership dues are seven pounds and 50 pence sterling. Write in if you'd like more details.

In the meantime, I'm going outside to admire my well-groomed lawn.



COVER SHOT!

Mother and daughter team of Rita Dods and Loretta Rithaler are \$25.00 richer after submitting the winning entry in the Barnacle's "Recognize the Cover Shot Contest." Rita and Loretta correctly identified buildings that now exist in the Village but were missing in the 1978 photo reproduced on the cover of the 1999/2000 Lions Directory.

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